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Date.	Place and Time.	FRANCE	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1/3/17 6/3/17	Armentieres	Bullets supplied working parties to A.E.	
4/3/17	Houplines	Relieved 35 th Bn in HOUPLINES Bn 00 N ^o 18 RIGHT (1) SUBSECTOR as per Bn O.C. N ^o 16 d/3/3/17. Cf Intelligence Summary, d/5/3/17	d/3/3/17. Int Sum d/4/3/17. N ^o 1 + N ^o 2
5/3/17 6/3/17	"	Trench routine & repair. Enemy exceptionally quiet. Periscopic Flash Spotters in front line have proved valuable for identifying & locating points in the hand	Cf Int Sum dated 6 th Mar N ^o 3. 7 th Mar N ^o 4. 8 th Mar N ^o 5. 9 th Mar N ^o 6

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Date.	Place and Time.	FRANCE	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
	HOUPLINES.	behind enemy position. They also proved of great value for putting our artillery out hostile works & formations. Cf Intelligence Summaries d/6 th - 7 th - 8 th - 9 th + 10 th March 1917.	10 th Mar N ^o 7.
9/3/17	"	Truck routine etc. G. Int Sum d/10 th Mar. Relief started d/8/3/17 Cf Bn D.O. 19 d/8/3/17	Bn D.O. N ^o 19 N ^o 8
10/3/17	"	Relief completed. C + D Cos named as per syllabus data	

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Date.	Place and Time.	FRANCE	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
10/3/17	ARMENTIERES	dated 9/3/17. Remainder of Bn rested.	Tram Syllab d/9/3/17 No 9
11/3/17 to 16/3/17		Supplies No working parties to AE. Whole Bn Training as per Training syllabus. Method successful men. Keen instruction good.	Training syllabus No 9
17/3/17	l'EpINETTE	Relieved 35th Bn subsector as per Bn OO No dated. Line held on outpost principal. of 2nd line d/18/3/17.	Bn OO No 20 d/26/3/17 No 10 2nd line d/ 8/3/17. No 11

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
18/3/17	L'EPINETTE	Trench routine. Enemy exceptionally quiet. Cf Int Sum d/19/3/17.	Int Sum d/19/3/17 <u>No 12</u>
19/3/17	"	Trench routine. Gas heard at 7.15 pm & 8.45 pm from localities 844 respectively. Special report. Int Sum d/20/3/17. Bn 00 No 21 / d/19/3/17	Gas report <u>No 13</u> Int Sum d/20/3/17 <u>No 14</u>
20/3/17	"	Trench routine. Periscope alidade flash spotted set up in front line & work	Bn 00 21 d/19/3/17 <u>No 14a</u>

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20/3/17 (cont.)		in conjunction with the Artillery. These found invaluable for locating targets and are used to great extent by cos in the line. Cf Int Sum d/21/3/17.	Int Sum d/21/3/17 <u>No 15</u>
21/3/17	L'Epinette.	Enemy extraordinarily quiet all day. Snipers doing food work. Trench repair carried out. Cf Int Sum d/22/3/17.	Int Sum d/22/3/17 <u>No 16</u>

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Date.	Place and Time.	FRANCE	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
22/3/17	L'Épinette	Trench repair & routine carried on. Cf Int Sum d/23/3/17	Int Sum d/23/3/17 <u>N°77</u>
23/3/17	..	Trench routine. Cf Int Sum d/24/3/17	Int Sum d/24/3/17 <u>N°78</u>
24/3/17	..	Trench routine. Enemy relief suspected during night 23/24. In afternoon 23/3/17 a very heavy barrage was put in front of 30th plane making it impossible	

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Date.	Place and Time.	FRANCE.	7.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
24/3/17 (cont)	L'Épinette	<p>for them to get across the enemy line. During the early part of night enemy was heard shouting singing & ringing bells in his trenches. At daylight new in new blue uniforms were seen coming into his trench coats going out both with full packs. Enemy action on night 24/25 was quite different from that previously. He fired MURF. grenades into No Man's Land</p>		

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Date.	Place and Time.	FRANCE	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
24/3/17	l'Epinette	at frequent intervals.	
(Cont)		He searched No man's land frequently and also with his rifle fire. A whistle was blown from a listening post in front of his wire and immediately rifle fire was opened into No man's land. He fired a yellow rocket which burst into rain and brought down a barage into No man's land on one occasion. He	

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Date.	Place and Time.	FRANCE	57 <u>9</u>	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
24/3/17 (Cont)	l'Epinette	benches seemed to be more heavily manned than usual, the second Int Sun to be more nervous of Int Sun d/25/3/17	d/25/3/17 No 18	
25/3/17	l'Epinette	Relieved by 35 th Bn of the Bn CO. dated 13/17 Billet: new holiday.	Bn CO No 22 d/25/3/17 No 19	
26/3/17	Armentières	Billet ^{C. Coy} supplied workup partic. to AE day & night		
31/3/17		Signaller Bn Co doing		

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Date.	Place and Time.	FRANCE	52 10.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
26/3/17 31/3/17		7 hrs per day sig. class showed much improvement.		
		<u>Moshead</u> , Lieut Col		
		Commanding 83 rd Bn A.I.F.		

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33RD BATTALION, A.I.F. ORDER NO. 18.

Reference Map : 1/20,000 France Sheet 36.
N.W. (Corrected to 6.8.16).

Battalion Headquarters,
3rd March, 1917.

RELIEF. 1. The 33RD BATTALION will relieve the 35TH BATTALION in A.BATTALION SUB-SECTION commencing 6 a.m. on the 4th inst.

TIME, ROUTE & RATIONS. 2. The head of reliefs will pass the starting points at 6 a.m. and follow routes shown hereunder.

Company.	Starting Point.	Route.
A. Company.	Tissage Dump.	Gloucester Avenue
B. "	" "	Spain Avenue
C. "	C.22.c.25.65.	Wessex Avenue.
D. "	Tissage Dump.	Gloucester Avenue.

All ranks will carry unexpended portion of days ration.

PRECAUTIONS. 3. Every precaution must be taken against hostile observation and during daylight relief will move in parties not larger than sections at 8 minute intervals when EAST of ARMENTIERES NOUVEL HOUPLINES RAILWAY.

HANDING OVER. 4. All trench stores, defence schemes, log books, aeroplane photographs, maps, plans and other useful information must be taken over duplicate receipts given on A.F.W.3405 which must be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters not later than 11 a.m. on 4th inst. Companies must furnish certificate as to cleanliness of billets to Bn.H.Q. not later than 8 a.m. on 4th inst. and the Billeting Officer, Lieut.A.H.Fletcher, will then inspect billets and furnish necessary certificate on handing over to 35th Bn. A rear party of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men per Company must be detailed to clean billets and assist in loading blankets and straw.

GUM BOOTS. 5. Gum Boots will be issued to Companies on 3rd Inst. Requisition for extra boots must be submitted to Q.M. by 4 p.m. on 3rd inst.

WORKING PARTIES. 6. All working parties will be provided for the night shifts on 3rd inst.

TRANSPORT. 7. Quartermaster will arrange with Transport Officer for removal of all stores and equipment for storage at Q.M. store and to transport Trench Stores and equipment to barrier. Handcarts must be used to transfer kits and equipment to Q.M. store and to convey kits and mess gear from barrier to trenches.

COMMAND. 8. The personnel of 33rd Battalion moving into front area on 4th inst. will come under the command of C.O. 35th Battalion, and similarly the personnel of 35th Battalion moving into billets will come under the command of C.O. 33rd Battalion.

REPORTS. 9. Companies and Specialists will report to Bn.H.Q. when that portion of relief is completed.

DISTRIBUTION.

- No.1 to 9th Inf. Bde.
- 2 " C.C.
- 3. " A. Co.
- 4. " B. Co.
- 5. " C. Co.
- 6. " D. Co.
- 7. " Lewis Gun Officer.
- 8. " Quartermaster.
- 9. " Transport Officer.
- 10. " R.M.O.
- 11. " 35th Bn.
- 12. " File.
- 13. " War Diary.
- 14. " " "

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Headquarters.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.
4th March. 1917.

TIME TABLE OF PATROLS. 4th/5th March.

<u>EXIT.</u>	<u>TIME.</u>	<u>ENTRY.</u>	<u>TIME.</u>
Centre Gap J.	7 p.m.	5 Trees Left.	10 p.m. (Fighting Patrol.)
Left Gap H.	11 p.m.	5 Trees Right.	1 a.m.
Left Gap I.	12 m.n.	Right Gap I.	9 a.m.
Right Gap K.	2 a.m.	Right Gap I.	5 a.m. (Fighting Patrol.)

(Sgd) L.E.B. Smith. Lieut.

Appendix No. 2.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Summary of Events and Information up to 6 a.m. 5.3.17.

OUR OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. At 8.30 a.m. our artillery dispersed an enemy working party at about C.93.a.94.15. At about 11 a.m. our 18pdrs fired 68 rounds in 3 minutes over locality 8. Starting at 3 p.m. the heavies fired on targets in rear of enemy line.

MACHINE GUNS. Our L.G. fired throughout the night on enemy wire and parapet. They dispersed a working party opposite Locality 9.

SNIPERS. Broke one periscope.

PATROLS. 4 patrols worked on Bn. front during the night. They report NO MAN'S LAND improving and generally in good condition. No enemy were encountered. Their M.G. were very quiet. Enemy working parties could be heard in his trenches. He used comparatively few Very lights. Enemy trenches appear to be heavily manned. Owing to the brightness of the night the fighting patrols did not go out.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. In retaliation to our heavies enemy fired 19 H.E. and shrapnel onto Cemetery Road. At 10.50 p.m. twelve 5.9 H.E. were fired into the ORCHARD, and eight more were fired into the Houplines.

TRENCH MORTARS. Enemy fired a number of Pine-apples into Localities 9 and 10.

MACHINE GUNS. On the whole very quiet. Only two guns fired during early part of night, one opposite Locality 9 and other opposite Locality 11.

RIFLE FIRE. The snipers were active throughout the day period. Intermittent rifle fire throughout the night period.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Appear to have been greatly damaged and a great deal of new work can be observed right along the front. He can be seen carrying duckboards and hurdles constantly along his trench. New enemy concrete works were observed at C.99.c.94.35. and C.99.c.86.44. These should be destroyed. Kitchen seen at C.99.d.99.93. Enemy wire has been considerably thickened in front of the "NIPPLES" and now presents a very formidable obstacle. All the gaps in his wire appear to have been filled up. Working parties can be observed along the whole line.

ENEMY MOVEMENTS. Enemy was observed carrying boxes about 3' by 4' from about C.99.a.65.43. to about C.99.a.79.75.

MISCELLANEOUS. Large enemy periscope was observed at C.99.c.79.49. Telescope was laid on to it and the enemy movements could be seen in his trench. The observer was wearing a steel helmet and was smoking. He was evidently some distance behind the periscope as a constant stream of men wearing steel helmets could be observed passing backwards and forwards along the trench between him and the periscope. Some shots were fired at the periscope and it was pulled slowly down for a minute or so then it was put up again and a man with a sand bag tied round his helmet looked through it for a few minutes then the original observer continued. Immediately some shots were fired from the enemy trench in the direction from which we had fired. There seemed to be a lot of men in the trench. A great number of smaller periscopes could be seen along his parapet.

7.15 a.m.

(Signed) R.J.A. Massie. Major.

33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

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Headquarters.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.
5th March. 1917.

TIME TABLE PATROLS 5th/6th March. 1917.

COY.	EXIT.	TIME.	RETURN.	TIME.
"B"	Right Gap I.	7 p.m.	Right Loc G.	9 p.m.
"B"	Left Loc B.	10 p.m.	Right Gap H.	12 m.m.
	Centre Gap J.	1 a.m.	Centre Gap J.	3 a.m.
"A"	Right Loc G.	7 p.m.	Centre Gap J.	9 p.m.
"A"	Right Gap K.	11 p.m.	Left Loc B.	1 a.m.
"C"	5 Trees Left.	11 p.m.	Right Gap L.	1 a.m.
"C"	Left Loc H.	1 a.m.	Left Gap K.	3 a.m.
"C"	Left Gap M.	3 a.m.	Right Gap L.	4 a.m.

Fighting Patrols will move if opportunity offers.

(Sgd) L.C.B. Smith. Lieut.
Scout Officer.

Appendix No. 3

Headquarters.

33rd Battalion. A.I.F.
6th March. 1917.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Summary of Events and Information up to 6 a.m. 6.3.17.

OUR OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. 3.40 p.m. six 18 pounders shells fired in retaliation for pine-apple bombardment. 3-18 pdrs at 5 p.m. Heavy Artillery fired during the day on targets in rear of enemy line. and at night to the right of Bn. area.

MACHINE GUNS. Lewis guns fired as usual on enemy wire and parapet.

PATROLS. Eight patrols worked on Bn. front during night. They report enemy very quiet indeed. A few men could be heard working at intervals all the front in small parties. Sounds of revetting or a duckboard being dropped could be heard occasionally. Enemy used his Machine Guns very little and there was no rifle fire. A machine gun opposite H gap and another on Northern NIPPLE fired during the night. He used very few Very lights and bombed his own wire at intervals. NO MAN'S LAND is in fair condition.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY Very quiet. He fired 13-77mm. shells into Support Line behind Locality 11, Between 12 noon and 3 p.m.

At 11.30 p.m. 11-5.9. H.E. were fired over Locality 12 into HOUPLINES.

TRENCH MORTAR. Between 3.25. and 3.40 p.m. 13 Grenadenwerfer shells were fired into Locality 8. All but two fell short. No damage was done.

MACHINE GUNS. Very quiet during the night. One gun opposite H gap fired enfilading. J gap and a gun on Northern NIPPLE fired high over our parapet. No other guns fired.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy seems to be doing a great amount of work along his front line, Hurdles and duckboards can be seen moving along his trench throughout the day. There is still a large gap in his wire at C.39.a and 85.95

a large periscope is visible at C.39.d and work behind it requires attention. 30.90.

COMMUNICATIONS. Very few Very lights were used during the night.

7.10 a.m.

(Signed) R.J.A. Massie. Major.

33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

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Headquarters.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.
6th March. 1917.

PATROL TIME TABLE FOR 6th/7th March.

COY.	EXIT.	TIME.	RETURN.	TIME.
"A"	5 Trees Right.	7 p.m.	Left Loc 8.	9 p.m.
"B"	Left Loc 8.	12 m.m.	5 Trees Right.	9 a.m.
"A"	Centre Gap J.	10 p.m.	Centre Gap J.	12 m.m.
"A"	Right Gap K.	7 p.m.	Left Loc 9.	9 p.m.
"B"	Right Gap I.	12 m.m.	Right Gap J.	3 a.m.
"C"	Right Gap L.	11 p.m.	5 Trees Left.	1 a.m.
"C"	Left Gap K.	8 p.m.	Left Loc 11.	10 p.m.
"C"	Right Gap L.	3 a.m.	Right Gap K.	5 a.m.

(Signed) L.C.B. Smith. Lieut.
Scout Officer.

Appendix No. 4

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Summary of Events and Information up to 6 a.m. 7-3-17.

OUR OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. Our Artillery fired during day and night in retaliation silencing the enemy on each occasion. 6.50 p.m. retaliated to enemy Minenwerfer with 18 pdrs and Howitzers and again at 9.35 p.m. Dispersed a working party at 11.30 a.m. using alidade.

MACHINE GUNS. Fired as usual during night on enemy wire.

PATROLS. Eight patrols worked along Bn. front during night. NO MAN'S LAND has become very muddy and progress was difficult. Enemy used a fair number of very lights. His machine guns were quiet though more active than on previous night, occasionally searching NO MAN'S LAND. Stores left in NO MAN'S LAND by 10th Bde Raiders were salvaged.

At 7 and 9 p.m. a small bell was rung in the enemy trench and a great deal of talking was heard, lasting for about 3 minutes afterwards there was silence. Working parties could be heard right along enemy trench during night. At about 7.30 p.m. transport was heard about 1' AVENTURE. Shortly afterwards the trench railway to about the 4 HALLOTT'S could be heard. At about 10 p.m. heavy transport apparently drawn by traction engines could be heard. Repairs have been effected to enemy wire opposite Locality 13.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. Shelled the position intermittently throughout the day from 6 a.m. 10 a.m. he fired 8-77mm. and 6-1 pdr. shells in rear of H Gap. and Locality 8. At 12.50 p.m. he fired 10-4.3 shells in vicinity of AUSTRALIA AVENUE and CEMETERY ROAD. At 6.35. he fired 10 H.E. shrapnel over AUSTRALIA AVENUE and SPAIN AVENUE. At 9.45 p.m. he fired 30 4.3. and 30-77mm. shells into right of Locality 8 and vicinity of AUSTRALIA AVENUE.

TRENCH MORTAR HEAVY. At 6.30 p.m. he fired 6 minenwerfers over Loc 8. At 9.30 he fired 4 more.

Light. Throughout the day he fired about 50 Grenadenwerfers into the position mostly into Locality 8.

MACHINE GUNS. On the whole quiet. Only 3 guns fired during the night, one from Southern NIPPLE and one from opposite Locality 13.

ENEMY DEFENCES. The enemy appears to be doing a great deal of work all along his trench. Sounds could also be heard coming from in rear of his front line.

The following works were located during day:-

C.5.b.

32.93. New earth work and sand bags. C.29.c. New Sand bags.
85. 45.

C.29.c.

75. 63. and C.29.c. and C.29. a. Concrete works.
42. 95. 45.00.

C.29.c. Earth works. C.29.a. and C.29.a. New sand bags.
70. 50. 44. 00. 38. 09.

COMMUNICATIONS. Enemy used his Very lights more freely last night. He also used a searchlight opposite Locality 13.

MISCELLANEOUS. The enemy were observed carrying boxes resembling our S.A.A. boxes from about C.29.c towards the Southern NIPPLE.
63. 60.

30 were counted during the morning. At intervals during the night the enemy bombed his own wire heavily at certain points. One periscope destroyed during the day. Enemy observed throwing water from his trench from C.23.c. Smoke was also noticed close to this point but
95. 20.

ceased when fired on with rifle grenades.

WIND. N.E. 30. M.P.H.

(Signed) R.J.A. Massie. Major.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

Headquarters.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.
7th March. 1917.

TIME TABLE FOR PATROLS 7th/8th March. 1917.

COY.	EXIT.	TIME.	RETURN.	TIME.
"C"	5 Trees Left.	7 p.m.	Right Gap L.	9 p.m.
"C"	Right Gap L.	12 m.n.	Left Gap K.	2 a.m.
"A"	Left Loc 10.	3 a.m.	Centre Gap J.	4 a.m.
"A"	Centre Gap J.	10 p.m.	Left Gap I.	12 m.n.
"A"	Right Gap K.	7 p.m.	Centre Gap J.	9 p.m.
"B"	5 Trees Right.	9 p.m.	Left Loc 8.	11 p.m.
"B"	Left Loc 8.	3 a.m.	Left Gap H.	5 a.m.
"B"	Right Loc 8.	12 m.n.	Right Gap I.	2 a.m.

(Signed) L.C.B. Smith. Lieut.
Scout Officer.

Appendix No. 5

Headquarters.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.
8th March. 1917.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Summary of Events and Information up to 6 a.m. 8.3.17.

OUR OPERATIONS; ARTILLERY. Covered Heavy Trench Mortar shoot at 3 p.m. At 8.30 a.m. working party located by No. 11 Alidade- reported to Artillery and dispersed by them at 8.36 a.m. Our Artillery engaged enemy battery opposite Gap L during early part of night.

MACHINE GUNS. Fired as usual during the night.

BOMBS. Rifle Grenades were fired into the "NIPPLE" during the night.

RIFLE FIRE. Snipers claim to have hit a German Officer at C. 39 d.

He seemed to be dressed in a clean blue great coat and 07 95. was wearing a blue steel helmet. Fixed rifle was laid on gap in in enemy parapet where work had been in progress on 6th inst, No further work has been done there. Another rifle has been laid on a second gap, but result not yet observed.

PATROLS. 8 Patrols worked over the Bn. front during the night.

They report that every thing very quiet. No enemy were encountered nor seen. The condition of NO MAN'S LAND is improving. This is partly due to the frost. Enemy machine guns were very quiet, only 3 guns firing occasionally during the night, one from Northern "NIPPLE" and the other opposite L gap. Rifle fire was very little and what there was seemed to come at regular intervals from fixed rifles. His working parties are still very active along his front line. What appeared to be heavy work was heard behind the Southern "NIPPLE" Very few Very lights were fired from the front line but a number seemed to come from his support line. Light transport was heard between 7 and 8 p.m. and the same trench railway as reported yesterday was heard.

ENEMY OPERATIONS . ARTILLERY. 3 shells which appeared to be larger than 5.9 were put over behind Locality 8 at about 5.45 a.m. 7.3.17.

Enemy fired 30 shells in retaliation for our HMT.M. shoot doing no damage.

TRENCH MORTARS. He put over a few pine-apples during the day.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy is still doing a great deal of work in his front line and support line. Working party at C 39 d was dispersed by artillery at 8.36 a.m. 07 88

Heavy work was heard during the night behind the Southern "NIPPLE".

COMMUNICATIONS. Between 5 and 5.7 p.m. enemy fired 7 white lights, each of which broke into 3 lights. They were immediately followed by a bugle call. At about 6 to 6.10 p.m. he sent up 7 red lights from about his support line opposite Locality 11. No action fell wed.

At 6 p.m. 4 large white lights were fired from some distance in rear of his line and appeared to come from behind his support line. Between 6.15 and 6.45 p.m. white and red lights were fired from this point, one red light being fired to each ten white ones. Enemy seemed to be firing most of his Very lights from his 2nd line.

ENEMY MOVEMENTS. Enemy can be seen throughout the day moving along his trenches carrying R.E. stores.

MISCELLANEOUS. Wind. N.N.E. 12. M.P.H. Visibility fair.

7.20 a.m.

(Signed) R.J.A. Massie. Major.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

Headquarters.
53rd Battalion. A.I.F.
8th March. 1917.

PATROL TIME TABLE 8th/9th March. 1917.

COY.	EXIT.	TIME.	RETURN.	TIME.
"C"	Left Loc 12.	7 p.m.	Right Gap L.	9 p.m.
"C"	Left Gap K.	10 p.m.	Left Loc 12.	12 m.n.
"C"	Right Gap L.	3 a.m.	Left Gap K.	4 a.m.
"B"	Right Gap K.	9 p.m.	Centre Gap J.	11 p.m.
"B"	Right Loc 9.	12 m.n.	Left Gap J.	3 a.m.
"B"	Centre Gap J.	3 a.m.	Right Gap K.	5 a.m.
"A"	Left Loc 8.	7 p.m.	Left Gap H.	9 p.m.
"A"	Left Gap H.	11 p.m.	Left Loc 8.	1 a.m.

(Signed) L.C.B. Smith. Lieut.
Scout Officer.

Appendix No. 6.

Headquarters.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.
9th March. 1917.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Summary of Events and Information up to 6 a.m. 9-3-17.

OUR OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. Nil.

MACHINE GUNS. Lewis Guns fired as usual during night. Dispersed 2 working parties during the night at C.29.d. and C.29.c.
10. 20. 70. 80.

RIFLE FIRE. Snipers claim one hit. Fixed rifles fired on gaps during night.

PATROLS. 8 patrols worked over the Bn. front during the night.

They report NO MAN'S LAND in good condition being frozen hard.

Enemy was very quiet indeed. He only used three machine guns, one opposite Locality 12 very occasionally, one on Northern "NIPPLE" searched NO MAN'S LAND for one patrol which had evidently been seen and one South of Southern "NIPPLE" searching NO MAN'S LAND occasionally. One patrol was fired on with rifle fire. Enemy could be heard working mostly in his second line. The same sounds of transport could be heard as on previous nights. He used very few Very lights. The night was abnormally clear and movement in NO MAN'S LAND was difficult on that account.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. At 12 noon 2-4.2 Howitzer shells landed in front line in locality 8 and one somewhere near locality 9. These shells were fired from our right flank enfilading the line. No damage was done. At 5 p.m. 8 shells were fired into HOURLINES over this Bn. front. At 8 p.m. 8 shells fell near Bn.H.Q. in Subsidiary line.

MACHINE GUNS. Very quiet. Only 3 guns fired and they fired only occasionally, One gun south of the Southern "NIPPLE", one on Northern "NIPPLE", and one opposite Locality 12.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Parties could be seen during the day carrying hurdles along the front line in places. Most of his work during the night was carried out in his rear line.

COMMUNICATIONS. During bombardment on our left many red and green lights were fired. Very few Very lights were used during night.

MISCELLANEOUS. Enemy bombed his own wire during the night.

WIND. South. slight.

VISIBILITY. Poor.

7.0 a.m.

(Signed) R.J.A. Massie. Major.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

Patrol Time Table 33rd Bn. 9/10th March 1917.

Coy	Exit.	Time	Return.	Time	
"B"	Left of gap H	9 p.m.	Left Loc 8	9 p.m.	
"B"	Left of Loc 8	12 M.N.	Left gap H	2 a.m.	
"A"	R. gap. K.	3 a.m.	R. gap K	5 a.m.	
"A"	R. gap K.	10 p.m.	L. Loc 9	10 p.m. (12 M.N.)	
"A"	R. Loc 9.	1 a.m.	R. gap K.	3 a.m.	
34 th Bn.	"C"	R. gap M.	9 p.m.	L. gap L.	9 p.m.
	"C"	L. gap K.	10 p.m.	L. Loc 12	12 M.N.
	"C"	L. Loc 12	12 M.N.	R. gap K.	2 A.M.

(Sgd) LCB Smith
Squad Officer.

Appendix No: 7

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Summary of Events and Information up to 6 a.m. 10-3-17.

OUR OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. Retaliation asked for and received at 9.20 a.m. 10.5 a.m. and 1.10 p.m. 18 Prunders covered M.T.M. at 11 a.m. Heavies were ranging all day.

MEDIUM TRENCH MORTARS. Carried out a shoot at 11 a.m.

MACHINE GUNS. Usual night firing.

RIFLE FIRE. Snipers active throughout the day although no hits were claimed. Enemy fired some 77 m.m. shells at place where two were working. Fixed rifles were again used throughout the night.

PATROLS. 8 Patrols worked on Battalion front during night. 34th Battalion scouts were shown round. NO MAN'S LAND good. Enemy used a fair number of Very lights. His Machine Guns were very quiet. The one on the Northern "NIPPLE" fired a few shots early in night and the one opposite 12 Locality fired a few bursts. Enemy is using a fair number of Fixed rifles. enemy was heard at intervals along his line working in his second line. The usual transport was heard at L'AVENTURE followed by the trench railway up to LES 4 HALLOTS. This occurs between 7 and 7.30 p.m. daily and might be shelled with advantage.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. Enemy artillery showed greater activity than on previous days. Starting at 9.15 a.m. he put across some H.E. Shells into the ORCHARD and in rear of Locality 9. and again at 10 a.m. He was quiet during T.M. shoot but at 1.10 p.m. he fired heavy retaliation onto rear of Localities 8, 9, 10. using 5.9. and 77 mm. H.E. He also put over 8 Minnies. into rear of Locality 8. 10.25 p.m. he fired 10 heavy shells into HOUPLINES and again at 11 p.m. He also fired 12 4.2 H.E. close to Battalion Headquarters at 1.30 a.m.

TRENCH MORTARS. 8 Medium Minnies. were fired into rear of Locality 8 during afternoon doing no damage.

MACHINE GUNS. Abnormally quiet. The gun on the Northern NIPPLE fired about a dozen shots early in night but did not fire again. One opposite Locality 12 fired a few bursts during the night.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Work is still going on in the front line and support line and he can be seen during day carrying material along his front line. A working Party of 5 was seen at the 4 HALLOTS at 7.30 a.m. they were dressed in German uniforms but were under an armed guard of two men with fixed rifles and bayonets. Snipers fired at the escort. An enemy O.P. is visible in a tree at C 93 d and has been fired on by our snipers.

COMMUNICATIONS. He used more Very lights than on previous night.

WIND. S.S.W. very slight. Visibility very poor.

7.5 a.m.

(Signed) R.J.A. Massie. Major.

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33RD BATTALION, A.I.F. ORDER NO.19.

Reference Map : 1/20,000 France, Sheet 36
N.W. (corrected 6.8.16.)Battalion Headquarters,
8th March, 1917.

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- RELIEF. 1. The 33RD BATTALION will be relieved by 34TH BATTALION in right sub-section of HOUPLINES section commencing 6 a.m. on 9th inst.
- MOVE. 2. The relief will be carried out as follows:-
- March 9th.** C. and D. Companies.
- March 10th** A. and B. Companies.
- On relief companies will move to billets in ARMENTIERES. Unexpended portion of days ration will be carried. Every precaution must be taken against hostile observation both aerial and from ground level. Parties when EAST or SOUTH of ARMENTIERES-NOUVEL HOUPLINES Railway line will move in parties not larger than sections at two minute intervals.
- SPECIALISTS. 3. 50% of "C" Co. specialists will remain until 10th inst.
3. 50% of "A" and "B" Co. specialists will remain until 11th inst.
- HANDING OVER. 4. Usual stores, log books and useful information to be handed over, receipts obtained and forwarded to BATTALION HEAD-QUARTERS before quitting the line. Company Commanders will remain with opposite numbers of incoming units for twenty four hours after completion of relief.
- GUM BOOTS. 5. Gum Boots will be taken to billets on the man and must be washed and returned to Q.M. Store by 12 noon on day of relief.
- BILLETING PARTIES. 6. One Officer per Company and 1 N.C.O. per platoon will report to Billeting Officer, Lieut. E.L.E. CHAPMAN at TISSAGE DUMP at 1.30 p.m. on 8th inst. and will proceed to "D" Battalion billets to billet their companies.
- TRANSPORT. 7. Quartermaster will make all arrangements with Transport Officer to deliver straw, blankets, travelling kitchens, stores, &c. to billets and for removal of stores from Tissage Dump to Quartermaster Store. Companies can draw handcarts from Quartermaster's Store to facilitate transport EAST of NOUVEL HOUPLINES RAILWAY LINE during hours of daylight.
- REPORTS. 8. Company Commanders and Specialist Officers will forward reports to En.H.Q. when relief for the day is completed.
- COMMAND. 9. Personnel of 34TH BATTALION moving into right subsection of HOUPLINES SECTION will come under the command of C.O. 33RD BATTALION until relief is complete.
- DISTRIBUTION.
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| Copy No. 1 | to | 9th Inf. Bde. |
| 2 | " | C.O. |
| 3. | " | A.Co. |
| 4. | " | B.Co. |
| 5. | " | C.Co. |
| 6. | " | D.Co. |
| 7. | " | Lewis Gun Officer. |
| 8. | " | Quartermaster. |
| 9. | " | Transport Officer. |
| 10. | " | R.M.O. |
| 11. | " | 34th Bn. |
| 12. | " | 35th Bn. |
| 13. | " | File. |
| 14-15. | " | War Diary. |

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Headquarters,
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.
9th March. 1917.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

During the next period out of the trenches training will be carried out on the lines indicated below:-

HOURS OF PARADE. 8 a.m. to 12 noon; 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A number of schools will be started and will be always at the same place. The men will be marched from one place to the other. The time taken to march from one place to another will be counted in the time allotted for that subject. Officers Commanding Companies will take steps to ensure that no time is wasted.

Officers will take the greatest advantage of this opportunity of training to smarten the men up in every way. Men are to fit their equipment properly; dress correctly; boots to be cleaned or greased; men are to be shaven and hair cut; clothing is to be mended and buttons sewn on. Hats are to be properly worn. All these points will be attended to most carefully by Platoon Commanders on the 8 a.m. inspection parade daily.

On parade the strictest discipline and steadiness will be insisted on. On the march the strictest march discipline will be maintained.

SIGNALLERS. All Bn.H.Q. and Co. signallers will report to Lieut Coombs at "Hospice Civil" at 8.30 a.m. Lieut Coombs will submit syllabus forthwith and obtain stores required.

LEWIS GUNNERS. Company Commanders will each select 50 men for training in Lewis Gun. These men will report to Lieut Chapman at the "Ecole de Garcons" at 8.30 a.m.

Company Lewis Gunners who are not required as instructors will train with the remainder of their Company Lewis Gunners and will do Bayonet Fighting and Physical Training with their Companies.

SNIPERS. Snipers will report to Lieut McKenzie at the "Lunatic Asylum" daily at 8.45 a.m. with arms and equipment and telescopic rifles. Lieut McKenzie will arrange for obtaining stores required.

SCOUTS. All scouts less 4 who are to be detailed as runners at Bn.H.Q. will report to Lieut King at 8.30 a.m. at the "Hospice Civil". Lieut King will make necessary arrangements.

All specialists as above will fall in with their Cos. at 8.0 a.m. and will be inspected by them. They will be sent off Company parade in time to report as above.

<u>INSTRUCTORS.</u>	Close Order Drill and Rifle Exercises.	}	Capt. Douglas.
			Lieut Fraser.
			Lieut Stockham.
	Bayonet Fighting and Physical Training.	}	Lieut Duncan.
			Lieut Smith.
			Lieut Clarence.
	Bombing.	}	Lieut Fletcher.
			Lieut Lark.
	Musketry.	}	Capt. Sorensen.
			Lieut Thomas.
	Signalling.	}	Lieut Coombs.
			Lieut Cohen.

Senior Officer Instructor in each subject will arrange for procuring all stores required and will notify Bn.H.Q. what N.C.Os. he will require as assistant instructors.

Instruction will be progressive and senior officer instructors will submit syllabi forthwith.

Battalion and Company headquarters will be reduced to a minimum, Scouts will do running required

PARADE GROUNDS.

As far as can be said at present the parade grounds will be as follows: It may be possible to obtain others later. If this can be done Companies will be notified accordingly.

DRILL. Ecole de Garcon.
 BOMBS. }
 MUSKETRY. } Hospice Civil.
 ROUTE MARCHING.
 SIGNALLERS. Hospice Civil.
 LEWIS GUNNERS. Ecole de Garcon.
 SNIPERS. Lunatic Asylum.
 SCOUTS. Hospice Civil.

SYLLABUS.

8-8.30 a.m. INSPECTION PARADE.

	8-9.30.	9.40-10.40.	10.50-11.50	1-1.50.	2-2.50	3-3.50.
<u>10th March, 1917.</u>						
Musketry.)			C	D	D	
Bombing.)		Q				
Route Marching.			D		C	
Drill.	C	D				C
P.T. & B.F.	D			C		D
<u>11th March, 1917.</u>						
Musketry.)			B	B	C	C
Bombing.)	A	A				
Route Marching.	B	D	C	A	D	B
Drill.	C	B	D	C	A	D
P.T. & B.F.	D	C	A	D	B	A
<u>12th March, 1917.</u>						
Musketry.)			A	A	B	B
Bombing.)	D	D				
Route Marching.	A	C	B	D	C	A
Drill.	B	A	C	B	D	C
P.T. & B.F.	C	B	D	C	A	D.
<u>13th March, 1917.</u>						
Musketry.)			D	D	A	A
Bombing.)	C	C				
Route Marching.	D	B	A	C	B	D
Drill.	A	D	B	A	C	B
P.T. & B.F.	B	A	C	B	D	C
<u>14th March, 1917.</u>						
Musketry.)			C	C	D	D
Bombing.)	B	B				
Route Marching.	C	A	D	B	A	C
Drill.	D	C	A	D	B	A
P.T. & B.F.	A	D	B	A	C	B
<u>15th March, 1917.</u>						
Musketry)			B	B	C	C
Bombing.)	A	A				
Route Marching.	B	D	C	A	D	B
Drill.	C	B	D	C	A	D
P.T. & B.F.	D	C	A	D	B	A
<u>16th March, 1917.</u>						
Musketry.)			A	A	B	B
Bombing.)	D	D				
Route Marching.	A	C	B	D	C	A
Drill.	B	A	C	B	D	C
P.T. & B.F.	C	B	D	C	A	D
<u>17th March, 1917.</u>						
Musketry.)			A	B	E	
Bombing.)		A				
Route Marching.			E		A	
Drill.	A	B				A
P.T. & B.F.	B			A		B
<u>18th March, 1917.</u> Return to trenches.						

Officers will visit the trenches which we are about to occupy once before 18th inst.

O.C. Cos. will arrange this as follows:-

11th. March, 1917.	Capt. W.F. Hinton. Capt. R.F. Craigie. Capt. J.L. Fry. Capt. T.W. Tollis.
12th March, 1917.	Lieut. E.A. Clarence. Lieut. T.A. Armstrong. Lieut. L.C.B. Smith. Capt. C.H. Linklater.
13th March, 1917.	Lieut. O.R. Cormack. Lieut. A.G. Farleigh. Lieut. W.W. Stockham. Lieut. W.R. Coombs. 2/Lt. K.J. Campbell.
14th March, 1917.	Lieut. P.F. Lark. Lieut. W.J.C. Duncan. Lieut. E.L.E. Chapman. 2/Lt. W.D. McKenzie. 2/Lt. E.C.P. Thomas.
15th March, 1917.	Capt. W.H. Douglas. Capt. S.F. Sorensen. Lieut. C.A.K. Cohen. Lieut. R.G. King.
16th March, 1917.	Lieut. J.G. Fraser. Capt. T.W. Tollis. Lieut. H.J. Lazer. Lieut. A.H. Fletcher.

(Signed) R.G. JONES, Lieut.

Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Reference Map : 1/20,000 France, Sheet 36
N.V. (Corrected to 6.8.16.)

Battalion Headquarters,
16th March, 1917.

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RELIEF. 1. The 33RD BATTALION will relieve the 35TH BATTALION in the L'EPINETTE Section, commencing on 17th inst. at 4.30 a.m.

TIME,
ROUTE &
RATIONS. 3.

The head of reliefs will pass the starting points at time stated and will follow the routes shown hereunder :-

COMPANY.	TIME.	STARTING POINT.	ROUTE.
D	4.30 a.m.	Junction Subsidiary Line and Buterne Avenue.	Buterne Avenue - Byrnes Boulevard - Japan Avenue.
C.	4.30 a.m.	Junction Subsid. Line and Lunatic Lane.	Lunatic Lane, Quality Street, Plank Avenue.
B.	4.30 a.m.	Junction Subsid. Line and Port Egale Av.	Port Egale Avenue.
A.	4.30 a.m.	Junction Subsid. Line and Lothian Avenue.	Lothian Avenue.

The unexpended portion of days ration will be carried.

PRECAUTIONS.

3. Every precaution must be taken against hostile observation both aerial and from ground level. Parties when EAST of ARMENTIERES-NOUVEL HOUPLINES Railway line will move in parties not larger than sections at two minute intervals.

HANDING OVER.

4. All trench stores, defence schemes, log books, aeroplane photographs, maps, plans and other useful information must be taken over duplicate receipts given on A.F.W.3405 which must be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters not later than 11 a.m. on 17th inst. Companies must furnish certificates as to cleanliness of billets to Bn.H.Q. not later than 8 a.m. on 17th inst. and the Billeting Officer, Lieut.A.H.Fletcher, will then inspect billets and furnish necessary certificate on handing over to 35th Bn. A rear party of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men per Company must be detailed to clean billets and assist in leading blankets and straw.

GUM BOOTS.

5. Gum Boots will be drawn and issued to Companies on 16th inst. If extra gum boots are required, requisitions should be submitted to Q.M. by 6 p.m. on 16th inst.

TRANSPORT.

6. Quartermaster will make all arrangements with Transport Officer for removal of all stores, blankets and kitchens to Q.M. store and to transport mess gear to the barrier where it will be picked up in handcarts and conveyed to Tissage Dump and thence by Trench Tramway.

COMMAND.

7. The personnel of 33RD BATTALION moving into front area on 17th inst. will come under the command of C.O. 35th BATTALION and similarly the personnel of 35th BATTALION moving into billets will come under the command of C.O., 33rd BATTALION, until relief is complete.

REPORTS.

8. Companies and Lewis Gun Officers will report in code by wire to Bn.H.Q. when relief is complete.

DISTRIBUTION.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

Copy No.1 9th Inf, Bde,
3 C.O.
3. 2nd in Command.
4. A. Co.
5. B. Co.
6. C. Co.
7. D. Co.
8. Lewis Gun Officer.
9. Q.M.
10. Transport Officer.
11. Signalling Officer.

Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Copy No.12. R.M.C.
13. 35th Battalion,
14. File.
15-16. War Diary,

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Headquarters.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.
17th March. 1917.

TIME TABLE OF PATROLS 17th/18th March. 1917.

Cov.	exit.	Time.	Return.	Time.
"A"	Right Loc 1.	7 p.m.	Left Loc 2.	9 p.m.
"A"	Left Loc 2.	11 p.m.	Right Loc 1.	1 a.m.
"B"	Right Loc 3.	8 p.m.	Left Loc 4.	10 p.m.
"B"	Left Loc 4.	12 m.n.	Right Loc 3.	2 a.m.
"C"	Right Loc 5.	7 p.m.	Left Loc 6.	9 p.m.
"C"	Left Loc 6.	11 p.m.	Right Loc 5.	1 a.m.
"D"	Left Loc 7.	10 p.m.	Right Gap H.	12 m.n.
"D"	Right Gap H.	2 a.m.	Left Loc 7.	4 a.m.

NOTE. 4 Men per Patrol per Company to accompany Scouts and to be at point of exit 5 minutes before time of exit. Companies will arrange to draw 8 Raiders uniforms from Scout Officer at Bn.H.Q. at 6 p.m.

(Signed) H.J. Lazer. Lieut.
Scout Officer.

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Headquarters.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.
18th March. 1917.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Summary of Events and Information up to 6 a.m. 18-3-17.

OUR OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. During the day our Artillery fired intermittently 10.15 a.m. our 18 Pionniers put over 20 shells. At 10.30 a.m. 20 Howitzers shells were put over. During the remainder of the day Heavies shelled positions in rear of enemy line.

MACHINE GUNS. Fired intermittent bursts during night on enemy parapet and wire and searchlights.

RIFLE FIRE. Snipers claim 1 hit from Locality 4 the man fell out on the parapet when hit and two from Locality 5.

PATROLS. Four patrols worked over Battalion front during night.

NO MAN'S LAND is in a very bad state being very much cut up by shell fire and very heavy to move in. They report enemy very quiet. At 1.15 a.m. an enemy patrol was seen opposite No 3 Locality but could not be engaged. The patrol consisted of ten men moving in single file and it moved off towards the enemy trenches.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. From 8.30 a.m. enemy artillery showed activity. He fired fully over 300 shells over Locality 5 and 6 during the day. 50 of these were 77mm. which hit the front parapet making several gaps. About 150 H.E. 5.9 fell in vicinity of distillery and 100 fell between support and subsidiary lines. He also burst shrapnel over LUNATIC LANE and CENTRAL VENUE during the morning. On Localities 3 and 3 he fired 30 4.2 and 5.9 shells and 30-77mm. shells during the day doing little damage. During the day enemy used his 1 lb. revolver gun opposite Locality 7. His position could have been fixed had Alidades have been set up there as the gun fired from the front line.

MACHINE GUNS. Fairly quiet during night firing only occasional bursts. He seemed to be traversing with his Machine guns a great deal more than usual.

RIFLE FIRE. Enemy snipers active during day. Occasional shots during night.

TRENCH MORTAR. A few WURFGRENATES were fired into the position during the day doing no damage.

SEARCHLIGHTS. Enemy showed greater activity and boldness with his searchlights. One was used almost continuously from the direction of FRENCHES. and two other smaller ones were used a great deal from his support line. The latter were fired on by our Lewis guns without apparent effect.

DEFENCES. Enemy defences are greatly damaged in front of Localities 4, 5, 6, and 7. He has erected a number of new screens in support line of RAILWAY SALIENT. His wire also is in a very bad state and was fired upon by our Lewis guns throughout the night.

COMMUNICATIONS. Enemy used a great number of Very lights during the night. He is reported to have been signalling in our direction early in the morning of 17th inst with a lamp opposite Locality 4.

AIRCRAFT. Our Aircraft were active throughout the day.

GAS. When we released smoke at 3 a.m. enemy fired one red rocket and immediately Machine gun fire opened up covering NO MAN'S LAND. He used a great number of Very Lights at this time.

WIND. 5 M.P.H. W.S.W. Visibility Good.

(Signed) R.J.A. Massie. Major.

33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

PATROL TIME TABLE for 17/19-3-17.

Goy.	EXIT.	TIME.	RETURN.	TIME.	KIND of PATROL.
A	Left Loc 2.	8 pm.	Left Loc 1.	10 pm.	Reconnoitring
A	Right Loc 1.	12 am.	Right Loc 2.	2 am.	do
B	Right Loc 4.	7 pm.	Right Loc 3.	9 pm.	do
B	Left Loc 3.	11 pm.	Left Loc 4.	2 am.	Fighting
C	Right Loc 5.	9 pm.	Left Loc 6.	11 pm.	Reconnoitring
C	Right Loc 6.	2 am.	Left Loc 5.	4:30 am.	Fighting
D	Right Loc 8.	7 pm.	Left Loc 7.	9 pm.	Reconnoitring
D	Right Loc 7.	11 pm.	Right Loc 8.	1 am.	do.

NOTE. 4 men per Reconnoitring Patrol per Goy & accompany sentry (one whom has to be an N.C.O. in charge of patrol.) to be ready dressed at point of EXIT. 5 minutes before appointed time.

R. Jones
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS
33RD BATTALION
9TH INFANTRY BDE. A.F.

Appendix No. 12.

Headquarters. **APPENDIX**
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.
19th March. 1917.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Summary of Events and Information up to 6 a.m. 19-3-17.

OUR OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. Did not fire during morning. Heavies fired in afternoon on targets in rear of enemy line. Heavy fire on our left was heard at 8 P.m. 18 Pounders fired on searchlights during night.

TRENCH MORTARS. Battalion on our Right fired with L.T.M. onto enemy wire At about 9.30 P.m. enemy retaliated with coal boxes. These burst with a loud report and threw up a large quantity of earth. They appeared to have been fired at a range of 400 to 500 yards.

MACHINE GUNS. Indirect fire carried out.

LEWIS GUNS. Dispersed a working party opposite Locality 5 during morning. Fired as usual on enemy wire. Also by arrangements with the scouts they fired high while patrols were out with good results.

RIFLE FIRE. Active throughout the day. Snipers claim 7 certain hits. The enemy exposed himself a great deal passing the gaps in his Parapet and a good many shots were fired but the results were uncertain. Pte MERTON got 6 of the hits claimed. He fired 11 shots at a range of about 100 yards but is uncertain about others. More sniper scopes and fixed rifle stands are urgently required as the enemy has erected a number of screens in his line in the gaps.

PATROLS. 6 Reconnoitring and 3 Fighting Patrols worked over the Battalion front between 7.15 P.m. and 4.30 a.m. NO MAN'S LAND is in a very bad state, and is very wet and heavy making the work of the large fighting patrols particularly difficult. All the shell holes are full of water and there is no place for them to lie up in. While enemy searchlights were on men could be clearly seen observing over his Parapet. Enemy transport could be heard behind his line at 7 P.m. and 3 a.m. Enemy used a great number of Very lights during the night and 3 Powerful searchlights. About 90 seconds after he switched the latter off he used to open cross fire on NO MAN'S LAND with his machine guns. Enemy wire was found to be low and patchy and considerably damaged by Artillery fire. He bombed his own wire continuously throughout the night. Small working parties could be heard all along his line throughout the night apparently revetting and sand-bagging. No enemy Patrols were seen.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. Exceptionally quiet all day. Fired a few tear shells into Localities 1 and 3 during the morning. During the afternoon he fired his heavies well in rear of our position in retaliation for our heavies.

TRENCH MORTARS. He fired a few Wurf grenades into the position throughout the day and night doing no damage.

MACHINE GUNS. On the whole quiet though they fired indirectly at times over the front line onto the CHAPPEL d'ARMENTIERES ROAD. About 90 seconds after his searchlight switched off he used to traverse NO MAN'S LAND with cross fire.

RIFLE FIRE. Consistent during the night though apparently never from more than a few rifles at a time.

COMMUNICATIONS. At 8.5 P.m. enemy fired two red lights in succession opposite No. 4 Locality also 3 more on the right and 3 more were fired on the right. The Artillery rang through and asked if we wanted help as they thought it might have been our S.O.S. The Artillery on right and left replied in less than half a minute. Enemy fired a number of Red Very lights during the night but no apparent action followed.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Apparently considerably damaged opposite Localities 4, 5, 6, and 7 by our Artillery. Men can be seen all day passing the gaps in his line and at night working parties can be heard along the whole front in his trenches. His wire is also very much damaged.

MISCELLANEOUS. 9 enemy were observed during the day wearing dark blue uniforms and caps with bright badges.

WIND. South. 10 M.P.H. Visibility Fair.

(Sgd) R.J.A. Massie. Major.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

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APPENDIX N^o 13.

A.D. 1917.

33rd. Battalion. A.I.F.

19/3/17.

Headquarters.

9th. Inf. Brigade.

Gas was released from No. 8 locality at 7.30 p.m., and from No. 4 locality at 8.45 p.m.

Enemy sent up very lights in large numbers during the gas attack, especially opposite No. 8 locality. The majority of these appeared to be fired from the rear lines and the lights fell short of the front line.

No lights were fired opposite locality No. 4, until 4 minutes after gas was released.

The enemy bombed his own wire continuously from a point opposite No. 7. Locality to the left and also opposite No. 4. Locality during the gas attack.

The enemy played a searchlight on gas clouds.

During the attack machine guns were fairly quiet.

Opposite Locality 4. one fired continuously enfilading NO MAN'S LAND. There was a considerable amount of rifle fire. The enemy used green rockets at irregular intervals during the attack. The first rocket burst into 1 star.

3rd.	"	"	"	3 stars.
3rd	"	"	"	3 "
4th.	"	"	"	3 "
5th.	"	"	"	3 "
6th.	"	"	"	3 "
7th.	"	"	"	4 "
8th.	"	"	"	3 "
9th.	"	"	"	3 "
10th.	"	"	"	4 "
11th.	"	"	"	3 "
12th.	"	"	"	4 "
13th.	"	"	"	4 "

These green rockets appeared to be fired from enemy's second line opposite the place where gas was being released.

Enemy is now quiet. Situation is again normal.

10.50 p.m.

(Signed) R.J.A. Massie. Major.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

PATROL TIME TABLE. for 19/20 - 3-17.

Coy.	EXIT.	PATROL TIME.	RETURN.	TIME.	KIND OF PATROL.
A	Right Loc 2.	7.00pm	Right Loc 1.	9.00pm.	Reconnaissance
A	Left Loc 2.	11.1pm	Centre Gap B.	2 am.	Fighting
B	Right Loc 3	9 pm.	Left Loc 3.	11 pm	Reconnaissance
B	Left Loc 4	12 mn.	Right Loc 4	2 am.	do
C	Right Loc 6	7.30pm	Left Loc 6	9.30pm.	do
C	Right Loc 5.	11. pm.	Left Loc 5.	1. am.	do
D	Right Loc 7.	10 pm.	Right Gap H.	12 m.n.	do
D	Right Loc 8.	2 am.	Right Gap H.	4.30 am.	Fighting

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HEADQUARTERS,
93RD BATTALION,
9TH INFANTRY BDE. A.I.F.

Appendix No. 14

Headquarters. **APPENDIX**
 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.
 30th March. 1917.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Summary of Events and Information up to 6 a.m. 30-3-17.

OUR OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. Comparatively quiet. Fired intermittently during morning, and at 3 p.m. fired 50 rounds in retaliation to enemy bombardment over Localities 5 and 6. At 5 p.m. 13 shots were fired at I 5 c where enemy revolver gun was located.

TRENCH MORTARS. 11 L.T.M. shells were fired at I 5 c during afternoon most of shots falling short.

MACHINE GUNS. Vickers fired usual indirect. Lewis fired as usual on enemy wire, parapet and searchlight.

RIFLE FIRE. Snipers active all day. 3 certain hits claimed.

PATROLS. 5 Reconnoitring Patrols and 2 Fighting Patrols worked over Battalion Front during the night between 10.30 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Machine Guns and rifle fire were much quieter than on previous night. NO MAN'S LAND was in a bad state and movement was difficult.

1 Fighting Patrol left Centre of B gap at 11 p.m., moved across to a position close to the enemy parapet. They could not see any gaps and could not hear any sounds. They then moved south along his wire and returned by right of Locality 1 at 1 a.m. No enemy patrols were encountered during the night. Enemy used a great number of Very lights and also searchlights. 3 gaps in enemy wire were observed opposite Locality 5 and 2 more opposite Locality 4.

GAS. Gas was liberated from Locality 8 at 7.30 p.m. and Locality 4 at 8.45 p.m. Special report forwarded.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. At 4.30 p.m. enemy put 6 shells into PEARTREE FARM. He fired a number of shells well back over Locality 1 during afternoon. He put 10-77mm. shells into Localities 1 and 2 during day without damage. At 1 p.m. he put over 8 shrapnel into Locality 3. At 1.10 p.m. he fired 54-4.2 and 77mm. H.E. over head of CENTRAL AVENUE and No. 3 Locality. He also put over a number of shells in rear of Locality 5 and 6.

TRENCH MORTAR. A few WURFGRANATES (c/ s.s. 546) were fired into the position during the day and night doing no damage.

MACHINE GUNS. For the most part quiet. Fired very little during the night.

REVOLVER GUN. Fired during day apparently from front or second line into Locality 7. demolished a snipers post by a direct hit.

RIFLE FIRE. Snipers active during day along whole front. Very little rifle fire during night.

ENEMY DEFENCES. As reported yesterday.

COMMUNICATIONS. See special report on Gas attack. A great number of Very Lights were used during the night, also 3 Searchlights.

MISCELLANEOUS. A large fire was seen well to the left of Battalion front and well in rear of enemy line. It lasted for half an hour. A German wearing a bright blue uniform and cap with black braid on it was observed opposite Locality 5. He had grey hair. He was shot by our snipers. Enemy gun positions are suspected at D 26 c in the wood

and at J 4 c in houses. Seen from I 5 a Alidades have been set up

at C 29 c and I 5 a and I 5 a The zero line passes through C 30 d

(Signed) R.J.A. Massie. Major.

33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

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33RD BATTALION ORDER NO. 21.

Battalion Headquarters,
18th March, 1917.

Reference Maps:

HOURLINES 1/10,000 36 N.W. 2) Edition 7A

36 N.W. 1) Parts of

BOIS GRENIER 1/10,000 36 N.W. Ed. 6D.

INTENTION:

1. If weather conditions are favourable it is intended to use cloud smoke and gas on the Brigade front on the night of 19th-20th instant. The discharge of the cloud gas and cloud smoke will both be carried out by the Personnel of "L" Special Coy., R.E.

GAS AND SMOKE SECTORS.

2. Gas and smoke will be discharged from the following sectors:

- Locality 4 - Gas.
- Locality 8 - Gas.
- Locality 11 - Smoke.
- Locality 13.- Gas.

Zero hour will be 7.30 P.m.

DECISION AS TO LIBERATION OF GAS AND SMOKE.

3. If at 6.30 p.m. O.C. "L" Special Coy., R.E. decides that conditions are favorable this decision will be notified to all concerned by following Pre-arranged code:

Code word for Gas is TUNICS
and for Smoke is CAPS.

Therefore to signify that gas and smoke will be discharged at 7.30 P.m. the following message will be sent:

Both TUNICS and CAPS will be issued as arranged.

If at 6.30 p.m. conditions are unfavourable a PostPonement of Zero hour to 6.30 P.m. will take Place. This PostPonement will be notified by the following message :

Both TUNICS and CAPS will be issued onehour later.

If at 8.30 P.m. weather conditions are unfavourable for the discharge of gas and smoke no further PostPonement of Zero hour will take Place and PostPonement of Zero hour will take Place and PostPonement of operation to a future night will automatically happen.

Decision as to whether gas and smoke clouds will be discharged or not at Zero or at the amended Zero hour will rest entirely with the Officer of "L" Special Coy., R.E. actually in charge of the operations in the various gas and smoke sectors: The non-release of gas or smoke in one sector will not be taken to mean that it will not be discharged from the others.

- PRECAUTION- 4. The front line from which Gas is to be discharged will
ARY MEASURES. be cleared to a distance of 250 yards on either flank
of the gas - sentries, Machine-gunners, and Infantry
Officer alone remaining. These will wear their gas
helmets fully adjusted from Zero minus five (5) minutes
to Zero Plus thirty (30) minutes.
The necessary clearance of front-line will take place
at Zero minus five (5) minutes and normal dispositions
will not be resumed until Zero Plus thirty (30) minutes.
- PATROLS. 5. No Patrols will be sent out on the Brigade front before
two (2) hours after Zero on the night of the 18th-20th
instant.
- OBSERVATION. 6. The Infantry Officer remaining in a gas or smoke sector
will keep in close touch with Officer of "L" Special Coy.
R.E. and take careful observation of enemy action on the
discharge of gas or smoke. He will furnish a full and
detailed report of these observations to Battalion
Headquarters as soon after completion of operation as
Possible.
- WORKING 7. No working Parties will enter Brigade area before 10.0
PARTIES. P.m. on the night of the 18th-20th instant. All
working Party tables &c. will be amended accordingly -
times of reporting at rendezvous being 10.0 P.m. and
not as stated in these tables, &c.
- MISCELL- 8. The smoke to be used will be entirely harmless and can
ANEOUS. be breathed with Perfect safety in large quantities.
The gas on the other hand is very Poisonous and it is
important that any man who may by some mischance become
a casualty through gas Poisoning shall be kept entirely
still.
- WARNING. 9. O.Cs. Companies, L.T.M. Battery, and M.G. Company must
warn all Personnel within their area of the above
operation and of the hour at which gas and smoke will be
discharged.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

K. Jones

Lieut.

DISTRIBUTION.

Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

CoPy No. 1 to 9th Inf. Bde.
2 " C.C.
3 " 3rd in Command.
4. " A. Co.
5. " B. Co.
6. " C. Co.
7. " D. Co.
8. " Lewis Gun Officer.
9. " Signalling Officer.
10. " Scout Officer.
11. " R.M.C. Square Farm.
12. " R.M.C. Buterne Farm.
13. " 34th Bn. A.I.F.
14. " 9th A.L.T.M. Batty.
15. " 9th M.G. Co.
16. " File.
17- 18. " War Diary.

PATROL TIME TABLE for 20/21-5-11.

Coy	EXIT.	TIME.	RETURN	TIME.	KIND OF PATROL
A.	Right Loc 2.	7.30 pm.	Right Loc 1.	7.30 pm.	Reconnoitring
A.	Left Loc 2.	11 pm.	Right Loc 1.	1 am.	do
B.	Left Loc 4.	10 pm.	Left Loc 3	12 pm.	do
B.	Left Loc 3	2 am.	Right Loc 3.	4.30 am.	Fighting
C.	Left Loc 6.	7.30 pm.	Centre Loc 5.	9.30 pm.	Reconnoitring
C.	Centre Loc 5.	11 pm.	Left Loc 6.	2 am.	Fighting
D.	Right Loc 7.	9 pm.	Right Loc 8.	11 pm.	Reconnoitring
D	Right Loc 8.	12 pm.	Right Gap H.	2 am	do

R. Jones
Adjutant
Lieut

HEADQUARTERS,
33RD BATTALION,
9TH INFANTRY BDE. A.I.F.

Appendix No. 15.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Summary of Events and Information up to 6 a.m. 21-3-17.

OUR OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. 18 Pounders fired in retaliation over Locality 1 at 9.5; 9.25. and 9.55, without effect, so at 10.5, 30 Hows. shells were put across which had the effect of silencing his guns, till 10.5 when we fired 10 more rounds into that Locality at 12 noon. 18 Pounders fired 12 more rounds. During the afternoon the field guns and Howitzers fired a good deal across Localities 1 and 2. During the day the Howitzers fired a number of rounds on targets in rear of enemy line. 18 Pounders fired 12 rounds in retaliation over Locality 3 at 7.15..P.m. and 3 rounds every half hour from then till 12 m.n. Artillery 18 Pounders fired in retaliation over Locality 7. at 5.30 p.m. They also covered Trench Mortar shoot at 2.30 p.m. From daylight to about 9 a.m. daily a good deal of movement can be seen behind his line and also Smoke. can be seen rising but they are difficult to locate from the front line. These could probably be easily located from an observation post as the visibility is generally good at this time and artillery fire brought to bear on them with good effect. 18 Pounders fired on searchlights during night. This had the effect of putting them out at once on each occasion.

TRENCH MORTARS. Trench Mortars carried out a shoot at 2.30 p.m.

VICKERS GUNS. Fired indirect during night.

LEWIS GUNS. Fired as usual on enemy searchlights, Parapet and wire.

During early hours of morning swept NO MAN'S LAND continuously owing to enemy not sending up Very lights at that time. opposite Localities 1 & 2.

RIFLE FIRE. Swept NO MAN'S LAND as above early this morning. Snipers claim 2 hits. Were active all day but other results uncertain.

Fired armour piercing bullets through steel loop hole plates in enemy Parapet.

PATROLS. 6 Reconnoitring Patrols and 2 fighting Patrols worked on Bn. front during night, between 7.30 p.m. and 4.30 a.m. NO MAN'S LAND was in a very bad state owing to rain. Enemy machine gun were quiet but fired occasional bursts along the front of our wire. Rifle fire quiet. There appears to be gaps in his wire opposite Nos. 4 and 5 Localities. His wire has not yet been repaired North of the Railway Salient. Heavy Transport was heard during the night in direction of HONGRIEARM. Enemy searchlights were not so active probably due to the fact that they were fired on by our 18 Pounders. when ever they opened. Visibility was poor. No enemy were encountered.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. Fired as early as 6.15 a.m. into FEAR TREE FARM and Localities 1, but at 9 a.m. he opened up and fired a considerable number of 4.2 H.E. into that position and was not effectively silenced till 10.5. when Howitzers fired 30 rounds in retaliation. At 11.5 he put in 10 more shots into the same place. During the afternoon he fired a good deal over Locality 1 into CHAPPEL d'ARMENTIERES and about SQUARE FARM. He fired 14 time H.E. over Railway Line at 3 p.m. and 6 over Cookhouse in CENTRAL AVENUE at 6 p.m. scoring one direct hit. Between 5 and 5 he put over 30 time H.E. 77mm near support line Loc. 5. At 7 p.m. 4 shells were put rear of JAPAN ROAD and 5 more 50 yards behind H gap. This shot followed immediately after 3 red lights were fired opposite Locality 6.

MACHINE GUNS. Comparatively quiet all night. Fired a few bursts along front of our wire.

TRENCH MORTAR. At intervals during day and night an occasional Wurfgrenade (thrown grenade) was fired into the position from Granatenwerfers (grenades throwers) c/ S.S. 546.

RIFLE FIRE. His snipers are becoming more active and several of our Periscopes were broken by them during the day. One firing from some high point probably a tree infiltrated G. gap causing trouble.

COMMUNICATIONS. The enemy fired a number of red lights during the night at 6.59 he fired a parachute rocket from his first, second and third lines, and at 7 p.m. he fired 4 shots (77mm.) over Localities 5, and 7 into H gap. No apparent action followed on other occasions.

A large number of red and green rockets were fired on our left between 8.30 and 9 p.m. one S.O.S. was fired near the river at 9.40 and our guns opened at once.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Unchanged.

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MISCELLANEOUS. Some shots from our Artillery were observed to fall close to the guns, reported yesterday. When they were firing. They did not fire again during the day. Zero hour of all Alidades on Battalion front changed to FERENCHIES CHURCH SPIRE.

WIND. N.W. 7 M.P.H. Visibility Good.

Alidades also erected at $\frac{I 10 b}{85 70}$ $\frac{I 16 a}{59 98}$

7.35 a.m. (Signed) R.J.A. Massie, Major.
33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Good deal of movement can be seen behind his line and also smoke. can be seen rising but they are difficult to locate from the front line. These could probably be easily located from an observation post as the visibility is generally good at this time and artillery fire brought to bear on them with good effect. 18 pounders fired on searchlights during night. This had the effect of putting them out at once on each occasion.

TRENCH MORTARS. Trench mortars carried out a shoot at 8.30 p.m. VICKERS GUNS. Fired indirect during night. LEWIS GUNS. Fired as usual on enemy searchlights, parapet and wire. During early hours of morning swept NO MAN'S LAND continuously owing to enemy not sending up very lights at that time. opposite localities 1 & 2. Rifle fire. Swept NO MAN'S LAND as above early this morning. Snipers claim 2 hits. Were active all day but other results uncertain. Fired armour piercing bullets through steel loop hole plates in enemy parapet.

PATROLS. 5 Reconnoitring patrols and 2 fighting patrols worked on front during night, between 7.30 p.m. and 4.30 a.m. NO MAN'S LAND was a very bad state owing to rain. Enemy machine gun were quiet but fired occasional bursts along the front of our wire. Rifle fire quiet. There appears to be gaps in his wire opposite Nos. 4 and 5 localities. His wire has not yet been repaired North of the Railway Salient. Heavy transport was heard during the night in direction of HONGRIARM. Enemy searchlights were not so active probably due to the fact that they were fired on by our 18 pounders. When ever they opened. Visibility was poor. No enemy were encountered.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. Fired as early as 6.15 a.m. into REAR TRENCH FARM and localities 1, but at 8 a.m. he opened up and fired a considerable number of 4.2 H.E. into that position and was not effectively silenced till 10.5. when Howitzers fired 30 rounds in retaliation. At 11.5 he put in 10 more shots into the same place. During the afternoon he fired a good deal over locality 1 into CHATEL D'ARMENTIERES and about SQUARE FARM. He fired 14 times H.E. over Railway Lane at 3 p.m. and 6 over Cookhouse in CENTRAL AVENUE at 6 p.m. scoring one direct hit. Between 5 and 6 he put over 30 times H.E. 7mm near support line loc. 6. At 7 p.m. 4 shells were put rear of JAPAN ROAD and 5 more 50 yards behind H gap. This shot followed immediately after 3 red lights were fired opposite locality 6.

MACHINE GUNS. Comparatively quiet all night. Fired a few bursts along front of our wire.

TRENCH MORTAR. At intervals during day and night an occasional Witzgrate (thrown grenade) was fired into the position from Grenatwerfers (grenade throwers) c/ 5.5. 546.

RIFLE FIRE. His snipers are becoming more active and several of our periscopes were broken by them during the day. One firing from some high point probably a tree entitled 6. gap causing trouble.

COMMUNICATIONS. The enemy fired a number of red lights during the night at 6.50 he fired 3 red parachute rocket from his first, second and third lines, and at 7 p.m. he fired 4 shots (7mm.) over localities 5, and 7 into H gap. No apparent action followed on other occasions. A large number of red and green rockets were fired on our left between 8.30 and 9 p.m. one 5.0.2. was fired near the river at 8.40 and our guns opened at once.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Unchanged.

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Headquarters.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.
31st March. 1917.

PATROL TIME-TABLE FOR 31/32.3.17.

COY.	EXIT.	TIME.	RETURN.	TIME.	KIND OF PATROL.
"A"	Right Loc 1.	10 P.m.	Centre Gap B.	12 m.n.	Reconnoitring
"A"	Centre Gap B.	1.30 a.m.	Left Loc 2.	4 a.m.	Fighting.
"B"	Right Loc 3.	7.30 P.m.	Left Loc 3.	9.30 P.m.	Reconnoitring.
"B"	Right Loc 4.	11 P.m.	Left Loc 4.	1 a.m.	do.
"C"	Centre Loc 5.	10 P.m.	Centre Loc 5.	12 m.n.	do
"C"	Left Loc 6.	3 a.m.	Left Loc 6.	4 a.m.	do
"D"	Right Loc 7.	8 P.m.	Left Loc 7.	10 P.m.	do.
"D"	Right Loc 7.	11 P.m.	Left Loc 7.	3 a.m.	Fighting.

R. Jones Lieut.
Adjutant. 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

Appendix No. 16.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Summary of Events and Information up to 6 a.m. 22-3-17.

OUR OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. Our artillery fired a good deal during the day and night. 18 Pounders fired retaliation over Localities 1 and 2 at 6.15 a.m., 6.30 a.m. and 6.45 a.m. This had the effect of stopping enemy artillery for a time. At 7.45 a.m. our Howitzers gave retaliation. At 2.30 p.m. 18 Pounders fired 50 rounds over Locality 1 and fired again at 2.45 p.m. in retaliation. 18 Pounders fired on searchlights constantly during the night. These were switched off as soon as the flash of the gun appeared. Our Heavies fired at targets in rear of enemy line during the night. 4.5 Howitzers fired 30 shells on ridge opposite Locality 4. At 10.30 and 11.30 am. 18 Pounders fired 20 shells into enemy support line opposite Locality 4. Between 5 and 5.30 p.m. 18 Pdrs fired 40 rounds at Nordenfeldt gun in enemy front line and did considerable damage to the emplacement but did not score a direct hit. 18 Pounders dispersed a working party in enemy front line opposite Loc. 8. Directed by No. 8 Alidade 5 out of 6 shells landed in the same bay as the party.

MACHINE GUNS. VICKERS. Fired indirect during the night. Some shots which appeared to come from the CEMETERY gun in HOUPLINRS Sector landed behind our Parapet at I 5 a.
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LEWIS. Normal. Fired on Nordenfeldt gun in front line during night.

RIFLE FIRE. Snipers active though no hits claimed. The enemy now runs Pass the gaps and screens behind his line where he used to expose himself. Snipers fired on enemy sniper plates with Armour Piercing bullets and several holes could be seen with the telescope in the shield of a Nordenfeldt gun.

PATROLS. 6 Reconnoitring and 3 fighting patrols worked on Battalion front between 7.30 p.m. and 4 a.m. NO MAN'S LAND slightly improved. Visibility good. No enemy encountered in NO MAN'S LAND. Fall of snow towards morning made movement difficult. A patrol which left the top of PLANK AVENUE (Locality 5) at 10.30 p.m. advanced along the left bank to within 15 yards of Hun Parapet. There was no wire at this point. No sound could be heard in enemy trench. No patrols were heard moving. A patrol which examined the wire opposite Locality 6 reports hearing coughing and whistling and talking in the trench. Patrol examined enemy wire opposite No 1. Locality found it in fair condition could not hear any movement in enemy trench. A patrol picked up four stick handle bombs and a pay-book which was lying beside a dead man of 35th Bn. Enemy as a whole was exceptionally quiet.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. Enemy artillery was again active. Starting at 6.15 a.m. he fired on Localities 1 and 2 intermittently till 11.45 a.m. No damage was done. At 10 a.m. he fired 20 4.2 H.E. into JAPAN ROAD and support line at Locality 6. At 1.30 p.m. 15 4.2 H.E. fell around PLANK AVENUE doing little damage. Between 3 and 4 p.m. he fired 20 shells around PLANK AVENUE demolishing some of the screens. Some also fell into Locality 7 doing no damage.

MACHINE GUNS. Quiet throughout the night only occasional bursts being fired.

TRENCH MORTARS. An occasional stick bomb was thrown into the position throughout the day.

RIFLE FIRE. Enemy snipers again active throughout the day. Very quiet during night.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Unchanged. Working parties still can be seen in his front line. 1 opposite Locality 8 was dispersed by artillery fire. There is a gap in his wire at I 5 c. A strong enemy concrete dug-out can be

seen opposite Locality 5 with telephone wires leading to it. The guns will be put onto it today.

COMMUNICATIONS. Very lights used throughout the night, searchlights also used. but the artillery dealt with them effectively.

ENEMY MOVEMENT. Train transport could be heard at about 8 p.m. moving on the LILLE-ARMENTIERES Railway.

MISCELLANEOUS. 3 enemy wearing brown forage caps were seen from Loc. 5 during the day.. WIND. N.W. 7 M.P.H. Visibility Good.

(Signed) R.J.A. Massie. Major.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

Headquarters.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.
Sund March. 1917.

PATROL TIME-TABLE for 22/03-2-17.

COY.	LOC.	TIME.	REMARKS.	TIME	KIND OF PATROL.
"A"	Left Loc 1.	7.50 P.M.	Right Loc 1.	8.30 P.M.	Reconnoitring.
"A"	Right Loc 2.	12 M.M.	Left Loc 2.	3 A.M.	do.
"B"	Left Loc 3.	10 P.M.	Right Loc 3.	12 M.M.	do.
"B"	Left Loc 4.	1 A.M.	Right Loc 4.	3 A.M.	do.
"C"	Centre Loc 5.	7.30 P.M.	Centre Loc 5.	8.30 P.M.	do.
"C"	Centre Loc 6.	12 P.M.	Centre Loc 6.	3 A.M.	Fighting.
"D"	Right Gap G.	10 P.M.	Right Gap G.	12 M.M.	Reconnoitring.
"D"	Right Gap G.	1.50 A.M.	Right Gap G.	4 A.M.	Fighting.

R. Jones Lieut.
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

Appendix No. 17

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Summary of Events and Information up to 6 a.m. 23-3-17.

OUR OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. At 6.20 a.m. our Artillery fired on enemy billets and smoke behind his line. At 9.15 a.m. 18 Pounders fired retaliation over Locality 5 and at 9.30 over Locality 7. Artillery Continued active all morning. During afternoon Howitzers fired on targets in rear of his line.

MACHINE GUNS. Normal.

RIFLE FIRE. Snipers were active all day, but only claim 1 certain hit. Observed smoke coming through plate from enemy rifle so 4 armour piercing bullets were put through it and snipers did not fire from it again. Broke 4 Periscopes. Fixed rifles used during night. More of these stands are urgently required.

PATROLS. 5 Patrols worked on Battalion front during night. The snow made Patrolling very difficult and it was impossible to get far from our wire. NO MAN'S LAND was in poor condition. Visibility was very good and sounds could be clearly heard. Working Parties were heard in enemy trench at I 5 d and I 5 b. Transport was heard well behind enemy line towards 30 80 and 30 70

BRUNERUE and a train was heard at 11 P.m. Enemy used a great number of Very lights during night. No enemy Patrols were seen.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. Enemy put over a few shells into Locality 1 early in the morning but after that did not fire on that Locality again. Starting at 11 a.m. he put 80-4.8 H.E. along front line from right of Locality 3 to left of Locality 4 but stopped when our Howitzers retaliated. Most of his shells fell in our wire. He might have been registering. Over Localities 5, 6, and 7 he was active all morning, his shells falling along front and support line and in the vicinity of Company Headquarters and PLANK AVENUE. Altogether over 50 H.E. fell in these localities during the morning

MACHINE GUNS. Fired as usual. RIFLE FIRE. Normal.

TRENCH MORTAR. He put an occasional stick bomb into the position.

ENEMY DEFENCES. The enemy has carried out several small repairs to his Parapet with sand bags. He now puts up screens in the gaps in his Parapet where our snipers fire at his men through them. The revolver gun I 5 c
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and the gaps filled with sand bags. A large new concrete dug-out has been built at I 11 a is clearly seen from I 11 a another at I 11 b
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and a cookhouse at I 11 b.
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ENEMY MOVEMENTS. Transport could be heard during the night towards BRUNERUE also train could be heard at 11 P.m. What appeared to be steam from a locomotive could be seen in PERENCHIES at 7.10 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS. He used the usual number of Very lights during the night. At 7.55 p.m. a "T" (general answer) was shown from a building about 3250 (Map) from Battalion Headquarters. An observer went immediately to a point from which he could see the enemy line and observed a light signalling back in this direction. He could not make anything out of the flashes except that they were done very quickly and were a series of dots and dashes. At 9.35 P.m. a red rocket was fired showing just above the horizon on a bearing from 55° North of Battalion Headquarters of 3100 (Map) approximately. At 9.53 P.m. a white rocket was fired from the same point. Both these have been reported to an Intelligence Officer at C.O.11. The first signalling mentioned was seen also on previous night and reported

MISCELLANEOUS. Zero for No. 7. Alidade has been changed to 300 instead of 600. Please inform artillery accordingly.

WIND. Nil. Visibility Very good.

7.30 a.m.

(Signed) R.J.A. Massie. Major.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

Headquarters.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.
23rd March. 1917.

PATROL TIME-TABLE FOR 23/24th Mar. 17.

COY.	EXIT.	TIME.	RETURN.	TIME.	KIND OF PATROL.
"A"	Right Loc 3.	10 P.M.	Left Loc 1.	12 M.M.	Reconnoitring.
"A"	Left Loc 1.	2 A.M.	Right Loc 1.	4 A.M.	do.
"B"	Right Loc 3.	7.30 P.M.	Left Loc 3.	9.30 P.M.	do.
"B"	Right Loc 3.	11 P.M.	Left Loc 3.	2 A.M.	Fighting.
"C"	Centre Loc 3.	9 P.M.	Centre Loc 3.	11 P.M.	Reconnoitring. } *
"C"	do.	12 M.M.	do.	2 A.M.	Fighting. }
"D"	Right Gap G.	8 P.M.	Right Gap G.	10 P.M.	Reconnoitring. } *
"D"	do.	11 P.M.	do.	2 A.M.	Fighting. }

Men for PATROLS will be supplied as Order issued with TIME-TABLE for
18/20th March. 1917.
* Same Purpose as night of 22/23rd March. 1917.

R. Jones Lieut.
Adjutant. 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

Appendix No. 18.

Headquarters.

33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

24th March. 1917.

APPENDIX *Notes*

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Summary of Events and Information up to 6 a.m. 24-3-17.

OUR OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. Quiet all day. Fired 8 shots at a search-light opposite Locality 8. at 9 P.m. Dispersed a working Party opposite G gap at 9.3 P.m. At 3.15 P.m. dispersed a working Party in front line opposite Locality 8.

MACHINE GUNSckers fired from Subsidiary Line and behind our front line between CENTRAL and PORT EGAL AVENUES between 8.15 P.m. and 11.15 P.m. The Corporal responsible for laying the gun has been Put under arrest by my orders.

LEWIS. Normal.

RIFLE FIRE. Snipers active all day but no hits can be claimed. Men were fired at as they ran Pass gaps and rushwood screens. 4 Periscopes were broken during day. The enemy is now using steel plates for observation and the snipers fire armouring Piercing bullets through them whenever movement is noticed.

RIFLE GRENADES 10 Newton Pippin rifle grenades were fired into enemy Position from Locality 5 during morning.

PATROLS. 8 Patrols worked on the Battalion front during night.

NO MAN'S LAND improving. An enemy wiring with a covering Party was Located opposite Gap B and dispersed with Lewis gun fire. the enemy line seems to be strongly held opposite Locality 5 and a large working Party was at the same Point so the fighting Patrols which was to have entered there did not do so. An enemy working Party opposite Gap G was dispersed with Lewis Gun fire at about 8.30 P.m. A fighting Patrol from Locality 7 laid up within 40 yards of enemy wire but saw no enemy Patrol. Otherwise all was reported quiet in NO MAN'S LAND.

Enemy used a great number of Very lights during the night.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. Quiet all day. Revolver gun has been set up again opposite Locality 7 and fired a few rounds.

MACHINE GUNS. Quieter than usual.

TRENCH MORTAR. A number of stick grenades were fired into the Position during the day. 10 were fired at Locality 7 during night but all fell short of parapet.

ENEMY DEFENCES. No apparent alteration since yesterday. Several working Parties were heard during night. One opposite Locality 3 and opposite Locality 5 and one opposite Locality 7. He seems to be doing a fair amount of work by day as there seems to be a lot of men in his line.

COMMUNICATIONS. 3 red rockets were fired from the Southern end of ARMENTIERES at 9.40 P.m. They bursts into 3 red balls which seemed to hang about 3 feet apart. They were fired from slightly to the left of

Position where red light was fired from last night. At 9.2 P.m. 3 large orange rockets which bursts into rain were fired opposite Locality 1 and were fired by rifle and machine gun fire. 3 similar rockets were fired at 7.25 P.m. opposite Locality 6 but no action followed. At commencement of bombardment on our left at 9 P.m. 8 red rockets, 3 green and 1 blue rocket were counted.

MISCELLANEOUS. A man wearing a khaki cap with a bright yellow badge was seen opposite Locality 6 during morning. A great deal of road and rail transport could be heard during the night behind the enemy night. Between 8.30 and 9.30 P.m. there was a great deal of shouting and noise in the enemy front line and bells could be heard ringing.

WIND. N.W. 7 M.P.H. Visibility Very good.

7.30 a.m.

(Signed) R.J.A. Massie. Major.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

Headquarters.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.
24th March. 1917.

PATROL TIME-TABLE FOR 24/25th March. 1917.

COY.	EXIT.	TIME.	RETURN.	TIME.	KIND OF PATROL.
"A"	Right Loc 3.	10 p.m.	Left Loc 1.	12 m.n.	Reconnoitring.
"A"	Left Loc 1.	2 a.m.	Right Loc 1.	4 a.m.	do.
"B"	Right Loc 3.	7.30 p.m.	Left Loc 3.	9.30 p.m.	do.
"B"	Right Loc 3.	11 p.m.	Left Loc 3.	2 a.m.	Fighting.
"C"	Centre Loc 5.	9 p.m.	Centre Loc 5.	11 p.m.	Reconnoitring.
"C"	do	12 m.n.	do.	3 a.m.	Fighting.
"D"	Right Gap G.	8 p.m.	Right Gap G.	10 p.m.	Reconnoitring.
"D"	do	11 p.m.	do.	2 a.m.	Fighting.

R. Jones

Lieut.

Adjutant. 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

Appendix No. 18(a)

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Summary of Events and Information up to 6 a.m. 25-3-17.

OUR OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. 18 Pounders fired 35 rounds at 7 a.m. over enemy support and communication trenches. At 9.40 p.m. fired 13 rounds into enemy front line opposite Locality 7. Our heavies fired all day, on targets in rear of enemy front lines. At 9.45 p.m. our heavies fired 8 shots opposite Locality 1. 3 shots fell in NO MAN'S LAND. At 12.30 p.m. another bursts was put across. These shells fell far shorter landing just in front of our Parapet among our fighting patrol. Luckily 75% of the shells were duds and no one was hit but the patrol was a good deal shaken.

MACHINE GUNS. Normal.

RIFLE FIRE. Snipers active all day. 4 certain hits were claimed. A lot of shots were fired but results are uncertain. 3 Periscopes were broken. Shots were fired with armour piercing bullets at a sniping plate from which a sniper was shooting and the shooting ceased. Enemy now observes through these plates constantly when any movement is seen with the telescope.

PATROLS. 5 Reconnoitring and 3 fighting patrols worked along the Battalion front during night between 7.30 p.m. and 4 a.m. They report as follows NO MAN'S LAND improving. Enemy machine guns more active than usual, sweeping NO MAN'S LAND constantly. His rifle fire also much more active. Quiet a number of stick bombs were fired into the WILLOW Ditch running from Gap G to enemy wire. During the night a Minnie landed in front of Locality 7 making an enormous crater in NO MAN'S LAND. Patrols from Localities 7 and 8 also report that a number of stick bombs were fired into NO MAN'S LAND. Enemy transport could be heard during the night. A great number of Very lights were fired during the night.

ENEMY MOVEMENTS. Much talking was heard in the enemy trench on more than one occasion Parties were seen moving along his trench. On one occasion a Patrol which left Locality 5 at 9 p.m. reports that a whistle was blown from a sap in front of his wire and rifle and machine gun fire were directed into NO MAN'S LAND. Visibility was good.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. ARTILLERY. At 3 p.m. enemy fired 10 4.2 H.E. into Locality 1. one of which broke in the Parapet. At 10 a.m. he put over 45-77mm. shells into Locality 3 and at 1.40 a.m. he shelled NO MAN'S LAND with 77 m.m. and put 8 shells over CENTRAL AVENUE. A few shells landed in the vicinity of the subsidiary line during the day. His artillery was otherwise quiet.

TRENCH MORTAR. He fired 3 minnies during the night. One landed in front of Locality 7 making an enormous crater in NO MAN'S LAND.

MACHINE GUNS. More active than usual. A gun which was not fired before opposite Locality 4. He swept NO MAN'S LAND frequently during the night.

LIGHT TRENCH MORTAR. 9 stick bombs were fired into Locality 5 during the day and they were fired into NO MAN'S LAND frequently during the night.

ARMOURMENT. Revolver guns has been set up again at I 5 b

53 53.

DEFENCES. Unchanged. Dug-outs have been observed at I 5 c, I 5 c,
I 11 b, I 11 b

67 06 77 17

30 05 79 99. All these can be seen on the aeroplane photographs.

COMMUNICATIONS. Very lights used very frequently. Early in the night he fired some red lights and our artillery rang up to ask if we had fired our S.O.S. At about 1.35 a.m. enemy sent up 1 rocket opposite Locality 4 which broke into golden rain. 5 minutes later his artillery fired on NO MAN'S LAND and 3 Minnies. were fired.

MISCELLANEOUS. Enemy front line trench seemed to be strongly held and our fighting patrols were unable to find a gap opposite Localities 5 and 6. The behaviour of the enemy on the Battalion front seems to be different to that up to the present. A relief is suspected.

COMMUNICATIONS. continued. A number of white lights appeared over ARMENTIERES between 8.45 and 10 p.m. They appeared to be just dots in the air. They showed at different heights and different places over the same locality and seemed to come from 3 different Localities. 1 about 319 North from Battalion Headquarters, 1 about 300X further North and 1 about 400X further North again.

7.50 a.m.

(Signed) R.J.A. Massie. Major.
33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

33RD BATTALION, A.I.F. ORDER NO. 32

No 19

Reference Map : 1/30,000 France, Sheet 36
N.W. (Corrected to 6.8.16).Battalion Headquarters,
23rd March, 1917.

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- RELIEF. 1. The 33RD BATTALION will be relieved in the 1'EPINETTE Sub-Sector by the 35TH BATTALION commencing at 4 a.m. on 25th inst. and will become "C" BATTALION.
- ORDER OF RELIEF. 2. Heads of Companies will reach Subsidiary Line at 4 a.m. Lewis Gun Teams will move in and be relieved with Companies. Headquarters Sections, i.e. Scouts and Signallers will move in rear of Companies.
- ROUTES. 3. (1) 35TH BATTALION, A.I.F.
D. Company - Brickstack Lane - Lothian Avenue.
A. Company - Brickstack Lane - Central Avenue.
C. Company - Lunatic Lane - Quality Street - Flank Avenue.
B. Company - Buterne Avenue, Byrnes Boulevard - Queensland Road - Japan Avenue.
(2) 33RD BATTALION, A.I.F.
A. Company - Lothian Avenue - Brickstack Lane.
B. Company - Porte Egale - Lunatic Lane.
C. Company - Flank Avenue - Quality St. - Lunatic Lane.
D. Company - Japan Avenue - Queensland Road - Byrnes Boulevard - Buterne Avenue.
Companies will not move out until the whole of the incoming Platoons are actually in Position.
- PRECAUTIONS. 4. Every precaution must be taken against hostile observation both aerial and from ground level. Parties when EAST of ARMENTIERES-NOUVEL MOUFLINES Railway line will move in Parties not larger than sections at two minute intervals.
- HANDING OVER. 5. Usual Stores, Log Books, and useful information to be handed over, duplicate receipts on A.F.W. 3405 to be obtained and forwarded to BATTALION HEADQUARTERS before quitting the line. S.A.A., bombs, rockets, &c. to be handed over separately.
- GUM BOOTS. 6. Gum Boots will be taken to billets on the man and must be washed and returned to Q.H. Store by 12 noon on day of relief.
- BILLETING. 7. One Officer Per Company and 1 N.C.C. Per Platoon will report to Senior Officer Present at junction LUNATIC LANE and SUBSIDIARY LINE at 3.30 a.m. on 24th inst. and thence to BARBED WIRE SQUARE where Parties will be met by the Quartermaster and will proceed to billet their Companies. Quartermaster will obtain all Particulars of working Parties, guards and will "take over" billets from 35TH BATTALION on 25th instant.
- TRANSPORT. 8. Quartermaster will make all arrangements with Transport Officer to deliver straw, blankets, travelling kitchens, stores, &c. to billets and for removal of stores from Tissage Dump to Quartermaster Store. Companies can draw handcarts from Quartermaster's Store to facilitate removal of mess gear to billets. All such traffic must proceed via Trench Tramway to Tissage Dump thence by handcarts to billeting area.
- REPORTS. 9. Company Commanders and Specialists Officers will forward reports to BATTALION HEADQUARTERS when relief for the day is completed.

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Appendix No 19.

COMMAND. 10. Battalion and Company Commanders will remain in command until relief is completed.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.
Adjutant, 35th Battalion, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No. 1 9th Inf. Bde.
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6 D. Co.
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8. Signalling Officer.
9 Quartermaster.
10. Transport Officer.
11. R.M.O.
12. 35th Battalion, A.I.F.
13. 36th Battalion, A.I.F.
14. File.
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SECRET

M.11/16.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Headquarters.
9th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
8th March. 1917.

Memorandum re Defence of EPINETTE Sector.

DISPOSITION 1. "A" Battalion EPINETTE Sector, "B" Battalion HOUPLINES Sector, "C" and "D" Battalions Brigade Reserve.

HEADQUARTERS 2. Battalion: Junction PORT EGAL AVENUE AND Subsidiary
EpINETTE. line I 3 d.
70 78

Company: Right I 10 d Right Centre I 10 b
10 28 40 35
Left Centre I 5 c Left I 4 b.
10 55 95 65

BOUNDARIES. 3. Battalion: No. 1 Locality to No. 8 to INDIA AVENUE inclusive.

Right I 16 b to I 9 c.
35 70 95 90
Left C 29 c to C 28 c.
25 42 65 35

Company: As per plan attached.

GARRISON.

4.

	Right Coy.	Right Company.	Cent Coy.	Left Coy.	Men (at 10 per Sect.)
<u>FRONT LINE:-</u>					
3 Lewis Gun Secs.	3	3	4	2	120
Platoon Hdqrs.	1	1	1	1	16
x Riflemen, bombers or grenadiers (1 sec. per Locality)	2	2	2	2	80
<u>SECOND LINE.</u>					
3 Lewis Gun Sect.	-	1	-	-	10
Company Hdqrs.	1	1	1	1	56
Platoon Hdqrs.	1	1	1	1	16
Riflemen, bombers or grenadiers.	3	2	2	4	110
<u>BETWEEN SECOND LINE & SUBSID. LINE:-</u>					
2 Lewis Gun Sec.	-	1	1	3	50
<u>SUBSIDIARY LINE:-</u>					
3 Lewis Gun Sect.	-	-	1	1	20
x Riflemen, bombers or grenadiers	8	7	6	4	250
Platoon Hdqrs.	2	2	2	2	32
Bn H.Q. (fighting)	-	-	-	-	80

3 Lewis Gunners not required for team will act as bombers and bayonet men.

x Furnish patrols in gaps and listening posts or local patrols.

x Includes 9 sections for nucleus garrisons.

LEWIS GUNS. 5. Lewis Guns will be placed as per plan approved by Corps. The Battalion Commander will arrange for guns being distributed among the Companies to enable them to carry out their dispositions. The number of Lewis Gun Sections exceeds the normal number per Company, but as all ranks are to be trained, and are liable to be employed, as Lewis Gunners, men in bombing, rifle or grenadier sections must be drawn on to make up the complement.

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- NUCLEUS 6. Subsidiary Line:
GARRISONS.
- 3 Sections about I.9. Central.
 - 1 Section vicinity CEMETERY salient.
 - 3 Sections about I 9 b 3 9 between railway and roadway.
 - 1 Section near PORT EGAL AVENUE - I 3 d 7 6.
 - 3 Sections - Vicinity of the Salient I 3 d 84 00.
 - 1 Section QUALITY STREET.

These Sections must be left to garrison the Subsidiary line and to protect and support Machine Gun defences and to hold the line in case of failure of local counter-attack. They will not move forward to assist in counter-attack.

- LINE OF 7. Line of resistance of Battalion in garrison is
RESISTANCE. Front Line Breastwork.

- COUNTER- Should enemy effect an entrance he must be at once
ATTACK. 2. pushed out by a Company or Battalion counter-attack. The Battalion Commander will reorganise his Defence Scheme so that each Company Commander will be fully aware of his duties in launching counter-attack. (a) to push the enemy out of his own area; (b) to assist Companies on either flank. The nucleus garrison (as below) must not be used for this purpose.

- PRINCIPLE OF DEFENCE. 9. The defence is on outpost principle and therefore embodies (a) observation and (b) resistance. In connection with (b) it must be distinctly understood that no matter what the strength of the attack might be there must be no question of withdrawal and troops must fight it out in the position for which they have been made responsible, even if no reinforcements can be expedited. The stronger the enemy attack and the wider front on which it is delivered, the more must our action be of a delaying nature to allow of the arrival of reinforcements.

- RESERVE. 10. The "C" and "D" Battalions will be in reserve in ARMENTIERES and their action will be controlled by the Brigadier. On message being received of hostile operations they will "Stand by" ready to move. They must always be properly organised as fighting units, fully equipped with ammunition, bombs, rifle grenades, &c. to fight to regain the front line by counter attack, to reinforce the firing line or to hold the subsidiary line as may be ordered.

- S.O.S. 11. An Officer or N.C.O. must also be in occupation of dug-outs previously used as Company Headquarters for Nos. 3, 4, and 6 Companies to send S.C.S. signals. All N.C.Os. must know how to operate S.O.S. rocket and signal and the conditions under which such signal may be used and its effect.

- LIAISON. 13. A close defensive liaison will be maintained by the Battalion Commander with the Left Battalion of the Brigade on his Right.

(Signed) T.F. Borwick. Major.
4th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Headquarters,
33rd Battalion, A.I.F.
11th Mar. 1917.

Forwarded for information.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

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| " " 2 | Second in Command. |
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| " " 5 | O.C. C. Co. |
| " " 6 | O.C. D. Co. |
| " " 7 | Lewis Gun Officer. |
| " " 8 | Signalling Officer. |

C.O. 129.

33RD BATTALION, A.I.F.

SECRET.

FIGHTING PATROLS.

Battalion Headquarters,
19th March, 1917.

It has been decided to temporarily dispense with raids and to carry on a system of offensive Patrolling. It is essential that identification of the enemy opposite us be obtained, particularly at this present time when the enemy is withdrawing from other parts of the British line.

A fighting patrol has advantages over the organised raid - it is less costly in lives, munitions and material; it can lie in NO MAN'S LAND and await an opportunity; it is not bound by time to any large extent; its strength and formation allow of freer movement.

A fighting patrol has two objectives, NO MAN'S LAND and the enemy trenches. As the Germans seldom venture in NO MAN'S LAND, we must endeavour to enter their trenches and thus secure prisoners. For this end, careful reconnaissance of likely places in the enemy's line is to be made.

Points to be considered are:-

- (i) Strength of his wire.
- (ii) Dispositions of his garrison.
- (iii) Approach across NO MAN'S LAND.

If a gap is known and an entry made, the patrol should lie low and await patrols in the enemy's trench. Precautions must be taken not to allow the prisoners to give the alarm.

It follows that the best and keenest men are to be chosen for this work. It is preferable to have an officer in charge of the party, but where this is not possible, a reliable and efficient N.C.O. will be put in command. Company commanders will give their personal attention to the organisation of these patrols.

Normally the strength will be 1 officer, 3 N.C.O.'s (including a Scout N.C.O.) and 10 men (including 3 scouts).

The formation is that of a miniature advanced guard, as shown in the attached sketch. Movement forward is that adopted by the Battalion Scouts: one scout moves forward and halts, the other scout comes up, learns what is doing and then goes on ahead, and so on. If the Scouts have anything to report one returns to the Scout N.C.O., who, seeing him coming back, moves towards him, receives the information and passes it on to the O.C. Patrol. The two men of the main body in line with the O.C. Patrol may be used if necessary as connecting files with the flank scouts.

(Signed) L.J. MORSHEAD, Lieut-Colonel

Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

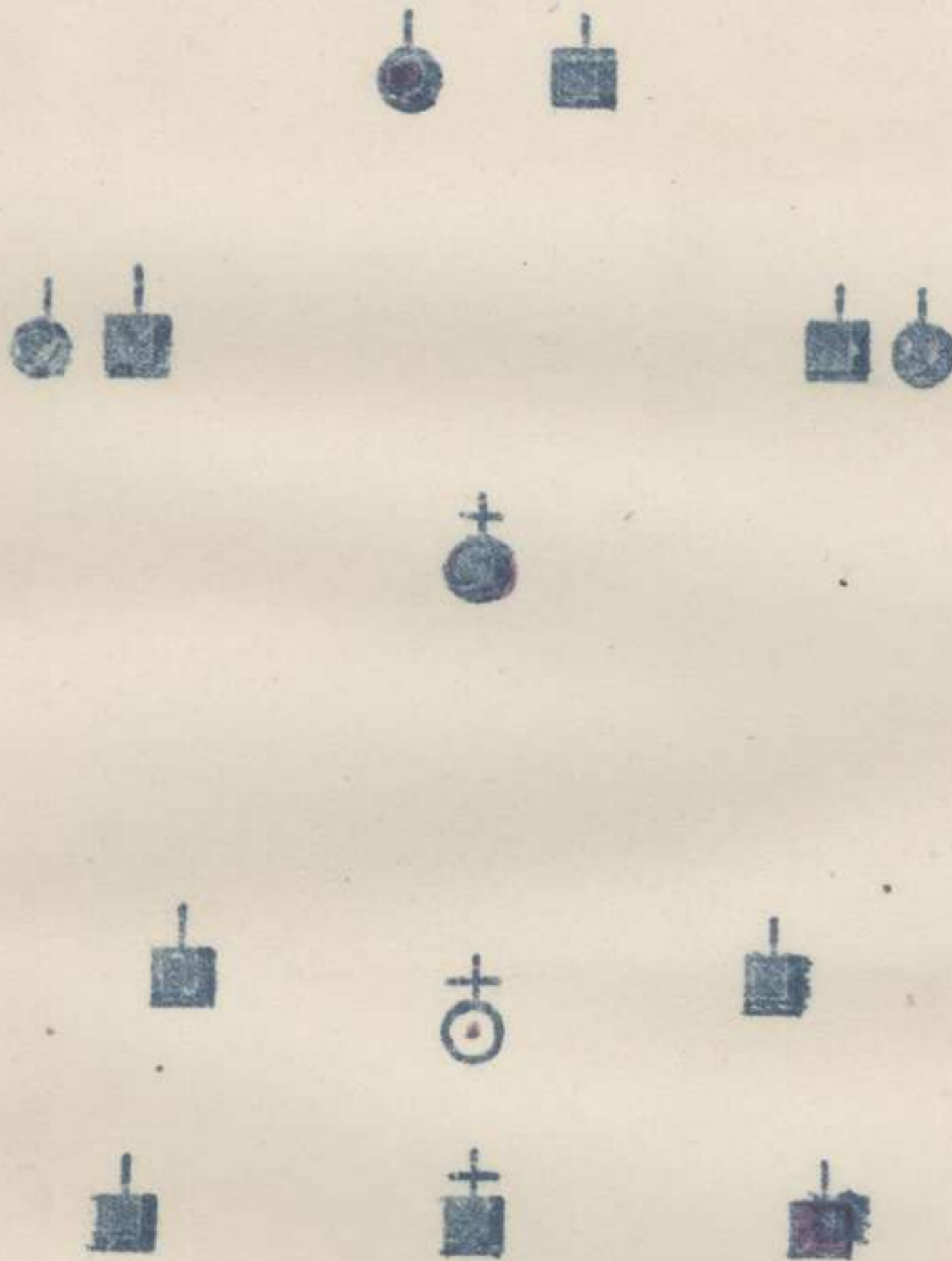
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CO129.

33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

Formation of Fighting Patrols



Symbols:-

-  O.C. Patrol
-  Scout N.C.O.
-  Patrol N.C.O.
-  Scout
-  Patrol.

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APPENDIX

SECRET.

33rd Battalion, A.I.F.
26th March, 1917.

G.O. 133.

All Companies,
Scout Officer.

With reference to my G.O. 129, Please submit by 6 P.m. today the locations of Points you consider suitable for the entry of fighting Patrols. Arrangements will be made for the cutting of wire if necessary. A report on the strength of the wire at these Points should also be sent.

The Scout Officer will confer with Company Commanders.

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Lieut-Colonel.

Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

APPENDIX

S C H O O L S.

NO	RANK.	NAME.	NATURE.	PLACE.	DATE.
387.	L/Cpl.	Connolly.V.P.	P.T. AND B.F.	MOREBECQUE.	1-3-17.
437.	Corpl.	Grattan.J.S.	LEWIS GUN SCHOOL.	LE TOUQUET.	2-3-17.
320.	Dvr.	Keith. A.W.	ANTI-GAS COURSE.	ARMENTIERES.	5-3-17.
467.	L/Cpl.	King. G.T.	do.	do.	do.
148.	L/Cpl.	Paton. A.J.	do.	do.	do.
4980.	Pte.	Blake. B.R.	RAPID WIRING.	LE BOUDRELLE.	4-3-17.
5017A.	Pte.	Glasson. C.A.	STOKES MORTAR.	do.	do.
2161.	Pte.	Gill. T.H.	do.	do.	do.
	Lieut.	H.S.Susman.	CORPS SCHOOL.	WISQUES.	do.
1097.	Corpl.	Cecil. C.E.	do.	do.	do.
	3/Lieut.	I.C. Dight.	GRENADE SCHOOL.	TERDEGHEM.	5-3-17.
1428.	Pte.	Cattanach. H.	SIGNALLING SCH.	ZUYTPEENE.	do.
740.	Pte.	Boys. G.F.	do.	do.	do.
1540.	Sergt.	Clarke. C.E.	DIV. CADET SCH.	LE BOUDRELLE.	do.
606.	Corpl.	McLean. W.	do.	do.	do.
436.	Corpl.	Harris. O.A.	ANTI GAS COURSE.	OXELAIRE.	4-3-17.
1182.	Corpl.	Hancock. C.R.	STOKES MORTAR.	TERDEGHEM.	12-3-17.
1077.	Corpl.	Byrne. C.S.J.	ANTI GAS COURSE.	ARMENTIERES.	11-3-17.
853.	L/Cpl.	Payten. J.H.	do.	do.	do.
	Lieut.	H.J. Lazer.	LEWIS GUN SCH.	LE TOUQUET.	12-3-17.
	2/Lieut.	K.J.Campbell.	STOKES MORTAR.	LE BOUDRELLE.	do.
5065A.	Pte.	KilPatrick.	do.	do.	do.
959.	Corpl.	Bolton. J.	P. T. AND B. F.	do.	do.
174.	Corpl.	Shephard. G.	BOMBING AND TRENCH TACTICS.	do.	do.
1054.	L/Cpl.	Ahearn. J.	MUSKETRY. SCH.	do.	do.
936.	Pte.	Pyrqr. R.O.	SNIPING SCHOOL.	MONT DES CATS.	17-3-17.
238.	L/Cpl.	Fair. D.	ANTI GAS COURSE.	ARMENTIERES.	19-3-17.
484.	L/Cpl.	McIlveen. G.A.	do.	do.	do.
253.	Pte.	Hyde. T.E.	SNIPING SCHOOL.	LE BOUDRELLE.	do.
940.	L/Cpl.	Reid. T.	RAPID WIRING.	do.	do.
1980.	Ptem	Juergens. C.F.	STOKES MORTAR.	do.	do.
2148.	Corpl.	Whitehill.W.P.	P.T. AND B.F.	MOREBECQUE.	24-3-17.
	Capt.	J.L. Fry.	LEWIS GUN COURSE.	LE TOUQUET.	26-3-17.
1122.	L/Cpl.	Lennon. J.C.	GRENADE COURSE.	TERDEGHEM.	26-3-17.
964.	Pte.	Kermond. A.W.	STOKES MORTAR.	do.	do.
	2/Lieut.	E.C.P.Thomas.	P.T. AND B.F.	LA BOUDRELLE.	25-3-17.
206.	Corpl.	Woolnough.H.A.	do.	do.	do.
506.	Sergt.	Maclean. H.C.)	BOMBING AND		
1089.	L/Cpl.	Carney. J.)	TRENCH TACTICS.	do.	do.
22.	Corpl.	Boultwood.A.H.	MUSKETRY SCH.	do.	do.
925.	Sergt.	Mountain. E.J.	do.	do.	do.
1062.	Pte.	Burns. F.G.	SNIPING SCHOOL.	do.	do.
410.	L/Cpl.	Foster. A.C.	LEWIS GUN SCH.	do.	do.
	Lieut.	A.G. Farleigh.	RAPID WIRING.	do.	do.
38.	L/Cpl.	Clear. T.	do.	do.	do.
1811.	Pte.	Croft. J.H.	STOKES MORTAR.	do.	do.
4977A.	Pte.	Cooper. L.	do.	do.	do.
521.	Corpl.	Partridge.W.V.	ANTI GAS COURSE.	ARMENTIERES.	26-3-17.
958.	L/Cpl.	Best. W.J.	do.	do.	do.
2034.	Corpl.	Boulton. L.R.	do.	do.	do.
1056.	Pte.	Albertson. F.W.	VISUAL COURSE.	MOREBECQUE.	29-3-17.
559.	Sergt.	Turnbull. E.A.	MUSKETRY SCH.	CAMIERS.	29.3.17.

To be made up to and for Sunday in each week.

No. of Report 16

FIELD RETURN.

Army Form B. 213.

(To be furnished by all arms, services, and departments (except A.S.C. units) to the A. G.'s Office at the Base in accordance with Field Service Regulations, Part II.)

RETURN showing numbers (a) Effective strength of Unit.
(b) Rationed by Unit.

33rd Battalion A.I.F. at Armentieres
9th Infantry Brigade.

16th Mar 1917 Date.

DETAIL	Personnel			Animals.							Guns, carriages, and limbers and transport vehicles										Motor Bicycles	Bicycles	REMARKS					
	Officers	Other ranks	Natives	Horses			Mules		Camels	Oxen	Guns, carriages and limbers, showing description	Ammunition wagons and limbers <i>howitzers hand carts</i>	Machine guns	Aircraft, showing description	Horsed		Mechanical			Trailers								
				Riding	Draught	Heavy Draught	Pack	Large							Small	4 wheeled	2 wheeled	Motor Cars	Tractors					Lorries, showing description	Trucks, showing description			
Effective Strength of Unit	34	1008		12	8	8	8	18	2			11	11			14	4									Difference in ration strength		
Details, by Arms attached to unit as in War Establishment:																												
<i>A.M.C.</i>	5																											
<i>Arm Sgt. AOD.</i>	1																											
Total	37	1014		12	9	8	8	18	2			11	11			14	4											
War Establishment	38	968		12	8	9	7	18	2			11	16			14	4											
Wanting to complete (Detail of Personnel and Horses below)	1					1							5															
Surplus	46					1																						
*Attached (not to include the details shown above)	1	2																										
Civilians:—																												
Employed with the Unit																												
Accompanying the Unit																												
TOTAL RATIONED...		30	960																									

Chaplain 1
batman 1
Interpreter 1
1 2

* In the case of field ambulances, hospitals or depots, the number of patients are to be included here, the names being shown in A. F. A. 36.

Refones
Signature of Commander.
16th Mar 1917 Date of Despatch.

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To be made up to and for Sunday in each week.

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FIELD RETURN.

Army Form B. 213.

(To be furnished by all arms, services, and departments (except A.S.C. units) to the A. G.'s Office at the Base in accordance with Field Service Regulations, Part II.)

RETURN showing numbers (a) Effective strength of Unit. 33rd Battalion AIF. at Armentieres 30th March 1917 Date.
 (b) Rationed by Unit. 9th Infantry Brigade

DETAIL	Personnel			Animals							Guns, carriages, and limbers and transport vehicles										Motor Bicycles	Bicycles	REMARKS						
	Officers	Other ranks	Natives	Horses			Mules		Camels	Oxen	Guns, carriages and limbers, showing description	Ammunition wagons and limbers	Machine guns	Aircraft, showing description	Horsed		Mechanical			Trailers									
				Riding	Draught	Heavy Draught	Pack	Large							Small	4 wheeled	2 wheeled	Motor Cars.	Tractors					Lorries, showing description	Trucks, showing description				
Effective Strength of Unit	35	1042		12	8	8	4	18	2			6	14			14	4											Difference between ration & effective strength	
Details, by Arms attached to unit as in War Establishment:																													
AMC. Arm Sgt.	* 5	1																											
Total	35	1048		12	8	8	4	18	2			6	14			14	4												
War Establishment	38	968		12	8	9	4	18	2			6	16			14	4												
Wanting to complete (Detail of Personnel and Horses below)	3					1							2																
Surplus	1/5											6	8																
* Attached (not to include the details shown above)	1	2																											
Civilians: Employed with the Unit																													
Accompanying the Unit																													
TOTAL RATIONED...		27	880																										

1 Chaplain
1 bat man
1 interpreter

* In the case of field ambulances, hospitals or depots, the number of patients are to be included here, the names being shown in A. F. A. 36.

R. Jones
Signature of Commander.
30th Mar. 1917 Date of Despatch.

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War Diary for March
1917.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 217.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.Armentieres.
1st Mar. 1917.

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- TRAVELLING KITCHENS. 1879. The Company storemen are responsible for the maintenance of equipment of the travelling kitchens while their companies are in the line. Company Commanders before leaving billets will submit to Q.M. a list of all deficiencies so that they may be indented for and replaced if possible before the kitchens are again required.
- BOUNDS. 1880. Para 1420, of R.O. 150, dated 28.12.1916 with reference to places outside of Divisional Area being out of bounds is cancelled.
- RATIONS. 1881. From 28th Feb. 1917, 60 per cent of the meat ration will consist of Frozen Meat.
- STRENGTH. 1882. The undermentioned having reported back from 9th M.G. Co. is taken on strength.

No. 2041, Pte. T.H. Cocksedge. D. Co.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

By
 LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD.
 Commanding 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

Armentieres.
 2nd March, 1917.

MAINTENANCE OF GRAVES. 1883. In various places in the Battalion Section of the Line there are a number of graves. These are liable to injury by shell fire and to fall into disrepair through neglect. It is hoped that all the graves will be specially cared for. Company Commanders will give this matter their immediate care.

FRENCH RAILWAY ENGINEERS. 1884. A party of French Railway Engineers will be working either by day or by night according to the weather from 28th February, for a period of seven days near C.27.a.2.6. along the Railway line to 10. All ranks in vicinity or passing between Armentieres-Houplines must be warned so that work may not be hampered.

CHEESE WASTAGE. 1885. Particular care is to be taken to prevent any part of the cheese ration being wasted.

REFUSE. 1886. Refuse must not be dumped at the non-combustible dump, Rue Nicholas, Leblanc.

DISPOSAL OF BONE. 1887. After bones have been used in the stock pot they must be carefully collected and returned to Quartermaster for despatch to railhead together with waste grease referred to in para 1753. Routine Order No.190. dated 4th February. 1917.

PROMOTIONS. 1888. The following promotion is approved:-
To be Corporal Temporarily.
 No.959.L/Cpl.J.Bolton. to be Corpl. Temporarily vice
 Corpl.H.H.Tubie. Struck off Strength.

TRANSFERS. 1889. The following transfers are approved:-
 No.1161. Corpl.W.M.Lyons. from "D" Co. to "B" Co.
 1482.L/Cpl.G.L.Taylor. from "B" Co. to "A" Co.
 1690.L/Cpl.D.G.Smith. from "A" Co. to "D" Co.
 1493. Pte. J.S.Farr. from "A" Co. to "B" Co.
 1473. Pte. A.B.Howell. from "A" Co. to "C" Co.
 1485. Pte. A.W.Shearer. from "D" Co. to "C" Co.
 Cpl.H.G.Murray to be N.C.O. in charge of "A" Co. No.8. Team.
 Cpl.D.McDonald to be N.C.O. in charge of "D" Co. No.8. Team.
 Headquarter Sections will act as Co. No.1. Team.

STRENGTH. 1890. The following having reported back from C.C.S. is Taken on Strength:- No.5066A. Pte.A.McConnell. "D" Co.

PUNISHMENTS. 1891. The following punishments have been awarded this date:-
 No.2007. Pte.A.G. Hefer. "A" Co. When on active service disobeying a lawful command given by his Superior Officer, in that he when ordered by C.S.M.James to parade for fatigue refused to do so.
 28 days F.P. No.1.

No.2073. Pte S.V.Hefferman. "A" Co. (1) Committing a nuisance in the Barrack Room.
 (2) While on Active Service "Drunkenness".
 14 days F.P. No.3.

No.176. Pte.J.A.Smallwood. Absent without leave from billets from 12 noon 27-2-17 until 9.15 p.m. 27-2-17.
 Forfeit 1 days pay.
 21 days F.P. No.3.

(Signed) R.C. Jones. Lieut.
 Adjutant, 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

P.T.O.

NOTICE

OFFICERS' CLUB . BAILLEUL.

The Officers' Club at Bailleul is now open

for all Officers of the Division with a subscription.

It is hoped that all the Officers will be enabled to give their names to the Club.

A party of French Railway Engineers will be working at the Club on the 10th of the month.

All trains in vicinity of Bailleul must be stopped at the Club.

Officers' Club is to be taken to Bailleul on the 10th of the month.

Officers must not be absent from the Club on the 10th of the month.

Officers must have been used in the stock of the Club on the 10th of the month.

Officers must be returned to the Club on the 10th of the month.

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By
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Armentieres,
3rd March, 1917.

LAUDATORY. The Army Commander (Second Army) has read the report on the raid carried out by this Battalion on the night of 24th/25th February, which he considers shows good work and reflects credit on all concerned.

The Corps Commander expresses pleasure in forwarding above appreciation and concurs in Army Commander's remarks.

DIVISIONAL The undermentioned candidates have been selected to attend ANTI-GAS course at Divisional School, Armentieres, commencing on Monday, 5th inst., and lasting 6 days.

1893. No. 220. Dvr. A.W. Keith. Transport.

189. Pte. V.R. Shalders. "A" Co.

467. L/Cpl. G.T. King. "B" Co.

Candidates should assemble at Q.M. Store, No. 7 Rue Nationale, and then report at school (Ecole Professionnelle) not later than 2 P.M. on Sunday, 4th inst.

DIVISIONAL The undermentioned candidates have been detailed to attend SCHOOLS course of instruction at Divisional Schools assembling on Sunday, 4th inst.

Rapid Wiring - No. 4980. Pte. B.R. Blake "C" Co.

Stokes Mortar. 5017A " C.A. Glasson "D" Co.

2161. " T.H. Gill. "A" Co.

Candidates will assemble at Q.M. Store, No. 7 Rue Nationale, and will then parade at Half Past Eleven Square at 12 noon on Sunday, 4th inst. where a G.S. Wagon will pick up kits.

PROMOTIONS. The following promotion is approved dated 26.1.17.

1895. No. 143. Pte. H.J. Norris to be driver (temporarily)

vice Smith Struck off Strength, 25.1.17.

APPOINTMENTS. The following appointment is approved dated 10.1.17.

1896. (A.I.F. Order No. 213.)

No. 372. Pte. G.H. Bland to be Pay Sgt. (A.I.F. Order 213).

TRANSFERS. The following transfers have been approved:-

1897. No. 372. Sgt. G.H. Bland from "B" Co. and Posted supernumerary to Bn. H.Q. (A.I.F. Order No. 213.)

No. 828. Pte. R. McCumstie from "C" Co. to Bn. H.Q. and Posted to Headquarters Signalling Section for duty.

SECONDED. Lieut. J. Saunders is seconded from 33rd Battalion to 9th Training Bn. dated 27.2.17. (Authority D.H.Q./Q.145/89.)

STRENGTH. The undermentioned having reported from Training Bn. is taken on strength:-

No. 1474. Pte. S.R. Greenaway. Posted to "A" Co.

The undermentioned having reported from C.C.S. are taken on strength:-

No. 2150. Pte. E.C. Wilson.

1449. " V.D.E. Lofberg.

1471. " H.G. Coppock.

377. " G. Butler.

The undermentioned having been admitted into C.C.S. are struck off strength:-

No. 751. Pte. C.H. Dean.

1192. " C.W. McGuire.

(over)

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 118.
BY
LIEUT-COLONEL I.J. MORSEHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

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Armentieres,
3rd March, 1917.

PUNISHMENTS. The following Punishments were awarded this date:-

- No. 3171. Pte. R. Murdock. Absent without leave from
"C" Co. 1.45 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. 2.3.17.
14 days F.P. No. 2.
- 1846. Pte. T. Hanshaw. Absent without leave from
"C" Co. 2 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. 2.3.17.
14 days F.P. No. 2.
- 789. Pte. W.C. Howard. (1) Disobedience of Orders
"C" Co. in that he failed to obey a
lawful command given by his
superior officer.
(2) Absent without leave from
1.45 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. 2.3.17.
28 days F.P. No. 2.
- 754. Pte. J.J. Dever. Absent without leave from
"C" Co. 1.45 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. 2.3.17.
14 days F.P. No. 2.
- 984. Pte. C.E. Dillon. (1) Disobedience of Orders
"C" Co. in that he failed to obey a
lawful command given by his
superior officer.
(2) Absent without leave from
2.15 p.m. to 4 p.m. 2.3.17.
28 days F.P. No. 2.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

The following appointments is approved dated 10.1.17.
(A.I.F. Order No. 213.)
No. 372. Pte. G.H. Hand to be Sgt. (A.I.F. Order 213.)

The following transfers have been approved:-
No. 372. Sgt. G.H. Hand from "B" Co. and posted supernumerary
to Bn.H.Q. (A.I.F. Order No. 213.)
No. 328. Pte. R. McGumrie from "C" Co. to Bn.H.Q. and
posted to Headquarters Signalling Section for duty.

Lieut. J. Saunders is seconded from 33rd Battalion to 9th
Training Bn. dated 27.2.17. (Authority D.H.G./G.145/22.)

The undermentioned having reported from Training Bn. is taken
on strength:-
No. 1474. Pte. S.R. Greenaway. Posted to "A" Co.
The undermentioned having reported from C.G.S. are taken on
strength:-
No. 2180. Pte. E.G. Wilson.
1449. " V.D.E. Loberg.
1421. " H.G. Copdock.
377. " G. Butler.

The undermentioned having been admitted into C.G.S. are
on strength:-
No. 751. Pte. G.H. Dean.
1428. " C.W. McGuire.

(over)

By
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD.
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field.
4th March, 1917.

LECTURE. A lecture on "The Strategy of War" will be held at the amphitheatre at Ecole Professionnelle, Armentieres, at 2.15 p.m. on Thursday, 8th inst. Each Company will detail an Officer to attend. They must assemble at Tissage Dump at 1.30 p.m. and proceed to lecture as above.

LEAKAGE OF INFORMATION. The necessity for guarded conversations in connection with projected operations must be thoroughly impressed on all ranks and discussion with reference to operations, is absolutely forbidden in the presence of strangers, either civil or military, or in the hearing of mess waiters, batmen and grooms. Should an unauthorised man be discovered to be in possession of information of above nature he must be closely interrogated with the object of locating the source from which obtained and the matter should be reported to Battalion Headquarters immediately.

SIGNALS SCHOOL. The undermentioned candidates have been detailed to attend a six weeks course at Signalling School at ZUYTPEENE commencing on 5th March, 1917.

ZUYTPEENE. No.1428, Pte. H. Cattanach. H.Q. Signallers.
1903. 740. " F.G. Boys. C. Co.

Transport arrangements will be notified later.

GRENADE SCHOOL. The undermentioned officer has been selected to attend a course of instruction at Grenade School, TERDEGHEM, commencing on 5.3.17.

TERDEGHEM. 2/Lieut.I.C. Dight. B. Co.

1904. Transport arrangements will be notified later.

DIVISIONS SCHOOL. The undermentioned N.C.C.'s have been selected to attend a course of instruction at Divisional School, commencing on 5.3.1917.

1905. No.1540, Sgt. C.E. Clarke. A. Co.
606. L/Cpl.W.McLean. B. Co.

They will proceed by G.S. Limbered wagon leaving Half Past Eleven Square, Armentieres, at 7 a.m. on 5th inst.

RATIONS. Indents for rations must not be submitted without utilising rations which may be in hand. Inspections may be made of hutments and billets with a view to ascertaining whether rations have been accumulated. Attention is directed to printed instructions contained on the back of Army Form B 55 - France - which must be adhered to.

SCHOOL REPORT. The following report has been received on the undermentioned N.C.C. who attended Second Army School of Instruction at Wisques from 29th January to 24th February, 1917.

Sergeant K.J. Campbell.

Progress: Very Good.

Interest and Keeness: Very good.

General Qualities. .. An intelligent N.C.C. who has worked very well indeed.

Any special aptitude: Recommended for promotion.

SALUTING. Troops proceeding to England on leave must be warned that they are to salute all officers in the streets. The people in England judge the smartness and soldierly bearing of any troops very greatly by their manners in the streets, and the matter of saluting is the most obvious and noticeable test that comes within their daily observation.

(over)

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SALUTING. Officers are instructed, when in England, to take the name of any man failing to salute, and report him to A.I.F. Headquarters. Any man so reported will lose the balance of his leave, and be at once returned to duty.

The reputation of the A.I.F. is suffering more than those serving in France, understand or appreciate through the slackness of certain men in this respect, and all must do their utmost to set this right.

Strict attention must be paid to this matter when the men are in billets.

ISSUING OF CLOTHING. After Thursday, 8th inst. clothing, S.D., will be issued to individuals at Divisional Baths, Erquinghem. S.D. Indents will not therefore be submitted to D.A.D.C.S. after that date but will be made out on A.F.G.994, signed by C.O. and presented by Officer or N.C.O. in charge of Bathing Party. Unserviceable clothing will be left at Baths in exchange for articles issued.

STRENGTH. The undermentioned having reported from Training Battalion is taken on strength and posted supernumary to B. Co.

No.360, Sgt. V.S. Barnes.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

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NOT TO BE TAKEN IN THE FRONT LINE TRENCHES.
 ROUTINE ORDER NO. 991.

By
 LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
 Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the field,
 5th March, 1917.

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 GREATCOATS. If it is desired to shorten the greatcoats a broad hem should
 1911. be turned up and stitched in position. Greatcoats must not
 be cut away and if any are mutilated the cost of greatcoat
 should be charged up in soldiers pay book.

SNIPER- Sniperscopes should be used to greater advantage along the
 SCOPES. whole front. The enemy have been using a large number
 1912. opposite our front and every effort should be put forward
 to prevent this.

P.H.HELMET. Reference para 1581 of R.O. No. 919, dated 24.2.1917.
 1913. P.H. Helmets and goggles must be worn as laid down therein
 in addition to Box Respirator.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.
 Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

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NOT TO BE TAKEN IN FRONT LINE TRENCHES.
ROUTINE ORDER NO. 392.

By
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the field.
6th March, 1917-

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LAUDATORY. On the night of the 20th-21st February, No. 1806A. Private
1914. HARRY CONWAY, 33rd Battalion Scouts, went over to the German
wire to bring back the body of one of our men. The
body was close to the enemy's wire. Private CONWAY was
in NO MAN'S LAND for five hours and although subjected to
heavy fire from two machine guns succeeded in accomplishing
this very arduous task.
The Brigade Commander congratulates Private CONWAY for such
a fine example of courageous conduct.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

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By
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the field.
7th March, 1917.

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- DIVISIONAL BATHS. 1915. The undermentioned men have been detailed for duty at Divisional Baths, Erquinghem, from 17.3.1917 until further notice.
- No.4997A, Pte. L. Cooper, C. Co.
1138. " G. Gibson, D. Co.
- POSTAL. 1916. Considerable delay in delivery and unnecessary work to the Army Post Office are caused by having to return letters, etc., to the original address, and letters, etc. should not be re-directed:-
- (a) During the four days preceding the date on which the addressee is due to return to his unit, and
- (b) Not at all, unless the absence is likely to last at least 7 days, or the addressee has specially asked to have his letters, etc., sent on to him.
- SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY. 1917. The following telegrams are published for the information of all ranks :-
- I. From HIS MAJESTY THE KING To FIELD-MARSHALL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG 1.3.17.
- I wish to express my admiration for the splendid work of all ranks under your Command in forcing the enemy by a steady and persistent pressure to quit carefully prepared and strongly fortified positions.
- Those successes are a fitting sequel to the fine achievements of my Army last year in the Battle of the Somme and reflect great credit on those responsible for drawing up the plans of this campaign.
- II. From FIELD-MARSHAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG To HIS MAJESTY THE KING 2.3.17.
- On behalf of all ranks I beg leave to express our very respectful thanks for your Majesty's most gracious message of approval of what has been recently accomplished by the Forces under my Command, as a sequel to the Somme battle.
- It is a deep satisfaction to those responsible for drawing up the plans of this campaign to know that their work has been so generously commended by your Gracious Majesty.
- MANGE. 1917. Since mange often affects the head, it is important that this region be thoroughly clipped, that manes be kept closely hogged, and that the head stall be removed daily to allow of thorough grooming, especially about the ears and under the jaw. Grooming brushes must be disinfected frequently. Breast lines, posts, rails and objects against which horses can rub when on the lines must be kept lime-washed. Quick lime can be obtained from the Horse Spraying Station, (Map Location, B.30.b.5.8. Sheet 36 N.W.).
- COOKS' SUITS. 1919. Dungaree suits are available and will be issued on charge to Companies at the rate of 2 suits per cook for 4 cooks per company. One suit must be worn at all times and they must be washed each week.
- PROMOTION. 1920. To be 3rd Lieut. Sgt. Kenneth John Campbell, dated 28.3.1917.
- TRANSFER. 1921. The following transfer has been approved:-
3rd Lieut. K.J. Campbell, from A. Co. to D. Co.
- STRENGTH. 1922. The undermentioned are struck off strength.
- No. 1846, Pte. T. Hanshaw, Killed in Action.
1481, " R. Kennedy, " " "

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

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NOT TO BE TAKEN IN FRONT LINE TRENCHES.
ROUTINE ORDER NO. 224.

By
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field.
8th March, 1917.



TEMPORARY
PROMOTIONS
AND
REVERSIONS.
1923.

Pay Books must not be altered on account of Temporary Promotions, but an entry must be made showing date of promotion and cessation of temporary rank. The number and date of order containing this information should be stated. Temporary rank ceases when the soldier relinquished the duty for which the temporary rank is held or becomes a casualty and care must be taken that every reversion is immediately shown in the Pay Book.

GRENADE
AND STOKES
MORTAR
SCHOOL,
TERDEGHEM.
1924.

The undermentioned N.C.O. has been detailed to attend Grenade and Stokes Mortar School, Terdegghem, commencing on 13th inst. and dispersing on 18th inst.
No.1182, Cpl. C.R. Hancock. D. Co.
Transport arrangements will be notified later.

STRENGTH".
1925.

The undermentioned having reported back from C.C.S. are taken on strength.
No.127, Pte. A.F. Mayne. "A" Co.
1978, " F.E. Ryan. "C" Co.

The undermentioned having been admitted into C.C.S. are struck off strength.
No.959. Pte. S.F. Starr.
1489. " G. Nelson.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

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NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE TRENCHES.
ROUTINE ORDER N.C. 225.

By
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field.
9th March, 1917.

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DUTY CO. 9.3.17. -- D. Company.
1926. 10.3.17. -- A. Company.

GUARDS. The Company for duty will supply a Brigade Guard of one N.C.O. and two men, to mount at 9 p.m. and dismount at 8 a.m. No other guards will be furnished either at Battalion or Company Headquarters.
1927.

CHURCH SERVICES. Church Services for Protestant denominations will be held on Sunday, 11th inst. as follows:-
1928. Rue du College. 5 p.m.
 Hospice Civile. 5.45 p.m.

HANDING OVER. Companies will make an inventory of and hand over the contents of all grenade stores in their own sector and will furnish separate receipts (in duplicate) to Battalion Headquarters before leaving the line on 10th inst. Items included in this should not appear on A.F.W. 3405 (Trench Stores)
1929.

A. Company. No. 2 Bn. Store - Junction Vancouver-Gloucester Av.
 " 7 Co. " " Support and Petrograd.
 " 8 Co. " " Cousetts and Gloucester.
 " 9 Co. " " Fiji and Supports.

B. Company. No. 3 Bn. Store - Junction Spain and Vancouver Av.
 " 10 Co. " " London Rd. to Support Line.
 " 11 Co. " " Canada and India.
 " 12 Co. " Australia Avenue (near S.P.Z).
 " 13 Co. " Right of No. 8 Locality.
 " 15 Co. " At S.P.Z.

C. Company. No. 1 Bn. Store - Opposite Junction Wessex & Salonica.
 " 4 Co. " Junction Support Line and Wessex.
 " 5 Co. " Timaru Road.
 " 14 " " At Fry Pan.

INSTRUCTORS, The undermentioned N.C.O.'s will report to Capt. S.F. Sorensen at "B" Company's billets at 8 a.m. on Saturday, 10th inst. ready to proceed with Musketry Instruction as per syllabus already issued.
MUSKETRY TRAINING. No. 311, Sgt. A.E. Walker, A. Co.
1930. 360, " V.S. Barnes, B. Co.
 842. " S.R. Nelson. C. Co.
 1123. L/Sgt. A. McLean. D. Co.

DIVISIONAL SCHOOLS. The undermentioned Officer and N.C.O.'s will attend courses of instruction at Divisional School, LA BOUDRELLE, commencing 13th inst.
1931.

Stokes Mortar. 2/Lt. K.J. Campbell. D. Co.
 No. 5060A Pte. Kilpatrick. B. Co.
P.T. & B.F. 959, Cpl. J. Bolton. C. Co.

Bombing and Trench Tactics. 174. Cpl. C. Shephard. A. Co.
Musketry. 1054, L/Cpl. J. Ahearn. D. Co.

Candidates will report to 2/Lt. K.J. Campbell at Battalion H.Q. at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 11th inst. and will afterwards parade at Half Past Eleven Square, Armentieres, at 11.30 a.m. and proceed to School by route March. A wagon will pick up kits of candidates at the Square at 11.30 a.m. on 11th inst. Attention is drawn to para 1586, of R.O. 167, dated 13th Jan. 1917, regarding equipment and rations to be taken.

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ANTI GAS SCHOOL, ARMENTIERES. 1939. The undermentioned candidates will attend Anti Gas course at Ecole Professionnelle, Armentieres, commencing Monday, 13th inst. They will report to Battalion H.Q. at 1.15 p.m. and then to anti gas school at 2 p.m. on 11th inst.

No.1060, Cpl. P.J. Byrne, D. Co.
853, L/Cpl. J.H. Payten. B. Co.

LEWIS GUN COURSE. LE TOUQUET. 1933. The undermentioned Officer will proceed to LE TOUQUET on 13th inst for a short course in Lewis Gun Tactics. Candidates will return on evening of 15th inst.
Lieut. H.J. Lazer. B. Co.
Transport arrangements will be notified later.

STRENGTH. 1934. The undermentioned having been admitted into C.C.S. Is struck off strength.
No. 5062A. Pte. F.J. Matthews.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

NOTICE.

The following is an extract from an examination of German prisoners recently captured and which is republished for information.

"The coolness and self reliance of our men are much admired. One German said that, whatever else might be the relative merits on either side, the English are much superior in bayonet fighting. He commented sarcastically on the German eagerness to surrender as soon as their supply of hand grenades was exhausted and Bayonet Fighting resulted.

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By
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 53rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Armentieres,
19th March 1917.

DUTY CO. 10.3.17. -- A. Co.
1935. 11.3.17. -- B. Co.

CHURCH SERVICES. Roman Catholics will fall out after inspection parade on 11th inst. and will report to Lieut. J.G. Fraser at ECOLE DU GARCONS at 8.45 a.m. for Church Service, after which they will report to companies for training.
1936.

AIRCRAFT PRECAUTIONS. The Anti-Aircraft Artillery billeted near the training ground in RUE SADI CARNOT will give warning on the approach of hostile aircraft.
1937.

The warning to take cover will be three blasts on whistle blown from factory opposite the square. When given all troops will at once take cover close to the walls and all movement must cease and men must not be allowed to look up. Work may be resumed on one blast of the whistle. The greatest care must be taken in this matter as a number of casualties were recently inflicted by a hostile aeroplane dropping bombs on troops during training. At all other training grounds where work is in the open, sentries must be posted and provided with field glasses. Their sole duty will be to notify approach of hostile aircraft and warn all ranks on parade. Precautions will then be taken as above.

STRETCHER BEARERS. The Regimental Stretcher Bearers will report to R.M.O. at sick inspection room at 9 a.m. (after inspection parade) on 11th inst.
1938.

METHOD OF CARRYING BAYONETS. Working parties must wear their web equipment and carry the bayonet in the frog. It must not be carried in the sling swivels.
1939.

BILLETS. Before vacating billets Companies must obtain a certificate signed by the caretaker or civilian occupying such billets that no damage has been caused by the troops up to time of their vacation.
1940.

DIVISIONAL BATHS. The allotment of Divisional baths will be as shown in para. 1863 of R.O. 211, dated 25.2.17, but morning parades will be at 11 a.m. and an additional 5 men per Company may be paraded each morning. Men will be marched from various parade grounds to baths and though training will not be allowed to interfere with opportunities to have a bath, as little time as possible must be taken up for this purpose.
1941.

CORRIGENDA. Re R.O. 225, para 1939, delete that portion referring to 1942. No. 1969, Cpl. P.J. Byrne, and read No. 1977, Cpl. C.S.J. Byrne.

TRANSFER. The following transfer has been approved:-
1943. No. 1928, Pte. W.F. Webb to 28th Battalion.

STRENGTH. The undermentioned having reported from C.C.S. are taken on strength.
1944. No. 1254, L/Cpl. G.E. See.
1865. Pte. J.S. Luff.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.
Adjutant, 53rd Battalion, A.I.F.

NOTICE.

The following additional Church Service will be held on Sunday, 11th inst.
ROMAN CATHOLIC. Service at Convent Chapel at 5.30 p.m.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 227.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. HORSHEAD,
Commanding 53rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Armentieres,
11th March, 1917.

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FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL. The undermentioned officers will be required to assemble at Ninth Infantry Brigade Headquarters at 10.15 a.m. on Monday, 13 March, 1917 to try certain accused persons by Field General Court Martial.

PRESIDENT.

MAJOR. R.J.A. MASSIE,

MEMBERS.

CAPT. R.F. CRAIGIE,

CAPT. J.L. FRY.

EXHIBIT. 1946. A German Machine Gun is now on view at billets of 8th A.M.G. Co 63 Rue Nationale. An officer and N.C.O. will be available there to demonstrate how it is worked.

HONOURS AND REWARDS. 1947. Under Authority granted by His Majesty the King, the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has awarded the following Decoration

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

No. 5136A, Private Thomas David MERTON, "C" Co. 53rd Battalion, A.I.F.

On the morning of February, 23rd, 1917, Private MERTON displayed great gallantry, determination and initiative. At 8 a.m. he asked and received permission to take advantage of the fog and go into NO-MAN'S-LAND to snipe and to examine the enemy's wire. On nearing the German second line of wire he heard a working party picking in the trenches. He at once moved to a shell between the third and last line of wire, a distance of thirty yards from the enemy's trench, and 250 yards from ours. Here he disguised himself. On the lift of the fog he saw an enemy observer, whom he killed. Shortly afterwards he shot another who was observing close to the same spot. Later two men appeared, one of whom pointed in Merton's direction; he shot this man and he fell into the trench. Eventually a man jumped over the parapet and hid in the wire. This caused great commotion and much talk in the enemy's trenches. While in the act of throwing a stick handle grenade, he was shot by Private Merton. The grenade fell close by, but failed to explode. A fifth man appeared and got over the parapet to throw bombs. Private Merton accounted for him before he reached the wire. The enemy then bombed from his trench and threw about 30 bombs. Private Merton meanwhile withdrew and came under heavy fire from two Machine Guns. 3 "Granaton-werfers" were also fired at him. Private Merton returned to our trenches at 11 a.m. He sniped also from the enemy's first line of wire on the 22nd and remained there until recalled.

The General Officers Commanding Second Army, Army Corps, Division and Brigade desire that their congratulations be conveyed to recipient.

The Commanding Officer also wishes to convey his congratulation to Private Merton.

POSTING. 1948. No. 1123, Private A. Frizell (D.Co.) is posted to Regimental Police for duty, but remains on strength of D.Co. for pay and administration.

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TRANSFERS. The following transfers are approved:-

1949.
 No. 1783, Pte. W.G. Blomfield, from B. Co. to Bn.H.Q.
 359, " C.S. Maurer " Bn.H.Q. to A. Co.

STRENGTH. The undermentioned having become casualties are struck off strength.

1950.
 No. 3129, Pte. A.V. Ross, Died of Wounds.
 337, " W.A. Eiggins, Died of Wounds.
 1461, " S.J. Fuller. Admitted to C.C.S.
 1928, " A.J. Taylor, " " "

The undermentioned having returned from C.C.S. are taken on strength.

No. 983, Pte. F. Mansfield.
 1168, " E.H. Judge.
 5113, " H.J. Smith.

The undermentioned having reported from Training Battalion are taken on strength and posted to C. Co.

No. 853, Pte. E.A.C. Paul.
 1221, " R. Galloway.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 232.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.In the Field.
13th March, 1917.

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SICK PARADE. In future sick parade will be held at 7.30 a.m. daily.
1951.

BAND
PRACTICE.
1952. Companies will detail all bandmen to report to Sgt. Penning at Hospice Civil at 8 a.m. on 13th inst. and succeeding days. They will practice between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 noon and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

GUM BOOTS.
1953. All ranks must exercise the greatest care to see that gum boots are returned complete with all hip support straps securely attached thereto. The practice of unfastening these from the boot instead of from waist belt must cease.

TRAINING
SYLLABUS.
1954. In reference to Training Syllabus issued on 9th March, the following alterations are notified. In the sequence of training in margin

for	Musketry, Bombing, Route Marching, Drill, P.T. and B.F.	read	Musketry, Bombing, P.T. and B.F. Drill. Route Marching.
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In future from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. the Company shown as doing Musketry and bombing will do musketry only at that time and from 9.40 a.m. to 10.40 a.m. it will do bombing as a whole on live bomb range at trenches behind New Church near Pont Nieppe B.24.d and will start its route march from 70.45.

there. Should the Bombing Officer require a longer time on the range he may have up to half an hour out of the time for route marching.

There is always to be at least one officer on parade with each Company, who is not an instructor. If at any time this is not possible from the Company officers, Battalion Headquarters is to be informed and an officer will be detailed from another Company.

CORRIGENDA.
1955. Reference para 115, of R.O. 68 dated 20.4.16. The appointment of No. 1472, Pte. A.S. Howell to rank of Acting Sergeant should read "Temporary" rank. Temporary Sgt. A.S. Howell reverted to ranks on 5.8.1916.

TEMPORARY
APPOINTMENT
CANCELLED.
1956. The following temporary appointments cease from dates shown.
No. 142, Pte. (Temp. Driver) H.J. Norris from and after 10.3.1917: vice Dvr. E.H. Judge returned to duty.
No. 1233, Cpl. (Temp. Sgt.) G. Richardson from and after 24.2.1917. Reported missing, believed killed.

STRENGTH.
1957. The undermentioned having been three months missing and Officially reported Prisoners of War in German hands are struck off strength.

No. 193, Pte. H.M. Taylor.
2183, " J.H.J. Parkes.

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PUNISHMENTS. The following punishment was awarded this date:-
1958.

No.1278, Pte. J.W. Wilson, Failing to appear at a place
"D" Co. of parade appointed by his
Company Commander.
14 days loss of pay.

The following punishments were awarded by Field General
Court Martial on 13.3.1917.

No.1516, Cpl.F.D.Clark, When on active service "an act to
the prejudice of good order and
military discipline" in that he
at Houplines on 13th February,
1917, by means of dots placed
under certain letters disclosed
information as to his whereabouts
contrary to Censorship Regu-
lations promulgated in para 1585
of Routine Order No.167, dated
13th January, 1917, and enclosed
his letter in an A.F.W. 3078,
envelope.
Reduced to the ranks.

No. 477, Pte.A.J.Mellon, When on active service Neglecting
to obey Routine Orders in that he
at the trenches near Houplines,
on 18th Feb. 1917, failed to
remove the cartridge from the
breach of his rifle as laid down
in para 1170, of Routine Orders
dated 29.11.16 thereby causing
the wounding of No.1844, Pte.
Sidney Thomas HOUSE, of the 33rd
Battalion, A.I.F.
56 days F.P. No.2.

No.853, Pte. M.J. McGilvray, When on active service neglecting
to obey Routine Orders in that he
at the trenches near Houplines on
30th February, 1917, failed to
remove the cartridge from the breach
of his rifle as laid down in para
1170 of Routine Order No.119, dated
29.11.16 thereby causing the wounding
of No.2139 Private Walter Leslie
Taylor and No.947, Private Ernest
William Simpson of the 33rd Battalion.
56 days F.P. No.2.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

N O T I C E.

MAIL. The mail for Australia closes at Battalion Headquarters at
8 p.m. on the 18th inst.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 228.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.In the Field,
13th March, 1917.

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CUPS FOR GRENADES. With reference to G.R.O. 2165, para , the scale of issue for cup attachments for firing No. 33 Rifle Grenades is increased from 34 to 64 for Infantry Battalions. Q.M. will indent direct on D.A.D.C.S. to complete establishment.

DIVISION- The following is the report on candidates of this Brigade who
AL ANTI- attended Anti-Gas course at Divisional Gas School for week
GAS ended 10th instant.
SCHOOL.
1917.

Dvr. A.E. Keith.	Good.
L/Cpl. A.J. Eaton.	Good.
L/Cpl. G.T. King.	Fair.

ENTRIES IN NEW PAY BOOKS. No entries must be made on either debit or credit side of new pay book except by duly authorised officers or pay-sergeant. Disciplinary action will be taken in the event of any entry or alteration being made by an unauthorised person in his own or any other pay book.

HONOURS AND AWARDS. The Corps Commander has awarded the Military Medal to the following:-
1917. Dated 8th March, 1917.

No. 811, Sergeant Clarence James LLOYD, 33rd Battalion.

On the night of February 24th/25th in a raid on the enemy trenches, when his party was temporarily checked at the enemy parapet, he rushed at the enemy, calling on his men to follow him. He led the attack with great courage and skill; vigorously pushing ahead and driving the enemy's bombers back. His example and actions were largely responsible for the success of his party. He carried No. 464, Private H.B. Mason, who was wounded, from the enemy's trenches back to our lines, under heavy fire. Sergeant LLOYD also led a party in the Railway salient on the night of December 24th/25th, 1916. The raiding party (drawn from the 33rd Battalion) consisted of four Officers and 78 other ranks and entered the German trenches at Pont Ballot, on February 24th/25th, 1917.

No. 133, Sergeant David Herbert MOORE, 33rd Battalion.

On the night of February 24th/25th in a raid on the enemy's trenches, Sergeant MOORE showed great coolness and fearlessness in leading his bombers, particularly during a temporary check at the enemy's parapet. On entering the trench he successfully followed up the hostile bombers with energy and determination. Under great difficulty and under heavy fire he carried one of his men, who was badly wounded in the enemy's lines, back to our trench. Although he arrived in a very exhausted condition, he started to go back for another wounded man and had to be prevented from doing so. Sergeant MOORE also participated in a raid on the Railway Salient on the night of December 24th/25th, 1916. The Raiding Party (drawn from the 33rd Battalion) consisted of 4 Officers and 8 other ranks and entered the German trenches at Pont Ballot on February 24th/25th, 1917.

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No. 16, Private Frederick John BRIGGS, 33rd Battalion.

On the night of February 24th/25th in a raid on the enemy's trench, Private BRIGGS while acting as covering bomber for the wire cutters, was severely wounded in the right arm, but with great grit and determination he continued bombing with his left hand. He thus prevented the enemy who were in readiness at the point of entry, from inflicting further casualties on our wire cutters, who were enabled to complete their work. His action contributed largely to the raiding party's success in entering the trench. The raiding party (drawn from 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.) consisted of four officers and 78 other ranks, and entered the German trenches at FORT BALLET on February 24th/25th, 1917.

The General Officers Commanding Division and Brigade desire that their congratulations be conveyed to the recipients.

The Commanding Officer also wishes to convey his congratulations to Sergeants Lloyd and Moore, and Pte. Briggs.

STRENGTH. The undermentioned having been admitted into C.C.S. are struck off strength:-

No. 1869,	Pte. F. J. Law.
5091,	" P. N. Ezzy.
5145A,	" W. H. E. Bugden.
197,	" E. A. Thompson.
388,	" W. F. Craig.
540,	" J. G. Roberts.

(Signed) R. C. JONES, Lieut.
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

NOTICE.

There will be a half holiday on Wednesday, 14th inst. and football matches have been arranged between Companies as follows:-

A. Co. v B. Co.	1.45 p.m. to 3 p.m.
C. Co. v D. Co.	3.15 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Playing ground at vacant land in Rue Sadi Carnot, opposite 11th Brigade Headquarters.

The Band will attend and play selections throughout the afternoon.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 330.

By

APPENDIX

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,
14th March, 1917.

CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES. A.I.F. Orders No.151 of 5th June, 1916, 273 of 16th September, 1916, and instructions connected therewith of 30th June, 1916, are cancelled and the following substituted:-
1964.

- (a) Demands for stores to replace public and personal clothing and necessaries lost or wilfully damaged, the cost of which is chargeable to individuals (F.S.Reg.II., Section 76 (4)) will be rendered separately from those for free issue.
- (b) The cost of the articles chargeable to individuals will be entered in the pay-books of the soldiers concerned and also on Army Form W.3039 in triplicate, a note being made in the pay-book that the entries are for Ordnance Stores on payment. The Pay-book number of the soldier and the Payment number of the entry must be shown against every name. This information is as important to the Pay Office as the man's name and regimental number. The column "Description of Articles" may be used for Pay-book number, and the "Rate" column for payment number. Army Form W. 3068 in duplicate will be forwarded to the D.A.D.O.S. in support of the indent to replace lost or damaged stores, a third copy being retained as a record. When the articles have been issued by the D.A.D.O.S. he will endorse A.F.W.3069 to this effect and forward the original and duplicate to the Staff Paymaster in charge of Imperial Clearing House, Base.
- (c) Charges thus rendered should not be notified in Part II orders nor reported to the A.G. at the Base.
- (d) The amounts should be in sterling and the corresponding entry in the Pay-book should also be in sterling.
- (e) The responsibility of assessing the amount to be charged lies with the Commanding Officer of the soldier. The value to be calculated in cases of deficiencies is laid down in Orders for A.I.F. 48 (1) (as reprinted with amendments M.O. 787/1916) and in the subsequent orders and amendments. In no case will the minimum charge be less than one quarter of the full value of the article. When the value of the article is not laid down reference should be made to the D.A.D.O.S., who, if in doubt, should refer to the A.D.C.S.
- (g) In the case of the replacement of stores which are articles of bulk issue (clothing, blankets, waterproof sheets, etc.) the D.A.D.O.S. will endorse A.F.W. 3068.

"Issued in bulk-
.....D.A.D.O.S.
.....Division"

as soon as bulk issues have been made to the unit, and pass without delay to the Staff Paymaster in charge of Imperial Clearing House Base. The responsibility of issuing in detail lies with a Commanding Officer.
(h) In the case of detail issues (binoculars, pistols, etc.) the D.A.D.O.S. will endorse A.F.W.3068.

"Demanded from Base-
.....D.A.D.O.S.
.....Division,"

and pass to the Staff Paymaster in charge of Imperial Clearing House Base, without waiting for the arrival of the stores.

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- (i) In the case of a charge duly authorised by the competent authority against a Unit, the amount so charged will be entered in A.F.O.1880. One copy of this form will be sent by the D.A.D.O.S. to the Unit, and two copies to the Staff Paymaster in charge of Imperial Clearing House, Base.
- (f) In the case of a Unit or of a soldier at a Base, the Officer Commanding Base will perform the functions as laid down for a D.A.D.O.S. Authority A.A.G., A.I.F. 43/85 of O.2.17.)

GAS. 1965. Owing to the impossibility of distinguishing between Lethal and Lachrymatory gas shells, it is essential that the box respirator or helmet should be worn during all bombardment by gas shells. The effect of Lachrymatory gas continues to be felt for a considerable period after the bombardment has ceased, and some form of protection for the eyes is necessary. To relieve troops of the discomfort of wearing the respirator, and to avoid exhausting the chemicals in the respirator, it has been decided to continue the issue of anti-gas goggles for this purpose. These goggles will only be used after a bombardment.

SNIPING SCHOOL, 1966. The undermentioned candidate has been selected to attend 59th Course at Second Army School of Sniping, assembling at MONT DES CATS on 17th inst. and dispersing on 30th inst:-
CATS. No. 856, Pte. R.O. Pryor, C. Co.

Candidate will report to Brigade Headquarters and catch lorry leaving there at 9.30 a.m. on the 17th inst. proceeding to the Marie, STEINERCK where they will transfer to motor lorry leaving direct to the School.

PUNISHMENT. 1967. The following punishment was awarded this date.

No. 1895, Pte. D.J. O'Brien, Neglecting to obey Routine
B. Co. Orders in that he disclosed
his whereabouts in a letter
contrary to para 1585 of
R.O.167.
7 days F.P. No.2.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 331. APPENDIX

By
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field.
15th March, 1917.

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- DIVINE SERVICE.** 1968. The Roman Catholic service is held in Convent Chapel in rear of NOTRE DAME, Armentieres; from 9.0 a.m. to 10.0 a.m. every Sunday. Companies will give every opportunity to troops to enable them to attend this service, and where possible, work should be arranged accordingly.
- DIVISIONAL GAS SCHOOL.** 1969. All candidates, both Officers and N.C.Os., attending Courses at Divisional Gas School will in future report at the School, l'Ecole Professionnelle, ARMENTIERES, at 9.0 p.m. on the Sunday previous to the commencement of the course. All Officers and other ranks will take with them to the School both Small Box Respirator and P.H. Helmet.
- PREVENTION OF ESPIONAGE.** 1970. A captured German Intelligence Report shows that the enemy obtained two useful identifications and useful information from documents captured from two Officers of one of our Divisions. In one case an Officer with a patrol, on coming under fire apparently dropped documents which he had with him, and which disclosed the identity of the Division. In another case the Officer of the patrol was captured, and had in his possession a document giving details of an intended attack.
- IDENTIFICATION PATCHES FOR FIELD ARTILLERY AND BATTALION SIGNALLERS.** 1971. As a means of identification for Field Artillery and Battalion Signallers, more especially when employed on the repairs of telegraph lines at the front, it has been decided to provide strips of blue cloth for attachment to the shoulder straps of the service dress jacket. Patches of blue cloth, 6 in. by 3 in. have been provided, and are now available for issue on a scale of 3 patches for each signaller on the establishment of the Field Battery or Battalion concerned. The Q.M. will indent for these.
- RATIONS.** 1972. The scale of issue of Matches to troops at the Front is reduced to 1 box per man three times a fortnight.
- MEAT RATIONS.** 1973. In future all bone must be taken out of the fresh meat and bacon before delivery to the trenches. The bacon must be cut up and rind removed. The bones, and bacon rind will be put in a stock-pot at Q.M. store and prepared under the supervision of the Q.M.
- Stock will be poufed off each night and the meat, bacon and rind together with sufficient bully beef will be made into brawn. Herbs and flavouring for this should be obtained by Quartermaster. When set the brawn will be issued to one Company as part of the meat ration.
- "B" Co. will detail a cook who can be recommended and he will report to Q.M. at 7 a.m. on 17th inst. He will assist the butcher to remove bones from the meat and bacon, cut up bacon, remove rind and make the brawn. This man will come under orders from the Quartermaster who will be responsible for the daily delivery.

(Signed) R.C. Jones, Lieut.

Adjutant, 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 332. **APPENDIX**

By
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,
16th March, 1917.

HONOURS AND RETARDS. The Army Commander has awarded the Military Medal to, -
No. 866, Private George Frederick SEAGROTT, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F., 1974.

On the night of February 24th/25th, during a raid on the German trenches, Private SEAGROTT displayed most conspicuous gallantry. While returning to our trenches he realised this his Officer, 2nd Lieut. W.D. McKenzie, whom he knew to be the last to leave the enemy's trench, was not coming on. Under heavy shell, rifle and Machine Gun fire, he returned alone to the enemy's wire, some distance back, and found 2nd Lieut. McKenzie in a dazed condition, and the mangled body of the Officer prisoner, he was escorting, lying beside him. Private SEAGROTT, who is of slight build, succeeded in bringing 2nd Lieut. McKenzie back to our lines, after a dangerous and arduous journey across NO MAN'S LAND, which was in a very heavy condition, and under heavy fire from Artillery and Machine Guns.

The General Officers Commanding Division and Brigade desire that their congratulations be conveyed to the recipient.

The Commanding Officer also wishes to convey his congratulations to Private SEAGROTT.

BOUNDS. Owing to an outbreak of Diphtheria, all Estaminets in VIEUX BERQUIN, and area comprised in Map Squares E. 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, and F. 15 and 18 are placed out of bounds to all troops, until further notice. No butter or milk may be bought from farmers in this area.

REMOUNTS. All Remount demands after 9 a.m. 15th inst., must be accompanied by either -

- (a) Certificate from Director of Remounts, if the animal has been cast.
- (b) Certificate from A.D.V.S. that the animal has been evacuated from the Mobile Veterinary Section.
- (c) Certificate from the Veterinary Officer that the animal died or was destroyed.

STRENGTH. The undermentioned having reported from C.C.S, are taken on strength.

No. 711,	Pte. W.E. Briggs.
16,	" F.J. Briggs.
1193,	" C.W. McGuire.
866,	" T.H. Pitkin.

The undermentioned having reported from Training Bn, are taken on strength.

No. 1976,	Pte. V.G. Butler,	A. Co.
2274,	" G. Baird.	A. Co.
2282,	" J.A. Bennett.	A. Co.
2050,	" K.G. Glover.	A. Co.
2080,	" G. Jennison.	A. Co.
1465,	" A.R. Smith.	A. Co.
2322,	" P.M. Hill,	B. Co.
1937,	" G.L. Sweedman.	B. Co.
2264,	" E.J. Campbell.	C. Co.
845,	" F.B. O'Neill.	C. Co.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut,
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 33 **APPENDIX**

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.In the Field,
17th March, 1919.

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- BILLETING.** In future the Quartermaster will make all billeting preparations for the Battalion, including taking and handing over and issue of billeting certificates.
1978.
- BREAD RATION.** On and after the 18th inst. and until further notice the bread ration will be reduced to 28% and the balance will be made up with biscuits.
1979.
- USE OF BOMBS.** All ranks are prohibited from throwing bombs into the river Lys to kill fish. This practice has damaged some special signal wires which are buried in the river and must be discontinued.
1980.
- DIVISIONAL ANTI-GAS SCHOOL.** The undermentioned N.C.C.'s. have been detailed to attend Anti-Gas Course at Ecole Professionnelle, Armentieres, commencing on Monday, 19th inst.
1981.

Candidates will report at Q.M.'s store at 1.30 p.m. and will report at Anti-Gas School at 3 p.m. on 18th inst.

No. 338, L/Cpl. D. Fair, A. Co.

484, L/Cpl. G. A. McIlveen, B. Co.

- DIVISIONAL BATHS.** The undermentioned candidates have been detailed to attend Divisional School, LA BOUDRELLE, commencing on Monday, 19th inst.
1982.
- They will parade at Half Past Eleven Square, ARMENTIERES, at 11.15 a.m. and will proceed to School by route march. Kits will be taken by transport from Half Past Eleven Square.
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| Sniping. | .. | No. 353, Pte. T. E. Hyde. |
| Rapid Wiring. ... | .. | 940, L/Cpl. J. Reid. |
| Stokes Mortar.... | .. | 1980, Pte. J. F. Juergens. |

- HONOURS AND REWARDS.** The Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has awarded the Military Cross to 2nd Lieut. William Donald McKENZIE, 33rd Battalion.
1983.

On the night of February 24th/25th in a raid on the enemy's trenches, 2nd Lieut. W. D. McKENZIE led his storming party with exceptional dash and conspicuous courage. He himself shot three Germans and captured two prisoners, one of them an officer. He directed the blowing up of a Machine Gun emplacement and two dug-outs, and was the first to enter them. He was the last to leave the enemy's trench, and saw to the evacuation of his wounded under heavy fire.

The General Officers Commanding Second Army, Army Corps, Division and Brigade desire that their congratulations be conveyed to the recipient.

The Commanding Officer also wishes to convey his congratulations to 2nd Lieut. McKENZIE.

- CORRIGENDA.** Para 1974 of R.O. 333 is cancelled and the following substituted.

The Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal to -

No. 366, Private George Frederick SEAGROTT, 33rd Battalion.

On the night of February 24th/25th, during a raid on the German

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trenches, Private SEAGROTT displayed most conspicuous gallantry. While returning to our trenches he realised that his Officer, 2nd Lieut. T.D. McKenzie, whom he knew to be the last to leave the enemy's trench, was not coming on. Under heavy shell, rifle and Machine Gun fire, he returned alone to the enemy's wire, some distance back, and found 3rd Lieut. McKenzie in a dazed condition, and the mangled body of the Officer prisoner, he was escorting, lying beside him. Private SEAGROTT, who is of slight build, succeeded in bringing 3rd Lieut. McKenzie back to our lines, after a dangerous and arduous journey across NO MAN'S LAND, which was in a very heavy condition, and under heavy fire from Artillery and Machine Guns.

The General Officers Commanding Second Army, Army Corps, Division and Brigade desire that their congratulations be conveyed to the recipient.

The Commanding Officer also wishes to convey his congratulations to Private SEAGROTT.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

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By
 LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
 Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,
 18th March, 1917.

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 WATER SUPPLY. In the Square Farm section the only wells necessary for an ample water supply are being tested daily. All others will be closed down for the present and a notice to that effect placed thereon.
 1917.

RATIONS. A new type of M and V. ration containing rice is about to be issued and should be particularly suitable for curries. Officers Commanding Companies will forward report by 12 noon on 23rd inst. as to whether this ration is considered suitable either curried or otherwise.
 1917.

LEWIS GUN HANDCARTS. Quartermaster will arrange that all Lewis Gun Handcarts surplus to six are returned to Divisional Salvage Dump forthwith.
 1917.

SURPLUS SADDLERY. Quartermaster will arrange that all saddlery rendered surplus by withdrawal of Lewis Gun Officers Horse will be returned to D.A.D.C.S., Third Australian Division.
 1917.

MOVEMENT BY NIGHT. When moving along front line trenches by night, men must not be allowed to move singly, but should move in parties of not less than two, and it is preferable to move in greater strength than this. The Officer of the watch will always be accompanied by at least two men.
 1917.

SAVING FAT AND BONE. In order to assist the Ministry of Munitions in the collection of fats for the Glycerine required to maintain the output of explosives, a proportion of the fat obtained from the rations is to be set aside. It has been found that over and above fat, etc. required for cooking purposes, one half oz. can be spared from each man's daily ration. This will still leave, in cases where care is shown in the collection of fat, a further quantity available for sale, under regimental supervision, for regimental funds.
 1917.

One half oz. will, therefore, be required from the daily ration, to be placed in biscuit tins, ready for a weekly collection by Quartermaster and it will be then forwarded to railheads ---, and thence to Base.

Collection of Bones: All bones are available for Munition purposes and these will be assiduously collected by ~~units~~. As the large shin bones are most valuable untreated, they will be placed immediately in bags, without boiling in the stock pots. All bones will be collected and forwarded in the same manner as the fats.

It must be impressed on cooks that this collection of fats should in no way interfere with the quantity required for cook-houses and edible purposes.

All fat so collected will be sent to Quartermaster's Stores, and a weekly certificate rendered showing amount collected to reach this Battalion Headquarters by 9 a.m. Wednesdays.

GAS SHELLS. A Brigade in this neighbourhood has had a continuous shelling of 8 hours with gas shells during the night time. Men even slept in their box respirator and not a single casualty occurred. All ranks must be warned to be prepared for a similar bombardment and thorough precaution for warning all personnel be made.
 1917.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 835.

By
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,
19th March, 1917.

LECTURE. A lecture on Bayonet Fighting will be delivered by Captain
1901. Betts - P.T. and B.F. Staff, Second Army, at the Ecole
Professionnelle, ARMENTIERES, at 3.30 P.m. on 33rd inst.
Each Company will detail 1 N.C.C. and 1 man and 2 Officers
will be detailed by Bn.H.Q.
As far as Possible the Personnel selected should not be from
amongst those who attended the lecture by Major Campbell on
28th December, 1916.

LOADED RIFLES. No man is Permitted to load or have his rifle loaded in billets
1993. unless definite instructions are received from a responsible
Officer.

STRENGTH. The undermentioned having reported from Training Battalion
1993. are taken on strength and Posted to Companies as under:-

A.Co.		B.Co.	
No. 3371,	Pte. C. Andrews.	No. 3308,	Pte. A. Francis.
3435,	" W.A. Armstrong.	3355,	" H.C. Halliday.
3373,	" G.H.W. Allison.	3325,	" F. Halloran.
3383,	" R.W. Bowden.	3334,	" E.G. Harrison.
3391,	" C.L. Castledine.	3332,	" A.H. Haynes.
3435,	" R. Downes.	3318,	" H.J.A. Herrmann.
3307,	" E. Fox.	3439,	" A. Jones.
3313,	" G.W. Gardiner.	3336,	" D. McCliffy.
3314,	" H.C. Gee.	3369,	" L.A. Nowland.
3381,	" J.A. Smith.	3353,	" H. Maddon.
3281,	" G.M. Breakwell.	2405,	" P.W.M. Veale.
C.Co.		D.Co.	
No. 3327,	Pte. J.N. Hogg.	No. 2333,	Pte. E. Heath.
3338,	" C.R.J. Holliss.	3347,	" A. Little.
3343,	" R.C. Kelly.	3355,	" H. Morgan.
3358,	" A. McWilliam.	3409,	" B.J. McCarthy.
3338,	" F.W. McTavish.	2371,	" O.L. Oberg.
2361,	" F.C. McClenaghan.	2375,	" J. Purser.
2363,	" T.G.H. McKenzie.	2373,	" J. Putman.
2380,	" R. Satterley.	2419,	" O.J. Stamm.
3409,	" W. Winkworth.	1982,	" E.F. Hennessey.
776,	" H.J. Galvin.	1939,	" R.N. Pringle.
1996,	" H. Rogers.		

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 335.

By
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,
20th March, 1917.

VEHICLES
UNATTENDED.
1994.

It has been noticed that horses and mules harnessed in vehicles have been left, in some cases with the bits out, entirely unattended. Under no circumstances must this be allowed.

This must be read out to all grooms.

CLIPPING
OF
HORSES.
1995.

Attention is drawn to General Routine Order 1338 re clipping of animals. The clipping of horses' legs below the elbow and stifle is expressly forbidden.

APPOINT-
MENTS AND
PROMOTIONS.
1996.

The following appointment has been approved:-

Lieut. R.C. Jones to be Adjutant, dated 4th October, 1916.

The following Promotion has been approved:-

No.803. L/CPL. W. McLean to be 3/Lieut. dated 5th March,
1917.

CADET
TRAINING.
1997.

A Party of Cadets from the Cadet School, numbering about 10 will be attached to this Battalion on 31st March for 48 hours instruction in the trenches. These cadets will shortly receive commissions and the object is to give them instruction in trench routine from a Platoon Commanders point of view. Their whole time should be spent in the trenches and if possible in a part of the line where movement by day is easy. Every assistance should be given them.

EQUIPMENT.
1998.

Companies will make an immediate check on all equipment, arms, accoutrements, &c. and see that each man is properly and fully equipped in case of emergency. Requisitions for deficiencies should be submitted to Quartermaster who will at once indent on D.A.D.C.S. Quartermaster will submit report by 3 P.M. on 34th inst. as to state of Mobilisation Stores, S.A.A. and Grenades.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

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By
 LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
 Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,
 21st March 1917.

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 LAUDATORY. The G.O.C. Brigade desires to convey his appreciation of the fine example of courage displayed by the undermentioned N.C.O. and man.

. The Commanding Officer also desires to convey his appreciation.

No. 536, Sergeant Thomas William ROURKE, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

On the night of February 24th-25th in the raid on the German trenches he led his party of wire-cutters to the enemy's wire following closely our barrage. He showed prudence in avoiding an open space which proved to be covered by an enemy bombing post. Under heavy fire and bombing he kept his men well in hand and directed with remarkable coolness the cutting of the wire and laying of mats and bridges. Throughout he displayed splendid leadership and great gallantry.

No. 985, Private Clement Fairfax MORRISBY, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

On the night of 24th-25th February in a raid on the enemy's trenches Private MORRISBY was the leading bayonet man of the left party. He did exceptionally good work in clearing the trench. On entering the enemy's trench he bayoneted a German in the act of throwing a bomb; later he bayoneted two others. He led the attack with great vim and bravery. His party succeeded in clearing 150 yards of enemy's trench; his fearless and dashing behaviour greatly contributed to this.

Mention of the above N.C.O. and man is to be made in their Army Form D. 132.

SALVAGE.
 CO.

The Salvage Company will shortly be sending men into the front line area to collect material for which there is no use. They should be given every assistance and should not be interfered with in the execution of this duty but if any of their actions are considered irregular or undesirable the matter should be referred to Battalion Headquarters before direct orders are given on the subject.

(Signed) R.G. JONES, Lieut.

Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

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ROUTINE ORDER N^o. 338.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,
22nd March, 1917.

LECTURE - Reference Para 1901, of R.O. 335, dated 19.3.1917. A. and
P.T. & B.F. B. Companies will each detail one officer.
1901. All Personnel will report to Senior Officer at Square Farm
at 1 P.m. on 23rd inst. and will be marched to Ecole
Professionnelle and back to Square Farm.

P.T. & B.F. The undermentioned N.C.O. has been detailed to attend a
SCHOOL, P.T. & B.F. Course at MOREBECQUE assembling on 24th inst.
MOREBECQUE. No. 2148, CPL. W.P. Whitehill, A.Co.
1909. Candidate should report to Battalion Headquarters at 6 P.m.
on 23rd inst. and will be billeted in Armentieres for the
night. A wagon will pick up candidates at Brigade
Headquarters at 6.45 a.m. on 24th inst.

LEWIS GUN The undermentioned Officer has been selected to attend
SCHOOL, a Lewis Gun Course at LE TOUQUET commencing on 26th inst.
LE TOUQUET. Capt. J.L. Fry, C.Co.
1903. Transport arrangements will be notified later.

GRENADE AND The undermentioned candidates have been detailed to attend
STOKES courses of instruction at Terdeghem commencing on 26th inst.
MORTAR Grenade Course - No. 1132, L/CPL. J.C. Lennon, D.Co.
SCHOOL, Stokes Mortar
TERDEGHEM. Course. - 964, Pte. A.F. Kernond, C.Co.
1904. Transport arrangements will be notified later.

CABLES, The following is a decode of a telegram received on the
1905, 15th March from A.I.F., Administrative Headquarters, London.
"Cable Companies notify that they are unable for the present
to accept cables for transmission to Australia except in
special cases which it is proposed to limit to men in
Hospital".

POSTING. 3/Lieut. W. McLean is Posted to D. Co. for duty from 20.3.1917.
1906.

CARRYING With a view to Preventing mud and dirt getting into the
S.A.A, rifle whilst loading, it has been suggested that a second
1907, magazine, fully charged, be carried in a Pocket or haversack,
ready for immediate use. Much importance is attached to
a Practical trial in the trenches and an extra magazine has
been sent to Companies for this Purpose. A report on
result of trial should reach Battalion Headquarters not
later than 9 a.m. on 23rd inst.

STRENGTH. The undermentioned having been admitted into C.C.S. are
1908, struck off strength,
No. 1590, Pte. W. Ponfret,
1903, " J.A. Richards.
1339, " S.T. Robertson,
888, " J.J. Tuohy,
2409, " B.J. McCarthy.

(over) (Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.
Adjutant. 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

NOTICE.

The following messages are Published for information of all ranks:-

From:- FIELD-MARSHAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG, to LIEUTENANT-GENERAL MAUDE, Commanding Force D.

My warmest congratulations to you and the troops in Mesopotamia on your continued successes, and also to you personally on your well-merited Promotion.

10.3.17.

From:- LIEUTENANT-GENERAL MAUDE to FIELD-MARSHAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG.

We are very grateful for your kind message, immensely appreciated by all ranks here.

13.3.17.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 239.

By

LIEUT. COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,
23rd March, 1917.

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SALVAGE OF MATERIAL. 2008. All trench stores, such as alidades, Periscopic rifles, Rowlock rifle rests, etc., which are broken or in need of overhaul must be withdrawn from the front area and returned at once to Battalion Store when arrangements will be made with C.R.E. for the immediate replacement of such articles.

STEEL HELMETS. 2010. Companies should salvage and return all steel helmets which have become unserviceable to the Quartermaster who will forward them on to Divisional Salvage Company.

STRENGTH. 2011. The undermentioned having returned from C.C.S. is taken on strength.
No. 2034, Cpl. L.R. Boulton.

The undermentioned having reported from Training Battalion is taken on strength.

No. 1831, Pte. G.T. Gardner, Posted to B.Co.

The undermentioned having become casualties are struck off strength.

No. 304, L/Sgt. A.H. Carter, Killed in Action.
2116, Pte. C.P. McMahon, Killed in Action.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 940.

By
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,
24th March, 1917.

LAUDATORY. No.497, Private Joseph Peter McDERMOTT, "B" Company.
2013.

On the 20th of March, Private McDERMOTT was in "B" Company's cookhouse with four other men, when it was shelled by the enemy. A shell partially destroyed the cookhouse killing one man, mortally wounding one, and wounding two. McDERMOTT was thrown heavily on the ground but quickly recovered himself and immediately tended the wounded, one of whom had fallen in the fire. He rendered first aid to all the wounded and carried them to a place of safety. After seeing to the evacuation of the casualties McDERMOTT returned to his kitchen. Put it in order, and proceeded with the cooking.

The Commanding Officer commends Private McDERMOTT for his promptitude and his devotion to duty.

The Officer Commanding "B" Co. will make an entry of this action in Private McDERMOTT'S Army Form B 132

DIVISIONAL The undermentioned candidates have been selected to attend
SCHOOLS, courses of instruction at Divisional School, LA BOUDRELLE,
LA BOUDRELLE. commencing on Monday, 26th inst. Candidates will assemble
2013. at Battalion Headquarters at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, 25th inst.
and will afterwards parade at Half Past Eleven Square,
ARMENTIERES at 11.15 a.m. where transport will collect kits
and candidates will then proceed by route march to school
where they must report by 2 P.m.

F.T. & B.F.	2/Lieut.E.C.P.Thomas.	A. Co.
	No.306, Cpl.H.A.Woolnough.	A. Co.
Bombing and	No.506, Sgt.H.C.Maclean.	B. Co.
Trench Tactics.	1089. L/Cpl.J.Carney.	D. Co.
Musketry.	No.22, Cpl.A.H.Boultwood.	A. Co.
	985. Pte.C.F.Morrisby.	C. Co.
Sniping.	No.1062.Pte.F.G.Burns.	D. Co.
Lewis Gun.	No.410, L/Cpl.A.C.Foster.	B. Co.
Rapid Wiring.	Lieut. A.G. Farleigh.	B. Co.
	No.38, L/Cpl. T. Clear.	A. Co.
Stokes Mortar.	No.1811, Pte. J.H. Croft.	B. Co.
	4977A. " L. Cooper.	C. Co.

ANTI-GAS The undermentioned N.C.Cs have been detailed to attend
SCHOOL, Anti Gas Course at ARMENTIERES commencing on 26th inst. and
ARMENTIERES. assembling on Sunday, 25th inst. Candidate will assemble
2014. at Battalion Headquarters at 1 P.m. on 25th inst. and must
report at Anti Gas School, Ecole Professionnelle, ARMENTIERES,
by 2 P.m. the same day. Box Respirators and P.H. Helmets
must be taken.

No.521, Cpl. W.V. Partridge,	A. Co.
1835, Pte. D. Gunn.	C. Co.
1034, Cpl. L.R. Boulton.	D. Co.

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LEWIS GUNS. Indent for spare parts for Lewis Guns should be submitted direct to D.A.D.O.S.

ANTI-GAS COURSE RESULT. The following is the result of the Course from 12-17th March, 1917 at the Divisional Anti-Gas School.

3016. Corpl. C.S.J. Byrne, Good. L/Cpl. J.J.H. Payten. Very Good.

MAIL. 3017. The incoming Mail (Australian) due at Marseilles on 15th instant has been delayed through enemy action, and will probably be delayed for at least another week.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.



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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 241.

By
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,
25th Mar. 1917.

SARDINES. It is notified for information that Sardines, as a substitute
3018. for Preserved meat, are now available, the equivalent being
one ounce Sardines = one ounce of Preserved meat.
In this connection it is to be noted that the issue of this
equivalent will be made weekly on Mondays, but the total issue
of Sardines Per week will not exceed 16 ozs. Per man.
For the Present, only eight ounces of Sardines Per man in lieu
of 8 ozs. of Preserved meat will arrive at Railheads, and the
first issue at this rate will be made on Monday next the
26th inst.

VETER- Strict economy is to be observed in the use of horse shoe
INARY. nails. Any surplus on hand should be returned to the
3019. Divisional Salvage Company at the end of each month, through
the Quartermaster.

CLOTHING Para 1909 of R.O. 220, dated 4.3.17 is cancelled. Indents
S.D. for clothing S.D. will now be submitted to D.A.D.A.S. in the
ISSUE OF. usual manner.
3020.

MANGE. Reference Para 1918 of R.O. 223, dated 7.3.17, the sacks
3021. containing quick-line must be saved, and on applying at the
Horse Spraying Station for further supplies of line, the
empty sacks must be handed over.

RETURN OF Returns of Trench and Area Stores should include a total of
TRENCH & each kind of tent and hut in Possession.
AREA
STORES.
3022.

TRAINING. BAND. The band will draw their instruments from the Quarter-
3024. master's store and Play in one of the Company billets each
afternoon.
SIGNALLERS. All Battalion and Company Signallers will train
daily from 9 to 12 and 1 to 4 P.m. They will report at
Battalion Headquarters at 9 a.m. daily.

BREAD Two bread troughs Per Company are available at Q.M. Store and
TROUGH. will be drawn forthwith. At meal times all bread will be
3025. sliced into small slices and Put into these troughs and each
man will take what he actually requires.
O.C. Companies will take steps to see that no bread is wasted.

SICK Sick Parade will be held at 7.30 a.m. in the Inspection Room,
PARADE. 76 Rue de Ypres.
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OPERATIONS. Second Anzac Corps Routine Order No. 680 is rePublished for general information and for action:-

"680 OPERATIONS The following incident occurred during the operations on 19th July, 1916:-

As some men were filing up to the front line an order was passed down "Be Prepared to retire". An Officer on the spot, recognising that it was not an order from an authoritative source, ordered that no notice should be taken of it. The same thing occurred some ten minutes later; but on this occasion the order, as it came along, was changed from "Be Prepared to retire" to "We are to retire". The Corps Commander learns with satisfaction that the men did not act on the order.

The use of the word "retire" is forbidden, and it is to be impressed on all ranks that an order in which the word is used is not authoritative, and is not to be acted on. Should it be necessary to make a retrograde movement the order must distinctly state:-

- (a) Whom it emanates from,
- (b) Whom it applies to,
- (c) Where troops are to move to.
e.g. "Colonel JONES orders "A" Company, 100 En. to fall back on John's Farm".

(Signed) R.C. JONES, 33rd Ba Lieut.
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

APPENDIX

R O U T I N E O R D E R N O. 240.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field.
26th March, 1917.

CONFERENCE. The Commanding Officer will hold a conference with Company
2038. Commanders, Quartermaster and Lewis Gun Officer at 10 a.m.
on Tuesday, 27th inst.

BAND. The Regimental Band will Practise daily from 8.45 a.m. to
2039. 11.45 a.m. and will Play in Company billets from 3 P.m. to
4-P.m.

SIGNALLING The undermentioned candidate has been detailed to attend
SCHOOL. Visual Course at Corps School, MOREBECQUE, on 29th inst.
2030. and will assemble there on 28th inst.

No.1056, Pte. F.W. Albertson.

Transport arrangements will be notified later.

WORKING The expression "fatigue" is still largely used, especially
PARTIES. by the men, in connection with duties and work ordered in
2031. view of a Possible offensive.
Immediate steps should be taken to explain to the men that
the construction of railways, roads, ammunition dumps, etc.,
is just as vital to our ultimate success as any other
Preparation of a more interesting or martial nature.
If officers will explain the situation to the men, it will
be found that they will work with greater keenness and
interest, and, in future, when Parties are detailed for any
kind of work under an officer or N.C.O., the officer or
N.C.O. will broadly explain to the men the reason for the
work before the men commence, and use every endeavour to
interest them in it, laying special emphasis on the fact
that the work is a necessary Preparation for our advance
to attack and defeat the enemy.

STRENGTH. The undermentioned Officer having been Killed in Action is
2032. struck off strength.

Lieut. H.J. Lazer.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

ROUTINE ORDER N O. 243.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.In the Field,
27th March, 1917.

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- PROCEEDINGS. Any Person charged with drunkenness should be examined by a
2033. Medical Officer immediately or as soon as possible after the accused is charged, and a certificate of the Medical Officer should be attached to any Proceedings in connection with the case.
- BOOTS. Before forwarding indents for further supplies of boots,
2034. Quartermaster will make sure that those on hand are beyond repair.
- QUARTER- When the Battalion is in the trenches, Company Quartermaster
MASTER Sergeants will go up with the rations and remain there over-
SERGEANTS. night, in order to keep in touch with requirements and strength
2035. of Company. They should visit each Platoon Headquarters before leaving the line the following morning and will take the days ration state when reporting to Quartermaster at 9 a.m.
- ORDERLY When in billets each Company will detail an orderly officer and
OFFICER. orderly sergeant who will daily visit the cookhouses and
2036. inspect all the meals prepared for the men.
- DRESS. Men going out on leave from billets must first report to the
2037. Orderly Sergeant who will refuse to pass any man who is improperly dressed, is not shaven, or whose boots have not been cleaned.
- PACKS. In future when the Battalion moves into the trenches, Packs
2038. will not be taken. These will be stored in the basement of Q.M.'s store and should be conveyed there by formed parties on the day preceding relief.
- BATHS. Companies will each deduct 9 men from allotment for bathing
2039. Parade at 2 P.m. on 28th inst. (only) to enable the whole of Battalion and Company Signallers to attend.
- PACK In future operations pack animals, as a means of transport,
TRANSPORT. will be utilised to the fullest extent. In order to accustom
2040. both men and animals to this work, it is suggested that the men receive daily instruction in packing, and animals practice and exercise in carrying. This matter is to be taken in hand at once, and advantage taken of every opportunity which presents itself to use the animals.
- SUPER- The undermentioned N.C.Os having been absent on account of
NUMERY wounds or sickness are placed on Supernumery list (A.I.F. Order
LIST. No. 41, dated 29.11.15)
2041. No. 887, CPL. H.H. Tubie, C. Co.
1883, Sgt. C.E. Wheaton, D. Co.
- REVERSIONS. The following reversions are approved:-
2042. No. 1097, CPL. (temp) C.E. Cecil reverts to L/CPL. vice Bolton returned to duty. 23.3.17.
1060. CPL. (temp) P.J. Byrne reverts to L/CPL. evacuated wounded 31.3.17.

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PROMOTIONS. The undermentioned Temporary Promotions are approved:-
8043.

To be Corporal temporarily.
No.1854, L/CPL. G.E. See vice Richardson Posted missing.

The undermentioned Promotions are approved:-

To be Sergeant.
No.1123. T/Sgt. A. McLean vice Wheaton Supernumery list.
dated 23.3.17.

To be Corporal.
No.1097, L/CPL. G.E. Cecil vice McLean Promoted
dated 23.3.17.

STRENGTH. The undermentioned having been admitted into C.C.S.
8044. are struck off strength:-

No.1268, Pte. J.P. Toohy.
1231, Pte. C.T. Gardner.

PUNISHMENT. The following Punishments have been awarded:-
8045.

No.1051, CPL. H. Archibald. Disobedience of Orders in
D. Co. that he when ordered to remain
in billets until Permission
had been granted to leave,
failed to do so.
Admonished. 26.3.17.
745, Pte. S.M. Corsié, Without urgent necessity
C. Co. quitting the ranks.
28 days F.P. No.2. 27.3.17.

(Signed) R.G. JONES, Lieut.

Adjutant, 53rd Battalion, A.I.F.

MAIL

MAILED. (undermentioned) at E Station Headquarters
at 10.00 AM on the 2nd April, 1917.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 344.

By
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,
38th March, 1917

OFFICERS' SIGNATURE. Officers censoring letters will see that their signatures on the envelope are legible.
3046.

TREACHERY. The following from General Headquarters through 3rd Anzac is forwarded for your information - begins "French report arrest of an Agent found to be in possession of bacteriological culture for spreading of glanders especially amongst cavalry horses AAA His instructions were to pour the liquid on feed just before it was to be given to horses or to put small brush dipped in the culture up horses nostril if possible having caused small surface wound in nasal passage first by scratching with piece of wire AAA Please order all precaution to be taken against similar attempt AAA ends."
3047.

KITCHENS. After the evening meal has been served the company kitchens are to be thoroughly cleaned up and left tidy and ready for the next meal to be cooked. All dixies are to be washed at once and all tinned food is to be neatly stacked and steps are to be taken to store fresh meat, bread and cheese so that the rats cannot get at it and contaminate it. No men other than the Company Cooks are to go into the kitchen unless on duty. O.C. Companies will arrange to have frequent inspections of the kitchens after it has been tidied for the night.
3048.

REVERSION. The following temporary appointment is cancelled:-
3049. C. Co.
No.884, L/Cpl (tempy) B.R. Tribe to be Private.

PROMOTIONS. The following Promotions have been approved:-
3050. C. Co.
To be Corporal.
No.959, E/Cpl. (tempy Cpl.) J.Bolton, vice Cpl.H.H. Tubie Supernumery list, dated 27.12.16.

To be L/Corporal.
No.944, Pte.A.S.Russell, vice L/Cpl. Bolton Promoted.
973, Pte.O.J.Phifer, to complete establishment.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

N O T I C E.

A new club for Australian Officers has just been opened in London, situated at 138 Piccadilly, and known as the Australian Officers' Club. Usual club facilities are provided with sleeping accommodation for forty.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 346.

By
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,
30th March, 1917.

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INSTRUCTIONS In future all "Other ranks" who are detailed for Army Train-
RE ARMY ing Schools must be medically examined, have a bath, clean
SCHOOLS. change of underclothing and service dress disinfected
3051. immediately before proceeding to such schools.
A certificate to this effect must accompany each candidate.

GAS MASKS. In future all gas masks taken from the enemy should be sent
3052. to Brigade Gas Officer who will pass them on to the
Chemical Adviser II ANZAC.

RESULTS - The following report on Candidates who attended courses
DIVISIONAL at Divisional School for week ended 34th March are Published
SCHOOL. for information:-
3053.

Cpl. J. Boulton,	B.F. and P.T.	Good
Cpl. C. Shephard,	Bombing.	Good.
L/Cpl. J. Ahern.	Musketry.	Not qualified.
Pte. C.F. Jeurgens.	Stokes Mortar Course.	Qualified as gunner.
Pte. T.E. Hyde.	Sniping.	Very fair.
L/Cpl. J. Reid.	Wiring.	Fair Instructor.

SUPERNUMARY. The undermentioned N.C.O's evacuated sick or wounded are
3054. Placed on Supernumary list from date shown:-

No. 536.	Sgt. T.W. Rourke.	B.Co.	35.2.17.
" 500.	Cpl. R. McLeod.	B.Co.	"
1604.	" H.E. Thomas.	C.Co.	"
715.	Sgt. B.W.A. Budden.	C.Co.	17.3.17.
704	Cpl. S.J. Barrow.	C.Co.	23.2.17.
879.	" G. Sutherland.	C.Co.	24.3.17.

STRENGTH. The undermentioned having been admitted to C.C.S. are struck
3055 off strength.

- No. 3533, Pte. P.M. Hill.
- 5113, " H.J. Smith.

The undermentioned having reported from C.C.S. are taken
on strength.

- No. 540, Pte. J.G. Roberts.
- 197, " E.A. Thompson.

PUNISHMENTS. The following Punishments were awarded this day:-
3056.

- No. 116, Pte. C.S.V. McAlpin, When on active service
A.Co. leaving front line trenches
without orders from his
superior officer.
28 days F.P. No. 2.
- No. 7. Pte. R.M. Boden, When on active service
A.Co. leaving front line trenches
without orders from his
superior officer.
28 days F.P. No. 2.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

NOTICE.

A concert will be held in "A" Company's billets at 6 P.m.
on Friday, 30th March, 1917.

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AFTER ORDER NO. 248.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD.
Commanding 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

In the field.
29th March, 1917.

COURT OF
INQUIRY.

The detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at 10 a.m. on Friday, 30th March, 1917. at "C" Company Headquarters, 55 RUE de YPRES, ARMENTIERES, to inquire into and report upon the condition and serviceable qualities of binoculars on charge to this Battalion.

PRESIDENT.

CAPTAIN. C. H. LINKLATER.

MEMBERS.

CAPTAIN. S.F. SORENSEN.

LIEUT. L.C.B. SMITH.

Witnesses if required will be duly warned by Battalion Headquarters and will be required to attend.

Quartermaster will arrange to have binoculars at place of assembly by 9.45 a.m. on 30th instant.

Proceedings to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters on completion.

(Signed) R.C. Jones. Lieut.

Adjutant, 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

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ROUTINE ORDER N O. 347.

APPENDIX

By
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field.
30th Mar. 1917.

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- STOKES MORTAR SCHOOL, TERDEGHEM. 3057. The undermentioned candidate has been detailed to attend Stokes Mortar School, commencing at TERDEGHEM on 2nd April, 1917.
No. 2 L/Cpl. E.P. Austin, A.Co.
Transport arrangements will be notified later.
- SCHOOL OF COOKERY, HAZEBROUCK. 3058. The undermentioned candidate has been detailed to attend School of Cookery commencing at HAZEBROUCK on 5th April, 1917.
No. 108, Pte. H. Lewis, A.Co.
Transport arrangements will be notified later.
- TRAINS. 3059. All ranks will be warned that when proceeding by train it is strictly forbidden to ride on top of or on the steps of railway vehicles, or to travel on the engine, or in the brake vans which are entirely reserved for the use of the Railway (French) Staff.
- GRENADE CARRIERS, WAISTCOAT PATTERN. 3060. Approval is given for the scale of issue of Waistcoat Pattern Grenade Carriers to be increased to 96 Per battalion.
Quartermaster will indent for numbers required to complete to this scale.
Authority (Q.M.G. 10/33 (Q.B.8), dated 23.3.17.)
- RESULTS - STOKES MORTAR SCHOOL, TERDEGHEM. 3061. The following are the results obtained by the undermentioned N.C.O. and man who attended 81st and 83rd Courses at Grenade and Stokes Mortar School, TERDEGHEM.
GRENADE:- Cpl. C.R. Hancock. Good; qualified as instructor.
STOKES MORTAR:- Pte. F.J. Farrelly. Good; Passed.
- TRANSFERS. 3062. The undermentioned transfers have been approved:-
Lieut. W.R. Coombs, to 61st Battalion.
" A.G. Farleigh " " "
- PROMOTIONS. 3063. The undermentioned temporary Promotions are approved:-
C.Co.
To be Corporal temporarily.
No. 982, L/Cpl. C.L. Wallis vice Cpl. G. Sutherland supernumary list dated 27.2.17.
853, L/Cpl. J.H. Payten vice Cpl. S.J. Barrow supernumary list dated 24.2.17.
To be E/Cpls. temporarily.
No. 871, Pte. A.C. Smith vice L/Cpl. C.L. Wallis Promoted.
985, Pte. C.F. Morrisby vice L/Cpl. J.H. Payten. Promoted.
951, Pte. F. Stannard to complete establishment.
- STRENGTH. 3064. The undermentioned having returned from C.C.S. is taken on strength.
No. 5021. Pte. P.N. Ezzy. A.Co.
- PUNISHMENT. 3065. The following Punishments were awarded this day:-
No. 873, Pte. C.E. Smith, Absenting himself without leave from "C" Co. 3 P.m. to 3.20 P.m. on 27.3.17.
14 days loss of Pay.

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PUNISHMENTS.
Cont'd.

- No. 5024, Pte. A.J. Green, "C" Co. When on active service disobeying a lawful command given by his superior officer in that he when warned to Parade failed to do so. 28 days F.P. No. 2.
- No. 3226, Pte. E.J. Kelly, "B" Co. Absenting himself without leave from billets from 5 P.m. till 8.30 P.m. on 27.3.17. 14 days loss of Pay.
- No. 5091A Pte. R. Stuart, "D" Co. Failing to appear at a Place of rendezvous appointed by his C.O. 10 days loss of Pay.
- No. 1220, Pte. D. Nixon, "D" Co. Failing to appear at a Place of rendezvous appointed by his C.O. 10 days loss of Pay.
- No. 5033A Pte. S.F. Gray, "D" Co. Failing to appear at a Place of rendezvous appointed by his C.O. 14 days loss of Pay.
- No. 5095A Pte. J.L. Tolmie, "D" Co. Failing to appear at a Place of rendezvous appointed by his C.O. 14 days loss of Pay.
- No. 1391, L/CPL. J.W. Barnett, "D" Co. Failing to appear at a Place of rendezvous appointed by his C.O. Reprimanded.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

NOTICE.

MAIL. Outward Australian mail closes at Battalion Headquarters at 8 P.m. on the 1st April, 1917.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 848.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD,
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,
31st Mar. 1917.

ANTI-GAS SCHOOL. ARMENTIERES. 3066. The undermentioned N.C.Os. have been detailed to attend ANTI-GAS SCHOOL commencing on 2nd April, 1917. Candidates will assemble at Battalion Headquarters at, at 1.15 P.m. on Sunday 1st, inst. and thence to Ecole Professionnelle, Armentieres where they must report by 3 P.m. the same day.

- No. 580. CorPl. L.H. Young. B.Co.
- 951. L/CPl. F.Stannard. C.Co.
- 1331. L/CPl. T.J.Pillar. D.Co.

DIVISIONAL SCHOOL. LA BOUDRELLE. 3067. The undermentioned candidates have been selected to attend courses at Divisional School LA BOUDRELLE, commencing on 2nd April, 1917. Candidates will assemble at Battalion Headquarters at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 1st April, and thence to Half Past Eleven Square whence they will Proceed to School by Route march. Kits will be taken by G.S. Wagons calling at Half Past Eleven Square.

- SNIPING. No. 315. Pte. C.M. Ward. A. Co.
- RAPID WIRING. 532. CPl. R.C. Roach. B. Co.

MARCH DISCIPLINE. 3068. Particular attention is to be Paid to the following Points:-
(a) Wagons must not be overloaded.
(b) Men must not hang on to vehicles.
(c) Dismounted men must remain on the off-side of vehicles and not wander about on the road, a Practice which is very Prevalent.
(d) Mounted men must dismount at halts, even when halts are very short.
(e) Mounted N.C.Os. must not ride outside the line of vehicle

PAY. 3069. Requisition for Pay up to and including 4th April, 1917. must be forwarded to reach Battalion Headquarters by 6 P.m. on Sunday, 1st inst. Requisitions to include Pay for Officers and to be submitted as follows:-

<u>FOR.</u>	<u>BY</u>
A Company.	O.C. Company.
B Company.	"
C Company and Scouts.	"
D Company.	"
Quartermaster and Transport.	Quartermaster.
H.Q. Details and Signallers.	Battalion Headquarters.

Care must be taken in estimating amount required as refunds will not be accepted. Pay will be available when the Battalion is relieved from next tour in trenches.

STORAGE OF PACKS. 3070. Arrangements have been made to store Packs at Quartermaster's Store whilst the Battalion is in the trenches. All necessaries should be carried in haversack and the Packs clearly marked and stacked ready for transport at a Point near tram line Rue de YPres. by 10 a.m. on Sunday 1st April. 1917. Each Company will detail an N.C.O. and 4 men to load on to trucks and to unload at Quartermaster's store.

CHURCH SERVICE. 3071. A Church service for Protestants will be held at A Company Billets at 2 P.m. on Sunday, 1st April. 1917.

(Signed) R.C. Jones. Lieut.

Adjutant. 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

NOTICE.

MAIL. Outward Australian mail closes at Battalion Headquarters at 8 P.m. on 1st April. 1917.