

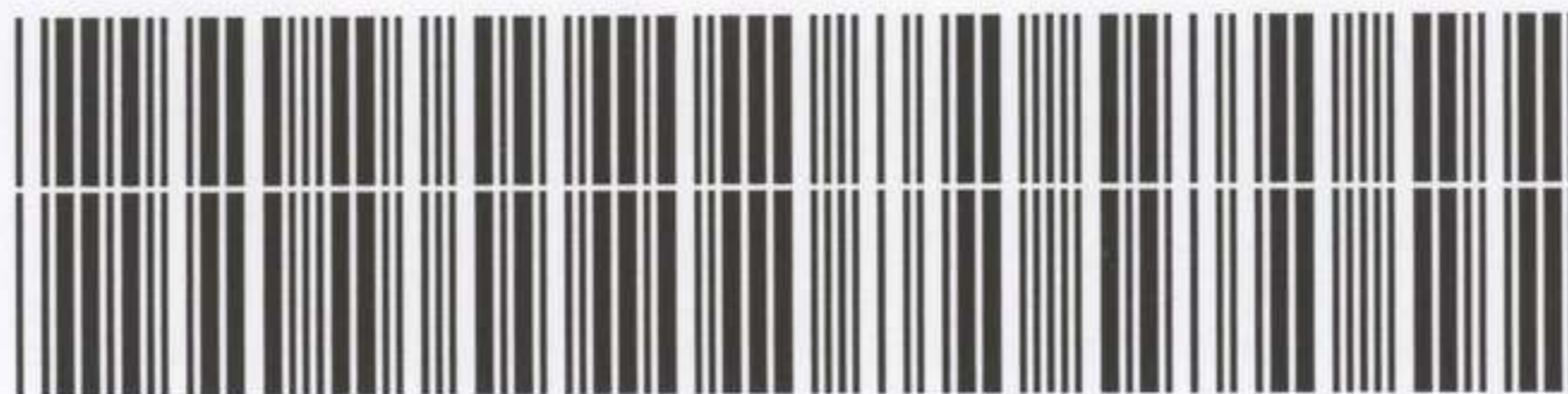
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PONT de NIEPPE	1.1.18	4.30 PM	Party of 2 officers + 100 O.R. proceeded to PLOEGSTEERT WOOD as a wiring party. Party returned at 4 AM. 2.1.18. ^{no} Lieut H.E. LANE reported back from leave to England. Lieut C. R. MAYNARD proceeded to 5 th Training Battalion.	
	2.1.18		Battalion had baths at PONT de NIEPPE for the day.	
	3.1.18	10 AM	Brigade Order No 135 received notifying move to Le ROSSIGNOL camp on 4 th Inst. 2nd Lieut W.S.B. CHAPMAN proceeded to Dampier Corps Cyclist Bn. Lieut E.R. RAINE proceeded to Corps School. Lieuts H. T. ALLEN M.C. + W.R. ROBERTSON evacuated to Field Amb. Sick.	
		1 PM	Battalion order No 52 issued for move to Le ROSSIGNOL CAMP.	Appx 1. 115
	4.1.18		Lieut F.W. LOCKWOOD rejoined Bn from Army Musketry School. Lieut F.G. RAE rejoined Bn from Seconded List. Bn moved to Le ROSSIGNOL camp. Move completed by 11.15 AM. A Coy relieved B Coy in Subsidiary Line.	
		5 PM	5 th Brigade Order No 136 received notifying relief of 20 th Bn by 17 th Bn	
	5.1.18		Lieut A.S. WEST rejoined Bn from Corps Gas School.	
			Party of 2 officers + 50 O.R. reported to Engineers at MOTOR CAR CORNER at 7 PM for wiring party.	
	6.1.18	8 PM	Bn Order No 53 issued for relief of 20 th Bn on 8 th Inst.	Appx 2. 115
	7.1.18		Lieut W.R. HAIGH M.C. took over command of A Coy from Capt J. WRIGHT. M.C.	

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Port Hope Shell 36 C30 S-8	8.1.18	8.10 PM.	Relief of 20 th Bn completed. C+D coys in front line with A+B in support Front patrolled. No enemy seen, no movement heard, bridge at C5 a 30.45 found to be impassable, practically no M.G. fire.	appx 3. B
	9.1.18	3 AM.	Situation report: Situation quiet, vicinity of C4c lightly shelled with 77mm from direction of FRELINGHIEN. Wind S.W. about 7 miles per hour. Works 5 th /9 th Inst. 73 coils barbed wire put out in front of front line, 150 yds 2 rows double apron wire erected in front of LONG AVENUE, 38 yds parapet built in NEW SUPPORT (V28C). 15 ft new trench dug at C4d 95.90. C.O. went round trenches with Gens BIRDWOOD, SMYTHE + SMITH during morning	
		3 PM.	Situation report: Situation quiet. C8a + C8c lightly shelled with 77mm + C10a + b shelled with large minnenwerfers. M.G.'s inactive; wind N.N.E. 5 miles per hour snowing.	B
	10.1.18	3 AM.	Capt H. G. B. proceeded to H.Q. 7 Hqs prior to returning to Australia. Situation quiet, vicinity of C4d lightly shelled with 77mm from direction of FRELINGHIEN M.G. + T.M.'s inactive. Wind N.E. 8 miles per hour. Front patrolled during night 9 th /10 th . No enemy seen, ground very boggy. Bridge just north of FRELINGHIEN Bridge examined found to be passable.	appx 4. B

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	10-1-18		<p>Worked over night 9th/10th: 98 coils of wire put out in front of front line, 120 yds double apron entanglement put out in C4c, 130 yds 2 rows double apron entanglement in front of BARKEN HAWK Av. C9d + C10c; building dugouts in buckfield C4b for new post. 40 yds trench excavated at C4d9.9 average depth 3ft 3 inches.</p> <p>Proposed new post at C10b 40.25 - clearing old sap.</p>	
		3 P.M.	<p>Situation quiet. C4b + C4c + d lightly shelled with 77mm. + 5.9s from direction of FRELINGHIEN. M.G. + T.M. normal. Two enemy planes patrolled our lines at 3.35 P.M.</p> <p>Worked: 20 yds trench excavated at C4d9.9 average depth 4ft. 10 yds new sap dug 3 ft 6 in deep at C4b3.1; 100 yds single row double apron entanglement put out in front of MONMOUTH TRENCH at C4c; 50 yds of same incomplete 32 coils erected in front of front line.</p>	
			<p>Front patrolled by 4 patrols during night. Going very muddy + dark, no enemy seen. M.G. + T.M. very inactive.</p>	app 5.
			<p>2 O.R. killed by shellfire; New post at C10b 40.25 completed + occupied.</p>	B
	11-1-18	3 P.M.	<p>Situation quiet. C4c + d lightly shelled with T.M. + 77mm. M.G. below normal</p> <p>Our planes very active during night late afternoon of 10th Inst.</p>	B

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	11-1-18	3 P.M.	<p>Situation quiet. C3a + C3b lightly shelled by 77mm. Two T.M. shells fell in Bd. from direction of FRELINGHIEN. M.G.s inactive. Wind SSW 3 miles per hour. Front patrolled by 4 Patrols during night 11th/12th. No signs of enemy seen, patrols unable to reach river bank owing to ground being under water.</p> <p>Works: C4d 9.9 revetted 20 ft, excavating 35 yds. New post in Duckfields (C4b) excavating dugouts. C4b 7.7 10 yds revetted. MONMOUTH TRENCH C4C 7.4 75 yds single row double apron wire. put up. BARKENHAM AV 39d & C10c 150 yds single row double apron entanglement put out. 41 coils wire put out in front line.</p>	Appx 6
	12-1-18	3 AM	<p>Situation quiet: C10a 5.3 lightly shelled by 77mm from direction of FRELINGHIEN. Enemy M.G. active firing from BRIDGE HO. & DYE WORKS. WHITE FARM lightly shelled by light T.M. from direction of LAUNDRY. Wind SSW 10 m.p.h.</p>	
		3 P.M.	<p>Situation quiet. C10a & c + c lightly shelled by 5.9s from direction of DURIEZ FM. M.G.s + T.M.s inactive. wind South SSW.</p> <p>Our front patrolled by 4 patrols during night 12th/13th Inst. Patrols unable to reach river owing to ground being under water. Traffic heard in FRELINGHIEN UNKNOWN UNKNOWN FM.</p> <p>Works. 35 coils wire put out in front, C4b 9.4 (new post) excavated 12 yds x 5 ft x 3 ft 6 in. + work at dugouts.</p>	Appx 7
			<p>A6945 Wt. W11422/M1160 350,000 12/16 D. D. & L. Forms/C.2118/14.</p> <p>A + B coys relieved C + D coys in front line, relief completed by 230 PM.</p>	4

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	13-1-18	3 A.M.	Situation quiet. Cgd and C10C heavily shelled with 5.9s direction unknown M.G. + T.M. inactive Wind S.S.E at 7 mph	
		3 P.M.	Situation quiet. Vicinity of Cgd lightly shelled by T.M. from direction of LAUNDRY C3C shelled by 77mm at 11 AM. Between 9.30 AM - 11.30 AM several enemy planes patrolled our lines. They were driven off by MM. fire. Wind WSW 7 miles per hour Works Revetting ²⁸ ft in C4 b 40.45, revetting 12 ft at C4 b 45.15, revetting 18 ft 34d 90.95 50 yds duckboard taken up + trench drained at C10 d 2.3. 150 yds 2 rows double apron entanglement put out at BARKENHAM on Cgd + C10C, building dugouts in C5a 1.4. Front patrolled during night 13 th /14 th . Patrols unable to reach river owing to depth of water. MG fire very active. Working parties heard in enemy lines 1 CR. killed or wounded.	app 8.
	13-1-18	10 P.M.	Brigade order No 137 for our relief by 20 th Bns received.	B
	14-1-18	3 A.M.	Situation quiet. Vicinity of DESPIERRE FM. lightly shelled with 4.2 = 77mm. Post at C16a 8-5 shelled with heavy T.M. + had to be evacuated. It is now only occupied at night	
		2.30 P.M.	Our Medium + Heavy T.M. registered on targets in FRELINCHIEN under cover of our artillery Enemy retaliation practically nil.	B

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	14.1.18	3 P.M.	<p>Situation quiet. Vicinity of C3C shelled with 77 mm at 11 AM + 7.30 PM. M.G. (enemy) inactive Enemy planes inactive. Wind S.E. 5 m.p.h. Works at C4 & 40.45. revetted 12 ft, C5 & 17.53 blocks completed. C4 & 90.95 revetted 6 ft + 2 ft Trenches widened. BARKENHAM. m. C9 d. 100 yds 2 rows double apron wire entanglement + 120 yds 1 row double apron entanglement put out. C10 & 4.9. 45* new sap dug 4 ft deep by 3 ft wide. Front patrolled throughout the night by 4 patrols. River could only be reached at one spot - about C5 & 3.5 where driftwood bridge was examined. found to be almost under water. Almost all low lying ground in the vicinity of river was under water. No enemy seen.</p>	appx 9. B
	15.1.18	3 AM.	<p>Situation quiet. Vicinity of DESPIERRE FARM shelled with 4.2 + 77 mm. M.G.s normal Vicinity of BUTCHERS SHOP shelled with heavy T.M. from direction of FRELINGH IEN. Enemy planes inactive. Wind SOUTH 12 m.p.h.</p>	
		3 P.M.	<p>Situation report. C3C + d shelled lightly (about 2 shells per 1/2 hour) M.G. + T.M. inactive Wind S.W 15 m.p.h. - raining.</p>	
		4 P.M.	<p>Operation order No 55 issued. to all concerned. On account of the flooded nature of the ground + trenches all works.</p>	appx 10. B

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	15-1-18		except draining of posts had to be suspended. Water was 3 ft deep in some of the communication trenches.	
			Front was patrolled during night, but owing to flooded nature of the ground it was impossible to get near the river.	appx 11 B
	16-1-18	3 AM.	Situation report. C3d + C10c lightly shelled with 4.2. M.G normal wind S.W. 15 mph.	
		3 P.M.	Vicinity of C3C8-5 shelled with 77 mm. M.Gs inactive. Enemy planes inactive. Wind WEST. 3 mph.	
		9.25 PM	Relief by 20th Bn A.I.F complete.	
			Front patrolled covering relief until 9 P.M.	appx 12
Bn Hqs. at.			Bn Hqs, A + D coys + 3 platoons from B Coy marched to camp at Le ROSSIGNOL. (Sheet 36. B 10 d 8-8). C Coy + 1 platoon from B Coy remained in subsidiary line.	B
Le ROSSIGNOL	17-1-18		Day spent in cleaning up equipment etc + at baths.	B
Sheet 36 B 10 d 8-8.	18-1-18		A Coy went through Musketry on PONT de NIEPPE Range.	B
	19-1-18		B Coy on PONT de NIEPPE range + other coys at baths.	B
	20-1-18		D Coy + 1 platoon from B Coy relieved C Coy + 1 platoon from B Coy of working parties.	B

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	20.1.18		with Engineers. They occupied billets in Le BIZET.	
		5 P.M.	Brigade Order No 139. received notifying us we are to relieve 20 th Pns on 22 nd /18. Inst	1B
	21.1.18	12.15 P.M.	Order No 56 issued for relief of 20 th Pns by 17 th Pns	app 13. B
Pns Hqs Sheet 36C3C8-8	22.1.18	8 P.M.	Relief of 20 th Pns completed. C+D coys in front line with A+B in support. Trenches in a very wet condition; outposts at CROWN PRINCE Tm, ESTAMINET. HD + POND. 40 had to be withdrawn owing to floods. Wire is under water. The following work was carried out: C10C BARKENHAM Av. 150 yds wire entanglement put out. Remainder of men were draining trenches & reclaiming dugouts. No patrols were sent out on account of the flood. Intelligence Summary attached.	app 14
	23.1.18	3 A.M.	Situation quiet. Road from C7 b.s. 1 to C7c 70 shelled at intervals with 77mmis from direction of UNKNOWN FARM. M.G. Normal. Wind N.E 5 mph clear.	
		3 P.M.	Situation quiet. C 8 b lightly shelled with 77mmis from direction of TRELINGHEN Tm. M.G. inactive. Wind S.S.W 5 mph fine cloudy.	
			Works. HOREK Av Av (C10C) 300 yds of snows double across entanglement put out. 70 yds of LONG Av cleared out. SUFFOLK Av. U18C 100 yds drained. GLASGOW REDOU BT. 1 dugout reclaimed.	1B
			Ground in 10 Man's Land still under water. No patrols. Intelligence Summary attached.	app 15

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	24.1.18	3 A.M.	Situation quiet. etc C4C + C10C lightly shelled with 77mm from direction of FRELINGHIEN. M.G. normal with occasional bursts from FRELINGHIEN. Vicinity of BARKENHAM. Av. lightly shelled with TMs. E.A. inactive. Wind S.S.W 5mph fine.	
		10 AM	Brigade order No 140. for relief by 11 th Brigade received	
		3 P.M.	Situation quiet. GUNNER FARM shelled lightly with 77mm. M.G. & TMs inactive. Two E.A. crossed our lines during morning. Wind SSE 5mph fine clear. Owing to ground being still under water no patrols went out. Intelligence Summary attached to app ^{ts}	15
			Works:- HOREKAV AV 3CWC. 250 yds 2 rows entanglement put out. 15 yds trench reworked at ends. 1250 yds trench drained in Battalion area.	18
	25.1.18	3 AM	Situation quiet. GUNNER FARM. shelled lightly with 77mm, FLAX ALLEY shelled with 4.25 from direction of FRELINGHIEN. M.G.'s fired occasional bursts during the night from BRIDGE AC. Light M.A.W.s firing from direction of SCREENED Tm. shelled vicinity of WHITE Tm. Two E.A. crossed our lines during morning. Wind SSE 5mph fine clear.	
		3 P.M.	Situation quiet. Vicinity of C3C8.5 lightly shelled with 77mm from direction of FRELINGHIEN. M.G.'s + TMs inactive. Six E.A. crossed our lines during morning + were fired on by AA + M.G.'s. Wind SSE 4 M.P.H. fine clear.	19

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	25.1.18		<p>Works: - 60yds trench excavated + widened at C10C7.3: 60yds 2 rows entanglement put out at C10C7.6. 30yds parapet built C10C0.6</p> <p>A patrol of 1 officer + 5 O.R. left post No 1016 at 4 AM + returned at post No 3 C10 at 6 AM. Water has receded about 200yds but river is still flooded ground is very boggy. Intelligence summary for 25.1.18 attached</p>	<p>appx #16</p> <p>appx #17</p>
	26.1.18	3 AM	<p>Situation quiet. Occasional bursts of 77mm on GASOMETER CORNER from direction of FRELINGHIEN. M.G's normal. Light T.M's fired a few rounds into vicinity of WHITE FARM from direction of SCREENED FARM. Vicinity of BUTCHER'S SHOP shelled with heavy T.M from direction of DYE WORKS. Wind S.S.W. 6 miles per hour, fine, foggy.</p>	
		3 PM	<p>Situation quiet. Vicinity of MOTOR CAR CORNER lightly shelled with 77mm's from direction of FARM de VACHERIE. M.G's inactive. Two large T.M. fired on C10C from direction of VATS. Wind SE 6 mph fine foggy</p> <p>Works: - 8yds new trench in C10C7.2 retted, 150yds trench drained in CARTER'S SWITCH, 40yds trench drained in CEDILLA RESERVE.</p>	
			<p>Inout patrolled by two patrols during night programme attached.</p> <p>Intelligence Summary attached</p>	<p>appx #18</p> <p>appx #19</p>
		9 PM	<p>Order No. 57 issued for relief of this Battalion by 41st Bn A.I.F</p>	<p>appx #20</p>

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	27.1.18	3 AM.	Situation unchanged. Three shells 77mm fell near C3d C3d fired from direction of FARM de VACHERIE. Enemy M.G. normal. Two heavy T.M. shells fell in vicinity of C4d fired from north of LAUNDRY. Places inactive. Wind S.E. 6 mph foggy.	B
		3 PM.	Situation very quiet. No activity whatever on our front. Wind S.E. 5 mph foggy.	
		10 PM	Brigade Order No 140. received.	
			Works:- 60 ^{trenches} revetted at C10C7.3 BUTCHERS SHOP + 40 yds parapet strengthened. Building dugout at C4f.	
			Front patrolled by two patrols. River going down but ground still boggy. No enemy seen.	appx 21.
			Intelligence Summary attached.	appx 22B
	28.1.18	3 AM.	Situation still very quiet. Enemy shelling Nil. Occasional burst of enemy M.G. indirect fire. T.M. inactive. Wind SE 7 mph. fine + clear.	
		3 PM	Situation quiet. Vicinity of C3C8.5 DESPIERRE FARM. + GUNNER ROAD shelled with 4.2s from direction of FARM de VACHERIE. M.G. + T.M. inactive. Three enemy planes crossed our lines during morning. Wind SE. 6 mph fine clear.	
		3.30 PM	Order NO 58 issued to all concerned for our movement to LUMBRES area	appx 23B
Bn Hqs		9.10 PM	Relief complete. Casualties during tow 1 OR. slightly wounded.	
Sheet 28 SW T26 d 5.1	29.1.18		Day spent in cleaning up + batching	B

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	30-1-18		Batt Muster parade & Coy bathing.	B8
	31-1-18		Captains F.G. Barnett & J. Wright. Lts Blackford G. & Harris 2/1/2 No 16 King... & Taylor E.D. proceeded on leave to England. Battalion marched out of bantem corner camp to De Kaminke siding & entrained for Lumbres at 1 pm. left at 120 pm arrived Lumbres at 530 pm & marched to bantemby. Billeto not good. Coy left at rest camp in Lumbres awaiting the removal of hay from several barns in bantemby. Batt HQ & Batt Orderly Room situated in the village of Lumbres bantemby. Billeting completed at 10.30 pm	appendix No 23
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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1	operation order No 52 3/1/18
2	Do Do 53 4/1/18
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13	Operation Order No 56 21/1/18
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15	Do Do 24 hrs ending 7.15 am 23/1/18
16	Do Do 24 hrs ending 7.15 am 24/1/18
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19	Patrol Programme 26/27/1/18
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OPERATION ORDER NO. 52.

APPENDIX /

Copy No. 9..

17TH BATTALION A.I.F.3/1/18.Reference Map:-

Sheet 36, N.W. 1/10,000.

1. (a) In consequence of the re-adjustment of the Brigade Area, the positions of the support Battalions, T.M. Battery, and M.G. Company will be changed.
- (b) 17TH BATTALION will move to LE ROSSIGNOL CAMP (B.10d.7.8) on the 4th instant. Companies will be fallen in ready to move off at 9.15 a.m. and will march in the following order - "A", "B", "D", with 100 yards between platoons. DRESS - Full marching Order.
- (c) Transport lines will be at B.10. c. 25.80.
2. Officers' Baggage will be ready for transport by 6.30 a.m.
3. An Advance party of 1 N.C.O. per Company will report to 2nd Lieut A. F. GILBERT at Battalion Orderly Room at 8.30 a.m. on the 4th instant.
4. Before moving off, Companies will furnish a certificate to Battalion Headquarters, stating that their Billets were left in a clean and sanitary condition.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

J. B. Barrett Captain.
Adjutant 17th Battalion A.I.F.

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| 1. C.O. | 6. Transport Officer. |
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| 4. "C" Company. | 9/11. War Diary. |
| 5. "D" Company. | 12. Spare. |

SECRET.OPERATION ORDER NO. 3.

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17TH BATTALION, A. I. F.5/1/18.Reference Maps:-

Sheet 28 - 1/40,000.
 Sheet 36 - 1/40,000.

1. The 17TH BATTALION will relieve the 20th Battalion in the Front and Support Lines on 8th January, and night of 8/9th January 1918.

"C" Coy.,	17th Bn.	will relieve	"C" Coy.,	20th Bn.	- Right Front.
"D" "	" "	" "	"D" "	" "	- Left Front.
"A" "	" "	" "	"A" "	" "	- Right Support.
"B" "	" "	" "	"B" "	" "	- Left Support.

2. Companies will be formed up ready to move off at 4.30 p.m., and guides for Posts from 20th Battalion will meet Companies at Company Headquarters.

"A" Company 17th Battalion will arrange with "A" Company 20th Battalion, to be relieved during the afternoon of the 8th instant.

3. (a) One Officer per Company will report to the Company of the 20th Battalion they are relieving, at 2 p.m. on the 8th instant.

(b) Nos. 1 of Lewis Gun teams will leave present Camp at 10 a.m. and report to Companies of 20th Battalion ~~of the 20th Battalion~~ which their Companies are relieving.

4. All packs will be dumped at end of Company Lines near road, by 2 p.m. on the 8th January 1918.

5. Sand bags will be worn by all ranks, instead of puttees, which will be left in packs.

6. Rations for the 9th instant will be taken forward in bulk to Support Lines. Companies in Support Lines will arrange to carry forward to Front Line Companies.

7. Receipts for all Maps, Aeroplane Photos., Trench Stores, &c., will be given, and the duplicates forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 11 p.m. on the 8th instant.

8. Completion of relief will be wired to Battalion Headquarters in Code.

9. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued by Runners at 8 p.m.

J. G. Lawrence
 Captain,
 Adjutant 17th Battalion A. I. F.

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9. "D" Company.
10. Quarter Master.
11. Transport Officer.
12. Spare.

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17TH BATTALION A.I.F. APPENDIX 3
PATROL PROGRAMME, Night 8/9th January 1918.

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No.	Strength	Place and time of departure	Place and time of return	Special Instructions	Password
1	1 Off. 10 o/r "A" Coy. with L. Gun	Post No. 1.C.10. 10 p.m.	Post No. 5.C.10. 1 a.m.	Examine FRELINGHIEN Bridge and patrol Northwards.	RICE
2	1 Off. 10 o/r "B" Coy. with L. Gun	Post No. 6.C.4. 10 p.m.	Post No. 7.C.10. 1 a.m.	Visit WHITE FARM; examine driftwood bridge, and patrol Southwards.	RICE
3	1 Off. 10 o/r "A" Coy.	Post No. 5.C.10. 2 a.m.	Post No. 1.C.16. 5 a.m.	Patrol Southwards.	RICE
4	1 Off. 10 o/r "B" Coy.	Post No. 7.C.10. 2 a.m.	Post No. 6.C.4. 5 a.m.	Patrol Northwards, Endeavor to ascertain if ^{every} post at about 5.C.70.95 is still occupied.	RICE

Patrol Programme will be made known to all ranks immediately it is received.
 Programme will not be taken forward of Company Headquarters.
 When patrol returns, Company will wire to Battalion Headquarters the following Code word:- "SNOW".

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- 1. File.
- 2/4. War /Diary.
- 5. "A" Coy.
- 6. "B" Coy.
- 7. "C" Coy.
- 8. "D" Coy.
- 9. Bde. Hdqrs.
- 10. Left Bn.
- 11. 5th A.M.G. Coy.
- 12. Spare.

J.H. Barrett Captain & Adjutant.
 for Commanding 17th Battalion A. I. F.

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PATROL PROGRAMME, Night 9/10th January 1918.

No.	Strength.	Place and time of departure.	Place and time of return.	Special Instructions.	Password.
1	1 Off. 10 o.r. with L. Coy. "B" Coy.	Post No. 6. C. 4. 5 p.m.	Post No. 7. C. 10. 9 p.m.	Visit WHITE FARM and patrol Southwards.	SPARROW
2	1 Off. 10 o.r. with L. Gm. "A" Coy.	Post No. 1. C. 10. 5 p.m.	Post No. 5. C. 10. 9 p.m.	Examine FRELINGHIEN Bridge and Patrol Northwards, returning along Breastwork.	SPARROW
3	1 Off. 10 o.r. "B" Coy.	Post No. 7. C. 10. 10 p.m.	Post No. 6. C. 4. 2 a.m.	Patrol Northwards, along river bank.	SPARROW
4	1 Off. 10 o.r. "A" Coy.	Post No. 5. C. 10. midnight.	Post No. 1. C. 10. 4 a.m.	Endeavor to examine footbridge at C. 11. e. 55. 45.	SPARROW.

Patrol Programme will be made known to all ranks immediately it is received.

Programme will NOT be taken forward of Company Headquarters.

When Patrol returns, Company will give to Battalion Headquarters the following

Code Word :- "ICE".

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| 1. File | 8. "D" Coy. |
| 2/4. Wardiary. | 9. Bde. Hdqrs. |
| 5. "A" Coy. | 10. Left. Bn. |
| 6. "B" " | 11. 5 th A. M. G. Coy. |
| 7. "C" " | 12. Spare. |

J. J. Rawet
Captain & Adjutant.
for Commanding 17th Battalion, A. I. F.

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PATROL PROGRAMME, Night 10/11th January 1918.

No.	Strength	:Place and : time of : departure	:Place and : time of : Return	:Special Instructions	:Password
1	:1 Off. 10 o. r. : "A" Coy. :with L. Gun	: Post No. 5. C. 10. : 5 p. m.	: Post No. 1. C. 10. : 9 p. m.	:Patrol Southwards; examine : FRELINGHIEN Bridge.	:STARLING.
2	:1 Off. 10 ar. : "B" Coy. :with L. Gun	: Post No. 7. C. 10. : 5 p. m.	: Post No. 6. C. 4. : 9 p. m.	: Patrol Northwards, and : visit WHITE FARM and : Driftwood Bridge.	:STARLING.
3	:1 Off. and : 10 o. r. : "A" Coy.	: Post No. 1. C. 10. : 10 p. m.	: Post No. 5. C. 10. : 2 a. m.	: Patrol North; examine : footbridge just North of : FRELINGHIEN Bridge.	:STARLING.
4	:1 Off. and : 10 o. r. : "B" Coy.	: Post No. 6. C. 4. : Midnight.	: Post No. 7. C. 10. : 4 a. m.	: Patrol South; visit : WHITE FARM.	:STARLING.

Patrol Programme will be made known to all ranks immediately it is received.

Programme will NOT be taken forward of Company Headquarters.
When Patrol returns, Company will wire to Battalion Headquarters the following Code word:- "RAIN".

DISTRIBUTION.

1. File.	8. "D" Coy.
2/4. War Diary.	9. Bde. Hdqrs.
5. "A" Coy.	10. Left Bn.
6. "B" Coy.	11. 5th A.M.G. Coy.
7. "C" Coy.	12. Spare.

J. Barrett
Captain & Adjutant,
for Commanding 17th Battalion A. I. F.

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17TH BATTALION, A. I. F.

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PATROL PROGRAMME, Night 11/12th January 1918.

No.	Strength	Place and time of departure	Place and time of return	Special instructions	Password
1	1 Off. 10 o.r. with L. Gun "B" Coy.	Post No. 6.C.4. : 5 p.m.	Post No. 7.C.10 : 10 p.m.	Visit WHITE FARM and Driftwood Bridge. Patrol Southward.	SWAN
2	1 Off. 10 o.r. with L. Gun "A" Coy.	Post No. 5.C.10 : 5.30 p.m.	Post No. 1.C.16 : 10.30 p.m.	Examine Footbridge North of FRELINGHIEN Bridge, and Patrol Southward.	SWAN
3	1 Off. 10 o.r. "B" Coy.	Post No. 7.C.10 : 11 p.m.	Post No. 6/C.4. : 3 a.m.	Patrol Northward as near River Bank as possible. Visit WHITE FARM.	SWAN
4	1 Off. 10 o.r. "A" Coy.	Post No. 1.C.16 : 1 a.m.	Post No. 4.C.10 : 5 a.m.	Patrol Northward to FRELINGHIEN Bridge, and return along Breastwork.	SWAN

Patrol Programme will be made known to all ranks immediately it is received.

Programme will NOT be taken forward of Company Headquarters. When Patrol returns, Company will wire to Battalion Headquarters the following Code word; - "HAIL".

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| 1. File. | 8. "D" Coy. | <i>J. B. Davel</i>
Captain & Adjutant.
for Commanding 17th Battalion A. I. F. |
| 2/4. War Diary. | 9. Bde. Hdqrs. | |
| 5. "A" Coy. | 10. Left Bn. | |
| 6. "B" " | 11. 5th A.M.G. Coy. | |
| 7. "C" " | 12. Spare. | |

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PATROL PROGRAMME, Night 12/13th January 1918.

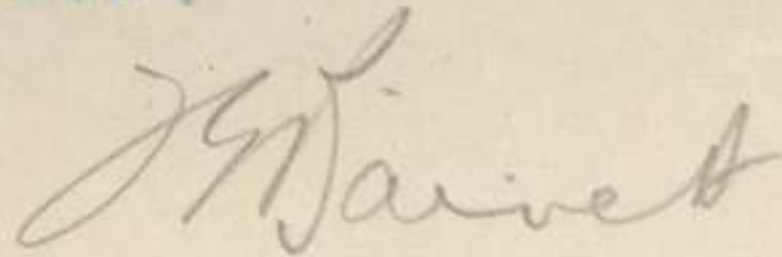
No.	Strength	Place and time of Departure	Place and time of Return	Special Instructions	Password
1	1 Off. "A" Coy. 15 o.r. Raiding Platoon	Post No. 5, C. 10. 5 p.m.	Post No. 1, C. 16 9 p.m.	Examine Footbridge just North of FRELINGHIEN Bridge Patrol South, covering relief.	PARROT
2	1 Off. "B" Coy. 15 o.r. from Raiding Platoon	Post No. 6, C. 4. 5 p.m.	Post No. 1, C. 4. 9 p.m.	Visit WHITE FARM, and Driftwood Bridge, and Patrol Southwards.	PARROT
3	1 Off. 10 o.r. with L. Gun from "C" Coy.	Post No. 1, C. 10. 11 pm.	Post No. 4, C. 10. 4 a.m.	Patrol Northward: examine FRELINGHIEN Bridge, and return along Breastwork.	PARROT
4	1 Off. 10 o.r. with L. Gun from "D" Coy.	Post No. 7, C. 10. Midnight	Post No. 6, C. 4. 4.30 a.m.	Patrol Northward as close as possible to River Bank.	PARROT

Patrol Programme will be made known to all ranks immediately it is received.

Programme will NOT be taken forward of Company Headquarters.
When Patrol returns, Company will wire to Battalion Headquarters the following Code word:- "MUD".

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1. File.	8. "D" Coy.
2/4. War Diary.	9. Bde. Hdqrs.
5. "A" Coy.	10. Left Bn.
6. "B" "	11. 5th A.M.G. Coy.
7. "C" Coy.	12. Spare.



for Commanding 17th Battalion A.I.F.
Captain & Adjutant.

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17TH BATTALION, A.I.F.

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PATROL PROGRAMME, Night 13/14th January 1918.

No.	Strength	Place and time of departure	Place and time of return	Special Instructions	Password
1	1 Off. 10 or with L. Gun from "C" Coy.	Post No. 1.C. 10 5 p. m.	Post No. 5.C. 10 10 p. m.	Endeavour to reach Footbridge just North of FRELINGHIEN Bridge, and ascertain if it is under water.	PLOVER
2	1 Off. 10 or with "D" Coy.	Post No. 6.C. 4 6 p. m.	Post No. 7.C. 10 11 p. m.	Visit WHITE FARM, and patrol Southward.	PLOVER
3	1 Off. 10 or from "C" Coy.	Post No. 4.C. 10 11 p. m.	Post No. 1.C. 16 3 a. m.	Proceed along breastwork, and go as near as possible to River, and endeavour to examine FRELINGHIEN Bridge.	PLOVER
4	1 Off. 10 or from "D" Coy.	Post No. 7.C. 10 Midnight	Post No. 6.C. 4 4 a. m.	Patrol North as near as possible to River. Visit WHITE FARM.	PLOVER

Patrol Programme will be made known to all ranks immediately it is received.

Programme will not be taken forward of Company Headquarters. When patrol returns, Company will wire to Battalion Headquarters the following Code word, "THAW".

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| 1. File. | 8. "D" Coy. | <i>J. Barrett</i>
Captain & Adjutant,
for Commanding 17th Battalion A. I. F. |
| 2/4. War Diary. | 9. Bde. Hdqrs. | |
| 5. "A" Coy/ | 10. Left Bn. | |
| 6. "B" " | 11. 5th A.M.G. Coy. | |
| 7. "C" " | 12. Spare. | |

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PATROL PROGRAMME, Night 14/15th January 1918.

No.	Strength	Place and time of departure	Place and time of return	Special Instructions	Password
1	1 Off. 10 gr with L. Gun from "C" Coy.	Post No. 1.C.16 : 5 p. m.	Post No. 4.C.10 : 9 p. m.	Patrol North as close as possible to River Bank, and endeavour to examine foot-bridge near FRELINGHIEN Bridge.	DUCK
2	1 Off. 10 o.r. with L. Gun from "D" Coy.	Post No. 6.C.4. : 5.30 p. m.	Post No. 7.C.10 : 10 p. m.	Visit WHITE FARM, & patrol South; endeavour to examine Driftwood Bridge.	DUCK
3	1 Off. 10 o.r. from "C" Coy.	Post No. 4.C.10 : 11 p. m.	Post No. 1.C.16 : 3 a. m.	Move out along Breastwork & patrol South as close as possible to River Bank.	DUCK
4	1 Off. 10 gr from "D" Coy.	Post No. 7.C.10 : 1 a. m.	Post No. 6.C.4. : 5 a. m.	Patrol North as near as possible to River Bank. Visit WHITE FARM.	DUCK

Patrol Programme will be made known to all ranks immediately it is received.
 Programme will NOT be taken forward of Company Headquarters.
 When patrol returns, Company will wire to Battalion Headquarters the following Code word:- "SLUSH".

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| 1. File. | 8. "D" Coy. |
| 2/4. War Diary. | 9. Bde. Hdqrs. |
| 5. "A" Coy. | 10. Left Bn. |
| 6. "B" Coy. | 11. 5th A.M.G. Coy. |
| 7. "C" Coy. | 12. Spare. |

J.P. Barrett
 Captain & Adjutant,
 for Comanding 17th Battalion A.I.F.

Reference Maps:-

Sheet 28. 1/40,000.
Sheet 36. 1/40,000.

1. (a) The 17TH BATTALION, A.I.F. will be relieved by the 20th Battalion A.I.F. on the 16th instant, and night of 16/17th instant.

"A" Coy. 17th Bn. will be relieved by "A" Coy. 20th Bn.

"B" " " " " " " " " "B" " " "

"C" " " " " " " " " "C" " " "

"D" " " " " " " " " "D" " " "

(b) On relief, Battalion Headquarters, "A", "B", and "D" Companies less one platoon from "B" Company, will move to LE ROSSIGNOL Camp.

"C" Company and one platoon from "B" Company, will occupy the Subsidiary line, and if weather permits, relief of "C" Company will commence at 2.30 p. m.

2. Companies other than "C" Company, will arrange for Guides to posts, to be at Company Headquarters at 6 p. m.

3. Receipts will be prepared in triplicate of all Trench Stores, Maps, Defence Schemes, and Works Policies; one copy will be handed to the relieving Company, and the remaining copies handed in to Battalion Orderly Room immediately on arrival in Camp.

Gum Boots will NOT be handed over to the incoming Unit, but will be carried out. A return showing number of gum boots on hand, will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 10 a.m. on the 17th instant, and if there is any shortage, an explanation will be required.

4. "A", "B", and "D" Companies will each detail one N.C.O. to report to 2nd Lieut. A.F. GILBERT at 11 a. m. on the 16th instant at Battalion Headquarters, as Billeting Party.

5. Regimental Quartermaster will arrange for a hot meal on arrival in Camp.

6. Transport Officer will arrange to collect Officers' Mess Gear and Lewis Guns (other than "C" Company and one platoon from "B" Company) at the following points and at the following times, viz:-

H. Q. and Orderly Room	at DESPIERRE FARM	- 5 p. m.
Left Companies	... at RESERVE FARM	- 7 p. m.
Right Companies	... at SURREY FARM	- 7 p. m.

7. Completion of relief will be wired to Battalion Headquarters in Code, and the arrival at Camp will be notified by Runner.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

By Runner at 4 p. m.

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1. File.
- 2/4. War Diary.
5. "A" Coy.
6. "B" "
7. "C" "
8. "D" "
9. 5th A. I. Brigade.
10. 20th Battalion A.I.F.
11. R. Q. M.
12. Transport Officer.

J. J. Lavett Captain,
Adjutant 17th Battalion A.I.F.

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17TH BATTALION A.I.F.

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PATROL PROGRAMME, Night 15/16th January 1918.

No.	Strength	Place and time of departure	Place and time of Return	Special Instructions	Password
1	1 Off. 10 o.r. with L. Gun	Post No. 1.C.4. 5 p.m.	Post No. 6.C.4. 9 p.m.	Patrol North as close as possible to River Bank; examine Driftwood Bridge; visit WHITE FARM.	CHICKEN
2	1 Off. 10 o.r. with L. Gun	Post No. 3.C.10. 5.30 p.m.	Post No. 1.C.16. 9.30 p.m.	Move out along Breastwork; endeavour to examine foot-bridge just North of FRELIN; -GHIEB Bridge; Patrol South.	CHICKEN
3	1 Off. 10 o.r. from "D" Coy.	Post No. 6.C.4. 11 p.m.	Post No. 7.C.10. 3.30 a.m.	Visit WHITE FARM; patrol Southwards.	CHICKEN
4	1 Off. 10 o.r. from "C" Coy	Post No. 1.C.16. 1 a.m.	Post No. 4.C.10. 5 a.m.	Patrol North as near as possible to River Bank; endeavour to ascertain if foot-bridge at C.11. c.4.9 is under water.	CHICKEN

Patrol Programme will be made known to all ranks immediately it is received.

Programme will NOT be taken forward of Company Headquarters.

When Patrol returns, Company will fire to Battalion Headquarters the following Code word:- "FROST".

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- 1. File.
- 2/4. War Diary.
- 5. "A" Coy.
- 6. "B" Coy.
- 7. "C" Coy.
- 8. "D" Coy.
- 9. Bde Hqrs.
- 10. Left Bn.
- 11. 5th A.M.G. Coy.
- 12. Spare.

J. Baird
 Captain & Adjutant.
 for Commanding 17th Battalion A.I.F.

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APPENDIX 12
17TH BATTALION, A.I.F.

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PATROL PROGRAMME, Night 16th January 1918.

No.	Strength	:Place and: : time of :Departure:	:Place and: : time of : Return :	Special Instructions	:Password
1	:1 Off. "C" Coy: :15 Other Ranks: :Raiding Pltn.:	:Post No. 1, C. 16. : 5 p. m.	:Post No. 3, C. 10 : 9 p.m.	:Patrol Northward, covering : relief.	: BIRD
2	:1 Off. "D" Coy: :15 o.r.:	:Post No. 6, C. 4. : 5 p. m.	:Post No. 2, C. 4. : 9 p. m.	: Visit WHITE FARM; patrol : Southward, covering relief.	: BIRD

Patrol Programme will be made known to all ranks immediately it is received.

Programme will NOT be taken forward of Company Headquarters.

When Patrol returns, Company will wire to Battalion Headquarters the following Code word:- "NIGHT".

Patrol reports will be handed in to Battalion Headquarters.

DISTRIBUTION.

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| 1. File. | 8. "D" Coy. | <i>J. Ramett</i>
Captain & Adjutant. |
| 2/4. War Diary. | 9. Bde. Hdqrs. | |
| 5. "A" Coy. | 10. Left Bn. for Commanding 17th Battalion AIF. | |
| 6. "B" " | 11. 5th A.M.C. Coy. | |
| 7. "C" " | 12. Spare. | |

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 56.

Copy No. 3.

17TH BATTALION, A.I.F.

21/1/18.

Reference Maps:-

- Sheet 28 - 1/40,000.
- Sheet 36 - 1/40,000.

1. The 17TH BATTALION will relieve the 20th Battalion in the Front and Support Lines on 22nd January, and night of 22/23rd January 1918.

"C" Coy. 17th Bn.	will relieve	"C" Coy. 20th Bn.	- Right Front.
"D" " " "	" " " "	"D" " " "	-Left Front.
"A" " " "	" " " "	"A" " " "	- Right Support.
"B" " " "	" " " "	"B" " " "	- Left Support.

2. "A", "B", and "C" Companies will be formed up ready to move off at 4.30 p.m.

Guides for "A" and "C" Companies will be at CHAPELLE ROMPUS at 5 p.m., and guides for posts will be at Company Headquarters. "D" Company will move off as soon as visibility allows.

3. (a) One officer per Company will report to the company of the 20th Battalion they are relieving, at 2 p.m. on the 22nd instant.

(b) Nos. 1 of Lewis Gun Teams will leave present camp at 10 am, and report to companies of the 20th Battalion which their Companies are relieving.

4. All packs will be carried to R. Q. M's Store, and stacked by Companies, by 2 p.m. on the 22nd instant.

5. Sand bags will be worn by all ranks instead of puttees, which will be left in packs.

6. Rations for 23rd instant will be taken forward in bulk.

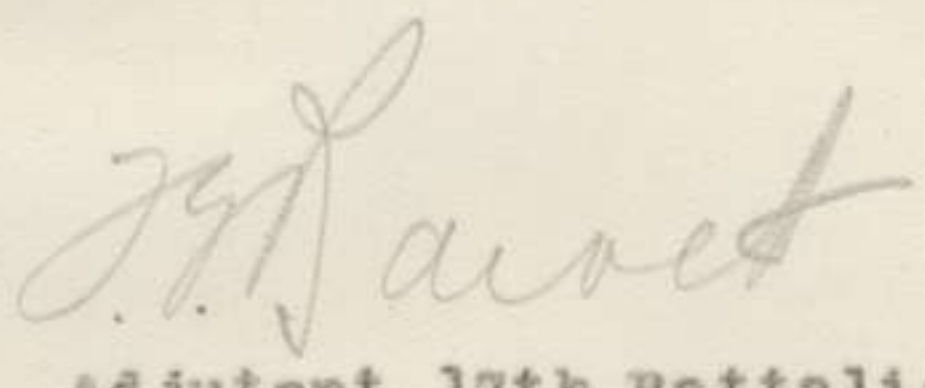
"A" Company's rations	will be dumped at the	SUBSIDIARY LINE.
"C" " " " " " "	" " " " " "	BURREY FARM.
"B" and "D" " " " "	" " " " " "	RESERVE FARM.

Companies in support will arrange to carry forward rations to Front Line Companies.

7. Receipts for all Maps, Aeroplane Photos, Trench Stores, &c., will be given, and the duplicates forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 11 p.m. on the 22nd instant.

8. Completion of relief will be wired to Battalion Headquarters in Code.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.



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

Issued by Runners at 12.15 p.m.

DISTRIBUTION.

- 1. File.
- 2. C. O.
- 3/5. War Diary.
- 6. "A" Company.
- 7. "B" "
- 8. "C" "
- 9. "D" "
- 10. Quarter Master.
- 11. Transport Officer.
- 12. 20th Battalion A. I.F.

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24 hours ending 2.15 am
23/1/18.

Ref. Sheet PONT ROUGE 1/10,000.

OPERATIONS. 17th Bn., relieved 20th Bn., in Front and Support Line systems in LE TOUQUET Sector. Relief was successfully completed at 7.30 p.m.

OWN ARTILLERY Active throughout the day, firing on vicinity of DURIEZ FARM, SCREENED FARM, FRELINGHEIN, and vicinity of C.5.c.10.70.

OWN PLANES Very active 9.35 am, 3 flew over Right sector; fired on by A.A. Guns. Also flew over enemy lines at following times and numbers, 9.45 am (1), 10.15 a.m. (1), 11.20 am (1), 12.45 pm (1), 1.40 p.m. (1), 9.40 a.m. (1), 10 a.m. (1), 10.35 a.m. (1), 10.55 am (1), 10.20 am (1), 12.40 p.m., (1), 12.45 pm (1), 1.45 p.m. (1). At 10.40 am, one of our planes bombed enemy lines, being fired on by Machine Guns from SOAP HOUSE and A.A. Guns from FRELINGHEIN.

ENEMY ARTILLERY. 9.20 a.m. 77 m.ms firing from TB.84° on to vicinity of C.10.b.8.9. (Bearing 84° from C.10.p.90.85). 11.20 a.m. 77 m.ms firing on to back areas from a T.B. of 110° from C.10.c.90.85. At 9.55 a.m. 4.2 gun firing from rear of SCREENED FARM on the vicinity of C.4.b.7.9. At 10.25 am., 4.2 Gun firing from direction of TWIN FARMS on to C.4.b. At intervals from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. road from CHAPELLE ROMPUE to GASOMETER CORNER, shelled with bursts of from 20 to 30 77 m.ms. Enemy battery of 4.2s from a T.B. of 75° from C.15.b.1.5. fired 4 bursts of about 60 shells into LE BIZET at 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 7.30 p.m. and 11 pm. On last occasion were silenced by our counter batteries at 8.35 p.m.

ENEMY M.Gs Observed firing from C.11.c.80.75. from C.17.a.2.6., C.11.c.90.45, ~~C.11.c.90.45~~ C.11.d.40.35, C.17.a.45. M.G. firing on our planes from C.11.b.14.

ENEMY T.Ms C.5.d.05.60, pineapple bombs fired from this vicinity into CECIL LANE. 8 a.m. 12 Minenwerfers fired on to C.4b. from C.5p.10.70. At 9 a.m. 10 light Minenwerfers fired on to rear Support from same place. 9 a.m. firing from C.5.c.10.70, Minenwerfer firing 10 rounds after which a premature burst was seen. The gun immediately ceased fire. 2.15 pm. 3 Minenwerfers fired from vicinity of C.11.c.70.75. in to vicinity of HALFWAY HOUSE. 3.55 p.m. 10 pineapple bombs coming from C.17.a.2.7. on to vicinity of LONG AVENUE. 3.30 p.m. Heavy T.M. at C.11.c.9.5. fired 3 shells on to vicinity of BUTCHERS SHOP. Silenced by artillery.

ENEMY PLANES Unusually active. 2 crossed our Lines at 10.35 a.m., 1 at 10.55 a.m., 4 at 11 a.m., 6 at 11.25 am. 2 at 10.40 am, 1 at 11.5 a.m., 5 at 10.10 a.m., 3 at 11.15 a.m., 6 at 11.20 am., 5 at 1.30 a.m., 10 at 11.40 a.m. engaged by our planes and later flying in rear of own Lines. 11.50 6 patrolling own lines. 1.45 p.m. 2 from Right flank, 3 at 2.40 pm. from left flank, 1 at 3 p.m. overhead, 3 at 2.25 pm. forced back to own lines by A.A. guns and M.Gs.

ENEMY SNIPERS. Firing from C.16.a.9.3. also from C.17.a.4.8. and one at 10.45 a.m. from the ARCHES.

INFANTRY ACTIVITY. 7.43 am. two men leave farm at U.29.d.45.15 and disappear round rear of building. 7.58 a.m. man seen entering same farm coming from SCREENED FARM and at 8.5 am. two men leave farm and disappear in rear, one man apparently lv

carrying a walking stick

At 8.32 am. two men seen moving about at C.5.b.15.10 apparently an O.P. At 8.45 a.m. man seen leaving track near C.5.b.80.65 crossing open in stooping fashion and jumped into trench at C.5.b.80.65. 9 am. three men leave DURIEZ FARM, seen to enter ruins at SCREENED FARM. 1235 p.m. 3 men enter farm at U29.d.45.15 carrying tins in hands and at 2.17 pm. man seen to leave and disappear in rear. Lamp signalling is reported to have been seen from this place on night 21/22 inst.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Enemy Balloon: went up from T.P. of 128° from C.10g. 90: 85. During night flares went up at intervals of two to three hours from FRELINGHIEN.

(sd° C. J. SAMS Lieut. I. O. 17th. Bn. AIF.)

7.15 a.m. 23/1/18.

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for 24 hours ending 7.15 am. 24/1/18.

OUR ARTILLERY. Our 18 Pounders through the day shelled rear of FRELINGHIEN, LAUNDRY and our 60 Pounders fired about 10 shots into wood C.5.c. & d. 6" Howitzers maintained slow fire until 12 noon. At 2 pm. 6" and 4.5" Howitzers commenced CB work until 4 p.m. At 9 p.m. 4.5" fire d 3 rounds per hour until 10 pm.

PLANES Very active over enemy's line during day at 11.30 am. 2.30 pm., 3.30 pm. and 3.15 p.m., continually fired at by enemy AA Guns and MGs.

PATROLS Patrols did not leave our Lines on account of flooded nature of ground.

OUR T.Ms. One 6" Mortar fired 3 rounds on FRELINGHIEN for purpose of registration.

OUR M.Gs. Our Vickers Guns fired on targets, FRELINGHIEN BRIDGE ETC throughout the night at intervals from 5 pm. until 12 m.

PART "B"

ENEMY ARTILLERY 8.30 am. 77m. ms shelled vicinity C.3.c. 8.5. from direction of DURIEZ FARM.
10.15 a.m. 77 mms shelled vicinity of GASOMETER CORNER and CHAPELLE ROMPUE and also at intervals throughout the day, gun firing from a T.B. of 89° from C4a. 80.75.
10.45 same gun shelled vicinity of C.4.a87. and FLAX ALLEY with HE and a few bursts of shrapnel. Same places shelled again with same battery at 10.30 a.m. and 12.15 pm from a T.B. of 89° from C.4.a. 80.75. 5.9" Howitzer searched vicinity of LE BIZET CHURCH during afternoon. 11 am. 9 shells, 4.2" fell near working party in FLAX ALLEY.

ENEMY T.Ms. 8.3 am. small enemy TM. fired about 15 rounds into vicinity of WHITE FARM and BRICKFIELD.
9 am. 4 T.Ms were fired into vicinity of BARKENHAM AVENUE.
11 p.m. firing from direction of FRELINGHIEN on to HOUPLINE S Sector. T.Ms firing in same direction from behind DYE WORKS at C.11.c.6.6. Appeared to be 4 TMs firing from this position.

ENEMY M.Gs.

INFANTRY ACTIVITY 9.30 a.m. one man seen moving about CHURCH in FRELINGHIEN.
11.30 a.m. two men seen to come out of CEYLON FARM and walk along track at C.12.b going in an easterly direction.
12.45 p.m. one man seen moving about CEYLON FARM.
2 p.m. Smoke observed issuing from C.5.c.70.65. Appeared to come from Dug-out.

MISCELLANEOUS. River LYS flood water has fallen about 10".
Enemy searchlight and string of fire-balls observed in back areas behind FRELINGHIEN after two of our planes had crossed at about 10 pm.

(sd) E. J. SAMS Lieut.
I.O. 17th. Bn., AIF.

7.15 am. 24/1/18?

PATROL PROGRAMME for night 25/26th. January, 1918. ~~16~~ 16

Strength.	Place & time of departure.	Place & time of return.	Instructions.	PASSWORD
1 Offr. 5th s/r "A" Coy.	4 sp. P2170 1C16	6 sp. P2170 3C10	Patrol North as close as possible to River bank, ascertain state of flood and ground.	"GOLD"

This programme and password will be made known to all concerned immediately it is received.
 PROGRAMME WILL NOT BE FORWARDED OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS.
 On the return of Patrol the following word will be wired to En. Headquarters:- "MURRAY"

W. J. J. J.
 Capt. & Adjt.
 17th Bn. A.I.F.

APPENDIX

16

17th. Bn., A. I. F. 24 Hours
ending 7.15 am. 25/I/18

OUR ARTILLERY 11.30 am our heavy batteries shelled CEYLON FARM and apparently a dump was blown up. Our 4.5s shelled TRIANGLE FARM (about 20 shells). At 1.40 pm and 2.30 pm 6" batteries shelled TWIN FARMS with about 50 shells and at 2.10 pm 18 pounders fired shrapnel over vicinity of C.5.b.55.40. Our guns at 3.30 pm shelling on right of FRELINGHIEN, appeared to blow up a dump as there was much flame and smoke seen for some time on a T.B. of 127° from C.10.c.4.7. At 8 pm 18 pounders shelled working party in FRELINGHIEN in vicinity of ARCHES.

OUR M.Gs. Fired occasional bursts through the night on bridges etc.

OUR PLANES Very active throughout the day, crossing the enemy's lines at 10.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m. and 3 p.m., 10.40 a.m., 1.15 p.m. All were fired on by enemy AA.Guns and M.Gs.

RIVER LYS The River is receding slowly and the breastwork between C.10.b.8.3. and C.10.b.8.5. is now a couple of feet above water level. Water in brickfield has fallen about 6".

ENEMY ARTILLERY; Occasional bursts of 77 m.ms on LE BIZET, MOTOR CAR CORNER, and GASOMETER CORNER. 9.15 am enemy shelled vicinity of C.3.C8.5 with 77 mms from TR. of 102° from C.3.b.7.1. 8.30 am about 10 shells (4.2's) fell on vicinity of FLAX ALLEY. 12.45 enemy 77 m. ms shelled vicinity of WHITE FARM. 12 noon enemy 77 m.ms firing from a T.B. of 77° from C.10.c.4.7. Enemy 77 mm Battery which fires on MOTOR CAR CORNER and LE BIZET has been firing from direction of FME de VACHERIE and also EAST of FRELINGHIEN.

ENEMY M.Gs. Very active on HOUPLINES Sector from 2 to 4 p.m. 2.45 pm. Enemy MG firing from window of BRIDGE HOUSE (C.11.c.58.) M.Gs from LAUNDRY and DYE WORKS also fired occasional bursts during night. A battery of 4 T.Ms observed firing to our right from NORTH end of BREWERY. 4 pm. 6 T.M. shots fell between C.10.d.29. and C.10.b.25.20, came from direction of North end of Village about C.11.a.75.30.

ENEMY T.Ms 9.45 am light T.M. firing on to vicinity of WHITE FARM from rear of SCREENED FARM. 8.15 a.m. TM fired on to 19th. Battalion Sector from UNKNOWN FARM. Enemy TM. fired a few rounds from direction of DYE WORKS, all of which fell in water in front of C10.d.2.3.

INFANTRY ACTIVITY 10.15 am enemy working party seen moving timber at UNKNOWN FARM. 1.45 p.m. 2 of enemy seen standing outside of a dug-out in Front Line on a T.B. of 126° from C.10.c.47. Working party near ARCHES at 8 pm. fired on and dispersed by our 18 pounders.

MISCELLANEOUS Enemy planes active :- 4 at 1 p.m. 1 at 11.45 am.; 1 at 120, 4 at 235 p.m. All were fired on by our A.A. Guns and M.Gs and several were driven off. Large cloud of smoke observed at U.30.d.2.2. at 12.45 pm. 11.45 am smoke seen issuing from right of FRELINGHIEN at a T.B. of 81° from C.10.c.4.7.

ENEMY BALLOONS 11 a.m. Enemy Balloon seen rising at T.B. 84° from C.3.b.7.1. 12.15 pm another balloon seen at a T.B. of 81° from C.10.c.47. This was taken down at 12.50 pm. 3.15 pm balloon rose at TB. of 59° from C.3.b.7.1. At 7 p.m. an enemy searchlight played for a brief period on left Coy front from some distance in rear of SOAP HOUSE (C 5.c.7.2).

(sd) EJ. SAMS Lt. IQ. 17th. Bn. AIF

7.15 AM 25/I/18.

----- PROGRAMME OF PATROLS for night 26/27th January, 1918. -----

No.	Strength.	Place & : : time of : : departure.	Place & : : time of : : return.	Instructions.	Password.
1	1 Offr. : 5 o/r. :"D" Coy.	White : Farm: : 10 pm.	Post No : 4. c. 4 : 12 m'night;	Report on state of River and ground.	"SILVER"
2	1 Offr. : 5 o/r. :"A" Coy.	Post No : I. C. 10. : 3 am.	Post No : 5. C. 10. : 5 a.m.	Report on state of River and ground.	"SILVER"

This programme will be made known to all concerned immediately it is received.

THIS PROGRAMME WILL NOT BE TAKEN FORWARD OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS.
On the return of the Patrol, the following Password will be wired to Battalion Headquarters. "LACHLAN".

J. B. Bancroft

APPENDIX 18

for 24 hours ending 7.15 am 26/1/18.

- OUR ARTILLERY. Our artillery fired normal C.B. work during morning. Activity increased with clearer visibility and during the afternoon our 4.5 HOWs. fired on ARCHES in FRELINGHIEN, also on BRIDGE HOUSE. At 6 pm. 4.5 HOWs silenced heavy Minenwerfer firing from DYE WORKS. 8.30 p.m. 18 pounders fired about 20 shrapnel bursts over the ARCHES. 10.15 pm. our heavies opened on Sector to RIGHT of BATTAL ION frontage and again at 11.15 pm.
- OUR M.Gs. Fired short bursts throughout the night and during the day fired on enemy planes attempting to cross our Lines.
- INFANTRY OPERATIONS. Relief of "D" Company, FRONT LINE by "B" Company SUPPORT LINE completed at 7.30 pm.
- PLANES Our planes very active during day crossing the enemy Lines at various points and times. 1 at 11.15, 3 at 2.30 pm, 1 at 10 am, 3 at 11 am, 4 at 11.25 a.m. several ~~at 1 pm~~ at 1 pm, and at 3 p.m. All were fired on by enemy A.A. Guns and M.Gs.
- PATROL. Patrol of 1 Offr. and 5 o/r. left Post 1.C.16 at 4 am. and patrolled Northwards along the water's edge. On an average the water is 200 yards in front of the Posts in front of which the Patrol was working, whilst POND HOUSE is still under water. At present the water runs parallel with the avenue of trees running between ~~at~~ C.10.d.80.75 and C.10.d.5.2. At points along the indicated line the water reaches higher towards our trench system, this no doubt due to the numerous agricultural drains in the vicinity. On the whole the ground is very sloppy, which, in my opinion, indicates that the water is getting away fairly quickly. As yet overland communication between Posts 3.C.10 and 4.C.10 is impossible. The patrol returned through Posts 3.C.10 at 6.5 a.m.
- ENEMY ARTILLERY 10.30 a.m. enemy 77 m.m. fired 3 rounds into vicinity of C.3.c. and b from a T.B. of 92° from C.3b.7.1. 2.25 p.m. Enemy 4.2s shelling C.4.a & c from a T.B. of 65° from C.3b.7.1. During afternoon a Vickers Gun was firing from VIEW LANE. Shortly afterwards 77 m.m. opened on VIEW LANE C.II.a 55.15 fired on by 18 pounders at 8 p.m. and 10.30 p.m.
- ENEMY M.Gs. Below normal. Suspected position of M.G. at C.II.c. 5060
- ENEMY T.Ms. 8.4 a.m. Light T.M. fired 4 rounds into vicinity of WHITE FARM from rear of SCREENED FARM. 11.10 a.m. same T.M. fired 6 rounds into vicinity of WHITE FARM from about C.5.b.6.4. At 4.30 pm. Heavy Minenwerfer fired 20 rounds 100 yards north of BUTCHERS SHOP from DYE WORKS and was silenced by our 4.5 HOWs.
- INFANTRY ACTIVITY. 2 p.m. smoke seen rising from dug-out at C.17.a.15.50. 3.20 p.m. three of enemy seen carrying timber from C.11.a.75.20 to C.11.a.90.15. 4.20 p.m. smoke observed rising from C.11.b.8.9. after place had been shelled, by our 18 pounders. Working party heard during night near BREWERY and the ARCHES. Artillery notified, 8 p.m. working party heard at C.11.a.58.16. Fired on by artillery Noise like dropping of picks and shovels could be heard.
- ENEMY PLANES Very active all day. Crossed our Lines at the following times and numbers. 3 at 1 pm, 1 at 11.40 a.m. Several ^{at 11.50 am} at 3.15 p.m.; 1 at 4.35 pm. forced over own Lines by our airmen. All were fired on by our AA. guns and M.Gs. 4.30 p.m. one plane was observed

returning from our back areas and I was immediately engaged by our A.A. guns and M.Gs. At 6 pm. several enemy planes heard crossing, bombs being dropped near PONT de NIEPPE.

BALLOONS

11.50 a.m. Enemy balloon rose from a T.B. of 82° from C. 10. c. 45.75. At 12.15 p.m. 4 enemy balloons observed on a T.B. of 25°, 27°, 40°, and 49° from C. 3. b. 7. I.

(sd) C. J. SAMS Lieut. I.O. 17th. Bn., AIF.

7.15 am. 26. I 10

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26.1.18

Reference Maps:-

Sheet 28 S.W. 1/20,000
" 36 N.W. do

1. The 17th. Battalion, A.I.F. will be relieved in the FRONT and SUPPORT Lines by the 41st. Battalion, A.I.F. on 28th. Jany. and night 28/29th. January, 1918.
2. (a) On relief the 17th. Battalion will entrain at OOSTHOVE Farme, B.11.d.3.4., at 9 p.m. for CONNAUGHT SIDING and will be billeted at CANTEEN CORNER, T.26.c.58.12.
(b) Companies will report to Major L.G.FUSSELL M.C. (entraining Officer) at Oosthove Farme on arrival.
3. Command will pass to C.O. 41st. Battalion on completion of relief.
4. Receipts will be prepared in triplicate for all Trench Stores, Maps; Defence Schemes, and Work Policies, one copy will be handed to the relieving Company and the remaining copies handed in to Bn. Headquarters immediately on arrival in Camp. Gum Bots will not be handed over but will be washed and handed in to R.Q.M. Store by 10 am. 29th. inst. If there is any shortage, an explanation will be required.
5. Company Commanders will warn all ranks that they must come out fully equipped and that any shortages will be charged up to the individuals concerned.
6. Each Company will detail one Guide per Platoon to report at time and place to be notified later. Companies will arrange for Guides to Posts to be ready at Company Headquarters.
7. Billeting Party of 1 N.C.O. and 2 Cooks per Company will report to Lieutenant GILBERT at Battalion Transport Lines at 10 am. 28th. inst. This party will meet the Battalion at CONNAUGHT SIDING.
8. Regimental Quartermaster will arrange for a hot meal on arrival in Camp.
9. (a) Transport will clear present area by 10 am. 28th. inst. and will move to CANTEEN CORNER, T.26.c.58.12.
(b) Transport Officer will arrange to collect Officers' Mess Gear and Lewis Guns at the following points at the following times :-

H.Q. and Orderly Room at DESPIERRE FARM	6 pm.
"A" Company. SUBSIDIARY LINE	6 pm.
"C" do SURREY FARM	7 pm.
"B" and "D" Companies RESERVE FARM	7 pm.
10. Completion of relief will be wired to Battalion Headquarters in code and the arrival in Camp will be notified by Runner.
11. A C K N O W L E D G E

J. G. Barrett Captain.

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

By Runner at 9 P.M.

1. File.
2. War Diary.
3. do
4. do
5. "A" Company.
6. "B" Company.

7. "C" Company.
8. "D" Company.
9. 5th. A.I.BRIGADE.
10. 41st. Bn., A.I.F.
11. R.Q.M.
12. Transport Officer.

PROGRAMME OF PATROLS FOR NIGHT 27/28th. January, '18

No.	Strength.	Place & time of departure.	Place & time of return.	Instructions.	Password
1	1 Offr. 5 o/r. "A" Coy.	Post No. 5.C.10. 10 p.m.	Post No. I.C.10. 12 m'night.	Report on state of River Lys and ground.	"TIN"
2	1 Offr. 5 o/r. "D" Coy.	Post No. 4.C.4. 3 am.	White Farm. 5 a.m.	Report on state of River Lys and ground.	"TIN"

This programme will not be taken forward of Company Headquarters. Contents and Password will be made known to all concerned immediately it is received.

On return of the Patrol the following word will be wired to Battalion Headquarters: "DARLING"

J.G. Barnett

Captain

Ajtar, 17th. Battalion, AIF.

APPENDIX 21

for 24 hours ending 7.15 am. 27/1/18.

"A"

- OWN ARTILLERY Our 60 pounders and 18 pounders shelled C.I7.a.2.7. and C.II.c.55.60 at 11 a.m. Visibility very bad so results could not be accurately ascertained. 12 noon our 18 pounders silenced ^{small} /Minenwerfer firing from C.5.c.85.60 and vicinity of C.5.c7.6. At 6.15 p.m. our 4.5 HOWs fired on T.M. near LAUNDRY. During morning 18 pounders fired battery fire to cover T.M. demonstration. 10 pm. Heavies fired slowly for about 15 minutes.
- OUR T.Ms. At 11.30 am. our 9.45" T.M. shelled vicinity of VATS at C.17.a.2.8. also DYE WORKS at C.11.c.55.60. Seemed to be several direct hits.
- OUR PLANES Visibility improved at 12 noon, two of our planes flew over enemy lines being fired on by enemy M.Gs. Also crossed enemy's lines at 1.30, 2.30, 3, 3.15 and 3.30 pm. All were fired on by enemy M.Gs.
- INFANTRY ACTIVITY. One Platoon of "A" Coy. 17th. Battalion moved forward to HOREKAU AVENUE while night post manned by "C" Coy was withdrawn to WIDOW'S HOUSE.
- PATROLS No. 1
- M Map Sheet PONT ROUGE 1/10,000.
 P 1 Offr. 5 o/r.
 P C.4.b.7.8.
 T 10 pm.
 P Visit WHITE FARM, Patrol South, Report on river.
 P C.4.d.90.95.
 T 12 m'night.
 C Nil.
 I Visited WHITE FARM, finding garrison alert, then moved Southward, examining the River, which had fallen about 9", the BRICKFIELD being almost clear of water. No sign of the enemy was seen or heard during the patrol. Approach to water's edge was quite firm and ground on patrol route was good going.
- No. 2
- M Map Sheet DEULEMONT, 1/10,000.
 P 1 Offr. 5 o/r.
 P C.10.b.2.3.
 T 3 a.m.
 P Patrol from I.C.10 along water's edge to 3a.C.10.
 P S.10.d.2.9.
 T 4.30 a.m.
 C nil.
 I Ground between Posts I.C.10 and 4.C.10 is still very slushy and Post 4.c.10 (POND HOUSE) is surrounded by water. All canals are overflowing and there is a continuous stretch of water from canals running from N.E. to SW. in C.10.d. to the River, which however appears to be falling slowly. At present Patrols can work only between Post I.C.10 and NEW POST in VIEW LANE. No M.Gs or Flares were fired between 3 a.m. and 4.30 a.m.
- ENEMY ARTILLERY. Unusually quiet. 3 shells landed in vicinity of C.3.d.7.4. 77 m.ms from direction of FARM de VACHERIE. Several 77 mms also fell on edge of BRICKFIELD in C.4.b.
- ENEMY M.Gs. Occasional bursts of indirect fire during the night, otherwise slightly more active than usual. Indirect fire over tramway near BUTCHER'S SHOP from 5 p.m. to 12 m'night. Very active on tracks and dumps.

Also over NEW POST (VIEW LANE).

ENEMY T.Ms. 12 noon. Enemy T.M. (small) fired two shells from C. 5. c. 8560, but was immediately silenced by our 18 pounders. 4.45 pm heavy MINENWERFER fired in to vicinity of C. 4. d. 8.8. and BRICKFIELD. from approx. C. 5. c. 7.7. Fired on by our 4.5 HOWs.

INFANTRY ACTIVITY. Working parties were heard at several times through the day and night, approximately working near River bank between ARCHES and FRELINGHIEN. Stakes were being driven and voices and laughter could be plainly heard. This was most noticable at about 7 am. 26/1/18 during the mist. Some working parties heard during night at C. 5. c. 8.8. At 10 p.m. several heavy shells fell at this point, dispersing the party.

RIVER LYS 3.45 a.m. Post 4.C.IO. (POND HOUSE) could not be reached owing to flood water. At 5.C.IO. to ESTAMINET HOUSE, sleeping accomodation is still covered. The Pill-box at 6.C.IO (CROWN PRINCE FAR M) is still filled with water.

(sd) C.J.SAMS. Lieut.

IO. 17th. Bn., AIF.

7.15 a.m.
27/1/18.

APPENDIX 23 Copy No. 3

17th. Battalion, A.I.F. 28th. January, 1918.

Reference Maps:-

Sheet 27 S.W. 1/20,000
 " 36 N.W. "
 Hazebrouck 5a. 1/100,000

1. (a) The 5th. Australian Infantry Brigade will be relieved in the KOTREPYP Area on the 31st. inst. by the 9th. Australian Inf. Brigade.
 (b) Defence Schemes, local maps etc. will be handed over and receipts obtained.
2. Billeting party of 1 N.C.O. per Coy. will report to Bn. Headquarters at 7 am. 29th. inst. with 3 days rations.
3. (a) On relief, the 17th. Battalion, (less 1 transport) will entrain at DIKENBEREK Station, T.3.b.30.10 at 1.38 p.m. arriving at Station at 12.38 p.m. detain at LUMBRES and then march to billets at COULOMBY.
 (b) Two baggage waggons will be attached to the train.
 (c) Captain H. Ronald; Battalion entraining Officer will report to Brigade entraining Officer, Major L.G. FUSSELL M.C. at 12. noon.
4. Transport, less Cooke rs, 1 Water Cart, 1 Mess Cart and 1 Maltese Cart, will move by route march under Brigade Transport Officer on 30th. inst. and will proceed to STRAZELLE area on that day by BAILLEUL - not entering MTEREN. On 31st. inst. to RENESCURE area, via HAZEBROUCK; and on 1st. February to LUMBRES area, via ARQUES, WIZERNES, LUMBRES.
5. Four Cooke rs, 1 G.S. Waggon (Supply), 1 Water Cart, 1 Mess Cart and 1 Maltese Cart, with their horses and 4 riding horses with accompanying personnel, and all cyclists, will move by omnibus train from BAILLEUL WEST at 5.30 pm. 31st. inst., detaining at WIZERNES at 7.30 p.m. Transport will arrive at BAILLEUL WEST at 2.30 p.m.
6. Guides from Billeting Party for personnel will be at LUMBRES Station at 4 p.m. and for Omnibus train at WIZERNES Station at 7.30 p.m. Guides for Transport will be at point where the Railway crosses the ROUTE NATIONALE in LUMBRES from 3 pm. onwards on 1st. February.
7. This Battalion is allotted two Motor Lorries. R.Q.M. will send a guide to meet them at Brigade Headquarters at 8 a.m. 31st. inst. These Lorries may be used for the transport of baggage to the personnel train before proceeding with the one blanket per man etc. to the LUMBRES area. R.Q.M. will arrange to send by these Lorries sufficient dixies and fuel to provide the men with a meal when they reach their destination. Lorries are to report back to their Lines on the evening 31st inst. All baggage waggons are to report back to their Company's Lines on the morning of 1st. February. All supply waggons are to report back by night 1st. February.
8. Mobile Echelon will move complete. As much S.A.A. and Grenades as can be carried will be taken into the LUMBRES area for training purposes.
9. Full Marching Order, personnel will carry one blanket.
10. SUPPLIES.
 28th. and 29th. January. Refilling Point will be at LA CRECHE. Supply waggons will deliver to QM. Store.
 30th. January. Rations for train personnel will be delivered to Units. Rations will remain on waggons and be entrained on

Canibus train with Unit's Transport.

Transport proceeding by road on 30th. inst. will carry unconsumed portion of day's rations and rations for 31st. on supply waggons. These rations will be issued to Transport personnel on night 30th. inst. at STRAZELLE.

31st. January. Train personnel will not draw rations. They will entrain with unconsumed portion of day's rations, plus 24 hours reserve on supply waggons, and 1 day's iron rations on the man.

Road transport will be issued with rations at RENESCURE on the night 31st. inst.

1st. FEBRUARY? Rations for consumption on 2nd. by train personnel will be drawn by D.S.C. from DESVRES and delivered to Units in LOEBRES area.

Supply waggons with road Transport will have on them rations for transport on 2nd. February.

2nd. February. Rations for consumption by Brigade Group on 3rd. inst. will be delivered by D.S.C. at Refilling point AFFRIGUES. Rations will be issued at 10 a.m.

Supply waggons will deliver to Units.

3rd. February. Et. seq. - normal.

11. A C K N O W L E D G E :

J. G. Rawett

Captain.

Adjutant, 17th. Bn. AIF.

By Runner at 3.30 PM

Distribution.

- 1. File.
- 2/4 War Diary.
- 5. 5th. A. Brigade.
- 6. "A" Coy.
- 7. "B" "
- 8. "C" "
- 9. "D" "
- 10. T.O.
- 11. R.Q.M.
- 12. Spare.