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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
27. 4. 16	Bois Ennui 9.55 PM.	Relieved. 19' Bn. Oper. Order No. 9	
12. 3. 16.		Lt. C.A. Mc Bride transferred to	
		4' Pioneer Bn. Canceled May 19	
30. 4. 16	" 1200	Casualties for week. B' Bn handed	
		out Truck 52 to A' Bn and took out Truck 57	
		from 7' Aust. Inf. Bde Operation Order No 10	
2. 5. 16	"	Relieved by 19' Bn	No 11
11. 5. 16	"	" the 19'	No 12
23. 5. 16	"	" by the 19' Bn	No 14
17. 5. 16	"	2' Lts. Robertson + Wright joined the Bn	
18. 5. 16	"	Lt. R.E. Pyle killed	
	"	Lt. J.R. Neuen rejoined the Bn	
21. 5. 16	"	2' Lts. to H. Parrell + N.S. Williams joined Bn	
21. 5. 16	"	Lt. J.R. Neuen evacuated sick	

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17th Battalion, A.I.F.

OPERATION ORDER No. 11.

1st May 1918.

Map 36, N.W. 1/20,000.

The Battalion excepting "D" Coy, will be relieved by the 19th Battalion on the evening of the 2nd/3rd May, and when relieved will move to billets in "D" Area.

"D" Coy, will be relieved by the Reserve Coy of the 19th Battalion in the BOIS GRENIER Line commencing at 6 a.m. on the 2nd May, and will move by the BOIS GRENIER Road and GRIS POT. This movement is to be completed by 12 mid-day.

During and after relief, Coys will come under the C.C. Battalion Area in which they are situated.

The Lewis Gun Detachment, Signallers, Beavers and Snipers will be relieved by 2.30 p.m. on the 2nd May, but will wait and go out with the Battalion at night.

The Relieving Battalion, except as stated in Para. 2 and 3 will move as follows :-

Relief for Left Company - La Vesee, Bois Grenier Road and Park New Avenue.

Relief for Centre Coy. - Gris Pot, Emergency Road "B", Bois Grenier Road and Tramway Avenue.

Relief for Right Coy. - Gris Pot, Emergency Road "B", Shaftesbury Avenue and Haymarket.

The Outgoing Companies will move by the same roads as the Companies which relieve them.

Except as detailed in Para 2, Units will move by platoons at two minutes interval.

No movement of troops on May 2nd will take place South of the Railway before 6 p.m., except as stated in Paras 2 and 3.

No Transport will cross Mac St Maur-Armentieres Railway before 6 p.m. on the night of the relief. The transport of the 19th Battalion will, on its return from the trenches, convey articles of the 17th Battalion to "D" Battalion Area. Coy's 2nd-in-Command and 1 Officer per Company of relieving Battalion will proceed to the trenches on the morning of the relief to take over in daylight all Trench Stores, S.A.A., Grenades etc. Receipts will be given for all articles not included in Trench Log Book. These also will be signed for, together with all articles included in them. All Periscopes and Steel Helmets to be handed over.

Defence Schemes, Photographs, Plans, Trench Maps, Log Books, etc., will be taken over by the relieving Unit and receipts given.

The 19th Battalion will provide the working parties for the carriage of Engineers Stores for the night of the 2nd/3rd May.

The order of the Relief will be :-

Left.....
Centre.....
Right.....

As each platoon is relieved it will proceed to same billets as previously occupied during period 24th to 27th April.

Company Commanders of the 17th Battalion will report by wire to Battalion Headquarters the moment the whole of their Company has been relieved, and that they have handed over Command of their Section to the C. C. Incoming Company.

The A.M.O. will make his own arrangements to hand over to the Incoming A.M.O. all Equipment etc., at the Dressing Station that form part of the Trench Equipment.

All moves are to be completed by 11.30 p.m. on the 2nd May.


Capt.
Adjutant, 17th Battalion, A.I.F.

17th. Battalion. A.I.F. APPENDIX

OPERATION ORDER NO.12. LAROLANDERIE FARM.

Reference Sheet 36 N.W.

10th. May. 1916.

1. The Battalion will relieve the 19th. Battalion in "B" Area, the relieved Unit returning "D" Area on the evening of 11/12th. May.
2. "B" Co'y, will relieve the Reserve Company, in the BOIS GRENIER Line commencing at 6 a.m. on the 11th. May and moving by GRIS POT and thence through BOIS GRENIER. The movement will be completed 12 mid-day. During and after relief, Companies will come under the orders of the O.C. Battalion Area in which they are situated.
3. Lewis Machine Gun Detachments and Signallers will be relieved by 2.30.p.m. on 11th. May. They will rendezvous at "B" Coy's Hd. Qrs. (Streaky Bacon Farm) and will be under Sgt. Blackford.
4. Snipers and a proportion of Bombers will be relieved by 2.30.p.m. on 11th. May. Battalion Bombers and Snipers will rendezvous at "B" Coy's Hd. Qrs, Camp 3. Lieut Spiers will take charge of Party.
5. The relief except as stated in Paras. 2, 3 and 4., will be carried out as follows:--
 - "C" Coy. will relieve "Left" Company and move via LA VESEE, BOIS GRENIER Road and PARK ROW AVENUE.
 - "A" Coy. will relieve "Centre" Company and move via GRIS POT? Emergency Road "B", BOIS GRENIER ROAD and TRAMWAY AVENUE.
 - "D" Coy. will relieve "Right" Company and move via GRIS POT, Emergency Road "B", and SHAFTESBURY AVENUE and HAYMARKET.
6. All Bivouac Stores will be handed over to Billeting Parties of 19th. Battalion and duplicate receipts taken.
7. No movements of troops on the 11th. inst., will take place South of the Railway before 7.30.p.m. except as stated in Paras 2, 3 and 4.
8. No Transport will move South of the Railway before 9.p.m. The Transport of this Battalion will on its return from the Trenches, convey articles of the 19th. Battalion to "B" Battalion Area.
9. Guides. No guides will be supplied, as it is considered by now all Companies should have a sufficient knowledge of the trenches to enable them to move direct to their positions without delay. Should any Company Commander not feel quite sure that his Platoons know where to go, he will personally arrange with the Company he is relieving, for the necessary guides.
10. The completion of all reliefs will be reported to Battalion Hd. Qrs., Messages to be signed with Company Commanders surname in addition to Company.
11. The 2nd.-in-Command, the R.S.M., One Officer per Company, and the Company Sgt-Majors, will proceed to the trenches to take over the work in hand and Trench Stores in daylight.
12. O.C. "D" Company will detail 2 Officers, 6 N.C.O's and 100 men to report to Engineer at Cottage Dump at 10 p.m. on the 11th. inst., to carry Engineers' Stores.
13. Companies will arrange to carry their dixies with them into the trenches
14. Transport Officer will arrange for the return to Transport Lines of all Saddle Horses and Field Kitchens.

Signed. H.W. Johnson. Captain.

Adjutant, 17th. Battalion. A.I.F.

Ref. Map 36.N. W. 1/20,000.

1. The Battalion excepting "D" Coy, will be relieved by the 19th Battalion on the evening of the 22/23rd May, and when relieved will move to Billets in "D" Area.
2. "D" Coy. will be relieved by the Reserve Coy of the 19th Battalion in the BOIS GRENIER Line commencing at 6 a.m. on the 22nd May, and will move by the BOIS GRENIER Road and GRIS POT. This movement is to be completed by 12 mid-day. During and after relief, Coys will come under the O.C. Battalion Area in which they are situated.
3. The ^{wi} Les Gun Detachment, Signallers, Bombers and Snipers will be relieved by 2.30 p.m. on the 22nd May, but will wait and go out with the Battalion at night.
4. The Relieving Battalion, except as stated in paras 2 and 3 will move to Front Line from BOIS GRENIER Road as follows:-
 Relief for Left Coy. Park Row.
 Relief for Centre Coy. Tramway Avenue.
 Relief for Right Coy. Shaftesbury Avenue and Haymarket.
 The Outgoing Companies will move by the following roads when relieved:-
 Left Coy. Park Row Avenue, Bois Grenier, La Vesse, Gris Pot, Rue de Lettree to Billets.
 Centre Coy. Tramway Avenue, La Vesse, L'Arnee to Billets.
 Right Coy. Princes St, Haymarket, Shaftesbury Avenue, Emergency Road "B", Gris Pot, Rue de Lettree to Billets.
 Hd Qrs Personnel) Piemeers and other Hd Qrs Personnel stationed at
 at Jeck's Joy.) Jeck's Joy will move out in rear of "C" Coy under the R.S.M. to Billets.
5. Except as detailed in para 2., Units will move by platoons at two minutes interval.
6. No movement of troops on May 22nd will take place South of the Railway before 8.30 p.m. except as stated in para 2.
7. No Transport will cross Bac St Maur- Armentieres Railway before 9.30 p.m. on the night of the relief. The Transport of the 19th Battalion will, on its return from the trenches, convey articles of the 17th Battalion to "D" Battalion Area. Battalion 2nd-in-Command and 1 Officer per Company of the Relieving Battalion will proceed to the trenches on the morning of the relief to take over in daylight all Trench Stores, S.A.A., Grenades etc. Receipts will be given for all articles not included in Trench Log Book. These also will be signed for, together with all articles included in them. All periscopes and Steel Helmets to be handed over.
8. Defence Schemes, Photographs, Plans, Trench Maps, Log Books, etc., will be taken over by the Relieving Unit and receipts given.
9. The 19th Battalion will provide the working parties for the carriage of Engineers Stores for the night of the 22/23rd May.
10. As each platoon is relieved it will proceed to same billets as previously occupied.
11. Company Commanders of the 17th Battalion will report by wire to Bttn Headquarters the moment the whole of their Company has been relieved, and that they have handed over Command of their Section to the O.C. Incoming Company.
12. The R.M.O. will make his own arrangements to hand over to the Incoming R.M.O. all equipment etc., at the Dressing Station that form part of the Trench Equipment.
13. All moves are to be completed by 11.30 p.m. on the 22nd May.

A. Chamberlain LIEUT.
 Adjutant, 17th Battalion, A.I. F.