

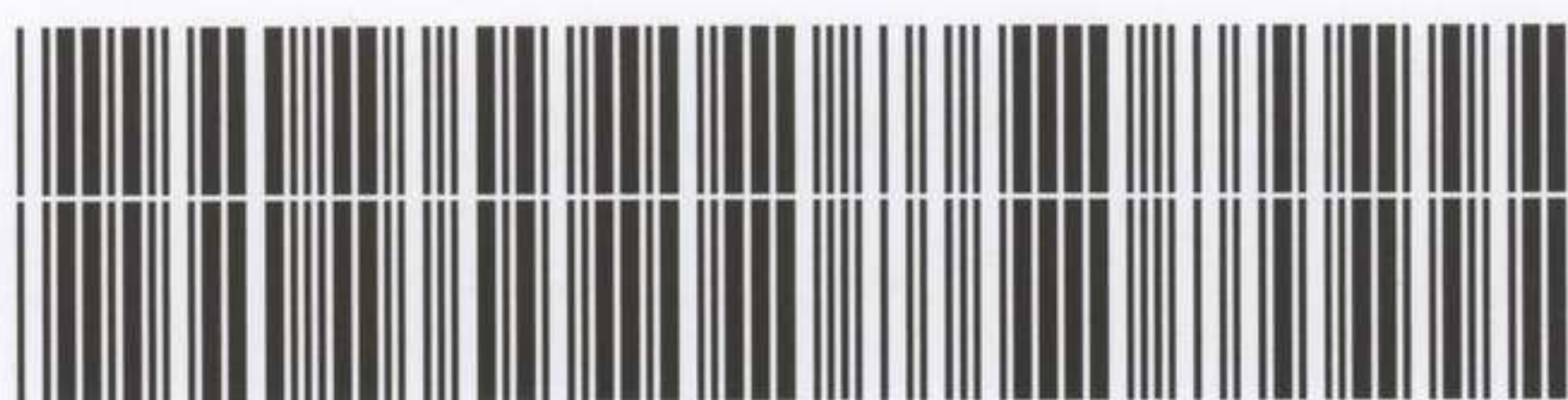
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| WARLOY | July<br>1    |      | <p>Weather fine.</p> <p>There were no parades held with the exception of Church parades.</p> <p>Lieut-Colonel A.H. Scott rejoined ex leave and resumed command.</p> <p><del>XXXXXX</del> and 5 other ranks rejoined ex schools</p> <p>2 men left to attend pigeon School and one N.C.O. left for Officers' Cadet Battalion, England</p>   |  |
|        | 2            |      | <p>Weather fine and mild.</p> <p>Specialist Training was carried out from 8 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. at which hour Specialists rejoined their Companies.</p> <p>Companies were engaged in Extended order work, Musketry, judging of distanced and instructed in the use of the Barr-Streud Range Finder.</p> <p>C.O. and Company Commanders attended the final stages of the Divisional Field Firing Competition.</p> <p>Two men were evacuated to Hospital.</p>  |  |
|        | 3            |      | <p>Weather fine and hot.</p> <p>No Specialist Training was carried out.</p> <p>From 8 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. the Battalion was engaged in a "Night Outpost Scheme".</p> <p>From that time onward Musketry, Judging of Distances etc., was carried out.</p> <p>The Divisional Gas Officer made an inspection of the small Box Respirators of the Battalion.</p> <p>2/Lieuts. Wittleton, Kitson and Scott and 25 other ranks joined from Reinforcements.</p> <p>8 men rejoined ex Sick and 3 ex Wounded.</p> <p>2 men were evacuated to Hospital.</p> <p>1 N.C.O. left to attend Fifth Army School.</p>   | "N.O. Scheme" attached                     |
|        | 4            |      | <p>Rain fell during the early morning and the day turned out dull and close.</p> <p>The Battalion to-day had the use of the Divisional Baths, and the bulk of the men attended there. The arrangements regarding disinfection of the mens' kits and blankets broke down and the work could not be carried out.</p> <p>In the afternoon all Ranks who so desired were enabled to visit the Divisional Dismounted Assault at Arms.</p> <p>Major Lucas left to undergo C.O.'s Course of Instruction at Aldershot.</p> <p>Lieut. Heugh and 5 other ranks left to attend Schools of Instruction.</p> <p>3 men departed on leave to England.</p> <p>1 man was evacuated to Hospital.</p> <p>3 men rejoined ex Leave and 2 ex Schools.</p> |  |
|        | 5            |      | <p>Weather fine and cool.</p> <p>Up till 11.15 a.m. Companies were engaged in training in "Company in a Defensive position;"</p>  |  |

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| WARLOY      | 1917<br>July 5 | 11.30 a.m. | all Specialists parading with their Companies.<br>Arch-Deason Ward and C.O. 14th Field Ambulance delivered an address to the men on "Venereal Disease."   |                                      |
|             |                | 1 p.m.     | Brigade Order No. 96 was received to the effect that the Battalion would move to LYTHAM CAMP the following day.   | {Bn. Move order No 29 attached       |
|             |                | 6 p.m.     | "A" and "B" Companies with 2 Cookers left for Marlborough Huts in order to carry out Musketry to-morrow on THIEPVAL Range in accordance with Brigade Syllabus.<br>2 men were evacuated to Hospital.<br>1 man was transferred to 54th Battalion and 2 left for duty with 14th L.T.M.B.<br>2 men rejoined ex Schools and 2 ex 14th L.T.M.B.<br>2 other ranks rejoined ex Anzac Light Railways.                              |                                      |
|             | 6              | 8.55 a.m.  | Weather fine.<br>H.Q. Details, "C" Co., "D" Co. and remainder of the Transport moved off and passed Brigade Starting Point, namely Road Junction V19.b.O.4 at 9.6 a.m. (Reference Sheet 57D. France)<br>The Battalion reached LYTHAM CAMP at about noon. The Camp is very well situated though the accommodation is rather limited.<br>No parades were held throughout the afternoon.<br>1 man was evacuated to Hospital. |                                      |
| LYTHAM CAMP | 7              | 8 a.m.     | Weather fine.<br>Battalion drill was held and from that time onwards until 1 p.m. Battalion in Attack was carried out by "B", "C" and "D" Companies, "A" Co. in position, representing the enemy.   |                                      |
|             |                | 9 a.m.     | The Company Commanders and 2 Platoon Officers per Company proceeded to First Anzac Corps School to witness a Demonstration on Instructional Methods of Platoon Training.<br>One man was evacuated to Hospital.<br>2 men proceeded to Pigeon School and 2 rejoined ex Buzzer School.   |                                      |
|             | 8              |            | Very heavy rain, accompanied by thunder and lightning, fell during the early morning and the showers continued at intervals throughout the day.<br>No parades were held with the exception of physical Training Instructions by Army Gymnastic Instructor to 60 other ranks for display on 12th inst. when His Majesty the King visits the Division.  |                                      |
|             |                | 5 p.m.     | G.O.C. Brigade called at Battalion Headquarters.<br>Lieut. Adams and 16 other ranks rejoined ex 3rd Army Sniping School and 16 other ranks ex Observers' School.<br>2 men rejoined ex Pigeon School.  |                                      |



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| LYTHAM CAMP | 1917 July 9 |           | <p>The day was dull and rather cold and light showers fell at intervals.</p> <p>From 8 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Platoon Organization etc., under platoon Commanders was carried out.</p> <p>From 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. The Battalion was engaged in Battalion in attack. One Bombing team per Co. attended a Course of Instruction under Bde. Bombing Officer.</p> <p>The Physical Training Party of 60 other ranks was again taken by Gymnastic Instructor for special training.</p> <p>3 men were evacuated to Hospital, 5 men left for various Schools and 10 other ranks were attached to 14th M.G. Co. for duty with a view <del>for</del> to subsequent transfer.</p> <p>19 other ranks rejoined ex Sick and ex Wounded.</p> <p>8 men rejoined ex Summer Rest Camp and 3 ex Schools.</p> <p>Lieut. Privett rejoined ex Sick.</p> |                                      |
|             | 10          |           | <p>Weather fine and cold.</p> <p>From 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. platoon work under Platoon Commanders was carried out. From 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Battalion as Advanced Guard was practised. G.O.C. Division and G.O.C. Brigade <del>was</del> witnessed the operations.</p> <p>60 other ranks who have been receiving Physical Training Instruction moved to HENENCOURT WOOD.</p>  |                                      |
|             |             | 5 p.m.    | <p>C.O. and Company Commanders attended Brigade Headquarters in connection with the Brigade Attack in which the Battalion is taking part, to be carried out to-morrow. Senior <del>Major</del> Major and all Co. Officers attended a lecture by Staff Officer on "Intelligence."</p> <p>Lieut. Gordon and 3 other ranks departed on leave and 2 men left to attend Pigeon School.</p> <p>2 men rejoined ex French Mission, 2 ex Wounded, 2 ex Leave and 2 ex Schools.</p> <p>Recommendations for First Appointment to Commissioned Rank were to-day made in the case of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No. 4772 Sgt. Dawes E. and<br/>No. 542 " Warden B.W.</p>   |                                      |
|             | 11          |           | <p>in place of 2/Lieut. E.B. Gardner and Lieut. W.E. Privett, respectively, whose names have been submitted as suitable for duty with 14th Training Battalion.</p> <p>The Battalion to-day participated in a practice attack by the 14th Infantry Brigade as per training order attached. Time between the departure of the Battalion and return to Camp was 6 hours.</p>   | {Bn. Trg. Order No. 0" attached}     |
|             |             | 6 p.m.    | <p>Brigade Order No. 96 was received to the effect that the Brigade would proceed to HENENCOURT Sports Ground the following day.</p> <p>1 man was evacuated to Hospital.</p> <p>10 other ranks departed on leave and one rejoined ex leave.</p>   | {Bn. March Order No. 0" attached}    |
|             | 12          | 8.26 a.m. | <p>Weather fine and warm.</p> <p>The Battalion less Transport moved off for HENENCOURT Sports Ground and passed Bde. Starting</p>   |                                      |

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| LYTHAM CAMP | 1917 July 12 |               | Point <del>Kxxxxx</del> Hedauville-Mailly Road at 8.41 a.m. From this point the whole Brigade marched to HENENCOURT Sports Ground where His Majesty the King paid an informal visit to the Division. A programme of Sports was carried out after His Majesty's visit and the Battalion returned to <del>the</del> Camp at 6.30 p.m. Party which has been detached for instruction in Physical Training rejoined during the day. 3 men were evacuated to Hospital and 3 other ranks departed on leave. Weather clear and warm.  |                                      |
|             |              | 13            | On account of the operations to be carried out during the night parade hours were reduced to 2 hours which were devoted to Company inspection. 11 a.m. A.D.M.S. arrived and made an inspection of the Camp. 5 p.m. C.O., Senior Major, Adjutant and Co. Commanders visited Bde. Headquarters and thence went over the ground where to-night's scheme is to be carried out. They returned to Bn. Headquarters at 8 p.m. 9 p.m. The Battalion moved off. The attack on the position to be assaulted, as per attached copy of Training Order No. <del>RO</del> <sup>RO</sup> was carried out at 11 p.m. and the Battalion bivouacked on the captured ground. 2 men left for Pigeon School, and 5 others rejoined ex Schools. 2 Reinforcements joined up and 18 other ranks rejoined ex Sick and ex Wounded. | { Bn. Order "R" attached. }          |
|             |              | 14            | Weather throughout the day was unsettled with occasional little showers. The operation was continued during the early morning, the idea being that the enemy counter attacked in strength at dawn, and the ground captured had to be abandoned. Rear Guard tactics were continued till about 7 a.m. when the men were given tea from the Cookers which had been brought up, and the Battalion then returned to camp arriving at 9 a.m. No further training was carried out during the day. 4 Officers attended Model Platoon Demonstration at First Anzac Corps School. 1 man rejoined ex sick, and 11 other ranks doing duty with 14th L.T.M.B. were transferred to that Unit.  |                                      |
|             |              | 15 12.50 a.m. | Brigade Operation Order No. 97 was received. The Morning was dull but the afternoon turned out fine. Brigade Church Parade was held, after which the G.O.C. Brigade addressed all officers on the subject of the training carried out during the week, and particularly the operations of the night on 13/14th inst.   |                                      |
|             |              | noon          | Battalion Move Order No. 30 was issued to the effect that the Battalion would march to HERISSART on the following day. 1 N.C.O. left to attend G.H.Q. Physical Training Course.  | { Bn. Move Order No. 30 attached }   |

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|             | 1917    |            |  |                                      |
| LYTHAM CAMP | July 16 | 7.35 a.m.  | <p>The day was fine and warm.</p> <p>The Battalion moved off and passed the Brigade Starting Point, namely Road Junction S.E. of LYTHAM CAMP, at 7.30 a.m. Transport accompanied the Battalion. The Battalion, together with Brigade Headquarters and the other Battalions of the Brigade, marched by way of FORCEVILLE, VARENNES, HARPONVILLE, and TOUTENCOURT, the order of march being-</p> <p>Brigade Headquarters<br/>53rd Battalion<br/>54th Battalion<br/>55th Battalion<br/>56th Battalion</p>   |                                      |
| HERISSART   |         |            | <p>HERISSART was reached at 12.30 p.m. and the Battalion here went into Billets which were found to be in a Sanitary condition, and to provide good accommodation.</p> <p>The roads traversed by the Battalion were only moderate.</p> <p>2 men left to attend Pigeon School and 2 men rejoined from this School.</p> <p>1 man rejoined ex leave and 1 man ex duty with A.P.M.</p>   |                                      |
|             | 17      |            | <p>The weather was dull with occasional showers.</p> <p>The morning was devoted to cleaning-up parades and to a short route march by platoons.</p> <p>G.O.C. Brigade called at Battalion Headquarters.</p> <p>C.O. left on special leave to Paris and Major A.J.G. Simpson took over command of Battalion.</p> <p>C.O. and Transport Officer attended conference at Brigade Headquarters in connection with the march to be carried out to-morrow.</p>   |                                      |
|             |         | 10.30 a.m. |  |                                      |
|             |         | 5 p.m.     |  |                                      |
|             |         | 5.30 p.m.  |  |                                      |
|             |         | 10 p.m.    | <p>Brigade Move Order No. 98 was received to the effect that the Battalion would march to CORBIE the following day and there carry out practice in crossing Pontoon Bridges.</p> <p>The Battalion Move Order, as per copy attached, was therefore issued.</p> <p>Lieut. Bull left to attend G.H.Q. Lewis Gun School.</p> <p>2 other ranks rejoined ex leave.</p>   | {Bn. Move Order 98 attached}         |
|             | 18      |            | <p>Light rain fell continually till about 9 a.m. when the weather cleared a little and occasional showers fell during the remainder of the day.</p> <p>The Battalion including Transport moved off for CORBIE.</p> <p>Unfit and Light Duty men were left in Billets at HERISSART.</p> <p>The Battalion reached CORBIE at noon and crossed the pontoon bridges specified, thence going into Billets at CORBIE for the night.</p> <p>Capt. Smythe rejoined ex wounded and 1 man rejoined ex sick.</p> <p>1 man departed on leave to England.</p> |                                      |
|             |         | 6.50 a.m.  |  |                                      |



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| HERISSART | 1917 |                      |  |                                      |
| CORBIE    | 19   | 8.15 a.m.            | The day was dull but no rain fell.<br>The Battalion moved off for HERISSART and passed the starting point at 8.30 a.m.<br>HERISSART was reached at 1.15 p.m. and the Companies went into Billets they previously occupied.<br>Sick parade was held at 4 p.m. and a considerable number of men attended, the chief trouble being sore feet. The general health of the men remained very good, and there have been no evacuations to Hospital for several days.<br>Lieut. Privett, 2/Lieut. Gardner and 6 N.C.O's left for duty with the 14th Training Battalion.<br>1 man departed on leave and 1 rejoined ex sick.                                     |                                      |
|           | 20   |                      | Weather dull.<br>The Battalion to-day had the use of the baths at CONTAY and in addition Company inspection of equipments and rifles were carried out.<br>G.O.C. Brigade called at Battalion Headquarters.<br>General Birdwood called at Battalion Headquarters and discussed matters in general concerning the Battalion.<br>2 men evacuated to Hospital.<br>Lieut. Williamson rejoined ex Staff Instruction, England, and 2 men rejoined ex Pigeon School.<br>In the morning 7 Officers and 7 N.C.O's attended a Model platoon Demonstration.<br>In the afternoon Lieut. Rew and all Bombing N.C.O's attended a Lecture by the Div. Bombing Officer. |                                      |
|           | 21   | 11 a.m.<br>1.30 p.m. | Weather fine and mild.<br>Programme of Training which had been issued for to-day was abandoned owing to the men having to proceed to REBUMPRE to have their blankets and great coats disinfected. They were there able to have a bath and to obtain a clean change.<br>Lieut. Colonel A.H. Scott, D.S.O. rejoined ex leave.<br>Lieutenants Hough, Bartlett and Heath and 9 other ranks rejoined ex Schools.<br>2/Lieut R.F. Keogh (from Cadet Battalion) and 17 Reinforcements joined up.<br>4 men rejoined ex sick and 2 ex leave.<br>3 men were evacuated to Hospital.<br>2 men left to attend Schools of Instruction.                               |                                      |
|           | 22   |                      | Weather fine and warm.<br>Church parade was held during the morning.<br>In the afternoon a Ceremonial parade was held at which the Corps Commander presented medals to certain men of the Battalion (1 Distinguished Conduct Medal and 4 Military Medals)<br>2/Lieutenants Kidson, Wittleton and Cosgrove and 7 other ranks left to attend 1st Anzac Corps School.   |                                      |

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| HERISSART | 1917 |      |  |  |
|           | July |      |  |  |
|           | 22   |      | <p>Major A. J. G. Simpson departed on special leave to England.</p> <p>1 man was evacuated to Hospital</p> <p>A suspected case of Diphtheria has made its appearance. The Billet has been quarantined and all possible precautions to prevent an epidemic taken by M.O.</p> <p>Lieut. A. M. Cohen was to-day appointed Assistant Adjutant.</p>   |  |
|           | 23   |      | <p>Weather fine and warm.</p> <p>Syllabus of training laid down to-day was Musketry - 10 Rounds Grouping Practice on Range. "A" and "B" Cos. occupied range during the morning and "C" and "D" Cos. in the afternoon. In addition Companies carried out Co. Close Order Drill and use of Range Finder.</p> <p>Lieut. Gordon and 1 other rank rejoined ex leave.</p> <p>Lieut. Naughton attached from 14th M.G. Co. to this Battalion.</p>  |  |
|           | 24   |      | <p>The day was dull and rather close.</p> <p>The following Syllabus of Training was carried out:- platoon organization and work as laid down in Model Platoon Demonstration, Box Respirator and Gas Helmet Drill, Musketry, Range Finding and Bayonet Fighting.</p> <p>3 Officers and 4 other ranks detailed to attend Divisional Signal Scheme did not do so owing to non-appearance of the bus, which was to pick them up at B.O.R. about 7 a.m.</p> <p>Notice was received from Brigade Headquarters that Sgt. Dawes is appointed to the rank of 2/Lieut. dating from 22/7/17.</p> <p>5 men went on leave and one returned ex leave.</p>  |  |
|           | 25   |      | <p>The day was fine and warm.</p> <p>Parade hours were from 8 a.m. to 12 a.m. and Companies were at the disposal of Co. Commanders who carried out a Syllabus of Training similar to that of the previous day.</p> <p>C.O., Adjutant and Capt. Smythe attended the Divisional Scheme without troops.</p> <p>4 Officers and 4 N.C.O.s left to-day as Advance party Billeting party to arrange accommodation for the Battalion in the new area, and proceeded via train from PUCHEVILLERS with instructions to detrain at HAZEBROUCK.</p> <p>Sgt. Warden was appointed to the Rank of 2/Lieut., dating from 23/7/17, vide memo. received to-day from Bde. Headquarters.</p> <p>Lieut. Reid attached for duty to 14th M.G. Co.</p> <p>12 men went on leave and 3 men returned ex leave.</p> |  |
|           | 26   |      | <p>Pleasant weather conditions prevailed.</p> <p>A "Night Outpost Scheme" was carried out by the Bn. during the morning in accordance with Training Order No. attached</p> <p>1 man evacuated to Hospital and 1 rejoined ex sick. 3 men rejoined ex leave.</p>   | <p>{Night Outpost Scheme} attached</p> |

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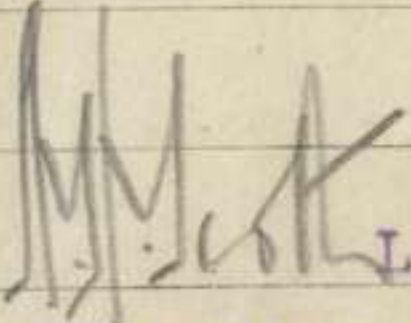
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| HERISSART | 1917<br>July<br>27 |      | <p>The weather was fine and warm.<br/>Companies left Billets at 8 a.m. and carried out Box Respirator Drill, also an "Advance Guard Scheme" as per attached Training Order No. A.<br/>It has been ascertained that the suspected case of Diphtheria proved on investigation to be one of Tonsillitis.<br/>The Brigade Move Order No. 99 was received stating that the Bn., less 1 Co., will entrain at PUCHEVILLERS Station at 11.56 a.m., on 30th inst., The Co. remaining to entrain at 11.56 p.m.; the same night date. The detraining station to be ARQUES.<br/>The addenda to the above refers to the drawing of Rations, watering point in new area, and the carrying capacity of each train.<br/>The Battalion Move Order No. 34, (copy attached) embracing the contents of above was issued to Company Commanders, together with written instructions relating to the entrainment and detrainment of the troops.<br/>Lieut. Bull and 1 other rank rejoined ex Lewis Gun School.<br/>Lieut. Naughton evacuated to Hospital.<br/>1 man proceeded on leave and 1 man rejoined ex leave.</p> | T.O.N. A. attached                   |
|           | 28                 |      | <p>The weather continues to be fine and warm.<br/>No Training Syllabus was issued but the men were taken for a short Route March, carrying Full Marching Order, whilst the C.O., <del>xxxxxx</del> Adjutant, M.O., accompanied by Co. Commanders, inspected the Billets and horse lines.<br/>2/Lieut. Brown attached for duty to the 14th L.T.M.B.<br/>1 N.C.O. left for duty with the 14th Training Bn. whilst 2 men evacuated to Hospital.<br/>1 man rejoined ex leave.</p>  | Move Order No. 34 attached           |
|           | 29                 |      | <p>Heavy rain fell in the early morning with occasional light showers during the rest of the day.<br/>No parades were held and the day was devoted in preparing for the move out.<br/>2 men rejoined ex Sick, 1 man ex School and 1 man ex Rest Camp.</p>  |                                      |
|           | 30                 |      | <p>The weather throughout the day remained cloudy and a few light showers fell.<br/>The Town Major having issued a certificate stating that the Billets and lines had been left in a clean and sanitary condition, the Battalion moved off and passed the Starting Point at 9.16 a.m. PUCHEVILLERS Station was reached at 9.45 a.m. where the Battalion entrained. The entraining being completed by 10.35 a.m. the train moved out at 11.45 a.m. arriving at ARQUES Station at 7.10 p.m. The Battalion now detrained and marching off at 8.30 p.m. reached the Billets at EBBLINGHAM at 10.30 p.m.</p>  |                                      |



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| EBBLINGHEM                      | 1917<br>July 31 |      | <p>The weather still remained cloudy and in the afternoon frequent showers fell.<br/>The day was devoted to cleaning up the Billets and adjusting same.<br/>Company Commanders paraded their Companies independently for rifle and equipment inspection.<br/>The C.O. accompanied by the Adjutant, made an inspection of Billets and Transport lines.<br/>"D" Co. arrived at Billets at 11.30 a.m.<br/>The A.D.M.S. and G.O.C. 14th Bde. visited Battalion Headquarters for the purpose of arranging accommodation for 32nd Dentist Unit. It was not possible to do so and another position was decided on.<br/>3 men departed on leave and 1 N.C.O. left for a 2 month's tour of duty at Central Training School, Etaples.<br/>2 men evacuated to Hospital.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"> <br/> Lieut-Colonel,<br/> Commanding 56th Battalion, A.I.F. </div> <p>1st August 1917.</p> |                                      |
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NIGHT OUTPOST SCHEME

Reference Map: France Sheet 57 d S.W. 1/20/000

Warloy  
2/7/17.

1. Reliable information has been received that a hostile force, estimated strength I Division, is bivouacked at BEAUQUESNE. Hostile mounted troops have been seen north of PUCHEVILLERS in N.21.a. at 6 a.m.
2. Orders have been received from O.C. Main body that he is halting in WARLOY for the night.
3. The Battalion will take up an outpost position between HARPONVILLE and CONTAY.
4. The following Company frontages will be observed:-
  - "D" Co: Cross roads U.II.A Central to U.10.c.6.3 to include road junction
  - "C" Co: Junction of roads U.10.c.6.3 to junction of roads inclusive at U.15.b.9.0
  - "B" Co. U.15.b.9.0 to U.21.b.3.8
  - "A" Co: U.21.b.3.9 to cross roads inclusive at U.21.d.8.4.

Battalion Headquarters will be situated at U.16.d.9.3.

Time of move of Battalion, order of march etc. will be found in Appendix. N<sup>o</sup> 1 & N<sup>o</sup> 2.

(Note: Outer flanks of "D" and "A" Co. are protected

Issued at 11 p.m. to

(Signed) A.C. Chappell, Captain,  
Adjutant 56th Battalion.

"A" Co.  
"B" Co.  
"C" Co.  
"D" Co.  
Major Lucas.

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Appendix No 1.

The Battalion will pass  
the starting point, Bn  
Headquarters, at 8 a.m.  
Order of march:-

Biggs  
Bn Headquarters  
A Co.  
B Co.  
C Co.  
D Co.

3.7.17.

(Sgd) A.L. Chappell Capt.,  
Adjutant 56th Bn A.I.F.



APPENDIX NO. 2  
PROGRAMME OF WORK

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| 8 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.  | Night outpost Scheme  |
| 10.45 a.m. to 11 a.m. | Companies to form up and move to vicinity of Battalion Headquarters.  |
| 11 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. | Smoke   |
| 11.15 a.m. to 12 Noon | Judging distances.  |
|                       | Range finders to be taken out. Signalling Sgt. will arrange for range finders to be taken out.                              |
| 12 Noon to 1 p.m.     | Companies move to billets and carry out Musketry instruction, viz:<br>Triangle of error<br>Trigger pressing<br>Aiming, etc. |

Issued at 11 p.m. with  
Night Outpost Scheme.

(Sgt) A.C. Chappell, Captain,  
Adjutant 56th Battalion.



## 56TH BATTALION MOVE ORDER NO. 29

Reference : FRANCE  
Sheet 57D. I/40,000

5.7.1917.

- MOVE I. The Battalion less "A" and "B" Companies will move to LYTHAM CAMP, P.17. a tomorrow 6th instant.
- STARTING POINT 2. Head of column will pass the Starting Point, which will be Battalion Headquarters, at 8.55 a.m.
- ORDER OF MARCH 3. Order of march will be:  
Headquarters,  
"C" Co.  
"D" Co.  
Transport
- SYNCHRONISING OF WATCHES 4. Watches will be synchronised at Battalion Orderly Room at 8 a.m.
- DRESS 5. All ranks, with the exception of mounted officers, will carry full marching order, with blankets, and wear Steel Helmets.
- RATIONS 6. Unconsumed portion of day's ration will be carried. Water bottles to be filled.
- PARADE STATES 7. Marching out states will be handed in to Battalion Orderly Room by 8.30 a.m.
- BAGGAGE 8. Transport Officer will make arrangements to pick up all Companies' baggage, Lewis Guns, etc. Company Commanders will arrange to have same ready for loading by 7.30 a.m.
- CLEANLINESS OF BILLETS 9. Company Commanders, Transport Officer and Q.M. will render to Battalion Orderly Room by 8.30 a.m. certificates to the effect that all billets they are vacating are in a clean and sanitary condition.
- ADVANCE PARTY 10. Lieut. Creber and one N.C.O. from each Company, and one from Headquarter Signallers will move from Billets at a time to be arranged by Lieut. Creber.
- REAR PARTY II. Lieut. Cotton, and the Sanitary Section under Sgt. Craig, will remain behind when the Battalion moves off. Lieut. Cotton will obtain a certificate from the Town Major ~~certificate~~ to the effect that all billets vacated are clean, and will forward same to Battalion Headquarters.

Issued at 3 p.m. to

(Sgd) A.C. Chappell, Capt.,  
Adjutant 56th Battalion,

No. 5 Senior Major  
6 O.C. "C" Co.  
7 O.C. "D" Co.  
8 Transport Officer  
9 Q.M.

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56TH BATTALION ORDER NO. "O"

Reference: Sheet 57 D 1/40,000

Headquarters,

11/7/17

1. (a) A force of the enemy estimated at 2 Battalions and a Battery of field guns is reported to be holding the high ground from K.34.b.5.0 to K. 32.d.2.3 and facing Southwards. Three other Battalions of the enemy are also reported in the neighbourhood of HUMBERCAMP.  
(b) The 14th Brigade will attack part of the force holding the forward line, in conjunction with an Infantry Brigade on the Right.
2. (a) The attack will be carried out by the 53rd, 54th and 56th Battalions with the 55th Battalion in Reserve.  
(b) The 53rd Battalion will attack the enemy's position between K.33.d.1.9 and the Cross Roads at K.33.c.2.6 and will direct.  
(c) The 54th Battalion will attack the line between the above-named Cross Roads and K.32.d.4.3.  
(d) The 56th Battalion will proceed from the position of deployment and make a flank attack on the enemy's right flank, moving on the MAILLY MAILLET Station, and thence on the enemy's right flank.
3. Starting Point, 56th Battalion Guard Room.
4. Order of March  
 Headquarter Signallers  
 "A" Company  
 "B" Company  
 "C" Company  
 "D" Company  
 Transport (Transport will not parade)  
 Head of column will pass the Starting Point at 8 a.m.
5. Frontage of the Battalion will be from K.32.d.4.3 to K.32.c.9.6 (approximately).  
 "C" and "D" Companies will lead the attack. Company Commanders will divide the frontage equally. "A" Co. will provide flank Guard on left flank, of one platoon. "B" Co. will be the Battalion Reserve.
6. The M.O. will establish an R.A.P. in the vicinity of Battalion Headquarters.
7. The Transport will park in Q.25. until ordered to advance (Transport will not parade)
8. Parade states will be rendered to Battalion Orderly Room at 7.40 a.m.
9. All watches will be synchronised at Bn. Signal Office at 7 a.m.
10. ZERO hour will be notified later.
11. Reports to Battalion Headquarters at Q.1.d.8.9 (windmill).

ISSUED AT 9 p.m. to

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(Sgd) A.C. Chappell, Captain,  
Adjutant 56th Battalion.

210 M.O.  
 2 "A" Co.  
 3 "B"  
 4 "C"  
 5 "D"  
 6 Sig. Off.  
 7 Q.M.  
 8 T'port Off.

11 14th A.I. Bde.  
 12 53rd Bn.  
 13 54th Bn.  
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56TH BATTALION MARCH ORDER "Q"  
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Reference: Sheet 57 D 1/40,000

Headquarters,  
11 July, 1917.

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1. The 56th Battalion will march to HENNECOURT Sports Ground tomorrow, 12th instant.
  2. Starting point: Junction of Roads at P.17.a.5.O.
  3. Order of March
    - Headquarters
    - "A" Company
    - "B" Company
    - "C" Company
    - "D" Company

Head of column will pass Starting Point at 8.12 a.m.

4. Dress: Drill order. Felt hats to be worn.  
Water proof sheets to be carried bandolier fashion over right shoulder.  
Mid-day meal in haversack.  
Water bottles to be filled.
5. Parade States will be handed in to Battalion orderly Room at 7.40 a.m.
6. Halts will be signalled from Head of column (at 10 minutes to each clock hour).
7. Watches will be synchronised at Battalion Headquarters at 6.30 a.m.

(Sgd) A.C. Chappell, Captain,  
Adjutant 56th Battalion.

ISSUED AT 6 P.M. to

- 9 Medical Officer
- 2 "A" Company
- 3 "B" "
- 4 "C" "
- 5 "D" "
- 6 Sigs
- 7 Q.M.
- 8 Transport Officer

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Reference ; Sheet 57D 1/40,000

Headquarters,  
13/7/17.

1. (a) The enemy is reported to have reached ALBERT and to have seized the high ground on the line Q.21 Central - HAMEL, which he is holding with a force of 2 Battalions. A field battery is also reported with this force.
- (b) The 14th Infantry Brigade on the right acting with the 100th Inf. Brigade on the left will attack and drive back this force tonight, and will bivouac on the ground captured.
- (c) The boundary line between the two assaulting Brigades will be the line from Q 28 Central to Q 4 Central.
- (d) The 54th and 56th Bns. will carry out the assault with the 55th Battalion in support.
- (e) 53rd Battalion (now furnishing the outposts) will close and remain in Reserve and be prepared to furnish two Companies as outposts in front of the line when captured.
- (f) 54th and 56th Bns. will be formed up on a line running between points Q.9.d.9.4 and Q.9.c.9.2 by 10.30 p.m. Each Battalion will be formed in two lines of Companies in column of Fours.

2. Starting Point 56th Battalion Guard Room.

3. Order of march

Headquarters,  
 "C" Co.  
 "D"  
 "B"  
 "A"  
 Transport

Head of column will pass the starting point at 9 p.m.

4. Frontage of Battalion ~~will be~~ and position will be as already explained on the ground.  
 "C" and "D" Companies will lead the attack. Their dispositions will be as laid down on the ground this afternoon.
5. M.O. will establish R.A.P. in vicinity of Battalion Headquarters.
6. Parade states will be rendered to Bn. orderly Room by 8.50 p.m.
7. No blank ammunition will be fired before daylight.
8. Watches will be synchronised at Battalion Orderly Room at 8.15 p.m.
9. ZERO hour will be notified later.
10. Reports to Battalion Headquarters in vicinity of Q.9.d.9.4 (kicking off place).

Order Issued at 8 p.m. to

M.O.  
 "A" Co.  
 "B"  
 "C"  
 "D"  
 Sig. off.

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 54th, 55th 53rd Bns.  
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(Sgd) A.C. Chappell, Captain  
Adjutant 56th Bn.



## 56th BATTALION MOVE ORDER No. 30

Reference: FRANCE  
Sheet N 57 D. 1/40,000

Headquarters,  
15/7/17.

1. The Battalion will move to HERRISART to-morrow, 16th instant.
2. Starting Point; Road Junction P.17.a.6.1 at 7.30 a.m.
3. Order of March:  
 Headquarters,  
 "A" Co.  
 "B" Co.  
 "C" Co.  
 "D" Co.  
 Transport.
4. Ten minutes to the clock hour halts will NOT be observed. Halts will be signalled from the Head of the Column.
5. All ranks will wear Full Marching Order with blankets. Felt hats will be worn.
6. Unconsumed portion of day's ration will be carried. Water bottles ~~xxxxxx~~ to be filled.
7. Transport Officer will make arrangements to pick up all Company Baggage, Lewis Guns, etc. Company Commanders will arrange to have all Officers' Kits etc. opposite Headquarter Batmen's hut ready for loading at 6.45 a.m.
8. Company Commanders, Q.M. and Transport Officer will render to Battalion Orderly Room not later than 7 a.m. certificates to the effect that all huts etc. they are vacating are in a clean and sanitary condition.
9. Lieut. Bull and 1 N.C.O. per Co. and one Headquarter Signaller will leave present camp to-day, at a time to be arranged, and will proceed to HERRISART and take over Billets which are being vacated by 60th Battalion.
10. Lieut. Privett and the Sanitary Section under Sgt. Craig will remain behind when the Battalion moves off. Lieut. Privett will obtain from the Town Major a Certificate to the effect that the Camp has been left in a clean and sanitary condition, and on arrival at HERRISART will forward this certificate to Battalion Orderly Room.
11. Marching Out ~~xxx~~ States will be forwarded to Battalion Orderly Room by 7 a.m.
12. Watches will be synchronised at Battalion Orderly Room at 6.15 a.m.

Issued at 12 Noon to:  
 No. 5 Senior Major  
 6 O.C. "A" Co.  
 7 O.C. "B" Co.  
 8 O.C. "C" Co.  
 9 O.C. "D" Co.  
 10 Transport Officer  
 11 Q.M.  
 12 M.O.

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(Sgd) A. C. Chappell, Captain,  
 Adjutant 56th Battalion, A.I.F.



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Issued at 12 noon on:

No. 2 C.O.

Order no:

1st Div., 1st Brigade, 1st Division, A.I.F.  
(220) A.C. Cameron, Sydney.

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56TH BATTALION MOVE ORDER NO. 31

Reference LENS (II) 1/100,000  
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Headquarters,  
17/7/17

1. The Battalion will carry out a test route march to CORBIE tomorrow, 18th instant, and will there practise the crossing of pontoon bridges.
2. Starting Point: Church near C.O.'s Billet, at 6.50 a.m.
3. Order of March:
- Headquarters
  - "A" Company
  - "B"
  - "C"
  - "D"
  - Transport
4. All ranks will wear drill order and steel helmets (with the exception of mounted officers).  
Waterproof sheets will be carried in haversacks (not bandolier)
5. (a) Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 20 and clearly marked with Company and platoon, and stacked outside Company Headquarters ready for loading by 6.15 a.m.  
(b) Lewis Guns and gear will be stacked at places as arranged at conference this afternoon, ready for loading by 6.15 a.m.
6. (a) The ~~unexpired~~ portion of days ration will be carried. Water bottles to be filled.  
(b) Rations for 19th instant will be drawn by Q.M. at the SQUARE, CORBIE.
7. Halts will be signalled from Head of column.
8. Companies will leave small guards consisting of unfit and light duty men over their packs and billets.
9. Marching out states will be rendered to Battalion Orderly Room by 6.15 a.m.
10. Watches will be synchronised at Battalion Signal Office, opposite Battalion Orderly Room at 6 a.m.

ISSUED AT 10.30 p.m. to

- 2 M.O.
- 3 "A" Co.
- 4 "B"
- 5 "C"
- 6 "D"
- 7 Sig. Off.
- 8 Q.M.
- 9 T.O.

(Sgd) A.C. Chappell, Captain,  
Adjutant 56th Battalion.

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NIGHT OUTPOST SCHEME.  
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Reference Map: France Sheet 57.D. 1/40,000

Herrissart,  
26th July 17.

1. (a) Information has been received that a hostile force, estimated Strength, 1 Division, is bivouacked at ACHEUX.
- (b) Enemy's mounted troops have been seen NORTH of HARPONVILLE in O.5.a.3.b. at 10 a.m.
- (c) Orders have been received from O.C. main body that he is halting in BEAUCOURT for the night.
2. The Battalion will take up an outpost position on a line between T.29.B.O.10 to T.30.<sup>CENTRAL</sup>. The 60th Battalion are on our right flank and the 32nd Battalion on the left flank.
3. (a) The following Company frontages will be allotted:-
 

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| "A" Co. | From T.30 central to T.30.a.5.5   |
| "B" Co. | From T.30. <sup>a.5.5</sup> <del>central</del> to T.30.a.o.7 (T.30.a.5.5 to T.30.a.o.7) |
| "C" Co. | From T.30.a.o.7 to T.29.b.5.8   |
| "D" Co. | From T.29.b.5.8 to T.29.b.o.10  |
- (b) 1 M.G. is reporting to each Co.
- (c) M. G's will be placed in positions covering all approaches.
- (d) Company Commanders will push out strong posts to cover their respective fronts.
4. Battalion Headquarters will be T.29 central approximately.
5. M.O. will establish an R.A.P. in the vicinity of T.29.c.7.10 (on road)
6. Co's will report when in position by undermentioned code word:-

"S O D A"

7. The following will be the password:-

"A N G U S"(Sgd) A. C. Chappell, Captain,  
Adjutant, 56th Battalion, A.I.F.Issued at 9 a.m. to:-

"A" Co.  
 "B" Co.  
 "C" Co.  
 "D" Co.  
 M.O.

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Bde. Hqrs.  
 60th Bn.  
 32nd Bn.  
 War Diary.



Reference Map: 57D. 1/40,000

Headquarters,  
27/7/17.

1. Aeroplane reconnaissance report that a hostile force estimated at 2 Battalions with 1 Battery Field Gun is concentrating at BEAUCOURT preparatory to an attack on HENENCOURT. Hostile mounted troops have been seen on the outskirts East of ALBERT at 9.30 a.m.
2. (a) 14th Aust. Infantry Bde. will move from REBUMPRE and proceed to WARLOY preparatory to attacking hostile force. Head of column will pass REBUMPRE CHURCH at 10 a.m.
- (b) 56th Bn. will furnish the Advance Guard, and will advance through squares T.29.a. and b. and T.30aa. and b. using the North and South side of the squares as boundaries.
3. The following dispositions will be taken up by the Battalion at 9.45 a.m.

VANGUARD  
(O.C. Capt. Smythe) "A" and "C" Cos.

MAINGUARD.  
(O.C. Capt. Plomley) "B" and "D" Cos.

The head of the Main Guard will rest on the road in T.29.a. and face East. O.C. Main Guard will arrange for protection of right and left flanks of Advance Guard.

4. The Advance Guard will move at 10 a.m.
5. Watches will be checked at 8 a.m.
6. The R.M.O. Personnel will move in rear of Main Guard.
7. Bn. Transport will move under orders of Bde. Transport Officer.
8. Reports will be sent to the head of the Main Guard.
9. Acknowledge.

(sgd) A.H. Scott, Lieut-Colonel,  
Commanding 56th Battalion, A.I.F.

Issued at 9 a.m. to.

"A" Co.  
"B" Co.  
"C" Co.  
"D" Co.  
M.O.

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COPIES OF 56TH BATTALION MOVE ORDER NO. 34, ADDENDA,  
TRAN TABLE AND GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ENTRAINING  
AND DETRAINING OF THE TROOPS, ATTACHED HERETO.  
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56th BATTALION MOVE ORDER No. 34

Copy No. 1

Reference Map: FRANCE.

Sheet 57D. 1/40,000

29/7/17

1. (a) The 56th Battalion less "D" Co., Cooker, Driver and team, will move to PUCHEVILLERS and entrain on 30th inst.
- (b) Train Tables are attached.
- (c) 1. O.C. "D" Co. will make arrangements to have his transport at entraining station 3 hours before departure of train.
2. He will arrange for his Co. to be at entraining station 2 hours before train departs.
- (d) O.C. "D" Co. will detail a guard of 2 N.C.O's and 12 men, with Full Marching Order and carrying 48 hour's rations, for ammunition dump. This Guard will report to R.T.O. PUCHEVILLERS at 3.30 p.m., 29th inst., and will entrain with their Co. at 11.56 p.m. 30th inst.
2. STARTING POINT: (a) TRANSPORT ) T.4.e.1.1 at 8 a.m.
- (b) INFANTRY ) T.4.e.1.1 at 9.16 a.m.
3. Order of March: HEADQUARTERS.
- "A" Co.
- "B" Co.
- "C" Co.
4. All Ranks will carry Full Marching Order and W.P. Sheet. Felt hats to be worn.
5. (a) All Co. Baggage, Officers' Valises, Mens' Blankets (Rolled in bundles of 20 and plainly labelled) will be stacked at Co. Headquarters at 6.40 a.m., 30th inst.
- (b) L. Guns, Magazines etc., will be ready for loading at Co. Headquarters by 6.30 p.m., 29th inst.
- (c) All Baggage other than Lewis Guns belonging to "D" Co. will be carried to station by Bn. Transport, at the same time as the other Cos. O.C. "D" Co. will arrange a suitable dump at station and also for a Guard. This Baggage will be loaded on train No. 22.
6. Unconsumed portion of day's rations will be carried. Water Bottles to be filled.
7. Co. Commanders, Q.M. and T.O. will render to Bn. O. R. not later than 7.30 a.m. certificates to the effect that all Billets, lines etc. they are vacating are in a clean and sanitary condition.
8. O.C. "A" Co. will detail a Train Guard consisting of 1 Officer, 3 N.C.O's and 25 other ranks. Name of Officer detailed to be forwarded to B.O.R. by noon, 29th inst.
9. Capt. N.R. Plemley has been detailed as Bde. Entraining Officer.
10. (a) Capt. G.H. Mann has been detailed as Bn. Entraining Officer. He will report to Bde. Entraining Officer 3 hours before departure of train.
- (b) He will take Entraining States in duplicate and hand them to Bde. Entraining Officer.
1. Entraining States on the pro Forma already issued to be at B.O.R. by 7.15 a.m. on 30th inst. Great care is to be exercised in compiling this State.
2. Watches will be synchronised at Bn. Sig. Office at 7 a.m., 30th inst.

Issued at 6 p.m. 28th inst to:

No. 3 "A" Co.  
 4 "B" Co.  
 5 "C" Co.  
 6 "D" Co.  
 7 Q.M & T.O.

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No. 8 C.O.  
 9 M.O.  
 10 Capt Plemley  
 11 Capt Mann.  
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(Sgd) A.C. Chappell, Captain,  
 Adjutant, 56th Battalion, A.I.F.



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APPENDIX

ADDENDA TO 56TH BATTALION MOVE ORDER NO. 34.

29/7/17.

- 1. (a) On 29th inst. rations will be drawn from PUCHVILLERS Station at 9 a.m. Q.M. will be at Station to draw these rations.
- (b) No supplies will be drawn on 30th inst. Two (2) days' supplies will be drawn from LYNDE CHURCH at 10 a.m., 31st inst.
- 2. Each train consists of 2 Officers carriages, 30 Box trucks and 17 Flat trucks, holding as follows:-
  - Officers' carriages. 36 Officers each.
  - Box Trucks. 40 men or 8 L.D. Horses or 6 H.D. do.
  - Flat Trucks. 4 axles.
- 3. Watering Point in new area is in the vicinity of B.12.b.5.2.

29/7/17.

(Sgd) A.C.Chappell, Captain,  
Adjutant, 56th Battalion, A.I.F.

TRAIN TABLE ISSUED WITH 56TH BATTALION MOVE ORDER NO. 34.  
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30th July 1917.

ENTRAINING STATION. PUCHEVILLERS.  
DETRAINING STATION. ARQUES.  
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| Date.    | Train No. | Serial No. | Detail.  | TIME       |      |
|----------|-----------|------------|--|------------|------|
|          |           |            |  | Dep.       | Arr. |
| 30/7/17. | 13.       | 24.        | 56th Battalion<br>with Transport<br>(less 24a) | 11.56 a.m. |      |
| 30/7/17. | 22.       | 24a.       | "D" Co., 1 Cooker<br>with Dvr. and team        | 11.56 p.m. |      |



(Issued with Bn. Move Order No. 34)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR OFFICER OR W.C.O. IN CHARGE OF RAILWAY CARRIAGE.

1. He is responsible for the discipline of troops in his carriage.
2. He will make out a list of all men in his carriage.
3. He will detail 2 men, 1 on each side of carriage or truck; who will assist him in carrying out his Train Orders.
4. He will be responsible that no unauthorised person enters the carriage.
5. (a) He will allow no man to leave the truck or carriage without orders from his Co. Commander.  
  
(b) In the event of any men being missing, he will report to his Company Commander, the names, initials, and numbers of such men, at the next stopping station, stating when the men left the train. He will hand the arms and accoutrements of missing men to their Company Commanders who will hand same over to the Q.M. obtaining receipt.
6. He must make himself acquainted, at each stopping place, of the length of the halt, and will parade his men outside the carriage 5 minutes before the train is due to start.
7. Before the train leaves the station he will satisfy himself that all his men are on board, and will then report to the O.C., Train Guard.
8. Windows to be examined before entrain<sup>m</sup> and after detraining.

31/7/17.

(Sgd) A. C. Chappell, Captain,  
Adjutant, 56th Battalion, A.I.F.



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR O.C. GUARD. (Issued with Bn. Move Order 34)  
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1. The Guard will be located in a separate vehicle or vehicles from the rest of the men.
2. On arrival at an authorised stopping place, The Guard will detrain before any other men leave the carriages or trucks.
3. Sentries will be posted at once, at all gates, refreshment rooms, latrines, washing places, and any other points indicated by the R.T.O., to warn men when time is drawing near for departure of train.
4. The Guard will see that men do not struggle, and that no men leave the station under any pretext whatsoever.
5. Men will not be allowed to enter any Refreshment Rooms.
6. The Guard will remain armed and equipped throughout it's period of duty.
7. The O.C. Guard will report to O.C. Train, that all men are on board, before the train leaves a halting place.

30/7/17.

(Sgd) A. C. Chappell, Captain,  
Adjutant, 56th Battalion A.I.F.

APPENDIX



## APPENDIX

(Issued with Battalion Move Order No. 34) 26

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOVE OUT BY RAIL.

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1. Absolute silence is to be maintained during the entrainment.
2. No man is to board the train until he receives orders.
3. On boarding the train all men will immediately sit down, remain seated with equipment on, until they receive further instructions.
4. No man is to travel on top or steps of carriage or truck.
5. Men will not be allowed to enter any refreshment room.
6. No man is allowed to leave the train at any but authorised stopping places.
7. No wine or spirits will be allowed on the train.
8. Any man left behind at the station, will report at once to the R.T.O.
9. Bottles and other articles, such as tins etc., are not to be thrown out of the windows. Any rubbish should be put under the seats or in the corner of the truck.
10. All men will be warned of the length of halt at stopping places, and ordered to parade outside their carriages, 5 minutes before the train is due to start.
11. Before the train leaves the station, The Officer or N.C.O., in charge of each party, will satisfy himself that all his men are on board, and will report to the O.C., of Train Guard.
12. Windows to be examined before entraining and after detraining.

NOTE:- Any disobedience of the above orders will be severely dealt with.

30/7/17.

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## Summary of Events and Information

## APPENDIX