

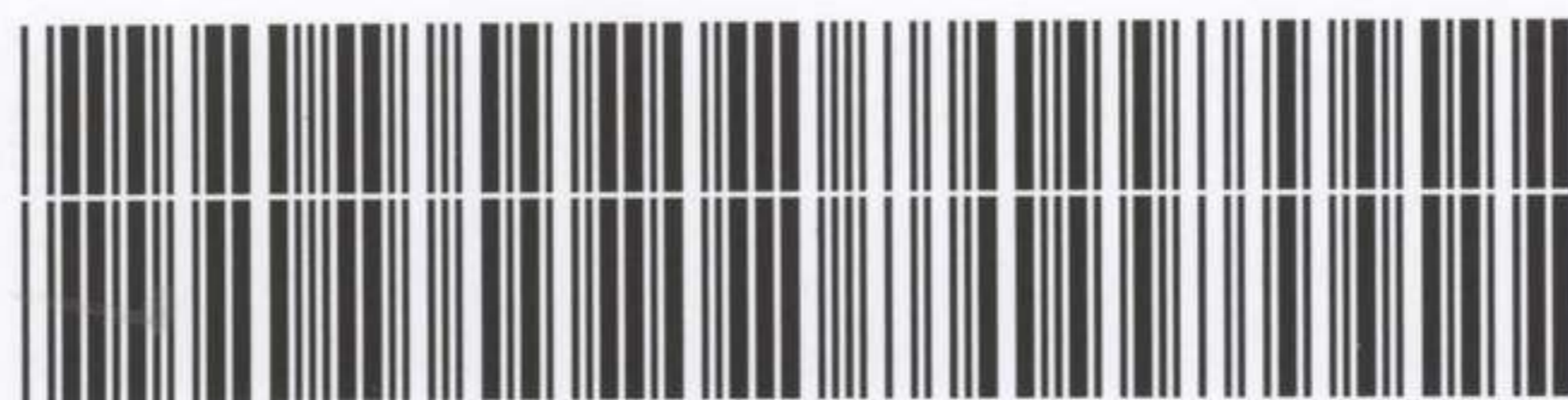
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1917 April. VAUX- VRACOURT	31/11		<u>51st BATTALION, A.I.F.</u> "C" Coy relieved "B" in Outpost Line	
	1	8pm	Bn HQ moved to C.20.d.3.8.	
	1/2		A. B. & D. Coys moved into position for advance and attack on NOREUIL vide Bn Order N ^o 18 Copy attached marked I Report on operations attached marked II	<u>I.</u> <u>II</u>
	3/4		Relieved by 49th Bn and moved back to VRACOURT area. Bn HQ located in Sunken Road at C.19.b.6.3.	
	4/5		Bn HQ with B & C Coys moved up in support of 49th Bn and occupied Road NOREUIL - LONGATTE.	
	5/6		A Coy moved to Sunken Rd C.16.a.4.3 and D Coy to old Outpost Line in front of VRACOURT COPSE	

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COMMANDING OFFICER COL. ON

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<u>Appl</u> NOREUIL	6/7		49th Bn relieved vide Bn Order No 19 - Copy attached marked III Bn HQ moved to Sunken Road at C.10. C.7.8.	<u>III</u>
	7/8		Bn relieved by 14th and 16th Bns and moved back to rest trenches in C.12.d.	
	9/10		Orders received at 8 pm for Bn to move up at once to take over Sector of line held by 12th A.I. Bde on LEFT of that occupied by us before and opposite R of BULLECOURT. 4th & 12th A.I. Bde assembled for attack on HINDENBURG LINE but attack not carried out - owing to late arrival of TANKS. Many of the troops returned in daylight but not much hostile shelling. <u>Disposition of Bn</u> - Front line along Railway - B Coy on R, C on LEFT supported by D & A. respectively. In prospect of Bn being relieved next night - (10/11) A Coy and HQ details were sent back to trenches in C.12.d. Later - Relief cancelled owing to 4th & 12th A.I. Bdes making attack next morning 11th.	

Bb. Ridley
LIEUT. COL.
COMMANDING 51st CATALAN

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NOREUIL	10/11		A Coy and HQ details ordered to return arriving at Sunken Road NOREUIL - LONGATTE at 2 am. 41st & 12th A.I. Bdes attack on H. LINE with 11 TANKS cooperating commenced at 4.30 am.	
	11/12		Bn relieved by 45th Bn, all Coys & HQ being located in Road NOREUIL - LONGATTE in Support.	
	13/14		Bn relieved by 19th Bn and moved to Camp near BERUGNATRE (H.I.Y.A.)	
	14		Bn marched to BAPAUME ready to entrain for ALBERT en route to BECOURT CAMP. arriving at 11 am. Owing to block on railway, trains delayed but Bn eventually occupied an empty ammun train which left siding at about 8 pm arriving ALBERT at 10.10 pm. Marched to BECOURT CAMP about 3 miles.	
BECOURT	15 16		Bn resting - Copy of Daily Strength Return attached marked <u>IV</u>	<u>IV</u>

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COMMANDING 51st BATTALION

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BECOURT	16		<u>Summary of Casualties for period 1st to 14th Apr 1914:-</u> <table><tr><td></td><td>Officers</td><td>O/Ranks</td></tr><tr><td>Killed</td><td>2</td><td>45</td></tr><tr><td>Wounded</td><td>6(a)</td><td>186</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>8</td><td>231</td></tr></table> (a) 2 since died of wounds		Officers	O/Ranks	Killed	2	45	Wounded	6(a)	186	Total	8	231	
		Officers	O/Ranks													
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17		Training commenced in accordance with Syllabus - copy attached marked <u>V</u> Re-organization of Units and also receiving attention	<u>V.</u>													
18		Bn moved to BUIRE and billeted in same area as last time														
20		Syllabus of Training issued for ensuing week, copy attached marked <u>VI</u>	<u>VI</u>													
25		ANZAC DAY - Pic Sports and Anniversary Dinners for all ranks.														

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JEUT. COL.
COMMANDING 51st BATTALION

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1917 BUIRE	April 28		Syllabus of Training issued for ensuing week - copy attached marked <u>VII</u>	<u>VII</u>
"	29		Bde Church Parade - Gen BIRDWOOD attended and distributed M.M. ribbons. Bn awarded 7 for operations at NOREUIL.	
"	30		Copy of Daily Strength Return attached marked <u>VIII</u>	<u>VIII</u>
<p style="text-align: right;"> <i>Ob Ridley</i> JEUT. COL. COMMANDING 51st BATTALION </p>				

Reference Map 57c N.W. 1/20,000.

1. In conjunction with troops on Right and Left the Battalion will on the morning of 2nd April 1917 advance and capture the high ground N.E. of road NOREUIL-LONGATTE. The 50th Battalion will be on our right, the 20th Brigade on our left will co-operate and capture LONGATTE. The 49th Battalion will move up to Sunken Road North of VRAUCOURT, and become Brigade Reserve.
2. Dividing Line on Right. Road running through C 15 c and b, continued through NOREUIL, thence along road C 10 b 0.2 - C 11 a 1.8 inclusive.

Dividing Line on Left. Along road from C.13.c.1.1. to C.8.c.6.0. thence along low ground to C.9.b.1.7. and on to about C.5.a.0.5.
3. The Battalion objective is the Road running N.W. between Cross roads at C.11.a.1.8 inclusive to C.4.c.7.7.
4. The advance will be commenced from a line to be previously marked by placing scouts parallel to and about 700 yards in front of Road NOREUIL-LONGATTE. Total about 1,000 yards.
Distribution. :-

Right	-	"A" Company,	250 yards.
Centre	-	"B" "	400 yards.
Left	-	"D" "	400 yards.

"A" Company will be responsible for direction.
5. "C" Company will remain in reserve and continue to hold present outpost line until ordered to move. This Company will be prepared to move to any part of the Battalion Front at short notice.
6. Companies will be formed up on the starting line at least one hour before zero time as follows :-

"A" Company. - 2 waves of 2 lines each with 20 yards between lines and 75 yards between waves.
 "B" & "D" Companies. - One wave of two lines at 20 yards distance.
7. The advance will be covered by artillery fire as follows :-
 (in Battalion Sector).
1st Phase. - 00 to 20 - In front of NOREUIL along line 16.a.1.6 - 15.b.9.9. - 9.d.9.4. thence along road to 9.b.3.5.
2nd Phase. - 10 to 30 - Searching Village and Sunken Roads in 10.c.
3rd Phase. - 30 to 40 - 10.b.6.0. - 10.b.0.6. - 10.a.5.5.
4th Phase. - 40 to 60 - Along objective.
5th Phase. - 60 onwards Line parallel to objective at about 300 yards distance and across low ground in 4.c and d.
 Zero time will be notified later.
8. "A" Company will attack NOREUIL in conjunction with 50th Battalion and will move through N.W. portion of the Village as quickly as possible. NOREUIL will be secured by the 50th Battalion.
 When the objective is gained it will be consolidated as an outpost system and organised to repel any attempted counter-attack.
 When position is consolidated each Company will fire 4 very lights in quick succession. This is the signal for artillery to lift from in front of objective. (5th Phase).
 Strong Patrols will then be pushed forward to make good the ground up to and including the railway line about 200 yards in advance of the objective.
 Units will ensure that touch is maintained with troops on both flanks.

9. A contact aeroplane will fly over the Line about 7 a.m. when Red flares will be lit by troops occupying the most advanced positions.
10. 4 Vickers Guns will cover the advance from positions at C.15 a 1.3. and C 15 a 17.25. When opportunity ~~xxx~~ offers, they will be sent forward to about C.9.d.7.7.
11. 2 Stokes Mortars will be held in readiness at Battalion Headquarters for use as required.
12. A visual signal station will be established on high ground about C.14.b.8.5. A forward report centre will be placed at C.15.a.2.2. This will be advanced as soon as possible to about C.9.d.7.7.
13. Battalion Headquarters will be at C.20.d.2.8. R.A.P. is close to Battalion Headquarters.
14. Sufficient tools will be carried by the attacking Companies for consolidating purposes. Each man will carry 220 rounds of ammunition, 2 bombs, one days ration, (in addition to emergency ration), and filled water bottle. No water in captured territory will be used until tested and found safe.
15. Reserve ammunition and bombs will be sent forward to Sunken Roads at C.10.C.6.9. as soon as possible.
16. Prisoners and documents captured will be sent to Battalion Headquarters without delay.
17. Watches will be synchronised at 6 p.m. and 12 midnight.

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issued at 5 p.m. 1/4/17.

Captain,
Adjutant 51st Battalion.

Distribution.

1. "A" Company.
2. "B" "
3. "C" "
4. "D" "
5. Sig. Off.
6. Int. Off.
7. File.
8. War Diary.
9. 13th Aus. Inf. Bde.
10. Right Battalion.
11. Left "
12. 13th M.G. Company.

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War Diary

INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH BATTALION
ORDER No. 18

DRESS &
EQUIPMENT.

Packs and Blankets will be dumped in VRAUCOURT. Fighting order with jerkins will be worn. Greatcoats and W.P. Sheet will be carried on the back.

S.A.A.

Each man will carry 100 extra rounds of S.A.A. in bandoliers.

Part of the mobile reserve, S.A.A. and Bombs will be at Battalion Headquarters.

BOMBS.

No. 5 Mills. Each man will carry two bombs in his pockets. Besides this one Bomber in each Bomb team will carry 12 grenades in waistcoat.

No. 23 Rifle Grenades. "A" Company will have 8 cup attachments. "B" and "D" Companies 2 attachments.
"A" Coy. Each team of Rifle grenadiers will carry 6 grenades.
"B" and "D" Companies, 2 teams per Company.

P. Bombs. 8 will be issued to "A" Company.

FLARES.

(a) Each of the attacking Companies will be issued with 20 red ground flares, which will be lit when called for by the contact planes.

(b) Very Lights, 30 per Company.

TOOLS.

16 picks and 32 shovels per Company will be carried.

RATIONS.

24 hours rations will be carried besides the emergency ration.

WATER.

Water-bottles will be filled from water carts.

1/4/17
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Captain,
Adjutant 51st Battalion.

51st Battalion,

4/4/17.

II

Headquarters,
13th Aus. Inf. Bde.

Report on Operations of 2nd April 1917. Reference Map57c N.W. 1/20,000.Orders.

Orders for the attack on morning of 2nd April were received at 11.45 p.m. on 30th March 1917. The Battalion was then occupying the portion of the Advance Guard line running approximately C 8 d.2.4 - C 14.b - C 15.a - C 15 B.8.5.

Objective.

The Battalion objective was the road running North-west from the cross-roads at C 11 a 1.8 (inclusive) through C 10 b and C 4 b to C 10.a 8.6.

Order of Battle.

The 50th Battalion, A.I.F., was on the right and the 2nd Battalion Gordon Highlanders were on the left. The dividing lines were as follows :-

Right. The Road running through C 15 c and b, through the North-east corner of NOREUIL and along road through C.10.b.

Left. Along road from C 13 c 1.1 to C 8 c 6.0. thence along the low ground to C 9 b.1.7 and on to about C 5 a 0.5.

Artillery Barrage.

1st Phase. - 00 to 20 - In front of NOREUIL along line 16.a.1.6 - 15.b.9.9 - 9.d.9.4, thence along road to 9.b.3.5.

2nd Phase. - 10 to 30 - Searching Village and Sunken Roads in 10.c.

3rd Phase. - 30 to 40 - 10.b.6.0 - 10.b.0.6 - 10.a.5.5.

4th Phase. - 40 to 60 - Along objective.

5th Phase. - 60 onwards. Line parallel to objective at about 300 yards distance and across low ground in 4.c and d.

Zero.

Zero time for the attack was 5.15 a.m.

Deployment of attack.

The Battalion was formed up for the attack along a line marked by tracing tape running from C 8 d 9.9 to C 15 b.3.3.

The attack was made by three Companies distributed as follows :-

Right. "A" Company in two waves of 2 lines each with 20 yards between lines and 75 yards between ~~lines~~, waves occupying a frontage of 250 yards.

Centre "B" Company and Left "D" Company each in one wave of two lines at 20 yards distance with a frontage of 400 yards.

"C" Company was occupying the original line. Battalion Headquarters was at C 20 d 2.8.

All troops were formed up in position at 3.40 a.m. and were in touch with the Battalion on either flank.

History.

On the commencement of the Barrage the attacking troops began to move forward. It took the enemy four minutes to throw down his counter barrage, and it turned out that his S.O.S. line was approximately along the "Jumping-off" mark, so that practically no casualties were inflicted by his shell-fire. Enemy machine guns came into action on both flanks from the villages of NOREUIL and LONGATTE, and from the NOREUIL-LONGATTE Road, and caused about 80 casualties before the road was reached. This road was organised for defence and was thinly wired along the whole of the Battalion Front.

History.

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On reaching the road one platoon of the centre Company was detached to mop up and consolidate the line. The Left Battalion chiefly through losing direction was not making good the ground on our left on the village of LONGATTE so a strong point was established at C 9 b.05.60 consisting of a Bomb team, a Lewis Gun and a captured Maxim gun which was brought into action at once.

Subsequently a Vickers gun was brought up and posted near there also. This post commanded the whole of the valley towards RIENCOURT, and secured our left flank which would otherwise have been in the air.

The main attack pushed on, the right Company passing through the fringe of the village and through the sunken road-junction in C 10 c where a number of prisoners were taken, almost up to the objective (some troops actually reaching it). At this stage the Company Commander on the right deemed it advisable to withdraw to a shallow trench running approximately C 10 b 6.4 - C 10 a.5.7 - C 4 C 3.1 to C 9 b.0.5 and consolidate it. The reasons which led him to this decision were (1) The fact that our own barrage was still on the objective, (2) Machine gun and rifle fire from the road in C 10 d was causing numerous casualties. (3) The objective was on the downward slope of the hill in full view of the HINDERBURG LINE, (4) Owing to casualties there were not enough tools to enable all the troops to dig in, (5) The position adopted commanded all the country in front. The remainder of the attacking line conformed, and it was reported that we were in touch with both flanks.

Flares were lit at about 7 a.m. when called for by the contact aeroplane, and the observer reported that the line was established as above.

Consolidation progressed, but at 7.30 a.m. the enemy began to shell the right Company with H.E. and Shrapnel and continued for several hours, killing and wounding about 30 O.R., and putting two Lewis Guns out of action.

At 7.30 a.m. it was reported that only one Company of the 50th Battalion was on our right and that they had lost touch with their other Companies who had not come through the village, at the same time the left Company reported that the Gordon Highlanders on our left were only a few stragglers who had come on with out troops, and that their main attack was held up at LONGATTE.

At 11.0 a.m. the shelling slackened and at 1.45 p.m. it was reported that all shelling had ceased. At about 11.0 a.m. telephone communication was established with the front line and it was then possible to keep in close touch with the situation.

At 6.0 p.m. when it was known from direct observation that the village had been taken, two platoons from the reserve Company were sent forward to the NOREUIL-LONGATTE road, and at 2.30 p.m. the remaining two platoons were sent forward to the same place.

At 3.0 p.m. a Company of the 49th Battalion was attached as Battalion Reserve, and located at C 19 b.

At about 5.0 p.m. enemy troops were seen to be massing in front of the right Battalion, and an S.O.S. Barrage was called for by them, which dispersed the threatening attack.

At 8.1 p.m. it was reported that the enemy were forming up and advancing in waves on the high ground to the East of NOREUIL and an S.O.S. Barrage was again called for. Two platoons from Battalion Reserve were sent forward to NOREUIL-LONGATTE Road. The enemy attack was quickly dispersed by shell-fire which was well placed and most effective.

At 8.30 p.m. a second Company of the 49th Battalion was attached as Reserve. From 4 p.m. till 6 p.m. it had been snowing, which made observation easy after the fall had ceased.

Consolidation proceeded during the night and a strong line was established. The following afternoon patrols were sent out to occupy the line of the original objective and posts were established on the road at C 11 a 05.85 C 4 d 8.0. and C 4 d 3.2.

Stokes
Mortars.

Two Stokes guns were attached for the operation and they were sent forward early to NOREUIL-LONGATTE Road but as no suitable target presented itself they were ordered to return at 2.30 p.m.

Machine
Guns.

6 machine guns were attached. Two Vickers guns followed the attacking troops, one was posted at C 9 d.8.4 and another in the outskirts of LONGATTE until the Gordon Highlanders cleared the village when it went back to C 15 a 1.2. The other four guns covered the advance from the high ground in C 8 d and C 15 a.

Prisoners
etc.

Forty-two prisoners in all were captured, the majority of whom belonged to the 119th and 180th Regiments, one, however being a Uhlan.

Four enemy machine guns were taken in all, but one (undamaged) was given to the Left Battalion as they were short of Lewis Guns. Besides these ~~two~~ Trench Mortars, two "Granatenwerfer", 3 bicycles and a quantity of bombs flares etc., were taken.

Communi-
cations.

Telephonic. Prior to the attack a Battalion Forward report centre was established at C 15 a.2.2. At 7.30 a.m. the line was advanced to C 9 d 7.7 and at 11.0 a.m., communication was established with all front line Companies.

Visual. A visual signalling station was established at C 14 b 8.5 but no visual signalling was used by the attacking troops as it attracted too much attention.

Runner. A runner relay post was established at the forward telephone exchange.

Pigeons . were not found necessary.

Medical
arrange-
ments.

The R. A. P., was at C 20 d.1.9 which though rather far back was in a good position, well sheltered from shell-fire and easy to find.

Dress and
equipment

Fighting Order. The leather jerkin was worn, greatcoat and W.P. sheet were carried folded on the back, packs and blankets were dumped prior to the attack.

Each man carried 2~~30~~ rounds S.A.A., and 2 bombs. Bomb teams carried a further supply of rifle grenades, hand grenades and "P" Bombs. 16 picks and 32 shovels per Company were carried. 24 hours rations besides the emergency were carried.

General.

There were numerous signs that the enemy had not intended to evacuate the village of NOREUIL for some time. The wire in front of the NOREUIL-LONGATTE road was newly laid, and there was a dump of new mining sets in the Sunken Roads at C 10 c.

Action of
Units on
the flanks

Owing to the open nature of the ground allotted to this Battalion, the troops got ahead of the Units on both flanks. The Battalion on the right met with considerable opposition in NOREUIL and the situation was not cleared up until afternoon. Two Lewis Guns were sent by the Right Company to assist them.

The Battalion on the ~~right~~ ^{left} lost direction altogether, and before the barrage opened there were Gordons mixed up with our Right Company and it was subsequently noticed that their starting tape was laid facing NOREUIL instead of LONGATTE.

They did not clear LONGATTE until about 10.0 a.m. and even then there was a gap of 500 yards as their right flank did not ~~come~~ up through the gap was well covered by the strong post at C 9 b 05.60.

(51) C.C. Fisher

Lieutenant-Colonel,
O.C. 51st Battalion.

51st Battalion,

13th Aus. Inf. Bde.,

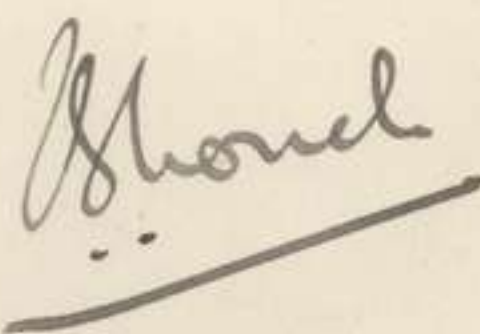
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III

Battalion Order No. ¹⁹~~20~~.

1. The Battalion will relieve the 49th Battalion in the line tonight 6th/7th April.
2. "A" Company will take over the frontage C 6 c 3.3 to C 5 central. "D" Company will take from C 5 central to C 5 a 0.5. "C" Company will be in support to "A" Company and "B" Company to "D" Company.
3. Company Commanders will report at 49th Battalion Headquarters at 8.0. p.m. Companies will be met at that place by guides at the following times.

"A" Company	10.0. p.m.
"D" "	10.20 p.m.
"C" "	10.40 p.m.
"B" "	11.0. p.m.
4. Rations will be issued prior to the move, and water bottles filled.
5. All available shovels and picks will be taken forward by Companies. Receipts will be given for all stores etc, taken over.

Captain,
Adjutant 51st Battalion.

Copy to 49th Battalion.

51st Battalion.

15/4/17.

IV

DAILY STRENGTH RETURN.

Being duty with unit (on actual estab as laid down in Part VII W.E.).	Attchd by arms as in War estab Part VII	Attchd not provided for in W.E.	On detached for duty	In hospital Officers within 30 days O.Rs in Div Area	Requir ed to com- plete	Over es tablsh ment	Drafts un trained & partially trd, inclu ded in total.
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51st Battalion
13th Aus Inf Bde.
16/4/17

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 21/4/17

9. to 9.25 9.25 to 9.50 10 to 10.25 10.25 to 10.50 11 to 11.25 11.25 to 11.50

Tuesday Bayonet Squad Drill Rifle Section Care of Musketry
Fighting Exercises Drill Arms. Instruction.

Wednesday Bayonet Gas Drill Platoon Company Route March
Fighting Drill

Thursday Bayonet Course allotted to Companies. Remainder of day devoted
to Platoon training and Musketry Instruction.

Friday Bayonet Platoon Indication Platoon Rifle Bayonet
Fighting Drill in of Targets Drill exercises Fighting
close Order extended
order.

Saturday BATTALION ROUTE MARCH FIGHTING ORDER.

Afternoon Parades from 2 to 2.25 & 2.50 to 3.30 under Company
Commander's arrangements.

Classes for N.C.Os, Lewis Gunners, Bombers, Scouts & Signallers also
special instruction in Guards & Sentries will be held daily from 2 to
3.30 p.m.

Lectures for Officers daily at 5 p.m.

E.D. McBurnie Lieut
Capt
Adjutant 51st Battalion

51st Battalion,

13th Aus. Inf. Bde.,

20/4/17.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING week ending 28/4/17.

<u>Monday.</u>	9.0. to 9.30 a.m.	Bayonet Fighting.
	9.30. to 10.30 a.m.	Platoon Drill (Extended Order).
	10.30. to 12 noon	Company Drill (Extended Order).
<u>Tuesday.</u>	9.0. to 9.30 a.m.	Bayonet Fighting.
	9.30. to 10.0. a.m.	Indication of Targets.
	10.0. to 12 noon	Company in Attack, Open Warfare.
		Musketry. Range allotted for Range practice
<u>Wednesday.</u>	ANZAC DAY - HOLIDAY.	
<u>Thursday.</u>	9.0. to 12 noon	Day Outpost scheme for Companies.
<u>Friday.</u>	9.0. to 9.30 a.m.	Bayonet Fighting.
	9.30. to 10.0. a.m.	Rapid Loading.
	10.0. to 12 noon	Company Drill.
<u>Saturday.</u>	Battalion Route March with Advance and Rear Guards. <i>Cancelled on account of inoculation of all ranks</i>	

Company Commanders will arrange at least one lecture daily to N.C.Os. Particular attention to be given to Patrolling and Outpost duties.

Lectures to Officers will be held daily as per programme issued separately.

A night outpost scheme will be held during the week, date to be notified later.

Afternoon parades from 2.0. to 2.30 p.m., under Company Commanders arrangements.

Classes for N.C.O's., Lewis Gunners, Bombers, Scouts and Signallers also special instruction in Guards and Sentries will be held daily from 2.30 p.m.

E.D. McBurnie Lieutenant,
A/Adjutant 51st Battalion.

51st Battalion,

15th Aus. Inf. Bde.,

27/4/17.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING week ending 5/5/17.

<u>Monday.</u>	9.0. to 9.30 a.m.	Bayonet Fighting.
	9.30. to 10.0. a.m.	Rapid Loading.
	10.0. to 11.0. a.m.	Platoon Drill (Extended order).
	11.0. to 12 noon	Company Drill (Extended order).
<u>Tuesday.</u>	9.0. to 9.30 a.m.	Bayonet Fighting.
	9.30. to 10.30 a.m.	Platoon in Attack as a Drill.
	10.30. to 11.0. a.m.	Identification of Targets and Fire Control.
	11.0. to 12 noon	Company in Attack (open warfare). Musketry. Range allotted for Range Practice. Companies to parade at times to be notified.
<u>Wednesday.</u>	9.0. to 12 noon	Battalion Route March with Advance Guard (Marching order).
<u>Thursday.</u>	9.0. to 9.30 a.m.	Bayonet Fighting.
	9.30. to 10.0. a.m.	Musketry (Loading positions).
	10.0. to 12 noon	Company in attack on Consolidated Positions.
<u>Friday.</u>	9.0. to 9.30 a.m.	Bayonet Fighting.
	9.30. to 10.30 a.m.	Fire orders and Control.
	10.30. to 12 noon	Company Drill.
<u>Saturday.</u>	9.0. to 9.30 a.m.	Bayonet Fighting.
	9.30. to 10.0. a.m.	Rapid Firing.
	10.0. to 12 noon	Company Schemes. Open Warfare.

A Night outpost Scheme will be held on Thursday, particulars to be notified later.

Particular attention to be given to rapid loading in Musketry Exercises.

Company Commanders will arrange at least one lecture daily to N.C.Os. Particular attention to be given to Patrolling and outposts.

Syllabus of Company Lectures to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 6 p.m. on 29th instant.

Lectures to Officers will be held daily as per programme issued separately.

Afternoon parades from 2.0. p.m. to 2.30 p.m. under Company Commanders arrangements.

Classes for N.C.Os., Lewis Gunners, Bombers, Scouts and Signallers, also special instructions in Guards and Sentries will be held daily from 2.30 p.m.

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VIII

DAILY STRENGTH RETURN.

Doing duty with unit (on actual estab as laid down in W.E. Pt VII.	Attchd by arms as in W.E. Part VII	Attchd not provided for in W.E.	On de-tached duty within 30 days O.Rs in Div Area	In Hospital Officers	Requir ed to com-plete	Over es ment	Drafts untrained & partially trd. included in total.
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ARRIVALS.

2 O/Ranks from Hospital.

1 " " Detached duty.

DEPARTURES.

3 O/Ranks to Hospital.

2 " transferred.

30/4/17.

B. B. Ridley

Lieutenant-Colonel,
Q.C. 51st Battalion.

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