

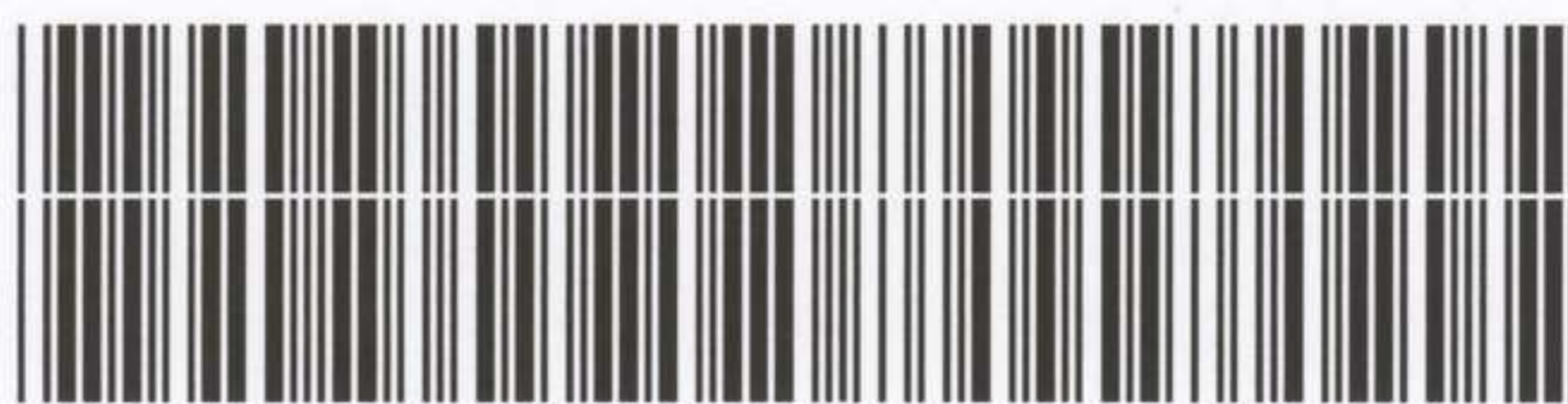
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
L. SUPPORT BN. R. BDE. 1st. DIV. THILLOY SECTOR.	1st. March 1917.	1450	Bde. Order No.13 received, Bn. to relieve 5th. Bn. in Front line on the night of 2nd./3rd. March 1917. G/1677 received from Bde. Army Commander congratulates 1st. DIV. on its splendid work during operations. Bde. anticipate relief on 7th. March 1917. As per Bde. Order No.13., Bn. Operation Order No.57 issued to officers concerned. Working parties and carrying parties supplied to F. line. Enemy artillery very active during the whole day. Enemy slowly retiring. Our artillery moving up under many difficulties. STRENGTH. 40 Officers. 883 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. Rft.. (2) O.Rs. from Hosp. (1) O.R. Killed. (4) O.Rs. Wounded.	Corr. C.1 Corr. C.2 ✓ Corr. C.3
L. SUPPORT BN. F. LINE L. Sub SECTOR R. BDE. 1st. DIV. THILLOY SECTOR.	2nd. March 1917.	2000	<del>G/1688</del> G/1688 received from Bde. giving instructions as to outposts, patrols etc.. Working parties and carrying parties supplied to F line. Enemy artillery still very active. Our artillery in action well forward. Aircraft on both sides very active Relief of 5th. Bn.. commenced at 2000, no casualties occurred up till midnight. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 904 O.Rs.. (4) O.Rs. Rfts.. (1) Officer and (15) O.Rs. from Hospital..	Corr. C.4
F. LINE L. SUB. SECTOR.	3rd. March 1917.	0100	G/1689 <del>G/1689</del> from Bde. re B.A.B. CODE. Relief complete without casualties. Throughout the night of 2nd./3rd. inst. patrols kept in touch with the Bns. on both flanks. At irregular intervals patrols kept in touch with outposts and made a thorough search of village of THILLOY; no enemy were encountered. The disposition of Bn. is - Bn. H/Qrs. LUISENHOF FARM. N.13 D.7.9... "B" and "D" Coys. in front line which is a chain of irregular outposts. "B" Coy. is on right from N.8. A.8.1. to N.2. D.1.1.. "D" Coy. on left from N.2 D 15.20.. "C" Coy. in support at - 1½ platoons at CRATER at N.13. B. 6.1. 2½ platoons in RYE TRENCH from N.7. D.3.3. to N.7. D.9.3.. "A" Coy. in reserve in BAYONET TR. from M 18. D 9.2.. N 13. D 3.3.. Artillery on both sides very active also snipers. Air craft very active all day. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 906 O.Rs.. (2) O.Rs. from Hospital.	Corr. C.5

*Handwritten:* H. B. Barton Capt. Adj. 7th Bn. A.E.F.

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F.LINE. L.SUB. SECTOR. THILLOY.	4th. March 1917.		<p>G/1699 from Bde.. Bde. will probably be relieved on 5/6th.inst and 6/7th. inst., 7th.Bn. on 6/7th. inst.. During night of 3/4th. inst., Patrols kept in touch with posts in Bn. sector, patrolled No-man's-land and kept touch with flank Bns.. No enemy were encountered but snipers and M.Gs. very active. F line Coys. worked very hard connecting outposts. Enemy seen moving about in TILL TR. from about N 3. C.1.8. to N.3. C 2.4. also at BRICK FIELDS which is immediately in front of Bn. Sector..</p> <p>Our artillery fairly quiet. Enemy artillery active on THILLOY and on our F. line.</p> <p>CASUALTIES - (2) O.Rs. Killed. (5) O.Rs. wounded.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 41 Officers 891 O.Rs.. (3) O.Rs. from Hospital.. (14) O.Rs. to Hospital.</p> <p>Lieut.L.H.Kelly, 2/Lts.G.Anderson and W.E.Lane and (13) O.Rs. from 1st. Div. School.</p>	Corr.C.6
F.LINE. L.SUB SECTOR.	5th. March 1917.	1430 1000  2000	<p>Bn.Operation Order No.58 issued for an internal relief in Bn. on the night of 5/6th.inst.</p> <p>Bde.Order No.14 received from Bde.. Bn. to be relieved on the night of 6/7th. inst. by 18th.Bn..</p> <p>During night of 4/5th. inst. Patrols kept in touch with Bns. on both flanks. Patrols continuously visited posts and reconnoitred No-man's-land. All patrols returned, no enemy were seen. Snipers and M.Gs. very active on both sides. Enemy T.Ms. also active on our line of post, practically all the posts in Bn. front were connected up with a trench to the average depth of 4 feet. Artillery and Air craft on both sides very active. "C" Coy. relieved "D" Coy., relief completed by 2000.</p> <p>CASUALTIES. nil.. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 891 O.Rs..</p>	✓Corr.C.7. Corr.C.8
F.LINE. L.SUB. SECTOR.  BAZENTIN.	6th. March 1917.	1430 2105 2400	<p>During night of 5/6th. inst. usual flank, connecting and reconnoitring patrols went out, no enemy opposition. Enemy T.Ms., snipers and M.Gs. very active. Artillery very active on THILLOY and back area. This day very clear and bright. Air craft on both sides very active. Our artillery very active.</p> <p>Bn. Operation Order No.59 issued for relief as per BDE. Order No.14.</p> <p>18th.Bn. A.I.F. relieved Bn. relief complete by 2105 and disposition handed over. No casualties occurred during relief.Bn. arrived at BENDIGO CAMP, BAZENTIN at 2400, very tired indeed</p> <p>CASUALTIES. Nil.. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 887 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. from Ho sp. (1) O.R. transferred to Bn..</p>	Corr.C.9 Corr.C.10

*Adj 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. A.I.F.*

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BENDIGO CAMP, BAZENTIN. MAMETZ BDE. CAMP. MAMETZ.	7th. March 1917.	1000	Bn. moved from BAZENTIN to MAMETZ camp arriving there at 1300. Afternoon spent in making camp comfortable. Men cleaned themselves up generally. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 868 O.Rs.. (18) O.Rs. to Hospital. (1) O.R. transferred from Bn..	
MAMETZ.	8th. March 1917.		Bn. syllabus training made out from 8th. to 21st. March 1917.. Bn. engaged in cleaning equipment, checking shortages. Assessing shortages. Route march for 1 hour in afternoon. Blankets disinfected. Fire Orders re-issued.. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 869 O.Rs.. (5) O.Rs. from Hospital.. (4) O.Rs. to Hospital. (Wounded)	✓ Corr. C. 11
MAMETZ.	9th. March 1917.		Bn. syllabus carried out. Re-organisation of platoons in accordance with G 1642 and OB/1919. No. 2727a Cpl. R. S. LAYCOCK promoted Sgt. dated 27/2/17 for distinguished Conduct in the Field. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 867 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. from Hospital. (3) O.Rs. to Hospital.	
MAMETZ.	10th. March 1917.		Training as per Bn. syllabus carried out. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 878 O.Rs.. (14) O.Rs. from Hospital. (3) O.Rs. to Hospital.	
MAMETZ.	11th. March 1917.		Bn. syllabus carried out except no Church parades in morning except R. Cs.. Protestants Voluntary service held in Y.M.C.A. tent at 1830. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 879 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. Rft.. (1) O.R. from Hosp.. (1) O.R. transferred from Bn. 2/Lt. R. B. Purbrick and (7) O.Rs. De-detanating grenades at E 4 Central. 2/Lt. W. R. Booth and platoon (21) to 1st. Anzac Corps School..	
MAMETZ	12th. March 1917.		Training as per Bn syllabus carried out. 2/Lt. W. R. BOOTH and party congratulated by ANZAC ARMY CORPS on excellent work performed by them in clearing RIVER ANCRE at ALBERT of ice. The following officers have been placed on Supernumery List. LT. J. E. SCHOLLES dated 31/1/17., Lt. W. H. JAMES. dated 19/12/16., and 2/Lt. J. B. PLANT. dated 19/12/16.. The following officers returned to Australia Per H. S. "Karoo" which left England on 22nd. Feby. 1917 and are struck off strength from th at date - 2/Lt. F. E. Allen 2/Lt. D. J. Hoban., A.I.F. list dated 2/3/17. No. 148.. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 881 O.Rs.. 2 O.Rs. from and (1) O.R. to Hoap. (1) O.R. transferred from 5th. Bn.. Lt. J. E. Scholes to establishment from Supy. List 11/2/17.	

McBeath Capt.  
 July 17th Bn. A.I.F.  
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MAMETZ.	13th. March.		<p>Bde. Order No.16 received from Bde.. R. and L. half Bde. to interchange billets.</p> <p>Bn. Operation Order No.60 issued ; 7th.Bn. to interchange billets with 5th.Bn.. at DERNANCOURT on 14th. inst..</p> <p>Training as per Bn. syllabus carried out . All ranks warned re food and water in conquered territory..</p> <p>2/Lt.P.C.RODRIQUEZ returned to Australia per H.T."Ulysses" which left England 13th.Feby.1917. is struck off strength from that date, A.I.F. List 144 3/3/17..</p> <p>Major C.H.SWIFT assumes command Bn. as from 13th.inst. vice Lt.Col.C. H. JESS D.S.O. to England on duty.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 874 O.Rs.. (15) O.Rs. from Hospital. 20 O.Rs. to Hosp.. (2) O.Rs. transferred to 2nd.A.L.T.M.Battery. 2/Lt.V.R.Dickinson to Hospital, sick.</p>	<p>Corr.C.12.</p> <p>Corr.C.13.</p>
MAMETZ. DERNANCOURT	14th. March.	0900 1100	<p>Bn. moved off from MAMETZ at 0900 as per Bn. Operation Order No.60.. Bn. arrived at DERNANCOURT at 1100. 8 stragglers, but all reported in. Billets very poor.</p> <p>STRENGTH.41 Officers. 875 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. from Hospital. 2/Lt.R.J.Graham granted leave to England.</p>	
DERNANCOURT.	15th. March.		<p>Suggested syllabus of training from 15th. to 24th.March 1917 sent to B de. as instructed.</p> <p>Training as per Bn. old syllabus carried out.</p> <p>STRENGTH.41 Officers. 878 O.Rs.. (3) O.Rs. from Hospital..</p>	Corr.C.14.
DERNANCOURT.	16th. March.		<p>G/1759 received. BDE. syllabus which is attached will be adhered to for week commencing 18th.inst. finishing 24th. inst.. Copy of syllabus sent to each O.C.Coys..</p> <p>Training as per Bn. old syllabus carried out. Attention again drawn to all ranks re fire.</p> <p>School reports:- 10th.Course.1st.Anzac Corps School. Lewis Gun.- 2167 Pte.H.Dunbar - Good., 2191 Pte.Millward H.- Fairly Good., 2695 Pte.Clifton N.C.- Good..</p> <p>Stokes Mortar Course - 3506 Pte.Walter A.A.- Good..</p> <p>11th. Course. 1st.Anzac Corps School :- Lewis Gun. 2604 Pte.Carlyon H.R.- Good. 2913 Pte. McCallum E.W. - Fairly Good.. 5993 Pte.Cummings W.-Fairly good..</p> <p>Stokes Mortar Course. 4224 Pte.Lovell D.A. - Good.</p> <p>STRENGTH.41 Officers. 888 O.Rs.. (8) O.Rs. Rfts.. (16) O.Rs. from Hosp.. (14) O.Rs. to Hospital</p> <p>2/Lts. R.Buggy and P.G.Garden reported for duty, reinforcement officers.</p> <p>Officers Seconded Lt.W.E.Hamilton 27/1/17. 2/LT.H.Nixon 11/2/17.</p>	Corr.C.15.

*McCallum Capt  
Adj 7th BN A.I.F.*

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DERNANCOURT	17th. March 1917		<p>Special Order of the Day by C.I.C. British Armies in France. H.M. the King expresses admiration for forcing enemy back.</p> <p>Training as per Bn. old syllabus carried out.</p> <p>The following Officers have been promoted to Lieutenant :- 2/Lts. O.G. Reynolds., J. Fowler J.H.G. Gordon., F.J. Smedley., C.G. Shuttleworth., K.M. Purbrick..</p> <p>The Corps Commander has awarded the Military Medal to 2729a Sgt. R. S. Laycock and 2935b Pte. M.T.R. David. Th Divisional Commander also congratulated the recipient s.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 890 O.Rs.. (2) O.Rs. from Hospital. Captain F.H. Tubb V.C. returned from 5th. Army School.. Lt. H.J. Wright seconded date d 12/12/16..</p>	
DERNANCOURT	18th. March 1917.		<p>Training as per syllabus issued by Bde. carried out.</p> <p>Church parade held at 1030.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 906 O.Rs. (12) O.Rs. Rfts.. (4) O.Rs from Hosp..</p>	
DERNANCOURT	19th. March. 1917.		<p>Training as per syllabus issued by Bde. carried out.</p> <p>PROMOTION. Captain F.H. Tubb V.C. is promoted Major vice Hart to Training Battalion.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 40 Officers. 908 O.Rs.. (2) O.Rs. from Hospital. Capt. J.F. B owtell Harris M C and Lieut. A. F. Phillips to Hospital <del>sick</del> the former injured, latter sick.</p>	
DERNANCOURT	20th. March 1917		<p>Bde. Order No. 17 received. Bde. to move to BUIRE on 21st. inst.</p> <p>Training as per syllabus issued by Bde. carried out.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 40 Officers. 923 O.Rs.. (12) O.Rs. Rfts.. (3) O.Rs, from Hospital.. 2/Lt. A.P. Meyer reported for duty from Cadet Bn. and is taken on strength. 2/Lts. F.B. Ga ulton and D.C. Mackinnon. to Hospital, sick. Lt. K.M. Purbrick returned from duties of Town Major, CONTAY..</p>	<p>C orr. C. 16</p>

*McBastin Capt.  
Capt 7th Bn. A.I.F.*

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DERNANCOURT	21st. March 1917	1130	Bn. Operation Order No. 61 issued. Bn. to move to and occupy billets at BUIRE on 21st. inst. Training as per syllabus issued by Bde. carried out in morning on 1 y.	✓ Corr.C. 17.
BUIRE.	1917	1400 1515	Bn. moved from DERNANCOURT 1400 and arrived at BUIRE 1515. No stragglers. Billets worse than DERNANCOURT. New Training Area allotted to Units by Bde.. STRENGTH. 40 Officers. 919 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. from Hospital. (5) O.Rs. to Hospital.	
BUIRE.	22nd. March 1917		Suggested syllabus training from 22nd. to 31st. March 1917 sent to Bde. as instructed. Training as per Bde. syllabus carried out. The following officers, n.c.os' and men passed 1st. Aust. Div. School :- Lieut. L.H. Kelly, 2/Lts. W.E. Lane and G. Anderson. 2677 Sgt. Vanstan F.G. 572 Col. Greengrass C.M., 632 Sgt. Sgt. Edwards R., 1182 Col. Swindells R., 1353 L/Col. Howat M., 1396 L/Col. McCormack D., 2693a L/Col. Harney J., Cadet School 1.3449 Sgt. D.G. Phillips. Signalling Course. 1097a L/C pl. Hillman J.F., 2715 L/Col. Molloy M., 2674 Pte. Gullick W.T.. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 910 O.Rs.. (4) from Hospital. (13) O.Rs. to Hospital.	Corr.C. 18
BUIRE.	23rd. March 1917.		New Syllabus training from 25th. to 31st. March issued to UNITS and to be adhered to by them. Copies issued to Coys.. Training as per Bde. syllabus carried out. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 913 O.Rs. (3) O.Rs. from Hospital. Lieut. W. R. D'Altera from Hospital., 2/Lt. A.P. Meyer to 5th. Army School. 2/Lt. R.B. Purbrick and party returned from E 4 Central.	✓ Corr.C. 19.
BUIRE.	24th. March. 1917.		Training as per Bde. syllabus carried out. Lieut. J.E. Scholes resumes duty as Q.M. vice Lieut. R.I. Hillard a/Q.M. to tempy. command "B" Coy. STRENGTH 41 Officers. 922 O.Rs.. (9) O.Rs. from Hospital.	
BUIRE.	25th. March. 1917.	1000	Training as per Bde. syllabus carried out. Bde. Church Parade held at 1000. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 916 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. from Hosp.. (9) O.Rs. to Hospital. (1) O.R. transferred from 5th. Bn. and (1) O.R. from 58th. Bn. to 7th. Bn.. 2/Lt. W.R. Booth and platoon returned from 1st. Anzac Corps School.	

*W.R. Booth Capt  
Adj 7th BN AIF*

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BUIRE.	26th. March. 1917.		Training as per Bde. Syllabus carried out. Day very cold.. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 926 O.Rs.. (4) Rfts. - O.Rs.. (4) from Hospital a l. (1) O.R. transferred from 1st. Division Headquarters and (1) from 8th. Bn. to 7th. Bn.. 2/Lt. C.L. Dohbin was granted 10 days leave to England.	
BUIRE.	27th. March. 1917.		Training as per Bde. syllabus carried out. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 927 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. from Hospital..	
BUIRE.	28th. March. 1917.		Training as per Bde. Syllabus carried out. Lieut. A.J.G. Cox to be 2nd. i/c. "D" Coy. vice Smedley. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 917 O.Rs.. (10) O.Rs. to Hospital.. 2/Lt. R.J. Graham returned from leave. Lieut. J.H.G. Gordon returned from 2/A.L.T.M. Battery. 2/Lt. R.B. Purbrick transferred to 65th. Bn. <sup>30/3/17</sup>	
BUIRE.	29th. March. 1917.		G/1831. Training Operation Order received from Bde.. The Bn. will carry out manouvre on 30th inst., Brigadier to criticise. Bn. Training Operation Order No.1 issued; Bn to move and establish an outpost line approximately along AMIENS - ALBERT ROAD, the flank being E 7. C 1.8. and D 17. A 2.2. Training as usual as per Bde. Syllabus. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 894 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. from Hospital. (14) O.Rs. to Hospital. (1) O.R. killed (explosion at BAPUAME Town Hall). (8) O.Rs. transferred to Anzac Corps Light Rlys., (1) O.R. transferred to 1st. Div. Salvage Coy..	Corr. C. 20 Corr. C. 21.
BUIRE.	30th. March. 1917.		Bn. manouvre as per Bn. Training Operation Order No.1 was carried out. Brigadier criticised. Bn. Had half holiday. Bde. Training Operation Order No.2. received. Bde. to carry out manouvre on 31st. March 1917. DIV. GENERAL to criticise. Bn. Operation Order (Training) No.2. issued.. Bn. to be Right Bn. in an attack on two objects and establish line outposts on N. bank R. ANCRE. STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 896 O.Rs.. (2) O.Rs. from Hospital. Cavalier Gautier (Interpreter) attached to Battalion.	Corr. C. 23 H. Bastard Capt. M.B.N. A.I.F. Capt. Bourc 24.



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BUIRE.	31st. March.		<p>Bde. manouvre carried out; DIV. GENERAL and Staff criticised. Bn. had another half holiday. Rained all the afternoon.</p> <p>Weekly list of officers present and absent from Bn. attached to this Diary.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 41 Officers. 897 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. transferred from 8th. Bn. to 7th. Bn..</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>McBastard Capt.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Adj 7th BN AIF.</i></p>	<p>✓ Corr. C. 22. A. B. C. &amp; D.</p>

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7th. BATTALION A.I.F. OPERATION ORDER No. 57. XEROXY No. 92...

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by

1/3/17.

LT. COL. C.H. JESS D.S.O.

Commanding.

Reference Map. LE BARQUE 1/20,000.

- PARA. 1 The Bn. will relieve the 5th. Bn. in the Front line on the night of 2nd./3rd. March.
- PARA. 2 (1) Officer per Coy and all Specialist officers will move forward 24 hours in advance. The Coy. to relieve firing line will send (1) N.C.O. or man per post with the above. All necessary arrangements re reliefs and taking over of Trench Stores will be made by advance parties.
- PARA. 3 The following Coys. will move to and take over from -
  - "D" Coy. Firing line and forward posts. 5th. Bn..
  - "B" Coy. Local supports to Firing line. " "
  - "C" Coy. ~~REGT~~ Support Coy.. ) Bn. Supports. " "
  - "A" Coy. ~~REGT~~ Support Coy.. ) " "
- PARA. 4 Arrangements re guides will be made between C.O.'s. Bns. and forwarded by wire, but apart from this, O.C. Coys. are responsible that a thorough reconnaissance has been made beforehand of the position they are to take over.
- PARA. 5 Bn. H/Qrs. will be situated near LUISENHOF FARM.
- PARA. 6 O.C. Coys. and Specialist Officers will insure that each man that moves forward has his blanket and W.P. sheet, iron rations, water-bottles full, 220 rounds S.A.A.. Report on the above when acknowledging order.
- PARA. 7 Relief complete to be wired through in code in B A B..
- PARA. 8 Acknowledge.

..... Captain.

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

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7TH BN. OPERATION ORDER. NO 58. Copy 2.

By

5.3.17.

LIEUT COL. C. H. JESS. D.S.O.

Ref/Map LE. BARQUE. 100000

Commanding

PARA 1. An internal relief will take place tonight in the BN on the night of 6/7th inst: -

C<sup>o</sup> Coy. Whole Coy.

A " (1) PLATOON of 24 ORS from BAYONET TR

H QRS L.M. GUNS. (2) from RYE TR

REG. BOMBERS (1) Sec. from BAYONET TR

will relieve as a Coy in the firing line

D<sup>o</sup> Coy "Whole Coy

A " (1) Platoon and (2) L.M. GUNS.

"B<sup>o</sup> and remainder of A<sup>o</sup> Coy will remain in their present positions until relief.

PARA 2. On completion of relief H QRS and (3) PLATOONS.

D<sup>o</sup> Coy and (2) L.M. GUNS. A<sup>o</sup> Coy. will move to

RYE TR (1) PLATOON. D<sup>o</sup> Coy. to CRATER. (1) PL. A<sup>o</sup> Coy to

BAYONET TR.

PARA 3. Coys will not commence to move, until rations are reported OK. A<sup>o</sup> Coys. platoon and REG BOMBERS. will report to O C C<sup>o</sup> Coy at CRATER as soon as their rations are issued. The (2) H QRS L.M. GUNS. in RYE TR will hold itself in readiness to join in with C<sup>o</sup> Coy as it passes.

PARA 4. C<sup>o</sup> Coy will leave <sup>the</sup> their blankets stacked in RYE T<sup>r</sup> and CRATER for the use of D<sup>o</sup> Coy.

PARA 5. OC D<sup>o</sup> Coy will take charge of all details in RYE T<sup>r</sup> and will be responsible for its garrison. He will also be responsible for having ~~no covering for~~ the line in his sector covered until relief.

PARA 6. STORES, MAPS and AIR-PHOTOS will be handed over and receipts of same sent to BN HQ.

PARA 7. This relief complete through with B.A.B.

" 8 Acknowledge.

W. E. Bastin Capt.  
Adj. 7<sup>th</sup> BN. A.I.F.

Copies to.

- 1 File
- 2 War Diary
- 3 B & D Coys.
4. A & C Coys

Time of patches.

1430.

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9 7<sup>th</sup> BN OPERATION ORDER No 59. Col 122.

Ref: 1/1000 by LIEUT. COL. C H JESS. D.S.O. 4.3.17.

MI. OPRT. COMP. / 10000 Commanding.

PARA 1. The BN. will be relieved by 18<sup>th</sup> BN. R.I.F. on the night of 6/7<sup>th</sup> inst.  
 B Coy will be relieved in F. LINE. by B Coy 18<sup>th</sup> BN  
 C " " " " " " " A "  
 D " " " " " " " SUPPORS Position Coy 18<sup>th</sup>  
 A Coy and men in CARTER. will pack to S 15 D 11.  
 proposed Coys 18<sup>th</sup> BN. pass BAYONET TR. and CARTER.

PARA 2. GUIDES, Unless arranged otherwise, by OC Coy concerned B, C & D Coys will pass (1) guide per Coy at BN HQs at dusk, and (2) guide per platoon at a point arranged by them in the vicinity of their Coys, for the relieving Coys.

PARA 3. All stores, maps, Air-photos, will be handed over, and receipts obtained for same and forward to BN HQs at earliest. The (2) MILL BOMBS and 100 extra pounds SAA per man will be handed over as french stores. A Coy & men in CARTER will carry their 220 RND SAA.

PARA 4. On completion of relief boys and specialist will move to camp at S 15 D 11. (1) officer & (2) ORS per Coy will be sent forward ahead to locate camp and make all necessary arrangements, with LT. KELLY. The BN. adjutant officer, re billets. The Coy

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advance, officers are responsible for having guides for their Coys on HIGH WOOD. Such-branches.

PARA 5. O.C. B.C. Coys are responsible for covering their front, until relief is complete.

PARA 6. Relief complete will be sent through in O.A.D.

PARA 7. Acknowledge.

W. B. B. Staff.

Adj. Gen. 1915.

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- 3 A.D. Staff
4. C.B.

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4th Bn. AIF.

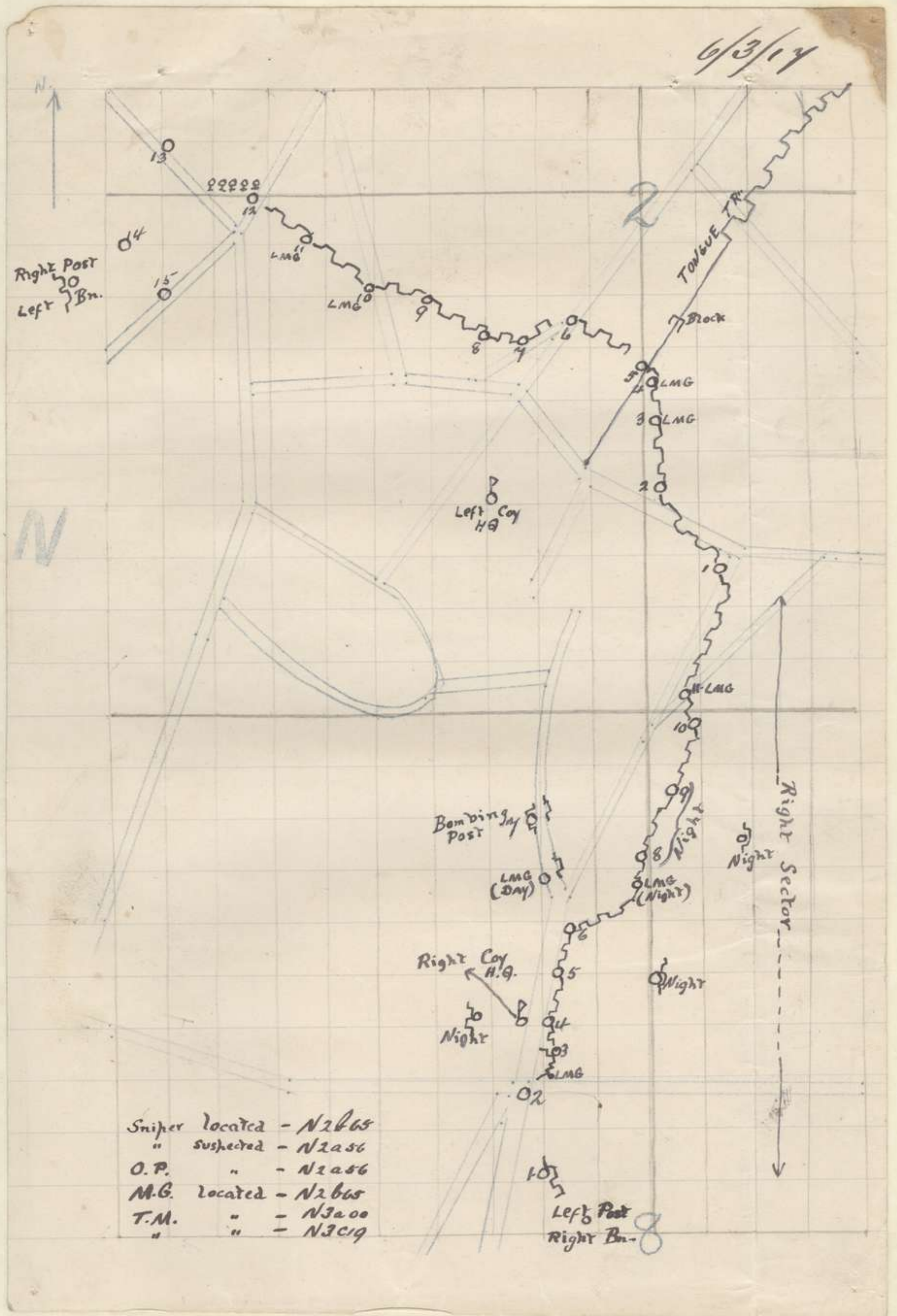
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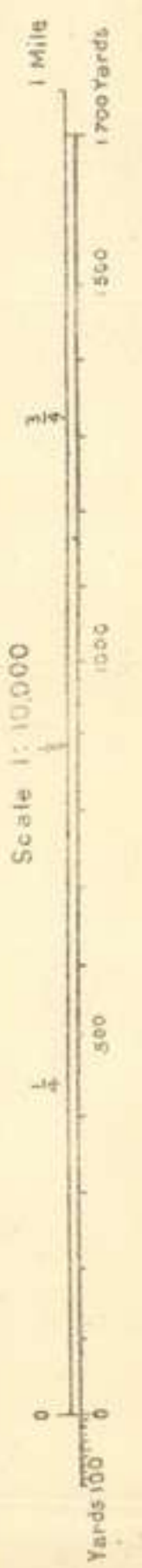
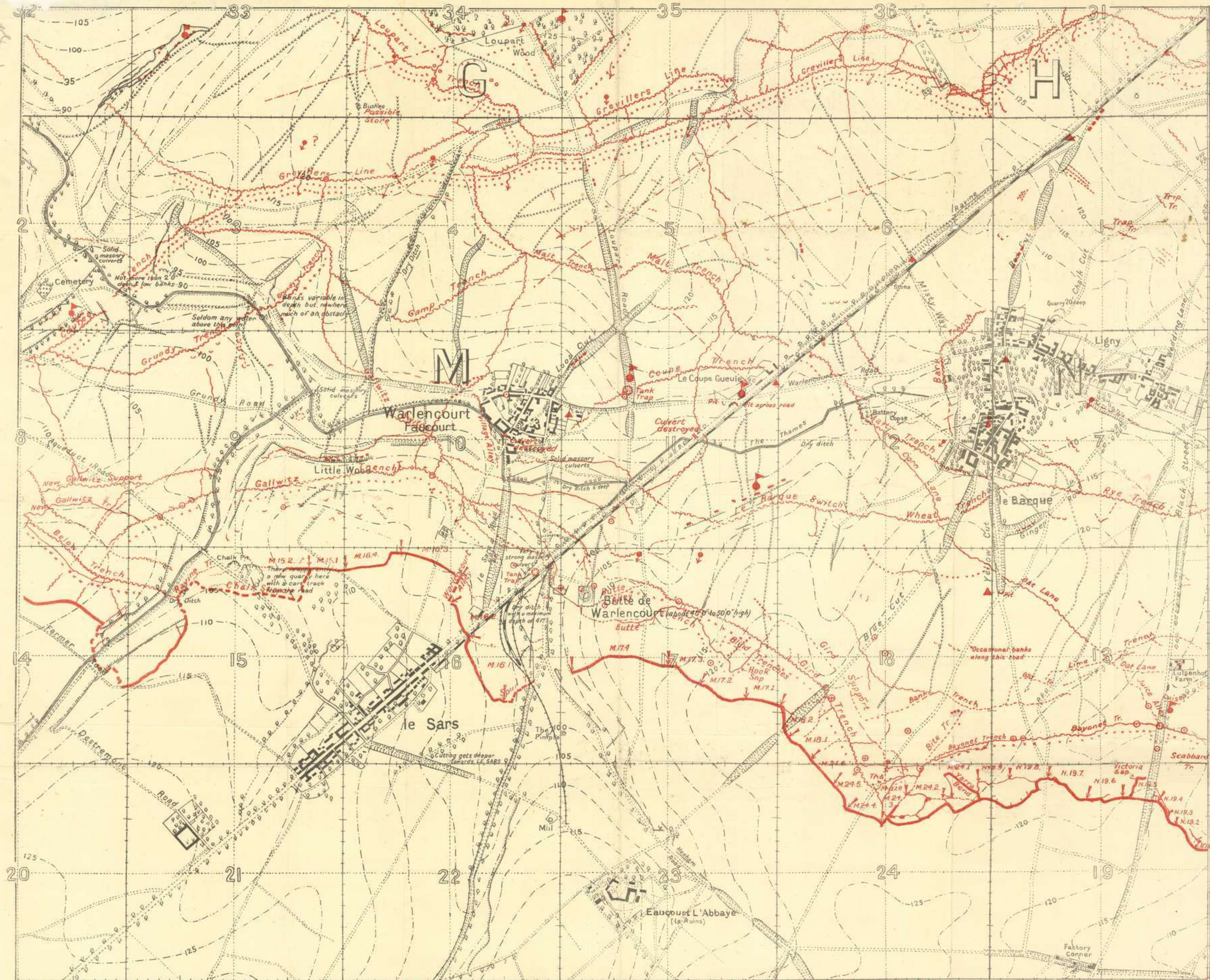
Disposition FRONT LINE Garrison.

RIGHT SECTOR				LEFT SECTOR.			
Post No. 1.	NCO's	MEN	Ti	Post No. 1	NCO's	Men	Ti
" 2	1	6	4	" 2	1	4	8
" 3	1	6	4	" 3	1	6	4
" 4	1	6	4	" 4	1	6	4
" 5	1	6	4	" 5	1	4	8
" 6	1	6	4	" 6	1	4	8
" 7	1	6	4	" 7	1	4	8
" 8	1	6	4 Right	" 8	1	4	8
" 9	1	6	4 "	" 9	1	4	8
" 10	1	6	4 Part	" 10	1	6	4
" 11	1	6	4 "	" 11	1	6	4
LMG at No. 3	1	6	4 "	" 12	1	4	8
" near " 4	1	6	4 Day	" 13	1	4	8
" " " 8	1	6	4 Right	" 14	1	4	8
" " " 11	1	6	4 Part	" 15	1	4	8
Right Night Post	1	6	4 Right				
Left " "	1	6	4 "				116
Rear " "	1	6	4 "				
Day =		84					
Night =		119					

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4th Field Survey Coy, R.E. (1078) N°4 Advanced Section, A.P.&S.S.

Dugouts... T.M. O.P. Trenches shown thus... have not yet been confirmed by Air Photos. Tracks British Front Line  
 M.G. H.Q. Batt. Regt Dump Buried Cable or Pipe Line Gap in wire

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7th. BATTALION A.I.F.

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## TRAINING SYLLABUS.

From 8th. to 21st. March 1917.

Day & date.	Forenoon.	Afternoon.	Lectures.	Remarks.
Thursday. March 8th. 1917.	Cleaning equipment, clothing etc.. Checking equipment. Assessing shortages. Route March, 1 hour morning and afternoon.			
Friday. March 9th.	0930 - 1200 Reorganization of Platoons (accord- ance with G 1642) Platoon Drill. Conference Coy. Commdrs. 1100-1300.	1400 - 1600 Platoon Drill. Bayonet Fighting. Route March.	1615 - 1700. Lecture by Coy. Commdrs. on Platoon Training.	
Saturday. March 10th.	0930 - 1000 Platoon Drill. 1000 - 1100. Explanation of Lewis Gun. 1100 - 1200. Bombs and Bomb Throwing..	1400 - 1500. Platoon Training. 1500 - 1600. Route March.	1615 - 1700. Lecture Coy. Commdrs. 1500 - 1600 Lecture to Scouts "Patrol- ing" by C.O..	1930 - 2100 Lecture by C.O.
Sunday. March 11th.	Church Parade. Inspection of Lines.	Route March.		1930. Lecture by C.O. Platoon in attack.
Monday. March 12th.	0930 - 1000 Platoon Training 1000 - 1200 Platoon in attack. Trench to Trench.	1400 - 1600 Platoon in attack. Trench to Trench. (consolidating)	1615 - 1700 Responsibility of Platoon Commanders.	Lecture 1930 Platoon in attack. Semi open.
Tuesday. March 13th.	0930 - 1030 Platoon in attack 1030 - 1300. Trench Tactics.	1400 - 1600. Trench Tactics.	1615 - 1700 Criticism by O.C. Coys .	1930 Attack on Strong Point.
Wednesday. March 14th.	0930 - 1000 Lewis Gun. 1000 - 1200 Organised attack on S.P.	1400 - 1600 Attack on S.P. <u>Deliberate</u> During major action.	1615 - 1700 Lecture on Rifle Grenades, uses and poss- ibilities.	1930. Company. in attack.
Thursday March 15th.	Coy. <del>in attack</del> Drill. Normal Formations	Coy. in attack. Trench to Trench. (one objective)		1930. Bn Organisation. C.O..
Friday. March 16th.	Company in attack Trench to Trench. One objective. (Consolidation)	Coy. in attack. Consolidation Trench Tactics. Thinning out.	Criticism	Lecture Trench attack One objective by C.O. J.
Saturday March 17th.	Coy. in attack. Double Objective.	Coy. in attack. Double Objective.	Criticism.	Battalion in attack. Trench to Tr.

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TRAINING SYLLABUS.

From 8th. to 21st. March 1917.

Day & date.	Forenoon.	Afternoon	Lectures.	Remarks.
Sunday March 18th.	Church Parade.	Route March.		
Monday March 19th.	Battalion in attack. Trench to Trench. One objective.	Battalion in attack. Trench to Trench. Two objectives.		1930 Criticism. Attack Semi open warfare.
Tuesday. March 20th.	Coy. formation open warfare.	Battalion form- ation. Open warfare		Patrols and Outposts.
Wednesday March 21st.	Battalion in attack. Semi open warfare.			

(Signed) H. E. Bastin. Captain.

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

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by

MAJOR C.H. SWIFT.

Tempy. Commanding.REFERENCE MAP. ALBERT (combined sheet) 1/40,000.

- PARA. 1. MOVE. 7th. and 5th. Bns. will interchange camp and billets on the 14th. March 1917. 7th. Bn. will move to and occupy billets at DERNANCOURT.
- PARA. 2. TIME of STARTING. Head of column will pass starting point at 0900.
- PARA. 3. STARTING POINT. Junction of COROUROY and FRICOURT - MAMETZ roads.
- PARA. 4. ROUTE. Bn. will move along road to F.S. D - through FRICOURT CIRCUS, join main FRICOURT - MEAULTE Road at F.S. A. through MEAULTE to DERNANCOURT.
- PARA. 5. ORDER of MARCH. "D", "C", "B", "A" Coys.. Specialists will march in their usual places.
- PARA. 6. DRESS. Usual full marching order.
- PARA. 7. INTERVALS. 50 yds. between platoons; 200 yds. between Coys. and 1st. Line Transport.
- PARA. 8. HALTS. 5 minutes at 0930 and 10 minutes every 50 minutes thereafter.
- PARA. 9. MEDICAL. Motor ambulance will be available at 0830.
- PARA. 10. Bn. Standing Order No. 2. will be adhered to. Extra blankets officers valises and office material will be at Q.Ms. store not later than 0745 to allow the 2nd. line TRANSPORT to move off at 0830.
- PARA. 11. Transport will retain their lines they have at present and will leave their surplus transport there. All necessary transport will accompany and remain with Bn..
- PARA. 12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

..... *NE Bastin* ..... Captain.

Adjutant 7th. Battalion A.I.F.

No.	Copy	Time.
1.	File.	1915.
2.	War Diary "	
3.	C.O. & Adjnt. "	
4.	"A" Coy. "	
5.	"B" " "	
6.	"C" " "	
7.	"D" " "	
8.	Specialists Officers.	
9.	Q.M. & T.O.	
10.	Spare.	

## Copy of Brigade Syllabus from 18th. to 25th. March 1917.

Date.	Forenoon 0900-1200	Afternoon 1400-1600	Lectures.
March 18th.	Church parade and Route March.		
March 19th.	Platoon Drill. Musketry and Bayonet exercises. Short Route March.	Platoon in attack. (Trench to Trench and on strong point).	Patrols. (formation of, and information required.)
March 20th.	Platoon, Coy. drill Rifle & Musketry exercises. Short Route March.	Company in attack (One objective and two objectives, consolidation of trenches thinning out) Short Battalion drill.	Field sketching Messages & Reports
March 21st.	Company in attack. (one objective) Company & Platoon Drill Battalion Drill.	Platoon throwing out Patrols ; working in semi open warfare and one objective.	Company in attack by C.O. explaining carefully various stages and allotment of duties.
March 22nd.	Platoon Drill. Battalion in attack. 1. Deliberate. 2. During major action.	Company in semi-open Warfare advancing - two objectives and consolidation.	Outposts and Strong Points with discussion following.
March 23rd.	Battalion Drill Battalion in attack. (open warfare & using patrols, 2 objectives) Advancing through barrage.	Battalion in attack. (four objectives) Battalion drill.	Query night (?) (on Field work)
March 24th.	Battalion in attack. Semi-open warfare with 2 or more objectives ; S.Ps. to be considered and portion of line to be held up for a time.	Battalion and Coy. Drill General Smartening up.	Lecture on Co-operation with artillery and Machine gun barrage, Consolidation.

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7th BATTALION A.I.F. OPERATION ORDER No. 61. COPY: 4

by

21/3/17.

MAJOR C.H. SWIFT.

Tempy. Commanding.

Reference Map. ALBERT (Combined sheet) 1/40,000.

- PARA. 1. MOVE. The Battalion will move to and occupy billets at BUIRE on 21st. March 1917..
- PARA. 2. TIME of STARTING. Head of column will pass starting point at 1400.
- PARA. 3. STARTING POINT. Corner CANTERBURY and HIGH Sts., DERNANCOURT.
- PARA. 4. ROUTE. Main BUIRE - DERNANCOURT Roads.
- PARA. 5. Order of MARCH. A., D., C., B. Coys.. Specialists in usual places. Men moving behind vehicles will move in column and not at the side. 4 yards will be maintained between horses heads and tail-boards.
- PARA. 6. DRESS. Usual full marching order.
- PARA. 7. INTERVALS 100 yds. between Coys.. 200 yds. between Coys. and 1st. line transport.
- PARA. 8. Battalion Standing Order No. 2. (re moves) will be adhered to. Extra blankets ~~and~~ officers valises and office material will be at Q.M. store not later than 1300.
- PARA. 9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

... *H. B. ...* Captain.

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

No.	Cony	Time.
1.	File	1130
2.	War Diary.	"
3.	C.O. & Adjt.	"
4.	"A" Coy.	"
5.	"B" "	"
6.	"C" "	"
7.	"D" "	"
8.	Specialists	"
9.	Q.M. & T.O.	"
10.	Spare.	

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7th. BATTALION A.I.F..

Work to be carried out as per Bde. Syllabus. *herewith*

Date.	Forenoon 0900-1200	Afternoon 1400-1600	Evening 1900-2100	Lectures.
March 25th.	Bde. Church Parade. Route March.			
March 26th.	Company Drill Musketry and Bayonet exercises Patrols and Sentry Groups.	Outposts (Day) Platoons as Picquets Lectures on Night Outposts.		
March 27th.	Company Drill Company in attack advancing through barrage and then carrying out attack on 2 objectives.	Village fighting by Coys.		
March 28th.	Battalion in attack (4 objectives major operation) 1st. and 2nd. objective by 1st. and 2nd. Wave. 3rd. and 4th. objective by 3rd. and 4th. Wave.	Battalion Drill. Coys. to be practised in suddenly occupying a position from Column of fours by Platoon and Coy.		
March 29th.	Battalion moving in semi-open warfare as covering Bn. as per G.S. Memo No. 15. Bn. drill.		Coy. attack. (2 objectives) from trenches.	
March 30th.	Battalion drill. Battalion manoeuvre From moving into position up to final attack and consolidation, Considering patrols etc. being used and artillery support.	Coy. and Bn. Drill. General smart- ening up.		
March 31st.	Brigade exercise.			

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7th. BATTALION A.I.F. OPERATION ORDER No. 1. COPY No. 2.

by

29/3/17

MAJOR C.H. SWIFT.

Tempy. Commanding.

REFERENCE MAPS. 62D N.E. 1/20,000

- PARA. 1. The Battalion will continue to ~~have~~ advance the line on the morning of 30th. March 1917 from Northern outskirts of BUIRE village and establish an outpost line, approximately along the ALBERT - AMIENS Road the flanks being E 7. C 1.3. and D 17. A 2.2.
- PARA. 2. Battalions of the 1st. and 3rd. Brigades are working on our right and left respectively.  
The Centre boundary line will run from D 24. D 8.6. in a straight N.W. line to D 18. A 1.9.
- PARA. 3. "C" and "D" Coys. will form front line. "C" Coy. on the left, "D" Coy. on the right.  
"A" Coy. will support "C" Coy.. "B" Coy. will support "D" Coy..
- PARA. 4. Front line Coys. will move straight forward to the attack at 0900 from the positions now occupied by them in BUIRE.
- PARA. 5. The enemy line main line has not been located but he has small outposts directly in front of our present outpost line.
- PARA. 6. Battalion H/Qrs. will be located at 0900, 30/3/17 at D 30. B 2.2. and when outpost line is established it will move forward to embankment at D 18. C 9.5.
- PARA. 7. Communications will be by visual signalling and runners. Visual station will also be in touch with Bde. H/Qrs. at BUIRE.
- PARA. 8. GENERAL. Sketch maps of all posts, all orders, reports and messages will be forwarded to Bn. H/Qrs. on completion of operation.

..... *M. Bastin* ..... Captain.  
Adjutant 7th. Battalion A.I.F.

Copies to.

1. 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde.
2. C.O. & Adjt.
3. "A" Coy.
4. "B" "
5. "C" "
6. "D" "



Return of Officers in Order of precedence only sent at 1500 on Friday 2nd March 1917

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Officers actually present with Unit				Officers absent from Unit			
Order senty	RANK	NAME	Remarks	Order senty	RANK	NAME	Remarks
1	Lt Col	Jess DSO	6H. Commanding	3	Capt	Talbot VC	4H. 4th Army School
2	Major	Swift	6H. 2nd in Command	7	Lieut	Kitchin	2S. 1st Aust. Div. School
4	Capt	Barton	H.C. Adjutant	13		Dastina	W.R. Hospital
5		Bates DSO	A. Ofc D. Coy.	14		Kelby *	L.H. 1st Aust. Div. School
6		Compbell	W.B. Ofc C. Coy.	15		Hambilton	W.C. Hospital
7		Goodell-Hill	1st Ofc B. Coy.	17		Wright	H.J. Hospital
8		Spewart	H.M.S. Ofc A. Coy.	20	Ofc	Gordon	J.H.S. 2nd ALT M.B. Reserve
10	Lieut	Scholar *	4E.	21		Smalley	7S. 1st Aust. Div. School
11		Phillips	4F.	22		Shuttleworth	6S. Hospital
12		Hillard *	R.J.	23		Purbrick	K.M. Town Major CONTAY
16		McC.	4J.S.	25		Higgins	C.J. Hospital England
18	Ofc	Reynolds	03.	26		Nixon	H. Hospital
19		Fowler		28		Lane *	W.C. 1st Aust. Div. School
24		O'Connor	A.J.	30		Pool	W.F.S.S. Hospital
27		Dickinson	W.R. Intelligence officer	33		Anderson *	G. 1st Aust. Div. School
29		Bowls	W.F.				
31		O'Neil	H.F. Signal officer				
32		Hooker *	F.H. Transport officer				
34		Graham	R.J.				
35		Harris	0.H.C.				
36		Pollyack	W.F. Bomb + S.M.S. officer				
37		Dobbin	6.L.				
38		Saulters	F.B.				
39		Keane	A.				
40		Mackinnon	H.C.				
41		Purbrick	R.B.				

W.E. Barton. Captain  
Adjutant 7th Battalion A.I.F.

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3 officers present to fight with

Appendix No. (22).

RETURN of OFFICERS in ORDER of SENIORITY on STRENGTH of UNIT at 1800 on

Friday 9th. March 1917

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Officers actually present with Unit.

Officers absent from Unit.

Order Seny.	Rank.	Name.	Remarks.	Order	Rank.	Name.	Remarks.
1	Lt. Col.	Jess "D.S.O." C.H.	Commanding.	3.	Captain	Tubb "V.C." F.H.	4th. Army School.
2.	Major.	Swift. C.H.	2nd. in Command.	8.	"	Stewart. R.McG.P.	Div. Musketry Instr.
4.	Captain.	Bastin. H.E.	Adjutant.	9.	Lieut.	Kitchen. F.G.	1st. Aust. Div. School.
5.	"	Cates "D.S.O." A.	O/C "D" Coy.	13.	"	D'Altera. W.R.	Hospital.
6.	"	Campbell W.B.	O/C "C" Coy.	15.	"	Hamilton W.E.	Hospital.
7.	"	Bowtell-Harris MC J.F.	O/C "B" Coy.	17.	"	Wright. H.J.	Hospital.
10.	Lieut.	Scholes J.E.		20.	2/Lieut.	Gordon J.H.G.	2/A.L.T.M.B. reserve
11.	"	Phillips. A.F.		21.	"	Smedley F.J.	1st. Aust. Div. School.
12.	"	Hillard. R.I.		22.	"	Shuttleworth. C.G.	Hospital.
14.	"	Kelly L.H.	O/C "A" Coy.	23.	"	Purbrick K.M.	Town Major. COMFAY.
16.	"	Cox A.J.G.		25.	"	Hawkins E.J.	Hospital, England.
18.	2/Lieut.	Reynolds O.G.		26.	"	Nixon. H.	Hospital, England.
19.	"	Fowler. J.		30.	"	Poole. W.J.S.G.	Hospital.
24.	"	O'Connor. A.J.					
27.	"	Dickinson. V.R.	Intelligence Officer.				
28.	"	Lane. W.E.					
29.	"	Booth. W.R.					
31.	"	O'Neill H.F.	Signal Officer.				
32.	"	Hooker F.H.	Transport Officer.				
33.	"	Anderson. G.					
34.	"	Graham. R.J.					
35.	"	Harris. O.J.E.					
36.	"	Pellock W.G.	Bomb and L.M.G. Officer.				
37.	"	Dobbin. C.L.					
38.	"	Gaulton. F.B.					
39.	"	Dean A.					
40.	"	Mackinnon. D.C.					
41.	"	Purbrick. R.B.					

*H.E. Bastin* Captain.

Adjutant 7th. Battalion A.I.F.

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Return of Officers in Order of Seniority on Strength of Unit at 1800 on  
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Officers actually present with unit				Officers absent from unit			
Order Senty	RANK	NAME	Remarks	Order Senty	RANK	NAME	Remarks
2	Major	Swift	C.H. Temply Commandg	1	Lt Col	Jess DSO	C.H. Duty England
4	Capt	Wastin	H.C. Adjutant	3	Capt	Tubb V.C.	F.H. 14 <sup>th</sup> Army School
5	do	Oates DSO	A. ofc D. Coy	8	"	Stewart	R.M.G.F. 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div School
6	"	Campbell	W.B. ofc C. Coy	9	Lieut	Kitchen	F.G. 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div School
7	"	Bowtell-Harris MC	J.F. ofc B. Coy	13	"	D'Altera	W.R. Hospital
10	Lieut	Scholes	J.C. Quartermaster	15	"	Hamilton	W.C. Hospital Secounded
11	"	Phillips	A.F.	18	"	Wright	H.J. Hospital
12	"	Hilliard	R.J.	19	"	Gordon	J.H.G. 2 <sup>nd</sup> ALT M Reserve
14	"	Kelby	L.H. ofc ofc H Coy	20	"	Smedley	F.J. 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div School
15	"	Cox	A.J.G.	21	"	Shuttleworth	C.G. Hospital
17	"	Reynolds	A.G.	22	"	Purbrick	K.M. Town Major Conting
18	"	Fowler	J.	24	2/Lt	Hopkins	C.J. Hospital England
23	2/Lt	O'Connor	M.B.	25	"	Pickinson	G.P. Hospital
26	"	Lane	W.T.C.	27	"	Booth	W.P. 1 <sup>st</sup> Aust Div School
29	"	Walker	F.H. Transport Officer	28	"	Pooler	W.J.S.G. Hospital England
29	"	O'Neil	H.F. Signal Officer	32	"	Graham	P.J. Leave England
30	"	Walker	F.H. Transport Officer	33	"	Harris	O.F.E. Intelligence School Brisbane
31	"	Anderson	A.	34	"	Purbrick	K.B. 70 <sup>th</sup> De. Detachment
34	"	Pollock	W.G. Bomb & LMG Officer				part of ALB E.F.
35	"	Dobbins	C.L.				
36	"	Gaulson	F.B.				
37	"	Dear	A.				
38	"	Mackinnon	R.C.				

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M. Bastin Captain  
Adjutant 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion A.I.F.

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RETURN of OFFICERS in ORDER of SENIORITY on STRENGTH of UNIT.

at 1800 on 23rd. March 1917.

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Officers Actually Present with Unit.

Officers Absent from Unit.

Order Senty.	Rank.	Name.	Remarks.	Order Senty.	Rank.	Name.	Remarks.
2.	Major	Swift	C.H. Tempy. Commanding.	1.	Lt. Col.	Jess. D.S.O. C.H.	Duty, England.
3.	Major	Tubb V.C.	F.H. " 2nd. Command.	7.	Capt.	Bawtell-Harris MC J.F.	Hosp. (acc. Injured)
4.	Captain.	Bastin	H.P. Adjutant.	8.	"	Stewart. R.McG.P.	Div. Musketry Instr.
5.	"	Cates. D.S.O.	A. O.C. "D" Coy.	9.	Lieut.	Kitchen. F.G.	1st. Aust. Div. School.
6.	"	Campbell	W.E. O.C. "C" "	11.	"	Phillips. A.P.	Hospital, Sick.
10.	Lieut.	Scholes.	J.E. Q.M.	18.	"	Gordon J.H.G.	2/A.L.T.M.B. reserve.
12.	"	Hilliard.	R.I.	19.	"	Smedley. F.J.	1st. Aust. Div. School.
13.	"	D'Altera.	W.R.	20.	"	Shuttleworth. C.G.	Hospital, sick.
14.	"	Kelly.	L.H.	25.	2/Lieut.	Hopkins. H.J.	Hosp., sick. England.
15.	"	Cox	A.J.G.	26.	"	Dickinson. V.R.	Hospital Sick.
16.	"	Reynolds.	O.G.	28.	"	Booth. W.R.	1st. Anzac. Corps School.
17.	"	Fowler	J.	29.	"	Poole. W.J.G.S.	Hosp., sick. England.
21.	"	Purbrick.	K.M.	33.	"	Graham. R.J.	Leave, England.
22.	2/Lieut.	O'Connor.	A.J.	37.	"	Gaulton. F.B.	Hospital, Sick.
23.	"	Buggy.	R.	39.	"	Mackinnon. D.C.	Hospital, sick.
24.	"	Gendon.	P.G.	41.	"	Meyer. A.P.	5th. Army Training Scho.
27.	"	Lane.	W.E.				
30.	"	O'Neil	H.F.				
31.	"	Hooker	F.H.				
32.	"	Anderson.	G.				
34.	"	Harris	O. J.F.				
35.	"	Pollock.	W.G.				
36.	"	Bobbin.	C.L.				
38.	"	Dean.	A.				
40.	"	Purbrick.	R.E.				

*W. Bastin* Captain.  
Adjutant 7th. Battalion A.I.F.

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RETURN of OFFICERS in ORDER of SENIORITY on STRENGTH of UNIT.

at 1200 on 30th. MARCH 1917.

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Officers actually Present with Unit.				Officers Absent from Unit.			
Order Senty.	Rank.	Name	Remarks.	Order Senty.	Rank.	Name.	Remarks.
2	Major	Swift	C.H. Tempy. Commanding.	1.	Lt. Col.	Jess D.S.O. C.H.	Duty, England.
3	Major	Tubb V.C.	F.H. a/g. 2nd. Command.	7	Captain.	Bowtell-Harris J.F.	Hosp. (acc. Injured)
4	Captain	Bastin	H.E. Adjutant.	8	"	Stewart R. McG. P.	Divul. Musketry Instr.
5	"	Oates D.S.O.	A. O/C "E" Coy.	9	Lieut.	Kitchen F.G.	1st. Aust. Div. School.
6	"	Campbell	W.B. O/C "C" Coy..	11	"	Phillips A.F.	Hosp. sick.
10	Lieut.	Scholes	J.E. Q.M..	19	"	Snedley F.J.	1st. Aust. Div. School.
12	Hilliard	Hilliard	R.I. Tempy. O/C "B" Coy.	20	"	Shuttleworth C.G.	Hosp. Sick.
13	"	D'Altera	W.R. " O/C "A" Coy..	25	2/Lieut.	Horkins E.J.	Hosp. sick England
14	"	Kelly	L.H. 2nd. Command "A" Coy.	26	"	Dickinson V.R.	Hosp. sick.
15	"	Cox	A.J.G. 2nd. " "D" Coy.	29	"	Poole W.J.G.S.	Hosp. sick. England.
16	"	Fowler	J. Tempy. 2nd. Command B Coy.	36	"	Dobbin C.L.	Leave England.
17	"	Reynolds	O.G.	37	"	Gaulton F.B.	Hosp. sick.
18	"	Gordon	J.H.G.	39	"	Mackinnon D.C.	Hosp. sick.
21	"	Purbrick	K.M.	40	"	Purbrick R.D.	To Eng. (65th. Bn.)
22	2/Lieut.	O'Connor	A.J.	41	"	Meyer A.P.	5th. Army Sniping School.
23	"	Buggy	R.				
24	"	Gandon	P.G.				
27	"	Lane	W.E.				
28	"	Booth	W.R.				
30	"	O'Neill	H.F. Signal Officer.				
31	"	Hooker	F.H. Transport Officer.				
32	"	Anderson	G.				
33	"	Graham	R.J.				
34	"	Harris	O.J.E. Intelligence Officer.				
35	"	Pollock	W.G. Bomb and L.M.G. "				
38	"	Dean	A.				

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7th. BATTALION A.I.F. OPERATION ORDER No.2. COPY.....

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by

30/3/17

MAJOR C.H. SWIFT.

Tempy. Commanding.

REFERENCE MAPS. 62D N.E. 1/20,000 and 57 1/20,000.

- PARA. 1 The enemy is slowly retreating towards the SOMME. Two Battalions of 2nd INF. BDE. are holding an outpost line approximately 400 yds. South of ALBERT-AMIENS Road from E.8. C.00.95 - E 8 B 75.75 and thence along the Railway and ALBERT-DERNANCOURT Road. 5th. Bn. on Right, 8th. Bn. on Left.
- PARA. 2. At 1000 on the morning of the 31st. March 1917. The Bn. with the 6th. Bn. on the left and ? Regiment "Imperial" on the right will continue the advance and will push the enemy back. The first objective being to establish a line at E 14 Central - E 14 B 75.00 - E 15. C Central ; the second objective to seize the village of DERNANCOURT and establish a line of outposts on the Northern bank of RIVER ANCRE.
- PARA. 3 "C" and "D" Coys. will form front line. "C" Coy. on LEFT, "D" Coy. on RIGHT.  
"A" Coy. will support "D" Coy.. "B" Coy. will support "C" Coy.
- PARA. 4. Bn. will assemble for the attack at W 19 D. and W 20 C. and will move forward through outpost line to the attack at 1000.
- PARA. 5. The Bn. is operating between the boundaries :-  
On the RIGHT a line through E.8. A.O.3. to VILLE SUR ANCRE (exclusive)  
On the LEFT a line through E.3. C. 1.5. to E 20 B. 4.5.  
The dividing line of Bn. runs in straight line from E 2. D 1.1. to E.20 C. 5.0.
- PARA. 6. COMMUNICATIONS. Wherever possible telephonic communication will be established otherwise visual signalling and runners will keep up communications.  
At 1130 Contact aeroplanes will be in the air, they will call for flares by sounding Klaxton Horn or showing white Very light. The most advanced troops will light flares.
- PARA. 7. DUMPS. Bn. dump will be established at E.3. C.5.8. and on first objective being taken, dumps will be established at E 14 A 2.6. and E 14 B 2.6 and on second objective being reached a dump will be established at E 20. B. 3.5.
- PARA. 8. MEDICAL. R.M.O. will establish R.A.P. at most convenient place after first objective has been ~~taken~~ *established*  
Dressing station is established at E 3 C.5.8..
- PARA. 9 TRANSPORT. will park on road at E.3. C.5.8..  
Coy. pack horses will move with their Coys..
- PARA. 10. Bn.H/Qrs. will be at 1000 at W 20 C.5.8. and from 1000 onwards in centre of Bn. front, location to be made known as Bn. operation progresses.

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7th. BATTALION A.I.F. OPERATION ORDER No.2..

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GENERAL. The artillery can cover the whole of our advance. 2 Light Trench Mortars have been allotted to Bn. but as artillery can be brought to bear on any object and owing to the difficulty of getting T.M. ammunition forward it is deemed advisable to only call for artillery, but "B" and "A" Coys. will tell off 12 O.Rs. each as T.M. ammunition carriers in case of emergency .

..... Captain.

Adjutant 7th. Battalion A.I.F.

Copies to,

- 1. War Diary.
- 2. File.
- 3. C.O. & Adjt.
- 4. O.C. "A" Coy.
- 5. " "B" "
- 6. " "C" "
- 7. " "D" "
- 8. 2nd. A.L.T.M. Battery.
- 9. Q.M. & T.O.
- 10. 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Time 2359.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR TACTICAL EXERCISE

A Tactical Exercise will be carried out by 2nd. Australian Infantry Brigade on 31st. inst..  
Detailed scheme is attached.

2. Umpire

Staff.	Major-General	H. B. WALKER	C. B., D. S. O..
	Captain	E. G. WHITE.	
	Lieut-Colonel.	T. A. BLAMEY	D. S. O.
	Colonel.	C. H. FOOTT	C. M. G.
	Major	H. G. VINEY	D. S. O.
	Colonel.	R. B. HUXTABLE.	
	Captain.	H. KENNEDY	
	Captain.	F. L. HAM.	

Umpires will wear a broad white band round the upper right arm.  
They will be informed of all details of the situation on demand.

3. The enemy will be represented by flags.

O. C. Flag Party	Major R. B. SMYTHE	D. S. O.	G. S. O. 11.
	Capt. R. B. STEWART	7th. Battalion.	
	Capt. H. WATSON	2nd. Battalion.	
	One officer detailed by O. C. Signal Coy.		
	One	Artillery Officer to be detailed by C. R. A.	

Instructions for use of flags in exercise have been issued previously for distribution down to Platoon Commander.

4. An artillery officer detailed by C. R. A. will be available for duty as O. C. Field Artillery of Advanced Guard.
5. No small arms ammunition will be in possession of any man. It will be collected on the day prior to the exercise.  
Every N. C. O. and man will be inspected by an officer and certificates furnished to C. O.'s, who will forward these and a covering certificate to Brigade Headquarters BUIRE, before 0800 on the 31st..
6. Dress will be fighting order with W. P. sheet in haversack, and all officers and N. C. O.s. will carry writing materials.
7. Buglers and Drummers will parade with their Units.
8. MARCH TABLE. Fall in. Bn. will fall in at 0800 on 31/3/17.  
Time of Starting. 0830.. Starting Point. Cross-roads D 23. B 5.7..  
Route. Via Cross-roads D 17. B 5.7.. Assembly. Hollow at E. 3. C.  
Distance. 50 yards between Coys..
9. All ranks are to be warned against walking over ploughed fields. Officers will be held responsible for men walking over ploughed fields.

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