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LAVIEVILLE	1917 May 7th	9am	<p>Battalion Strength to day 3¹/₂ off 943 O/R. (4 off sick in hospital) Then in rest station undergoing treatment.</p> <p>All Battalion inoculation completed against Typhoid Parat.</p> <p>Sgt F. J. MCKEON * * * * * Sgt W. H. JACKSON appointed 2nd Lieut to date from 26 April. 7th Lt MCKEON posted to C Coy and 7th Lt JACKSON as Transport Officer.</p> <p>7th Lt. BUNCOMBE from 12 T. B. England reported for duty and is posted temporarily to D. Coy.</p> <p>Lieut D. F. SALMON. from Transport Officer posted to A Coy.</p>	62 D 1. 44. 000
		2 nd 2pm	<p>Lecture by Capt J. B. PEART 5th Army Instructor in Catering was held in Mess room. Subject of Economy in food discussed freely.</p> <p>Suggested that method of packing bread loose in large sacks was responsible for wastage of 20 - 25%. Another suggestion made was preserved beef tins should contain 1¹/₂ less. The difference would be unnoticeable and the saving in the army tremendous.</p> <p>Postal votes for Commonwealth elections returned to C.R.O. only 33 1/3% of voted and little enthusiasm was displayed in the whole election.</p>	
			<p>Promotion of MAJOR A. P. IMLAY to be Lieut Colonel (Temporary) dated 21st notified by AAC AIF.</p>	

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LAVIEVILLE	1917 May 2	9am	<p>Systematic saving of fat for munition work has now resulted in accumulation since 19th of 480 lbs P class dripping. and further attempts in Economy have resulted in returns from Ordnance for quarter ending 30.3.17, showing this Bn as 2nd lowest in list of "drawings" while at same time being able to withstand any kit inspection.</p> <p>LIEUT. H & SMITH, returned from hospital and resumed duties as Grenade Officer and Assistant Adjutant.</p>	
	May 3 rd	5pm	<p>Today utilised fully for trying out Competitions for Divisional rifle matches. Range represented a miniature combat the whole battalion on our own range with 98 targets getting into form.</p> <p>Exchange effected with 12th T. B. W.O.I A. BELL RSM being transferred to England in exchange for W.O.I D. DOIG of 12th T. Bn.</p>	
	May 4	9am	<p>Capt G. A. F. SMITH O.C. C Coy transferred to 15th Bn on a/c of shortages of suitable officers after action at BULLECOURT. All Queensland Batts subscribed suitable officers for this purpose.</p>	
		2pm	<p>53 O/R (Reinforcements) partially trained, marched in from Base today a good looking type of Queenslander, fairly matured. <i>Willing</i> making 65 acc^{ts} this month & bringing our strength</p>	

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LAVIEVILLE	1917 May 4	7pm	Strength up to 41 Officers 1001 OR. 3 Officers also reported for duty with this quota but were not taken on strength (alho included in 41 shown). They were 2/Lts. HM. DOUGLAS, R.R. WALKER, W.V. BARNES and LIEUT N F BRENNER also reported from hospital. Most of these officers & men were withdrawn from 6th DIVN. to come back to us, to whom they were originally consigned.	
	May 5	9am	Capt D.V. HANNAY, acting as 2nd in Command. Temporarily attached in charge of Divisional Wing of 1st ANZAC Corps School vice MAJOR (TEMP LTCOL) H.C. FORD of 13th Bn who reported to 47 Bn for duty as SENIOR MAJOR. A very able officer and from whom, good results should be expected.	
	May 7	9am	With sudden approach of Spring, the transition taking place in practically 1 day, the usual number of ailments increases, as is shown by sick parade figures, the average daily attendance since 1st inst being 35.3 and average daily evacuations being 1.5. A number of minor cases being treated in Bn hospital. Slight cases of trench fever, being attributed by M.O. to inability to obtain non-verminous clothes, being the principal causes. Otherwise the health of the Battalion is good and morale excellent. The men being keenly interested in their daily training which, as per appendix attached is designed to interest. The instructions. On the whole the Bn is in good fettle, and compares very favourably with any other Bn in the A.I.F.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LAVIEVILLE	1917 May 7 8	Jan Jan	<p>Serg. (Temp WO I) D. DOIG from 48 Bn & 12 TB reported for duty wce BELL.</p> <p>51 fully trained Rfts marched in from 4 Div Base. @ good lot, making strength up to 41 off 1059. 9/R. @ advantage is now being taken of our strength to get as many men away on leave to England as possible.</p> <p>LIEUT J H HONEYSETT'S fate (reported wounded at BULLECOURT on 11.4.17 seems to be in doubt. It now appears that nobody has actually seen him & until further information is gleaned, will have to be reported as "MISSING". A most valuable officer and one whose loss is greatly regretted.</p>	<p>scheme for night operations. app. I</p>
BRESLE	9	Jan	<p>11pm Night operations as per scheme attached carried out during night with success. Companies working splendidly & displaying great aptitude for any work if made interesting. The plan of allowing all officers to write criticisms and make notes which are discussed after mess is both instructive & interesting, & since its adoption has benefited officers considerably.</p> <p>Divisional Rifle Meeting commenced on 4th Bde range and resulted in 47 Bn team winning Platoon Match, Revolver Match, 2nd in Teams Match, 3rd in Individual Aggregate. Winning Brigade Cup for Musketry and by their performance winning the Championship of the Division for 12th Brigade.</p>	<p>Program attached app. II</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LAVIEVILLE	1917 May 20 5,	9.	Special ballot held in Battalion today for absent Queensland voters to decide on retention or abolition of Queensland Upper House. Much interest displayed and 268 votes recorded against. 311 for the Federal Elections where everybody was eligible to vote.	
	12th	9.30	<p>Participated in parade of 4th Aust Divn before General SIR W. BIRDWOOD O.C. A.I.F. for purpose of presenting decorations won in the field. & wishing the divn adieu. & being transferred temporarily to 2nd Ausac Corps under command of LIEUT GEN. SIR A. GODLEY.</p> <p>A magnificent parade followed by a march past in column of platoons was carried out beautifully. Everything was carried out according to best traditions. A number of officers & men entitled to receive decorations were unavoidably absent for various reasons, but the following received decorations for acts previously recorded in this diary.</p> <p>LIEUT (then 1240 Sgt) H G SMITH. 2165. Sgt : KEOGH. Lp : FEATHERSTON. Cpl : KENNY. Plt : ARNALL</p>	
			All recipients were accorded a reception on being decorated.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LAVIEVILLE	1917 May 13.	9am	<p>2nd Brigade Horse show held at BRESLE WOOD today when all transport competed in events as per program attached. All transport personnel turned out well, 1 Cup & 1700 frs being awarded to prize winners. Competⁿ won by 48 Bn who held Cup & 47 Bn were 2nd. The margin being so close as to indicate possibility of winning it next time. The Competition had the effect of improving gear & bringing all transport to a state of excellence hardly approached before, certainly never equalled.</p> <p>2^{pm} Capt. G.A.F. SMITH from 15th Bn reported for duty but remains unabsorbed.</p>	Transport program appender.
	14 th	9am 9:37.	<p>Battalion moved to AVELUY. (MIDLAND HUTS) WIDCRES. as per operation order attached. Day rather warm roads a little heavy after rain, & men marching with full marching order up felt it altho distance was only 6 miles. However energy was conserved & no men fell out & on arrival at AVELUY, full advantage was taken of R. ANCRE to bathe the Battalion.</p> <p>Strength marching out 38 off 1088 9/12.</p> <p>Average daily sick parades for last week ending 14th is 36 & daily evacuations for that period averaged 2.70. The increase being due to change of season principally & nothing serious in the fortnight under review. The morale of the Bn has been good & crime reduced to a minimum. The only cases being those of.</p>	2 ^g program app II
				Sheet ALBERT 1.50000. opn order app V

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AVELOY	1917 May 14	6pm	incorrigibles, for whose treatment a new system is being put into operation. Continuous punishment per pay book with these men hitherto has not had a deterrent or beneficial effect on them so these men form an "incorrigible" squad until they show signs of improving. When they are released on parole and generally means their reformation into soldiers & useful members of the Bn. Happily these cases, though omnipresent are very few. Arrived at AVELOY at 5.30 pm. and continued training as per syllabus for week.	W10 C38 Sheet Albert 1.40000. Syllabus Attached as app. VI
	May 15	9pm	A Co under Capt CE. YOUNG detached for use as loading party for Divisional move. & Capt YOUNG app'd Entraining officer. Candidates sent to 1st Augac Corps School at BOUGH HUTS. for P1 Course under new system.	
	16	12.30 3pm	Battalion less A Co Entrained, (Strength actually 27 off 559 of R) for BAILLEUL (FLANDERS) and arrived at 3pm Detraining without incident at BAILLEUL WEST. and marching to billeting area to S of BAILLEUL. without casualties. Draining areas being very limited, being mostly confined to roads for route marches. This Flanders country being very intensely cultivated. — Now under jurisdiction of 2nd Augac. Army Corps. (Gen Godley)	Sheet 5a HAZEBROUCK 1.100.000

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Near STEENWERCK	1917 May 17	9a	<p>Started training in new area, but practice is limited on account of intensely cultivated district so indoor instruction and to route marching in neighborhood. Which latter is essential on account of the hard stone sets in the roads being very trying to feet.</p> <p>Spn Capt D-CAMPBELL & 2/Lt W GOODSALL from reinforcement draft reported for duty with 9 other ranks, fully trained from Base. Capt CAMPBELL tho' senior Captain by date is attached to a platoon in interim pending absorption. It seems unfair to send a 1st officer of rank of Captain to join a unit in the field & to take seniority above other officers who have seen service perhaps since beginning of the war.</p>	
	May 18	9am 10am	<p>A Co under Lieut D F SALMON marched on from AVELUY after completing training of division there, and are billeted near DOULIEU</p> <p>Established excellent training ground. at 6.10.28.8 an old school where Lewis gun work, bayonet & bombing can be carried on ad lib. "A veritable training oasis in a desert of cultivation"</p>	Sheet 28 1.40.000
	19	9am	<p>Behavior of men in populated area excellent - they are taking a keen interest in themselves & everything & crime is entirely absent</p>	

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Place	Date 1917	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
near STEENWERCK	May 19	11 am	Lieut Gen Sir A. GODLEY, KCMG. Corps Commander inspected the area of the Brigade to day. but unfortunately saw very few men at work. Most Companies being on route marches.	
	May 20	10	General Church parade after which Batta was inspected by Brig Gen ROBERTSON CMC Brigade Commander.	Area 21 Sheet 28
		11	Made preliminary Reconnaissance of front line off MESSINES and PLOEGSTEERT WOOD. and made arrangements for Intell. officers to visit before moving in.	140000
	15		Lieut M. PRIOR, D.S.O met with accident with premature burst of grenade at 10 th Anzac Corps School and was evacuated. as also was Capt. C.E. YOUNG OC A Coy with influenza on same date.	
	22	11	Paraded for inspection by Army Commander Gen Sir H. PLUMER, KCB who made a critical inspection & expressed satisfaction.	
	23	9 am	Completed 2 nd inoculation against Paratyphoid, i.e for men inoculated 12 months ago. Men take this now more readily than was the case formerly, whether it is that they are more disciplined or wiser, is hard to say.	
	27	O	Average daily sick parade for week ending 31 st is 35 and daily evacuation 1.5. Health being good generally. principal sick being sufferers from boils & blood disorders.	

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STEENWERCK	1917 May 23	9 ^{am}	2/LT. WM ROBERTSON WISHART from AAOD reported for duty, and is attached temporarily to B. H.Q.	
	24	9 ^{am}	In anticipation of taking part in assault, detail of officers and other ranks to be left behind, was selected. These go to Dwell Camp at MORBECQUE on a date to be advised & come forward should emergency arise. Total number to be left out total 19 off & 137 OR.	Hazebruck Jab 1.100.000.
		5 ^{pm}	Every opportunity taken to send as many officers & men to front line on MESSINES SECTOR to familiarise themselves with front line and tracks.	
	24	11 ^{am}	Bathed all battalion except C Coy, at BAILLEUL and for first time this year obtained for men a clean change of underclothing which was very welcome.	
	25	11 ^{am}	Paraded for inspection by Corps Cdr (Genl Sir A. GODLEY, KCMG) with Brigade. Complimented men on steadiness and turn out. Both were excellent, and indicative of the spirit of the men.	
	27	11 ^{am}	General Church parade. CO was called to go to ARRAS witness a demonstration by tanks. but owing to breakdown on Car. - did not arrive in time to witness it.	LENS. II. 1100 000

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STEENWERCK	May 27	9am	<p>Demonstration of value of Yukon Pack given. An excellent scheme by means of which an ordinary man can carry with ease a load of 150 to 200 lbs. i.e. more than 2 boxes of S.A.A. for a considerable distance. An issue would be of immense advantage in conservation of men and in getting material & supplies to front line.</p>	
			<p>Draining program for ensuing week attached: training has necessarily in this area to be confined to close work with attention paid to musketry and bayonet fighting. with lectures on outpost</p>	<p>appendix <u>VII</u></p>
	May 28	3 ^{1/2} pm	<p>Balance of Battalion bathed at STEENWERCK. thus completing first complete bath & change for Battalion this year. As weather becomes warmer - necessity increases. & a change of clothing is advantageous in more than respect</p>	
		9pm	<p>LIEUT^{AC} REID asst Intell Officer met with nasty accident by being thrown from horse on to hard metalled road. Sustaining wounds which will necessitate going to hospital for some weeks. A valuable officer's services lost to us, just at time when most needed. His place filled temporarily by 2 Lieut Scott Mc</p>	

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Place	Date 1917	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
STEENWERCK	May 29.	9am	All surplus kits stored in Battalion dump at No 1 Place STVAAST BAILLEUL under own guard. and detail of officers & men to be left behind when Battalion is in action as per instructions in SS 135 p 58 (30), selected & notified. Detail as per appendix totalling officers. O/R under Major H.C. Ford. Senior Major.	attached no app. X
	30.	9am	Battalion moved out less "B" Echelon, strength 22 of 809 O/R. to RULFORD CAMP T26 a 58. arriving at 11 am. travelling by platoons in file: "B" Echelon, under Major Ford moved at 10am to MERRIS en route to MORBECQUE where Corps Camp is situate. as per operation orders attached. appendices No. Transport & Band. located at A 4 d 5 7 Sheet 36 under. 2 O Lieut JACKSON.	Sheet 36 1.40.000.
		10am	Preliminary instructions received from Brigade and submitted to all officers for study. Nominal roll of officers who are to go into line with Battalion is attached, showing their particular duties & commands. Training program for week ending 2nd June. is attached. Average sick parade considerably reduced during last few days as a result of better weather. Health & morale of Bn good.	Sheet 5a HAZEBROUCK Op. Order No. 136/17 app. VIII IX
				list No. XI
				app. No.

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BULFORD CAMP.	May 31.	9am	<p>Took opportunity to explain proposed operations to all Sergeants, their duties, and let all participating parties visit actual scene. Whole day occupied in this duty.</p> <p>Strength of Battalion to date 39 off. 1102 O/R. + 7 attached off.</p> <p>Health good. average daily sick parade for month being 29.1</p> <p>Total Evacuations for month 57 daily average 1.64</p> <p>Principal causes of illness being due to rapid change of season from winter to Summer.</p> <p>Morale Excellent. all ranks in good fettle.</p> <p>Crime in Battalion considerably reduced. only 3 cases for orderly room in last 17 days. notwithstanding 2 pay days.</p> <p>Number of men in Bn hospital. 1 only.</p>	Sheet 36 1.40 000 T26a 58
<p>AP Mular Lt Col. Co. 47 Bn A.I.F</p>				

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47 BATTALION TACTICAL EXERCISE.

IN THE FIELD.
7th MAY 1917.

REFERENCE MAP.
ALBERT 1/40,000.

GENERAL IDEA.

British Force - strength 3 Coys. - have arrived at LAVIEVILLE
D 10 central, marching NORTH and rested during morning of 7/5/17.

Enemy retiring NORTHWARD have detached a rear guard whom our planes
report as being centred near Aerodrome V 8 a but who probably has an
Outpost Line in or near HENENCOURT Wood.

SPECIAL IDEA.

3 Coys., of BA 47th Battalion having rested, receive orders to push
forward independently, but acting in liason with each other, to locate,
engage and drive enemy, pending advance of main body and guns using
whatever means are at their disposal.

GROUND ALLOTTED AS FOLLOWS :-

- No 1 Coy. Area EAST of line drawn
D 10 b 11 - V 28 c 32 - V 22 c 9.7.
- No 2 Coy. Area enclosed in lines
D 10 b 1.1. - V 28 c 3.2. - V 22 c 9.7.
D 10 central - HENENCOURT Wood - V 20 d 5.7.
- No 3 Coy.
D 10 central - D 3 b 6.5. - V 20 d 5.7.
D 10 central - D 9 d 7.8. - V 10 d 5.9.
- No 4 Coy. Represents enemy SOUTH of
V 8 a

PROBLEM

Create a tactical situation ^{making} it imperative for enemy to either :-

- (a) Give battle against odds,
- (b) Evacuate position,
- (c) Capitulate.

For No 4 Coy.

To establish a position covering salient features and protect
position V 8 a., causing enemy casualties, fighting rear guard
if necessary, and delaying enemy advance.

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BATTALION TACTICAL EXERCISE.

REFERENCE MAP.
ALBERT 1/40,000.

IN THE FIELD.
8th MAY 1917.

GENERAL IDEA.

An enemy force in two columns marching south is instructed to co-operate and occupy LAVIEVILLE before it can be occupied by a British Force marching North, and consolidate against possible attacks.

SPECIAL IDEA.

A and B Companies represent enemy force (leaving LAVIEVILLE in sufficient time to be at their starting points at a time given them) they meet at a central point and advance towards LAVIEVILLE taking necessary precautions against surprise etc.,
C and D Companies represent British Force (leaving LAVIEVILLE in time to be at their starting points at a time given them) and D Company proceeds to occupy LAVIEVILLE whilst the other stands by awaiting developments and acts if called upon by D Company.

Appendix No. 1

A Company's starting point V 19 C 5.0
 B Company's starting point V 24 b 9.9
 Meet each other at V 16 a 8.7
 at 2.15 am

Appendix No. /

C Company leaves B 10 Central at *2.30 am* via B 4 a 2.8 -
 B 5 a 6.8 - ~~B 10~~ - B 16 c 8.8. - D 17 b 4.0. arriving their at *4.30*
4.30 am and awaiting orders from B Company to, if necessary, deliver *an*
 a counter attack and recapture village.

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D Company leaves D 10 Central at *12.30 am* via D 10 c 3.5 - D 20b 5.3
- D 7 b 1.0 through BRESLE to occupy LAVIEVILLE and put in state of
defence against attack from North.
Retiring if necessary on C Company who will be at D 17 b 4.8 at
awaiting orders from you.

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Appendix IV

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II

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL RIFLE MEETING.

PLATOON MATCH

Order of Firing - Commencing 9.30 A.M. 9th May 1917.

					seconds.	
12	244.	No. 2	Platoon	15th.	Battalion	2.17
4	263.5	10	"	48th.	"	2.45 —
13	286.		"	16th.	"	2.50
		1	"	52nd.	"	3.38
		11	"	51st.	"	3.38
		15	"	14th.	"	3.36
		3	"	46th.	"	2.69 —
		14	"	47th.	"	180 —
		5	"	45th.	"	291 —
		4	"	13th.	"	241
		13	"	49th.	"	196.
		11	"	50th.	"	272.

379.5
370.5
269.5

4
13
12

Teams will assemble on ground W. of BRESLE - RIBEMONT Road (at about D.21.a.2.S.) at 9.15 A.M.

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Sg. J. J. 2189
 J. R. Kennedy 2193

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Appendix No. 2

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL RIFLE MEETING

Second Day 9th May 1917.

Competitors will report as under :-

- No. 2 Platoon Match
 Teams will report at D. 21. n. 2. 5 (W. of BRESLE -
 RIBEMONT Road at 9-15 A.M.)
- No. 3 Battalion Team Match
 Teams will report on the range at 2 P.M.
- No. 4 Erigade Team Match
 Teams will report on the Range at 4 P.M.
- No. 5 Individual Competition
 Competitors will report on the Range at 10-15 A.M.
- No. 6 Officers' Revolver Competition
 Teams will report on the Range at 3.15 P.M.

The Models will be presented to the winning teams
 on the conclusion of shooting. All winners will
 parade.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL RIFLE MEETING

BATTALION TEAM MATCH

2.15 P.M., May 9th 1917. (The top team in each heat will shoot at the right set of tiles)

Individual
57 77
14 70
47 65
Revolvers
47
13 B delta G
~~48~~
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1st Round		2nd Round		3rd Round		Semi-final		Final	
No. 1	Team - 14th Batt.	}	1/14 th	}					
2	" 46th "								
2	" 49th "	}	1/49 th	}	1/49		1/49		
1	" 49th "								
1	" 50th "	}	2/13	}					
2	" 13th "								
2	" 47th "	}	2/15	}	2/15			1/15	
2	" 15th "								
2	" 50th "	}	2/48	}	1/45				
2	" 48th "								
1	" 51st "	}	1/45	}			1/15		
1	" 45th "								
1	" 52nd "	}	1/52	}	1/15				1/15
2	" 14th "								
1	" 15th "	}	1/15	}					
1	" 13th "								
No. 1	Team 16th Batt	}	1/16	}					
2	" 51st "								
1	" 48th "	}	1/48	}				1/47	
1	" 46th "								
2	" 45th "	}	2/52	}					
2	" 52nd "								
2	" 16th "	}	1/47	}			1/47		
1	" 47th "								

Appendix No. Y

47th BATTALION SYLLABUS.

For week ending 19th MAY 1917.

Saturday, 12/5/17.	A.M.	Companies in Open Order Work, Artillery formations, movements by signals, Platoons in attack in open country.
	P.M.	Inter Company Tactical Scheme.
Sunday, 13/5/17.	A.M.) P.M.)	Church Parade, Horse Show.
Monday, 14/5/17.	A.M.	Route March Full Marching Order, Transport to accompany Column, Midday meal to be carried.
Tuesday, 15/5/17.	A.M.	Trench to trench attack, allocation of objectives, passing through captured trenches.
	P.M.	Inter Company exercise embracing those principles.
Wednesday, 16/5/17.	A.M.	Operations after capturing positions, Consolidation, patrols, communication, etc., demonstrations by Coys.
	P.M.	Half Holiday.
Thursday, 17/5/17.	A.M.) P.M.)	Battalion Tactical Exercises i.e. Route March by Coys independently and co-operating on signal message to advance on objective, Midday meal to be carried.
Friday, 18/5/17.	A.M.	Open Order movements of Platoons and Companies controlled by signal from Central Position, Co-operation of Platoons and Coys and intercommunications.
	P.M.	Outposts schemes by Companies.
Saturday, 19/5/17.	A.M.) P.M.)	Route March, Full Marching Order, Transport to accompany column, Midday meal to be carried.

Continuously :- Lewis Gun Training,
Musketry on range,
Signalling,
Grenade work.

Battalion Parade DAILY at 9-0 a.m.

11th MAY 1917.

A.P. Munday
LIEUT. COLONEL.
COMMANDING OFFICER 47th BATTALION N.A.I.F.

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BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 135.

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MAP REFERENCES
ALBERT 1:40,000.

IN THE FIELD.
15th May 1917.

1. The 47th Battalion, less A Coy, will entrain at AVELUY Siding at 1 A.M. on the 15th inst.
2. STARTING POINT. Opposite C.O.'s hut, thence bearing 90 degrees East to opening leading to Railway Siding.
3. Time will be notified later.
4. ORDER OF MARCH. B C & D Coys with H.Qrs. Sections attached. H.Qrs A Section will be attached to B Company.
5. DRESS. Full marching order. Water bottles to be filled before entraining
6. Transport of Battalion will arrive at entraining station at 11 P.M.
7. The Quartermaster will arrange necessary supplies for journey of Battalion.
8. Horses will be watered at as late an hour as possible before entraining.
9. Officers baggage will be stacked near A.M.C. Hut by 6 P.M. to-day and loaded on the wagons by the Batmen.
10. A.M.C. will arrange for the removal of sick to the train.
11. On arrival at AVELUY, guides from H.Qrs. Scouts will direct column to the train where the entraining Officer, Assistant Adjutant, will allocate space. No men will enter without permission of the entraining officer and once on the train will not leave without the proper authority from his Company Commander.
On arrival at destination nobody will leave the train until the bugle sounds, when all will leave the carriages and form up four deep facing the engine.
The Orderly Officer will be responsible that proper order is maintained during the journey and will report to the Adjutant at frequent intervals. He will also take charge of R.M.P.
Company Commanders will report to D.C. Train when entraining is complete. R.M.P. will be stationed each side of the train at intervals to ensure that orders are obeyed. Provost Sergeant will take custody of prisoners.
12. Marching out status complete and cleanliness certificates will be handed to the Adjutant by 8 P.M. to-night.
13. Lieut. D.F. Salmon and four men from A Company will ensure that the Camp is handed over to the Camp Commandant and his receipt obtained for same.
14. Cookers will be ready on arrival at destination to give the men hot tea.
15. A Company will entrain under instructions issued to Capt. Young.
16. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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" " 5 ADJUTANT.	" " 6 O.C. & COY.
" " 7 O.C. B COY.	" " 8 O.C. C COY.
" " 9 O.C. D COY.	" " 10 O.C. & SECT.
" " 11 O.C. B SECT.	" " 12 O.C. C SECT. ADJUTANT 47TH BATTALION A.I.F.
" " 13 O.C. D SECT.	" " 14 O.S.
" " 15 R.S.M.	" " 16 DETAILS.

CAPT.,

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR WEEK ENDING 2nd June 1917.

47th BATTALION. AIF

Saturday, 26/5/17.	A.M.	2 Coys. Route Marching. 1 Coy. Assault.
	P.M.	Half-holiday.
Sunday, 27/5/17.		Church Parade.
Monday, 28/5/17.	P.M.	Tactical Scheme. Defended locality, attack and defence of, at night. Consolidation against counter attacks.
Tues day, 29/5/17. to Saturday, 2/6/17.		Company and Platoon Schemes as occasion arises and ground permits.

Following regular table will be adhered to by Coys. :-

Musketry,
Assault,
Lewis Gun firing,
Grenade work. } on La BOUDRELLE ground.

MAY.	MUSKETRY	LEWIS GUN	GRENADE WORK	ASSAULT.	ROUTE MARCH	TACTICAL SCHEME	GENERAL WORK
26th	"A"	"A"	"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"D"
27th	Details	Details	Details.	"D"	"B"	"A"	"A"
28th	"C"	"C"	"C"	"D"	"A"	"B"	"B"
29th	"D"	"D"	"D"	"C"	"D"	"C"	"C"
30th	"B"	"B"	"B"	"A"	"C"	"D"	"D"
31st	Details	Details	Details.	"B"	"B"	"C"	"C"
1st	"A"	"A"	"A"	"D"	"D"	"B"	"B"
2nd	"C"	"C"	"C"	"A"			

Physical training Class } Daily
Signalling Class } A.M.

Coy detailed for Musketry detaches parties
for Lewis Gun work also.

25th MAY 1917.

W. J. May
LIEUT. COLONEL.
COMMANDING 47th BATTALION.

BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No 136.

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REFERENCE MAPS.
Sheet 36 & 28)
1/40,000.)

IN THE FIELD.
29th MAY 1917.

1. The 47th Battalion will move to BULFORD Camp (T 26 a 5.8.) to-morrow the 30th instant, at 9-30 a.m.
2. STARTING POINT - Cross Roads near Battn.Hqrs. (A 22 a 2.7.)
3. ORDER OF MARCH - "D" Coy. with "D" H.Q. Sect. attached.

"B"	"	"	"B"	"	"	"
"C"	"	"	"C"	"	"	"
"A"	"	"	"A"	"	"	"
- ROUTE - STEENWERCK - DE SEULE.
4. INTERVAL - Coys, will move in Platoons at 3 minutes interval; ^{but} and in file along NEUVE EGLISE Road.
5. DRESS - Fighting Order with blankets folded en banderole around haversack.
6. CLEANLINESS - Certificates will be rendered by Coy. Commdrs that Billets and surroundings have been left in a clean and sanitary condition.
7. INSPECTION - Lieut.F.F.CAMPBELL and 4 men from the Duty Coy, will remain behind and inspect the Billets, check certificates, and correctly hand over the Billets to Area Commandant obtaining his receipt for the Billets, they will then follow on acting as a rear party.
8. STATES - Marching OUT States will be rendered to the Adjutant 30 minutes before moving off and Marching IN States 30 minutes after arrival in new Camp.
9. BAGGAGE - Officer's baggage will be stacked at H.Q. of each Coy by 8-0 a.m. Transport Officer will arrange to collect this by 9-0 a.m.
10. TRANSPORT - After completion of move, Transport Section will proceed to Transport Area A 4 d 5.7. (Sheet 36).
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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| " | " | 10. O.C. D. " |
| " | " | 11. O.C. A. SECTION. |
| " | " | 12. O.C. B. " |
| " | " | 13. O.C. C. " |
| " | " | 14. O.C. D. " |
| " | " | 15. ORDERLY OFFICER. |
| " | " | 16. LEWIS GUN OFFICER. |
| " | " | 17. TRANSPORT OFFICER. |
| " | " | 18. MEDICAL OFFICER. |

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CAPTAIN.
ADJUTANT 47th BATTALION.

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BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No 137

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REFERENCE MAP
HAZEBROUCK 5A)
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IN THE FIELD.
29th MAY 1917.

"B"

1. Personnel of :B: Roll will move to-morrow the 30th instant, at 10-0a.m. en route for MORBECQUE as 1 party under Major H.C.FORD.
2. DRESS - Full Marching Order.
3. BILLETING - Party will Billet on night of 30th instant in MERRIS Area, under arrangement made by Lieut.E.ROBINSON.
4. STARTING POINT.- Cross Roads near Battn.H.Qrs (4J 1539)
5. TIME. Each Coy's detail will report to Major H.C.FORD at the Starting Point at 10-0 a.m. SHARP.
6. BAGGAGE - One Limbered Wagon will be available for Transporting Officer's gear to MERRIS. Officer's baggage will be stacked at Battn.H.Qrs, by 9-0 a.m. One Motor Lorry will be available at 7-30 a.m. on 1st June at MERRIS to transport baggage and rations for the remainder of the journey. Major H.C.FORD will make arrangements with the senior Officer of the 4th Aust.Inf.Bde. details for picking up Officer's kits left behind.
7. On arrival at MORBECQUE Officer i/c party will report to Officer i/c 2nd ANZAC Corps School, D 14 c 8.5. (Sheet 36A)
8. Camp kettles i.e. Dixies etc., need not be taken.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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 - " " 10. OLC. D. "
 - " " 11. O.C. A. SECTION.
 - " " 12. O.C. B. "
 - " " 13. O.C. C. "
 - " " 14. O.C. D. "
 - " " 15. TRANSPORT OFFICER.
 - " " 16 & 17 SPARE.

[Signature]
CAPTAIN.
ADJUTANT 47th BATTALION.

Appendix ~~№~~ 1047th BATTALION.
12th AUST. INF. BDE.To: Headquarters,
12th Aust. Inf. Bde:Appx. ~~X~~

Reference G 2/18/2

Herewith nominal rolls of Officers and Other Ranks to
proceed to MORBECQUE.

29th MAY 1917.

LIEUT. COLONEL.
COMMANDING 47th Battalion,

Nominal Roll of Officers.

Major	H. C. FORD.	
Captain	D. CAMPBELL.	
"	A. M. ANDERSON.	6th Army Musketry School
"	C. R. COLLINS	On leave
"	G. E. YOUNG	In Hospital
Lieut.	G. J. GIBSON.	
"	E. W. H. BIRD.	1st Anzac Corps School
"	H. C. SMITH	
"	G. C. REID	
"	M. PRIOR D. S. O.	In Hospital.
"	E. ROBINSON.	
"	T. V. RILEY	On leave
"	H. M. WILLIAMS.	
Sec. Lieut.	H. F. W. MARSON.	1st Anzac Corps School.
"	W. BAXTER.	
"	G. P. STONE.	
"	B. R. BIRD.	On leave
"	G. V. O'CONNOR.	1st Anzac Corps School.
"	C. D. SCOTT M. S.	
"	A. V. PATERSON	
"	V. R. WISHART.	
"	W. H. JACKSON.	

T. O.

*18 officers.**CPZ.*

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Nominal Rolls (continued)Transport Section.

1428	Sgt. Maywood,	E.	754	L/Cpl. Town,	H.M.
1914	Pte. Martin,	J.	3202	" Taggart,	D.L.
4234	Dvr. Radford,	R.N.	4051	Dvr. Hills,	P.H.
3847	" Scott,	A.	4217	" Noud,	R.
4451	" Bishop,	C.E.	4450	" Bishop,	T.
4459	" Bishop,	W.H.	4126	" Hadcock,	H.
4259	" Vines,	P.	2821	" Baker,	E.R.
2927	" Debman	W.B.	2977	" Whiting,	L.E.
2641	" Stewart,	J.	4156	" Davidson,	H.W.
139	" Smith,	E.J.	4249	" Thompson,	P.
1757	" Elms,	F.W.	2606	" Laidlaw,	W.
3906	" Myers,	C.	1955	" Stockwell,	J.
3079	" Reeves,	A.H.	2723	" Baker,	R.
2627	" Hilder,	A.R.	1019	" Kelly,	J.
4227	" Crawford,	F.	2390	" Lindsay,	J.
2950	Pte. Brocken,	J.	1700	" Merritt,	M.C.

Band.

2499	Cpl. Boag,	H.L.G.	3226	Pte. Abbott,	G.T.
1303	Pte. Allen,	W.T.	4129	" Bates,	S.
5045	" Breach,	A.H.J.	4477	" Crossan,	W.
4463	" Crane,	A.W.	5061	" Collins,	W.O.
2406	" Clifton,	H.P.	4166	" Frame,	V.H.
5109	" Heaney,	D.	1675	" Johnston,	F.W.
2035	" Jenkins,	A.B.	1924	" Linnahen,	P.
1688	" McDougall,	J.F.	1699	" McMillan,	J.A.
4205	" Mudge,	H.W.	4218	" Newham,	C.B.
4069	" Pyrro,	W.T.	4227	" Payne,	H.
2970	" Patmore,	J.	2376	" Ruffin,	W.J.
204	" Robinson,	A.	2483	" Smith,	H.P.
138	" Smith,	H.H.	2796	" Stoward,	A.P.
5210	" Wheeler,	J.H.	1264	" Williams,	G.
1198	" Hyland,	P.	763	" Fraser,	W.A.
1994	" Hodge,	W.J.	4059	" Murray,	J.T.

HEADQUARTERS.Grenadiers.

4048 Pte. Harrison, M.
1515 " Logan, R.

4084 T/Cpl. Triggitt, A.J.
1677 Pte. Anderson, J.D.

Pioneers.

3679 L/Cpl. Scott, T.
3020 Pte. Botton, P.S.

200a Pte. Westbrook, E.
51 " Morgan, G.W.

Provost Staff.

3177 Cpl. Bramich, A.B.
2722 Pte. Bramich, T.K.

482 Pte. Robinson, J.

Signallers.

2225 Sgt. Hill, S.J.
4295 Pte. Tunney, P.J.
4254 " Tidy, H.
2519 L/Cpl. Sedgman, W.S.

2303 Cpl. von Bibra, E.L.
4617 Pte. Youngberry, G.R.
4085 " Wright, W.A.H.

Runners.

3680 Pte. Arundell, W.

1676 Pte. Johnston, C.F.

O. R. Staff.

3285 Cpl. McNeill, J.W.A.

Intelligence Section.

4049 Pte. Hall, S.J.
4083 " Taylor, A.S.

4473 Pte. Cotterrell, W.G.

A.A.M.C.

8695 Cpl. Hines, H.T.

Lewis Gun Section.

4600 Cpl. Warren, L.J.
1895 Pte. Edwards, W.H.
2386 " Kearney, W.

5051 L/Cpl. Boal, W.R.
2242 Pte. Steel, J.

Post Orderly.

2043 Cpl. Lagutin, N.

Shoemaker.

2966 Sgt. Keating, T.W.

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Nominal Rolls (Continued)

"A" Company.

1728	CSM.	Pilkington,	O.D.	2744	Pte.	Zornig,	H.
1758	L/Cpl.	Wakefield,	H.	3071	"	Elder,	J.
1729	Pte.	Reed,	R.W.	5169	"	Reed,	T.F.
3118	Sgt.	Lisle,	P.A.	3420	L/Cpl.	Morley,	A.
2442	Pte.	Hurst,	T.H.	4629	Pte.	Powell,	D.T.
2966	"	Byrnes,	N.J.	2344	Cpl.	Bolderson,	P.C.
4583	"	Powell,	A.W.	2180	Pte.	Hoking	A.
2433	"	Girdard,	G.W.	1762	Sgt.	Watson,	E.D.
1746	L/Cpl.	Shepherd,	H.	2165	Pte.	Featherstone,	R.
1683	Pte.	Bretherton,	A.V.	4955	L/Cpl.	Bradley,	B.
1718	"	Maybury,	G.	1699	Pte	Helmes,	G.W.
727	"	Gave,	T.H.	3295	L/Cpl.	Fitzgerald,	G.
2460	"	Keene,	M.C.	1907	L/Sgt.	Hall,	J.
1723	"	Parks,	J.	2979	Pte.	Chant,	B.
4709	"	Schaffor,	A.E.V.	3212	"	Scott,	T.
4482	"	Brown,	T.	3072a	"	Elder,	A.

"B" Company.

1671	Sgt.	Ward,	L.N.	1756	L/Cpl.	Wallace,	D.J.
5156	L/Cpl.	Rackley,	P.	3017	Cpl.	Bodycote,	G.E.
2851	Pte.	Doman,	H.	2147	L/Cpl.	Garr,	V.
1984	L/Cpl.	Why,	J.W.H.	3074	L/Sgt.	Ricketts,	V.
1712	Pte,	O'Donnell,	E.	4327	L/Cpl.	Johncock,	G.C.
2784	Cpl.	Goodwin,	E.	1433	Cpl.	Oldfield,	H.R.
2168	"	Raggatt,	L.E.	1965	L/Cpl.	Carroll,	L.T.
205	Sgt.	Ulcoq,	G.E.	2378	L/Cpl.	McManus,	M.J.
266	Pte.	Peachey,	F.J.	3883	Pte.	Vaughan,	W.J.
3489	"	Mavby,	G.				

"C" Company.

1205	CSM.	Kilpatrick,	B.M.	5156	L/Cpl.	McCreath,	C.
3087	Pte.	Grant,	A.G.	4188	Pte.	Kirk,	E.W.
3036	"	Hazelton,	S.	3035	L/Cpl.	Carroll,	J.
2632	Sgt.	Rose,	D.C.	2153	Pte.	Dunn,	W.A.
2271	Pte.	Wasley,	J.H.	2012a	"	Gatten,	E.
4457	Cpl.	Bridgett,	H.H.	3799	Sgt.	McConaughy,	A.
2495	Pte.	Russell,	H.J.	2528	Pte.	Fahoy,	J.J.
329	"	Parker,	J.J.	2606	"	Gordon,	H.
2754	"	Walmsley	A.C.	4556	Sgt.	Mear,	H.
3070	L/Cpl.	Effoney,	G.W.	495	Pte.	Pierce,	L.
2616	Pte.	Baker,	J.A.	1998	"	Richmond,	A.C.
2234	"	Rump,	A.W.	4175	"	Hutchinson,	C.
5197	"	Thomas,	R.P.	2013	Sgt.	Hanrahan,	D.H.
4498	"	Fox	W.J.	4192	L/C.	Laws,	C.W.G.
4035	"	Williams,	L.	2214	Pte.	Marks,	H.S.
3090	"	Burrows,	W.	322	"	Zeckowski,	R.A.
2696	Cpl.	McCullough,	W.H.	4135	"	Bates,	W.S.W.
5160	Pte.	Powell,	A.E.				

"D" Company.

4628	L/Cpl.	Pentecost,	R.W.	4130	Pte.	Beigel,	H.
2634	Pte.	Howard,	O.H.	2913	"	Kefford,	J.L.
3587	L/Cpl.	Cox,	H.	1650	Sgt.	Hills,	J.N.
2527	Pte.	Scotney,	A.	2975	Pte.	Turner,	E.C.
1977	Pte.	Pitchford,	J.	2926	Cpl.	McKenzie,	W.
4065	L/Cpl.	Noble,	S.L.A.	3933	L/Cpl.	Cooper,	G.H.
2425	Pte.	Francis,	W.	2999	Pte.	Hogg,	C.L.
2668	L/Cpl.	Keenan,	J.P.	3842	Sgt.	Stewart,	J.
2149	Pte.	Conley,	H.A.	2188	Pte.	Ireland,	W.
5143	"	Nicholls,	J.B.	3190	Sgt.	Morris,	J.
2306	L/Cpl.	Lawrence,	A.C.	2162	Pte.	Day,	J.
1990	Pte.	McKenzie,	M.	4444	Cpl.	Brockes,	G.M.
5131	Pte.	Bagley,	A.A.	5111	Pte.	Bird,	T.
4016	L/Cpl.	Turner,	W.J.L.	2738	Pte.	Gibson,	W.A.

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47th BATTALION OFFICERS TAKEN INTO ACTION.

Lt. Col.	A.P. IMLAY	Commanding Officer
Capt.	W.F. EATHER	Adjutant
Lieut.	N.F. BREMNER	Intelligence Officer
Lieut.	H.G. SMITH	Brigade Liaison Officer
2/Lt.	C.D. SCOTT M.C.	Asst. I.O. & G.O. (Att. Officer)
Capt.	J.T. JONES M.C.	Medical Officer. <small>EXTRA</small>
Lieut.	D.F. SALMON.	Officer Commanding "A" Coy.
"	F.F. CAMPBELL.	"A" Coy. Officer.
2/Lt.	G.P. STOREY.	In charge of Platoon for M.G. Coy.
"	F.E. PARSONS.	"A" Coy Officer.
"	W.H. WALKER.	" " "
Capt.	J.W. MILLAR	Officer Commanding "B" Coy.
Lieut.	G.M.N. GOODE	
"	W.S. DIXON	
2/Lt.	C.L. MENDOZA.	
Capt.	E.O. WILLIAMS.	Officer Commanding "C" Coy.
Lieut.	C.H. KING.	
2/Lt.	H.M. DOUGLAS.	
"	W. GOODSAL.	
"	F.J. McKEON.	
Capt.	F.L. DAVY.	Officer Commanding "D" Coy.
2/Lt.	J. SCHULZ	
"	J.E. SMITH	
"	W.J. BARNES.	
"	W.H. BUNCOMBE	