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CHATEAU SEGARD	1917 Oct. 1.		at 8 p.m. the Battalion left Chateau Segard and proceeded to WESTHOEK RIDGE and relieved the 48 th Battalion. The relief was complete at 11-13 p.m. with 1 slight casualty.	<u>Cum</u>
WESTHOEK RIDGE	2.		The valley between WESTHOEK & ANZAC ridges was heavily barraged all day. The 1 st & 4 th Battalions relieved us in the evening & we moved back to Chateau Segard.	<u>Cum</u>
CHATEAU SEGARD	3.		Evacuated 6 cases of gas, the result of yesterday's shelling. Left Chateau Segard at 11:30 p.m. and relieved 4 th Batta on WESTHOEK RIDGE.	<u>Cum</u>
WESTHOEK RIDGE.	4.		1 st & 2 nd Brigades attacked at 0600. Valley again heavily barraged all day. Lt Field, Lambert and Anderson wounded.	<u>Cum</u>
	5.		Moved up to the front line and relieved the 1 st & 4 th Battalions from (Shut WESTHOEK 1/10,000) D29 D4.5.	<u>Cum</u>
BRODSEINDE RIDGE	6.		to J5 B 3.2, Batta HQ being at J4 B 7.6 L. W. H. E. HALE killed in action. In conjunction with 11 th Batta, we raided CELTIC WOOD at 11:30 p.m. 2/Lt A. J. S. DAVEY & 25 men from his Batta formed part of the party. The raid was most successful & 2/Lt DAVEY brought back 10 prisoners & 1 machine gun & suffered no casualties in his party. Strength 50 Officers 829 ORanks.	<u>Cum</u>
	7.		Relieved in the line by 10 th Batta & came back into support.	<u>Cum</u>
SCOTTISH LINES	9.		Relieved in daylight by the 29 th Battalion & got out without any casualties to CHATEAU BELGE area.	<u>Cum</u>
	10.		Left Chateau Belge at 1000 & proceeded to Scottish Lines.	<u>Cum</u>
	11.		Capt. B. J. ANDREW returned to Regimental Duty from Staff Captain, 3 rd A.I. Bgde.	<u>Cum</u>
	12.		Major-General Clements of the U.S. Army inspected the camp.	<u>Cum</u>
	13.		Strength 52 officers 985 ORanks	<u>Cum</u>
	15.		2/Lt A. T. WERTHEIMER & B. VAUGHAN arrived with 155 reinforcements.	<u>Cum</u>
	18.		A dinner was given to all officers, N.C.O.'s & men of the 12 th Battalion ^{who left Australia in October 1914} at present in the Brigade, to celebrate the 3 rd year since leaving Australia. 14 officers 75 OR present.	<u>Cum</u>
	20.		67 reinforcements arrived. Strength 52 officers 942 OR.	<u>Cum</u>

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YPRES.	22.		Army Corps Commander distributed medals + ribbons. Enemy planes bombing in evening.	<u>Om</u>																																	
	24		Moved to YPRES at 1000 by bus and billeted in Infantry Barracks.	<u>Om</u>																																	
	27		Strength 54 officers 996 other ranks. Enemy planes dropping bombs in evening.	<u>Om</u>																																	
	30		Left Infantry Barracks at 0900 and relieved 8 th Battalion on Westhoek range Ridge. at 1600, we moved again + relieved 5 th Batta in the line, east of ZONNEBEKE. Relief complete 1825.	<u>Om</u>																																	
	31		Quiet Day. During the month, the following awards have been made by the Corps Commander + the C-in-C.	<u>Om</u>																																	
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			During absence of Lt. Col. C. Elliott on leave from 13-27/10/17, Capt L. E. Rust commanded Batta.	<u>Om</u>																																	
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19th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 31

Issued at

Battalion Headquarters.

28th October 1917.

Reference Map: - Sheet 88 1/40,000.

1. The 19th Battalion will relieve the 8th Battalion on WESTWOOD & ANZAC RIDGES during the morning of 30th October and afterwards relieve 8th Battalion in the line on night of 31/32 October 1917.
2. When in the line A. and B. Company's will hold the line, D. Company will be in support, and C. Company in reserve. Companies will relieve corresponding Companies of 8th Batt.
3. The Battalion will relieve INFANTRY BARRACKS at 0600 when A. & B. Companies will proceed to ANZAC RIDGE and C. & D. Companies to WESTWOOD RIDGE. The Battalion will ^{LEAVE} ANZAC AND WESTWOOD RIDGES for the line at 1000. In both moves the Battalion will move in the order H'qrs., A., B., C., D.
4. During the relief the ANZAC DUCKWALK will be available for this Battalion. All movement in rear of ANZAC RIDGE will be made by Platoons at approximately 500 yards interval. Forward of this the Battalion will move in file.
5. Companies will supply the following men to report to Lieut. A. V. ... BRIGADE H'qrs at 0800 tomorrow 30th inst. with full marching Order to act as runners:-

A. Company	2	B. Company	2
C. Company	1	D. Company	2

 As far as possible men who were on this duty before will be detailed.
6. Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10, marked with Company labels and stacked near canteen by 0600. Packs will be clearly marked with Reg. No., Rank and Name, Company and unit and stacked with blankets by 0600. Puttees will be placed in the pack. Valises, Orderly Room gear, and mess gear will also be stacked with blankets by 0600. Watercarts will be available for filling waterbottles by 0700. Lewis Machine Guns, Signalling gear and rations for 31st. will be carried by limbers to ANZAC RIDGE and drawn before moving off.
7. The saddlebags per man will be drawn and issued and worn as puttees.
8. One officer and four M.G.O's. per Company will leave at 0800 and locate position of the corresponding Coy's. of 8th Battn.
9. Receipts for all stores taken over from and handed over to relieving units will be handed in to Battn. H'qrs. by 1100 on 30th instant.
10. The attached certificate will be signed by Company Commanders before moving off and handed in to Battn. H'qrs.
11. Completion of relief will be wired by the code word "CAESAR".

C. M. Meaton

P.T.O.

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Issued at 2045.

Distribution.

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To note:-

Signal Officer
Intelligence Officer
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