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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Reference Map

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Place	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and References to Appendices.
REST CAMP N.E. BUIRE	Dec. .1st. 1916		Inspection trench equipment, and training for trench work carried out. The Bn. was granted 96 leave passes to England for the month of December. Very cold day. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 883 O.Rs.	
REST CAMP N.E. BUIRE	Dec. 2nd. 1916		The following gained following marks at 1st. Anzac Corp School. Lewis Gun Course:- No. 3001 Pte. H. H. E. Adams. Excellent. No. 713a Pte. P. D. Wilson. "Fairly good". Stokes Gun Course No. 2863 Pte. A. H. Lawrence. "Very good". Bn. engaged getting ready for tour in trenches. Cold day. No rain. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 882 O.Rs. 14 O.Rs. to Hospital. 13 O.Rs. from Hospital. 2nd. Lt. A. J. C. Cox to Hospital sick.	
REST CAMP N.E. BUIRE	Dec. 3rd. 1916		BDE. Orders (Operation) No. 71 received from BDE. Bn. Operation Order No. 45 issued. Bn. to move from BUIRE to FRICOURT on 4th. inst. CHURCH parade was held at 1030. Chaplain Captain Carter officiated. BDE. band was present. Bn went to baths at BUIRE. All Coys. had a bath. Day very cold. No rain. STRENGTH 41 Officers. 883 O.Rs. (1) O.R. from Hospital.	Corr. T. 1. Corr. T. 2.
REST CAMP N.E. BUIRE	Dec. 4th. 1916	1300 2300	Bn. moved off as per Bn. Order No. 45 at 0915 and arrived at FRICOURT where all were settled down in cupolas huts by about 1300. BDE. Order No. 72 received. One half Bn. to move to BERNAFAY "B" CAMP on 5th. inst. and on to RESERVE Trs. on 6th. inst.. Fire orders issued to all Coys. Lt-Col. C. H. Jess returned from BDE. and took over Bn. from Major. C. H. Swift.. This camp was very muddy and wet. Rained lightly to-day. STRENGTH 41 Officers. 876 O.Rs. (6) O.Rs. to Hospital. (1) O.R. transferred from Bn..	Corr. T. 3. Corr. T. 4.
REST CAMP N.E. BUIRE	Dec. 5th. 1916	1335 1600	In continuation BDE. Order No. 72 Bn. Order 46 was issued. H. Qrs., "A" and "B" Coys. and portion of transport moved off from FRICOURT at 1335 at intervals and arrived at BERNAFAY at 1600. Owing to the Bn. this unit was to take over from not moving out until the next morning, the Bn. had to throw itself on the mercy of other units for shelter for the night. Our sister Bn. the 59th. Bn. who were camped in close proximity accommodated "B" Coy.. The 6th. Bn. accommodated the Bombers. The 50th. Bn. accommodated H. Qrs. and "A" Coy., "C" and "D" Coys. remained behind at FRICOURT with instructions to follow the R. Half Bn. 24 hrs. later with Major C. H. Swift i/c. The men were comfortably settled by about 2000. It rained heavily during the day. Night very cold. STRENGTH. 41 Officers 894 O.Rs. (12) O.Rs. from Hospital. (6) O.Rs. Reinforcements.	Corr. T. 5.
BERNAFAY "B" CAMP				

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GUEDECOURT TRENCH MAP. 1/10,000.

Place	Date	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
BERNAFAY "B" CAMP. SUPPORT TRENCHES.	Dec. 6th. 1916	1530 1545 1820	In continuation BDE. Order No. 72.. Bn. Order 46a issued. H.Qrs. and "A" and "B" Coys. moved up to Support Trenches. H.Qrs. and "B" Coy. to SWITCH TR.. "A" Coy. to GAP TR. "C" and "D" Coys. moved from FRICOURT to BERNAFAY "B" CAMP arriving there at 1545 R. Half Bn. took over from 14 th. Bn. Support Trenches, relief completed by 1820. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 895 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. from Hospital. (Light rain)	Corr.T.6.
BERNAFAY "B" CAMP. SUPPORT TRENCHES	Dec. 7th. 1916	0900	L. Half Bn. moved from BERNAFAY "B" CAMP (to) "C" Coy. SWITCH Tr. "D" Coy. to BULLS Tr. Coys. established by 1830. Lt. Col. C.H. Jess proceeded to BDE (2nd. Inf.) to take charge. Lt. Col. Hearne. Temp. Brigadier. wounded early this morning. Major C.H. Swift took over temporary command. Working parties supplied to BDE. (4) Officers. 150 O.Rs.. Lt. Col. C.H. Jess awarded Serbian decoration. White Eagle 4th. Class. Light rain today STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 876 O.Rs. 19 O.Rs. to Hospital. Lt. R.M. F. Stewart from Hospital. Working parties amounting to 5 Officers and 250 O.Rs. supplied to BDE.. SWITCH, GAP, and BULLS Trs. improved. Day quiet. About nine 5.9" shells exploded in Bn Area during the evening. Wind S.W.. Day cold and raining. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 876 O.Rs.. (2) O.Rs. transferred to and (2) O.Rs. transferred from Battalion.	<i>Gap Trench</i>
SWITCH, GAP, and BULL TRENCHES. 2nd. BD. FRONT	Dec. 8th. 1916.		Working parties amounting to 5 Officers and 300 O.Rs. supplied to BDE.. Day fairly quiet. 24 5.9" shells exploded in Bn. area. SWITCH Tr. slightly damaged. Wind E.N.E. All Support trenches improved. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 867 O.Rs.. (9) O.Rs. to Hospital.	
SWITCH, GAP & BULL TRS. 2nd. BD E. FRONT.	Dec. 9th. 1916		Working parties amounting to 4 Officers and 250 O.Rs. supplied to BDE. for working in support trenches carrying engineers material etc.. SWITCH, GAP and BULLS Trs. improved. Very quiet to-day. Raining. Wind S.E.. A few 5.9" shells landed in Bn area, no damage. STRENGTH. 42 Officers. 852 O.Rs.. (15) O.Rs. to Hospital. Capt. F.H. Tubb "V.C" reported to-day from supernumery list <i>for duty.</i>	
SWITCH, GAP & BULLS TRS. 2nd. BDE. FRONT.	Dec. 10th. 1916			

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SWITCH, GAP & BULLS TRS. 2nd. BDE. FRONT.	Dec. 11th. 1916		Orders in case of attack issued to O.C. Coy.. Assembly trenches reconnoitred by O.C. Coys. and Adj. and trenches allotted. Working parties amounting to 4 Officers 370 O.Rs. supplied to BDE.. Support trenches in Bn. area improved. Enemy artillery fairly active to-day, very little damage to trenches. Day cold and wet. Wind N.E. STRENGTH. 42 Officers. 852 O.Rs.	Corr.T.7.
SWITCH, GAP & BULLS TRS. 2nd. BDE. FRONT.	Dec. 12th. 1916.		BDE. Order No.73 received. Bn. to relieve 5th. Bn. in R. Sub-sector. of F line on night of 12/13th. inst.. Usual fatigues supplied to BDE.. Improvements work on SWITCH, GAP and BULLS Trs. pushed ahead. Enemy Air-craft and Artillery very active to-day. All trenches in Bn. area shelled fairly heavily. Very cold day. STRENGTH. 42 Officers. 838 O.Rs.. 11 O.Rs. to Hospital. Casualties - (1) O.R. Killed (2) O.Rs. wounded.	Corr.T.8.
SWITCH, GAP & BULLS TRS. 2nd. BDE. FRONT.	Dec. 13th. 1916		In continuation of BDE. Order No.73. Bn Operation Order No.47 issued. Usual fatigues of 4 Officers and 370 O.Rs. supplied to BDE.. Improvements to all trenches in Bn. area pushed ahead. Enemy artillery fairly quiet. Day very cold. It snowed during the night. Wind south. STRENGTH. 42 Officers. 838 O.Rs. (1) O.R. from Hospital. Casualties. (1) O.R. Wd.	Corr.T.9.
SWITCH, GAP & BULLS TRS. R. SUB SECTOR 1st. DIV. FRONT GUEUDECOURT	Dec. 14th. 1916	2330	Relief of 5th. Bn. took place. All specialists proceed to F line during the day. The Bn. moved as per Bn. Order No.47 from support trenches at dusk. Relief was completed by 2330. An artillery action on our right delayed the relief considerably. No casualties occurred to the Bn. during relief. 5th. Bn. had (2) O.Rs. killed. Usual working parties supplied to BDE. till 1430. STRENGTH. 40 Officers. 830 O.Rs.. Casualties - 2nd. Lt. E.G. Rebb. Acc. Wd.. (2) O.Rs. Wd. Lieut. H.L.A. Bunbury transferred to No.2 M.G. Coy.	

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GUEUDE COURT. 1/10,000.

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R. SUB SECTOR 1st. DIV. FRONT. GUEUDE COURT	Dec. 15th. 1916.		<p>Trenches taken over in the sector were found to be in a very bad state. Working parties and garrison worked all day and night with Engineers. DISPOSITION of Bn. "A" and "D" Coy. in F line. GREASE TRENCH. "A" Coy. on right running from N.21. D.27. to N.21. C.19.. "D" Coy. on left running from N.21. C.19. to N.20. B7.1.. "B" Coy. in support at PILGRIMS WAY from N.32. 40 99 to N.31 B.6.7 and PIONEERS TRENCH from N.31 A.6.7 to about N.31. D.9.5.. "C" Coy. in support in PIONEER TRENCH. from N.31. to D 9.5% about N.32. A. 45.30. and BULLS TRENCH from N.32. C.5.5. to N.32. C. 2.6.. Bn. H.Qrs. in POSSUM TRENCH. N.26. C. 7.1.. The day was fairly quiet. Engineers parties supplied by C. Coy.. "B" Coy. engaged the whole day carrying up rations and hot meals to F LINE which is cooked in the PILGRIMS WAY. Water parties also engaged bringing water from FLERS.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 40 Officers. 830 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. from Hospital. Casualties. (1) O.R. Wd. Ammunition expended. 100 rounds S.A.A.. Flares. Nil.</p>	
R. SUB. SECTOR GUEUDE COURT 1st. DIV. FRONT.	Dec. 16th. 1916.		<p>Patrols went out from "A" Coy. and linked up with DIV. on our right. Nothing to report. Two scouts reconnoitred GUEUDE COURT and salvaged an Indian Cavalry Saddle. Work in the front trenches pushed ahead, the mud however is still 4ft. deep in places. GUEUDE COURT shell ed fairly heavily. Enemy aeroplane patrolled along GREASE Tr. but was driven off with our rifle and M.G. fire. Engineers parties supplied by "C" Coy. "B" Coy. engaged on ration parties to F LINE.. STRENGTH. 40 Officers 828 O.Rs. (2) O.Rs. transferred from Bn.. Ammunition expended. 200 rounds S. A. A.. Flares NIL. Bn. defence scheme drawn up and explained to all Officers. GUEUDE COURT heavily shelled at intervals during the day. Three enemy aeroplanes flew over GREASE Tr. and fired into same with M.Gs.. No casualties occurred. They were driven off by artillery and M.G. fire. Enemy artillery fairly active on our trenches. Our artillery also active. Our Aircraft very quiet. Work in F LINE trenches pushed ahead. "C" Coy. supplying engineers parties for same. "B" Coy. F LINE rations. Day cold.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 822 O.Rs.. (4) O.Rs. to Hospital. Casualties. (2) O.Rs. killed. 2/Lt. J. Fowler. Rft. reported for duty. Ammunition expended. 500 rounds S.A.A. Flares NIL.</p>	
R. SUB. SECTOR GUEUDE COURT 1st. DIV. FRONT.	Dec. 17th. 1916.			<p>Patrols went out from "A" Coy. and linked up with DIV. on our right. Nothing to report. Two scouts reconnoitred GUEUDE COURT and salvaged an Indian Cavalry Saddle. Work in the front trenches pushed ahead, the mud however is still 4ft. deep in places. GUEUDE COURT shell ed fairly heavily. Enemy aeroplane patrolled along GREASE Tr. but was driven off with our rifle and M.G. fire. Engineers parties supplied by "C" Coy. "B" Coy. engaged on ration parties to F LINE.. STRENGTH. 40 Officers 828 O.Rs. (2) O.Rs. transferred from Bn.. Ammunition expended. 200 rounds S. A. A.. Flares NIL. Bn. defence scheme drawn up and explained to all Officers. GUEUDE COURT heavily shelled at intervals during the day. Three enemy aeroplanes flew over GREASE Tr. and fired into same with M.Gs.. No casualties occurred. They were driven off by artillery and M.G. fire. Enemy artillery fairly active on our trenches. Our artillery also active. Our Aircraft very quiet. Work in F LINE trenches pushed ahead. "C" Coy. supplying engineers parties for same. "B" Coy. F LINE rations. Day cold.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 822 O.Rs.. (4) O.Rs. to Hospital. Casualties. (2) O.Rs. killed. 2/Lt. J. Fowler. Rft. reported for duty. Ammunition expended. 500 rounds S.A.A. Flares NIL.</p>

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R. SUB. SECTOR GUEUDECOURT 1st. DIV. FRONT.	Dec. 18th. 1916.		<p>Bn. Operation Order No.48 issued. Internal relief took place tonight 18/19th. inst. "B" Coy. relieved "A" Coy. and "C" Coy., "D" Coy. in F LINE. The relief was completed by 2130. (3) O.Rs. from "A" Coy. wounded during relief. "A" Coy. moved back and occupied "C" Coys. position. "D" Coy., "B" Coys. position. Relieving Coys. took forward their own rations.</p> <p>GUEUDECOURT shelled fairly heavily. Day heavy fog. Enemy shelled Bn. sector consistently during the 24 hours. Usual working and fatigues supplied, "A" Coy. the fatigues. "D" Coy. the rations. The men's feet in both "A" and "D" Coys. not in the best condition after their four days tour in F LINE.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 800 O.Rs. 31 Ors. to Hospital 7 Ors. from Hospital. (2) O.Rs. Reinforcements. Ammunition expended. 100 rounds S.A.A. Flares NIL.</p> <p>Lt. D'Altera and two scouts made a thorough reconnaissance of GUEUDECOURT to try and locate supposed secret tunnels, however without success.</p> <p>GUEUDECOURT shelled rather lightly today. Enemy very active with rifle grenades in front of our right Coy.. We retaliated by shelling him with shrapnel with good effect. Day reconnaissance made by Lt. D'Altera on LARD trench it was found to be empty but had been recently occupied by Germans. Snowed today. Working and rations <sup>PARTIES</sup> supplied as usual. Ammunition expended. 100 rounds S.A.A. Flares NIL. Lt. Hill and Pte. Rice endeavoured to reconnoitre portion of STORMY Tr. in front of Right Coys. sector. They left trench at 1300 but were both wounded by snipers, Rice badly. Lt. Hill laid out in shell hole till dark, then succeeded in gaining our trenches. Rice had to be left out as Lt. Hill was shot in both legs. Three patrols went out to look for Rice but he had evidently been taken prisoner.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 40 Officers. 786 O.Rs. 10 O.Rs. to Hospital. Casualties. Lt. E.W. Hill wounded. (1) O.R. wd. and missing. (4) O.Rs. wounded.</p>	Corr.T.11.
R. SUB. SECTOR GUEUDECOURT 1st. DIV. FRONT.	Dec. 19th. 1916	1300		

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R SUB SECTOR 1st. DIV. FRONT GUEUDECOURT	Dec. 20th. 1916		GUEUDECOURT lightly shelled. Our artillery and air-craft very active. <i>Enemy Artillery Aircraft</i> BDE. Order No. 74. received. Also administrative memo attached to Order No. 74. Bn. to be relieved on night of 22nd./23rd. by one of 1st. BDE. Battalions. Lt. Col. C.H. Jess. Temp. Com. BDE. here today. He gave verbal instructions slightly altering BDE. Order No. 74. viz - Bn. on relief will move by various routes to BERNAFAY "B" CAMP. Day cold, but bright and sunny. Usual working and ration parties supplied, as usual. Ammunition expended. 200 rounds S.A.A.. Flares NIL. STRENGTH. 40 Officers. 765 O.Rs. Casualties (4) O.Rs. wounded. (18) O.Rs. to Hospital sick (mostly bad feet).	<i>Very active.</i> Corr.T. 12.
R. SUB. SECTOR 1st. DIV. FRONT GUEUDECOURT	Dec. 21st. 1916		GUEUDECOURT shelled at intervals during day. Enemy artillery fairly active whole day. Patrols went out in front of R. Coy, no enemy patrols met, all reported back. GOODWINS POST has now been dug as far as Sunken Road, and a new bombing post put in at about N.20. B.75.05. Our artillery and aircraft active. "D" Coy. engaged on carrying up rations. "A" Coy. on constructional work in GREASE Tr. CHALK PITS and WHALE Tr. Operation Order No. 49 issued. Bn. to be relieved on night of 22nd./23rd. inst. by 2nd. Bn. A.I.F.. 2nd. Bn. Order No. .... received. STRENGTH. 42 Officers. 764 O.Rs.. (9) O.Rs. to hospital. (1) O.R. Wd.. Ammunition expended. S.A.A. NIL. Flares NIL.	Corr.T. 13 Corr.T. 14.
R. SUB. SECTOR 1st. DIV. FRONT. GUEUDECOURT.	Dec. 22nd. 1916		As per Bn. Order No. 49 2nd. Bn. commenced relieving at 0900 with Specialists. Owing to the day being exceedingly bright relief was hindered a great deal. The first relieving Coy. passed Bn. at 1730. The whole of relief was completed by 2150, and last of the Bn. arrived at BERNAFAY "B" CAMP at 0010. Most of the men in "C" and "B" Coy. were <del>the men with bad feet</del> fortunate enough to be conveyed by train from BDE. H. Qrs. to BERNAFAY also the men with bad feet in "A" and "B" Coy.. Hot tea was served out to men at CAMP as they arrived. The artillery and air-craft on both sides today were most active. STRENGTH. 42 Officers. 755 O.Rs.. Casualties. (2) O.Rs. killed. (7) O.Rs. wounded. Ammunition expended S.A.A. NIL. Flares NIL.	<i>Artillery left night 7th BN. A.I.F.</i>



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BERNAFAY "B" CAMP. MELBOURNE "A" CAMP.	Dec. 23rd. 1916.	1100 1315	<p>Operation Order No.50 issued. Bn. moves on at 1100 from BERNAFAY "B" CAMP to MELBOURNE CAMP, MAMETZ, arriving there at about 1315. Hot meal was served to all ranks soon after arrival. It rained very heavily today. The Messon huts that the Bn. are now billeted in are a great comfort to all ranks.</p> <p>Bn. Standing Order No.1. issued. Bn. to be idlying picquet in Reserve BDE. until DIV moves back to Training Area. Fire Orders also issued in Bn. Routine Order No.251.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 42 Officers. 753 O.Rs.. (11) O.Rs. to Hospital. (1) O.R. Died of wounds. (2) O.Rs. wounded. (1) O.R. from Hospital.</p>	<p>Corr.T.15.</p> <p>Corr.T.16.</p>
MELBOURNE "A" CAMP. MAMETZ.	Dec. 24th. 1916		<p>No.17 platoon which comprises <del>practically</del> partial ly trained reinforcements organized today. 2/Lt. A.L. Salthouse placed i/c of same for training and administration. Xmas mail arriving, will be complete tomorrow. Lt. H.L.A. Bunbury and Lt. F.G. Kitchen taken on strength 14/11/16. Lt. J.E. Scholes seconded list 31/10/16. 2/Lt. O'Neill seconded list 7/9/16.. Lt. H.L.A. Bunbury transferred to No.2 M.G. Coy. 6/12/16..</p> <p>STRENGTH. 42 Officers. 811 O.Rs.. (3) O.Rs. to Hospital. (17) O.Rs. from Hospital. 42 partially trained reinforcements arrived.</p>	
MELBOURNE "A" CAMP MAMETZ.	Dec. 25th. 1916.		<p>Xmas mail distributed to all ranks. Our boys were very pleased with the Xmas boxes sent forward by Lady Mayoress Committee. Very cold day but no snow. All the men are in good spirits despite their hard tour in the trenches. <del>Ration</del> of funds collected by 2nd. BDE. Comforts Fund received. Cablegrams returning thanks and compliments of season sent. Seasons Greeting also sent and received from 2nd. BDE. and 5th., 6th., and 8th. Bns.. Brig-Gen. H.E. Elliott later C.O. 7th. Bn. and 59th. Bn. our sister Bn..</p> <p>The following 0 fficers are placed on the Supernumery List. Authority A.I.F. List 126. Capt. A.M. Hamilton 26/10/16., Lt. T.P.P' Connor 19/11/16., Lt. S.V. Burrows 24/10/16. Lt. L.C. Symon 6/12/16.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 42 Officers. 857 O.Rs.. (7) O.Rs. to Hospital. (12) O.Rs. from Hospital. 38 partially trained reinforcements. (1) O.R. transferred to D.A.C.</p>	

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MELBOURNE "A" CAMP. MAMETZ	Dec. 26th. 1916.		Major. C.H. Swift having been granted leave to England, 10 days, Capt. F.H. Tubb V.C. took over temporary command from 26th. inst.. 2/Lts. F. Hooker, W. Lane and G. Anderson granted 10 days leave to England from 25th. inst.. The whole of Bn. made use of baths at MAMETZ. STRENGTH. 42 Officers. 859 O.Rs.. (3) O.Rs. to Hospital. (2) O.Rs. from Hospital. (1) O.R. transferred to No. 2 M.G. Coy. 1 O.R. from Base	
MELBOURNE "A" CAMP. MAMETZ.	Dec. 27th. 1916.		Bn. syllabus of training issued, to be in operation from 27th. Dec. to 31st. inst. Bn. training as per syllabus carried out. Day rather fine. Major-Gen. Walker inspected No. 17 platoon. STRENGTH. 42 Officers. 859 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. to Hospital.	Corr. T. 17.
MELBOURNE "A" CAMP. MAMETZ.	Dec. 28th. 1916.		Training as per Bn. syllabus carried out. Day cold and wet. STRENGTH. 42 Officers. 859 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. to Hospital.	
MELBOURNE. "A" CAMP. MAMETZ.	Dec. 29th. 1916.		Training as per Bn. syllabus carried out, as far as possible. 50 O.Rs. made use of MAMETZ baths. Raining again today. Lectures were mostly delivered instead of practical work. STRENGTH. 42 Officers. 858 O.Rs. (1) O.R. accd. wd. on parade. (1) O.R. to Musketry School. 2/Lts. Dean, Hamilton, and Dickinson and (11) O.Rs. to DIV. School.. 2/Lts. Dobbin, Gaulton, Booth, and Graham and (7) O.Rs. from DIV. School.	
MELBOURNE "A" CAMP. MAMETZ.	Dec. 30th. 1916.		Training carried out as per Bn. syllabus. No. 17 platoon doing good work. Improvements to camp carried out by orderly Coy. STRENGTH. 43 Officers. 872 O.Rs.. (2) O.Rs. to hospital. (10) O.Rs. from hospital. (5) O.Rs. reinforcements (3 part. trained). (2) O.Rs. to L.M.G. School. (1) O.R. to S.M. School.	

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MELBOURNE "A" CAMP. MAMETZ.	Dec. 31st. 1916.		<p>R.C. Church Parade held. It was impracticable to hold Protestant Church Parade. Kit inspection and general cleaning up carried out. All ranks kept New Year's Eve in fine style. Lights out was blown at 0030 on 1/1/17.</p> <p>Capt. A. Oates D.S.O. reported for duty from Base.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 43 Officers. 872. O.Rs.. (2) O.Rs. to hospital. (2) O.Rs. to Signalling School.</p>	

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Appendix No. 2

7th. BATTALION A.I.F. OPERATION ORDER No. 45.

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REFERENCE MAP.

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- PARA. 1. MOVE. The Bn. will move with Brigade group to FRICOURT on 4th. inst. via DERNANCOURT - MEAULE - LE CARACAILLOT - RECORDAL BECOURT. 7th. Bn. will follow 6th. Bn. in line of march.
- PARA. 2. STARTING POINT. 400 yds. N. Bn. H/Qrs. on main ALBERT - AMIENS road.
- PARA. 3. TIME of STARTING. Head of column will pass starting point at 0915.
- PARA. 4. ROUTINE. Reveille 0600. Breakfast 0700. Fall in 0900.
- PARA. 5. HALTS. Halts of ten minutes will be called at ten minutes before each clock hour. Watches will be synchronised at 0800 at Bn. H/Qrs.
- PARA. 6. BILLETING. Lieut. W. R. D'Altera will report mounted at Brigade H/Qrs. at 0800 as billeting Officer.
- PARA. 7. REAR PARTY. 2/Lt. Salthouse and (2) other ranks per Coy. will remain behind as rear party. Instructions at Reg. Office.
- PARA. 8. BLANKETS. Blankets will not be sent in as usual, but will be rolled in bundles of ten, plainly marked with the Coy. they come from, and forwarded to Q.M. by 0700. Valises, Reg. and Coy. Office stores will be in at Q.M. at 0800.
- PARA. 8. CERTIFICATES and REPORTS. Certificates as to the cleanliness of Coy. lines will be forwarded to Reg. Office. by 0845.. Reports will be furnished to Reg. Office as soon as settled in new billets.
- PARA. 9. D.C. Coys. will be responsible that the Details attached to them are thoroughly acquainted with all instructions issued to Coys.
- PARA. 10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

..... Captain.

Adjutant 7th. Battalion. A.I.F.

## Copies to.

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- (2) War Diary.
- (3) C.O.
- (4) Adjutant.
- (5) "A" Coy.
- (6) "B" "
- (7) "C" "
- (8) "D" "
- (9) Q.M. and T.O.
- (10) 2nd. Infantry Brigade.



7th. BATTALION. A.I.F.FIRE ORDERS.*Cont #.*4.12.16.

- PARA. 1. Braziers will not be allowed in huts unless placed on sheet iron which will be large enough to prevent live coals dropping on the floor and burning same. A sheet of iron will also be found and placed on top of braziers to prevent sparks flying about.
- PARA. 2. W.C.O. in charge of each hut will be responsible that the braziers are extinguished each night before "lights out" and placed outside the huts.
- PARA. 3. As no fire tools are available, (2) W.C.O.'s. and (12) men per hut will be told off. (1) W.C.O. and (6) men as fire fighting party with entrenching tools, their duty being to cut away burning timber etc.. The other W.C.O. and (6) men will use their blankets as dampers. The remainder of the personnel in each hut will be told off as salvage party.
- PARA. 4. No naked lights are allowed in huts. Candles must be placed on sheet iron, and if placed near walls an iron shield must be provided.
- PARA. 5. O.C. Coys. Coys. will forward certificates to the effect that the above paras. have been adhered to.

... *W. B. Austin* ... Captain.

Adjutant. 7th. Battalion. A.I.F.



## 7th BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 46

by

Lieut Colonel C.H. Jess

COMMANDING.

5.12.16.

REFERENCE MAP.

ALBERT. combined sheet. 1/40,000.

PARA. 1. Move. The 7th. Battalion less "C" and "D" Coy. and portion of transport will move from FRICOURT to BERNAFAY "B" camp. on 5th. inst. "C" and "D" Coy. under Major C.H. Swift will remain behind for 24 hours and will then move on and occupy camp evacuated by H/Qrs. and "A" and "B" Coys. who will move forward on the 6th. inst. to Switch and ~~Camp~~ trenches.

PARA. 2. TIME OF STARTING ETC. Battalion will fall in at 1315. Head of column will pass starting point at 1330.

PARA. 3. STARTING POINT. Road near transport lines N.E. ~~of~~ Bn. H/Qrs.

PARA. 4. DRESS. Full marching order. 1 (blanket to be carried. Waterproof sheet will be carried under flap of pack so as it can be used as rain coat if necessary.

PARA. 5. MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS. On roads forward of FRICOURT troops will move by platoons in single file 50 yds. to be kept between platoons

North of DELVILLE WOOD troops will not move forward by day except in small parties and not in formed bodies.

PARA. 6. Blankets and valises will be sent in as per memo issued.

(1) Cooker will move forward for the Coys. at BERNAFAY.

PARA. 7. Usual certificates will be forwarded ~~by~~ Major Swift is responsible that an Officer from "D" Coy. remains behind to obtain a certificate from AREA COMMANDANT that the huts etc. have been left

PARA. 8. ~~8. Acknowledge.~~

*W. Bastin* Captain.

Adjutant 7th. Battalion. A.I.F.

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- (5) "A" Coy.
- (6) "B" "
- (7) "C" "
- (8) "D" "
- (9) C.M. and T.O.
- (10) 2nd. Inf. Brigade.



7th Battalion Operation Order No 46<sup>A</sup>.

by

6.12.16

Lieut Col G. B. Jess Commanding

Reference Map ALBERT comba 1/40,000

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Para 1 MOVE. Bn HQs 'A' & 'B' Coy with the details attached to them will move from BERNAFAY CAMP to Bn HQs and 'B' Coy to SWITCH TR, 'A' Coy to GAP and relieve 14 Bn A.I.F.

Para 2 TIME OF STARTING. Head of column will pass starting point at 1530.

Starting Point Corner MAIN MONTAUBAN - LONGUEVAL RD DUCKBOARDS near 6" GUN BATTERY.

Para 4 Order of March. Bn HQs SIGS SCOUTS 'A' Coy 'B' Coy BOMBERS. Troops will move in single file 50' between platoons. N. of DELVILLE WOOD. Troops will only move forward in small parties in single file at irregular intervals.

Para 5. DUMP is situated where blankets were dumped last night. Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10 and dumped by 1400. Valices and Stores also at same time. 'A' Coy will supply 1 M.C.O. & 3 men as Dump Guard.

Para 6. 'C' & 'D' Coys will move from FRICOURT on 6.12.16 as per orders issued, to BERNAFAY and occupy huts evacuated by R. half Bn. On 7th inst 'C' Coy will move forward to GAP TRENCH and 'D' Coy to SWITCH TR.

Para 7. Usual certificates to be forwarded.

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W. B. Austin Capt  
Adjutant, 7th Bn A.I.F.



7<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION. A.I.F.

In the Field.

11.12.16

ACTION. IN CASE OF ATTACK.CORR  
T.7.

PARA 1. In the event of an attack, and the BN is called up it, the following is BN's first move: -

HQRS to 5<sup>TH</sup> BN HQRS at H26 C.72 near PILGRIMS WAY, and the (H) boys to NEEDLE TR in the following order: -  
D and H Coys on the LEFT  
B " C Coys " " RIGHT

PARA 2. The order to move will be given from BN HQRS. All boys to report when complete in NEEDLE TR and await orders.

PARA 3. The BN may be used to support either 5<sup>TH</sup> or 6<sup>TH</sup> BN's front line, must therefore all routes to both BN's front line must be reconnoitred.

H.E. Bastin Capt.

Adjut 7<sup>TH</sup> BN A.I.F.

Note. OC Coys will meet ADJT. at R. Coy HQRS at 1100 on 12<sup>TH</sup> inst to reconnoitre NEEDLE TR, and to discuss DEFENCE SCHEME.

H.E.B.



7<sup>TH</sup> ON OPERATION ORDER NO 47

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MAJOR CH. SWIFT.

13. 12. 16

Re/Moaf GRENDE COURT /10000

# Temp Commanding

PAR-1 The BN will relieve 5<sup>TH</sup> BN in R Sub sector of F FIRE  
on the night 14<sup>TH</sup>/15<sup>TH</sup> inst.

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2 The BN will move up in the following order

D. A. B. C. Coys BN. H. QRS. and DETRALS.

D Coy will take over from LEFT Coy's SECTOR 5<sup>TH</sup> ON in F. LINE

A<sup>n</sup>Coy " " " RIGHT COYS " " F. LINE.

B. Coy. SUPPORT SUNKEN. POND.

C. Coy SUPPORT PIONEER T.

BN HQ and DETAILS. 5<sup>th</sup> BN HQS of N26 C82. near GIRDT.

3. Lays will commence move immediately after dark.

4. Group fighting order, Breast-crabs and (1) blanket  
per man to be carried

5. Bcp will move by platoons in single file  $100^x$   
Between platoons  $200^x$  between bcp.

6 Dumps. H & D Coys will dump packs etc, in BAPT<sup>n</sup> at a place to be arranged by O.C H Coy.

BN HDS B1 C' Coxswill dump packs + etc in SWITCH TR / a

place to be arranged by ac C' Coy

A guard of 1200 per box will remain behind do

Guard Racks

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PARA. 7 All missions supplied by specialists, will be relieved on the morning of 14<sup>th</sup> inst. OC L.M.G.'s and BOMBERS will take REG BOMBERS. HQ L.M. GUNNERS and L.M. GUNNERS of A.Y.D. Coy to relieve specialists in F LINE. OC Scouts and SIGC will also arrange pickup on the morning of 14<sup>th</sup> inst.

8. MOP for Coy and MOP for platoons will move forward at 0930 to take over, reporting at 5<sup>th</sup> BN HQ for guides.

9. French stores, will be taken over, and in daylight a receipt given for same. (1) copy of which will be forwarded to BN HQ.

10. Guides will be arranged between CO<sup>2</sup> BN<sup>2</sup> and information forwarded to Coy.

11. Rations will be drawn at BN dump which is situated near BN HQS. GIRD TR.

12. F. LINE boys will report by wire using code and support boys by runner when relief is complete.

W. B. Easton Capt

Adj 7<sup>th</sup> BN. M.F.

Copies to

1. File

2. War Diary

3. CO 5<sup>th</sup> BN

4. A. Coy

5. B

6. C

7. D



SECRET.

## BATTALION DEFENCE SCHEME.

17.12.16

Ref Chap.

by.

57<sup>th</sup> SW. '0000.

MAJOR CH. SWIFT.

Temp commanding

PART. The front line will be held at all costs.

bom. T10

2. The S.O.S. signal will only be used in case of STRONG ENEMY ATTACK. On no account is it to be used for enemy bombardment.

3. If the S.O.S. signal is given the following procedure will be adopted. The two (2) support bays will immediately "STAND-TO" and bay commanders report to BN HQS for orders. In the meantime (2) bombs per man will be issued from DUMP at junction of GIRD T<sup>2</sup> and PILGRIMS WAY. (N26. C. K. O.).

4. Bay will move via the following route to the front line - PILGRIMS WAY. (N26 C. K. O.) in an EASTERLY direction to junction of SUNKEN ROADS. at N27. A 8.2. On reaching this point. Platoons will wheel to the LEFT, keeping close to CHALK CHIEFS. On reaching SUNKEN ROAD at N21. C. 5.0. The PLATOONS will extend to the RIGHT and LEFT parallel to GREASE T<sup>2</sup> taking as their centre N21. C. 80.85. and then advance forward on GREASE T<sup>2</sup>. The leading platoons will go to the RIGHT. next PLATOON will go to the LEFT. NO. 3. PLATOON will follow leading PLATOON and NO. 4. PLATOON follow NO. 2 PLATOONS. NO. 2 bays leading PLATOONS will take

OVER



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approximately the following directions from  
N21.C.5.D. to N22.C.2.5. EAST of OILY T.R.

PARA 5: On SOS signal being given BN H QRS <sup>SIGS</sup> & SCOUTS will  
report to BN H QRS who will then move with  
C.O. to advanced BN H QRS in CHALK. CHIEFS. (near  
relay station) where all reports will be sent.

6 Second in command and Adjutant will remain  
at present BN H QRS with BN records. Every  
assistance will be given reinforcing BN.

7 It must be pointed out to all ranks the danger  
going to enemy's barrage, of retiring in case  
of enemy attack.

8 On no account is this to be taken into  
front line

SIGNED CHARLES H. SWIFT.

Temp Commanding 7<sup>th</sup> BN A.I.F.



## Operation Order No 48.

COPY NO.

18. 12. 16

MAJOR C. H. SWIFT.

Ref. Map GUEUDECOURT 1/10000.

Imps Commanding

PARA 1. An internal relief will take place in the F. LINE in the BN'S SECTOR. in the night of 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> inst.

2 B Coy will relieve A Coy in F. LINE 'R' Section.  
C Coy " " D Coy " F. LINE 'L' Section.

3 Relieving B Coy will commence move forward 1900.

4 On completion of relief A Coy will move to, and occupy C Coy's positions in PIONEER TR & BULLS TR. D Coy will move to and occupy B Coy's positions in PILGRIMS WAY & PIONEER TR.

5 Rations. B & C Coys will leave behind at BN. camp a ration party 25 men each; (1) officer if possible. B & D Coys will not have hot meals forwarded to them during the day, but will have a hot meal already cooked for them. D Coys in PILGRIMS WAY. A Coy in BULLS ROAD at 1900.

6 An officer from each Coy will proceed in daylight to their new positions, to take over STORES, MAPS & ETC. Receipts for stores etc, will be forwarded to BN HQRS.

7 F. LINE Coys will report relief complete in code (A CODE books will be handed over). OC relieved B Coy will report personally to C.O. when handed over.

H. Easton Capt.

Adj. 7th BN. AIF

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Part II



Copy. No. ....

by

MAJOR C.H. SWIFT.

21.12.16.

Temp. Commanding.

*part 13*REFERENCE MAPS. GUEUDECOURT 1/10,000

ALBERT COMBINED SHEET 1/40,000.

- PARA. 1. The Battalion will be relieved in the FRONT and SUPPORT TRENCHES by the 2nd. Bn. A.I.F. on the night of 22nd./23rd. Dec. 1916..  
 "A" Coy 7th. Bn. will be relieved by "B" Coy. 2nd. Battalion.  
 "B" " " " " " " " " "A" " " "  
 "C" " " " " " " " " "D" " " "  
 "D" " " " " " " " " "C" " " "
- Specialists will be relieved during daylight.
- PARA. 2. "A" and "D" Coys. will have (2) guides each and H/Qrs. Scouts four guides at 1430. H/Qrs. SCOUTS will bring "A" and "D" Coys. 2nd Bn. to Bn. H/Qrs., from there (1) guide per platoon will meet same and take them forward to F Line. The last mentioned guides will be at Bn. H/Qrs. at 1630 and will be supplied by "B" and "C" Coys..  
 "A" and "D" Coy. guides will bring their relieving Coys. forward to the Support Trenches.
- PARA. 3. On relief Bn. will move to BERNAFAY B Camp. on the duck board walk, via FLARE ALLEY - DELVILLE WOOD. The two F line Coys. take the above route as far as BDE. here they will entrain for BERNAFAY B camp. Coys. will send men forward to reconnoitre route. Packs will be collected by troops on their way down.
- PARA. 4. (1) Officer and (4) N.C.O.s. from "A" Coy.. (4) N.C.O.s. "D" Coy., (2) N.C.O.s. each "B" and "C" Coys. will be at H/Qrs. at 0930 to proceed to BERNAFAY B Camp to take over same.
- PARA. 5. "B" and "C" Coys. will send their C.Q.M.Ss. and Coy. Clerks to their dumps to sort out and take to Bn. dump at BDE. all supplies, kits etc.. "A" Coy. will supply fatigue parties and guard on dump at BDE.. "D" Coy. will also send their surplus kits to the dump. The trucks on DECAUVILLE TRAMWAY can be used to take kits to dump.
- PARA. 6. T.O. will have (2) double limbers at BDE at 1700 to take surplus kits and office material. Packs only will go to MONTAUBAN, all other material to BERNAFAY.
- PARA. 7. Q.M. will arrange tea at Camp for "A" and "D" Coys. and Details at 2000. "B" and "C" Coys. at ~~2400~~ 2400.
- PARA. 8. During daylight troops will only move in small parties between F line and DELVILLE WOOD.
- PARA. 9. All stores, maps etc. will be handed over during the morning and receipts obtained for same which will be forwarded on to Bn. H/Qrs. before 1500.
- PARA. 10. All Gum boots will be stacked in convenient places by 1000. No Officer, N.C.O. or man is to move from the forward area with gum boots.
- PARA. 11. Coys. in F line will wire relief complete in CODE and the O.C. Coys. will report personally to C.O. as they pass Bn. H/Qrs. SUPPORT Coys. will report by runner. Coys. will move off independently after reporting.
- PARA. 12. Acknowledge.
- Copies to: - (1) War Diary. (2) File. (3) C.O. .... *He Basten* Captain. *W*  
 4 - 7 inc. to A, B, C, and D Coys. (8) Q.M. and T.O.. Adjutant 7th. Battalion A.I.F.  
 (9) BDE.



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7th BATTALION, A.I.F. OPERATION ORDER No. 49.

Note.

An Officer from "D" Coy. will take these orders to the F line.  
O.C. Coys. in the Front line will destroy the orders as soon as  
they are thoroughly acquainted with them.

*H. B. B. B.* Captain.  
Adjutant 7th. Battalion. A.I.F.



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OPERATION ORDER NO 50

MAJOR C.H. SWIFT.

12. 12. 16

1. Map. Albert. bomb. 140000.

Temp. Commanding

PARA. 1. The BN will move from BERNABAY B. CAMP to MELBOURNE CAMP. "MAMBTZ" via main roads.

2. STARTING. POINT. 6/4 Railway siding and main LONGCREST. MONTAGAN. ROAD.

3. TIME. of STARTING. Head of columns will pass starting point at 1130.

4. Each Coy will send (1) off 2 NCO per Coy to report to BN HQS at once, to proceed for billeting party to MELBOURNE. CAMP.

5. DINNER, is arranged for at MELBOURNE. CAMP, not as previously stated.

6. Certificates will be forwarded as usual per billet Order of march. A.D.B.C Coys. Platoons to move in file at 50' interval.

W. Bastin Capt.

Adj. TOWN A.I.F.

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7th. BATTALION. A.I.F. STANDING ORDER, No. 1.

To be in operation from Dec. 24th. 1916 until Bn. moves back to  
Training Area.

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- ARA.1. The Bn. will be known as whilst in Reserve Area as Infantry Picquet Bn. in the Reserve BDE. 1st. Division.
- ARA.2. The ALARM will be sounded on the bugle. O.C. Coys will ensure that all ranks are thoroughly acquainted with this call.
- ARA.3. On the ALARM being sounded all ranks will fall in in Coy. lines and await orders. DRESS. Fighting order. Great coats and W.P. sheets to be rolled and carried on back. O.C. Coys. and Specialist Officers will immediately report to Bn.H.Qrs. for orders.
- ARA.4. On command MOVE Coys. and details will proceed forward towards BENNAFAY "B" CAMP in the following order :- Bn.H.Qrs., Scouts., Signallers., Reg.L.H.Gunners., Reg. Bombers., "A" "B" "C" and "D" Coys., A.M.C..
- ARA.5. All ranks will at all times be in a state of readiness to move. O.C. Coys. will furnish certificate each morning that each man has 120 rounds S.A.A. full water-bottles and at least 24 hrs. rations.
- ARA.6. All packs and surplus stores will be stored in huts selected by O.C. Coys. for that purpose. (4) O.Rs. per Coy. will be left behind as guard.
- ARA.7. The Orderly Officer will also remain behind to take charge of guards, stragglers and men deemed unfit to march by O.C. Coys..
- ARA.8. O.C. Coys. will furnish each morning a state showing number of men they consid er fit to move forward with unit.

... *H. J. Bastin* Captain.

Adjutant 7th. Battalion. A.I.F.



## 7th. BATTALION. A.I.F.

## TRAINING FOR PERIOD 27th. DEC. TO 31st. DEC. 1916.

Parade ground is situated N. of FRICOURT on E side of Main FRICOURT -  
MONTAUBAN ROAD.

**Tuesday** 27th. Dec. 0900-1100 Assembly and inspection in Coy lines.  
Lecture in Huts on organisation of Coy. for attack.  
Trench cleaners, moppers up, consolidators etc. as set out in instruction already issued to all Officers. The instruction will be imparted to all ranks so as they will have foremost in their minds the spirit of the attack and the organisation which is employed to carry out same.

**Afternoon** 00-1600 Feet inspection of Bn. in Coy. lines by R.M.O. commencing "A" Coy. 1400.  
Inspection of SMALL BOX RESPIRATORS by Coy. Gas N.C.O. under supervision of O.C. Coys.

**Wednesday** 28th. Dec. 0900-1100 On parade ground.  
Physical exercises. Half hour.  
Organisation of Coy. for attack. Carry out practice of such organisation ensuring that each party has a thorough knowledge of work detailed, then change parties round on future days so that ultimately all ranks have a knowledge of all duties.

**Afternoon** 00-1600 Bayonet fighting. Half hour.  
Musketry exercises, care of arms etc.. Fire discipline and control.  
Feet inspection.

**Thursday** 29th. Dec. 0900-1100 Physical exercises. Half hour.  
Platoon and Coy. in the attack. L.M. Gunners and Bombers to be employed in same.

**Afternoon** 00-1600 Practice relief in trenches, organisation for defence when enemy attack in middle of relief.  
Feet inspection.

**Friday** 30th. Dec. 0900-1100 Physical exercises. Half hour.  
Box respirator drill. Half hour.  
Musketry exercises. Fire direction and control, passing of messages.  
Despatch Carrying.

**Afternoon** 00-1600 Lecture by all Platoon Officers Trench Standing Order 1st. Division.  
Feet inspection.

**Sunday** 31st. Dec. Church parade if possible, if not, carry on with washing clothes, fitting equipment and kit inspection.

The Specialists will be brought up to strength as far as possible  
Officers commanding same will commence training on 27th. inst..  
A report on progress made will be forwarded each day to Bn.H.Qrs.

NOTE.

As Bn. is still in the danger zone of shell fire, Bn. will not form up in mass on parade ground. The Coys. will have their training ground allotted and will move out at the time laid down for parade in the following order. A. B. C. D. , an interval of 200 yds. to be maintained between Coys. when moving to and from parade ground.

H. Bastin Capt  
Adj. 7th Bn. A.I.F.