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52nd. BATTALION A.I.F.
WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BERQUIN AREA. No. 1.	1917	Aug 1	2 p.m. Heavy rains from dawn until 2 p.m. All parades and Training as per Syllabus - cancelled. Men kept in tents repairing clothes and sewing on color patches.	
		2-15 to 3-0 p.m.	Break in weather. Battalion, short Route March by Companies. Remainder of day - drizzling rain.	Syllabus of Training for week ending 4th August Attached to last Diary
		6 p.m.	Lecture on Heavy Artillery by Major FRYER at DOULIEU. All Officers of Battalion attended. Battalion paid.	
do	Aug 2		Raining all early morning and up to 9-30 a.m. Unable carry out Syllabus of training. 10 a.m. to 1-45 p.m. Route March by Battalion. Raining all afternoon.	
do	" 3		Raining. Training as per Syllabus as far as possible between showers. 2/Lieut. E.G. HODGE taken on strength. Paper to all Officers, Scheme for attack. (Copy attached)	App. "A" Training Syllabus week ending 11/8/17
do	" 4		Route March. Half Holiday.	
do	" 5		Church Parade. 9-30 a.m. Church of England. " " 11-0 a.m. Roman Catholic,	
do	" 6		Training as laid down in Syllabus. All Box Respirators examined by Brigade Gas Officer. Lecture to N.C.Os by Senior Major. Day fine.	App. "B" Operation Order No. 63.
do	" 7	10 p.m.	Route March, 9-0 a.m. to 12-30 p.m. (Table attached). I.O. forward to KEMMEL, Billeting. Gas Drill, Bayonet Fighting exercises, Marching by night &c.	ccf

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No. 1. BERQUIN AREA	1917. Aug. 8	3p.m.	Cleaning Camp, Completing equipment prior to move. Battalion marched to KEMMEL. Sheet 28. S.W. N.26.c.3.3. Men marched well, 5 men fell out with permission (Boots not fitting), but came in with Rear Guard 5 minutes after Battalion. Arrived 6-45 p.m. Tents and Huts.	
		7-15 p.m.	Violent thunderstorm and heavy rains.	
KEMMEL.	" 9		Fine day, ground clean and dry. Enemy Planes (2) over Camp 4-30a.m. Morning spent cleaning and settling Camp. Bayonet Fighting and Musketry. Senior Major held N.C.Os class, 2-15 - 3-30 p.m. All N.C.Os present. Afternoon men spent on Football, Games, etc.,	
do	"10) "11)		N.C.O's classes in afternoon. Working Parties as for Table attached. Games in afternoon.	
do	"12		Working Parties and Church Parade.	App. "C" Working Tables attd.
do	"13		Working Parties as per Tables.	
do	"14	do do do		App. "D" Training Syllabus
do	"15		Rest, Games, and cleaning up.	
do	"16		Battalion bathed at LINDENHOREK and obtained clean clothes. 200 men salvaging Work at WULVERGHEM. Balance of Battalion Training in Signalling, Bombing, Lewis Guns &c. Games.	
do	17-18		General Training and Specialist Training. Captain B.H. ARNOTT Killed by shell fire at WYTSCHAETE.	
do	19		Church Parade and 200 men salvaging at WULVERGHEM.	

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KEMMEL.	1917. Aug. 20.		All blankets de-verminised. Training - Musketry, Bayonet Fighting, Bombing., Lewis Guns, &c.	Operation Order No 64 Appendix "E"
KEMMEL? NEUVE EGLISE, HILL 63.	21		Marched from Camp on Mt KEMMEL at 9-45 a.m. to Bivouac Area at NEUVE EGLISE (length of march 4 miles). Resumed March at 7-0 p.m. to an area at foot of Northern Slopes of HILL 63, arriving at 9-0 p.m.: Bivouacked here for 24 hours as a Support Battalion to 3rd. N. Zealand Rifle Brigade who were in the line opposite WARNETON. (Operation Order and March Order in appendices) Lieutenants CONWELL and BOASE re-joined from leave. Captain A.M. MAXWELL evacuated to Rest House.	Operation Order No. 65 Appendix "F"
RIVER DOUVE- STEIGNAST FARM. (WARNETON-MESSINES AREA)	22		In bivouac area. At night relieved the 3rd, Battalion New Zealand Rifle Brigade in the line on the frontage from RIVER DOUVE (Exclusive) to STEIGNAST FARM ROAD (Inclusive) (See dispositions in Operation Order No. 66 "G" Appendix.)	Operation Order and Administrative Order Appendix "G"
do	23		Relief reported as complete to Brigade Headquarters at 2-25 a.m. Front Line Companies had actually completed their reliefs by 1 a.m. Lieut. TURNBULL wounded 4 a.m. 1 other rank killed, 6 other ranks wounded. Units on our flanks - 50th. Battalion on right their frontage included River DOUVE. 13th. Battalion (4th. Australian Infantry Brigade) on left directly East of MESSINES. Quiet day. Weather fine. Arrangements for Working Parties completed and work commenced at night, deepening Front Line trenches and preparing Communication Trench from Front Line to New Support Line for revetting and duck-boarding. Artillery active in afternoon and evening. Lieut. A.O. BILSON joined Battalion from leave.	

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WARNETON - MESSINES AREA.	1917. Aug. 24		Quiet day generally. Artillery of both sides active in afternoon. Several casualties in Support Area. Captain W.F. WILMOTT O.C. "A" Company wounded by M.G. bullet at night, evacuated. Lieut. H. THOMAS assumed command of "A" Company. Lieut A.B. SPIERS re-joined Battalion from School of Instruction. Weather continued fine.	
do	25		Enemy Artillery active in forenoon 11-45 a.m. and again from 2 to 3 p.m. on our left flank. Fine Weather.	
do	26		Enemy attempted a raid on our No.8 Post at 3-30 a.m. See copy of report to Brigade Headquarters appendix "H". Quiet day. Artillery activity by both sides: Aerial activity also. Carried out inter-Company relief on night 26/27th. "B" & "D" Companies relieving "A" & "C" Coys in the front line. The two last named moving to Support and Reserve positions near Battalion Headquarters.	Appendix "H" attached.
do	27		Lieut. R. DICKSON wounded early in morning at No.9 Post. Wet weather - difficult to deepen or improve trenches and work already done lost much of its value owing to flooding of trenches before revetting could be completed. Our Artillery carried out "Harassing Fire" on enemy opposite our sector. (See Operation Order by Southern Group Commander - attached appendix "I").	Appendix "I" attached.
do	28		Weather still wet, showers throughout day and night. Reconnaissance made at night by Officers of another unit in preparation for relieving us in the sector now held.	
do	29		Working Parties completed all work in forward area, that it was possible to do before the relief. Dull and dreary weather.	

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WARNETON - MESSINES AREA.	1917. Aug. 29		Patrol reports by Lieut. L.C. BOASE satisfactory, his patrol got through German wire, were fired on, two casualties, but by using grenades made several of the enemy return to their trenches. Summary of work done See appendix "Ia". Relief of 52nd. Battalion in the line by 17th. Battalion Manchester Regiment commenced 9-0 p.m. weather showery, very muddy underfoot. Slight moon which facilitated direction of incoming units. See Operation Order No. 67 appendix "J". Relief completed by 2-30 a.m.	Appendix "Ia" attached. Appendix "J" attached.
NEUVE EGLISE.	30		52nd. Battalion moved to NEUVE EGLISE Area last troops arrived by 6-0 a.m., went into ALDERSHOT CAMP (T.19.b.9.1) sheet 28). Morning spent in resting, afternoon in cleaning and Bathing parades, also pay issued. Fine day, Rain at night	Strength of Battalion Appendix "K" attached.
	31		In Camp; cleaning up parade in morning and Company inspection. Afternoon - Route March by Battalion of $3\frac{3}{4}$ miles; hardening up for next days march. Billeting party sent ahead to new area in afternoon. Orders received in afternoon for Brigade to move on 1st. September to new area between BAILLEUL and HAZEBROUCK.	

C. Francisco
Cpt
Assistant
for Lieut Colonel
Comm^d 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 11th AUGUST 1917.

Date.	8 a.m. to 11 a.m.	2 p.m. to 3-30 p.m.	Remarks.
MONDAY. 6th.8.17	: Coy. Training, Masketry, : Outposts by Coys. : (diagrammatic).	: Specialists Train- : ing L.G's. Bombers, : Scouts, Runners.	: Btn. Lecture : ½ hour - to : all Officers : & N.C.O's.
TUESDAY. 7th.8.17.	: Battalion Route March - : with Transport.		: Coy. Lectures : ½ hour. 10 : to 10-30 p.m. : Gas Drill : including : marching. : Bayonet Pract.
WEDNESDAY. 8th.8.17.	: Coy. drill, Bayonet : Instruction. Masketry : Rifle Exercises. Rapid : wiring. Gas Drill	: Specialists : Training.	: Coy. Lectures : ½ hour. Special : Lecture at Bde : H.Q.
THURSDAY. 9th.8.17.	: Battalion Route March - : Transport Mid-day meal to be carried.		: Coy. Schemes : for Platoon : Commanders : & N.C.O's ½ : hour.
FRIDAY. 10th.8.17.	: Coy. Training, Masketry : Rapid Wiring	: Specialists : Training	: Tactical : Schemes for : Platoon Comdrs : & N.C.O's under : Bn. Supervision.
SATURDAY. 11th.8.17	: Battalion Route March-accompanied by : Transport 8 a.m. to 12 noon.		: : Half day holiday. : :

NOTE:-

- (1) The instructions given at foot of previous week's syllabus will hold good for the present week's training.
- (2) All Officers will undergo training in rapid wiring; services of a special instructor attached to Battalion to be fully utilised.
- (3) Special Instructor for bayonet training will be with the Battalion on the 8th inst.
- (4) Battalion Intelligence Officer in co-operation with Signalling Officer will arrange to continue special training of runners.
- (5) Arrangements for training men who have fallen out on route marches during the past week, who need instruction in marching, will be made by Battalion H.Q.

J. L. Whitham

Lieut-Colonel.
Commanding 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 63.

by

Lieut-Colonel J.L. WHITHAM C.M.G.,
Commanding 52nd Battalion A.I.F.,8/8/1917.(Reference Map 1/40,000, Sheets 36 & 28)

1. The 4th Aust. Division is taking over on the 8th & 9th August, the front now held by 27th Division and 3rd Aust. Division. The 13th Aust. Infantry Brigade will be Supporting Brigade, and moves to the KEMMEL Area on 8th inst.
2. 52nd Battalion will move this afternoon from its present billets to N.26.c.3.3. (sheet 28) STEENWERCK, NEUVE EGLISE and DRANOUTRE.
3. STARTING POINT (Sheet 36) A.21.b.4.6. (Entrance to Battalion Transport Lines)
STARTING TIME :- 3.5. p.m.
4. ORDER OF MARCH. :-
Band,
Headquarters.,
"A" Company
"B" "
"C" "
"D" "
Transport.
5. DISTANCES ~~re~~ will be maintained between Units :-
200 Yards between Battalions.
100 " " Companies.
100 " " last Company & Transport.
6. DRESS :- Marching Order - Helmets to be worn - blankets will not be carried on the man.
7. REAR PARTY :- One Officer, 8 Other Ranks will be detailed by Duty Company.
8. TENTS in present camps will be struck and returned by Companies to a representative of the Area Commandant in 13th Field Coy. Transport Lines at 11 a.m. today.
9. BAGGAGE :- Battn.H.Qs. and Company Stores will be stacked at R.Q.M. Store ready for loading at 1 p.m., Officer's valises will be stacked near B.O.R. by 12-30 p.m.
10. CLEANLINESS :- An inspection will be made by an Officer from Battn.H.Qs. at 2-0 p.m. by which hour the Camp and billets will be in a thoroughly clean condition, drains round tents to be carefully filled in.
Blankets will be loaded in Motor Lorry near B.O.R. by 12 noon, and will be delivered direct to Camp Site prior to arrival of Battalion.
11. Major. R.F.FITZGERALD D.S.O., will furnish the Certificate required by *13th A.I. Brigade* that all camps and billets have been left in a satisfactory condition, and that all claims for damage to property on the Camp Site have been investigated and steps towards settlement taken.
12. Intelligence Officer will arrange for guides to conduct Companies and other Units of Battalion to their respective camp sites. These guides will meet Units at road junction East of DRANOUTRE (M.36.C.Central.)

P.T.O.

Operation Order No 63 Continued :-

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13. Transport lines at N26 6.2.3.
Water : Nearest water points to Battalton lines
 14. N 26 b
are at N 26 d 6.2.
 N 31 a

All drinking water will be boiled -- doubts exist as to purity of water in the new area.

15. Medical Divisional A.D.S. is at LINDENHOEK and KANDAHAR FARM (12th Field Ambulance) (4th Field Ambulance) M.D.S. is at WESTHOP (T19.b4.5) (13th Field Ambulance) D.R.S. is at S9.A.8.2.
16. Supplies. Present refilling points will continue in use until Railhead is changed.
17. Localities of Ammunition Dumps and of R.E. Stores will be notified later.
18. BATHS AND LAUNDRY. Baths are available at KEMMEL, LINDENHOEK & DRANOUTRE.
19. BRIGADE CANTEEN will open at N 25.d.2.9.
20. Return of Tents and Shelters in possession of Companies and Battalion H.Q. will be rendered to Battalion Orderly Room by 8-0 a.m. on 9.8.17.

E. J. Dranoutre

Captain.
Adjutant 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

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6. - "D" "
7. - "H.Q."
8. - R.T.O. & R.Q.M.

13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

TABLE OF WORKING PARTIES.

Appendix "C"

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Index No.	Work to be carried out	No. required.		Time and Date.	To Report.		Tools to be brought if possible.	Remarks.
		Forward of Res. Line	Rear of Res. Line		Place.	To whom		
8.	Salvage near WULVERGHEM.	4 Offs &	200 men	9-0 a.m.	Pioneer Camp SPY FARM. N.28.c.8.6.	Lt SELLARS 4th..Aust. Pioneer Battalion.	-;-	DAILY. Mid-day meal required, To be supplied alternate- ly by 50 & 52 Bns. 52nd. to commence to-morrow.
3.	Construction BOB AVENUE	1 Off. &	50 men	3-30 a.m. 12-8-17.	STORE FARM N.29.a.8.2.	O.C. "A" Coy. 4th. Pioneer Bn.	50 shovels.	DAILY To be supplied by 52nd. Battalion. 17th.
4.	Camouflage near WYTSCHAETE.	1 Off &	50 men	9-0 p.m.	PICK HOUSE O.26.a.central	Lt FRASER. 12th Field Coy.	Nil	do do
5.	Road Work ANTRIM ROAD.	1 Off &	50 men	9-15 p.m.	Cross Roads O.20.c.2.8.	Lt. FRASER 12th. Field Coy.	Every man a shovel and every third a pick.	do do
6.	Reserve Line.	2 Offs &	100 men	9-30 p.m.	FANNY'S FARM	Lt DONALDSON 13th Field Coy.	Bring wooden handle of entrenching implt.	do do
7.	Reserve Line.	2 Offs &	100 men	3-30 a.m.	PICK HOUSE O.26.a.central.	Lt. MOLLOY. 13th. Field Coy.	No tools.	do do

16/8/17

(Signed) A. NICHOLSON Captain.
Staff Captain, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 18th AUGUST, 1917.

Day and Date.	8 to 8-50 a.m.	9 to 9-50 a.m.	10 to 10-50 a.m.	2 to 3-30 p.m.	Lectures	Remarks
MONDAY. AUG. 13	Squad Drill. Rifle Exercises.	Musketry Instruction. Bayonet Fighting.	Company Outposts.	Specialist Training (A Coy. Rifle Range) NCO's Special Class.	Organization & Internal Economy of Platoon.	A. Coy. Lewis Gunners Rifle Range Lecture; Major FITZGERALD.
TUESDAY. AUG. 14	Platoon Drill. Rifle Exercises.	Judging distances, Range discipline, Demonstration.	Rapid piling of arms. Rapid adjustment of sights (Musketry)	Do. (B Company Rifle Range)	Eye and Memory sketching. 2/Lieut JULIN.	B. Coy. Lewis Gunners Rifle Range
WEDNESDAY. AUG. 15	Company Drill.	Rifle Exercises. (1/2 hr) Route March by Companies with deployment by Section Groups and extensions. Fighting Order. March discipline.	Do. (C Company Rifle Range)	Do. (C Company Rifle Range)	Grenade Attacks (Rifle and Hand) Lieut SMITH.	C Company Lewis Gunners Rifle Range
THURSDAY AUG. 16.	Inspection by O.C. Company.	Battalion Drills and Inspection by C.O. General	Do. (D Company Rifle Range)	Do.	Outposts. Captain MAXWELL.	A & B Offrs and N.C.O's L.G. Range.
FRIDAY. AUG. 17	Rifle Exercises. Bayonet Fighting.	Advanced, Flank and Rear Guards with rapid deployments. Fighting Order. March Discipline.	Do. (H.Q. Company pending Rifle Range)	Do.	First Aid treatment. Capt TASSIE.	C & D Offrs & N.C.O's L.G. Range.
SATURDAY. AUG. 18	Rapid Wiring Tests.	Company Drill. (Including Ceremonial)	Trench to Trench Attack by Companies	Do. Officers Revolver practice.	Communi- cation. Lt CROCKER.	3-30 p.m. Cricket Match. inter Battalion.

CRICKET MATCHES.

MONDAY: A Company. (V) B Company. TUESDAY: C Company. (V) H.Q. Company. WEDNESDAY: D Company (V) Transport.
THURSDAY: Mondays Winners (V) Tuesdays Winners.
FRIDAY: Wednesday's Winners (V) Thursday's Winners.

(Signed) J.L. WHITHAM.
Lieut-Colonel.
Commanding 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

by
Lieut-Colonel J.L. WHITHAM, C.M.G.
Commanding 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

1/20,000 Sheet S.W.

21st. August, 1917.

Map Reference / Reference Routine Order No. 103 para. 8

1. Battalion will march this morning to Camp at T.14.d.4.1.

STARTING POINT :- DONEGAL FARM.

2. Head of Battalion will pass Starting Point 10-45 a.m.

ORDER OF MARCH -

H.Q.
"A" Company.
"C" "
"B" "
"D" "
Transport.

Distance of 100^{yds} between Companies and between rear Company and Transport will be maintained.

3. ROUTE.- West to Road Junction near DRANOUTRE (M.36.C. central), thence South East through NEUVE EGLISE, to Camp at T.14.d.4.1.

4. DRESS :- Marching Order, blanket will be carried on the man. Felt Hats will be carried in the packs.

5. BAGGAGE - OFFICERS. Headquarters, "B" & "D" Companies will be stacked at Officers Mess at 10-0 a.m.
"A" & "C" Companies near Guard Room at 10-0 a.m.

6. Battalion will move to-night to Bivouac area in square U.7. & 8. Operation Order and Administrative arrangements for relief of 3rd Battalion N.Z. Infantry Brigade on 22/23rd August, will be issued later

E.C. Dransfield

Captain.
Adjutant, 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

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by
Lieut-Colonel J.L. WHITHAM, C.M.G.
Commanding 52nd. Battalion A.I.F.

21st. AUGUST, 1917.

1. MOVE. The Battalion will move forward this evening at 7-0 p.m.

2. ORDER OF MARCH. :-

Headquarters.
"C" Company.
"A" "
"D" "
"B" "

3. ROUTE. :- NEUVE EGLISE, LA TROMPE, CABARET. T.9.d.3.1., then T.15.b. central, LESUWERK FARM, KEEPAWAY FARM, WHITE GATES.

4. GUIDES will meet Platoons here and conduct them to bivouac .
Bivouac Area will be :-

Headquarters at MOATED FARM T.12.a.central.
"C" Company T.12.a., T.7.e., and E.7.b.
"A" " T.7.c.
"D" " T.7.a.
"B" " T.12.d.

4. Battalion will march by platoons from Camp at 50 yards distance.
Platoons will break into sections in file at LESUWERK FARM, T.10.d.5.3.

5. DRESS. Fighting Order with blanket and ground sheet. Packs will be dumped in Company dumps before 5 p.m., at places which will be indicated; when Transport Officer will convey same to Transport Lines for storing.

6. COOKERS will proceed to Transport Lines where they will remain.

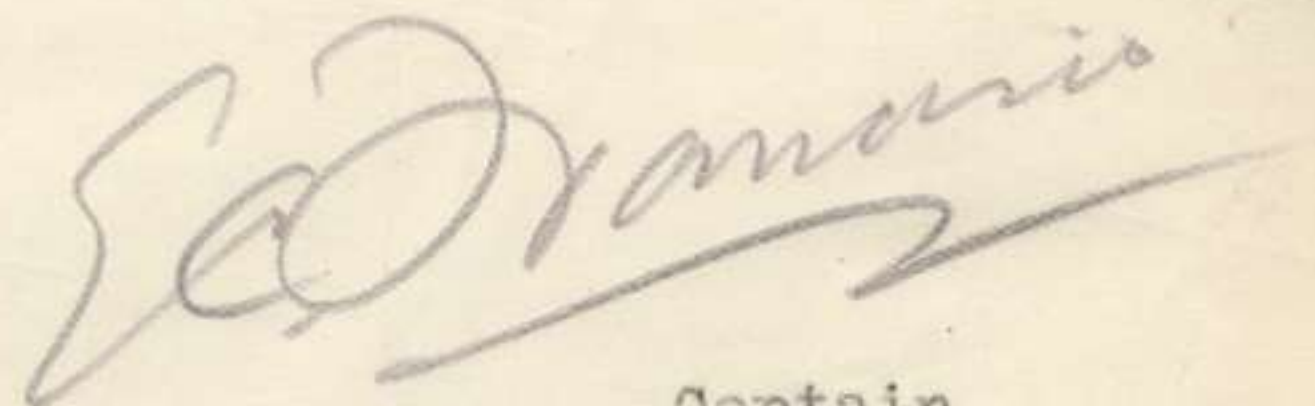
7. Officers valises will be stored at Transport Lines.

8. Companies will draw two stretchers each from Maltese Cart which will be at Camp ground at 6-30 p.m.

Each Company will detail 2 men to remain at Transport Lines as guard over packs and Officers valises. The Armourer Sergeant will be Sergeant of this Guard.

Company Commanders and other Officers are specially warned that the area of our bivouac is under direct enemy observation and no movement of any description unless absolutely necessary will be allowed. In any position however, where the ground is hidden from enemy observation, work of cleaning up the trenches and dugouts will be carried on. Apart from these necessary works, all reanks will remain under cover.

Baggage Guard will report to Adjutant at 5-0 p.m.



Captain.

Adjutant, 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

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Appendix "G"

OPERATION ORDER NO. 66

by
Lieut-Colonel J.L. WHITHAM, C.M.G.
Commanding KEEP Battalion.

22nd August, 1917.

Reference Map : Sheet 28. S.W. 1/20,000

1. KEEP will relieve LORD in the line on night 22/23rd August on the frontage from RIVER DOUVE U.11.d.5.4. (Exclusive) to STEIGHAST FARM ROAD U.5.b.8.5. (Inclusive).
2. ORDER OF RELIEF will be as follows :-

"A" Company	KEEP	will relieve	"D" Company	LORD	as right front Company.
"C" "	KEEP	"	" " "	LORD	as left front Company.
"B" "	KEEP	"	" " "	LORD	as Support Company.
"D" "	KEEP	"	" " "	LORD	as Reserve Company.
3. GUIDES will be supplied by LORD and will be at PLANK ROAD at CURRIE DUMP (T.12.b.7.4.) at 8-0 p.m. There will be 2 guides per platoon for each of "A" and "C" Companies, one guide per platoon for each of "B" and "D" Companies, and one guide for each of the following :-
 - Cooks.
 - R.M.O.
 - H.Q. Details.
 - Battalion Signallers.
 - Commanding Officer.
4. TIME OF RELIEF. Headq of leading platoon of "A" Company will be at U.3.d.7.1., junction of Tram line to forward area and TILLEUL-MESSINES ROAD, at 9-0 p.m.
RELIEF TO BE COMPLETE by 3-0 a.m. Completion of relief to be notified to Battalion H.Q. by phone or runner. Code word to be used -"DINGBAT".
5. FRENCH STORES:- including Food Containers, Gum Boots, Petrol Tins, Maps and Documents will be taken over and receipts given. Duplicate list of articles taken over will be forwarded to KEEP Headquarters by noon on 23rd.
6. COOKS GEAR of Headquarters and all Companies will be taken to CURRIE DUMP at 8-0 p.m. and from there will be carried to SUNKEN ROAD in U.3.d. near BETHLEHEM FARM.
7. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS are being issued separately.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. Francisco

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- 1-3 KEEP H.Q. File.
 - 4-7 Companies.
 - 8 Q.M.
 - 9 T.O.
 - 10 LORD.
 - 11 KATE.
 - 12 RMB
 - 13 SD
 - 14 RL
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Adjutant, KEEP Battalion. Captain.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
 issued in conjunction with
 KEEP OPERATION ORDER NO. 66.

APPENDIX G

(UNCLASSIFIED) BRITISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS KEEP Headquarters.

22nd August, 1917.

Reference Map - Sheet 28. S.W. 1/20,000

1. TRANSPORT. 1st Line Transport is located at T.8.c.7.5. Lieut. R. J. RUDALL is in charge of Brigade Transport Camp.
2. QUARTERMASTER. R.Q.M.S. and Company C.M. Sergeants will be situated at Battalion Transport Lines.
3. RATIONS. (a) Rations are delivered to Battalion Transport Lines, and will be brought forward daily after 4-0 p.m. by 1st Line Transport to CURRY DUMP at T.12.b.7.4.
 (b) From CURRY DUMP rations will be taken on tram trolley to Sunken Road at U.3.d.75.1. thence carried to cooks lines on road near BETHLEHEM FARM. C.Q.M. Sergeants will see rations delivered to their respective Company's Cooks.
 (c) C.C. Reserve Company will provide ration carrying parties from CURRY DUMP to Cooks lines, and also from Cooks lines to Companies in front and Support Branches.
 (d) Headquarters and Company Cooks will be located near BETHLEHEM FARM and all meals will be prepared under supervision of the Sergeant Cook. Two hot meals nightly will be sent forward between 9-0 p.m. and 3-0 a.m.
 (e) One cook from Headquarters will be located at Battalion Orderly Room near CONTROL POST near T.18.a. to cook for details at Rear Headquarters of Battalion.
4. WATER. Petrol Tins will be filled at CURRY DUMP and taken forward under similar arrangement, as set given for Rations in para. 3.
5. MEDICAL. Regimental Aid Post will be at U.4.d.4.8. in CROSS AVENUE. Evacuations from R.A.P. by hand stretcher to U.4.c.3.0., thence due North to tramline. From truck to U.7.b.8.6., thence by hand stretcher to GOOSEBERRY FARM U.7.b.4.8., Motor Ambulance to KENDAHAR FARM at T.10.b.7.7.
6. AMMUNITION. Ammunition will be obtained from Brigade Dump at SCHNITZEL FARM at U.3.c.9.2. Indents will be submitted by Companies to Battalion Headquarters.
7. RESERVE RATIONS. Brigade Reserve Rations (2,000) are at SCHNITZEL FARM.
8. CANTEEN. Brigade forward Canteen is situated at RED LODGE at T.16.d. Rear Canteen at Brigade Transport Lines.
9. BATTALION POST OFFICE at Battalion Orderly Room at PLUM DUFF STREET near WHITEGATES T.16.a.
10. DRYING ROOM. established at STAFFORD HOUSE U.13.c.6.2. Dry Gum Boots will there be exchanged for wet boots. Arrangements will be made for drying sox, and sending forward dry sox with rations.
11. MOBILE ECHELON. Ammunition, Picks and Shovels are stored at Battalion Transport Lines. Blankets of forward Companies will be stored at Battalion Orderly Room on 22nd inst. and reissued on relief of these Companies by "B" & "D" Companies.
12. SALVAGE. The Brigade Salvage Officer (Lieut. B. P. REVENALL) will be situated at Brigade Transport Camp. Salvage obtained by units will be collected and sent to the Brigade Transport Lines by returning ration limbers where it will be taken over by the Brigade Salvage Officer. The latter will apply to the C.C. Brigade Transport Lines for Transport to convey the material to the Divisional Salvage ^{DUMP} COMPANY, DRANOUTRE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
issued in connection with
KEEP OPERATION ORDER NO. 66.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (CONTINUED)

SALVAGE

(CONTINUED)

12. Company Commanders will take steps to see that salvaged goods are sent back on every possible occasion. A list of all staff salvaged and sent back by all Companies and Battalion H.Q. Details will be kept and forwarded to Battalion H.Q. when required.

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Adjutant KEEP Battalion
Captain.

Copies to :-

- 1 - 3 KEEP H.Q. C.O. & Adjutant.
- 4 - 7 Companies.
- 8. C.M.
- 9. T.O.
- 10. R.M.O.
- 11. R.S.O.
- 12. B.O.
- 13, 14. War Diary.

15 *RSM*

16 *Myr. J. J. J.*

13. Battalion Post Office at Battalion Orderly Room at P.M. DUTY STREET near P.M. DUTY STREET.

14. Brigade Post Office at STAFFORD HOUSE W.I.S.E.S. by G.M. Booth will there be exchanged for wet boots. Arrangements will be made for drying socks, and sending forward dry socks with rations.

15. RATION STORES. Ammunition, tools and shovels are stored at Battalion Transport Lines. Blankets of forward Companies will be stored at Battalion Orderly Room on same level, and retained on rolls of these Companies by "F" & "G" Companies.

16. SALVAGE. The Brigade Salvage Officer (Lieut. S.F. HARRIS) will be situated at Brigade Transport Camp. Salvage obtained by units will be collected and sent to the Brigade Transport Lines by returning ration limiters where it will be taken over by the Brigade Salvage Officer. The latter will apply to the C.O. Brigade Transport Lines for Transport to convey the material to the Divisional Salvage Officer, BRANDBURY.

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Appendix "H"

REPORT OF ENEMY RAID - MORNING OF 26th. AUGUST, 1917.

Night of 25th. August, enemy snipers were particularly active in front of No. 8 Post. About mid-night this activity ceased and a working party commenced on wire about U.6.c.0.7. Lewis Gun fire immediately dispersed the party. Pineapple Bombs were then fired at the Post from about U.c.1.8. At 3-0 a.m. 26th. about 8 large MINENWERFERS Bombs were fired at the Post from about they all fell clear of trench, the nearest being 15 yards off. Immediately after the last burst, three enemy parties of about 12 each, advanced on the trench, one party on each flank and one towards centre of Post. Lewis Gun on left fired a magazine and bombs were thrown from along the trench. Enemy halted when fire opened, but then rushed forward and threw bombs (probably mash bombs, as they fell short of the trench). He then retired being pursued by rifle fire and rifle grenades.

There were no casualties in No. 8 Post, and it could not be observed whether any had been inflicted on the enemy.

(Sgd) J.H. JULIN. Lieut.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 10.

SECRET.

SOUTHERN GROUP.

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1. Harassing fire will be carried out on/night 27/28th. the August.
2. 12th Bty N.Z.F.A. Line U.6.c.3.7. to U.6.c.3.4. Movement on road. Search from this line forward by bounds of 25 yards. 5 rounds G.F. 9-15 p.m. 9-35 p.m. 10 p.m. 4-0 a.m. 4-20 a.m. 100% A
- 13th Bty N.Z.F.A. as above. as above.
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- A/311th. Battery R.F.A. Line U.5.d.9.4. to U.5.d.9.1. Machine Gun emplacement. Search from this line forward by bounds of 25 yards 5 rds G.F. 10-0 p.m. 10-15 p.m. 4-0 a.m. 50% A 50% AX
- Line U.12.a.0.2. to U.12.c.0.8. Search from this line forward by bounds of 50 yards. 5 rounds G.F. 9-15 p.m. 9-35 p.m. 4-20 a.m. 50% A 50% AX
- B/311 & E/311th Batteries R.F.A. as above as above.
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- D/311th. Battery R.F.A. Line U.5.d.9.4. to U.5.d.9.1. Search from this line forward by bounds of 25 yards 4 rounds G.F. 10-0 p.m. 10-15 p.m. 4-0 a.m. 50% 106 Fuze.

3. Watches to be at Group Headquarters at 6 p.m. 27th. inst for synchronization.
4. The value of this harassing fire depends entirely upon the perfect timing in opening and the subsequent rapidity of fire.
5. 18-pounder Batteries should endeavour to fire the 5 rounds G.F. in 15 seconds.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

26.8.17.

(Signed) E.H. BECKETT. Captain, R.F.A. Adjutant. Southern Group.

Battalion Headquarters,

KEEP

29/8/17.

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE BY KEEP BATTALION.COMMUNICATION TRENCHES BETWEEN NEW SUPPORT LINE AND NEW FRONT LINE.RIGHT C.T. 30 yards cleaned out, widened, and deepened.LEFT C.T. 110 yards cleaned out, widened, and deepened.
-----NEW SUPPORT LINECleaned up 100 yards.
-----FRONT LINE, RIGHT COMPANY.Between Right Flank and Vickers Gun Position.
widened and deepened 125 yards.
3 Bays dug and ready for revetting.
-----Between Vickers Gun Position and No. 8 Post, widened
and deepened 60 yards.
Widened 6 inches and deepened 6 inches another 60 yards
Cleaned up 95 yards trench and placed duckboards in
position.
-----FRONT LINE, LEFT COMPANY.From No. 8 Post towards No. 7, widened & deepened 20 yards.
" No. 7 Post " No. 8 " " 35 yards.
" No. 6 Post " the Left Brigade, deepened existing
sap 1 foot for 30 yards.
-----RESERVE LINE.Completed 11 Shelters.
-----R.A.P.Laid duckboards track from NEW CROSS AVENUE to R.A.P.
-----SUPPORT AND RESERVE POSITIONS. FOR RIGHT COMPANY.New positions for Reserve and Support Platoon of Right
Company have been dug at U.5.c.1.6. and U.5.c.2.5 - 7.
Each will accommodate 30 men.
-----WIRING.In front of No. 7 Post, 15 yards from No. 6 Post towards
No. 7, 75 yards Single Apron.
From No. 7 towards No. 6, 20 yards Single Apron.
From No. 7 towards No. 8, 30 yards thickened and Double
Apron
Between No. 6 & 7 Posts, 15 yards have been thickened.
-----(SGD) J.L. WHITHAM. Lieut-Colonel.
Commanding KEEP Battalion.

(SGD) H.J. CUTTS Lieut.

WORKS OFFICER. KEEP.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 67.

(Continued) by *REMO*

Lieut-Colonel J.L. WHITHAM, C.M.G.
Commanding KEEP Battalion.

Reference Map - Sheet 28. S.W. 1/20,000.
Special Sheet 8150/5 - 1/10,000.

1. KEEP will be relieved in the line on night 29/30th. August by BABBLE, from RIVER DOUVE U.II.d.5.4. (Exclusive) to STEIGNAST FARM Road U.5.b.8.5. (Inclusive).
2. Order of relief will be as follows :-
 - (a) D Coy. KEEP (Right Front Line Coy) will be relieved by D Coy. BABBLE.
 - (b) B " KEEP (Left Front Line Coys) " " " " B " BABBLE.
 - (c) A " KEEP (Support Company.) " " " " A " BABBLE.
 - (d) C " KEEP (Reserve Company.) " " " " C " BABBLE.

NOTE. One platoon of "B" BABBLE will be in close Support on the right flank.
3. Relief will commence as early as possible after dark, the leading platoon of "D" Company BABBLE will enter New CROSS AVENUE at 9-0 p.m. on 29th. August. Relief to be completed by 3-0 a.m. on 30th. August. Completion of relief will be notified to Battalion Headquarters by phone or runner by code word "BILLJIM".
4. GUIDES will be supplied by KEEP as under :-
 - (a) B & D Companies KEEP two guides per platoon. (BABBLE Coys. are 2 platoons only)
 - A & C " KEEP one guide per platoon. " " platoons only)

HEADQUARTERS.

 - (b) Headquarters Details.
 - Signallers (For two Stations)
 - R.M.O.
 - Cooks. (For all Companies and Battalion H.Q.)

Battalion Intelligence Officer will detail a N.C.O. to take charge of guides at PLANK ROAD TERMINUS to ensure that correct guides are handed over to incoming units. Guides will be at PLANK ROAD - junction with MESSINES - LA HUTTE Road by 8-0 p.m. Guides will, on completion of their duties, rejoin their units.
5. TRENCH STORES, including Tools, Food Containers, Gum Boots, Petrol Tins, Maps and Documents, will be taken over and receipts obtained in triplicate. Two copies of each receipt to be handed to Adjutant KEEP by noon on 30th. August. Tommy Cookers will not be handed over as Trench Stores, but will be brought out and handed over to Battalion Q.M. on 30th. August, who will pack them for further use. TOOLS will be collected at Headquarters of each Company, Platoon or post.
6. The usual hot meal for Front Line Companies will be delivered to "B" & "D" Companies of KEEP on night 29/30th. O.C. reserve Company will arrange for this.
7. Cooks gear and all Regimental equipment, including R.M.Os Stores will be taken by tram line to CURRY DUMP and handed over to Sgt McROBERTS by 11 p.m. Limbers and Maltese Cart will load here and convey these stores to destination. Maltese Cart to be at CURRY DUMP by 9-0 p.m.
8. Lewis Guns and Magazines will be taken to CURRY DUMP and loaded on limbers which will be detailed by Transport Officer to be at CURRY DUMP by 12 mid-night 29/30th. August. Two men per gun will be detailed by Companies to accompany L.G. Limbers to destination. One man per Lewis Gun of KEEP in the line will remain throughout the night 29/30th. August with the L.G. Teams of BABBLE.
9. KEEP Battalion Intelligence Officer will remain with BABBLE Battalion Intelligence Officer throughout the night 29/30th. August, and will see all details clear before proceeding to re-join KEEP.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 67
 KEEP OPERATION ORDER NO. 67 (Continued)

10. Battalion Billeting Party of one N.C.O. per Company, under Lieut. CONWELL will proceed to new destination on 29th inst., and on arrival of units will conduct them to Billets. Billeting N.C.O's will report at Advanced Battalion Headquarters at 10 a.m.

11. Units on relief will move independently by platoons. Sections in file at 50x distance, to WHITE GATES, via LA PLUS DOUVE FARM, thence in formed platoons to destination.

12. KEEP Battalion Headquarters in the line will close on completion of relief and open at new destination at the same hour.

NOTE: One platoon of "B" BATTLE will be in close support on the right.
 Order of relief will be as follows:
 (a) "B" BATTLE (Support Company)
 (b) "A" BATTLE (Reserve Company)

Adjutant, KEEP Battalion.
 Capt. [Name] will be applied by KEEP as under:
 (a) B & D Companies (two platoons)
 (b) A & C Companies (two platoons)

- HEADQUARTERS
- 1-3 Headquarters.
 - 4-7 Companies.
 - 8 T.O.
 - 9 Q.M. & Battalion H.Q.
 - 10 R.S.M.

Battalion Intelligence Officer will detail a N.C.O. to be in charge of guides at PLANK ROAD TERMINUS to ensure that correct guides are handed over to incoming units. Guides will be at PLANK ROAD (BATTLE) platoon with their batties, rejoin their units.

HEADQUARTERS STORES, including Tools, Food Containers, Gun Boots, Petrol Tins, Maps and Documents, will be taken over and receipts obtained in duplicate. Two copies of each receipt to be handed to Adjutant KEEP by 11 p.m. on 29th August. Tommy Cookers will not be handed over as trench Y.M.C.A. stores, but will be brought out and handed over to Battalion H.Q. on 29th August, who will pack them for further use. Diverted will be collected at Headquarters of each Company, Platoon or post.

The usual hot meal for front line Companies will be delivered to "B" & "A" Companies of KEEP on night 29/30th. O.C. Reserve Company will be responsible for this.

Cook's gear and all Regimental equipment, including R.M.O.'s Stores will be taken by tram line to GURRY DUMP and handed over to Sgt McROBERTS by 11 p.m. Timbers and Mattress Cart will load here and convey these stores to destination. Mattress Cart to be at GURRY DUMP by 2-0 p.m.

Lewis Guns and Magazines will be taken to GURRY DUMP and loaded on limbers which will be detailed by Transport Officer to be at GURRY DUMP by 12 mid-night 29/30th August. Two men per gun will be detailed by Companies to accompany L.G. limbers to destination.

One man per Lewis Gun of KEEP in the line will remain throughout the night 29/30th August with the L.G. Teams of BATTLE. Intelligence Officer will remain with BATTLE Battalion Intelligence Officer throughout the night 29/30th August, and will see all details clear before proceeding to re-join KEEP.

52nd. BATTALION A.I.F.

STRENGTH OF BATTALION FROM 1st. AUGUST TO 31st. AUGUST.

Strength on 31st. July 1917.		Increase during month.		Total.		Decrease during month.		"A" Strength on 31/8/17.		"B" Details incld in A.		Remarks.
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	
44	813	2	183	46	996	11	112	35	884	7	118	

INCREASE.

DECREASE.

2/Lieut E.G. HODGE Promoted from Ranks
 Hon. Lieut T. CHILTON T.O.S. from Ranks
 Reinforcements 107
 Details from Hospital, etc 72
 Taken on strength from 51st. 3
 " " " 49th. 1

2/Lieut F. HERBERT Seconded 13 T Bn.
 2/Lieut L. WILSON do do
 2/Lieut E.R. HOCKINGS do do
 Capt W.H. CHRISTOPHERS. Seconded.
 " C.H. STUBBINGS do
 " C.B. BLAKNEY do
 Lieut H.P. YORK. do (ret'd to Aus)
 Lieut A.A. LIPMAN Seconded.
 2/Lieut R. BARTON do
 2/Lieut N.G. HATTON. do
 Capt B.H. ARNOTT. Killed in Action
 : Killed in Action 4
 : Wounded 31
 : Accidentally Wounded 2
 : To Detention. 3
 : S.O.S. Hospital. 61
 : Transfers 8
 : To 13th. Training Battalion 4
 : O.T.C. ENGLAND. 1

Hospital 7
 Leave to U.K. 33
 Schools 52
 D.A.D.O.S. 2
 Y.M.C.A. 2
 A.S.C. 3
 Divisional Headquarters 2
 " Signal Company 1
 Brigade Headquarters 5
 13th Field Ambulance 1
 Bombing School Range. 3
 F.P. Compound 2
 A.W.L. 4
 Base Records 1

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: Major R.F. FITZGERALD School.
 : 2/Lieut C.B. MARSHALL ? "
 : Lieut I.J. BARTON "
 : 2/Lieut W.F.B. CREECH "
 : 2/Lieut J.D. FRYER "
 : Lieut A.E. DYOS. Leave to U.K.
 : 2/Lieut E.H. CHURCHER 13th Bde H.Q.
 : Captain A.M. MAXWELL Sick to Hospital
 : " W.F. WILMOTT. Wounded.
 : Lieut R. DICKSON "
 : 2/Lieut T.G. TURNBULL "

J.C. Daniels
R. J. ...
 Lieut-Colonel.

Commanding 52nd. Battalion A.I.F.