

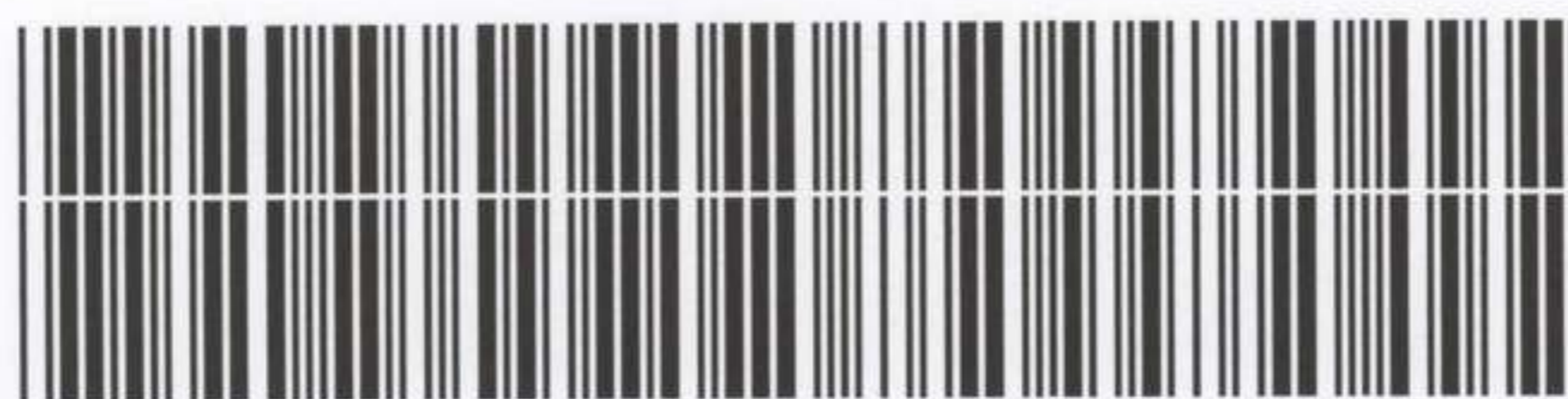
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14th Battalion A.I.F. - 4th A.I. Brigade.

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W. J. Miller

COMDC. 14th BATTN. A.I.F. **LEUT. COL.**

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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TEMPLEUX- 1a-FC SSE (Ref. Map France, sheet 62C/1/10C,CCC)	;9;8. Jany.	1st. 2nd. 3rd 4th. 5th. 6th. 7th. 8th. 9th. 10th.	<p>Training - Morning, kit inspection, gas drill, organised games. Afternoon, organised games. Officer detailed to reconnoitre front line. Strength, Estab. Attached & Detached, 54 Cff. 796 C.R.</p> <p>Brigade Tactical exercise, as per Special Training Order attached. Afternoon, inspection of Has helmets; gas drill. Strength, Estab. & Attached, 49 Cff. 730 C/R. Daily reconnaissance of line by battalion officer.</p> <p>Working parties detailed for roads in vicinity of camp. Company route marches. Officer reconnoitres front line. Strength, Estab. & Attached, 49 Cff. 731 other ranks.</p> <p>Working parties for Corps Line and roads. Reconnaissance of front line. Strength Estab. & Attached, 49 Cff. 727 other ranks.</p> <p>Training - Company schemes, Advanced and Rear Guards. Bombing; Lewis Gunners on range. Reconnaissance of front line by officer detailed. Estab. & Att. 49 Cff. 730 c.r.</p> <p>Morning - Church parades. Afternoon, half holiday. Front line reconnaissance, Lt Lieut. G.J. Huse to Paris leave. Establishment, 49 Cff. 724 C/R/ Attached, 1 Cff. 6 c/r Detached, 5 Officers, 65 Other Ranks - total strength, 54 Cff. 795 other ranks.</p> <p>Working parties detailed for Corps line - deferred on account of weather conditions. Working parties on roads under supervision of 2/Lieut A.R. Bruferd. Lieut. F.G. GRIFFITHS to hospital. 2/Lieut. L.J.R. BAIN to U.K. leave. Front line reconnaissance. Establishment, 46 cff. 731 other ranks (including attached)</p> <p>Foot inspection; Company route marches. Work on roads under supervision of 2/Lieut. A.R. Bruferd. Front line reconnaissance. Move Order 1/18 issued. Estab. 45 cff. 725 C/R. Attached, 1 cff. 6 C/R.</p> <p>Cleaning up of camp preparatory to move. Estab. 45 Cff. 734 C/R. Att. 1 Cff. 6 C/R.</p> <p>March route via DRIENCURT-BUSSU; entrain PERCENNE 4 p.m. Total strength - establishment, 45 cff. 734 C/R.; Attached, 1 Cff. 6 C/R.; Detached, 7 Cff. 61 C/Ranks.</p>	<p>APPENDIX I</p>

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METEREN. ref. Map HAZEBRUCK 1/100,000. LA CLYTHE. ref. map. Sheet 28.	1918.			
	Jany. 11th		Detrain BAILLEUL - route march to billets xxx vicinity METEREN-FLETRE. Move Order 2/18 issued.	Appendix II
	12th.		March route via BAILLEUL-LOGRE to BUTTERFLY BARR CAMP and BIRMINGHAM CAMP (map reference - Establishment - 45 Cff.733 other ranks; attached, 1 eff. 6 other ranks; Detached, 7 eff.61 other ranks- total,53 eff.800 C/R.	
	13th.		Kit inspection; cleaning of clothing, kit and equipment; also surroundings of camps. Lieut. W.G.LAVER; 2/Lieut.E.P.HILL, to Australian Corps School, AVELUY; 2/Lieut.W.E.MANIE to Australian Corps Gas School. Front line reconnaissance by officers detailed. Captain H.C.TRUMBLE (M.C.) from U.K.leave. Estab. 43 eff.702 C/R;Att.1 Cff.6 C/R.	
	14th.		Training - close order drill; smartening up etc. Captain C.R.T.COLE to hospital; Captain C.FRIEND to 4th Field Amb. Chaplain T.McVITTIE from U.K.leave. Lieut.W.J.HODGES detached for duty with 4th-Mr.G.Gey. Front line reconnaissance. Estab. 41 Cff.696 C/R. Att.2 eff.6 C/R.	
	15th.		Training under Company arrangements. Captain J.A.MITCHELL M.C. to U.K.leave. Front line reconnaissance by officers detailed.Estab, 39 Cff.697 C/R.Att.2 eff.6 C/R.	
	16th		Training under Company arrangements - Route Marches. Est.39 Cff.698 C/R.Att.10 eff.91 e/r.	
	17th.		Cleaning of Camp preparatory to move. Kit inspection. Est.40 eff.695 e/r.Att.9 eff. 93 e/r.	
	18th.		Battalion baths at CURRAGH CAMP. Move order 3/18 cancelled. Captain P.J.Hayes from hospital. Lieut.D.H.L.Hawkins from seconded list; 2/Lieut.L.C.Barnes from C.T.C. Est.40 eff.683 e/r. Att.9 Cff.104 e/r.	
	19th		Route marches under Company arrangements. Move Order 4/18 issued (copy attached) Captain A.R.Blainey M.C.from U.K.leave. Est.44 Cff.701 e/r. Att. 2eff6 e/r	APPENDIX III
20th.		Battalion moves by march route to JOURNAL CAMP (map ref.Sheet 28,1/100,000, N.100) Surplus officers remain at Transport Lines. Est.44 eff. 693 e/r. att.2 eff.6 e/r.		

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VIERSRAAT TCURNAL CAMP. Sheet 28. 1/LC.CCC. N.LC.B.	1918		21st. Training as per syllabus. Est. 43 Cffs. 685 C/Rs. Att. 2 Cff. 6 C/Rs. Detached 9 Cffs. 111 C/Rs.	appendix 4
	Jan		22nd. Training as per syllabus. Working parties supplied for line:- Morning, 2 Cffs. 150 C/Rs. Afternoon, 1 Cff. 50 C/Rs. Detailed for duty with 184th Tunn. Coy. 10 C/Rs. Est. 41 Cffs. 669 C/Rs. Attached 2 Cffs. 6 C/Rs.	
			23rd. Working parties furnished as per Order. Est. 41 Cffs. 656 C/Rs. Att. 2 Cffs. 6 C/Rs.	appendix 5
			24th. Working parties supplied as per order. Est. 42 Cffs. 662 C/Rs. Att. 2 Cffs. 6 C/Rs.	
			25th. Working parties as per order. Administrative Order No. 1/18 issued. Est. 41 Cffs. 656 C/Rs. Att. 2 Cffs. 6 C/Rs.	appendix 6
			26th. Working parties, and Salvaging. Marched in, Chap. Major F.W. ROLLAND. Est. 42 Cffs. 654 C/Rs.	
			27th Working parties and Salvaging. Est. 43 Cffs. 667 C/Rs. Att. 2 Cffs. 6 C/Rs.	
			28th Working parties and Salvaging. Administrative Order 2/18 issued. Est 42 Cffs. 661 C/Rs. Cleaning of Camp preparatory to move.	appendix 7
			29th. Morning- adjustment of kits and equipment for moving into the line. 2.30 p.m. Battalion Headquarters, C, and D. Companies moved to BARDENBRUG. 3 p.m. A. and B. Companies, Entrained by half Battalions in above order, and detrained at SPECIL BANK (Map location T32 a 80.50). Moved from SPECIL BANK at 4 p.m. to Front Line and completed relief by 7.35 p.m. Strength of Battalion on moving into line, 32 Cff. 567 C/R. with Transport Lines, 12 Cff. 105 C/Ranks. Total strength, 44 Cff. 667 C/R. Detached duties, 10 officers, 129 c/ranks.	
	Front line.			Disposition of the Battalion as per Appendix 8. Relief carried out without casualties. Situation very quiet. Working parties provided (see appendix). Wiring parties at work in front of forward posts. Patrol (see appendix).
Front line.	30th.		Dull morning. Too foggy for observation. Working parties (day) see appendix. 9. Enemy artillery getting lively about 11 a.m. and continued intermittently until 15 p.m. when the CLUSTERS (map reference T31C) IMPERIAL and CLAF AVENUES, FUSILLIER	appendix 9

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Front line.	Jan. 30th.		<p>^{I.36.c.9.5} FUSILLIER DUGGUTS and vicinity heavily shelled with gas shells and 4.2's.H.E. Bombardments lasted 1½ hours, then resumed at 7.30 until 8 p.m., 9 till 9.30 p.m.. 11 to 11.30 p.m. All precautions taken; masks worn, dugouts screened, etc. Patrols, Working parties etc. except these parties for work in gassed area who were withdrawn as a precautionary measure. Patrol Intelligence report attached (appendix) 10. Casualties, Officers, - Nil. 1 O/Ranks. (K.I.A.) Gas Casualties. 2 Off. / 50 O/Ranks.</p> <p>31st. Foggy; observation bad. Enemy again shelled FUSILLIER DUGGUTS (I.36.C.9.5) with gas shells. Large number of the garrison affected and sent to R.A.P. for treatment. Working parties in gassed areas discontinued. Wiring of front posts continued, also patrolling. (see Intelligence and Patrol reports). An incident occurred during the afternoon of 31st of a mysterious nature. The night garrison of Post C.3. (PCT SDAM GECUP) P.1.6.20.25. was withdrawn after daybreak in accordance with the Post Orders, and the day garrison consisting of 1 N.C.C. and one man left out. At about 4.30 p.m. when the night garrison went to take over, no trace of the two men could be discovered. A careful reconnaissance of the ground proved that no struggle had taken place near the post. The Lewis Gun, ammunition etc. was intact, also blankets, equipment etc. The only arms missing were two revolvers. The most feasible solution is that the two men, Corporal E. Frost and L/Cpl. Jeffries, saw some enemy movement, and both being men of a resourceful type, went out to investigate and were either hit or cut numbered and captured. The approaches to the post are very marshy and well wired high impassable in addition to being well wired. Casualties, - Officers, 2 50/Ranks. Gas Casualties 2 Off. 56 C/Ranks. Missing, 2 c/r.</p>	<p>appendix 10</p> <p>appendix 11</p>

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

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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MOVIE ORDER No. 1/15
by
LIEUT.-COLONEL W. J. SMITH COMMANDING.

7/1/1918.

Reference Maps, ARIERS, 1/100,000.
BALEBRUCH, 1/100,000.

1. The Battalion will move to PERONNE via DIEREGOURT-BUS U at 11.45 a.m. on 10th instant in order of march as under -

- Headquarters,
- Brass Band,
- "D" Company,
- "C" Company,
- Pipe Band,
- "A" Company,
- "B" Company,
- Rear party.

2. Rear party of 1 Officer and 20 other ranks will be furnished by B. Company

3. Battalion Entrenching Officers, Captain J. A. Mitchell R.O. and Lieut. W. Jacks will report to Major C. S. Cox (Brigade Entrenching Officer) at 9 a.m. on 9th inst. to receive instructions regarding their duties for 10th inst. They will acquaint the Adjutant of instructions received.

4. Transport and Cocks will be at entrenching station at 1 p.m. on 10th inst ready for loading. Breast-ropes for horse trucks will be provided by Transport Officer. Lashing ropes will be provided by Railway Transport Officer.

5. Meals, Rations and Forage on 10th instant, following will be hours of meals -

- Breakfast 7 a.m.
- Lunch..... 12.30 a.m.
- Tea On arrival at PERONNE.

Tea to be carried on the men; - 1 day's dry ration, and 1 iron ration.
Tea for 10th inst. to be carried on the Cocks.
Forage, 1 day, will be carried on animals.

6. DRESS - Full Marching Order. 1 blanket to be carried on the man; 1 blanket in transport under arrangements by Quartermaster. The blankets to be neatly rolled, tied, and labelled, ready to load in to transport by 7 a.m. on 10th instant.

7. (a). Baggage Stores Kits etc. Baggage etc. will be moved as follows -
9th inst. Officers' Surplus Gear; Mobile Benches; Quartermaster's Surplus Gear; Transport Surplus Gear. - ~~By Road on 10th inst.~~

By Road on 10th inst. Sawyer Stoves, Brasiers, Instructional Gear, and surplus stores not required during train journey.
All brasiers to be carefully cleaned.

8. (b). As there is an abnormal number of Officers' valises to be carried kits must be reduced to a minimum.

(c). All Officers' gear will be dumped at Quartermaster's store ready for loading by 9 a.m. on 10th inst.

8. CLEARING OF LINES. Company and Horse line will be left scrupulously clean - chips of wood and rubbish swept up and burned.

The Senior Major, accompanied by R.O., Ordnance Officer, Company Commanders, and R.S.M., will inspect the battalions and Transport lines prior to vacating of camp. Inspection to commence at 9 a.m. on 10th inst. DUCKBOARDS. Duckboards will be removed from tracks and neatly stacked near Quartermaster's store. S/Lieut. S. A. CHUBB, "B" Company, will supervise this and report to Battalion Headquarters on completion.

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GENERAL ORDER No. 1/18 (continued).

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- 9. MARCHING GUN/STATES will be handed in to Battalion orderly room by 6 p.m. on 9th inst.
- 10. Billoting Party under Lieut. R.C. ALDRIDGE, consisting of 1 guide for Transport, Headquarters, and each company will proceed by No. 5 train leaving at 1.7. a.m. on 9th inst., reporting on arrival to D.R.C. No. 6. 4th Australian Division, PERTH. Lieut. Aldridge will ascertain from Companies the names of men detailed, and will arrange a time for them to meet him on 8th inst. He will at once get in touch with STAFF CAPTAIN, 4th Australian Infantry Brigade.
- 11. GUARDS for front and rear of train, consisting of 1 Officer, 2 B.C.C.'s., and 10 other ranks each, will be provided by "B" and "D" Companies respectively.
- 12. GUIDES. 2 Guides for Headquarters and each company will proceed ahead of the Battalion, with the Detaining Officers, to PERTH on 10th inst. Time to be fixed by Captain J.A. MITCHELL, R.C.
- 13. No troops are to enter the station yard until the Railway Transport Officer is ready to entrain.
- 14. Entrainment to be completed half an hour before time of departure - viz. 3.37 p.m.
- 15. Attention is directed to instructions for movement of troops by rail, and to memo. issued herewith.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.

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ORDERS FOR TROOPS TRAVELLING BY RAIL .

1. A non-commissioned officer or private will be placed in charge of each compartment. He will be held responsible that no one leaves the compartment without permission.
2. All ranks are forbidden to travel on the roofs or footboards of trains or between the carriages.
3. All ranks are forbidden to leave their carriages excepting at such stations as may be ordered.
4. When entraining or detraining, this is to be carried out quietly.
5. Men will be told off to compartments under the orders of C.C.'s. Companies after they have been notified which are their carriages.
6. At all stopping places the C.C. Guard will place sentries at all exits from the station, recalling them in sufficient time to get aboard before the train starts.
7. Troops are forbidden to shout when passing through stations.
8. All ranks are forbidden to attempt to quit the train when in motion.
9. C.C.'s. Companies, will detail sufficient officers to supervise their portion of the train and to ensure these orders are complied with.
10. No articles of any kind are to be thrown out of carriages.
11. Fires will not under any circumstances be lighted in carriages or trucks.

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

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MC VE ORDER No. 2/18

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18th January 1918.

by
LIEUT. COLONEL W. J. SMITH COMMANDING.

Reference Map, HAZEBRUCK 1/100,000.

1. The Battalion will move tomorrow, 18th inst. to LA CLYFFE via BAILLEUL-LOCRE, passing the starting point at 9 a.m.
2. Order of March - Battalion headquarters, Pipe Band, A., B., Brass Band, C., D., Transport.
Starting point - A. Company's billets.
3. Routine - Reveille, 6.30 a.m.
Breakfast, 7 a.m.
Sick parade, 7.30 a.m.
4. Dress - Full marching order. 1 blanket to be carried neatly rolled in waterproof sheet round the pack.
5. Blankets rolled in bundles of 10 and labelled, to be stacked at each Coy Headquarters ready for loading at 7.30 a.m. Officers' valises at same hour. Mess boxes to be ready for collecting by 8 a.m.
6. A halt will be made for the midday meal about 12 noon. After midday meal cooks will proceed ahead to final destination.
7. Billets to be left scrupulously clean and usual certificates rendered to Battalion headquarters before leaving.
8. Marching out states to be handed to Adjutant at starting point at 8.55 a.m.
9. The Q.M. will carry shovels, 2 per company, for sanitary purposes. Each Company will detail pioneers to dig latrines at midday halt.
10. C.C., D. Company, will detail 1 officer and 20 other ranks to act as Rear party.

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(Signed) H. B. JACKSON 2/Lieut.
A/Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.

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MC VE ORDER No. 4/18

by

LIEUT-COLONEL W. J. SMITH COMMANDING.

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Map reference Sheet 28 1/10,000.

1. The Battalion will move tomorrow, 26th inst. to **TOURNAI CAMP, N.10.B.**
2. Battalion Headquarters, Pipe Band, A. and B. Companies will pass starting point, Battalion Headquarters, at 10 a.m. Brass Band, C. and D. Companies will move independently under command of Captain W.R. Wadsworth M.C. (in consultation with C.C., D. Company).
200 yards distance to be maintained between Companies and 50 yards between platoons.
3. Dress - Full marching order. 1 blanket to be carried on the man, neatly rolled in waterproof sheet round the pack.
4. The surplus blankets to be neatly rolled in bundles of 10, labelled, and stacked ready for loading by 8.30 a.m. as follows:-
Battalion H'Qrs. A. & B. Coys. on road near Battalion H'Q.
C. & D. Coys. near road BIRMINGHAM CAMP.
Officers' valises 8.30 a.m. Mess boxes to be ready for loading 9 a.m.
5. All huts and surroundings to be left scrupulously clean, and usual certificates rendered to Battalion Headquarters before leaving camp.
The Orderly Officer for each half Battalion will remain behind with
6. a rear party of 1 N.C.C. and 10 men - to be supplied by B. and C. Coys. respectively - to clean up camp. Each Officer will obtain a clearance certificate from the Camp Warden of his camp before leaving.
6. Each Company will detail 1 N.C.C. and 4 men for loading blankets etc.
7. 1 guide per Company to report to Lieut G.C. Hyde at B.H.Q. at 9 a.m.
8. Transport will remain at present location. Major A.R. Cox will act as Brigade Transport Officer. Cookers will accompany unit.
9. Surplus officers will remain at Transport lines.
10. Marching Out states to be rendered to B.C.R. by 9 a.m.

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

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Day and date.	Morning - 9 a.m. to 12 noon.	Afternoon, 2 to 4 p.m.
Monday, 21/1/18. <u>7.15.</u>	<u>9 to 10 a.m.</u> Gas drill.	<u>10 to 12 noon.</u> Musketry training & Bayonet fighting.
Tuesday, 22/1/18.	<u>2 to 3 p.m.</u> Saluting.	<u>3 to 4 p.m.</u> Lecture - Care of Feet.
Wednesday, 23/1/18.	9 to 10 a.m. drill.	10 to 12 noon. Platoon & Section drill.
Thursday, 24/1/18.	10 to 12 noon. Close order drill.	2 to 3 p.m. Bayonet Fighting.
Friday, 25/1/18.	Physical training.	3 to 4 p.m. Lecture - Sanitation.
Saturday, 26/1/18.	Gas drill.	Gas drill. Saluting.
	Gas drill.	Bayonet fighting & Musketry.
		Kit Inspection; Cleaning of Arms and Equipment.

Foot Inspection by Platoon Commanders.

Lewis Gunners parade under Lewis Gun Officer;
 Signallers, " " Signal Officer.
 Stretcher-bearers " " Medical Officer.

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2/Lieut.
 A/Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.

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C.C.'s., Companies.

The following is the List of Working Parties to be supplied daily until otherwise ordered. This list cancels all previous orders.

No. of party.	Strength C/R. C/R.	Company to furnish.	When where and to whom to report.	Nature of work.
1.	3.	100. "B", 2 eff. 50 c/r. "D" 1 eff. 50 c/r.	9.30 a.m. daily at RODNEY DUMP (sheet 28 I.32.b.5.7) etc an officer 13th Field Company.	Draining reserve line, right sector.
2.	6.	200. "A", 2 eff. 80 c/r/. "C" 2 eff. 80 c/r/. "B" 2 eff. 40 c/r.	5 p.m. daily at same place as above.	Work on Reserve line.
3.	2.	60. "D" 1 eff. 40 c/r. "A" 1 eff. 10 c/r. "C" 10 c/r.	Officer 13th Field Coy. RODNEY DUMP (I.32.b.5.7.) 5 p.m. daily.	Pushing stores from RODNEY DUMP & ELKHOP.

Train Arrangements - same as yesterday, except that Party No. 3 will proceed by march route to job as train arrangements cannot be completed for the day.

H.B. Jackson
..... Captain.
Adjutant 14th Battalion A. I. F.

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14th Battalion A.I.F. Order No. 1/18.

5. The approach march will be by Companies at 3 minutes interval as far as Brigade Headquarters (I.53.A.60.55) thence by platoons at 3 minutes interval in the following order -
 Battalion Headquarters, D., C., B., A.
 Battalion Headquarters, "C" and "B" Companies will proceed to positions allotted via STAFFORD WALK. "D" and "A" Companies via IMPERIAL AVENUE.
 Starting time will be issued later.
 Completion of relief to be wired to Battalion Headquarters in code.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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14th BATTALION A.I.F.
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER to accompany Ord. No. 1/18.

1. EQUIPMENT FOR LINE. All ranks will take into the line - Greatcoat, one blanket and waterproof sheet; fighting order; steel helmet; box respirator; 100 rounds S.A.A.; 2 pairs of socks.
2. TRENCH STORES. Trench stores will be taken over at the posts and support and reserve lines by Companies concerned, and at Battalion Headquarters by Regimental Sergeant-Major. Care must be taken that all articles are as far as possible checked, and a copy of the list of stores taken over must be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters without delay.
3. RATIONS. Rations will be brought by transport to HOLEN DUMP - (I.35.A.85.88) - Each Company and Battalion Headquarters will detail a ration party of 1 S.C.C. and 6 men each to be at the dump daily at an hour to be notified later to take over rations for their respective units. Hon. Captain Quartermaster W.G. LAVER will establish himself at this Dump and control and forward all supplies for the Battalion.
The dry ration for 30th inst. will be issued before leaving present camp and carried on the man.
4. COOKING. Cooking will be done as follows:-
For "B" and "C" Companies, at RAILWAY EMBARKMENT DUGOUTS;
For "A" and "D" Companies, at IMPERIAL DUGOUTS;
For Battalion Headquarters, at IMPERIAL DUGOUTS.
Hot meals will be provided as follows:-
7 p.m. Hot meal and tea;
4 a.m. Tea or cocoa.
Companies will arrange parties of sufficient strength to carry up meals to the posts.
Hot-food containers will be taken over from 15th Battalion.
5. WATER. Water will be drawn from the following points:-
Water Point at HILL CP.
Water Point at RAILWAY EMBARKMENT.
In addition, the Quartermaster will arrange for 36 tins of water to be sent up daily with the rations.
6. AMMUNITION: GRENADES: FLARES: S.C.S. SIGNALS &c. The Battalion Reserve dumps of above will be located at PUNJIAN DUGOUTS and EMBARKMENT DUGOUTS. All requisitions to complete Company reserves will be submitted to the Senior Major.
7. SOCKS. Dry socks will be drawn by the Quartermaster and sent up daily with the rations. S.C.'s. Companies and Headquarters Details will arrange to collect and return to HOLEN DUMP all wet and dirty socks daily. It cannot be too strongly impressed on platoon and section commanders the importance of smooth working of the issue and return of socks, to ensure a continual supply of dry articles.
8. TRENCH FEET PREVENTATIVES. The Quartermaster will at once arrange for a supply of Yale powder-soap etc. to be issued to Companies and Headquarters S.C.'s. will ensure that all ranks have a supply before going into the line.
(b). A careful supervision by platoon and section commanders is imperative to prevent trench foot. The changing of socks, use of powder-

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8. powder-scap must be done under their supervision and all incipient cases of trench feet sent at once to the Regimental Aid Post.

9. HOT DRINKS. Each Company will be issued with Primus stoves, and supplies of cocoa. This will enable a supply of hot drinks to be available at Company Headquarters.

10. WORKS. The work in progress at present will normally be continued with. List of Working Parties to be furnished will be issued later. Lieut. D. H. L. HAWKINS is appointed Works Officer, and Lieut. A. ARD ROSE Maintenance Officer. These Officers will live at RAILWAY BARRACKMENT DUGOUTS.

11. R.E. DUMPS. R.E. Material will be dumped at IMPERIAL DUGOUTS. Carrying parties under supervision of Works Officer will carry material to forward posts.

12. RETURNS. The following Returns and Reports will be submitted as under. As the minimum of time required to compile the Battalion returns has only been allowed, C.O.'s. will please see that all returns are punctual.

- 1. Daily Intelligence Summary (sent by runner)..... 4.30 a.m. daily.
- 2. Daily Situation Report... 3.30 a.m.; 3.30 p.m. by wire (coded).
- 3. Location Report (on taking over and all subsequent movements to be at once notified).
- 4. Daily Casualty Report 9 a.m. by wire, according to pro forma.
- 5. Daily Return of Ammunition .. 9 a.m., wire expanded,
 - (a). S.A.A.
 - (b). Grenades.
 - (c). Flares.

13. Y.M.C.A. The Y.M.C.A. is located at WELL BANK.

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

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SECRET.14th BATTALION A.I.F. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2/18. Copy No.

1. The Battalion will move to Front Line tomorrow, 30th inst., to positions as detailed in 14th Battalion Order No. 1/18, proceeding by rail as far as SPGIL BANK, thence by March route.
2. TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.
 1st Train - 2.30 p.m., Battalion H'Qrs., "D" and "C" Companies.
 2nd Train, 3 p.m. "A" and "B" Companies.
 All units to be at the entraining point - BARDENBRUG (Sheet 28 N.4.c.), twenty minutes before time stated above.
 Major D. THOMSON M.C. will command 1st Train;
 Major C.R.M. COX, " " 2nd Train.
 Lieuts. R.O. ROXBURGH and T. ANDERSON are appointed Entraining and Detraining Officers for first train; and Lieuts. N. WILSON and H.W. THOMPSON for second train.
 When detrained, Companies and Headquarters details will move to their allotted positions independently vide 14th Battalion Order No. 1/18.
3. BLANKETS: VALISES & STORES. Packs and blankets (one per man) will be rolled, properly labelled and securely tied in bundles of 10, and stacked on ramp near Officers' lines by 11.30 a.m., 30th inst.
 Officers valises and other stores not being taken into the line to be stacked at same place by 12 noon, 30th inst.
 All stores etc. for the line to be stacked near "D" Company's cockhouse by 12 noon. Cooks' gear as soon after that hour as possible.
 The Transport Officer will arrange for the removal of above, which must be completed by 3 p.m.
4. MID-DAY MEAL. A hot meal will be provided for all ranks at 12 noon. The cooks will then be returned to Transport Lines under arrangements to be made by Transport Officer.
 The Sergeant-Cook will arrange for a sufficient number of shays to be taken up to the line. Soyer Stoves and Camp Kettles will be taken over from the relieved Battalion, also hot-food containers.
5. DETAILS. The undermentioned details are allotted to duties as follows and will be rationed and accommodated as herein stated;-
 Brass Band - Salvage work under 2/Lieut. W.C. FULTON; rationed and accommodated at RAILWAY EMBANKMENT Dugouts.
 Pipe Band - 4 O/Ranks guard MULLEN DUMP under Captain W.G. LAVER.
 4 O/Ranks Guard on dump at Transport Lines.
 All Administrative Headquarters not going into the line to proceed to Transport Lines under arrangements to be made by 2/Lieut. H.B. JACKSON, who will command.
 All N.C.O.'s selected for the Training Battalion or for Schools will be included in above party.
6. DRESS. As stated in 14th Battalion Order No. 1/18. Equipment will be worn over greatcoats, which latter must be looped up in accordance with instructions previously issued.

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14th Battalion A.I.F. Administrative Order No. 2/18. 28/1/18. 2.

- 7. ISSUES. The following issues will be made tomorrow to Companies -
 Talc powder-soap, issued by Medical Officer.
 Tommy Cookers } to "C" and "D" Companies only.
 Soap powders }
 Cocoa and milk, in bulk to Sergeant-Cook.
 Dry ration - to be issued to men.
 Wiring gloves.
- 8. HOT TEA. The Sergeant-cook will arrange to have hot tea ready to be taken to outposts by 7 p.m. 30th inst.
- 9. CLEANING AND HANDING OVER OF PRESENT CAMP. Companies and Headquarters Units will each detail parties of sufficient strength to thoroughly clear up the huts, and the ground adjacent, occupied by their Companies. The Pioneer-Sergeant will see that all latrines, incinerators, and also the outskirts of the Camp are left thoroughly clean. Hut furniture will not be removed from the huts. Mattresses will be stacked in each hut in such a manner as to facilitate checking. The final inspection of camp by Battalion Staff and Area Commandant's representative will take place at 1.30 p.m.
- 10. WATERBOTTLES. All waterbottles are to be filled before leaving Camp.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Distribution - Copies to,

- No. 1. War Diary.
- 2. File.
- 3. "A" Company.
- 4. "B" Company.
- 5. "C" Company.
- 6. "D" Company.
- 7. Q.M.
- 8. T.O.
- 9. H'Q's. Details.
- 10. Sgt-Cook.

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Location Report 30-1-18, Left Battalion
Officers - O R

Battalion Hours: I 36 c 95 50
R A P: I 36 c 30 80

FRONT Line Coys.

Right Coy. B Coy. Capt. W. R. Wadsworth M.C.
Cond'g
Coy Hours: O 6 h 50 50 2 13

CHATEAU ROAD GROUP } Post B4 O 6 d 30 70 - 8 149
" B5 O 6 d 70 80 - 8 1
" B6 O 6 d 85 85 - 8
1 Platoon } Platoon Hours: O 6 d 70 90 5

HESSIAN WOOD GROUP } Post B7 P 1 a 10 00 - 8 149
" B8 P 1 a 25 00 - 8
" B9 P 1 a 25 20 - 8 149
1 Platoon } Platoon Hours: P 1 a 25 00 1 5

2 Platoons, less 2 L & Sections in Support
at EMBANKMENT Dugouts. I 36 c 25 20

LEFT Coy - D Coy Capt. A. Tacka VC M.C.
Cond'g

Coy Hours: J 31 c 10 30 2 12

POTSDAM GROUP } Platoon Hours: P 1 6 00 65 1 8
1 Platoon } Posts C1 P 1 a 90 45 - 8
" C2 P 1 a 95 60 - 8 149
" C3 P 1 6 20 55 - 8 149

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LEFT Coy - (continued)

				STRENGTH	app. 8
				off	on
BELGIAN WOOD GROUP 1 Platoon	} Platoon H.Q.	J 31 d 45 20		1	8
		Post C 4	J 31 d 35 15	-	8
		" C 5	J 31 d 80 25	-	8
		" C 6	J 31 d 65 10	-	8 769
		" C 7	J 31 d 70 70	-	8

2 Platoons at CLUSTERS - J 31. c 00 40

SUPPORT Coy A Coy

- Coy HQ 1.36 e 95 50 2 13
- 1 Platoon SUPPORT LINE J. 31 e 60 75
to J 31. c 15 10
- 2 " CHATEAU Dugouts 1.36 d 40 40
- 1 " RESERVE LINE 1.36 d 15 60

RESERVE Coy B Coy

- Coy HQ 1.36 e 30 10
- " LESS 2 sections in RESERVE LINE
in RAILWAY TRENCH 06 a 50 40
- 2 Sections in RESERVE LINE 1.36 e 90 80
1.36 e 90 95

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Intelligence Summary

Operations

II - The only last day
 actual shelling night
 of the intention being
 to BUNDOOTS
 THE HOUSE and CIRCUIT
 also the MOUNTAIN OF HOUERRE
 CHATEAU

III - Normally first operations
 built during night
 & fixed targets

Firecraft in very active
 throughout day
 our Machine Gun could see
 line about 4 P.M. and were
 immediately dropped by
 enemy A.M. & M.G. no
 apparent result.

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Intelligence Summary (Cont) app 9

Enemy Operations

Arty: - Active during the night at 11 P.M. BELGIAN Wood group was heavily shelled with 7.7 mm. & 5.0s. No damage traceable. Shell falling short. The CLUSTERS were intermittently shelled through out the night with 7.7 mm & H.E.

M.G.s: - Active through out the night. BELGIAN GROUP and POLISH GROUP were subject to occasional sniping. Traversing fire firing also from the direction of SAME POSSE and LOCK. 6.

T.M.: - Enemy trench mortars of medium calibre were active at 10.30 P.M. & again at 11.30 P.M. Still well in rear of BELGIAN GROUP

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Intelligence Summary

E.T.M. on Road at approx
T3 D 70.80.
This position was
ultimately located in D.H.M.P.
Copse

TI Report - On E.H. worked
our lines at 12 PM
but was driven off by our
H.M. fire.

Miscellaneous

Enemy M.C. suddenly in
on Hill Road in approx
T21 D 97.40 - T22 C 05 1/2.
The Hill Road was not
occupied by us. Enemy
is not seen from Point
He also saw over a number
of P.M. H.M. remained on
the Hill Road at 8-10 PM.

A. Clouston
I.O. F.H.D.

24/30 Jan F I I N O L R E P O R T LEFT COY

Strength	Time of Departure	Time of Return	Route	Remarks
off 4 5 O.R.	8.30 P.M.	1.15 A.M.	From C.H.Q. cluster direct + right post of B.A. on left	Satellite NORMAN LAND in port of left Coy in between all posts.
			31 D 00.55 -	around wharf of
			31 D 00.45 -	this Coy being
			31 D 45.30 -	very calm
			31 B 40.75 -	in place in
			31 F 85.50 -	place. Were just
			on way M.E. directly from	
			Approach P.B. 85.50. No enemy	
			patrols seen.	
1 N.C. + 2 O.R.	6 P.M. leave	8 P.M. 2 hours	from 31 D 70.40 -	Protecting
			31 D 90.85 -	of a line of patrol
			31 D 70.40 -	no enemy seen

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Shutout	Time of Departure	Time of Return	Route	Remarks
N.C.O. & 2 O.R.	7 P.M.	9 P.M.	From East P.I.H. 85.50 to P.I.H. 30.25 & returned to P.I.H. 85.50	Protective + observation Patrol with R. Coy. No Enemy seen.
Ry 21 - Coy.				
1 O.H. + 6 O.R.	9-30 P.M.	2-10 A.M.	0600-0800. The no more land at 1 B 00.60	No enemy patrols seen M.G. fire heard but located. found no report
1 N.C.O. & 2 O.R.	7 P.M.	2 A.M.	0600-70.00 to P.I.H. 30.25 to P.I.H. 85.50	Protective Patrol with R. Coy. No Enemy seen.

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To I.O. FACE. app 10

Intelligence Summary.Our Operations

Artillery:- Was very active during the afternoon. Special attention being paid to GAME COPSE, DAMP COPSE, JUNGLE HOUSE, and WIND COTTIS. IT 31. Post reports 18 Pdr shells falling in shot to within 10 yds in front of post.

M.G.s:- Occasional bursts on fixed targets but however nearly so active as on previous night.

T.M.s:- Were active during the afternoon and shot very accurately into enemy's position at GAME COPSE.

Aircraft:- Very active throughout the day flying low over enemy's line. Were subject to heavy H.A. & M.G. fire.

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Intelligence Summary

Enemy Operations

Activity:- Increased activity during both day & night

CLUSTERS DUGOUTS IMPERIAL and OLIVE AVENUES being heavily shelled with gas shells. This shelling was particularly noticeable from 5 P.M. to 8.30 P.M.

FUSILIER WALKER + vicinity of I 36 C 90.50 were also very heavily shelled with gas shells + 4.2" at same time. also vicinity of O. 6 A.

At 12 M.N. BELGIAN Wood GROUP heavily shelled with 77 M.M. 59 + 8"

One enemy shell was seen to fall short onto his own positions a flare was immediately put up which burst into Golden Rain.

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Intelligence Summary app. 10Enemy Operations (contd)

M.G.s:- Activity very much below normal, directions of fire appeared to come from CIRCUS POINT, DAMP CORSE + LOCK 6.

Aircraft:- Practically nil at 7 AM (30th) one E.A. flew low over our position

BALLOONS:- 2 ENEMY Balloons up from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. on at True Bearing of 110° + 97° from I 31. C. 10.40.

MISCELLANEOUS:- 6-45 AM

again
Enemy shelling gully in vicinity of I 36 C. 10.50. with 4.2"s. Ceased at 6.50 AM.

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J. Blaxland Hyde II
I.O. F.A.D.

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PATROLS. L. Coy.

Strength	Time of Departure	Time of Return	Route	Remarks
1 NCO + 4 OR.	6.15 P.M.	9.15 P.M.	from P.I.H. 85-50 to P.I.B. 20 25 + Southern edge of Wet Pond + FISH POND to J. 31 D 30.10 to P.I.H. 90.55.	Enemy working on wire at MIFTY FARM. Ground very boggy almost impassable in the vicinity of FISH Pond. No enemy patrols seen or heard.
1 O/S + 4 OR.	10 P.M.	12-15 A.M.	From J. 31 D. 40. 25 to J. 32 C. 15. 25 to FISH POND to P.I.B. 35. 70 to ROAD P.I.H. 90.15 to P.I.H. 85. 50.	Ground very boggy on whole point. Patrol fired on by M.G. from opp. side. GAME CARPSE No enemy patrol seen or heard.

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PATROLS. L. Coy.

Strength	Time of departure	Time of Return	Route	Remarks
1 N.C.O + 3 O.R.	6 P.M. + every 2 hours	8 P.M.	Sialion touch	Patrol kept with both flanks.
			RIGHT	Coy.
1 N.C.O. + 2 O.R.	8 P.M.	9.10 P.M.	P.I.A. 30.20. to P.I.A. 80.45. Hnd every 4 hours	Laternal connection patrol
1 N.C.O. + 2 O.R.	9 P.M.	9.35 P.M.	Obd 70.80. Obd 70.60.	To ascertain lay of ground over ridge. No enemy patrols seen or heard
1 off- + 2 O.R.	10 P.M.	10.30 P.M.	Obd 70.80. to Obd 70.80.	Examining Wire.

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OPERATIONS.

- (1) ARTILLERY Very quiet during the whole 24 hours.
- (2) TRENCH MORTARS Strokes given fired ranging shots from 06 to 70.15
- (3) Aerial Activity NIL. Check fog prevailing throughout the day
- (4) Patrols See report attached

2. IDENTIFICATIONS = NIL.

3. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

No definite information received during the 24 hours

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY

Shelled FUSILIER Dugouts from 8.00 to 8.40 am. (gas - N.E. 402)

Shelled the vicinity of trench 06. a from 9 to 9.30 am with gas shells.

Shelled C5 - C6 posts (BELGIAN WOOD GROUP) from 2.00 to 2.50 am

Shelled "CLUSTERS" at 1.00 am (12 gas shells)

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Shelled O.S.C and d at 5.30 pm
25. 4.2 H.E in all

Shelled CT 1.36 C and in front
of trench O6 A at 6.10 pm (in all
25. 5.9 H.E) and again at
7.10 pm with gas shells

Shelled RAILWAY TRENCH
in the vicinity of 1.36 C. at 8 pm
burst of 10 rounds 5.9 - 4.2

BELGIAN WOOD POSTS

shelled with TRENCH MORTAR
about 8 pm. This MORTAR
is firing from GAME COPSE

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE

Passive

6. ENEMY'S DEFENCES

6 enemy observed entering
MAY Farm at 6.30 am and
2 more at 4 pm

at 2 am voices and
whistling was heard at
CIRCUS POINT.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL Activity

NIL - too foggy

8. MOVEMENT behind ENEMY
LINES

at 4 am transport

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 heard from direction of ZANVOORDE
 9 ARMS and EQUIPMENT

1. ~~SHELLS~~ GAS Sample of tanned
 earth forwarded to DIV GAS Office

10 MISCELLANEOUS

Our Vickers firing intermittently
 between BELGIAN WOOD and
 POTSDAM GROUP.

2. ENEMY Machine Guns fired
 intermittently on post PH 2
 (BELGIAN WOOD) and tracks
 leading to outpost; a few
~~shots~~ fired in vicinity
 of JINGO House and sap.
 heard at J 31 C 35 45, bursts
 every 15 minutes

CR Blangford
 for L.S.

Strength	Time of Departure	Time of Return	Route	Remarks
NCO 2 Mm	8 pm 12 Mm 4 AM	8 45 pm 12 50 am 5 am	From Pia 30 20 to Pia 30 45	Lateral patrol
NCO 2 Mm	8 pm 12 Mm	8 55 p 1 am	06 d 30 80 to 06 c 70 70	- do -
NCO 2	7 pm	12 Mm	06 d 70 80 to 06 d 30-80	Patrolled ground in front of No 4 Post.
		LEFT COY		
NCO 44	6 pm	9 pm	Pia 35 50 to Pia 90 20 then party heard to WET POND. GAME CORPSE FISH Pond then Patrol was to J 31 d 30 10.	Enemy party heard at WET POND. GAME CORPSE FISH Pond then Patrol was found on LMG from direction of MAY FARM no enemy patrol encountered 4 rounds used

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Strength	Time of Departure	Time of Return	Route	Remarks
1 NCO 2 men	6 pm and every 2 hours until 4 a.m.	7 pm	LEFT Coy (Corkum) from T31 & 453 to Battalion on left flank and return	his own protective patrol no enemy seen
1 NCO 2 men	6 pm and every 2 hours to 4 a.m.	7 pm		Lateral patrol in touch with right Coy. No enemy seen

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FAD Bn. WORKING PARTY List No. 4.

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29th January to 3rd February 1918.

No. of party.	STRENGTH.	Qty to Furnish.	When, where and to whom to report.	Nature of work.
71.	2 Gff. 50	c/r. A.	6 p.m. where CLAF AVENUE crosses railway at L. 36. c. 2. 2. to a Sapper 13th Field Coy.	Improvement CLAF AVENUE. Party to be sent daily until further orders. Shovels to be taken
16.	1 Gff. 40	c/r. B.	9 a.m. en work to Battalion Maintenance Officer Lieut. Andersen.	Maintaining IMPERIAL Avenue and other routes. daily.
17.	1 N.C.C. 10	men. A.	5 p.m. en work to Battalion Works Officer, Lieut. Hawkins at Bn. H'Qrs.	Wiring, IMPERIAL AVENUE.
18.	1 N.C.C. 10	men. B.	5 p.m. to Battalion Works Officer at Bn. H'Qrs.	Wiring CLAF AVENUE daily.

Approved

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

14th Bn. Trust Account
Statement of Account 8-2-18.

Cash receipts - to 31-1-18. £ 4306-55
+ payments " " 3598-30
Balance £ 708-25

Cash in hands of Q^r Master £ 600 —
Balance cash in hand
returned to Lt. Jackson £ 108-25
Total £ 708-25

I certify that I have this day handed
over Books & receipts etc in connection with
14th Bn. Trust Account to Lt. Jackson.

Same are correct in so far as my
handling of account is concerned.

I accept no responsibility for any
transactions prior to 6th Oct. 1914.

Thomas May.

Received the
above. H. B. Jackson
8/2/18