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OF

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49th Bn. A.I.F. Sheet 1.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MOISLAINS	31 JAN 1918		Map Reference SHEET 56 C.	
"	1		Holiday. Men issued with Beer and a few extras, Hostile plane brought down about one mile from MOISLAINS. Bn strength 39 officers 802 O/R's.	
"	2		Brigade duty Bn working salvage parties supplied. Officers attended demonstration Live Trench mortars.	
"	3		Bathing Parade. Two boys practising Open Warfare, Specialists Training	
"	4		Boy practice Attack + Defence. Specialists Training. Bn carried out Rearguard Action. Appendix 1. attached. Generals, SIR. H. de la P. GOUGH, KCB and E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN, CB., DSO. witnessed operation.	
"	6		Church Parade. Lt Col. J. S. DENTON, DSO to leave ENGLAND. Major W. L. ARRELL Temporary commanding	
"	7		Brigade Duty Bn	
"	8		Carried out Bn Outpost Scheme, Appendix 3. attached. Billiting parties left for BAILLEUL Bn strength 37 officers 806 O/R's. Extremely heavy fall of snow.	
"	9		Marched to PERONNE, Entrained for BAILLEUL. Appendix 2. attached.	
"	10		Detrained at BAILLEUL, Marched to STRAZELLE	
STRAZELLE	11		Bn Resting.	

J. J. D. Lieut. Col.,
Commanding 49th Bn. A.I.F.

31 JAN. 1918

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49th Bn. A.I.F. Sheet 2.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1918 JANUARY			Map Reference SHEET 28 & SPECIAL SHEET E.I. 1/10,000.	
STRAZELLE	12		Marched to STRAZELLE Station, and entrained for Forward Area. Detrained at RIDGE WOOD appendix H attached.	
RIDGE WOOD Ref. Map. SHEET 28 + SPECIAL SHEET. E.I. 1/10,000.	13		Church Parade.	
	14		Salvaging. Generally cleaning up. Officers visited SUPPORT AREA, SPOIL BANK	
	15		Bn. Entrained for SPOIL BANK, Billed in Tunnels alongside Canal Bn strength 33 Officers 791 O/Rs appendix 5 attached.	
SPOIL BANK	16		Working, Salvaging parties supplied, C.O., Coy Commanders and I.O. reconnoitered Front Line, Front Line consists succession of Sentry Groups, Bn in support to 12th Brigade	
	17-19		Working, Salvaging parties supplied. General Reconnaissance of Forward Area by all Officers	
	20		Bn HQ & "D" Coy move to LARCH WOOD, Billed in Tunnels. Very wet.	
SPOIL BANK LARCH WOOD	21-28		Working. Salvaging parties supplied. Bn in close support to 50th Bn, A.I.F. Great Aerial Activity by Allies 22nd. Lt. Col. T.S. DENTON, DSO from leave & assumed command. Major W.L. ARRELL Transferred temporarily to 51st Bn.	
	29		Working. Salvage Party. Relieved 50th Bn. Appendix 6 attached. Relief completed by 9.30 pm.	
Map. Ref. SPECIAL SHEET. E.I. 1/10,000	30		Holding Front Line, Improving same, also SUPPORT line, Enemy very quiet. Few Gas shells. Disposition of Bn. appendix 7. attached.	
	31		Holding Front line, Improving same, Enemy quiet. 5 Casualties. Bn strength 42 Officers 748 O/Rs	

J. J. Denton
Commanding 49th Bn. A. I. F. Lieut Col, 2

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49th BATTALION. OPERATION ORDER NO. 20.

IN THE FIELD.
4th January, 1918.

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Reference Map-Sheet 62c. 1/40,000.

INFORMATION. The WESTERN ARMY is retiring on AMIENS. The ENEMY is pressing closely. One night of 4th January, 1918, 13th Australian Infantry Brigade were at AI ZECOURT-LE-BAS.

INTENTION. The 13th Aust. Inf. Brigade will retire on the 5th by ST. PIERRE Road through D.14.c. - MOISLAINS - BOUCHAVESNES.
REST OF 4th Aust Division. - All roads North of above.
5th Aust Division - all roads South of that allotted to 13th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

INSTRUCTIONS. MAIN GUARD. Headquarters - "B" and "C" Companies, distance from MAIN BODY 2 miles.
REAR PARTY. "A" and "D" Companies. Captain R.M.GORE in command. Distance from MAIN GUARD 700 yards.
"A" Company on the RIGHT of Road, "D" Company on the Left of Road. CENTRE will direct.

FLANK GUARD. "A" Company will detail FLANK GUARD under Lieutenant N.MURCHISON.
"D" Company will detail FLANK GUARD under Lieutenant A.R.LYON.

FRONTAGE. "A" Company - 700 yards SOUTH of Road.
"B" Company - 600 yards NORTH of Road.

STARTING POINT. ST. PIERRE FARM., D.15.c.3.5.
TIME. 10.30.a.m.

MACHINE GUN SECTION. One Section will be under order of O.C. of REAR GUARD.

REPORTS. To rear of MAIN GUARD.

SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES. 9.0.a.m. on the 5-1-18.

(Sgd) H.L.SWAIN, Captain,
Adjutant 49th Battalion, A.I.F.

ISSUED AT 7.0.p.m., 4-1-18.

D I S T R I B U T I O N .

- 1. War Diary.
- 2 - 5. Companies.
- 6. File.
- 7. Commanding Officer.
- 8. Senior Major.
- 9. 13th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 10. 13th Machine Gun Coy.
- 11 - 12. War Diary.
- 13. Headquarters Spec. Officers.
- 14. Headquarters Details.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 21.

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Reference 100/000 Sheets AMIENS 17 & HAZEBROUCK 5a.

1. The Battalion will march to PERONNE on the 9th instant and entrain for GODEWAERSVELEE Area, detraining at BAILLEUL.
2. Starting Point, Order of March, Time and Route are as under :-

STARTING POINT.	ORDER OF MARCH :	TIME :	ROUTE.
Battalion Parade Ground.	HEADQUARTERS. BAND. "C" "D" "A" "B"	12.20. p.m.	Via HAUT ALLAINES.

Transport will proceed independently, leaving MOISLAINS at 11.40.a.m.

3. DRESS. Full Marching Order. Two blankets will be rolled "Horse-shoe" Fashion around pack. Sheep-skins will be worn outside tunics.
4. Brigade Entraining Officer. Lieut. CARROLL. 13th Machine Gun Coy.
 Brigade Detraining Officer. Lieut. PATRICK. 51st Battalion.
 Battalion Entraining Officer. Lieut. McCABE. -
 Battalion DETRAINING Officer Lieut. GRAHAM. -
 Lieutenant M.J. McCABE will report to Brigade Entraining Officer at 1.0.p.m. on the 9th instant.
5. BILLETING N.C.O'S. will report to Captain F.J. HALLAM, M.C. at B.O.R. at 10.30.a.m. on the 8th instant. 48 hours rations to be carried. They will report to Staff Captain at PERONNE and then to Town Major's Office, GODEWAERSVELEE, preceeding by road from BAILLEUL.
6. UNLOADING PARTIES. O.C., "A" Company will detail one Officer and 50 Other Ranks to report to B.O.R. at 7.0.a.m., 9-1-18., 48 hours rations to be carried.
 O.C., "B" Company will detail one Officer and 50 Other Ranks to report to B.O.R. at 9.30.a.m., 9-1-18., 48 hours rations to be carried.
 Both these parties will then report to Brigade Entraining Officer, PERONNE.
7. SURPLUS BAGGAGE. This will be stacked at B.O.R. by 2.0.p.m., the 8th instant.
8. OFFICERS VALISES AND MESS BOXES. Officer's Valises to be stacked at B.O.R. by 9.30.a.m. 9th instant. Mess Boxes by 11.0.a.m.
9. FIELD KITCHENS will be ready to move at 11.10.a.m.
10. BREAST ROPES. Transport Officer will find same for Horse Trucks.
11. LATRINES. Company Commanders and in the case of HEADQUARTERS, Lieut. CLARKE, will ensure that all latrines in their area are left thoroughly clean and sanitary.
12. CLEANLINESS OF ALL HUTS AND COMPANY AREA. Certificates to this effect will be handed to the ADJUTANT at 11.45.a.m., 9th instant.
13. ENTRAINING STATES will be handed in to B.O.R. by 2.0.p.m., 8th inst.
14. SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES. at 11.45.a.m., 9th instant.

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

P.T.O.

ISSUED AT 3.0 p.m., 7th January 1918.

Reference 100 000 Sheets AMBROSIA & WATSON'S
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- 1. The Battalion will march to PERONNE on the 9th instant and maintain for GODWATERVILLE Area, detaching Companies, 4. - 7.5. Commanding Officer. Starting Point Order of Headquarters & Quartermaster. Transport Officer & Quartermaster. HEADQUARTERS SPEC. OFFICERS. HEADQUARTERS DETAILS. HEADQUARTERS. 10. 11. 12. 14. Battalion Parade Ground. "C" "D" "A" "B"

Transport will proceed independently, leaving MOULAINS at 11.40 a.m. DRESS. Full marching Order. Two blankets will be rolled "Horse-shoe" fashion around pack. Sheep-skins will be worn outside tunics.

- 4. Brigade Training Officer. Brigadier Detaining Officer. Battalion Training Officer. Battalion Detaining Officer. Lieutenant M. J. McCABE will report to Brigade Training Officer at 1.0 p.m. on the 9th instant.

WILLIAMS M.G.O.'s will report to Captain F. J. HALLAM, M.C. at B.O.R. at 10.40 a.m. on the 8th instant. 48 hours rations to be carried. They will report to Staff Captain at PERONNE and then to Town Major's Office, GODWATERVILLE, proceeding by road from BAILLIUL.

- 6. UNLOADING PARTIES. O.C. "A" Company will detail one Officer and 50 Other Ranks to report to B.O.R. at 7.0 a.m., 9-1-18, 48 hours rations to be carried. O.C. "B" Company will detail one Officer and 50 Other Ranks to report to B.O.R. at 9.30 a.m., 9-1-18, 48 hours rations to be carried. Both these parties will then report to Brigade Training Officer, PERONNE.

7. SURPLUS BAGGAGE. This will be stacked at B.O.R. by 2.0 p.m., the 8th instant.

8. OFFICERS VALISES AND MESS BOXES. Officer's Valises to be stacked at B.O.R. by 9.30 a.m., 9th instant. Mess Boxes by 11.0 a.m.

9. FIELD KITCHENS will be ready to move at 11.10 a.m.

10. BREAST HORSES. Transport Officer will find same for horse tracks.

11. LATERALS. Company Commanders and in the case of HEADQUARTERS, Lieut. GRAHAM, will ensure that all laterals in their areas are left thoroughly clean and sanitary.

12. CLEANLINESS OF ALL HUTS AND COMPANY AREAS. Certificated to this effect will be handed to the ADJUTANT at 11.45 a.m., 9th instant.

13. TRAINING STATES will be handed in to B.O.R. by 2.0 p.m., 8th inst.

14. SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES. at 11.45 a.m., 9th instant.

ADJUTANT 4th Battalion, A.I.F.
Captain

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49th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

OPERATION ORDER NO. 22.

7th January 1918.
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Reference 1/40,000 Sheet 87.3., 62.3. & 1/100,000 VALENCIENNES.

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INFORMATION. The WESTERN ARMY is moving N.E. on CAMBRAI. Moving on 1 road had reached following places on afternoon of 7th January, 1918:-

- 1st AUST. DIVISION. - AIZECOURT-LE-HAST.
- 4th AUST. DIVISION. - MOISLAINS.
- 5th AUST. DIVISION. - HANAHCOURT.

Our Cavalry in touch with enemy Cavalry on line, VILLERS-FAUCON-SAULCOURT-HANAHCOURT. No enemy infantry seen.

INTENTION. (a). The 49th Battalion will take up Outpost to Division, line D.14.c.-RIVERSIDE WOOD-V.26.d.2.5.

The 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade will carry on line to South. The 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade to the North.

(b) Picquet line is line of Resistance. Troops will be in position by 6.30.p.m., but for purpose of scheme, 10.30.a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS. (a) No.1.OUTPOST COMPANY. "C" Company plus one platoon from "D" Company. D.14.d.9.6.- D.8.b.central.(road inclusive).
No.2.OUTPOST COMPANY. "B" Company plus one Platoon from "A" Company. D.8.b.central(road exclusive) - RIVERSIDE WOOD, V.26.d.2.5.

- (b) "A" Company less one Platoon in reserve at D.7.central.
- "D" Company less one Platoon in reserve at D.13.central.
- (c) Battalion Headquarters at D.7.central.
- (d) No fires in the Picquet lines and no smoking after dark.
- (e) Outpost Company will not be relieved before 2.0.p.m., 8th instant.

TRANSPORT. at MOISLAINS.

AIDPOST. " Battalion Headquarters.

REPORTS. to Battalion Headquarters.

H. Swan Captain,

ADJUTANT 49th BATTALION, A.I.F.

ISSUED AT 7.15.p.m., 7-1-18.

D I S T R I B U T I O N .

- 1-4 Companies.
- 5. File.
- 6 Commanding Officer.
- 7 Headquarters Specialists Officers.
- 8 Headquarters Details.
- 9 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 10. 14th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 11 13th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
- 12-14. War Diary.

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49th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 23.

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- 1. The Battalion will move to the Support Area tomorrow, 12th instant.
- 2. Starting Point, Order of march and time are as under:-

: STARTING POINT.	: ORDER OF MARCH	: TIME.
: Church,	: Headquarters.	: 6.25. a.m.
: STRAZEELE.	: Band.	
	: "A"	
	: "B"	
	: "C"	
	: "D"	

- 3. DRESS Full Marching Order. Two blankets will be rolled "Horse-shoe" fashion around pack.
- 4. BREAKFAST. Companies will make their own arrangements for Breakfast.
- 5. FIELD KITCHENS. One cook per Company will be left with Field Kitchens.
- 6. OFFICER'S VALISES AND MESS BOXES. All Valises and Mess Boxes will be left at Company Headquarters. One Batman per Company will be left in charge of same. Headquarter's Valises will be stacked at Battalion Orderly Room.
- 7. TRANSPORT. Transport will move by road.
- 8. SICK MEN Any man whom Company Commanders consider unable to carry their packs as far as STRAZEELE Station will have same stacked with Officer's Valises at Company Headquarters.
- 9. ENTRAINING OFFICER. Cap tain G.E.RICHARDS. He will report to the R.T.O. STRAZEELE at 6.30.a.m., 12th inst.,
- 10. PACKS. Band's Packs will be stacked at Quartermaster's ~~store~~ Store at 5.30.a.m. 12th inst., Their Blankets will be rolled in two bundles and stacked at same time as Packs.
- 11. BICYCLES Company Commanders will make necessary arrangements for Bicycles to be conveyed to STRAZEELE Station.

(SGD). H.L.SWAIN. Captain,

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

ISSUED AT 8.0.p.m., 11-1-18.

D I S T R I B U T I O N.

- 1-4. Companies.
- 5. File
- 6. Commanding Officer.
- 7. Transport Officer and Quartermaster.
- 8. Headquarter's Specialists Officers.
- 9. Headquarter's Details.
- 10-12. War Diary.

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49th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 24.,

Copy No. 10 *app.*

1. The Battalion less Transport, Band, Bootmakers and about 60 Other Ranks will move to Support Area (SPOILT BANK) tomorrow, 15th inst., via Light Railway from GORDON FARM.
2. STARTING POINT, ORDER OF MARCH, and TIMES are as under:-

: STARTING POINT	: ORDER OF MARCH	: TIMES.
: R.Q.M. Store.	: "B"	: "B" Company 8.0.a.m.
:	: "D"	: "D" Company 8.10.a.m.
:	: "A"	: "A" Company 8.25.a.m.
:	: "C"	: "C" Company. 8.35.a.m.
:	: Headquarters.	: Headquarters. 8.35.a.m.

3. DRESS Full Marching Order. Two Blankets will be rolled "Horse-shoe" Fashion around Pack.
4. BREAKFAST. Companies will make their own arrangements for BREAKFAST.
5. FIELD KITCHENS Field Kitchens will not be taken., but eight Dixies per Company and Headquarters will be taken.
6. OFFICER'S VALISES AND MESS BOXES. will be left at R.Q.M. Store before moving off and Transport Officer will make the necessary arrangements to forward same to the new area.
7. MEN TO BE LEFT BEHIND. as stated above - as per attached list.
8. OFFICER COMMANDING DETAILS. Major C. FORTESCUE, D.S.O., M.C., who will be assisted by Lieutenant W.H. FLOWERS.
9. BILLETING PARTIES. O's.C. "A" and "C" Companies, ~~2nd's in Command~~ will detail 2nd's in Command to report to Battalion Orderly Room at 7.0.am. These Companies will also detail One N.C.O. to report at same time. Lieutenant JONES and L/Cpl. MUNDT. will also report to B.O.R. at 7.0.am for Headquarters.
10. ENTRAINING OFFICER. Lieutenant J. HOWARTH will act as Entraining Officer and will report to R.T.O., GORDON FARM at 8.0.a.m.
11. MARCHING OUT STATES will be rendered to Battalion Orderly Room at 7.30.a.m., 15th inst.,
12. CERTIFICATES RE CLEANLINESS OF AREA will be rendered to B.O.R. at 8.0.a.m.
13. SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES. Watches will be synchronized at B.O.R. at 7.30.a.m.

M. Swain Captain,

ADJUTANT 49th Battalion A.I.F.,

ISSUED AT 9.0.a.m., 14-1-18.

DISTRIBUTION.

- 1 - 4 Companies.
5. File.
6. Commanding Officer.
7. Transport Officer and Quartermaster.
8. Headquarters Specialists Officers.
9. Headquarters Details.
- 10 - 12. War Diary.

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Operation Order No. 25.

SECRET.

Copy No. 10

Reference Map SPECIAL SHEET E.I 1/10,000.

1. The Battalion will relieve the 50th Battalion in the Front Line, LEFT SECTOR on the night of the 29/30th January.
2. The following distribution of the Battalion will be made:—
 - "A" Company on the LEFT.
 - "B" Company on the RIGHT.
 - SUPPORT.
 - "D" Company.
 - RESERVE.
 - "C" Company.
3. MOVEMENT. "A" Company will move from SPOIL BANK at 4.0 p.m.
 "B" Company will move from SPOIL BANK at 4.30 p.m.
 "C" Company will move from SPOIL BANK at 5.0 p.m.
 "D" Company will move from LARCH WOOD at 5.30 p.m.
 Headquarters will move from LARCH WOOD at 4.30 p.m.
 100 yards interval between Pla teens will be maintained.
4. COMPLETION OF RELIEF. will be wired to Battalion Headquarters, using code.
5. PERMANENT PARTIES.
 - (a) CARRYING PARTY FOR RATIONS. 1 Officer, 5 N.C.Os 48 men to be supplied as under.
 - Lieutenant T.C. NAYLOR.
 - "A" Company. - One Cpl., One I/Cpl., 16 O/Rs.
 - "B" Company. - One Sgt., One I/Cpl., 16 O/Rs.
 - "C" Company. - One Cpl., 46 Other Ranks.
 Lieutenant T.C. NAYLOR, the Sergeant and two Cpls will report to O.C. CARRYING PARTY, 50th BATTALION to-night.
 The above party will live in the Reserve Area.
 - (b) One N.C.O. 3 men to be supplied by "C" Company for Comforts.
 - (c) One I/Cpl., 9 men to be supplied by "A" Company for Cooks Fatigue.
 - (d) The two parties at present with the Engineers at LARCH WOOD will remain detached. 2/Lieutenant W. J. HODSDON and 2/Lieut. R.H. CARLISLE will be in charge respectively.
 2/Lieutenant W. HENDERSON will report back to Captain J.H. WILLENBROCK.
6. MESSING OFFICER. Lieutenant W.H. FLOWERS.
WORKS OFFICER. Lieutenant E.G. SEDGWICK.
7. TRENCH STORES. Company Commanders will detail One Officer per Company to take over Stores, and obtain receipt in triplicate.
 One Copy to be handed to the 50th Battalion.
 One Copy to be handed to Battalion Headquarters.
 These Officers will report on the night of the 28th.
8. AREA STORES. SPOIL BANK. Captain G.E. RICHARDS will obtain receipts in triplicate for these Stores.
 One Copy to be handed to 50th Battalion.
 One Copy to Battalion Headquarters.
9. OFFICERS. Officers not going into the line will report to Major C. FORTESCUE, D.S.O., M.C., at RIDGWOOD CAMP at 6.0 p.m. on the 29th inst.,

TEMPORARY A/QUARTERMASTER. Lieut. J. HOWARTH.

COMFORTS OFFICER.

Lieut. G. F. ADDISON.

These two Officers will report to Captain L. CADELL at 5.0pm 29th inst.,

Major C. FORTESCUE, D.S.O., M.C., will arrange for lectures for Officers at RIDGWOOD CAMP whilst the Battalion is in the Line.

Appendix attached showing the Distribution of Officers.

10. COMMUNICATION. Lieutenant A. A. CLARKE will make necessary arrangements.
11. VALISES AND PACKS. "A", "B", and "C" Companies will have these stacked at SPOIL BANK at 2.0.p.m. on the 29th instant.

"D" Company and Headquarters will have these stacked at MOLEN DUMP at 1.30.p.m., 29th inst.,

The Transport Officer will make necessary arrangements for the removal of same.

12. COOKS. Three Cooks per Company and two Cooks for Headquarters Details will report to Sergeant F. F. BRADFORD at 50th Battalion Cook-houses, at 3.0.p.m. on the 29th instant.

One Cook per Company will report to Captain L. CADELL at Transport Lines at 3.0.p.m., on the 29th instant.

13. DIXIES. The Transport Officer will provide necessary Limbers to take same to the 50th Battalion Cook-houses.

Sergeant F. F. BRADFORD will arrange for these at SPOIL BANK to be stacked in a convenient place by 2.30.p.m. on the 29th instant.

14. NOMINAL ROLL. Company Commanders, and in the case of Headquarters Lieutenant M. JONES will forward Nominal Roll of all Other Ranks in the forward Area.

15. RETURNS. As per appendix attached.

16. LEWIS GUNS. EQUIPMENT TO BE CARRIED INTO THE LINE.

20 Filled Magazines per Gun.

Gun chests, Magazine Boxes and Spare Magazines to be stacked with VALISES and PACKS.

Spare Parts bags not to be taken in, but full complement of authorised spare parts to be carried, in Haversack or Sandbag.

Guns must be kept ~~xxxxx~~ thoroughly dried, except Working Parts; these will be kept oiled. All Guns to be carried slung.

One No. 1's will be responsible they are equipped with Rifle Oil and Flannelette before moving up.

Platoon Commanders will personally inspect all Company's Guns each day for cleanliness and efficiency.

Company Commanders will make necessary arrangements for No. 2's to proceed to the line on the night of the 28th. They will remain there.

17. SCOUTS. Company Commanders will make necessary arrangements for two Scouts per Company to also proceed with No. 2's.

The above two paras only refer to "A" and "B" Companies.

18. DETAILS. Men not going into the line will report to Lieutenant J. HOWARTH AT SPOIL BANK at 3.0.p.m. on the 29th instant and proceed to the Transport Lines.

These Officers will report on the night of the 28th to Captain L. CADELL will make the necessary arrangements for the accommodation.

19. CERTIFICATES RE CLEANLINESS OF AREA. will be rendered at Battalion Orderly Room as soon as possible at the completion of move.

20. SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES. Watches will be synchronized at 3.0.p.m. on the 29th instant.

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- 21. Reference Para. 5 - (PERMANENT PARTIES.)
 - (a) This party will report to Lieutenant T.C.NAYLOR at SPOIL BANK at 1.0 p.m., 29th inst.,
 - (b) This party will take over from the 50th Battalion at 4.0 p.m., 29th inst.,
 - (c) This party will report to Sergeant F.F.BRADFORD at 50th Battalion Headquarters at 3.0 p.m., 29th inst.,
- 22. RATIONS. All Details whilst in this Area will be attached to Reserve Company.
- 23. PIONEERS AND BOOTMAKERS. will report to Lieutenant W.H.FLOWERS at HILL 60 at 2.0 p.m. 29 th inst.,
The Pioneer Sergeant will report to Lieutenant W.L. POTT at 10.0am 29th inst., for instructions.
- 24. DISPOSITION Companies will forward by 12 noon, 30th inst.,
Disposition of Company., i .e. shewing exactly where every man of their Company is.
- 25. One Storeman per Company and Private THOMPSON from Headquarters will report to Captain L. CADELL at the Transport Lines at 5.0pm 29th inst., Captain L. CADELL will issued them with necessary instructions.

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A.C. Swain Captain,

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

ISSUED AT 7.0 p.m., 28-1-18.

D I S T R I B U T I O N .

- 1 - 4 Companies.
- 5. File.
- 6. Commanding Officer.
- 7. Transport Officer and Quartermaster.
- 8. Headquarter's Specialists Officers.
- 9. Headquarters Details.
- 10-12. WAR DIARY.
- 13. 13th A.I. Brigade Headquarters.
- 14. 50th Battalion.

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APPENDIX AS PER PARA 15 of OPERATION ORDER NO. 25. APPENDIX

R E T U R N S.

The following returns to be rendered to Battalion Headquarters strictly to time:-

No. of: return:	DESIGNATION.	TIME DUE AT BN HQRS.
1	X: Casualties and Sick Evac uations.	8.0.a.m. Daily.
2.	: Ammunition on Hand.	8.0.a.m. "
3.	: Ammunition expended during the previous: 24 hours.	8.0.a.m. "

X In addition to Name, Rank &c., of personnel wounded casualty reports will shew the locat ion of the wound and whether caused by Rifle or Artillery Fire. SPECIMEN AS UNDER.

No. 111. Private SMITH. H.H. Wded. Left Hip, Rt.Arm. (Artillery fire).

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APPENDIX AS PER PARA 9 of OPERATION ORDER NO. 25.

LIST OF OFFICERS.

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))) To go into line. :+ To stop behind.

HEADQUARTERS.
Lieut. Col. J.S.DENTON, D.S.O.,
Captain H.L.SWAIN, M.C.,
Lieut. M. JONES.
Lieut. A.A.CLARKE.
2/Lieut. W.L.POTT.

:HEADQUARTERS.
:Major W.L.ARRELL.
:Captain L. CADELL.
:Lieut. C.F.MC.DOUGALL.
:Lieut. R.COLVIN,M.C.,
:Lieut. R.H.VERRY.

51st Battalion.
Quartermaster.
Transport Off.
Act A/Adjt.

"A" Company.
Captain R.M.GORE.
Lieut. W.R.RICE.
Lieut. N. MURCHISON.
2/Lieut. E. GOWER.
2/Lieut. P.C.BLEWETT.

:"A" Company.
:Captain G.E.RICHARDS.
:Lieut. M.J.MC.CABE.

Leave.

"B" Company.
Captain F.Y.FOX.
Lieut. A. MURRAY.
Lieut. R.W.C.ARGUE, M.C.,
Lieut. F.C.MURDOCH.
2/Lieut. E. LAWTON.

:"B" Company.
:Captain R. TAMBLING.
:Captain A.J.GLEDHILL.
:2/Lieut. C. STRIKE.
:2/Lieut. W.M.TAYLOR.

Hospital.
Leave.
Leave.

"C" Company.
Captain S.E.PERKINS.
Lieut. J.L.GRAHAM.
Lieut. W.J. GROSE.
Lieut. A.P.MOSLEY.
2/Lieut. F.J.THOMSON.

:"C" Company.
:Major C. FORTESCUE, DSO.,M.C.,
:Lieut. W.M.DEVINE. Sch.of Instr.

"D" Company.
Captain J.H.WILLENBROCK.
Lieut. R.G.T.TURNER.
Lieut. W.M.PROVAN.
Lieut. A.R.LYON.
2/Lieut. W.HENDERSON.

:"D" Company.
:Captain F.J.HALLAM, M.C.,
:Lieut. A.W.COOKE. Mining Party.
:2/Lieut. J.R.DEAN.
2/Lieut. W.A.BURTON.

R.M.O.?
Messing Officer.
Works Officer.
Rations Officer.
Comforts Officer.
Temp. a/Q.M.

Captain R.H.CRISP.
Lieut. W.H.FLOWERS.
Lieut. E.G.SEDGWICK.
Lieut. T.C.NAYLOR.
Lieut. G.F.ADDISON.
Lieut. J. HOWARTH.

DETACHED WITH ENGINEERS. - 2/Lieut.W.J.HODSDON.; 2/Lt.R.H.CARLISLE.

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DISPOSITION OF THE 49TH BATTALION.

As at 9a.m. the 30th January 1918

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Reference Map:-

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Battalion Headquarters	I.36.a.35.99.
R.A.P.	J.25.c.90.10.
Observation Post	J.32.a.70.50.
-DO- -DO-	J.26.c.90.00.
<u>"B" Company-Right Front Company.</u>	
Company Headquarters	J.32.a.65.95.
Posts.	J.32.c.10.75.
	J.32.c.30.80.
	J.32.c.30.90.
	J.32.c.50.95.
	J.32.a.10.20.
	J.32.a.70.35.
	J.32.a.70.50.
	J.32.a.80.75.
	J.32.a.90.00.
	J.26.c.90.00.
<u>"A" Company-Left Front Company.</u>	
Company Headquarters	J.26.b.05.30.
Posts.	J.26.c.75.20.
	J.26.c.00.00.
	J.26.c.85.70.
	J.26.c.90.80.
	J.26.c.95.95.
	J.26.b.15.00.
	J.26.b.30.10.
	J.26.b.30.30.
	J.26.b.45.40.
<u>"D" Company Support Company.</u>	
Company Headquarters	J.25.c.95.10.
Company Centred about (Support Trench)	J.25.d.05.45.
<u>"C" Company Reserve Company</u>	
Company Headquarters	I.35.b.95.95.
Company Centred about CORNER HOUSE	I.35.b.95.95.
60 men Situated about HILL 60 at	I.29.c.85.25.