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*Mr Freeman
Lieut.*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the field opposite FROMELLES	1916 Aug 1 st		Resting in Billets Fatigue & working parties totalling 180 supplied for various ration fatigues and engineering works (front line, Brompton Avenue etc)	
"	Aug 2 nd		Inspection of Gas Helmets, equipment etc	
"	3 rd		1 Officer 66 O.R. (part of above-mentioned 180) move to billets in Rue de Bois opposite Rifle Tula. Casualties 2 O.R. wounded	
"	4 th		Sgt H. D. Harvey & Sgt A. P. Best promoted to 2 nd Lieutenant from 27.7.16	
"	5 th		Casualty 1 O.R. wounded	
"	6 th			
"	7 th		Casualty 1 O.R. wounded	
"	8 th		1 O.R. wounded. Order showing Distribution and Action in case of attack of Brigade Reserve drawn up.	See Appendix A attached hereto.
"	9 th		Secret Order received from 15 th Inf Bde as to policy to be adopted by units.	See Appendix B attached
"	10 th			
"	11 th		Secret Order from 15 th Inf Bde A.I.F. that 58 th would relieve 59 & 60 Bns of all duties in front line on night of 12/13 th Aug	See Appendix C attached hereto
"	12 th		18 O.R. Reinforcements arrive for this Battalion. Drafted to the various companies on Territorial basis. 58 th Bn relieved 59 & 60 Bns in trenches. Disposition :- One platoon of B.C.D. companies in front line, remaining three companies	See Appendix D attached hereto

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<i>In the 7d opposite FROMELLES</i>	12 th July		platoons of B. C. & D Cos outside of A Co in 300 yd trench. Headquarters of Bn in Rue de Bois (Rife Villa). Messengers Transfer completed by 11 pm.	
"	13 th		4915 Private W Rae accidentally wounded by ^{one of} our own shells (shrapnel). 3646 Ltpl Mc Hunter found dead in bay with self inflicted wound. Sent to 14 th Ambulance under ^{arrest} temporary rank of Lt Colonel while commanding Battalion - A.I.F Order list 74.	
"	14 th		4915 Private W Rae (accidentally wounded) died of wounds 2588 Ltpl Cameron killed at the head of the trench near the entrance to the position	
"	15 th		28 Planks reinforcements march in. Allocated to various companies on Territorial bases.	
"	16 th			
"	17 th		Preparatory bombardment by our Artillery & trench mortars preparing the way for raid on enemy trench by 57 th Bn on 19 th .	
"	18 th		Following 160/ to be 246 3477 Lt Col J Jopp 3918 Lt J R Holt 3118 Ltpl H Ross dated 9 5 16 2646 Sgt H J G Watson 5234 Lt J J Wien 2852 Lt J F Walker 456 Lt J Hooper 5217 Lt J Thompson	
"	19 th		Raid carried out by a platoon of 57 Bn on enemy trench between N 9 d 45.15 and N 9 d 70.17. Actual point of entry N 9 d 55.17. Captain Harris leader of raiding party. Heavy bombardment by our Artillery & trench mortars. Raiding party lean ten minutes prior to bombardment through sally port in our C Co sector and take up position in No Man Land. Enemy replies heavily on our front line trench. All wire from front line broken & no telephonic communication possible. 58 th Bn established communication with 56 th	See Appendix E attached

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In the Field opposite FROMELLES	19 Aug cont		<p>attack party from Ruffe Villa (Battal 189 of 15 Inf Bgde) by means of telephone to 300 yd line & thence by runner. Raiding party began to return through sally port at about 11.15 pm. Lt Douthetband & several other members of the party examined at 58 Bn HQ by Brig Genl Elliott.</p> <p>58 Bn casualties caused by enemy bombardment</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Killed Lt G W Watson & one other rank</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Wounded 7 other ranks</p>	
	20		<p>Promotions The following were 2nd Lieuts, ^{to be Lieutenants} dated 16.8.16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Lt L. Gherche " J. A. Parsons " D. Crump " A. H. L. Godfrey " G. C. Mackenzie " G. W. Watson " L. H. Dardier " R. H. Torryth " A. G. Jarvis <p>No 2260 Lt G W Watson to be 2nd Lt dated 13 Aug 1916</p> <p>2 Lt G W Watson seconded for duty as Dist Gas Officer over Water</p> <p>Casualties 1 other rank wounded</p>	

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In the Field opposite FROMELLES	21		Barraging posts established for men in trenches. Posts established at Bu 142 on Rue de Bois.	
	22		H.Q. Grenadiers brought up to strength by transfer of 15 other ranks from the various companies.	
	25		2 Officers (Captain H.D.G. Ferris & Lt. M.H. Godfrey) and 61 other ranks marched out to Divisional School of Bayonet Fighting, Physical Culture and Grenade work for training as Raiding party.	
	26		2 Lt. H.V.G. Gration marched out to join Raiding party at Divisional School. Frontage held by 58 th Bn taken over by 59 & 60 th Bns. Transfer completed by 12 midnight.	See Appendix F attached
	27		2 Lt. H.W. Wilson granted temporary rank of Lieut. while acting as Divisional Gas Officer. To date from 13.8.16. Standing Orders for bullets issued by S. Col. Lt. Denchy C.O. of 58 th Bn	
	29		9 other ranks marched in as Reinforcements. Pooled to the various Companies on the Territorial basis.	See Appendix G attached
	30		Reeling in bullets	
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*M. Freeman
14/11/16*

DISTRIBUTION AND ACTION IN CASE OF ENEMY ATTACK

The Brigade Reserve is made up of 4-

- COMPOSITION.** (a) 58th Battalion
(b) 1 Company 57th Battalion attached.
O.C.-Brigade Reserve, Major Chas. A. Denehy.
- PLACE OF ASSEMBLY.** In event of alarm the Brigade Reserve will assemble in the vicinity of RIFLE VILLA, which will be the Advanced Brigade Headquarters. For exact location see table attached.
- NOTIFICATION OF ALARM.** IMMEDIATELY on the alarm being given, notice will be sent by despatch rider to (1) Officer in charge of BOIS GRENIERS garrisons. 2) to the attacked company of the 57th Battalion. (3) to the Officer in charge of working parties billeted in RUE DE BOIS. (4) Companies in Billets.
- COMPANY OF 57th Battn.** The company of 57th Battalion will at once stand to arms in rear of the billets they occupy, ready to move, and the O.C. will report at Advanced Brigade Headquarters for orders.
- WORKING PARTIES.** The Officer in charge of working parties will take steps to collect all available men belonging to working parties and send them to the places of assembly of their respective companies in RUE DE BOIS. He will report to Headquarters when this has been done and rejoin his company.
- GARRISONS OF POSTS.** On receipt of the "alarm" the Officer in charge of the BOIS GRENIERS garrisons will notify all three posts. A runner from WINTER'S NIGHT POST will proceed with all speed by the emergency road from WINTER'S NIGHT POST to RIFLE VILLA and carry a duplicate "alarm" message to the attached company 57th Battalion and to the officer in charge of working parties. The garrisons will remain man the trenches but will not move out until relieved by Divisional Reserve.
- GRENADIERS.** On the "alarm" being given, Headquarter Grenadiers will move direct to Brigade Bomb Dump and secure a supply of grenades. They will move via RUE DE FIEFFS, RUE BIACHE, STONY LANE and emergency track to RIFLE VILLA. They will remain under cover in rear of RIFLE VILLA.
- AMMUNITION CARRIERS.** Military Police and Pioneers will assemble at Battalion Headquarters Billet and report to R.S.M. who will march them by same route as in preceding para. to Brigade Ammunition Dump.
- HEADQUARTER SIGNALLERS.** The signalling personnel with bicycles will move with all speed to RIFLE VILLA by RUE DE FIEFFS and V.C.Sap and get in touch with Brigade Headquarters.
- "C" COMPANY.** "C" Company will move by RUE DE FIEFFS and V.C.SAP to RUE DE BOIS and will take what cover is available at a spot 50 yards to the left of RIFLE VILLA on both sides of the road (O.C. "C" Company will ensure by a daily test alarm that his company can move off at a minimum delay.)
- "B" COMPANY.** "B" Company will follow in rear of "C" Company by same route and assemble in the space to left and in rear of the cemetery.
- "A" COMPANY.** On receipt of alarm "A" Company will be notified by telephone. Should the training platoon be away from the Billet at the time, a ~~message~~ message will be sent by bicycle to recall it. The O.C. will always before leaving the billet for training notify the exact route he will take and where he will

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- "A" COMPANY.
(Cont.)
- be at various times. "A" Company (or if the training platoon is away, "A" less 1 platoon) will move off directly "C" Company is clear. It will assemble in the dismantled house opposite RIFLE VILLA. Route as for "C" Company. Each Company will send two runners to Advanced Brigade Headquarters.
- MAJOR BATEMAN
TO CONTROL
ADVANCE.
- Major W.J. Bateman ~~is~~ will leave in rear of "C" Company. He will regulate traffic through V.C.SAP. In case of congestion he will direct troops to proceed at the double, if necessary by the emergency road to the left or right of V.C.SAP.
- RELIEF OF
GARRISONS.
- The garrisons of WINDY POST, CHARRED POST and WINTER'S NIGHT POST, when relieved by Divisional Reserve will move to their position in RUE DE BOIS by the most direct route.
- GRENADIERS
IN TRAINING.
- Immediately on receipt of notice the O.C. Grenadiers will send word to any grenade teams that may be at work at Brigade Grenade School who will immediately join their companies.
- TRAINING
PLATOON
57th Battalion.
- O.C. "A" Company will arrange to notify the training platoon of 57th Battalion. The O.C. of the latter will make arrangements similar to those detailed in para # "A" Company" above.
- RESPONSIBILITY
OF OFFICERS &
N.C.O.'s.
- Officers and N.C.O.'s will ensure that every man knows his exact position in event of alarm and that all troops are acquainted with the ground they must pass over. Severe measures will be taken against those responsible should any man, when questioned be unable to answer questions on these matters.

Chas. Devery Major.
C.O., 58th Battalion.

APPENDIX #B

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SECRET.Headquarters,
15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
9th August 1916.

All Units.

Instructions have been issued by G.H.Q. that efforts are to be continued with the means at disposal to hold the enemy to his positions and to cause him loss.

Every effort will be made to inflict loss on the enemy with Artillery and Mortars. This might be combined with dummy raids in preparation for raids to be carried out later.

Special efforts should be made to inflict losses on enemy working parties repairing works or repairing wire, etc. This will be effected by using Trench Mortars to cause damage at places which can be marked down by night lines of machine guns.

The Second Army urge the importance of obtaining identifications of enemy units at this juncture; and the Corps Commander hopes that patrols will be encouraged to make captures. The names of patrols who are successful in this will be submitted with a view to their forwarded to the Corps Commander for suitable recognition.

(Sgd.) Geo. F. Weick, Major.
Brigade Major, 15th Inf. Brigade.

SECRET.

Copy No. 5

15th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No 28

11th August 1916.

1. During the night 12th/13th August the 58th Battalion will relieve the 59th and 60th Battalions of all duties in the front-line.
2. Details of relief will be mutually arranged between the C.O.'s., 58th Battalion and 60th Battalion.
3. All maps, schemes, log books and stores will be carefully checked and taken over by the 58th Battalion.
4. Dispositions will be as follows:-
 - 58th Battalion - Headquarters at N.2.d.5.10.
 - 59th Battalion - Headquarters at G.29.d.7.8.
Battalion billeted in Square G.29.
 - 60th Battalion - Headquarters at G.36.b.9.5.
Battalion billeted in Square G 36.
5. Completion of relief will be notified to Brigade Headquarters,

(Sgd.) Geo.F.Wieck, Major.

Brigade Major 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade .

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"D"

58th BATTALION. APPENDIX "D"

12/8/16.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 3 BY MAJOR DENEHY. G.O. 58th BATTALION.

MOVE. The 58th Battalion will to-day relieve the 59th & 60th Battalions, in the front line, 300 yard line, and Reserves.

Receipts. The importance of giving and taking receipts of all Trench Stores, ammunition, and material exchanged and of thoroughly checking same, is again impressed on Company Commanders and other Officers and N.C.O's.

Receipts must be signed by both parties, dated and sent by runner to Battalion Headquarters as soon as practicable after the completion of transfer.

Certificates will also be given stating the condition of trench Billet etc. handed over or taken over. Copies of these certificates will also be furnished to Battalion Headquarters, (588)

SIGNALLERS & GRENADIERS. Signallers and Grenadiers will take over from the 59th and 60th Battalions during the afternoon of the 12 inst. O's C. Companies will arrange details.

"A" COMPANY. After completion of mid-day meal "A" Company will proceed a few men at a time and with long intervals between parties to RIFLE VILLA. O.C. "A" Company will gradually draft his men into the 300 yard line, as parties of the 59th Battalion vacate it. O.C. "A" Company will occupy the dug-out in the 300 yard line near the signal dug-out and will assume responsibility of 300 yard line maintaining their strength of personnel as required in Brigade Secret Memo.

BOIS GRENIER LINE. Arrangements have been made with 59th and 60th Battalion to draft men gradually into 3 posts now held by "D" Company. The Garrisons of the posts will move by the most direct route so as to reach the firing line via BROMPTONS AVENUE by 9 pm. "D" Company will take over the left sector.

"B" COMPANY. "B" Company will proceed via ROE DE PIEFS, V.C. SAP, and BROMPTONS AVENUE and take over the right sector reaching the firing line by 9.45 pm.

"C" COMPANY. "C" Company will proceed by the same route as "B" Coy. and take over the centre sector reaching the firing line at 10.30 pm.

HEADQUARTERS DETAILS. Headquarters details not provided for above will report to Battalion Headquarters Billeto to Major Bateman who will proceed in rear of "C" Company.

LEWIS GUN. Lewis Gun personnel will remain on duty and arrange with O.C. Lewis Gunners.

GENERAL O's C. Companies and Headquarters units except "D" Company will arrange for an N.C.O. in rear to report to Major Bateman when the last man has passed Battalion Headquarters. O.C. "D" Company will send a runner to report to Major Bateman when he has evacuated his posts.

If arrangements are carefully made and men completely detailed to their allotted positions before units leave their billets, it should be possible to effect the relief without any hitch or delay. Should however, any unforeseen interruption occur Company Commanders will at once notify Headquarters of the cause of same and what steps they are taking to cope with the situation.

CONDITION OF BILLETTS.

It is hoped that sufficient emphasis has been put on the subject of leaving Billetts clean, to make it unnecessary to issue orders on the matter.

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VIGILANCE

Company Commanders will realise that the enemy generally manage to find out when a relief has taken place and that increased vigilance must be exercised in view of the possibility of a hostile raid.

COMPLETION OF RELIEF.

Immediately each unit has taken over a position a message to that effect will be sent to Battalion Headquarters.

Receipts must be signed by both parties, dated and sent by runner to Battalion Headquarters as soon as practicable after the completion of transfer. Certificates will also be given stating the condition of trench billetts handed over or taken over. Copies of these certificates will also be furnished to Battalion Headquarters.

(Sg) W. J. F. KEMAN.

T. NATHAN.

Company and Grenadiers will take over from the 1st Battalion during the afternoon of the 12th. A C. Companies will arrange details.

After completion of mid-day meal 'A' Company will proceed a few miles at a time and with long intervals between parties to RILEY VILLA. 'A' Company will gradually draw its men into the 300 yard line, as parties of the Battalion vacate it. 'A' Company will occupy the dug-out in the 300 yard line near the signal dug-out and will assume responsibility of 300 yard line maintaining the strength of personnel reported in Brigade report memo.

'A' COMPANY.

Arrangements have been made with 20th and 20th Battalions to shift men gradually into 3 posts now held by 'B' Company. The positions of the posts will move by the most direct route as to reach the firing line via BROMPTON AVENUE by 1 pm. 'B' Company will take over the left sector.

BOIS GARDIER LINE.

'B' Company will proceed via BOIS DE FER, V.C. GAP and BROMPTON AVENUE and take over the right sector reaching the firing line by 4.45 pm.

'B' COMPANY.

'C' Company will proceed by the same route as 'B' Coy. and take over the centre sector reaching the firing line at 4.30 pm.

'C' COMPANY.

Headquarters details not provided for above will report to Battalion Headquarters. Details to Major Bateman who will proceed in rear of 'C' Company.

DETAILS.

Lewis gun personnel will remain on duty and arrange with C.C. Lewis gunners.

LEWIS GUN.

C.C. Companies and Headquarters units except 'D' Company will arrange for an R.C.C. in rear to report to Major Bateman when the last man has passed Battalion Headquarters. 'D' Company will send a runner to report to Major Bateman when he has vacated his posts.

HEADQUARTERS.

If arrangements are carefully made and men completely detailed to their allotted positions before units leave and their billetts, it should be possible to effect the relief without any hitch or delay. Should however, any unforeseen interruption occur, Company Commanders will at once notify Headquarters of the cause of same and what steps they are taking to cope with the situation.

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OPERATION ORDER No.4. By Lieut.-Col. G.A. DENEHY.

19/8/16.

REFERENCE - Trench Map area L.
Map of portion of German Front Line.

INFORMATION.

(1) The 57th Battalion will carry out a raid on the enemy trenches to-night, between-N 9 d 45 16- and -N 9 d 70 17- the actual point of entry will be Ned 55 17.

(2) The Right Group Artillery assisted by Heavy Artillery, Medium and Light Trench Mortars will co-operate.

Action during enterprise:-

At 10-50 Bombardment for 10 minutes.

10-40 Bombardment on barrage lines.

On receipt of code signal from O.C. attack fire on certain targets as detailed.

Fire will cease on receipt of code signal from O.C. attack.

(3) Action by Vickers and Lewis Machine Gun.

2 guns from vicinity of Bond Street will enfilade enemy's parapet.

2 guns from vicinity of N 9 e 4 8 1/2 will search enemy's parapet and ground in front.

3 guns from vicinity of N 10 e 1-6 will search enemy's parapet and ground in front.

(4) Lewis Guns.

3 Lewis Guns of 57th Battalion and 3 Lewis Guns of 58th Battalion will be at disposal of C.O., 57th Battalion to protect flanks of raiding party.

(5) Action of Posts and Lewis Guns in Front Line.

During raid, engage enemy machine guns and rifles well clear of the line of return of raiding party.

(6) C.O. Firing Line of 58th Battalion will indicate to all ranks in front line the limits of the ground over which the raiding party will pass and make certain that they understand that they must not direct fire within those limits from the time the raiding party commences to leave our lines until they have returned. He will keep in touch with O.C. attack in order that he may indicate these times to the garrison of the front line.

(7) O.C. Firing Line will see that all patrols and listening posts are withdrawn and working parties dismissed by 10 p.m. Patrols and listening posts will on conclusion of the enterprise be sent out as soon as the O.C. Firing Line deems it advisable. This will be when the expected retaliatory bombardment of NO MAN'S LAND subsides.

The personnel of these patrols and listening posts will be located in as convenient a place as possible, consistent with provision of reasonable facilities for cover.

(8) Only those men normally required for garrisoning the line at night will be retained in front line during the period of operations. All who can be dispensed with must be sent back thus thinning the line down to a minimum.

The usual night posts will be held and personnel will be distributed so as not to have groups larger than necessary.

(9) Officers will be distributed as follows:-

Firing Line:-

- O.C. and in charge of B Coy
- Major Trickey.
- "B" Coy. And Lieut. Hooper.
- "C" Coy. And Lieut. Holmes.
- "D" Coy. And Lieut. Watson.

300 yard Line:-

- O.C. And Lieut. Parsons.
- "B" Coy. And Lieut. Cole.
- "C" Coy. And Lieut. Topp.
- "D" Coy. And Lieut. Weir.

And Lieut. Anderson, I.O., will station himself in front line with "C" Coy.

(10) A sufficient number of flares must be on hand.

(11) Arrangements have been made to synchronize watches.

(12) Subsequently to completion of operation, active observation must be maintained and precautions taken to guard against any surprise.

(13) In event of any counter offensive the action will be as laid down in the standing orders for defence.

(14) All ranks will wear equipment until the code word Web has been sent.

(Signed) N.M. FREEMAN Lieut.
A/Adjutant, 58th Battn.

DISTRIBUTION:

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4	O.C. "B" Coy.
5	O.C. "C" Coy.
6	O.C. "D" Coy.

Only those men normally required for garrisoning the line of night will be retained in front line during the period of operations. All who can be dispensed with must be sent back this morning the line down to a minimum.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 5, by Lieut.-Col. C.A. DENNEY, Commanding.

FRANCE.

29/8/18.

MOVE.

Para. 1. The frontage held by the 58th Battalion will be taken over by the 58th and 60th Battalions to-night.

BOISGRENIER LINE.

2. "B" Coy. less 30 men will take over the BOIS GRENIER LINE, arriving at their posts at 8 p.m. The H.Q. Grenadiers will be distributed equally over the three posts and attached to "B" Coy. for rations. Major Trickey will have his Headquarters at WINDY POST and be responsible for all details of relief.

Immediately after the evening meal "C" Coy. will take over "B" Coy's sector in addition to its own.

3. The remaining companies in the firing line and 300 yard line will be relieved between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Three Lewis Gun crews will be relieved at 4 p.m. by crews from the 58th and 60th Battalions. The remaining three crews will remain on duty for a week.

Headquarters signallers and Grenadiers will be relieved during the afternoon and will at once proceed, in small parties, to their new positions.

4. Units handing over must be most particular to obtain receipts in duplicate, signed by both parties, for all maps, ammunition, list of duties, codes, and trench stores handed over. Certificates that bays and dugouts are clean and that precincts of trenches are in sanitary condition, to be obtained.

All receipts and certificates to be handed in at Battalion Head-quarter Billet tonight.

Every assistance must be given to incoming officers to put them in touch with work in progress and projected work. Full information will be given about the condition of our own wire and the ground in front of our own positions. Dixies, periscopes, wire cutters, brooms and all other regimental stores will be carried by companies concerned. Verrey pistols, except the two on loan from 58th Battalion, must be brought out by the companies concerned.

Officers valises and any baggage which is too heavy to carry will be stacked at Battalion H.Q. for carriage by transport. All baggage to be carried by transport must be labelled clearly, showing where it is to be delivered.

On arrival in billets men must be warned that no one is to leave the billet, or the adjoining grounds, without written permission from the R.M. C.O. of the billet. No one must enter an Estaminet for any purpose except between the hours of noon to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

FATIGUES.

5. Fatigues as follows must be provided immediately:-

"C" Coy. 1 H.C.O. & 30 men, 9 p.m. EXETER AVENUE.

"D" Coy. 2 H.C.Os. & 40 men, 8 a.m. BROMPTON AVENUE.

"A" Coy. 10 men, 12 mid-night at BROMPTON AV. and FIRING LINE.

"B" Coy.) 1 H.C.O. & 40 men, ("B" Coy. XE 30) at 8 a.m.

"D" Coy.) 1 H.C.O. & 40 men, ("D" Coy. 10) BROMPTON AV. & FIRING LINE.

"A" Coy. 1 H.C.O. & 3 men, Engineers Guard, Sully.

6. Officers taking over posts or billets, from 58th and 60th Battalions, will give a receipt for everything taken over, being careful to check all stores, and obtain a duplicate copy themselves, which will be handed in at Battalion H.Q. tonight. These receipts must be signed by both parties.

C. A. Denney

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Lieut.-Col.

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DISTRIBUTION.

- No. 1. Filed.
- No. 2. "A" Coy.
- No. 3. "B" Coy.
- No. 4. "C" Coy.
- No. 5. "D" Coy.
- No. 6. War Diary.

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APPENDIX G

27/3/18

STANDING ORDERS FOR BILLETTS

No man may leave the house in which he is billeted or the ground in the immediate vicinity of it without a written pass from the officer in charge of the billet. Passes will only be issued to men who are going from their billets on duty. Standing passes may be issued to permanent cyclist orderlies. Men who leave their billets without permission are to be considered "absent without leave".

No one shall enter an Estaminet for any purpose except between the hours of 12 noon to 2 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bottled wine, beer, or other intoxicating liquors must on no account be taken away from Estaminets and the possession of bottled alcoholic drinks is to be regarded as an offence.

More care must be taken by the troops to avoid movement and congregating in groups in the open when aeroplanes are overhead. It does not always mean that an aeroplane showing British or French colours is one of our own machines as the Germans have used captured aeroplanes to reconnoitre our area.

A guard will be placed on each billet who will give the usual signals when aeroplanes are sighted and will be responsible for warning speedily all ranks in case of Gas Alarm.

Advantage must be taken once more of the opportunity of smartening up, special attention being paid to the following points:-

- (a) Scrupulous cleanliness of the billets and grounds used by troops.
- (b) Personal cleanliness, shaving, etc.
- (c) Proper adjustment of clothing and equipment.
- (d) Proper marks of respect, including the necessary compliments paid to officers especially in the case of sentries.

Sentries on Billet guard may be provided with a seat but must not lounge or assume slovenly attitudes, and if seated, must rise and pay the proper compliments on the approach of an officer.

Naked lights must on no account be allowed in barns, sheds, etc. and smoking in these places is strictly forbidden. Minor contraventions of these rules will always entail the return of the offender for fatigue in the trenches and more serious offences will be visited with severe penalties. It is hoped however, that discipline and the observance of the standing orders for billets will be maintained without the need of resorting to punishment.

These orders must be read on three successive days and all new arrivals must be acquainted with contents.

(Sgd.) G. A. Donohy Lieut-Col.

G.C. 35th Battalion.