

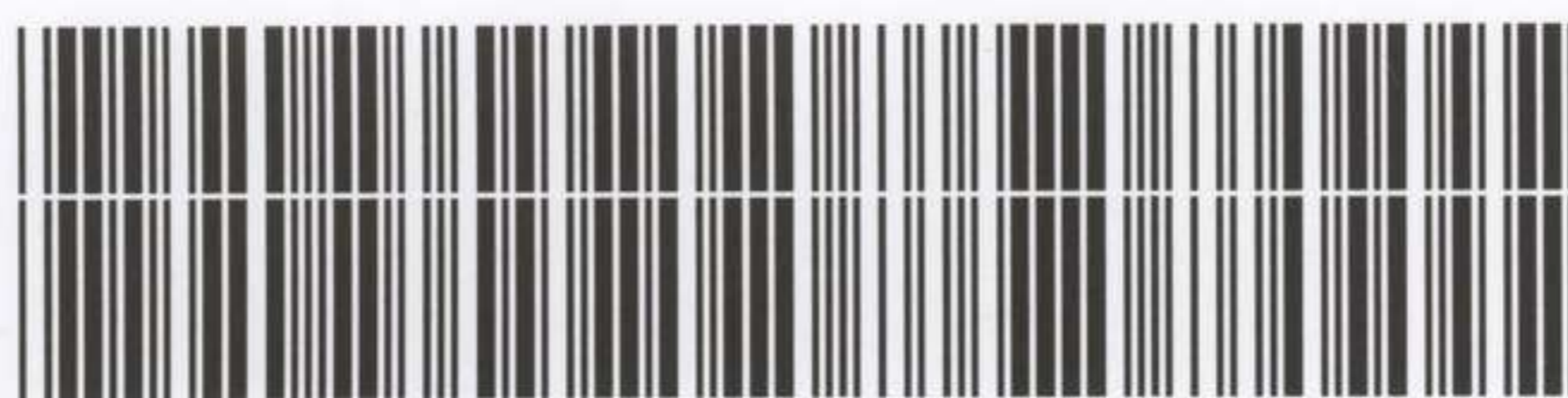
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WIPPENHOEK	NOV.			
	1.		Weather fine and mild. Syllabus of Training carried out during the morning comprised Battalion Drill, Company Exercises, Bayonet Fighting etc. 7 men were evacuated to Hospital and 2 men rejoined ex schools.	
	2.		Weather dull and mild. Training was carried out in accordance with Brigade Syllabus: Company Exercises and Steadying Drill. During the morning Advanced Party from a Canadian Unit arrived and took over the camp occupied by the Reinforcements. Arrangements were made to draw sufficient tents to accommodate them from Wippenhoek Area. After a good deal of delay these were drawn and erected in proximity to the remainder of the Battalion Billets. Lieut. Bentley and 4 other ranks were evacuated to Hospital. 4 men left to attend Signalling School.	
	3.		Weather fine. The Battalion including Transport carried out a Route March, as per attached March Order No. 60, returning to Billets at 12.30 p.m.	
		11.45 a.m.	The following message was received from Brigade: - "The Brigade will move to BERQUIN AREA to-morrow a.m. Send Advance party to report to Brigade at 2 p.m."	
		12.15 p.m.	A further message from Brigade reads: - "Strength of Advance party 1 officer and 1 N.C.O. per Co." Orders were also received to draw 80,000 rounds of S.A.A. at 2 p.m. The Advance Party was detailed but reported to Brigade a little later owing to all ranks being out on the Route March. S.A.A. was drawn during the afternoon.	
		9.45 p.m.	Brigade Order No. 156 was received to the effect that the Bnl. would move to BERQUIN AREA to-morrow.	
		10.15 p.m.	Battalion Move Order No. 61 (as per copy attached) was issued. 1 man evacuated to Hospital.	
	4.		Weather dull and cold. The Battalion moved off and joined the remainder of the Brigade in the march to BERQUIN Area, which was by way of GODEWAERSVELDE - FLETRE - STRAZEELE to about 2 Kilos S.W. of STEENWERKE. The Battalion had the use of 24 motor lorries to carry the mens' packs and blankets.	
		9.10 a.m.		

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BERQUIN AREA	NOV. OCT. 4.		The marching throughout was very good and no men fell out. Distance about 25 Kilos. Billets taken over on arrival were good but very much scattered.	
	5.		Weather fine. Training was carried out from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and was devoted to Inspections, platoon exercises, Steadying Drill and Rifle Exercises.	
	6.		C.O. made an inspection of all Billets and supervised the training carried out. G.O.C. Brigade visited the Battalion area during the morning and made inquiries xxxxxxxx as to how the Battalion was fixed up. 1 man departed on leave. 4 other ranks left to attend Brigade Signal School. 12 men rejoined ex sick and ex wounded. Weather fine. The following Syllabus of Training was carried out:- Company Inspections, Lectures on Advance and Rear Guard work with Billiard Table formations, and practice of Advanced and Rear Guard work. In addition all Specialists and Lewis Gunners carried out training under their respective Instructors. Staff parades of Corporals and Lance Corporals took place during the afternoon. 10 other ranks were supplied for duty with 14th Machine Gun Co. and 5 other ranks for 14th L.T.M.B. These men if suitable will be transferred to the above Units. 3 men were evacuated to Hospital.	
	7.		Weather throughout the day was showery and cold. In addition to Specialist Training Company Inspections, physical Training, organized Games and Company Drill were carried out. Staff parade of Corporals and Lance Corporals was held as yesterday. Lieut. J. Watt rejoined ex wounded and Lieut. C.T. Bentley ex sick. Lieut. J. Rew proceeded on leave to U.K. and Lieut. A.H. Grimsley to G.H.Q. Small Arms School. 3 men were evacuated to Hospital. 18 other Ranks rejoined ex Sick and ex Wounded and 3 men ex leave. During the evening the Divisional Concert party gave a performance in the Battalion Area which was much appreciated by all ranks.	
	10.15 p.m.		Information was received from Brigade to the effect that the Battalion will move to CORPS STAGING AREA on the 10th inst.	

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BERQUIN NOV. AREA.	8.		The morning was fine and cold but the afternoon was dull with occasional showers. Specialist Training, Platoon and Company Drill, Rifle exercises and Company inspections were carried out.	
		11. a.m.	G.O.C. Brigade and Staff Captain called at Battalion Headquarters. At 5.30 p.m. Captain Smythe M.C. delivered a Lecture to all officers.	
		9 p.m.	Instructions were received from Brigade for Advanced party of 4 Officers and 8 N.C.O's to report to Staff Captain at LOCRE at 10 a.m. to-morrow. Party was at once detailed.	
		10.30 p.m.	Brigade Order No. 117 was received and acknowledged. Information was also received that 2 lorries would be at disposal of the Battalion. The following message was also received:- "G.O.C. will visit Forward Area to-morrow. Car will call for C.O. between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m." 3 men rejoined ex sick and 3 men ex wounded.	
	9.		Weather fine and cold. Companies were to-day at disposal of Company Commanders for training from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	
		10 a.m.	G.O.C. Brigade called for C.O. and they then proceeded to Forward Area. Lieut J. Adams rejoined ex wounded.	
		3 p.m.	Battalion Order No. 62 (copy attached) was issued regarding the move to LOCRE.	
	10.		Weather cold and wet. The Battalion moved off. Transport followed in rear and had the assistance of two motor lorries to carry blankets and stores. No men fell out on the march and the Camp was reached about noon. There was ample accommodation for all ranks and the camp generally was very good.	
		8.25 a.m.	C.O. held a meeting of all Officers and discussed the impending tour of duty in the line.	
		2.30 p.m.	Advance Party of 2 Officers and 4 N.C.O's went forward to LINDENHOEK Camp in accordance with instructions.	
			Lieut. D.A. Meehan M.C. and 1 N.C.O. left for 2nd Army School. 1 man was evacuated to Hospital.	
			Lieut. B.F. Pennefather rejoined ex leave. <i>(See Bn. Order No. 63 attached)</i>	
	mid-11 night		Brigade Order No. 118 received and acknowledged.	
		7.45 a.m.	Weather dull and cold. Brigade Order No. 119 received and acknowledged. The Battalion moved off at 9 a.m. and reached LINDENHOEK Camp at about 10.30 a.m. No lorries were to-day available and all impedimenta had to be carried by the Transport. Here again the Battalion was fortunate in obtaining a first class camp.	

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LINDENHOEK CAMP.	NOV			
	11.		After arrival in camp the Companies were at the disposal of Company Commanders for inspection etc. Lieut-Colonel A. J. G. Simpson rejoined ex leave and resumed Command. Captain G. H. Mann rejoined ex leave.	
		11.15	Reserve Brigade Defence Scheme was received.	
		p.m.	At 4 p.m. C.O. held a meeting of all Officers.	
	12.		Weather fine and mild. There was the first frost of the season. Training was carried out from 9 a.m. till 12 noon. It embraced inspection, platoon drill and Company exercises. Amendment to Reserve Brigade Defence Scheme was received. During the afternoon the Intelligence Officer went forward and reconnoitred the ground to be taken over by the Battalion.	
		4	G.O.C. Brigade called at Battalion Headquarters and interviewed a candidate for Cadet Battalion.	
		p.m.	At 6 p.m. C.O. held a meeting of Company Commanders and discussed the forthcoming tour in the line. B/Lieut. R. F. Keogh and 7 other ranks rejoined ex schools. 1 man was evacuated to Hospital.	
	13		Weather fine and fairly cold. The day was devoted to making arrangements for the move forward. During the morning the Adjutant visited Brigade Headquarters to obtain instructions in connection with Specialists to be left behind and accommodation for them.	
		1.30	Battalion Move Order No. 64 (as per copy attached) was issued	
		p.m.	At 2 p.m. Advance party of 4 Officers and 4 other ranks went forward.	
		4.15	The Battalion moved off. 5 Officers and approximately 200 other ranks remained behind.	2 150
		p.m.	Accommodation for them for the night was arranged in the present camp. During the evening the Battalion relieved the 53rd Battalion in TORREKEN FARM line, the relief being completed by 7.30 p.m.	
		10.20	The following message arrived from Brigade:- "Under instructions from 5th Aust. Div, the 14th A.I. Bde. will take over the front of the 15th A.I. Bde. and hold it in addition to front taken over from 21st Bde. The 56th Bn. will relieve the 59th Bn. on or about the 15/16th November and the 54th Bn. will take over half the frontage at present held by 53rd Bn. Maps showing Bde. and Bn. boundaries will be forwarded as soon as possible. Unit Commanders and officers concerned will make themselves familiar with the area to be taken over. Detailed orders for	
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TORREKEN FARM	NOV 13.		"for the reliefs will be issued later." At same hour further amendment to Reserve Brigade Defence Scheme was received and acknowledged. A party of 22 other ranks was detached for collection of Salvage under supervision of a Representative from Brigade. This party will be detached till further notice. The night was very quiet.	
	14.		Weather dull and foggy. Fatigue parties of 1 Officer and 24 other ranks was supplied for duty with Engineers. Party reported in Full marching order and will be rationed by the Engineers. a party of 1 N.C.O. and 9 other ranks was supplied for improvement of trenches.	
		4 p.m.	G.O.C. Brigade called at Battalion Headquarters and interviewed C.O. regarding the sector to be taken over by the Battalion in the Front Line. The Battalion Intelligence Officer went forward to reconnoitre the approaches to the Front line. 1 Officer, also 1 N.C.O. per Company, was detailed to proceed to the front line and remain until the Battalion moves in order to obtain a working knowledge of the various tracks and posts.	
		10.45 p.m.	Brigade Order No. 120 regarding the relief during the night of 15/16th inst. was received and acknowledged. The day and night were both very quiet there being no shelling of the area occupied by the Battalion.	
	15.		During the evening a party of 40 other ranks was supplied for carrying Stokes ammunition. Weather fine and mild. During the morning C.O. and Company Commanders proceeded to the Front line to inspect the position to be taken over.	
		2.30 p.m.	C.O. held a meeting of Company Commanders regarding the relief.	
		4.15 p.m.	At 3.15 p.m. Battalion Order No. 65 (as per copy attached) was issued. Companies moved off independently to their new sector. During the evening the Battalion relieved the 59th Battalion without any particular incident the relief being completed by 8.30 p.m. Dispositions of the Battalions are now as follows:- "B" Co. occupy Front Line, "A" Co. RAVINE WOOD area, "D" Co. ROSE WOOD area and "C" Co. DENYS WOOD area. The night was very quiet there being little shelling by the enemy. Machine Gun fire was fairly active but no casualties were suffered.	

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HOLLEBEKE SECTOR, NOV	16.	10 a.m.	<p>Weather dull and mild. Visibility bad.</p> <p>C.O. held a meeting of Company Commanders and discussed the tactics to be followed while the Battalion is in the line, and the distribution of rations etc. Rations for "D" and "C" Cos. are being cooked at respective Company Headquarters, "A" and "B" Cos. rations are being cooked near "A" Co. Headquarters.</p>	
			<p>The ground is in a bad state and is drying only very slowly. A good deal of work in the direction of trench improvements etc. was carried out.</p> <p>In accordance with Brigade instructions party of 1 Officer and 60 other ranks was supplied for work under R.E. party to be supplied daily until further notice.</p>	
			<p>During the evening Battalion Headquarters move to HONRAET FARM where there is more accommodation. Captain S.G. Gibson R.M.O. was evacuated to hospital.</p> <p>2/Lieut. Keogh left for duty with 14th Field Co. Engineers and Lieut. Wilson, who has been appointed Divisional Gas Officer.</p>	
		10.15 p.m.	<p>Brigade advised that the enemy were going to send over Gas Shells at 11 p.m. Companies were immediately informed but nothing eventuated.</p> <p>Lieut. Grimsley rejoined ex School.</p>	
			<p>44 Reinforcements including ex sick and ex wounded rejoined Battalion.</p> <p>Patrols from the Battalion were sent out during the night and reported nothing unusual.</p> <p>So far no casualties have occurred.</p>	
	17.		<p>There was a heavy fog during the morning but the day turned out fine. Visibility however was poor.</p>	
		10 a.m.	<p>C.O. visited the various Companies and inspected the work carried out. A good deal of work is being done in improving the various posts, shelters etc. and laying duckboards.</p> <p>The day was very quiet. O.L.D. was shelled intermittently with 77's and 4.2's. Our artillery shelled enemy front system but the effect could not be properly observed.</p> <p>Patrol left our lines at O.L.D. 8.4 at 7.30 p.m. and patrolled MILITARY ROAD down as far as O.L.D. 8.0. They were fired on by machine guns from direction of THE TWINS. Sounds of enemy work being carried out in the vicinity of THE TWINS were heard during the day. Our Lewis Guns opened fire and the sounds ceased. Both our own and the enemy aircraft were very quiet. Our snipers claimed to have inflicted two casualties. Not many flares were seen during the night. At about 10 p.m. a white flare was sent up and was immediately followed by machine gun fire.</p>	
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HOLLEBEKE AREA	Nov. 18.		<p>Weather was again dull with visibility bad. G.O.C. Brigade called about 1 p.m. and proceeded to the Front line. En route he discussed with C.O. matters in general regarding the tour of the Brigade in the line. 4 men on fatigue with 173rd Tunnelling Co. R.E. were wounded by shell fire. Enemy shelling was not heavy during the day. A few shells were fired at duckboards and approaches to THE RAVINE. OLIVE TRENCH was fired on with 77's and 4.2's from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at intervals of about 20 minutes. HOPE FARM and O.I.L. 1.5 received some attention from 2 to 3 p.m. Battery was located at P.14.A.2.6 to P.8.C.5.3. Our heavies fired on these targets with apparently good effect. Enemy patrols very active and their aircraft was aggressive.</p> <p>A.I.F. Orders received to-day showed the promotion of 2/Lieuts. Bullock, Burton and Scott to the rank of Lieutenant.</p> <p>An enemy aircraft flew low over our lines at about 8 a.m. and set fire to one of our balloons. A number of enemy planes flew over at intervals and were engaged by Vickers and Lewis Machine Guns.</p> <p>During the evening "C" Co. relieved "B" Co. in the front line without any casualties. (See Bn. Order 7066)</p> <p>Our patrols were very active. One patrol left No. 7 Post FORRET FARM and patrolled road running South to about O.I.L. 8.5. No enemy encountered. Patrol returned via O.I.L. 65.85 to O.I.L. 2.3 thence to FORRET FARM. Another patrol left No. 1 Post at O.I.L. 15.25 and patrolled road to O.I.L. 55.05. No enemy encountered. Both patrols reported enemy quiet and did not come under any rifle or M.G. fire. Our aircraft were fairly active chiefly spotting for the artillery during the afternoon.</p> <p>Enemy were signalling during the morning and afternoon from O.24.B.90.91. Our artillery got on to the target and apparently knocked it out. At 4.10 p.m. enemy were signalling from HOUTHEN CHURCH Spire with a red lamp part of message reading "UNWQU - AR - BROONP - TMNRKIN" was picked up by one of our observers.</p> <p>1 man was evacuated to hospital.</p>	
	19		<p>1 man missing, as a result of an alleged raid on one of our posts. He is thought to be an absentee.</p> <p>Weather remains dull with a fairly heavy haze which makes observation difficult.</p> <p>The work of improving the Posts, Communication trenches etc. and laying of duckboards was pushed on with during the period and satisfactory progress is being made. All possible precautions are being taken to prevent trench feet, and so far they are proving effective. Our artillery was active - firing on enemy positions and engaging his troops. Working parties</p>	
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HOLLEBEKE SECTOR	Nov. 19		<p>parties were dispersed at O.I2.b and O.I7.b.90.35. The light was not favourable for sniping but our Snipers made the most of it and fired on any enemy who showed themselves. Enemy artillery was about normal and fired on OLIVE TRENCH, RAVINE, FORRET FARM and O.I0.d without causing any damage of a serious nature. His machine guns were inactive. RAVINE was fired on intermittently from long range. Enemy trench mortars fired a few rounds on O.II.d.05.45 and O.I7.b.I.7 but could not be located. Both our own and the enemy's aircraft were active. Several attempts by enemy planes to cross our lines were frustrated by Lewis Gun fire. Signalling from HOUTHEN CHURCH was again observed but owing to mist could not be picked up. White flares and green flares were followed by no apparent action. A patrol left our lines at O.II.b.8.6 at 6 p.m. Patrol went to O.II.d.I5.40 thence to MILITARY ROAD and along this road about 100 yards. Patrol then made off in N.E. direction but after going about 100 yards it was found impossible to proceed further and patrol retraced its steps to point at which it left our lines. No enemy were sighted. 22 reinforcements of ex sick and ex wounded men joined Battalion. Captain V.E. Smythe, M.C. departed on one month's leave as a reward for consistent good service. 2 men were wounded - one by shell fire and one by M.G. fire.</p>	
	20		<p>was dull Our artillery was active and effective shelled enemy strong points SPUD FARM, GREEN FARM THE GIANTS etc. KORTWILDE was shelled by our heavies between 1.30 and 2 p.m. About 7.30 p.m. OLIVE TRENCH was blown in in two or three places. O.I0.d and O.II.d were shelled at intervals. Our planes were very active and patrolled the front continually. Enemy aircraft were not active. Very little movement could be detected behind enemy line. Patrol left No. 6 post at 7.30 p.m. returning at 10 p.m. No movement detected and no hostile patrols encountered. patrol came under heavy fire from M.G. ^{was} apparently located at the GIANTS. During an alleged raid on one of our advanced posts 1 man was wounded. 1 man was evacuated to Hospital N.Y.D.N. and one man is missing.</p>	
	21		<p>Rain fell throughout almost the entire day. Our artillery was active throughout the period. Enemy battery near HOUTHEN was engaged and the shooting appeared very good. Supposed position of Trench Mortar Battery was also engaged. Light was not favourable for sniping. One patrol left No. 3 post at 10.45 p.m. and moved out along Hedge at O.II. central to Cross ROADS near THE TWINS. From there patrol moved to</p>	

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HOLLEBEKE SECTOR	NOV. 21.		<p>to 0.11.d.60.85. No enemy encountered, and patrol returned at 4.30 a.m. 22nd inst. An Officer's patrol which was out from 10.45 p.m. to 4 a.m. heard nothing of the enemy. Route from No.6 to No.1 Post thence to CROSS ROADS near THE TWINS via MILITARY ROAD back to No.6 Post. There was not a great deal of enemy artillery fire. At 11.45 p.m. about 20 gas shells were fired on 0.10.d. a number of which fell in THE RAVINE. 2 red flares were followed by bursts of M.G. fire on 0.16.a.85.92. No great aerial activity on either side. Improvements were carried out on existing defences. Some wiring was done in front of shell hole posts. New duckwalk tracks from ROSE DUMP to DENYS WOOD was commenced. 2 new dugouts completed in RAVINE. Party under Engineers were engaged on Strong Point near DELBSKE FARM. 2/Lieut. THRELKELD joined up from reinforcements. 1 man was evacuated to hospital and 2 men departed on leave to U.K.</p>	
	22.		<p>Weather very dull with occasional light showers.</p>	
	6 p.m.		<p>Our artillery was active. 18 pounders fired on No.5 LOCK, THE GIANTS and THE TWINS and POLL HO also approaches and tracks thereto. Our heavies were firing at intervals but light was too poor to observe result. Artillery replied to an S.O.S. call from somewhere on our right. The fire was not intense. Barrage took from 6 to 7 minutes to fall. Work of patrols was limited but each post had a listening post out. Sniping inactive. Machine Guns fired regularly throughout the night on LOCK 5, THE GIANTS, THE TWINS, PUMP FARM, GREEN FARM and CROSSROADS at 0.12.c.65.80. RAVINE WOOD was shelled heavily by enemy during afternoon for about half an hour but no material damage resulted. OLIVE SAP was considerably damaged in places with 10 and 15 c.m.'s. At 6.30 p.m. high ground in 0p10.b. and d. was heavily shelled for 10 minutes. Company Headquarters at 0.11.d.2.1 and 0.11.b.05.65 received some shelling with shrapnel. Enemy Trench Mortars were fairly active in the early morning. No new enemy work observed. Three trains were seen between WERVICQ and MENIN. Signalling from HOUTHEN CHURCH was frequently seen. Our aircraft was very active and repeatedly flew over enemy lines. Enemy attempts to cross our lines were repulsed by aircraft guns, Lewis Guns and Machine Gun fire. Anti-aircraft gun fire has lately been very good on our sector. work was carried out in the matter of repairs to OLIVE TRENCH and laying of duckboards. wire in front has been strengthened, parapets reinforced and trenches generally improved. Enemy Balloons were up during the early part of the day but did not remain up long. Our planes were too active. No casualties were incurred during the past 24 hours. 23 reinforcements joined up Battalion.</p>	

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HOLLEBEKE SECTOR.	NOV 23		4 men were evacuated to Hospital.	
	23	2.30 p.m.	Weather quite fine and mild. Enemy defences were heavily shelled all day. Hits were observed on practically every known place occupied by him. At 12.30 p.m. the heavies fired into Hollebeke Area. A practice barrage was put down. Line was good and shrapnel bursts just right. Usual harassing fire was kept up during the night. Our front was actively patrolled but nothing was seen of the enemy. Our Machine Guns were fairly active. Medium Trench Mortars fired a few rounds on THE GIANTS and THE TWINS. Enemy shelled the usual places OLIVE TRENCH, RAVINE, DENYS WOOD and DUCKWALK through DENYS WOOD. About 30 gas shells were placed in DENYS WOOD during the night. Enemy Machine Guns were active and continually fired on our planes during the day. Enemy Trench Mortars were quiet. Our planes actively patrolled the front but enemy planes were quiet. Usual number of flares were fired. 200 yards of wire was put down during the night. Duckwalks repaired and cleaned. OLIVE TRENCH cleaned out and repairs carried on with. No. 7 Strong Point in OAK SUPPORT TRENCH has been improved. It is all duckbearded and pumps have been installed to keep it dry. Parapet built up and reinforced. Duckwalk to ROSE DUMP repaired. Salvage work is proceeding satisfactorily. No casualties.	
	24		Weather fine and cold with a very high wind blowing. Our artillery was active firing on the regular targets. The attention of the heavies was restricted to HOUTHEN. Medium Trench Mortars fired about 20 rounds into THE TWINS and THE GIANTS and registered on a couple of other targets. Machine Guns fired on suspected positions and approaches through the night. Enemy artillery more aggressive than usual. DENYS WOOD, ROSE DUMP and O.15.a. and b. received about 150 4.2's in a short space of time during the afternoon. OLIVE TRENCH, NEAR FARM, FORREE FARM and THE RAVINE was shelled at intervals. No great damage was done. Enemy Machine Guns were very active. Machine Guns firing into THE RAVINE caused the cessation of all work there for a time. No casualties resulted. This Machine Gun appeared to be firing from GREEN FARM. Not much aerial activity on either side. Several trains were seen well behind enemy line. Snipers were quiet in spite of the excellent light, none of the enemy running the risk of exposing themselves. An anti-aircraft gun was observed in HOUTHEN CHURCH. Signalling with red lamp from HOUTHEN CHURCH was also noticed. Our patrols were active during the night. Patrol of 1 Officer and 6 men patrolled MILITARY ROAD as far as O.17.b.8.9 patrol then moved to within 30 to 40 yds. of THE TWINS where they listened for an hour but could hear nothing. Returning to O.17.b.8.9 party came under machine gun fire. Two salvos of 6 rifle grenades at point from which machine	

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HOLLEBRUKE SECTOR	NOV 24.		<p>gun appeared to be firing and it ceased. party then returned to our lines -out from 7 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Another patrol of 1 Sgt. and 6 men at 7 p.m. moved from No.9 Post down road to Junction O.11.d.60.85. Time was spent in listening and moving at intervals. No enemy heard or encountered. patrol returned at 11.35 p.m. Work was carried on by pioneers in OLIVE Communication Trench and it is now in good order. Progress was made on improvement to of Strong Points. Duckwalks were repaired where necessary. OAK SUPPORT TRENCH improved. A good deal of work was done in carrying up R.E. material. Lieut. Gordon was wounded during the afternoon by a piece of shell. No other casualties were incurred.</p>	
	25		<p>Weather fine and very cold. Our artillery have been active. 18 pounders kept up harassing fire on enemy positions. Shooting was very xxxxx accurate and volume of fire greater than on the previous few days. The heavies fired into HOUTHEM and KORTEWILDE. Hits on HOUTHEM CHURCH were observed, COMINES and suspected Battery positions on ridge S.W. of VANDVOORDE. Our snipers fired when opportunity offered. Machine Guns fired on usual targets during the night. Enemy shelling was not severe. About 30 5.9's were placed in O.14.c.6.8 and damaged the tram track in a couple of places. DENYS WOOD and THE RAVINE were lightly shelled. One of our parties working on Strong Point O.11.b.15.40 - O.11.b.15.50 was shelled with 77's and 4.2's. Enemy machine Guns very quiet. Not much aerial activity. At 8.30 p.m. bombs were dropped near duckwalk at O.15.a.8.6 without causing any damage. Our patrols were active during the night but encountered nothing xxxxx unusual. Work was pushed on with No.7 Strong Point. Duckwalks were repaired where necessary. Existing shelters in THE RAVINE were improved. A good deal of salvage was done. Casualties NIL. 1 man was evacuated to hospital. Lieut. Row rejoined ex leave.</p>	
	26		<p>Weather fine and very cold. Our artillery was fairly active firing on enemy defences and approaches. The heavies shelled ZANDVOORDE, HOUTHEM and KORTWILDE, the last named fairly heavily. Machine guns and trench mortars engaged the usual targets effectually. Our patrols were out during the night but no enemy enemy were encountered. Our planes were up throughout the day and were fired on by enemy anti-aircraft and machine guns. Enemy planes attempted to cross our line but were driven off by our fire. Very little enemy movement was noticed. Enemy artillery was firing principally on FORRET FARM, NEAR FARM, THE RAVINE, OLIVE TRENCH, DENYS WOOD and O.15.a and b.</p>	

WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HOLLEBEKE SECTOR	NOV 26.		ROSE WOOD also received a few shells during the day. No damage was done. Work on unfinished Strong Points was carried on with. Guide wire which had been broken in places by shell fire was repaired. OLIVE TRENCH repaired. During the evening "D" Co relieved "A" Co. in the front system, relief being completed by 6.45 p.m. No casualties were suffered. Lieut. Cotton rejoined ex 14th Training Battalion. 6 reinforcements joined up.	
	27	5 p.m	1 man was evacuated to hospital Weather dull with occasional light showers. It is not quite so cold. Our artillery kept up harassing fire throughout the day. The heavies fired frequently between 9 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. on rear areas and at 2.5 p.m. blew up an ammunition dump. At 3.30 p.m. they fired on what was thought to be an enemy battery about p.l.e. and a large column of smoke was observed lasting 3 minutes. An Officer's patrol was out during the night. No enemy were encountered but they could be heard working at THE TWINS at 0.12.a.6.2. Machine Gun was located at THE TWINS and pineapple gun at THE GIANTS. Very little sniping owing to lack of targets. Our Machine Guns kept up the usual harassing fire. Enemy artillery generally was fairly quiet but actively shelled our forward posts with H.E. and Shrapnel. RAVINE, ROSE WOOD, DENYS WOOD and 0.15.a and b. were shelled but little damage was done. A few gas shells were put over into ROSE WOOD between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Enemy Trench Mortars fired on road in advance of our posts. Areas searched was 0.11.d.60.95 to 0.11.b.65.09. Enemy planes were not very plentiful. Our planes were active both during the day and night and continually patrolled the front. They flew very low over enemy line during the night. Signalling from the GIANTS with a lamp was observed. Work of improvements to dugouts was carried out. Strong Point No.7 was pushed on with and OAK SUPPORT trench improved a little. A good deal of revetting material was salvaged. Duckbeards were repaired where necessary in OLIVE Trench. Information was received from Brigade that the enemy intended to raid on part of the Brigade front at 2.45 a.m. the following morning. Posts were strengthened and a careful watch kept but nothing eventuated.	
	28		1 man was evacuated to hospital. Weather fine. Our artillery were rather more active than usual both in the enemy front and rear defences. Machine Guns and Trench Mortars were also fairly active. Enemy indulged in the usual amount of shelling on his set targets. A good deal of 5.9's was used but no damage was done. His Machine guns were fairly quiet. Our aircraft was again more active than that of the enemy.	

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OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HOLLEBEKE SECTOR	NOV 28		Usual patrols were out during the night but encountered nothing unusual.	
		4 p.m. 11 p.m.	Battalion Order No. 67 (as per copy attached) relating to the relief was now issued. An enemy party of 10 men attempted to raid No. 14 Post but without success. Two of the enemy were killed and it is thought that a number of others were wounded. The men killed belonged to 153rd Infantry Regiment. Our garrison sustained no casualties. Repairs where necessary to approaches xxxxxxxxxxxx and improvements to all positions were carried out. 1 man evacuated to Hospital. Casualties nil. Weather fine.	
	29	10 a.m.	G.O.C. Brigade called at Battalion Headquarters. Our artillery was actively engaged during the day. From 5 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. a heavy fire was kept on enemy positions and approaches on account of a suspected relief in the sector opposite. Activity of our Machine Guns and Trench Mortars was about normal. Enemy artillery was fairly active attention was confined to the usual targets. At 5.20 p.m. about 20 5.9's were fired into the RAVINE, OLIVE TRENCH, O.L.O.b. and d., DENYS WOOD and RAVINE WOOD but little damage resulted. Our planes were particularly active and a fair number of enemy planes about. During the evening the Battalion was relieved by the 57th Battalion the relief being completed by 7.20 p.m. On completion of the relief the Battalion moved to ROSSIGNOL CAMP, KEMMEL, where all ranks obtained comfortable accommodation. A hot meal was issued to the men on their arrival in camp. 1 man was wounded during the afternoon. 2 men were evacuated to Hospital. Weather dull and mild. The morning was devoted to general cleaning up parades and a thorough foot inspection.	
KEMMEL.	30	10 a.m. 9 p.m.	G.O.C. Brigade called and made inquiries as to how the Battalion was accommodated. Information was received from 2nd. A.C.C.S. that Lieut. T.F. Gorden, who was wounded on 24th inst had died of wounds. 2/Lieut. Thompson rejoined ex duty as Camp Commandant, Lindenhoek. 2 men were evacuated to hospital.	

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56TH BATTALION ORDER No. 60
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Ref. Map sheet 27, 1/40,000
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In the Field,
2/11/17

1. The 56th Bn. with Transport will carry out a Route March to-morrow, 3rd inst.
2. STARTING POINT: Crossroads K.24.D.9.9 at 9.45 a.m.
3. ROUTE: K.4.B.4.0, ~~K.22.D.6.5~~, ~~K.21.B.5.5~~, ~~K.28.D.5.3~~, K.4.B.4.0, K.24.D.9.9 to BILLETS.
4. ORDER OF MARCH:

HEADQUARTERS
"A" Co.
"B" Co.
"C" Co.
"D" Co.
TRANSPORT.
5. Distances of 100 yds. will be maintained between Companies and between Transport and Companies.
6. DRESS: Full marching order (less blankets) and Steel Helmets. Mounted Officers will wear Sam Browne Belts.
7. Halts will be signalled from Head of Column.
8. (a) Cookers will not accompany Battalion.
(b) Lewis Guns will be carried on Limbers.
(c) Usual precautions against enemy aircraft to be taken.
9. Marching Out States to B.O.R. at 8.30 a.m.
10. Watches to be synchronised at B.O.R. at 8.30 a.m.

Issued at 6 p.m. by runner to

(Sgd) G.A. Williamson, Lieut.,
A/Adjutant 56th Battalion, A.I.F.

- 2. O.C. "A" Co.
- 3. O.C. "B" Co.
- 4. O.C. "C" Co.
- 5. O.C. "D" Co.
- 6. T.O.
- 7. M.O.
- 8. C.O.
- 1. War Diary
- 9. File.

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56TH BATTALION ORDER NO. 61

Copy No. 1.....

Ref. Map: Sheets 27 and 36, I/40/000

In the Field
3/II/17

1. The 56th Battalion will move to the Berquin Area tomorrow, 4th instant.
2. STARTING POINT Road Junction at K.30 a.3.9.
3. TIME 9.10 a.m.
4. ORDER OF MARCH HEADQUARTERS
"D" Co.
"C" Co.
"B" Co.
"A" Co.
TRANSPORT
5. Intervals of 100 yards between Companies. 100 yards between "A" Co. and TRANSPORT. HEADQUARTERS and "D" Co. will keep closed up.
5. ROUTE K.35.d.5.5 GODEWAERSVELDE - FLETRE - STRAZERLE - VIEUX BERQUIN.
6. DRESS Marching order less packs. FELT HATS. Unconsumed portion of days ration to be carried. Mounted officers will wear Sam Briwne Belts. Other Officers Battle Order.
7. Officers' Baggage and Company Mess gear will be stacked outside Battalion Headquarters Billet by 7.30 a.m.
8. Cookers will be ready to move at 8 a.m.
9. Companies will arrange to have packs with blankets and Co. Records stacked under supervision of Q.M. near Q.M. Store by 8 a.m.
10. Each Company will detail 4 men to act as Rear party under Sgt. Craig. "C" Co. will also detail 1 N.C.O. to assist Sgt. Craig.
11. Usual precautions against enemy aircraft will be taken.
12. Marching Out States to Battalion Orderly Room at 8.15 a.m.
13. Watches will be synchronised at Battalion Orderly Room at 8.15 a.m.

Issued at 10.10 p.m. by Runner to

2 "A" Co.
3 "B"
4 "C"
5 "D"
6 T.O.
7 Q.M.
8 M.O.
9 C.O.
I War Diary
IO File

(Sgd) G.A. Williamson, Lieut.,
A/Adjutant 56th Battalion.

56TH BATTALION ORDER No. 62.
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Ref. Maps sheets 28 and 36 1/40,000

In the Field,
9/11/17.

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1. The 56th Bn. will move to Corps Staging Area LOCRE on 10th inst.
 2. STARTING POINT: LE PONT DE PIERRE, A.10.C.9.9
 3. TIME: 8.25 a.m.
 4. ORDER OF MARCH: HEADQUARTERS
"B" Co.
"D" Co.
"A" Co.
"C" Co.
TRANSPORT.
- Distances of 100 yds. between Cos. and 100 yds. between "C" Co. and Transport. H.Q. and "B" Co. will keep closed up. Bn. Guard and prisoners will march at the Head of "A" Co.
5. ROUTE: via BAILLEUL.
 6. DRESS: FULL MARCHING ORDER less blankets. Steel Helmets. Mounted Officers will wear Sam Browne Belts, other Officers Full Marching Order. Unconsumed portion of days rations to be carried.
 7. A halt of 10 minutes will be made when the point S.20.B.5.0 is reached. No further halts will be made on the march.
 8. Usual precautions against Enemy Aircraft will be taken.
 9. Officers' Valises and Co. Mess Gear will be stacked on road outside Co. Billets by 7 a.m.
 10. Lewis Guns and gear will be loaded on to limbers at Transport Lines at 4 p.m. to-day under supervision of Lieut. Greive.
 11. Co. Records and blankets (rolled in bundles of 10 and marked properly) will be stacked on the road outside Co. Billets by 7.30 a.m.
 12. Cookers will be ready to move at 7 a.m.
 13. Each Co. will detail 4 men to act as Rear party under Sgt. Craig. These men will mount guard over Co. blankets and load the lorries when they arrive.
 14. Marching out States and certificates re cleanliness of Billets to B.O.R. at 7.30 a.m.
 15. Watches will be synchronised by runner to B.O.R. at 6.30 a.m.

Issued at 1 p.m. by runner to

(Sgd) G.A. Williamson, Lieut.,
A/Adjutant 56th Battalion.

- No. 2 "A" Co.
- 3 "B" Co.
- 4 "C" Co.
- 5 "D" Co.
- 6 T.O.
- 7 Q.M.
- 8 M.O.
- 9 C.O.
- 1 War Diary
- 10 File.

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56th BATTALION ORDER No. 63.
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Copy No. 1...

Ref. Map Sheet 28, 1/40,000

In the Field,
10/11/17

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1. The Battalion will move to LINDENHOEK CAMP on 11th inst.
 2. STARTING POINT: M.35.B.6.2 Battalion Headquarters.
 3. TIME: 9 a.m.
 4. ORDER OF MARCH: HEADQUARTERS
"A" Co.
"B" Co.
"D" Co.
"C" Co.
TRANSPORT.
- Distances of 100 yds. between Companies and 100 yds. between "C" Co. and Transport. Headquarters and "A" Co. will keep closed up. Bn. Guard and prisoners will march at the head of "B" Co. Bayonets will not be fixed.
5. ROUTE: via DRANOUTRE.
 6. DRESS: Full Marching Order less Blankets. Steel Helmets. Mounted Officers will wear Sam Browne Belt, other Officers Full Marching Order. Uncconsumed portion of days rations to be carried.
 7. Usual precautions against Enemy Aircraft will be taken.
 8. OFFICERS' VALISES AND CO. MESS GEAR, CO. RECORDS AND BLANKETS:
Headquarters, "A", "B" and "D" Co. will be stacked at Q.M.Store, and "C" Co. outside Co. Camp by 8 a.m. (Blankets to be rolled in bundles of 10 and properly marked)
 9. The Sanitary Sergeant and Sanitary Section will act as Rear party.
 10. Marching out States and certificates re cleanliness of Huts to B.O.R. at 8 a.m.
 11. Watches will be synchronised at B.O.R. at 7.30 a.m.

(Sgd) G.A. Williamson, Lieut.,
A/Adjutant 56th Battalion, A.I.F.

Issued at 9 p.m. by runner to

- No. 2 "A" Co.
- 3 "B" Co.
- 4 "C" Co.
- 5 "D" Co.
- 6 Q.M.
- 7 T.O.
- 8 M.O.
- 9 C.O.
- 1 War Diary
- 10 File.

56th BATTALION ORDER No. 64
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Ref. Maps sheet 28, 1/40,000
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In the Field,
13/11/17.

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1. The 56th Bn. will relieve the 53rd Bn. in TORREKEN Farm Area on the night of 13/14th inst.
 2. Advanced party consisting of 1 officer and 4 N.C.O's per Co., Signalling Officer, 2 Signallers and Bn. Gas N.C.O. will leave at 2 p.m. and report to their corresponding Companies of the 53rd Bn. They will take over all S.O.S. Rockets, trench stores, ammunition, defence schemes, secret documents and details of work in progress. Duplicate receipts to be forwarded to Bn. H.Q. by 9 a.m. on 14th inst.
 3. STARTING POINT: Battalion Headquarters.
 4. TIME: 4.30 p.m.
 5. ORDER OF MARCH: HEADQUARTERS
"C" Co.
"A" Co.
"B" Co.
"D" Co.
- Distances of 100 yds. between Companies and 50 yds. between Platoons will be maintained.
6. DRESS: Full Marching Order and one blanket.
 7. Officers' Valises and extra blanket (rolled in bundles of 10 and properly marked) to be stacked in Q.M. Store by 3 p.m.
 8. O's C. Companies will arrange to have hot meal before leaving.
 9. Details left behind with nominal roll will report to Lieut. Heugh, and be billeted in the present lines at 4.30 p.m.
 10. Lewis Guns and necessary gear will be loaded on limbers at Co. lines at 3.30 p.m. under supervision of Lieut. Cory.
 11. Three dixies and two phantasies will be taken on the L.G. limber by each Co. "D" Co's cooker will remain complete and O.C. "D" Co. will arrange from another Co. to obtain necessary phantasies.
 12. Bn. Headquarters at TORREKEN FARM.
 13. R.A.P. at LANCASHIRE HOUSE ("A" Co. H.Q.).
 14. Marching Out States and certificates re cleanliness of huts to B.O.R. at 3.30 p.m.
 15. Watches will be synchronised at B.O.R. at 3.30 p.m.
 16. On completion of relief the code word "W A T T L E" will be sent to Bn. Headquarters.

(Sgd) G.A. Williamson, Lieut.,
A/Adjutant 56th Battalion, A.I.F.

Issued at 1.30 p.m. by runner.

2. "A" Co.
3. "B" Co.
4. "C" Co.
5. "D" Co.
6. T.O.
7. Q.M.
8. M.O.
9. C.O.
1. War Diary
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BATTALION ORDER NO. 65;

COPY No.

Reference Map: WYTSCHAETE I/10,000

In the Field
15/11/17

1. The 56th Battalion will take over the portion of the line held by the 59th Battalion on night of 15/16 November.

2. Companies will take over following areas:-

- "B" Co. Front Line
- "A" Co. Ravine Wood Area
- "D" Co. Rose Wood Area
- "C" Co. Denys Wood Area

Frontages and dispositions will be taken over as they stand.

3. Companies will move as soon as light permits in the following order:-

- "B"
- "A"
- "D"
- "C"

4. All S.O.S. Signals, trench stores, ammunition, gum boots, maps and defence schemes etc. will be taken over and receipts given, copies being forwarded to Battalion Headquarters at 7 a.m. 16th inst.

All ammunition and grenades in forward posts to be carefully checked and a return showing contents of each forwarded to Battalion Orderly Room by 9 a.m. 16th instant.

5. All Lewis Guns, A.A. defence positions will be taken over from 59th Bn.

6. Dress: Full marching order with blanket. Water bottles to be filled. Lewis Guns will be carried by the men.

7. Company cooking gear will be loaded on ration limbers at DUD Corner at 4.30 p.m. and guides provided to guide limbers to ROSE DUMP.

8. (a) "A", "C" and "D" Companies will send ration parties of I N.C.O. and 20 men to ROSE DUMP for rations as soon after relief as possible.

(b) O.C. "A" Co. will provide an extra ration party of I N.C.O. and 20 men to carry "B" Co. rations forward. O.C. "B" Co. will provide a guide at the RAVINE.

(c) O.C. "C" Co. will detail I N.C.O. and 2 men to take over dug-outs in GRAND BOIS when 15th Brigade move out.

9. Battalion Headquarters and R.A.P. at RAVINE (approx) O.I.O.d.2.5

10. Completion of relief will be reported to Battalion Headquarters by code word "TURNIP".

11. Complete disposition reports, with sketch maps will be rendered to Battalion Headquarters by 12 noon on 16th inst.

(Sgd) G.A. Williamson, Lieut.,
A/Adjutant 56th Battalion.

Issued at 3.15 p.m.
by Runner to

- No. 2 "A"
- 3 "B"
- 4 "C"
- 5 "D"
- 6 Sig. Off.
- 7 M.O.
- 8 Q.M.
- I War Diary
- IO } File
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TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 56th BATTALION ORDER No. 65.

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Serial No.	Date	Company.	From.	To.	Remarks.
1.	Night 18/19th	"C"	DENYS WOOD	FRONT LINE	"D" Co. will relieve "A" Co. Lewis Gun positions in front line.
	do.	"B"	FRONT LINE	DENYS WOOD	
2.	Night 22/23rd.	"A"	RAVINE	FRONT LINE	"B" Co. will relieve "D" Co. Lewis Gun positions in front line.
	do.	"C"	FRONT LINE	RAVINE	
3.	Night 26/27th	"D"	ROSE WOOD	FRONT LINE	"C" Co. will relieve "B" Co. Lewis Gun positions in front line.
	do.	"A"	FRONT LINE	ROSE WOOD	

ALL FATIGUE AND WORKING PARTIES TO BE TAKEN OVER.
ALL WORK ON IMPROVING AND STRENGTHENING POSITIONS TO BE CARRIED ON BY RELIEVING COMPANY.

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Ref. Map Wytchaete 1/10,000
=====In the Field,
18/11/17
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1. "C" Company will relieve "B" Company on the night 18/19th inst. and "B" Company will take over positions now occupied by "C" Company.
2. "D" Company will relieve the two Lewis Gun positions now provided by "A" Company in the front line.
3. Details of relief and change of cooking staff will be arranged between Company Commanders.
4. Receipts for all trench stores, ammunition, gum boots, etc. to be obtained and forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 7 a.m. 19th inst.
5. All working and fatigue parties provided by "C" Company will be taken over by "B" Company.
6. On completion of relief code word "P A R S N I P" will be wired to Battalion Headquarters.
7. Subject to amendment reliefs will be carried out during the tour in this sector in accordance with attached table.
8. This order is not to be taken forward of Advanced Battalion Headquarters.
- 9P ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) G. A. Williamson, Lieut.,
A/Adjutant 56th Battalion, A.I.F.

Issued at 7 a.m. by runner to:-

- No. 2 "A" Co.
- 3 "B" Co.
- 4 "C" Co.
- 5 "D" Co.
6. 54th Bn.
7. Left Bn.
8. C.O.
1. War Diary.
9. File.

56th BATTALION ORDER No. 67
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Ref. Maps WYTSCHAETE 1/10,000
SHEET 28 1/40,000

In the Field,
28/11/17.

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1. The 56th Bn. will be relieved on the night 29th/30th November by the 57th Bn.
 2. Companies will provide platoon guides for incoming Battalion at 5 p.m. at ESTAMINET CORNER.
 3. On completion of relief companies will move independently to ROSSIGNOL CAMP, KEMMEL N. 21. d. 7. 8.
 4. Lieut. Musgrove will provide all advanced parties and guides and make all billeting arrangements.
 5. Guides will be provided at LAMP POST CORNER to guide companies to their billets.
 6. Hot soup will be provided at Bde. Soup Kitchen at LAMP POST CORNER.
 7. All cooking gear and mess gear and "A" Coy Lewis Guns will be loaded on limbers at ROSE DUMP. "B", "C" and "D" Coy Lewis Guns and all Coy stretchers will be carried to ESTAMINET CORNER and loaded on limbers there.
 8. Company Commanders will reconnoitre and choose best route to go out. In the event of enemy shelling main duckwalk the alternative track "F" should be used.
 9. No troops are to move before 5 p.m.
 10. All maps, aeroplane photographs, defence schemes and documents relating to the sector, ammunition and trench stores will be handed over and receipts obtained on pro forma and forwarded to Bn. Headquarters by 12 noon on 29th inst.
 11. O.C. "D" Coy will not hand over gumbeets to incoming Company. They must be carried out to RAVINE and handed over to Lieut. Harvey at gum beet store there.
 12. Details of all working parties supplied to 15th Field Co. etc. will be handed over to incoming Companies.
 13. All anti-aircraft and Lewis Gun positions will be handed over.
 14. On completion of relief the code words "T I B B L E S" will be wired to Battalion Headquarters.
 15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued by runner at 4 p.m. to

(Sgd) G.A. Williamsen, Lieut.,
A/Adjutant 56th Battalion.

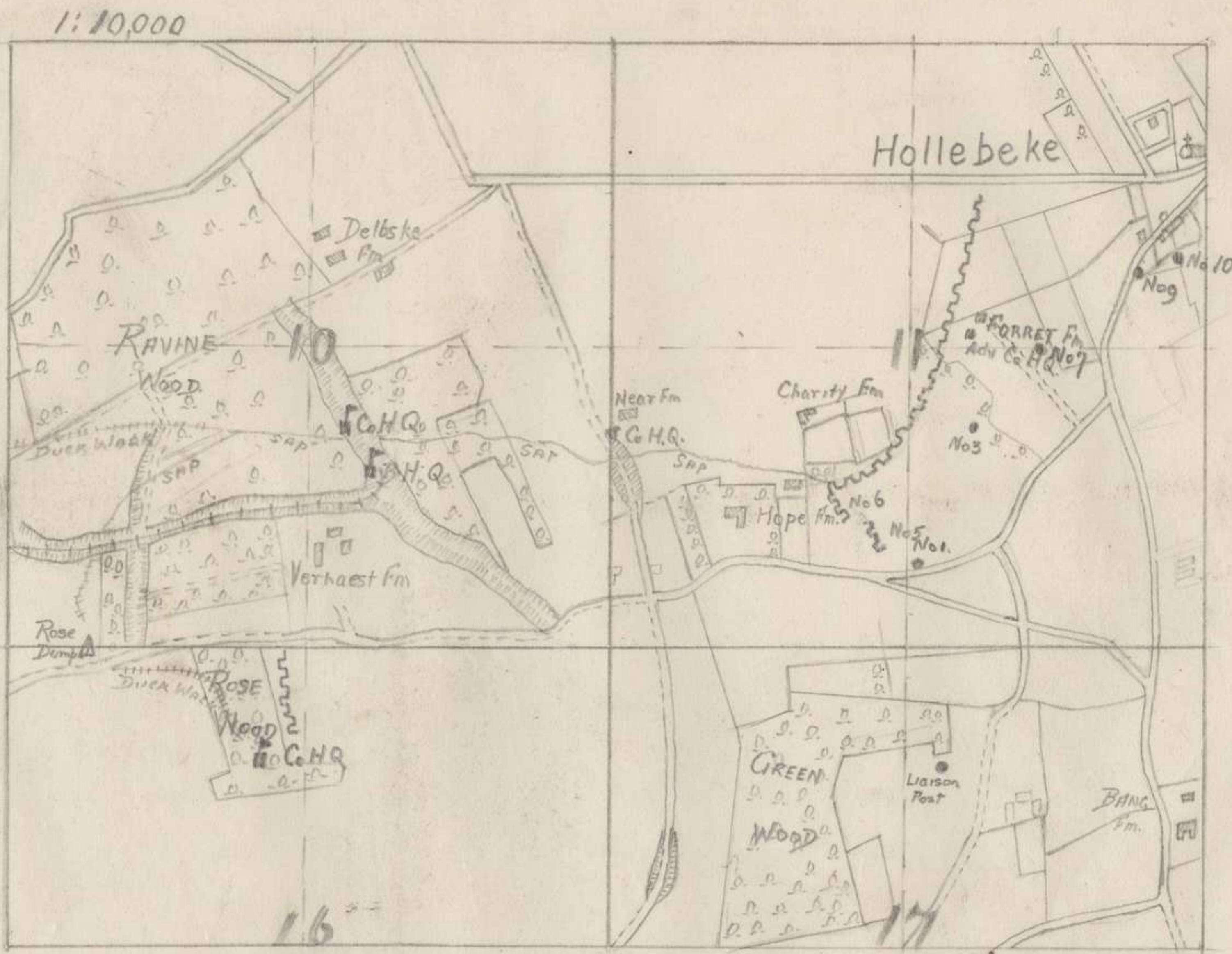
- No. 2 "A" Co.
- 3 "B" Co.
- 4 "C" Co.
- 5 "D" Co.
- 6 C.O.
- 1 War Diary
- 7 File.

MAP SHEET 28 SW.

Squares 10; 11; 16; 17.

SHOWING front Line
DISPOSITIONS.

The B.H.Q shown is
Forward B.H.Q.
B.H.Q was at ONRAET Fm
(014a)
Reserve Co. was in
DENYS WOOD.



Reference.

- TRENCHES
- Posts
- SAPS
- Duckwalks
- L Railways
- H Q

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO WAR DIARY: NOVEMBER 1917.
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Strength of Battalion on 1/11/17 (including detached:
In Hospital, At Schools and On Command 8 Off. 99 O.R.

<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
30	795
4	136
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34	931
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Drafts etc. received during the month including
Officers and Other Ranks ex sick and ex wounded

Strength of Battalion on 30/11/17 (including detached:
In Hospital, at Schools and On Command 8 Off. 108 OPR.

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
31	841
3	90
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34	931
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Transfers, evacuations, out of Div. Area, Secondings etc.