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July 1917



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HILL 63	1917 July 1	9am	<p>Battalion in dugouts & tunnels on HILL 63 (T.R.D) supplying working parties by night building subsidiary line opposite ^{Sq} MASSIVES and acting as reserve Battalion to front line. Brigade being Support Brigade. Orders for Battalion in case of enemy attack</p> <p>Battalion strength. 26 Off. 792 of Ranks. of which 14 off + 218 P/R are at ROMARIN 419401. undergoing special training as per syllabus attached appendix 2. a</p> <p>Lieut G V GIBSON. promoted CAPTAIN 26/7. and 2/LIEUT FEH COLLINS from Officer CADET BN reported for duty.</p> <p>2. Lieut M. PRIOR DSO & C REID reported from hospital for duty.</p> <p>3. 6 P/Rs Rftb arrived: 2/LTS. DE HANRAHAN, H. TAYLOR, DC. ROSE, CR ROBERTSON, A.T. McALLISTER. newly promoted 2/Lt. reported for duty.</p> <p>Major Genl. W HOLMES CMC DSO VP Commanding 4th Aust Divn Killed by Shell whilst in Battalion area. Enemy shell fire fairly continuous in this area. Evidently promising its occupancy but very little damage done as troops are confined to dugouts when resting</p>	<p>28 SW. 4 1. 10.000 T. 18. d.</p> <p>appendix 1.</p> <p>Hazebrouck Ta 1.100.000 I. syllabus II.</p>

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HILL 63	1917 July 4.		Congratulatory cards for 62 Officers & men as per list in Bn Order 376. app III received & presented for work during attack on MESSINES June 7 1917.	
	5.		30 % R. Pfts reported from 4 ADBD all fully trained.	
	6.		Publications of awards (immediate) for gallant conduct in action at MESSINES (shown in B.O. 376.) Shew.	
			DSO. awarded LIEUT. N.F. BREMNER	
			MC CAPT. E.O. WILLIAMS, LIEUT. BR. BIRD.	
			LIEUT. J. SCHULZ. 2080 CSM W. PARRY.	
			6. DCMs & 24 MILITARY MEDALS.	
			all of which were thoroughly well earned.	
	7		Strength of Battalion to date. 32 off 813 O/Ranks.	
			Lieut CH LUXMORE from Pfts reported for duty.	
	8.		10 % R. Pfts reported from 4 ADBD. Taken on strength.	
	10		81 % R. do do do do do.	
	11.		Sgt S.J. HILL, NE BROUGH, R.A. LISLE promoted 2/Lieuts and posted to Coy. for duty.	
			2/Lt S.J. HILL being retained as Asst Sq. Officer	

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HILL 63	1917 July 12		Lieut H. G. SMITH appointed ASST. ADJUTANT. as the ever increasing volume of clerical work, report returns etc now demanded make it quite impossible for one officer to even attempt to deal with them satisfactorily & carry out all his duties.	1.10a 000 5a HAZEBOURNE
	13		Work of carrying & working parties still going on as usual, we being extremely lucky inasmuch as casualties are remarkably few considering the work and the volume of enemy fire continually directed at our dugouts and on trenches at night. Parties work all night and are daily being commended by Sapper officers for the quantity & quality of work done by them.	
	14		4 CR Lpts arrived from HADBD making strength 35 off 894 CR	
	15		Daily average on sick parade 9 & total evacuations from 1st to 15 - 6 or 4 ^{men} wounded in same period or 1.15 daily	
	18		During last night enemy concentrated apparently all his available artillery on Brigade area between 12 AM & 2am firing continuously over the whole area with all styles of ammunition	

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HILL 63	1917 July 18		from 9.3 (24 Gm) to 10.5 Gm gas shells. It was the heaviest continuous bombardment since POZIERES. The gas shells were unusually prolific & were of a new kind apparently oil of mustard as a number of men were violently sick from the effect & yellow blisters appeared on face & hands. However beyond disturbing the landscape very considerably no other damage was done and the Battalion	HAZEBROUK 1.100.000.
DOULIEU	18	3.40 p	was relieved at 3.40 pm by a Bn of NZ BRIGADE and moved to billeting area near DOULIEU. Bn HQ being L5 d 92 as per operation order NO 144 appended, arriving at 7 pm without casualty & bivouacking for night in a field. Snoring into	sheet of a 1.40-000. Op. O. 144 app II.
	19	9am	billet to day. Ground for training in this area is very limited, attention consequently being confined to specialist classes lectures, musketry & route marching. Training Program	app III
		5pm	31 st Lt Puff 1 st LIEUT FW LANE arrived from 4 ADBD and taken on strength.	
	20		2 nd Lt J. D. COLLIER, CAP KENYON, FR. PATERSON. reported for duty from O. Cadet Rm.	

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DOULIEV	1917 July 20		Lts. CH. KING, J. BRACK, & N.E. BREMNER. DSO promoted Captains.	36a. L 5d92.
	21		Strength of Bn now 43 officers 912 O/Ranks	
	22	5p	24 O/R Rft marched in from 4 ADBD. taken on strength	
	23		Training aimed on systematically check signs of bearing fruit in general efficiency of men. Especially in shooting and marching. Daily classes proving their value. frequent tests stimulate esprit de corps. Morale of men throughout excellent.	
	24		Field Punishment No. 1 as a deterrent instituted in Division to be rigorously carried out regimentally. Best instance of discipline in the Bn is shown by fact that only one man is in guard room out of a full strength Battalion and that average is the highest for 14 days. No men for F.R.N. 1.	
	26 th		26 O/R Rft marched in from 4 ADBD & taken on strength.	
	27 th		ROMS B. TAYLOR promoted 2 nd Lieut. Battalion turned out for inspection by 2 nd Army Commander GENL ⁱⁿ H. PLUMER. GCB.	

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DOULIEU.	1917 July. 28.		<p>MAJOR H.C. FORD, Senior Major since May. is transferred to 46 BN as Senior Major. A very excellent officer, who did valuable work with the Bn since his arrival and one whose place is not easy to fill.</p>	
*			<p>Strength of Bn to date 45 Officers. 961. 9 ranks.</p>	
29			<p>Daily average on sick parade since 16th. 15 and since 1st 17. Average daily evacuations since 16th. 17 7 since 1st.</p>	
27			<p>The quantity of correspondence called for from a Bn now is beyond that, by far, which it is possible to accomplish on the meagre allowance of paper. It is absolutely necessary now & has been for some time, to accomplish all work in records etc, for a Bn Commandant to purchase material out of his own pocket. It is submitted that this should not be.</p>	

*Approved by
C. W. B. B. B.*

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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

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DOULIEU	1917 Aug	Jan	At DOULIEU area in billets. Strength of Batt ⁿ 4.4 off 964 ^{of} ¹⁰ ¹⁰ General PLUMER Comdg 2 nd Army. inspected Brigade exhaustively in Company with DIV ^l CDR. and found Everything in order. The Batt ⁿ running out	HAZEBROEK 500,000 360,000
L5 Central	July 28.		Exceptionally well. All officers were addressed by the Army Cdr afterwards on Subject of discipline as regards absence without leave as applied to us. Remarks were necessary on ^{of} number of FyCM's lately, solely due to the fact that FyCM's are ordered for any case of A.M.'s or dereliction of duty. It has been my experience that by far the greatest results can be obtained by a Bn Cdr using the powers allotted him judiciously. This is evidenced by the crime record of this Bn in comparison with others. The conditions being exactly similar class of men no different, yet we have had very few crimes records. With a full strength Bn the number of punishments this month July is three and 6 Fy.CM's in addition. total 9.	
	July 28	2pm	Battalion paraded for a straight talk on Venereal Disease and its prevalence by Capt (Archdeacon) WARD. C.E. who exhorted the men	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DOULIEU L 5 Central 36 ^a	July 26		<p>to remain Continent + thus avoid disease. The increase of VD has been noticeable lately nearly every case occurring to men whilst on leave in ENGLAND. Preventive treatment is provided there at Westminster only, as far as can be ascertained, but no provision seems to be made for men in any other area. It is regrettable indeed that such a lot of men should be contaminated on their visit to LONDON. The proportion is far greater than ever occurred in CAIRO where a reputation for V.D. prevalence exists. Very very few cases occur in FRANCE.</p>	<p>ga HAISEBLACK 100000.</p>
	29.	Jan	<p>Battalion marched 10 miles to attend DIVINE SERVICE, in view of probable early move with a long march, its wisdom is queried. S/LIEUT H. MARSON and 3 ncos. dispatched to 12 T.B. to relieve LT. HARRISON & 3 ncos. whose term there has exceeded 6 months. MAJOR HCFORD transferred to 46 BN as 2nd in Command.</p>	
	30.	Jan	<p>S/LT S.J. HILL to DUNSTABLE (Eng) for 9 weeks Special Signalling Course, on his return he will be employed as Signals officer</p>	

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DOULIEU L 5 Central.	1917. July. 31.		<p>2/Lieut. D. HANRAHAN & 3 N.C.O's proceeded to 12 Tg Bn to reinforce permit Training Cadre. This officer has seen considerable service and deserves a well earned rest.</p> <p>(The original of above appears on the same sheet as entries for subsequent month and will be found with the diary for that month).</p>	<p>5a Hazebrouck. 1,100,000</p>

ORDERS

WORKING PARTIES

- (1) DRESS. Clean fatigue (unless otherwise ordered), Gas Helmets in "Alert" position.
- (2) PUNCTUALITY. essential and parties must move off to time.
- (3) STRENGTHS must always be correct and Coy Commanders will be held responsible for correct number of men to be on parade.
- (4) TOOLS will not be taken from Battalion Dump unless specially instructed. Engineer Officer will invariably make arrangements to supply necessary tools.
- (5) R.S.M. will check strength of parties, see that they move off to time, and report to Headquarters time of departure all correct or otherwise.
- (6) OFFICERS in charge of parties will report to Adjutant on completion of duty.
- (7) WORKS REPORTS due on completion of duty, signed by both Infantry and Engineer Officer. To be made out as per "pro forma" issued, particular attention being paid to Map Co-ordinates.
- (8) MOVEMENT must be confined to small parties, both proceeding to and from work. Men must not be allowed to wander over the open country. Communication trenches must always be used. Please see special order from Brigade Hqrs. re "movements".
- (9) DISCIPLINE. The Infantry Officer is solely in charge of party and he is responsible for amount of work done. In the event of "hostile shelling" the order to cease work must only come from Infantry Officer. The Engineer Officer is there to allocate task and advise technically. Any complaints from Engineer Officer must be made to Infantry Officer and not direct to N.C.Os or men.
- (10) HOSTILE AIRCRAFT must be watched for and necessary cover taken. Infantry Officer will give the order to cease work if the situation warrants.
- (11) SALVAGE Parties on returning will make every endeavour to collect salvage and hand same to R.S.M. at Battalion Dump.
- (12) HOT DRINKS are available at A.M.C. Coffee Stall at all hours.
- (13) STRETCHER BEARERS will always accompany working parties.
- (14) Parties are always referred to as Working Parties and not Engineers Fatigues, as is sometimes heard.
- (15) Sgt. Cook will arrange all meals at times ordered.

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- " " 2. COMMANDING OFFICER.
- " " 3. ADJUTANT.
- " " 4. O.C. "A" COMPANY.
- " " 5. O.C. "B" "
- " " 6. O.C. "C" "
- " " 7. O.C. "D" "
- " " 8. R. S. M.
- " " 9. Sgt. Cook.

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W. Bremner LIEUT.
A/ADJUTANT 47th BATTALION.

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Plan of action in case of attack.
(Provisional)

Reference TRENCH MAP.

- (1) 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. G 2/34 attached.
- (2) In the event of attack all working parties rejoin Battalion. O.C. Coys will send a runner to Battn.H.Q. to ascertain Medical arrangements. Before moving out to front line each Coy will detail its "B" roll men to proceed to Romarin at once, nominal rolls in triplicate being handed in to Battn.H.Q. before doing so. Men on duty at Romarin will report to Company at once. Battn.H.Q. will be notified when Coy is complete, and a state showing strength will accompany the report.
- (3) 47th Battalion will stand to at their present location and move according to orders.
- (4) In the event of Battalion being called upon for immediate support to 46th or 48th Battns. the disposition as shown hereunder will apply in either case.
- (5) DISPOSITIONS.

Battalion Headquarters.
Near Somerset House U 20 b 9.3

(A) Immediate support. "C" Coy. (Left) "D" Coy. (Right)
"A" " " "B" "

(B) Whole Battalion in support in line.
Position of Coys from left to right will be
A B C D

(C) Special precautions will be taken as regards the disposing of Lewis Guns, and carefully selected positions on the flanks will be held at all costs.

(D) If Battalion is in support in line Platoons will be well disposed in depth.

- (6) AMMUNITION, etc. 2 Grenades per man and 100 rounds S.A.A. will be carried in addition to that already carried. An extra 4 Grenades per man will be available at Battn.H.Q., apart from Bde. Reserve.
- (7) WATER. The reserve water now in petrol tins will be conserved and kept ready for immediate use if required.
- (8) DUMPS. Reference para 4 of Brigade Order.
Location of Dumps should be known by all concerned.
- (9) ROUTES. All routes to front line, subsidiary line, and forward areas will be reconnoitred at once.
- (10) MAPS. Trench maps should be brought up to date at once.
- (11) H.Q. SECTIONS (less "B" roll) will immediately report to Battn.H.Q.
Lieut. BIRD M C will act as Intelligence Officer,
Lieut. McKEON as Forward Command Officer.
Lieut. BAXTER will have reserve Lewis Guns at Bn.H.Q.
and be responsible that ALL S.A.A. and Bombs supplies are maintained,
- (12) The word RETIRE will NOT be used. The line will be held at all costs
Maps will be marked at once with latest information.

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- " " 6. O.C. "C" "
- " " 7. O.C. "D" "
- " " 8. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER.
- " " 9. LEWIS GUN OFFICER.
- " " 10. SIGNALLING OFFICER.

N.B. Brewer
LIEUT.
A/ADJUTANT 47th BATTALION.

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TRAINING PROGRAMME

N.C.O. CLASS

DAILY

Reveille 6.15 a.m.
 Parades 6.45 - 7.45 a.m.
 Breakfast
 Parade 9 - 12 a.m.
 2 - 3.30 p.m.
 Dress. Morning Parade - Clean Fatigue.
 Other parades - Drill Order.
 Morning Parade, 5th day, Full Marching Order without rifles.

1st Day

6.45 - 7.0.	P.T.
7.0 - 7.30	I.T. sections 13 - 17
7.30 - 7.45	M.I. 13 - 17
9.0. - 9.15	Inspection.
9.15 - 9.45	I.T. Sections 18 - 26
9.45 - 10.15	M.I. " "
10.15 - 10.30	Lecture. Section rolls.
10.45 - 11.15	I.T. 47 - 54
11.15 - 12.45	M.I. 47 - 54
11.45 - 12.0.	Com. Drill.
2.0. - 2.15	Parts of Rifle.
2.15 - 2.30	Care of Arms.
2.30 - 3.0.	Trigger pressing.
3.0 - 3.30	M.I. on above.

2nd Day

6.45 - 7.0	P.T.
7.0 - 7.45	M.I. I J Sections 13 - 26
9.0 - 9.15	Inspection.
9.15 - 9.45	I.T. 27 - 35
9.45 - 10.15	M.I. I.T. 27 - 35
10.15 - 10.30	Lecture. Fitting equipment, with demonstrations.
10.45 - 11.15	I.T. Sections 57 - 58
11.15 - 11.45	M.I. " "
11.45 - 12.0	Communication Drill
2.0 - 2.45	Aiming instruction.
2.45 - 3.0	M.I. Aiming
3.0 - 3.30	Triangle of error.

3rd Day

6.45 - 7.0	P.T.
7.0 - 7.45	M.I. 27 - 35
9.0 - 9.15	Inspection.
9.15 - 9.45	I.T. 65 - 66 - 67
9.45 - 10.15	M.I. do.
10.15 - 10.30	Lecture. Rationing.
10.45 - 11.15	I.T. 36 - 46
11.15 - 11.45	M.I. do.
11.45 - 12.0	Communication Drill

2.0 - 2.30	Firing position, standing.
2.30 - 3.0	M.I. do.
3.0 - 3.30	Firing position, prone.
3.30 - 4.0	Grouping practice, 30 yards range.

4th Day

6.45 - 7.0	P.T.
7.0 - 7.45	M.I. I.T. 27 - 46
9.0 - 9.15	Inspection
9.15 - 9.45	I.T. Sections 71 - 72
9.45 - 10.15	M.I. " "
10.15 - 10.30	Lecture. Hygiene in camp and billets.
10.45 - 11.15	I.T. 75 - 80
11.15 - 11.45	M.I. do.
11.45 - 12.0	Communication Drill.

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TRAINING PROGRAMME

N.C.O. CLASS

4th Day (continued)

2.0 - 2.30	Firing position, kneeling.
2.30 - 3.0	M.I. do.
3.0 - 3.30	Bolt drill and muscle exercises.
3.30 - 4.0	Application practice.

5th Day

6.45 - 7.0	P.T.
7.0 - 7.45	M.I. fitting equipment.
9.0 - 9.15	Inspection
9.15 - 9.45	M.I. S.T. 75 - 80
9.45 - 10.15	I.T. 81 - 84
10.15 - 10.30	Lecture. Duties of orderly N.C.O's
10.45 - 11.15	I.T. 85 - 86
11.15 - 12.0	M.I. 81 - 86

2.0 - 2.30	J.D. unit of measure
2.30 - 3.0	Indication & recognition of targets.
3.0 - 3.30	Bolt drill and muscle exercises.
3.30 - 4.0	Rapid fire practice.

6th Day

6.45 - 7.0	P.T.
7.0 - 7.45	J.D. appearance
9.0 - 9.15	Inspection
9.15 - 9.45	I.T. 87 - 88
9.45 - 10.15	M.I. Company Drill
10.15 - 10.30	Lecture. Guards and sentries.
10.45 - 11.15	Demonstration
11.15 - 11.45	I.T. 90 - 93
11.45 - 12.0	Communication drill.

2.0 - 2.30	Bolt drill and muscle exercises
2.30 - 3.0	Indication & recognition of targets.
3.0 - 3.30	Fire discipline training
3.30 - 4.0	Rapid firing practice

7th Day

6.45 - 7.0	P.T.
7.0 - 7.45	Visual training
9.0 - 9.15	Inspection
9.15 - 10.15	M.I. I.T. 47 - 74
10.15 - 10.30	Lecture. Outposts.
10.45 - 11.15	M.I. Squads marching on markers.
11.15 - 11.45	M.I. Platoon drill
11.45 - 12.0	Communication drill

2.0 - 2.30	Fire discipline training
2.30 - 3.0	Bolt drill and muscle exercises
3.0 - 3.30	Rapid loading
3.30 - 4.0	Rapid fire.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 376

Appendix No. III

by
Major H.C.FORD
A/C.O. 47th Battalion.
12th Australian Infantry Brigade.

IN THE FIELD.
3rd July 1917.

PART 1. ROUTINE

DUTIES.	970. Company for Duty	3rd July/4th July	"A" Company.
	Next for Duty	4th July/5th July	"B" Company.
	Battn. Ord. Officer	3rd July/4th July	2/Lt. W.J. BARNES.
	Next for Duty	4th July/5th July	Lt. G.V.O'CONNOR.
	Battn. Ord. Sgt.	3rd July/4th July	Sgt. THOMAS. G.
	Next for Duty	4th July/5th July	Sgt. WILLIAMS. S.E.
	Battn. Ord. Cpl.	3rd July/4th July	Cpl. HELMES. G.W.
	Next for Duty	4th July/5th July	Cpl. RAGGATT. L.E.

CONGRATULATORY

CARDS 971. Major General W. Holmes C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., commanding 4th Australian Division, congratulates the undermentioned Officers and men of this Battalion for their gallant conduct at Messines 7/11 June 1917. The Commanding Officer desires to add his congratulations

- Captain E.O. WILLIAMS. *Mc*
- Lieut. N.F. BREMNER. *ps*
- Lieut. J. SCHULZ. *me*
- Lieut. E.R. BIRD. *me*
- 2/LIEUT. F.J. MCKEON.
- 2/Lieut. C.L. MENDOZA.

- No. 5149 R. Q. M. S. O'TOOLE. S.F.
- C. S. M. PARRY. W. *me*
- 1701 C. S. M. LINDSAY. H.
- 2762 Sgt. KEOGH. W. H. *MM*
- 2225 Sgt. HILL. S. J.
- 3099 Sgt. THOMAS. G.
- 2916 Sgt. HARE. H.
- 4041 Sgt. WESTWOOD. J. W.
- 4435 Sgt. BROUGH. W. E.
- 1994 Sgt. O'NEILL. J. G.
- 4634 Cpl. DUNNETT. H. L.
- 1961 Cpl. TWEDDELL. A. R.
- 3170 Cpl. MILLIGAN. E. C.
- 3393 Cpl. STEWART. F. G.
- 2369 Cpl. CRAIG. H. W.
- 4035 Cpl. DUGGAN. T. J.
- 1611 Cpl. DICKSON. W. D.
- 1673 Cpl. JONES. O. V. R.
- 1714 Cpl. MATTHIAS. W.
- 2846 L/Cpl. CLIFT. H.
- 2940 L/Cpl. RYAN. J. M.
- 2525 L/Cpl. ZAHNLEITER. W. E.
- 4022 L/Cpl. BRITTON. C. A.
- 4061 L/Cpl. McDOUGALL. S.
- 5170 L/Cpl. REES. E. J.
- 2426 L/Cpl. FREEMAN. T. A.
- 2702 Pte. ROBERTSON. G. R.
- 1952 " SENIOR. G. W.
- 1726 " RAYMENT. F. R.
- 3062 " DODD. J.
- 1722 " BAINBRIDGE. A.
- 1993 " KEMER. E.
- 4246 " SWEET. A.
- 165 " ADAMS. R.
- 2982 " CLEARY. T.
- 4070 " ROONEY. L.
- 2529 " TUNKIN. R. H.
- 314 " REVIE. J.
- 315 " WILKIE. R. A.
- 691 " WILLIAMS. A. H.
- 2763 " KINGSTON. J.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 376 (Continued)

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- No. 2291 Pte. HILDER. A.
- 4485 " A. McARTHUR FALCONER
- 2201 " TIPLADY. W.
- 3108 " VALLINS. H.
- 3312 " GOUGH. E.
- 9009 " BEALE. R. D.
- 2504 " SHANG. C. J.
- 2779 " BROWN. W. E.
- 4040 " FRANKS. L.
- 1781 " KELLY. S. F.
- 4620 " GRATTON. H. G.
- 5097 " GILLIEATT. T. P.
- 2975 " COLL. P. J.

BURIALS. 972. THE following is an extract from a communication from the Divisional Burial Officer.

"The Divisional Burial Officer reports that his burial parties came across several bodies of Australian Soldiers in Unbearable Trench after recent operations, from which everything (including identity discs) that could lead to identification had been removed. It is suggested that probably their comrades had taken their personal effects etc. for the purpose of handing them in to Battalion headquarters. There is no objection to this practice so long as disc or some other means of identification is left on the body. If this is not done the body is buried as that of a soldier unknown and no particulars can subsequently be given to the relatives of the location of the deceased soldiers grave."

LETTERS. 973. EtR.C. No. 2044 is republished.

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CARE OF FEET.

974. Petrol tins have been provided and water is available from water carts. Arrangements should be made for small parties at a time to wash their feet, so that during the day all mens feet have been bathed.

A Return while in this Area to reach B.O.R. by 6 p.m. daily stating number of mens feet bathed.

DEATH OF MAJ. GEN. W. HOLMES. It is with deep regret that the death of Major General Holmes, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., lately commanding the 4th Aust. 975. Division, is announced. He was killed by shell fire in the forward area on the morning of 2/7/1917.

COURTS MARTIAL.

976. No. 2793 Pte. ROBINSON. A., 47th Battn. A.I.F. was tried by Field General Court Martial on the following charge -

1 "Neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he caused himself a self-inflicted wound, in the field"

2 Drunkenness."

SENTENCE - 7 days F.P. No 2.

No. 4197 Pte. LEWIS. W. H. T., 47th Battn. A.I.F., was tried by Field General Court Martial on the following charge -

"When on active service absenting himself without leave"

SENTENCE - 6 months I.H.L.

No. 2719 Pte. SCOURCE. C., 47th Battn. A.I.F., was tried by Field General Court Martial on the following charge -

"When on active service absenting himself without leave"

SENTENCE - 6 months I.H.L.

No. 4520 Pte. KELLY. S., 47th Battn. A.I.F., was tried by Field General Court Martial on the following charge -

"When on active service deserting His Majestys service"

SENTENCE - 2 years I.H.L.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 376 (continued)

PART 2. ADMINISTRATION.

PROMOTIONS. 977. The following promotions have been approved -
No. 2702 Pte. ROBERTSON, G.R. to be Second Lieutenant.
Dated 27/6/1917
No. 2856 Pte. McALLISTER, A.T. to be Second Lieutenant.
Dated 27/6/1917
No. 2013 Sgt. HANRAHAN, D.H. to be Second Lieutenant.
Dated 27/6/1917
No. 2835 Sgt. TAYLOR, H. to be Second Lieutenant.
Dated 27/6/1917
No. 2632 Sgt. ROSE, D.C. to be Second Lieutenant.
Dated 27/6/1917

POSTINGS. 978. 2/Lt. D.C. ROSE is posted to "A" Coy for duty.
2/Lt. H. TAYLOR is posted to "B" Coy for duty.
2/Lt. D.H. HANRAHAN is posted to "B" Coy for duty.
2/Lt. A.T. McALLISTER is posted to "B" Coy for duty.
2/Lt. G.R. ROBERTSON is posted to "B" Coy for duty.

TRANSFER. 979. L.M. PRIOR resumes D.S.C. resumes duty with "A" Coy,
dated 4/7/1917

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ADJUTANT 47th BATTALION. W. H. ... V.D. ... lately commanding the 4th Aust.
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Sentence - 6 months I.H.L.
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BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No.144

REFERENCE MAP 36A 1/40,000

- (1) 47th Battalion will be relieved from present area on 18th July, and move to L 5 d 9.2 (Sheet 36A) DOULIEU AREA, bivouacking the night 18th/19th in field there, and move into billets on the 19th instant.
- (2) Captain EATHER will arrange and move all personnel and gear at Romarin and Warrington Camps to new area, camp to be clear at 9 a.m. 18th.
- (3) TIME. Time of departure 12 noon, immediately following 46th Battn.
- (4) ORDER OF MARCH. D, C, B, A, Coys (H.Q. Sections at Hill 63 to move with Coys.
- (5) MOVEMENT. From Hill 63 to Connaught Road will be in parties not greater than Sections with intervals.
- (6) INTERVAL. 200 yards between Battalions.
- (7) DRESS. Full marching order, blanket to be folded en banderole around the pack, steel helmets to be worn.
- (8) OFFICERS KIT. All Officers kit will be stacked at Romarin Camp by 7.30 a.m. 18th instant.
- (9) TRANSPORT AND BAGGAGE. All surplus baggage and mobile echelon of ammunition, grenades, tools, etc., will be moved by 1st Line Transport on 17th inst. to DOULIEU AREA. Transport will then report to Captain Payne at 48th Battalion Transport Lines (Sheet 36 B 8 a 6.4) at 9.30 a.m. 17th instant for billets and storage. They will then return to present area to be utilised for the move.
- (10) SANITATION AND STATES. Coys will hand in to Adjutant, 30 minutes before departure, certificates as to cleanliness of billets and area; also marching out states. Marching in states to be handed to Adjutant 30 minutes after arrival. Sec. Lieut. W. J. BARNES will be responsible for cleanliness of vacated area and hand same over to incoming Battalion, obtaining a receipt.
- (11) MEALS. Lunch on 18th at 10.30 a.m. Sgt. Cook will arrange to have a hot meal on arrival in new area.
- (12) GUARD. Captain Eather will arrange to send a guard of 1 N.C.O. and 5 men, to report with Transport Officer at new area at 9.30 a.m. 17th inst. to guard Battalion stores there.
- (13) SICK. R.M.O. will arrange the removal of all sick.
- (14) ACKNOWLEDGE.

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W. J. Barnes
LIEUT.
A/ADJUTANT 47th BATTALION.

TRAINING PROGRAMME47th BATTALION.

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for week ending 7th July, 1917.

D A I L Y - CONTINUOUS TRAINING.

6.45-7.45a.m. P.T. and Bayonet Fighting.
 9.0 a.m. Battalion Parade.

Lewis Gun Practice
 Live Grenade "
 Signalling "
 Gas Drill

8.30p.m. Special Classes for N.C.O's, embracing "The art of instruction, Map Reading, Compass Work, Message Writing."

- 1 Company Platoon Drill, including Fire Direction and Fire Control, Artillery Formations, & Platoon in attack.
- 1 Company MUSKETRY - Deliberate and Rapid Firing.
- 1 Company Route Marching and carrying out Platoon schemes. If latter not possible - Coy. Drill.
- 1 Company Coy. Drill and Coy. in attack.

Alternating daily.

Tactical Schemes set by C.O. as ground permits.

28th June 1917

HCB MAJOR.
 A/O.C. 47th BATTALION.

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 SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

 47th BATTALION.

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Period: Monday 23/7/17 to Sunday 5/8/17.

 Hours: Reveille 5 a.m.
 Breakfast 6.30 a.m.
 Parade 7.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Daily classes, independent of regular syllabus for Coys.

 Lewis Gun Instructional Class.
 Musketry, on range. Rapid firing, bolt manipulation.
 Bayonet fighting.
 N.C.Os and aspirants class.
 Signalling class.
 Sports Competitions.
 Rifle shooting. do
 Billet competition.
 Officers Lectures.

Following syllabus is based on possibility of securing suitable training ground in new area, but will only be altered by C.O.

Dress. Fighting order and hats unless stated otherwise.

Friday.	20th.	✓	Battalion Parade and Inspection, whole personnel.
Sat.	21st	✓	Route March by Companies to baths, STEENWERCK, Last Coy does advance guard on return, 1st Coy does outpost, utilising Scouts, Signallers, Runners, and Message reports.
Sun.	22nd		Battalion Parade, full, for inspection. Church Parade.
Mon.	23rd		Interchangeability of Sections and adaptation of command of units up to Companies, including training of Coy H.Q. in their functions; under C.O.
Tues.	24th	p.m.	Route March, full marching order, whole Battalion. Platoon schemes; 1st phase, operating against each other, 2nd phase, single Platoon being reinforced until O.C. finds himself in command of Company, attacking another.
Wed.	25th		Kit Inspection. <i>Route march</i> BATTALION SCHEME. A march of Coys from different points on to a given objective and attacking conjointly, encountering on way to objective a strong point, which is invested and captured, and whole line proceeds to attack of final objective. Co-operation of Stokes with Companies and communications with Battalion H.Q.
Thurs.	26th		COMPANY SCHEMES, <i>correcting</i> repeating faults of yesterday and improvising extempore schemes suggested by the possibilities of situations occurring. Practising initiative of individual platoon commanders, by minor platoon schemes, (with and without troops).
Fri.	27th	a.m.	Battalion Parade and Route March, commencing 6.30 a.m., full marching order. March Discipline. Tactical exercises for Officers - employment of Scouts - Field sketching. Midday meal en route. Officers and N.C.Os draw road traverse of route followed.
Sat.	28th		Battalion Drill, movement to and from mass, Ceremonial and Open Order - without Officers. Company Drill - do.
Sun.	29th		Battalion Parade. Church Parade. Rifle Competitions, extempore teams.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING (continued)

47th BATTALION.

- Mon. 30th COY SCHEME. Attacking a village in defended locality, showing street fighting and consolidation after capture. Outposts. Negotiating barrages - method of progress forward - the aim - absorption of reserves and control of situation - reports, messages, etc.
- Tues. 31st Normal formation for the attack in
 - (a) 1 Platoon against strong point.
 - (b) 2 Platoons " " "
 - (c) 1 Company " " "
 Employment of reserves and touch with flanks and rear. AT NIGHT. Advance against a defensive system, 2 Coys in attack and 1 in defence, 1 Coy mobile reserve for either side. Night march, attack and counter attack.
- Wed. 1st p.m. Battalion Route March, full marching order - given route for each Company - marching to programme and march home on orders, communicated by signal.
- Thur. 2nd Normal formation of attack, with delegation of command and forward intercommunication. Kit Inspection by C.O.
- Fri. 3rd Battalion Drill, movements from mass to attack formation by signal, on a programme laid down. Synchronisation of movement and communication - Message writing - Employment of Coy H.Q. and specialist groups in emergency.
- Sat. 4th Battalion Route March, full marching order. Midday meal to be carried.
- Sun. 5th Battalion Parade. Inspection.

17th July 1917

A.P. Inlay
LIEUT. COLONEL.
COMMANDING 47th BATTALION.

47th Battalion 21
12th Aust. Inf. Bde

Battalion Route March

Map Reference

25-7-1917.

Hazebrouck 5A 1/100,000.

Sheet 36A 1/40,000.

Full Parade - Marching out states to be handed to the Adjutant at the Starting Point.

Starting Point - Si 6299 junction of Roads.

Head of Column to pass the Starting Point at 6.30 AM in the following Order:-

Band.

"B" Section

"H" Section

"B" Company

"C" Company

"D" Company

"A" Company

"E" Section

Rear Party - Capt. C.R. Collins, Med. Officer & 1 Platoon "C" Company, they will maintain a distance of 250 Yds from last Company

March Discipline - as per Standing Orders - Right of Road must be maintained.

P.T.O.

APPENDIX

22 Dress - Full Marching Order (no blankets), waterbottle filled, steel helmets to be carried on the pack. Hats will be worn turned down.

Mounted Officers will wear Sam Browne Belt, P.H. Helmet & Box Respirator, waterbottle, and haversack, - steel helmet, and Gas respirator for horse will be carried on the saddle.

Dismounted Officers will carry packs, web equipment.

All Officers will wear Service Tunics.

Stretcher Bearers will carry stretchers.

All officers will practice "Message writing and despatch".

No man is to fall out from the line of march without a chit from Capt Collins. *points to Coy Comdr.*

Acknowledge

Copy all writs.
Capt D Campbell.
Medical Officer.
Orderly Officer

W J Bremner Lieut.
Adjutant 47th Batta.

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APPENDIX

47th BATTALION.
12th AUST. INF. BDE. 23

26-7-17

SPECIAL ORDER

- 1. INSPECTION: General Sir HERBERT C.O. PLUMER GCMG GOVD KCB ADC COMMANDING 2nd ARMY, will inspect the Brigade tomorrow, 27th inst.
- 2. FULL PARADE: Battalion Parade will be held on ground near Battrn headquarters at 9.30a.m. 1 Marker per Company will report to R.S.M. at 9.15a.m.
- 3. DRESS: Fighting Order. Felt hats will be worn, left side turned up. P.M. Helmets only will be carried. Haversack will be carried on the back, water bottles (filled) on the side. Waterproof sheet in the folds of haversack.
- 4. OFFICERS DRESS: Leather Sam Browne belts will be worn. Sticks will NOT be carried.
- 5. Company Commanders will see that men are clean and neatly dressed, boots polished, equipment properly adjusted.
- 6. RECEPTION: The Army Commander will be received with a general salute. All Officers will salute and remain at salute until "Slope Arms" is given.
- 7. SALUTING: Attention is drawn to previous instructions issued regarding saluting in the march past.
- 8. MARCH PAST: If the Brigade is ordered to march past the ARMY COMMANDER, troops will march past in column of route.

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V. J. Pennington
LIEUT.
A/ADJUTANT 47th BATTALION.

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	Date of substantive rank	Date of substantive rank
Lieut. Colonel A.P. INLAY DSO	21/4/17	
Sec. in Command Major H.C. FORD	1/3/16	
Majors LEWIS, E. StL. Sec. sick 20/4/17 INGLIS, W. MC Sec. sick 20/4/17 HANNAY, D.V. Sec. 2nd Anzac School 13/5/17	13/5/15 1/11/16 1/7/17	
Captains CAMPBELL, D. TERRY, E.A. Sec. as Staff Captain 12th A.I. Bde. 20/4/17 SYMONS, C.A. Sec. with 12th Training Battn. 19/2/17 EATHER, W.F. COLLINS, C.R. WILLIAMS, O.E. MC YOUNG, C.E. ANDERSON, A.M. GIBSON, G.J.	1/4/16 1/6/16 1/11/16 10/1/17 1/4/17 1/4/17 1/4/17 1/4/17 26/6/17	
Lieutenants LANE, F.W. HURD, E.H.W. Sec. 2nd Anzac School 6/1/17 HARRISON, E.W. Sec. 12th T.B. 7/11/16 HONEYSETT, J.H. Sec. Pris. of War 11/4/17 KING, C.H. Sec. Wounded 7/6/17 McCAW, R.J. Sec. 12th T.B. 7/11/16 BRACK, J. BREMNER, N.F. DSO RILEY, T.V. REID, G.C. ROBINSON, E. Sec. sick 11/6/17 SMITH, H.G. PRIOR, M. DSO STOREY, G.P. Sec. Wounded 7/6/17 BAXTER, W. BIRD, B.R. MC O'CONNOR, G.V. SCHULZ, J. MC Sec. Wounded 7/6/17 PATERSON, A.V. MENDOZA, C.L. Sec. Wounded 7/6/17 MARSON, H.F.W. PARSONS, F.E. Sec. Wounded 7/6/17	12/3/16 21/8/16 21/8/16 5/11/16 5/11/16 1/1/17 9/2/17 13/2/17 1/3/17 1/3/17 1/3/17 25/4/17 11/5/17 11/5/17 11/5/17 11/5/17 24/6/17 24/6/17 24/6/17	
Second Lieutenants BUNCOMBE, W.H. BARNES, W.J. DOUGLAS, H.M. Sec. Wounded 7/6/17 NOMMENSEN, C.V. GOODSALL, W. LUXMORE, C.H. SMITH, J.E. Sec. Wounded 7/6/17 McKEON, F.J. JACKSON, W.H. WISHART, W.R. (Hon. Lieut. & Q.M.) COLLINS, F.E.H. DOIG, D.M. HANRAHAN, D.H. TAYLOR, H. ROSE, D.C. Sec. 12th T.B. 11/7/17 ROBERTSON, G.R. McALLISTER, A.T. COLLIER, J.D.A. KENYON, C.A.B. PATERSON, F.A. HILL, S.J. KEOGH, W.H. Sec. Wounded 12/7/17 BROUGH, W.E. LISLE, P.A.	24/3/16 24/3/16 16/6/16 18/8/16 1/10/16 16/11/16 10/4/17 26/4/17 26/4/17 11/5/17 2/6/17 26/6/17 27/6/17 27/6/17 27/6/17 27/6/17 27/6/17 28/6/17 28/6/17 28/6/17 4/7/17 4/7/17 4/7/17 4/7/17	
Adjutant EATHER, Capt. W.F.	10/1/17	
Asst. Adjutant SMITH, Lieut. H.G.	1/3/17	
Signalling Officer BRACK, Lieut. J.	9/2/17	
QUARTERMASTER WISHART, W.R. (2/Lt. & Hon. Lt.)	3/3/17	
Medical Officer JONES, Capt. J.T. MC	17/12/15	
Reinforcement Officers who have not yet joined unit 6th Reinf'ts. GIBBS, 2/Lt. A.C.H. 9th Reinf'ts. ANNESLEY, 2/Lt. C.H.	24/3/16 1/10/16	
Supernumerary List MORGAN, Capt. A.E. WILSON, Capt. J.H. PRICE, Lieut. W. FALCONER, Lieut. H.	12/8/16 1/6/16 1/6/16 17/1/16	

*Graduation List
27/17*

47th BATTALION.
12th AUST. INF. BDE.

BATTALION ROUTE MARCH

28/7/1917

Reference Map
HAZEBROUCK SA 1/100,000

FULL PARADE: Marching out states to be handed to Adjutant at the starting point.

STARTING POINT. 41 5810

Head of column to pass the Starting Point at 6.25a.m. in the following order:-

- Band
- B Section
- A Section
- B Company
- C Company
- D Company
- A Company
- C Section

Rear Party Captain C.R. COLLINS, Medical Officer, and 4 Platoon G Coy. They will maintain a distance of 250 yards from last Company.

MARCH DISCIPLINE as per Standing Orders. Right of road must be maintained.

DRESS: Full marching order (no blankets), water bottle filled, steel helmets to be carried on the pack, waterproof sheets in fold of haversack. Hats will be worn turned down.

Mounted Officers will wear Sam Browne Belt, P.H. Helmet, Box Respirator, water bottle and haversack. Steel helmet and Gas Respirator for horse will be carried on the saddle.

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All Officers will practice Message writing and despatch.

No man is to fall out from the line of march without a hit from his Coy. Commander to ~~Captain Collins~~.

Senior Major

Acknowledge.

Copy to all units.
Capt. B. CAMPBELL,
MEDICAL OFFICER.



N. J. Brewer LIEUT.
A/ADJUTANT 47th BATTALION.