

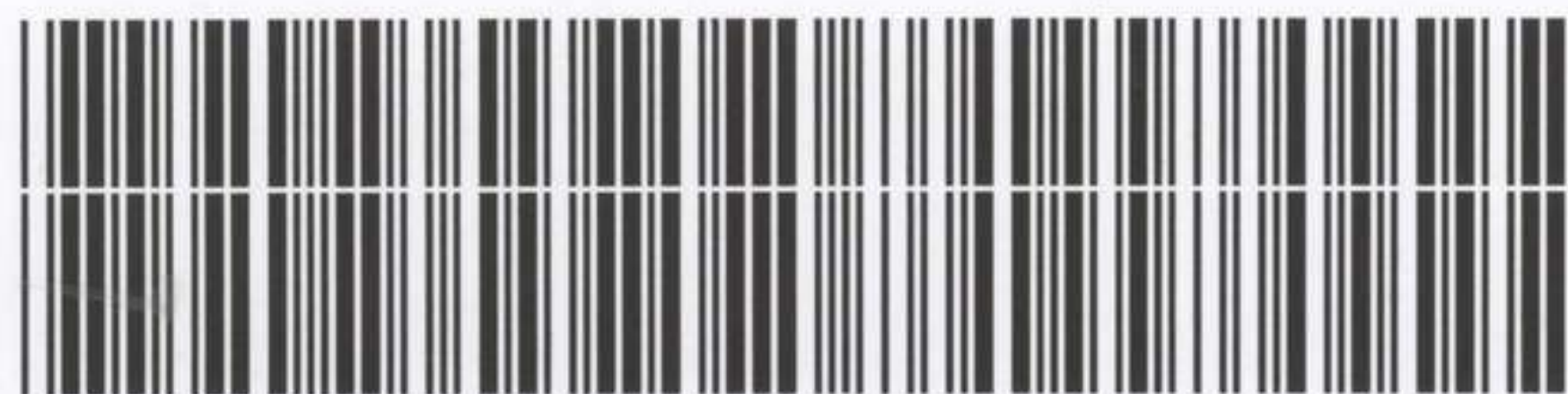
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
February RIDGEWOOD CAMP	1918 1st	"	Battalion supplied working parties, employed carrying material for renetting & improving Corps Reserve Line at I 36 a & I 36 b (Ref Map BELGIUM, FRANCE Sheet 28 1/40,000) Foggy day	
"	2nd	"	working parties as for 1st. weather fine & clear.	
"	3rd	"		
"	4th	"		
"	5th	"	working parties employed "Carrying material to Corps Reserve Line & "Salvaging" C. O. Lieut-Col R. Christie rejoined Battalion from leave.	
"	6th	"	working parties employed as for 5th Reconnaissance by C. O. & Company Comdrs, of Brigade ^{Re} sector front line Area & routes thereto, preparatory to relieving 49th Battalion on night of 8th/9th	Re
"	7th	"	working Parties employed as for 6th. Reconnaissance of front line Area by Platoon Comdrs.	Re
"	8th	"	Bathing Parades, all "trunks" & one blanket per man, together with surplus stores "dumped" at RIDGEWOOD CAMP. All Ranks were issued with 1 pair of sandbags which were worn instead of puttees	Re

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
February	1918			
RIDGEWOOD CAMP	8 th	"	Battalion entrained on Light Railway at GORDON FARM ^{RC} at and left for SPOILBANK at 3.45 PM. marching from SPOILBANK to FRONT LINE & relieved 49 th Battalion. Relief completed 11.30 PM	RC
			copy of Battalion Order No 52 attached & marked I	I
FRONTLINE	9 th	"	Dispositions of Battalion; "Front Line Posts" Right Coy, "A" Coy, Left Coy, "B" Coy, "Support line," "C" Coy "Reserve" "D" Coy, Quiet day, hostile shelling very light on our Sector, Protective & Reconnoitring Patrols out in front of our Posts during night no enemy seen. working parties employed improving defences of "posts" erecting barbed wire entanglements, constructing new support line & carrying material required for revetting & wiring	copy of dispositions marked I A attached
"	10 th	"	Day quiet, hostile shelling light, Reconnoitring & Protective Patrols working parties as for night of 9 th . weather fine condition of ground in our front of our posts very wet & "boggy"	RC
"	11 th	"	A Patrol of 2 officers & 10 Rank left our lines at 1 AM penetrated the enemy wire, encountered a patrol of 8 which they attacked & causing	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
February, 1918 FRONTLINE	11 th	"	Casualties & gaining identification ^{copy of} report of Officer in Charge of the patrol is attached & marked II, Enemy lightly shelled Reserve Company area during day, no casualties, Reconnoitering & Protective patrolling continued at night also working on wiring of front Bats & construction of support trenches. 11 O'Ranks reinforcements marched in.	II RC
"	12 th	"	Day quiet, light rain fell. continuation of Patrolling, & working parties as for previous night. Lieuts L.R. CHARLTON & R.A. WOOD 7 O'Ranks reinforcements marched in.	RC
"	13 th	"	Day Quiet & weather fine. Companies in front line posts were relieved by Support & Reserve Corps, Relief completed 10-30 P.M. Copy of Battalion order No 53 is attached & marked III.	RC III
"	14 th	"	Disposition of Companies. "Front line Bats" Right, "C" Coy Left "D" Coy "Supports" "A" Coy "Reserve" "B" Coy, day quiet weather fine & clear. Reconnoitering & Protective patrolling by Corps in front line working parties employed constructing new Support line & carrying revetting material & wire to front line & Support trenches.	RC

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
February 1918				
FRONT LINE	14 th	"	Copy of daily strength return attached & marked IV	IV Re
"	15 th	"	Scattered hostile shelling, fine clear day, Reconnoitring & Protection	
"			patrols at night in front of posts, working parties as for 14 th	Re
"	16 th	"	as for 15 th 8 of Ranks reinforcements marched in	Re
"	17 th	"	weather fine & ground frozen.	
"	18 th	"	clear weather fine & clear, Hostile shelling in vicinity of COL DUMP	
			Battalion was relieved by 52 nd Battalion, relief completed 10-15 PM	Re
			Copy of Battalion Order No 54 attached & marked V	V
LARCHWOOD	19 th	"	Battalion in support Bn Area, disposition of Coys Bn Hdqrs	Copy of dispositions
			"A" Coy. LARCHWOOD TUNNELS "B" "C" & "D" Coys at SPOIL BANK.	marked V A attached
			Working Parties employed carrying material & constructing support	Re
			trench of Battalion in the line. 12 Lewis Guns with personnel	
			of 17.00 & 3 of Ranks per gun, mounted for anti-aircraft defence	
			of Field Artillery. 2 of Ranks reinforcements marched in	
"	20 th	"	Working parties, as for 19 th	Re
	21 st	"		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LARCHWOOD	February 1918 22 nd	"	Weather Fine & cold, working parties as for 21 st 20 of Ranks reinforcements marched in	RC
"	23 rd	"	RC for working parties as for 22 nd .	RC
"	24	"		
"	25	"		
"	26	"		
"	27 th	"	Weather dull & drizzling rain, an attack by the enemy was anticipated on our front > at midnight the 3 boys were sent to "man the Reserve Line" where they remained until daylight, the expected attack did not take place. 18 of Ranks reinforcements marched in	RC
"	28 th	"	The Battalion was relieved by the 2 nd Battalion A.I.F. relief completed at 4.20 PM. on relief Battalion moved to WAKEFIELD HUTS CAMP, at LOCRE. Copy of Battalion Order no 55 attached & marked V.I. Copy of daily strength attached & marked VII R Christie Lt Col Quartermaster's Summary attached marked VIII C.O. 51st Battalion and Imp Force	RC V.I. VII VIII

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BATTALION ORDER NO. 52.

Reference Map sheet 28, 1/40.000 and sheet E.1. 1/10.000. 8th. February 1918.

INTENTION.

1. The Battalion will entrain at GORDON FARM for SPOIL BANK and march to Front Line and relieve 49th. Battalion on the night 8th/9th. February 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS.

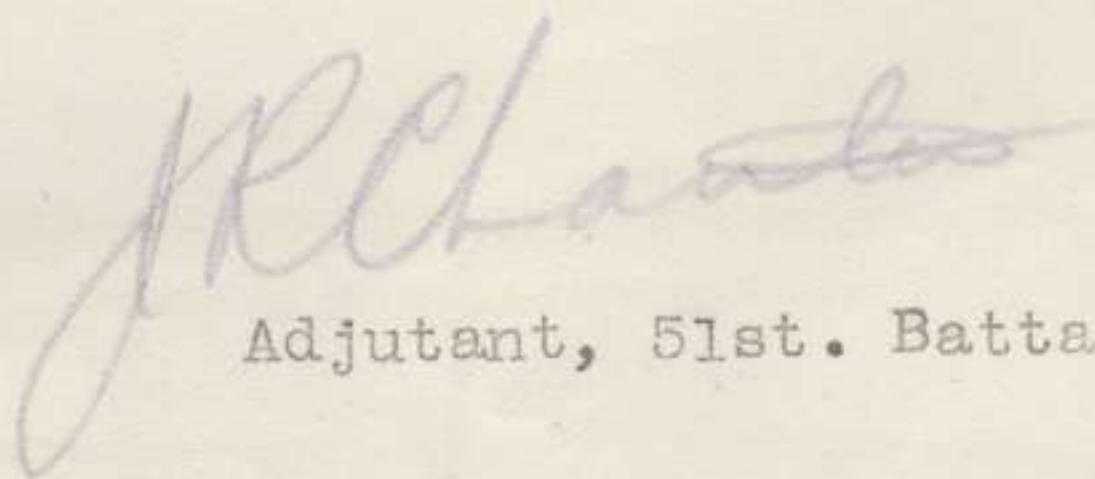
2. (a) The Battalion will leave RIDGE WOOD CAMP at 3.20 p.m. and entrain in the following order :-
D. A. B. C. H/Qrs.
- (b) "A" Company will relieve the Right Company 49th. Bn. in the Front Line.
"B" Company will relieve the Left Company 49th. Bn. in the front line.
"C" Coy. will relieve the Support Company 49th. Bn.
"D" Coy. will ~~reserve~~ relieve the reserve Coy. 49th. Bn.
- (c) Times to leave SPOIL BANK.
H/Qrs. and "D" Company. - 4.20 p.m.
"A" Company. - 4.30 p.m.
"B" " - 4.45 p.m.
"C" " - 5.00 p.m.
- (d) The C.O. 49th. Bn. is arranging for the necessary guides to be at GLEN CORNER at 6.00 p.m.
- (e) Dress. Fighting Order. Sheepskin vests, greatcoat and one blanket will be carried in the approved pattern.
- (f) Rations. Dry rations for the 9th. instant will be carried by the men.
- (g) Trench and Area Stores. Each Company will arrange for an Officer and a N.C.O. to report to new Company Headquarters at least one-half hour prior to arrival of Company for the purpose of checking and taking over Trench Stores etc.
Lieut. A.C. TOWNSEND will report to H/Qrs. 49th. Bn. by 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of taking over Bn. H/Qrs. etc.
- (h) Officers' valises and men's packs, one blanket, felt hat and puttees will be dumped by Companies in Store in Ridge Wood Camp by 12 noon.

TRANSPORT.

3. Four Lewis Gun Limbers and three G.S. Limbers for rations, cooking utensils etc, will be loaded and ready to move from Ridge Wood at 1.00 p.m.

REPORTS.

4. Immediately reliefs are complete, Officers Commanding Companies will report by Code Wire to Bn. H/Qrs. Time to be stated.

Issued at 10.00 a.m.


Lieutenant &

Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

APPENDIX 1

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MAINTENANCE IN THE FRONT LINE.
ZANDVOORDE SECTOR.

ISSUED WITH BATTALION
ORDER NO. 52.

LEFT SUB-SECTOR.

Reference Map:-Sheet 28. 1/40,000.

8/2/18.

RATIONS.

1. The Q.M. Staff and Coy. Q.M.Sgts. remain at Transport Lines (N.16.c.10.75) and divide up by posts, the rations which are brought up by G.S.Limbers to SHERWOOD DUMP (I.29.d.15.50.) at 10 a.m. daily. The cookhouse for details, Support and two front line Coys. is at Hill 60 (I.29.d.15.60) That for Reserve Coy. at I.29.c.70.10.

MEALS.

2. Owing to lack of communication trenches, meals can only be sent to Front Line Coys. at night. Ration parties leave Cookhouse I.29.d.15.60. at 5 p.m. and 2 a.m. daily. The 5 p.m. party carries Hot Stew in food containers and dry rations. The 2 a.m. party water and hot tea in petrol tins, and fried bacon. Men in front posts and support line are provided with Tommy Cookers.

WATER.

3. Water supply is good and is obtained from water point at I.29.c.40.30..

S.A.A., BOMBS FLARES.

4. There is a good supply of each in all posts in front Line also in Support Trench. Bde. Dump is at COL DUMP. (I.30.c.95.30.)

ENGINEER SERVICES.

5. Engineering material is obtainable from COL DUMP (I.30.c.95.30)

SOCKS & TRENCH FEET.

6. All Officers must see to it that the preventative measures contained in "Notes on Causes and prevention of Trench Feet" issued with Coy.C.M. No.26 of 19th. January 1918 are strictly followed out. Each man carries with him 3 pairs socks in addition to one in wear. Wet socks are exchanged for dry ones at the Baths. The Q.M. arranges for these.

SICK.

7. R.A.P. is situated in a concrete "pill Box" at J.25.c.95.10 and accommodation is available there for sick men who require a rest and would be well in a few days. A supply of Comforts and two primus Stoves is kept there so that hot drinks etc. can be supplied.

COMMUNICATION.

8. Communication by telephone is established between Bn.H.Q. and all Coys. also with flank Battalions. Battalion Relay runner post is at GLEN CORNER (I.25.d.05.45) Communication by runner with front line Coys. during the day is not practicable.

J.R. Charter
Lieutenant &
Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

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DISPOSITION OF BATTALION WHILE IN FRONT LINE.

From 9th to 19th. February 1918.

Reference, Sheet 28, 1/40.000.

Battalion Headquarters.

I.36.a.55.95.

R. A. P.

J.25.c.90.10.

Right Front Company :-Left Front Company.

Company Headquarters J.32.a.65.95.

Company Headquarters J.26.b.05.30.

Post No. 1.J.32. J.32.c.10.75.

Post No. 2.J.26. J.26.c.75.20.

2. J.32.c.30.80.

3. J.26.c.80.35.

3. J.32.c.30.90.

4. J.26.c.80.60.

4. J.32.c.50.95.

5. J.26.c.85.70.

5. J.32.a.10.20.

6. J.26.c.90.80.

6. J.32.a.70.35.

7. J.26.c.95.95.

7. J.32.a.70.50.

8. J.26.b.15.00.

8. J.32.a.80.75.

9. J.26.b.30.10.

9. J.32.a.90.90.

10. J.26.b.30.30.

1.J.26. J.26.c.90.00.

11. J.26.b.45.40.

Support Company Headquarters

J.25.c.20.30.

Company centred about support trench.

J.25.d.05.45.

Reserve Company Headquarters

I.35.b.95.25.

Company centred about CORNER HOUSE.

I.35.b.95.95.

Details situated about HILL 60 at

I.29.c.70.10.

Transport.

N.16.c.

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Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commanding 51st. Battalion.

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ORDER FOR PATROL.

You will move out from Left Company and reconnoitre enemy position in direction of HAMP FARM and ascertain if it is possible to effect a raid on any of his posts in the vicinity.

Report also on the state of any enemy wire and condition of ground in "No man's land".

Personnel of patrol :-

Lieut. A.H. CASTLES.

" R. BARTON. (52nd. Bn). and

| Scout from "B" Company.

R. Chute

Lieutenant-Colonel,

Commanding 51st. Battalion.

INFORMATION GAINED.

Ref Sheet 28 1/45000

Found only a thin belt of wire about 30 yards out from starting point and had no trouble in getting through it. The ground was fairly thickly shell-holed, but dry and free from obstacles. About 250 yards approx. J.26.6.95.05. outm loose enemy wire was located. It was very thin and appeared to be bundles of loose wire pegged down. After working along the wire for about 20 yards we turned in the direction of HAMP FARM and immediately encountered a single roll of barbed concertina wire, which we were ~~un~~able to unhook from a stake and thus get through easily. Thence we advanced about 20 yards to an old bombing post which was deserted although it contained approx. 20 bombs and was capable of accomodating a couple of men. Just to the rear of this post was a very well defined track used by enemy visiting patrols. From this position (J.27.a.05.05) we observed flares being sent up from a post apparently just to the rear of HAMP FARM (at about J.27.a.15.15) and while the flares were up we could see very plainly 3 of the enemy in the post which appeared to be a fair sized strong post and was built on the highest point visible in this vicinity.

As we were only about 40 yards from this post and to the flank of it, we decided to lie in wait for a while in the hope of working around to the rear of it and thus obtaining a clearer inspection. While waiting we heard an enemy Maison patrol approaching from the opposite direction to the post. When they were right upon us we opened fire upon them and threw a couple of bombs. The party consisted of 8 men and we caused them at least 4 casualties as we searched this number later. I am sending under separate cover the documents etc. obtained. We spent fully 5 minutes searching the casualties but were unable to obtain very much as the party was not wearing much equipment etc. When the alarm was given flares were sent up and machines ^{guns} opened up fire and the enemy appeared in the distance from all directions so we side-stepped them and returned to our own lines. I came in approx, along the same route as I went out, eventually reaching L.C. H.Qs. by going to the rear of our posts along the North of the Div. boundary. I was not challenged on the way back, nor did I encounter any wire along our lines.

We thought of trying to capture the patrol, but as it was so close to the enemy ~~line~~ strong point and we had the enemy wire to negotiate over uneven country, we decided to obtain identification only.

From where the encounter took place we were in dead ground from the M.G. about HAMP FARM. If at a later period a few prisoners are required, this spot appears to me to lend itself to the purpose.

(signed) A.H. CASTLES, Lieutenant,
O.C. Patrol.

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BATTALION ORDER No. 53.

Reference Map Sheet E.1. 1/10.000.

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12th. February 1918.

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INTENTION.

1. The two Companies in Front Line Posts will be relieved by the two Companies in Support and Reserve on night 13/14th. February.

INSTRUCTIONS.

2. (a) "C" Company will take over Right Coy. Front and relieve "A" Company. "A" Coy. on relief moving to Support Line.

"D" Coy. will take over left Coy. Front and relieve "B" Coy. "B" Coy. on relief moving to Reserve Coy. at CORNER HOUSE.

(b) Time. "C" Coy. will move out of Support Line at 6.15 p.m. "D" Coy. will move out from Support Line at 6.30 p.m.

(c) Guides. O.C. "A" Coy. will arrange for necessary guides to report to O.C. "C" Coy. at GLEN CORNER at 6.15 p.m. O.C. "B" Coy. will arrange for necessary guides to report to report to O.C. "D" Coy. at GLEN CORNER at 6.30 p.m.

(d) Protective Patrols. Prior to and during relief Coys. in Front Line will have strong standing patrols placed in front of the wire covering the whole front and will remain out until midnight.

(e) Lewis Guns. Lewis Guns at present in front line posts will be taken over by relieving Coys.. Anti-aircraft guns in Support Line will be taken over by "A" Coy.. Those in Reserve Line by "B" Coy.

REPORTS.

As soon as reliefs are complete Coy. Commanders will report by Code Wire to Battalion H/Qrs. stating time.

J.R. Chantler
Lieutenant &
Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

Issued at 12 noon.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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APPENDIX 4

Daily Strength Return.

End 14th. February 1918

Actually with Unit		Attached		In Hospital		leave		Tempy. detached. Schools		Brigade duties		Other duties		Total	
Offs	O.R.	Offs	O.R.	Offs	O.R.	Off	OR.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	OR.	Offs	O.R.
37	593	3	5	3	9	1	67	3	17	2	14	1	28	50	733

ARRIVALS. Nil.

DEPARTURES. 1 Officer (Lt. J.B. CALDER) to D.Duty. (Bde. H.Q).
 1 O/Rank (batman).
 1 " to School.
 1 " Wounded in Action.

R. Christie

Lieutenant-Colonel,
 Commanding 51st. Battalion.

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BATTALION ORDER NO. 54.

Reference Map sheet E.1. 1/10.000.

" " " 28. 1/40.000.

17th. February 1918.

ATTENTION.

1. RELIEF. The Battalion will be relieved by the 52nd. Bn. on 18th. February and night 18/19th. February 1918.

INSTRUCTIONS.

2. (a) FRONT LINE. "C" Coy. will be relieved by "A" Coy. 52nd. Bn. "D" Coy. by "C" Coy. 52nd. Bn.
SUPPORTS. "A" Coy. will be relieved by "B" Coy. 52nd. Battalion.
RESERVE. "B" Coy. will be relieved by "D" Coy. 52nd. Battalion.
 On relief H/Qrs. and "A" Coy. will move to LARCH WOOD, I.20.c.
 "B", "C" and "D" Coys. will move to SPOIL BANK I.33.d.0.7.
 (b) TIME. Time arranged for relieving Coys. to be at GLEN CORNER.
 "A" Company. 52nd. Bn. - 6.30 p.m.
 "C" " " - 7.00 p.m.
 "B" " " - 7.30 p.m.
 "D" " " at Reserve Coy. H/Qrs. at 5 p.m.
 (c) GUIDES. O/C. "C" and "D" Coy. will send the necessary guides to be at GLEN CORNER and Coy. H/Qrs. at 6.30 p.m. They will report to the Coy. Commanders of relieving Coys.
 (d) PROTECTIVE PATROLS. Prior to and during relief, Coys. in the front line will have strong standing patrols placed in front of the wire covering the whole front. They will be posted at dusk and will remain out until just before dawn. An officer from each Coy. will be detailed to remain and collect men of the patrols after they are relieved and will march them back to the Coys.
 (e) LEWIS GUNS. Lewis Guns with all magazines will be brought out by all Coys.

AID POST.

3. Battalion Aid Post will be at SPOIL BANK on and after 19th. February 1918.

REPORT.

4. Completion of relief will be immediately wired in code to Battalion Headquarters.

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 " 6. 52nd. Bn.
 " 7. War Diary.

Lieutenant &

Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

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DISPOSITION OF BATTALION WHILE IN SUPPORT AREA.

From 19th to 28th. February 1918.

Reference sheet 28. 1/40.000.

Battalion Headquarters
R. A. P.
3 Companies at SPOIL BANK.
1 Company in LARCH WOOD.

I.29.c.10.70.
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I.33.a.50.20.
I.29.c.10.70.

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Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding 51st. Battalion.

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BATTALION ORDER NO. 55.

Reference Map-sheet 28. - 1/40.000.

27th. February 1918.

INTENTION.

1. The Battalion will be relieved from SUPPORT AREA by 2nd. Battalion on 28th. inst. and on relief will entrain at SPOIL BANK for KILMARNOCK (N.7.d.22) thence moving by route march to WAKEFIELD HUTS (M.29,c.8.5).

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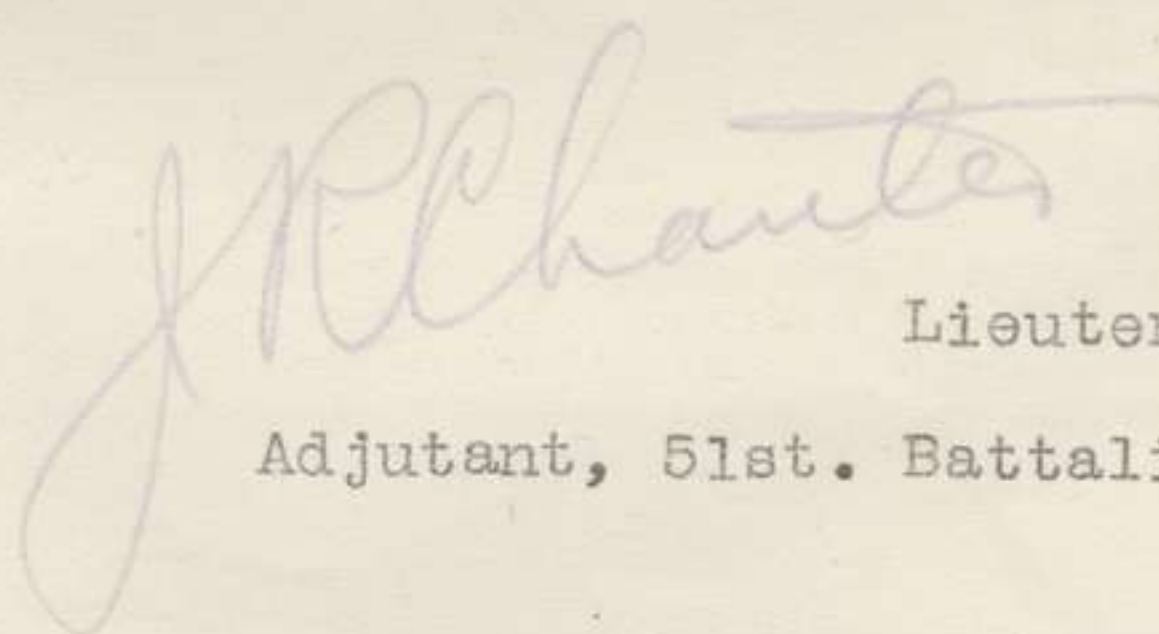
2. (a) The Battalion will assemble at SPOIL BANK at 5.45 p.m.
 (b) Entraining Point - SPOILBANK.
 (c) Time, - 6.00 p.m.
 (d) Dress. - Marching Order with two blankets, steel helmet, puttees and sheepskin vests will be worn.
 (e) Lewis Guns., - Upon relief, Lewis Gunners will carry guns etc. to SPOILBANK and load same on G.S. Limbers.
 (f) Area Stores. - All Area Stores will be handed over to incoming Unit, receipts obtained and handed to Adjutant upon arrival in new Camp.
 (g) Baggage. (i) - 2 G.S. Limbers will report to MOLEN DUMP, I.33.a.30.20. at 3.30 p.m. for O.R. Boxes, signalling equipment, cooking utensils and Officers' valises from H.Qs and "A" Coy.
 (ii) - 1 G.S. Wagon and 4 G.S. Limbers will report at SPOILBANK at 4 p.m. for cooking utensils and Officers' valises from "B", "C" and "D" Coys. and all Lewis Guns.
 (h) Entraining Officer- Lieut. J.J. CONNOR will act as entraining Officer and will report at SPOILBANK one hour prior to departure of train.

TRANSPORT.

3. Transport will move from present location at SIEGE FARM, N.16.c.20.75. and will be clear of KEMMEL by 9.15 a.m.

REPORTS.

4. Completion of relief will be sent by code wire to Battalion Headquarters.

ACKNOWLEDGE.


Lieutenant &,

Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

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Daily Strength Return.

51st. Battalion.

28th. February 1918.

Actually with Unit		Attached		In Hospital		leave		Tempy. detached.		Brigade duties		Other duties		Total	
Offs	O.R.	Offs	O.R.	Offs	O.R.	Off	OR.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.
31	555	1	3	1	9	6	65	6	22	2	16	-	88	47	747

ARRIVALS. 1 Officer (Capt. F. ALBRECHT) from D.Duty with Arty.

DEPARTURES. 3 O/Ranks to Hospital.
13 " Off Hospital, evacuated Div. Area.

R. Chute Lieutenant-Colonel,
Commanding 51st. Battalion.

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51st. Battalion,

QUARTERMASTERS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1918.RATIONS.

Rations have been maintained to scale during the month. Vegetables generally speaking were very short, dried fruits or oranges being issued in lieu thereof. Either of these proved rather poor substitutes.

During tour in front line, rations were maintained daily without interruption. By the use of Thermos food containers, a constant supply of hot food was maintained to the front posts and rear positions.

BOOTS.

The Sergeant-Bootmaker was fully employed except during the actual time spent by Battalion in Front Line. 387 pairs of boots were repaired and 52 pairs of new boots issued.

CLOTHING.

Demands on ordnance have been light, but the Regimental Tailor has done a large amount of repair work.

COMFORTS.

The Australian Comforts Fund kept the Battalion well supplied with Socks, Cocoa and Milk and Tommy Cookers. These gifts are very much appreciated by the men.

GENERAL.

Every effort has been made to save Fat, Paper and Card-board. Considerable quantities of each have been returned to base.

A plentiful supply of dry socks was always available for exchange and these were forwarded to front line daily.



Captain,

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