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| CAUDESCURE K.4.c.2.4. | 1st. | | Lieut-Colonel W.J. SMITH, 37th Battalion A.I.F. marched in and assumed command. Training. Kit inspection and Training under Company arrangements. C.O. made acquaintance of all Officers. | |
| do. | 2nd. | | Battalion moved by Motor Bus to LISBOURG (Reference HAZEBROUCK 1/100.000), thence Route March to billets at FONTAIN LES BOULANS (Reference BERGUENESE MAP 1/40.000) see operation order No 48. Appendix 1. | 1. |
| FONTAINE LES BOULANS. Ref. BERGUENESE 1/40.000. | 3rd. | | Training for ensuing week as per Training Programme see Appendix 2. | 2. |
| do | 4th | | Training as per Programme. The Brigadier met all Officers and N.C.Os. at 4 pm. and explained forthcoming operations. No. 767 Pte. C. RITCHIE shot in leg whilst attempting to escape from Detention. | |
| do | 5th | | Training as per Programme. | |
| do | 6th | | Training as per Programme. | |
| do | 7th | | Training as per Programme. All Officers attended lecture on "Machine Gun Tactics" at Brigade Hqs. at 4 pm. | |
| do | 8th | | Training as per Programme. Brigadier met all Officers at 12 noon. Daily Strength State, Appendix 3. | 3. |
| do | 9th | | C.of E. and R.C. Church Parades. | |
| do | 10th | | Training Programme for ensuing week, see Appendix 4 attached. Brigadier met all Officers at 4 p.m. | 4. |
| do | 11th | | Training as per Programme. No. 5744 Pte. TUNSTALL. A.E. accidentally injured by premature explosion of Rifle Grenade. | |
| do | 12th | | Training as per Programme. | |
| do | 13th | | do do do | |

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| FONTAIN LES BOULANS Ref. BERGUEN- -ESE 1/40.000. | 14th | | Brigade Tactical Exercise. See Operation Order Appendix 5. No. 1803 L/Cpl. J.W.J. CAREY died as a result of injuries received. | 5. |
| do | 15th | | Training as per Programme. Battalion Sports meeting in afternoon. Parade State attached, Appendix | 6. |
| do | 16th | | C of E and R.C. Church Parade. | |
| do | 17th | | Training:- Battalion Tactical Exercise and Company Tactical Exercises. | |
| do | 18th | | Battalion moved from FONTAINE LES BOULANS to WALLON-CAPPEL Area. Reference BERGUENESE 1/46.600 and HAZEBROUCK 1/100.000. Move Order No. 49 attached. Appendix 7. | 7. |
| STAPLE Hazebrouck. 1/100.000. | 19th | | Checking of all stores, Equipment, Arms, Accoutrements etc., as per Special Order attached, Appendix 8. Captain A.R. BLAINEY M.C. appointed Adjutant. | 8. |
| do | 20th | | Battalion marched from STAPLE to STEENVOORDE, see Move Order No. 50 attached. Appendix 9. Capt. H. TRUMBLE Marched in and took over duties of R.M.O. | 9. |
| STEENVOORDE Sheets 27 & 28 1/40.000 | 21st | | Training. Inspection of all Gas Helmets by No. 1709 Sgt. FISHER. | |
| | 22nd | | Battalion, less 33% moved per Motor Bus from STEENVOORDE to CANAL Area near YPRES. See Move Order No. 51 Appendix 10. 9 Officers and 92 O/Ranks remained at STEENVOORDE under command of Capt. J. MACKAY. All surplus gear dumped. Parade state attached Appendix 11. | 10. 11. |
| CANAL AREA near YPRES. Sheet 28. I.16.a. | 23rd. | | Battalion marched to CHINA WALL (I.16.a.) as per Move Order No. 52. Appendix 12. | 12. |
| do | 24th. | | Working party of 2 Officers and 100 O/Ranks reported at 6-30 a.m. for Duckboarding. Heavy enemy shelling in vicinity during night. Our artillery active. C.O., Adjutant and Officers reconnoitre front line. Brigadier met all C.Os. at Advance Brigade Headquarters. Lieut. T.H. TEMPLETON Killed in Action. see Casualty Report attached, Appendix 12A | |
| do | 25th | | Enemy artillery very active all day and heavy shelling in vicinity of "A" Coy. Casualties light. Battalion, less Administrative Staff, moved to BLUE LINE, see Operation Order No. 1. Appendix 13. | 13. |

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| <p>ZONNEBEKE. <i>Ref WESTHOEK Part of Sheet 28 1/10,000.</i></p> | <p>1917. Sept. 26th.</p> | | <p>The Battalion, in conjunction with other troops on right and left, attacked and captured a Sector of hostile territory under cover of an intense artillery barrage.</p> <p>The task allotted was as follows:- Northern Boundary line drawn from XXXX from <u>J 3. D. 1. 6.</u> to <u>J 4. B. 5. 5.</u> Southern Boundary line drawn from <u>J 3. D. 7. 8.</u> to <u>J 4. B. 1. 9.</u> Extent of advance, line drawn from <u>J 4. B. 5. 5.</u> to <u>J 4. B. 1. 9.</u></p> <p>The frontage allotted to the Battalion was 250 yards of the Second Objective in the BLUE LINE. 15th Battalion on our right and 49th on left. The 16th Battalion were allotted the 1st Objective i.e. RED LINE. Other troops attached to 14th Battalion:- 1 Sub-section 4th M.G. Coy., 1 Sub-section 4th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery.</p> <p><u>DISPOSITION.</u> Battalion attacked on a four (4) Company frontage, each Company being allotted a frontage of 63 yards in the following order from right to left, A.B.C. & D. The first Platoon of each Company formed the first wave. The second Platoon, "Meppers up", The third Platoon, Supporting wave. The fourth Platoon, Carrying party. The Sub-section of 4th M.G. Coy., were distributed as follows, 1 Gun attached to "A" Coy., 1 Gun attached to "D" Coy. The Sub-section of 4th A.L.T.M.Bty., distributed:- 1 Gun attached to "B" Coy., 1 Gun attached to "C" Coy.</p> <p>At 12-15 a.m. the Battalion left (S-25) I 16 B. 2. 1. (CHINA WALL defences) to march to point of deployment which was reached at 3-50 a.m. and was effected without casualties. On reaching point of deployment, Companies moved off to their positions which had previously been marked off by Lieut. J. H. JOHNSON, Battalion Intelligence Officer, by means of tapes. Companies were formed up in lines of Sections. Forming up and all preparations for attack completed by 4-50 a.m. Report to Advance Brigade Headquarters accordingly. Conditions exceptionally favorable. No enemy fire and apparently all preparations had been completed without arousing suspicions. Battalion Headquarters established in rear of last wave. (At forming up point.)</p> <p>Promptly at ZERO Hour, 5-50 a.m., our barrage came down 150 yards in front of forming up point, and the advance commenced, waves travelling well under our barrage which moved at the rate of 100 yards per 4 minutes, for 200 yards and then 100 yards in 6 minutes up to RED LINE when the barrage halted for 30 minutes. 14th and 15th Battalions closed up under barrage.</p> <p>7-40 <i>R</i> Report from Right Company (Capt. H. B. WANLISS D.S.O. Commanding) that 16th Battalion had captured first Objective (RED LINE) and that Battalion was moving on. No enemy response to our barrage.</p> <p>8-10 Two runners sent to each Company to ascertain progress.</p> <p>8-50 Message received by runner from Right Company (Capt. WANLISS) attack proceeding well, nearing objective.</p> <p>9-10 Report from Left Company (Capt. A. JACKA) objective gained, in touch with 15th Battalion on right. 49th Battalion on left. Casualties slight. Enemy barrage heavy, settled down on forming up point. Casualties amongst Battalion Headquarters heavy. Report to Brigade Headquarters via 13th Battalion.</p> | |

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| | | 10-15 | Above confirmed by Right Centre Company (Capt.P.J.HAYES) consolidation proceeding well. Enemy fire rather wild, Machine Gun fire harrassing also Snipers; Enemy artillery still active on rear lines, communication difficult. Report to Brigade Headquarters via 13th Battalion. | |
| | | 11-20 | Verbal report from Lieut.J.H.JOHNSON (Intelligence Officer) confirms about consolidation progress- -ing. No sign of counter-attack. | |
| | | 11-30 | Report from Right Company (Lieut.N.C.ALDRIDGE) reports death of Capt.H.B.WANLISS D.S.O. (Company Commander). Company in position, digging in. Covering party out. Enemy machine guns active. Casualties slight. Report progress to Brigade Headquarters. | |
| | | 11-50 | More concise report from Left Company (Capt.A.JACKA) reports consolidation progressing well, resistance met with at points on all frontages but not obstinate. A number of prisoners passing down. Enemy barrage still heavy on rear lines. | |
| | | 12-20 | Report from Left Centre Company (Capt.J.A.MITCHELL) that Battalion digging in. Casualties occur- -ing through heavy M.G. fire. | |
| | | 12-25 | Battalion Headquarters moved to J.3. Mob.30:40. Notification sent to Brigade Headquarters by duplicate runners, also to each Company Commander. Portion of Headquarters (6 men under Sig.Sgt) left behind to notify all runners of new location. This party detailed to remain till 6 p.m. | |
| | | 2 pm. | Runners sent to front line to ascertain progress as no reports received. Runners evidently casualties as no reports received. Other runners dispatched at 3 pm. and again at 3-30 pm. | |
| | | 3-30 pm. | Report received from Left Company (Capt.A.JACKA) that enemy massing for counter-attack. S.O.S. sent up, our barrage down very quickly, attack completely repulsed. Hostile Machine Gun fire and sniping very active on front line, and hostile artillery on RED LINE. Heavy barrage round Battalion Headquarters, 5.9 mostly, casualties at Headquarters heavy. Fire died down to intermittent shelling about 5 pm. | |
| | | 6 pm. | Heavy hostile barrage opened on front line, RED LINE and Battalion Headquarters. S.O.S. sent up and our barrages opened quickly. Hostile attack failed to develop. Our Lewis Guns and Rifle fire helped to break it up. Intermittent shelling continued all night also M.G. fire. Consolidation of position pushed on with and wire put out. Patrols pushed out in front of BLUE LINE at intervals during the night. No further enemy attacks. Our casualties during the day were, Officers:- Killed, Capt.H.B.WANLISS D.S.O. Wounded, 2/Lieut.C.C.GEORGE. 2/Lieut.W.C.FULTON. Other Ranks, Killed, 22, Wounded, 98. (See APPENDIX. No.14. attached) | 14 |
| | 27th. | | From mid-night, 26th/27th, until about 5-30 a.m. fairly quiet, intermittent shelling and M.G. fire. At 5-30 a.m. our barrage came down in front of BLUE LINE, enemy shelling became lively but quiet- -ened down about 7 a.m. Battalion took over portion of RED LINE from J4 A 70.005 to J4 A 50.50. 1 Platoon from "C" Company moved back from BLUE LINE to occupy this Sector. Front fairly quiet, enemy put down three artillery barrages during the day 11 a.m., 6 p.m. and 10 pm. | |

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| | 27th cont. | | At 6 p.m. the shelling of BLUE LINE, RED LINE and Battalion Headquarters was very severe. S.O.S. sent up from Sector on our right which brought down our barrage (Artillery and M.G.) the latter opening out within a minute of the S.O.S. being sent up. No counter-attack was made. Remainder of night quiet; consolidation and wiring of BLUE LINE pushed on with and patrols sent out at intervals during the night. Casualties, Lieut. N.C. ALDRIDGE wounded but remained at duty; Other Ranks, 3 Killed 12 Wounded. Disposition now stands, FRONT LINE:- A.B.C.D. Coys., holding from Right to Left, 3 Platoons each with 12 Lewis Guns. SUPPORT LINE:- 1 Platoon, A.B.D. Coys., with 4 Lewis Guns. 1 Machine Gun on right flank, 1 Machine Gun on left flank and 2 Trench Mortars in SUPPORT LINE. <i>Casualty list. Appendix no 14 attached</i> | 14 |
| | 28th. | 3pm. | Enemy quiet until 9 a.m. Intermittent shelling all day especially on RED LINE. At 6 pm. enemy put down a heavy barrage on front line and supports but did not attack. Casualties, 2/Lieut. L.H. GILL Killed, 2/Lieut. F.G. HYETT Wounded, Other Ranks, Killed, nil; Wounded, 13 E. Relief of Battalion by two Companies of 45th Battalion commences. "C" Coy., 45th relieved the front line and 2 Platoons "B" Coy., relieved support line. Relief completed by 9-40 p.m. and reported to Brigade Headquarters. | |
| | | 9-40 pm. | Battalion moved from line to (SHANON) HOLA-5.8. (Belgian Battery Corner). <i>Sick & other cases 24 OR missing 1 OR total 10 off 176 OR.</i> | 14 |
| Sheet. | 29th. | | Moving work, checking off rolls and re-organizing Companies. Moved to WINNEPEG CAMP at 2 pm. Battalion put through baths. Strength:- Officers 23. O/Ranks 504. <i>Appendix nos.</i> | 15 |
| WINNEPEG CAMP. | 30th | | Moved to STEENVOORDE Area by bus. Embussed at 1 p.m. Arrived at billeting area 4 pm. Battalion in billets by 5 pm. 33% Personnel joined up also 93 Reinforcements marched in. Total Strength. 22 Officers 683 O/Ranks. <i>Appendix nos. 15 & 16 attached</i> | 16 17 |
| | October 1st | | Reorganization, Checking of Stores, Equipments etc. Afternoon, Company training. | |

*W. Blainey Capt.
Adjutant 14th Bn A.I.F.*

14th BATTALION A.I.F.

Copy No. 1.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 48/17.

BY

LIEUT COLONEL W. J. SMITH COMMANDING.

1/9/1917.

Reference Map. HAZEBROUCK 1/100,000.

MOVE. The 14th Battalion will move from its present area to BOMY area on 2nd. inst.

MODE OF TRANSPORT. Per Motor Transport starting from K.22.c.90.70. LA MOTTE - MERVILLE ROAD to which point this Unit will march from its present location.

ROUTINE. Reveille 5-45 a.m.
Sick parade 6 a.m.
Breakfast 6-30 a.m.
7 a.m. All mess gear, Office boxes and Officers valises to be dumped at the SHRINE near CHURCH. (This time must be absolutely adhered to in all respects.)

STARTING POINT. The SHRINE near CHURCH in present area.
Companies to pass the Starting Point at 8-30 a.m.

ORDER OF MARCH. Headquarters, Pipers Band, A,B,C,D.

DRESS. Full marching order. Blankets to be carried on the man.

BILLETS. The usual certificates to be rendered re cleanliness of Billets.

ALLOTMENT. Allotment of busses for 14th Battalion.
7 Busses, 31 Lorries.
25 men per Bus and 20 men per Lorry.
1 Officer or Senior N.C.O. per Bus or Lorry.

EMBUSSING OFFICER. Capt. P. J. HAYES will act as Embussing Officer and will be responsible for embussing and debussing this Unit. He will report to Brigade Major at 9-40 a.m. at Head of Column with Parade State.

Sgd. L. HEBBOTT Lieut.
A/Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.

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12. Hqrs. Details.

Issued at 11-20 p.m.

| DAY AND DATE. | MORNING 9 a.m. to 12 noon. | AFTERNOON 2 p.m. to 4-15 p.m. | REMARKS. |
|----------------|---|--|--|
| Monday 3rd. | 9 to 9-30 a.m. Section Drill. 9-30 to 10 am. Bayonet fighting. 10 to 10-15 am. Lecturette on work done and to be performed remainder of forenoon. 10-15 to 10-45. Musketry Inst. Aiming & Firing. 11 to 11-30. Section Drill. 11-30 to 12 noon. Musketry. Rapid loading. | 2 - 2.30. (A) Bombing. (B) Rifle Grenade (C) Lewis Gun. (D) Musketry Rapid loading. 2-30 - 3 pm. Musk.R.L., L.G., Rifle Gren. Bombing. 3.15 - 3.45. L.G., Musketry, Bombing., Rifle Grenade. 3.45 - 4.15. Rifle Gren., Bombing, Musketry, L.G. | Physical Train daily. Close order drill under Platoon Commanders. |
| Tuesday 4th. | 9 - 9.30. Musketry, Aiming and Firing. 9.30 - 10. Section Drill. 10. - 10.15. Lecturette on work done and to be performed for remainder of forenoon. 10.15 - 10.45. Musketry, Rapid loading. 11. - 11.30. Platoon drill. 11.30 - 12 noon. Bayonet fighting. | ditto. ditto. | |
| Wednesday 5th. | 9 - 9.30. Platoon drill. 9.30 - 10. Musketry, Aiming and Firing. 10 - 10.15. Lecturette on work done and to be performed remainder of forenoon. 10.15 - 10.45. Bayonet fighting. 11 - 11.30. Rapid wiring. 11.30 - 12 noon. Musketry. Aiming, Firing & R.Load. | ditto. ditto. 8-30 p.m. Gas Drill. | |
| Thursday 6th. | 9 - 9.30. Musketry. J.D. and V.T. 9.30 - 10. Rapid loading and Bayonet fighting. 10. - 10.15. Lecturette on work done and to be performed remainder of forenoon. 10.15 - 10.45. Rapid wiring. 11. - 11.30. Platoon drill. 11.30 - 12 noon. Musketry. Standard tests. | ditto. ditto. | 7 a.m. to 7-30 a.m. and 10-45 to 11 a.m. Physical Train At conclusion of forenoon and Afternoon, Close order drill under Platoon Commanders. |
| Friday 7th. | Battalion Route March. ----- | | |
| Saturday 8th. | Inspection of lines and Kit inspection. ----- | | |
| Sunday 9th. | Church Parade. | | |
| | S.Bs. To report to R.A.P. at 9 a.m. each day. Sigs. " " " Sig. Officer at 9 a.m. each day. | | Sgd. L.H. Ebbett. Lieut. Adjutant. |

Appendix No 2

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| ESTABLISHMENT. | | | | ATTACHED. | | |
|----------------|----------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| OFFICERS. | O/RANKS. | TOTAL. | HORSES. | OFFICERS. | O/RANKS. | TOTAL. |
| 35 | 811 | 846 | 50 | 2 | 7 | 9 (3) |

| DETACHED. | TOTAL. | | EVACUATIONS. |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| | OFFICERS. | O/RANKS. | |
| ARMY CORPS. | | | |
| Clerk..... | 1 | 2 | To U.K. Leave Major O.C.W. Huhman. |
| Cook..... | 1 | | " " " Capt. P.J. Hayes |
| | | | " " " 3 of R. |
| | | | " Schools 2 of R. |
| DEVI SIGNAL. | | 7 | Transfd. to 31st BATTN 1 of R. |
| Batman..... | 1 | | (To Hosp from Detached) 1 of R. |
| Operator (Cinema) .. | 1 | | |
| A.S.C..... | 1 | | |
| D.A.D.Q.S..... | 1 | | |
| Clerk..... | 1 | | |
| A.P.M. Police..... | 1 | | |
| Hld Compd Guard | 2 | | |
| BRIGADE. | | 13 | |
| Transport..... | 2 | | |
| HdQrs..... | 4 | | |
| Runners..... | 2 | | |
| Cook..... | 1 | | |
| Sanitary..... | 1 | | |
| Operator (Cinema) .. | 1 | | |
| Pierrot Troupe..... | 2 | | |
| GENERAL. | | 2 | |
| A.S.C. 7th..... | 2 | | |
| Leave to U.K. 2 of R. | 25 | | From U.K. Leave. 1 of R. |
| A.V.C..... | 1 | | |
| Detention..... | 45 | | |
| Absentees..... | 4 | 2 | |
| Y.M.C.A..... | 2 | | |
| Leave to PARIS of | 3 | | |
| Training College.. | 1 | | |
| SCHOOLS. | | 4 | |
| Various..... | 11 | | |
| Bugler..... | 1 | | |
| TOTAL. | 6 | 77 | |

M. J. Smith
 Lieut-Colonel.
 Commanding 14th Battalion A.I.F.

| Day and Date. | 7-15 am. to 7-30 am. | 9 am. till 12 noon. | 2 pm. till 4 pm. |
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| Monday, 10th. | Physical training and organized games. | <p>9 am. to 9-15 am. Falling in and inspection of platoons.</p> <p>9-15 to 9-30 am. March to site selected for platoon tactical exercise and explanation of exercise.</p> <p>9-30 to 10-30 am. Tactical exercise, platoon in the attack, use of Lewis Gun, Rifle Grenadiers, Bombing Section and Riflemen - illustration of the use of bombing blocks.</p> <p>10-30 am. to 10-45 am. Smoke.</p> <p>10-45 to 11 am. Rapid loading with ball ammunition, safety precautions to be taken.</p> <p>11 am to 11-15 am. Lecturette on Artillery formations.</p> <p>11-15 to 12 noon. Company deploying from various formations into artillery formations. Delegation of command and rapid extensions to be practised.</p> | <p>Specialist training etc. Lewis Gun detachments to report to Lieut. COL at 3 pm. on Lewis Gun range.</p> <p>Men not actually employed on specialist work to be subdivided into squads for practising of rapid extension and rapid loading. Training to be subdivided into 4 groups - groups to change over every 45 minutes. - Squads changing to new at the double.</p> |
| Tuesday 11th. | Physical training and organized games. | <p>9 to 9-15 am. Falling in and inspection of platoons.</p> <p>9-15 to 9-45 am. Lecturette and discussion on pamphlets recently issued, special reference to be made to those dealing with the attack. Explanation - use of Artillery barrage - Machine Guns - Trench Mortars - Hoppers up - during the attack.</p> <p>9-45 to 11 am. Platoon tactical exercises, including the selection of sites and methods adopted for construction of Strong Points.</p> <p>11 - 11-15 am. Smoke.</p> <p>11-15 to 12 noon. Rapid wiring.</p> | <p>2 pm. to 3-30 pm. Company tactical exercises; Company in attack, artillery formations, rapid extensions and delegations of command to be practised.</p> <p>3 pm. to 4 pm. Approach march to fixed positions - last 15 minutes to be performed in Gas Respirators.</p> |

Continued.

Training programme continued.

| Day and date. | 7-15 till 7-30 am. | 9 am. till 12 noon. | 2 pm. till 4 pm. |
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| Wednesday 12th. | Physical training and organized games. | <p>9 to 11 am. Company tactical exercise. Company in attack, including use of Lewis Guns, Bombers etc. Establishing of Strong Points to be practised. After objectives have been captured, covering parties to be placed in position. Unit to be re-organized and party to be told off and held in readiness to act offensively.</p> <p>11-15 to 11-45 am. Lecturette and discussion on mistakes made during Tactical exercise.</p> <p>11-45 to 12 noon. Rapid loading with ball ammunition - safety precautions to be taken.</p> | <p>2 to 3 pm. Rehearsal by Battn. of work to be performed at forthcoming Brigade Exercise.</p> <p>3 to 3-30 pm. Specialist training - Bombers, Lewis Gunners and Rifle Grenadiers.</p> <p>3-30 pm. to 4 pm. Company practising rapid extensions from Artillery formations.</p> |
| Thursday 13th. | Physical training and organized games. | <p>9 to 10 am. Battalion rehearsal of work to be done at Brigade tactical exercise.</p> <p>10 am. 10-15 am. Snack.</p> <p>10-15 to 10-45 am. Companies march to Company areas - Rapid Loading 15 minutes. Remainder, Lecturette on Company in attack.</p> <p>10-45 to 12 noon. Company in tactical exercise, Company in attack.</p> | <p>2 to 4 pm. Specialist training and rapid wiring. Company area to be subdivided into 4 sections - 1 for bombing, Rifle Grenade work, Rapid Loading and Wiring.</p> |
| Friday 14th. | Physical training and organized games. | <p>9 am. to 10 am. Battalion route march to area selected for Brigade exercise - Battalion rehearsal of work to be performed.</p> | |
| Saturday 15th. | - - - - | <p>9 am. to 12 noon. Rapid Loading. Specialist training and wiring as laid down for Thursday afternoon.</p> | <p>2 to 4 pm. Kit inspection and final check of equipment and stores.</p> |
| Sunday 16th. | | <p>10 am. Church parade.</p> | |

Sgd. L.H. EBBOTT. Lieut.
Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.

Appendix No 4

14th BATTALION A.I.F. TRAINING ORDER NO.1.

REFERENCE. BERGUENESE 1/40.000 and Sketch attached.

7/9/1917.

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INFORMATION. Enemy are in position as shown in Sketch Map attached hereto, The 13th and 16th Battalions will capture the BLUE and BLACK LINES; 15th Battalion captures portion of GREEN LINE on our right. The Battalion is co-operating against the GREEN LINE on our right.

INTENTION. The 14th Battalion will attach and capture the GREEN LINE on "Z" day as hereunder described in various photographs. "Z" day will be notified later.

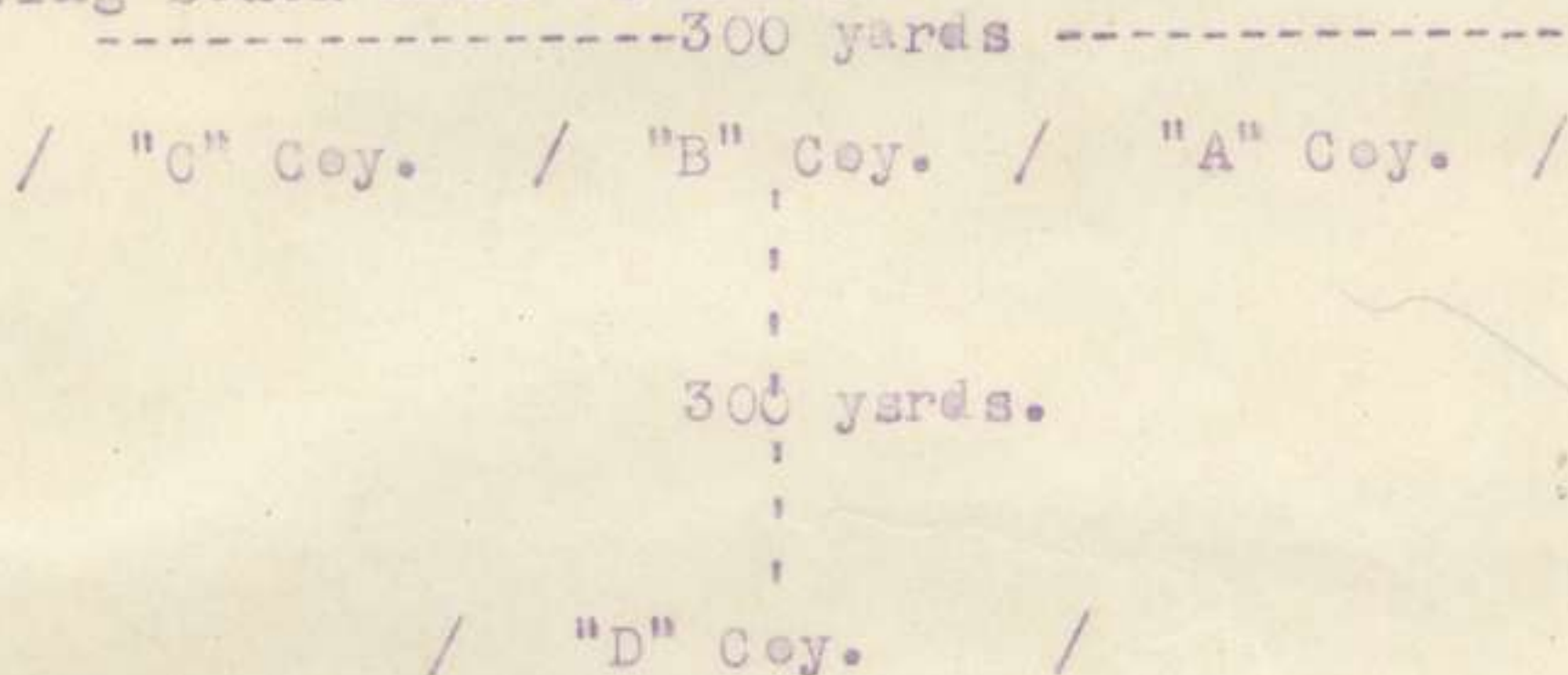
ZERO HOUR. ZERO hour (4-30 am.) 10-30 am. Battalion will be in position at (4-15 am.) 10-15 am.

APPROACH MARCH. In moving to assembly position this Unit will pass the Starting Point () at moving via

to the forming up area in F.26.b.

ORDER OF MARCH AND FORMING UP.

Headquarters, A, B, C, and D, Coys., M.G. Section, Trench Mortar. 100 yards distance to be maintained between each Company and between Headquarters and A Coy. On arrival at area shown in Square F.26.b. Companies will form up in artillery formation facing South East as under:-



The frontage allotted to each Company at forming up point is 170 yards. Company scouts will precede their Coys under arrangements made by O.C. Coys. The duties will be to ascertain the exact limits of frontage of respective Companies, mark the flanks by placing individuals at such places and to send back guides to meet and guide their Units to their respective positions. An Officer or N.C.O. will be placed in charge in charge of each party. Points at which guides are to meet Companies will be decided by Coy. Commanders. The distance and intervals to be observed by platoons at forming up place must necessarily be governed by the nature of the ground and intensity of hostile fire, such distances and intervals will therefore be decided by the Coy. Commander on the spot. Should hostile fire be of such volume as to render a variation of above formation desirable in order to minimise effect, Coy. Commanders will act at their discretion as to whether they will adopt a smaller formation or extend portion of their commands. The actual limits of frontage allotted to Companies must however be adhered to, similarly the distance of 300 yards between the leading Companies and "D" Coy. will be maintained.

HEADQUARTERS. Headquarters will be established in the vicinity of F.27.a.70:50 where it will remain until the GREEN LINE is captured and consolidated and a suitable site selected in the forward area by O.C. Reserve, (O.C. "D" Coy.) Changes of position of Headquarters will be notified to all concerned.

RECONNAISSANCE. All Officers and N.C.Os. of Companies will reconnoitre the Route to be followed and the forming-up area prior to "Z" day.

- RECONNAISSANCE (Cont.) . and will make themselves thoroughly conversant with the positions of their Units. This applies to O.C. Machine Gun Section and Trench Mortar. Reconnaissance with aid of glasses of enemy territory from suitable positions in our line must be carried out by all Officers and N.C.Os. Any points at which checks are likely to occur must be noted and communicated to all concerned. Reconnaissance must be effected both by day and night.
- BATTALION BOUNDARY. The Battalion boundaries are shown on Sketch Map issued to all concerned.
- ARTILLERY ARRANGEMENTS. Artillery fire throughout the operation is described below:-
 (a) At ZERO hour a thin barrage will fall about 200 yards in front of BLUE LINE for 2 minutes. Guns are specially detailed to shell forward areas, Machine gun nests, or fortified craters or shell-holes known or suspected of being occupied.
 (b) Barrage then creeps forward at the rate of 30 yards per minute, remaining stationary for 3 minutes 200 yards beyond BLUE LINE, 7 minutes 200 yards beyond BLACK LINE and 10 minutes 300 yards beyond GREEN LINE or longer if required.
 The lines and portions outlined can be ascertained from sketch issued to Coy. Commanders; this sketch will be carefully scrutinized by all Officers and N.C.Os. and all details thoroughly explained to the men in order that all ranks will work intelligently should casualties occur.
- ORDER OF MOVEMENT TO ATTACK. At ZERO the 13th and 16th Battalions followed by the 15th and 14th Battalions at ----- yards distance move to the attack. Units moving in the order named from right to left.
- FORMATIONS. A, B, and C Coys. of the Battalion will attack in one wave of 2 lines and will move in artillery formation in double echelon of platoons, the two platoons of each Coy. forming the first line and the last two platoons forming the second line. The actual moment for extending into lines in extended order from artillery formation will depend on nature of ground and volume of enemy fire; this must therefore be decided by Coy. Commanders on the spot. In order to ensure that continuous lines are established and that touch and co-operation with the integral portions of this and flank Units is maintained, it will be necessary to extend as discussed and arranged with Coy. Commanders. Copy of diagram showing line of extension will be shown and explained to all ranks and will be rehearsed prior to Z day until all Coys. can rapidly extend into the required formation without confusion.
 The movement and extension of "D" (Reserve) Coy into one or two lines or the detailing of any part of that Company to reinforce or to co-operate with A, B or C Coys., is left to the decision of O.C. Coy. Prior to, during and after extension it will be necessary for all commanders down to squad leaders to exercise the greatest vigilance to see that their Units are well in hand.
- FLANK OF DIRECTION. The directing flank will be the right.
- OBJECTIVES & ACTION BY COMPANIES. The following describes the objectives to be taken by Companies:
 A Coy. from A on sketch inclusive to L.l.c.23:83 exclusive
 B Coy. L.l.c.23:83 inclusive to L.l.c.68:28 exclusive.
 C Coy. L.l.c.68:28 inclusive to B on sketch inclusive.
- MUTUAL SUPPORT & COVERING FIRE. The principle of mutual support and covering fire must be adhered to throughout the operation.
- CONSOLIDATION, WORKING PARTIES, OUTPOSTS, BOMBING BLOCKS. The necessity for vigorous digging during consolidation must be impressed on all ranks. Company Commanders are here reminded to send out covering parties during digging; these parties will be relieved under Company arrangements by outpost picquet. Such parties and picquets should be allotted one or more Lewis Guns. It is brought to notice that where bombing blocks are formed that the picquet line should be made to correspond with it.
- LINE OF RESISTANCE. The line of resistance will be the picquet line until such time as the work of consolidation is completed, when the Green Line becomes the line of resistance.

LEWIS GUN
FIRE.

After capture of GREEN LINE Lewis Guns of "C" Coy posted in the vicinity of its left flank should be able to cope with the road junction at K.12.b. and a gun or guns of B Coy. placed in the vicinity of the GREEN LINE where the road crosses it at L.1.c. could cross fire with C Coy. guns and cover the area of ground between the road junction mentioned above and the GREEN LINE. Similarly arrangements must be made for C Coys. guns to cross-fire with B Coy. guns to cover the area in front of the respective Company frontages.

BATTALION AREA. The Battalion area after the GREEN LINE has been occupied will be bounded on the left and right as marked by red lines on sketch.

ENGINEERS & PIONEERS. Brigade will be asked to allot 2 Engineers and 2 Pioneers to each Company.

CARRYING PARTIES. Brigade Carrying Party:—Lieut....."A" Coy. will take charge of details for Brigade carrying party. Companies will furnish men to report to him at Brigade Hqs. FONFAINE LES BOULANS at 7-30 am. on inst. as under:—

A Coy. 5 men; B Coy, 1 N.C.O. and 4 men; C Coy, 5 men; D Coy, 1 N.C.O. and 5 men.

Battalion Carrying Party. Each Coy. will detail 1 N.C.O. and 6 men to act as Battalion carrying party; they will be commanded by a Sergeant, D Coy., to be detailed by O.C. of that Coy.

In addition to other articles, members of the party carrying forward will always take ten sabbags.

MOPPERS UP. Moppers up at the rate of 1 N.C.O. and 8 men per Coy. will be detailed to report to Lieut. "D" Coy, at Battalion Hqs at 7-30 am. on inst. where they will receive instructions from that Officer concerning their duties. During the advance they will be disposed according to circumstances and will mop up occupied shell-holes or localities which have been passed over by the first line. At the forming up position they will be distributed in the area between the First and Second Line and during the preliminary stages of the operations and until operations mopping up becomes necessary will maintain that position. The O.C. Moppers Up will hold a reserve in hand to meet unforeseen contingencies. He will divide up the area to be covered into sections allotting specific portions to a particular party.

RESERVES; MACHINE GUN SECTION; TRENCH MORTAR. "D" Coy. Section, Machine Gun Coy., and Trench Mortar under Capt. A. JACKA V.C. M.C. & bar will form the Battalion Reserve. In the final stages of the attack it may be necessary to send forward all or portions of the Machine Gun section to deal with hostile Machine Guns, strong points etc., and in the case of Trench Mortars to assist in the forming of bombing blocks. The O.C. Machine Gun Sect. and the Trench Mortar will constantly reconnoitre with a view to arriving at a decision as to the best method of employing their weapons to assist in the capture and holding of the GREEN LINE. Constant watch must be made for enemy Machine Guns etc., that may impede the progress of the advance and vigorous methods taken to put them out of action.

In addition to having the abovementioned Units with his Coy. as a reserve of fire power the O.C. D Coy. will as far as tactical conditions permit, allow the O.C. Machine GUN Coy. free scope to use his tactical knowledge of the guns to assist the advance of the Infantry Companies.

STRONG POINTS. The establishing of strong points under direction of Company Commanders in their sections of the captured line must be undertaken as quickly as possible.

TOOLS. In addition to articles to be carried by men as provided for in pamphlet "Training of Divisions for offensive Action" each man will carry two water bottles filled. Except where a specific number of rounds to be carried by individuals vide pamphlet, each man will carry bombs and rounds S.A.A.

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- WATER.** Water must not be drunk from sources in occupied areas until passed by Medical Officer. Men must be cautioned against the undue use of water bottles as fresh supplies cannot be expected for at least 24 hours. The Quartermaster will arrange to maintain a supply of water at Battalion Dump. He will ascertain from Staff-Captain the source of supply; (for purposes of this exercise water-carts will represent the main supply from which water at dump will be replenished.)
- LIASON.** The following liason will be detailed to report to Units named at 1 p.m. on "Y" day:-
 A Coy. 14th Battn. 1 N.C.O. & 1 Runner to " " Coy. 15th Battn.
 B Coy. 14th " 1 N.C.O. & 3 Runners to 16th Battn. (to act for all our Units.)
 C Coy. 14th Battn. 1 N.C.O. & 1 Runner to Coy. Battalion on our left.
 D Coy. 14th Battn. 1 N.C.O. & 1 Runner to each of H'qrs. of 15th Battn. on right and Battalion on left.
 With the exception of D Coy. Company Commanders may detail suitable men to replace N.C.Os. for liason work if there is a shortage of N.C.Os.
- DRESS & EQUIPMENT.** Dress and equipment to be worn or carried are described in instructions issued separately. The instructions may be supplemented by Brigade.
- TRANSPORT & SUPPLIES.** Instructions have been issued to Quarter Master and Transport Officer. These Officers will immediately get in touch with Staff-Captain and ascertain Brigade arrangements.
- DISTINGUISHING BADGES.** The following distinguishing badges will be worn:- Scouts, Green band; Runners, Red; Regimental and Company Signallers, Blue patch on shoulder strap; Carrying parties, Yellow; Moppers up, White; Salvage parties, Yellow with "Savage" in red; Except Signallers, bands will be 1½" wide and worn on left forearm. When equipped with wire cutters or wire breakers wear white tape attached to right shoulder strap.
- MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.** The R.M.O. will supply to this office in writing sufficient copies of the arrangements made by him to permit of issue to 4 Coys. and Headquarters.
- SIGNAL COMMUNICATION.** The The Battalion Signalling Officer will issue to Companies copies of all signalling arrangements supplemented by a rough diagram. He will arrange a relay runner service, the location of intermediate stations being shown on sketch referred to above.
- SKETCHES & REPORTS.** Pending the issue of official sketch maps ALL OFFICERS and N.C.Os. will prepare sketches of the enemy area over which their Units will operate. Such sketches will be extremely useful in supplementing reports.
- STRENGTHENING LOCALITIES.** All ranks must be impressed with the importance of immediately strengthening localities occupied. This refers to covering parties also and outpost picquets. The importance of forming traverses concurrently with construction of trenches must not be overlooked.
- FLARES & LIGHTS.** All methods must be instructed as to the method of lighting flares to signify positions reached by most advanced troops. Details will be explained to O.Cs. Coys. The use of light signal rockets for artillery barrages and also the use of S.O.S. must be communicated to all concerned. One or two men to each platoon will carry a black and yellow flag to indicate line reached by leading Infantry.
- BAYONETS.** Bayonets will be sharpened and blackened prior to ZERO Day.
- ADVANCED BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS?** Advance Brigade Hqrs., will be established at LISBOURG - PREDIFIN ROAD, at F.26.b.5.6.
- DUMPS.** Brigade dump at L.26.b. Central Battalion dump at
- WIRING.** Wiring must be commenced as early as possible. Wiring of strong points will be preceded with during their construction.

CONTACT PLANES. Any instructions that may be issued.

WATCHES. Two hours prior to leaving billets all Companies Machine Gun Sects. and Trench Mortars will send an Officer to Battalion Headquarters to synchronize watches.

SILENCE. Strict silence will be maintained after passing the Starting Point

SMOKING & TORCHES. Smoking and use of torches will not be permitted during the approach march or assembly.

DETAILS LEFT BEHIND. Details to be left behind in accordance with instructions have been settled with Company Commanders.

REPORTS. Reports to Battalion Headquarters. Units will report their arrival at assembly position.

SPECIAL. Immediately after the assault and capture of GREEN LINE Company Commanders will re-organise their Units and be ready to act offensively. A special party in each Company will be detailed to:-

- (a) Meet counter-attacks.
- (b) Afford mutual support to flank Units.
- (c) Exploit successes.
- (d) To conduct an enterprise on any special object or place or to capture material.

GENERAL. This order will be read in conjunction with:-

- (a) 4th Aust. Division Trench Standing Order.
- (b) Standing Orders for War. 4th Aust. Div.
- (c) Training of Divisions for Offensive Actions.
- (d) Pamphlet dealing with normal formation for the attack.
- (e) F.S. Regulations.
- (f) Preliminary for the operation as issued from Brigade Hqrs. or higher authority and from this office.

A. Elliott

.....Lieute
Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.

Distribution:-

Copy No. 1. Brigade Hqrs. by Runner a.m. on /9/1917.
 2. C.O.
 3. File.
 4. A Coy.
 5. B Coy.
 6. C Coy.
 7. D Coy.
 8. War Diary.

14th BATTALION A.I.F. TRAINING ORDER NO 1. Continued.

APPENDIX A.

Officer in charge Lieut..... " " Coy.

CONTENTS OF BATTALION DUMP.

Grenades Mills.
 Grenades Rifle.
 Boxes S.A.A.
 Boxes S.A.A. K.f.r. L.G.
 Water Gallons (2 gall. tins.)
 Ammunition Stokes Mortars, rounds.
 Rations.
 Picks.
 Shovels.
 Screw posts, short.
 do do long.
 Wire barbed, coils.
 Wire plain, coils.
 Gloves wiring.
 Rocketts. S.O.S.
 Stretchers.
 Sandbags.
 1" Very Lights.
 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " " "
 1" " Pistols.
 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " "
 Wirecutters. large.
 Axes.
 Boxes P. Bombs.
 Nutcrackers.
 Electric torches.
 Jars rum.
 Solidified alcohol.

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EQUIPMENT TO BE CARRIED BY BATTALION IN ATTACK.

1. a. Steel helmet.
 - b. 220 rounds S.A.A. per man (Machine and Lewis Gunners, Bombers, Runners and Carrying Parties, 50 rounds per man).
 - c. 2 Mills grenades with detonators in them; one in each pocket.
(Not to be carried by runners.)
 - d. Entrenching tool.
 - e. 2 Sandbags.
 - f. Box Respirator and P.H. Helmet.
 - g. Water bottle full.
 - h. Haversack on back; mess tin and cover; spare oil tin.
 - i. Pair of socks in haversack.
 - j. One iron ration and 1 day's preserved ration including cheese.
 - k. Waterproof sheets.
2. Infantry Regimental Officers will be dressed like their men but will carry revolvers instead of rifles.
 3. Wire-cutting men will have their wire cutters attached to them by piece of string.
 4. Battalion Headquarters will carry two sets of ground signals, ~~signals~~ strips and panels.
 5. Every man of the consolidating party of the assaulting companies, and 5% of the Reserve Companies, must carry one pick or one shovel.
(The tool should be carried on the back under haversack with head of tool resting on haversack.)
 6. Grenades to be carried by Mopping up parties.
 7. Bombers and Rifle Grenade men to carry 15 grenades each in canvas buckets. Each man will carry 5 reds and 5 blank cartridges for use with rifle grenade.
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S E C R E T.

14th BATTALION A.I.F. TRAINING ORDER NO 1.

7/9/1917.

MAP REFERENCE. BERGEUNESE 1/40.000 Sketch attached.

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AMENDMENTS. The following amendments to the above order are issued:-

- APPROACH MARCH?
ORDER OF MARCH
D FORMING UP. 4. Read:- In moving to assembly position this Unit will pass the Starting Point, Battalion Hqrs at 8 am. moving via the road leading from FONTAINE-LES-BOULANS to PREDEFIN passing through squares F.29.28.b. 28a. 27b. 27a. to the forming up area F 26 b.
- HEADQUARTERS. 5. Battalion Hqrs. and Dump in the vicinity of L.l.b. Central.
- OBJECTIVES AND
POSITION BY
COMPANIES. 18. "A" Coys. frontage will be from the point where road crosses the GREEN LINE in L.l.e. to L.l.e.70:35.
"B" Coys from L.l.e.70:35 to L.l.e.90:10.
"C" Coys. from L.l.e.90:10 to L.7.b.20:85.
- SMALL GUN FIRE. 16. After K.12 b. read a gun or guns of "A" Coy. placed in the vicinity of the GREEN LINE where the road crosses it at L.l.e. could cross-fire with other Coy. guns and cover the area of ground between the road junction mentioned above and the GREEN LINE.
Delete. Similarly etc. to end of para.
- TRYING PARTIES. 19. Lieut. W.C. FULTON. "A" Coy. etc.
4th line add. 7-30 a.m. on the 15th inst.
10th line read. will be commanded by Sgt. HUTTON. A.C. "D" Coy.
- RESERVES, MACHINE GUN SECTION & TRENCH MORTARS. 21. Read. "D" Coy Sub-section.
- TOOLS. 23. 5th line read. 4 bombs and 220 pounds S.A.A.
- CAMP. 36. Battalion Dump at L.l.b. Central.

Sgd. L.H. EBBOTT. Lieut.
Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BRIGADE TACTICAL EXERCISE ON 14th INST.

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1. Units of this Battalion in order of march as hereunder named will proceed to the assembly ground, head of Battalion to pass Battalion Headquarters at 8 a.m.
Order of march:- Headquarters, "A", "B", "C" and "D" Coys.
100 yards between Companies.
2. Wire and pickets will be placed in rear of Company limits on the GREEN LINE this will be employed by Units for erecting obstacles.
3. Lieut. G. QUINN will arrange to distribute his Messengers Up as previously instructed. Messengers Up will take charge of all prisoners met with and send same back under an escort to Brigade Headquarters. To avoid undue wastage of personnel they will be sent back in parties of 15.
4. All ranks are to be made thoroughly acquainted with the exercise that they may be able to answer any questions asked.
5. Strict silence except at the moment of charging, is to be rigidly enforced and no smoking is to be permitted unless authority is received from Battalion Headquarters.
6. Men are to be told that enemy will be represented by men wearing white hat bands.
7. When using dummy rifle grenades, supervision will need to be exercised to avoid risk of accident in any respect.
8. Mid-day meal will be carried under Company arrangements.
9. Men must be cautioned re proper use of Box Respirator when Gas Shells are being fired by the enemy.
10. Silence and precision in forming up is absolutely necessary.

..... *H.B. Jackson* 2/Lieut.
A/Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.

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14th BATTALION A.I.F.

DAILY STRENGTH.

APPENDIX No 6. 20
DATE 15/9/1917.

| ESTABLISHMENT. | | TOTAL. | | ATTACHED. | | |
|----------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|--------|
| OFFICERS. | O/RANKS. | OFFICERS. | O/RANKS. | OFFICERS. | O/RANKS. | TOTAL. |
| 32 | 821 | 853 | 51 | 2 | 6 | 8 |

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| | TOTAL. | | EVACUATIONS. | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|----------|---|---|----|
| | OFFICERS. | O/RANKS. | | | |
| <u>ARMY CORPS.</u> | | | | | |
| Clerk..... | 1 | 2 | To U.K. Leave Major D. Thomson M.C. w U.K. Leave w Hosp. 4/R. | | |
| Cook..... | 1 | | | | |
| <u>DIVISIONAL.</u> | | | | | |
| Batman..... | 12 | 6 | Additions From Sch. M.C. Aldridge w U.K. Leave 10/R. w Hosp. 30/R. | | |
| Operator (Cinema)..... | 1 | | | | |
| A.S.C..... | 1 | | | | |
| D.A.D.O.S..... | 1 | | | | |
| A.P.M. Police..... | 1 | | | | |
| <u>BRIGADE.</u> | | | | | |
| Transport..... | 2 | 16 | | | |
| Hqrs..... | 5 | | | | |
| Runners..... | 2 | | | | |
| Cook..... | 1 | | | | |
| Sanitary (Pioneer)..... | 1 | | | | |
| Operator (Cinema)..... | 1 | | | | |
| Pierott Troupe..... | 4 | | | | |
| <u>GENERAL.</u> | | | | | |
| A.S.C. 7th..... | 2 | 5 | 39 | | |
| Leave U.K..... 5 offs | 230/Rs. | | | | |
| A.V.C..... | 1 | | | | |
| Detention..... | 4 | | | | |
| Absentees..... | 3 | | | | |
| Y.M.C.A..... | 2 | | | | |
| Leave PARIS... offs | 30/Rs. | | | | |
| Training College..... | 1 | | | | |
| <u>SCHOOLS.</u> | | | | | |
| Various..... 3 offs | 100/Rs. | | | 3 | 11 |
| Bugler..... | 1 | | | | |
| <u>TOTAL.</u> | | 8 | 74 | | |

[Signature]
Lieut-Colonel.
 Commanding 14th Battalion A.I.F.

SECRET.14th BATTALION A.I.F.Copy No.9.SPECIAL MOVE ORDER NO. 49/17.

BY

LIEUT-COLONEL W.J. SMITH COMMANDING.

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Reference Map. BERGUENEUSE 1/40.000.
HAZEBROUCK 1/100.000.

MOVE. The 14th Battalion will move from its present area to WALLON-CAPPEL Area on the 18th inst.

MODE OF TRANSIT. Per Motor Transport starting from FONTAINE-LES-BOULANS -- HEUCHIN Road. Head of column 1 mile North of HEUCHIN facing North.

ROUTINE. Reveille. 6 a.m.
Sick parade. 6-30 a.m.
Breakfast. 7 am.
All Officers valises and Office boxes to be dumped at C.M. Store at 7-30 a.m.

ORDER OF EMBUSSING. Companies will form up at 9-30 a.m. at Embussing Point in line in the following order:- Headquarters, Details, and Bands, "D", "C", "B" and "A". Coys. when personnel will be told off in groups of 24, each under an Officer or N.C.O. Left of Headquarters to rest at Embussing Point.

DRESS. Full marching order, Blankets to be carried on the man. Mid-day meal to be carried.

ALLOTMENT. Allotment of Busses for 14th Battalion:-
24 men per bus and 1 Officer or N.C.O.

EMBUSSING OFFICER. Capt. H.B. WANLISS D.S.O. will act as Embussing Officer and will be responsible for Embussing and Debussing of the Battalion. Six guides per Company will report to Embussing Officer at 9-15 a.m. and must know embussing strength of their companies.

TRANSPORT. Transport will move Brigaded under command of Major HARWOOD of the 16th Battalion passing the Starting Point, F.29.d.9.7. at 9 a.m. :- 14th, 15th, 4th F.Amb., Brigade Hqrs., 13th, 4th A.L.T.M.B. 16th Batta., and 4th M.G.Coy.
Route:- WESTREHEM - AIRE - WALLON-CAPPEL. An interval of 200 yards will be maintained between Units.

BILLETS. The billets will be left perfectly clean and all empty tins etc., in the vicinity buried.

TIME. O's.C. Coys. will send a representative to Battalion Hqrs. at 8 a.m. to check watches.

INSPECTION. The Captain of the Day will inspect billets occupied by "C" and "D" Coys. and the Orderly Officer those occupied by "A", "B" and Headquarters Details at 9 a.m.

MARCHING OUT STATES. Marching out states to be rendered to Battalion Orderly Room by 8 a.m.

H.B. Jackson
.....2/Lieut.
A/Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.

17/9/1917.

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CIRCULAR MEMO. To O.C. Coy.

The present state of Mobile Stores in this Battalion is not satisfactory from an efficiency point of view. Large deficiencies exist in Ammunition, Bombs, Iron Rations, P.H. Helmets and Box Respirators.

Efforts are being made to obtain supplies from Brigade Hqrs., to complete establishment.

It is probable, however, that a Court of Enquiry will be held to inquire into such deficiencies.

Company Commanders should at once take steps to trace all deficiencies in above mentioned articles, also equipment, arms etc., which do not ordinarily form part of Mobile Echelon, so that an explanation can be given in due course.

All Unit Commanders are reminded that Mobile Echelon Stores, Iron Rations, Equipment etc., must be checked and accounted for at least once a week.

A certificate to the effect that this has been done will be submitted to Regimental Office at 9 a.m. each Sunday.

Whilst Units are in the line it is recognised that complete checks cannot be effected, and in this case action will be taken and certificate submitted on day after Units are relieved.

The above remarks also apply to Headquarters. The O.C. Hqrs., Details and Quarter Master will similarly check their personnel and stores as laid down above.

The principle to be followed at all inspections is that loss by neglect must be borne by the individuals and immediate action be taken in case of other losses to notify Headquarters so that a Court of Enquiry may be assembled to have the matter adjusted.

Transport Officer will take similar action and in this case, deficiencies in harness, appointments, saddlery, stable gear, picqueting gear and other articles incidental to transport will be accounted for.

A first certificate to be submitted to Regimental Office at 6 pm. on Thursday next.

Sgd. W.J. SMITH. Lieut-Colonel.
Commanding 14th Battalion A.I.F.

MOVE ORDER NO 50/17.BYLIEUT-COLONEL W.J. SMITH COMMANDING.Reference Map, HAZEBROUCK 1/100,000.

MOVE. The 14th Battalion will move from its present area to STEENWOORDE area to-morrow, 20th inst.

MODE OF. March route, Battalion passing Brigade Starting Point at 9-29 am.

ROUTE. HURLENLOOP - St. SYLVESTRE - CAPPEL - WAGANBRUGE - STEENWOORDE.

BATTALION STARTING POINT AND ORDER OF MARCH.

Units will form up at Starting Point, *Cross Roads, near C Coy's*
Billets at 8.5 AM. in the following order:-
 Battalion Headquarters, Brass Band, "C", "B", Pipe Band, "D", "A"
 Transport, Rearguard.

REARGUARD. O.C. "D" Coy. will detail a Rearguard of 1 Sgt., 1 Cpl., and 20 O/Ranks. Capt. J.A. MITCHELL M.C. will command.

ROUTINE.

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| Reveille. | 5 a.m. |
| Sick parade. | 5-30 a.m. |
| Breakfast. | 6 a.m. |

Blankets, Officers valises, Mess boxes and Coy. Orderly Room boxes will be ready for loading at each Coy. Hqrs. by 6-30 a.m. sharp. Blankets to be rolled in bundles of 10 (lengthwise) securely tied and labelled.

DRESS. Marching order. Mid-day meal to be carried on the man, Tea will be issued at mid-day halt.

BILLETS. Billets will be left perfectly clean, latrines filled in, refuse buried. Coy. Seconds in Command will inspect Coy. area. Usual report to be given to Adjutant on parade.

TIME. Watches synchronized at 7-30 a.m. Representatives to report to Battalion Headquarters.

MARCHING OUT STATES. To be submitted to Battalion Headquarters by 7-30 a.m.

TENTAGE. All tentage in present billeting area to be left standing.

MARCH DISCIPLINE. To be strictly observed. 100 yards between Headquarters, Coys, and Transport.

A.R. Blaney

.....Capt.
 Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.

Issued at 9 p.m.

Copies issued to all concerned (see file copy.)

- Copy 1 C.O.
- 2 File
- 3 A Coy.
- 4 B
- 5 C
- 6 D
- 7 Senior Major
- 8 Trans Off
- 9 Q.M.
- 10 Lieut J. H. Leighton O.C. Coy
- 11 War DIARY
- 12 Note

[Handwritten signature]

Issue of 9 p.m. (see this copy.)

SECRET.14th BATTALION A.I.F.Copy No.10.MOVE ORDER NO. 51/17.

BY

LIEUT-COLONEL W.J.SMITH COMMANDING.

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Reference Maps. SHEETS 27 & 28. 1/40,000.

- MOVE. The 14th Battalion will move from its present area to CANAL AREA near YPRES.
- MODE. By bus.
- STARTING POINT AND ORDER OF MARCH.
STARTING POINT. K.20.b.8.6. (Midway between A and D Coys. billet facing North). Column to be formed up ready to move at 8-10 a.m.
ORDER OF MARCH. Battalion Hqrs., D.C.A.B.
- ROUTINE.
Reveille. 5-30 a.m.
Sick parade. 6 a.m.
Breakfast. 6-30 a.m.
All Officers valises to be dumped as follows:-
A and B Coys at Gate of B Coys Hqrs.
C and D Coys at Cross Roads near D Coy Hqrs.
Battn. Hqrs. at Battn. Hqrs.
All to be ready for loading at 7-15 a.m.
- DRESS. Full marching order; blankets and mid-day meal to be carried on the man.
- ORDER OF EMBUSSING. Companies will embus in the order as detailed in Para 3. Personnel will be told off in groups of 20 each, under an Officer or Senior N.C.O.
- EMBUSSING OFFICER. Capt. J. MACKAY will act as Embussing Officer and Lieut. T. H. TEMPLETON as Debussing Officer. The former will be responsible for duties as laid down in Circular supplied to him.
- TRANSPORT. Transport will move Brigaded under command of Major A. R. COX. Head of column passing Starting Point, Road Junction, K.33.d.7.2. at 10 a.m.
Order of March. 4th T.M. Bty. 15th Btn. 14th Btn. 4th M.G. Coy. 13th Btn. 16th Btn. 4th Bde. Hqrs.
Route. POPERINGHE - VLAMERTINGHE - CROSS ROADS H.16.d. - CANAL AREA. Distances of 200 yards between Units.
- BILLETS. All billets will be left clean. Latrines etc filled in.
- TIME. Coys. to send a representative to Battn. Hqrs. at 7 a.m. to check time.
- INSPECTION. Coy. 2nd. in Command will render usual certificate after inspection of lines.
- MARCHING OUT STATES. Marching out states will be forwarded to Battn. Hqrs. by 7-30 a.m.
- WARNING. All ranks are to be warned that this move is to the forward area and that absence from parade entails a charge of Desertion.

Sgd. A. R. BLAINEY. Capt.
Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.

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14th BATTALION A.I.F.

DAILY STRENGTH.

DATE 22/9/1917.

| <u>ESTABLISHMENT.</u> | | | | <u>ATTACHED.</u> | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <u>OFFICERS.</u> | <u>O/RANKS.</u> | <u>TOTAL.</u> | <u>HORSES.</u> | <u>OFFICERS.</u> | <u>O/RANKS.</u> | <u>TOTAL.</u> |
| 34 | 816 | 850 | 51 | 2 | 6 | 8 |

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| <u>DETACHED.</u> | <u>TOTAL.</u> | | <u>EVACUATIONS.</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| | <u>OFFICERS.</u> | <u>O/RANKS.</u> | |
| <u>ARMY CORPS.</u> | | | To U.K. Leave 5 O/R. |
| Clerk..... 1 | | 2 | To Le Havre only 1 O/R. |
| Cook..... 1 | | | To Field Comptd 1 O/R. |
| | | | To Hosp 3 O/R. |
| <u>VISITORIAL.</u> | | | |
| Balloon..... 2 | | | |
| Operator (Cinema)..... 1 | | 6 | |
| A.S.C..... 1 | | | |
| D.O.D.O.S..... 1 | | | |
| A.P.M. Police..... 1 | | | |
| Mule Corps..... | | | |
| <u>REGIMENT.</u> | | | |
| Transport..... 2 | | | |
| Headquarters..... 5 | | | |
| Runners..... 2 | | 16 | |
| Sanitary (Pioneer)..... 1 | | | |
| Operator (Cinema)..... 1 | | | |
| Pierett Troops..... 4 | | | |
| Green..... 1 | | | |
| Signallers..... 5 | | | |
| <u>GENERAL.</u> | | | <u>ADDITIONS.</u> |
| A.S.C. 7th..... 2 | | | From U.K. Leave 1 O/R. |
| Leave U.K..... 5 O/Rs. 3/ | | | |
| A.V.C..... 1 | | | |
| Detention..... 6 | | | |
| Absentees..... 3 | 5 | 119 | |
| E.M.C.A..... 2 | | | |
| Leave PARIS... O/Rs. 2 | | | |
| Training College..... 1 | | | |
| At LE HAVRE (Duty)..... 1 | | | |
| A.G.Coy. (Carrying)..... | | | |
| <u>TOOLS.</u> | | | |
| Various..... 1 O/Rs. 4 | | 5 | |
| Augler..... 1 | | | |
| <u>TOTAL.</u> | 6 | 78 | |

MOVE ORDER No.52/17.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL W.J.SMITH COMMANDING.

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Map Reference. BELGIUM Part of FRANCE, Sheet 28.

- . MOVE. The Battalion will move to I.16.a. (China Wall) to-morrow, 23rd inst.
- . ORDER OF MARCH. Hqrs, A.B.C.D. Movement from present site will be by Platoons in file; 200 yards between each Platoon. Owing to shortage of guides, Platoon Commanders will be responsible for keeping communication.
- . HOUR OF MARCH. Head of Battalion will pass Starting Point at 1-30 pm.
- . STARTING POINT. Red Cross Station at East of Camp.
- . ROUTINE. Reveille 6-30 a.m.
Sick parade 7 a.m.
Breakfast 7-30 a.m.
Dinner (Hot meal) 12 noon.
- . GUIDES. Intelligence Officer to arrange for guides.
- . GENERAL. Packs and Officers valises to be dumped at a spot to be selected by the Quarter Master by 9 a.m.
- . AMMUNITION. Sufficient to complete to 220 rounds per man to be drawn from R.S.M. and issued by 10 a.m.
- . BOMBS AND RIFLE GRENADES. 2 of each to be carried, drawn and issued as above.
- . FLARES. The Quartermaster will arrange for removal in bulk to next area.
- . RATIONS. Men to carry remainder of day's rations and if available the next day's dry rations.
- . STEEL HELMETS. Marking to be completed by 11 a.m. Commanders to report when completed. These will be worn. Felt hats left in pack.

Sgd. A.R.BLAINY Capt.
Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.

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24/9/1917.

1. INFORMATION. The 16th Battalion will capture the RED LINE, the 14th and 15th Battalions the BLUE LINE. Positions of LINES mentioned above and of the LINE at present held by the 13th Battalion are shown on sketches issued to O's.C. Coys.
2. INTENTION. The 14th Battalion plus 1 sub-section 4th M.G. Coy and 1 sub-section 4th A.L.T.M. Bty. attached will attack on a day and hour to be notified later.
3. APPROACH MARCH. In moving to the assembly position the Units will pass the Starting Point (Gorden House) at twelve midnight on the night
Order of march as follows, Hdqrs., "A", "B", "C", "D". 100 yards distance between Companies. To avoid loss of direction and touch, O's.C. Coys., will detach connecting files to maintain touch.
O.C. Hdqrs. Details will arrange to keep touch with "A" Coy., and will personally interview the Coy. Commander and decide on the personnel to be detached for this duty. Similarly Coy. Commanders will mutually arrange with each other to keep touch with the head and tail of Units in front and rear of their respective Coys. Thus:- "A" will arrange to keep touch with Hdqrs., and "B" Coy. "B" Coy. with "A" and "C". "C" with "B" and "D". "D" with "C". The above distances may be varied at the discretion of O's.C. Coys, according to the tactical situation. As other Units will be moving on the night great care will have to be exercised that blocks and mix-ups do not occur.
4. FORMING UP AT ASSEMBLY POINT. The Assembly position will be taped out. Description of this position as explained to Coy. Commanders. Coys. will form up in lines of section as arranged with Coy. Commander in order from right to left as follows:- "A", "B", "C", "D".
The frontage allotted to each Coy. will be 62 yards.
5. DIRECTION OF ADVANCE AND LINE OF ATTACK. Must be carefully explained to all ranks prior to marching off from present position and also at Assembly position. The distance and intervals between sections must necessarily be governed by the nature of the ground and the intensity of hostile fire. This must be settled by O's.C. Coys., on the spot. The guiding principle however to be observed is that touch must be maintained with the left of the 15th Battalion and the right of the 49th Battalion.
A. At position of assembly.
B. During the advance.
C. After the BLUE LINE has been captured.
6. POSITION OF HEADQUARTERS. At the position of Assembly, Headquarters will be established in rear of the centre of the Battalion; i.e. left flank of "B" Coy. and will move forward with the Battalion and establish itself in the vicinity of *will be established in Green Line at* Subsequent movements of Hdqrs. will be notified to all concerned.
A point indicated to Coy. Commanders and will remain until Blue Line is taken.

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7. RUNNERS AND RUNNER ROLES. Routes will be taped out by Engineers attached to the Battalion from Advanced Bde. Hqs., to Battalion Hqs., thence forward to Coy. Hqs. Immediately Coy. Hqs. are established, two runners per Coy. must be sent to Battn. Hqs., to guide ENGINEERS back to lay the line.
8. ORDER OF MOVEMENT TO THE ATTACK AND OBJECTIVES. At ZERO 15th Battn. will move forward closely followed by the 15th and 14th Battns. in that order from right to left. The 14th Battn. will advance in the formation adopted at the forming up position. The line at which Units must expend will depend on the tactical situation and must be settled by Unit Commanders concerned. The objectives of Coys. are as explained to Coy. Commanders.
9. FORMATION. Each Coy. will move in four (4) platoons waves distributed in depth. The second platoon of each Coy. acting as "Moppers up" and the last wave of each Coy. as carrying parties.
10. ARTILLERY ARRANGEMENTS. A. The barrage will be put down 150 yards in front of our forming up line at ZERO.
 B. It will begin to advance at ZERO plus 3 minutes at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes for 200 yards, thereafter and up to the RED LINE the rate will be 100 yards in 6 minutes.
 C. The time at which the barrage will move from its protective position in front of RED LINE has not yet been decided (probably half an hour). Just prior to movement it will be increased in intensity and troops will move up close under it.
 D. The rate of movement from RED to BLUE LINE will probably be 100 yards in 6 minutes.
 E. Smoke will be fired by each Battery as it arrives on its protective barrage in front of the RED LINE and BLUE LINE so as to indicate its position to the troops.
11. MACHINE GUNS AND TRENCH MORTARS. Machine Guns and Trench mortars will be allotted to Coys. as under:-
 1 Machine Gun to "A" Coy.
 1 Machine Gun to "D" Coy.
 1 Trench Mortar each to "B" and "C" Coys.
 Employment of these Units will depend on the tactical situation and must be settled by the Commanders concerned. The Commanders of these Units will be allowed scope to reconnoitre and select positions from which these weapons can best be employed.
12. AEROPLANE. The 4th Squadron R.F.C. will co-operate. Red flares will be used for indicating foremost position. The signal from the Aeroplane calling for flares will be a succession of "A" sounded on the ~~Blax~~ Horn.
13. RECONNAISSANCE. Reconnaissance of the BLUE LINE and route to forming up place must be done by all Officers, R.C.Os. and Scouts.
14. FLANK OF DIRECTION. The flank of direction will be the left flank of the ~~15th~~ ^{14th} Battalion.

15. CONSOLIDATION, COVERING PARTIES AND OUTPOSTS. The necessity for vigorous digging during consolidation must be impressed on all ranks. Coy. Commanders are hereby reminded to send out covering parties. These parties will be relieved under Coy. arrangements by outpost picquets. Such parties and picquets should be allotted one or more Lewis Guns. If it becomes necessary to form bombing blocks or posts the picquet line should be made to correspond with these.
16. MACHINE GUN AND LEWIS GUN FIRE. In selecting sites for M.G. and L.Gs. care should be taken to ensure that in addition to being able to fire to their front they should also be able to cross-fire with guns on right and left. Representatives of Coy. Lewis Gun detachments should confer with Coys. on their flanks.
17. BATTALION CARRYING PARTIES. In addition to articles carried forward by the fourth platoon of each Coy., each Coy. Commander will detail 1 N.C.O. and 6 men to act as Battalion carrying party. These parties will report to Regt. Sgt. Major at 11 a.m. 25th inst. for instructions.
18. CONSTRUCTION OF STRONG POINTS. The construction of a Strong Point under the direction of Coy. Commanders in their respective areas must be undertaken as quickly as possible and should commence with the consolidation of the line.
19. DISTRIBUTION IN DEPTH AND RESERVES. When the capture of the BLUE LINE is effected Coy. Commanders will distribute Units in depth arranging for the covering of gaps by fire (L.G. or Rifle). Each Coy. Commander will arrange to form a Coy. Reserve for the purpose of meeting any local contingency.
20. SIGNAL COMMUNICATION AND RUNNER RELAYS. On the capture of the BLUE LINE being assured the Brigade forward party will establish itself in 1 Blockhouse at J.4.d.15.90.
- B. VISUAL. A Divisional visual station will be established near J.1.d.70.40. at ZERO minus 4 hours, this station is for receiving only messages from Brigade forward parties, attacking Battalions, Companies or Platoons after ZERO. It will receive messages from any part of the attack and transmit them to their destination. All messages will be sent in DD, three times over, messages will be repeated as a whole and word for word.
- C. Pigeons. The Sig. Sgt. will consult Coy. Commanders re issue of pigeons.
- D. Runner Relays. The Sig. Sgt. will arrange for relay of runners between Advance Brigade Hqs. and Batta. Hqs.
- E. The position of the Divisional visual station must be made known to all Batta. and Coy. Signallers both by Map Reference and pointed out on the ground.
- F. After ZERO messages need not be sent in cypher codes but code names of Units will be employed.
21. WATER. Must not be drunk from sources in occupied area until passed by Medical Officer. Men must be cautioned against undue use of water bottles as fresh supplies cannot be expected for 24 hours. Each man will be issued with an extra water bottle. These must be filled before leaving present position.
- The N.C.O. i/c Batta. Dump will arrange to maintain a supply of water at that place.
22. LIASION. The following liasion will be arranged, "A" Coy 14th Batta. 2 Runners to left Coy. 15th Batta. "D" Coy 14th Batta. 2 Runners to right Coy. 49th Batta. "B" and "C" Coys. 1 N.C.O. and 1 man each.

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- 22. (Continued.) LIASION. to Batta. Hqrs. at 11 a.m. 25th inst. for liasion duty with Batta. on flanks.
- 23. TRANSPORT AND SUPPLIES. The Transport Officer and Quartermaster will make themselves familiar with the route their personnel and vehicles will have to traverse to carry supplies. Details under them will be made acquainted with these routes. This must be completed by 4 p.m. to-morrow. The Quartermaster will arrange to complete all issue of rations and material including Iron Rations, extra rations, water, flares, S.O.S. Signals and to notify this office by 2 p.m. 25th inst. that this has been completed. Coy. Commanders will furnish the Quartermaster by 10 a.m. 25th inst with a written statement showing all articles required to complete
- 24. DISTINGUISHING BADGES. The following will be worn:-
 Scouts, Green band.
 Runners, Red "
 Regt. and Coy. Sigs. Blue patch on Shoulder Strap.
 Carrying parties, Yellow band.
 Moppers up. White band.
 Except Signallers, bands will be 1 1/2" wide and worn on left forearm. Men equipped with wire cutters or wire breakers wear white tape attached to right shoulder strap.
- 25. REGIMENTAL AID POST. Established at J.S.b.70.Mc. (13th Btm. Aid post)
- 26. Sketches of each Coys. Sector will be prepared to-morrow 25th inst. These will be sent back when reporting disposition of Coys.
- 27. S.O.S. SIGNAL. The S.O.S. Signal for either day or night will be recognised and acted upon. Attention is directed to use of S.O.S. a copy of which was issued on 24th inst.
- 28. WATCHES. Watches will be synchronized by an officer from each Coy. reporting to Batta. Hqrs. at 11 pm. ea The Battalion Signallers will obtain Brigade time at 9 pm.
- 29. SMOKING AND LIGHTS. No smoking or lights shown during the operations.
- 30. REPORTS. TO BATTALION HEAD QUARTERS. In addition to reports of important events or useful information, situation reports will be submitted every 2 hours.
- 31. NOTIFICATION OF CASUALTIES AND OF PRISONERS TAKEN. Must be submitted as early as possible.

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Adjutant. PAD.

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DISTRIBUTION.

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- Coy No. 1. War Diary.
2. Brigade Headquarters.
3. C.O., I.O., T.O., Q.M.
4. "A" Coy.
5. "B" "
6. "C" "
7. "D" "
8. 15th Batta.
9. 49th Batta.
- 10.

Sept. 25th to 29th 1917.THE UNDERMENTIONED OFFICERS WERE KILLED IN ACTION.

Lieut. T. H. TEMPLETON. 24/9/17.
 Capt. H. B. WANLISS D.S.O. 26/9/17.
 2/Lieut. L. H. GILL. 28/9/17.

THE UNDERMENTIONED OFFICERS WERE WOUNDED IN ACTION.

2/Lieut. G. F. WILSON Date 26/9/17.
 " C. C. GEORGE. "
 " W. C. FULTON. "
 " F. G. HYETT. 27/9/17.

THE UNDERMENTIONED PERSONNEL WERE KILLED IN ACTION.

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| No. 5402 | Pte. McPherson. W. H. | Date 25/9/17. |
| 4628 | Cpl. Watson. J. | 26/9/17. |
| 7035 | L/Cpl. Kearney. D. I. J. | " |
| 2551 | Sgt. Ayre. A. J. K. | " |
| 1960 | Cpl. Hunter. F. C. | " |
| 1689 | Pte. Watkins. H. | " |
| 7343 | " Enright. W. J. | " |
| 5334 | " Cleary. J. | " |
| 6921 | " Brown. D. | " |
| 6085 | " Rowe. D. | " |
| 7030 | " Hutchinsen. W. H. | " |
| 6049 | " Lennex. J. T. | " |
| 4954 | Cpl. Davis. F. | 27/9/17. |
| 7075 | Pte. Robinsen. W. J. | " |
| 5341 | L/Cpl. Boyd. F. | " |
| 2005 | Pte. Rowse. W. | " |
| 7243 | " Gerrie. J. | " |
| 7277 | " Lyford. P. J. | " |
| 7012 | " Gallagher. W. | " |
| 7020 | " Harris. S. O. | " |
| 1184 | Sgt. Hutten. A. C. | 28/9/17. |
| 3533 | " Williams. W. E. | " |
| 6004 | Pte. Casey. J. | " |
| 5433 | " Pizer. E. | " |
| 3976 | " Burns. C. | " |

THE UNDERMENTIONED PERSONNEL REPORTED "DIED IF WOUNDS".

No. 2705 Pte. Mayberry. J. C. 27/9/17.
 6789 Cpl. McKenzie. J. R. 25/9/17.

THE UNDERMENTIONED PERSONNEL WERE REPORTED MISSING.

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| No. 1726 | Cpl. Carter. A. W. | Date 26/9/17. |
| 5124 | L/Cpl. Harrip. J. | " |
| 7207 | Pte. Brock. F. | " |
| 121 | " Rose. F. | " |
| 6506 | " Fabian. P. | " |
| 6265 | " Fuller. W. | 28/9/17. |
| 7209 | " Bremell. T. | " |

THE UNDERMENTIONED MAN EVACUATED "ACCIDENTALLY WOUNDED".

No. 6319 Pte. Mastin. J. E. Date 27/9/17.

THE UNDERMENTIONED PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED IN ACTION.

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| No. 7109 | Pte. Hair. F. | 25/9/17. | No. 6568 | Pte. Purten. G. | 26/9/17. |
| 3548 | " Wilson. W. J. | " | 7242 | " Ginnane. J. J. | " |
| 674 | Dvr. Younger. E. A. | " | 3325 | Dvr. Fairley. G. | " |
| 4143 | Pte. Blake. W. | " | 4182 | Cpl. Edmondstone. W. L. | " |
| 4172 | Sgt. Drummend. D. | " | 3151 | " Trickey. R. L. | " |
| 7286 | Pte. Mulcahy. W. T. | " | 3309 | Pte. Doyle. D. | " |
| 3298 | " Williams. P. | " | 1534 | " Smith. C. I. T. | " |
| 6024 | " Harvey. S. T. | " | 7285 | L/Cpl. Meriarty. J. T. | " |
| 996 | L/Cpl. Gitsen. J. S. | " | 2565 | Pte. Banks. D. A. | " |
| 5442 | Pte. Ryan. D. | 26/9/17. | 7102 | " Wilson. J. M. | " |
| 7039 | " Lehmann. G. F. | " | 3508 | Cpl. Thomsen. D. A. | " |
| 6871 | " Reife. G. W. L. | " | 6081 | Pte. Polbeck. T. | " |
| 2705 | " Mayberry. J. C. | " | 1500 | " Peliard. T. H. | " |
| (Since "Died of Wounds") | | | 7065 | L/Cpl. Pilmer. J. R. | " |
| 5667 | " Eitelberg. W. | " | 6546 | " Melyneaux. R. L. | " |
| 4327 | " Walsh. M. V. | " | 5692 | " Laidlaw. A. D. | " |
| 4190 | L/Cpl. Ferguson. D. J. | " | 1409 | Pte. Sesborne. R. E. E. | " |
| 3502 | Sgt. A'Court. A. J. | " | 1629 | " Parish. H. J. | " |
| (4th F. Amb. attached). | | | 7339 | " Clark. C. A. | " |
| 3242 | Pte. Bruckner. W. H. | " | 6324 | " McIndoe. J. B. | " |
| (4th F. Amb. attached.) | | | 5467 | " Woodcock. W. S. | 27/9/17. |
| 1734 | Pte. Radnell. E. G. D. | " | 2362 | " Connors. T. P. | " |
| 6956 | " Baker. R. L. | " | (since "Died of Wounds") | | |
| 6313 | " Maslin. A. T. | " | 7037 | " Kennedy. T. | " |
| 6143 | " Curtis. A. J. | " | 4622 | " Tomlinson. J. W. | " |
| 3234 | Sgt. Blair. J. | " | 5071 | " Ogden. D. H. | " |
| 2318a | Pte. Harding. W. A. | " | 6054 | L/Cpl. Little. D. A. | " |
| 1932 | " Dennison. F. | " | 7000 | Pte. Dunk. L. A. | " |
| 2450 | Cpl. Waddell. A. J. | " | 6122 | " Watson. H. | " |
| 2408 | L/Sgt. Lewis. M. M. | " | 7252 | " Harris. E. E. G. | " |
| 7249 | Pte. Hanton. F. S. | " | 1691 | Sgt. Herrecks. E. J. | " |
| 7198 | " Barry. P. C. | " | 2792 | Pte. Bradley. J. | " |
| 5779 | " Swarbrick. J. W. | " | 7073 | " Ristrom. A. E. | " |
| 626 | L/Cpl. McMahon. W. | " | 6830 | " Wehlers. E. T. | " |
| 4790 | Pte. Dannelly. T. E. | " | 2411 | " Kaufmann. L. M. | " |
| 2825 | " Gould. A. R. | " | 6870 | " Felleck. V. T. | " |
| 6111 | " Teegood. A. J. | " | 1271 | " Swale. R. | " |
| 44 | " Cook. A. T. D. | " | 6011 | " Fechner. R. | " |
| 7328 | " Buchanan. C. | " | 1531 | " Thomas. W. | " |
| 5247 | Cpl. Scarff. J. | " | 5395 | " Hunt. W. P. B. | " |
| 1868 | Pte. Best. L. | " | 7241 | " Giles. W. | " |
| 5752 | " Herbert. C. C. | " | 7021 | " Harvey. J. F. | " |
| 7321 | " Smith. L. H. | " | 7218 | " Cherry. J. | " |
| 2784 | Sgt. Amer. W. R. | " | 348 | " Muirson. W. M. | " |
| 7042 | L/Cpl. Malseed. J. W. | " | 7305 | " Phipps. A. E. | " |
| 3442 | Pte. Neubold. F. R. | " | 7026 | " Hogg. H. H. | " |
| 4652 | " Deitrich. G. A. | " | 6122 | " Watson. W. | " |
| 1998 | " Rattan. W. | " | 1241 | " Maxwell. J. | " |
| 1715 | " Garlick. E. E. | " | 1809 | " Ellis. H. | " |
| 5363 | " Delaney. J. | " | 3284 | " Gray. V. C. | " |
| 7060 | " Perry. D. L. | " | 2886 | L/Cpl. Turner. A. R. | " |
| 6356 | " Streeter. A. | " | 6990 | Pte. Creett. J. | 28/9/17. |
| 6551 | " McCallum. G. L. | " | 4930 | " Smith. S. | " |
| 7240 | " George. N. V. | " | 2831 | " Clark. W. A. E. | " |
| 172a | " Carr. A. C. | " | 7009 | " Ferguson. J. | " |
| 7034 | " Jennings. T. | " | 7273 | " Ladd. P. | " |
| 5126 | Cpl. Johnston. M. R. | " | 7336 | " Weed. W. J. | " |
| 4468 | Pte. Crebbin. W. A. | " | 1536 | " Andersen. Geo. | " |
| 7196 | " Baird. R. S. | " | 6133 | " Smith. A. T. | " |
| 7369 | " Brown. J. H. | " | 6857 | " Davis. E. | " |
| 7005 | " Evans. J. H. | " | 7276 | " Lowry. L. S. | " |
| 7049 | " McIntyre. J. W. | " | 3051 | " Coull. J. | " |
| | | | 1614 | " Larcambe. W. H. | " |

THE UNDERMENTIONED PERSONNEL EVACUATED SICK TO HOSPITAL.

| No. | Pte. | Name | Date | N.Y.D.N. |
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| 6474 | Pte. | Bourke.W.P. | 26/9/17. | N.Y.D.N. |
| 6015 | " | Doran.A.J. | " | " |
| 1734 | " | Keane.J. | " | " |
| 3251 | " | Bowes.H. | " | " |
| 7085 | " | Smith.W.T. | " | " |
| 6953 | " | Altman.S. | " | " |
| 1038 | " | Prendergast.J. | " | " |
| 5377 | " | Griffiths.I. | " | " |
| 5053 | " | Brown.C. | " | " |
| 7181 | " | Smith.J. | " | " |
| 7022 | " | Harvey.W.E. | " | " |
| 6110 | " | Thomas.H. | " | " |
| 7701 | " | Beamish.W.A. | " | " |
| 2955 | " | Nerman.H. | 25/9/17. | " |
| 6380 | " | Brown.L.J. | " | " |
| 3328 | L/Cpl. | Grieves.J. | 26/9/17. | " |
| 3289 | " | Cennigsby.A.B. | " | " |
| 6784 | Pte. | Murray.J. | " | " |
| 2410 | " | Love.A. | 27/9/17. | " |
| 6612 | " | Whitcombe.L. | " | " |
| 6976 | " | Cameron.A. | " | " |
| 7332 | " | Wilson.A. | 28/9/17. | " |
| 6850 | " | Balcombe.W. | " | " |
| 5756 | " | Avery.W.T. | " | " |

T O T A L.

| <u>Killed in Action.</u> | <u>Wounded.</u> | <u>Missing.</u> | <u>Sick & Other Causes.</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>Officers. O/Ranks.</u> | <u>Officers. O/Ranks.</u> | <u>O/Ranks.</u> | <u>O/Ranks.</u> |
| 3 | 25 | 4 | 120 |
| | | 7 | 24 |

Grand Total. 7 Officers 176 O/Ranks.

A.R. Blaney Capt.
.....Capt.
Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.

14th BATTALION A.I.F.

DAILY STRENGTH.

DATE 29/10/1917. 36

ESTABLISHMENT.

ATTACHED.

| OFFICERS. | O/RANKS. | TOTAL. | HORSES. | OFFICERS. | O/RANKS. | TOTAL. |
|-----------|----------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| 21 | 498 | 519 | 49 | 2 | 6 | 8 |

(30)

| DETAILED. | TOTAL. | | EVACUATIONS. |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------------|
| | OFFICERS. | O/RANKS. | |
| ARMY CORPS. | | | |
| Clerk..... | 1 | | K.I.A. 2 Lt L.H. Giel |
| Cook..... | 1 | 2. | K.I.A. 2.3 O/R. |
| DIVISIONAL. | | | Wounded to Hosp 43 O/R |
| Bat men..... | 2 | | Accidly Wounded. 1 O/R |
| Operator (Cinema)..... | 1 | | Missing 3 O/R |
| A.S.C..... | 1 | 18. | Sick to Hosp 19 O/R |
| D.A.D.O.S..... | 1 | | To U.K. leave 1 O/R |
| A.P.M. Police..... | 1 | | Wd. to Hosp |
| <i>mule corps.</i> | 12. | | 2 Lt F.G. Hyett |
| BRIGADE. | | | |
| Transport..... | 2 | | |
| Headquarters..... | 5 | | |
| Ruamers..... | 25 | 19 | |
| Sanitary (Pioneer)..... | 1 | | |
| Operator (Cinema)..... | 1 | | |
| Pierett. Troupe..... | 4 | | |
| Groom..... | 1 | | |
| GENERAL. | | | ADDITIONS. |
| A.S.C. 7th..... | 2 | | Reported in Error. |
| Leave to U.K... 2 Offs | 40 O/Rs. | | (Wounded) 2 Lt L.H. Stevens |
| A.V.C..... | 1 | | Marched in (to attached) 2 O/R |
| Detention..... | 6 | | From Bqds Sigs 3 O/R |
| Absentees..... | 4 | 11 | in Absentees 2 O/R |
| Y.M.C.A..... | 2 | | |
| Training College..... | 1 | 161 | |
| Rest Camp..... 1 Off | 17 O/Rs. | | |
| Leave to Paris | 2 O/R | | |
| Leave to Duty | 1 O/R | | |
| No. 9 Callying Coy | 10 O/R | | |
| SCHOOLS. Drawing Camps | 9 O/R | | |
| Various..... 1 Off | 4 O/Rs. | 5 | |
| Bugler..... | 1 | | |

TOTAL. 12 205

.....Lieut-Colonel.
Commanding 14th Battalion A.I.F.

14th BATTALION A.I.F.

MOVE ORDER NO 54/17.

BY

LIEUT-COLONEL W.J. SMITH COMMANDING.

29/9/1917.

Reference Map. SHEET 28 N.W.

1. MOVE. The 14th Battalion will move from its present area to STRENNVOORDE.
2. MODE. By Motor Bus.
3. STARTING POINT AND ORDER OF MARCH. To be notified later.
Order of march. Hqrs, A, B, C, D.
4. ROUTINE. Reveille 6-30 a.m.
Sick parade 6-30 a.m.
Breakfast 7 a.m.
Officers valises to be dumped at G. Ms. Store by 7 a.m.
5. DRESS. Full marching order; blankets and mid-day meal to be carried on the men.
6. ORDER OF EMBUSSING. Companies will embus in same order as detailed in Para 3. Parties will be detailed off in groups of 20, each under an Officer or Senior N.C.O.
7. EMBUSSING OFFICER. Capt. A. JACKA V.C. M.C. & Bar will act as Embussing Officer and will be responsible for the embussing and debussing of the Unit.
8. TRANSPORT. Transport will move Brigaded under the command of Major A.R. COX. 14th Batta. and will pass the Starting Point, G.30.b.1.9. at 8-30 a.m. 30th inst.
ROUTE. RENINGHELST - ABEELE - STRENNVOORDE.
MARCH ORDER. Brigade Hqrs., 14th Btn. 13th Btn. M.G. Coy. 15th Btn. T.M. Bty. 16th Btn.
9. BILLETTS. Billetts will be left perfectly clean and usual certificates rendered.
10. TIME. Companies will send a representative to Battalion Hqrs. at 8 a.m. to check time.
11. STATES. Embussing states to be rendered to Battalion Hqrs. by 7-30 a.m.

A.R. Blainey
S..... Sgd. ~~A.R. Blainey~~ Capt.
Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.

APPENDIX No. 10
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Parade State 20th

14th BATTALION A.I.F.

NOTE ORDER NO. 24/17.

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22/9/1917.

Parade State 20th

LIEUT-COLONEL W. J. SMITH COMMANDING.

ORDER NO. 24/17.

The 14th Battalion will move from its present area to
WARRWOOD.

By Major Bus.

ORDER NO. 24/17. To be notified later.

Order of march: Bn, A, B, C, D.

Reveille 5-30 a.m.
Dish parade 6-30 a.m.
Breakfast 7 a.m.

Officers vehicles to be dumped at 7 a.m.

Full marching order; blankets and mid-day meal to be carried on
the gun.

Companies will march in same order as detailed in Para 3.
Parade will be detailed off in groups of 20, each under an
Officer or Senior N.C.O.

Capt. A. JACKA V.O. M.C. & Bar will act as Banding Officer and
will be responsible for the banding and debanding of the Unit.

Transport will have arrived under the command of Major A.D. GILL
14th Bn. and will pass the starting point, 0.30.2.1.9. at
8-30 a.m. 20th Inst.
ROSTER: BATTALION - ANZAC - WARRWOOD.
MARCH ORDER: Brigade Bn., 14th Bn., 14th Bn. M.G. Coy. 14th
Bn. T.M. Coy. 14th Bn.

Bills will be left perfectly clean and usual certificates
rendered.

Companies will send a representative to Battalion Hqs. at 8 a.m.
to check time.

Banding states to be rendered to Battalion Hqs. by 7-30 a.m.

Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.
Lieut. Colonel W. J. Smith

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14th BATTALION A.I.F.

DAILY STRENGTH.

Appendix No 17
DATE 30/9/1917.

ESTABLISHMENT.

ATTACHED.

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| OFFICERS. | O/RANKS. | TOTAL. | HORSES. | OFFICERS. | O/RANKS. | TOTAL. |
|-----------|----------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|-------------------|
| 30 | 578 | 608 | 49 | 1 | 6 | 7 ⁽³²⁾ |

DETACHED.

TOTAL.

EVACUATIONS.

ARMY CORPS.

| | OFFICERS. | O/RANKS. |
|------------|-----------|----------|
| Clerk..... | 1 | |
| Cook..... | 1 | 2. |

DIVISIONAL.

| | | |
|------------------------|----|----|
| Batmen..... | 2 | |
| Operator (Cinema)..... | 1 | |
| A.S.C..... | 1 | 18 |
| D.A.D.O.S..... | 1 | |
| A.P.M. POLICE..... | 1 | |
| Mule Corps..... | 12 | |

BRIGADE.

| | | |
|-------------------------|---|-------|
| Transport..... | 2 | |
| Headquarters... 1 Off. | 5 | 0/Rs. |
| Runners..... | 5 | |
| Sanitary (Pioneer)..... | 1 | 19. |
| Operator (Cinema)..... | 1 | |
| Pierett Troupe..... | 4 | |
| Groom..... | 1 | |

GENERAL.

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| A.S.C. 7th..... | 2 | |
| Leave to U.K... 2 Offs. | 40 | 0/Rs. |
| A.V.C..... | 1 | |
| Detention..... | 6 | |
| Absentees..... | 6 | 3 |
| Y.M.C.A..... | 2 | 7 8 |
| Training College..... | 1 | |
| Rest Camp..... 1 Offs | 17 | 0/Rs. |
| Le Havre (only) Leave to Paris | 1 2 | 0/R. |

SCHOOLS.

| | | |
|---------------------|---|-------|
| Various..... 1 Offs | 4 | 0/Rs. |
| Bugler..... | 1 | 5 |

TOTAL.

4 12 2

ADDITIONS.

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|--------------|
| From M.G. Carrying Party | 10 | 0/R |
| From Hosp | 2 | 0/R |
| absentees | 1 | 0/R |
| Training Camp | 9 | 0/R + 92 0/R |
| Marches in of LTG J. Home | | |

..... Lieut. Colonel.
Commanding 14th Battalion A.I.F.