

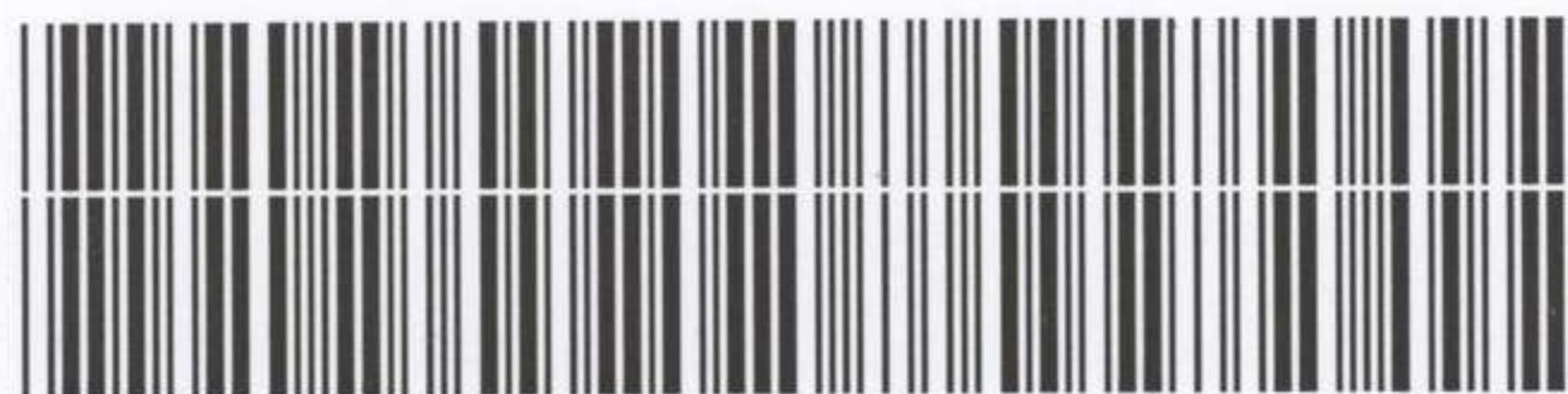
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Brigade Reserve BELLICOURT	Oct. 1st	Off. 37 O.R. 645	<p>At 0100 orders were received to despatch a Coy. to the 31st. Bn. and a Coy. to the 32nd. Bn. These Battalions together with Battalions from the 14th. and 15th A.I. Brigades were to carry out a minor operation in order to secure the high ground overlooking the BOUREVOIR Line. (APPENDIX I)</p> <p>When the line moved forward "B" Coy. was to return to the Battalion Reserve position at BELLICOURT.</p> <p>Despite great difficulties owing to a long distance having to be traversed on a wet black night "A" Coy. reached the 31st. Bn. and "D" Coy. the 32nd. Bn. in time to take part in the operation. "A" Coy. acted as a support Coy. during the advance, while "D" Coy. closely followed the barrage. 2/Lieut. ALCORN was wounded in the attack, but casualties in the Coy's were light. (APPENDIX 2)</p> <p>At 1230 the Bn. was ordered into support to the 31st. Bn. in order to exploit the morning's success by penetrating the BOUREVOIR Line. After a reconnaissance had been made of the position, further orders were received to "stand fast".</p> <p>At 1600 word was sent that the Bn. was to be relieved that night by a Bn. from the 5th. A.I. Bde. An advance party was at once sent to MALAKOFF FARM to take over TRIANGLE WOOD Trench. By midnight the relief had been carried out without casualties.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C.A.</p>	1 OR D.O.W. 9 O.R. Wounded.	APPENDIX 1 APPENDIX 2 APPENDIX 3

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TRIANGLE WOOD TRENCHES near MALAKOFF FARM (F30B) (Sheet 62C N.E.)	Oct. 2nd.	37 645	<p>By 0200 the Bn. had reached this area (F30B) The troops dug in, and in a short space of time every man was under cover.</p> <p>The night was extremely cold and the men had very little rest.</p> <p>While in this area the Bde. was in support. The Bde. Commr. visited the unit in the morning and conversed freely with the men.</p> <p>During the day the troops improved their shelters.</p> <p>At 1600 the advance party moved out again, and took over an area near ROISEL (K10a, b, c, d) (APPENDIX 4)</p> <p>Although shells dropped in the vicinity of the trenches there were no casualties in this area.</p>	-	APPENDIX 4
ROISEL (K.10 Sheet 62c N.E.)	Oct. 3rd.	37 655	<p>At 0800 the Bn. moved to its new position, and by 1100 Coy's. were on their allotted areas. They at once commenced to construct shelters, and every assistance was given them to secure iron and wood for this purpose.</p> <p>Men whose feet required attention were paraded to the M.O.</p> <p>By nightfall every man was comfortable, and for the first time for 4 days the troops had a good sleep.</p> <p>The C.O. attended a conference at Bde. at which matters in general were discussed.</p>	<p>1 wounded</p> <p>11. O.R. see A1-B.D.</p>	

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ROISEL (K10)	Oct. 4th	37 <i>Strength.</i> 655	<p>The morning was devoted to cleaning up operations, returning all battle stores, such as extra water bottles, etc., making up shortages, etc. and improving dugouts. The Q.M. Store, Canteen, and Transport lines, were also brought to the area. Officers' valises and mens' packs were delivered to Coy's. before nightfall. Troops were still very tired after their exertions and most of the day was spent by the men resting.</p>		
ROISEL (K10)	Oct. 5th	37 657	<p>The morning was again devoted to cleaning up operations, and making good shortages. Inspection parades were only held, and the men were given a good day's rest. In the afternoon the Canteen was opened with a splendid stock which the troops greatly appreciated. Word was received during the afternoon, that the Bn. would soon be moving to a rest area. The advance party of 1 Officer and 2 O.R. was detailed to meet the Staff Captain at 0700 next morning. (APPENDIX 5) Congratulatory messages on the result of recent operations were received from G.O.C. Fourth Army and G.O.C. Sth. A.I. Brigade. (APPENDIX 6)</p>	<p><i>Captain Kewhurst reported for duty 2 O.R. in Hosp. 1 O.R. Evac.</i></p>	<p>APPENDIX 5 APPENDIX 6</p>

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ROISEL (K10)	Oct. 6th.	off 37 O.R. 653.	<p>At 0630 the advance party of 1 Officer and 2 O.R. moved out to secure Billets for the unit when it reached its rest area.</p> <p>Advise was received that the Bn. would move to PERONNE the following morning to entrain.</p> <p>During the morning, Coy's. were paraded for 2 hours. The work done included P.T. & B.F., also some close order drill. The remainder of the day the troops spent resting. Most of the men still looked very tired, and it was patent that nothing but a long rest would restore to them that mental vigour and physical endurance for which they are so noted.</p>	2 O.R. w. Hoop.	
ROISEL (K10)	Oct. 7th.	37 653.	<p>During the morning the Bn. was advised that the move had been postponed until the morning of the 8th. Training carried out was similar to that of the previous day, 1 hour being devoted to B.F. and 1 hour to P.T..</p> <p>The C.O. visited Coy's. during the morning and carried out a general inspection.</p> <p>During the afternoon, preparations were made for moving. All equip, baggage, etc., was packed.</p> <p>A conference of C.O's. was held at Bde. and final arrangements were then completed for the departure to the entraining station.</p>		APPENDIX 7.

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ROISEL to Oct. 8th. FOUCAUCOURT-hors-nesle and LIGNIERES		Strength off. OR. 38 657	<p>At 0300 the transport moved by road from ROISEL to PERONNE.</p> <p>At 0400 a hot meal was served to all personnel, and at 0500 the Bn. had reached the starting point. A splendid march was made to the entraining station at PERONNE, the 9 miles being covered in 3 hours.</p> <p>On reaching the station a hot drink was served to all ranks. During the wait for the train rain fell heavily. This made conditions most unpleasant.</p> <p>The entraining was carried out quickly and quietly, and the train left the station at 1115.</p> <p>A slow journey was made to OISEMONT and although the distance was covered was only 80 miles, this station was not reached till 1930.</p> <p>The Bn. was met at the station by members of the advance party, and by 2200 the unit was on its way to Billets at FOUCAUCOURT-hors-nesle and LIGNIERES. By midnight the troops had all settled down.</p>	<p>4. Lt. Hoop. Capt. C. H. Thomson Lt. Supy. hist.</p>	

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FOUCAUCOURT- hors-nesle LIGNIERES	Oct. 9th.	off. 38 <i>Strengths</i> OR. 659.	<p>During the morning the troops were busily employed cleaning up their billets and improving them. In some cases better accommodation was secured for them.</p> <p>The C.O. visited both villages, and made a close inspection of the area.</p> <p>Bn. Hqrs. and all details attached were billeted in the Chateau at FOUCAUCOURT, "A" Coy. was also in the same village. "B" "C" and "D" Coys. were in LIGNIERES. "D" Coy. Officers had the use of the Chateau at that village.</p> <p>In the afternoon straw was bought and distributed to the men.</p> <p>The C.O. held a meeting of Coy. Comms. at which matters concerning the welfare of the troops was discussed.</p>	<p><i>Remarks</i></p> <p>1. OR. ex. Hoop.</p> <p>1. OR. ex. H.W.L.</p>	
FOUCAUCOURT- hors-nesle LIGNIERES	Oct. 10th.	38 658	<p>The morning was devoted to cleaning up operations. Equipment was scrubbed preparatory to being blanched and polished. Billets were improved, hessian being provided for that purpose.</p> <p>The Bn. Sports Officer attended at Brigade, where a Sports meeting was held. A programme was drawn up, and the events for competition in connection with the Brigade Challenge Cup were decided on. (APPENDIX 8)</p> <p>In the afternoon arrangements for the supply of extra fuel were completed.</p>	<p>1. OR. was Sick.</p>	APPENDIX-8.

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FOUCAUCOURT-hors-nesle LIGNIERES	Oct. 11th.	38.	<p style="text-align: right;">O.R.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">668.</p> <p>The morning was again devoted to cleaning up operations. Equipment was blanched and polished. The Bootmaker, Tailor, and Barber, were also at work, and boots, clothing, and hair of the men were also attended to.</p> <p>Permission was received from Bde. that troops could visit villages within a radius of 5 Kilometres from their Billets.</p> <p>During the afternoon the men largely availed themselves of the opportunity to walk to the surrounding villages.</p> <p>At 1930 Sports representatives from the Coy's. attended a meeting at Bn. Hqrs. The C.O. presided and events for competition in connection with the Bde. Challenge Cup were discussed. It was decided to make every effort to take the Cup from the 32nd. Bn. and to carry out other forms of recreational training as suggested in Appendix 9.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Remarks</p> <p>16. O.R. to Hosp. 6. O.R. to vac.</p>	APPENDIX-9

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FOUCAUCOURT- hors-nesle LIGNIERES	Oct. 12th.	38 <i>OR.</i> 668	<p>During the morning men completed the cleaning of their equipment.</p> <p>Further improvements were made to the Billets, and the men were now without exception very comfortable.</p> <p>The Bn. I.O. attended a meeting at Brigade at 0930, at which Intelligence reports in the recent operations were discussed.</p> <p>At 1500 the Bn. Sports Officer attended a meeting at Brigade, and final arrangements were completed regarding the Brigade Challenge Cup.</p> <p>The C.O. held a meeting of Coy. Comms. in the afternoon.</p>		
FOUCAUCOURT- hors-nesle LIGNIERES	Oct. 13th.	38 608	<p>Owing to heavy rain the Brigade Church Parade at RAMBURELLES was not held.</p> <p>The Chaplain, however, held voluntary parades at LIGNIERES and FOUCAUCOURT at 1730 and 1845 respectively. These were well attended.</p> <p>During the afternoon the representatives from the Coy's. met at Bn. Hqrs. at 1500 and a programme of Sports for competition by members of the Bn. was drawn up.</p> <p>The Bn. Challenge Cup now held by "C" Coy. was again put up for competition, and the points to be allotted for the various events was settled. No definite date was fixed for the meeting. 750 francs was allotted as prize money for the programme.</p> <p>Recreational training in the form of preliminary football matches was carried out during the afternoon.</p>		

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FOUCAUCOURT- hors-nesle LIGNIERES	14th. Oct.	off.	<p>Training was commenced this morning in accordance with Brigade syllabus. P.T.&B.F. together with Musketry and Section drill was carried out by Coy's. Platoon Commrs. delivered lectures on outposts. (APPENDIX 10) Specialist training was carried out in all branches (APPENDIX II)</p> <p>Classes for junior officers and N.C.O's. were held and the work done included map reading, message writing and use of Compass.</p> <p>Personnel for Brigade School reported at 0700 at B.H.Q. and were sent to their destination.</p> <p>Brigade Dental Officer visited the Bn. during the morning and made an inspection of the teeth of all ranks.</p> <p>Coy. Gas N.C.O's. attended a short course of instruction at B.H.Q. during the morning.</p> <p>At 1400 Lieut. L.C. GAYTR 3rd. Squadron A.F.C. lectured Officers and N.C.O's. at B.H.Q. on "Contact Aeroplanes and their work with the infantry"</p> <p>All Coy's. report that satisfactory arrangements have been made for the supply of green vegetables.</p> <p>Recreational training was carried out during the afternoon.</p>	1. O.R. evac. sick	APPENDIX 10 APPENDIX 11

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FOUCAUCOURT- hors-nesle LIGNIERES	Oct. 15th.	<i>Strength.</i> <i>off OR.</i> <i>38 671.</i>	<p>The following training was carried out by Coy's. from 0900 to 1200: Physical training, bayonet fighting, musketry, section drill, platoon drill, and gas drill. Specialist training was given in all its branches (as per Syllabus)</p> <p>The Bn. Sports Officer attended meeting at Brigade at which rounds were drawn for the Football competition. These matches are to commence on the 23rd. inst. (APPENDIX 12) (12A).</p> <p>During the afternoon football matches were played. Chaplain during the day secured a place suitable for a recreational hall. It is his intention to secure sufficient material from the Y.M.C.A. to establish a reading and writing room</p>	<p><i>2 OR. was sick</i> <i>6 OR. ex. A-I-B-D.</i></p>	<p>APPENDIX 12 APPENDIX (12A)</p>

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FOUCAUCOURT- hors-nesle LIGNIERES	Oct. 16th.	Strength. off O.R. 39 669.	<p>The following training was carried out by Coy's: P.T. and B.F., musketry, section drill, platoon drill, and lectures by Platoon Commrs. on Gas, also specialist training in all branches (as per Syllabus). The Divisional I.O. gave a lecture to Officer and men on "Aeroplane Photos".</p> <p>The C.O. during the morning made a close inspection of all units.</p> <p>3 men left Bn. to become members of the Divisional Demonstration Platoon, 4 O.R. rejoining.</p> <p>The afternoon was devoted to recreational training in the form of football.</p> <p>Since arriving in the area the night's rest, regular meal hours, change of diet, combined with recreational training, have improved the men both physically and mentally.</p> <p>There are very few attending sick parades, and all wear a much brighter and more alert appearance.</p>	<p><i>Remarks</i></p> <p>Lt. Brewster ex. Secd. List 7 O.R.s 2 O.R. evac.</p>	
FOUCAUCOURT- hors-nesle LIGNIERES	Oct. 17th.	39 675.	<p>At 1130 this morning the G.O.C. 8th. A.I. Brigade inspected the Bn.</p> <p>After the inspection the G.O.C. addressed the troops and complimented the C.O. on the splendid turnout of the Bn. He also referred to the magnificent work accomplished by the Bn. during the past three months, and made a special appeal to the troops to maintain at all times the wonderful reputation they have built up. Recreational training in the form of running and football matches took place in the afternoon.</p>	<p>7 O.R. ex. A.D.R.W. 1 O.R. evac. sick.</p>	

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FOUCAUCOURT- hors-nesle LIGNIERES	Oct. 18th.	<i>straight off</i> 39. 674.	<p>In the morning from 0900 to 1200 the men were trained in the following:- P.T. and B.F., Musketry, and Platoon drill. A Lecture was also given by Platoon Comms. on advance guards. Special training was given to Lewis gunners, Signallers, and Intelligence personnel. During the afternoon men were actively engaged in recreational training in preparation for the forthcoming Battalion and Brigade competition.</p>	<i>1. OR. was sick</i>	
FOUCAUCOURT- hors-nesle LIGNIERES	Oct. 19th.	39. 671	<p>From 0900 to 1200 the following training was carried out by Coy's.:- P.T. and B.F., Musketry, Platoon drill, and Gas drill. Special training was given to Signallers, Runners, Lewis gunners and Intelligence personnel. In regard to recreational training the Bn. Sports officers were engaged in selecting teams to take part in the Brigade Sports. Large numbers of men were are vigorously training for these events. It is quite surprising after the strenuous time the Bn. has had to see how quickly the men are getting into condition. There is no doubt their recovery recuperative powers are wonderful.</p>	<i>3. OR. transferred</i>	

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FOUCAUCOURT- hors-nesle LIGNIERES	Oct. 20th.	39	<p>Owing to heavy rain the Brigade Church parade set down to-day was cancelled.</p> <p>The Chaplain held voluntary services at FOUCAUCOURT and LIGNIERES.</p> <p>A surprise inspection was made at 1400 of all kits, and as a result a number of revolvers in illegally in possession of troops were confiscated confiscated.</p> <p>A large supply of sawdust was secured for the Transport. The horses and mules have picked up condition considerably during the past fortnight.</p> <p>The Transport Section are working hard for the forthcoming Brigade competition.</p>	1. OR. ec. Hoop.	
FOUCAUCOURT- hors-nesle LIGNIERES	Oct. 21st.	36	<p>From 0900 to 1200 the following training was carried out by Coy's:-</p> <p>P.T. and B.F., Musketry, Section and Platoon drill, Gas drill. Lectures were also given by Platoon Comms. on Guards and Sentries. APPENDIX-13</p> <p>Specialist training was given to Signallers, Runners, Lewis gunners and Intelligence personnel. (APPENDIX-14)</p> <p>From 1400 to 1500 classes were held for junior Officers and N.C.O's. in Field Sketching and Message writing.</p> <p>In the afternoon football matches were played. "A" Coy. defeated "B" Coy. and "C" beat "D" Coy. Numbers of men were also actively engaged training for Brigade sports.</p>	<p>10R. ec. 29th Bn.</p> <p>110R. ec. Hoop.</p> <p>10R. ec. Hoop. Capt. J.C. Rickard Lt. M. Guffin M. C. Alcorn Secd</p>	<p>APPENDIX-13</p> <p>APPENDIX-14</p>

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FOUCAUCOURT- hors-nesle LEGNIERES	Oct. 22nd	off 36	<p>During the morning from 0900 to 1200 the Coy's. were trained in the following:- P.T. and B.F., Musketry, Platoon drill, and Guards and Sentries. Lewis gunners, Signallers, and Intelligence personnel were given special training. From 1400 to 1500 classes for junior officers and N.C.O's. were held in the following subjects:- Message writing and location of position by prismatic compass. In the afternoon football matches were played between Coy's. in Rugby, Soccer, and Australian rules. It is proposed to pick the Bn. representative team in a few days. A number of runners were also training, and the cross country team went for a long run.</p>	<p><i>Remarks.</i></p> <p>S.O.R. etc A.D.R.W.</p>	
FOUCAUCOURT- hors-nesle LIGNIERES	Oct. 23rd.	36	<p>From 0900 to 1200 the following training was carried out by Coy's:- P.T. and B.F., Musketry, Platoon drill, Coy. drill, and 15 minutes Gas drill. Specialist training was given to Lewis gunners, Signallers, Runners, and Intelligence personnel. Classes for junior Officers and N.C.O's. were held from 1400 to 1500 the subject being "A road traverse" recreational training was continued in the afternoon. Football matches were played between Coy's. and the representative Bn. team was selected. Runners Runners were also actively engaged in preparation for Brigade Sports. The Chaplain completed his arrangements for a recreational room. A house has been secured in FOUCAUCOURT and the Pioneers have fitted it out with tables and chairs. Reading matter, games, writing material, and supplies of Cocoa and Milk, have been received from the I.M.C.A. A room has been secured, and during the long winter nights troops will have a warm, comfortable room in which to write, etc.</p>	<p>I.O.R. etc.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CAN</p>	

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FOUCAUCOURT- hors-nesle LIGNIERES	Oct. 24th	<i>Strength</i> <i>off OR</i> 36. 685	<p>The following training was carried out by Coy's. from 0900 to 1200:- PT. and B.F., Musketry, Coy. drill, and a lecture by Platoon Comms. on Rearguards. Special training was given to Signallers, Runners, Lewis gunners, and Intelligence personnel. Classes for junior officers and N.C.O's. were held from 1400 to 1500, the subject being "Selection of position and siting of trenches" During the afternoon football matches were held and the representative teams were given a good tryout. Runners were also training and the energy that is being put into all branches of sport augurs well for the success of the Bn. at the forthcoming Brigade sports.</p>	<i>2. OR. evae.</i>	
FOUCAUCOURT- hors- nesle LIGNIERES	Oct. 25th	36. 687	<p>In the morning from 0900 to 1200 Coy's. carried out the following training:- P.T. and B.F., and Coy. drill. A lecture was also given on "Tactical handling of the Lewis Gun" Specialist training was give to Lewis gunners, Signallers, and Intelligence personnel. The C.O. attended a meeting at Brigade at 1100. At 1430 the Bn. Rugby team played the 31st. Bn. in the first round of the Bn. competition. After a fast and exciting match our men won by 10 points to nil. A large number of men from both had ^{BNS.} turned out to see the match.</p>	<i>2. OR. with Hoop.</i>	

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FOUCAUCOURT- hors-nesle and LIGNIERES	Oct. 26th.	<i>Strength</i> <i>off</i> 36 688	<p>In the morning training was continued as per Syllabus (APPENDICES) 13914.</p> <p>The final of the Soccer Competition was played in the afternoon between the 31st. and 30th. Battalions. After an exciting game the 30th. Bn. won by 3 Goals to 2.</p> <p>A large barn has been secured in FOUCAUCOURT and work has been commenced on it in order to convert it into a room where Picture shows and Concerts can be held.</p>	2.0R. Evac. 3.0R. ec. Hosp.	APPENDIX. 13 APPENDIX. 14.
FOUCAUCOURT- hors-nesle and LIGNIERES	Oct. 27th.	36 689	<p>A Church parade was held by the Chaplain at 1100 on the parade ground.</p> <p>A voluntary service was well attended at FOUCAUCOURT at 1730.</p> <p>The reading and writing room has proved a great success and a large number of troops use it outside of parade hours.</p> <p>The tug-of-war team to represent the Bn. in the Brigade sports was selected, and they are in active training for the contest.</p>	1. 0R. evac 2. 0R. ec Hosp.	

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FOUCAUCOURT hors-nesle and LIGNIERES	Oct. 28th.	Strength off 37	<p>OR.</p> <p>690.</p> <p>Training was carried out as per Syllabus. (APPENDICES-15, 16.) The C.O. made a thorough inspection of the Bn. at 1100. The Cookers of the Bn. were judged at 1200 in connection with the Challenge Cup competition. During the afternoon the Bn. Transport was judged, and awarded first place in the same competition. There is no doubt that the magnificent turnout of this section of the unit was very creditable to all concerned. Competition points scored to date are - 30th. Bn. 26, 32nd. Bn. 26, 31st. Bn. 20.</p>	<p>Major Charlton ecogn.</p> <p>1. OR. ec. 29th B.</p> <p>1. OR. ec 43rd B.</p> <p>1. OR. evae.</p>	<p>APPENDIX-15</p> <p>APPENDIX-16</p>
FOUCAUCOURT hors-nesle and LIGNIERES	Oct. 29th.	37	<p>690</p> <p>Training was carried out as per Syllabus. APPENDICES 15-16. At 1000 the C.O. held a meeting of Coy. Comms. at which matters in connection with the inspection by the G.O.C. 5th. Division were discussed. At 1430 the Bn. played the final of Rugby competition with the 32nd. Bn. After a game that was full of incident, the 32nd. Bn. won by 3 points to nil. The result was a great disappointment to our men, but nevertheless they hope to regain their lost laurels at an early date. Work in connection with the Concert Hall has gone on briskly and Friday has been set down as the opening night.</p>	<p>2. OR. evae.</p> <p>2. OR. ec 4th B.</p>	

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FOUGAUCOURT-hors-nesle and xxxx LIGNIERES	Oct. 30th.	37 <i>off OR.</i> <i>691</i>	<p>At 1000 the G.O.C. 5th. Division inspected the 30th. and 31st. Bns. on the parade ground at VILLEROI.</p> <p>At the conclusion of the inspection the G.O.C. addressed the troops. He complimented them on their soldierly bearing during the parade, and for their magnificent work ^{show} out. He also referred to the valiant deeds by the men during the recent operations, and in conclusion said that it was a proud moment for him to be able to take the salute from such veteran soldiers.</p>	<p><i>2. OR. Lt. Hop.</i> <i>1. OR. Avac.</i></p>
FOUGAUCOURT-hors-nesle and LIGNIERES	Oct. 31st.	37 <i>690</i>	<p>Practices as laid down in training memo. I.G. 4 were carried out this morning.</p> <p>Recreational training was in full swing soon after 1400. Rumers, tug-of-war team and footballers were all busy getting into still better condition.</p> <p>The Concert hall was finished this afternoon, and provides seating accommodation for 300 men. It is hoped with Concerts and pictures to provide an entertainment every night.</p>	<p><i>1. OR. wac.</i></p>

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8th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS, Series "E" No. 10

1. The attack beyond the GREEN LINE will be resumed on 1st. Oct. Zero hour 6 a.m.
2. OBJECTIVES: Line MILL RIDGE - Trench System G 6 b. to A 22 central.
NOTE: A line drawn from H 15 central to A 22 central gives the general line of objective.

3. TROOPS ENGAGED.

8th A.I. Brigade on right.
14th A.I. Brigade on centre.
15th A.I. Brigade on left.
Artillery - 8 Field Artillery Brigades.
Heavy Artillery of Aust. Corps.
Tanks - 1 Coy. 15 Tank Bn.

4. BOUNDARIES.

- 8th A.I. Bde. from present right H 15 central to WATLING St. inclusive to 8th A.I. Bde.
14th A.I. Bde. WATLING St. to Brigade left boundary.
15th A.I. Bde. on left to A 22 d 7 7.

The 33rd Bn. with one Coy. of 30th Bn. attached will attack on right of 8th A.I. Bde. front.

The 31st Bn. with one Coy. of 30th Bn. attached will attack on left of 8th A.I. Bde. front.

Coys. of 30th Bn. will move forward to Bns. to which they are attached on receipt of these instructions.

58th Bn. will be right Bn. of 14th A.I. Bde.

Inter-Bn. boundary will be line running diagonally through H 15 central - H 8 central.

Engs. will attack on a 2-Coy. frontage and when objective is reached posts will be pushed out under cover of the protective barrage.

NOTE: Latest reports - JONCOURT has been captured by 1X Corps.

5. 14th A.I. Bde. will pass through 29th Bn. to attack in the centre. On the 14th Bde. moving up to pass through, 29th Bn. will withdraw to LE CAPELET-NAUROY line W. of NAUROY. Withdrawal should be complete by 5 a.m. Posts at G 6 c 4 2 and STATION G 12 a 8 6 will be withdrawn by 4.45 a.m. 1st Oct.

6. ACTION OF ARTILLERY. 8 Brigades of Field Artillery and H.A. of Corps will be used for the operation. Field Artillery will place a barrage on a line from G 12 d 7 7 (immediately W. of SUGAR FACTORY) to H 15 b 1 4 to H 15 b 0 5 (line only shown inside Brigade boundary) Barrage will rest on this line for 3 minutes and creep forward in 100 yard lifts every 3 minutes to objective line. Protective barrage will be placed down 700 yards beyond line of objective.

Special programme for H.A. will be arranged. When barrage programme is completed, 13th A.F.A. Brigade will come under orders of G.O.C. 8th A.I. Bde.

7. ACTION OF INFANTRY. Infantry start line will be present front line in two waves. Attacking infantry will get as close to barrage as possible during the first 3 minutes of the bombardment and move forward when barrage lifts. When objective is taken consolidation in depth will be carried out.

8. ACTION OF TANKS. Two Mark V Tanks of No. 15 Tank Bn. will operate with 8th A.I. Bde. Their role will be to mop up SUGAR FACTORY H 7 c. These tanks will move to the attack via WATLING St. and pass the front line at ZERO.

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9. SMOKE. Field Artillery will mask EXTREME Trenches H 1 a and c, high ground E. of BEAUREVOIR LINE.
10. LIAISON. 31st Bn. will detail liaison platoons to move on their left flank and establish post with 56th Bn. at approx H 7 a & 8 7. Liaison officers with flanking units will be exchanged.
11. PRISONER. Brigade I.O. will arrange to take over prisoners at Brigade Collecting Station.
12. Reports to Brigade Forward Station with greatest possible speed.
13. Brigade H.Q. will remain at L 3 a & 8 3.
14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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 Brigade Major,
 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

ADDENDUM

On Page 1, para 7:
 Between 1st and 2nd lines insert :-
 'Bns. will attack on a two Coy. frontage disposed'

NARRATIVE of
OPERATIONS of "D" Company 30th. BATTALION A.I.F.
attached to 32nd. BATTALION A.I.F. during the
ATTACK and CAPTURE of JONCOURT 1st. October 1918

After the attack on BELLECOURT by American and Australian troops on 29/9/18, the 30th. Battalion was in reserve and took up a position in the captured HINDENBURG Line S. of BELLECOURT, G 10 central, on the site of the famous Canal Tunnel. The Battalion was in charge of Lieut-Colonel F. STREET, who had been actively engaged with his Battalion during the recent strenuous and successful period of fighting. Battalion Headquarters was situated in one of the entrances of the tunnel. the R.A.P. also occupied an entrance, the Battalion M.O. having to treat, incidental to his own Regimental cases, a barge full of German wounded found left behind in the Canal tunnel.

After the operations of the 29/9/18 the 30th. Battalion was held in readiness to support the 29th Battalion, and 31st. Battalion, now holding the front line in the NOUROY sector. The 32nd Battalion were also line troops in another area near ETRICOURT. The early morning of 1st. October was exceptionally dark and cold with occasional showers, the enemy making the situation more uncomfortable by shelling our area with H.E. and Gas causing several casualties.

At 1.30 a.m. a runner arrived at Company Headquarters with an urgent dispatch, with orders for "D" Company to report at 3.0.a.m. to 32nd. Battalion as "operations were to be resumed" No further information regarding the operation or objective was stated. The message was timed 1.25 a.m. reaching me at 1.35 a.m. A guide was to be provided from Brigade to take the Company to 32nd. Battalion area. The Company was assembled immediately and stood-by. The guide did not report until just on 3.0.a.m., when "D" Company moved off. The guide did not appear to have confidence in the route. Owing to the prevailing conditions progress was slow moving across the muddy trenches and waves of barb wire which were encountered in the dark, some of which was uncut and difficult to negotiate, the files, under the circumstances, did well to keep contact. The Company arrived at 31st. Battalion Headquarters where I asked for another guide. Better progress was made to 32nd. Battalion Headquarters where we arrived at 5.40 a.m.

Leaving the Company under cover, I immediately reported to Major B. WARK D.S.O. C.O. 32nd. Battalion, who was greatly relieved at our arrival, and mentioned at 6.0.a.m. (20 minutes time) we would have the position of honor in the first wave in the attack on JONCOURT. This was the first intimation received as to our objective. I immediately called in the Officers for a hurried conference in the short time available, the Company in the meantime being led into position on the tapes by the 32nd. Battalion. The objective and form of attack was then explained:-

- 1 Coy. 32nd. Bn. would be in the front line on the right
- "D" Coy. 30th. Bn. front line on the left.
- 2 Coys. 32nd. Bn. echeloned in rear.
- 1 Coy. 32nd. Bn. Reserve.

The 31st. Battalion would operate on the left of 30th. Battalion. They were to make a converging movement, and would link up with 30th. Battalion at MILL RIDGE at H 8 central. The left flank of 30th. Battalion would be in the air until this point was reached. The 32nd. British Division was to operate on the right of 32nd. Battalion A.I.F. The distance to the objective was roughly 700 yards, to be taken under Artillery barrage at rate of 100 yards every 3 minutes. The frontage occupied by 30th. Battalion troops was some 600 yards. The above was quickly explained to the Officers with the aid of a 1/200,000 map. Our surplus gear and coats were immediately dumped in the dug-out and with only a few minutes to go before Zero hour, we hurried out to take positions, and arrived on the tapes just as the barrage started. The roar was intense, the voice could not be heard, and I had to signal to my Officers the directions of their respective positions.

When the barrage dropped it was well defined and fairly intense, our men moving well forward and keeping close contact.

Enemy artillery began to retaliate some 5 minutes later with .77 and 5.9 causing casualties during the advance including one officer badly wounded. At 6.15 a.m. when the light became brighter, and an enemy low flying 'plane appeared over our line of skirmishes. Our L.G. Sections showed their initiative and immediately engaged the target, No.1 resting the Gun on No.2s. shoulder and putting short bursts into the 'plane without impeding their progress. I also ordered the rifle sections to engage the target and keep moving, and the 'plane received such a hostile reception, that it was driven off to its own lines again, and did not re-appear. The situation was certainly novel engaging a target under our own barrage on the move.

The enemy could now be seen in the vicinity of MILLRIDGE; he did not wait for the bayonet, but moved out, some 70 or 80 in one body from his line and made for the sunken road at H9a., presenting a favorable target for our men en route.

Nearing the objective the 30th. Battalion left flank linked up with the 31st. Battalion, who appeared moving a towards MILLRIDGE, the line thus being complete, making a continuous stretch from the heights of MILL RIDGE along the frontage held by 30th. Battalion and 32nd. Battalion A.I.F. and connecting up with the 32nd. British Division who could now be seen moving up on the right flank.

When the barrage lifted the Company commenced to dig-in overlooking JONCOURT. A fighting patrol was immediately sent into the village to investigate, working along railway at H8d 76 to road junction at H9c 7645. On investigating the dug-outs on our objective, it was found the enemy had vacated hurriedly, in several cases, leaving behind full packs and equipments.

A runner returned from the patrol with the information that the enemy had apparently moved to the northern portion of the village.

At 6.50 a.m. enemy Machine Gun fire was directed on our line, Snipers also became active. This hastened the digging-in operations, and the men soon had cover.

The line rested at H8 central on the left extending through H14 b 45 where we remained until 8.15 a.m.

At this time the enemy became more active and as there was a possibility of his moving forward to the edge of the village again, which would greatly endanger our position. After consultation with the Supporting Officer, we decided to push on and take the village.

At 8.30 a.m. I despatched the following message by runner to C.O. 32nd. Battalion:

"AM MOVING THROUGH VILLAGE OF JONCOURT"

Messages were also sent to the flank units to co-operate. The line then moved forward, little opposition being met in the village itself, when a few prisoners and considerable booty, including two horses were taken. The left flank of the 30th. Battalion, however, soon met opposition from the enemy who had fled from the barrage and taken up a position at H9a in the sunken road, Machine Gun and rifle fire being directed on to our flank which moved forward in spite of casualties and gained good fire positions in shell holes, etc., and immediately opened up driving out the enemy inflicting severe casualties. One burst from a Lewis Gun dropped four of the Boche at short range. Our rifle fire was also brought to bear with good effect. Favorable targets were also engaged up to 400 and 500 yards, and for the time being we gained superiority of fire. This was due to the excellent manoeuvring for position of the Lewis Guns from hole to hole.

At 9.30 a.m. large bodies of the enemy could be seen assembling in the vicinity of H9a 88 and H9 central, apparently forming up to counter attack. At this time I received information that the flank had lost touch with the left unit. Enemy artillery had commenced to range on to our line exposed in the open making the position uncomfortable. I was on the point of sending two sections of my reserve Platoon, held in the village to strengthen the position, by swinging back a defensive flank, when a runner arrived stating that the 31st. Battalion would not be moving up. As this, therefore, exposed my left flank to a serious degree, I immediately decided to prepare positions on the fringe of the village, and, to avoid casualties,

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 dribble the man back and occupy a line on the northern edge of JONCOURT, and by swinging the flank back to get touch with the rear Unit. This was successfully accomplished by 11 a.m. Our men now occupied strong positions with fair cover. Good positions having been dug, while the alteration in the flank was being effected, the Company Stretcher Bearers moved out and brought in one of our Sgts. who was mortally wounded through the chest. The enemy did not interfere with this movement, but on going out again to bring in another wounded man, the Boche fired and wounded one of our S.Bs.

At 11.30 a.m. enemy artillery became more active, and I gave orders, to obviate casualties, for two men only to mount each gun the remainder, with rifle sections, to be held in readiness in the rear. This proved fortunate. The heavies played on our new position, but only succeeded in blowing up a Lewis Gun without damage to the crew.

Company Headquarters was now established in an old German Hqrs. Dug-out near the Church. The reserve Platoon being kept handy under cover. At 12 noon the enemy began to shell the town severely with H.E. and commenced to systematically search and destroy the village by shell fire. The 32nd. Battalion A.I.F. who had taken up a position on the S. portion of the town were also heavily shelled. At this period word arrived that the 32nd. British Division would take over that portion of the town held by the 32nd. Battalion A.I.F., the 32nd. Battalion A.I.F. to move round and strengthen the flank occupied by the 30th. Battalion. This was successfully accomplished and the line held by the 30th. Battalion was greatly strengthened. Two Vickers Guns also arrived in anticipation of a counter attack on this flank. This, however, did not eventuate. The enemy certainly showed discretion in not making a forward move, as that portion of the village was now held with a gun for every 50 or 60 yards with excellent fields of fire.

At 12.45 p.m. enemy artillery became more active concentrating on the town, and at 1.0. p.m. the fire was intense. Good shelters were fortunately available for all in the old enemy dug-outs, excavated under the houses. These were strongly timbered and very deep. Those at Street corners possessed entrance and exit openings. The shelling consisted of a mixture of H.E. and Gas shells and Shrapnel. The gas was undoubtedly effective, and made the living in the dug-outs, which were not gas proof, almost insufferable. Numbers of the men were driven upwards into the street wearing their S.B.Rs., here to be greeted with H.E. and shrapnel and obliged to come down again. The bombardment did not conclude until 3.0. p.m. for which we were thankful for a respite, it being a great relief to take off one's mask. The village was badly smashed, and many of the prominent buildings were demolished, with fires burning in places. All underground shelters had been so situated saturated ~~that they were~~ with Gas that they were untenable for hours afterwards without a mask.

At 4.15 p.m. enemy activity was noticed in WAINCOURT just east of BEAUREVOIR Trench, the last barrier of the HINDENBURG line, WAINCOURT being beyond the line itself. Transport and troops being seen in the village, word was sent back for the artillery to deal with the situation.

At 4.50 p.m. we were astonished to see an enemy Battery of .77s. drive up and unlimber at B 29c28 just north of WAINCOURT and fire point blank into our lines at a range of about 1500 or 1600 yards. I gave order for the Vickers and L.Gs. from the flank to engage the targets. Our M.Gs. gave the artillerymen a big surprise, and in less than 2 minutes effectively silenced the gunners. Map Reference was also despatched to Headquarters for our Artillery to deal with the guns. The guns, however, remained silent after the attention we paid them, and no attempt was made up to dusk to use them again.

At 6.30 p.m. a despatch arrived with the information that we were to be ~~are~~ relieved during the night by the 17th. Battalion A.I.F.

In the early portion of the evening the enemy remained quiet excepting for occasional salvos of shells into the village.

At 1.0. a.m. on 2nd. October "D" Company 30th. Battalion relief was complete. The Company marched via. ETRICOURT, NOUROY and BELLICOURT and took up a position in QUINNEMONT Trench Gl. Central, rejoining the Battalion after a short rest at MALAKOFF FARM after a very successful and exciting operation.

Great praise is due to all ranks for the splendid work done throughout the operation. No opportunity was available to make any preliminary reconnaissance. The difficulties which had to be overcome during the forced night march, without a stop, to the position of assembly, were very great and sufficient to test the stamina and discipline of the best of troops. As the march culminated with the men being escorted straight on to the tapes, with only a 10 minutes "breather" before "jumping off" it certainly created a somewhat novel prelude, without taking into account the subsequent events as narrated.

The Company strength in the attack was 4 Officers, and 71 O/R. which was considerable higher than the average strengths of the Company's of 32nd. Battalion which took part in the operation. The 32nd. Battalion being much reduced in strength, owing to the recent heavy engagements; one Company having a fighting strength of 51 all told in the line.

This is the second occasion in recent weeks in which "D" Coy. had the opportunity of assisting other Battalions in the Brigade, on the 28/29th. July 1918 being attached to the 29th. Battalion during the attack at MORLANCOURT, and it is to be hoped the efforts put forward on both the occasions mentioned will keep to enhance the feeling of comradeship and "Esprit de corps" existing between the 30th. Battalion, and the sister Battalions of the 8th. Brigade.

(Sgd) T.C. BARBOUR Capt.
O.C. "D" Coy.
30th. Battalion

FRANCE, 10th. October 1918

NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS FROM 29th SEPTEMBER TO 2ND OCTOBER 1918.

On the morning of 29th September, the Battalion being reserve to the Brigade, moved from its bivouac area at 8 a.m., moving astride the BLACK ROAD, and with few casualties, crossed the tunnel at BELLICOURT, and there came under very heavy direct artillery and machine gun fire. It was at once noticed that the AMERICAN troops had not made good their objective. The village of NAUROY was occupied by the enemy, who had then direct observation of us.

Not seeing any of our Brigade moving forward towards the village, 2 patrols, each of 1 Platoon were detailed from the Battalion, to move on the village and trench line in front with the object of ascertaining the strength of the enemy and his exact location. Lieut J. G. YEOMANS had charge of 1 patrol, and Lieut A. H. FORBES, M.M., had charge of the other.

At this time two tanks were picked up by Lieut YEOMANS who then arranged to get into a tank and go into the village, which he did. After finding out where the enemy were, he came back, had a consultation with the tank commander and Lieut FORBES, and made the plans of attack. The two patrols and tanks at once set to work to clear the LE CATELET-NAUROY line, on the WESTERN side of the village, and also the village itself.

They found the enemy very strong and with numerous machine-guns. When the patrols got a footing in the trench, quite a lot of bombing work was done, and the line was cleared, after inflicting considerable casualties on the enemy.

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All this time, the tanks were working in the wood NORTH of and through the outskirts of the village, with the result that the village was cleared of the enemy. Posts were then established by the patrols, and handed over to the 29th Battalion when they came up. These patrols were then withdrawn, and joined their Companies.

Except for the prompt action of the patrols and tanks, the village of NAUROY would have been occupied in force by the enemy, and the position occupied by the Battalion would have become untenable. During the mopping-up of the trench and village, about 250 AMERICANS were found in the sunken road about half-way between BELLICOURT and NAUROY. These were the only AMERICAN troops seen by the Battalion EAST of BELLICOURT. The left flank of the Brigade was in a very exposed state, and it was some time before connection could be established with the Unit on the left.

During the night 29/30th September, "B" Coy of the Battalion was attached to the 29th Battalion, and remained under their command until 5 a.m. on the 1st October.

On the night 30th September - 1st October "D" Coy of the Battalion was attached to the 32nd Battalion, "A" Coy

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to 31st Battalion, for operations on the morning of the 1st.

On the night of the 1st/2nd October, the Battalion moved back to an area in K.30 (Sheet 62 c.). On the 3rd October the Battalion moved to area in K.10 (Sheet 62 c.) where it still is.

The casualties during the whole operation were - 1 officer killed, 3 Officers wounded, 14 other ranks killed, 68 other ranks wounded.

Lieut-Colonel

4th October 1918. Commanding 30th Bn., A. I. F.

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During the night 29/30th September, "B" Coy of the Battalion was attached to the 29th Battalion, and remained under their command until 5 a.m. on the 1st October. On the night 30th September - 1st October "D" Coy of the Battalion was attached to the 32nd Battalion, "A" Coy

8th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Order No. 207.

October 2nd 1918.

1. The 5th Aust. Division (less Artillery) is to be relieved during the night 2nd/3rd Oct.
2. The 8th A.I. Brigade will move from the present position on 3rd Oct. Moves will be made in accordance with table subjoined.

Date	Units in order of march	Route	Remarks
Oct 3rd	8th A.I. Bde. HQ	HARGICOURT-TEMPLEUX-ROISEL- K 3 d 9 1.	To move independently starting at 9.30 a.m.
"	29th Battalion	HARGICOURT-along railway to L 3 c 5 5 thence by shortest route.	To K 12. To start from present position at 8 a.m.
"	30th Battalion	ditto	To K 10. To move from present position at 8.30 a.m.
"	31st Battalion	ditto	To K 11. To move from present position at 9 a.m.
"	32nd Battalion	HARGICOURT-TEMPLEUX thence shortest route.	To K 4. To move from present position at 9.30 a.m.
"	8th L.T.M.F.	HARGICOURT-TEMPLEUX thence shortest route.	To K 5 b. To move from present position in rear of 32nd Bn.
"	25th M.G. Coy.	ditto	To part K 5 d & K 6 c. To move from present position in rear of 8th L.T.F.
"	8th Fld. Amb.		To move independently to part of K 5 b, K 6 a.

3. The distances as laid down in FOURTH Army Standing Orders will be observed on the march.
4. Necessary precautions against hostile shelling and bombing will be observed.
5. Units will report their arrival in the new area and forward location of H.Q. to Brigade H.Q.
6. Brigade H.Q. will close at MALAKOFF FARM at 10 a.m. and open at K 3 d 9 1 at the same hour.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

	Copy	
29th Battalion	1	
30th "	2	
31st "	3	
32nd "	4	
8th L.T.M.F.	5	
25th M.G. Coy.	6	
8th Fld. Coy. A.E.	7	
8th Fld. Amb.	8	
5th Aust. Div.	9	
No. 2 Sig. Section	10	18th Coy. A.A.C.C. 14
Staff Captain	11	War Diary 13/17
Brigade I.O.	12	File 18
Rear Div.	13	

[Signature]
 Captain,
 Brigade Major,
 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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8th AUCT. INFANTRY BRIGADE:
Order No. 208.

October 5th 1918.

1. 5th Aust. Division (less Artillery) will move by Tactical Train to the HUPPY area on 6th and 7th Oct. 1918.
Dispositions of Units will be notified.
2. 8th A.I. Brigade Group constituted as under:
- 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade:
8th Aust. L.T.M.B.
5th Aust. Pioneer Bn.
8th Field Coy. A.E.
8th Field Ambulance.
8th Machine Gun Coy.
- will move by march route to the entraining station on 6th inst.
Detailed orders for the march will be issued later.
3. Entraining and Detraining instructions will be
issued by Staff Captain.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE. *[Signature]*

	Copy
29th Battalion	1
30th "	2
31st "	3
32nd "	4
8th L.T.M.B.	5
No. 2 Sig. Section	6
5th Pnr. Bn.	7
8th Fld. Coy. A.E.	8
8th Fld. Amb.	9
8th M.G. Coy.	10
18th Coy. A.A.S.C.	11
5th Aust. Div.	12
Brigade Commander	13
Staff Captain	14
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[Signature]
Captain,
Brigade Major,
8th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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8th Bde.	5th M.G. Bn.	A.D.M.S.
14th Bde.	5th Pnr. Bn.	5th D.Train.
15th Bde.	5th D.Engrs.	D.A.P.M.
5th D.Arty.	5th D.Sigs.	"A.Q."
Ig. 223	3rd	AAA

Following from Gen. RAWLINSON begins aas The task carried out by the 3 and 5 Aus. Divns. in clearing the main WINDENBURG system in the neighbourhood of BONY has greatly assured the operation and wish to thank both these gallant divisions for their endurance and tenacity in carrying out a most difficult and intricate operation aas Ends.

From 5th AUST DIV.

(2) *Jim H. Chapman.*
Capt.

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SPECIAL ORDER

by

Brigadier General R. FIVEY, C.B., D.S.O., V.D.
 COMMANDING, 8th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
 5th October 1918.

I desire to convey to all ranks my appreciation of the magnificent work done by the Brigade during the recent operations which resulted in the breaking of the famous HINDENBURG Line.

You entered the battle at a most critical time, and by your dash, skill and initiative carried out an advance which saved a very difficult situation.

For three days of hard fighting under severe weather conditions you displayed a spirit of courage and endurance beyond all praise, and you have added fresh laurels to the glorious record of the 8th Brigade.

R. Fivey Brigadier General,
 Commanding, 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

30TH BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 156

Map Reference- Sheets 62c,
and DIEPPE, 1/100,000.

In the Field
7th October 1918.

1. The 5th AUSTRALIAN Division (less Artillery) will move to the HUPPY Area by road and rail on the 6th, 7th and 8th October 1918.
2. The 8th A.I. Bde. Group will move to the OISEMENT Sub-area on the 8th October 1918 by road and rail, entraining at PERONNE.
3. The 30th Bn., A.I.F. will move from present area to the entraining station on the morning of the 8th inst. by route march.
4. Order of march - "B", "C", Hqrs. "A", "D".
Starting point - Road junction K.15.b.9.2.
Time of starting - Head of column to pass S. P. at 5 a.m.
Route - MARQUAIX - BUIRE - DOINGT - FLAMICOURT.
5. Movement will be by Companies in column of route at 100 yds. distance. Halts will be every 40 minutes, and of 10 minutes duration.
6. Dress - Full marching order, felt hats to be worn, steel helmets carried on back of pack. Blankets rolled and carried horseshoe fashion around pack., Roll to be under flap of pack. W.P. sheet to be neatly folded under flap of pack. Uniformity of dress must be insisted upon. Mess-tin will be carried on the pack. No unauthorised articles of equipment will be carried otherwise than in the pack.
7. Bn. Transport Section will move independently and will time its march to reach entraining station by 0730 .
8. Present areas will be left in a thoroughly clean and sanitary state. All trench shelters will be collected by limber at 6 p.m. to-day.
9. Breakfast meal will be partaken of before moving off, and hot tea will be available at entraining point immediately on arrival there. Unexpired portion of day's rations will be issued to all ranks before they entrain.
10. The Bn. will move by rail to OISEMENT by No 17 train, departing from PERONNE at 1030 on 8-10-18.
11. Entrainment will be complete one half hour before departure, and Bn. will be at entraining point at least one and a half hours before departure.
12. Captain W. H. ZANDER will act as Bn. Entraining Officer, and will report to Brigade Entraining Officer, ~~and will report to~~ (Captain C. H. REID (29th Bn) at 0730 on 8th inst. with entraining state.
13. (a) No troops or transport will be permitted to enter station yard until R.T.O. is ready.
(b) All trains will consist of 1 Officers' Carriage, 17 flat trucks, 30 covered trucks.
(c) Each flat truck will take on an average 4 axles.
(d) Each covered truck will take - 6 H.D. Horses
8 L.D. Horses
or 40 men.
(e) No personnel or stores will be allowed in the brake vans at each end of the train, or on the roofs of the trucks. No covered trucks should be used for baggage, as it reduces space for personnel.

P. T. O.

14. All doors of covered trucks and carriages on right hand side of the train when on main line must be kept closed.
15. "B" Coy and "D" Coy will each detail a picket of 2 N.C.Os. and 10 men for duty at each end of train, at all stops to prevent troops leaving immediate vicinity of train.
16. Loading and unloading parties have been detailed from the 29th and 32nd Bns. respectively.
17. S. A. A. must not be dumped. All ranks will move out with full complement.
Transport Section will travel with full echelons.
18. 14th A.I. Bde. are detailing a detraining Officer.
Guides will meet units at detraining point, and guide them to their billeting area.
19. The strictest discipline will be maintained throughout the whole move.
20. ACKNOWLEDGE.


 Lieut
 A/Adjutant, 30th Bn. A. I. F.

ISSUED by Runners at 1630.

DISTRIBUTION -

Copies 1/3 - War Diary.
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 Entraining Officer.

PROGRAMME

6th Aust. Inf. Brigade Sports CHALLENGE CUP

880 yards 13
Mile Race 14

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No.	Item	Remarks
1	Drill	Strength of Coy. 62 :- 4 Off 1 C.S.M. 3 platoon Sgts. 6 section leaders 48 man 3 platoons in Coy.
2	Transport	Complete, less 2 limbers (working)
3	Cookers	4 Cookers per Bn. to be judged
4	Platoon Race	1000 yards. Fighting Order, 1 Off. 1 Sgt. 2 Section Leaders. 16 o.n. 18, including Officer, to finish
5	Lewis Gun.	Team: 1 N.C.O. and 5 privates: team not to be packed. Competition will be carried out by each team separately. Points will be allotted as follows:- (a) Assembly of gun 25 (b) Stoppages 25 (c) Hits on target 45 95 Assembly of gun. The gun is to be stripped and laid out on waterproof sheet. How far the gun is to be stripped will be left to the Judges. On the word "go" the gun is to be assembled and brought into action on a firing point against a figure head target. The gun will be considered in action when the first burst is on the target. Time will be taken from the word "go" until the gun is in action. The gun will be inspected when brought into action and points not exceeding 5 may be deducted for incorrect or incomplete assembly of gun. This will be left to the discretion of the judges. One point will be deducted for every three seconds or part thereof that each team takes over the time of the fastest time team, i.e. to say if the fastest team assembles the gun in 2 minutes and the second fastest team does it in 2 minutes 9 seconds, then this team-takes loses 3 points on the first team and so on. Stoppages will be judged on time taken as in assembly of gun. One point will be deducted for each 2 seconds or part thereof that each team takes over the time of the fastest team to rectify the stoppage. One point will be allotted for each hit on the figure target. Each team is to provide its own gun and full magazine.
6	Football	Australian. Soccer. Rugby.
7	Cross Country	15 per Bn. 3 Miles. 8 to constitute a team.
8	Tag-of-war	1 Captain, 8 men.
9	Relay Race	4 Starters: 220 yards each
10	100 yards	
11	220 yards	
12	440 yards	

Headquarters,
5th. Australian Division,
11th. October 1918.

RECREATIONAL TRAINING

The success of the scheme depends largely on the interest of the men. The Divisional Commander desires that all units at once commence to organize Sports and Pastimes amongst all members of the Division during the forthcoming winter, on the lines laid down in S.S. 137, Recreational Training 1918.

Excellent results were achieved in the winter of 1917-18 but it is considered that even better can be done if the matter is taken in hand at once, as firstly, there should be a fair amount of fine weather during the next few weeks, and secondly, the units are not nearly as widely scattered as they were in the SAMER AREA.

The aim of all Officers should be to make the period in the back areas as cheerful and comfortable for the men as possible.

Both physical and mental rest is required, and the area is one that should lend itself to both.

Whilst it is recognised that in all Sports only a percentage of the men take part, the others nevertheless get pleasure out of them as on-lookers and their minds are taken off the war for the time being, thus providing to a certain extent, the mental rest required.

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Both outdoor and indoor amusements should be provided, the latter being especially needful to cheer the lads up during the winter evenings.

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The football, tuf-of-war, harrier, boxing, and wrestling competitions carried out last year proved a great success and it is hoped that even better results may be obtained this year.

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Div. Artillery and Infantry Brigades will send their nominations to D.H.Q. not later than 15th. inst.

The Divisional Commander will nominate the President Secretary, and Div. Troops representative.

The Central Committee will organize the whole scheme of outdoor sports and will regulate the expenditure of funds which will be made available from Div. Trust Account.

Units will organize their own committees at once.

The Div. Cinema and Concert Party will give entertainments throughout the Div. Area at all available places.

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The Australian Comforts Fund are providing a lot of outdoor sports material and additional supplies will be purchased from the E.F.C. and other sources at an early date.

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8th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING week ending 20th. Oct. 1918

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0900 to 1200 - 1400 to 1500

Oct. 14th.	P.T. & B.F. - Musketry - Section Drill. Lecture by Platoon Comm- anders on outposts -	Specialist Training in all Branches	Classes for Junior Officers & N.C.O's. i. Map Reading ii. Message Writing iii. Use of Compass.
Oct. 15th.	P.T. & B.F. - Musketry - Section Drill - Platoon Drill Gas Drill	do	do
Oct. 16th.	P.T. & B.F. - Musketry - Section & Platoon Drill. Lecture by Platoon Commanders on Gas	do	Minor ^{tactical} technical Schemes without troops for junior Officers & N.C.O's
Oct. 17th.	P.T. & B.F. - Musketry - Platoon Drill - Gas Drill	do	do G.O.C. will inspect 30th. Bn at 1130
Oct. 18th.	P.T. & B.F. - Musketry - Platoon Drill. Lecture by Platoon Comm- anders - Advance Guards.	do	
Oct. 19th.	P.T. & B.F. - Musketry - Platoon Drill - Gas Drill	do	G.O.C. will inspect 31st. Bn. at 1130
Oct. 20th.	P.T. & B.F. - Musketry - Platoon & Coy. Drill. Lecture by Platoon Commrs. on Platoon in attack on Strong Points.	<i>Church</i> <i>Parade</i> do	Minor tactical Scheme for junior Officers and N.C.O's without troops.

SIGNALLERS To include Visual, Trench Sets, Popham Panel. Bde. Sig. Officer will inform Bn. Sig. Officers as to the nature of the training and arrange a uniform standard throughout the Brigade.
Every man employed in Bns. will be given a certain amount of drill each day.
The afternoon will be devoted to recreational training and Sports will be arranged.
Brigade Sports in which the Challenge Cup will be contested ~~for~~ will be arranged, in accordance with meeting held at Bde. H.Q. 10th. inst. Lieut. H.C. Brady is Brigade representative.

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SYLLABUS OF INSTRUCTION

INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL

Oct. 14th.	Oct. 15th.	Oct. 16th.	Oct. 17th.	Oct. 18th.	Oct. 19th
MAP READING (1 hour)	MAP READING (1 hour)	MAP READING (1 hour)	MAP READING (1 hour)	MAP READING (1 hour)	MAP READING (1 hour)
OBSERVATION (1 hour)	USE OF COMPASS (2 hours)	IDENTIFICATION (1 hour)	WRITING MESSAGES AND REPORTS (1 hour)	OBSERVATION March (1 hour)	IDENTIFICATION (1 hour)
OUTDOOR WORK RECONNAISSANCE (1 hour)		OBSERVATION Outdoor Work (1 hour)	USE OF PROTRACTOR (1 hour)	USE OF COMPASS (1 hour)	OUT DOOR WORK RECONNAISSANCE (1 hour)

IN ALL SUBJECTS SEPARATE CLASSES WILL BE HELD. THE HIGHER TRAINED PERSONNEL WILL GET ADVANCED INSTRUCTION.

14.10.18

Lieut.
I.O. 30th. Bn. A.I.F.

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RECREATIONAL TRAINING
8th. Brigade Group

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The following were appointed as 8th. Bde. Group Committee at a Meeting held 17th. inst.

President.	Capt. C.H. READ	8th. Bde. H.Q.
Secretary	Lieut. H.C. BRADY	"
together with representatives from		
8th. M.G. Coy.		30th. Battalion
8th. Field Coy. Engineers		31st. Battalion
14th. " " "		32nd. Battalion.
15th. " " "		
8th. A.L.T.M.B.		
8th. Field Ambulance		

The following dates have been laid down for the events as shewn:-

Platoon Race	26th. October
Drill Competition	28th. October
Transport "	28th. "
Cookers "	28th. "
Cross Country Run	1st. November.

DRAW FOR FOOTBALL

<u>Aust. Rules.</u>	32nd. Bn. v 30th. Bn.	32nd. Bn. Grd.	23rd. October	1450
	H.Q. Group v 31st. Bn	31st. Bn. Grd.	24th. October	"
	Final		30th. October.	

<u>Soccer</u>	30th. Bn. v H.Q. Group	H.Q. Ground	25th. October	1430
	31st. Bn. v 32nd. Bn.	31st. Bn. Grd.	28th. October	"
	Final.		31st. October.	

<u>Rugby League</u>	H.Q. Group v 32nd. Bn.	32nd. Bn. Ground	27th. Oct.	1430
	31st. Bn. v 30th. Bn.	31st. Bn. Ground	28th. Oct.	do.
	Final		2nd. November.	

POINTS

The Group Committee has decided that the following shall be the distribution of points:

		<u>1st.</u>	<u>2nd.</u>	<u>3rd.</u>
1.	Drill	9	6	3
2.	Transport	9	6	3
3.	Cookers	6	4	2
4.	Platoon Race	6	4	2
5.	Lewis Gun	6	4	2
6.	Aust. Football	6	3	-
7.	Rugby	6	3	-
8.	Soccer	6	3	-
9.	Cross Country Run	6	4	2
10.	Tug-of-War	6	4	2
11.	Relay Race	3	2	1
12.	100 Yards	3	2	1
13.	220 Yards	3	2	1
14.	440 Yards.	3	2	1
15.	880 Yards.	3	2	1
16.	Mile Race	3	2	1
17.	Mile Walk	3	2	1
18.	High Jump	3	2	1
19.	Long Jump	3	2	1
20.	Putting the Shot.	3	2	1
21.	A.R.A. Competition	9	6	3
22.	Boxing - All Weights	4	2	-
23.	100 Hurdles	3	2	1

(Sgd.) H.C. BRADY
Secretary, 8th. Brigade Group.

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30th Battalion
31st "
32nd "
8th L.T.M.B
8th Field Amb.
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RECREATIONAL TRAINING
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It has been decided that in the competitions for the Brigade Cup only the 3 Battalions concerned shall score points but prizes may be taken by the Brigade H.Q.Group, who, although they be placed in any event will not be credited with the points.

The following is the draw for the Football, any previous notification is cancelled.

Australian Rules =====	Ground	Date	Time
30th v 32nd Bn.	32nd Bn.	23rd Oct	1430
31st Bn. bye			
FINAL		26th Oct	1430
Soccer =====			
32nd v 31st Bn.	31st Bn.	24th Oct	1430
30th Bn. bye			
FINAL		27th Oct.	1430
Rugby =====			
31st v 30th Bn	30th Bn.	25th Oct	1430
32nd Bn bye			
FINAL	29th	29th Oct	1430

All finals to be played on the Brigade Ground RAMBURELLES.

The date fixed for the Brigade Sports is 8th November to be held on 8th Brigade Sports Ground RAMBURELLES.

For each of the individual events entries are limited to 2 per Unit and Brigade Group.

8TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.	
No.	911/834
Date	21/10/18

W. G. Gandy Lt
Captain.
Brigade Major 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.

8th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Syllabus of Training.....Week ending 26th. October 1918.

	0900 - 1200	1400 - 1500
Oct. 21st.	P.T. & B.F. Musketry, Section & Platoon Drill. Lecture by Platoon Commanders on Guards and Sentries. Specialist Training in all branches. <u>15 minutes Gas Drill.</u>	Classes for junior Officers and N.C.O's 1. Field Sketching 2. Message writing. 3. Location of position by Prismatic Compass.
Oct. 22nd.	P.T. & B.F., Musketry, Platoon Drill. Guards and Sentries Specialist Training in all Branches. <u>15 minutes Gas Drill</u>	Do. G.O.C. will inspect 8th. A.L.T.M.B. at 1030 G.O.C. will inspect 31st. Bn. at 1130.
Oct. 23rd.	P.T. & B.F. Musketry, Platoon Drill, Company Drill. Specialist training in all Branches <u>15 minutes Gas Drill</u>	Road Traverse.
Oct. 24th.	P.T. & B.F. Musketry, Company Drill. Lecture by Platoon Commanders.- Rear Guards. Guards and Sentries.	G.O.C. will inspect 32nd. Bn. at 1100 Selection of position and siting of trenches.
Oct. 25th.	P.T. & B.F. Musketry. Battalion Drill. Lecture on tactical handling of Lewis Gun. Specialist Training	Tactical schemes without troops. Advance Guards.
Oct. 26th.	P.T. and B.F. with S.B.R's. Battalion Drill. Lecture on Gas by Battalion Gas Officer. Guards and Sentries	Tactical schemes without troops. Rear Guards.

Brigade Rifle Range will be allotted to Bns. in turn on its completion - probably commencing October 24th. Progressive Lewis Gun work to be carried out during the week.

21.10.18

W. W. W.
Lieut.
A/Adjutant 30th. Bn. A.I.F.

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30th. BATTALION
 SYLLABUS OF LEWIS GUN TRAINING

 For week ending 26.10.18

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Oct. 21st.	Oct. 22nd.	Oct. 23rd.	Oct. 24th.	Oct. 25th.	Oct. 26th.
GENERAL DESCRIPTION (1 hour)	GENERAL DESCRIPTION (1 hour)	GENERAL DESCRIPTION (1 hour)	MECHANISM (Backward Movement) (1 hour)	MECHANISM (Backward movement) (1 hour)	MECHANISM (Forward Movement) (1 hour)
STRIPPING and ASSEMBLING (1 hour)	STRIPPING and Assembling (1 hour)	STRIPPING and ASSEMBLING (1 hour)	GENERAL DESCRIPTION (1 hour)	MECHANISM (Forward movement) (1 hour)	MECHANISM (Backward movement) (1 hour)
GENERAL DESCRIPTION (1 hour)	GENERAL DESCRIPTION (1 hour)	MECHANISM (Backward movement) (1 hour)	STRIPPING (Changing parts) (1 hour)	STRIPPING and ASSEMBLING (to time) (1 hour)	STOPPAGES (No. 1 Position) (1 hour)

21.10.18

W. W. W. W.

Lieut.
 L.G.O. 30th. Battalion A.I.F.

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SYLLABUS OF INSTRUCTION

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Intelligence Personnel

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Oct. 21st.	Oct. 22nd.	Oct. 23rd.	Oct. 24th.	Oct. 25th	Oct. 26th.
MAP READING (1 hour)	MAP READING (1 hour)	MAP READING (1 hour)	MAP READING (1 hour)	MAP READING (1 hour)	MAP READING (1 hour)
IDENTIFICATION (1 hour)	PRISONERS How to deal with them. (1 hour)	IDENTIFICATION (1 hour)	ENEMY PAPERS (1 hour)	IDENTIFICATION (1 hour)	ENEMY PAPERS (1 hour)
OBSERVATION (Outdoor work) (1 hour)	MESSAGES & REPORTS (Practical) (1 hour)	USE OF COMPASS (Practical) (1 hour)	RECONNAISSANCE (Practical) (1 hour)	USE OF COMPASS (Practical) (1 hour)	USE OF LANDMARKS (Practical) (1 hour)

Advanced Classes in these subjects for higher trained personnel
 A Lecture on Operations during the past three months, to be illustrated
 by maps, aeroplane photographs, etc. will be given to 1 platoon daily.

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Chamola Lieut.
 for C.O. 30th. Bn.A.I.F.

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8th. AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE

Syllabus of Training for week ending Nov. 2nd. 1918

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0900 - 1200

1400 - 1500

Oct. 28th. P.T. & B.F. Musketry. Gas Drill
Coy. Drill. Battalion Drill

Specialist Training in all Branches

Oct. 29th. P.T. & B.F. Musketry, Gas Drill
Coy. in attack Formation.

Lectures by Coy. and Platoon Commrs.
bring^{ing} out points of practice.

Oct. 30th.

Inspection by G.O.C. Division

Oct. 31st. P.T. & B.F. Musketry, Gas Drill
Coy. in attack practice.

Lectures by Coy. and Platoon Commrs.
on the practice.

Nov. 1st. P.T. & B.F. Musketry. Gas Drill
Platoon and Coy. Drill

Conference at 5th. Div. H.Q.

Nov. 2nd. Battalion in attack practice.

Lecture by Coy. Commrs. on the
practice.

Battalion Commrs. will forward
Schemes to Brigade H.Q. by
1200 31st. Oct.

N O T E.

In all attack Practices, skeleton enemy will be employed. In schemes for Companies or higher units Umpires will be employed. These should be senior Officers who, in addition to preventing unreal situations developing, will at the conclusion of the exercise bring out the tactical points that influence their action during the progress of the scheme.

J. E. Wonnacott.

Lieut.

A/Adjutant 30th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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30th. BATTALION

SYLLABUS OF SIGNAL TRAINING

For week ending 2.11.18

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
C.Os. INSPECTION	ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION on FULLERPHONE	INSPECTION BY G.O.C.	BUZZER PRACTICE	LECTURE By GAS OFFICER	LAMP PRACTICE
SEMAPHORE	LECTURE Telegraphic procedure.	5th. DIVISION	FULLERPHONE	5th. DIVISION	FLAG DRILL

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

28.10.18

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Lieut. SIG. OFFICER, 30th. Battalion A.I.

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30th. BATTALION A.I.F.

SYLLABUS OF INSTRUCTION - INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL.

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Oct. 28th.	Oct. 29th.	Oct. 30th.	Oct. 31st.	Nov. 1st.	Nov. 2nd.
MAP READING (1 hour)	MAP READING (1 hour)	INSPECTION	MAP READING (1 hour)	LECTURE	MAP READING (1 hour)
RECONNAISSANCE (Practical) (2 hours)	IDENTIFICATION (1 hour)	BY G. OSG. 5th.	ENEMY PAPERS (1 hour)	BY GAS OFFICER	IDENTIFICATION (1 hour)
	OBSERVATION MARCH (1 hour)	DIVISION	USE OF LANDMARKS (1 hour)	5th. DIVISION.	USE OF TELESCOPE (1 hour)

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Lieut.
I.O. 30th. Battalion, A.I.F.

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WORK OF QUARTER-MASTER for MONTH ENDING 31st.Oct.1918.

RATIONS.

The quality of Meat and Bread on issue has been very good. Three hot meals are prepared daily for all ranks. With extras purchased from Regimental funds, such as vegetables, Pearl barley, Curry powder, etc., there is more than enough for everyone.

The following meals are prepared and are changed about daily:-

<u>BREAKFAST</u>	<u>DINNER</u>	<u>TEA</u>
Porridge	Roast or boiled meat.	Curry or Rissoles
Bacon or Rissoles	Steak or stews.	Biscuit pudding
Tea or Cocoa	Baked or boiled potatoes.	or boiled rice.
	Turnips, Carrots, and Cabbage.	Tea.

CLOTHING

Every man is in possession of a good servicable uniform. The D.A.Q.M.G. when inspecting the Battalion with the G.O.C. 5th. Aust.Division remarked that we were the best equipped and clothed Battalion he had inspected for some considerable time.

The Regimental Tailors have carried out all repairs satisfactorily.

Every man is in possession of an extra flannel shirt given by the Battalion Comforts Fund.

COMFORTS

The following Comforts have been received for month ending 31st.October, and were much appreciated:

Received from Aust.Comforts Fund.

Cocoa & Milk	cases	21
Milk	"	8
Fruit	"	5
Tobacco	"	3
Cigarettes	"	1
Curry Powder	"	2
Oatmeal	"	3
Sugar	ba g	1
Playing Cards and Dominoes.		

Received from Battalion Comforts Funds, Sydney & Newcastle.

Shirts	parcels	11
Socks	"	11
Xmas.Puddings		160

REPORT OF COMMANDING OFFICER

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Beyond the 1st day of the month, the Battalion did not participate in any operations. "D" Coy. carried out a very successful operation under most difficult circumstances in co-operation with the 32nd Battalion, and was very highly complimented by the Commanding Officer of that Unit, on their work during that day.

On the following day the Battalion commenced to move back, and it became evident that the long waited for spell was at last in sight.

The 9th of the month found the Unit in billets in the rest area between ABBEVILLE and LONGPRE, and immediately every effort was concentrated on making the billets as comfortable as possible, and turning out the men in the best possible manner with the result that the end of the month finds the Battalion well recovered from the strenuous times it had undergone, and probably in such a state of efficiency as regards turnout and equipment as has never been reached before.

Training is now being pushed on with, and the very wide experience gained by the Unit in the fighting of recent months is proving invaluable.

The recreational side is being given every attention, and never has so much enthusiasm been displayed by all ranks in this respect.

The Brigade Cup is being competed for again and several events already decided, which leaves the Battalion in second place, one point in rear of the 32nd. Battalion. Owing to the Union of the 29th with the 32nd. Battalion, the task of winning the Cup is considerable increased, but nevertheless every effort is being made and will be continued until the last event.

The health of the troops is splendid, and fortunately the influenza epidemic so prevalent at present has not made an appearance in the Unit.

The discipline has also been excellent, and at present this Unit has no absentees.

Unfortunately no reinforcements have yet been received, and consequently our strength is still well below establishment.

During the operations from 8th August to 1st October, the Battalion won 69 decorations and "Mentions".

G. Sheel

Lieut-Colonel

Commanding 30th Battalion, A. I. F.