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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information			VOLUME 10	Remarks and references to Appendices
CENTRAL (JESUS FARM)	1-8-17		Battalion rested remainder of day after relief had been complete				
	2-8-17		Heavy rain no training				
	3-8-17		Heavy rain no training				
	4-8-17		Battalion moved from T. 2 Central by route march to JESUS FARM.				
	5-8-17		Sunday no training				
	6-8-17		Battalion training commenced for several offensive work.				
	7-8-17	do	do	do	do	do	
	8-8-17	do	do	do	do	do	(Half Holiday)
	9-8-17	do	do	do	do	do	
	10-8-17	do	do	do	do	do	
	11-8-17	do	do	do	do	do	(Half Holiday)
	12-8-17		Sunday Church parades				
	13-8-17		Battalion training but little training carried out owing to number of working parties				
	14-8-17	do	do	do	do	do	
	15-8-17	do	do	do	do	do	
	16-8-17	do	do	do	do	do	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information				Remarks and references to Appendices
(JESUS FARM) STEENWERCK	17. 8. 17		Battalion away only as working parties	Specialist only in training			
	18. 8. 17		Do	Do	Do	Do	
	19. 8. 17		Sunday. (Church parades)				
	20. 8. 17		Battalion away only as working parties	Specialist only in training	Do		Transport left Steenwerck
	21. 8. 17		Do	Do	Do		for ABRONLT at 4 pm
	22. 8. 17		Battalion left STEENWERCK at 8.30 AM arrived at ABRONLT at 5 PM and went into Bullets				
	23. 8. 17		Battalion training by boys all specialists receiving special attention				
	24. 8. 17		Do	Do	Do	Do	
	25. 8. 17		Do	Do	Do	Do	
	26. 8. 17		Sunday Church parades				
ABRONLT.	27. 8. 17		Training of all specialists by boy				
	28. 8. 17		Do	Do	Do		
	29. 8. 17		Do	Do	Do		
	30. 8. 17		Do	Do	Do		
	31. 8. 17		Battalion Route march with transport complete.				

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HEAD QUARTERS

43RD INFANTRY

43rd Infantry Battalion Operation Order. No. 49.
18th August, 1917.

Reference Map. Sheet 36.N.W.4 and S.W. 36. 1/20000.

Information 1. The 57th Division are holding the line - FLEURBAIX - BOIS GRENIER and ARMENTIERES areas from N.8. Central to River LYS both inclusive.

(b) The 11th Infantry Brigade will hold itself in readiness to move at four hours notice to reinforce 57th Division, should they be heavily attacked.

(c) The Brigade may be used in two ways.

(1) To counter attack.

(2) To occupy ARMENTIERES defences.

(d) Reference Section. 1. para (c) sub para (1), Positions will be 41st on left and 43rd on right.

Reference section. 1. para (c) sub para (2) The 43rd Inf Bn will be used as required.

INTENTION. 2. On receipt of warning to "Stand By" from the 57th Division, The 43rd Inf Bn, including transport (1st Line) will make immediate preparations to move.

Major H.G. Freeman will report at once to 11th Brigade H.Q.s. The Battalion will move in the following order:- "A" -- "B" -- "C" -- and "D" Companies -- Battalion H.Q.S.

Arrangements for guides will be notified at the time of movement.

EQUIPMENT. 3. Rations, S.A.A., equipment, etc., will be carried as per S.S. 135, except that no bombs or rifle grenades will be carried. These will be drawn from one of the following dumps according to the Section in which the Brigade is operating:-

Fleurbaix Section. Where the "G" emergency road touches RUE de la LYS. Approximately H.13.b.2.4.

BOIS GRENIER Section At the small bridge on the RUE de la LYS at H.5.e.0.7.

ARMENTIERES Section. Railway Crossing. H.6.a.0.9.

Battalions will not move at a strength above 750. Personnel as per S.S. 135 will be left behind and will, within 24 hours, report to the 42nd Battalion Camp. The Senior Officer present will command these details.

The 57th Division will issue instructions as regards the movement of the first line transport, which will be held in readiness to move at one hour's notice.

Until the situation develops and until a forecast can be made of the probable action of this Brigade, and the time during which it is likely to remain under the orders of the 57th Division, that Division will be responsible for the supply of the Brigade as regards ammunition, rations and forage. It will also be responsible for the evacuation of the Brigade's wounded.

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POINT. 4. To be notified later.

APPENDIX

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WORKING

PARTIES. 6.(a) All working parties engaged east of the line ARMENTIERES--
NEUVE EGLISE will rendezvous at KANDAHAR FARM (Sheet 28.---
T.10.b.9.8. when the following lorries will arrive as
soon as possible :-

- 5 Lorries for No. 4. Party.
- 5.Lorries for Nos 5 and 6 Parties.
- 1 Lorry for No 14 Party.
- 1 Lorry for no 15 Party.

(b) The lorries will return the parties to their respective Battalion Headquarters where, if necessary, the lorries will wait while the men are equipped and then convey them to some forward point.

Captain. S.E.Tolley will direct the lorries to this forward point.

(c) An Officer from Divisional Headquarters will be at KANDAHAR FARM to regulate the departure of the lorries.

(d) Working parties under the O.C. 290th A.T.Coy. will be warned by special messengers from the Battalions concerned. On receipt of this warning the parties concerned will return forthwith in the lorries that conveyed them to their tasks.

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