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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
REINCOURT	1.4.17		weather. - Showery - Bleak-wind. Training of Signallers, Lewis Gunners and Intelligence section carried on - with exception of specialists undergoing training whole battalion at work under direction of 14 th and 15 th Field Coys on VILLERS. AV. FLOS - BEAULENCOURT - GUEDECOURT ROAD - reporting at rendezvous at 8. AM. - Shelters for troops constructed.	JSH
REINCOURT.	2.4.17		weather - Cold and bleak. - High wind - EAST - 4.30 pm. - Heavy fall of snow. Early morning 14 th Bde. attacks and captures LOUVERAL and DOIGNIES - By 6 AM breakfast over and Battalion "stands by" to move at once if required. - 2 pm. - Training of Specialists is continued. 12 noon - C.O meets officers to discuss scheme of Training. 45. OR reinforcements from 5 th ADBD. taken on strength.	JSH
REINCOURT	3/4/17		weather - Bitterly Cold - strong easterly wind. Training of Specialists continued - working parties at 15 th Bde HQ. - also under direction of 14 th and 15 th Field Coys 6.50 pm - Two Captive Balloons destroyed by enemy plane.	JSH
REINCOURT	4/4/17		weather - Snow and rain - Bathing parade at Battalion Baths. 5.30 pm Battalion moves from REINCOURT. to relieve 53 rd Battalion in front of DOIGNIES. - Dispositions. A. Coy J.16. C. 6.2 10. J.16. B. 6.0 B. Coy J.16. B. 6.0 G. J.10. B. 5.0. 'C' Coy J.10. B. 5.0 to J.10. B. 35. 10 "D" SUNKEN. Rd J. 8. D. 22 to J. 14 A. 30 Relief Complete without casualties 10.55 pm	Appendix I Appendix II

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FRONT LINE	5/4/17		weather - Fine and clear - Great Aerial activity - SUMMEN ROAD is heavily shelled with SHRAPNEL during early morning. - Night quiet on the front. Intermittent shelling on DOIGNIES throughout the day. Battalion is relieved by the 1 st Battalion A.I.F. and moves back to REINCOURT. Relief Complete 11.45 pm. Casualties 2. OR killed 4. OR wounded	Appendix I JST
FRONT LINE REINCOURT	6/4/17		weather - Fine in morning - wet in afternoon. - Day spent - resting and cleaning up. 19 OR reinforcements from 5 th ADBD taken on strength 117. C.S.M. HARRINGTON. R. awarded the D.C.M.	JST
REINCOURT	7/4/17		weather - windy - steady showers. - work Program commenced - Specialists Training Continued - Organized Games - Afternoon given to construction of shelters. - Remainder of detached parties, rejoin battalion from QUARRY.	JST
REINCOURT	8/4/17	10 AM	weather - Fine and warm - Great aerial activity - Two of our captive balloons ascend in vicinity - working parties supplied to 15 th Field Coy and Dwt Church Parades - Further improvements to accommodation carried out	JST

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REINCOURT	9/4/17		<p>weather Cold and bleak with some sleet. Working parties to number of 300 OR supplied to 15th Field Company. Training of Specialists carried on "D" Coy carry out "1st day" of Syllabus of Training - HERMES, BOURSES and DEMICOURT taken by 1st Australian Division. News of Great successes of First and Third Armies comes to hand.</p>	Appendix I JSH
REINCOURT	10/4/17		<p>weather - cold with snow squalls. - BN stands by ready to move at 6 AM in consequence of planned attack to 4th Aust Inf Bde on BULLECOURT - Afternoon - Syllabus of Training proceeded with on private parade grounds - Dispositions unchanged - attack by 4th Bde is postponed.</p>	Appendix VI JSH
REINCOURT	11/4/17		<p>weather - cloudy - cold bleak wind - 3 pm heavy fall of snow. BN stands by ready to move at 6 AM. 10 AM - Battalion falls in ready to move 10.30 AM - Zero Hour for Attack by 4th Bde in conjunction with 62nd Div on LEFT on HINDENBURG LINE. 10.30 AM. Battalion moves in 15th Inf Bde column via BANCOURT, FREMICOURT to a support trench forward of BEUGNATRE in position 2 pm. Lt Col Mann. J. S. returns battalion from plaff of 5th Div. Inf. School. Casualty 1 OR S.I.W.</p>	JSH

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BEUGNATRE	12/24/17		weather - snow in early morning - day cold and bleak. N.W. wind. Dispositions unchanged. 8.30 AM. B and D. Coys at work on BEUGNATRE. - VAULX. ROAD. - Remainder of Battalion engaged on improvements to trenches.	JST
BEUGNATRE	13/4/17	9.15 AM	weather - Fine and clear - cold wind. Battalion marches for REINCOURT - In position at 11.15 AM.	Appendix III
		2.15 pm	Presentation of Decorations by Lieut. Gen Birdwood. at 5 th Aust. Div. HQ. - 5141. Pte Mitchell G. and No 2035. Pte DUNSTAN. S.W receive D.C.M and Military Medal respectively - New Reinforcement Officers and newly commissioned officers parade before Gen. BIRDWOOD.	JST
REINCOURT.	14/4/17		weather - Fine and clear - Aerial activity. - working parties (A and D Coy) under direction of 15 th Field Coy. - Syllabus of Training proceeded with by Companies not working on roads. Notification received of award of Military Medals to 2575 Pte Leach J.E. 2590 Cpl WALKER G.L. 3145 Cpl ROWE. J.R	Appendix VI
			Casualties - 3 OR. WOUNDED - accidental by explosion.	JST

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REINCOURT	15/4/17		weather - wet. At dawn enemy attacks LAGNICOURT - succeeds in recapturing it but is driven out again with heavy losses by 2 nd Aust. Division - No of enemy prisoners captured. - Effective work by our artillery - As result of enemy attack, at 6.50 AM. - Battalion is turned out and "stands to" - 11 AM situation is again normal. Battalion for rest of day is employed on road works under direction of 15 th Field Coy - Training of Specialists continued 11 OR. Reinforcements from 5 th ADBD taken on strength.	[Signature]
REINCOURT.	16/4/17		weather - wet - Battalion is engaged on road work under direction of 15 th Field Coy - Training of Specialists continued. H.Q. bathing parade	[Signature]
REINCOURT	17/4/17		weather - Morning fine. Afternoon wet with snow squalls - Battalion is engaged on road work under direction of 15 th F. Coy - Training of Specialists continued - "A" Coy - Bathing parade.	[Signature] Appendix IV
REINCOURT.	18/4/17		weather - wet squally - Battalion engaged on Road work under direction of 15 th Field Coy - Specialists (Lewis Gunners and Bombers) practice with live ammunition on Brigade Range Positions unchanged.	[Signature]

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REINCOURT	19/4/17		weather - Fine - Battalion engaged on road work under direction of 15 th Field Coy. Specialists Training Continued. General Birdwood pays visit of inspection to Camps and billets of 15 th Inf Bde. A.I.F.	[Signature]
REINCOURT	20/4/17	11.30 am	weather - Fine and clear. Battalion is relieved by 9 th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment and passing starting point N 17 B. 6. 9 (BEAULENCOURT) at 12.30 pm moves to MAMETZ CAMP via GUEDECOURT FLERS, LONGUEVAL, BERNAFAY MONTAUBAN. - Battalion in position 5.15 pm.	Appendix No. V [Signature]
MAMETZ CAMP	21/4/17		weather. Fine - Reveille 7 am. Morning devoted to cleaning up. 12 noon inspection of Hutments by CO. 2 pm - G.O.C. meets all officers of Brigade. - Afternoon - Organized Games. 39 OR reinforcements from 5 th ADBD taken on strength.	[Signature]
MAMETZ CAMP	22/4/17		weather - Fine - 9.30 am Church Parade. 11. am Address by G.O.C. Afternoon - Try Out for "Battalion Sports" 8 OR from 5 th ADBD taken on strength. Sergeants Mess instituted.	[Signature]

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MAMETZ	23	4/17	weather - Fine - First day of Syllabus of Training carried through. Training of Specialists carried on. Officers' Mess reestablished. Lt. McIntosh returns from Hospital.	Appendix VII
MAMETZ	24	4/17	weather - Fine - Second Day of Syllabus of Training proceeded with 175 OR. proceed at 3 pm. to ANZAC Comm. Party Comm. in ALBERT. Lt. G.H. Stockfeld. notified of his promotion to Captain.	"
MAMETZ	25	4/17	weather Fine - "ANZAC DAY" celebrated. Successful Brigade Sports Meeting is held - General Birdwood and General Hobbs both present. Battalion is successful in service events taking first place in "Best Turned out Lumber" - "Best Turned out Section" - Best Turned out Pack mule and Second place in "Best Turned out Cooker" and Lewis Gun Race. Also second place in Jug of War. 5.45 pm March past. 7. OR. reinforcements from 5 th ADBD taken on strength. Lieut Johnson, Sernon Rawson HK Lt. Dunn join unit.	"
MAMETZ	26	4/17	weather fine & Syllabus of Training proceeded with. Bathing parade at FRICOURT BATHS. Camp is inspected by General HOBBS and primarily commented on. inoculation by R.M.O.	Appendix VII

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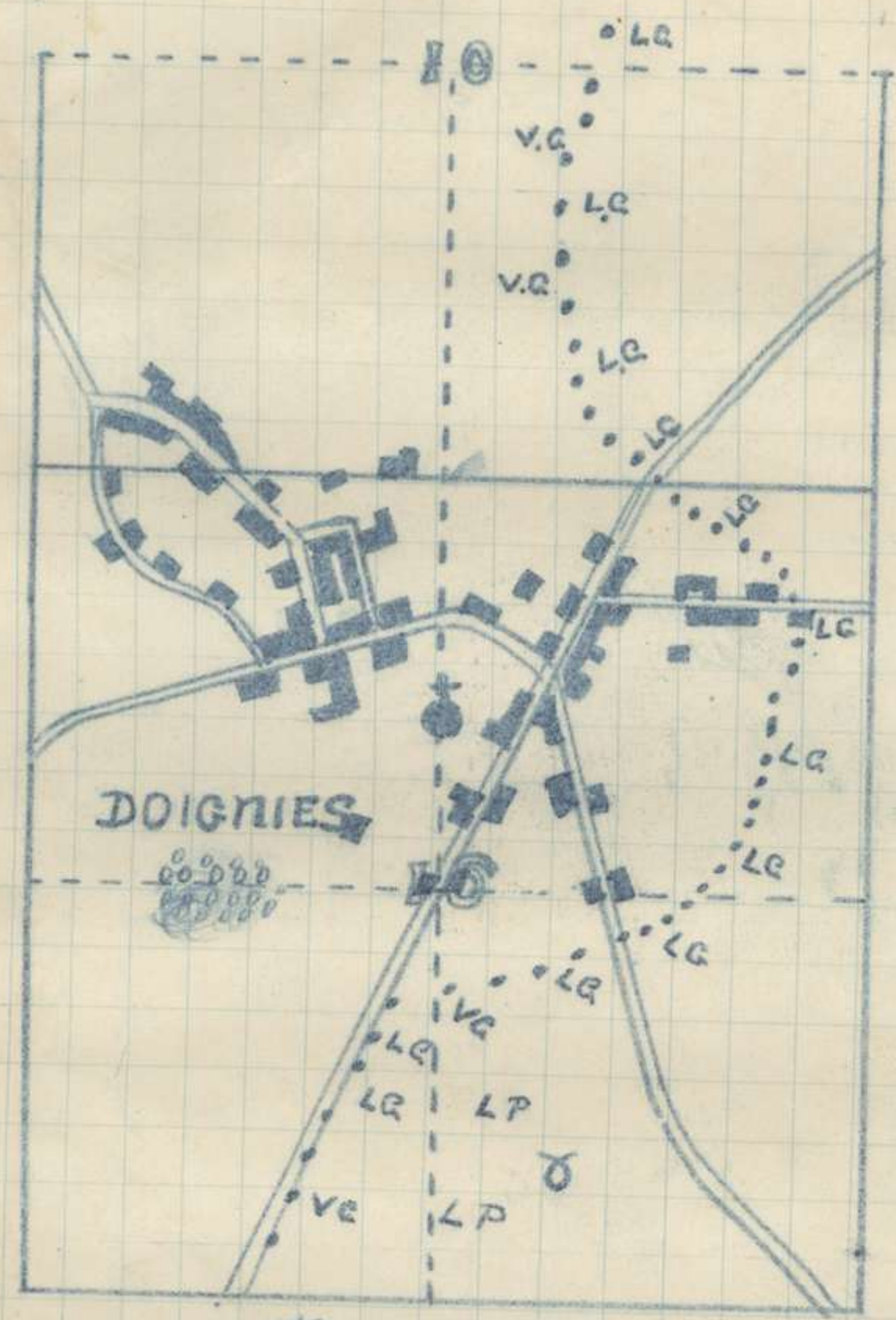
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAMETZ	27/4/17		Weather Fine and clear. - 4 th Day of Syllabus of Training carried through. - Inoculation completed - 9. OK. Reinforcements from 5 th ADBD taken on strength.	Appendix <u>VII</u>
MAMETZ	28/4/17		Weather - Fine and clear - 5 th Day of Syllabus of Training carried through. 11 AM Inspection of Brigade Transport by Brigadier - General Elliott C.M.G.	Appendix <u>VII</u>
MAMETZ	29/4/17		Weather - Fine and warm 9.30 am - Church Parades 11 AM - Inspection of Brigade by G.O.C. and march past. Polling Day for Australian Commonwealth Elections. Lieut Keating returns from 60 th Bn AIF	Appendix <u>VII</u>
MAMETZ	30/4/17		Weather - Fine and clear - 1 st Day of New Syllabus of Training (Marking) carried through. Training of Specialists. Lieut SHAW with 20. OK. march in as reinforcements from 5 th ADBD	Appendix <u>VIII</u>

James D Staddon Lieut
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59th. Battalion A. I. F.

~~APPENDIX~~
APPENDIX I

Appendix I
SKETCH. SHOWING DISPOSITIONS
A.B.C. COYS. 4. 4. 17.



DOIGNIES

← 1000 yds →

L.G. LEWIS GUN
 V.G. VICKERS "
 • POSTS
 L.P. LISTENING.

59th BATTALION A.I.F.

4th April 1917.

ORDER NO. 30

By Lieut-Col. H.T.C. LAYH, D.S.O.,
Commanding 59th Battalion A.I.F.

Ref. 57 C
57 C N.E.

1. The 59th Battalion will relieve the 53rd Battalion in DOIGNIES Sector front line on the night of the 4th/5th April.
2. Details of relief will be as under:-

"A" Coy.	will relieve the	RIGHT	Company Sector.
"B" "	"	"	" CENTRE "
"C" "	"	"	" LEFT "
"D" "	will relieve the	Company	in reserve in occupation of SUNKEN Road from J 8 C 1-1 to J 14 A 3-0

Bn. H.Q. will be at J 14 A 2-5.
3. Time of Relief -
The Battalion will move from REINCOURT at 5.30 p.m. in order - H.Q., "A", "B", "C" and "D".
4. Company Commanders will report at 53rd Bn. H.Q. J 14 A 2-5 to be guided to the front line and obtain all information with regard to the front and the dispositions of the Companies they are to relieve. They will return to J 14 A 2-5 in time to meet their Companies there and guide them to their respective Sectors.
5. Company Commanders will furnish to Bn. H.Q. within 15 hours of taking over sketches of their dispositions.
6. Reports on all matters of importance will be furnished to Bn. H.Q. without delay. Great care must be exercised in the use of the telephone for this purpose.
7. Packs and blankets will not be carried and Companies will make their own arrangements for the storage of same.
8. R.A.P. will be at *BEAUMETZ*

*James D Haddock Lieut
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59th Battalion
A.I.F*

Appendix III APPENDIX III

59th BATTALION A.I.F.

12th April 1917.

Order No. 31

By Lieut-Col. H.T.C.LAYH, D.S.O.

Commanding 59th Battalion A.I.F.

Reference 57 C 1/40,000.

1. The 59th Battalion is being withdrawn from LEFT Divisional Sector on 13th April and will return to REINCOURT.
2. Order of March - Headquarters
 - "A" Coy.
 - "B" "
 - "C" "
 - "D" "

The Battalion will move at 9.15 a.m.

3. The Transport will move independently and march via BAPAUME passing H 17 A 7-3 at 9.50 a.m. All transport must be clear of BAPAUME by 11.45 a.m. It will maintain a distance of 800 yards from 58th Bn. transport which is timed to pass H 17 A 7-3 at 9.40 a.m.
4. Baggage wagons will report early on 13th inst.
5. All blankets will be rolled in bundles of twenty-five, labelled and stacked at Q.M's store by 7 a.m.
6. Dress. All rules previously issued with regard to dress will be strictly adhered to. Mess tins must be carried inside the packs.
7. Strict march discipline will be maintained.

James. D. Haddow Lieut,
a/Adj. 59th Batln. A.I.F.

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59th BATTALION ORDER NO. 32.

No 1 12

17th April 1917.

By Lieut-Col H.T.C. LAYH, D.S.O.,
Commanding 59th Battalion A.I.F.

Reference 57 C.

1. On the morning of the 18th inst., the 59th Battalion will move to O 7 C 5-1 (VILLERS AU FLOS)
2. Reveille will be at 5.30 a.m., Breakfast at 6 a.m.
3. Details of move are as under:-
 "A" Coy. will move to new camp site at 8.30 a.m. and furnish all unloading parties and assist in setting out of camp.
 H.Q., "B", "C", and "D" Coys. will be ready to move at 10 a.m.
 Transport will move independently.
4. Dress. Steel Helmets.
 Marching Order - Sheepskin Jackets and fur jerkins will not be worn but folded neatly under the flap of the pack.
 Mess tins must be carried inside pack.
 One blanket will be carried.
5. The second blankets will be rolled in bundles of twenty-fives - correctly labelled and stacked at Q.M.'s store by 7.30 a.m.
 Officers Valises must be at Q.M.'s store by 9 a.m.
 All hot boxes, petrol tins etc., must be returned to Company Cookers by 7.30 a.m.
6. Company Commanders will furnish to B.O.R. 15 minutes before their Companies move, certificates to the effect that all quarters (occupied) have been left in a clean and sanitary condition.

James O'Shadow Lieut,
a/Adj. 59th Batln. A.I.F.

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Above order cancelled.

17/4/17

James O'Shadow *Adj.*

19th April 1917.

ORDER NO. 38

By Lieut-Col. H.T.C. LAYH, D.S.O.,
Commanding 59th Battalion A.I.F.

REFERENCE: 57 CS.W.

1. The 59th Battalion will be relieved on the 20th inst., by a Battalion of the 32nd Infantry Brigade.
2. The Battalion will march to MAMETZ Camp via BEAULENCOURT, - GUEDECOURT - FLERS - LONGUEVAL. Troops will march by duck board walks after 11.30 a.m. when relieved.
3. The Battalion will move at 12 noon It will be ready to move immediately when relieved.
4. (a). All Orders, Instructions, Maps, ~~Schemes~~ will be handed over to relieving Unit.
(b). All remaining anti-gas equipment held on charge as trench stores will be handed over to the relieving unit.
(c). Tools on the establishment of the unit will not be handed over.
5. The following intervals will be maintained on the march:-
200 yards between Battalions.
200 yards between Transport and other units.
100 yards between Companies.
6. Transport will move under Lieut. Varley, 60th Battalion in the following order:-
15th Brigade H.Q.
60th Battalion
59th "
58th "
57th "
15th Field Coy.
The head of the column will pass the starting point N 17 b 6-9 at 11.30 a.m.
Transport Officer will report to Lieut. Varley, 60th Battalion N.24 Central at 7.30 p.m. this evening to arrange detail.
7. Baggage Wagons will report to Unit at 8 a.m. on 20th inst.
8. PACK SADDLERY. No pack saddlery will be handed over to the 11th Division. Saddlery on hand in excess of establishment will be returned forthwith to D.A.D.O.S.
9. AMMUNITION. 120 rounds S.A.A. on men will be carried. Units will move out with ammunition echelons empty. All S.A.A. Grenades (with the exception of 10 boxes of the latter for training purposes) in the possession of units to be handed over to relieving Battalions.
10. TRENCH STORES. Any trench stores in possession of units will be handed over to incoming Battalion.
11. ACCOMMODATION. No trench shelters, tents or marquees will be moved out of "M" area. All accommodation will be handed over to incoming unit. Lists showing number of marquees, tents and trench covers handed over will be forwarded in triplicate to ~~Brigade H.Q.~~ Battalion H.Q.
12. BLANKETS. All blankets will be rolled in bundles of Twenty-fives and stacked at the Q.M.'s Store by 7 a.m. Officers valises to be stacked at the Q.M.'s Store by 8 a.m. A motor lorry will report at Battalion H.Q. at 8.30 a.m. to collect half of the Unit's blankets, the remaining half with Officers valises being carried by the G.S. wagon. This motor lorry will then proceed to collect the blankets of the 60th Battalion.

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13. AXES, HOT BOXES, and PETROL TINS will be returned immediately to Company Cookers.
14. DRESS - Marching Order (Blankets will not be carried).
Steel helmets.
Sheepskin jackets and fur jerkins will be neatly folded under the flaps of the pack.
Mess tins must be carried inside the pack.
15. Lieut. W.F. McIver will report as billeting Officer to the Staff Captain at MAMETZ Camp at 1 p.m. on the 20th inst.
16. Watches will be synchronised at 9 a.m. with Battalion H.Q.
17. RECEIPTS. Receipts for everything handed over to the 11th Division will be rendered in triplicate to Battalion H.Q. immediately on arrival at MAMETZ Camp.
18. SUPPLIES. 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade (less 15th M.G. Coy. and 15th A.L.T.M.B.) will draw at BAZENTIN on and after the 20th inst.
19. Marching-out States will be rendered to B.O.R. not later than 10 a.m. on 20th inst.
20. Certificates that all billets have been left in a clean and sanitary condition, will be rendered by Company Commanders to B.O.R. not later than 11.45 a.m. on 20th inst.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - 1st WEEK.

	M O R N I N G		A F T E R N O O N		LECTURES. 6.30 to 7.	
	10 to 11	11 to 12	2 to 3	3 to 4		
MON	A Co	Platoon Drill (Y) I.T. Sec. 75 to 80	Bombing Hand (Y)	V	S-M.R. Sec. 36-37-43.	Lewis Gun
	B "	-Do-	Bayonet Fighting (V)	S M.R. Sec 36-37-43	Y	March Discipline
	C "	-Do-	Musketry (S) M.R. Sec. 36-37-43	Y	V	Hand Grenades
TUES	B Co.	X I.T. Sec 75 to 80	Y	V	S-M.R. 49- 51-52	Hand Grenades
	C "	-Do-	V	S-M.R. 49- 51-52	Y	March Dis- cipline.
	D "	-Do-	S-M.R. 49-51-52	Y	V	Lewis Gun.
WED	C Co.	Organised Games (O)	Artillery Forma- tion (N)	} ROUTE MARCH (Artillery Formation) Inspection of feet.		
	D "	O.	N.			
	A "	O.	N.			
THUR	D Co	Coy. Drill (Z) I.T. Sec 81 to 89	Musketry (S) M.R. Sec 54 to 57	T	P	March Dis- cipline.
	A "	Z Sec 81 to 89	Lewis Gun (T)	P	S-M.R. Sec 54 to 57	Hand Grenades
	B "	Z Sec 81 to 89	Grenades-Rifle (P)	S-M.R. Sec 54 to 57	T	Lewis Gun
FRI	A Co.	Coy Drill ((Z) I.T. Sec. 81 to 89	P	S-M.R. Sec 54 to 58	T	Rifle Grenades
	B "	Z I.T. Sec. 81 to 89	S M.R. Sec. 54 to 58	T	P	Scouting
	C "	Z I.T. Sec. 81 to 89	T	P	S-M.R. Sec. 54 to 58	Lewis Guns
SAT		ROUTE MARCH	BATHING	PARADE.		

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59th BATTALION A.I.F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - 2nd WEEK.

MON

TUES

WED

THURS

FRI

SAT

	M O R N I N G		A F T E R N O O N		LECTURES
	10 to 11	11 to 12	2 to 3	3 to 4	6.30 to 7.
C Co	Coy. Drill (Z) I.T. Sec 81 to 89	Lewis Gun (T)	P	J F.S.R. Sec. 66 to 69	Rifle Grenades
D "	Z I.T. Sec. 81 to 89	Grenades-Rifle (P)	J F.S.R. Sec T 66 to 69		Scouting
A "	Z I.T. Sec. 81 to 89	Advance Guard. (J) F.S.R. Sec 66 to 69	T	P	Health Hygiene
D Co.	Z I.T. Sec 81 to 89	T	P F.S.R. Sec 66 to 69 (J F.S.R. Sec 66 to 69)	J F.S.R. Sec. 66 to 69	Health Hygiene
A "	Z I.T. Sec 81 to 89	P		T	Rifle Grenades
B "	Z I.T. Sec 81 to 89	J F.S.R. Sec 66 to 69	T	P	Scouting
A ") ROUTE MARCH (Artillery Formation)				Inspection of feet
B ")				
C ")				
B "	Platoon in attack (Q) (Trng. of Platoons for offensive action) 1917	Q	Company in attack (R) (Training of Platoons for offensive action 1917)		Health Hygiene
C "	Q	Q	R	R	Scouting
D "	Q	Q	R	R	How to use Field Dressing
C "	Q Training of Platoons for offensive action 1917		R Training of Platoons for offensive action. 1917		
D "	Q	Q	R	R	
A "	Q	Q	R	R	
D "	Y	T	S M.R. 54-58	Organised Games	
A "	T	S M.R. 54-58	Y	O	
B "	S M.R. 54-58	Y	T	O	

James D. Stoddart
Lt. Col.
Commandg. 59th. Bn. A.I.F.

APPENDIX VII

Company Drill	"Z"
Platoon Drill	"X"
Bombing Hand	"Y"
Bombing Rifle	"P"
Bayonet Fighting	"V"
Gas Respirator Drill	"W"
Extended Order	"U"
Platoon in attack	"Q"
Company in attack	"R"
Route March	"M"
Artillery Formation	"N"
Organised Games	"O"
Musketry	"S"
Lewis Gun	"T"
Advance Guard	"J"

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Appendix **APPENDIX**
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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SYLLABUS FOR TRAINING FOR PERIOD COMMENCING 23rd APRIL 1917.

1st DAY.	8.30 a.m.-9.30 a.m.	Organisation of Platoons.	Afternoons	Lecture 6
	9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	Musketry Exercises. Close order drill.		6.30 p.m.
	10.30 a.m.-12 noon	Organisation of Platoons.	Organised	Advanced
	12 noon -12.30 p.m.	Handling of Arms. Smartening up. March back to Camp.	Games.	Guards.
2nd DAY	8.30 a.m.-9 a.m.	Rifle & close order drill.		
	9 a.m. -10 a.m.	Normal Formations in attack in open warfare.		
	10 a.m. -10.30 a.m.	Close order drill.	Do.	Outposts.
	10.30 a.m.-12.20 p.m.	Platoon in attack.		
	12.20 a.m.-12.30 p.m.	General smartening up and march back to Camp.		
3rd DAY	8.30 a.m.-9 a.m.	Close order drill		
	9 a.m. -11 a.m.	Platoon in attack in open warfare. (Particular attention to be paid to Advance Guard Work)	Do.	Discipline
	11 a.m. -11.50 a.m.	Bayonet fighting.		
	11.30 a.m.-12.20 p.m.	Musketry exercises.		
	12.20 p.m.-12.30 p.m.	Rifle exercises.		
4th DAY	8.30 a.m.-9 a.m.	Close order drill.		
	9 a.m. -11.30 a.m.	Outposts.		
	11.30 a.m.-12.20 p.m.	Gas Drill - including bombing and Bayonet fighting with exercises.	Do.	Gas.
	12.20 p.m.-12.30 p.m.	Smartening up and march back to Camp.		
5th DAY	8.30 a.m.-9 a.m.	Steadying Drill.		
	9 a.m. -11 a.m.	Patrols		
	11 a.m. -11.30 a.m.	Bayonet fighting, using dummies	Do.	Concert
	11.30 a.m.-12.20 p.m.	Co-operation with other Platoons and the Platoon as part of the Company in open warfare.		
	12.20 p.m.-12.30 p.m.	Smartening up and return to Camp.		

NOTE: In the above Syllabus the rules set out in the pamphlet "Instructions for the training of Platoons for Offensive action - 1917" will be adhered to. Each Company Commander will forward to Battalion H.Q. by 8 p.m. each evening his syllabus in detail for the work to be carried out on the following day. During the period of training the greatest attention must be paid to Discipline. Saluting must be rigidly enforced and men must be turned out tidily.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING
5th MAY 1917.

DATE	DAY	FORENOON (8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)	AFTERNOON	EVENING LECTURE 6 - 6.30 p.m.
30th	MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/2 hour. Care of Arms. 1 hour. Aiming Instruction and Trigger pressing. 1/2 hour. Loading and Rapid Loading. 1 hour. Firing positions. 1 hour. Visual Training (fatigue men to be used for practice in quickness of vision). 	RECREATION	Mutual Support.
1st	TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 hours. (Loading and rapid loading (firing positions behind cover. 1 hour. Bayonet fighting 1 hour. Fire discipline exercises - both stationery and moving. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precautions after occupying villages and enemy positions (Dangers of lax discipline).
2nd	WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 hr. Grouping practice, 5 rounds J.D. 3 hours Rapid wiring - last half hour devoted to wiring competitions between platoons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leakage of Information.
3rd	THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 hour Rapid practice, 5 rounds J.D. 1 hour Control of fire 2 hours Movement from one fire position to another when within close ranges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fighting value of the infantry soldier.
* 4th	FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Platoon Vanguard scheme. A tactical point to be attacked on completion, the most probable disposition of enemy's garrison to be discussed and men actually placed to represent it. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other Arms.
x 5th	SATURDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wood Fighting. Remnants of FRICOURT WOOD to be used for purposes of illustration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concert.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> x These days are alternative, FRICOURT WOOD is allotted to 57th and 58th Battalions of 4th May. 				

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