

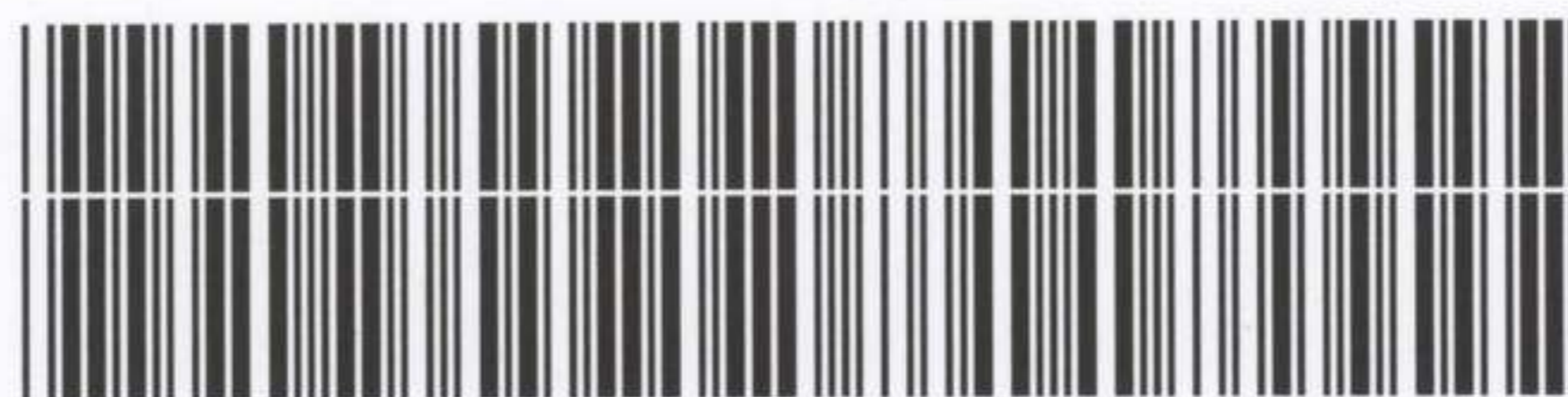
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WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
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49th B.N.A.I.F. SHEET 1.

Place	Date	Hour	Map Reference. PLOEGSTEERT. 28.S.W.4. 1:10,000. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	July 1917.			
DESEULE.	1/4		Bn in training as per attached appendisc. Strength 23 Officers 633 of ranks.	
do	8/12		Bn in training as per attached appendisc. All Officers made themselves acquainted with the Front at U28 b66 - U17 a50. Bn Strength 24 Off. 747 of ranks.	
do	10		Gen Godley presented medal ribbons gained in the MESSINES Battle.	
do	13		Bn received the 13 th Bn A.I.F. of the Front line U28 b66 - U17 a50 as per attached appendisc.	
U28 b66 U17 a50.	14/19		Bn holding the Front Line, work done, patrolling the River Lys and ground in front of front line, improving trenches and wiring Support line. Total Casualties 6 of ranks killed, 1 Officer and 20 of ranks wounded. All Shell fire. Bn Strength 23 Officers 766 of ranks.	

W. L. Kneel,
Major
Temps HQ B.N.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

49th Bn. A.I.F.

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SHEET. 2.

Place	Date	Hour	Map Reference. PLOEGSTEERT. 28. SW. 4. 1:10,000. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
U28 B-66. U17 a 50.	19/20		Bn was relieved by the 1 st Canterbury and 2 nd Otago Regiments, as per attached appendisc.	
DESEULE.	20		Bn Resting.	
do	21		Bathing cleaning equipment and general clean up.	
do	22		Bn moved to the DOULLIEU area as per attached appendisc. Bn Strength 23 Off. 785 ⁰ /R.	
LA BECQUE (Doullieu area)	23/31		Bn in training as per attached appendisc. 27 th Inspection by Gen Humer Army Commandr. Bn Strength	

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HEADQUARTERS?
49th Battalion.
1st July, 1917.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK-ENDING, 7/7/17.

Day & Date.	:8am. to 9am.	:9am to 10am.	:10am. to 11am.	:2pm. to 3pm.	: 2pm. to 4pm.
Monday. 2/7/17.	B A T H I N G.....			Training of Specialists.	N.C.Os. Class.
Tuesday. 3/7/17.	R O U T E M A R C H.....			Training of Specialists.	-DO-
Wednesday. 4/7/17.	Bayonet Fighting	Musketry Exercises.	Gas Drill.	Training of Specialists.	-DO-
Thursday. 5/7/17.	Platoon Drill	Bayonet Fighting	Guards & Sentries.	Training of Specialists.	-DO-
Friday. 6/7/17.	R O U T E M A R C H.....			Training of Specialists.	-DO-
Saturday. 7/7/17.	Bayonet Fighting	Gas Drill	Musketry Exercises.	Training of Specialists.	-DO-

NOTE:-

①. All Specialists, with the exception of N.C.Os. will report to their respective Officers at 2.0.p.m. daily in addition to which the following parades will take place:-

Scouts & Runners will report to Lt.Hallam at 8.0.a.m. daily.

New Lewis Gunners " " " Lt.Devine " " " " " "

Coy & H.Q.Sigs. " " " Sgt.Crossan " " " " " "

-②- All N.C.Os will report to Lt.Mackenzie for instructions from 2.0.p.m. to 4.0.p.m.

-③- N.C.O's Class.

-④- Training of Specialists.

A.P. Swain Captain.
ADJUTANT 49TH BATT.

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Headquarters,
49th Battalion,
8th JULY, 1917.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING, 14/7/17.

Day & Date	8am to 9am	9am to 10am	10am to 11am	2pm to 3pm	2.0 p.m. to 4.0pm
Monday 9th July	Bayonet Fighting	Description of Targets	Rapid Wiring	Training of Specialists	N.C.Os. Class.
	PLATOON SCHEME.				
Tuesday 10th July	Gas Drill	Platoon Scheme	Guards & Sentries	- do -	- do -
Wednesday 11th July	ROUTE MARCH			- do -	- do -
Thursday 12th July	Platoon Drill	Rapid loading & Firing	Gas Drill	- do -	- do -
Friday 13th July	ROUTE MARCH			- do -	- do -
Saturday 14th July	Musketry Exercises	Bayonet Fighting	Company Drill	+ do -	- do e

NOTE:-

- X. All specialists with the exception of N.C.Os. will report to their respective Officers at 2.0 p.m. daily in addition to which the following parades will take place:-
Scouts & Runners will report to Lt. Hallam at 8.0 a.m. daily.
New Lewis Gunners " " " Devine, " " " "
Coy & H.Q. Sigs, " " " Sgt. Crossan " " " "
- @ All N.C.Os will report to Lt. Mackenzie for instruction from 2.0 pm to 4.0 p.m. daily.
- X. Training of Specialists.
- @ N.C.O's Class.
- @ All N.C.Os. report to C.S.M. Heafield for Bayonet Fighting instruction.

A. Swain Captain.
ADJUTANT, 49th Battalion. A.I.F.

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Reference Syllabus of Training for Week-ending 14th July,

PLATOON SCHEME.

(1) **TEAMS.** of twelve (3 per section, including 1 Sergt. or Corporal, and one other N.C.O) being One Team per Platoon, will parade as follows:

DRESS.	TIME & PLACE.	ROUTE.
Full March- ing Order wearing steel Helmets.	B.O.R. at 8.15.am.	B.O.R.-then via Connaught Rd - to Leinster Rd - Romarin Corner - Armentières - Bailleul Road to DE SEULE Corner, thence via Connaught Rd to B.O.R. - to miniature Rifle Range.

Scouts will be posted along the Route.

(3) **CONDITIONS
OF RANGE
PRACTICE.**

Time limit One minute.

Lewis Gun to put a target out of action before Rifle fire commences.

Each man then to score as many points as possible on his target.

Points will be given for:-

- (1) General appearance on Parade.
- (2) Time on march.
- (3) Musketry.
- (4) Range discipline.

DK Heard
 a/ADJUTANT, 49th Battalion, A.I.F. Lieut,

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 28-7-17.

Day and Date.	8.0.a.m. to 9.0.a.m.	9.0.a.m. to 10.0.a.m.	10.0.a.m. to 11.30.a.m.	2.0.p.m. to 3.30.p.m.	3.30.p.m. to 4.30.p.m.
MONDAY? July 23rd.	:Close Order :Drill.	: Out post s. :	:Musketry :Instruction. : ⓐ	:Training of: :Specialists:	:N.C.O's class :under Company :arrangements.
TUESDAY. July 24th.	:Guards & :Sentries.	:Platoon :Scheme.	:Gas Drill & :Rapid :Loading.	: -do- :	: -do- :
WEDNESDAY July 25th.	: R O U T E :	: M A R C H :	: -do- :	: -do- :	: -do- :
THURSDAY July 26th	:Bayonet :Fighting.	:Gas Drill & :Musketry :Instruction.	:Close Order :Drill & :Rapid :Loading.	: -do- :	: -do- :
FRIDAY July 27th.	: R O U T E :	: M A R C H :	: -do- :	: -do- :	: -do- :
SATURDAY July 28th.	:Platoon :Scheme.	:Rapid :Wiring.	:Bayonet :Fighting & :Gas Drill.	: -do- :	: -do- :

TUESDAY. 4.0.p.m to 5.0.p.m. OFFICERS RAPID WIRING.
THURSDAY. 7.0.p.m. to 8.0.p.m. LECTURE ON REPORTS. BY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER.
FRIDAY. 7.30.p.m. to 8.30.p.m. LECTURE ON MESSAGES BY SIGNALLING OFFICER.

ⓐ Rapid Loading Monday and Thursday. Company Commanders will lecture N.C.O's from 5.30.p.m. to 6.30.p.m.
 Tuesday. Gas Drill at 9.0.p.m. under Company Arrangements.

H. C. Swain Captain.
Adjutant, 49th Battalion. A. I. F.

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Headquarters,
49th Battalion,
29th July, 1917.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK-ENDING 4th AUGUST, 1917.

Day and Date.	:8.0.a.m. to :9.0.a.m.	:9.0.a.m. to :10.0.a.m.	:10.0.a.m. to :11.30.a.m.	:2.0.p.m. to :3.30.p.m.	:3.30.p.m. to :4.30.p.m.
MONDAY. 30th. July:	R O U T E M A R C H.				N.C.O.'s class under Company arrangements.
TUESDAY. 31st July.	Close Order Drill.	Out Posts.	Musketry Instruction.	Training of Specialists:	-do-
WEDNESDAY 1st. August	R O U T E M A R C H.				-do-
THURSDAY. 2nd. August:	Close Order Drill.	Gas Drill & Rapid Loading	Platoon Scheme.	-do-	-do-
FRIDAY. 3rd. AUGUST:	R O U T E M A R C H.				-do-
SATURDAY 4th August:	Guards & Sentries.	Musketry Instruction:	Bayonet Fighting & Gas Drill.	-do-	-do-

TUESDAY. 4.0.p.m. to 5.0.p.m. OFFICERS RAPID WIRING.

FRIDAY. 7.30p.m. to 8.30.p.m. LECTURE OF MESSAGES BY SIGNALLING OFFICERS.

TUESDAY. 5 N.C.O.'s per Company will report to Bayonet Fighting Instructor at "B" Company's Headquarters at 8.0.a.m.
Another 5 N.C.O.'s per Company will report at 2.0.p.m.
1 N.C.O. and 10 men from "A" Company will report to the R.E. Corporal at "B" Company's Headquarters at 2.0.p.m.

THURSDAY. 1 N.C.O. and 10 men from "B" Company will report to the R.E. Corporal at "B" Company's Headquarters at 2.0.p.m.

SATURDAY. "C" Company will detail 1 N.C.O. and 10 men to report to the R.E. Corporal at "B" Company's Headquarters at 2.0.p.m.

Captain,
ADJUTANT, 49th Battalion. A.I.F.

Reference PLOEGSTEERT 28 S.W. 4.

1. The 49th Battalion will relieve the 13th Battalion of the Front Line from U.28.b.6.6. to U.17.a.5.0. on the night of 13/14 July, 1917.
2. The following will be the disposition of the Battalion :- "B", "D", and "C" Companies in the Front Line, "A" Company in Support. Headquarters will be established at the Convent, U.27.b.8.3.
 "B" Company will take over the line from U.28.b.6.6. to U.22.d.4.3.
 "D" Company from U.22.d.4.3. to U.22.b.7.1.
 "C" Company from U.22.b.7.1. to U.17.a.5.0.
 "A" Company will take over from the present support company in U.22.a.
3. **RELIEFS.** "A" Company will commence relief at 2.30 p.m. "
 "B" Company will be met by three guides at LAURENCE FARM at 9.30 p.m. "B" Company forward posts and patrols will be at this location at 8.30 p.m.
 "C" Company will be met by three guides at the junction of the STRAND and HUNTER AVENUE at 9.30 p.m. "C" Company forward posts and patrols will be at this location at 8.30 p.m.
 "D" Company will be met at LAURENCE FARM by three guides at 9.30 p.m. "D" Company forward posts and patrols will be at this location at 8.30 p.m.
 Headquarters will take over from FACT at 9.30 p.m.
4. **MOVEMENT.** "B" and "D" Companies will move via BOARDER AVENUE.
 "C" Company will move via STRAND and VANCOUVER AVENUE.
5. **DRESS.** Fighting Order, Blanket and Waterproof Sheet, shaving gear to be carried in haversack. The unexpired portion of ^{the} day's ration and iron ration will be carried on the man. (Two Bombs per man will be carried).
6. **RATIONS.** Rations will be delivered to GERMAN HQ for "A" and "C" Companies and to LANCASHIRE SUPPORT FARM for "B" and "D" Companies and Headquarters ~~ON OWNERS~~.
 Companies will make their own arrangements, *from there*
 "B" Company will detail One N.C.O. and four men and one N.C.O. and three men to report to Lieutenant CADELL at ~~MAISON 1275~~ at ~~at~~ B.O.R. at 2 P.M.
7. **DUMPS.** All packs will be dumped at B.O.R. by 2.0 p.m., 13-7-17.
 All Felt Hats will be in packs.
 All Officers' surplus baggage will be at B.O.R. by 2.0 p.m. Officers' Valises will be stacked separately at B.O.R. by 2.0 p.m.
 Q.M. will make the necessary arrangements to get these to RAILHEAD ? Officers will make their own arrangements to get them from there.
8. **COMMUNICATIONS.** Sergeant CROSSAN will make necessary arrangements for the relief of all stations.
9. **TRENCH STORES.** Lieut JONES will report to FACT HEADQUARTERS at 11.0 a.m. 13th instant, and take over all Trench Stores.
10. **REPORTS.** The following reports will be required daily at the following hours:-
 SITUATION REPORT.....5.30 p.m.
 WORKS REPORT.....7.00 a.m.
 PATROL REPORT.....7.00 a.m.
11. **DISPOSITION.** Companies will notify Battalion Headquarters immediately on completion of relief. A Disposition Report showing location and Strength of all their Company and Lewis Guns, will be forwarded to B.O.R. by 7.00 a.m. 14-7-17.
 In the event of any unusual occurrence, Battalion must be notified immediately.
12. **MEALS.** On no account must rations be taken to Sentry Groups in daylight.

OPERATION ORDER NO.10 CONTINUED:-

13. BATHING. Men are strictly forbidden to bathe in water holes near "D" Company's Headquarters.
14. A.M.C. The R.A.P. will be situated at WANTAGE HALL off HUNTER AVENUE via BOARDER and READING TRENCH.
15. TRANSPORT. Transport will remain at their present location

ISSUED AT DE SEULE AT 10.45.P.M.

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2-5 COMPANIES.
6. FILE.
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H. C. Swain Captain,
Adjutant, 49th Battalion. A.I.F.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 11.

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- 1. The 49th Battalion will be relieved by the 1st Canterbury Regiment, and the 2nd. Otago Regiment. on the night of the 19/20th instant.
- 2. (a) The 1st Canterburys will take over the area occupied by "A" and "C" Companies, and the 2nd. Otago Regiment will take over area occupied by "B" and "D" Companies.
 - (b) "A" and "C" Companies will make arrangements direct with relieving Company Commanders.
 - (c) "B" Company will be relieved by the 4th Company, "D" Company will be relieved by the 10th Company.
 - (d) "B" and "D" Companies will send necessary guides, to LANCASHIRE FARM at 8.30, p.m. on the 19th instant. to direct the men to relieve their forward posts.
 - "D" Company will send guides at 9.30. p.m. to direct remaining part of 10th Company.
 - "B" Company will send guides at 10.0. p.m. to direct the remaining part of 4th Company.
- 3. (a) On completion of relief Companies will notify Battalion Headquarters immediately and then move to the same positions in the DE SEULE area as vacated on the 13th instant.
 - (b) Movement will not be in larger formations than platoons in file. Men must not be allowed to straggle out. along the road.
 - (c) Company Commanders will be held personally responsible that the men come out fully equipped.
 - (d) Transport will move to their old lines on the morning of the 19th instant.
- 4. All maps, Area Stores, etc., will be handed over to relieving Companies and a receipt in triplicate obtained, one Copy being given to relieving Company.
- 5. Company Quartermaster Sergeants will report to Quartermaster at DE SEULE Transport lines at 2.0. p.m. 19th instant.
- 6. TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS.
 - "A" Company's Lewis Gun Limber will be at T. 20.d.65 at 3.0. P.M, 19th instant.
 - Officers Kit and Dixies, will also be stacked on this Limber.
 - "B" and "D" Companies Lewis Gun Limber will be at MAISON 1875 at 11.30. P.M, and Officer's Kits will be stacked on these.
 - "C" Company's Lewis Gun Limber will be at TRAMWAY HEAD, BUNHILL ROW at 11.05. p.m.
 - Officers Kits and Dixies will be taken by this limber.
 - Two Limbers will report at MAISON 1875 at 10.0. P.M, to take Headquarters Officers Kit, and "B", "D" and Headquarters Details Dixies and Mess Gear.

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ISSUED AT KALE HEADQUARTERS. 6:30 P.M.

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Adjutant, 49th Battalion, A.I.F.

OPERATION ORDER NO.12.

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Reference O.S.Map. Sheet 36. 1/40,000.

1. The Battalion will move to the DOULLIEU Area to-morrow, 22nd inst., Order of March, Time, Starting point and route are as under:-

STARTING POINT.	ORDER OF MARCH.	TIME.	ROUTE.
A.M.C.Tent, Battalion Lines.	Pioneers & Headquarters H.Q.Sigs. Band. "C" "D" "A" "B" Guard. Stretcher Bearers. Transport Rear G'd. @	9.11. a.m.	Via 27.A.9.O.

3. @ O.C. "B" Company will detail two sections under an Officer for this DRESS. Full Marching Order, Blanket and Waterproof Sheet, "Horse-Shoe" Fashion around Pack. Mess tin in Pack. Iron Rations in Haversacks. Steel Helmets strapped to Pack by means of Pack Supporting Straps.

4. Headquarter's Signallers will take Bicycles, one Flag to be attached to each bicycle. All Ranks will wear Felt Hats.

4. MOVEMENT. 30 yards between Companies and 100 yards between last Company and Transport.

5. FIELD KITCHENS. will be ready to move at 8.30.a.m. AREA. The Camp must be left spotlessly clean. Company Commanders will render a certificate to B.O.R. by 8.0.a.m. that this order is complied with.

6. BILLETING. Lieut. Hallam. M.C., and 1 N.C.O. per Company will report to Area Commandant at 2.0.p.m. 21st instant.

7. OFFICER'S VALISES. Will be stacked at B.O.R. by 8.0.p.m., also Mess Boxes.

8. SYNCHRONIZATION. of watches at B.O.R. at 8.30.a.m.

9. TRANSPORT. One Cook per Company will march with Field Kitchens. Senior N.C.O. per Company will march with Lewis Gun Limbers. One man only will be allowed to march with each vehicle. Men marching with Limbers, etc., must march behind the vehicle and not at the side. The above must be strictly adhered to.

10. MARCHING OUT STATES. will be rendered to B.O.R. by 8.30.p.m.

11. BLANKETS. Reference Para. 3. the following is substituted. Blankets will be rolled in Bundles of SECTIONS and stacked at B.O.R. by 7.30.a.m. Each bundle to be Clearly Marked.

- Issued at BR SEULE 8 P.M.
- 1 WAR DIARY
- 2-3 COMPANIES.
- 6 H QRS & FILE
- 7 C.O.
- 8 T' PORT.

H. Swain Captain,
Adjutant, 49th Battalion.

OPERATION ORDER NO.13.

Copy No. 1

REFERENCE MAPS.36 & 36a.

STARTING POINT.	ORDER OF MARCH.	TIME.	ROUTE.
A.14.a.85.	Pioneers & H.Qrs. Band. "A" "B" "C" Stretcher Bearers. Rear Guard.	8.0. a.m.	A.14.a.89 - A.7.d.28 - F.14.c.14 - F.19.b.82.- L.3.c.85 - L.4.a.92 - F.21.c.13 - F.21.c.58.- F.24.b.20.

O.C. "C" Company will detail two Sections under one Officer for the Rear Guard.

"D" Company will act as Advance Guard until Mid-day Halt.

All Scouts will report to Lieutenant HALLAM, M.C., at "D" Company's Billet at 7.30.a.m.

DRESS. Full marching Order, less Blanket and Steel Helmets. P.H. Helmets will be worn at the right side under equipment. Box Respirators at the Alert and thrown back to rest on Pack. Tunics will be open at the neck and sleeves rolled up. Mid-day meal will be carried.

Field Kitchens will march with Transport.

Issued at A.14.a.85. at 5.30.p.m.

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1. War Diary.
- 2-5 Companies.
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H. C. Swain Captain,
Adjutant, 49th Battalion. A. I. F.

APPENDIX