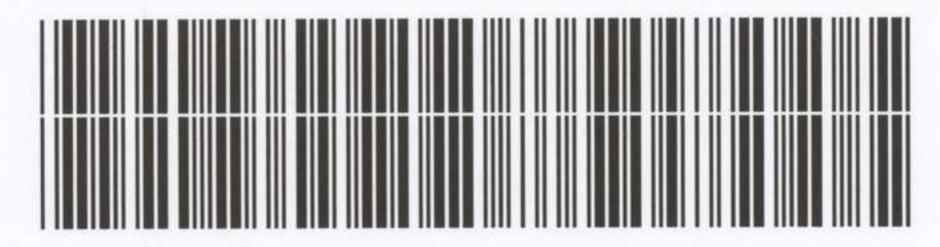
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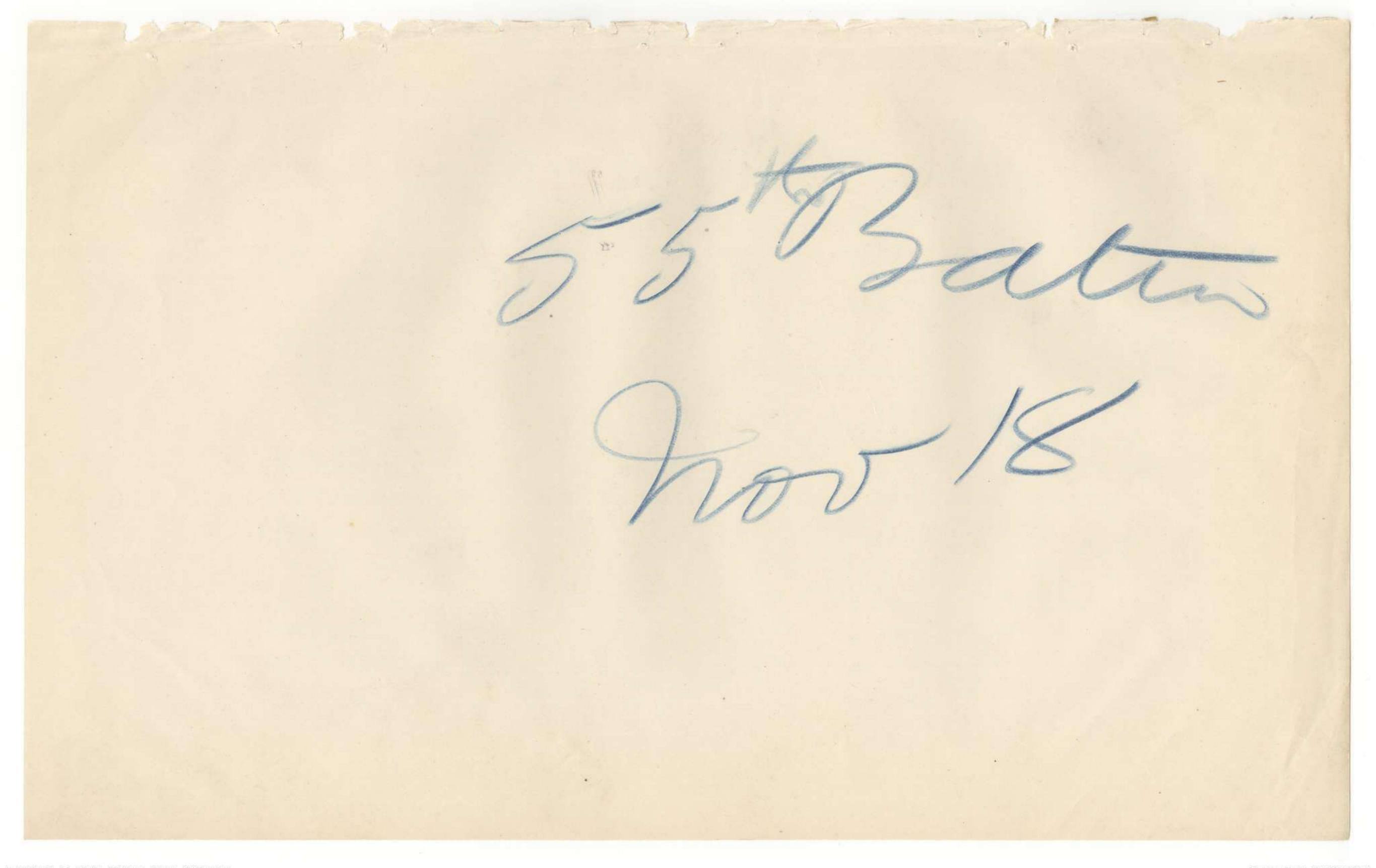
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Place France.	Date Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VISMES.	1.11.18.	Day fine and sunny. Training as per Syllabus was carried out, also practice for Div. Commdr's inspection, which is taking place to-morrow. Recreational training as usual during afternoon. C.O. and Adjutant, together with all Company Commanders, attended a conference and demonstration at 5th Aust. Div.H.Qrs - the morning was devoted to lectures and demonstration by Brig-Genl. Guiggisburg. Inspector General of Training; the afternoon to demonstration bt Lt-Col.Levey, of Training Inspectorate Staff. The Corps and Divn. Commanders were present at conference.	
	2.11.18.	Weather still continues to be fine and sunny. A general muster parade of all units in the Corps was held at 0930, being an endeavour to locate absentees. The Battalion had only one absentee. The Divn.Commander inspected the 55th Bn and the 56/54th Bn. on the 55 Bn's Pærade Ground. After the inspection both Battalions marched past the G.O.C., who then inspected the Transport of both units. A march past of Transport was then carried out. After completion of inspection the Divn.Commander addressed the parade and congratulated all ranks on the turn-out generally, and referred to the probable movements of the Division in the near future. Men who were desirous of parading before the Divn.Commander were given an opportunity at the conclusion of the parade.	
	3.11.18.	Sunday: Day was dull, with heavy clouds, and cold. Church parades were held for all denomination Battalion sports held during the afternoon were most successful, despite unfavourable weather conditions. All ranks have shown a very keen interest in sport since the Battalion has been in this area. Training Syllabus for the ensuing week was issued. (while Appendix No 1.)	App.l.
	4.11.18.	Weather improved greatly, being fine and sunny for most of the day. Training as per Syllabus was carried out.	
	5.11.18.	The day has turned out very wet; weather how becoming changeable and getting colder every day. Owing to rain, outdoor training was cancelled and indoor training was carried out under Company arrangements. Under the A.I.F. Education Scheme, Battalion classes in the following subjects were started to-d French, Arithmetic, English. It is intended to enlarge the Syllabus at the first opportunity. (ASCO4) D. D. & L London, E.C. (ASCO4) Wt W1771/M2031 750,000 5/17 Sch. 52 Forms/C2118/14	ay:

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ISMES.	6.11.18.	Weather bad, raining all day. Brigade Sports meeting postponed - indoor training carried out under Company arrangements.	
:+	7.11.18.	Day again wete Indoor training under Company arrangements carried out.	
	8.11.18.	Day dull but no rain. Range practice as per syllabus carried out - thus completing the . Musketry practices laid down for the period of training.	
	9.11.18.	Day fine and sunny. Training carried out in accordance with Syllabus. All Officers took part in a tactical scheme without troops. Divn.Commander informs the Commanding Officer by phone that he (Colonel Holland) had been awarded the Legion d'Honneur (Chevalier). All ranks pleased to hear of the distinction conferred on the C.O. News received that the Hun had approached Marshal Foch with respect to an armistice, and that the Allies terms had been handed to the enemy, who was given till 1100 on Monday to accept or refuse.	
	10.11.18.	Weather continues fine. Church parades were held for all denominations. Syllabus of Training for ensuing week was issued. (vide Appendix 2.) Many rumours are current to-day regarding the probable armistice, but no definite news has yet come to hand.	App.2.
	11.11.18.	Day fine and cold. Training carried out as per syllabus. News of the signing of the armistice received about 1000. All ranks are pleased at the prospect of the early conclusion of the war. Civilian houses were decorated with French and Allied Flags. During them afternoon the Battalio Band played the National Anthems of the Allied nations in the village square.	h
	12.11.18.	Brigade Sports meeting was held to-day, which was fine but very cold. The Battalion marched to the Sports Ground at St.MAXENT, cookers accompanying the men and preparing midday meal. The Battalion upheld its good sporting reputation by being well represented in all events and winning several. (A8co4) Wt Wi77//M2031 750,000 5/17 Sch.52 Forms/C2118/14	

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VISMES.	13.11.18.	Training carried out in accordance with Syllabus. Weather fine.	
	14.11.18.	Training carried out in accordance with Syllabus. Weather fine, but cold. Recreational training during afternoon.	
	15.11.18.	A Brigade scheme without troops was carried out; the C.O., Adjt, and all Company Commanders attending. Remainder of Battalion attended a Gas Projector demonstration at St.MAXENT. Day cold but fine.	
	16.11.18.	Companies at disposal of Company Commanders for inspection, etc. Day fine.	
	17.11.18.	Sunday: Church Parades during morning. Day fine during morning, becoming dull and rainy after midday.	
	18.11.18.	Divisional Sports Meeting held at HUPPY. A large number of men from the Battalion attended. Day cloudy and cold. Notification received from Brigade that the G.O.C. Division will inspect the Brigade on the march to-morrow.	
	19.11.18.	Brigade inspected on the march by the Divn. Commander at VISMES at 1000. This Battalion, forming up on the western outskirts of VISMES, joined the Brigade Column at the cross roads in in the village, and marched past the G.O.C., whose saluting base was close to Battalion H.Q. The G.O.C. congratulated the C.O. on the smart appearance of the men and transport of this Battalion. Day fine and sunny.	
	20.11.18.	Day dull, but no rain. In view of an early move forward preparations are being made to dispose of all surplus gear, as the Battalion is expected to perform most of its movements by march route. No training was carried out to-day; Companies being at the disposal of O's.C., for inspection of the companies of feets	

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VISMES.	21.11.18.	Day fine, but with cold winds, and frost during early morning. Short route marches carried out under company arrangements.	
	22.11.18.	Day cold with low clouds. Battalion Parade held, followed by route march through COURTEUX - FRETTEMEULE - back to VISMES.	
	23.11.18.	Final preparations made for a move early next week. Companies were placed at the disposal of Company Commanders for this purpose. Day dull and showery. G.O.C. Brigade visited Battalion area during afternoon.	
	24.11.18.	Sunday: Day cold and windy. A Brigade Church Parade held for men of Protestant denominations on 56/54th Bn. Parade Ground at 1100, and G.O.C. Division was present at this parade. Brigade Order for move to BOHAIN-BUSIGNY AREA was received and Battalion Order No 149 issued. (Appendix 3.)	App. 3.
	25.11.18.	Day very dull, with heavy clouds. Battalion moved from VISMES in accordance with orders detailed in Appendix 3. With Band leading, Battalion moved via GREBAULT-MESNIL and ONICOURT to the Main National Road near HUPPY, thence by that road to ABBEVILLE. Halt for midday meal was made from 1150 to 1300, and cookers, which accompanied Companies, provided hot tea. ABBEVILLE Station was reached at 1445. As shown in Order 149, the Transport moved independently to the entraining station, arriving there at 1300. Battalion rested in a field adjacent to the Station yard, a hot meal being served at 1630. At 1700 rain commenced, making matters very uncomfortable for the men. The train was very late in being brought into the yard, not arriving till 1830, and entraining commenced immediately. Entraining, slightly interfered with by heavy showers of rain, was complete by 2100. In addition to conveying this Battalion, the train load included one company of 56th Battalion, and stores from D.A.D.O.S. and Y.M.C.A. Train pulled out of the yard at 2230, just on hours behind schedule time. All ranks settled down for the night, straw being provided in the trucks for the men to lie on. D.D. & L. London, E.C. WH WIZT//Maggir 750,000 5/17 Sch. 52 Forms/Cit/8/14	

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Place France.	Date 191	Hour .8.	Summary of Events and Information *	Remarks and references to Appendices
On Train) BUSIGNY.	26.13	.18.	Day broke dull and cold whilst our train was standing in the station ward at OMIECOURT close to CHAULNES. ETERPIGNY and PERONNE were soon passed, but several stoppages were made shortly after, the train finally coming to a stand at MARQUAIX, outside ROISEL, at 0830 and it was 1530 before ROISEL was passed. This long delay was due to an accident close to ROISEL. CAMBRAI was passed at 1700, and at 2100 the train pulled into BERTRY, the detraining station. Detraining commenced immediately and was complete by 2300. All ranks were supplied with hot cocoa at the Y.M.C.A. immediately they detrained and they greatly appreciated same. Guides from the Advance Party were waiting for the Battalion, and at 2200 the dismounted portions as same moved from BERTRY by march route to BUSIGNY, where billets had been arranged. March was complete by 0100 on morning of 27th. Transport, after detraining, left BERTRY at 2330 and arrived BUSIGNY at 0200. Blankets and stores were transported to billets by waggons of the D.A.C. (S.A.A. Section).	n
	27.1	18.	Rain was still falling when day broke. Men rested after their journey and prepared for a further move to-morrow. Advanced party left at 1400 for MAZINGHIEM. The civilian population in BUSIGNY were most enthusiastic in their welcome of the troops after being under German rule for 4 years. Battalion Order 150. (Appendix 4) issued to all concerned, giving details of move to MAZINGHIEN to-morrow.	App.4.
MAZINGHIEN	28.1	.18.	Day dull, cold, and showery. Battalion moved in accordance with Order 150 and MAZINGHIEN was reached by 1300, the march being vis MOLAIN and St.MARTIN Riv. Guides were waiting for Companies at the entrance to the village and all ranks were in billets by 1330. Billets are bad and not rain proof, owing to the village being badly damaged by shell fire. Rain continues to fall steadily all day. Orders received from Brigade that the Battalion would move to the LA GROISE Area to-morrow, and Edwance Party sent algead. Battalion Order 151 (Appendix 5) issued, giving details of move.	App. 5.
LE SART.	29.1	.18.	Battalion moved at 1030 in accordance with Order 151, and proceeded via CATILLON and LA GROISE to LE SART. Day was dull, but no rain fell. Much evidence still exists of the stiff fight of last axxamaxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	

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LE SART.		Battalion H.Q. was established in No 39 Billet. As the Battalion is to remain in this village for a few days, all ranks are making their billets comfortable.	
	30.11.18.	Day fine and cold, with frost. Men spent day in cleaning up gear, etc. after recent days of movement. Billets are good and plenty of wood is available for fires, thereby adding to the comfort of all. The civilians are very hospitable, though much evidence of their hardships of 4 years of war still exists.	
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- 5. do do 151. Move from MAZINGHIEN to LE SART (LA GROISE AREA) 29.11.18.
- 6. Transport Officer's Report.
- 7. Quartermaster's Report.
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55th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD 4th NOVEMBER to 9th NOVEMBER 1918.

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Date.	Work.	Hours.	Parade.
4.11.18.	A Cov. Bombing.	0845-0945.	Bn.Training Ground.V.10.b. 1.9. Sheet 57F.
5.11.18. (2nd Day)	Training as shown in last weeks Syllabus for 31.10.18. Will be carried out.	0830-1230.	do
6.11.18. (3rd Day.)	Roserved for Brigade Sports Meeting. Details Later.		53rd Bn. Sports Ground.
7.11.18. (4th Day).	Battalion Parade; Battle Ordor. Companies at disposal of Coy Commdrs for any specialist training, etc.	0830-0845. 0845-1230.	Ground.
8.11.18. (5th Day).	Battalion Parade; Battle Order. Company attack practices.	0830-0845.	do
9.11.18. (6th Day).	Bat talion Parado; Battle Order. Battalion at disposal of Brigade Commander.	0830-0845.	

Special attention is directed to the Training Leaflets issued to all concerned. These leaflets are not intended to take the place of regulations, but are to assist all Commanders in the training of their commands.

The periods of rest during training will be dewated to lectures.

3rd November 1918.

A/Adjutant 55th Battalion, AIF.

55th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BALTALION.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PEPIOD 11th NOVELBER to 16th NOVELBER 1918.

Date.	ork.	Hours.	Place of Parade.
11.11.18. (1st Day)	Battle Order. Company parades on Bn.Pdo. Ground. Physical Training. A & B Coys: Wiring instruction. C & D Co.s: Close order drill, rifle exercises, coromonial. A & B Coys. do do C & D Coys: Wiring instruction. Wood fighting exercises through wood adjacent to Bn.Pde.Ground.	0830-0845. 0845-0915. 0915-1000. 1000-1045. 1000-1045. 1045-1230.	Bn. Training Ground. V.10.b.l.q. Sheet 57F
12.11.18. (2nd Day)	BEIGADE SPORTS MELTING.		53rd Bn. Sports Gr
13.11.18. (3rd Day)	Drill Order. Company Parades. No. 1's of Lewis Gun teams: Revolver - training and practice on 30 yards range. Remainder of Companies at disposal of Company Commanders.	0830-0845. 0845-1230.	Bn. Training Ground.
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	14.11.18. (4th Day)	Battle Order. Battalion Parade. Company attack practices. Details later.	0830-0845.	Bn. Training Ground.
	15.11.18. (5th Lay)	Battle Order. Battalion Pardde. Battalion at disposal of Brigade Commannder	0830-0845.	do
	6.11.18. 6th Day)	Battle Order. Battalion Parade. Battalion at disposal of Brigade Commander	0830-0845.	
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24.11.18.

- 1. The 14th Aust.Inf.Bde will move by rail from the present area to the BOHAIN-BUSIGNY AREA on 25th and 26th inst.
- 2. The 55th Battalion, forming part of No 1 Group, will move by train on 25th inst. as shown hereunder:-

Train No.	Entrain at.	Depart at.	Detrain at.	-
2	ABBEVILLE	1640	BERTRY.	-

- 3. An Advance Party (Lieut. R.S.GARDINER and 5 C/Rks of Intelligence Section) will proceed from ABBEVILLE by No 1 Train, departing at 1240, and will be provided with bicyclos. Party will assemble at B.O.R. at 0900.
- 4. Arrangements for entraining will be as follows:

 (i) Transport will arrive at the Station at 1340. Loading party is being provided by 59th Bn.

 (ii) The Battalion (less Transport) will arrive at the Station at 1510.

 (iii) Lieut. C.W.NICHOLLS will act as Battalion Entraining Officer. He will proceed with the Transport, taking Entraining State with him. On arrival at ABBEVILLE he will report to Lieut. H.W.PHILLIPS, Brigade Entraining Officer.
- 5. Transport will move independently from VISMES to ABBEVILLE (excepting Cookers, which will accompany the Battalion). Company limbers will assemble on road outside R.Q.M's store at 0830. Vehicles will report to B.O.R., A.M.C., and Officers' Mess at 0800.
- 6. Arrangements for the move of the Battalion by march route from VISMES to ABBEVILLE are as follows:

 (a) The Battalion will parade in column of route in the following order on the road near "D" Coy's billets: Band, Bn.H.Q., "A", "B", "C", "D" Coys, Rearguard. Head of column to be at D Coy Orderly Room, facing East. Column will be formed up, Beady to move, at 0930.

 (b) Company Cookers will move in rear of their respective companies and will provide hot tea during midday halt. Teams will report to Companies at 0900. Coy.Q.M.Sgt and 3 Cooks will move in rear and Cookers, forming a complete four.

 (c) No man will fall out from his Company during the march unless in

possession of a chit from a Coy Officer. No man will fall out of the Battalion column unless in possession of a chit from the Medical Officer.

- (c) Regimental Police, Battalion Guard and prisoners will march in rear of column.
- 7. Dress:- Marching order mess time will be either inside packs or under steel helmets, which will be carried on back of packs.

 Band will wear fighting order. Packs will be sent to R.O.M's store by 0815.

 Dress for Officers: Mounted: Marching Order, felt hats.

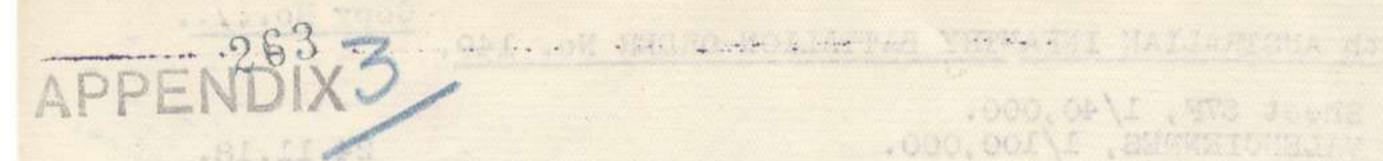
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Marching order as for other ranks.

- 8. (a) Blankets will be transported to entraining station. They will be rolled in bundles of 10, plainly marked, and sent to R.Q.M's Store by 0800.

 (b) 3 valises per company will be carried on Company Limbers.

 Remainder of valises will be sent to R.Q.M's Store by 0800.
- 9. Billets will be cleaned and ready for inspection by Major E.W. STUTUMBURY M.C. by 0830. Straw will be stacked neatly in each billet. Companies will render cortificates as to cleanliness of billets to reach B.O.R. by 0830. Lieut A.W.PANTON will hand over billets, area stores and paliasses to



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5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTEY BATTALION CEDER No. 150.

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27.bl.18.

1. The 55th Battalion will continue its forward move to-morrow, 28th inst., proceeding by march route from BUSIGNY to MAZINGHIEN.

- 2. The Advance Party detailed in para. 3 of Order No 149 has already proceeded ahead, and will arrange billeting.
- 3. Arrangements for the move by march route are as follows:

 (i) The Battalian will parade in column of route in the main road through BUSIGNY, with head of column at 6F.6041., facing north. Order of march: Band, Bn.H.Q., "A", "B", "C", "D" Coys, Transport. Column will be ready to move at 0900.

 (ii) No man will fall out of the column without permission, in the form of a chit, from an Officer.
- 4. Dress: Marching Order mess time will be either inside packs or under stedl helmets, which will be carried on back of packs. Band will wear fighting order. their packs will be sent to the R.Q.M's Store by 0745.

 Dress for Officers will be as laid down for the move to this area, as shown in Battalien Order 149.

 All dismounted Officers and all other ranks will carry packs unless exempted by the R.M.O.
- 5. (a) Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10 and delivered to R.Q.M's Store by 0800.

 (b) 2 Officers' valises per company will be carried on Company Limbors. Remainder of valises will be sent to R.Q.M's Store by 0800.

 (c) Company Limbers, and transport for B.O.R., A.M.C., and Officers' Mess will report at 0800.

 (d) Teams for Cookers will report to respective companies at 0830.
- 6. Billets will be left clean and certificate to that effect sent to
- B.O.R. by 0830.
- 7. Marching out states will be sent to B.O.R. by 0830.

8. Battalion H.Q. will close at BUSIGNY at 0900 and re-open at MAZING-HIEN on arrival.

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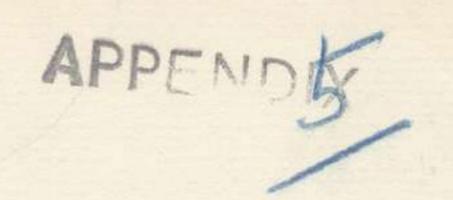
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- 2. The Advance Party has already moved ahead and will arrange
- 3. Arrangements for the move by march route are as follows:

 (i) The Battalion will not form up to commence the march but Companies, etc. will move from billets independently so as to pass the starting point in the following order, in column of route:- Band, Bn.H.Q., "D", "C", "B", "A" Coys, Guard, Transport.

 (ii) Starting point is Road Junction at 6H.3070.

 (iii) Head of column to pass starting point at 1030.

 (iv) No man will factor out of the column without permission, in
- 4. Dress: As for the move to this village, as laid down in Battalion Order 150, para 4. Packs of Band will be sent to R.Q.M's Store by 0900.
- 5. (a) Blankets, rolled in bundles of lo and labelled, will be sent
 - (b) 2 Officers' valises per company to be conveyed on Company Limbers. Remainder of valises to be sent to R.Q.M's Store by 0900. report at 0930.

 (c) Company Limbers, Maltese Cart, Mess Cart, & B.O.R. Limber to
 - (d) Teams for Cookers to report to Companies at 1000.
- 6. Billets will be left clean and certificate to that effect sont to.
- 7. Companies, etc. will send runner to B.O.R. at 0850 to synchronise
- 8. Marching out states to be rendered to B.O.R. by 1000.
- 9. Battalion H.Q. will close at MAZINGHIEN at 1030 and re-open at LA

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1918.

ANIMALS.

The general condition of the animals is fair. They are just picking up condition after the strain of the past few months in the forward area.

HARNESS.

In good working condition, with no shortages.

WAGONS.

All in good condition. A new water cart was drawn to replace an unserviceable one. The cookers, mess and maltese carts, have been repaired during the month.

WORK.

While in the rest area the 1st. Line Fransport was called on to do 2nd. Line work, which after the severe time in the forward area did not allow the section to get back to the usual standard, mostly effecting the condition of the animals.

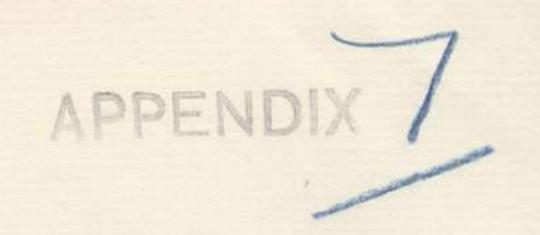
FEED.

A paddock was hired near Transport Lines for grazing of animals, to supplement the issue of feed.

INSPECTIONS.

The G.O.C.Division inspected the Transport twice during the month with favourable comments each time.

R.A.B.PEAKE, Lieut. Transport Officer, 55th. Bn., A.I.F.



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QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

RATIONS.

Rations have been very satisfactory. An emergency ration has been written off; fresh meat and a full issue of bread having been drawn in lieu of tinned meat and biscuits.

The Cooks still maintain a high standard of mikkiniamer cooking and add to the variety of same.

The Battalion installed its own hot baths at VISMES-au-VAL which were available to the men every day. A change of underclothing was also issued at the baths.

ORDNANCE STORES.

All demands have been supplied and there are no items of importance outstanding.

During the month all unserviceable clothing and boots were replaced and 120 pairs of boots were repaired.

Owing to the frequent moves the amount of fat saved has not been as high as usual.

A.E.SMITH, Lieut. A/Quartermaster, 55th. Battalion, A.I.

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