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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Pont Nieppe	1/2/5/17		FRANCE. Billets in. Supplied working parties to A.E. Men started bathing parades to 75 <sup>th</sup> Div Baths.	
"	3/5/17		Billets. Supplied working parties to A.E. A+B Co moved to billets in LA BIZET as per Bu OO No 30 d/3/5/17.	No. 1.
"	4/5/17 5/6/5/17		In billets. Working parties supplied to A.E.	
"	7/5/17		Billets. Working parties supplied. Bu OO No 32 postponed 24 hours owing to our artillery operations. A+B Co brought back from LA BIZET for night. 12.30 pm A+B Co Billets shelled with casualties.	No 2.
"	8/5/17		Relieved 35 <sup>th</sup> Bu in LE TOUQUET Sector as per Bu OO No 32 d/7/5/17. Relief started at 4.45 pm owing to dull light.	No 3.



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Place	Date	Hour	IN THE FIELD. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LE TOUQUET	9/5/17.		1.0 am. Enemy silently raided our trenches and were driven off with L.C. & Rifle fire & bombs leaving 1 prisoner in our hands. Cf. Int. Sum. d/9/5/17 & report. Trench repair & maintenance work carried out. Cf. Int. Sum. d/9/5/17.	No 4 No 5
"	10/5/17. to 14/5/17		Trench maintenance & repair. Cf. Int. Sum. d/10 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> May 1917.	No 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
"	14/5/17		Relieved by 34 <sup>th</sup> Bn as per Bn O.O. 33 d/14/5/17. and took over defence of Submarine line.	No 11
"	15/5/17 to 29/5/17		In support. Supplied working parties to A.E. Trench "	
"	20/5/17.		Relieved by 35 <sup>th</sup> Bn and moved to PLOEGSTEERT road of Bn O.O. 34 d/19/5/17.	No 12



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PLOEGSTEEFT WOOD.	21/5/17 to 22/5/17		IN THE FIELD In shelters in Wood. Supplied Working parties to A.E.	
"	23/5/17		In shelters in Wood. Supplied working parties to A.E. Relieved by 35 <sup>th</sup> Bn and took over portion of ST-YVES sector from 38 <sup>th</sup> Bn as per Bn O.O. 36 d/23/5/17.	No 13.
ST-YVES	24/5/17 to 26/5/17		Trench routine & maintenance. Time used by all ranks for reconnaissance for MAGNUM OPUS. Enemy artillery moderately active, especially TM. otherwise disposition quiet. Cf. Int Sum doted 25 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> May 1917.	No, 14, 15
"	26/5/17		Relieved by 34 <sup>th</sup> Bn as per Bn O.O. 37 d/37/5/17. Moved to belts in NIEPPE.	No 16.



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Place	Date	Hour	IN THE FIELD. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NIEPPE	27/5/17		In billets. Started final training. Men at OC Co disposal for organisation. Supplied working parties to A.E. C Co marched over approach route for Magnum Opus	
NIEPPE	28/5/17		In billets. Supplied N.P. to A.E. Training at OC Co disposal in morning; as per Bu After Order No 297. d/28/5/17 in afternoon. Inspected by Lt. Gen. Burdwood in afternoon. B Co over approach route	No 17.
"	29/5/17		In billets. Supplied N.P. to A.E. Training as per Bu AO 297. A Co over approach route. Raided enemy trenches as per Bu CO No 38 d/27/5/17 and report dated 29/5/17.	No 18.
"	30/5/17		In Billets. Supplied N.P. to A.E. Training. D Co over approach march.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<i>IN THE FIELD</i>	
<i>NIEPPE</i>	<i>31/1/18</i>		<i>In billets; Supplied working parties, boys training. Occupied new billets South side of street. Court of Inquiring into missing equipment of raiders (See After order No 300 dated 30/5/17).</i>	<i>No 19.</i>

*Moshead* LIEUT-COLONEL  
33 RD BATTALION, A.I.F.



Copy No. 12.

## 33rd BATTALION. A.I.F. ORDER NO. 30.

Reference Map: France Sheet.  
86 E.W. 1/20,000.Battalion Headquarters,  
3rd May, 1917.

- .....
- MOVE.** 1. A. and B. Companies, A. and B. Co's Signallers, Sergeant and two men of A.M.O. will move forward from billets in PONT DE NIEPPE and occupy billets at LE BISET. C. Company will take over A. Company's billets in PONT DE NIEPPE and D. Company will take over B. Company's billets on the morning of the 4th inst. Movement will be by sections or the equivalent at 200 yards distance in the following order:-  
A. Company.  
B. "  
A.M.O. and details.
- STARTING POINT.** 2. The first section will pass the Starting Point - CHURCH SQUARE, PONT DE NIEPPE at 8.30 p.m. 3rd inst.
- ROUTE.** 3. Direct by LE BISET Road.
- ADVANCED PARTIES.** 4. Os.C. A. and B. Companies will detail a party of 1 Officer and 20 men each to proceed to and clean up billets at LE BISET leaving PONT DE NIEPPE at 1 p.m. and will arrange for guides to meet their Companies at LE BISET. Officer in charge of B. Company's party will arrange for accommodation of A.M.O., Sergeant and 2 men and also for a sick inspection room.
- BILLETTS.** 5. Present billets must be left clean and certificates obtained from owner or occupier that no damage has been caused during occupancy.
- BLANKETS AND KITS.** 6. Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10 and stacked at billets by 8.30 p.m. Officers Kits will be ready at same hour and stacked with blankets. Mess Gear will be collected at billets by Officers Mess cart.
- TRANSPORT.** 7. Quartermaster will arrange with Transport Officer for transport of baggage, stores, and travelling kitchens. Transport will move independently.
- COMMUNICATION.** 8. Communication will be by runner.
- PRECAUTIONS AGAINST HOSTILE OBSERVATION.** 9. Strictest precautions must be taken against hostile observation at LE BISET. Movement of troops by day must be reduced to a minimum and no parties greater than six must move together. No lights will be shown at night. A. and B. Companies will each post a sentry to keep streets clean and be supplied with whistles to warn all troops of the approach of enemy aircraft.
- REPORTS.** 10. Os.C. A. and B. Companies will notify Battalion Headquarters PONT DE NIEPPE, when men have settled down in billets and will forward a rough sketch of billets, showing houses occupied.

(Signed) E.L.E. CHAPMAN, Lieut.

Asst. Adjutant, 33rd BATTALION, A.I.F.

Issued to. By runner at 8.15 p.m.

Copy No. 1.	File.
2.	C.O.
3.	O.C. A.Co.
4.	O.C. B.Co.
5.	O.C. C.Co.
6.	O.C. D.Co.
7.	Transport Officer.
8.	Quartermaster.
9.	A.M.O.
10.	Signalling Officer.
11.	9th Inf. Bde.
12.	War Diary.
13.	War Diary.



33rd BATTALION. A. I. F.  
PRELIMINARY OPERATION ORDER.

Battalion Headquarters.  
6th May. 1917.

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The 33rd BATTALION will relieve the 35th BATTALION in the LE TOUQUET Sector on the 7th inst, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

Company Commanders, Specialists Officers, Lewis Gun and Sniping Sergeants will proceed to the trenches at 8 a.m. on the 7th inst, and get in touch with their opposites.

Company Commanders must ascertain the best route to the trenches and will take 2 Company Signallers with them, also one other Company Officer who will ascertain best route to trenches and return in time to despatch specialists as detailed hereunder.

DISPOSITIONS.

A. Company.	On the Right.
B. Company.	Right Centre.
C. Company.	Left Centre.
D. Company.	On the Left.

All Specialists including Scouts, Lewis Gunners, Snipers, Signallers, Gas H.C.Os. will move into the trenches and will leave their billets as under:-

D. Company.	1 p.m.
C. Company.	2 p.m.
A. Company.	3 p.m.
B. Company.	4 p.m.

Movement will be in parties of six at two minutes interval.

Company Commanders will please warn specialists attached.

Operation Order to follow:-

(Signed) E.L.B. Chapman. Lieut.

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

DISTRIBUTION.

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	2.	File.
	3.	A. Co.
	4.	B. Co.
	5.	C. Co.
	6.	D. Co.
	7.	Q.M. & Transport Officer.
	8.	War Diary.
	9.	War Diary.



SECRET.

33RD BATTALION ORDER NO. 31.

Copy No. 14

Reference Map, FRANCE.

36 N.W.2: 1/10,000.

Battalion Headquarters  
7th May, 1917.

- .....
- (1). At a time to be notified later, the 45 undischarged gas drums on the Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade front, will be fired from COBWEB TRENCH, C.10.c.70.45. The line of fire will cross the front line trenches at C.10.d.08.42. the objective being ERLINGHEM, C.10.d.08.42.
  - (2). Six hours notice of intention to discharge will be given by O.C. "A" Special Coy. R.E.
  - (3). Lieut. LAYCOCK will be in charge of the gas operations; and will be in touch with the Company Headquarters at C.10.c.65.70.
  - (4). The following code will be used in giving notice of discharge:-
    - (a) Intention to discharge will be expressed by the word "Sandbags" preceded by the time in code.
    - (b) Time. Hours, numbered, from 1 to 24, as in French system will be expressed by so many thousands, plus four thousand. The addition of 500 to any number of thousands will indicate plus 30 minutes.
    - (c) No date for zero will be given. The hour referred to in the code will be in the next 18 hours following the time of message. Thus the message '7000 SANDBAGS' despatched at noon means 'projectors will be fired at 3 a.m. tomorrow morning', and '25500 SANDBAGS' despatched at the same time would mean 'projectors will be discharged at 9.30 p.m. tonight.
  - (5). The front and support line trenches between C.10.d.10.30. and C.10.d.02.55. will be cleared of all troops except sentries and machine gunners who will wear their box respirators fully adjusted, from ZERO, minus 2 to ZERO, plus 30, unless sooner advised by the O.C. "A" Special Coy. R.E., that conditions are safe.

(Signed) E.L.E. CHAMMAN, Lieut.

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

Issued to.      By runner at 11.15 a.m.

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2.	File.
3.	O.C. A. Co.
4.	O.C. B. Co.
5.	O.C. C. Co.
6.	O.C. D. Co.
7.	Lewis Gun Officer.
8.	Scout Officer.
9.	Signalling Officer.
10.	R.M.O.
11.	Quartermaster.
12.	9th Inf. Bde.
13.	War Diary.
14.	War Diary.



Headquarters,  
33rd Battalion, A.I.F.  
13.5.17.

*Gas will be released tonight at 10.30pm as notified in  
Reference 33rd Battalion Order No. 31 of 7th inst., para 4.  
20500 Sandbags.*

1. If zero is postponed, it will be postponed 2 hours exactly, Thus if zero is fixed for 9.30 and at 8.30 conditions appear unfavourable, a 'zero postponed' message will mean 'zero is postponed to 11.30'.
2. Lt. LAYCOCK will take immediate steps to fire as simultaneously as possible any gas remaining undischarged at the first attempt.
3. The following code will be used for the above messages:-
 

ZERO STANDS.	YES.
ZERO CANCELLED.	NO.
ZERO POSTPONED.	Any message containing words EMEROL TINS.
ALL DISCHARGED.	ABRA.
If a certain number remain undischarged.	CADABRA (preceded by number undischarged).
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

<u>Issued to.</u>	<u>By runner at 6.30 p.m.</u>
Copy No. 1.	C.O.
2.	File.
3.	O.C. A.Co.
4.	O.C. B.Co.
5.	O.C. C.Co.
6.	O.C.D. Co.
7.	Lewis Gun Officer.
8.	Scout Officer.
9.	Signalling Officer.
10.	R.M.O.
11.	Quartermaster.
12.	9th Inf. Bde.
13- 14.	War Diary.



33RD BATTALION, A.I.F. ORDER NO. 32. Copy No. 16

Reference Map: Trench Map, FRANCE  
36 N.W. 1/20,000.  
LE DOUQUET Sector.  
Tracing No. 7 1/5,000.

Battalion Headquarters,  
7th May, 1917.

RELIEF. 1. The 33RD BATTALION will relieve the 35TH BATTALION in the LE DOUQUET Sector on Monday, 7th inst. commencing at 8.30 p.m.

ORDER OF MOVEMENT. 2. B. Company.  
A. Company.  
D. Company.  
C. Company.

B and A Companies will proceed to MOTOR CAR CORNER, C.14.c.90.90, where guides will meet and conduct them to their sectors.

Route B. Company - Station Avenue and Long Avenue.  
" A. " - Station Avenue and Barkenham Avenue.

D and C Companies will proceed to Gasometer Corner, C.7.a.45.10, where guides will meet and conduct to their sectors.

Route D. Company - Subsidiary Line and Border Avenue.  
" C. " - Nicholsons and Suffolks Avenues.

SPECIALISTS. 3. Specialists will proceed to the trenches during day as per preliminary order issued on 6th inst.

MAKING OVER. 4. Usual stores, log-books, and useful information to be taken over, receipts given and forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by noon on 8th May, 1917. Companies must furnish certificates as to cleanliness of billets to Battalion Headquarters not later than 8 a.m. on the 8th May, 1917.

PRECAUTIONS. 5. All precautions must be taken against hostile observation. Companies will move in parties of 6 at 200 yards distance until they arrive in the trenches.

GUN BOOTS. 6. 100 pairs of Gun Boots will be drawn from No.1 Store, LE BIEFF, and will be issued to units as follows:-  
Each Company. 20 pairs.  
Scouts. 20 pairs.

TRANSPORT. 7. Quartermaster will arrange all transport with Transport Officer.

COMMAND. 8. C.O. 35TH BATTALION, will remain in command until relief is complete.

REPORTS. 9. Company Commanders and Specialists Officers will forward reports to Battalion Headquarters when relief is complete.  
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed) E.L.E. CHAPMAN, Lieut.  
Asst. Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

Issued at 5 p.m.	Copy No.	To whom.	By runner.
	1.	File.	
	2.	C.O.	"
	3.	2nd in Command.	
	4.	C.O. A.Co.	"
	5.	C.O. B.Co.	
	6.	C.O. C.Co.	
	7.	C.O. D.Co.	
	8.	Lewis Gun Officer.	
	9.	Scout Officer.	
	10.	Quartermaster.	
	11.	Transport Officer.	
	12.	R.M.O.	
	13.	Signalling Officer.	
	14.	9th Inf. Bde.	
	15-16.	War Diary.	



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Headquarters,  
33rd Battalion, A.I.F.  
7th May, 1917.

All Companies.  
Quartermaster.  
Transport Officer.  
R. M. C.

MEMO.

Reference my R.O. 18. and postponement of Operation  
Order No. 22.

The relief and moves mentioned therein will not take  
place on the night of 7/8th inst, but on the night of 8/9th inst,  
at same hour.

No troops will be left at SE BENT and all ranks will  
be at their destination by 8.30 p.m.

No transport will be allowed on the road until  
notification is received from this office,

(Signed) E.L.E. Chapman. Lieut.

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

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E.C. 17.

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

Reference Operation Order No. 32. and Memo. of 7/5/17. postponing relief until night of 8th/9th Inst.

The relief will now commence at 4.45 p.m. on 8th inst. Specialists not already in the trenches will move off from billets at 1.30 p.m.

Companies will move off from billets by routes laid down as hereunder:-

D. Company	4.45 p.m.
C. Company	5.15 p.m.
B. and A. Cos.	5.45 p.m.

Soy. Stores.

Officers mess gear etc. will be stacked in billets at 7. p.m. in readiness for transport to collect.

(Signed) E.L.E. Chapman. Lieut.  
A/Adjutant 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

12.30 p.m.



Our Operations

- 1 Artillery
- 2 T.M.s
- 3 M. Guns. Heavy guns fired occasionally
- 4 Repetitors. Normal
- 5 Patrols. 3 Patrols patrolled from 10 PM - 12 midnight, 11 PM - 1 AM and 1 AM - 3 AM, went out on different portions of our front

Enemy Operations

- 1 Artillery
- 2 T.M.s. At C 105 at 12.30 AM one T.M. was fired  
At C 104 at 1.45 AM 3 T.M.s were fired
- 3 M. Guns. Enemy machine guns quiet. At 1.45 AM one opened fire from about C 106 90 00 was very active for half an hour
- 4 Repetitors. Usual firing
- 5 Communications. A searchlight was used during a bombardment on our left at about 12 midnight. It appeared no man's land appeared to be used from his support line  
Enemy steadily pushed rearward D Gap  
From 15 to 20 of the enemy were seen.  
A Lewis Gun was immediately turned on them which caused an immediate retirement.  
Three of our men then charged throwing bombs the man one prisoner wounded  
It is expected there are several dead in no man's land
- 6 Silent Raid. Enemy transport plainly heard at 2 AM noisy along La Croix - Freudenfior Road towards benches
- 7 Transport

Col Keith Baker Lt Col 3rd Div



Copy.Headquarters  
33rd. Battalion,  
9th. May 1917.SPECIAL REPORT.11 p.m. to 1 a.m.

At 1 a.m. I reached the bombing post on the left of 'D' Gap. We were observing down the gap and saw a movement 70 yards down the gap. We then saw three crouching figures with round caps making for our support line. I ordered the men to get their rifles and bombs ready and then told them to fire. The three Germans dropped flat. Private Lane of his own accord jumped out of the bay and got to a point 15 yards down the gap and commenced to throw bombs. The Lewis Guns then commenced to fire at the place where the three men had been seen. We then saw 25 Germans making back to their own front line. The Lewis Guns then fired three separate bursts at them and we saw at least 6 Germans fall, in NO MAN'S LAND 70 yards from our own front line. The Lewis Guns continued firing and were sweeping perfectly. We then saw a German limping 30 yards from our own trench; the Lewis Gun was turned on him and he fell. Three men and myself went out immediately and found the German sitting in a shell hole. We brought him in although he was screaming with pain. The stretcher bearers were sent for and the German was taken to Company Headquarters, thence to the Aid Post.

Our party threw 24 bombs and fired 50 rounds from their rifles. The Lewis Gunners fired 10 magazines. The Germans made their entrance by means of the old trench which runs from our line through NO MAN'S LAND. From the point where Pte. Lane threw bombs the gap is heavily wired and we could make no progress to attack them. The Germans also left in a diagonal direction so it was impossible to get out in NO MAN'S LAND and cut them off.

(Signed) W. McLean. 2/Lieut.

Officer of the Watch.

All Companies.

Herewith copy of report on last night's raid for your information and promulgation.

(Signed) E. L. E. Chapman. Lieut.

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



Intelligence Summary

33rd Battalion AIF

3 AM - 6 PM

9/5/17

OUR OPERATIONS.

- (1) Artillery Heavies fired intermittently on enemy rear lines throughout the day
- (2) Machine guns hit
- (3) Snipers Persistent sniping, one periscope hit on left company point, 4 periscopes on left Cent Coy.
- (4) Aircraft frequent patrols & air fights.

ENEMYS OPERATIONS

(1) Artillery	TIME	LOCALITY	7.7	4.2	5.9	T.M	RESULTS
	8-830 AM	2					hit
		2	17				hit
	7.75 AM	Desperre Farm		12			hit
	8.25 AM	do					hit
	1.43 PM	Reserve Farm	5	4			hit
	11 AM	Lancashire Support Farm		4			hit

Between 10 AM - 2 PM & from 3 PM to 6 PM consistent & heavy shelling of Le Bief & rear areas

- (2) M G Fire hit
- (3) Rifle Fire Snipers very active on left, and right centre companies
- (4) T.M hit
- (5) Aircraft Planes attempted to fly over Ploegsteert wood between 5 and 5.30 AM but were driven off by our AA guns. A captive balloon was up all day & in immediate front of centre of battalion. A white flag about 10x3' was flying from it. At 3.45 PM a helio message was sent from the basket the following being picked up:-  

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 Flashes were observed coming from Heenentiers at the same time.
- (7) Defences The wire opposite C gap is in a bad state of repair.
- (8) Miscellaneous Fresh tracks could be seen opposite left centre company D Gap going towards an old building in enemy's line, evidently the course the enemy took in this morning had to be broken <sup>by</sup> <sub>for</sub> I.O.



Headquarters,  
35rd. Battalion.  
9-5-17.

PATROL TIMETABLE.

Co.	Exit.	Time.	Entry.	Time.
"A" .	L. of "A" gap.	10.p.m.	L. of "A" gap.	12 midnight.
"A".	R. of "A" gap.	1.a.m.	L. of "A" gap.	3.a.m.
"C".	L. of "C" gap.	10.p.m.	L. of "C" gap.	12 midnight.
"C".	R. of "D" gap.	1.a.m.	R. of "D" gap.	3.a.m.
"D".	R. of "E" gap.	10.p.m.	L. of "D" gap.	12 midnight.
"D".	L. of "D" gap.	1.a.m.	R. of "E" gap.	3.a.m.

(Signed). R.C.King. Lieut.  
Scout. Officer.

Appendix No. 10.



Intelligence Summary

6 PM - 3 AM

10th May 1917

Our Operations

- (1) Artillery ~~at~~ 6.5 PM 9 18 pounders over U 281. Heavily shelled rear areas between 10 AM & 11 PM
- (2) Mts ~~at~~ Normal
- (3) M.G.
- (4) Rifle fire Normal
- (5) Patrols No patrols including a fighting patrol worked on Ballaluan Front
- (6) Aircraft A plane was heard at 1.45 AM

Enemy Operations

- (1) Artillery at 7.25 PM Locally 77 5.9  
8.30 U. 281 5  
U. 281 6

Enemy fired Heavy H.I. into back areas from 6 PM - 9 PM

- (2) T.M. ~~at~~ Normal. At about C 10 B gun was firing across B Gap fairly actively at times.
- (3) M.G. Very little fire. On left Company the few shots that were fired appeared to come from Fixed Rifles.
- (4) Rifle Fire Very little fire. On left Company the few shots that were fired appeared to come from Fixed Rifles.
- (5) Communications Very little. Searchlight which was only used for short time opposite right Company.
- (6) Transport Transport could be plainly heard in the direction of Warrington - Post Rouse Road. A train could also be heard on the Warrington Railway at about 11.30 PM.

(7) Working parties Work seemed to be going on all along enemy front line from about U 28a to U 28a  
 Muffled hammering & rattling of sandbags  
 could be heard. A strong working party heard among the bushes on the left near Dip works. On our Artillery firing a shot at 11 PM a wheel was blown & work ceased for 5 minutes being far  
 N: 3 MPH

visibly heard

Alfred Cohen heard for 10



# Intelligence Summary 33rd Pz ATK. 3 AM - 7 AM 10/5/17

## Our Operations

- (1) Artillery  
At 6.15 AM 18 pdrs fired 6 rounds opposite left company in retaliation. 10.15 AM 16 18 Pdrs in retaliation
- (2) T.M. nil
- (3) MG Fire nil
- (4) Rifle Fire On Right Company very few opportunities. On Right Centre Company enemy snipers far too active. Left Company had one certain hit. A patrol returned to left Company at 4 AM & reported having found an old rifle with a string attached, running back to enemy line. A white flag was also discovered with the attached string running to enemy line.
- (5) Patrols
- (6) Aircraft At 12.15 PM 9 of our planes flew over enemy lines, well on our right about Frelinghem.

## Enemy Operations

(1) Artillery	Time	Locality	7.7	4.2	5.9	T.M.	Remarks
	2 PM - 6 PM	R. Centre Coy.		28			No damage
	1.30 PM		5				nil
	6.25 PM	C.C. 42	2			5 Pdr shells	nil
	9.25 PM	off Resurrection	12			8 minnies	nil
	6 AM	2	7				One hit parabol
	8.45 AM	2	4				One hit.

- (2) MG Fire nil
- (3) Rifle Fire On Right Centre Company snipers particularly active. 5 periscopes hit. On left company very active in morning, slacking off in the afternoon.
- (4) Patrols nil
- (6) Aircraft At 3.10 an enemy plane succeeded in crossing our line & whirled above <sup>our</sup> front line firing a very light.

Wind NNE 3 MPH  
 Visibility Not good owing to haze.  
 W. Keen Cohen here  
 for I.O. 33rd Pz



PATROL TIME TABLE.

for night of 10/11th. May. 1917.

Headquarters.  
33rd. Battalion.

Co.	Exit.	Time.	Entry.	Time.	Object.
"A"	L. of "A" gap.	9.30.p.m.	R. of "B" gap.	11.30.p.m.	Recntg.
" "	L. of "B" gap.	12 mdnight.	R. of "B" gap.	3.a.m.	Fighting.
"C"	L. of "D" gap.	10.p.m.	L. of "D" gap.	12 mdnight.	Recntg.
" "	R. of "E" gap.	12.30.a.m.	L. of "D" gap.	2.30.a.m.	Recntg.
"D"	L. of "E" gap.	9.30.p.m.	R. of "F" gap.	11.30.p.m.	Recntg.
" "	R. of "F" gap.	12 mdnight.	L. of "E" gap.	3.a.m.	Fighting.

Companies to supply men for parties as usual.

.....*G. J. ...*.....Lieut.  
A/Adjt. 33rd. Battalion.

Appendix No. 7.



Intelligence Summary 388 P.A.  
6am - 3am 10/11 May 16.

Our Operations

Artillery

at 7.45 PM 18 pr fired on machinegun emplacement opposite 1st Centre Company. Direction was good and machinegunner ceased at once

- (2) TM one
- (3) MG Indirect fire carried out during the night
- (4) Rifle fire Keen sniping. At 5.10 AM observed one of enemy in front supports fully exposed, wearing blue uniform & round cap. Fired one round & hit claimed by Sgt Partridge, observed by the others. At 9 AM one of enemy observed removing sandbag from front line parapet. Two rounds fired pursuit uncertain. 3.30 AM fired AP bullets at 8 of enemy sniping platoon. 2 of enemy observed using instrument similar to micro telescope. 6 enemy periscopes broken on the front.
- (5) Patrols No patrols, including 2 feigning patrols worked on the front during the night

Enemy Operation

(1) Artillery 6.45 PM at C 42 13 medium T.M's was fired  
 8 PM ————— 6 5.9's in rear <sup>no damage.</sup>  
 9 PM ————— 4 ————— <sup>no damage</sup>

(2) MG 8.45 PM at No 2 trench, 4 7.7's One dud.  
 Fairly quiet with exception of one firing from pursuit trench at Frelinghuysen at about C 11.5

(3) Rifle fire At times very active, fired in bursts of about 10 minutes, bursts being remarkable for intensity, some bullets striking parapet & others going high. One sniper observed to be firing from the wire opposite left of D Gap. He evidently saw one of our patrols getting over the parapet, one of his shots going through the trousers of the NCO in charge & grazing his leg. Shortly after a MG opened fire on the spot



2

(4) Patrols no enemy patrols were seen.

(5) Working Parties

Concealed work seems to be going on on this front line. Opposite D Company's front muffled hammering could be heard all the evening. The same working party was at work about the Dye works at Frelinghuysen. This party ceased work at 1 PM talking & laughing could be plainly heard. A wiring party was dispersed by our Lewis guns at  $\frac{U 28.C}{70.00}$

Successions

At midday an explosion resembling a Pineapple was heard in enemy's trench followed by a white light shooting up about the height of a berry tree but did not illuminate.

Wind

N.E. 2 MPH

visibility

Fairly good.

Baker's Book sent  
for TO. 33530  
4.30 pm



Our Operations

(1) Artillery. at 11 AM right company got 10 rounds for retaliation  
 9 AM right centre company got 10 rounds for retaliation  
 for mine countermeasures  
 at 5.30 PM opposite right centre company 10  
 rounds 15 prs + 20 rounds 4.5 were fired  
 on mine emplacement  
 at 9 AM 6 rounds 4.5's were fired at C 4 b  
 16 60  
 (Joseph) do do.

at 10.30 AM do do  
 at 2.15 25 heavies fired in enemy's rear  
 lines opposite left centre company  
 at 16.15 12 4.5 HE was fired at suspected  
 mine emplacement opposite left centre company  
 at C 4 b 25 18 prs sharpshoot also were fired  
 16 60  
 at this spot.

- (2) TM Heavies were firing all afternoon at enemy's rear areas
- (3) MG 14 medium TMs were fired opposite left company
- (4) Rifle fire Snipers active especially during morning. Left Coy claims 2 hits & periscope broken.
- (5) Patrols nil
- (6) Aircraft Our planes were fairly active from 6.15 AM.

Enemy Operations

- (1) Artillery as per attached.
  - (2) TMs as per attached
  - (3) Rifle fire Snipers fairly active all day.
  - (4) Patrols nil.
  - (5) Aircraft No enemy activity. 4 balloons were up between 7 + 9 overlooking our line.
  - (6) Miscellaneous Enemy displayed notice in his front line reading "Dinner Ahead".
- Wind W. 2 mph  
 Visibility Poor

Checked today Plans  
 for 1.0. 33rd Div. AM



PATROL TIME TABLE  
For Night of 11/12th. May. 1917.

Headquarters.  
33rd. Battalion.

Co.	Exit.	Time.	Entry.	Time.	Object.
"A".	R. of "B" gap.	10.p.m.	L. of "A" gap.	12midnight.	Reconntg.
"	L. of "B" gap.	12.30.a.m.	R. of "B" gap.	2.30.a.m.	" "
"C".	R. of "E" gap.	9.30.p.m.	L. of "D" gap.	11.30.p.m.	" "
"	L. of "D" gap.	12midnight.	L. of "D" gap.	3.a.m.	Fighting.
"D".	R. of "F" gap.	10.p.m.	L. of "E" gap.	12midnight.	Reconntg.
"	L. of "E" gap.	1.a.m.	R. of "F" gap.	3.a.m.	" "

Companies will supply men for Patrole as usual.

(Signed). E.L.E. Chapman. Lieut.

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

Appendix No. 8



Opm - 3 am 11/12 May 17

Our Operations

(1) Artillery

Between 7 PM - 1. 20 4.5 Hows fired between  
enemys 1st 2nd lines in front of Right Centre Coy

(2) T.M.S

(3) M.C.

Indirect fire carried out. At 9.30 PM - 10 PM  
gren from the Centre Coy fired 1000 rounds  
on target 500 yards behind enemy line  
opposite centre of D Gap.

(4) Rifle Fire

Quiet generally. At times bursts would  
be given by both sides.  
At 9 AM yesterday Pte O.J. Phipps claimed  
one hit, who came a cap.  
Blythe claims one hit at 5 PM.

(5) Patrols  
Enemy Operations

(1) Artillery

(2) T.M.S

(3) M.C.

~~(4) Rifle Fire~~

6 Periscopes were broken during the day  
also a sniping post was pierced by AP bullet  
5 patrols, one 1st fighting patrol worked on the front  
as per attached  
do

Use of M.C fire, at times  
fairly active. One fired from about  
U 28 a

(6) Rifle Fire

(5) Patrols

(4) Communications

(7) Movement

(8) Miscellaneous

At times bursts were given, but firing  
seemed wild.  
None were seen

The enemy appeared to be using an  
inferno very light opposite this  
front

Transport could be heard in Frelinghen  
evidently carting away galvanized iron.  
The Drivers could be plainly heard talking  
to their horses  
Not far behind the front line opposite Left  
Coy trucks could be heard moving out a fair  
pace.

Enemy are putting in solid work  
on the whole Battalion front. Opposite  
D gap our patrol could hear enemy  
working in his wire. Off north of  
Frelinghen there much work habitually  
done. At 11.30 AM explosion heard  
opposite C, 10, 21. constant work is  
going on near this point

Opposite D Gap horses were heard  
resembling the instability of gas cylinders.  
A white flag, which was attached by wire  
to 2 buried grenades, was unshaken at  
U 28 a 55.30 The flag was shaking in



Summary (Cont)  
(3)

the post. Suspecting a trap, it was investigated & 2 German stick grenades were found which were buried & wheels had been set on above strings attached to the pole. The pole was also attached to a peg buried in the ground by means of 2 other strings.

A rifle with fixed bayonet & wire cutter attached was also found & brought into our lines.

5 wires were tied to the rifle at different places & ran in the direction of the German lines.

Ed Keckbocker, Capt

10. 33rd Apr.

4 45 AM

2/1/1918



# Intelligence Summary Cont.

## Enemy Activities

TIME	LOCALITY	77	42	59	Tm	REMARKS
9 AM - 10 AM	C GAP				12 MINNIES	NO DAMAGE
10.45 - 11.15	C 10.1		12	8		"
4.30 PM	C 10.1 x 3.		3			"
4.40	C-10.3		5			"
6 PM	C 101	3				"
4.15 PM	C. 4 2		15			"
5.10 AM - 6.30 AM	C. 4 2				35 MINNIES	"
6 AM - 7 AM	C. 4 2				11 MINNIES	"
8.20 - 8.55	Receiving Farm crew of D GAP				9 HEAVY	"
9.45 AM	" "				7 "	"
5.45 - 6.45	" "				20 "	"
6 AM - 3 PM	LEFT COY				20 PINEAPPLES	"
7 AM						
9.30 - 10.30 AM	LEFT CENTRAL COY				4 "	"
do	do				1 LYNCHING	"

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## Intelligence Summary

3 AM - 6 PM

12/5/17.

Z. G. P. P.

## Our Operations

## (1) Artillery

18 pounders fired about 15 rounds opposite left of C.10.6.

Howa fired 30 rounds at mine emplacements on enemy near line opposite Right Centre Coy between 6 AM & 12 noon.

Between 1.30 PM & 2.40 PM Howa fired 28 rounds at enemy back areas.

At 4.30 PM 20 Shearps fired in search of mine emplacements.

At 5.54 AM Howa & 6 18 pounders fired in retaliation for mines. C.4.6  
16.50.

10 No 20 Rifle grenades were fired opposite left Centre Company at sniper posts, during morning.

at 6.30 AM we fired 12 L TM shells on principle emplacements opposite left company.

## (2) MC

## (3) MC

## (4) Rifle

## (5) Patrols

## (6) Aircraft

Occasional sniping

we

at 6 AM 2 planes flew over enemy lines & drove a balloon down.

at 12.45 AM Enemy plane was forced to descend near truck car cover. There were two occupants in the plane one of whom was seriously wounded the other being apparently unhurt. The plane was only slightly damaged.

One of our planes was brought down near Messines by enemy plane at 2.35.

Our planes were very active during the day & frequently large patrols crossed the enemy line.

Over.



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Enemy Operations

Artillery

As per attached.

T.M.

as per attached

Refl. Fire

Only occasional sniping during the day.

M.G. Fire

Guns in enemy support line

Paras

opened on our planes occasionally

Aircraft.

At 7.15 AM an enemy plane passed over our lines. At 2.30 PM 3 enemy machines attacked one of our planes near Messines & brought it down.

From 10 PM to 1.40 AM one plane patrolled rear of enemy's front line. At 2.30 PM 4 enemy planes approached our sector but wheeled off in northerly direction.

Miscellaneous

Flareables were fired by enemy very frequently throughout the day on left wing's front.

Especially on left of sector our sentries have gained complete control. 3 periscopes were broken during afternoon.

The enemy remained very carefully concealed on account of the angle of sentries.

Probability  
Wind

Not good owing to haze

N N E 2 M P.H.

Edmund Cohen Lieut  
on leave 10 38 57 AM



# ENEMY ARTILLERY 3AM 13/5/17

TIME	LOCALITY	77	4.2	5.9	T.M.	REMARKS
11.30-11.50	C. 10.2				12 1/2"	Kortzenfelds to Danoy
6-12 noon	C. 4.2	6				PLUEGSTREET Road
do	do		40			do
6-9 AM	"				12 Medium	to Danoy
6 AM	"				do	do
4-6 AM	"				2 Pieces	do
9.55 AM	Reserve Farm		3			"
9.48 AM	Cheshire		1			"
8.30-9 AM	Reserve Farm				9 Heavy	"
9.2.5 AM	Upper Av.				1 Coaker	"
6.15 PM	Lt. F. 64				23 Pieces	Support line to Danoy
9.30 PM	No 2				1 Piece	"

During the day about 35 shells were fired from 1st wave into Back area in near Moulton Corner to Le Boyet.



PATROL TIME TABLE.

Headquarters.  
33rd. Battalion.

For Night of 12/ 13th. May. 17.

Co.	Exit.	Time.	Entry.	Time.	Object.
"A".	L. of "A" gap.	9.30.p.m.	R. of "B" gap.	11.30.p.m.	Reconntg.
" "	L. of "B" gap.	12midnight.	R. of "B" gap.	3.a.m.	Fighting.
"B".	L. of "D" gap.	10.p.m.	L. of "D" gap.	12midnight.	Reconntg.
" "	R. of "E" gap.	12.30.a.m.	L. of "D" gap.	2.30.a.m.	"
"D".	L. of "E" gap.	9.30.p.m.	R. of "F" gap.	11.30.p.m.	"
" "	R. of "F" gap.	12midnight.	L. of "E" gap.	3.a.m.	Fighting.

Companies to supply men for Patrols as usual.

(Signed) E.L.E. Chapman. Lieut.  
A/Adjutant. 33rd. Battalion. A.I.F.

Appendix No. 9.



Intelligence Summary

6 PM - 3 AM 12/13 May '17.

33rd BATT

Other Operations

(1) Artillery

At 6:40 PM <sup>Opposite R. Centre Coy. trenches</sup> Hows fired at ~~men~~ <sup>men</sup> emplacement. Shots appeared good both for range & direction. At 7:00 PM 2 shots were fired about 50 yards right & 50 yards from the position. At 7:20 7 rounds were fired with good range & direction.

At 9:23 <sup>Artillery fired</sup> 3 shots at ~~monkey~~ <sup>monkey</sup> party which were very well placed. <sup>38, 54</sup> Monkey party was not heard again.

(2) T.M.

Nil

(3) M.G. Fire

Normal

(4) Light Fire

Usual firing during the night.

(5) Patrols

(as per attached). Reconnaissance patrol which left from A Sec. patrolled to right of gap.

Nothing of importance was discovered.

Fighting patrol left our perimeter at 12 midnight

at left of B Sec. & worked across to enemy's line. Numerous ditches & ditches were not well

making progress very slow.

From 10 PM - 12:10 AM patrol was out in front

of left centre company. On leaving, this patrol

heard somebody retiring in front of them, but

they could not pick him up. He returned

to the old trench opposite the Bosche line &

our patrol was fired on from this trench, the

occupants of which immediately retired into

their own trench. Our patrol worked forward

at 11 PM heard a large party of troops (about

50) marching along his front line.

All noise immediately stopped & a voice

could be heard speaking quietly for about 10

minutes as if he was explaining something.

Three very bright lights were then sent up &

immediately 3 men came out & examined the

area for few minutes & then went back

again. Some explanation followed, given by

a different man to the first.

Without doubt, this seemed to be a party

waiting for a raid. Up to 3 AM all was quiet

6 Patrols including 2 Fighting patrols worked

on B's front.

[See 4, 7, 8, 9 pages]

Over



Aircraft nil.

Enemy Operations

(1) Artillery As per attached

(2) T.M. " "

(3) M.G. ~~about~~ night firing, not so much as usual.

(4) Rifle Fire very active at times with occasional salvos as many as 8 rifles firing from the same bay at the one time.

Then fire was very erratic, sometimes in no man's land, at others high over our parapets. The men could be distinctly heard by our patrols working their holes after each burst. For the last 3 nights they seem to be using rifles instead of M.G.S have encountered

(5) Patrols

(6) Aircraft nil.

(7) Communications very lights were quiet on the 1st point. Opposite 1st point plank however there were more than usual. Opposite C B a whistle was blown before sending one up.

From about the north end of Frelinghuysen a searchlight was used at 11 P.M.

(8) Enemy Work

Continued work in progress in or near buildings in the vicinity of the Dyf Works Frelinghuysen Hammering & moving of metal could be heard. Work has been most active in Frelinghuysen for the last 3 nights

On points opposite left centre & left company feverish work went on till 9.5 P.M. when it suddenly seemed to stop. While working they seemed to be driving in Iron stakes with a muffled hammer & unloading material off a light railway &

(9) Transport

Hammering plainly heard in Frelinghuysen caused be plainly heard in Frelinghuysen opposite left Coy. Lumber could be heard very close to front line, <sup>on Port House Road</sup> also sound of trucks on light railway could be heard

(10) Wind

(11) Visibility

nil

- Col. G. H. G. ...



Intelligence Summary  
3 AM - 6 PM 13/5/17

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No. 9A

### Our Operations

- 1) Artillery Throughout the day our heavies were engaged in counter battery work. 12, 18 pounders were fired in the morning opposite D gap on front & support lines. At 3 pm 3 rounds were fired by 18 pounders on Coal Row emplacement bearing 40° from D2, probably at U.28, a. On left sector 18 pounders & heavies bombarded enemy trenches throughout the day.
- 2) TM None on our sector 8 NP trucks fired at 4:30 AM opposite D gap
- 3) MG Nil
- 4) Rifle Fire Occasional sniping. At 5:30 AM slight rifle fire at enemy plane which flew low over left Centre Company.
- 5) Parols Nil
- 6) Aircraft Our planes very active they crossed enemy lines several times. At 10:15 two of our planes forced an observation balloon to be brought down. No observations balloons were up during the afternoon.

### Enemy Operations

- 1) Artillery As per attached
- 2) TM
- 3) MG Nil
- 4) Rifle Fire Occasional sniping only
- 5) Parols Nil
- 6) Aircraft Enemy planes flew around our lines after daybreak. About 5:30 pm a plane was seen to fall behind Houplines. At 1:30 pm one plane flew over our lines. At 6:30 am plane flew very low over our front line & fired a burst of about 100 rounds at our troops in front line. Our troops replied with rifle fire. Plane then turned back.

- 7) Incendiaries Large quantities of smoke were seen to arise from rear of Messines, from 5:42 pm to 5:55 pm. At first it seemed as if an enemy magazine had been blown up. Then it died down & arose again. First it was of a whitish color then turned a greyish color. It appeared as if it was a smoke screen hiding some movement as our planes & balloons were up at the time.
- 8) Wind Very mild
- 9) Visibility Good during day

Robert John Lewis  
13/5/17



PATROL TIME TABLE.

Headquarters.  
33rd. Battalion.

For Night of 13/14th. May. 17.

Co.	Exit.	Time.	Entry.	Time.	Object.
"A".	R. of "B" gap.	10 p.m.	L. of "A" gap.	12 midnight.	Reconmtg.
" "	L. of "B" gap.	12.30 a.m.	R. of "B" gap.	2.30 a.m.	"
"C".	R. of "E" gap.	10 p.m.	L. of "D" gap.	12 midnight.	"
" "	L. of "D" gap.	1 a.m.	R. of "D" gap.	3 a.m.	Fighting.
"D".	R. of "F" gap.	10 p.m.	L. of "E" gap.	12 midnight.	Reconmtg.
" "	L. of "E" gap.	12.30 a.m.	R. of "F" gap.	2.30 a.m.	"

Companies to supply men for Patrols as usual.

*Albion*  
.....Lieut.

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

Appendix No 97A  
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Intelligence Summary  
6pm - 3am 13/14 May 17.

33/23/17

No. 10

Other Operations

(1) Artillery

Flares were fired at back areas during the night  
At 10-25 pm flames were seen arising from rear of enemy's line opposite left centre company, as if a house had been set on fire by our shells. It continued to blaze till 11 PM  
12 rounds of 18 pdrs fired in same direction to the right of the railway. From 10-30 pm about 6 bursts of 10 to 20 rounds were fired by 18 pdrs with good result.

(2) TM

low

(3) MG

normal

(4) Rifle

as usual

(5) Patrols

6 patrols went out on the front including one fighting patrol. Left centre company also had a stumpy patrol.  
Lights were very quiet except opposite left centre company from 10 pm to 12 midnight  
Machine guns were quiet with the exception of one which fired from the ruins of Prelinghem  
This gun was very active & seemed to be firing along our front wire on the south end of A Gab.  
Working parties could be heard plainly all along the line. In most cases they seemed to be moving galvanised iron & drawing on steel pickets  
An 18 pdr seemed to get right on to large working party in ruins of Prelinghem at 11.30 pm.  
Bricks, etc could be heard flying in all directions  
No enemy patrols were seen  
Transport could be distinctly heard in Prelinghem & on Warneton - Pont Rouge Road  
Sounds of light railway drawn by a horse could be heard close to the front line opposite left Coy.

Enemy Operations

(1) Artillery

as per attached

(2) TM

normal

(3) MG

as usual

(4) Rifle Fire

transport heard in Prelinghem & Warneton Pont Rouge Road

(5) Movement

(1) Working Parties

enemy working constantly on whole front

(2) Miscellaneous

At 3 am a patrol stated they found a German rifle in front of wire of left centre Coy which was connected to enemy MG  
As wire rifle was touched, MG immediately opened & then  
Abend 2. 41 PM IVNE. Visibility poor

Take note of  
for report 10.35

visibility



# Enemy. Artillery Report

Appendix No. 10

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3 AM 13 - 3 AM 14/5/17.

Time	Locality	59	42	77	TM	Remark
105-1045 AM	C 10 3		16	10		No Damage
11 AM - 12 noon	Lap number	Measurs				on back area near Lebyz
130 - 2 AM	C 10.4 + C 105			8		No Damage
230 - 2 45	do			8		"
35 - 3 15				6		"
4 PM	C. 10.4				12 Pencaples	"
10 20 - 11 30 AM	C. 4.2	✓		11		9 Birds
12 noon - 5 PM	Long Avenue			26		
4 PM	Major Redoubt			2		
11 AM	U 28 A				3 Gasbrass	Apparently from
6 - 5 PM	C 4 2			44		3 in taking line
			11			back area
9 45					4 Pencaples	No Damage
11 PM					4 M. W. T. M	2 men wounded
7 45 - 8 15 PM	Reserve Barr.			10		No Damage
12 30 AM					1 Pencaple	

Throughout the day artillery very active on back areas at Lebyz & at Counter Battery work.

Edmundsby Capt



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

Copy No. ....

Reference Map: French Map, FRANCE  
56 N.W. 1/20,000.  
LE TOUQUET Sector.  
Tracing No. 7 1/5,000.

Battalion Headquarters,  
14th May, 1917.

- RELIEF. 1. The 33RD BATTALION will be relieved in the LE TOUQUET sector by the 34TH BATTALION on night of 14/15th May, 1917: commencing at 9.15 p.m., and will move into support in Subsidiary Line.
- ADVANCED PARTIES. 2. Lewis Guns and Advanced parties of the 34th BATTALION will move into the line during the day of 14th inst.
- GUIDES, AND BILLETING PARTIES. 3. Each Company will detail one reliable guide to report to MOTOR CAR CORNER at 11 a.m. on 14th inst. to meet and conduct Lewis Gunners and Advanced Parties of 34th BATTALION to the trenches. Billeting parties will be detailed consisting of one officer per Company and one M.C.O. per platoon to meet guides from 34th BATTALION at MOTOR CAR CORNER at 1 p.m. on 14th inst. Guides will conduct them to localities where they will make all arrangements to accommodate their Companies.
- ROUTES. 4. The following routes will be used during course of relief.
 

Right Company.	Station Avenue - Barkenham Avenue.
Right Centre Co.	Station Avenue - Long Avenue.
Left Centre Co.	Nicholson's and Suffolk Avenues.
Left Company.	Subsidiary Line and Border Avenue.
- PRECAUTIONS. 5. All precautions must be taken against hostile observation. Troops will move in parties of 6 at 200 yards distance between front and Subsidiary Lines.
- HANDING OVER. 6. All trench stores, maps, Defence Schemes, log-books, aeroplane photos and papers concerning the Sector will be handed over to the incoming Battalion, and receipts in duplicate forwarded to Battalion Headquarters before quitting the line.
- GUM BOOTS. 7. All Gum Boots will be cleaned and handed in to No. 1 Gum Boot Store, LE BISET, not later than 8 a.m. on 15th inst.
- RATIONS. 8. Quartermaster will make arrangements for delivery of rations on 14th inst. and will notify Battalion Headquarters of location of dump so that ration parties may be warned.
- COMMAND. 9. Completion of relief and passing of command will be reported to Battalion Headquarters immediately by all Company Commanders and Specialist Officers.
- 10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

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

Issued at 10.45 a.m.

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|--------|--------------------|------------|
| No. 1. | File.              |            |
| 2.     | C.O.               |            |
| 3.     | 2nd in Command.    |            |
| 4.     | O.C. A.Co.         | By runner. |
| 5.     | O.C. B.Co.         | " "        |
| 6.     | O.C. C.Co.         | " "        |
| 7.     | O.C. D.Co.         | " "        |
| 8.     | Lewis Gun Officer  | " "        |
| 9.     | Scout Officer.     | " "        |
| 10.    | Signalling Officer | " "        |
| 11.    | Quartermaster.     | " "        |
| 12.    | Transport Officer. | " "        |
| 13.    | R.M.O.             | " "        |
| 14.    | 34th Battalion.    | " "        |
| 15.    | 9th Inf. Bde.      | " "        |
| 16-17. | War Diary.         |            |



Cor. No. 16

33RD BATTALION. A.I.F. ORDER NO. 94.

Battalion Headquarters.

19th May. 1917.

Peace Maps.

Sheet 36 N.W. and 28 N.W.

1/20,000.

- .....
- RELIEF. 1. The 33RD BATTALION will be relieved in the Subsidiary Line, LE TOUQUET Sector by the 35th BATTALION on the night of 20/21st May. Relief to commence at 7.p.m. and be completed by 10.30 p.m.
- GUIDES. 2. O.C. Companies will arrange mutually with opposite numbers for guides to meet parties from incoming Battalion. Billeting parties will direct 33RD BATTALION to shelters in PLOUGASTRETT WOOD when relieved from LE TOUQUET Sector.
- IDENTIFYING MARKS. 3. Companies will each detail 2 reliable H.C.Os. to report to billeting Officer Lieut. F.L.B. CHAPMAN on morning of 20th inst. at a time and place to be notified. They will make all arrangements for billeting their Companies and should have copy of parade state with them.
- FINANCIAL REPORTS. 4. All Troop Stores, Defence Schemes, Log-books, Maps and Gas-alarm appliances will be handed over and receipts in triplicate obtained and forwarded to Battalion Headquarters before quitting the Sector.
- PRECAUTIONS. 5. During daylight troops when East of LE BIERT - PLOUGASTRETT ROAD will move in parties not larger than sections at two hundred yards distance, and will use Communication Trenches wherever possible.
- TRANSPORT. 6. Companies will arrange to have blankets rolled in bundles of 10 and stacked together with kits and mess gear ready for Transport by 7.30.p.m. on 20th inst. Quartermaster will arrange for Regimental Transport to pick up blankets, kits and mess gear at following points:- TANCRID FARM, GRANDE RABOUCHE FARM, GUNTERS FARM, MILLICUL DELANVILLE FARM and MAISON 1875 and convey them to shelters at PLOUGASTRETT WOOD. Billeting Officer will arrange for guide to meet Transport Officer and direct Transport to billeting area.
- REPORTS. 7. Companies will report by runner to Battalion Headquarters immediately when relief is complete and when settled in new billets.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed) R.C. JONES. LIEUT.

Adjutant 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

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33rd. BATTALION A.I.F. ORDER NO. 35.

Reference Map: Sheet 28 S. 4  
(FLORSTERT) 1/10,000.Battalion Headquarters.  
22nd. May, 1917.

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- INTENTION. 1. It is intended to discharge gas along the whole of the Divisional front ~~one night~~, on the earliest night, on which weather conditions are favourable. Similar action is to be taken simultaneously on the front of the 57th. Division.
- RELEASE OF GAS. 2. Gas will be released by "A" and "K" Special Companies R.M.
- WARNINGS. 3. (a). At six (6) hours before zero Units will be warned in Code of the intention to discharge.  
(b). At one (1) hour before Zero Units will be warned in Code as to whether Zero stands or otherwise. These warnings will be at once transmitted to Companies.
- CODES. 4. (a). IT IS INTENDED TO DISCHARGE GAS DURING THE NEXT TWELVE (12) HOURS. Any messages containing the word HORSES preceded by a number and (if necessary) the word MULES preceded by a number.  
(b). TIME. The number preceding the word HORSES will indicate the hour. Hours will be numbered from ONE (1) to twentyfour (24) as in the French system, plus four (4). The number preceding word MULES will indicate the minutes. Minutes will be represented by actual number plus four (4).  
(c). ZERO STANDS. Any message containing ~~ST~~.  
(d). ZERO CANCELLED. Any message containing the word DAY.  
(e). ZERO POSTPONED. --- HOURS. Any message containing the word GUN BOOTS preceded by a number, the number being the actual number of hours of postponement.  
Thus - Six (6) HORSES and thirtyfour (34) MULES means - Zero at 2.30 a.m. and Two (2) pairs GUNBOOTS would mean - Zero postponed two (2) hours, i.e. 4.30 a.m. Companies will be responsible for warning all troops in their area.
- AS SECTOR. 5. Gas is being installed in Sectors as under.-  
For the purpose of this operation these will be termed "Gas Sectors".  
Sector (a) U.26.c.4.2. to U.22.c.1.1.).  
Sector (b) U.22.c.1.1. to U.22.d.3.6.). "A" Spec. Co. R.  
SECTOR (c) U.14.b.7.7. to U.3.c.8.5. "K" Spec. Co. R.  
Headquarters of the above Sectors will be as under.-  
(a) Sector at U.28.c.10.93. (CONVENT GUN).  
(b) Sector at U.21.d.20.45. (MEMBERS HUT).  
(c) SECTOR at U. 3.d.1.1. (Head of ONLY WAY).
- PRECAUTIONS. 6. Withdrawal from the Line.  
The front line from which gas is to be discharged will be cleared to a distance of 250 yards on both flanks of the gas, with the exception of sentries, Machine Gunners, Personnel on defence of mine shafts at ST. YVES. Personnel remaining in line will wear their box respirators fully adjusted from zero minus five (5) minutes to zero plus thirty (30) minutes, or until otherwise ordered.  
"A" Company will detail an officer to keep in touch with the Senior Officer in the Gas Sector who will maintain touch with the officer of the Special Company R.M. in charge of the Headquarters of that Sector. The latter will advise when the line is safe for normal re-occupation by Infantry.
- SECTION AS DISCHARGE. 7. The decision as to whether conditions are suitable to discharge or not is left entirely to the O.C. "A" Special Company, but the final decision at Zero is left entirely to the discretion of Section Officers actually operating in the line.
- ARTILLERY. 8. Artillery will be standing by from Zero for retaliation in the event of hostile artillery activity. After Zero plus two (2) hours Artillery will engage approaches to enemy lines.
- RELIEFS. 9. Should reliefs be due to take place on night of discharge they will be postponed for a certain period after Zero to be notified later to all concerned.



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2.  
On receipt of synchronised time from Brigade  
SYNCHRON- HEADQUARTERS the Signalling Officer will arrange to send  
ISATION. 10. a watch out to all Companies.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Reboves* Lieut.  
Adjutant, 33rd. Battalion, A.I.F.

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9.	Signalling Officer.
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24 - 5 - 1917.ADDENDUM TO 33rd. BATTALION A.I.F. ORDER No. 35.

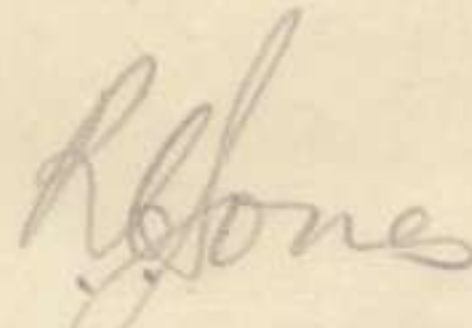
1. 40 Stokes Mortars have been emplaced along the Divisional Front by No. 2 Special Company R.E.

These will fire gas shells on enemy's Support Line in co-operation with cylinder and projector discharges by 'A' and 'K' Special Companies R.E.

2. As the Stokes Mortars have a wider range of favourable wind directions, it has been decided that should the wind be favourable for Stokes, but not for cylinders, the former may fire independently. In this case warning will be given one hour before zero, zero having been previously notified in para. 4 (a) and (b) of O.O. 35.

The message employed for warning will be as in para. 4 of Operation Order No. 35, but will in addition contain--'No. 2. Company' i.e. 'Send WET sandbags to No. 2. Company' would mean 'Cylinder and projector discharges postponed, but No. 2. Special Company will fire Stokes Mortar Gas Bombs at zero.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.



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6.	O.C. 'D' Co.
7.	Scout Officer.
8.	Signalling Officer.
9.	R.M.O.
10.	Quartermaster.
11.	9th. Inf. Brigade.
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33RD BATTALION A.I.F. ORDER NO. 36.

Battalion Headquarters  
23rd May, 1917.

Reference Map:  
FLOEGSTREERT - 28 S.W.4. 1/10,000.

RELIEF. 1. The 33RD BATTALION will take over from 38TH BATTALION that portion of ST YVES sector from ANSCROFT AVENUE, to WESTMINSTER AVENUE commencing at 9 p.m. on night of 23/24th May, 1917. 34TH BATTALION will take over bivouac area in FLOEGSTREERT WOOD - U.19.d.

ORDER OF RELIEF AND ROUTES. 2. Two platoons of each Company will move into front and support lines, the remaining two platoons per Company being bivouaced in rear. Instructions regarding these platoons will be issued later. Specialists of one platoon per Company also Scouts and Signallers will move into position commencing at 12 noon on 23rd inst. Starting Point for A and B. Companies will be at Junction of ROUTE 6 and TORONTO AVENUE and for C and D. Companies will be at DEAD HORSE CORNER.

Company.	Time at S.P.	Route.
A. Co.	9.0 p.m.	RUGBY STREET - ROUTE 5 - BAYVILLE ROW - ROUTE 6. - SPY CORNER - Tran Line to HUD CORNER - ONTARIO AVENUE.
B. Co.	9.25 p.m.	As above to SPY CORNER thence Tran Line to TORONTO AVENUE.
C. Co.	9.0 p.m.	SERRAID AVENUE - DRAIN TRENCH - DEAD HORSE CORNER - ST YVES AVENUE and LOHE HOUSE AVENUE.
D. Co.	9.25 p.m.	As above to DEAD HORSE CORNER thence ST YVES AVENUE.

The position of Companies in the line from left to right will be A, B, C, D, and Headquarters will be established as under

Battalion	Headquarters.	U.14.d.80.05.
A. Co. Hdqrs.	HOPK HOUSE.	"B" Bn. Hdqrs.
B. Co. "	Dugout in ST ANDREWS DRIVE.	"A" Bn. Hdqrs.
C. Co. "	"A" Bn. Hdqrs.	"E" Bn. Hdqrs.
D. Co. "	"E" Bn. Hdqrs.	

PRECAUTIONS. 3. Every precaution must be taken to prevent hostile observations and Companies will move by sections at 300 yards distance.

GUIDES. 4. Company Commanders will reconnoitre routes before hand and will make their own arrangements with 38TH BATTALION for guides to lead them to Front and Support Lines.

ENTRICH STORES. 5. All usual stores, Defence Schemes, and log books will be taken over. Gun boots and shelters will be handed over to 38TH BATTALION. Receipts for taking and handing over will be duplicate and must be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters on completion of relief.

RATIONS. 6. Quartermaster will arrange to have rations delivered at CAM PAG DUMP (U.19.d.05.90) and Companies will arrange to convey them thence by Trarway.

POST OFFICES. 7. R.L.P.'s are established at PROUSE POINT and at DEAD HORSE CORNER.

REPORTS. 8. Companies will report by runner to Battalion Headquarters immediately on completion of relief.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*R. Jones* Lieut.

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



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Scout Officer.  
Signalling Officer.  
M.M.O.  
Quartermaster.  
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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>Our Operations</u>				
<u>Artillery</u> Our 18 pps and heavies bombarded enemy position throughout the night.				
<u>Patrols</u> Fighting reconnaissance patrols were out on our front during the night. They report as follows: <u>Very's lights</u> Very few used. A search light was used by enemy opposite extreme right of our sector between 11 PM + 12 AM <u>M.G</u> Quiet only 1 M.G. from about U-15-b-70-50 fired during night. This gun fired on junction of F.L. + Toronto Avenue + traverse to left.				
<u>Working parties</u> One heard at about U-15-d-80-25. Noise of driving stakes could also be heard apparently coming from well behind his front line. The place could not be located.				
<u>Enemy Patrols</u> Nil.				

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3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion  
Intelligence Report  
3 AM - 7 PM.

24/5/17

Our Operations

(1) Artillery

Enemy trenches were bombarded throughout the day by our 18 pounders & Heavies

(2) T.M.

At noon about 50 mediums were fired on enemy lines opposite left company

During the afternoon about 18 Heavy T.M.s were fired opposite left company + 8 opposite Centre Company. Of the latter 4

(3) M.G.

were dead.  
nil.

(4) Rifle fire

At 9 AM sharpshooters of Centre Company fired 3 shots at 3 of the enemy in UMBRO SWITCH TRENCH. The enemy then put a sheet of iron over gap to prevent observation. No certain hits were scored. 2 periscopes were broken.

(5) Aircraft

Our planes were very active during the whole day especially about 6.30 AM when fully 20 were overhead

Enemy Operations

Artillery

3 5 9's only were fired on Centre Company during the day, evidently at new works at head of LONE HOUSE

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At 8.15 4 77's were fired on Y1.  
at 10.30 4 77's

Between 12.15 + 1 PM 16 79's; 72 425 + 24 medium T.M.s were fired on left company

Aircraft

At 3.10 PM a plane flew over our lines. A Captive balloon opposite Y2 went up at 2 PM & was lowered again at 2.30 PM

Miscellaneous

At 2.30 & between 3.30 + 4 AM Bough calls were heard in direction of Messines

visibility  
low

very good  
N.W. 6 MPH

Major  
10. 345 P.M.



W.D

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

PATROL TIMETABLE FOR 24/25th May. 1917.

CO.	EXIT.	TIME.	ENTRY.	TIME	OBJECT.
A.	Centre of Sector. Left of Sector.	10.p.m. 12.m.n.	Cent. R of Sector. Left of Sector.	12.m.n. 2.30.a.m.	Reconn. Fighting.
B.	Left of Sector. " " "	10.p.m. 12.m.n.	Centre of Sector. Right of "	12.m.n. 2.a.m.	Reconn. "
C.	Left of Sector.	10p.m.	Centre of Sector.	12.m.n.	"
D.	Head of West- minster Avenue.	10.p.m.	Head of West- minster Avenue.	12.m.n.	"

Companies to supply men for Patrols as usual.

*R. Jones* Lieut.

Adjutant 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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33<sup>rd</sup> Gen A.H.

Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>Our Operations</u>				
<u>Artillery.</u> Our artillery bombarded enemy position at intervals throughout the night.				
<u>T.M.</u> 4" Stokes Mortars put over gas at 10.35 pm. 30 Medium T.M. were fired at the same time.				
<u>M.G.</u> Normal fire throughout night.				
<u>Aircraft</u> Our planes were very active flying low between 7.19 pm				
<u>Patrols</u> All patrols cancelled on account of gas & enemy bombardment.				
<u>Enemy Operations</u>				
<u>Artillery</u> as per attached tab. } slight to no damage done.				
<u>T.M.</u>				
<u>M.G.</u> Normal night firing				
<u>Afl. Fire</u> Nil.				
<u>Communications</u> When our Gas shells were fired into enemy position he fired green Ver's lights. At 2.20 am & 2.24 am				

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			enemy fired 2 star shells over the WOOD over MOATED FARM.	
			<u>Gas</u> From 3 am to 3.30 am Tear Gas has been used in the front line trenches. The effect has passed off.	
			<u>Wind</u> West. slight.	
			<u>Visibility</u> Good.	
			R. J. H. Bessie. Major.	
			4.30 am.	

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**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.**

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information					Remarks and references to Appendices	
<u>Hostile</u>			<u>Artillery Activity</u>						
			<u>Time</u>	<u>Locality</u>	<u>77m</u>	<u>4.2"</u>	<u>5.9"</u>	<u>T.M.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
		10 pm	Y <sub>2</sub>	10			14 (Med)	No damage	
		10.30 pm	Y <sub>2</sub>	20	10	5	6 "	"	
		12 MN 6	Y <sub>2</sub> - W <sub>2</sub>	15	2		6 "	"	
		12.30 am							
		10.30	Y <sub>1</sub>	20			2 "	"	
		12.0 pm	Y <sub>1</sub>	15	12	4	6 "	"	
		10.30 pm	STIVES # F.L.	11				Slight damage	
		10.30 pm	STIVES AVENUE				7 "	French blocked for 10 <sup>+</sup> .	

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## Intelligence Summary

From 4 am to 6 pm 25/5/17.

Our Operations

Artillery Our artillery bombarded the enemy position throughout the day with shells of all calibre. They also fired on a working party at Factory Farm. They also gave retaliation at 1 pm over Yv.

T.M. M.T.M. fired with good result on enemy wire damaging it very considerably.

M.C. Nil

Rifle fire Snipers active all day but very few opportunities presented themselves. 2 periscopes were broken.

Aircraft Our planes active throughout day. At 4.0 AM 12 of our machines flew over Messines. Enemy crashed one of them in flames. Both occupants jumped out when 1000 ft from ground. At 5.30 am another of our planes was crashed behind our lines at hill 63 by A.A. guns.

Enemy Operations

Artillery Active all day bombarded

Hill 63 heavily during afternoon. Cf table herewith. Enemy also retaliated on our front line & C.T.'s during day doing little damage.

T.M. See table. More active than usual.

M.C. Nil

Rifle fire Nil.

Communications 10 am enemy fired a red Ver's light opposite St Yv's



Defences Enemy wire considerably damaged by our M.T.M. Enemy appears to be using his periscopes from his 2<sup>nd</sup> line opposite St Yves during daytime.

Aircraft Enemy planes engaged our planes whenever they went over their lines and crashed 2 of them during the morning. Enemy planes did not come over our sector.

Miscellaneous Enemy got a direct hit on a tunnel in Y, about 20' from the entrance breaking down all inside woodwork and setting fire.

Visibility Good

R. J. Bassie. Capt.



W.D

PATROL TIME TABLE.

Headquarters.  
33rd. Battalion.  
25-5-17.

For night of 25/26th. May 1917.

Co.	Exit.	Time.	Entry.	Time.	Object.
'A'	Centre of Sector.	10 p.m.	Centre of Sector.	12midnight.	Reconntg.
"	"	12.30a.m.	"	2.30 a.m.	Fighting.
'B'	Right of Sector.	10 p.m.	"	12midnight.	Reconntg,
"	Centre of Sector.	12midnight.	"	2.a.m.	"
'C'	L.of ST.YVES AV.	10 p.m.	L.of ST.YVES AV.	1.a.m.	Fighting.
'D'	WESTMINSTER AV.	12.30 a.m.	WESTMINSTER AV.	2.30a.m.	Reconntg.and Listening.

Companies to supply men for patrols as usual.

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

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Intelligence Summary

From 6 pm 25/5/17 to 3.30 am 26/5/17.

Our Operations

Artillery

During night about 100-150 shells were fired over Y. + Y2

M.C

Vickers fired indirect from Ploegsteert Wood over Y. + Y2 between 7 + 9 pm

Lewis Usual night firing on gaps in enemy wire. Dispersed an enemy wiring party at U-15-a-55-75 directed by scouts from No Mans Land. One man was heard to cry out and several appeared to fall in the wire.

Rifle fire Normal.

Patrols

Five patrols including 1 fighting patrol worked on the bn front and report as follows:-  
Very's lights On the whole quiet. On the left very few were fired from Ft. during earlier part of night but more were fired later. On the right they were active at times. For the greater part of the night he threw up a number of lights from well behind his front line. They seemed to come from line of undulating support, undated & undamaged trenches.

Transport At 11.15 am Enemy transport could be heard about on Warneton-Gapoad rd. Train heard near Warneton at 12.15 am.



Working parties could be heard inside his front line at U-15-d-80-60 and north from there to about 100'. There was also a party repairing the trench at about U-15-a-70-70. At this point a man was seen to get up on the parapet and use a pick. Scouts directed LC fire onto a working party at U-15-a-55-75 from No Mans Land. One man heard cry out others seen to fall in wire.

No Mans Land On left of Bu front in excellent condition - mostly dead ground very few shell holes. On right a bit of shell holes but otherwise in good condition. There is plenty of grass. Tear gas was found to be still in the grass opposite left and 1 patrol was forced to come in on that account.

A patrol left our line to investigate cause of sounds of working parties reported at U-15-d-85-50. This patrol got through the enemy wire onto the parapet. There was no work going on in the trench but it could be heard in rear. The patrol could hear enemy sentry groups on either side of them. When they started to withdraw our 18 pps opened an enemy wire and they had to take refuge in a shell hole and were lucky in only being covered with dirt from the shell.



Aircraft One of our planes flew over enemy line in Northerly direction at 10.35

### Enemy Operations

Artillery Quiet see Talk.

T.M.

M.C. Very quiet. Gun opposite St Yves fired burst + gun at U-15-b-25-50 fired about at dusk.

Communications See scout report.

Defence Enemy seemed to be working in his front line in a few places along his front especially at ~~U-15-b~~ the work going on at about U-15-d so to was found to be in rear of his line. Enemy is also attempting to repair his wire.

Our Aircraft 14 planes flew over enemy lines between 7.30 + 9.30 pm. AA. Gun fired on them but they all returned.

Miscellaneous A fire was seen behind the enemy line at Thatched Cottage at between 9 pm to 1 am. It used to burn brightly at times then die right down. At 2.25 am a train could be heard near La Basseville. Our own working parties <sup>in rear</sup> can be clearly heard from our front line moving transport, shouting + singing + making considerable unnecessary noise.

4/40 am

R. A. Brossie, Capt.

33 - B. A. I.



Hostile Artillery Activity. 25/5/17.

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Time	Locality	77	42	59	Minnies	Wurfgranate	Remarks
3.40 am	U-15-d	15	8				No damage
4.10 am	ST YVES				6 (Med)		St Yves Av blown in 2 places
10.0 am	A Bn. H.Q.		5				No damage
3.0 pm	WESTM AV.				2 (Med)		
4.5 pm	LONE HOUSE AV		5	3			
9.0 am to 11 am	Y1	4	8	10	4 (Med)		Slight damage to F.L. & C.T.
11 am to 12 noon	Y1 & Y2		15	10	4 ( )		" " "
1 pm to 3 pm	Y1 & Y2		6	15	8		" " "
12.10 am	Y1 (back)		5				N.D.
9.30 pm	Lone House Av					1	" "

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Reference Map :  
PROLOGUE RE- 28 S.F. 4.1/10.000.

1. The 33RD. BATTALION will be relieved in the ST. YVES Sector by the 34TH. BATTALION on the night of 26/27th. May 1917, commencing at 9 p.m., and will move to billets in NIEPPE.

The following will be the order of relief:

34TH. BATTALION.

Company.	Route In.
Left.	SPY CORNER - Tram line to HUD CORNER - ONTARIO AVENUE.
Centre.	SPY CORNER - Tram line to TORONTO AVENUE.
Right.	SPY CORNER - LEWISIAN AVENUE - DEAD HORSE CORNER - ST. YVES AVENUE and LOW HOUSE AVENUES.
Support.	SPY CORNER - LEWISIAN AVENUE - DEAD HORSE CORNER.

33RD. BATTALION.

Company.	Route Out.
'A'.	ONTARIO AVENUE - HUD CORNER.
'B'.	TORONTO AVENUE - SPY CORNER - STRAND AVENUE.
'C' and 'D'.	DEAD HORSE CORNER - DRAIN TRENCH - HAMMARKOT - LOWHUSES AVENUE to MAISON 1875.

Advance parties and specialists of 34TH. BATTALION will move in front line area during daylight of 26th. inst. Os.C. Companies will arrange mutually with opposite numbers for guides to meet parties from incoming Battalion. Billeting parties of two N.C.Os. per Company and one from Battalion Headquarters will proceed to NIEPPE during daylight of 26th. instant to make billeting arrangements.

3. All Trench Stores, Defence Schemes, Log books, maps, plans etc. will be handed over and duplicate receipts obtained therefor. Receipts to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters before quitting the line.

4. Working Party Tables for 27th. inst. will be issued later.

5. All precautions will be taken against hostile observation, and parties will move as follows:-  
East of PROLOGUE RE - LE BIZET Road by Sections at two minutes interval.  
West of PROLOGUE RE - LE BIZET Road by Platoons at two minutes interval.

6. Blankets will be carried on the man. Officers kits and Mess gear to be stacked at CAN PAC DUMP during daylight on the 26th. inst., and guard placed over them until arrival of transport at an hour which will be notified later.

7. Companies will report by runner to Battalion Headquarters immediately relief is completed and again when men are settled in billets.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 8.30 p.m. To whom.  
Copy No.

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

- 1. C.O.
- 2. File.
- 3. 'A' Company.
- 4. 'B' Company.
- 5. 'C' Company.
- 6. 'D' Company.
- 7. Scout Officer.
- 8. Signalling Officer.
- 9. R.M.O.
- 10. Quartermaster.
- 11. 9th. Inf. Brigade.
- 12. War Diary.
- 13. War Diary.
- 14. 34th. Batta.



AFTER ORDER H O. 29  
By  
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHAD,  
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

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In the Field,  
28th May, 1917.

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74. SALUTING. It is noticed that the men are becoming very slack in the matter of saluting officers. This is to receive immediate attention. Officers will take the names of men of this Battalion who fail to salute them or whom they see fail to salute any other officer. These men are to be duly reported to Battalion Headquarters. N.C.Os and R.M.F. are to report any man of the Battalion whom they see who fails to salute an officer.

75. TRAINING. During this final period of training the greatest attention will be paid to getting the men into physically good condition. To this end 2 hours per day will be devoted to physical training and bayonet fighting, at least 1 hour per day to route marching, and half an hour to bomb throwing. 1 1/2 hours per day is to be devoted to fire direction and control, rapid loading and manipulation of the bolt, fixing bayonets silently. Men must also be given practice at snap shooting at moving targets and muscle exercises. Digging practice is also required to harden mens hands. Taking these seratin the following points call for special attention.

1. Physical Training to consist of running without equipment or tunic mostly short sprints and time between sprints filled in with smart walking. This should occupy about half an hour. The remainder of time to consist of doubling and getting up and down with full equipment and rifle.
2. Bayonet fighting to be all with blob sticks. The men kept on the move and stick pointed at them as they advance. It is assumed that the men are all trained soldiers and that they are now being smartened up so that none of the bayonet fighting will be done by word of command.
3. Bomb throwing. To make the mens muscle used to the exertion and improve their accuracy.
4. Route marching. To get the men used to moving with full loads. Strictest march discipline to be insisted upon on all occasions.
5. Digging with view to hardening the mens hands. Arrangements are being made for land.
6. Musketry as already stated.

During this period men are also to be trained to go long periods w without drinking. The position is to be fully explained to all men and it is to be considered as part of their training. It must be explained that this will add very greatly to the mens efficiency and personal comfort and that it can only be obtained by practice and a certain amount of self denial on the part of each man. It is not generally known, but camels have to be taught to go without for long periods, and without being thus taught they are not any better than other animals for this purpose. In the same way men can be taught to do without water for moderately long periods without any inconvenience and by so doing their efficiency is great improved. Men are to be forbidden to drink during parade hours and are to be encouraged to only drink at certain regular times such as at meals or half an hour before meals. The supply of water in the coming operations is going to be a difficult matter and such training will be of the greatest value to the men. The hours of parade will be 9 a.m. to 12 noon, 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. actual training. Special attention to be paid throughout to dress and saluting. One hour per day is at Os.C. Companies disposal for training purposes to do what they think necessary. Os.C. Companies will submit syllabi before 8 p.m. 28.5.17.

76. DRESS AND DISCIPLINE. Men are going about the streets out of billets improperly dressed. Os.C. Companies will make arrangements to have all men inspected before they leave billets and when they return they are to report to Company Orderly Sergeant or Corporal who will inspect them.



Men, if they leave billets, are to have tunics clean. They are to be properly buttoned at the neck and the sleeves rolled down and buttoned. Hats are to be properly worn and boots cleaned. Men are not to be allowed out of billets in slacks. All torn clothing is to be mended before men are to be allowed out of billets. It is to be pointed out to the men that if they wish to be without their coats or putties or improperly dressed in any way they must stay in billets. The privilege of being allowed to leave billets is only granted to men who are properly dressed and conduct themselves in a soldierly manner. N.C.Os are to be instructed that they are to take the names of and report to Battalion Headquarters any man who is improperly dressed or misbehaving himself out of billets, and the man is to be ordered to return to billets and report to the Company Orderly Sergeant. The time at which any such man reports is to be taken and reported to Battalion Headquarters next morning. The Battalion Police are to receive similar instructions. No man is to be absent from his billets without a pass signed by an officer. The Regimental Police will examine leave passes. Any man without a pass will be put under arrest and charged with Disobedience of Orders and Absence without leave. No more than 50% of a Company may have leave during any one day. Men are forbidden to buy bottles of liquor. Company Commanders will forward daily by 6 p.m. a return showing the offence and how dealt with.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

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



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W. Diary

35RD BATTALION, A.I.F. ORDER NO. 38.

Reference Map:  
PLOGSTERT 28, S.W.4.  
Edition 4 B 1/10,000.

Battalion Headquarters,  
27th May, 1917.

INTENTION. 1. A raid will be carried out in the German Trenches by a party supplied by D. Company, supported by 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery on the night of May 28th/29th at a time to be notified later.

OBJECTIVE AND POINT OF ENTRY. (i) U.15.d.84.72 to U.15.d.81.90.

2. (ii) Point of entry : U.15.d.87.82.

OBJECTS. 3. (i) To ascertain the existence of mine shaft, particularly at U.15.d.85.80 and to destroy any discovered.  
(ii) To reconnoitre the enemy's front line.  
(iii) To inflict casualties and take prisoners.

ORGANISATION.			Offs.	O.R.
4.	(i) <u>COMMANDER.</u>	Captain T.W. TOLLIS.		
		2 telephonists.		
		2 linesmen.		
		6 runners.		
		8 stretcher bearers.	1	18.
	(ii) <u>STORMING PARTY.</u>	2/Liout. K.J. CAMPBELL.		
		1 N.C.O.		
		3 bayonet men.		
		3 bombers.		
		1 carrier.		
		4 demolition men.		
		1 runner.		
		1 searcher.	1	14.
	(iii) <u>LEFT BLOCKING PARTY.</u>	1 N.C.O.		
		2 bayonet men.		
	2 bombers.			
	1 carrier.		6.	
(iv) <u>COMMUNICATION TRENCH BLOCKING PARTY.</u>	1 N.C.O.			
	1 bayonet man.			
	2 bombers.		4.	
(v) <u>PARAPET PARTY.</u>	4 riflemen. (including 1 N.C.O. and 2 runners).			
	2 Scouts.			
	4 stretcher bearers.		10.	
		<u>2</u>	<u>52.</u>	

PRELIMINARY MEASURES. 5. (i) DRESS. (a) All ranks will wear British Pattern service dress. Rank badges will be worn.  
(b) Steel helmets will be worn.  
(c) Box respirators will be worn in the "alert" position.  
(d) Anything that would lead to an identification will not be carried.  
(e) A strip of white cloth 18" x 6" will be worn on each arm 6" above the elbow, and will be covered by a piece of sandbag loosely tacked on which will be torn off before entering the enemy's trench.

(ii) ARMS AND EQUIPMENT. See appendix A.

(iii) RECONNAISSANCE.  
(a) All ranks will go over the approach across NO MAN'S LAND before the night of the raid.  
(b) The Scout Officer will have the enemy's wire reconnoitred each night and will have NO MAN'S LAND specially patrolled on the night of the raid.  
(c) The Scouts will guide the raiders to the point of assembly.

(iv) COMMUNICATIONS.  
ST YVES AVENUE will be kept clear of all traffic from zero minus 30 minutes to zero plus 60 minutes.

(v) SYNCHRONISATION.  
Watches will be synchronised at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. on night of raid.



**(vi) PARADE.**

The raiding party will report to Battalion Headquarters at zero minus 1 hour. O.C. Raid will hand in a nominal roll of his party. He will also arrange to check his men on their return to our trenches.

**(vii) COUNTERSIGN.**

The countersign will be notified when the party reports to Battalion Headquarters.

**ARTILLERY  
CO-OPERATION.**

This is the subject of a separate order.

6.

**STOKES  
MORTAR.**

7.

No. 1. Gun. U.15.d.84.72. to U.15.d.81.00.  
2. Gun. U.15.b.10.55. to U.15.b.01.55.  
3. Gun. U.15.b.55.29. to U.15.b.70.18.  
4. Gun. U.15.d.98.04. to U.21.b.85.81.

**RATE OF FIRE.**

Zero to Zero plus 2. Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4. 40 rounds = 160 rounds.  
zero plus 12 to zero plus 17 Nos. 2, 3, & 4.  
50 rounds. = 150 "

310 rounds.

**VICKERS  
GUNS.**

8.

No. 1. Gun at U.14.c.87.00. to fire onto the ULSTER RESERVE  
Trenches and GREY FARM U.9. .55.10. to U.9.d.72.42.  
No. 2. Gun at GERMAN HOUSE at U.21.a.27.15 to fire onto  
ULTRA TRENCH from U.15.d.92.38. to U.21.b.86.80.  
No. 3. Gun at MOATED FARM to fire on ULTIMO LANE from  
U.16.a.53.00. to U.16.b.79.35.

**POSITION  
OF LEADERS.**

9.

(i) O.C. Raid will be stationed at U.15.d.50.75. An  
Artillery Liaison Officer will be with him.  
(ii) O.C. Assault will enter the trenches with the Storming  
Party.

**PLAN OF  
ACTION.**

10.

- (i) The Raiding Party guided by 2 Scouts will be in position  
at the point of assembly at zero minus 1 minute. These  
Scouts will lay a tape to guide the party back.  
(ii) At zero plus 1 the raiders will move as close to the  
barrage as possible and at zero plus 2 they will rush  
the enemy's trench.  
(iii) **TASKS.**  
(a) Parapet men will cut the wire if necessary.  
(b) The Order of entry will be Storming Party, Left  
Blocking Party, Communication Trench Blocking Party.  
(c) The STORMING PARTY will clear the enemy's trench  
from the point of entry to U.15.d.84.72. The  
O.C. Party, runner and demolition men will search  
for mine shafts and destroy any discovered.  
(d) The LEFT BLOCKING PARTY will clear the trenches  
from the Point of Entry to U.15.d.81.90. and  
establish a bombing block there.  
(e) The COMMUNICATION TRENCH BLOCKING PARTY will  
establish a Bombing Block in ULTIMO AVENUE at  
U.15.d.94.82.  
(f) The searcher will obtain identifications and  
documents from enemy dead.  
(g) The PARAPET PARTY will take up their position on  
the enemy's parapet.

**COMMUNICATION.**

11.

Telephonic Communication will be established between O.C.  
Raid and Battalion Headquarters. O.C. Raid will inform  
Battalion Headquarters when artillery support is no longer  
required.

**WITHDRAWAL.**

12.

(i) Parties will remain in the enemy's trench not longer  
than 10 minutes. The Order to withdraw will be given  
by the O.C. Assault. The withdrawal must be rapid  
but congestion must be avoided. The parapet party  
will cover the withdrawal.



3.

- PRISONERS: Prisoners will be dealt with as follows:-
- 13. (i) They will be disarmed and searched when captured.
  - (ii) On reaching our trenches, O.C. Raid will immediately send them under escort to Battalion Headquarters.
  - (iii) They will be kept separate from each other and not allowed to converse.
  - (iv) They will be further searched on arrival at Battalion Headquarters and relieved of all papers, books, badges, identity discs and shoulder straps.
  - (v) Each prisoner's papers will be kept separate and marked so that he may be questioned concerning them.
  - (vi) There must be no crowding around prisoners.
  - (vii) O.C. Raid will arrange for their escort to the A.P.M. who will be at Brigade Headquarters.

MEDICAL. REGIMENTAL AID POST will be at DEAD HORSE CORNER.

REPORTS. Reports to Battalion Headquarters, HOPE HOUSE.

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

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7.	B. Co.	" "
8.	C. Co.	" "
9.	D. Co.	" "
10.	Scout Officer.	" "
11.	Signalling Officer.	" "
12.	R.M.O.	" "
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23.	" " "	" "
24-26.	Spare.	" "



4.

To accompany Operation Order No. 38.A P P E N D I X "A".LIST OF ARTICLES TO BE CARRIED BY 33RD BATTALION RAIDING PARTY.

No.	Details.	Revolvers.	Revolver Ammunition.	Mills Grenades.	Rifle and Bayonet.	S.A.A.	Torches.	Gum Cotton lbs.	Lotiniere bombs.	Wire Cutters.	Telephone.	Knobkerries.	Stretchers.
2	Officers.	2	36	0			2						
3	N.C.Os.	3	10	12			6					3	
6	Bayonet men.			24	6	300							
2	Scouts.	2	36							2			
4	Riflemen.			16	4	200							
7	Bombers.	7	126	56			7		2			7	
2	Carriers.	2	36	32									
4	Demolition men.	4	72	16			4	32					
1	Searcher.	1	10	4			1						
7	Runners.			28	7	350							
4	Telephonists & Linesmen.				4	200					1		
8	Stretcher Bearers.	8	144	32									4.
		29	406	228	21	1050	20	32	2	2	1	10	4.



REPORT ON RAID  
CARRIED OUT BY 33RD BATTALION, A.I.F. ON NIGHT  
OF MAY 26th/27th.

Reference Map : FLONGSTREET 28 S.W.4.  
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- INTENTION.** 1. It was intended to carry out a raid on the enemy's front line from U.15.d.84.72 to U.15.d.81.90. and to enter at U.15.d.87.82.  
The objects of the raid were to ascertain if there was a mine shaft at U.15.d.85.80 as reported by previous units holding the line; to reconnoitre the enemy's front line; and to inflict casualties and take prisoners.
- COMPOSITION OF PARTY.** 2. (i) The composition and organisation of the party were as set out by 33RD BATTALION, A.I.F. ORDER NO.38.  
(ii) The party was supplied by D. Company which Company is to capture this part of the line in the "MAGNUM OPUS".
- PRELIMINARY PREPARATIONS.** 3. (i) A clear gap existed at U.15.d.87.82 and was kept open by Lewis Gun fire. Except for this gap the wire appeared fairly strong.  
(ii) The Battalion occupied the ST YVES Sector for three days only and were relieved on the night of May 26th/27th. In order that the raiders could be better acquainted with NO MAN'S LAND they remained in the trenches until the night of the raid.  
(iii) Every man went over the route in NO MAN'S LAND to the point of assembly before zero night.  
(iv) The wire was visited each night.
- ZERO HOUR.** 4. Zero hour was 1.45 a.m. This time was chosen to escape the moonlight and to synchronise with the 10th Brigade raid.
- ASSEMBLY.** 5. The party was in position at the place of assembly at zero minus 8 minutes. No casualties were sustained in reaching it. While there the trench was patrolled by one man who fired five rounds and several Very lights - this was the only movement that could be heard.
- NARRATIVE.** 6. (i) At zero, on the opening of the Artillery, the party crawled forward. So accurate was our artillery that by zero plus 2 they were between 30 and 40 yards from the barrage.  
(ii) There was no opposition in the enemy trenches. The left blocking party proceeded 50 yards along the trench and came to an empty dug-out. This was not destroyed as we shall require it later.  
(iii) The storming party under 2nd Lieut. K.J. Campbell worked along 50 yards and came to the concrete dug-out which can be seen from our line and where the mine shaft was suspected. There is no mine shaft. Lieut. Campbell gave the order to withdraw and then saw to the destroying of this dug-out. On his way back to the point of exit he met a German, evidently the "Caretaker", who had been hiding. He offered resistance so was killed. As everyone had left the trench Lieut. Campbell had no time to get identifications and brought back only the dead man's rifle.  
(iv) The Communication Trench Blocking Party met with no opposition.
- STATE OF ENEMY'S TRENCHES.** 7. The enemy's front line trenches south of ULTIMO AVENUE are in good condition and not much damaged by shell fire. They are deep, well duck-boarded, and strongly revetted with hurdles.  
The trenches North of ULTIMO AVENUE are not in such good condition. ULTIMO AVENUE is in a bad state of repair.



ARTILLERY ACTION.

8. (i) OUR ARTILLERY.

Our artillery is to be highly commended on the accuracy of their shooting. So accurate was it that the raiders moved as close as 30 yards to the barrage. The lift from the front line at zero plus 2 was immediate and clearly seen, and the trenches were rushed without the slightest hesitation. So effective was the shooting of our artillery and Stokes Mortars that all machine guns were silent, not one fired on our front.

(ii) ENEMY ARTILLERY.

The enemy's artillery opened at zero plus 3 but the barrage was placed just to the North of our front. I attribute this firstly to the fact that in order to delude the enemy the parapet party fired Very lights towards our own trenches, and secondly to the Northern diversion. At zero plus 11 he localised our attack and shelled his own front line chiefly with high explosives and NO MAN'S LAND with shrapnel. He did not shell our front line heavily. He also used gas shells which affected the forward signal station gassing two men and forcing the others to put on their box respirators.

MACHINE GUNS.

9. (i) OUR MACHINE GUNS.

Our Machine Guns did excellent work and helped to keep down hostile rifle and machine gun fire.

(ii) ENEMY MACHINE GUNS.

Enemy machine guns did not fire.

ENEMY LIGHTS.

10.

The enemy fired red, green, red bursting into green lights, but did not fire as many white Very lights as on other sectors we have attacked.

CASUALTIES.

11.

Missing.	2	other ranks.
Wounded.	7	" "
Gassed.	2.	" "
Total. 11.		

The two scouts are missing. During the night they reconnoitred the enemy's wire and reported on it to the O.C. Raid, and later they led the party to the place of assembly and guided the raiders to the gap. They were to have laid a tape back; this was not done, and nothing was seen of them after the trenches were entered. Another search is being made in NO MAN'S LAND tonight. Of the seven wounded, five are slight.

OBSERVATIONS. 12.

- (i) The Heavy Artillery opened fire to our North at zero minus 3. I think it is a doubtful policy in these minor operations for fire to open before zero. Had these guns fired at zero I do not think that the enemy would have had his barrage down by zero plus 3.
- (ii) The raid proved what we have always believed, that the enemy has practically no men in the front line. A "Caretaker" fires the Very lights and a few rounds occasionally. I therefore think that in the forthcoming artillery preparation attention should be paid much more to his support line than to his front line. All that the infantry require for the front line is destruction of the wire.
- (iii) The ruse of firing Very lights from the enemy's line to ours proves successful; it took eleven minutes for their artillery to localise the raid.
- (iv) If we are raided by the enemy it would be a good thing if our artillery fired some gas shells as they certainly hinder communications if they do nothing else.

*J. Morshead*  
Lieut-Colonel.  
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.



W. D.

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AFRER OR DER NO. 300.  
By  
LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSEHEAD,  
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,  
30th May, 1917.

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COURT OF INQUIRY. The detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 31st May, 1917, at Battalion Headquarters, NIEPES, to inquire into and report whereby the undermentioned equipment was lost during a raid on the night of 28th/29th May, 1917.

REVOLVERS:	11.	Wipe Cutters.	4.
Webley No. 254, 739			
	238, 698.		
	224, 116.	Torches, electric	
S & W.	61, 261.	flash.	10.
	47, 268.		
	62, 590.		
	31, 611.	Bill Hooks.	
4 Colt Revolvers,			
not numbered.			

PRESIDENT.

Captain J.W. BERRIDGE.

MEMBERS.

Lieut. A.H. FLETCHER.

Lieut. R.C. KING.

G.C. B. Company will warn all witnesses who will be duly required to attend.

Proceedings to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters on completion.

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



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APPENDIX



## ROUTINE ORDER NO. 275.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. HORSHEAD,  
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.In the Field,  
1st May, 1917.

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WATER. No water is to be used for cooking or drinking Purposes if it  
2316. requires to be treated with more than two scoopsfulls of Bleaching  
Powder.

FUEL. Issues of Fuel at Winter Scale will cease on 30th April. On and  
2317. after 1st May, issues will be made at Summer Scale, in accordance  
with G. R. O's 1539 and 2377.

PIGEON SERVICE. The Brigade Pigeon Service will be organised on the following  
basis.

2318. The following Personnel will be attached to the Signal Section of  
each unit and utilised as Pigeoneers only.

Brigade Headquarters	..	4.
Battalion Hdqrs.	..	8

(One Pigeoneer to be att-  
ached to each Company).

Pigeons will be liberated twice daily.

Instructions to be carried out as Per "Organisation of Carrier  
Pigeon Service, II ANZAC".

Pigeon Post will be formed at Headquarters of each Battalion and  
Company in the line.

Brigade Pigeoneers will deliver Pigeons to each Battalion Pigeon  
Post.

Battalion Pigeoneers will deliver to Company Pigeon Posts.

RIFLE GRENADES. There seems to be a difference of opinion as to the grenade which  
should be used by rifle grenadiers.

2319. In the recent fighting the No. 80 Rifle Grenade was generally used,  
and it is considered that this is the best under the Present  
circumstances.

The disadvantage is, of course, the supply of one type for the  
Rifle Grenadier and another for the bomber.

Successful experiments have been carried out with a Tromblon,  
similar to that in use by the French from which a range of 250  
yards with a Mills Grenade was obtained.

A supply of these Tromblons is expected in about a month's time.

CHEESE RATION. Cheese ration may be demanded at the daily rate of 2 ounce.  
2320.

SUPER-STRUCTURES FOR WATER CARTS. Transport Officer will send watercarts to Pioneer Battalion  
Headquarters, corner of Rue Sadi Carnot and Rue Nationale daily  
at 8 a.m. as under.

Date.	1.5.17.	Date.	2.5.17.
No. of Carts.	1.	No. of Carts.	1.

DUTIES OF C.Q.M.S's. In order that the duties of C.Q.M.S's may be thoroughly under-  
stood by all concerned and that their duties may be made uni-  
form throughout the Battalion the following list of duties has  
been made out for compliance. It is to be clearly understood  
that the C.Q.M.S is responsible to his Company Commander for  
these duties, but that the Sergeant Cook and R.Q.M.S. are  
always available to give any assistance they can and help in  
every way possible.

Os.C. Companies must remember that the first duty of the C.Q.  
is to look after the men of his Company and to provide every-  
thing that it is possible to provide for this purpose and that an  
energetic C.Q.M.S. if he carries out the undermentioned duties  
thoroughly can make a very great difference to the comfort,  
well-being and moral of his Company.

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It should also be borne in mind by Co. C. Companies that if not thoroughly supervised the C.M.S. can make his job just what he likes and do as little work as he pleases.

## I. In relation to the feeding of the men.

1. He will be responsible that all rations to which his Company is entitled are drawn from the Quartermaster, sorted and delivered to his Company.
2. He will be in direct control of the Company Cooks and will be responsible for seeing that the diet sheet is adhered to as far as possible and that the articles which it is necessary to purchase are procured through the Quartermaster and correctly used.
3. He will in conjunction with the Sergeant Cook make out the weekly diet sheet for submission to the Company Commanders.
4. He will see that the kitchens and all cooking utensils are kept clean at all times and see that all utensils are properly used and see that all orders relating to cleanliness and tidiness of both cooks and kitchens are strictly adhered to.
5. He will see that the cooks wear their dungarees at all times and that they are washed as directed in orders.
6. He will be responsible that there is no waste of food from the time it is issued to his Company until it leaves the kitchen and he will see that unconsumed food returned to the cooks is properly used. He will keep a record of all such unconsumed food.
7. He will see that the cooks render down all available fat and will arrange for its being properly graded and marked and returned to the Quartermaster.
8. He will make provision for and see that the stock pot is properly run and that there is no waste of food in the kitchen.
9. He will see that kitchen utensils and equipment are properly used and that any articles broken or becoming unserviceable are replaced without delay.
10. While his Company is in the trenches he will see that the field kitchen is properly cared for and will see that any minor repairs necessary are carried out before the kitchen is again required for use.

## II. In relation to billeting from trenches.

1. He will see to the disposition of the Company in billets.
2. He will arrange for all stores, equipment, blankets, and straw (when available) to be brought from Quartermaster's store and arranged in billets according to the disposition of the Company.
3. He will arrange for the mens packs to be stacked at the Company billet before the Company arrives.
4. He will arrange for latrine accommodation for his Company and for the supply of the necessary disinfectant and cleaning materials.
5. He will arrange for brooms and cleaning material for billets.
6. He will see that all field kitchens and cooking utensils are delivered at billets and arrange for the establishment of a Company kitchen and dixie lines.

## III. Leaving Billets.

1. He will check all the mens packs and arrange for them to be stored at Quartermaster's store.
2. He will check all articles and cooking utensils on Field Kitchen and other such articles being returned to the Quartermaster store. He will be responsible for the proper care being taken of these articles while the Company is in the line.
3. He will be present when his Company moves out of billets and will see to the cleaning up of the billet, cleaning out of latrines, filling in cess pits and general tidiness and cleanliness of billets.

## IV. While in the line he will accompany the rations to the trenches daily where he will see to the distribution. He will not leave the trenches before 9 a.m. daily to return to Quartermaster's store.

In addition to the duties set down under heading I he will be responsible for the following:-



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1. Keeping a record of all salvage returned to the Quartermaster by his Company.
  2. Seeing that all socks are properly collected from his Company, washed and returned without delay.  
He will be responsible for all Company stores while the Battalion is on the move.

V. In relation to equipment of men.

1. He will see that all articles of equipment and clothing required by his Company are obtained without delay.
2. He will keep constantly in touch with Platoon Commanders and will keep a record of all articles issued to the men (1) to replace unserviceable (2) on charge. In the latter case he will see that the O.C. Company is informed so that the proper charges can be made against the man.
3. He will constantly supervise the mending and repair of boots and clothing of his Company.

VI. He will perform any other duties which the O.C. Company considers necessary for the comfort and well being of his men.

INSPEC- The Company Orderly Officer will be present at the kitchens and  
TION OF will inspect all meals before they are taken away for distrib-  
MEALS. ution and will remain at the meal until it is finished. He will  
2223. supervise the disposal of all refuse and see that all unconsumed  
food is returned to the cooks. He will see that the cooks  
use this unconsumed food properly and do not throw away anything  
that can be used for another meal. When two or more Companies  
are billeted in the same place each Company will have its own  
refuse tins under the charge of the Company senior cook.  
Nothing is to be thrown into these tins without instructions from  
the senior cook. Mess orderlies will be responsible for the  
refuse which they return for destruction. After each meal  
the Company Orderly Officer will inspect his refuse tins.

SNIPING The undermentioned candidate has been selected to attend Sniping  
SCHOOL, School, MONT DES CATS, commencing 12.5.17.  
MONT DES 2/Lieut.E.A.Clarence. B.Co.  
CATS. Notice to Proceed will be issued later.  
2224.

SCHOOLS The undermentioned candidate has been detailed to attend at  
AT TERD- TERDEGHEM on 7.5.17.  
EGHEM.  
2225. Stokes Mortar Course. - No.3533. Pte.T.A.Brown, D.Co.

CORRIG- Para 3127, R.O. No.371, dated 29.4.17 is cancelled.  
ENDA.  
2226.

TRANSFERS. The undermentioned transfers have been approved:-  
2227. No.2926, Pte.E.B.Percy, from B.Co. to D.Co.  
5075, " F.H.Quinlan " D.Co. to Hdqrs.

PROMOT- The following Promotion has been approved:-  
IONS. To be Corporal.  
2228. No.5075, Pte.F.H.Quinlan, dated 1st March, 1917.

APPOINT- The following appointment has been approved:-  
MENT. To be Assistant Adjutant.  
2229. Lieut.E.L.E.Chapman.

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

<u>A. Co.</u>		<u>B. Co.</u>	
No. 3687.	Pte. W. T. Walsh.	No. 1386.	Pte. A. Hughes.
3436.	" J. Brack.	1389.	" T. J. Geary.
3664.	" W. J. Baldock.	1487.	" W. C. White.
3003.	" L. McGuinness.	1459.	" G. Treeves.
3660.	" H. I. Weick.	1489.	" A. Swadling.
1953.	" S. C. - ile.	1435.	" W. J. Robertson.
3609.	" H. McGregor.	1437.	" W. H. Reid.
3527.	" W. H. Bath.	1439.	" J. E. Rae.
3525.	" H. T. Bath.	1431.	" A. Rae.
3331.	" J. Hogan.	1436.	" O. G. Pearce.
3652.	" W. T. Tranby.	1418.	" J. E. Murphy.
3515.	" A. J. Gilnour.	1451.	" C. Lincoln.
3619.	" H. J. McGregor.	1446.	" F. T. Healy.
3354.	" J. H. Marshall.	1458.	" W. E. Torrens.
3681.	" H. Rider.	1376.	" G. G. Bartho.
1413.	" W. McLaughlin.		

<u>C. Co.</u>		<u>D. Co.</u>	
No. 2564.	Pte. H. S. Gidley.	No. 3543.	Pte. B. Coulton.
3408.	" R. St. C. Johnson.	3539.	" D. W. Hutton.
3714.	" H. A. Lawley.	3578.	" L. C. Johnston.
5160.	" J. A. Pickering.	3673.	" S. Hill.
1434.	" F. L. Pearson.	3534.	" L. O. Locke.
3635.	" C. G. Rolls.	3603.	" L. G. Marsh.
3663.	" A. Webber.	3703.	" H. F. McGeady.
1558.	" S. B. Hallan.	3650.	" W. Tolloch.
1564.	" A. Jones.	3686.	" W. J. C. Wilson.
917.	" A. W. Kennedy.	3632.	" G. K. Seddon.
3581.	" A. W. A. Kinnorley.	3534.	" E. S. Bosworth.
3627.	" J. T. Prior.	1383.	" E. W. Davis.
731.	" C. H. Cavanagh.	3653.	" J. A. Thow.
1593.	" R. W. Gay.	1799.	" A. E. Chapman.
3563.	" H. A. Gainey.	1317.	" G. Denny.
1852.	" W. P. Ginger.	1382.	" E. W. Davis.
3396.	" G. M. Thom.		

(Signed) E. L. E. CHAPMAN, Lieut.

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



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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 274.

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

In the Field,  
2nd May, 1917.

OFFICERS LEAVE. 2231. The following is promulgated for the information of officers proceeding on leave. When making application for leave Officers will comply with this order giving the particulars as stated, in their application. It is repeated for information that 7 days notice is to be given in the case of leave to the South of France, and four days notice in the case of leave to PARIS.

G.R.O. 1856. Officers granted leave to the South of France.

1. Information under the following headings should be given in advance to Headquarters, L. of C. Area in each case, for transmission to Base Commandant, MARSEILLES:-

- (a) Name of Officer.
- (b) Rank.
- (c) Unit or appointment.
- (d) Date of commencement and termination of leave.
- (e) Nature of leave, sick or otherwise.
- (f) Place to which leave is granted, and the Officer's address at that place.
- (g) Authority granting leave.

- 2. Every officer on leave to be provided with a written copy of his authority.
- 3. Every Officer granted leave to South of France, to be directed to report in writing his arrival in, and departure from, South of France, to Headquarters, British Base, MARSEILLES.
- 4. Any officer who stays or is detained for a night at MARSEILLES should report personally to Headquarters, British Base, and if passing through MARSEILLES Station, should show his authority for the journey if requested to do so by the Railway or Police Officials.
- 5. The above rules should apply to all Officers granted leave to any place south of a line drawn East and West through Avignon (Vaucluse).

DETACH-  
MENT. 2232. In accordance with R.O. 273, para 2218, the undermentioned man is detailed as Brigade Pigeoner, and is detached from this Battalion for duty at Brigade Headquarters.

No.1977, Pte.S.C.Woodham, C.Co.

The undermentioned other rank is detached from this Battalion for Power Buzzer Work at 3rd Aus. Divisional Headquarters.

No.1429, Pte.W.H.Mitchell, Bn.H.Q. Signallers.

ATTACH-  
MENTS. 2233. The undermentioned will be attached to Battalion Headquarters as Battalion Pigeoners in accordance with para 2218, R.O. 273.

No.2182,	Pte.G.Meredith.	A.Co.
2185.	" Q.Watt.	A.Co.
469,	" W.Kirwin.	B.Co.
1875,	" F.J.Moody.	C.Co.
903.	" G.P.Williams.	C.Co.
2077.	" W.C.Joyce.	C.Co.
1901A.	" W.Schofield.	D.Co.
1865.	" J.S.Luff.	D.Co.

CORRECTIONS RECIPIENTAL NUMBERS. 2234. The undermentioned will in future bear the following numbers:-  
Pte.T.H.Holmes, B.Co. 1841A.  
" H.Madden. B.Co. 2353A.

O.C. B.Company will see that alterations are made in the mens paybooks and identity discs.  
Os.C. Companies will take steps to ensure that there are no duplications of numbers of personnel under their command.

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IDENTIFICATION. 2255. The following letter from Divisional Headquarters is republished for information:-  
 "The identity discs worn by the enemy are perforated across the centre and the man's name and Regiment are stamped on both upper and lower halves of the disc.  
 The lower part of the disc only should be removed from the enemy dead, and sent forward to Divisional Headquarters together with papers and badges of identification.

POWER BUZZER SCHOOL, BAILLEUL, 2256. The undermentioned candidate has been selected to attend the 5th Course in the Instruction of use of Power Buzzers commencing at BAILLEUL on 3rd inst.  
 No. 1439, Pte. H.V. Turner.  
 Candidate will report to 9th Inf. Bde. Headquarters at 6 a.m. on the 3rd inst.

(Signed) D.L.D. CHAPMAN, Lieut.

Act. Adj. 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

NOTICE.

A concert will be held in "A" Company's billets at 5.30 p.m. 3rd May, 1917.



## ROUTINE ORDER NO. 275.

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

In the Field,  
3rd May, 1917.

- .....
- ANIMAL SPRAYING STATION.** The Animal Spraying Station at ARLENTIÈRES will be closed on 3rd inst. After that date all animals will be treated at the 2nd. ANZAC Dip at PONT DE LIÈRE, under arrangements to be made by the A.D.V.S., 3rd Australian Division.
- PIGEONS.** In operations at ARRAS and on the SOMME pigeons have been of greatest possible value as message carriers. Every effort is being put forth to train sufficient men in Battalions in this Branch so that in future operations we may be able to derive the full advantage of the pigeon service. It is evident though that the training will be of little use unless officers and N.C.Os are trained in the writing of pigeon messages, and the Signalling Officer will therefore arrange to instruct officers and N.C.Os in this.
- WRITING OF MESSAGES.** It has been pointed out that there is room for improvement in writing messages and Officers and N.C.Os must realise that:-
- (1) Messages must be clear and concise.
  - (2) Must bear the time sent.
  - (3) Must be properly addressed.
  - (4) Must be properly signed, giving Company (or Platoon and Company) and senders Battalion code call.
- Sketches can be of the greatest assistance to the recipient, but such sketches must be treated as messages and be properly signed, time and addressed.
- LOSS OF STORES AND EQUIPMENT.** The quantity of stores of all descriptions salvaged throughout the Divisional Area each week, is steadily increasing. A large percentage of these stores are found to be in a thoroughly serviceable condition. The inference is that men are deliberately discarding valuable Government property entrusted to their care.
- The matter is a very serious one and the men must be made to realise that they are personally responsible for stores of all kinds issued to them and if articles are lost or discarded the value of the article will be charged up against the man. Companies should hold weekly kit inspections so that an exact check may be kept of each man's kit and any deficiencies charged against him. Platoon Commanders and Headquarter Details Commanders must render a certificate weekly to their respective Company Commanders (Headquarter Details to Battalion Headquarters) that such kit inspections have been held and any deficiencies entered in the paybooks of the men concerned. Such certificates to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters every Sunday.
- DUNGAREE SUITS.** In reference to R.O.223, para 1919, dated 7.3.17. There are at present 3 suits of dungarees on charge to each Company as a regimental issue for cooks. It is noticed that these are not being used as therein ordered. Os.C.Os. will give this matter their immediate attention and see that this order is carried out within their commands. All suits which have become unserviceable are to be returned to the Quartermaster at once, when steps will be taken to replace them from Regimental Funds. As these suits are on charge to Companies all suits deficient are to be replaced at Company's expense without delay.
- A statement is requested at Battalion Headquarters before 9 a.m. on 4th inst. showing number of suits of dungarees
- (1) In serviceable condition.
  - (2) In unserviceable condition.
  - (3) Deficient.
- PAY.** The new rate of pay is established on the basis that 5 francs equals 2/8 and is adopted until further notice.

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**PRECAUTIONS AGAINST OBSERVATION BY HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.** 2243.

Every precaution must be taken against observation by enemy aircraft and ground level in LE BIZET. Movement by day is to be reduced to a minimum and no parties greater than six are to move together. Companies billeted in LE BIZET must post sentries to keep streets clean of troops - these sentries to be supplied with whistles in order to warn troops of the approach of hostile aircraft.

**REST CAMP. AMBLETEUSE.** 2244.

The first quota detailed for the Rest Camp at AMBLETEUSE will report to Reinforcement Camp, STENNERCK, at 6.30 p.m. on 5th inst. ready to move early on the 6th inst. Captain T.W. TOLLIS, 33rd Battalion will be in charge of No.1 Group and will report to Captain WELLS, 9th Aust. M.G. Company (in command of the section), when his party is correct. All ranks to be fully equipped and to carry blankets and two (2) days rations.

The period of stay is 14 days and personnel will detrain at BOULOGNE and march to rest camp.

The following allotment has been made for the first quota - Captain T.W. TOLLIS, D.Co. in charge of No.1 Group.

No. 23.	Pte. J. Buckman.	A.Co.
159.	" G.E. Ryan.	A.Co.
194.	" J.T. Throwden.	A.Co.
396.	L/Sgt. L.J. Clifton.	B.Co.
561.	Pte. M.S.C. Tutt.	B.Co.
497.	" J.P. McDermott.	B.Co.
870.	" J. Sinton.	C.Co.
2039.	" C.A. Leeke.	C.Co.
1150.	" C.A. Harris.	D.Co.
1114.	" A.R. Ellis.	D.Co.
1432.	" W.F. Finney.	Hqrs: Sigs.

The party will assemble at CHURCH SQUARE, PONT DE NIEPPE, at 4 p.m. on 5th inst.

(Signed) E.L.H. CHAPMAN, Lieut.

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



## ROUTINE ORDER NO. 276.

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

In the Field,  
 4th May, 1917.

**CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS.** The following is republished for information, particularly for the reinforcements who have lately joined the Battalion.  
 2245.

Postal address of this unit is as under:-

33rd Battalion,  
 A.I.F.,  
 B.E.F.,  
 FRANCE.

In accordance with the Censorship Regulations men giving their address by letter may incorporate the above in the body of the letter, but not at the head or the foot.

**BAGGAGE.**  
 2246.

Blankets, packs, etc. of all ranks proceeding to Reinforcement Camp, STEINWERCK, on 5th inst. on route to Rest Camp, AMBHEIMSTADT, will be stacked at Quartermaster's Stores by 2 p.m., on 5th inst. ready for transport to load and carry to STEINWERCK.

**GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.**  
 2247.

Sub-para. 4 and 5 of para. 1732, R.O. 187 are republished for information.

(iv) A man in possession of a badge will forfeit same on being convicted of any offence involving a forfeiture of pay but will be eligible to regain the badge after six months good conduct from date of forfeiture.

(v) The illegal wearing of this badge will be a crime under A.A. Section 40.

**COMFORTS.**  
 2248.

The Commanding Officer acknowledges with thanks a second gift of £25 worth of tobacco from Mr. Rodney R. Dangar of "Gostwyck", ARMIDALE, N.S.W. The Battalion Comforts Fund recently cabled £100 for the purchase of cigarettes and tobacco. Five issues of Capstan tobacco and cigarettes to the value of £25 are being made and it is desired that the men be informed accordingly.

It should also be pointed out to the men that money provided by our Comforts Fund has been expended in the purchase of vegetables.

**TRANSFER.**  
 2249.

The following transfer has been approved:-

No. 2563. Pte. H.A. Gainey. from C. Co. to A. Co.

**PUNISHMENTS.**  
 2250.

The following punishments were awarded this date.

No. 1866, Pte. W.J. Loadman, Whilst on active service absenting himself from billets without leave from 2 p.m. 3.5.17. until 7 a.m. 4.5.17.

Forfeits 2 days pay.

7 days F.P.No.2.

512. Pte. D.T.O'Brien, Whilst on active service absenting himself from billets without leave from 2 p.m. 3.5.17. until 7 a.m. 4.5.17.

Forfeits 2 days pay.

7 days F.P.No.2.

1488. Pte. R. Nay, Whilst on active service absenting himself from billets without leave from 2 p.m. 3.5.17. until 7 a.m. 4.5.17.

2268. Pte. J.A. Bennett, 1. When on active service neglecting to obey G.R.O. 1599 and D.R.O. 542 in that he was absent from his billet after 9 p.m.

2. Failing to appear at a place of parade appointed by his C.O.

14 days F.P.No.2.

575. L/Opl. G.H. Woods, Absent without leave from 2 p.m. parade.

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No. 898. Pte. G.F. Watson, When on active service neglecting  
 . . . . . G.Co. . . . . to obey G.R.O. 1599 and D.R.O. 542  
 in that he was absent from his billet  
 after 9 p.m.

7 days loss of pay.

765. Pte. R.A. Eyles. When on active service neglecting to  
 C.Co. . . . . obey G.R.O. 1599, and D.R.O. 542 in  
 that he was absent from his billet  
 after 9 p.m.

7 days loss of pay.

(Signed) E.L.E. CHAPMAN, Lieut.

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



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## ROUTINE ORDER NO. 277.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSEHEAD,  
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.In the Field,  
6th May, 1917.

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- 2ND ANZAC SCHOOL. The undermentioned candidate has been selected to attend the 2nd ANZAC School, commencing on 6th inst.  
2251. No. 2559, Pte. R.H. Fletcher, C.Co.  
Instructions to proceed have been issued by separate memo.
- BATHS. The following is the allotment of baths until further notice:-  
2252. 33rd Battalion. 8.30 a.m. 200.  
The allotment to Companies is 50 each per day.
- GUM BOOTS. A number of men who have been issued with gum boots do not necessarily work in mud or water. If these boots are worn in hot weather, they are very uncomfortable for the wearer, and tend to blister the feet. Men will carry their gum boots over their shoulder to the place of work, and if required they may then be put on.  
2253.
- CANTEEN. Men must not be allowed to congregate outside Divisional or Y.M.C.A. Canteen more particularly at LE BIZET. If there is not sufficient room inside the building accommodation may often be obtained next door.  
2254.
- 2ND ARMY SIGNALLING SCHOOL. The following obtained Assistant Instructor's Certificates for the Course of 2nd Army Signalling School, which assembled on 5.4.17 and dispersed on 17.4.17.  
2255. Pte. F.G. Boys.  
Pte. H. Cattanech.
- OFFICERS BATMEN. With a view to increasing the number of men available for duty in the firing line, and for general duty in units, the Lieutenant-General Commanding has decided that the number of batmen to be allowed for Officers under the rank of field officer, shall be reduced to one per two officers. The men thus released will be utilised for service in the ranks as privates. Companies will submit their distribution of batmen by 8 p.m. on the 6th inst.  
(Authority: A.A.G., A.I.F. 31/248 of 27-4-1917.)  
2256.
- GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. Last summer the practice was prevalent throughout the A.I.F. of men cutting down their trousers and breeches and making them into shorts. If once permitted to be done by some individual this practice becomes general. Companies will therefore take energetic steps to make it known that any such tampering with Government property is forbidden, and men so offending are liable to have the amount of damage charged against them. This order is to be read on three successive parades.  
2257.
- RATION INDENTS. A.B. 55's will be compiled from Daily State on the day on which the indent is lodged, the strength on that day to be shown in the "Strength" Column of the A.B. 55, the rations required to be shown in the "Total Ration" Column, and any difference on account of previous overdrawals or anticipated reinforcements to be indicated by a foot-note on the A.B. 55.  
2258.
- GAMBLING. K.R. 459 is re-published for information:-  
2259. "All gambling in garrisons, camps, or cantonments is forbidden" If gambling is at any time found being practised by the troops, all money connected with the game, or in the possession of the players, or in the possession of alleged spectators, will be confiscated; as also all appliances used.

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- COMFORTS. The Commanding Officer acknowledges with thanks the under-mentioned gifts from the Australian Comforts Fund.
- 2260. 7 cases Cocoa.
  - 2 cases Sugar.
  - 3 cases Puddings.
  - 1 1/2 case matches.
  - 3 cases Cigarettes.
- CHURCH PARADE. Church parade for R.C. members will be held at the PONT NEUF Church on Sunday next, 6th inst. at 10 a.m.
- 2261.
- CORRIG- The punishment omitted in para 2250, R.O. 276, for No.1488, ENDA: Private R. May, B. Co. should read "Forfeits 2 days pay, and 2261. 7 days F.F. No.2."

(Signed) E.L.E. CHAMMAN, Lieut.  
Asst. Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

## NOTICE.

A Divisional Canteen has been opened in RUE LE BIZET (near main Road.)



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 ROUTINE ORDER NO. 270.

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

In the Field,  
 6th May, 1917.

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 SMALL BOX A number of small box respirators have been returned to  
 RESPIRAT- Quartermaster and new ones demanded to replace them. The  
 ORS. following procedure will in future be adopted. A respirator  
 2262. ator which is considered to be unserviceable will be inspected by the Battalion Gas Officer - Lieut. T.A. ARMSTRONG. If in his opinion the Small Box Respirator is unserviceable he will fill in the reason for return on the ticket stating whether it has become unserviceable through fair wear and tear or on account of carelessness and will sign the ticket. The Quartermaster will not replace helmets unless bearing the gas officer's signature on the ticket.

R.Q.M.S. In amplification of duties laid down in "Standing Orders  
 2263. and Regulations for the Infantry Battalion", 3rd Aust. Division, the following duties will be carried out by the R.Q.M.S. and should be read in connection with the above orders and regulations.

I. In relation to rations.

1. He will make out the Battalion Ration requisition for the Quartermaster's signature from the Company Ration states.
2. He will check the Battalion Ration Indent with the Battalion noon state daily adjusting any overdrawals which may have been made owing to exigencies of the service.
3. He will receive and check all rations when delivered to the Quartermaster's Store.
4. From the Company Ration States he will make out distribution slips for the Company storemen.
5. He will supervise the issue of all rations to the Company storemen.

II. Ordnance Stores.

1. He will make out all indents for stores.
  - (a) In accordance with G.R.Os.
  - (b) In accordance with Company demands.
2. He will keep a record of all stores delivered to Quartermaster's store.
3. He will keep a record of all stores issued to Companies showing whether issued
  - (a) To replace unserviceable.
  - (b) On charge showing the Company to which issued in each case.

III. Salvage.

1. He will keep a record of all salvage returned to Quartermaster's store showing what is returned by each Company.
2. He will obtain receipts from the Salvage Company for all salvage returned.

IV. Billets.

1. When the Battalion is coming from the trenches into billets and when the billets have been allotted by the Quartermaster he will visit them with the C.Q.M.Ss. and will ascertain what will be required by the troops moving in.
2. Similarly when the Battalion is moving out of billets into the trenches he will inspect each Company billet with the C.Q.M.S. and will satisfy himself that the billets are clean and that all orders in connection with latrines, incinerators, ablution places, kitchens, refuse, cesspits etc. have been carried out and will report accordingly to the Quartermaster when he makes his inspection.
3. He will visit all Companies in billets at least twice a week and will generally supervise the work of the C.Q.M.S. insofar as it concerns the Quartermaster's Department, and will at once make known to the Quartermaster any apparent neglect of their duties as laid down in Battalion Routine Orders.

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## V. Administrative.

1. He is responsible to the Quartermaster for the correct and punctual rendering of all returns.
2. He will be responsible to the Quartermaster for correctly making out all incidents and requisitions.
3. He is responsible to the Quartermaster that his files of Battalion Orders, Army Orders, Correspondence, and other instructions are complete, corrected and indexed up to date, and that all regulation books and maps issued to the Quartermaster are likewise completed and up to date.
4. He will be in direct control of the Pioneers, Armourer Sergeant, Shoemaker Sergeant and his men, the regimental tailor, and will see that they are properly employed and that their time is fully occupied. He will also see that their time is fully occupied. He will also see that there is an ample supply of material for them to work with.
5. In clerical work he will have one clerk to assist him and to do any other work required by the Quartermaster.
6. In dealing with rations and stores he will have one storeman and one butcher to assist in checking distribution and general work about the Store.
7. He will be responsible for the Quarters, feeding and general administration and discipline of the whole Quartermaster's Staff.

GENERAL.

He will perform any other duty which the Quartermaster may consider necessary in connection with the requirements of his department.

BOOTS FOR  
REPAIR.  
2264.

All boots for repair are to be sent to the Quartermaster who alone is responsible for the work of the Sergeant shoemaker. The practice of sending men or boots direct to the Shoemaker Sergeant or one of his men is to cease forthwith.

CORPS  
SCHOOL,  
MOREBECQUE.  
2265.

The allotment for the 2nd General Course for Officers and N.C.O.'s commencing at MOREBECQUE on 8th inst. has been altered. Candidates now selected should read:-

2/Lieut. D. Langston.  
2/Lieut. R. H. Blomfield.  
No. 2559, Pte. R. H. Fletcher.

RIFLE  
GRENADES.  
2266.

Arrangements are being made for the early issue of No. 27 Phosphorous Grenade, the No. 31 Signal Rifle Grenade (Day) and No. 32 Signal Rifle Grenade (night). The special attention of all troops is to be drawn to the necessity for observing the following precautions in dealing with these stores.

When firing these Grenades from a rifle, the cap cover is to be removed after withdrawing the safety pin and before firing. Unless this is done the sealing of the ventilation by the cap cover may result in premature explosion.

These precautions are embodied in the instructions printed on the box, and the new edition of the cards of instruction will include a note to the above effect.

The warning regarding the above precautions should be communicated to all concerned before any issue of No. 27 Grenade or of the Signal Rifle Grenades are made to troops.

PIGEON  
SCHOOL.  
2267.

The undermentioned has been selected to attend the 10th Pigeon Course commencing at BAILLEUL on 7th inst.  
No. 1901. Pte. W. Schofield.

(Signed) E. L. E. Chapman. Lieut.  
A/Adjutant 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.



ROUTINE ORDER NO. 279.

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

In the Field;  
7.5.1917.

- .....
- BOOTS.** As Companies now have a reserve number of boots on hand, when  
2268. boots are required to be mended, they will be collected by the  
C.Q.M.Ss. and forwarded to the Quartermaster for repairs. The  
reserve pairs will temporarily be issued to those men who have  
boots undergoing repairs.
- DETACH- The undermentioned are detached to Brigade Headquarters as**  
**MENT.** Vegetable Gardeners.  
2269. No. 966, Pte. J. Mathias.  
839. " J.H.N. McNaught.
- COOKS' Companies will take immediate steps to replace those Cooks'**  
**DUNG-** Dungaree Suits which are now deficient. These supplied from  
**GARRES.** Regimental Funds cost 9/6 a pair.  
2270.
- SIGNAL A Signal School is being formed by Brigade Headquarters to**  
**SCHOOL.** commence on the 7th inst and continue for three weeks.  
2271. The Battalion is to send one Lance Corporal (Signaller) and 20  
men. Companies will therefore choose five men; these are  
to be specially selected and should have an aptitude for the  
work. It is suggested that suitable men could be obtained  
from the reinforcements who have recently joined the Battalion.  
Company Commanders will give this matter their personal  
attention. Names are to be submitted to Battalion Headquarters  
immediately. The men so detailed will report to Battalion  
Headquarters at 8 a.m. on the 8th inst.  
The Signalling Officer will detail the Lance Corporal and will  
supply 20 small signal flags and 10 Louvre folding shutters for  
the use of the class.
- GUM No. 1 Gum Boot Store is situated at C.13.d.60.45. This Store**  
**BOOTS.** contains 800 pairs.  
2272. The Store will be open to parties at all hours, and boots will  
be issued on the N.C.O. in charge receiving certificates signed  
by any officer.  
All withdrawals are to be immediately returned to the Store  
after use.
- PUNISH- The following punishments were awarded on 6.5.17.**  
**MENTS.** No. 1054. L/Cpl. J. Ahern, Neglecting to obey G.R.O. 1099 in that  
2273. D.Co. he was absent from billets at 10.50 pm  
Forfeits Lance stripe.  
1564. Pte. A. Jones, Without due authority absenting him-  
C.Co. self from the line of march, in that  
he at Le Bizot on the 4.5.17. at 9 am  
left his platoon and did not rejoin  
it until brought to Can Fac Dum  
at 10.15 p.m.  
4 days F.P. No. 2.  
763. Pte. J. J. V. When on Active Service failing to  
Easvein, appear at place of rendezvous app-  
C.Co. ointed by his Commanding Officer,  
14 days F.P. No. 2.

(Signed) E.L.E. CHAPMAN, Lieut.  
Asst. Adjutant, 53rd Battalion, A.I.F.



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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 280.

By  
MAJOR R.J.A. HASSIE,  
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,  
3th May, 1917.

BRIGADE  
SIGNAL  
SCHOOL,  
2274.

The undermentioned N.C.O. and men have been selected to attend Brigade Signal School, commencing on the 7th inst.

No. 60. L/Cpl. T.J. Easton.	No. 2555. Pte. C.H. Dillon.
217. Pte. T. Cavanagh.	1558. " S.B. Hallam.
5043B. " S.C. Haynes.	2403. " S.J. West.
2340. " L. Jones.	2538. " B. Cooper.
162. " P.T. Reed.	950. " W.B. Smith.
2660. " H.P. Weick.	2602. " L.G. Marsh.
1431. " A. Rae.	2426. " E. Baber.
1432. " G.B. Roe.	2286. " E. Bird.
1428. " O.G. Pearce.	1382. " E.P. Davis.
2318. " H.J. Herrmann.	2614. " L. McLeod.
2657. " H.J.H. Webb.	

STRENGTH,  
2275.

The undermentioned officer having reported from Training Battalion is taken on strength and temporarily attached to C. Company.

Lieut. G. Wilkinson.

The undermentioned having reported from C.C.C. is taken on strength.

No. 1138. Pte. A. Hay. B.Co.

The undermentioned having been killed in Action is struck off strength.

No. 5112A. Pte. H.B. Smith.

(Signed) E.L.E. CHAPMAN, Lieut.

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

NOTICE.

MAIL. Outward Australian Mail will close at Battalion Headquarters at 6 p.m. on the 27th May, 1917.



ROUTINE ORDER NO. 201.

By

MAJOR R.J.A. MASSIE,  
Tempy. Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,  
9.5.1917.

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ESTAB- The following is the establishment for horses and mules  
LISHMENT for the Battalion.

- ANIMALS. 11 Riding Horses.
- 2276. 26 L.D. animals.
- 9 H.D. Horses.
- 7 Pack animals.

At present some units are showing deficiencies and surpluses respectively. The following changes will be made forthwith.  
33rd Battalion. 1 Surplus pack horse. These horses will be classified, and if possible one to be used as L.D.

POWER The following candidates have been selected to attend 10th  
BUZZER Power Buzzer Course, BAILLEUL, commencing 10th inst.  
SCHOOL, No. 1437. Pte. W.R. Newman.  
BAILLEUL, 1427. " P.W. Cooper.  
2277. Instructions to proceed have been issued separately.

REVOLVER The undermentioned officer has been detailed to attend  
COURSE, Revolver Course, WAREHAM, ENGLAND, commencing on 13th inst.  
WAREHAM, 2/Lieut. E.C.P. Thomas.  
ENGLAND. Instructions to proceed have been issued separately.  
2278.

ANTI-GAS The following results were obtained by the undermentioned  
SCHOOL, N.C.Os who attended Anti-Gas School, ARMENTIERES, for week  
ARMENT- ending 5th May, 1917.  
TIERES. Opl. W.P. Hitchill. Fair.  
2279. " C.R. Hancock. Fair.

SNIPERS Os.O.Cos. will include detailed snipers report up to dark on  
REPORTS. previous day in their morning intelligence summary.  
2280.

DAILY The detailed daily ration state will be forwarded by Companies  
RATION to Battalion Headquarters by runner to reach Battalion H.Q.  
STATE. before 8 a.m., and it will be sent by runner to the  
2281. Quartermaster's Store. By this arrangement it will not be necessary for the C.Q.M.S. to leave the trenches before the afternoon and he will thus be able to carry out his duties in the trenches thoroughly. If the C.Q.M.S.'s work at the Quartermaster's store is properly organised it ought not to take him more than one hour at most. Os.C. Companies will make arrangements accordingly.

BATHING On account of the large number of sewers which flow into the  
PROHIB- River, bathing in the LYS is strictly prohibited.  
ITION.  
2282.

CONGRAT- The following wire was received from the G.O.C., 9th Inf.  
ULATORY. Brigade in connection with enemy silent raid on C. Company,  
2283. driven off last night.  
"CONGRATULATE HEARTILY ALL RANGES CONCERNED IN LAST NIGHT'S SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS".  
Companies will promulgate in Company Orders.

EMPTY Empty grenade boxes are no longer required to be sent to  
GRENADE S.30.c.9.4. They will be returned to railhead in usual  
BOXES. manner.  
2284.

DEFENSIVE With reference to instructions issued regarding Defensive  
MEASURES Measures against Gas Attacks.  
AGAINST The message "Wind Dangerous" will be sent out from  
GAS ATTACKS. Divisional Headquarters to all Units concerned, when the  
2285. wind is in a dangerous quarter.  
On Units being informed that the wind is dangerous, all ranks within one mile of the front line will wear their Box Respirators (or P.H. Helmets) in the "Alert" position.  
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The "Gas alert" will not be taken off except by order from Divisional Headquarters, when the message "Wind Safe" will be sent.

It is also to be noted that at all times both P.H. Helmet, Box Respirator and Goggles will be carried by all ranks within three miles of the front line, i.e. East of a line through NEUVE-ÉCLISE and NIÉPPE.

STRENGTH. The undermentioned having Died of Wounds is struck off strength:-

No. 85, Pte. W. Henderson.

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

No. 1459.	Pte.	F.T. Bryan.
2313.	"	G.W. Gardiner.
2368.	"	R. Nathan.
941.	"	W. Rhodes.
1167.	"	C.E. Jackson.
1111.	"	H.O. Duncan.
1870.	"	F.S. Morris.
179.	"	D. Singh.
5134.	"	J. Broadbent.
745.	"	S.M. Gorsie.

STAND TO. The time for "Stand to" will in future be 3.30 a.m. to 4.30 a.m.

(Signed) E.L.E. CHAPMAN, Lieut.

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

NOTICE.

The following wire has been received:-

"Daily papers announcement result Australian elections as follows AAA House of Representatives 49 Nationalists 26 Labour AAA Senate 21 Nationalists 12 Labour with 3 Queensland seats doubtful AAA"



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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 282.

By  
MAJOR R.J.A. HASSIE,  
Tempy. Commanding 53rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,  
10.5.1917.

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**ENEMY PATROLS.** 2288.  
Os.C. Companies will take careful note of the position of any working parties in the enemy trenches which seem to be working regularly every day, and will report them to Battalion Headquarters. Any working party observed in same place for 2 successive days will be reported at once and arrangements will be made to have it dealt with by 2" trench mortars.

**LAUDATORY.** 2289.  
The G.O.C. Division has written expressing his appreciation of the enterprise shown by 2/Lieut. W. McLean and his men in repelling the raid made by the enemy early on the morning of the 9th. The G.O.C. Division wishes his appreciation to be conveyed to the Officer and men concerned.

**PONT DE NIEPPE BRIDGE.** 2290.  
PONT DE NIEPPE bridge is under repair and will be closed to wheeled traffic from 8 a.m. on 10th inst. until further notice.

**SANITATION.** 2291.  
The attention of Company Commanders is called to the following "Sanitary Precautions" which are absolutely necessary during the Summer weather and the fly season:-  
(1) All water must be chlorinated; boiling is not sufficient.  
(2) Frequent tests of all water supplies must be made by A.M.C. personnel attached, especially from pumps of shallow wells, all of which are liable to pollution from cesspits and surface drainage.  
(3) All latrines must be made fly-proof, the box pattern with tins for receptacles being most suitable.  
(4) Faeces must be burnt wherever practicable.  
(5) Rat and fly-proof safes for the protection of food should be constructed, one for each group of men so that food left over from meal to meal can be stored and protected.  
(6) Efficient grease-traps should be constructed for the treatment of greasy water before discharge on to the land.  
(7) Fly-proof urine soakage pits should be constructed at each camp, and the use of urine buckets discontinued.  
(8) All refuse must be burnt. The tins after being burnt can be used for urine soakage pits.

**SERGEANT.** 2292.  
The undermentioned having been Killed In Action is struck off strength.  
No. 5079, Pte. G. Montgomery.

**INTELLIGENCE REPORTS.** 2293.  
Companies will forward mornings Intelligence report and Summary of work completed on previous day and work to be undertaken on that day.

(Signed) E.L.E. CHAPMAN, Lieut.

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

NOTICE.

MAIL. Outward Australian Mail closes at Battalion Headquarters at 6 a.m. on the 12th inst.



## ROUTINE ORDER NO. 233

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By

MAJOR R.J.A. MASSIE,  
 Tempy. Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,  
 11.5.1917.

- .....
- LEWIS GUN SCHOOL.** The following have been selected to attend a Lewis Gun Course at LE TOUQUEM, commencing on 13th inst.  
 No. 2524, Pte. E.S. Bosworth. D.Co.  
 2294. 2031. " J.W. Bucknell. D.Co.
- DUMPS.** All ammunition, fireworks, etc. has been removed from both  
 2295. Victor Hugo and Rue Nationale Dumps to new dumps, situated at HIEPPE, from whence all future issues will be made.  
 Map Location of Headquarters of Dumps -  
 Sheet 36 N.W. B.16.a.30.20.
- KIT INSPECTION.** When making kit inspections, Officers must take particular care to see that each man is wearing his identity discs and has his pay book; also that color patches, badges and buttons are complete and in good order.  
 2296.
- CAPTURED SIGNALING EQUIPMENT.** G.R.O. 2293, dated 7.5.17. is re-published for information:-  
 All captured signalling equipment must be handed over without delay to the Divisional Ordnance Officer, who will issue to the Officer i/c Signals of the Division any serviceable telephones or telephone equipment which is required to replace deficiencies. The remainder will be sent to the A.D.D.S. of the Corps, who will hand over to the A.D.A.S. any articles the latter may require, either for issue to replace deficiencies or for experimental purposes. Any surplus to the above requirements should be returned through the Railhead Ordnance Officer to the Base as early as possible.  
 2297.
- DANGER OF MINES.** The following Fourth Army Order, dated 27.4.17. is re-published for information:-  
 2298. "The following extract from the report on an explosion in the cellar of a ruined house is published for information and guidance. All the occupants, six officers, were killed.) The cellar was a large one, the part occupied being 17 ft. 10 ft., with a vaulted roof. The sides of the cellar were built of large squared stones and the roof of brick. The part not occupied was believed to be of about the same size. The house above the cellar had been previously completely destroyed, and the part of the cellar unoccupied was blocked with debris.  
 The cellar had been thoroughly searched on several occasions once by an expert.  
 This is the second occasion on which an explosion has occurred in this village. In both cases the explosion was in a cellar under a ruined house."
- BADGES, LEWIS GUNNERS.** 1st Class Lewis Gunners will wear badges "L.G." in wreath. They will not wear the "M.G." in wreath which is reserved for 1st Class Machine Gunners. These badges will be worn as in the case of 1st Class Machine Gunners' badge, on the left arm below the elbow.  
 2299.
- ANTI-GAS APPLIANCES.** Haversacks of small box respirators worn at the point where the wire support under the respirator box comes into contact with the fabric of the haversack will be replaced when the wear is sufficient to render the haversack inefficient. Indents for replacement will be forwarded to Ordnance Officers concerned, and the worn haversacks will be returned to the Base for repair as soon as replaced.  
 (Authority M.G. 10/2 (Q.A.3.) dated 2.5.17).  
 2300.
- REGIMENTAL NUMBER.** The undermentioned will in future bear the following number.  
 No. 1413A, Pte. W. McLaughlin. A.Co.  
 2301.

(Signed) E.L.E. CHAPMAN, Lieut.  
 Asst. Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.



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## ROUTINE ORDER NO. 224.

By  
 MAJOR R.J.A. HESSIE,  
 Tempy. Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,  
 12.5.17.

- .....
- SCHOOLS AT TERENURE. The undermentioned candidate has been selected to attend the Grenade Course commencing at TERENURE on 13th inst. and dispersing on 27th inst.  
 2302. No. 769, Sgt. P. Flick. C.Co.  
 Authority to proceed will be issued by separate memo.
- COOKS' CLOTHING. The issue of overall, canvas or khaki drill clothing for cooks, is approved on the following scale:-  
 2303. Per Infantry Battalion. - 20 suits in lieu of a similar number of suits of worn dress clothing. Either overall canvas or khaki drill suits, whichever are available at the time, will be issued. Preferences as to description cannot be met.  
 (Authority - D.O.S., O.S.G., 1033).
- GRENADE RIFLES. In continuation of A.R.O. No. 730 of 3.4.17, the 64 rifles per battalion marked "For Rifle Grenades" will be subject in every way to the conditions laid down for the condemnation of ordinary rifles, i.e. they will be condemned and replaced when unserviceable for firing S.A.A.  
 2304.
- S.A.A. CASES. Reference A.R.O. 136, fired S.A.A. cases will be returned packed in sacks and not in S.A.A. boxes. The boxes will be returned empty.  
 2305. (Authority D.O.S. A/1/97/2, dated 26.4.17.)
- BAYONETS. Experience of the recent fighting in other Armies has shown that the success of bayonet assaults has been seriously affected owing to the bluntness of bayonets. Companies and Headquarter details will arrange to sharpen bayonets immediately where necessary, and to keep all bayonets sharpened, and are responsible that bayonets are not used for irregular purposes.  
 2306.
- LIGHTS IN BOMB STORES. Naked lights are not to be used in Stores containing ammunition or explosives. Quartermaster should indent at once on D.A.D.O.S. for closed lanterns.  
 2307.
- STRENGTH. The undermentioned having been admitted into C.C.S. are struck off strength.  
 2308.
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|-----------|------|------------------|
| No. 2109. | Pte. | J.B. Murray.     |
| 2291.     | "    | C.L. Castledine. |
| 41.       | "    | L.E. Condriok.   |
| 2178.     | "    | C.D. Barrett.    |
| 2436.     | "    | J. Brack.        |
| 2527.     | "    | E.H. Bath.       |
| 5066A.    | "    | A. McConnell.    |
| 1569.     | "    | D.W. Keller.     |
| 833.      | "    | M.J. McGilvray.  |

(Signed) E.L.E. CHAPMAN, Lieut.  
 Asst. Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.



APPENDIX

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 285.

By  
MAJOR R.J.A. MASSIE,  
Tempy. Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,  
13.5.17.

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LAUDATORY. The S.O.C. Brigade has pleasure in highly commending the following Officer and man for meritorious and gallant service rendered.

2/Lieut. William McKEAN, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

At BE THOUJUNT on the night of 8/9th May, 1917, 2/Lieut. McKEAN was Officer in command of trench garrison. The enemy launched a silent raid on our trenches and three of them passed our parapet and were moving towards the support line. 2/Lieut. McKEAN immediately ordered his men to open fire and personally directed the fire of a Lewis Gun and organised a bombing party to bomb down the gap. After the enemy had been driven off he personally led a patrol into NO MAN'S LAND and brought in a wounded German. He later led another patrol into NO MAN'S LAND to search for enemy dead and wounded. By his action this Officer displayed great presence of mind in case of emergency, and the success of the operation is to a large extent due to his courage and resourcefulness.

No. 5043A. Pte. Albert Francis LANE, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

This soldier was a participant in the bombing squad under 2/Lieut. W. McKean during the action on the night of 8/9th May, 1917. As soon as the enemy began to move back Private LANE dashed out of his bombing bay and along the gap in order to cut off the party. He was stopped by wire but continued throwing bombs. He later accompanied his Officer on his two patrols in NO MAN'S LAND. This soldier has shown a splendid example of courageous behaviour and initiative at a time when he was most needed.

DISCIPLINE. In order to impress on all ranks their liability to punishment for breaches of discipline the following sections of the Army Act are to be read out on parade as shown:-

Sections 9, 15 and notes - ) To be read by Company  
138 and notes - partic- ) Commanders once per month,  
ularly notes 3, 4, 5, 6 ) and by Platoon Commanders  
and 7. ) once weekly.

(Signed) R.C. JOHNS, Lieut.

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



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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 286.

By

MAJOR R.J.A. MASSIE.

Tempy. Commanding 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.

In the field.  
14-5-17.

MIT INSPECT-  
ion.  
2311.

Reference para 2240 of Routine Order No. 275 dated 5-5-17 - those Companies and Headquarter Sections which have not yet held Mit Inspections will do so on the morning of 15th inst, and certificate will be forwarded to reach Battalion Headquarters not later than 12 noon the same day.

PAY  
REGULATIONS.  
2312.

Paying Officers should carefully read through "Notes for guidance of Officers re Pay Duties", issued herewith. The maximum rates payable to various ranks are clearly laid down, but sufficient credit must be shown in pay-book before such sums can be paid out. The progressive total must be entered so that the grand total is shown after every pay. Entries on credit side may only be made by the Divisional Paymaster or his representative.

Acquittance rolls must be carefully checked and care taken that both paybook and payment number are inserted. Erasures are forbidden and alterations must be initialled both by payee and paying Officer.

ATTACHMENT.  
2313.

The undermentioned Officer will be attached temporarily to the 9th A.E.F. Battery from 15th May, 1917.  
Lieut. O.R. Cormack.

(Signed) R.C. JOHNS. LEWIS.

Adjutant 33rd Battalion. A.I.F.



By  
 MAJOR R.J.A. MASSIE,  
 Tempy. Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

APPENDIX

In the Field,  
 15th May, 1917.

POWER BUZZER COURSE, BAILLEUL. 2314. The undermentioned M.C.O. has been detailed to attend Power Buzzer Course at BAILLEUL commencing on 21st inst. No.1425, Sgt. D.S. McLeod. Kits and blankets will be picked up by limber leaving Brigade Signal Office at 6.0 a.m. on the 21st instant for BRILLON Railway Station, thence by train to BAILLEUL where candidates will report to O.C. Wireless at Signal Office, The Mairie, BAILLEUL, at 10.0 a.m. Movement Order will be in hands of Pte. R. Gilbert of Brigade Signal Station. Authority to proceed issued herewith.

LAUDATORY. Para 2505 of Brigade R.O. No.275, dated 14.5.17. is 2315. republished for information. "The O.C.O. Brigade notes with considerable satisfaction the initiative shown by No.972, Lance Corporal O.J. MILLER, 33rd Battalion, to-day. Lance Corporal MILLER observed considerable movement in the enemy trenches, and saw what he thought to be an Officer's cap moving about. Presently a private soldier put his head up slowly, and when not fired on exposed his head and shoulders. Lance Corporal MILLER did not fire on him, but waited for the Officer who a few minutes later showed himself, and was at once shot by the Corporal, who got a certain hit. Lance Corporal MILLER has done good and consistent sniping since his Battalion first went into the line, and on several occasions has shown much initiative. This mention is to be entered in Conduct Sheet."

DISPOSAL OF MARES IN FOAL. 2316. The following is the procedure to be adopted regarding the disposal of Mares in foal, or mares that have foaled. Mares in foal are boarded out with farmers and the foals given to the farmers as payment for the board. Should mares foal prior to being boarded out, one of the following courses is adopted:-  
 1. Mare and foal boarded out with farmer, foal given to farmer in payment of board, or  
 2. Foal sold by public auction as soon as it can be weaned.

GAS HELMETS. 2317. In accordance with AMBAC Corps Order No.1149 - Small Gas Respirators will always be carried within 2 miles of the front line, and P.M. Helmets will always be carried in Corps Areas whatever the direction of the wind is". This order does not in any way affect para 2285 of R.O. 281, dated 9.5.1917.

WINTER STORES. 2318. Commencing on the 15th instant, the following items of winter stores will be withdrawn:-  
 Stoves, Primus,  
 Braziers.  
 They should be returned to Ordnance Officers for transmission to the Base.  
 (Authority - II Army C.O./274/3 d/11/5/17).

STRENGTH. 2319. The undermentioned having returned from C.C.A. is taken on strength.  
 No.1239, Pte. S.T. Robertson.

PUNISHMENT. 2320. The following punishment was awarded by P.C.C.M. on the 11th May, 1917.

No.1143, Pte.L.Hobbs, When on active service D. Co. disobeying in such a manner as to show wilful defiance of authority, a lawful command given personally by his superior officer in the execution of his office.  
 12 days F.P. No.2.

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



## APPENDIX

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 288.

By

MAJOR R.J.A. HASSIL,

Tempy. Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

In the Field,  
16th May, 1917.

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BATHS. The undermentioned is the daily ALLOTMENT OF BATHS for  
2320. This Battalion.

12.30 p.m. - 200.

The allotment is 50 per Company.

WITHDRAWAL AS per separate memo issued this day, the undermentioned  
-ALL OF articles of clothing, etc. will be withdrawn and forwarded  
CLOTHING to Quartermaster's Store.

ETC. Coats, sheepskin, lined.

2321. Gloves, worsted.

Gloves, fingerless.

Gloves and Sweaters.

Boots, field service.

Shoepacks.

Horse rags.

These will be collected when mens packs are re-issued.

FIELD COMPANIES will forward to Battalion Headquarters a list  
GLASSES showing distribution of field glasses within their

2322. Company and stating if these can be recovered from those  
to whom issued.

STRETCHER Present Stretcher Bearers will report to R.M.O., Grand

BEARERS. Rabecque Farm, also 5 men per Company selected from

2323. surplus to establishment at 2 p.m. daily, commencing

on the 17th inst. These men will be available for

night working parties if required. One stretcher

per Company will be carried.

PUNISHMENT. The following punishment was awarded this date.

2324. No. 1169, Pte. J. Johnston, failing to appear at a  
place of rendezvous appointed  
by his Commanding Officer.  
Drunkenness.  
28 days P.I. No. 1.

(Signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.

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

NOTICE.

The Y.E.C.A. will open a Cinema and Pierrot Show in  
FONT DE MIRE commencing 6.30 p.m. nightly, from  
Tuesday, 16th inst.



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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 289

MAJOR R.J.A. MASSIE,  
Tempy. Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.F.F.

In the Field,  
17th May, 1917.

LEWIS GUN SCHOOL, LE TOUQUET. 17th inst. 2325. The undermentioned N.C.O. proceeded to attend Course of instruction at Lewis Gun School, LE TOUQUET, on 17th inst.

RETURNS. 2326. The undermentioned returns will in future be rendered by the Transport Officer signed by him and forwarded through Quartermaster to reach Battalion Headquarters not later than 9 a.m. on dates they are due.

Surplus and Deficient Horse Transport. 9 a.m. Thursday.  
Census of Horses. 9 a.m. 14th and last day of month.

All other returns rendered by Quartermaster must reach Battalion Headquarters by 9 a.m. on the date they are due.

RIFLE MAGAZINES. 2327. All magazines for rifles returned to replace present grenade rifles are to be returned to Quartermaster forthwith and certificate that this has been done should reach Battalion Headquarters by noon on 18th inst. New rifles with magazines attached will be issued for rifle grenadiers for one sive purposes.

LAUDATORY. 2328. The Corps Commander has awarded the Military Medal to the undermentioned:-  
Dated 14th May, 1917.  
No. 5043A, PRIVATE ALBERT FRANCIS LANE, C. COMPANY,  
33RD BATTALION.

At LE TOUQUET on the night of 8/9th May, 1917, Private A.F. LANE was one of the bombing squad on the left of D. Coy. At 1 a.m. an enemy silent raid entered D. Coy, and was moving towards our support line when they were fired on by rifle and a Lewis Gun, and commenced to withdraw. As soon as the enemy began to move back, and without waiting for orders from his Officer, Private LANE dashed out of his bombing bay along the gap in order to cut off the party. He was stopped by the wire in the gap after going about 15 yards, but proceeded to bomb from there, and had thrown more than a dozen bombs when joined by the remainder of the squad. There is no doubt that he inflicted casualties on the enemy, and the prisoner taken had his arm shattered by a bomb. He later accompanied his officer, 2/Lieut. McLEAF on his two patrols into NO MAN'S LAND. This patrolling was particularly difficult as the moon was full, and the trenches at this place were hardly 75 yards apart and was under fire of an enemy machine gun. Private LANE set a splendid example of dash and initiative to his bombing squad and throughout conducted himself in a most courageous manner. The Corps, Divisional and Brigade Commanders desire that their congratulations be conveyed to the recipient. The Commanding Officer also desires his congratulations conveyed to Private LANE.

(over)



APPENDIX

ROUPEL'S ORDER NO. 2329

RESULTS of the following are the results obtained by candidates who attended the following course at the following school at the following place...

- ... I/Cpl. D. Fair ... good. Qualified Instructor.
... I/Cpl. J.V. Road. ... good. Qualified Instructor.

TRANSFERS. The following transfers were approved on 18.5.1917.
2330. No. 98, C.S.M. C. James to 9th Training Bn.
126. C.S.M. R.D. Munnell. A.C. to ...

STRENGTH. The unmentioned having ...
2331. ... to ...

... (signed) R.C. JONES, Lieut.
Adjutant, 33rd Battalion, I.I.F.
All machines for rifles returned to rifle present
... rifles are to be returned to ...

... The Corps Commander has awarded the Military Medal
to the unmentioned...

... AT 11 P.M. on the night of 27th May, 1917,
Private A.T. ... was one of the company posted on
the left of D. ... At 1 a.m. an enemy aircraft was
seen ... and was moving towards our position
... and commenced to withdraw. As soon as the enemy
began to move back, and without waiting for orders
from his officer, Private ... dashed out of his
hiding place along the top of the wire in the gap
... and was ... by the wire in the gap
after going about 15 yards, but proceeded to jump
from there, and had thrown some flash bombs
when joined by the remainder of the squad. There
is no doubt that he inflicted casualties on the enemy
and the prisoner taken had his arm shattered by a bomb.
... Later accompanied his officer, ...
on his two ... into ... This
... as the moon was
... and the trenches at this place were heavily
... and was under fire of an enemy machine
gun. Private ... see a splendid example of dash
and initiative in his bombing work and throughout
conducted himself in a most courageous manner.
The Corps, Divisional and Brigade Commanders desire
that their congratulations be conveyed to the recipient.
The Commanding Officer also desires his congratulations
conveyed to Private ...

(over)



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RESULTS OF the following are the results obtained by candidates  
SCHOOL AT who attended Grenade and Stokes Mortar Course at  
BERDINGHEM, WILTSHIRE, which ended on 5th May, 1917.  
2329. GRENADE COURSE.

L/Cpl. D. Fair -- good. Qualified Instructor.

STOKES MORTAR COURSE.

L/Cpl. J. V. Reid. -- good. Qualified Instructor.

TRANSFERS. The following transfers are approved dated 18.5.1917.  
2330. No. 98, C.S.M. C.A. James A. Co. to 9th Training Bn.  
126. C.Q.M.S. R.D. Mauncell. A. Co. to " "

STRENGTH. The undermentioned having reported from Training Bn.  
2331. are taken on strength, dated 14.5.17 and posted to  
D. Co.

- No. 2589, Pte. I. Mahaffey.
- 2661. " J. E. Warden.

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

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## APPENDIX

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 290.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSEHEAD,  
Commanding 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.In the Field,  
18th May, 1917.

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WORKING PARTIES. G.S.Circular No.45A is republished for information of all ranks.  
2332. "If the duration of any task required of a working party involves taking mid-day or other meal, or involves reliefs of parties, the best possible arrangements should be made in every case to ensure that men are properly fed and that they are not expected to do more than a fair day's work.  
The number of hours a shift should work cannot be laid down to meet every case as the length of time a man can reasonably be expected to work is governed by the nature of the work to be undertaken."

TELEPHONE CALLS. Second Army Order No.849 is republished for compliance.  
2333. "Lack of system is occasioning considerable congestion in the telephone service.  
In order to minimize delay, the following rules, based on the methods in use at large telephone exchanges, will be strictly observed:-  
1. Every officer or man receiving or giving a telephone call will first of all call out the unit or formation he belongs to; e.g., "M.F. 001, orderly speaking" or "38th Division G, G.S.O. 2 speaking;" or "80th Division Q, D.A.Q.M.G. speaking."  
"Hallo," "Are you there," "Hold on a minute while I fetch an officer," and similar introductory phrases are not to be used.  
2. The "Position Call" will be used within the danger zone.  
3. The practice of orderlies or clerks giving calls, and summoning the officer concerned only after a reply has been received, will cease."

GRENADES FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES. Reference G.R.O. No.1640, provision of empty grenades for instructional purposes is being made on the following scale to Infantry Battalions.  
2334. Grenades empty, No.5, with dummy igniter. 3 ea. Inf.Bn.  
" " 20; " " " 0 " " "  
" " 22; " " " 4 " " "  
" " 23; " " " 4 " " "  
" " 24; " " " 4 " " "

Issue of Nos. 5 and 20 grenades is now approved, and indents should be submitted to Ordnance Officers concerned. Authority (Q.M.G. 10/23 (I.B. 2) dated 3.5.17).

FRY BASKETS. Four wire fry baskets per Company have been made for use in conjunction with field kitchen friers. These will be carried inside the friers when on the move and will accompany the friers wherever they are taken. Os.C. Companies will see that they are properly used and not lost or destroyed. In using these friers, fat, deep enough to cover the article being fried, will be used and fat will also be boiling before the articles are placed in it for frying. The way to tell whether fat is boiling is by seeing whether it is on the point of blue smoking. The use of these friers will require a greater bulk of fat for frying, but it will be found that less fat will be used in the end, as fat does not cling to the articles fried in this way in the same way as it does when fried in shallow fat. After use the fat should be carefully strained through a sandbag into a tin where it will be kept clean until required again. These fry baskets will be found very useful for frying bacon, or rissoles, or any other dishes which are fried. The Transport Section have now three of them in use and they use them on every possible occasion. The cook states that he would not now be without them.

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



## APPENDIX

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 291.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.J. MORSHEAD.

Commanding 33rd. Battalion. A. I. F.

In the Field.

19 - 5 - '17.

ACQUITTANCE  
S.

Greater care must be taken by Paying Officers in completing Acquittance Rolls.

Men must sign opposite their own names and amount and rolls will not be accepted where this has not been done, even if the amounts are identical. Erasures are absolutely prohibited and alterations must be initialled both by layee and Paying Officer. Signatures must be in ink or indelible pencil.

Where a man cannot sign his name, he must be instructed to make a X in the space directly opposite and Paying Officer should sign (not initial) his name as witness thereto.

When it is desired to pay men whose names have not been placed on the roll by Pay Sergeant, it must be clearly understood that separate sheets are required for all names from A-M and L - Z, (see notes re Pay Duties - page 14).

Where rolls are issued by Pay Sergeant and paybook numbers are omitted, these must invariably be filled in by Paying Officer who is responsible for this being done.

Paying Officers are again reminded to closely study "Notes for guidance of Officers re Pay Duties", issued on 14 - 5 - 1917, especially the section dealing with "Overdrawn Accounts", "Pay Books and Acquittance Rolls".

TRAPS.

Reference Army Routine Order No. 819:

Indents may be submitted to D.A.D.O.S. for Fly Traps and Muslin on the scale of-

Fly Traps: Two per Quartermaster Store.  
Two per cookhouse.

Muslin. Ten yards per Quartermaster Store.  
Ten yards per Cookhouse.

The Quartermaster will indent accordingly.

The undermentioned alteration in Regimental Number is made:  
5024a. Pte. A. J. Green to read 5024b.

The following promotion is approved dated 19 - 5 - 1917:  
To be Sergeant.-

1285. Temp. Sergt. A. F. White to be Sergeant vice Simpson W. H. struck off Strength. Authority A.I.F. Order 16, dated 15- 10 - 15.

SERGTS.

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

1867. Pte. Loadman. W. J.  
473. Leven. C. A.  
1413. McLaughlin. W.  
1120. Gibson. G.  
956. White. R. A.

(Signed) R. C. Jones. Licut.

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



ROUTINE ORDER NO. 292.

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

In the Field.  
 20 - 5 - 1917.

FIELD  
 PUNISHMENT.  
 234I.

All Field Punishment No. 1 and No. 2 will be carried out by Units under Regimental arrangements. Such punishment is not to be carried out in public, but strict attention is to be paid to this matter.

The list of men awarded Field Punishment No. 1 and No. 2 is kept at Brigade Headquarters, and will be checked periodically with men actually under sentence.

The following rules will be observed, and must be adhered to:-

I. With a view to ensuring that men sentenced to Field Punishment No. 1 should be treated in the same manner, the following rules should be adopted throughout the Army:-

2. (a). The offender should be attached (in view of his comrades, but not in view of the public), standing firmly on his feet for a period or periods not exceeding two hours in any one day, to a fixed object. His feet if tied, must not be more than 12 inches apart, and it must be possible for him to move his feet at least 3 inches. If he is tied round the body there must be no restriction of his breathing. If his arms or wrists are tied there must be 6 inches play between them and the fixed object to which they are attached. His arms must hang either by the side of his body or behind his back. He must not be so attached during more than three out of any four consecutive days, nor during more than 21 days in all. As far as possible this will take place always between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

(b). Irons should be used when available, but straps or ropes may be used in lieu of them when necessary. Any straps or ropes used for this purpose must be of sufficient width that they inflict no bodily harm, and leave no permanent mark on the offender.

(c). Total prohibition of smoking, rum ration, (except when in trenches) and prohibited from entering an cstaninet.

(d). All possible fatigues.

(e). PAK. Deduction of pay for every day of Field Punishment awarded by Field General Court Martial, or Commanding Officer.

(f). 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. in a Guard Room. The prisoner will only be allowed his blankets, and must sleep on the floor - if it is stone he may be allowed straw.

(g). Automatically goes to the bottom of leave Roster.

(h). Pack drill for at least one hour.

(i). Rations, Tea, biscuit and bully beef only (at discretion of G.O.C.).

(k). Upon a report by a responsible Medical Officer that the continuation of any portion of Field Punishment would be prejudicial to the offender's health, that portion must be at once discontinued.

The above, with the exception of (a) and (b), applies also to Field Punishment No. 2.

The above are to be strictly carried out and no Regimental additions or amendments are to be made!

The foregoing is republished from Brigade Routine Order No. 277, para. 25II for your information and compliance.

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



## APPENDIX

10001. 0.10.17. 298.  
 by  
 Lt Col-Commandant R.C. Jones  
 Commandant 33rd. Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.  
 21 - 5 - 1917.

- LIGHTS. 2342. While in bivouac in BLONGSTREET WOOD no lights must be used.
- CAPTURED  
WAR  
MATERIAL. 2343. The following copy of Divisional letter of the 20th. instant is republished for information and necessary action:-  
 "A great deal of difficulty was caused in recent operations by men taking away sights and small stores of captured guns as mementoes, the consequence being that when it was required to use these guns some of them could not be fired.  
 Prior to the advance instructions will be issued that no sights or small stores of enemy guns which may be captured are to be interfered with or taken by the troops.  
 Arrangements are being considered as to how captured guns will be manned.  
 The following is the Report on Candidate who attended Stokes Mort Course ending 13th. May:-  
 Pte. Brown. T.A. 33rd. Bn. Good. Qualified as Instructor.
- TRANSFERS. 2344. The following transfers have been approved:-  
 No. 6 Pte. Bower. C.A. from 'A' Company to Bn. H.Q. Signaller 1429. " Mitchell. W.H. from Bn. H.Q. Signallers to 3rd. Aus. Div. Signalling Company.
- CORRIGENDA. 2345. Reference para. 2232, R.O. 274, that portion referring to Pte. W. Mitchell is cancelled.
- PROMOTIONS. 2347. The following promotions have been approved:-  
'A' Company.  
 To be Sergeants.  
 No. 130. Tempy. Sergt. Moss. D.V. vice Sinclair struck off strength.  
 No. 123. L/Sergt. Mackney. F.C. vice Campbell commissioned.  
 77. L/Sergt. Gess. B.G. vice Sergt. Clarke. seconded.  
 To be Lance Sergeants.  
 No. 178. Cpl. Stone. R.E. vice Mackney promoted.  
 30. Cpl. Clifton. H. vice Gess promoted.  
 To be Corporal.  
 No. 154. Tempy. Cpl. Price. W.C. vice Moss promoted.  
 1482. L/Cpl. Taylor. G.L. vice Stone promoted.  
 To be Lance Corporal.  
 No. 159. Pte. Ryan. S.L. vice Taylor promoted.
- PUNISHMENTS. 2348. The following punishments were awarded this date:-  
 No. 508. Pte. Morris. A.E. 'B' Co. Absenting himself without leave from Bathing Parade at 2 p.m. and remaining absent till 9 p.m. (7 hours).  
 Forfeits 1 day's pay,  
 14 days P.P. No. 2.  
 No. 576. Pte. Walshe. C.A. 'B' Co. Absenting himself without leave from Bathing Parade at 2 p.m. and remaining absent till 9 p.m. (7 hours).  
 Forfeits 1 day's pay.  
 14 days P.P. No. 2.

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

## NOTICE.

MAIL. Outward Australian mail closes at Battalion Headquarters as follows  
 26th. May 1917. at 3 a.m. 26th. May 1917 3 a.m.



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

In the Field.  
 23rd. May. 1917.

LEAVE.

2349. Leave to England may be granted for a period of 10 days from date of Embarkation to date of return to BOULOGNE, both inclusive : preference being given to men who have been longest without leave. All ranks will be considered, but no combatant officer will be granted leave to England after the 27th. May. A leave train will run daily from STEUBERCK at 3 p.m. Those proceeding on leave should travel to BOULOGNE on the day previous to that on which leave starts. Companies will submit nominations in order in which they wish leave to be granted, such nominations to reach Battalion Headquarters by noon on 24th. inst.

2350. Several lives were recently lost through a fire in dugouts. The following instructions will be observed in future:-  
 FIRES IN (a). Petrol will on no account be used to replace paraffin  
 DUG-OUTS in Primus or in any other heating or cooking stoves.

(b). Paraffin, petrol, oil and candles will be stored in a special dug-out away from all fires.

(c). All receptacles containing petrol will be marked PETROL in large distinctive letters.

(d). Candles and fires are never to be left burning when dug-outs are unoccupied.

(e). The portion of the wall and floor of all dugouts in contact with braziers or stoves will be lined with tin, or with corrugated iron.

(f). Underground cook-houses will be provided with a door covered with tin, and a number of filled sandbags will be kept in a suitable position, so that, when a fire breaks out, the doors can be shut and a barricade of sandbags rapidly constructed to isolate the fire. A bucket of sand will be kept near each cook-house to extinguish small fires.

(g). When a fire breaks out underground the officer, N.C.O. or man responsible for giving warning, will clear everyone at once out of the whole system, sending the men out in one direction if possible away from the fire. As the fumes are poisonous and far reaching in their effects, the entrances and trenches in their vicinity must also be kept clear of men.

(h). Men must not wait to put on equipment.

(i). In extensive dug-out systems, isolation doors, with handy stores of sandbags on each side of them will be constructed at suitable points.

(k). If a Mine Rescue Station is situated in the vicinity, a notice should be posted in all dug-out systems showing its position. The men on duty at the Station are available to render assistance in rescuing men and extinguishing the fire.

(l). Security is best assured by holding frequent fire drills.

PURCHASE  
 OF STORES  
 IN FRANCE.  
 2351.

The purchase of Textile Stores in France is prohibited.

SECOND  
 ARMY SCHOOL  
 OF SIGNALLING.  
 ZUYTPEENE.  
 2352.

The undermentioned candidate has been selected to attend 'B' Course at Second Army School for Signalling ZUYTPEENE commencing on 29th. May 1917:  
 476. Pte. Legge. L. Battalion Headquarters Signallers.  
 Candidate will take blankets with him. Transport arrangements will be notified later.

CORPS  
 LEWIS  
 GUN SCHOOL  
 MOREBECQUE.  
 2353.

The undermentioned N.C.Os. have been selected to attend Second Course at Corps Lewis Gun School MOREBECQUE commencing 29th. May and dispersing on 11th. June 1917:  
 1470. L/Cpl. Bell. L.R. D. Company.  
 59. L/Cpl. Dennis. C.E. A. Company.  
 Candidates will be fully armed and equipped.  
 Transport arrangements will be notified later.

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## APPENDIX

STOKES  
MORTAR  
COURSE  
TERDEGHEM. 2354. The undermentioned candidate has been selected to attend Stokes Mortar Course, TERDEGHEM, commencing 28th. May 1917: No. 2376. Pte. Poundsberry. L.E. 'D' Company. Transport arrangements will be notified later.

DAMAGE TO  
CROPS. 2355. Attention is called to C.R.O. 1941 of 13-11-1916, which is republished for information:

"It having come to the notice of the Commander in Chief that considerable damage is being caused by recently sown ground being ridden over, in various localities, he desires that stringent orders may be issued immediately to prevent this, and that steps be taken to ensure that these Orders are brought at once to the notice of all concerned.

A good annual harvest is of great importance to the French population. The whole of the French manhood of military age is in the field, fighting for the Allied cause.

Only old men, women and children remain to cultivate the ground. The splendid efforts they have made and are making to ensure an adequate harvest are known to all. Under such conditions it is entirely inexcusable to cause any avoidable damage, and it must be a point of honour with all ranks not to do so.

The Command in Chief feels sure that if this is made clear to British troops, officers and men will do their utmost to avoid and prevent damage to crops."

STRENGTH. 2356. The undermentioned having reported from C.O.S. are taken on strength.

No. 388, Pte. W.F. Craig.  
2042. " P. Callinan.

The undermentioned having reported from Training Battalion are taken on strength, and posted to Companies as under, dated 22.5.1917.

A. Co.		B. Co.	
No. 2558	Pte. T.E. Enks.	No. 2791	Pte. R.A. Dransfield.
2534	" L.E. Church.	3012	" W.L.V. Mackay.
2833	" A. Fletcher.	2801	" E.J.N. Mackay.
2675	" P.D. Hinge.	2926	" J.B. McPherson.
2582	" C.R. Kneipp.	2621	" C.R. Nott.
2620	" G.E. Prince.	2895	" F. Ruthven.
2918	" F. Sheehan.	2919	" S. Steverson.
		2932	" J. Walsh.
2916	" F.D. Wilkinson.		
2917	" V.T. Whatley.		
1911	" Supple, A.		
C. Co.		D. Co.	
2296	Pte. H. Clark.	2711	Pte. F. Hayes.
2822	" M. Cullen.	2833	" J. Deane.
2783	" H.L. Flanagan.	2709	" R. Eadie.
2930	" G. Houston.	1178	" E.A.C. Little.
2636	" A.H. Ritchie.	1878	" D.H. McCosker.
2413	" E. Ryman.	2877	" C.S. McCosker.
2904	" A. Williams.	2376	" L. Poundsberry.
1470	" G.E. Wills.	2684	" L. Wainwright.

PROMOTION. 2357. The following promotion has been approved, dated 23.5.17.  
No. 2596, Pte. J. Mathison, B. Co. to be Corporal.

TRANSFER. 2358. The following transfer has been approved.  
No. 2596, Pte. J. Mathison from B. Co. to A. Co.

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



## ROUTINE ORDER NO. 295.

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

In the field.  
25th May, 1917.

HONOURS Under authority granted by His Majesty the KING, The Field Marshal  
AND Commanding-in-Chief has awarded the MILITARY CROSS to:-

REWARDS.  
2359. 2nd Lieut. W. McLEAN, 33rd Battalion, - Dated 24th May, 1917.

"At the request on the night of 6/9th May, 1917, 2nd Lieut. WILSON  
"McLEAN was in command of the trench garrison in the vicinity of  
"the Gap. At 1.0 a.m. an enemy party (of whom 25 men were seen)  
"attempted to raid our trenches. 2/LIEUT. McLEAN saw some of the  
"enemy had passed through the gap and were moving towards our support  
"line. He at once ordered men to open rifle fire, and his rifle-  
"men immediately fired a simultaneous burst on the enemy. He then  
"directed the fire of a Lewis Gun, and organised a bombing party to  
"bomb down the gap. His prompt action inflicted casualties on the  
"enemy and repulsed the raiders. After driving off the enemy, he  
"personally led a patrol into NO MAN'S LAND, and brought back to our  
"trenches a wounded German, who was lying 30 yards from our parapet.  
"This was done under hostile machine gun fire and at a point when the  
"enemy trenches were only 75 yards away. Throughout, 2/LIEUT.  
"W. McLEAN, acted with the greatest coolness and decision. He set a  
"fine example to his men and inspired them with the greatest confi-  
"dence. The success of the operations was undoubtedly due to his  
"courage and resource."

"The Army, Corps, Divisional and Brigade Commanders desire that  
their congratulations be conveyed to the recipient."

"The Commanding Officer also adds his congratulations."

## RE-ENLIST-

MENT.  
2360.

RE-ENLISTMENT OF N.C.O.s. OF THE A.I.F. WHO HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED  
AS MEDICALLY UNFIT.

Any N.C.O. of the A.I.F., who has been  
discharged as medically unfit and subsequently passed as fit,  
after having been examined by a Medical Board, may be re-enlisted.

SCHOOLS.  
2361.

Officers proceeding for a course at the Second Army School  
should have their kits properly labelled. Several instances  
have occurred of kits being lost owing to this not being done.

YUKON  
PACKS.  
2362.

Yukon Packs are available for issue to Companies and classes  
will be formed on return to billets, to give instruction in the  
method of loading and carrying. Every man should know how to  
handle these packs.

PROMOTIONS.  
2363.

The following promotions have been approved:-

A. Company.

No. 1. L/Corpl. A. Archer to be O.C.M.S. dated 23-5-17.

(Authority - Para 2517, of Brigade R.O. No. 271. dated 23-5-17.)

B. Company.

No. 1137. Cpl. B. Hewitt to be L/Sgt. dated 25-5-17.

REVERSIONS.  
2364.

The Undermentioned revert to rank of Private at own  
request. No. 10336. Driver, G.C. Riddell  
No. 410. L/Cpl. A.C. Foster. 'B' Co.

CORRIGENDA.  
2365.

Para 2357, of R.O. No. 294. dated 23-5-17, should be amended  
to read:- No. 2596. Pte. J. Mathison to be Temp. Corporal. B. Co.

TRANSFER.  
2366.

The undermentioned transfer has been approved:-  
No. 10336. Driver G.C. Riddell from 10th Field Engineers  
and is posted to 'D' Co.

(Signed) R.C. JONES. LIEUT.

Adjutant 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.



ROUTINE ORDER, NO. 296.

By

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

In the Field  
26 - 5 - 17.

PAY.

2367.

Requisitions for pay up to and including Wednesday, 30th. May must be submitted to reach Battalion Headquarters by 6 p.m. on Sunday 27th. inst. Pay will be available on Thursday 30th. inst. at 11 a.m., and acquittance rolls must be completed and returned to Battalion Headquarters by 10 a.m. on 30th. inst. 2nd. *facile*

DISCIPLINE.

2368.

All ranks, whether riding or walking, will be careful to keep to the side of the road. Delay is caused, wheeled traffic blocked, and unnecessary risk is run by the non-observance of this Order.

BOUNDS.

2369.

Owing to an outbreak of measles, billets 11326.B. to 11346.B. on ARMENTIERES - BAILLEUL ROAD are placed out of bounds for all troops.

BRICKS.

2370.

No material should be removed from any building in BELGIUM without giving a receipt either to the owner or to the Prevot Belgo.

Where houses have been destroyed by shell-fire, and the bricks are required, special requisition orders are required.

TELESCOPIC

RIFLES.

2371.

The large percentage of losses of telescopic rifles during actual attacks in the SOMME fighting led to a considerable diminution of efficiency of snipers subsequently, as it is impossible to replace large numbers of these telescopic rifles without considerable delay.

It has therefore been decided that these rifles should be withdrawn from the Battalions and held with Surplus Baggage etc. by Brigade.

All telescopic rifles will be returned to Quartermaster Store by 10 a.m. 27th. inst. Quartermaster will hand them to Brigade for storage by noon on same day.

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

5086. Pte. Ryan, E.

919. Fulmer, C.

The undermentioned N.C.O. and man having been missing for three months are struck strength:

1233. Cpl. Richardson, C.

5071a. Pte. Pettiford, P.S.

PUNISHMENTS.

2373.

The undermentioned punishment was awarded in 22 - 5 - 1917:

1110. Pte. Donoghue, E.

'D' Company.

Absent without leave from 4 p.m. on 19th. inst. to 9.30 a.m. on 20th. inst. Forfeits 2 days pay. 21 days P.F. No. 2.

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

NOTICES.

CHURCH SERVICES.

FEAST OF PENTECOST. A service for members of the Jewish Faith will be held on Sunday 27th. inst. at 11 a.m. in Cinema Hall NIEPPE. The Reverend D.I. Freedman officiating.

R.C. CHURCH SERVICES will be held as follows:

At ST. MARTINS CHURCH, BAILLEUL ROAD NIEPPE (opposite Trois Rovers Estaminet) at 9.30 and 11 a.m.



## ROUTINE ORDER NO. 297.

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

In the Field.  
26 - 5 - 17.

## CASUALTY

REPORTS. When reporting casualties as "Missing, believed prisoner of War",  
2377. or "Missing believed killed", Companies must submit with casualty report the evidence on which such report is based.

Every care should be taken before classifying a casualty as above, and such report should not be made unless conclusive evidence is available.

WORKING PARTIES.  
2378.

Officers, N.C.Os. and men detailed for working parties near the front line should be warned to preserve the utmost silence. Singing and shouting must not be allowed. Parties in rear have often been distinctly heard in our own front line and probably in the enemy's front line also.

WATER SUPPLY.  
2379.

All ranks are warned against the use of water in enemy country which has not been tested and certified fit for consumption.

ANTI-GAS MEASURES.  
2380.

When casualties have been incurred through gas, the following procedure should be adopted on all occasions when dealing with gassed patients.-

- (a). Gas masks must be worn. (b). The tunic and equipment of the patient must be at once taken off, as cases of gas poisoning have been caused by inhaling gas absorbed from the uniform. (c). Dug-outs must not be entered until properly cleared of all gas fumes and all exposed food destroyed.

## STRETCHER

BEARERS. All stretcher-bearers, (Company, Battalion and Brigade - 13  
2381. from each Company) will report to Medical Officer at the Inspection Room for training at 9.30 a.m. daily.

BLANKETS.  
2382.

Companies and Headquarters Sections will submit returns to reach Battalion Headquarters by 12 noon on 29th. inst., showing number of blankets held by them. Special care to be taken that the count is accurate, and all in excess of one per man must be returned to Quartermaster Store by 3 p.m. the same day.

YUKON PACKS.  
2383.

Each Company will detail 4 N.C.Os. to report to C.Q.M.S. Fakes at Quartermaster's Store at 9 a.m. daily for instructions in the use of Yukon Packs.

COMMUNICATION.  
2384.

For the purpose of training for forthcoming operations, all runners, Signallers and Pigeon Men will report to Signalling Officer at 8.55 a.m. daily, at Cinema in rear of Battalion Headquarters.

BATHS.  
2385.

The allotment of baths will be 50 per Company daily at 12.30 p.m. Baths are located at B. 23.d.80.90.

TRANSFERS.  
2386.

The following transfers have been approved:

Captain J.L. MEY. to 63rd. Battalion dated 29 - 5 - 1917.  
2/Lieut. D. Langston. to 63rd. Battalion. dated 29 - 5 - 1917.  
(Authority A.A.G. A.I.F. 10/7/5 of 20.5.1917..)

Lieut. H.G. Hayman. to 63rd. Battalion. dated 5.5.1917.  
(Authority A.A.G. A.I.F. 169/401/29.

STRENGTH.  
2387.

The undermentioned having been admitted to C.Q.S. dated -  
25.5.1917: are struck off strength:

1286. Pte. Younan, L.W.  
2200. " Rose, F.W.  
491. " McDermott, E.J.

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



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ROUTINE ORDER. NO. 299.

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

In the Field.  
30. 5. 1917.

TRAVEL

BY SEA. Officers and other ranks proceeding either on leave or on duty  
2392. are forbidden to travel by any of His Majesty's Ships of War,  
unless a written authority has been obtained from the Military  
Landing Officer or one of his representatives on the Military  
Landing Staff, at the port of departure.

STAINING  
OF TENTS  
1993.

The material required to stain 1 C.S.L. tent is:-  
Extract of Logwood 8 ozs.  
Bichromate of Potash 1/4 oz.  
Water 2 gallons.

The Extract of Logwood to be dissolved in 2 pints of boiling  
water in a vessel which will hold 2 gallons or more.  
Add 13 pints of hot or cold water.  
Dissolve the bichromate of Potash in 1 pint of boiling water,  
and add to the Logwood.  
Stir all well together.  
Apply with a brush to tent when standing.  
Indents may be submitted to D.A.D.O.S. for extract of  
Logwood and bichromate of Potash.

LAUDAT- The following wire has been received from Brigade Headquarters:-  
2391.

" The Brigade Commander congratulates you on the very  
successful raid carried out by your Battalion last night.  
AAA. The success achieved augurs well for the future and  
has further increased his confidence in your Battalion.  
He wishes you to convey to Captain TOLLIS and Lieut.  
CAMPBELL and their men his high appreciation of the  
splendid way in which the raid was carried out AAA.  
The promptness with which information was received by Brigade  
was particularly satisfactory AAA."

RATE  
OF EXCHANGE.  
2393.

The rate of exchange for June 1917 has been fixed at 5  
francs for three shillings and eightpence and during that  
month all transactions which require conversion will be adjusted  
at that rate.

PROMOT- The following promotions have been approved:

- 716. Sgt. F.J. Burke. to be Second Lieut. dated 25. 5. 1917.  
( Authority IInd. ANZAC 2490/1A.)  
'A' Company.
- To be Corporal temporarily:  
12. L/Cpl. Bushell. A.E. vice 1483 Cpl. H.G. Murray (Super. List).
- To be L/Corpl. temporarily:  
236. Pte. Edwards. R.C. vice 95. L/Cpl. Hamilton. G. (Super. list).
- 121. Pte. McGilvray. G. vice 12. L/Cpl. Mitchell. A.E. promoted  
temporarily.

TRANSFER  
2394.

The following transfer has been approved:  
1476 Pte. Hartley. W. to 20th. Battalion .

SCHOOL  
2395.

The undermentioned having reported from Third Aus. Div.  
School is taken on strength:  
Captain J.W. Shreeve.  
The undermentioned men having become casualties are struck  
off strength:  
4199a. Pte. A.J. Charman.  
1141. " D.D. Harper. Died of Wounds.

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



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AFTER ORDER NO. 301.

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

In the Field,  
31st May, 1917.

COURT OF  
INQUIRY.

The detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at 9 a.m. on Friday, 1st June, 1917, at 33rd Battalion Headquarters to inquire into and report on the circumstances whereby No.5091A, Private ROBERT STUART, and No.2190, Private JAMES WILLIAM CARROLL, both late of D. Company, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F. who took part in a raid on night of 28th/29th May, 1917, are now posted as missing.

PRESIDENT.

Captain J.W. SHREEVE.

MEMBERS.

Lieut. E.L.E. CHAPMAN.

Lieut. A.H. FLETCHER.

Witnesses will be warned by MAJOR H.F. WHITE and will be duly required to attend.

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