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WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

3rd Bn

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HILLSIDE CAMP.	1917 3rd		In camp at "Hillside Camp" resting. Raining in sheets.	(See Map No 3.)
	3rd		Marched to billets at BLEUE VIA BAILLEUL ROAD (B.O.O. app. G)	
	4th		Arrived Bleue at 11-30am, Billets comfortable, raining heavily.	
	4th		In Billets resting, refitting Bn.	
	5th		Marched to Aldershot Camp arriving 3pm (B.O.O. App G)	See map No 6
ALDERSHOT CAMP.	6th to 14th		Supplying working parties to build Corps line etc. in front of village of MESSINES.	
	15th	6:30am	Marched from Aldershot Camp to Bailleul Station, where we entrained for WIZERNES, detrained at 12 noon and marched to training area VAUDRINGHEM.	See Map 3.
VAUDRINGHEM	16th to 31st		Refitting Bn and carrying out Syllabus of training, special attention being given to new formations evolved, to defeat the enemy's new dispositions. Sports twice a week.	

## 34th BATTALION MOVE ORDER No. 50.

## Reference Map

HAZEBROUCK 5 A 1/100000  
FRANCE 36A 1/40000

Battalion Headquarters  
2/8/17

## MOVE \*

1. The 9th. Australian Inf. Brigade will move to VEEUX BERQUIN area on 3rd. inst. The 34th? Battalion moving to "D" Battalion Area. and Battalion Hqrs. will be situated at F 20 a 10.25. The 34th. Battalion will pass starting point at T 20 a 90 at 7.30 a.m.

## ORDER OF MARCH.

2 The Band and Signalling Sec. will march with "A" Coy. B and D Coys. following at an interval of 200 yards. Companies will march at an interval of between platoons. First Line Transport will march in rear of the Battalion and will be treated as a Company?

## ROUTE

3 Starting Point Road Junction  $\frac{7}{8}$  mile E of LA CRECHE - STEENEWERCK - Le VERRIER, thence to Billets at BLEU.

## TRANSPORT.

4. One Motor Wagon has been allotted the Battalion and may be used for second trip if necessary. Q.M. will detail a guide to meet wagon at NEUVE EGLISE Road Junction (Sheet 28 S W T 15 a 90.35) at 5 a.m. and guide wagon to location required.

## CAMP

5. Companies will ensure that their lines are left scrupulously clean. Cplx Bailey and 6 o/rs will be detailed from "A" Coy. to remain and obtain a certificate from incoming Unit that the Camp has been left in a clean and sanitary condition, and will hand such certificate in to Battalion Hqrs. at BLEU on arrival. This Party will report to Battalion Hqrs. at 7 a.m. on the 3rd. inst for instructions.

## ADVANCE PARTIES

6. An advance billeting party of one officer and 4 N.C.Os. have already proceeded to BLEU to take over Billets and guides will meet Battalion at Road Junction half Mile E of BLEU

## REAR PARTY.

7. A rear party of one Sergeant and 8 o/rs. will be detailed from "D" Coy. to collect any sick and stragglers who fall out., who must have a chit signed by an officer.

## A.M.C.

8 An Ambulance Wagon will join each Battalion at Cross Roads  $\frac{7}{8}$  mile E of LA CRECHE and the Company Units to Billets.

## STANDING ORDERS

9. All Officers will make themselves conversant with the provisions of 3rd. Aust. Div. Standing Orders for War (Sec.11) and also with separate instructions issued herewith.

## WATCHES

10. An officer from each Company will synchronise watches at Battalion Hqrs. at 7 a.m. on 3rd. inst.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. Lambert Wheeler Captain  
Adjutant 34th. Battalion.

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2 CPO.  
O.C. Companies.

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34<sup>th</sup> Battalion Move Order 51.

Move The 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion will move to ALDERSHOT Camp near NEUVE EGLISE on 6<sup>th</sup> inst:

Advanced Parties An Advanced Party, consisting of 2 Lt Callaghan and 1 NCO to be detailed from each Coy, will report at Batt: HQtrs at 8.0 AM for instructions.

Transport 22 Motor Wagons have been requisitioned for to convey Troops and Stores from Billeting Area to Camp, and will be allotted to Coys and QM, and report at 10.0 AM.

Blankets Blankets are to be rolled in bundles of 10 and will be carried on Motor Wagons.

Travelling Kitchens Coys. Kitchens will be ready at 8.0 AM, and Transport Sgt. will arrange for 1<sup>st</sup> Line Transport to pass present Transport Standings at 9.0 AM, and March as a Company direct to ALDERSHOT Camp.

Officers Baggage Officers Baggage will be carried on Motor Transport.

Headquarters Headquarters will close at BLEU at 9.0 AM, and reopen at ALDERSHOT Camp at 11.30 AM.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Gilbert Wheeler Capt  
Adjutant 34<sup>th</sup> Batta

34th. BATTALION MOVE ORDER No. 52.

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Reference Map  
HAZEBROUCK 5A

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34th. Battalion Hrs\_/  
14/8/17

1. The 34th. Battalion less portion of Transport will move by train to WIZERNES Area on 15th inst. The train timings will be notified later. The transport details for which separate instructions have been issued the T.O. will leave ALDERSHOT CAMP 4 hours before the time the Omnibus train departs from BAILLEUL. The Band and Signallers accompanying A" Coy. will leave Aldershot Camp at 3 hours before time set for departure of Personnel Train "B" C & D Coys. following with an interval of 3 minutes between Companies. The leading Company to arrive at BAILLEUL RAILWAY STATION one hour before time set down for departure of first train.
2. Units will detrain at WIZERNES where guides will meet them and conduct them to their billets.
3. Supply Railhead will be at LUMBRES from August 16th? inclusive.
4. All surplus Stores and Stores not required in the training area will be left at the present location of Units? Rear Party consisting of One N.C.O and 1 c/r from A.B.C. and D Coys will report to Q.M. Store at 6 a.m. on 15/8/17 to take charge of those stores which will be transferred to DIV. Stores at S 25 £ 95.80 under Div. Arrangements.
5. (a) Blankets will be carried on the mules  
(b) Motor Lorries will be available for Officers Kits.
6. Units will take with them rations for 15th inst plus iron rations. Rations for 16th inst will be delivered to Units in new area.
7. Marching Out Parade States will be handed in to this Office 1 hour before Units leave the Camp.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H.Lambert Wheeler Captain  
Adjutant 34th. Battalion.

## PERSONNEL KILLED &amp; MARCHED OUT, PERIOD 25-5-1917 - to 31-8-1917.

DATE.	KILLED.		WOUNDED.		DETACHED.		EVAC. TO HOSPL.		ON LEAVE.	
	Os.	O.R.	Os.	O.R.	Os.	O.R.	Os.	O.Rs.	Os.	O.Rs.
June.										
25/1st.	-	4.	1	15.	4.	183	-	16.	-	-
1/6th.	1	5.	1	15.	-	13.	-	5.	-	-
6/15.	2	57.	7.	276.	-	4.	-	37.	-	1
15/22.	-	-	-	1.	4	16.	-	9.	1	-
22/29.	-	2.	-	-	1	6	1	19	3	-
July.										
29/6th.	-	3	-	12	-	22	-	28	1	-
6/13th.	-	-	-	11	4	27	-	19	-	-
13/20.	-	9	1	43	1	75	-	26	1	2
20/27.	-	8	-	36	-	47	-	19	2	2
Aug.										
27/3rd.	-	4	-	10	-	29	-	30	1	2
3/10th.	-	-	-	9	1	13	-	17	1	3
10/17.	-	-	-	3	4	37	-	14	1	-
17/24.	-	-	-	-	2	40	-	5	1	3
24/31.	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	9	1	3
	3	92.	9	431.	21	519.	1	253.	12	16. - 1357.

## PERSONNEL MARCHED IN, SAME PERIOD AS ABOVE.

DATE.	FROM BASE.		FROM HOSPITAL.		REINFORCEMENTS.		DETACHED.		LEAVE.	
	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.	Offs.	O.Rs.	Of.	O.R.	Os.	O.R.
June.										
25/1st.	-	3.	-	16	-	-	2	15	-	-
1/6th.	1	1	-	6	-	-	6	4	-	-
6/15.	-	-	-	12	-	5	1	176	-	-
15/22	-	12	-	29	3	31	1	11	-	-
22/29	-	14	-	7	-	-	1	5	-	1.
July.										
29/6.	-	-	-	7	3	-	2	14	3	-
6/13.	-	32	-	3	1	37	1	11	-	-
13/20	4	-	-	8	-	28	1	15	1	-
20/27	-	--	-	10	2	-	-	44	-	-
Aug.										
27/3	-	11	-	39	-	16	-	92	1	2
3/10.	1	31	-	28	-	3	2	4	2	2
10/17.	-	13	-	8	1	13	1	40	1	2
17/24.	3	24	-	15	1	10	2	14	1	3
24/31.	1	28	-	3	1	7	-	27	1	-
	6	173	-	191	12	150	20	472	10	10. - 1044.

Effective strength of Unit on 25-5-17.	1158.	Marched out	1357.
Effective strength of Unit on 31-9-17.	845.	Marched In-	1044.
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