

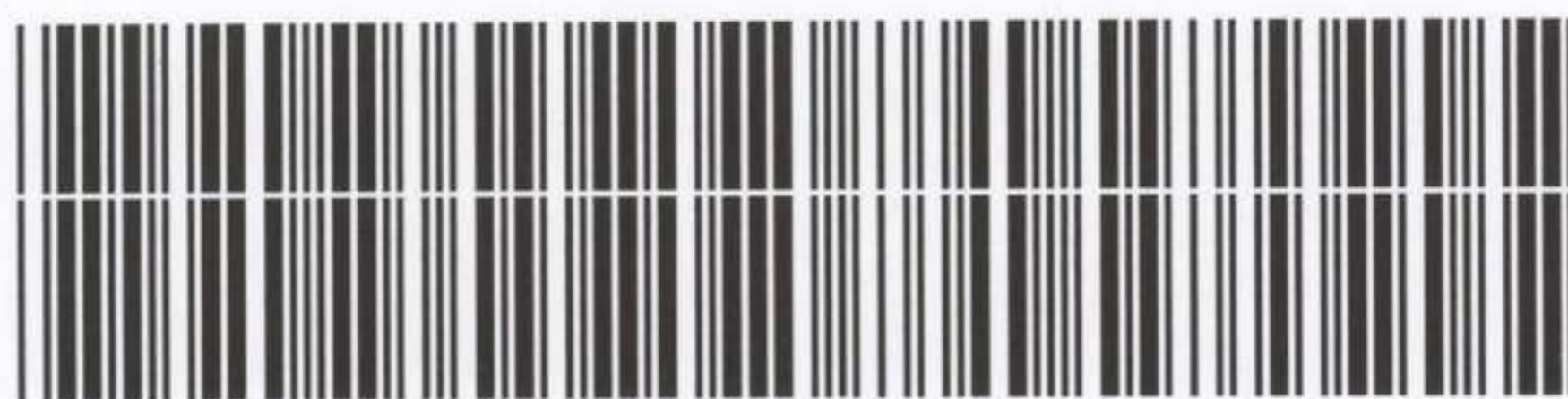
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DOULIEU L 5 Central	1917 July 31		LIEUT. D HANRAHAN + 3 men proceeded to 12 Tg Bn to reinforce permit Training Cadre. This officer has seen considerable service and deserves well earned rest.	Jd Haybrook 1.000.000
	Aug 1	9am	Reconnaissance party under Int of Lt GC REID proceeded to OOSTAUVERNE to reconnoitre sector to be taken over by us, from 37th Div ⁿ .	Sheet 28 1.000.000.
	1.		Very inclement weather, raining continuously preventing any outdoor movement.	
			Field punishment No 1 instituted as a deterrent in incorrigible cases of persistent AWL men - Previous method of terms of imprisonment not proving altogether desirable for obvious reasons. It is hoped that public No 1 F.P. will have the desired effect.	
	5		Rain continued intermittently from Pt. rendering movement over low lying ground practically impossible.	
	6	3am	Orders received to march to 28 N. 29 a.s. 3 and bivouac for night preparatory to going into line to relieve 13 KRRC in left sector of brigade front on the following day.	Sheet 28

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DOULIEU L 5 Central.	1917 Aug 6 th	8 am	Battalion marched to N 29 a 5.3 (Store 3m) via STEENWERCK + NEUVE ECLISE Carrying fuel packs + blankets 170 lbs each 2 bombs and arrived at 3 1/2 pm without losing a man. Haltes at 12 30 - 2 pm at BUIFORD for lunch. Distance covered 13 miles.
	7 th		Packs dumped at Wagon lines N 34 a 1.7. and percentage of men to total of 100 + all officers over 24 going into line, left there. Mainly those who were most in need of a rest. The proportion of "Kroll" as laid down in SS 143 not being applied in this case. Officers
		8 30 pm	reconnotted position during day and Battalion moved into line at night relieving 13 th Bn R.R.R.C and occupying Bn II of at DERRY HOUSE 28 0 27 a 5.3 and sector of line opposite HOUTHEM from 28.0.23 a 9756 to WAMBEER 023 C 68 25 with A Coy under Capt YOUNG on left and D Coy under Capt ANDERSON on right with B + C on left + right in close support under Capt GIBSON + COLLINS. Capt E.O. WILLIAMS M.C. of C Coy being left at Wagon lines. Capt D CAMPBELL being detached as area Commandant at DRANOUTRE.

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WYTSCHAETE	1917 Aug 7	9pm	<p>Relief of sector was not completed until 2 am on 8th owing to the posts not being known exactly by the garrisoning Battalion. Relief was accomplished without any casualties. The position is one E of COSTAVERNE & facing HOUTHEN & running parallel to YPRES-COMINES CANAL and has RIFLE FM in its Centre. Our position consists of a front line of out posts or disconnected shell holes up to 300' in front of a more or less connected & quite disused trench & the Hun position is somewhat similar the difference being, his out posts are cement block houses built in old farms & his trench line being the heavily wired ANELLETTRE TR forming part of the WARNETON LINE being the front line of the LILLE defences. 48 Bn on our right similarly placed & 11 Bn ROYAL WARWICKS on our left. In order to maintain connexion with flanks, we have established our garrison in posts occupied by flank Btns ensuring continuity of posts. Country very much torn about with huge shell holes and just after rain, quite impossible in places for any movement.</p>	Sheet 78 1. 40000

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EAST of WYTSCHAEDE 027 a 2 2	1917 Aug 8		<p>at night and during day, hindered by enemy snipers in concealed positions. These have been successful with last Lt in precluding any movement but our sniping posts are counteracting this. Enemy shell fire fairly continuous over whole of sector & varied with screens of gas shells across valley of WAMBEEK from MAHIEU FM (0216) to front line.</p> <p>Gen have established salvage party to clear up area & collect numerous stores lying about. Estimate they will save thousands of pounds worth of ammunition & material lying neglected.</p>	Sheet 28
			<p>57 One of our patrols discovered a German 10.5 Gm Howitzer carriage in good condition (No 3652, Made Krupp 1916) with ammunition in a gun pit hitherto undiscovered. at 0216 9.1. This being a very much shelled area, no patrol had penetrated. We therefore claimed this gun as a trophy & removed it. Also registered our claim and intend to present it on behalf</p>	Sheet 28

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EAST OF WYTSCHAETE 027a22	1917 Aug 8		of the Batta to the City of Brisbane Queensland. Consolidation Carried out at night. front line garrison working on linking up shell holes & Support Companies working to fill extent improving & digging support trench in rear. Work very difficult on account of spongy ground & friable nature of soil in edges of shell holes. Work falling in as soon as finished, making it a very difficult proposition. 2 Hot meals per day provided for Garrison; they are cooked near Bn Hq under admirable arrangements made by Sgt Cook Sgt 2680 SMITH & carried up at night to front line by special parties. Dry rations are packed & labelled in bags at wagon lines (W34 a.s.) & brought up by limbers to VERNE Road & thence conveyed to front line. Water in ample quantities heater similar only.	Sheet 28
	9		Capt. JONES R.M.O. returned from leave & assumed Control of his medical arrangements & R.A.P. at (021 Ambal), relieving MAJOR JOHNSON A.M.C. who acts in his absence. Capt JONES has a wide experience	

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EAST of WYTSCHAETE	1917 Aug 9		and his return was very welcome. Casualties since coming into line have been 3 V.P. killed & 8 P.R. wounded & 1 man missing.	Sheet 28
027022	10	3am	This man. 2966 Pte BYRNES went from his shell hole post to another for his ground sheet & was not seen again. It is very probable that he mistook his way, was either taken prisoner or was shot & falling into a shell hole became buried. As searches failed to find any trace of his body.	
			9am Our snipers have succeeded in obtaining mastery and very little if any sniping is carried on. Enemy artillery is very active continually and our own responds freely. An excellent OP is established at Bn H.Q. (DERBY HQ) from which a view of the whole sector is obtained & artillery fire can be directed. The result is we have not had a single case of our own artillery falling short, as often happens when F.O.s do not take the trouble to go & see where their guns are shooting.	
	10	9h	Nothing to report; Conditions as yesterday but no casualties.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EAST of NYTSCHAETE 027 a 2.2	1917 Aug 10	9h	Work on Consolidation being proceeded with. Every available man being impressed for either working or carrying parties. Patrols wandering about no man's land last night brought on 2 Lewis guns apparently abandoned by last Bn. and tonight a patrol came across a Hun post from which the occupants fled leaving a ciga. behind them which we duly collected.	Sheet 58 40000
	Aug 11	9h	Inter company relief effected so night. Starting at 9pm but being delayed by rain & in addition the Hun apparently discovered the movement as he put down quite a lively barrage & illuminated the sky with a myriad lights. Relief was however accomplished without casualties and position	
	12pm		at midnight was B on left B on right & A & D in support	
	18	7am	An unlucky shell fell on Coy H this morning killing 2/4 & wounding 10/4. Mostly signallers, trained men very hard to replace. Rather unfortunate as we have had no casualties for 3 days having completely silenced Snipers.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EAST OF WYTSCHAETE O 27 ^a 22	1917 Aug 13	9 ^{pm}	<p>Day calm. but our artillery very active and Enemy aircraft abundant over our lines taking advantage of fine weather conditions prevailing. Would like to take this opportunity of placing on record the fine work done by LIEUT G. CROW REID Bn Intelligence officer and his Scouts. For 13 days continuously they have been engaged night & day in the sector gaining information making maps, special patrols and all our information is due to their indefatigability. Every night patrols went out under rather weather conditions when movement was practically impossible. and at times penetrates so far out that they were unable to return until following night. remaining in shell holes in no man's land. Sleeping all day. They deserve every credit for their continued valuable work.</p>	
	Aug 14	10 ^{pm}	<p>Capt CH KING reported back from hospital (wounded at MESSINES) Battalion relieved in Sector by 46 Bn (Col DENHAM DSO) relief completed 1 am and 47 Bn removed to support left sector</p>	

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TORREKEN	1917 aug 15	3am	<p>with Bn HQ at TORREKEN HOUSE 28.020 d 2.2 and 4 Companies in trench at rear near NYTSCHAETE on ridge defences. Relief accomplished without casualty and sector considerably changed from when we took over. Out post line has been connected up to 550' + CTS dug to support line which has been dug & reworked for 540' + wired along its whole length. Inf wires placed in front of shell holes. CTS to rear established, ammⁿ dumps + RE dumps established in many places and reserve line. accommodation built. Water tanks erected + altogether every facility made for expeditious defence w/ attack.</p>	Sheet 28 50 000
020 d 22	16 th	9pm	<p>Men resting all day and engaged on working parties all night on reserve line. Carrying etc.</p> <p>LT H. TAYLOR proceeded to 12 Tg Bn as relief officer. This officer should be an acquisition. He has had 24 yrs active service continuously & is a thoroughly conscientious & capable officer from whom good results should accrue.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TORREKEN 0.30 d.v.	17	9.	<p>Total Casualties whilst in line 16 O/R killed 25 O/R wounded. 1 missing all men buried at DERRY HQ (28.0.27 d.v.) and crosses erected in uniform style Total wastage through sickness for same period 9 O/R evacuated & 23 O/R to BATH Hospital 4 cases of V.D have occurred since 18/17. 1/2 in cases of men returning from leave to England. Reinforcements arrived 60 Details returned 51 making Bn strength 45 off. 97 1/2 O/R. Full advantage taken of wagon lines to rest tired men & officers & exchange them as occasion arises. LT. RILEY S/LT DOIC & 39 O/R proceeded to wagon lines N3417 to practise & prepare for raid on enemy lines.</p>	Sheet 28
	18.		<p>MAJOR D V HANNAY reported for duty from II Ayras Co. School & resumes duty as Second in Command of Bn.</p>	

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TORREKEN OZOD 22	aug 20		<p>Despite the fact that no movement is permitted in daylight at this location, a certain amount of haphazard shelling indulged in by the Hun with the result that we have suffered more casualties in proportion than whilst on front line. To date whilst here we have had 7 GPs killed 18 GPs wounded & 2 GPs died of wounds.</p> <p>Plm transport was shelled whilst bringing up rations, several casualties occurring & more damage would have been caused, were it not for the plucky action of DRV. ELLEN who gallantly extricated wounded men under shell fire. His name has been forwarded for recognition by higher authority.</p>	Sheet 28
	21.		<p>Enemy shell fire continues spasmodically over area. Most damage being done where a chance shell falls on groups of men. Causing generally a bunch of casualties. Today at 2am 1 shell fell amongst guards of 1 NCO & 5 men at GUN FARM. Killing 2 & wounding 4 men. Aerial activity in this area.</p>	02728.8

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TORREKEN 020d 22	1917 Aug 21.	9am	Completed Cemetery at DERRY Ho. 027 a 2.3 for all men of the Btn killed during operations in this sector, erecting crosses to all perpetuating their memory. It is trusted that this Cemetery may be preserved as a burying ground for men who gave their lives in the Cause.	Sheet 34
		10am	C.O. 18th Kings (Liverpool) Regt visited area & stated he was relieving us tonight. Made arrangements for guides to meet the Coy of RAILWAY DUMP (020C 24). He was more interested in taking over from LEFT FRONT LINE BTN. than from me.	
		10pm	Instructions received to proceed on relief to ALDERSHOT Camp (T19d 9.9) & accordingly all B Echelon moved out at 2.30 pm under MAJ HANNAY to ALDERSHOT. Only to find it in occupancy of a Coy of Engineers & another Btn & had to wait on road for 6 hours until other infantry moved out, but Engineers remained holding most of the accommodation for their use. Camp also was in a very dirty state no attention at all apparently having been paid to rudimentary sanitation. Accommodation also very limited. No facilities exist.	

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TORREHEN. 270 hrs	1917 Aug 21	10pm	Battalion relieved in support line by 18 th Bn (service) Kings (LIVERPOOL REGT under MAS. CLAYTON) relief completed at 10.45pm without casualty, all stores, papers etc handed over & receipts obtained and Companies moved independently via WULVERGHEM to ALDERSHOT	Sheet 28
ALDERSHOT 119 d. 9. 9	22	3am	Camp the last Coy & HQs arriving there at 3am ^{app} passing through a quantity of gas from shells thrown on NEUVE ECLISE to the Hun. Location report sent to 13 Aust Inf Bde ^{who command} _{as still 28th} Men got change of clothing, reequipped where necessary, and rest. Battalion being under Command of COC 13 th Aust Inf Bde as BRIGADE RESERVE until relief of 12 th Brigade is completed on 23 rd inst.	app 2
			Copy of Summary of operations during term of duty is attached herewith as appendix together with Brigade Intelligence summaries relating to the sector also Copy of Works report for work done in the sector Starting from nothing & leaving a decent defence system for incoming Battalions to sit down in	

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ALDERSHOT T. 9 d. 9. 9	1917 Aug 22	9am	Report of operations in line is appended, including Summary of works carried out. This Bn was rather unfortunate in number of casualties sustained during four of duty the total being 29 O/Rs killed 59 O/Rs wounded. 1 missing. The majority as the report shows being sustained whilst the Bn was in the support trenches.	Sheet 28 1. 40. 000
	23	9am	In accordance with usual custom a parade was held within 24 hours of coming out of line when every man is expected to be complete in equipment & clothing & neat & clean in dress. Results justified expectations as incidents for refitment were unnecessary. This is in distinct contrast to the early days of the war, when a Bn coming out of the line practically needed re-equipping and re-clothing. The economy in this respect now being so noticeable as to afford a striking proof of superior discipline now prevailing and a higher standard of esprit de corps. All men bathed & received complete change of clean underclothing.	

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ALDERSHOT CAMP	1917 Aug 24	9am	Usual training commenced as per training syllabus appended. More ground being available on ac of harvesting	App 1
28 719d 99	25		Working parties totalling 150 OR daily supplied for work on reserve line.	
			1 platoon under LIEUT BARNES being detached for separate duty at LINDENHOEK.	
	26		Opened Mess canteen for Battalion under Quartermasters eye and proved a success. It is proposed to continue as it means giving the troops beer at cheapest price controls the output and prevents any tendency to get the men wandering in search of it & drunkenness is entirely eliminated.	
			Officers mess & Sergeant mess established. These also appeal to me as being desirable & the results obtained in increased harmony bear result in increased efficiency as closer association of officers & NCOs tends to promote a spirit of friendly rivalry & emulation which automatically produces esprit & its accompanying efficiency.	
	27	to	Christ Parade held under Chap Capt BRADBURY Cr.	

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ALDERSHOT CAMP 28 T 19d 9.9	1917 Aug 27	9-30	<p>Corps Commander (LIEUT GEN SIR A GIDLEY) inspected the Battalion in training. In company with Dawnl Commander and Bongadie Ordinary work carried out. but special time table prepared for us as shown in <u>appendix III</u></p> <p>All work continuous and Corps Cndr seemed satisfied with results.</p> <p>LIEUT F. E. PARSONS reported for duty from hospital (wounded) & LIEUT CHANNESLEY reported for duty from 9th Rfts and is posted to D Coy.</p> <p>43 Rft marched in. 27 new arrivals & 16. old details from hospital.</p> <p>Battalion strength now 48 off 971 ops. of which 15 off 92 ops are detached & on various duties leaving net total with unit of 33 off 879 ops.</p>	
28 Jan		10 am	<p>Orders to move to LA MOTTE area, to hand & Btm moved out with transport (as per operation order attached as <u>appendix IV</u>) via BAILLEUL, over roads submerged by recent heavy rain & very muddy. In Engle file, a weary job waiting</p>	

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BAILLEUL	1917 Aug 28	11	with heavy packs, but accomplished without mishap all arriving at Billelung area near CAUDESCURE Q K3d 65 being Bn HQs and Companies close at hand and under cover. Understand we are to remain 48 hours and then move on. Men very fatigued, as whole march was conducted in fierce driving wind & rain.	Sheet 27 36a 1.40.00	
CAUDESCURE K3 d 65	28	5pm	Orders received to move to STAPLE area (09-0.20) to start at 10am, but at that time no further orders had been received, nor had additional transport arrived.	Sheet 27 1.40.00.	
		1.30am	but at 11.30 orders were received to move via LA MOTTE & HAZE BROUCK. Weather conditions similar to yesterday mostly everybody wet through & feet & boots impaired by usage on pave' roads. However march finished at 6pm at EY HOUCK (026C42) without casualty Bn HQ being at 026C4.2 & 2 Companies at same place, remainder within 1 mile. Distance covered 14 2/3 miles.		
026C4.2		30	9am	Battalion resting & repairing, having covered 25 miles on hard roads with full marching order in wet & against a driving wind. They deserved a days spell.	

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EY. HOVCK 02644	1917 Aug 30	5pm	<p>Strength of Battalion 47 off 969 Oks Average daily sick parade for month excluding battle Casualties 12 Average daily Evacuations 1.75 Percentage of Evacuations for month to Strength 4% Number of men in Battalion Rest Station 6 Causes. mostly of sickness, occasioned by exposure in trenches new men just arrived being principal sufferers, the muddy conditions prevailing not being conducive to health. The other principal cause of wastage being V.D. also in the cases of men just newly returned from England. Instructions are always given them when going on leave to adopt preventive measures, and early treatment depots are provided at accessible places for their use in London but still the number seems to be increasing - a striking commentary on the cleanliness of England. The Health otherwise is good and morale Excellent. Food fair but ably handled by QM (Lt WISHART) and a very competent staff, who despite idealistic duties from towns, have accomplished the maximum towards feeding the troops</p>	<p>Sheet 27 140000</p>

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ET HOVCK 02loc 4.2	1917 Aug 30	30	<p>and have adopted rigorous economy in addition as is evidenced by quantity of fat collected and dispatched. The total for the month being 636 lb of Class "A" and the total since it was instituted 2 months ago is 2676 lb. A further proof of the ability of the regimental cooks. Drove Routine Order No 391 of 29. 8. 17 shows the Corps Commander as having been pleased to award the MILITARY MEDAL to the following</p> <p>315 Pte R. A. WILKIE 4485 Pte A. M. FALCONER 5246 Pte C. E. PAYNE 4049 Pte S. J. HALL 4035 Sgt T. J. DUGGAN 3680 Pte W. ARUNDEL 3389 Pte A. F. MCLAREN.</p>	<p>Sheet 27 10000</p>

P. P. Dunlop Lt Col
Co. 47 Bn A.I.F.

DEFENSE SCHEME

in event of enemy attack, threatened or imminent.

IN THE FIELD.
7th August 1917.

1. The following orders will stand and must be thoroughly understood by all ranks.
2. The line must be held at all costs.
3. During enemy bombardment front line posts will thin out, keep observers up, man posts, and wither attack with rifle or Lewis Gun fire.
4. Battalion Headquarters will be informed at once.
5. Working parties will stand to in front support line under Senior Officer, who reports to Battalion Headquarters.
6. Lewis Guns will be used to fullest extent.
7. Support line will extend to flanks and in event of withdrawal of front line no troops will be allowed to the rear past support lines.
8. Left flank will swing round, forming a defensive flank to VERBAEGE FARM.
9. Stokes Guns will take up positions as selected.
10. If these precautions are observed no attack can possibly succeed.
11. Reserve troops and wiring parties etc. will immediately proceed to VERBAEGE FARM and be ready to deliver an immediate and vigorous counter attack.
12. The line must not be pierced under any consideration.
13. This order will be destroyed after perusal.
14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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 " " 16. DETAILS.

N. H. Bremer
 CAPTAIN.
 A/ADJUTANT 47th BATTALION.

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 SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

47th BATTALION.

Period: Friday 24/8/17 to Thursday 30/8/17.

Hours: Reveille	6 a.m.
Breakfast	8 a.m.
Parade, Early morning	6.45 to 7.45 a.m.
" Forenoon	9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
" Afternoon	2 p.m. to 3.30 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.

Friday, 24th. Physical training and Bayonet fighting.
 Battalion parade and inspection.
 Field formations - Platoon and Company.
 Tactical application of Platoon weapons.
 Lecture to Officers - "Duties of Platoon Commanders in Field and Billets".

Saturday 25th. Physical training and Bayonet fighting.
 Battalion parade. Route march.
 Inter-Battalion Cricket match.

Sunday 26th Battalion parade and inspection.
 Church parade.

Monday 27th Physical training and Bayonet fighting.
 Battalion parade.
 Platoons in attack and defence (a) Wood.
 (b) Village.

Tuesday 28th Battalion parade.
 Company outpost scheme (day).

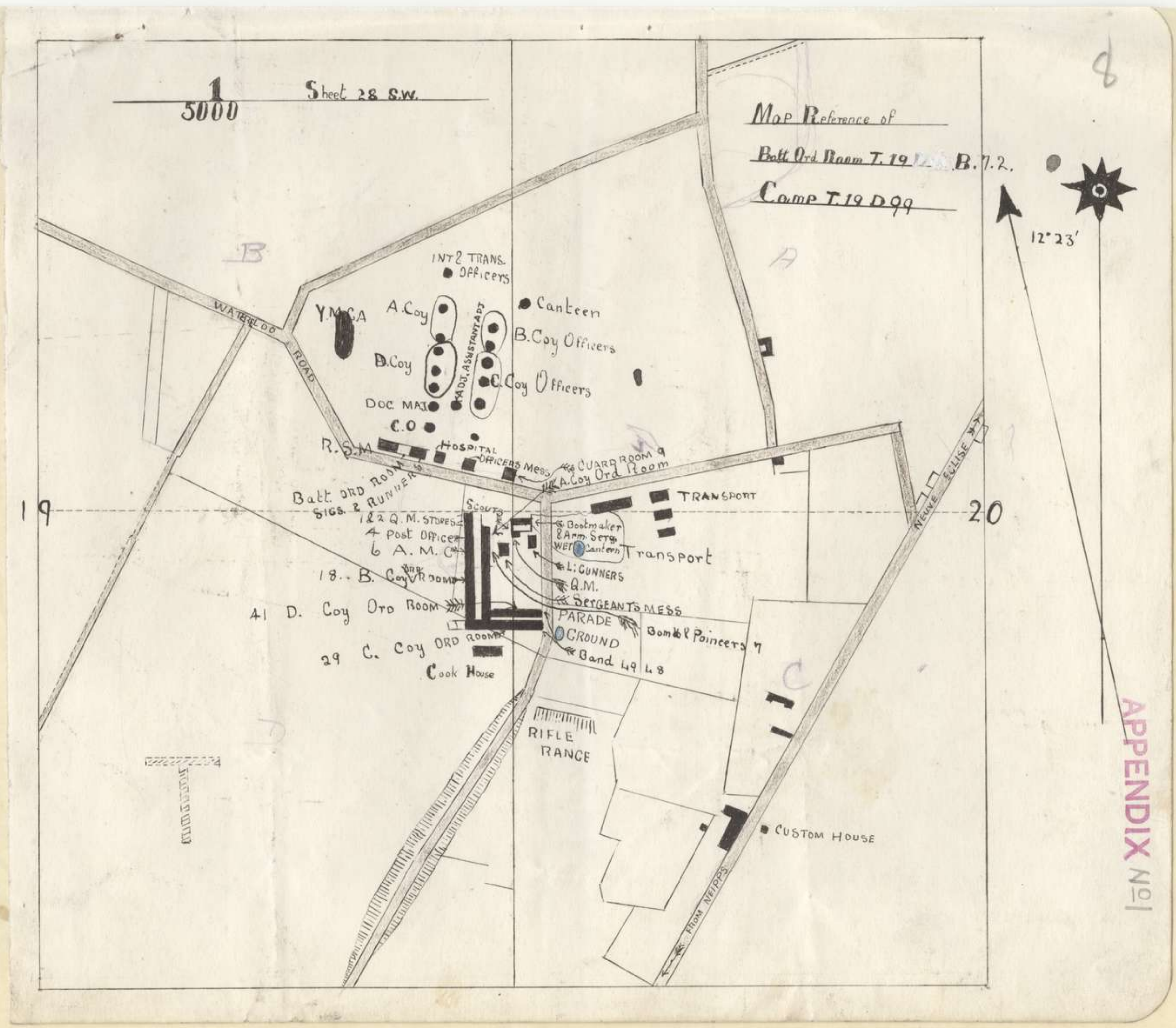
Wednesday 29th. Battalion parade. Battalion drill.
 Co-operation of weapons (Platoons).
 Inspection by Company Commanders.
 Lecture to Officers - "Drill."

Thursday 30th. Battalion parade.
 Field formations - Battalion.
 Advance and Rear Guard.
 Reinforcing.

23rd August 1917

LIEUT. COLONEL.
 COMMANDING 47th BATTALION. A.I.F.

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APPENDIX No 1

A. Coy. Orderly Room
Hut 9

B. Coy Hut 18

C. Coy Hut 29

D. Coy Hut 41

Q. M. Stores Huts 1. 2

Post Office .. 4

R. M. P. .. 5

A. M. C. .. 6

Bombers & Pipers .. 7

Band .. 48 : 49

Lewis Gunned Scouts

Bootmaker Am. Sgt.

near Cantin

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS OF 47th BATTALION

For period August 6th to August 21st, 1917.

Reference

Sheet 28 1/40,000
G.O.C. 12th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Battalion marched out of Billets in NEUF BERQUIN AREA at 8 a.m., 6th August, under instructions as per Brigade Operation Order No 153, to proceed to 28 N 29 a 5.3 and bivouac for night.

Two G.S. Wagons were detailed to report to convey surplus gear but failed to report at Battalion Headquarters (L 5 d 92) until 8.50 a.m., with result that men had to carry blankets in addition to full packs, 170 rounds S.A.A., and 2 bombs.

Battalion halted for midday meal at BULFORD CAMP (T 26 a 53) at noon and resumed march at 2 p.m., arriving at N 29 a 53 at 3.40 p.m. without any man falling out, the Battalion having covered a distance of 11 1/4 miles.

On 7th August front line was reconnoitred thoroughly, a previous reconnaissance having been made by Battalion Intelligence Section and Maps prepared, so that all available information was collected beforehand, which was as well, as none was handed over to us by outgoing Battalion.

Battalion moved out from ~~NEUF~~ STORE FARM, N 29 a 53 at 8.30 p.m., moving by Companies via WYTSCHAETE, having previously left 1 Officer and 53 O/Rs ~~at~~ at Wagon lines, N 34 a 17, these being mostly men who are in need of a rest, having been in all previous actions.

Battalion completed relief of 13th Battalion K.R.R.C. at 2 a.m. on 8/8/17, dispositions when completed being

Front Line, outposts, "A" Company, Captain YOUNG, on left, holding line from 0 23 a 9560 to 0 23 c 8281

"D" Company, Captain ANDERSON, on right, holding from 0 23 c 8281 to 0 23 c 6514.

Dual Company Headquarters at 0 23 c 2070.

"C" Coy, under Captain COLLINS, in support behind "D" Company.

"B" Coy, under Captain GIBSON, in support behind "A" Company.

Company Headquarters being at FORSTERS POST (0 21 d 5550)

2 Platoons being in VERHAEGE LINE, 0 22 d 6245, and one and a half Companies being on "Y" Line, 0 21 central.

Battalion Headquarters being at DERRY HOUSE (0 27 a 3540)

R.A.P. on VERNE ROAD at 0 21 central.

Communications were established between Battalion Headquarters and forward Brigade Sig. Office at (0 27 a 7065) by buried cable and D3 to forward Coy Headquarters, from which latter daylight lamp signalling was also possible and was used when line was cut.

A screen of Vickers Guns was tactically disposed running North and South across valley from FORESTERS POST at 0 21 d 5550 to 0 27 c 3599 at BOB STREET Communication Trench, embracing length of Reserve Line, from which these guns could play indirect fire on enemy line and oppose any attempted advance with equal facility.

4 Stokes Guns disposed in emplacements East of RIFLE FARM by night and removed during day to a position of security at JOY SIDING at 0 22 d 6245. These guns fired on enemy posts at night at ranges from 350 to 550 and considerably harassed the enemy.

4th Division Artillery covering the sector having its S.O.S. line running from: *N+S from Wasp + BAB Im*

Liaison Officer being located at Battalion Headquarters.

The line is the left Battalion sub-sector of left Brigade sector of Divisional Front, adjoining right of IX Corps, right Battalion of which is 11 Royal Warwicks, whose right joined ours at opposite BEE FARM, and on our right at WAMBEEK we joined on to 48th Battalion at 0 23 c 6514.

The whole being east of OOSTAVERNE and facing and parallel to YPRES COMINES CANAL west of HOUTHEM and about 850 in length.

The position as we found it consisted of an irregular line of shell holes, manned by posts of from 5 to 8 men, supported by Lewis Guns at about 150 intervals.

Support Coys lived in VERHAEGE TRENCH and no Communication Trenches existed. Movement by day was impossible, as no trenches were available, an old trench, MANCHESEER STREET, being sole means of communication between rear and forward lines.

An old shell hole line, mannes very lightly, ran north and south from 0 22 d 99 to 0 23 c 44, and the original front line 650 behind outpost lines appeared to exist for only about 60 running south from VERHAEGE. The principal feature of the position being the ridge at 0 23 a 42, east of which is the enclosure of RIFLE FARM, flanked on south by JULY FARM at 0 23 d 0965. The line BEE, RIFLE, JULY, WAMBEEK FARMS forming the enemy line of shell hole outposts and the centre overlooking the valley of the WAMBEEK towards WYTSCHAETE.

An offensive policy was not outlined beyond ascertaining the position of enemy and harassing him, at the same time improving the defences of our position, which was capable of considerable improvement from a fighting and living point of view.

The main system of defence being the line of outposts, with no means of communication to front line. The country being very rough and liberally dotted with huge shell craters, from which enemy snipers operated freely.

A vigorous patrolling policy was adopted as a prime measure, and location of enemy posts ascertained with more or less certitude, making it appear that this line of holes was lightly held during daylight and at night by larger parties, with Machine Guns frequently disposed, while the main system of defence was OMELETTE TRENCH on the WARNETON LINE.

Bad weather intervened and rendered patrolling a very difficult and dangerous operation, the impossible nature of the ground precluding free movement of patrols of any distance. This more or less continued throughout our tour, and of course acted similarly on the Hun.

A counter sniping policy was adopted, with the result that enemy sniping was eliminated as a disturbing factor. Our snipers maintained positions in shell holes and worked in pairs with good effect.

A comprehensive works policy was carried out throughout the sector under Brigade arrangements, the policy being outpost garrison working on their line, support Companies working on front line, and Pioneer Battalion and support Battalion working on Communication trenches. Result was this was pursued each night, working full time, and shell holes were linked up, Communication Trench to front line and front line was dug, duckboarded, drained and revetted over the whole length.

Particulars as per Works Report herewith appended.

Companies were relieved on night of 11th/12th, relief being accomplished without casualties.

Disposition being then -

Outpost Line "C" Coy on left, "B" Coy on right, with "A" and "D" in support.

Enemy's attitude throughout tour was rather restless and nervous.

Any movement or activity on our part from Lewis Guns or Stokes was responded to with a vicious barrage, which came down on a line running from VERHAEGE to HOW FARM but which occasioned no damage at any time. His artillery activity was continuous however over the whole area, using a large quantity of Gas Shells and 5.9 H.E. This continues throughout the whole tour.

No attempt was made to investigate our posts at any time and on the whole it can be considered that he was held in subjection on this sector. Salvage parties were maintained clearing up the area and much material was salvaged, no attempt having been made previously to do this, with the result that large quantities of stores and ammunition were removed and stored. A comparatively new and undamaged 10.5 cm German Howitzer was discovered in a position showing it had not previously been discovered and was removed to the rear, the Battalion claiming it as a trophy.

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Rations were brought up on limbers nightly and taken forward to front line by carrying parties. Cookers were established at *O27 A 2045* and two hot meals daily were taken to front line garrison troops without a hitch.

Water was carried in petrol tins in ample quantities and, on the whole, everything was done that was possible for the comfort of the men and the security of the position.

No maps or papers or any information of any kind was handed over from the outgoing Battalion, and a defence scheme was prepared, with maps etc., which were handed over to relieving Battalion.

Battalion was relieved in front line sector on night of 13th/14th by 46th Battalion, under Lieut. Colonel DENHAM DSO, relief being successfully accomplished without casualties at 1.45 a.m. ^{on} 14th, Battalion then taking over left support, with Headquarters at TORREKEN FARM., Companies being disposed in trench running from *O20 C 8208 to C 8060* and owing to right support Battalion encroaching on our area, had to extend into next Corps area.

From here working parties were supplied nightly, amounting on the average to 375 O/Rs, and works policy was carried out, local improvements being made in TORREKEN HOUSE for further accommodation.

Daily shelling by enemy caused a fair number of casualties here, a far greater proportion than were suffered whilst in front line, our casualties in front line being *16* O/Rs killed *24* O/Rs wounded in support line being *13* O/Rs killed *33* O/Rs wounded, all being caused by shell fire.

All killed were buried in Cemetery near DERRY HOUSE and graves properly tended.

Battalion was relieved in support line on night of 21st/22nd by 18th Battalion Kings (Liverpool) Regiment, under Major CLAYTON, without casualties, and Companies moved independently to ALDERSHOT CAMP, 28 T 19 d 99, arriving at 2 a.m. 22nd and location reported O.K.

The morale and health of men has been excellent, all ranks co-operating towards successful fulfilment of the tour of duty and I have pleasure in making several recommendations for immediate reward, which I am forwarding to you separately for your consideration.

IN THE FIELD
23rd August 1917

LIEUT. COLONEL.
COMMANDING 47th BATTALION. A.I.F.

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To: Headquarters
12th Aust. Inf. Bde.

General report on work done by this unit during period
8th - 21st August (Left Sub-sector, left Brigade.)

Communication trenches and shelters were in a very bad state when this unit took over from 13th K.R.R., and what did exist were well nigh impassable.

The whole sector was in a bad state, no organised R.E. Dumps forward of RAILWAY DUMP.

No programmes of proposed works or works in progress were handed over.

No trenches had been revetted and duckboarded, and were all shallow and waterlogged.

The only Communication Trench (Manchester Street) had been partly revetted and duckboarded, and in many places the revetment had given way and the trench fallen in, whilst in other parts the trench was half full of water, no attempt having been made to drain it.

DUMPS. A.E. Dumps were established at GUN FARM, POACHERS POST, JOYE FARM, LEANING TOWER, and carrying parties continually carried and maintained supply of material, etc.

Much material was collected from surrounding country and stacked at convenient places ready for use.

OUTPOST LINE was linked up by shallow trench and trip wires placed in front of all posts.

Communication Trench was dug, average depth 4 feet, from front support line to No 5 post. This communication trench is practically ready for revetment.

FRONT SUPPORT LINE 0 22 d 99 to 0 23 c 44 (approx).

This trench was dug to a depth of 4 feet 6 inches, drained, and 30 yards revetted and duckboarded. The remainder of the trench is ready for revetting and duckboarding.

WIRING. (Front support line). Apron wire was erected for a distance of 250 yards, extending from 0 23 c 39 to 23 c 54.

Wire erected approximately 70 yards in front of Front Support Line. Gaps are arranged so that enfilade fire can be brought to bear.

VERLAEGE LINE. Trench drained and shelters erected for two platoons.

MANCHESTER STREET forward of JOYE FARM to Front Support Line was cleared out, well drained, and is ready for revetting and duckboarding.

MANCHESTER STREET. Parties from this unit, working in conjunction with Pioneers, were constantly engaged on this Communication Trench. Practically a new trench was dug, and is now a good communication trench, revetted and duckboarded right up to junction of ODOUR TRENCH.

During first week weather conditions were very bad, which considerably delayed works.

The Works Programme as laid down was well carried out, and whole sector considerably improved and made habitable.

The continuation of this programme will enable dispositions to be made to meet any situation, tactical or otherwise, and will provide facilities for any operations on our part.

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More accommodation was made at TORREKEN FARM, shelters erected for extra 40 men.

RIDGE DEFENCE LINE from Railway Line to VERNE ROAD was considerably improved.

Map herewith showing (a) Sector taken over.
(b) Sector handed over.

SALVAGE. The area was well cleaned up, as salvage returns will show.

22nd August 1917

LIEUT. COLONEL.
COMMANDING 47th BATTALION. A. I. F.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
26th August 1917.

- 45th Battalion.
 - 46th Battalion.
 - 47th Battalion.
 - 48th Battalion.
 - 12th Machine Gun Company.
 - 12th A.L.T.M. Battery.
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The Corps Commander will inspect Units of the Brigade at work, tomorrow morning, according to the following time table :-

47th Battalion.	9.50 a.m.
46th Battalion.	10 a.m.
12th M.G. Company.	10.30 a.m.
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.	11 a.m.
46th Battalion.	11.30 a.m.
45th Battalion.	12 noon.

Unit Commanders will meet the Corps Commander at their respective Headquarters at the above hours.

Special attention should be given to having the Camps and lines clean, packs all tidy, also saluting.

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M. M. M.

Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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47th BATTALION

TRAINING PROGRAMME.

Sheet 28 1/40,000

Monday 27th 8th 1917.

TIME	PLACE	COMPANY	OPERATION	UNDER
6.45-7.45am	T 20 a	All Coys.	Physical Training	Coy Officers
9 am	T 20 a	Full Battalion	Battalion Parade	C.P.
9.30-9.45am	T 20 a	All Coys.	Gas Drill	O.C. Coys.
9.45-12.0	T 20 d	"D" Coy.	Platoons in open order and in attack.	Captain ANDERSON.
9.4. 12.30	T 20 c Rifle Range	11 Platoon	Musketry	Lt. PRIOR.
9.45-12.30	T 20 c	12 Platoon	Close order drill	R.S.M. LINDSAY.
9.45-12.30	T 20 b	3 Platoon	Platoon in attack	Lt. F.M. PATERSON.
9.45-12.30	T 10 b	1 Platoon	Platoon in attack	Platoon Comdr.
9.45-12.30	T 10 c	9 Platoon	Lewis Gun	Lt. BAXTER.
9.45-12.30	T 20 a	2 Platoon	Physical Drill and Musketry.	Captain COLLINS.
9.45-12.30	T 20 a	"B" Coy.	Company Drill	Capt. GIBSON.
9.45-12.30	T 19 d90	10 Platoon	Grenade work	Lt. A.V. PATERSON.
9.45-12.30	T 13 d90	Signallers	Instruction	Sig. Sergeant
9.45-12.30	Whole area	Intelligence Section	Practice	Lt. REID.
9.45-12.30	In Billets	Band	Practice	Band Sergeant
9.45-12.30	T 20 a99	Transport	Daily work	Lt. JACKSON.
9.45-12.30	T 19 b	Stretcher Bearers	First Aid and Stretcher work	Medical Officer
2-3 pm	Companies parade and catechise on morning work.			
4 pm	N.C.O's Class.			
8 pm	Officers lecture by SENIOR MAJOR.			

LIEUT. SOLOWEN
COMMANDING 47th BATTALION A.I.F.

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BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No 146

IN THE FIELD
7th August 1917

Reference Map
WYTSCHAETE 28 S.W.

1. The 47th Battalion will relieve the 13th K.R.R., on the left sector Divisional front, occupying line from points inclusive.
2. DISPOSITION. "A" Coy. on left, "D" Coy. on right, "B" and "C" Coys in supports.
3. ORDER OF MARCH. Companies will move out of Camp N 29 A 53 at 8.30 p.m. in the following order - A, B, D, C Coys. H.Q. Sections will move independently at 8.30 p.m.
4. INTERVAL. Companies will maintain a distance of 400 yards apart, Platoons 100 yards.
5. GUIDES. Guides will meet Companies at "15" inch Corner (Steenzyer Cabaret) at 9 p.m.
6. RELIEF. The Companies will make all arrangements for relief. The line will be held at all costs. Trenches will be improved and Communication Trenches dug. Forward posts will be consolidated and vigorous patrolling carried out in front of line. Completion of relief will be notified to Battalion Headquarters at DERRY FARM by words "ALL OLD PETROL TINS DESPACHED".
7. TRENCH STORES. Trench Stores will be checked before taking over, and a list forwarded to Battalion Headquarters.
8. MESSAGES. All telephone messages will be sent in code with correction as given.
9. DUMPS. Dumps will be established on arrival at posts, Ground Flares, Bombs, etc. Company Storemen will be located at Ration Dump, O 21 C central.
10. R.A.P. R.A.P. will be situated at corner Verne Road and Manchester St. O 21 C central.
11. BATTALION HEADQUARTERS. DERRY FARM.

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N. J. Bremer
CAPTAIN.
A/ADJUTANT 47th BATTALION.

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BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No.147

IN THE FIELD.
14th August 1917.

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

1. Battalion will be relieved tonight by GAG.
2. Times of relief and details as arranged by Coy Commanders.
3. Coys will return to RIDGE DEFENCE LINE.
- X. DISPOSITIONS of new position.
 - "A" Coy 0 20 c 6570 to 0 20 a 81.
 - "D" Coy 0 20 a 81 to SONEN FARM 0 20 b 25.
 - "B" Coy 0 20 c 81 to 0 20 c 83.
 - "C" Coy 0 20 c 83 to 0 20 c 87 near road.

Coy Headquarters. "A" and "D" Coys SONEN FARM.
"B" and "C" Coys Near Signal office,
TORREKEN FARM.

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS. TORREKEN FARM.

Regimental Aid Post 0 20 c 7525.

4. Coys will report when they are in new position.
5. Trench Stores will be handed over to incoming unit and receipt obtained in triplicate.
6. Technical Stores, such as Verey Pistols, Rifle Grenades, Cups, etc., will not be handed over.
7. Lewis Guns and panniers will be brought out by Lewis Gunners and unit concerned.
8. When Coys are in new position Coy Commanders will report to Adjutant, when receipt for Trench Stores will be handed over and instructions noted regarding dispositions in case of attack.
9. Food containers will be brought out by Companies concerned.
10. Special attention will be paid to equipment of men. All ranks will return fully equipped with arms, ammunition (170 rounds per man, 2 bombs), etc.
11. Guide for each Coy will be at junction of BAY ROAD and Railway Line 0 20 d 6500.
12. RATION DUMP. 0 20 c 6570, near OOSTAVERNE ROAD.
13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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47th BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 148

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REFERENCE MAP.
Sheet 28 S.W. 1/20,000.

IN THE FIELD.
21st AUGUST '17.

1. The 47th Battalion will be relieved to-night 21st, inst., by 18th Kings Liverpool Battalion.

2. Order of relief :-

"B"	Coy.	relieved by	No 2	Coy.	Kings Liverpool	Battalion.
"C"	"	"	"	" 4	"	"
"A"	"	"	"	" 1	"	"
"D"	"	"	"	" 3	"	"

3. Each Coy. will detail 3 men to act as guides to relieving Coys. and will be at Railway Dump by 9-30 p.m.

4. On completion of relief Coys will move independently to ALDERSHOT Camp T 19 d 9.9.
Route - via WULVERGHEM and NEUVE EGLISE.

5. Distance of 200 yards will be maintained between Platoons. Guides will meet Coys. at WULVERGHEM.

6. Coys. will notify completion of relief to H.Q. TORREKEN Farm, and to H.Q. at ALDERSHOT Camp when in new position.

7. TRENCH STORES - Lieut. A.V. PATERSON will arrange to hand over all Trench and Area Stores, receipts being obtained in duplicate and forwarded to this Office on completion.

8. Cooking utensils and Petrol tins will be stacked at Ration Dump ready for loading on Limbers at 9-30 p.m.

9. EQUIPMENT - All ranks will move out complete in equipment, arms and ammunition (170 rounds) etc.

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BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No 149.

IN THE FIELD
27th August 1917

Reference Map 1/40,000

1. 47th Battalion will move to LA HOUTTE area tomorrow, 28th instant.
2. STARTING POINT. Waterloo Road near Battalion Transport Lines.
Coys will pass starting point at 9.15 a.m. in following order - Signallers, Band, "A", "B", "C", "D" Coys with Sections (excepting "B") attached. Interval of 100 yards will be maintained between Coys. Rear Party. 1 Platoon "D" Coy under Capt. COLLINS.
3. STATES. Marching out states and cleanliness certificates will be handed to Adjutant at 9.30 a.m.
4. DRESS. Full marching order (without blankets). Mess tins inside packs. Steel helmet on pack. Waterproof sheet in flap of haversack. Officers will carry rainproof coats.
5. BAGGAGE. Officers baggage will be stacked at Q.M. Store at 8 a.m.
6. BLANKETS. Will be folded by Platoons in bundles of 20 securely tied and labelled and ready to be loaded on wagons at 7.30 a.m.
7. TRANSPORT. Transport will accompany Battalion and will be ready to move at 9.45 a.m.
8. COOLERS will accompany Coys. Sergeant Cook will arrange for hot meal at midday halt.
9. HANDING OVER. Sec. Lieut. NOLLENSSEN and 4 G/As from "A" Company will remain behind and hand over camp to incoming unit (if any). He will report to Adjutant at 9 a.m. for instructions.
10. REVEILLE As usual.
11. BREAKFAST 7 a.m.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No 150.

IN THE FIELD.
29th August 1917

Reference Map 1/40,000

1. 47th Battalion will move to STAPLE AREA to-day, 29th instant.
2. STARTING POINT. Battalion Headquarters ()
Coys will pass starting point at 11.40 a.m., in the following order - Signallers, Band, A, B, C, D Coys with Sections (excepting B) attached. Interval of 100 yards will be maintained between Coys. Rear Party - 1 Platoon "C" Coy, under Captain COLLINS.
3. STATES. Marching out states and cleanliness certificates will be handed to Adjutant at Starting Point.
4. DRESS. Full marching order (without blankets). Mess tins inside packs. Waterproof sheet in flap of haversack. Officers will carry rainproof coats.
5. BAGGAGE. Officers' baggage will be stacked at Coy Headquarters at 8.30 a.m.
6. BLANKETS. Will be folded by Platoons in bundles of 20, securely tied and labelled, and ready to be loaded on wagons at 8.15 a.m.
7. TRANSPORT. Transport will accompany Battalion and will be ready to move at 11 a.m.
8. COOKERS. Will accompany Companies. Sergeant Cook will arrange for a hot meal at midday halt.
9. HANDING OVER. Lieut. G. V. O'CONNOR and 4 O/Rs from "B" Coy will remain behind and hand over camp to incoming unit (if any). He will report to Adjutant for instructions.
10. REVELLE. As usual.
11. BREAKFAST. 8 a.m.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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 - " " 18. MEDICAL OFFICER.
 - " " 19. CAPTAIN COLLINS.
 - " " 20. LIEUT. G. V. O'CONNOR.
 - " " 21. SERGEANT COOK.

L. Smith
LIEUT.
A/ADJUTANT 47th BATTALION.

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

LIST OF OFFICERS.

(a) Actually with Unit.

Lieut. Col. A. P. INLAY. DSO.	21/4/17
Major D. V. HANNAY	1/7/17
Captain C. R. COLLINS	1/4/17
" E. O. WILLIAMS. MC.	1/4/17
" C. E. YOUNG	1/4/17 (Leave)
" A. M. ANDERSON	1/4/17
" G. J. GIBSON	17/6/17
" C. H. KING	20/7/17
" J. BRACK	20/7/17 (Wireless SCH)
" N. F. BREMNER. DSO.	29/7/17 (Leave)
Lieutenant F. W. LANE	1/3/16
" T. V. RILEY	1/3/17
" G. C. REID	1/3/17 (Rest Camp)
" H. G. SMITH	1/3/17
" M. PRIOR. DSO.	25/4/17
" W. BAXTER	11/5/17 (Sick)
" B. R. BIRD. MC	11/5/17 (Leave)
" G. V. O'CONNOR	11/5/17
" A. V. PATERSON	11/5/17
Hon. Lieut. W. R. WISHART	4/6/17
Lieutenant F. E. PARSONS	24/6/17
" W. H. BUNCOMBE	12/7/17
" F. J. McKEON	30/7/17
" W. H. JACKSON	30/7/17
Sec. Lieut. W. J. BARNES	24/3/16
" " C. V. NOMMENSEN	15/8/16
" " W. GOODSALL	1/10/16
" " C. H. ANNESLEY	1/10/16
" " F. E. H. COLLINS	2/6/17
" " D. M. DOIG	26/6/17
" " G. R. ROBERTSON	27/6/17
" " A. T. McALLISTER	27/6/17
" " J. D. A. COLLIER	28/6/17
" " F. A. PATERSON	28/6/17
" " W. E. BROUGH	4/7/17 (Leave)
" " O. E. ULCOQ	1/8/17 (Leave)
Medical Officer.	
Captain J. T. JONES	17/12/15

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(b) Officers in Hospital, Schools, or on Detached Duties.

Captain	D.CAMPBELL	1/4/16	Div.Area Officer	14/8/17
"	W.F.EATHER	10/1/17	at 2nd Army Central School	13/8/17
Lieut.	H.F.W .MARSON	24/6/17	12th Training Battalion	31/7/17
"	E.ROBINSON	1/3/17	No.2 Gar rison Company	21/8/17
Sec.Lt,	D.H.HANRAHAN	27/6/17	12th Training Battalion	28/7/17
" "	H.TAYLOR	27/6/17	12th Training Battalion	15/8/17
" "	P.A.LISLE	4/7/17	Corps School	14/8/17
" "	B.TAYLOR	21/7/17	Corps School	14/8/17
" "	S.J.HILL	4/7/17	Dunstable, England	29/7/17
" "	C.H.LUXMORE	16/11/16	Chinese Labour Corps	11/8/17
" "	C.A.B.KENYON	28/6/17	Corps School	20/8/17

(c) Officers Seconded.

Captain	E.A.TERRY	1/6/16	Seconded	5/1/17
"	C.A.SYMONS	1/11/16	"	19/2/17
Lieut.	E.H.W.HURD	21/8/16	"	6/1/17
"	E.W.HARRISON	29/7/16	"	7/11/16
"	R.J.McCAW	1/1/17	"	7/11/16
"	G.P.STOREY	11/5/17	"	7/6/17
"	J.SCHULZ. MC	11/5/17	"	11/6/17
"	C.L.MENDOZA	24/6/17	"	8/6/17
Hon.Lt.	H.M.WILLIAMS	3/3/17	"	4/6/17
Lieut.	J.E.SMITH	30/7/17	"	11/6/17
Sec.Lt.	H.M.DOUGLAS	16/6/16	"	9/6/17
" "	W.H.KEOGH	4/7/17	"	15/7/17
" "	W.J.BONE	23/6/17	"	23/6/17

(d) Officers on Supernumerary List.

Major	E.St.L.LEWIS	28/6/14	Supernumerary List	20/7/17
Captain	A.E.MORGAN	12/3/16	" "	11/2/17
Lieut.	W.PRICE	1/6/16	" "	4/12/16
"	H.FALCONER	5/6/17	" "	10/11/16

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