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Right Front Line Battn. H'Qrs. C.3.c.8.5.	<u>1</u> 18.		<p>During the night of the 31st . 12.17 and the 1.1.18 we had four patrols out in "No mans land", each consisting of one Officer and 12 o.r's. They searched the ground in front of our position and examined the Bridges crossing the River LYS, over which it would be possible for enemy Patrols to pass. 2 Bridges were found to be passable and the others impassable.</p> <p>A vigorous works policy was adopted and Major W.J.R.Scott, D.S.O, Acting C.O ((Lieut)Col Ralston, D.S.O being in England on a months holiday), issued to all concerned an order showing method of making most use of man power available.</p> <p>Much wiring, consolidating and improving of trenches was carried out during the night</p> <p>Enemy artillery and Trench Mortars were quiet on our Sector the weather was mild, with a slight westerly breeze. 5 o.r's were evacuated to Hospital from sickness 2/Lieut N.C.Toogood marched out to 5th Training Battalion in England and 4 o.r's. The undermentioned Officers ceased to be Seconded with 5th Training Battalion and resumed Regimental duty:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lieut S.G.Burdus 9.12.17. Lieut A.E.Rainey 11.12.17. Lieut A.H.Sharpe 9.12.17. The undermentioned Officers resumed duty from Regimental Seconded list Lieut G.S.B.Holmes, late 61st Battn. 9.12.17. Lieut L.G.McColl 12.12.17. Lieut E.F.Lumb reported Killed in action is struck off Strength 9.10.17.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.....</p> <p>Our Patrols went out during last night. Lieut Treacher of "C" Coy in charge of the second patrol whilst examining the Bridge North of FRELINGHIEN ROAD was challenged by a German sentry from the opposite bank of the River LYS the patrol at once took cover and remained perfectly still and the enemy opened fire with Machine Guns and Rifle Grenades on No mans land, one of the patrol, a very recently joined reinforcement, showed lack of experience in ill timed curiosity to see what was happening. He raised his head and an enemy Machine Gun bullet killed him dead. His body was left in a position of safety to be recovered later. The remainder of the patrol returned with out further loss or incident. The C.O left Battn H'Qrs at 1.30 a.m. and starting at the left front Coy, visited all working parties and front line posts proceeding through CARELESS AVENUE to ESTAMINET HOUSE post, POND HOUSE, post 3.c. 10 and returning to Headquarters by 6 a.m.</p> <p>A satisfactory amount of wire in front of front line posts and Support Trenches. Enemy Artillery was more active to-day and various parts of our Sector were shelled by his smaller Calibre Guns, unfortunately he registered a direct hit with a 4.2 shell on the dugout occupied by the personal of ESTAMINET HOUSE post killing 2 o.r's and slightly wounding 2/Lieut W.B.Chesher, and 2 o.r's.</p>	<p>Appendix No1.</p> <p>Appendix No2. " N.3.</p> <p>Appendix No.4.</p> <p>See Appendix No.3.</p>
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			<p>During the night 56 o.r's (Reinforcements) arrived for the Battalion. These men were a very good class of men and appear far superior to any recent drafts we have seen. Their physique was all that could be desired and that they had marched from the Reinforcement Camp FLETRE through to the front line carrying full packs and two blankets speaks very well for their grit and stamina. They were allotted to the two Support Coys "C" and "D" and orders were issued that they were not to be put on any work for 12 hours. As is usual with all drafts they had extra many rations they had which included the following days ration, however the Quartermaster was able to arrange rations for them. We had therefore considering the front the very high percentage of it casualties as 3 killed 1 Officer and 2 o.r's wounded in addition 2 O.R s were evacuated sick. 7 o.r's reported back from hospital and were sent to their respective Companies.</p>	
	3 <u>1</u> 18.		<p>During the night the Battalion carried on with a works policy and a lot of good consolidation work and wiring was done.</p> <p>Our patrols were busy in No mans land the ground being thoroughly reconnoitred between our front line and the river LYS.. Nothing was seen of enemy patrols but we were able to locate enemy movement and Machine Guns on the opposite side of the River. Enemy Artillery was busy at intervals through out the day but little damage was caused to our Trenches, nor did we suffer any casualties. We had 6 o.r's evacuated to Hospital with sickness 3 returned to their Coys from Hospital and 2 o.r.s were received as Reinforcements.</p>	<p>Appendix 3.</p> <p>" 5.</p>
	<u>4</u> <u>1</u> 18.		<p>Our 2 patrols went out according to programme but saw no sign of the enemy.</p> <p>Our working parties worked effectively throughout the night</p> <p>The Corps Commander, General Sir William R Birdwood and the Divisional Commander, Major General Smyth, visited our left Battalion Sector and were met by the C.O. on their arrival in our Sector. As it was growing late, very little time was spent in the inspection, and the Corps Commander expressed satisfaction with what he saw. During the night, "A" and "B" Coys were relieved by "C" and "D" Coys in support the front line and moved back to Support positions. The relief was complete by 8 p.m. without incident and work was not interfered with. The enemy Artillery was particularly active during the day the weather being ideal for observation. 2 o.r's were evacuated to Hospital sick and 2 o.r's reported back to their Coys from Hospital. Lieut E. Lewins rejoined his Coy from the 4th Army Musketry School</p>	<p>" 6.</p> <p>" 3.</p>

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	4 11 18		<p><u>Continued.</u></p> <p>The Brigade Major called at Battalion Headquarters early this morning and with the C.O. visited all front line posts. Despite the extreme cold and the frozen nature of the ground, all the men are in good spirits and health, great care being exercised in seeing that hot food is provided and that the men rub their feet and change their sox daily the wet ones being disposed of each day by 2 men specially detailed who return them to the Quartermaster Store in sand bags and returning with clean pairs. Each platoon Commander renders a certificate each evening that the above precautions against illness and trench feet have been observed, After breakfast the C.O. visited the Battalion Headquarters of the Battalion on our right, (English Battalion) in the HOUPLINES Sector and discussed the respective positions, explaining our policy of patrols and getting any information as to their patrols.</p>	
	5 11 18.		<p>Our patrols went out during the night according to programme and found everything quiet. Works policy was pursued with satisfactory results</p>	Appendix No.7. " 3.
	6 11 18.		<p>The weather was fine but not good for observation and prevented any artillery action. A mild S.S.E wind was blowing during the Day. 2 o.r's reported back from Hospital and 2 o.r's reported to the 5th A.L.T.M.Bty.</p> <p>Our Patrols during the night, through hearing enemy voices, rattling of rifles and etc. discovered an enemy post with 1 sentry at C.11.a.55.15. and 1 sentry at C.11.a.55.55.</p> <p>What sounded like a bombing attack on our right flank Battalion was heard about 3.30 a.m. The Platoon at LYS FARM was ordered by Capt Portman O.C. Coy to stand to but nothing more was heard, and no S.O.S. Signals being seen, the platoon stood down after 1 hour. Enemy artillery was fairly active and some True Bearings on hostile batteries were obtained from front line posts. Enemy machine Guns were very active against our aeroplanes. During the day the Divisional Commander Major General Smyth, V.C. C.B. and Lieut Col Jess, D.S.O. G.S.O.L. walked round our front line trenches. Slight thaw has set in and the wind is a very mild South Westerly. The works programme was carried out as usual. 2 o.r's were evacuated to Hospital sick. Lieut L.G.McColl, whilst visiting a post during the night across No mans land tripped accidentally and injured his eye on an iron stake and was evacuated to Hospital. 2/Lieut R.S.Elliott was evacuated to Hospital sick.</p>	Appendix No.8.
	7 11 18.		<p>During the night, our patrols carried out a programme arranged without incident</p>	Appendix No.9

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	7 I 18.		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Continued.</u></p> <p>The works programme was pushed on with, and work was commenced on a new post at C.4.d.90.95 The enemy artillery was fairly active but good silencing work was carried out by our counter batteries. The slight thaw that started yesterday, has ceased and the ground is again frozen. At 5.30 a.m. the Brigade Major, Called at Headquarters and with the C.O., went round the right frontline Sector, visiting also, CROWN PRINCE FARM, ESTAMINET HOUSE and POND HOUSE. The wire in front had been very appreciably thickened and new wire had been put out which makes these posts very difficult to approach from the front or flanks. A new strong point being constricted by the Engineers situated on the Railway line and in the rear of LYS FARM Platoon was inspected and found not yet completed. At 4.30 p.m., the C.O and works Officer visited new posts at C.4.d.90.95 and found work done satisfactory. 2 o.r's evacuated wounded 1 o.r.'sick and 2 o.r's returned to Unit from Hospital.</p>	
	8 1 18		<p>Snow fell most of the day and the visibility was good during the morning, became ver y low during the afternoon. The Battalion was relieved by the 17th. Battalion, and was completed by 8.10.p.m. without mishap. Battalion Headquarters closed at C.3.c.8.5. at 8.10.p.m., and opened at Le ROSSIGNOL CAMP at 9.p.m. Hot food was provided to the men on arrival at their billets which are huts. The day passed off quietly and the works policy during the night was vigorously pursued. We had covering Patrols out to cover relief. The Battalion was credited with the following honours and mentions in the New Year's Honors List and shown in A.I.F.List No.279. Lieut-Col. A.W.Ralston D.S.O. a C.M.G., Q.M. and HON. Capt. S.R.Kent and LIEUT. E.A.ANTHON Military Crosses . The following received "Mention" :- Lieut-Col. A.W.Ralston, D.S.O., Major. W.J.R. Scott, D.S.O. Capt. J.A.Broadbent, M.C., Capt. R.F.Marlan, Lieut.A.R.Treacher, Lieut. J.R.V.C.Lindesay. Capt. H.B.D. Barlow M.C., is placed on the regimental seconded list (invalided) 9.12.17. We had 2 o.r's wounded, 3 o.r's. evacuated to hospital sick, and 1 o.r'. reported beck to Unit from Hospital.</p>	<p>Appendix No.10. Appendix No.3. Appendix No.11</p>
LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP.	9 1 18		<p>Snow fell heavily all day and the cold was very tense , a syllabbe of training was idued The morning was spent in a general cleaning up, shaving and washing and cleaning of billets. The afternoon in foot-washing. The men are generally fit and in good spirits, after their tour of 8 days duty in the front line, but some the feet shows signs of Frost Bite. The Staff Captain called on the C.O. after lunch. The C.O. held a metting of Company Commanders at 2 p.m. and discussed Training etc., for the ensuing 8 days. The C.O. called on the G.O.C. at Brigade Headquarters and the discussed the Raiding Platoon, it was decided to replave Lieut. Clarke by Lieut. A.R.Treacher. 3 o.r's returned from Hospital to the Unit.</p>	<p>Appendix No.12.</p>

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	10 1		A decided thaw having set in during the night the weather was fine and not unpleasant, but the ground was in a very bad state owing to the melting ice, and mud. Training was carried out,	Appendix No.12.
	18.		and the Battalion Lewis Gunners had some target practice on the range at PONT NIEPPE, B.17.d.9.5. The firing was good. The C.O. and Brigade Major visited the range after lunch. Lieut. Treacher took over the Raiding Platoon from Lieut. Clark. The health of the men is good, except for an epidemic of Diarrhoea, it appears that the soil in this district is somewhat responsible as Troops here last year had the same complaint. Instructions have been issued that after each hot meal the men's small dixies are to be washed with Boiling water to be provided by the cooks. This must be insisted on as it will prevent to a large extent the Diarrhoea epidemic. Lieut. E.P. Blyth rejoined the Unit, from the 5th. Training Battalion. 3 O.r's. were evacuated to Hospital sick, and 17 o.r's. rejoined the Unit from Hospital, also 1 o.r. from Reinforcement.	
	11 1		The thaw continues and the roads are in a bad state, thaw precautions are to be strictly observed. The C.O. inspected the entire camp this morning and afterwards with the Divisional Commander, Major-General Smyth, V.C., C.B., the Brigadier, General R. Smith. C.M.G., D.S.O., and the A.A.Q.M.G., and Staff Captain inspected our Transport Lines. The result was very pleasing and the Divisional Commander remarking that after having inspected that this day the entire division of Transport lines, he found ours the best. Major J.H. McDonald M.C., rejoined the Unit from Hospital. 5 o.r's. were evacuated to Hospital sick, and 6 o.r's. rejoined the Unit from Hospital.	
	18.		The weather is fine, but the ground remains very wet. C.O. held his usual inspection of the camp in the morning, and afterwards inspected the Raiding Platoon under Lieut. Treacher at their Billets in NIEPPE. It was very satisfactory, the men looked fit and well and were smartly turned out, the billets were excellent and showed interest and good discipline on the part of the men. A Half Holiday was given to them in the afternoon. "C" Company and 2 Platoons of "D" Coy. relieved "A" and 2 platoons of "B" company in the SUBSIDIARY LINE, The relief was completed by 6 pm. without mishap. 2 o.r's. were evacuated to hospital sick, 3 o.r's., rejoined the unit from hospital, and 2 o.r's., were reported as Illegal Absentees, 6.1.18. Lieut. J.R.V.C. Lindesay proceeded on English Leave. Lieut. H.C.N. Winkworth marches out to Anzac Corps School, Lieut. G. Hough attached to 5th. A.L.T.M. Battery, The following Officers are taken on strength from Reinforcements:- 2/Lieut. O.A. Beattie, 24/12/17., 2/Lieut. S.S. Burgess, Cadet Battn., 26.12.17. 2/Lieut. C.B. Ayling, (Cadet Battn.) 26.12.17. Capt. R.F. Marlan resumed duty from regimental seconded list 23.12.17., also LIEUT. C.E. Cameron, 24.12.17.	
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	13		The weather was beautiful and fine. Church Parades were held in the camp for all Denominations.	
	1		All blankets in camp were put through the Foden Louse Destroyer, and returned Clean. the After-	
	18		noon was a half holiday. During the morning the C.O. inspected the camp. 1 o.r. was evacuated to Hospital sick, and 1.o.r. rejoined the Unit from Hospital.	
	14		Heavy snow fell after 3.am. this morning, and covered the ground with a bout 4" of snow.	Appendix
	1		The day was fine and training was carried out as per Syllabus. The C.O. with the Brigade Major	No.12.
	18		inspected the Raiders Platoon at NIEPPE and was satisfied with the state of cleanliness of the Billets and the turnout and appearance of the men, The N.C.O's. School situated off the main Bailleul Road, was also visited, and the N.C.O's. from this Battalion appeared to be keen, and making satisfactory progress. 2/Lieut. M.Blair was evacuated to hospital sick, also 5 o.r's., 1 o.r. rejoined unit from hospital and 1.o.r proceeded to Anzac Corp School as an Instructor	
	15		The day was very disagreeable, heavy showers of rain falling and towards evening a gale wind was blowing. The training for the day was confined to work in the Muts. An inspection was made by the C.O. of the Lines. The Adjutant visited the 17th. Battalion headquarters in the line to make final arrangements for the relief to-morrow night, also Major McDonald M.C., who is taking Major J.J.A. Walker's place as acting 2nd. in Command and Officer in charge of Works in the Line. Major Walker returned to the 19th. Battalion. 6 o.r's evacuated to Hospital Sick, 8 o.r's rejoined the Unit from Hospital - the unit from the 5th. A.L.T.M. Battery, 1 o.r. from Base Prison, and 3 o.r's from Hospital, 1.o.r. departed to join 2nd. Battalion.	
	1		The morning was spent cleaning up the Camp and preparing for moving up to the front Line. All Puttees were handed into the Quartermaster's Store and sandbags issued in the lieu thereof, this is the usual practice in wet weather as no restriction is thereby placed on the circulation of the blood, and men are not so liable to Trench Feet. The first Company moved out from Camp at 4.p.m. The relief was carried out without mishap and completed by 9.25.p.m., The Battalion Headquarters closed at Le ROSSIGNOL Camp at 4.30.p.m., and opened at C.3.c.8.5. Right Front Line Battalion Headquarters at 9.25.p.m., The C.O. had an interview with the G.O.C. at Brigade Headquarters in the morning and discussed Work's Policy for the forthcoming tour. It was decided that owing to the thaw and wet weather the subsequent falling in of Trenches and flooded state of trenches, that all efforts be directed on maintenance and drainage.	Appendix
	18		Four Patrols each consisting of 1 Officer and 10 o.r's were sent out to discover the state of the ground in front of our position. Major W.A. Hailes returned from English Leave, 4 o.r's. were evacuated sick to hospital and 9 o.r's. were rejoined Unit from Hospital.	No.13.
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	17 1 18.		<p>During the night it was very dark and patrols were sent out as per programme. The River LYS was found to be very high and the ground in front impassable. It was not possible to even approach POND HOUSE Post owing to flood water and our barbed wire was almost submerged. The Pill-box where the men of CROWN PRINCE FARM Post it are living has 3' of water in it. The C.O. at 6 a.m. went round the right front Coy and also visited the R.A.P. The conditions were found to be distinctly bad owing to flood waters, and the Trenches in many cases had fallen in and the stoppage of drainage caused the water to block up in the trenches. It was decided to leave ESTAMINET Post and to withdraw CROWN PRINCE FARM Post. The R.A.P. was flooded with 3' of water in it. The R.M.O. and Staff spent the night at SURREY FARM. After lunch the C.O with Major Reid Commanding the 5th Field Coy of Engineers, went on tour of inspection. The first place visited was the R.A.P. which the Battalion Pioneers had been working on all morning and found that good results attended their efforts. Their method had been to block both approaches and bale and pump the water out and it was now nearly dry and ready for occupation again. BARKENHAM AVENUE was then visited and found to be under water in most places to the depth of 2', a drain had been blocked up in No-mans-land and a party was put on immediately to open up drains. HORE-KAU was found to be bad with alot of water in it, also LONG WINNEX AVENUE down to NAPOO AVENUE, a drain was opened in LONG AVENUE which relieved a lot of this water. NAPOO and VIEW-LANE were then visited and the Trenches wre found to be about 2' 6" ^{deep} in water and in many places the sides had fallen in, duck boards were floating about the Trenches. ESTAMINET Post was again visited this being possible owing to a dense fog, and the River was found to rising CARELESS AVENUE was then attempted and proved a very heavy trip it was either 3' deep in water or the sides had completely fallen in and one would sink in over the knees in soft mud, had it not been for the fog this Trench would have been impassable in daylight. Having reached the Right Sub-sector of the left Coy the party proceeded over the parapet to inspect the wire in front and found that the river was almost up to the wire at a distance of about 50 yards from our trenches. Proceeding up KIWI STREET the trench was so full of water that it came well over the top of our thigh gum boots and a halt had to be called at the first dry spot to empty our boots of icy, muddy water. The post over looking the BRICKFIELDS was then visited and the condition of the trenches on the left sub-sector was found to be very bad, the mud caused by the trenches falling in making the going very heavy. The BRICKFIELD was found to be flooded. As it was new dark, and the entire front line had been visited, the party returned to Battalion Headquarters</p>	Appendix No 15.
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			The C.O. rang up the G.O.C and informed him of the information gained by the inspection and asked permission to withdraw CROWN PRINCE POST which was given and acted upon. During the afternoon snow fell and light sleet. Major J.J.A.Walker returned to 19th Battalion, Major J.H.McDonald takes his place as Officer in charge of Works. Major W.A.Hailes, D.S.O, having returned to duty as R.M.O, Capt G.H.Cameron returned to 7th Field Ambulance. 5 o.r's evacuated to Hospital sick.	
	<u>18</u> <u>I</u> 18.		The weather was over cast all day but fine. Owing to the flooded state of the ground in front of our trenches it was decided that patrols were not necessary and all patrol arrangements were cancelled till further notice. At 2 p.m. the C.O. visited the left Coy Front and found KIWI STREET showing considerable improvement, a drain having been opened up down to the BRICKFIELDS. The River it was found had not banked up to any extent in front of the Right Sub sector, but had risen considerably in the BRICKFIELD and was now up to the top of the long screw pickets in our wire which crossed the BRICKFIELDS. Work was carried out in drainage and cleaning up of trenches. 3 o.r's evacuated to Hospital sick, 1 o.r transferred and departed to England to H.M. Aux. Fleet.	Appendix No.16.
	<u>19</u> <u>I</u>		At 6.30 a.m the C.O. accompanied by The Brigade Major visited thr front line inspecting KIWI STREET, LONG AVENUE, HORE-KAU, SMYTH and SEVEN-TREES ANNUEES. It was found that the river had not risen and that the work on drains etc, shows a big improvement in the condition of the trenches. The 2/10 th Battalion, Liverpool Regt relieved the 2/5th Battalion South Lancs.Regt on our right last night and the 18th Battalion A.I.F on our left carried out an inter Coy releif. We carried out an inter Coy releif this evening and the Brigade Major rang up the C.O. at 12 noon to say an order was coming up altering the right Coy dispositions, said order arrived at 3.30 p.m. but the C.O had the O's C of C Coy(right support) and of A Coy (right front line) to meet him at Battalion Headquarters at 2 p.m and iss ued orders to C Coy to take over front line with 2 Platoons and keep remaining 2 platoons in LONG AVENUE and WODOWS FARM with Coy H'Qrs at C.15.b.15.45. and A Coy when releived in front line, to move to SUBSIDIARY LINE with Coy H'Qrs at C.9.C.10.27 as per Brigade Major's telephone conversation. D Coy releived B Coy in the left front sector as usual. Releif was complete without mishap by 7.30 p.m. Lieut C.E.Clarke was evacuated to Hospital sick. 5 o.r's evacuated sick to Hospital and 4 o.rs returned to Unit from Hospital.	

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	<u>20</u> 1 <u>18.</u>		<p>The day passed quietly on the front. Much work was done in draining and cleaning up of Trenches</p> <p>The following Officers attended Brigade H'Qrs and presented with their Military Cross ribbons by the Corps Commander at the Y.M.C.A. hut ROMARIN. QM. & Hon Capt S.R.Kent. Lieut D.H.ANTHON and Lieut E.P.Blyth who was presented with the D.C.M ribbon, the first two only receiving Military Cross ribbons. The G.O. visited the left sector during the afternoon and found KIWI STREET improved beyond recognition also the front line. The water on the right of the sector at the entrance to CARELESS AVENUE was found to have receded and the water in the BRICKFIELD had fallen 18". The men, all of them where in good spirits which says much for their morale considering the conditions under which they are were living. Much of this is attributed to the fact that their sox are changed daily and they are given at least 2 hot meals</p> <p>Lieut G.B.S.Holmes is attached to Bailleul laundry for duty. Lieut G.B.Jenkins is attached to Australian Corps School for duty. 2/Lieut W.H.Elkington proceeded to Aus Corps gas School. 3 o.r's evacuated to hospital sick, 2 o.r's proceede to Base Prison.</p>	Appendix No.16.
	<u>21</u> 1 <u>18</u>		<p>The day passed quietly on the Battalion front. The G.O.C Brigade called at Battalion HQ at 8 a.m. and expressed satisfaction with state of support trenches. At 8.45 p.m the 18th Bn A.I.F on our left tested the relay S.O.S stations with 2 red flare signals, they could be seen from this Battalion H.Q, and our Artillery opened immediately with 1 round battery fire. 1 o.r wounded by enemy rifle fire and 5 o.r's evacuated to Hospital sick. The 2/6 th Battalion King's Liverpool Rifles relieved the 2/10th Battalion King's Liverpool Rifles on our right.</p>	
	<u>22</u> 1 <u>18.</u>		<p>The visibility being good all day, the artillery on both sides was active, and much activity was shown in the air. Our trenches are very much improved as a result of the work done by the Battalion. The Battalion was relieved in the line by the 17th. Battalion, the relief being complete at 8 p.m.. Battalion Headquarters closed at 8 p.m., and opened at Le Rossignol Camp at 8.30pm.. 2/Lieut.H.A.Smith marched in from 2nd. Army Musketry School., 3 O.rs. evacuated to Hospital sick, and 6 o.r's. joined Unit from Hospital.</p>	Appendix No.16.
Le ROSSIGNOL CAMP	23 1 18		<p>The weather was fine, and the day was spent generally in cleaning up. 200 men were put through the baths and 500 blankets were cleaned in the Foden Chat Destroyer. Lieut. R.J. Dowden Detached with 5th. A.I.Brigrade for Duty . 1 o.r. wounded last night by Artilley Fire, evacuated to Hospital and 1 o.r. rejoined unit from Hospital</p>	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
Le Rossignol Camp.	24.		The day was fine and men paraded under Company Commanders for general Training, close order drill etc., The C.O. and 2nd. in Command inspected the Companies which were satisfactory. Hair-cutting wanted attention and in a few of the boots needed repairs. The lines were also inspected and found satisfactory. Lieut. A.T. Day and Lieut. A.H.B. Oliver proceeded on Paris Leave. Major W.A. Hailes, D.S.O. ceases to be attached from A.A.M.C.. Captain Bateman attached for duty as R.M.O., from 5th. Aust. Field Ambulance. The following Changes in Appointments vide D.R.O. 1606 of 22.1.18., Lieut. W.G.R. Bain Battalion Lewis Gun Officer vice Lieut. W.E.S. Payne. Lieut. S.J.R. Staunton Battalion Sig. Officer vice Lieut. K.E. Lohan., Lieut K.E. Lohan Battalion Assistant Adjutant vice Lieut. R.J. Dowden. Three o.r's. evacuated to Hospital Sick, 8 o.r's. to Detention Camp, and 4 o.r's rejoined unit from Hospital.		
	25		At 9.am. a lecture was given to all Officers and N.C.O.'s. by Captain V.B. Portman on the Army Rifle Association Competition. The best Platoon in the Battalion will compete for the best Platoon in the Brigade, and so on up to Corp. At 1.30. p.m. the C.O. and all available Officers and N.C.O's. attended a demonstration by the 17th. Battalion and 20th. Battalion Raiding Platoons showing the Training necessary to enter for the Competition. The day was perfect and the men were in good spirits and looked well after their cleaning up process. The lines were inspected during the morning by the C.O. "D" Company and 2 Platoons of "C" Company relieved "A" Company and 2 Platoons of "B" Coy at Le BIZET. Order 140 received from 5th. A.I. Brigade. Lieut. H.E. Banfield, Lieut. E. Lewins, Lieut. K.I. McMillan proceeded on English Leave. Lieut. L.G. McColl rejoined unit from Hospitalx also Lieut. T. McGill. Captain (Chaplain) Crawford attached as Padre. 4 o.r's. evacuated sick to Hospital, 1.o.r. to Detention Camp and 4 o.r's. rejoined unit from Hospital.		
	1	18.			
			10.15 a.m.		
	26		The day was fine, and in the morning was spent in close order drill, and cleaning up of those men who were relieved last night. The afternoon Half-holiday. Received Divisional Administrative Memo, re relief. Received Addendum of Order No.140. from 5th. A.I. Brigade. 7 o.r's. evacuated sick to Hospital, 1o.r. to 5th. Field Ambulance, 2 o.r's. to O C.B.1 o.r to England on duty. Received Administrative Memo No.31 to accompany to accompany Order. 140.		
	1	8.30. a.m.			
	18	12.45pm			
		5.p.m.			
	27		During the morning Church Parades were held and in the afternoon was a half-holiday.		
	1	noon	Battalion Move Order No.10. issued.	Appendix No.17.	
	18	4.30pm	Brigade Order No.141 received. Capt. (Chaplain) ceases to be attached 26.1.18. Interpreter Lückyz ceases to be attached as Interpreter 25.1.18. 2/ Lieut.H.A. Smith evacuated to hospital sick, 2/lieut. W.H. Elkington rejoined unit from School. 3o.r's. evacuated to Hospital sick, 2 o.r's rejoined unit from hospital.		

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	28 1 18		<p>The day has been perfect early morning cold and Frosty and the rest of the day warm sunshine. "D" Coy. and 2 platoons of "C" Coy. at Le BIZET returned to Camp at 6 a.m. The early morning was spent in cleaning up the Camp and packing up. At 10a.m. the Battalion moved out of Le ROSSIGNOL CAMP at marched to BULFORD CAMP near NEUVE EGLISE. Battalion Headquarters closed at Le ROSSIGNOL at 10a.m. and opened at BULFORD CAMP at 11.40 a.m. The camp is a hutted one and comfortable with a parade ground at 30 yards rifle range. The Baths under Corp's arrangements are on the opposite side of the road. The Company Commanders carried out Training during the afternoon and "C" Company used the Rifle Range. Hair Cutting was carried on with. At 4 p.m. 39 reinforcements and 13 details from Hospital arrived and were inspected by the C.O. They were a poor lot, mostly weedy boys of 19 years and 2 of them such miserable specimens being 5 feet high and weighing 8 stone, the C.O. ordered a special sick parade, so that they could be "boarded" and is trusted they will be returned to Australia. How such specimens can pass the authorities in Australia passes all comprehension, they cost the Government a considerable sum of money to no purpose as they can never hope to be of any use to a front line Battalion. It was arranged for the Band to play some selections on the parade Ground during the afternoon and the men seemed to work better and appreciate the innovation. 9 o.r's. evacuated to hospital sick, 27.1.18. 15 details and 2 reinforcements joined up the unit 27.1.18. 2 o.r's evacuated to hospital, 13 details and 39 reinforcements joined up Unit. No.564, C.S.M. (Warrant O Class 2, Temporary R.S.M. Temp. W.O. Class 1.) T.E.Holman to be R.S.M. W.O. Class.1. vicé Pryor Wounded. 19.1.18. vide A.I.F.List No.288. 25.1.18.</p>	
	29 1 18		<p>The day was fine and training was carried out. The advanced party of 1 Officer and 4 o.r's proceeded per motor lorry to arrange billeting for the Battalion in the rest area at BAYINGHEM. 3 o.r's evacuated to Hospital sick, 3 o.r's departed illegal absentees, 3 o.r's re-joined Unit from Hospital, 1 o.r marched in under escort, 2/Lieut W.B.Chesher rejoined Unit from hospital, Lieut J.C.Lindesay returned from English leave.</p>	
	30 1 18.		<p>The morning was spent in fitting of equipment full marching order, so that the Battalion would be quite uniform as regards the packing and fitting of full packs, steel helmets and etc. Lieut W.H.G.Guard proceeded on English leave and LIEUT G.Hough, (attached to 5th A.L.T.M.Bty proceeded on English leave. 4 o.r's evacuated sick to Hospital and 1 o.r re-joined Unit from Hospital.</p>	
	10 a m.		<p>Battalion order No.11 and Administrative memo no 12 issued at 10 a.m</p>	

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WAR DIARY

OF

20th Australian Infantry Battalion.

FOR

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PATROL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NIGHT 31ST. DECR. 1917 - 1ST. JANY. 1918.

STRENGTH OF PATROL.	PLACE AND TIME OF GOING OUT.	PLACE AND TIME OF RETURN.	INSTRUCTIONS.	PASSWORD.
1 Officer, 15 O.Rs., and Lewis Gun.	Post 6 C.4. 10.p.m.	Post 1 C.4. 1.a.m.	This Patrol will visit WHITE FARM. Move on & examine Brushwood at Bridge to right front of WHITE FARM, and will move along River Bank.	WILTSHIRE.
1 Officer, 15 O.Rs.	Post 1 C.4. 3.30.a.m.	Post 4 C.4. 6.30.a.m.	This Patrol will move along River Bank and report if River is frozen or not. Move on and visit WHITE FARM.	WILTSHIRE.
1 Officer, 15 O.Rs., and Lewis Gun.	Post 5 C.10. 9.p.m.	Post 1 C.16. 1.a.m.	This Patrol will inspect the second bridge north of FRELINGHEIN BRIDGE, from there working round the River bank.	WILTSHIRE.
1 Officer, 15 O.Rs.	Post 1 C.16. 3.30.a.m.	Post 6 C.10. 6.30.a.m.	This Patrol will inspect the FRELINGHEIN BRIDGE proceeding along River Bank.	WILTSHIRE.

The above Patrol arrangements, also Password, will be notified to all posts and others concerned. The following programme will be carried out by 5th M.G. Coy:- Vickers Guns will fire on bridges 300 rounds in bursts of 15 rounds with interval of half minute between bursts, at the following times:- 9.p.m., 3.30.a.m., 4.30.a.m., 5.30.a.m., and 6.a.m. Patrol Officers will take all necessary precautions. Patrol Officers will report return of Patrol to Battalion Headquarters.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
A/C.O. 20th. Battalion, A. I. F. Major.

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5	5th Inf Brigade.	6	19th Battalion
7	5th A.M.G. Coy.	8	File.

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Order No. 6.

APPENDIX 2

Copy No. 11.....

Headquarters 31st December 1917.

1. During the tour of duty in the line, the duties will be as follows:-
2. Two patrols per night, each consisting of 1 Officer, 20 O.R's and Lewis Gun.
These patrols will be found, 1 from each of the Support Coy's. It would be advisable for the Support Company Commanders to arrange a permanent Patrol, and Patrol Officer, for each days duty.
3. The front line posts during the hours of darkness will each supply, apart from 2 sentries on watch, the remaining personnel to do wiring on the Battalion front. It is desired that not less than 80 coils be put out each night on the front. The second in command of the front line Coy's will supervise this work. 10 o.r. under a Sgt will be detailed from each of the Support Coy's to act as carrying parties to their respective Front line Companies.
4. The Support Companies will supply carrying parties, not to exceed 10 O.R's under a N.C.O to carry rations to their front line Companies. The remainder of the Companies in Support will be formed into a permanent working party. It will be seen that this method of organisation will ensure the maximum amount of work being carried out during the night, with a minimum wastage of man power. Carrying and ration parties, having been cut down will therefore have to make at least 6 trips during the night.
5. As far as possible the men, excepting sentries on duty, will be enabled to sleep during the day.
6. Company Commanders will make arrangements to give the men a hot drink at about 10 p.m. each night, which will make a break for them during the night's work.
7. Major Walker will be in charge of the Battalion Sector works, and will have Lieut McMillan as Deputy works Officer on the right Sector, and Lieut Jenkins as Deputy works Officer on the left Sector.
8. It is ordered by the G.O.C that all efforts shall be made to place the Support Line, viz, LONG AVENUE and MONMOUTH TRENCH in a state of active defence, by erecting fire steps at intervals along these trenches. A scheme is being prepared by the Engineers and will be available almost at once.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.



.....Major,
A/ C.O. 20th Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION issued through signals at 11.30 p.m.

Copy No. 1. to C.O.
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 4. O.C, "C" Coy
 5. O.C, "D" Coy
 6. Major Walker

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 8. Lieut McMillan
 9. Lieut Jenkins
 10. File
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Appendix 3

RESUME OF WORK DURING TOUR IN LE TOUQUET 1.1.18 - 8.1.18.

All ranks co-operated and carried out a vigorous works programme, which included the defence of the Support line, the construction and strengthening of Front line, lateral communications and new Posts, and shelter accommodation for the men.

The works policy taken over from the 17th Battalion, and drawn up by Brigade Staff, laid down wiring as prior to communications. Forward and isolated posts were wired around so that enemy could not bomb from the fringe of the wire onto the works. In addition the existing wire in front of the forward posts was strengthened, gaps filled, and a continuous belt of strong wire built along the entire front. In all 745 coils were put out making 420 yards of new double double-apron, and 1160 yards of double apron to strengthen existing wire. Both sides of FREILINGHIEN ROAD were wired and what was a weak point made much more secure.

In the Support Line double double-apron was constructed in front of MONMOUTH SUPPORT and LONG AVENUE. The amount of wire comprised 400 coils to construct 960 yards of defensive wire. The grand total of wire put out by the Battalion was 1145 coils used over seven working days. The Battalion contributed to the completion of NEW SUPPORT TRENCH running from SUFFOLK AVENUE TO UNA SUPPORT by building 300 yards of parapet from ground level to 6' 6". The earth was thrown up from a borrow out in front.

As the Sector comprised a labyrinth of old German Trenches, which had partly and in some places wholly filled, the new system, comprised the reconstruction of main old enemy works. In this work the Battalion cleaned and renovated 300 yards of old trench, revetted 38 yards, and excavated 70 yards of trench 5' deep and 3' wide. Owing to the wide front and the distance of the outposts from the dumps, carrying materials forward occupied much time. Large parties were detailed each night to follow the winding saps and transport rations and materials to the widely scattered posts.

PATROL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NIGHT 1ST/2ND JANUARY, 1918.

STRENGTH OF PATROL.	PLACE AND TIME OF GOING OUT	PLACE AND TIME OF RETURN.	INSTRUCTIONS.	PASSWORD.
1 Officer, 20 O.Rs., and Lewis Gun. From "B" Coy.	Post 2 C.10. 5.p.m.	Post 4 C.4. 11.p.m.	This Patrol will proceed to main FRELINGHEIN BRIDGE and examine 1st Foot-bridge North of it, ascertaining if it be passable. Move on along River bank and examine Drift wood bridge. From this point visit WHITE FARM.	BEEF.
1 Officer, 20 O.Rs., and Lewis Gun. From "A" Coy.	Post 5 C.4. 1.30.a.m.	Post 1 C.10. 6.30.a.m.	This Patrol will visit WHITE FARM and proceed to foot-bridge at C.11.a. Central, which they will examine and ascertain if passable. Move on along River bank across FRELINGHEIN ROAD.	BEEF.

The above Patrol arrangements, also Password, will be notified to all posts and others concerned.
Patrol Officers will view ground to be covered by daylight.
Patrol Officers will report return of Patrol to Battalion Headquarters.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
Major.
Atg/C.O. 20th Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION issued through Signals at 2p.m.

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3	O.C. "C" Coy.	7	5th M.G. Coy.
4	O.C. "D" Coy.	8	Intelligence OFFr.
		9	File.

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PATROL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NIGHT 2ND/3RD. JANUARY, 1918.

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STRENGTH OF PATROL.	PLACE AND TIME OF GOING OUT.	PLACE AND TIME OF RETURN.	INSTRUCTIONS.	PASSWORD.
1 Officer, 15 O.Rs., and Lewis Gun.	Post 7 C.10. 4.45.p.m.	Post 6 C.4. 11.p.m.	The Patrol will move along the River bank, examining foot-bridges at C.5.a. 3.4. and C.5.a.35.55. Move on and visit WHITE FARM.	BREAD.
1 Officer, 15 O.Rs., and Lewis Gun.	5 C.4. 12 midnight.	1.C.10. 6.a.m.	This Patrol will proceed along River Bank and endeavour to ascertain if trench on enemy bank of river, in C.11.a., is occupied. Patrol will also visit Post 1 C.16.	BREAD.

The above Patrol arrangements, also Password, will be notified to all posts and others concerned.
Patrol Officers will view ground to be covered by daylight.
Patrol Officers will report return of Patrol to Battalion Headquarters.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
Major.
A/C.O. 20th Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals at 3.p.m.

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2	O.C. "B" Coy.	6	18th Battalion.
3	O.C. "C" Coy.	7	5th. M.G. Coy.
4	O.C. "D" Coy.	8	Intelligence Officer.
		9	File.

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PATROL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NIGHT 3RD/4TH. JANUARY, 1918.

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STRENGTH OF PATROL.	PLACE AND TIME OF GOING OUT.	PLACE AND TIME OF RETURN.	INSTRUCTIONS.	PASSWORD.
1 Officer, 20 O.Rs., and Lewis Gun. "D" Coy.	1. C.16. 5.p.m.	4. C.4. 11.30.p.m.	This Patrol will move along River bank. Move on and visit WHITE FARM.	BUTTER.
1 Officer, 20 O.Rs., and Lewis Gun. "C" Coy.	1. C.5. 1.30.a.m.	3. C.10. 6.30.a.m.	This Patrol will visit WHITE FARM, and skirt the river bank.	BUTTER.

Special precautions will be taken to see that above Patrol arrangements, also Password, is notified to all posts and others concerned.

Patrol Officers will view ground to be covered by daylight.

Patrol Officers will report return of Patrol to Battalion Headquarters.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
Major.
Atg/C.O. 20th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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3 O.C. "C" Coy.	7 5th M.G. Coy.
4 O.C. "D" Coy.	8 Intelligence Officer.
	9 File.

APPENDIX 6

PATROL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NIGHT 4TH/5TH JANY, 1918.

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STRENGTH OF PATROL.	PLACE AND TIME OF GOING OUT.	PLACE AND TIME OF RETURN.	INSTRUCTIONS.	PASSWORD.
1 Officer, 15 O.Rs., and Lewis Gun. "B" Coy.	Post 7 C.10. 4.45.p.m.	Post 6 C.4. 11.p.m.	This Patrol will move along the River bank, examining foot-bridges at C.5.a.3.4. and C.5.a.35.55., and will move on and visit WHITE FARM.	JAM.
1 Officer, 16 O.Rs., and Lewis Gun. "A" Coy.	5 C.4. 12 midnight.	1 C.10. 6.a.m.	This Patrol will proceed along River bank and endeavour to ascertain if trench on enemy bank of river, in C.11.a., is occupied. Patrol will also visit 1.C.16 Post.	JAM.

Special precautions will be taken to see that the above Patrol arrangements, also Password, is notified to all Posts and others concerned.

Patrol Officers will view ground to be covered by daylight.

Patrol Officers will report return of Patrol to Battalion Headquarters.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
Major.
Atg/C.O. 20th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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3	O.C. "C" Coy.	7	5th M.G. Coy.
4	O.C. "D" Coy.	8	Intelligence Officer.
		9	File.

APPENDIX 7

PATROL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NIGHT 5TH/6TH JANUARY, 1918.

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STRENGTH OF PATROL.	PLACE AND TIME OF GOING OUT.	PLACE AND TIME OF RETURN.	INSTRUCTIONS.	PASSWORD.
1 Officer, 20 O.Rs., and Lewis Gun. "B" Coy.	Post 5 C.4. 4.45.p.m.	Post 1 C.10. 11.p.m.	This Patrol will visit WHITE FARM KARM and patrol river front, and report on traffic Transport moving in FRELINGHEIN, noting:- 1. Times Transport is heard., 2. Approximate number of vehicles., 3. Direction travelling., and 4. Roads used.	MILK
1 Officer, 20 O.Rs., and Lewis Gun. "A" Coy.	Post 2 C.10. 12 midnight.	Post 5 c.d. 6.a.m.	This Patrol will visit Post 1 C.16. and WHITE FARM and patrol river front and report on Transport moving in FRELINGHEIN, noting:- 1. Times Transport is heard., 2. Approximate number of vehicles., 3. Direction travelling., and 4. Roads used.	MILK.

Special precautions will be taken to see that the above Patrol arrangements, also Password, is notified to all posts and others concerned.

Patrol Officers will view ground to be covered by daylight.

Patrol Officers will report return of Patrol to Battalion Headquarters.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
Major.
Atg/C.O. 20th. Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals at 1.30.p.m.

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3	O.C. "C" Coy.	8	KINGS Liverpool Rifles.
4	O.C. "D" Coy.	9	Intelligence Officer.
5	5th A.I.Bgde.	10	File.

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8TH BATTALION, A.I.F.

PATROL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NIGHT 6TH/7TH JANUARY, 1918.

Appendix 9.

STRENGTH OF PATROL.	PLACE AND TIME OF GOING OUT.	TIME AND PLACE OF RETURN.	INSTRUCTIONS.	REMARKS.
1 Officer, 20 O.Rs., and Lewis Gun. "B" Coy.	Post 5 C.I.C. 5 p.m.	Post 4 C.I.C. 11 p.m.	This patrol will proceed to main MILLINGTON BRIDGE and examine let foot-bridge North of it, ascertaining if it be passable. Move on along river bank and examine drift wood bridge. From this point visit WHITE PARK.	577.
1 Officer, 20 O.Rs., and Lewis Gun. "A" Coy.	Post 5 C.I.C. 1.30 a.m.	Post 1 C.I.C. 6.30 a.m.	This patrol will visit WHITE PARK and proceed to foot-bridge at C.I.C. Central, which they will examine and ascertain if passable. Move on along river bank across MILLINGTON ROAD.	577.

Special precautions will be taken to see that above patrol arrangements, also password, is notified to all posts and others concerned.
 Patrol Officers will view ground to be covered by daylight.
 Patrol Officers will report return of patrol to Battalion Headquarters,



Major.
 Lieut/C.I.C. 8th Battalion, A.I.F.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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| 7 8th M. S. Coy. | 8 King's Liverpool Rifles. |
| 9 Intelligence Officer. | 10 Files. |

APPENDIX 9

20TH. BATTALION, A.I.F.SECRET.

ORDER NO. 7.

COPY NO. 9.

Headquarters, 6th. January, '18.

RELIEF. 1. The 20th. Battalion, A.I.F. will be relieved by the 17th. Battalion, A.I.F. in the Right Sub-sector of the line on 8th January, and night 8th/9th January.

(b) On relief the Battalion will occupy Billets previously occupied by 17th. Battalion. (LE ROSSIGNEL CAMP, Sheet 35 B.10.d.8.9.)

(c) C.O. "A" Coy. will mutually arrange relief with C.O. Support Coy., 17th. Battalion, in the Subsidiary line, to commence at 2.30.p.m. on 8th January. Roads and overland routes will not be used unless visibility is low. C.O. "B" Coy. will place 1 Officer and Platoon at the disposal of C.O. "A" Coy. on the completion of relief.

GUIDES. 2. Guides will be provided for Posts to meet incoming Unit at their respective Coy. Headquarters.

RECEIPTS. 3. Receipts will be prepared in quadruplicate of all Trench stores, maps, defence schemes, and works policies, 1 copy of which will be handed to the relieving Unit, and 3 copies forwarded to Battalion Headquarters immediately on arrival at LE ROSSIGNEL CAMP.

REPORT. 4. Completion of relief will be wired to Battalion Headquarters in code.

COMMAND. 5. On completion of relief command will pass to C.O. 17th. Battalion, A.I.F.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Sgd. W.H.G. Guard, Lieut. & Adjt.
20th. Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals at 8.p.m.

Copy No 1	to C.O.
2	C.O. "A" Coy.
3	C.O. "B" Coy.
4	C.O. "C" Coy.
5	C.O. "D" Coy.
6	17th. Battalion.
7	5th. A.I. Brigade.
8	File.
9/11	War Diary.

Syllabus of Training for week-ending 16th. January 1918

DATE & DAY	COY	10 to 11a.m.	11a.m. to 12 noon	Specialists 11 to 12	1.30 to 2.30p.m.	Specialists 1.30. to 2.30	2.30 to 3.30 p.m.	Specialists 2.30 to 3.30p.m.
Thursday 10th.	"A"	In Subsidiary Line	Musketry	"B" Lewis Gunners	B.F.	"B" Grenades	Gas *	In Subsidiary Line
	"B"	P.T. & O.G.	Plat. Drill	"C" Grenadiers	Gas *	.....	B.F.	"C" Lewis Gunners
	"C"	do	Gas *	.....	Coy. Drill	"D" Lewis Gunners	Musketry	"D" Grenadiers
Friday 11th.	"B"	do	Coy. Drill	"B" Lewis Gunners	Gas Drill	"B" Bombers	.....	.....
	"C"	do	Musketry	"C" Bombers	B.F.	.....	Coy. Drill	"C" Lewis Gunners
	"D"	do	B.F.	.....	Plat. Drill	"D" Lewis Gunners	Gas Drill	"D" Bombers
Saturday 12th.	"B"	do	Gas Drill	.....	HALF HOLIDAY			.....
	"C"	do	Plat. Drill	"C" Lewis Gunners				.....
	"D"	do	Musketry	"D" Grenadiers				.....
Sunday 13th.	CHURCH PARADE FOR ALL RANKS							
Monday 14th.	"A"	P.T. & O.G.	Musketry	"A" Bombers	Coy. Drill	.....	B.F.	"A" Lewis Gunners
	"B"	do	Gas *	"B" Lewis Gunners	B.F.	"B" Bombers	Plat. Drill	.....
	"C"	In Subsidiary Line	.....	.....	In Subsidiary Line	.....	.....	In Subsidiary Line
	"D"	P.T. & O.G.	Plat. Drill	.....	Gas Drill	"D" Lewis Gunners	Musketry	"D" Grenadiers
Tuesday 15th.	"A"	do	Plat. Drill	"A" Grenadiers	B.F.	.....	Gas *	"A" Lewis Gunners
	"B"	do	Musketry	"B" Lewis Gunners	Coy. Drill	"B" Grenadiers	B.F.	.....
	"C"	do	In Subsidiary Line	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	"D"	do	B.F.	.....	Gas Drill	"D" Lewis Gunners	Musketry	"D" Grenadiers
Wednesday 16th.	"A"	do	Gas Drill	"A" Bombers	HALF HOLIDAY			.....
	"B"	do	Plat. Drill	"B" Lewis Gunners				.....
	"C"	do	In Subsidiary Line	.....				.....
	"D"	do	B.F.	.....				.....

* The Battalion Gas R.C.O. will assist Coy. Commanders to test Gas Respirators, and supervise application of Anti-Dimming Mixture to goggles, and vasoline to valves.
 Lieut. McMillan will instruct Bombers and Grenadiers as detailed in above Syllabus.
 Sgt. Clarke will instruct Lewis Gunners as detailed in above Syllabus.
 Signallers will report to Lieut. Staunton for instruction at 11a.m. and 1/30 p.m. Daily.
 Lieut. Lewins will instruct Band in counter marching etc.,
 All Specialists, including Stretcher Bearers and Signallers, will fall in at the rear of their respective Companies and march on the Football Ground and carry out P.T. & O.G. for 1 hour under Coy. Officers.

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..... Major.
 A/ C. 20th. Battalion A.I.F.

APPENDIX 12

DISTRIBUTION.

- No.1 Copy to O.C.
- 2 O.C. "A" Company
- 3 O.C. "B" Company
- 4 O.C. "C" Company
- 5 O.C. "D" Company
- 6 5th. A.I. Brigade
- 7 Lieut. McMillan
- 8 " Staunton
- 9 Sgt. Clarke
- 10 File
- 11/13 War Diary

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Headquarter's
15th January 1918.

Order No. 9.

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1. The 20th Battalion A.I.F will relieve the 17th Battalion A.I.F in the line (right sub-sector) on the 16th January and the night 16th/17th January 1918. Subsidiary Coy will be relieved on the afternoon of the 16th. Coys will relieve as under:-
 - A. Coy Right front line.
 - B. Coy Left front line
 - C. Coy Right support line
 - D. Coy Left support line
2. Companies will be ready to move off at 4.30 p.m. on the 16th inst from LE ROSSIGNEL Camp in order of "A", "B" and "D" Companies with an interval of 15 minutes between Companies, and 2 minutes between Platoons.
3. 1 Officer and 1 N.C.O per Coy will report to 17th Battalion at 11 p.m. and take over stores and Etc also acquainting themselves with all work in progress which will be carried on with immediately after relief.
4. 17th Battalion will supply all working parties from the afternoon of the 16th January., at present being supplied by the Subsidiary Coy.
5. Local maps, air photos and trench stores will be taken over and copies of all receipts obtained in triplicate. Receipts to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters on completion of relief.
6. One blanket per man, rolled in bundles of ten and properly labelled, and and packs containing puttees and felt hats, will be dumped at the Quartermaster's Store by 2 p.m. on the 16th Jany. Transport Officer will arrange to collect Officer's kits and Mess Gear at 2 p.m.
7. Sandbags will be drawn from the Quartermaster and will be used in lieu of puttees while in the line.
8. Certificates will be rendered by Coys, before moving off, that Billets have been left ~~xxxx~~ in a clean and sanitary condition, and that Puttees have been left in packs.
9. 24 hours rations and 24 hours Iron rations will be carried in on the man.
10. Completion of relief will be reported to Battalion Headquarter's in Code wire.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(sgd) W.H.G. Guard, Lieut
Adjut, 20th Battalion A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION. Issued through Signals at 10 p.m.

Copy No. 1.	C.O.	No. 7.	Sig Officer
2.	O.C. "A" Coy.	8.	Transport Officer
3.	O.C. "B" Coy.	9.	Quartermaster
4.	O.C. "C" Coy.	10.	17th Battalion.
5.	O.C. "D" Coy.	11.	5th A.I. Bde
6.	Int. Officer.	12.	File
	No's 13/15.		War Diary.

20TH. BATTALION, A.I.F.

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PATROL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NIGHT 16/17TH. JANUARY, 1918.

Appendix 14

MEMBERS OF PATROL.	PLACE AND TIME OF GOING OUT.	PLACE AND TIME OF RETURN.	INSTRUCTIONS.	PASSWORD.
1 Officer, 10 S.As. "C" Coy.	C.10.1. S.P.S. 10-30 PM	CROSS PRINCE FARM In midnight. 1-AM.	To patrol in front of our wire and report on state of ground and state of river.	BIRD.
1 Officer, 10 S.As. "C" Coy.	CROSS PRINCE FARM S.A.S.	Post C.10.1. C.A.S.	To patrol in front of our wire and report on state of ground and state of river.	BIRD.
1 Officer, 10 S.As. "D" Coy.	Post C.4.6. S.P.S. 10-15 PM	Post C.10.7. In midnight. 1-30 AM.	This patrol will visit CROSS PRINCE FARM and patrol left Coy. front, and report on state of ground and state of river.	BIRD.
1 Officer, 10 S.As. "D" Coy.	Post C.10.7. S.15.A.S.	Post C.4.7. S.15.A.S.	This patrol will visit CROSS PRINCE FARM and patrol left Coy. front, and report on state of ground and state of river.	BIRD.

Special precautions will be taken to see that above Patrol arrangements, also Password, is notified to all posts and others concerned.

Patrol Officers will ^{visit} ground to be covered by daylight.

Patrol Officers will report return of Patrol to Battalion Headquarters.

AGREABLE BY.

[Signature]
Major.
A/O.C. 20th Battalion, A.I.F.

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| 2 | C.O. "B" Coy. | 8 | Intelligence Officer. |
| 3 | C.O. "C" Coy. | 9 | File. |
| 4 | C.O. "D" Coy. | 10/12 | War Diary. |
| 5 | 5th A.I. Bde. | | |
| 6 | 19th Battalion. | | |

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Order No. 10.

Headquarters, 27th. January, 1918.

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1. (a) The 20th. Battalion, A.I.F., will be relieved by the 43rd. Battalion, A.I.F., on the 28th. January, 1918.
(b) On relief the Battalion will move by march route, via ROMARIN and LEINSTER ROAD to BULFORD CAMP, T.20.c.38.25., and will clear present camp by 10.30 a.m. on the 28th. January.
(c) Forward Working Parties at LeBIZET will not carry out any work on the night 27th/28th. and will clear LeBIZET by 5 a.m. on 28th. January, and rejoin Battalion at LeROSSIGNOL.
2. Companies will fall in on camp road in order of "A". "B". "C" and "D" at 9.30 a.m.; Transport will also be ready to move at this hour.
3. Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10 and dumped near the A.M.C. hut by 8 a.m. Officers' Baggage and Mess Gear will be collected at Officers' Quarters at 9 a.m.
4. Billets. Lieut. Anthon and 1 N.C.O. from Headquarters and each Coy. will proceed to BULFORD CAMP at 8 a.m. as Billeting party on 28th. January. Signalling Officer will arrange cycles for the party.
5. Huts and Camp Ground will be left in a thoroughly clean and sanitary condition and a certificate to this effect submitted to B.O.R. by 9 a.m. on 28th. January.
6. Lieut. Lohan and Sgt. Sharpe will remain at the present camp and hand over to the 43rd. Battalion and obtain receipts for all stores etc. in triplicate; also a certificate as to camp cleanliness.
7. The following distances will be maintained on the march:→
Coys. and Transport - 100 yards.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Quar
.....Lieut.
Adj. 20th. Bn., A.I.F.

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- 5 O.C., D. Coy.
- 6 Transport Officer.
- 7 Quartermaster.
- 8 5th. A.I. Brigade.
- 9 43rd. Battalion, A.I.F.
- 10 File.
- 11/13 War Diary.

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Headquarters, 29th. January, 1918.

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1. The 20th. Battalion, A.I.F., will move from BULFORD CAMP on the 31st. inst.
2. Headquarters, A. B and D. Coys. will fall in on Battalion Parade Ground at 11.40 a.m. on the 31st. January, and proceed by March Route to De KENNEBEK Station from which place they will move by No. 2 Personnel Train at 2.8 p.m., detraining at LUMBRES and thence by March Route to BAYINGHEM.
3. C. Coy., who will act as Brigade Loading Party, will report to Capt. R.J. Dowden at WEST BAILLEUL Station at 2.30 p.m. on the 31st. January from which place they will move by Omnibus Train at 5.30 p.m. Battalion Cyclists will attach themselves to C. Coy. for this move. C. Coy. will fall in on Battalion Parade Ground at 12 noon on the 31st. January.
4. Battalion Transport (less 4 Cookers, 1 Water Cart, 1 Mess Cart and 1 Maltese Cart and 4 Riding Horses, i.e. the C.O.'s, Second-in-Command's, Adj't's and R.M.O.'s which will arrive at WEST BAILLEUL Station at 2.30 p.m. and travel by Omnibus Train) will move by Route March, under Capt. McNabb, M.C., 18th. Bn., to BAYINGHEM. The Brigade Transport Column will pass cross roads at S.27.b.O.1. at 10 a.m. on the 30th. Jan. Transport Sergeant will arrange with Brigade Transport Officer the time of arrival at this point.
5. Dress. Full Marching Order with one Blanket.
6. Lieut. S.G. Burdus will act as Battalion Entraining Officer and report to Major L.G. Fussell M.C. at De KENNEBEK Station at 11.30 a.m. on the 31st Jan.
7. Administrative Memo will follow.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
Lieut.
 Adj't. 20th. Bn. A.I.F.

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- 7 Quartermaster.
- 8 5th. A. I. Brigade.
- 9 Brigade Transport Officer
- 10 Battalion Entraining Officer.
- 11 File
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20TH. BATTALION, A.I.F.ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO No. 12.

Headquarters, 29th. January, 1918.

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1. All Signal Gear, with the exception of that usually carried, Orderly Room Boxes and surplus Canteen Stores will be handed into Battn. Q.M. by 5 p.m. to-day. These stores will be packed on G.S. Wagon and move by route march on the morning of the 30th. Jan. with first line transport.
2. Officers' Baggage will be divided into two lots. All Officers' Surplus Kit, Suit Cases, etc. will be delivered to Battalion Q.M. by 5 p.m. to-day and will be packed on Wagons proceeding by road the following morning. Officers' Valises, if of reasonable weight, will be placed on Blanket Motor Lorry on the morning of the 31st. Jan., and delivered to Officers on arrival the same night.
3. Blankets. All Officers' Blankets and one Blanket per man will be rolled in bundles of 10 and stacked outside Battn. Q.M. Store at 8.30 a.m. on the morning of the 31st. Jan.
4. All Lewis Guns and Gear will be delivered to Battn. Q.M. by 5 p.m. to-day.
5. Camp is to be left in a clean and sanitary condition, and certificates to this effect are to be rendered to the B.O.R. by 10 a.m. on 31st. Jan.

[Signature]
Lieut.
 Adj. 20th. Bn., A.I.F.

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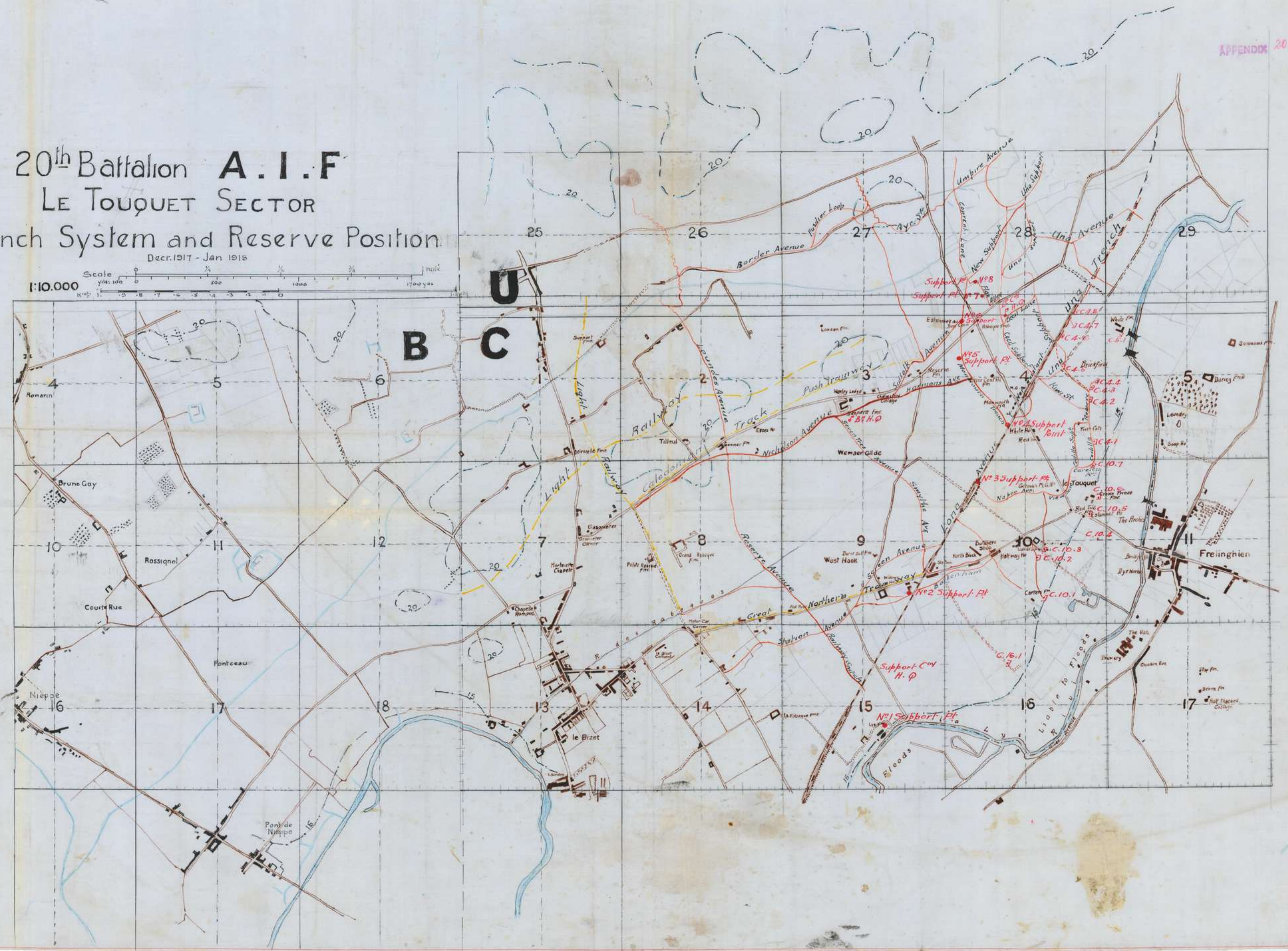
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3	O.C., B. Coy.	10 Bn. Entrain. Officer
4	O.C., C. Coy.	11 File
5	O.C., D. Coy.	12/14 War Diary.
6	Signal Officer.	
7	Lewis Gun Officer.	
8	Transport Officer.	

20th Battalion A.I.F. LE TOUQUET SECTOR Trench System and Reserve Position

Decr. 1917 - Jan 1918

Scale 1:10,000
0 100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 900 1000 1100 1200 1300 1400 1500 1600 1700 1800 1900 2000
Kms 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
Miles

Reference	
Trench System	— (dashed line)
Support Points	● Numbered
Gun Positions	□ Dos
Light Railways	— (dashed line)
Tramways (push)	— (solid line)
Roads	— (solid line)
Main	— (thick solid line)
Class	— (medium solid line)
Private	— (thin solid line)
H.Q.	♣ B♣ Coy ♣
Water courses	— (blue line)



Handwritten notes:
20th Battalion
Le Touquet Sector

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Milestones	10 11 12
Streams (Blue)	Blue line
Roads (Black)	Black line
French Railways (Green)	Green line
Gun Positions (Red)	Red circle
Subpost Points (Red)	Red square
French System Reference	Red line

Trench System and Reserve Position
LE TONQUET SECTOR
50th Battalion A.I.F.

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Decimals - Jan 1918





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BARKENHAM AVENUE.

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Showing MILK RUN

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LONG AVENUE. - Squares
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CROWN PRINCE FARM

ESTAMINET HOUSE.

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Disposition Report

1.1.1918.

The 20th Battalion, A.I.F. relieved the 17th Battalion, A.I.F. on the night of 31st December 1917 and 1st January 1918, in LE TOUQUET Trenches. The relief was completed by 8.45 p.m.

(1) Limits of Sector.

Right C.16.d.21.50.
 Left C.5.a. 35.25.
 B.H.Q. C.3.c.8.5.
 Bn R.A.P. C.9.d.2.2.
 H.Q. personnel.

1 Off	4 o.r.
6 "	67 "
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7	- 71.

(2) Front line. 2 Coys.

(a) Righth Coy "A"

Post 1.c.16. at C.16.a.8.5.		10 o.r.
Post 1.c.10 at C.10.d.2.3. Lewis Gun		7 "
Post 2.c.10. at C.10.d.1.18.	1 Off	7 "
Post 3.c.10 at C.10.d.2.8. "		7 "
Post 4.c.10. at C.10.b.9.0. "	1 Off	15 "
Post 5.c.10 at C.10.b.8.3. "		15 "
Post 6.c.10 at C.10.b.9.5. "	1 Off	15 "
Coy H'Qrs. at C.10.c.6.8.	4 Off	21 "
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		7 - 97.

(b) Left Coy. "B"

Post 7.c.10. at C.10.b.82.90 Lewis Gun		10 o.r.
Post 1.c.4. at C.4.d.8.2.	1 Off	16 "
Post 2.c.4 at C.4.d.8.4.	1 Off	10 "
Post 3.c.4. at C.4.d.75.72. "	1 "	10 "
Post 4.c.4. at C.4.d.90.95,		7 "
Post 5.c.4. at C.4.b.45.15.	1 "	6 "
New Post		
C.4.b.6.6. "		10 "
Post 6.c.4. at C.4.b.7.8.		12 "
Post 1.c.5. at C.5.a.17.53. "	1 "	10 "
Coy Hq. at C.4.a.9.9.	2 "	36 "
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		7 - 127.

(3) Two Coy's in Support.

(a) Right Support "C" Coy.

No. 1 support point LYS FARM.C.15.d.25.75. L.Gun.	1 Off	20 o.r.
No.2 Support Point WIDOWS Ho.C.9.d.40.45 "		7 "
No.3 Support Point LONG AV. C.10.a.1.2. Rifle		5 "
No.4 Support point LONG AV. C.10.a.80.45 L.Gun.		8 "
WIDOW'S HOUSE C.9.d.40.45.	1 Off	14 "
LONG AVENUE C.10.a.1.2. to C.10.a.3.5.	1 "	12 "
LONG AVENUE C.10.a.3.5. to C.4.a.95.35.	1 "	13 "
Coy H'Qrs. C.15.b.1.5.	3 "	30 "
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		7 --- 109.

(b) Left Support Coy.

No.5 Support Point MONMOUTH TRENCH C.4.a.15.02		
Lewis Gun		6 o.r.s.
No. 6 Support Point FORT PAUL C.4.a.12.55 L.Gun.		6 o.r.s.
No.7 Support Point GLASGOW RDT.U.28.c.55.00 Bombers		6 o.r.s.
No.8 Support Point FLAX ALLEY U.28.d.o8.20 R'man		10.o.r.s
MONMOUTH TRENCH C.4.a.1.3to C.4.a.2.2.	10off.	14.o.r.s.
MONMOUTH TRENCH C.4.a2.2.to C.4.a.59.95.	1 Off.	18 ors.
FLAX ALLEY U.28.c.4.2. to U.28.c.6.1.	1 Off	13.ors.
FLAX ALLEY U.28.c.4.2. to U.28.c.2.4.	1 Off	1 o.r.
COY HQRS. C.3.b.9.2.	2 Off.	12 o.r.s
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		6 Off.86 o.r.s.

Disposition Report.

17.1.18.

The 20th. Battalion, A.I.F. relieved the 17th. Battalion, A.I.F. on the night of 16/17th. January, 1918, in LE TOUQUET Trenches. The relief was completed by 8.45.p.m.

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(1) Limits of Sector.

Right C.16.d.21.50
 Left C.5.a.35.25.
 B.H.Q. C.3.c.8.5.
 Bn.R.A.P. C.9.d.2.2.
 H.Q. Personnel.

1 Off. 4. o.rs.
 6 " 67. m "
7 Off. 71. o.rs.

(2) Front line 2 coys.

(a) Right Coy. "A"

Post.1.c.16. at c.16.a.8.5.
 Post.1.c.10. at c.10.d.2.3. Lewis Gun
 Post.2.c.10. at c.10.d.1.8.
 Post 3.c.10. at c.10.d.2.8. Lewis Gun
 New Post at C.10.b.4.3. Lewis Gun
 Post 4.c.10. at c.10.b.9.0 Evacuated
 Post 5.c.10. at C.10.b.8.3. Lewis Gun
 Post 6.c.10 at C.10.b.9.5. Evacuated
 Rear of C.10.g. about 50yds. Lewis Gun
 NAPOO AVENUE PICQUET
 Hqrs. C.10.c.6.8.

~~10.~~ ~~EXRS~~
 10. ors
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 9. ors
 1 Off. 15 ors
 7. ors.
 8. ors
 4. Off. 36 ors
5. Off. 109 ors

(b) Left Coy "B"

Post 7.c.10. at C.10.b.82.90 Lewis Gun
 Post 1.c.4. at C.4.d.8.2.
 Post 2.c.4. at C.4.d.8.4.
 Post 3.c.4. at C.4.d.75.72. Lewis Gun
 Post 4.c.4. at C.4.d.90.95
 Post 5.c.4. at C.4.b.45.15
 Post 7.c.4. at C.4.b.6.6. Lewis Gun
 Post 8.c.4. at C.4.b.7.8.
 Post 1.c.5. at C.5.a.17.53. Lewis Gun
 Hqrs. at C.4.a.9.9.

10 o.r.
 8 o.r
 8.o.r
 3 Off. 9.o.r.
 6 o.r.
 10.o.r.
 10.o.r.
 11.o.r.
 9.o.r.
 3 Off. 40 o.r.
6 Off. 121 o.r.

(3) Two Coy's. in Support.

(a) Right Support Coy. "C"

No.1. Support Point LYS FARM C.15.d.25.75. L.gun. 8.o.r.
 No.2. Support Point WIDOW'S HOUSE C.9.d.55.40 L.gun. 7.o.r.
 No.3. Support Point LONG AVENUE C.10.a.35.60 R'man 6.o.r.
 No.4 Support Point LONG AVENUE C.4.c.75./35. L.Gun 8.o.r.
 Coy. H'qrs. at C.15.b.1.5. 3 Off. 21.o.r.
 LYS FARM at C.15.d.25.75. 1 Off. 11.o.r.
 WIDOW'S HOUSE C.9.d.55.40. 14.o.r.
 LONG AVENUE C.10.a.35.60 and C.4.c.75.35. 1 Off. 33.o.r.
5 Off. 108 o.r.

(b) Left Support Coy.

No.5 Support Point MONMOUTH TRENCH C.4.a.15.15 Lewis Gun 8.o.r.
 No.6 Support Point Fort Paul C.4.a.12.55. Lewis Gun 9.o.r.
 No.7 Support Point Glasgow Rdt. C.4.a.5.0 R'men 9.o.r.
 No.8 Support Point Flax alley U.28.c.4.1. Bombers 9.o.r.
 MONMOUTH TRENCH C.4.a.2.6. to C.4.a.2.8. 1 Off. 9.o.r
 MONMOUTH TRENCH C.4.a.2.6. to C.4.a.2.3. 1 Off. 12 O.r.
 FLAX ALLEY U.28.c.5.1. to U.28.c.4.3. 1 Off. 16 or.
 Flax Alley U.28.c.4.3. to U.28.c.4.5. 1 Off. 12 o.r.
 Coy.hqrs. Pridham Avenue C.3.b.9.2. 2 Off. 30.o.r.
6 Off. 114 o.r.

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Ref:-
HOUPLINES. 36.N.W.

"C" and "D" Coy's relieved "A" and "B" coy's in the front line trenches. "C" on the RIGHT and "D" on the LEFT. "B" Coy took up "D" Coy's position in SUPPORT, whilst "A" Coy moved back to SUBSIDIARY LINE.

The following are the dispositions:-

RIGHT FRONT COY "C".

Post C.16.1.	C.16.a.8.5.	Night post	7 o.r
" C.10.1.	C.10.d.2.3.	Lewis Gun	7 "
" C.10.2.	C.10.d.1.8.	" Phone and 3 sigs.	10 "
" C.10.3.	C.10.d.2.9.	"	7 "
"	C.10.b.25.20	" Night post	7 "
"	C.10.b.5.4.	"	1 Off 7 "
BARKENHAM	C.10.c.60.75.	"	3 "
HORE-KAU	C.10.a.5.0.	" 2 sentry groups by night	3 "
		1 " " " day.	21 "
LONG Av.	C.4.c.75.35.		17 "
WIDOW'S Ho.	C.9.d.55.40		10 "
CARTER'S Sw.	C.10.c.70.65		4 Off 19 "
Coy H'Q	C.15.b.1.5.		5 --- 118.

LEFT FRONT COY. "D".

Post 7.c.10.	C.10.b.80.90.	Lewis Gun	7 o.r
" 1.c.4.	C.4.d.85.20		7 "
" 2.c.4.	C.4.d.75.75.		8 "
" 3.c.4.	C.4.d.80.88.	"	6 "
" 4.c.4.	C.4.d.90.95.		5 "
" 5.c.4.	C.4.b.45.15.		8 "
" 7.c.4.	C.4.b.6.6.	"	12 "
" 8.c.4	C.4.b.7.8.		12 "
" 1.c.5.	C.5.a.17.53.	"	13 "
COY H'Q. CECIL LANE	C.4.a.80.75.		50ff 38 2
			5 --- 116.

RIGHT SUPPORT "A" COY.

LYS FARM.	C.15.d.25.75.	Lewis Gun	17 o.r
<u>SUBSIDIARY LINE.</u>			
C.15.a.5.8.	junction of STATION Av to		
C.9.c.1.4.	" " MARKHILL Av.	3 Lewis Gun's	4 Off 88 o.r
			4.....105.

LEFT SUPPORT "B" COY.

MONMOUTH TRENCH	C.4.a.70.55.	includes No.6 Support Pt.L.G.	1 Off 18 o.r
"	C.4.a.15.15.	" No.5 " "	1 Off 22 o.r
		9 men & 1 L.G.	
FLAX ALLEY.	xxxxxx		
	C.4.a.5.0.	includes No. 7 Support Pt GLASGOW Rdt.9 riflemen	1 Off 27 o.r
Flax Alley	U.28.c.4.1.	includes No.8 Support Pt (4 bombers)	1 Off 19 O.r
H'Qrs.	C.3.b.9.2.		1 Off 28 o.r
			5... 114.

Ref:-
HOUPLINES 36 N.W.2. N.E.1.

OPERATIONS.

The 20th Battalion, A.I.F., relieved the 17th Battalion, A.I.F. in the LE TOUQUET SECTOR on the night of the 16th/17th January 1917. The relief was carried out without interruption and was complete by 9.25 p.m.

PATROLS.

A patrol of 1 Officer and 15 o.r's, LEFT 11C.16. C.16.a.8.5. at 3 p.m. and returned 3.c.10 C.10.d.2.8. at 9 p.m.

PURPOSE:- To cover the relief of the Battalion.

CASUALTYS. Nil.

INFORMATION. Much of the ground in front is under water. Enemy was not seen and his M.G's were very quiet. (This patrol was supplied by the 17th Battalion.)

No.1. Patrol consisting of 1 Officer and 10 o.r's LEFT C.10.6. C.10.b.9.5. at 10 p.m. RETURNED C.10.1. C.10.b.2.3. at 1 a.m.

PURPOSE. To patrol in front of our wire and to report on state of River. CASUALTYS. Nil.

INFORMATION. Quite impossible to approach POND HOUSE C.10.b.9.0 creek in front flooded and also ground. The land between C.10.6 and C.10.5 flooded and water waist high at the barb wire.

No.2. Patrol consisting of 1 Officer and 10 o.r's LEFT post C.4.8. C.4.B.7.8. at 10.30 p.m. RETURNED C.10.7. C.10.b.82.90. at 1 a.m.

PURPOSE. The patrol to visit WHITE FARM C.5.a.17.53 and to patrol the LEFT COY FRONT, and to report on the state of the ground and River. CASUALTYS. Nil.

INFORMATION. The river has over flowed ground in front of WHITE FARM on a line approximately C.5.a.2.3. thence to C.5.a.2.2. into BRICKFIELDS and then on a line to C.5.c.3.1. to C.5.c.1.1. The flats along the river are 6 feet ~~feet~~ deep in water and in places the current is strong.

No.3 patrol consisting of 1 Officer and 10 o.r. LEFT CROWN PRINCE FARM C.10.b.9.5. at 3 a.m. and returned at 5 a.m. C.10.1. at C.10.d.2.3. at 5 a.m.

PURPOSE. To patrol in front of our wire and to report on state of River. CASUALTYS. Nil.

INFORMATION. CROWN PRINCE FARM has 3 feet of water where the Garrosin reside and POND HOUSE has 2 feet 6 of water in the post and the ground around is completely covered in water.

No.4 patrol consisting of 1 Officer and 10 o.r's LEFT post C.10.b.8.2. at 3 a.m. RETURNED to C.4.7 C.4b.6.6. at 6.20 a.m.

PURPOSE. To visit White Farm C.5.a.17.53. Patrol LEFT Coy front and to report on state of ground and river. CASUALTYS. Nil.

INFORMATION. The patrol found the whole of the land marked "liable to floods" and the BRICKFIELDS up to post C.4.5. C.4.b.45.15. inundated and impassable. It was impossible to reach DRIFTWOOD BRIDGE owing to flood of water in front of WHITE FARM. The water in front of C.10.7 covers the wire.

WORKS.

A vigorous drainage and pumping work programme was carried out during the 24 hours, this being necessary owing to the inundated state of the Trenches. New drains were opened up and trenches cleaned generally.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

77 m.m. Guns.

At 10.30 a.m. an enemy battery of this calibre shelled C.3.c.8.5. and the vicinity of FRELINGHIEN. At 11.15 a.m. the same Gun was shelling GUNNERS FARM. At 12 noon RAILWAY STATION C.9.d.9.7. was shelled. At 12.30 p.m. 3 shells on C.10.c.6.8.

10.5 c.m. Guns

At 10.9 a.m. 2 4.2. shells were fired on C.10.a. from the S.E. of FRELINGHIEN. The same battery shelled C.3.c. and road between 8 and 9 p.m.

TRENCH
MORTARS.
MACHINE
GUNS.
FLARES.
GAS.
WEATHER.

From C.5.d.35.94. a mortar fired a few shots into KIWI STREET.

From the vicinity of FRELINGHIEN CHURCH G.11.c.7.7. a M.G.
was active at 1 p.m.
NIL.

NIL.

The weather was changeable this gave intervals when visibility
was high, but for the most part visibility was low. Wind mild S.E.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.18.1.18

Refer;
HOUPLINES 36.N.W.2 N.E.1.

ENEMY ARTILLERY. Enemy Artillery was not very active during the day and no Artillery shooting was reported since yesterday afternoon. Between 10.30.am. and 11.30.am. BUTCHER'S SHOP, NORTH BLOCK, and BARKENHAM AVENUE all in C.10.c. were shelled by a battery on a T.B. of 85' from C.10.c.6.8. About seven shells fell. This was about 4.2.Battery. Another battery of same calibre was active from 12 noon until 12.45 p.m. on STATION C.9.d.5.7. and LIGHT RAILWAY just near this was damaged at one point. This a battery was on a T.B. of 97' from C.10.c.6.8.

ENEMY MORTARS Two heavy M.M. were active on sector of the Battalion on our right from C.11.c.5.4. and C.11.c.8.3. Our Posts C.16.1. in C.16.a.8.6. was lightly shelled from FREILINGHEIN by a light Trench Mortar. E

ENEMY MACHINE Guns. Guns at the LAUNDRY C.5.c.72.50., The ARCHES C.11.a.55.22. and at C.11.c.55.78. were active at intervals up to midnight.

ENEMY SNIPER From the rear of LAUNDRY C.5.c.72.50. a sniper was active during the morning. His exact position could not be picked up. At 8.30.am. another fired a few shots from C.11.c.7.8.

ENEMY MOVEMENT About 8.15.am. four men were seen to walk along a track between UNKNOWN FARM U.29.d.43.11. and Screened FARM C.5.b.55.40.

RIVER AND NO MAN'S LAND At 3.am. this morning the river was still rising and almost the whole of BRICKFIELDS was under water, while NO MAN'S LAND opposite our RIGHT SECTOR is completely flooded the water coming almost to out TRENCH SYSTEM at C.10.d.2.8.

ENEMY FLARES NIL.

ENEMY GAS Nil.

WEATHER Slight fall of snow during the morning mixed with sleet and rain. It is now fine and the wind is blowing light S.E.

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Ref; INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.19.1.18
HOURLINES 36.N.W.2 N.E.1

WORKS. During the past 24 hours much draining and cleaning of trenches has been carried out with the result that the SYSTEM is very much improved.

RIVER. The river and water in NO MANS LAND is now stationary.

ENEMY ARTILLERY

77mm.

At 8.55.a.m. MONMOUTH TRENCH and SUFFOLK AVENUE were shelled from the Direction of DURIEZ FM. about nine shells falling and damaging the junction. The trenches being repaired. Between 9.a.m. and 10.a.m. the enemy battery from the back of FRELINGHEIM shelled HALF WAY HOUSE and the Vicinity of C.10.c.6.8. Another battery of the same calibre operating from the rear of Duriez Fm. Shelled C.3.c.8.5. and MONMOUTH TRENCH about 12 noon, and again at 1.20.p.m. This battery shelled KIWI STREET, CECIL LANE and SURREY FARM area in C.9.d.29.30.

10.5.c.m. Guns.

Towards 8.55.a.m. nine 4.2. shells fell on HAURE KAU and HALF WAY HOUSE C.10.c.6.8. These came from the direction of DURIEZ FARM.

ENEMY TRENCH MORTARS.

A large Trench Mortar was active from the VATS-or BREWERY ~~XXXXX~~ C.17.a.4.8. on the vicinity of tool HOUSE. c.16.a.8.5. and forward posts in C.10.d.

ENEMY MACHINE GUNS

One our planes brought fire from amachine gun at C.11.2.7. at 8.5.a.m. Many of the enemy Guns were ective at 11.42.a.m., 11.55.a.m., 12.10.p.m., 12.40.p.m., 2.20.p.m.,2.50.p.m., when our planes were over the enemy lines. These Guns were located as follows. C.11.b.1.4., C.11a.8.2. DURIEZ FARM C.5.b.15.11., ARCHES, C.11.a.6.2, CHURCH C.11.c.7.7. and C.11.c.8.2. A machine gun firing from the direction of LAUNDRY C.5.c.70.50., plays on MONMOUTH TRENCH, RATION DUMP and TRAMWAY, another gun was active at SOAP HOUSE. C.5.c.7.2. traversing LONG AVENUE between HOURI KAU and NAPOO AVENUE.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

At 7.45a.m. were seen to leave UNKNOWN FARM U.29.d.45.10. at 10.25a.m. a man seen leaving UNKNOWN FARM a returns a little later carrying a heavy tin. 11a.m. another man at UNKNOWN FARM, 11.45.am. 2 men seen walking along the track C.5.d.1.3., to 12 noon a man left UNKNOWN FARM and walked along SCREENED FARM C.5.c.5.4. 3.20.p.m. a smoke seen rising from the rear of SCREENED FARM, and a whistle was heard believed to be a light engine. at 2.30.p.m. men were seen walking between building at C.5.d.11.65. Chopping was heard at intervals during the day in rear of SOAP HOUSE.

ENEMY SNIPER. Active from C.17.a.2.6. a few times during the morning

ENEMT FLARES. A parachute flares brought machine gun fire at intervals during the night.

WEATHER. Visibility was for the most part off the day high, and the sky was cloudy overcast with a wind blowing slight S.by S.E.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. 20.1.18

Refer:

HOUPLINES 36.N.W.2 N.E.1.

- OPERATIONS.** There was an inter-company relief on the night 19/20th. "C" & "D" Company moved forward into the FRONT LINE and relieved "A" & "B" Companies. "A" Company moved back into the SUBSIDIARY LINE. Relief complete 7.30.p.m.
- WORKS.** Drainage and cleaning of trenches was carried out during the past 24 hours as per work report.
- DISPOSITIONS.** There is a marked alteration in the Disposition of Right Sub-sector of this Unit. These are shown on Disposition Report.
- ENEMY ARTILLERY** 77mm. guns. C.3.c. area was shelled from DURIEZ FARM direction between 9a.m. and 10.a.m. This battery also put a few shells in the vicinity of KIWI STREET. At 3.30p.m., UNA SUPPORT, and FLAX ALLEY, were lightly sheeled from DURIEZ FARM direction. Five shells fell from DURIEZ FARM and six shells were fired on to MONMOUTH TRENCH. ~~XXX~~ On a T.B. 128' from C.4.a.95.45. a battery of this calibre was active about 9a.m. on BARKENHAM AVENUE, HALFWAY HOUSE, C.10.c.7.8. and the vicinity again at 10a.m. and again between 12 noon and 12.40.p.m. when about fifty shells fell. The same battery shelled BARKENHAM AVENUE at 3.15.p.m.
- ENEMY TRENCH MORTARS** A heavy T.M. was observed at the VATS firing on targets on RIGHT BRIGADE SECTOR.
- ENEMY MOVEMENT** UNKNOWN FARM U.29.d.45.10. 4 men seen at 7.45a.m. 1 man at 8a.m. At 8.35 a.m. 1 man to be seen leaving UNKNOWN FARM by sap. 9.10.a.m. observed leaving UNKNOWN FARM in a hurry. 11.15 a.m. 2 men leave UNKNOWN FARM and walk towards SCREENED FARM, C.5.c.5.4.. 11.50.a.m. 2 men approached UNKNOWN FARM carrying tins. 2.17p.m. 2 men at C.11.b.3.9. going to FRELINGHEIN. 8.30.a.m. smoke seen at VATS, C.17.a.2.7.
- ENEMY MACHINE GUNS** Our planes were over enemy lines at following times:- 7.50.a.m., 10.25.am. 10.40.a.m., 11.3.a.m. 2.37.p.m. and they attracted fire from the machine guns at the following locations:- DURIEZ FARM, C.5.b.5.1., ARCHES C.11.a.c.2., CHURCH C.11.c.65.75., C.11.b.1.4., C.11.a.8.2., C.11.c.85.65., C.5.c.70.50., C.11.c.5.8. Between DUSK and MIDNIGHT an enemy gun was active on TRAMWAY through C.3.b. from C.5.c.7.5.,
- ENEMY PLANES.** Two enemy planes were over our lines at 10a.m. and another plane at 10.43.a.m.
- RIVER.** Reports to hand this morning show that the river has risen slightly during the night.
- WEATHER** Visibility was high during the hours of daylight and wind slight S.E.

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Intelligence Summary... 21.1.18.

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Ref:-
HOUPLINES 36 N.W.

WORKS. The work of repairing and draining trenches was vigorously prosecuted during the past 24 hours, with the result that the system generally is very much improved. The works report shows in detail the amount of work done.

ENEMY ARTILLERY. Morning. Towards 8a.m. LONG AVENUE and NAPOO AVENUE were shelled by 77 m.m. T.B. 109' from C.10.c.6.7.

At 9.5.a.m. 77 fired three shots on C.10.b.25.20 and three on LE TOUQUET STATION from SCREENED FARM, direction . About 9.15 a.m. KIWI STREET and vicinity was shelled by 77 m.m. from FRELINGHIEN direction.

About 12 noon HALF WAY HOUSE C.10.c.6.8. was shelled by 4.2 T.B. 119' from C.10.c.6.7.

Afternoon. Towards 1.45 p.m. five 4.2 shells fell on HALF WAY HOUSE area a T.B. 128 from C.10.c.6.7. 1.30p.m. MONMOUTH TRENCH was shelled with 77 m.m. from direction of SCREEN Fm. From 3.5.p.m. to 4.p.m. enemy 4.2.'s shelled C.10.c area obtaining direct hits on BARKENHAM Av T.B. ~~97~~ 97' from C.10.c.6.7. Towards 3p.m. an enemy 5.9. gun fired 3 shots on C.9.d. area. from TWIN Fm direction. Area C.3.c. was shelled by 77 m.m. guns from the S.E. of FRELINGHIEN about 3.p.m.

Night. Enemy batteries doing only counter battery work.

ENEMY T.M's. Heavy M.W's in the vicinity of C.LL.c.9.5. fired 4 shells into C.10.b.20.25 area at 9.15. a.m. and about this time a Light T.M. was active from about the vicinity of the VATS on C.10.b.25.20 and POND Ho. C.10.b.9.0. Between 2.15.p.m. and 3.15 p.m. heavy M.W's fired on HALF)WAY Ho. C.10.c.6.8. BARKENHAM AV from C.11.d.35.05. 4 p.m. 7. heavy M.W bombs fell between HALF WAY Ho and the front line in C.10.d.

ENEMY M.G's. Morning. At 10 a.m. M.G active from C.5.c.70.50. Another one was active on our planes at 10.40 a.m. from C.11.c.60.60. At 10.55 a.m. M.G's active at C.17.a.20.75, C.11.c.87.50, C.11.c.80.30, on our planes.

Afternoon. At 12.15 p.m. enemy M.G active C.11.c.70.90 and at 2.55.p.m. another M.G. active from C.11.a.65.30. About 4.30 p.m. an enemy M.G. fired on KIWI St from C.5.c.70.55, enfilading the trench at one point.

Night. From 5.p.m. till 9p.m. FLAX ALLEY and the TRAM LINE in the vicinity was traversed by enemy M.G. from C.5c.65.45. and C.5.d.3.5.

HORE-KAU was fired on at intervals through the night from S.E of FRELINGHIEN.

ENEMY MOVEMENT. Men were seen at C.5.d.2.8. at the following times 9.20 a.m. 10.20 a.m. 12.40 p.m. and 3 p.m. Smoke was seen all day at C.5.b.6.3 At noon 2 men were seen at C.11.d.70.20.

ENEMY AEROPLANES. At 11.20 a.m. 5 enemy planes attempted to cross our lines but they returned to their own before succeeding in crossing our ~~lines~~ sector.

RIVER. The LYS is now falling slowly and the state of the trenches is improving as a result of this fall.

WEATHER. Visibility was quite good during the day. Thw wind being slight S.E.

Intelligence Summary. 22.1.18.

Ref:-
HOURLINES 36.N.W.WORKS.

Drainage clearing and revetting work was carried out during the past 24 hours, with the result that the Trenches are in a much improved condition.

DISPOSITION.

CROWN PRINCE FARM was manned by a night sentry group which is withdrawn at dawn to VIEW LANE. The farm is not dry yet, but is becoming better with the fall of the River.

S.O.S.

The S.O.S test was carried out by the LEFT BATTALION at 8.45 p.m. Our stations were able to pick it up from the initial flares which were answered from 4 stations at rear.

ENEMY ARTILLERY. Morning.

At 10.15 KIWI STREET was shelled by 77 m.m. from direction of DURIEZ Fm way. At 10.25 a.m. 4.2. shelled NORTH BLOCK from S.E. of FRELINGHIEN. At 11.35. H Gas shells were fired into UNA SUPPORT from DURIEZ Fm. Towards noon 4.2. shells fell on LONG Av T.B. 118' C.10.c.3.7.

Afternoon.

Between 1.30 and 2 p.m. MONMOUTH TRENCH was shelled with 4.2 from the direction of TWIN FARM. At 12.10 p.m, 12.30 and 3p.m. an enemy 77 Battery S.E. of FRELINGHIEN shelled C.10.5- C.10.a.8.3 and at 2.50 p.m. and 3.40 p.m. the same battery shelled C.9.b.

Between 4.15 and 4.40 p.m. a 5.9 gun on a T.B. of 78' from C.10.b.8.3. fired 7 shells on BARKENHAM Av LE TOUQUET Stn and C.10.5 post. The shells on BARKENHAM blew it in.

Night.

Towards 10.20 p.m. and 12.10 a.m an enemy 77 battery was active on C.9.b from S.E. of FRELINGHIEN.

MINENWERFERS.

A Medium T.M. fired into trenches between posts C.10.3 from LAUNDRY. At 9.15.a.m. Heavy Mortar at C.1.c.9.5. was active on RIGHT BRIGADE FRONT.

ENEMY MACHINE GUNS, morning.

At 8.15 a.m. Machine Guns active at:- C.1.c.55.60, and C.11.c.55.85. At 8.30 another gun active at C.17.a.10.60. From C.11.c.80.85 M.G active at 10.55 a.m. At 9.20 another gun firing from C.11.c.15.40. At 11.15 a.m. a machine gun at C.1.a.15,25 fired short bursts on BARKENHAM Av and at noon M.G was active at C.17.a.35.50.

Afternoon.

Toward 2.15 p.m. gun at C.L.c.50.90. and C.11.c.85.90 engaged 2 of our planes at 2.37 M.G'S at C.17.a.35.50 and C.11.b.15.40 were active on our planes. At 3.45. M.G. active from C.11.c.40.05.

Night.

M.G's at C.11.A.80, C.11.a.7.4, C.5.c.75.45 were active at intervals during the night.

SNIPERS.

Enemy sniper active at C.17.a.40.75 and another one in the vicinity of CHURCH in C.1.c. at 1.35 p.m.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

Movement about UNKNOWN FARM U.29.d.45.15 at the following times 11.30 a.m. 3 men, 7.45 a.m. 3 men. At 8.7 a.m. 1 man . 8.28 a.m. 1 man 8.34 a.m., 2 men, 9.40 a.m, 2 men and at 9.5 a.m. men seen at C.5.b.55.15 and again at 9.37.

ENEMY FLARES.

About 9.p.m. the enemy put up a number of red very lights, but no action was observed as a result.

ENEMY SIGNALS.

O.P. at UNKNOWN FARM was using FLASH LIGHTS Signals at 4.30 a.m. on both 20th and 21st inst.

ENEMY PLANES.

Enemy aeroplane patrolled our lines at 10.55 a.m.

RIVER.

The river is still falling. WEATHER. Visibility was high for the most part of the day. Wind being Light S.E.

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Quartermaster's report for month ending 31st January 1918. by

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Appendix 24

SALVAGE.

During the month salvage was collected in the forward and rear areas and returned to 2nd Division Salvage Coy, 5th Brigade Dump at NIEPPE as follows and receipts obtained.

Date.	Articles returned.	No.	Date.	Articles returned	No.
2.1.18.	Case smoke grenades	1	11.1.18	18 Pdr shell cases	32
"	Bag " "	1	12.1.18	Paint bottles	9
"	Boxes S.A.A.	2		4.5 How Shell cases	756
"	" Mills grenades	1	14.1.18	18 pdr shell cases	228
"	Sandbags 18 Pdrs shell cases	2		4.5 How shell cases	42
3.1.18	Bags S.A.A. 7 empty clips and cases	10	15.1.18	18 pdr shell cases S.A.A. Boxes	192
	Bags cotton Bandolrs.	5		Bag Ctdge clips	3
	Axes Pick	2		Web packs	7
	Hand grenades	3	18.1.18	Grenade boxes empty	3
	Mess tins	14		Travelling kitchen hook	1
	Steel helmets	4		Grates kitchen travelling	3
	P.H.Helmets gas	8		Bags rubber	2
	Rasp	1		Bags S A A	1
	Bomb rods	14		Barrel	1
	Bayonets & scabbards	1		Steel helmets	1
	Rifle Short M.L.E.	1		4.5 How. shell cases	180
	Rifle long	1		Iron candle box	1
4.1.18	Rounds 18 Pdr Amm	82	19.1.18	Bags containing S.A.A empty ctdge clips & cases	32
	Bags 18 Pdr S Cases	14		Water bottles	4
	Bags Ctdge.Clips	2		Scabbards	4
8.1.18	Shell cases 18 Pr.	202		P.H.Helmets	4
	2" Rubber Sac Hose	10		Satchels	4
	Trench Pumps	2		Picks	10
	Bags S.A.A	6		Shovels	3
	Axe Pick	1		Oatbag of web Equipment	1
	Steel Helmets	2	20.1.19	Empty S.A.A boxes	12
	Rifles short M.L.E	7		Empty Grenade boxes	62
	Mountings for Trench mortars	2		Bags rifle grenades	2
	Kit Bag	1		60 pdr bombs	1
9.1.18.	Boxes S.A.A.	2		Bags cartridge clips	2
	Empty boxes S A A	2		3/4" Rubber hose	10
	Web equipment	1		Bag rubber	1
	Bags Miscellaneous	3		4.5 How shell cases	168
	P.H.Helmets	2		18 Pdr shell cases	24
	Satchels	2	21.1.18	" " "	20
	60 pdr bombs	14		" shells	20
	Boxes mills grenades	2		Charge boxes	9
	Axe pick	1		Picks	2
	Shovel	1		Boxes S.A.A.	2
	Rifles short M L E	2	22.1.18	18 pdr shell cases	152
	Steel helmet	1		" shells	24
10.1.18	18 Pdr Shell cases	272		4.5 How Shells	3
	" Shells damaged	11		Bags S.A.A. clips & Ctdges	4
	Web equipment	2		Trench Pump	1
	Pump complete	1	24.1.18	4.5 How shell,cases	400
	Boxes hamb rods	1		Empty fuse Tins	300
	Rifles	2	25.1.18	18 PdrvShell cases	368
	Bags Miscellaneous	4		Steel helmets	6
11.1.18	4.5 How shellcases	378		Web packs	14
	Web packs	18		Bag S.A.A.	1
	Steel helmets	8		Boxes mills grenades	7
	Bags S A A	1		Bags mills grenades	1
	Gramophone	1		18 Pdr shells	5
	Bags Sheepskins	1		P.H.Helmets	17
	Bayonet scabbard	1		Satchels	10
	Rifles short M L E	2		Water proof cape	1
	4.5 How shellcases	336	26.1.18	Tops rubber gum boots	3
				Steel helmets	9

Date.	Articles returned	No.	Date	articles returned	No.
26.1.18	Web packs	9	28.1.18	Pump	1
	Rifle short	1		Web packs	7
	Bags sandbags	6		Bayonet Scabbards	10
	Bag S.A.A.	1	30.1.18	Rifle short M.L.E	1
28.1.18	Box Respirators	8		Bicycle frame	1
	P.H.Helmets	10		Sheepskin vests	2
	Satchels	15		Rifle slings	1
	Cases S.A.A.	5		Rifle short M.L.e	1
	Bag S.A.A.	1		Swingle bar	1
	Boxes mills Gren	5		Shovel G.S.	1
	Primus stove	1		Bucket water canvas	1
	E Tool heads	7		Bayonet scabbards	2
	Carriers E T Hds	7		Haversacks	1

Paper and card board.

For the month of January the following amount of paper and cardboard was salvaged and returned and receipts obtained.

<u>Waste Paper.</u>		<u>Cardboard.</u>	
13 Bags weighing	693 lbs.	5 Bags weighing	173 lbs.

Surplus underclothing and woollen material was returned to the baths and receipts obtained as under:-

<u>1.1.18</u>	<u>3.1.18</u>	<u>12.1.18</u>	<u>25.1.18</u>
86 Prs Drawers	4 Singlets	4 Cardigan Jackets	
2 Shirts	3 prs drawers	7 Shirts	8 Shirts
2 Singlets	3 Shirts	5 Singlets	12 Drawers
3 Towels	2 cardigan Jackets	4 Prs drawers	2 Singlets
1 Cardigan Jacket	3 Abdominal belts	3 Abdominal Belts	1 Muffler
	2 woollen mufflers	1 Cap comforter	2 Towels
	113 prs sox		2 Abdominal belts
<u>19.1.18</u>	<u>21.1.18</u>	<u>24.1.18</u>	
3 Shirts	2 Cardigan Jackets	2 Cardigan Jackets	
4 Singlets	1 Singlet	3 Shirts	
2 Drawers	1 Towel	2 Drawers	
1 Cardigan Jacket	2 Mufflers	6 Cap comforters	
1 Muffler		2 Abdominal belts	
<u>27.1.18</u>	<u>28.1.18</u>	<u>30.1.18</u>	<u>31.1.18</u>
5 Shirts	29 Shirts	15 Shirts	99 Shirts
32 Drawers	11 Singlets	7 Singlets	97 Prs sox
6 Mufflers	24 Prs drawesr	8 Prs drawers	24 Drawers
1 Towel	17 Body belts	2 Mufflers	14 Towels
1 Singlet	21 Mufflers Woollen	1 Card Jacket	12 Abdominal Belts
2 Abdominal belts	12 Cardigan Jackets	8 prs sox	25 Mufflers.
	60 Prs sox		

Tommy cooker re-fills.

As per contract arranged direct with Tommy cooker Coy, England, the following re-fills arrived safely during the month:-

8 cases each containing 100 refills Total:- 800 Refills

Case numbers were :- 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56.

During the month the Battalion had 3 tours in the line each of 8 days and one of 6 days. On each occasion the 2 front line Coys were issued with 1 Tommy Cooker refill per man per day.

Rations.

For the month nothing special to report. Generally speaking the ration supplies were very satisfactory except at the beginning of the month when a shortage of fresh bread occurred, the issue to the troops working out at

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to one loaf (2lbs) to 7 lbs for about 4 days. It is, however, particularly noticed that the issue of biscuits now coming to hand have been more palatable and soft.

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Comforts for the men.

For the month of January an amount of approximately 529 Francs 80 cts was drawn from Regimental Funds and expended on extra Condensed milk, Potatoes, Candles, and etc for the benefit of the men.

Wet Canteen.

For month of January approximately 20 large barrels of best quality French beer was consumed by the troops of the 5th A.I. Brigade. The beer was sold at 1 Franc per Mess tin D.S. Total profits for the month amounted to 688 francs 55 cts (£25.4.11) and this amount was paid to the 20th Battalion Trust A/c through 2nd Divisional Field Cashier on 22.1.18.

The Australian Comforts Fund issued to the troops during the month the following comforts:-

1 Case cigarettes. 1 Curry powder 2 cases milk 1 Rugby football 3 Pkts playing cards.

The three first mentioned were very acceptable and were issued to the troops while in the line.

Cooking.

Cooking was done in the front line enabling the men to have hot meals each day regularly. Fresh meat was used right through the period in the trenches.

RUM. Rum was issued regularly.

Delivery of rations. Rations were delivered to Support line by first line Transport and were taken to the front line by Light Railways and carrying parties.

Gum-Boots. During the month a total number of 895 pairs Rubber gum-boots were received and on charge to the Battalion for use in the trenches. On balancing up at the end of the month receipts were produced for a total number of 899 pairs rubber gum-boots, thus showing a credit of 4 pairs of Rubber gum-boots to the good. The boots were found to be invaluable in the line on account of the forward area being covered in water.

CLOTHING. The demand on clothing during the month was fairly heavy owing to the men handling and coming in contact with Barb wire.

120 Tunics, 90 Breeches, 48 Prs Puttees, 17 Hts, 33 Prs Braces were exchanged during the month. Sandbags were issued as puttees by the men while in the trenches. A large number amount of mending was done by the Regimental Tailors, particularly to Great Coats and Jackets S.D.

SOLES, ANKLE. During the month the three Regimental Bootmakers were kept busy on repair work; the rain and muddy condition of the trenches and roads account for the condition of the boots. Approximately 450 prs were repaired and 150 Prs new boots issued.

SOX. Approximately 5,000 pairs of sox were exchanged during the month. While in the forward area, 2 men per Coy were detailed off to collect wetsox daily and exchange them for dry and clean sox supplied from Battalion Q.M. Store.

MOVE TO REST ALSO FOR RE-FITTING AND TRAINING.

On 31.1.18 the Battalion moved from the forward area to the LUMBRES area in rear. After having a hot mid-day meal the men had a short march to the entraining station. At the detraining Station, LUMBRES, Hot Tea and Cocoa was supplied to the men by the Y.M.C.A. and on arrival in the billeting area (BAYINGHEM), 2 cooks per Coy, with camp kettles, fuel, tea and milk etc, who had been sent ahead with the blanket lorries early in the morning, had a hot drink prepared for the incoming men.

BLANKETS AND SURPLUS GEAR. For the move, 2 motor lorries were supplied to carry 1 blanket per man and all surplus blankets, also all extra Equipment and stores such as Box Respirators, Scouts Clothing ~~blankets~~ Bandsmens packs, and several bags of Jackets S.D. Breeches and sox etc.

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REGIMENTAL TRANSPORT.

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4 Travelling kitchens, 1 Water cart, Mess cart, 4 Riding Horses and 1 G.S.Wagon were loaded with rations for consumption for 1st Feb, entrained at Bailleul on night 31st Jan and detrained at Wizernes, arriving in new billeting area at 2.50 a.m on morning of 1st inst.

RATIONS. Rations had to be immediately unloaded and split up and distributed ready for consumption from breakfast time starting from 8.30 a.m on that day.

REGIMENTAL TRANSPORT.

The balance of the Transport with 2 baggage G.S Wagons and 1 Horse Fodder G.S.Wagon attached left per road on morning of 30th Jan. and arrived safely on afternoon of 1st Feb, after billeting one night at Strazeele and one night at Renescure.

POTATOES. Potatoes were procurable in abundance (price 30 francs per 100 Kilos) in the new area and 200 kilos were procured from Reg Funds as extra rations for the men.

FAT RETURNS. During the month, 10 lbs per day was consumed by the men, and 319 lbs were returned to A.A.S.C.

HOT MEALS & HOT TEA.

Hot meals chiefly consisted of stews. Roasts and Rissoles were occasionally served when in reserves.

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Transport report for month of January 1918 by Lieut J.R.V.C.Lindesay.

Appendix 25

On 3rd January 1918, Transport Section moved into new Camp at ROMARIN, in the PONT de NIEPPE area. Owing to the accommodation being very good, and fodder ration received being satisfactory, the horses showed a marked improvement in condition.

Casualties in horses and wagons for the month Nil.

Roads to ration dumps in the forward area - a distance of about 4 kilometres - were in a very good condition. Enemy shelling on roads Nil. All reliefs carried out without any inconvenience from the enemy shelling or M.G. fire. Numerous loads of salvage transported on return trips nightly.

Work for Brigade and the Battalion necessitated a fair amount of transport, nevertheless, both horses and vehicles are in splendid condition.

Indents for camp equipment were exceptionally light for the month, owing to suitability of accommodation for Transport lines.

The Transport Section was inspected by the Divisional Commander and Brigade Brigadier and Staff, and found to be in a satisfactory condition.

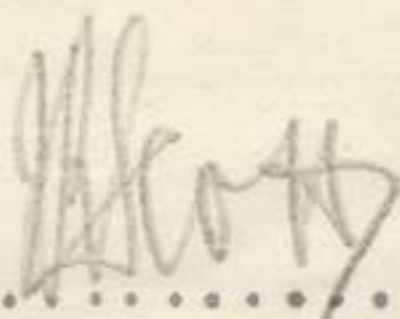
On 30th January, the Transport moved out of area with Brigade Transport Group to STRAZEELE, a distance of about 9 miles. The accommodation fair, weather and roads good. On 31st January Transport trekked to RENESCURE, a distance of about 9 miles. The weather was fine and the roads good, fine accommodation for Transport.

The 2 days trek was completed without casualty and horses stood the trip well at 4 p.m on 1st Feby 1918 when they arrived at BAYINGHEM.

Commanding Officers Report.

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Reviewing the past months work, I think it can be said that the Battalion has had an easy time. The casualties were exceptionally light and the billets were good when the Battalion was in Reserves which enabled the men to get cleaned up and proper sleep together with useful training. The last 6 days spent by the Battalion in the line was certainly most trying to all ranks and had it not been for the closest supervision by Officers, that mens sox were changed daily and hot food provided, I am quite sure there would have been a good deal of sickness. With the exception of one period for a few days when the bread issue was bad, the rations issued for the month have been good. The discipline and work of the Battalion has improved during the month and the men are now in good spirits, good morale, and very satisfied. I have dealt fully with the doings of the Battalion in the Diary.



.....Major,
T/Commanding 20th Battalion, A.I.F.

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"C" BATTALION DEFENCE SCHEME.

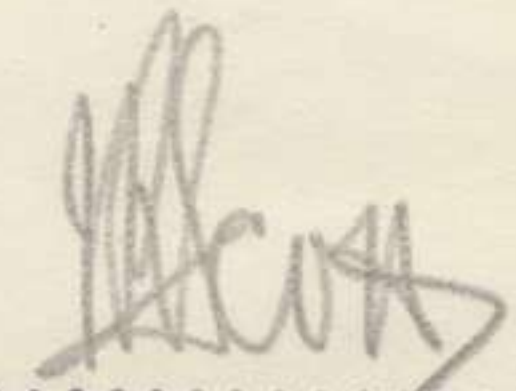
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1. In the event of an enemy attack on the Brigade Sector, the 20th. Battalion, A.I.F., whilst acting as "C" Support Battalion and billeted in Le ROSSIGNOL Camp with 1 Company and 2 Platoons in the Subsidiary Line, will take the following action:-
2. The Company and Platoon in the Subsidiary Line will at once "Stand to Arms" and an Officer will report to the Right Front Line Battalion Headquarters for instructions.
3. All working parties will at once report to the nearest Company Headquarters in the sector in which they are working, and Officers and N.C.O's. in charge of working parties will invariably ascertain the location of this Headquarters on arrival at the place where work is to be carried out.
4. The remaining Companies in Le ROSSIGNOL Camp on receipt of the "Stand to" Order will immediately assemble in full fighting order, and the echelon of bombs and buckets will be immediately distributed.
5. The Transport Officer on receipt of the "Stand to" Orders will arrange to draw the full complement of buckets and Rifle Grenade Cups from the Battalion Quartermaster and arrange for the echelon to be placed on the road in front of Le ROSSIGNOL Camp for immediate issue to Companies.
6. (a) Lieut. Staunton and 1 Signaller with telephone will at once move to Battle Headquarters and effect communication with the Brigade and Right Front Line Battalion, and obtain all possible information.
(b) Lieut. McMillan will report as Liason Officer to the Right Front Line Battalion Headquarters.
7. (a) On the order "Move to close support positions" the Battalion will move up and assemble in C.8.a. This area will be reconnoitred by all Officers and N.C.Os. of the Battalion.
(b) Light Trench M. Battery will move 1 sub-section of 2 Guns to C.8.a. and the Officer in charge will report to the Battalion Headquarters. Carrying parties will be supplied by the Battalion.
(c) One N.C.O. from Light T.M. Battery will report at "Stand To" to "C" Battalion Headquarters at Le ROSSIGNOL Camp.
8. "C" Battalion Battle Headquarters will be situated at the Convent, C.14.a.7.5.
9. "D" Battalion Headquarters will be situated at the MAISON 1875 at U.26.c.6.3. and will assemble in U.26.d.
10. Detailed instructions will be issued when Battalion assembles at C.8.a.
11. DEPLOYMENT POSITION AND EMERGENCY ROADS.
 - (a) Deployment positions have been marked out with stakes and wire, and Notice Boards put up at the following points:-
C.15.a.45.80. due N. to C.3.c.5.5.
 - (b) Emergency roads to deployment positions:-
"A" C.7.d.4.5.-----C.8.c.70.15 along RUE DES RABECQUES to C.9.a.50.15.
"B" C.8.a.2.4.-----C.2.d.35.05 to C.3.c.5.4.
 - (c) Approach Routes:-
The following overland approach routes have been selected and have been marked with notice boards:-
"C" Bn. - Le ROSSIGNOL - OOSTHOVE FME. - B.11.d.90.85 -
B.12.central - B.12.b.90.15. - C.7.a.9.0. -
GASOMETER CORNER.
The above routes and deployment positions will be reconnoitred by all Officers and N.C.O's.

12. A Counter attack by us over the open past SEVEN TREES and SMYTH AVENUE will be most difficult and likely to end in failure owing to the maze of trenches and remains of heavy wire entanglements. The means of success, therefore, will be by bombing up the trenches. The first objective will be the ~~SUPPORT~~ SUPPORT LINE.
- When the Battalion is assembled in C.8.a. orders will be issued to advance to the deployment position, and form up there organised for offensive bombing in accordance with the principles laid down by Brigade Training Memo No. 25, which has been issued to all Companies. At a Zero hour to be notified by Brigade Headquarters, they will move forward to the attack.
- "B" Coy. will bomb down SEVEN TREES AVENUE and SMYTH AVENUE to LONG AVENUE, up LONG AVENUE to junction with MONMOUTH AVENUE, establishing a block at the junction of LONG and BARKENHAM AVENUES. Should "B" Coy. be in the SUBSIDIARY LINE, "A" Coy. will have this task.
- "D" Coy. will bomb along NICHOLSON AVENUE, HARNIAN AVENUE and MONMOUTH AVENUE to the junction with LONG AVENUE. Should "D" Coy. be in the SUBSIDIARY LINE, "C" Coy. will have this task.
- Officers and N.C.O's. will reconnoitre their different tasks.
- When the SUPPORT LINE has been recaptured, the senior Officer on the spot will reorganise the troops with the view of pushing forward and re-establishing the old front line position.
- The remaining Company will be in reserves and will detail one Platoon to either of the Companies to whom the tasks have been allotted, and have one Platoon in the SUBSIDIARY LINE.
- The reserve Company less one Platoon will be at Deployment Position and will hold themselves in readiness to act as Carrying Parties or as otherwise ordered.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE.


Major
 A/C.O., 20th. Bn., A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION, issued through Signals at 7 p.m. 21.1.18.

- Copy No. 1. to C.O.
 2. O.C., "A" Coy.
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 5. O.C., "D" Coy.
 6. Int. Officer.
 7. Sig. Officer.
 8. Transport Officer.
 9. Quartermaster.
 10. 17th. Bn.
 11. 5th. A.I. Brigade.
 12. Relieving Unit.
 13. Bombing Officer.
 14. File.
 15/17. War Diary.

January 1918.

Mjr. HAILES, D.S.O. went on English leave on the 31st. Dec. 1917. Capt. Cameron of 7th. Aust. Fld. Amb. is temporarily acting as R.M.O. New Years Day found the battn. in the line having taken over the line on the evening of the 31st. dec. The battn. sector lies approximately between ARMENTIERES on the southern border and PLOEGSTEERT on the northern. The 20th. Battn. are the right battn. of the right brigade of the division, so that our R.A.P. is on the extreme right of the division. The R.A.P. is very roomy and situated above the ground. Its official name is SURREY FARM, though there is not much resemblance to a farm. There is accommodation for nine patients in addition to a room for the M.O. and another room in which 4 details can be housed. During the time spent in the spot i.e. 'During the following days up to the 8th. Jan. everything was fairly quiet, no shelling occurring around the R.A.P. The casualties for the battalion were 3 men killed and 4 wounded, being caused by a 'Mimmie' large size. The cases were brought from the front trenches, which varied from $\frac{5}{8}$ to 1 mile ahead of the R.A.P., by a heavy carry along saps and then along a decanville line to a hand truck. Men suffering from minor maladies were kept for a few days at the R.A.P. and could be treated quite well there. Medical stores and comforts reached the R.A.P. without delay from the A.D.S. which was administered by the 5th. Aust. Fld. Amb. On the evening of the 8th. Jan. the battalion was relieved by the 17th. Battalion and moved back to ROSSIGNOL CAMP about 1 kilo from NIEPPE. A large Nissen Hut Camp provided plenty of accommodation. The usual sick parade and sanitary supervision were carried on. Foot washing parades were held regularly. A moderate number of men suffering from Diarrhoea, also a fair percentage of boils amongst the men on sick parade. On the evening of the 16th. Jan. the battn. moved into the line again. Mjr. HAILES returned from leave on the 15th. Jan. and Capt. Cameron rejoined his unit. Owing to the recent heavy rain, the R.A.P., which the A.M.C. had inhabited on their last excursion into the line, was found to be flooded out by the overflow of the LYS RIVER. The 17th. Battn. had vacated it and had taken refuse in the remains of a farm near by but were in rather uncomfortable circumstances. The A.M.C. spent the night there whilst the Pioneer Sgt. and his merry men drained up the water and pumped out the R.A.P. Next day by mid-day it was habitable again. The battn. remained in the line until the 22nd. Jan., when they were again relieved by the 17th. Battn. During this time the front was very quiet and there were only two minor casualties? (both wounded), very little sickness and no Trench Feet sufficiently serious or advanced to necessitate evacuation to the Ambulance. A few cases of commencing Trench Feet occurred and were sent back to the Transport lines. The RIVER LYS gradually diminished in size and the saps became more passable. The battalion returned again to ROSSIGNOL CAMP and remained there until the 28th. Jan., when they moved to BULFORD CAMP near NEUVE EGLISE. On the 24th. Jan. Mjr. HAILES? D.S.O. relinquished his position as R.M.O. after 14 months continuous service towards the end of which he was awarded the D.S.O. He is transferred to No. 1 A.G.H. and I take his place as R.M.O. 2 A.M.C. Details were returned to the 5th. Aust. Fld. Amb. on the 24th. Jan. Their names were Cpl. SIMPSON and Pte. YEARDLEY and both were original men of the battalion. On the 26th. Jan. a sum of eighty two francs was received from the Red Cross Society for distribution between the A.M.C. Details. A receipt for the sum and a note of thanks from the details was returned to the Australian Branch of B.R.C.S. BOULOGNE.

Two stretcher bearers have been taken into the A.M.C. for training and instruction to replace the men returned to the Ambulance. Cpl. JONES D. the stretcher bearer CBL. replaces Cpl. SEMPSON and is in charge of the A.M.C. Details. On the 21st. Jan. a scabies inspection was held. At 10.20a.m. on the 28th. Jan. the battalion moved to BULFORD CAMP. Latrine accommodation is sufficient and buckets are used. A large incinerator disposes of refuse and burns well. The men appear in good health and spirits after leaving the trenches and are looking forward to a good month's spell in the back areas. One company, though which has just come back from the subsidiary line is suffering a little from diarrhoea. On the 31st. Jan. the battalion left BULFORD CAMP and marched a couple of kilos to the entraining point at KENNEBEK where our train collected and conveyed us to LUMBRES, which we reached about 7 p.m.

Sgd. C.D. Bateman Capt.
R.M.O. 20th. Aust. Inf. Battalion.