

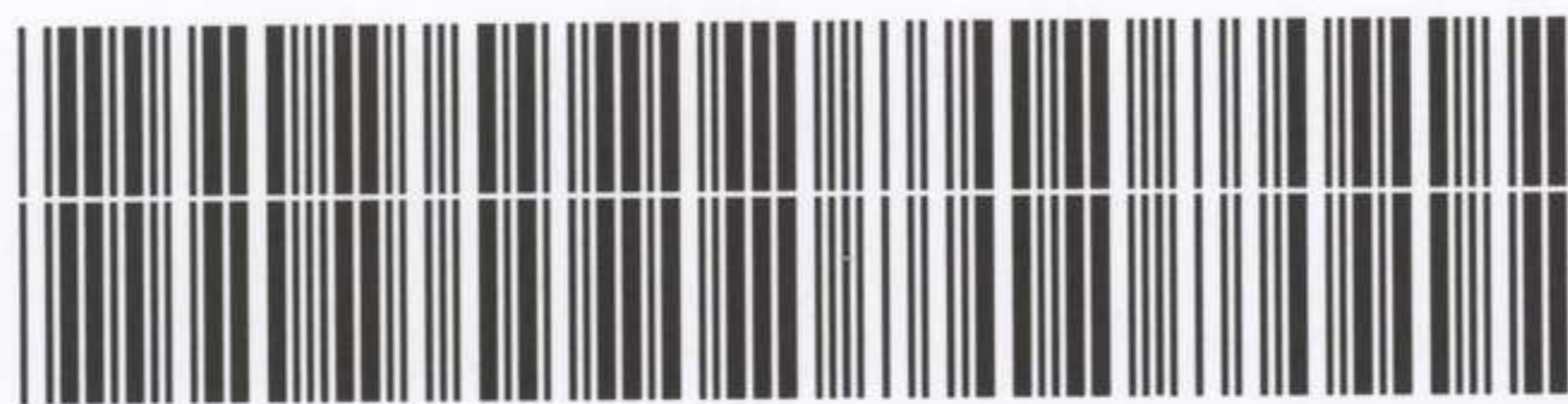
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OF

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FOR

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	1st		<p>It was thought now the Battalion was away from the line that plenty of advanced training could be proceeded with, this however proved not to be the case, owing (i) to the limited size of Parade grounds. (ii) the long distances between the billets of the companies.</p> <p>(i) Parade grounds were not big enough for company manoeuvres. There were several large fields in the area but no arrangements could be made with the owners for their use by troops. The inhabitants in this district with a few exceptions seemed to regard the presence of troops as an intrusion, they restricted us to small training areas and forbade the holding of sports in several of the fields. Close order drill then and platoon drill occupied most of the outdoor work.</p> <p>(ii) The men were billeted mostly in spacious barns with about 12 inches of straw underfoot, and good thatched roofs which made the conditions rather comfortable. Great care had to be taken to guard against fire on account of the inflammator nature of the buildings. The transport was billeted at METTEREN, 2½ miles distant. The billets were very scattered. B.H.Q. was a mile north of MERRIS, and "D" Company occupied a barn a mile to the south. Much of the time of the C.O. and Senior Major was taken up travelling between the various companies and they were not able to devote too much time with each company, however by subdivision of duties, frequent supervision was given to the training by Headquarter Officers. Major Couchman, the senior Major was on leave in ENGLAND, so Major Davis of "D" Company acted in his place. The strength of the Battalion on the 1st March was -</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>With Battalion</td> <td>34</td> <td>Officers</td> <td>682</td> <td>O/R</td> </tr> <tr> <td>In Hospital</td> <td>3</td> <td>"</td> <td>26</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Detached</td> <td>17</td> <td>"</td> <td>233</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>54</td> <td>"</td> <td>941</td> <td>"</td> </tr> </table> <p>100 men of "B" Company marched to BAILLEUL, 3½ miles, for a bath and change of clothing. The remainder carried out training as per syllabus</p> <p>An infantry picquet of 1 Officer and 15 other ranks was sent to BAILLEUL for duty. Only 5% of the Battalion were allowed to visit this town on a pass signed by the A.P.M., rather a small percentage. When men have been in trenches or in reserve camps for long periods their natural desire is to see a town with its fresh faces and shops, and have their minds taken off the wear, subject of war, but it is decreed otherwise - towns are almost banned and strong picquets are added to the Military Police to keep the soldier away from a change of scene. Orders today prescribe the wearing of the letter "A" on Battalion colour patches of all those who served in GALLIPOLI; at present there are 108 of these veterans with us. The weather today was cold</p>	With Battalion	34	Officers	682	O/R	In Hospital	3	"	26	"	Detached	17	"	233	"	Total	54	"	941	"	
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	March 1918			
	1st		with a bitter wind, making training rather uncomfortable.	
	2nd		Cold weather still continues, and in the afternoon snow fell for two hours, specialist training was therefore done indoors. Major J.M. Edgely D.S.O. was today, detached temporarily, for duty with the 45th Battalion.	
	3rd		An R.C. Church Parade was held at 9 a.m. at OUTERESTEENE, but on account of the bitterly cold weather, no parade was held for other denominations. It was not deemed advisable to keep the men standing in a field for service, and there was no indoor accommodation big enough. The Battalion football team played a match in the afternoon against a combined team from 12th Brigade H.Q., 12th M.G. Coy and 12th A.L.T.M.B., the Battalion winning by 74 points to 18.	
	4th		Training was carried on according to syllabus, and in the afternoon all Officers assembled on the range for revolver practice. No one was discovered who could be called a "Revolver shot", although each was <del>competent</del> , had the target been a hun, results would have been better. The Battalion supplied a guard of 3 N.C.O's and 28 O/R for Corps H.Q., situated at FLETRE. Gas helmets were inspected by Divisional Gas N.C.O; much attention is being paid to respirators in view of the quantities of gas being used at present by the enemy. The Foden Lorry was available and blankets were fumigated. The weather is still cold, and rain fell at night. Indoor work was given to Officers, who were required to discuss chapter 5 of E.S.R. as applied to present system of warfare.	
	5th		"D" Company went to baths today, while the remaining 3 companies did a 10 mile route march. The marching of the Battalion is good, and the men are getting into fine fettle. At 3 p.m. the C.O. discussed with all officers their papers on chapter 5 of E.S.R. At the conclusion of this the Brigade Major - Major Norman M.C. - lectured on "Intelligence", dealing with information required by Brigade when the Battalion is in the line, and the method of obtaining same. Work for Officers in the evening consisted of making an enlarged sketch of the route followed in this morning's route march, showing halting places, location of troops passed, and calculation of the rate of marching.	
	6th		Weather is now improving, and this is the first approach to a fine day. The training went on in the morning under N.C.O's, the Officers proceeding to METTEREN to be photographed for "War Records". They then returned and relieved the N.C.O's who acted similarly.	
	7th		The weather was again fine, and very favourable for training. "C" Company marched to baths in the morning. An Officer was sent forward to reconnoitre billets in the LOCRE area, in case the Battalion was suddenly moved forward in close reserve. In the afternoon Captain Crouch of the 12th M.G. Company lectured to Officers and N.C.O's on "Co-operation between Infantry and M.G. Companies". Such lectures are necessary, as the ordinary infantry man does not realise that	



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	7th		machine guns can give support when firing indirectly.	
	8th		Weather again fine. The 4 companies went for a 12 mile route march, and carried it out to time. The men are now in good form, rations are good, and are added to from Regimental Funds.	
	9th		Summer time came into force today, clocks being put forward 1 hour at 11 p.m. 3 Companies were detailed for baths, leaving 1 company for training.	
	10th		Church Parades were held - R.C. in OUPPERESTEEENE Church; Other Denominations in a field near B.H.Q. - Chaplain Flood, 48th Battalion conducted the service. In the afternoon the Battalion football team played a team from Australian Corps H.Q. The match was most exciting, and was won by Corps by 1 point, the scores being 49 to 48.	
	11th		A futher match was played in connection with Brigade competition against the 12th M.G. Coy, the Battalion winning by 75 points to 28 (Australian Rules).	
	12th		Training in fine weather.	
	13th		Brigade football competition (Soccer). The Battalion played a drawn game against 12th Field Ambulance, neither side scoring. Training was carried on as usual.	
	14th		Training as per syllabus. Brigade Football competition was continued by a Rugby match against the 48th Battalion, the 46th winning by 8 points to 3. In this match Captain True, A.M.C. had his leg broken, and the Battalion was unfortunate in losing the services of a keen M.O.	
	15th		Weather still fine, and the day was occupied by an 11 mile route march. The men will march this distance in marching order, and then indulge in sports during the remaining hours of daylight, showing the good form they are in.	
	16th		Baths for "D" Company, training for the remainder of the Battalion. In the afternoon we played and won a football match against the 12th M.G. Co, by 4 goals to 3.	
	17th		Church Parade was held in good weather, Chaplain Justice conducting.	
	18th		The morning was occupied in training, and in the afternoon Battalion Sports were held. A large number of competitors came forward and a pleasant and interesting afternoon was spent. The prize mone, came from Regimental Funds. One feature of the sports was the "Cooker Competition", the prize being won by "C" Company Cooker, with "D" Company 2 points away 2nd. During the afternoon the Brigadier - General Gellibrand - and the Staff Captain visited the sports meeting.	
	19th		Training.	
	20th		Training, and in the afternoon a football match ( Australian Rules) against the 48th Battalion, the 46th winning by 59 points to 28.	
	21/22		Training as per syllabus.	
	23rd		Training as per syllabus. A parcel containing reading matter was received from thr Australian Comforts Funds. The parcels - chiefly papers from home - are greatly appreciated by the men.	



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	23rd		In the evening orders were received to form a Battalion dump at METEREN, and all surplus gear and one blanket per man was dumped, and a small guard left on it. Every man was now read, for a move at short notice.	
	24th		Church Parade was conducted by Chaplain Bradbur, 47th Battalion, and as orders for a move had been received, final preparations were made.	
	25th		The Battalion moved to the Starting Point at X.20.d.3.8. (Sheet 27) near METEREN at 9-45 a.m. and then commenced what proved to be a long cold journey. We were in the busses until 10-45 pm, debussing close to ARRAS after travelling via MERVILLE, St VENANT, LILLERS and St POL - a distance of about 71½ miles. The Battalion then marched to billets at BAILLEUL VAL, arriving at 12-10 am on the 26th.	
	26th		Spent the day at BAILLEUL VAL in billets which were not too comfortable, but the men did not complain as they were eager to meet the enemy who were reported to be pushing on fast. Orders were received to dump blankets and the remainder of our gear, all ranks retaining fighting order. As the enemy were reported to be pushing on, orders were received to reconnoitre a position outside the village of BAILLEUL VAL. The 48th Battalion to be on our right, 4th Pioneer Battalion on the left. The <del>visited</del> position was visited by the C.O., Senior Major (who had arrived from leave that day) and the Adjutant, and the defensive position selected. There was no difficulty in this, as many lines of well sited trenches were there; having been dug in the early part of the war. Companies Officers were then despatched to see their sectors, and all was in readiness to occupy them when required. While awaiting orders to move fresh developments occurred. The enemy was reported at HEBURTERNE, about 8 miles south of BAILLEUL VAL. The idea was that the 4th Brigade would attack and eject the enemy from HIBUTERNE, and the 12th Brigade would be in reserve at HANNESCAMPS, and at 5-30 p.m. we set out. The men were in high spirits at the chance of having an open warfare fight. After going 2½ miles a Brigade order arrived, telling us to return to BAILLEUL VAL and await orders. This damped the ardour of the men somewhat, thinking they were to be robbed of the promised fight. When we returned the village was full of troops who had arrived after we had moved out, and our billets were therefore occupied. At 8-20 p.m. orders were received to send an Officer to Brigade for instructions, and at 9-10 p.m. he returned with orders to march to SENLIS area, and to pass the starting point at BEINVILLIERS at 11 p.m. We set out again and joined the remainder of the Brigade at the Starting Point and marched in order, 47th, 48th, 45th, M.G. Coy, T.M. Bt., Field Coy, 46th, Field Amb and 4th Pioneers together with the Brigade transport. Each man was carrying 220 rounds of S.A.A., Rifle Bombers and Bombers carried from 4 to 6 grenades and	



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	March 26th	1918	a large proportion of the men carried Mills Grenades. One Corporal, anxious to have sufficient, carried 270 rounds S.A.A., 6 rifle grenades and 4 Bombs the whole distance, which proved to be 18 miles. On this long trying march, on a cold night, the Battalion did not lose a man which shows the excellent form they were in. On the way, the usual 10 minute halts per hour were made, and at about midnight a halt was made for 50 minutes, during which the men drew hot tea from the Cookers.	
	27th		Arrived at SENLIS at 8 a.m., and breakfast was immediately drawn from the Cookers. There were no billets for us to go into, but the men were taken by platoons to any available space. The men were all in good spirits although footsore and weary, but they knew the situation was serious and emanded their utmost efforts. At 10 a.m. orders were received to move and at 10-30 the Battalion moved out of SENLIS to some low ground on the west edge of MILLENCOURT village (Sheet 57d) V.26.d. and 29.b. Here we prepared to bivouac for the night. Holes were dug in the embankment, waterproof sheets were spread over the top, and here we spent a very cold night. A heavy frost occured, but the men were so tired that the cold did not prevent them from sleeping. In the meantime the 48th and 47th Battalions had moved forward, and taken up a position near ALBERT, and this Battalion had 90 men occupied in carrying ammunition to the front line. The Cookers have been installed near HENINCOURT and <del>here</del> hot meals were being brought over in limbers.	
	28th		The morning was dull, and heavy cold rain fell making conditions most uncomfortable. The day past quietly, the men resting after an inspection of arms and ammunition. About midday, an enemy shell landed amongst "A" Company killing 5 men. We despatched 40 stretchers and 80 bearers to the 47th and 48th Battalions to assist in bearing wounded, and 20 men for carrying Trench Mortar ammunition from V.28.c.8.4. (Sheet 57d). The enemy dropped a number of shells in our vicinity, during the afternoon, but no casualties occured.	
	29th		Rain was falling again during the night and morning and conditions underfoot were most unpleasant, still the dug-outs were improved and covered in a number of instances with iron from broken buildings in the vicinity. This was a quiet Good Friday with very little to do but wait. Arms and ammunition were inspected twice daily to make sure they were ready for use. Orders were received to relieve the 48th Battalion in the line on the night of 30/31, so Company Officers were sent forward after dark to reconnoitre.	
	30th		The day passed quietly, all ranks getting ready to go into the line. About 8 p.m. the Companies moved forward in sections with intervals, and relieved the 48th Battalion. The relief was complete by 11-30 p.m. The position taken over is on the western side of ALBERT, extending for 1500 yards along the railway, with boundaries E.9.a.6.6. to E.15.a.9.5. (sheet ALBERT	



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	March	1918	<p>combined). The Battalion was disposed of as shown in Disposition Report attached. The forward position consisted of a high railway embankment on the right and gradually getting lower towards our left flank, where it disappeared, and the line continued through a low cutting. Observation posts were placed at intervals along this bank and the remainder of the men were disposed along the foot. No dug-outs could be made, as the embankment was made of cinders and fell in when excavated. Behind this embankment was low ground gradually rising towards the support line, which had an excellent field of fire. As a defensive position no enemy should take it with the men in such good spirits and eager for a fight. Our men do not mind the actual fighting - of course too much of it is not sought for - but they do become disgusted and impatient in a sector where there is never a hun to be seen, and only endless mud and enemy shelling.</p>	Appendix 2
	31st		<p>The day passed quietly, both sides doing a little shelling, we more than the hun. One shell landed in our support trench killing 2 men and wounding 4 others including Lieut. R.F. Foster of "B" Company. This Officer has since lost his leg and the Battalion lost a keen young Officer. A lot of movement occurred on the enemy side of the line during the day, pointing to a probable attack tomorrow.</p> <p><u>MOVEMENT OF OFFICERS.</u>            Detached - Major J.M. Edgle, D.S.O. to the 45th Battalion 3.3.18.                      Lieut. C.H. Speer to Indian Army 1.3.18 (A.I.F. List 303.)                      Captain Elliot True to Field Ambulance 14.3.18                      Lieut. T.J. Carr to 12th Training Battalion 12.3.18                      Lieut. A.F. Dobson to A.F.C. 21.3.18            Attached - Captain A. Braby from 12th Field Ambulance 14.3.18.            Taken on Strength - Lieut. A.V. Hatfield ex A.I.B.D. 22.3.18</p> <p><u>DISCIPLINE.</u> Disciplinary cases dealt with during the month have been exceptionally low, 5 cases only coming before C.O's Orderly Room, but there were 9 cases of F.G.C.M., an accumulation of outstanding cases. For so few cases before Orderly Room I attribute the following reasons:-            (1) The men were comfortably housed, well fed, not worked too hard, and provision of plenty of sport.            (2) They were in an area of pleasant recollections. When the Battalion first landed in FRANCE it was billeted in this area. Australians were then new to the country and made many friends here; they looked on the place as a kind of second home. Although limited leave</p>	
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*H. C. and L. C. L.*



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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

FOR 3 DAYS ENDING 2nd MARCH 1918.

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Date.	8.30 a.m. to 9 a.m.	9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	11 a.m. to 12 noon	1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
28.2.18	Company organization and Bayonet Fighting.		Infantry Training Sections 36 to 42 and 47 to 70.	Gas Drill and 10 minutes talk on Gas by Gas Officer or N.C.O. of each Coy. Guards and Sentries.	Specialist Training as per Special Syllabus. Signallers, Bombers, Lewis Gunners. Surplus men - Organized Games.
1. 3.18	Physical Training.	Infantry Training Sections 40 to 46 and 47 to 74.	Bayonet Fighting and 10 minutes Gas Drill.	Musketry Regs. Sections 48 to 50 Section 54. 1 platoon of "B" Company.-Musketry.	Specialist Training as per special Syllabus. Surplus men - Organised Games. 1 platoon of "B" Company Musketry.
2. 3.18	Physical Training	2 sections of "B" wiring. Remainder of "B" Company Musketry on range. Infantry Training Sections 34 to 46 and 57 to 74.	"B" Company Range practice, and wiring. Bayonet Fighting. Gas Drill.	"B" Company Range practice. Rapid loading with dummy ammunition. Musketry Regs. Sections 49 to 54.	Specialist Training as above. "B" Company Range practice.
3. 3.18	----- CHURCH PARADE -----				

28.2.18

*H.C.P.* Lieut Colonel  
C.O. 46th Battalion A.I.F.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.SIGNALLING.FOR 3 DAYS ENDING 2nd MARCH 1918.

Time.	28. 2.18	1. 3.18	2. 3.18
8.30 to 9.15 a.m.	Flag Drill	Flag Drill	Flag Drill
9.30 to 10.15 a.m.	Training Manual Signalling.	Prismatic Compass.	Listening Sets.
10.30 to 11.15 a.m.	Lines, Repairs	Buzzer	Buzzer
11.15 to 12 noon.	Buzzer	Message Form	Training Manual Signalling.
2 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Fullerphone	Fullerphone	Fullerphone
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Map reading	Conventional signs etc.	Map reading (with compass)
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.	O.L. Lamp	O.L. Lamp	O.L. Lamp

28.2.18

*H.C. Smith* Lieut Colonel

C.O. 46th Battalion A.I.F.



SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.LEWIS GUNNERS.FOR 3 DAYS ENDING 2nd MARCH 1918.

28. 2.18	1.30 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.	Care and cleaning of Guns.
	2.15 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Stripping and naming of parts.
1. 3.18	1.30 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.	Mechanism backward.
	2.15 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Mechanism forward.
2. 3.18	1.30 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.	Mechanism.
	2.15 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Stoppages.

28.2.18.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

BOMBERS.

FOR 3 DAYS ENDING 2nd MARCH 1918.

28. 2.18	1.30 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. 2.15 p.m. to 3 p.m.	General Description of grenades. Bombers throwing dummies. Rifle Grenadiers firing dummies.
1. 3.18	1.30 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. 2.15 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Bombers throwing Dummies. Rifle grenadiers firing dummies. do do
2. 3.18	1.30 p.m. to 2 p.m. 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Detonating - each man to detonate his own bomb. Live throwing and firing.

28.2.18

*H.C. [Signature]* Lieut Colonel

C.O. 46th Battalion A.I.F.



Date.	Time	Work.
4.3.18	1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.	"A", "B" and "D" Companies - Stoppages and Immediate Action. "C" prepare for range practice.
5.3.18	do do	"A" and "D" Companies - $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs. Gun Drill Mechanism. "B" Company - Prepare for Range practice. "C" " Range Practice.
6.3.18	do do	"D" Company - Stoppages "C" " Care and cleaning of Guns. "B" " Range practice. "A" " Prepare for range practice.
7.3.18	do do	"A" Company - Range practice. "B" " Care and cleaning of guns. "C" " Instruction on A.Aircraft sights. "D" " Prepare for range practice.
8.3.18	do do	"A" Company Care and cleaning of guns. "B" " Instruction in A.Aircraft sights. "C" " Mechanism and stoppages. "D" " Range practice.
9.3.18	do do	"A" Company Instruction in A.Aircraft sights. "B" & "C" Gun Drill and stoppages. "D" Company Care and cleaning of guns.

*E. Evans Major*

Captain and Adjutant

for C.O. 46th Battalion A. I. F.

3.3.18

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR BOMBERS.

Date.	Time.	W o r k.
4.3.18	1.30 p.m. to 2 p.m. 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Explanation of the Mills Grenade - its construction and uses. How to detonate - what faults to look for and where to look for them in Bombs and igniter set.
5.3.18	1.30 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. 2.15 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Throwing dummies at various ranges, standing position. Throwing dummies in prone position.
6.3.18	1.30 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. 2.15 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Dummy throwing in both positions. Use of the Mills as a rifle grenade.
7.3.18	1.30 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. 2.15 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Explanation of and uses of the Hales, and Newton Pippin rifle grenades. Firing rifle grenades.
8.3.18	1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Explanation of German - Stick Handle, Egg bomb, 1914 Rifle Grenade, Wherfgranate (Pineapple).
9.3.18	1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Throwing live Mills Bombs.

*E. W. Smith*  
Major

Captain & Adjutant

3.3.18.

for C.O. 46th Battalion, A.I.F.



SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.SIGNALLERS.FOR WEEK ENDING - 9th MARCH 1918.

Hours.	4.2.18	5.2.18	6.2.18	7.2.18	8.2.18	9.2.18
8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.	Morse Flag.	Morse Flag.	Morse Flag.	Morse Flag	Morse Flag	Test.
9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.	Buzzer	Buzzer.	Buzzer.	Buzzer.	Buzzer.	Test.
10.30 a.m. to 12 noon.	Lecture (T.M.S para 211 - Cable Laying).	Lecture Cable	Cable Jointing	Line work faults etc.	Lecture T.M.S. para 217 Telephones	Test.
1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.	Fullerphone (Practice)	Lamp	Fullerphone	Lamp	Fuller- phone.	Test.
2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.	Lecture (Elementary Map Reading)	Lecture Map Reading)	Lecture (Message Form)	Lecture (DIII Phone)	Lecture (Message Form)	Test.

Lt Col.  
C.O. 46th Battalion.



46th BATTALION A.I.F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 9.2.18

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Date.	8.30 a.m. to 9 a.m.	9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	11 a.m. to 12 noon	1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
4.2.18	Physical Training	"B" Coy. Wiring & Musketry on range. I.T. 75 to 80	"B" Coy. Wiring and Musketry on range. Bayonet Fighting & 10 minutes Gas Drill.	"B" Coy. Wiring and Musketry on range. Musk. Regs. Sections 48 to 52 and Sect.54.	Specialist Training as per special syllabi. Signallers, Bombers, Lewis Gunners, Scouts under I.O. Surplus men - organized Games.
5.2.18	R O U T E		M A R C H.		
6.2.18	Physical Training	"A" Wiring and Musketry on range. I.T. 75 to 80.	"A" Coy. Wiring and Musketry on range. Bayonet fighting & 10 minutes Gas Drill including 5 minutes marching with S.B.R. on.	"A" Coy. Wiring and Musketry on range. Musk. Regs. Sections 54 to 59.	Specialist Training as above.
7.2.18.	Physical Training	"A" Coy. Wiring & musketry on range. <del>Bayonet fighting</del> I.T. Secs. 90 to 96.	"A" Coy. wiring and Musketry on range. Bayonet fighting & 10 minutes Gas Drill including 5 minutes with S.B.R. on.	"A" Coy Wiring and Musketry on range. Musk Regs Sections 54 to 59.	Specialist Training as above.
8.2.18	R O U T E		M A R C H.		
9.2.18	Physical Training	"C" Coy Wiring and musketry on range. I.T. 91 to 94 and 90 to 96.	"C" Coy Wiring and Musketry on range. Bayonet fighting including Bullet and Bayonet training. Gas drill - 15 min. 10 minutes marching with S.B.R. on	"C" Coy Wiring and Musketry on range. Musk regs 54 to 59 and 65 to 67.	Specialist Training as above.

APPENDIX.

Lt Colonel,  
Q. C. 46th Batt. A. I. F.



46th BATTALION.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING. for week ending 16th MARCH 1918.

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MARCH 1918	8.30 a.m. - 9 a.m.	9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	11 a.m. - 12 noon.	1.30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
MONDAY, 11th	Physical Training & Organised Games	"C" Coy - Musketry on Range and Rapid Firing - Platoon in attack Bayonet fighting & 15 minutes Gas Drill. M.N. Sec 54-59 65-67			Specialist Training. Bearer, Scouts, Sigs. S.B's, Runners, L.O's. As per syllabus attached.
TUESDAY 12th	do	1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Platoon in attack and Drill with S.B. Respirators on I.T. Sec 81-89	5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Platoon in attack and Gas Alarm.		
WEDNESDAY 13th	R O U T E M A R C H.				10 miles.
THURSDAY 14th	Physical Training & Organised Games.	9 a.m. - 10 a.m. "A" and "D" Coy's - Musketry on Range and Rapid Firing. Platoon in attack on strong point.	10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Bayonet fighting Bullet & Bayonet Training.	11 a.m. - 12 noon Musketry. M.N. Sec 54-59 and 65-67.	1.30 p.m. - 3 p.m. as above.
FRIDAY 15th	do	1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. Platoon in attack on strong point. I.T. Sec 81-89	5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Platoon in attack and Gas Alarm.		
SATURDAY 16th	R O U T E M A R C H.				10 miles.

- NOTES.
1. Musketry Range available from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. for Lewis Gun Specialist Training.
  2. 50th Battalion and Company Runners instructed in verbal messages, reports &c and elementary scouting. (F.S. Regs Part 1 Sect 20. I.T. 1914 Sects 96, 113(ix), 119).
  3. Nos 1. & 2. of L.O. sections will be instructed in revolver practice during Company Musketry Instruction.
  4. Stretcher Bearers - as per previous week.

*S. Hausknecht*  
for Lt. Col.  
C.O., 46th Battalion

APPENDIX.



46th BATTALION.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR LEWIS GUNNERS. for week ending 16/3/18

Date.	TIME.	W O R K.
Monday 11th Mch.	1.30 p.m. to 3. p.m.	"A", "B", & "C" Coy's $\frac{3}{4}$ hour Gun Drill, Mechanism. "D" Coy - Instruction on A.Aircraft Sights.
Tuesday 12th Mch.	do	All Coy's - $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours Immediate Action and Stoppages.
Wednesday 13th Mch.	do	"A" Coy.- Immediate Action & Stoppages on Range. "B", "C", & "D" Coy's - $\frac{3}{4}$ hour Mechanism, $\frac{3}{4}$ hour Care and cleaning of Guns.
Thursday 14th Mch.	do	"A" Coy - Practice on Range with A.A.Sights. "B" Coy - Stoppages on Range. "C" & "D" Coy's - $\frac{1}{2}$ hour Gun Drill, 1 hour Mechanism.
Friday 15th Mch.	do	"B" Coy - Practice on Range with A.A.Sights. "C" Coy - Stoppages on Range. "A" Coy - $\frac{1}{2}$ hour Gun Drill 1 hour Mechanism "D" Coy - $\frac{3}{4}$ hour Mechanism $\frac{3}{4}$ hour Stoppages
Saturday 16th Mch.	do	"C" Coy - Practice on Range with A.A.Sights. "D" Coy - Stoppages on Range. "A" Coy - Care and cleaning off Guns. "B" Coy - " " " " "

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Lt.Col.  
C.O., 46th Battn.  
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46th BATTALION.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR SCOUTS - (COMPANY). for week ending 16/3/14

Date.	Time	Work.
Monday 11th	1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Method of dividing a Map and practice in describing and finding any position on a Map.
Tuesday 12th	do	Conventional Signs and Scales.
Wednesday 13th	do	Contours, & True and Mag. North Points.
Thursday 14th	do	Patrolling in open and wooded country.
Friday 15th	do	Judging distance and Visual Training.
Saturday 16th	do	Map setting and Prismatic Compass.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR SCOUTS - (Battalion Hdqrs) week ending 16/3/14

Date.	9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	11 a.m. - 12 a.m.
Monday 11th	Patrols - Practical Work through		Wooded country.
Tuesday 12th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour Rifle Exercises.	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour Route March	Judging Distance and Visual Training.
Wednesday 13th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour Semaphore	G. Army.	
Thursday 14th	R o u t e	M a r c h.	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour Rifle Exercises
Friday 15th	R o a d	T r a v e r s e.	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour Semaphore
Saturday 16th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour Expansion G. Army.	Scout Competition	Map enlarging
	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour Semaphore		
	R o u t e	M a r c h.	

*W. H. ...*  
 Lt. Col.  
 C.O., 46th Battalion.  
 A.D.D.



46th BATTALION.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR BOMBERS.

Date.	Time.	WORK.
11.3.18	1.30 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. 2.15 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Throwing Dummies, Standing. do do Prone position.
12.3.18	1.30 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. 2.15 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Firing Rifle Grenades "Mills" do do do "Hales" Nos. 24 and 35.
13.3.18	1.30 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.  2.15 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Explanation of various Smoke Bombs and their uses. Ground Flares in contact work with Aeroplanes. Demonstration in the use of same.
14.3.18	1.30 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. 2.15 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Throwing Dummies - Standing. do do - Prone position.
15.3.18	1.30 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. 2.15 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Firing Live Rifle Grenades - Hales. do do do do - Mills.
16.3.18	1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Throwing Live Mills Grenades. Every man to detonate his own Grenade before throwing it.

*W. Stauskulap*  
Lt. Col.  
C.O., 46th Battalion.  
*W.S.*

46th BATTALION.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR SIGNALLERS. for week ending 16/3/18.

Hours.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.	Saturday.
8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.	Flag Drill	Flag Drill	Flag Drill	Flag Drill	Flag Drill	Flag Drill
9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.	Lecture T.M.S.	Lecture T.M.S.	Lecture T.M.S.	Lecture T.M.S.	Lecture T.M.S.	Lecture T.M.S.
11 a.m. to 12 noon.	Buzzer	Buzzer	Buzzer	Buzzer	Buzzer	Buzzer
1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.	Fuller- phone.	Map Reading.	Paper on T.M.S.	Station Work Chain System.	Line Work repairs faults &c.	Test.
2.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.	Map Reading	-	do	do	-	Test.
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.	-	Lamp O L.	-	-	Lamp O L.	-

*W. Stauskulap*  
Lt. Col.  
C.O., 46th Battalion.  
*W.S.*



46th BATTALION A.I.F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 23.3.18.

Day & Date	8-30 a.m. to 9.	9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	10 a.m. to 11-30 a.m.	7-30 p.m. to 9-30 p.m.
Monday 18th	Physical Training & Organised Games	Platoon & Company Drill) A & C I.T. Sect. 75-89. ) Coys. "B" & "D" Coys - Musketry on Range with S.B. Respirators on. Gas Drill and Rapid Wiring.	Specialist Training Bombers, Scouts, Signals, S.B.'s, L.S.'s, Runners as per attached Syllabus	Night Work, March, Artillery formation & Extended Order in S.B.R.'s.
Tuesday 19th		ROUTE MARCH		
Wednesday 20th	Physical Training & Organised Games	Platoon & Company Drill) B & D I.T. Sect. 75-89 ) Coys. "A" & "C" Coys - Musketry on Range with S.B. Respirators on. Gas Drill and Rapid Wiring.	Specialist Training as above.	Night Work, March Artillery formation and Extended Order in S.B.R.'s
Thursday 21st	Do	I.T. Sect. 90-98 - A & C Coys. "B" & "D" Coys - Musketry on Range with S.B. Respirators on. Gas Drill and Rapid Wiring.	Bayonet Fighting & Gas Drill.	Musketry. M.R. 54-59 65-68 Specialist Training.
Friday 22nd		ROUTE MARCH		
Saturday 23rd	Do	I.T. Sect. 90-98 - B & D Coys. "A" & "C" Coys - Musketry on Range with S.B. Respirators on. Gas Drill and Rapid Wiring.	Bayonet Fighting & Gas Drill.	Musketry. M.R. 54-59 65-68 Specialist Training

18.3.18.

*W. H. ...*  
Lieut. Colonel  
V.C. 46th Battalion.



NOTES.

1. Lectures will be given in the Y.M.C.A. Tent as under. All Officers and N.C.O.'s will attend.

			By.
Monday	3 p.m.	Outposts duties.	Commanding Officer.
Tuesday	3 p.m.	Use & employment of Trench Mortars.	<del>Explosive &amp; Signalling</del>
Wednesday	3 p.m.	Marches	Capt. W.A. Syme M.C.
Thursday	3 p.m.	S.S.143. Training & Employment of Platoons 1918	Capt. G.E. Milne
Friday	3 p.m.	Interior Economy	Major E.S. Davis

2. 50% Battalion & Coy. Runners will be instructed in verbal messages, reports etc. and elementary scouting.

3. Nos 1 & 2 of L.O. Sections will be instructed in Revolver practice.

4. Stretcher Bearers will train under supervision of M.O.

*W. H. W. W. W.*  
 Lieut. Colonel  
 C.O. 46th Battalion

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

LEWIS GUNNERS.

Monday 18.3.18.	"D" Coy. "A" " "B" " "C" "	Practice on Range with Anti Aircraft sights. Indication and recognition of Target.
Tuesday 19.3.18	"A" Coy. "B" " "C" " "D" "	Indication & Recognition of targets on range 1/2 hr. Mechanism 1/2 hr. Gun Drill and Fire Control
Wednesday 20.3.18	"B" Coy. "A" " "C" " "D" "	Indication & recognition of targets, Range 1/2 hr Mechanism. 1/2 hr Gun Drill & Fire Control. 1/2 hr Stoppages & Immediate Action 1/2 hr Care & Cleaning of Guns. Indication & recognition of targets.
Thursday 21.3.18	"A" Coy. "B" " "C" " "D" "	1/2 hr Stoppages & Immediate Action. 1/2 hr Care and Cleaning of Guns Indication & recognition of targets on Range. Same as "A" & "B" Coys.
Friday 22.3.18	"A" & "B" Coys. "C" Coy "D" "	Stripping and Assembling competition. Care and cleaning of guns. Indication and recognition of targets on Range.
Saturday 23.3.18	"A" Coy.) "B" " "C" " "D" "	1/2 hr Mechanism 1/2 hr Stoppages & Immediate Action.

*W. H. W. W. W.*  
 Lieut. Colonel  
 C.O. 46th Battalion



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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR SIGNALMENS WEEK ENDING 23.3.18.

Day.	8-30 to 9-30 a.m.	9-40 to 10-40 a.m.	10-50 a.m. to 12 noon.	1-30 p.m. to 2-30 p.m.	2-30 p.m. to 5-30 p.m.
Monday	Flag Drill	Station Work.	Lecture - Map Reading.	Fullerphone	Lines.
Tuesday	Flag Drill	Lecture - T.M.S.	Buzzer	1-30 to 3 pm Map Reading	7 to 8 p.m. Lamp
Wednesday	Flag Drill	Lecture - T.M.S.	Buzzer	1-30 p.m. to 3-30 p.m.	Lines, Repairs etc.
Thursday	Flag Drill	Lecture - T.M.S.	Buzzer		Station Work.
Friday	Flag Drill	Lamp	Buzzer	Map and Compass	
Saturday	Flag Drill	Test (Flag Reading.)	Test Flag Reading.	Test Lamp and Buzzer	

15.3.18.

*G. H. H. H. H.*  
 for  
 Lieut. Colonel  
 G.O. 46th Battalion.

46th BATTALION.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR BOMBERS.

Date	Work.
Monday 18.3.18	Dummy throwing with Mills, standing and prone.
Tuesday 19.3.18	Throwing Live Mills Firing Mills Rifle Grenades (Dummies)
Wednesday 20.3.18.	Firing Live Mills Grenades. Firing Hales Grenades (Dummies)
Thursday 21.3.18	Firing Hales Grenades Live. No.24. Firing Live Mills in conjunction with Smoke Bombs as used against enemy Strong Points or H.G. positions.
Friday 22.3.18	Dummy Throwing with Mills, Standing and Prone
Saturday 23.3.18	Throwing Live Mills from prone position. Throwing Live Mills from standing position.

*G. H. H. H. H.*  
 for  
 Lieut. Colonel  
 G.O. 46th Battalion



NOTES.

1. Musketry range available from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. for Lewis Gun Specialist Training.
2. 50% Battalion and Company runners instructed in verbal messages, reports &c and elementary scouting. (F.S. Regs Part 1 Sect 20. I.T. 1914 Sects. 98, 113(ix), 119.
3. Nos 1 & 2 of L.G. Sections will be instructed in Revolver practice during Company Musketry Instruction.
4. Stretcher Bearers report daily at R.A.P. at 8.45 a.m. for instruction under R.M.O., except "D" Coy. who will parade under special arrangements made by R.M.O. Reserve stretcher bearers report daily at R.A.P. at 1.30 p.m. except "D" coy who will parade under special arrangements made by R.M.O.
5. TUESDAY 5.2.18 - ROUTE MARCH :- Ref Map HAZEBROUCK 1/100000. Dress - Marching order. Starting point - I 4, 14.66 . Route - Starting Point to I 4. 07.81, thence to H 4, 48.87, thence to H 4.95.60 via H4, 59.68 & return to billets. "B" Coy to pass starting point at 8.30 a.m.; "A" at 8.45 a.m.; "C" at 9 a.m.; "D" at 9.15 a.m.; Sections will accompany their respective Companies. Band will proceed with first Company and pick up other companies in order at each halt. Particular attention of all Officers is directed to S.S. 143 of Feb 1918 Section 9 and F.S. Regs Sections 24 to 26. Companies will halt at 10 minutes to clock hour and resume march at clock hour.
6. FRIDAY 8.2.18 - ROUTE MARCH :- Ref Map HAZEBROUCK 1/100000. Dress - Marching Order. Starting Point - H4, 91.45 thence to STRAZEELE via BLEU, P.T.O.



LA GOURONNE thence to billets at H 4, 93.65. "D" Coy to pass starting  
 point at 8.30 a.m.; "C" at 8.45 a.m.; "A" at 9 a.m.; "B" at 9.15 a.m.;  
 Band - same as para 5.

Sections will be instructed in Revolver practice dur  
 Company instruction.

Stretcher bearers report daily at R.A.P. at 8.45 a.m. for instruction  
 under R.M.O. except "D" Coy. who will parade under special arrangements  
 made by R.M.O. Reserve stretcher bearers report daily at R.A.P. 4.3.18.  
 C.O. 46th Battalion F.I.A.I.F.

Lieut Colonel

TUESDAY 8.2.18 - ROUTE MARCH :- Ref Map HAZEROCK I/10000. Dress -  
 Marching order. Starting point - I 4, 14.66. Route - Starting Point  
 to I 4, 07.81, thence to H 4, 48.87, thence to H 4, 93.65 via H 4, 59.68  
 return to billets. "B" Coy to pass starting point at 8.30 a.m.; "A" at  
 8.45 a.m.; "C" at 9 a.m.; "D" at 9.15 a.m.; Sections will accompany the  
 respective Companies. Band will proceed with first Company and pick up  
 other companies in order at each halt.

Particular attention of all Officers is directed to S.S. 143 of Feb 1918  
 Section 9 and F.S. Regs Sections 24 to 26.  
 Companies will halt at 10 minutes to clock hour and resume march at clo  
 hour.

FRIDAY 8.2.18 - ROUTE MARCH :- Ref Map HAZEROCK I/10000. Dress -  
 Marching Order. Starting Point - H 4, 91.45 thence to STRANERIE via BIL



Disposition Report

APPENDIX 2

Front Line

Left half sector "A" boy  
E. 9 A 6 6 to E 9 central  
boy HQ E 9 B. 00. 10

Lewis Guns

5 distributed along front

Right half sector "C" boy

E. 9 central to E. 15 A. 9. 5  
boy HQ E. 9 central

Lewis Guns

5 distributed along front

Support Line "D" boy

3 Platoons in Support Trench D 6 D. 5 8  
to E 7 B. 3. 9  
boy HQ E. 1 C. 2. 2  
1 Platoon in trench at E. 8 B. 5 8

Lewis Guns

1 with each platoon  
1 with Coy HQ

Reserve Line

3 Platoons in Strong Points at E. 2. C. 5 9  
E. 9 B. 0. 6. E 8 central. 1 Platoon at D. 2 B. 9 6

Lewis Guns

1 with each platoon + 1 with boy HQ  
boy HQ E. 8 B. 00. 90.

Battalion HQ

D. 12 B. 5. 1  
RAP - D. 12 B. 5. 9.

(sup) 1 Bull  
10. 96 BN

Disposition Report

Reference Disposition Report of 31. 3. 18  
delete Support line and read as follows  
D boy - 1 Platoon in front line location  
as follows -

- No. 1 Post location E 3 C. 2. 3 Lewis Gun Section
- No. 2 " " E 3 C 10. 25 Rifle Section
- No. 3 " " E 3 C. 2. 2 " "
- No. 4 " " E 3 C 4. 2. " "
- No. 5 " " E 3 C 51 Lewis Gun Section
- Platoon HQ E 3 C 00. 30.

1 Platoon at E. 2. D. 50. 00 to E 3. C. 00. 30 with  
Lewis Guns.  
Platoon HQ at E. 2. D. 70. 25  
2 Platoons in trench D 6 d. 5 8. to E 7 b. 3. 9 with  
Lewis Guns  
boy HQ E. 1 C. 3. 2.

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(sup) 1 Bull  
10. 96 BN



and had been dug within the last 24 hours and had grass thrown over them to hide them. Patrol followed position to approximately 100 yards each side of E. 10. A. 60. 00. These positions could be seen for another 50 yards and apparently they extend from one end of the wood to the other. The wood itself is fairly thin consists mainly of scrub & tree trunks. The creek or stream was about 3 feet wide where patrol halted. Patrol then returned back & followed the same track back to our lines to measure the distance back. No enemy were encountered or seen. Only two flare lights were sent up while patrol was out which came from the direction of ALBERT. Patrol noticed several lights at the right of the wood which appeared to come from partially screened dug-outs. Patrol returned to railway line at 2.5 am

31.3.19.

(Sgt) L. Pull  
Lieut  
D. 96 Battr

## Patrol Report

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Composition - 1 Off. INCO + 6 O/R.

Name of leader - Lieut Pull

Time of departure - 11.30 pm

Place of departure - E. 9. central

Report - Patrol proceeded due east to road at E. 9. B. 40. 00 where two men were left as covering party - this road has an embankment on the west side about 4 feet wide. From there patrol proceeded forward and came across a double line railway with stacks of timber on the east side. Railway line is about 30 yards in front of the road. Patrol proceeding due east next came across a wire fence about 50 yards in front of railway line. Patrol listened here for some minutes for enemy movements but none was detected. Patrol then proceeded through the wood and about half way through came across a road running north & south. Patrol crossed the road and proceeded to approx E. 10. A. 60. 00 about 30 yards west of the creek. At this point there were numbers of small enemy positions from a yard to half a yard apart with earth thrown up in front facing our line. These little positions would hold from 1 to 2 men. The earth thrown up in front was fresh.



# Intelligence Report

to 6 a.m. 31.3.18.

## Relief

This Batta relieved the 48<sup>th</sup> Bn from front line on 30.3.18. Relief being complete at 11.30pm.

## Enemy Activity

Artillery - Fairly quiet during the night - 20 gas shells were put round Batta HQ about 3.30am.

M.G.'s Nil.

Sniping - Nil.

## Our Activity

Platoon Patrols were carried out with Batta on flanks during the night.

31.3.18.

(Sqd) L. Pully  
Lieut  
46 Bn

# PATROL REPORT

Composition - 1 NCO + 6 scouts.

Name of NCO - Cpl Dolan

Time & Place of departure - 9.30pm E.9.6.14.

Object - To reconnoitre house on road at E.3. d.6.2. and ascertain if same is occupied.

Report - Patrol proceeded to road at E.9.6.3.7. at this point patrol worked in 2 parties, each side of the road and proceeded towards the house. Patrol got to the house reconnoitred same. It consists of a concrete building of one room with an opening in the wall towards are line. It was vacant but had probably been used as an O.P. as patrol found some telephone wire in the house. Patrol then proceeded towards what appeared to be a Strong Point about 20 yards west of the house when they were challenged in German from this point. Patrol opened fire on post with rifles & bombs. Enemy retaliated with rifle fire on Patrol from post in rear at approximately E.3. d.7.1. Patrol then came back to starting point along same route as they went out. Time of Return 11.15pm.

(Sqd) L. Pully  
Lieut  
46 Bn



Intelligence Report  
to Comd 1418

Our Operations

Artillery - Active during the day on enemy positions. Our 4.5<sup>s</sup> fired on enemy T.M. position at E 3 d. 7.6.

Aircraft - Active during the day.

PATROLS - Liaison Patrols carried out by companies during night.

Relief - Half Coy of 'D' Coy relieved a company of the Manchester Regt from the front line. Relief complete at 11.30pm

Enemy Activity

Artillery - Active on E. 2. d. + C squares E 8 C + B squares. Also on villages in the rear.

T.M.<sup>s</sup> - Lighttail Mortars were fired on our left Coy in the line from enemy position at E. 3 d. 6.7. This gun was afterwards silenced by our 4.5<sup>s</sup>

Note: Enemy was firing heavy T.M.<sup>s</sup> (Rumjars) on front line Batter on our left (Manchester) about 6pm yesterday. They were apparently coming from W. 27 d. 8.9.

At intervals during the afternoon an enemy mortar was firing on our right Coy sector also at 2am this morning. The locality of this mortar has not yet been discovered. About 100 bombs in all were fired.

Sniping - Nil

Movement - Considerable movement was observed during the day of small parties of men wagons on Poziers road moving towards ALBERT.

Some hundreds of enemy were observed working on trenches on hill (100 yards) in squares E. 23, 24, 29. Artillery were notified but the shooting did not appear to be good.

At W. 23 c. 3.3 enemy appeared to be entrenching.

Enemy were observed in E. 9 C square. Our snipers opened fire on them & apparently killed one.

New earth works (probably M.G. position) were noted at E 16 d. 8.7 - it takes the shape of a trench about 20 yards long.

Miscellaneous - Enemy gun firing from about W 24 A. 3.1, also a battery of field guns firing from W 24 c. 3.4.

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Note: - There was no enemy movement in front of our sector.

(sd) Pull  
Leut  
20.76 BN



Resume of health of troops for March 1918.  
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It was a noticeable fact that during the month the health of the troops improved very considerably. This was shown by the number attending Sick Parade which fell from between 40 and 50 to less than half that number towards the end of the month. Accompanying this diminution of sickness amongst the men was a very apparent increase in the vigour and strength of every individual. The short spell from the trenches consisting of a wise combination of Military Training with relaxation and amusement in the form of healthy games was no doubt largely responsible for the improvement in the spirit and health of the troops. The advent of warm and dry weather was a further factor in lessening the amount of sickness. The number evacuated sick during the month was 40. This is rather a high figure, but is not a true indication of sickness in the Battalion. Of these men no less than 9 were sent to hospital for injuries due to accidents. The sudden move and long march caused at least 5 men to be evacuated who were unfit for a lengthy march, but who would have been quite fit for their duties in 48 hours. A Rest Billet was established for men suffering with slight ailments that would probably not last longer than 4 days. 52 men were treated and 40 of these returned to duty. It will thus be seen that a Rest Billet is a considerable advantage in preventing sick wastage. A slight outbreak of diarrhoea occurred in one company but this was soon stopped by altering their water supply and ensuring efficient chlorination of same.

(Sgd) A. Braby Captain  
R.M.O. 46th Battalion.



46th Battalion,

APPENDIX. 4<sup>3</sup>

46th Battalion will move by route march to SENLIS area tonight following Brigade H.Q. and passing the starting point at 11-5 p.m.  
 Starting Point - Fork Roads on BIERVILLERS - SOUASTRE Road.  
 Route - SOUASTRE - BERTRANCOURT - SENLIS area.  
 Surplus gear, packs and blankets to be left in billets under guard.

(Signed) A.L. Varley, Captain  
 for B.M. 12th A.I. Bde.

26.3.18.

APPENDIX 4.BATTALION TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT.

From 1st march till the 24th the Battalion Transport was in METEREN. The men were in a good billet consisting of a big barn, with plenty of straw to sleep on. The men's health was good, only two of them parading sick with colds. They were able on three occasions to get baths and a clean change of underclothing.

With the exception of the Officer's hacks, the animals were in one big stable with iron roof. It was a double header, i.e., head to head with a good feed house at one end. The stable held 48 animals comfortably.

One light draught horse was drawn from remount depot on the 3rd. The animals were in splendid condition and health, one horse getting greasy heels, and another a slight touch of thrush. These were cured on the lines.

The watering place for animals was not good as the approach to the trough was very muddy, so most of the water was carried to the animals in buckets.

The work done while in the camp consisted of drawing rations from A.S.C. dump, material from D.A.D.O.S., C.R.E., Canteen, taking Officer's valises to and from schools and drawing ammunition. On an average 8 teams being out and doing from 6 to 10 miles per day.

While in this camp the farrier overhauled all vehicles, repairing coupling hooks, draught hooks and clamps for perch poles.

The farrier got first prize for best shod animal at the Brigade show. He keeps a diary and knows when every animal was last shod. Shoes on an average last about three weeks.

During this period all vehicles were painted and harness repaired, and got up in splendid order in readiness for the Brigade show. The Transport did not gain the premier prize, but obtained 4 first prizes and 1 second prize out of 10 events.

On the 24th the Transport with the other Transports of the Brigade left METEREN and went to MERVILLE a distance of 7 miles. We reached here about 2 p.m. This is a splendid place for horses in summer as there is plenty of good water in the canals. At 11 p.m. on the night of the 24th we got a hurried order to move in an hour, and travelled till 5-30 a.m. on the next morning, halting each hour for a spell. We left CHOCQUES on the 25th at 11 a.m. and travelled to HOUDAIN halting for two hours at midday, and then on to HERMAVILLE where we camped the night. The watering here was poor only a small pond being available.

On the 26th before leaving HERMAVILLE, we watered at a well with buckets, leaving HERMAVILLE at 8-30 a.m. we reached BAILLEUL VAL at about 1 p.m. rested here till 9-30 p.m., and then left for SENLIS which we reached on the 27th at 8 a.m. Moved to CONTA the same evening. This is the biggest trek done in so short a time since the Transport has been in France, the journey being about 74 miles. Men and animals were very tired after this journey, but all animals came through splendidly, and I think the feeding of the animals had a lot to do with this. All hay is chaffed with the exception of the 8 p.m. feed which consists of hay. The fodder ration for the month has been good,



oil cake being issued periodically. This is boiled and mixed with the <sup>APPENDIX. 4</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>W</sup> ~~oats~~ and chaff. From the 27th to the end of the month the Transport were in CONTA\_ where there is splendid water, and animals were able to get a picking of green fodder.

(Signed) Donald B. Payne Captain



rations for this month have been fair, the only real shortage being in fuel. During the first fortnight, and no fresh meat for the last 3 days in the month. Battalion Sports were held on the 18th inst. when a prize was given for the best Company Cooker. "C" Company was the winner, the whole 4 Cookers were only separated by 25 points in 240.

On the 23rd orders were received at 11 p.m. to establish a dump of surplus gear at METEREN. The dumping was completed by midnight. The A.S.C. baggage wagons reported that same evening for the move. On the 24th the Transport including Cookers and baggage wagons had to move to MERVILLE, leaving MERRIS at 11 a.m. Sufficient cooking utensils were left behind and open fires constructed for use by cooks until such time as unit moved. The baggage wagons had to be used to deliver rations to companies and then load up with stores and officer's kits. Staff and wagons moved from MERRIS at 2 p.m. rejoining Transport at MERVILLE at 5 p.m. The same evening, after dumping all Lewis Gun paniers and magazines the Transport moved to CHOCQUES, leaving MERVILLE at 11 p.m. and arriving at CHOCQUES at 5 a.m. on the 25th. Transport moved at 11 a.m. for HERMAVILLE. Midday halt was called at HOUDAIN where the A.S.C. supply wagons joined us with the following day's rations. HERMAVILLE was reached at 9 p.m. where we were told our unit was billeted in the BAILLEUL VAL area a distance of 8 miles. It was impossible to move the wagons that evening as the horses were not in a fit condition. Efforts were made to get into touch with units by means of borrowing a car from aerodrome situated close to HERMAVILLE. We then learnt that a day's rations were being issued per motor at 6 a.m. the following morning.

3.18. The 4 Cookers and supply wagons moved from HERMAVILLE at 6-45 a.m. and rejoined unit at BAILLEUL VAL at 9-30. Rations had been issued and the Cookers were immediately lighted up for the midday meal. The Transport arrived at 12 noon but no loads were touched as orders to "Stand by" to move at a moment's notice were issued. Tea was served to the men at 3-30 p.m. and we moved from BAILLEUL VAL at 5-30. Orders were countermanded and we returned to BAILLEUL VAL to receive fresh orders. We finally moved for ENLIS at 11 p.m.

3.18. Tea was served to all ranks on the line of march, this being done during a halt caused by blockage of traffic in front of column. We reached ENLIS at 8 a.m. and breakfast was issued at 9 a.m. The Battalion moved into position at 11 a.m. and rations, stew and tea were taken up on limbers at 3-30 p.m. Transport and store then moved to CONTA.

3.18. Breakfast was sent up per limber from CONTA, and in the evening the Cookers were moved up behind HENENCOURT WOOD. Rations were sent up with stew and tea.

3.18. One limber and team remained with Cookers to enable 3 hot meals per day being sent up.

3.18. The Battalion moved into the line after dusk. Dry socks were issued before moving in. Two companies were in the line and 2 in supports.

3.18. Breakfast left HENENCOURT WOOD at 2 a.m., pack mules carrying for the two companies in the line and limber for two companies and Battalion H.Q.

7-30 p.m. rations went up with stew and tea for the rear companies, and tea and cold boiled meat for the line companies. No hot food could be sent to the front line as it was impossible to obtain any hot food containers.

BOOTS. For 21 working days 380 pair of boots were repaired, an average of 18 pairs per day. Number of bootmakers were 4 men - average work of each man 4½ pairs per day.

There has been no shortage in material and the boots were kept in excellent repair.

New boots issued from Ordnance - 60 pairs.

" " to Companies - 55 "

CLOTHING. A great shortage of Jackets S.D. was experienced at the beginning of the month, but 83 were drawn from Ordnance in the middle of the month which though not sufficient to supply all demands considerably improved the appearance of the men.

The tailors were kept busy repairing clothing. For 18 working days 121 repairs were executed and 112 sets of colours sown on to tunics. 2 tailors were employed.

Received from Ordnance and issued to men - 80 breeches D.S. 15 breeches M.S. Mittens - 60 pairs. Hats - Nil.



POSTAL SERVICE.

	Despatched.	Received.
Letters	17,478	Letters 20,715
Registrations	122	Registrations 153
Packets	211	Packets 328
Official	89	Official 208
Parcels	260	Parcels 819
Cables	42	Papers 3,912
Cash	1494.20 Frs.	

AMOUNT OF FAT RETURNED TO RAILHEAD FOR MONTH. - 1081 lbs.

Expenditure from Regimental Funds on vegetable and foodstuffs - 608.15 Frs.

(Sgd) R. Outhwaite Captain



Date	1. 3. 18	2. 3. 18	3. 3. 18	4. 3. 18	5. 3. 18	6. 3. 18	7. 3. 18	8. 3. 18	9. 3. 18	10. 3. 18	11. 3. 18	12. 3. 18	13. 3. 18
Breakfast	Rissoles Tea	Rissoles Potatoes Tea	Boiled Ham Vegs Tea	Rissoles Potatoes Tea	Fried Bacon Pots Tea	Rissoles Potatoes Tea	Fried Bacon Pots Tea	Fried Bacon Tea	Rissoles Potatoes Tea	Boiled Ham Pots Tea	Rissoles Vegs Tea	Fried Bacon Pots Tea	Rissoles Vegs + Tea
Dinner	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Boiled Mutton Vegs Tea	Stew Tea	Curried Stew Tea	Boiled Beef Potatoes Tea	Boiled Beef Vegs Tea	Stew Tea	Boiled Meat Vegs Tea	Stew Tea	Curried Stew Rice Tea	Boiled Beef Vegs Tea	Boiled Beef Vegs Tea
Tea	Boiled Fig pudding Tea	Boiled Biscuit pudding Tea	Boiled Rice Fruit Tea	Biscuit pudding Fruit Tea	Boiled Rice Fruit Tea	Biscuit Fruit pudding Tea	Boiled Rice Fruit Tea	Biscuit pudding Tea	Boiled Rice Tea	Boiled Biscuit pudding Tea	Boiled Rice Fruit Tea	Boiled Biscuit Fruit pudding Tea	Boiled Rice + Tea
Date	14. 3. 18	15. 3. 18	16. 3. 18	17. 3. 18	18. 3. 18	19. 3. 18	20. 3. 18	21. 3. 18	22. 3. 18	23. 3. 18	24. 3. 18	25. 3. 18	26. 3. 18
Breakfast	Boiled Ham Tea	Fried Bacon Tea	Porridge Rissoles + Tea	Boiled Ham Tea	Porridge Bacon Tea	Rissoles Tea	Porridge Bacon Tea	Porridge Ham Vegs Tea	Rissoles Vegs Tea	Porridge Boiled Bacon Vegs + Tea	Boiled Ham Vegs + Tea	Boiled Ham Pots + Tea	Dry rations Tea
Dinner	Stew + Tea	Curry Meat + Rice Tea	Stew + Tea	Stew + Tea	Curried Rabbit Rice + Carrots Tea	Boiled Beef + Carrots Tea	Stew + Tea	Curried Stew Tea	Boiled Beef Vegs + Tea	Stew + Tea	Boiled Beef + Carrots Tea	ON MOVE IN LAMPS Boiled meat issued for Journey	
Tea	Boiled Biscuit pudding Tea	Boiled Rice Fruit + Tea	Boiled Biscuit pudding Tea	Rissoles Vegs + Tea	Boiled Rice Fruit Tea	Biscuit pudding Tea	Rissoles + Tea	Boiled Rice Fruit Tea	Boiled Biscuit pudding Tea	Rissoles Vegs + Tea	Boiled Biscuit pudding Tea		

APPENDIX 5

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Date	27.3.18	28.3.18	29.3.18	30.3.18	31.3.18	1.4.18	2.4.18	3.4.18	4.4.18	5.4.18	6.4.18	7.4.18	8.4.18
Breakfast	Fried Bacon Tea	Porridge Boiled Bacon Tea	Boiled Bacon Tea	Boiled Bacon Tea	Boiled Bacon Tea	Fried Bacon Tea	Fried Bacon Tea	Fried Bacon Tea	Fried Bacon Tea	Boiled Bacon Tea	Porridge Tea	Porridge Tea	Porridge Tea
Dinner	<del>Boiled Meat &amp; Veg</del> Tea	<del>Boiled Meat &amp; Veg</del> Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea
Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea	Stew Tea	Rice Tea	Boiled Pot Tea	Stew & Meat Tea	2 Cows Tea	2 Cows Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea
Date	11.3.18	12.3.18	13.3.18	14.3.18	15.3.18	16.3.18	17.3.18	18.3.18	19.3.18	20.3.18	21.3.18	22.3.18	23.3.18
Breakfast	Boiled Ham Tea	Fried Bacon Tea	Porridge Tea	Porridge Tea	Porridge Tea	Porridge Tea	Porridge Tea	Porridge Tea	Porridge Tea	Porridge Tea	Porridge Tea	Porridge Tea	Porridge Tea
Dinner	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea	Stew Tea
Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea	Boiled Meat & Veg Tea

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APPENDIX 6.

SUMMARY OF MEN EVACUATED AND TAKEN ON STRENGTH DURING MARCH.

	Off.	O/R.	
Killed in Action		7	
Wounded	1	13	21
Evacuations.			
To Field Ambulance		24	
To Hospital		9	
Struck off Strength			
To Hospital		15	
Transport Duty		2	50
			<u>71</u>
Taken on Strength.			
From Field Ambulance		4	
From Hospital		5	
Rejoined ex A.I.B.D.		33	
Rfets ex A.I.B.D.		10	
From F.P. Compound		6	
From No.2 Mil. Prison		1	59



APPENDIX 7.SCHOOLS ATTENDED DURING MONTH.

12th A.I. Brigade Infantry School	1 Officer	20 O/R.
12th A.I. Brigade Signal School		12 "
4th Army Signal School		1 "
Corps Gas School	3 "	5 "
Corps Wireless School		1 "
Corps Pidgeon Classes		4 "
Corps Infantry School	1 "	2 "
Corps Signal School	1 "	1 "
10th Corps Lewis Gun School		2 "
10th Corps Bombing School		1 "
2nd Army Central School	1 "	1 "
2nd Army Musketry School	1 "	1 "
Australian Corps School, 4th Div Wing	1 "	(As Instructor)

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