

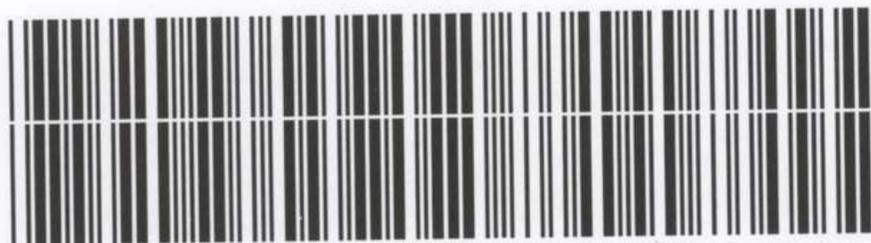
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October 1916



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VOLUME V

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WIERSTRAAT	1/10/16		Enemy very quiet during most of the day. at 3.45 pm their Artillery dropped 10 HE shells into our Camp, only one shell did any damage this fell into a dugout and killed 3 men severely wounding 3 others. The Battalion was relieved in the front line, and moved back into support at RIODEWOOD. 32 reinforcements mostly returned men from	Playmate bears. etc.
RIODEWOOD	2/10/16		Hospital reported for duty. Rained heavily during last night and is still raining this morning. The camp in a very muddy condition. 70 Reinforcement arrived	
	3/10/16		Started training Raiding party for road on HOLLANDSCHOSCHOR. TACIENT. Screening of Camp continued. weather still very wet and cold.	
	4/10/16		Started Insulated cooking. Medical officer gives sick men in need of milk diet a chat. This is handed to Special Insulated Cook and the man receives three meals. Coffee is supplied to men returning from working parties at any hour during day or night. Cases taken should result in fewer men being evacuated to Hospital.	
	7/10/16		Enemy shelled Camp this morning. 60 Comrades. 3 77 dead. Collected	
	10/10/16		Senior Major and Adjutant left on 10 days leave to England.	
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WERRSTAART	14/10/16		<p>Relieved the 46th Bn VIERSTAART. B+C Companies taking over front line D Support. A Reserve. relief completed 5pm. conditions normal.</p> <p>Involved Cooking proving a great success. Medical Officer reports that a number of men who would have otherwise been evacuated, are still with the Battalion and in better health. Australian Gift fund, has been of great assistance in supplying necessary diet.</p> <p>Enemy shelled POPPY LAKE during the morning. also put a good number of trench mortars. one fell in POPPY LAKE destroying about 12 ft of trench. Another fell in Fire trench No. 1. Killing 3 men of B Coy and 1 man of the CANADIANS. Time 12.30 pm.</p> <p>45th Battalion raided Enemy's trenches last night 2000 hrs 7.30. a number of H.E. shells fell in the vicinity of Headquarters.</p> <p>Military Service Referendum to be held 16th 17th Oct postponed for these days. Capt Cadden returned to duty on the 14th inst. He evacuated at Pozieres on August 6th & lightly wounded. nearly 2 1/2 months away from duty. He again evacuated on 16th with nervous breakdown. His officer is quite unsuited for Active Service. He should be employed with Home Battalion.</p> <p>Enemy bombarded our trenches during the day. towards evening this increased the Bourgeois being heavy on front line Support line and POPPY LAKE. Fire lifted off front line about 6.15 pm.</p>	<p>Raymond R. Co. 48th Bn</p>
	15/10/16			
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VIERSTRAAT.	17 6 16		<p>He attempted to Raid at about Nr. 1 + Nr. 2 but was driven off with Rifle and Machine Gun Fire. He however threw a number of Grenades many of which failed to Explode. all the men were withdrawn to the flanks during the bombardment. which although severe only killed 2 men and wounded 6. our Poropet at Nr. 1 Nr. 2 was demolished also Poppy Lane was blown in back to Support trench. Communications were cut at 6.15 pm, but Lt FAIRLEY and Signal party went forward with Phone and established a station just in rear of Support line. Communication from there to front line was maintained with Reverses. Working parties with tools and Roadboys went forward and during the night repaired Poropet and Poppy Lane sufficient to give Conduit. this is being further improved, but it is a very big job on account of the very rotten state of the old walls. Rockets for Artillery Support were sent up at 6.30 but no notice taken. I consider that Colored lights should be used as the White Rocket is apt to be mistaken for the ordinary flares. Men have worked splendidly all last night and during today without sleep. and have improved the trenches considerably.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Play was to be on Nr. 1 C 4 of Nr</p>

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			<p>The Enemy's Artillery and Tank Motors were active during the morning our parapet was breached in two places also 12 yards of POPPY Lane was blown in. Work of repairing firing line continued during the night. CAPT HILARY and 22 Reinforcements arrived yesterday.</p>	
	21/10/16	Vierstaat.	<p>Conditions improved. Weather much better. Representatives of the 10th Queen's Battalion inspected lines with a view to taking over.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Planned to leave area. Co 40th Bn</p>
	23/10/16	Beeischepe	<p>48th Bn was relieved by the 10th Queen's yesterday. Relief completed at 6.45 pm. Battalion moved to new area B Company left VIERSTAAT at 4 pm other units as relieved. Moved via La Clytte and Westoutre last company arrived at 1.15 am. Went into billets. Weather cold but fine. Today cleaning of kit inspection of feet carried out, all Steel Helmets and Gas Helmets returned.</p>	
	25/10/16	Beeischepe	<p>The men all marched to the Divisional Baths yesterday. Had both a change of clothes.</p> <p>Inspected by Divisional Command. The morning. weather wet and cold.</p>	
	26/10/16		<p>Advance party moved to Godewaersvalde last night. Battalion moved at 7 pm and will enter at Godewaersvalde at 9 pm. Roads in a bad condition but weather much finer. We move to the Somme at 10.13 pm. Detrain at Longpre and go into billets at Long. The strength of the Battalion is now 696 all ranks. Men are very fit. Health on the whole good.</p>	

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VILLERS Cous. Rully.	28 10 16		<p>arrived at LONGPRE at 9 am 26/10/16 Train departed from GODSWAGER EVLDE 9.45 for 26th west 17 OFFICERS 604 other ranks entered. Moved off from LONGPRE at 10 am for VILLERS Cous Rully. Fired up Corkers before moving and halted just outside of LONG for Breakfast moved on to VILLERS at 12.30 pm arriving at 1.45. Men arrived in a fit condition, but one fell out on the march. This was very satisfactory, as each man carried in addition to his full marching order 2 Blankets. We took over Bunkers vacated by the 23rd Battalion, and found them in a filthy condition. They were the dirtiest yet taken over. The Mayor of the town visited us and complained of the way this Battalion had left the place. Men undergoing J.P. were immediately set at work cleaning up streets.</p> <p>Concert held in Barn at A Coy's Bunkers on night of 26th. very much appreciated by the men.</p> <p>marched this morning to ERGNIES and practiced Battalion in attack Very suitable works constructed there. It rained very heavily and the men got extremely wet. The Brigade was present during the operation. 98 Reinforcements arrived. 3 were lost on the march and have not reported to far. 3 Officers from 3rd Division reinforcement reported for duty. The Battalion is under orders to move to BETHENCOURT. ST OVEN at 9 am on the 1st. Health fairly good a number of men suffering from Colds.</p>	<p>Play would be soon over Cous Rully</p>
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48th Battalion Operation Order No. 38.

October 2nd 1916.

Ref Map WYTSCHAETE. Sheet 28 S.W. 2. 10000.

- (1) The 48th Battalion will be relieved in front line positions by 46th Bn to-day, and on relief will move to support position at RIDGEWOOD.
- (2) Relief will commence at 5 p.m. On relief right Company will move out by POPPY LANE; left Company by CHICORY LANE. Troops using POPPY LANE must be careful not to expose themselves. Movement will not be greater than sections at 300 yards interval.
Coy
- (3) O.C. left/will arrange for control posts for CHICORY LANE; O.C. right Company will arrange for control posts for POPPY LANE. These posts will prevent congestion of traffic.
- (4) Companies on relief will move independently to new positions.
- (5) Os C Coys will be personally responsible that their area is thoroughly clean when handing over.
- (6) Inventories of Trench stores etc., will be made out in triplicate, and a receipt obtained on each copy on handing over. One copy will be given to relieving Officer, and two copies forwarded to Battalion Headquarters.
- (7) Each Company will detail one Sergeant to report to Adjutant at 1.45 p.m. to proceed to new camp and take over camp equipment etc.
"C"
- (8) O.C./Coy will detail one Officer, one N.C.O. and 8 O/Ranks to proceed to RIDGEWOOD at 2.0 p.m. to act as unloading party, also 1.N.C.O. and 8 O/R to report to R.S.M. at 1.15 p.m. to act as loading party.
- (9) O.C.B Coy will detail the following to report to R.S.M. at 2.0 p.m. to supply guards at new position:-

8 N.C.Os 39 men.
- (10) Completion of relief will be reported to Battalion Headquarters by the message "LEAVE APPROVED".

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B. J. Leane
Capt.
Adjutant 48th Battalion.

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48th Battalion Operation Order No. 39.

Reference Map WYTSCHAETE Sheet 28 S.W. 2. 1/10,000.

- (1) The 48th Battalion will relieve the 46th Battalion in the front line to-morrow the 14th inst.
- (2) Coys will move off at times mentioned hereunder:-
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| "C" Coy. | at | 1.30 p.m. |
| "D" Coy | at | 2.00 p.m. |
| "A" " | " | 2.45 p.m. |
| "B" " | " | 3.30 p.m. |
| "C" " | " | 3.30 p.m. |
- (3) DRESS. Full marching order, water bottles filled, 120 rounds S.A.A. Steel Helmets to be worn.
- (4) "B" Coy will take over right sub-sector of the front line, moving via ~~CHICOFANE~~ LANE. "C" Coy will take over left sub-sector of front line, and will move via ~~CHICOFANE~~ LANE. *Chicofane* "A" Coy will be Company in reserve. "D" Coy will be Company in support.
- (5) One Officer & C.S.M. per Coy will report to their opposite numbers to-morrow morning and inspect lines, check ammunition, stores etc., and to see that the lines are thoroughly clean before taking over. Inventory's of all Trench stores taken over will be forwarded to Bn Office by 10 a.m. on 15th inst., in triplicate.
- (6) Scouts, Signallers, Grenadiers, & Lewis Gun Detachment will proceed to take over from their opposite numbers at 3 p.m. R.S.M. with 5 N.C.Os & 29 men from Reserve Coy will proceed to Right Bn Hdqrs at 1.30 p.m. R.S.M. to report to Adjutant for instructions at 12 noon to-morrow 14th inst.
- (7) Water Carts (filled) & Cookers from "A" & "D" Coy will move off to Right Bn Hdqrs at 3 p.m. The cookers of "B" & "C" Coy will proceed to the first line of transport.
- (8) "B" & "C" Coys will take sufficient dixies for the purpose of cooking Coy rations in front line. The cooks will proceed to front line at 1.30 p.m. tomorrow and have hot tea ready for the Coys on their arrival.
- (9) Coys will move up to front line in parties not stronger than 15 at 200 Yards interval.
- (10) All trench stores, waders, thermos boxes, gas stores, equipment, rockets, grenades, rifle batteries, ammunition, & petrol tins etc., will be taken over and receipts given.
- (11) Completion of relief will be notified by wire to Bn Hdqrs by the message "Three Castles".
- (12) Coys in front line will get in touch with units on both flanks at once, and report to Bn Hdqrs when this has been done stating unit on flank.
- (13) The following details will remain at MURRUMBIDGEE CAMP.:-
 R.Q.M.S. & Storemen.
 4. Coy Q.M. Sgts.
 Armourer Sergt to act as Coy Q.M. Sgt for H.Q. Details. 1st Line Transport.
 1. N.C.O. & 3 men as Guard over Q.M. Stores.
 Postal Sergeant.
- (14) Attention is drawn to Standing Orders re Trench wood, Duckboards, and other wood used in trench construction must on no account be used for firewood. Any person found guilty of disobeying this order will be severely dealt with.

- (15) The Signallers and Grenadiers will draw their meals from "A" Coy Cooks while the Battalion is in the line.
- (16) The Coy in support will occupy the Support Trench at 5 p.m. daily and will return at "Stand down" the following morning.
- (17) A fatigues party of 1.N.C.O. & 30 men from Support Coy will report at 8.30 a.m. daily to a representative from the Engineers at Brasserie - Vierstreet Road corner. Waders will be worn and mid-day meal be carried.
- (18) Coys will render the following reports to Bn Hdqrs daily in addition to those already detailed:-
 - (1) Condition of Enemy's wire.)
 - (2) Patrol Report.) 7 a.m.
 - (3) Intelligence Report.)
- (19) Grenadier Officer & L.G. Officer will supervise the reliefs & working of their own sections and will see that all bombs, ammunition etc., is kept clean and in receptacles away from water and dirt.
- (20) Troops must take care not to expose themselves during relief.

A. Murray 2/Lieut.
A/Ajutant 48th Battalion.

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	Sen. Major	
	M. O.	
	Sig. Off.	
	L.G. Off.	
	Gren. Off.	
	Scout. Off.	
	R. S. M.	

48th Battalion Operation Order No. 41.

- (1) The 48th Battalion will be relieved by the 10th Queens Battalion to-morrow the 32nd inst, commencing at 4 p.m. and will march via LA CLYTTE - WESTOUTRE to BOERCHEPE.
- (2) Dinner will be at 11 a.m., evening meal at 3 p.m.
- (3) Coys will move off independently as detailed hereunder:-
Support Coy will move off at 4 p.m.
Reserve Coy less 1. Officer 5 N.C.Os & 39 men (guards) will move off at 4.30 p.m.
The right Company in the Front Line will move out via POPPY LANE on being relieved by the incoming unit.
The left Company in the Front Line will move out via CHICORY LANE on being relieved.
L.G.O. will arrange for Coy Lewis Gunners to march with their Coys & will allot 4 Guns to each Company. The remaining carts will be hitched to limbers which will be at Bn Hdqrs at 2 p.m.
Grenadiers, Scouts, H.Q.Sigs (less 2 signallers on phones) Pioneers, & Police will move off at 5 p.m. Lieut Watson will take charge of this detachment.
- (4) Coys will move to HALLEBAST CORNER in parties of 15 at 200 yards interval and will then form up as a Company.
- (5) "A" Echelon transport will move off independently.
"B" Echelon will be Brigaded & will move under orders from the Brigade Transport Officer.
- (6) Cookers will be fired and hot tea prepared for the men on their arrival. Water Carts will be filled prior to leaving.
- (7) DRESS. Full marching order, water bottles filled, blankets on pack en banderole. Mess Tins will be carried on top of pack. Steel Helmets will be worn.
- (8) BILLETING PARTY. C.Q.M.S & 1 Signaller will report to Lieut Fairley at 13th Bde Headquarters at 6 a.m. 32nd inst to proceed as Billeting party.
- (9) O.C. Coys & Specialist Officers will be held personally responsible that their lines are left in a thoroughly clean & sanitary condition. A certificate to this effect will be rendered to Bn Office with Marching Out State.
- (10) Completion of relief will be notified by wire to Bn Office by the message "Gifts received".
- (11) All Maps & Trench Stores, including Gum Boots, will be handed over to incoming units & receipts obtained in triplicate; 3 Copies will be forwarded to Bn Office at earliest possible moment after relief, the triplicate copy will be given to the relieving unit.
- (12) Guides from "C" & "B" Coys will report to Bn Office as under. These guides will conduct the incoming units to the front line.:-
 1. man from "C" Coy at 1.30 p.m.
 2. men from "B" Coy at 2.30 p.m.
- (13) O.C. Reserve Coy will detail 1. Officer to take charge of the guards. On being relieved the party will act as rear guard & will march in rear of the Battalion.
- (14) All Officer's baggage must be at Bn Hdqrs by 1.30 p.m. where it will be picked up by the transport.
- (15) Marching out States will be rendered by all Coys & Specialists by 2 p.m. Marching in States immediately on arrival at new position.

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- (16) Attention is directed to Operation Memo No.5. issued this day re March Discipline. Os.C.Coys will pay particular attention to this point & will take every precaution to prevent straggling on the march. Men of doubtful character must be placed under guard if necessary, to ensure that they reach their destination. Os.C.Coys will be held responsible that this is done.
- (17) A nominal roll of all men falling out on the march will be rendered to Bn Office on arrival at destination showing Reg.No, Rank, Name, with or without permission. If any of the men come in by ambulance, this will also be notified to Battalion Office.

2/Lieut.
A/Adjutant 48th Battalion.

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48th Battalion Operation Order No. 43.

October 25th 1916

Ref. Map HAZEBROUCK SA 1/100000.

- (1) The 48th Battalion will entrain at GODEWAERSVELDE at 9 p.m. to-morrow the 25th inst.
- (2) Tea will be at 4 p.m.
- (3) The head of column will pass starting point (junction of roads North of Battalion Hqtrs) at 7 p.m. in the following order:- SIGS - POLICE - PIONEERS - B - C - D - SCOUTS - GRENADIERS - A.M.C.
- (4) "A" Coy, Transport Section & Lewis Gun Section will move off at 5 p.m. 8 Lewis Gunners per Coy will report to Lieut Dennis at Transport lines at 4 p.m.
- (5) O.C. "D" Coy will detail a party of 1 Officer & 50 men to report to R.T.O. GODEWAERSVELDE. This party will carry 48 hours rations and will remain until the entrainment of the Brigade is completed.
- (6) O.C. "C" Coy will arrange to picquet the train immediately on arrival. This party will not be withdrawn until just prior to the departure of the train.
- (7) DRESS. Full Marching Order, water bottles filled, blankets on pack on banderole. Mess Tins will be carried outside & on top of pack and worsted gloves will be worn.
- (8) Rations will be carried as follows :-
Iron rations on the men.
Breakfast for 27th inst in the cookers.
1. Days rations on the supply train.
- (9) Horses will be watered at as late an hour as possible before entraining.
- (10) O.C. Coys will ensure that their billets are left in a thoroughly clean and Sanitary condition.
- (11) Lieut Fairley and 2 Signallers proceeded to make necessary billeting arrangements. C.Q.M. Sergeants will proceed by first train on the 25th inst. and will report to Lieut Fairley on arrival at destination.
- (12) Marching out States to Battalion Office by 4 p.m.
Marching in States to Battalion Office immediately on arrival.
- (13) O.C. Coy will take necessary steps to prevent any men being absent when the Battalion moves. Any man likely to cause trouble in this respect should be placed on close arrest.
- (14) Attention is drawn to the Special Training Instructions issued on Sept 28th 1916.
- (15) "D" Coy will detail 1 N.C.O. & 3 men to report to Q.Ms Store at 11 a.m. to-morrow the 26th inst.

D. L. Living 4/Lieut.
Adjutant 48th Battalion.

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OPERATION MEMO No. 3.

October 12th 1916.

NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO THE FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

- (1) The following general instructions will be observed in connection with the relief of front line trenches by this Battalion and subsequently in the trenches.
- (2) RELIEF. O.C. "B" & "C" Coys will proceed to the right sector of the front line trenches to-morrow the 13th inst to arrange for the relief of the allotted Coy area.
O.C. "B" Coy will arrange with the right sub-sector.
O.C. "C" Coy will arrange with the left sub-sector.
Os C. "A" & "D" Coy will proceed to VIERSTRAAT and arrange for taking over from the 46th Battalion.
- (3) RATIONS.:- Rations will be drawn in bulk by R.Q.M.S. and issued to Coy Q.M.Sgts at MURRUMBIDGEE CAMP. They will be tied up in sandbags, and sent out by transport to reach Bn Hdqrs by 5 p.m. daily. Coy Q.M.Sgts will accompany the rations, and will hand them over to their respective Coy representatives at Bn Hdqrs. Coys in support and reserve will supply carrying parties to carry rations to Companies in front line. Coys in front line will send one N.C.O. daily to be at Bn Hdqrs at 5 p.m. to take over their Coy rations and take charge of carrying parties
- (4) WATER.:- Companies in front line will draw water from the BRASSERIE tanks Companies in support or reserve will draw from water carts at Bn Hdqrs Water Carts will refill at LA CLYTTE daily. M.O. will arrange for A.M.C. personnel to accompany carts and supervise chlorination.
- (5) CLEANLINESS.:- O.C. COYS will, before taking over, inspect the sanitary conditions of the new site and will ensure that sufficient sanitary precautions have been taken. This also applies to our own lines before they are vacated.
- (6) AMMUNITION BOXES.:- Immediately after the relief, ammunition boxes are to be placed in convenient positions in the front line into which all empty cartridge cases are to be placed.
- (7) POSTS.:- All posts will be numbered consecutively from right to left and on an Officer approaching a post, the sentry will state "No post all correct" or otherwise.
- (8) DRESS.:- During the hours of daylight not less than half of each Company's strength will be fully equipped and alert. The remainder whether resting or on fatigue will have equipment in such a place that in case of alarm it can be put on immediately.
During the night everyone must wear his equipment.
- (9) RETURNS.:- The following returns and reports will be sent in to Bn Headquarters daily.:-
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| (1) <u>Situation Report.</u> | at 3 a.m. and p.m. & 9 a.m. and p.m. | |
| (2) <u>Wind Report.</u> | at 3 a.m. and p.m. & 9 a.m. and p.m. | |
| | (also on any change to "Wind Dangerous") | |
| (3) Ammunition expended during past 24 hours | | 11 a.m. |
| Hand Grenades " | " " " " | " " |
| Rifle Grenades " | " " " " | " " |
| Ammunition on hand | | " " |
| Hand Grenades " | | " " |
| Rifle " | | " " |
- (4) Casualty Report. at 3 a.m. and p.m. & 9 a.m. and p.m.
- (5) Particulars of any unusual occurrence, or any contrivance (as they or invention resorted to, to defeat the enemy.) occur.
- (6) Requisitions for material required for the following day. 9 a.m.
- (10) GENERAL.:- (a) Telephones must, on no account be used for private conversation, nor is any matter likely to be of value to the neemy, to be transmitted in clear over the phone. 3rd Army Code will be used as far as possible; otherwise runners will be used, except in cases of extreme urgency.
(b) All ranks will stand to arms.:-

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Operation Memo (contd)

- GENERAL. (1) From 4.45 a.m. to 5.45 a.m.) (or later if Senior Officer in the line considers it necessary on a/c of bad lights etc.,
 (2) From 5.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.)
 (3) In case of attack by enemy. Order to "Stand Down" will come from Senior Officer in the line.
 (4) In case of a Gas attack.

(d) On no account is any person other than 48th Battalion, to be allowed to pass through our trenches unless:-

- (1) accompanied by an officer or N.C.O. of the 48th Battalion.
- (2) in possession of a pass signed by the C.O. Senior Major, or Adjutant, and bearing the Battalion Office Stamp.
- (3) of unquestionable bona fides.

All other strangers will be detained by sentries and questioned by the Officer in charge of sector, who, if he is not satisfied with the bona fides of the stranger will get in communication with Bn Headqrs at once and ask for instructions. All men are to be instructed re this matter.

FATIGUES. All fatigue parties in the front line will be supplied by the party resting.

[Signature] 2/Lieut.
 A/Adjutant 48th Battalion.

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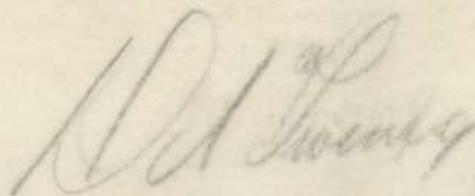
NOT TO BE TAKEN INTO FRONT LINE TRENCHES.

- (1) WORK. The work of draining & duckboarding the front line must be attended to immediately.
- (2) SALVAGE. All rifles, equipment etc., lying about lines must be gathered to-gether & sent to Battalion Headquarters.
- (3) SENTRIES. Attention is drawn to the fact that Sentries must give the number of the post and report all correct or otherwise to Officers passing through the line.
- (4) INTELLIGENCE. It is believed that Germany is still receiving considerable quantities of tinned food, especially Sardines and Smoked Fish, the produce of France and other Allied Countries. Any tins bearing the mark of Allied Firms found in possession of German Troops will be sent at once to ~~Battalion~~ Headquarters.
- (5) OBSTRUCTION OF WATER COURSES. It has been reported that low bridges on sandbag abutments have been thrown across the streams at various places on the DIEPENDAAL and WYTSCHAETE Books; these are obstructing the course of the water and immediate steps will be taken to have these removed and replaced, where necessary, by Bridges, having a clear span the full width of the stream, with a floor level at least 4' above its bed. All ranks will be warned against leaving loose material on the banks which can be caught by the rising water and form obstructions.
- (6) SELF INFLICTED WOUNDS. A number of self-inflicted wounds have been caused by the 1" Very Pistol when opening the pistol to remove a mis-fired cartridge and occasionally when opening the pistol. All ranks will be impressed with the necessity of seeing that:-
 (1) The Hammer is down when the pistol is opened or closed.
 (2) That the palm of the left hand is clear of the muzzle when opening or closing the pistol.
- (7) PERISCOPE OBSERVATION POSTS. have just been installed; Os G Coys will issue stringent orders that no one is to tamper with these instruments under any circumstances., and that notice boards or other material is not to be removed. The periscope may be lowered and the object glass cleaned. The cabin door should always be locked when the O.P. is not in use, so that there can be no question on whom the responsibility for any damage done should rest.
- (8) BUILDING MATERIAL FROM RUINED HOUSES. Units are forbidden to take any bricks or building material from ruined houses except with permission from ~~Battalion~~ Headquarters.
- (9) POINTS TO BE STRICTLY OBSERVED.
 (1) Although the enemy are now very quiet it is very important that men are kept up to the mark and not allowed to get slack.
 (2) Equipment will be worn continuously by at least 50% of the front line Companies by day and by all the front & reserve line Coys by night, (including Lewis Gunners). Equipment will be worn under the greatcoat.
 (3) Gas Helmets will always be worn while the Bn is in its present position.
 (4) Ammunition and bombs must be kept separate & thoroughly cleaned and oiled daily. All empty cartridge cases must be picked up before breakfast each morning.
 (5) Sentry groups must be posted with a responsible N.C.O. 1/c each group who will remain close to his group at all times. Sentries must report "Number....Post all correct"(or otherwise) to Generals, Staff Officers and other Officers who may pass their post.
 (6) Sniping and day observation still needs to be more thoroughly organised
 (7) There are still a lot of local repairs to be done to the trenches, duckboards laid down & draining to be done. These should be pushed on as quickly as possible. A lot of screening still remains to be done.
 (8) All men must know where the nearest ammunition & grenade store is; inventories must be kept up to date at each store.

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OPERATION MEMO NO.5.

- (1) Os C Coys and Specialists will see that they are complete in clothing, equipment, arms, identity discs, field dressings & emergency rations.
- (2) Special attention will be paid to march discipline. The column must be kept well to the right of the road and well closed up in their sections of fours. An Officer must always be at the rear of every unit. No N.C.O. or man is allowed to fall out on the line of march without special written permission from his Company or Platoon Commander. Transport drivers will carry their rifles slung. The packs of Transport drivers may be carried in the limbers. Halts will be made for 10 minutes in each hour at 10 minutes before each clock hour. Os.C.Coys will see that their men get a good square meal before they commence a march. Regular boot and feet inspection must be held daily by Company and Platoon Commanders.
- (3) Special attention must be paid to the fitting of harness and keeping the leather soft and steel work clean. Wheels should be inspected every day to see that they are in good serviceable condition. Vehicles must on no account be overloaded and Transport Officer is to see that these are properly and tidily packed when loaded. Limbers and wagons will be washed whenever possible.
- (4) The attention of all concerned is drawn to Brigade Standing Orders para.5 "Orders for Billets"; these will be strictly adhered to.
- (5) Os.C.Coys will pay very careful attention to the fitting of men's clothing, equipment and boots.
- (6) In all cases of absence men will be tried by F.G.C.M. for desertion.
- (7) Rifles are never to be cleaned unless the chamber is empty and the magazine taken out.
- (8) All articles surplus to the requirements of Units will be returned to the Q.Ms Store.
- (9) Thorough inspection of their men is required on the part of Company and Platoon Commanders to see their men are properly clean etc.



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