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<p>BOIS DE MAI (NE ALLONVILLE) SH. 62^D 1/40000</p>	<p>1st. JULY, 1918.</p>		<p>Day spent preparing and organising for an attack which is to take place shortly. Some time spent during the morning on P.T. and B.F. Bathing allotment at. CARDONNETTE taken full advantage of. <u>AMERICAN TROOPS.</u> The following American troops arrived to be attached to the Battalion to participate in the impending attack on HAMEL:- 'D' Coy, 'I' Battalion, 131st U.S. Infantry Regiment.</p> <p>During the afternoon a practice attack was carried out on the ground in the vicinity of the camp. <u>Weather</u> - Warm and dry.</p>	

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<p>F HAMELET. SH. 62^D 1/40,000</p>	<p>2ND JULY, 1918.</p>		<p>(X DAY.) A Church Service was held by the Chaplain at 8.15 a.m. At 11 a.m., a Parade was held at which an address was delivered by Mr. Wm. Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia. Gen. Birdwood and Mr. Cook were also present. At 3 p.m. the Battalion, less "C" Echelon, marched out to a staging area on the river bank near QUERRIEU where they bivouacked until 9.45 p.m. The troops rested, indulged in swimming, and a hot meal was prepared and partaken of here. At 9.45 p.m. the march (preliminary approach march) was resumed, the Battalion, with cookers, carrying L.G.'s, ammunition, and picks and shovels, moving via DAOURS along the canal bank on the south side to the reserve line of trenches in front of HAMELET. The march was slow but apart from a few delays owing to the large number of troops moving, was completed without casualties and everyone was settled down in his position at 3 a.m. The cookers remained on the north bank of the SOMME, near CORBIE. "C" Echelon remained in the vicinity of ALLONVILLE. B.H.Q. is established in a dugout in P.I.a.</p>	

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HAMELET. SH. 62 ^D 1/40000.	3 RD . JULY, 1918	5am	<p>('Y' DAY.)</p> <p>During the day hot meals were carried across the river to the Battalion. The day was spent in rest, no movement being allowed on account of the enemy obtaining possible observation. Trial reconnaissances were made by officers and N.C.O.'s of the forward area, and, in liaison with Tanks and neighbouring units who were to participate in the attack. Later, forty-eight hours' rations and extra bottles of water were issued.</p> <p>Orders were received through Brigade H.Q. that all American Troops attached to the Battalion were to return to ALLONVILLE and had to be clear of the area by 9.45 p.m. This caused a great deal of disappointment to both the Americans and our own troops, the former being exceedingly keen to participate in the battle, - their first. Our boys were equally disappointed to lose their new allies with whom they had already become fast friends.</p> <p>As the attacking organisation was somewhat disarranged, a number of troops from 'C' Echelon were brought up to complete the strength.</p> <p><u>Artillery.</u> The usual harassing fire by artillery and M.G.'s is kept up during the night to disarm any suspicion the Hun may have of anything unusual, and in conjunction with low flying aeroplanes to drown the noise of the tanks moving forward to their assembly position. (B.H.)</p>	

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HAMELET.	4 th July, 1918.		<p>(‘Z’ OR ‘ZERO’ DAY.)</p> <p>At about 1 a.m. under cover of darkness, the Battalion moved forward by overland routes to the taped assembly position immediately forward of our front line and in rear of the troops detailed for the first objective (4th Bn.).</p> <p>The Bn. formed up in lines of sections in single file and the assembly was completed without a casualty at 2.45 a.m. Everything pointed to the attack being a complete surprise to the enemy, for although he fired his usual and numerous Very Lights, he apparently had no suspicion of what was happening. Zero Hour was fixed at 3.10 a.m., when it was decided there would be sufficient light to enable the ‘tanks’ to see where they were going and yet not endanger the assembly by having too much light prior to the attack taking place.</p> <p>From Zero minus 8 minutes (3.2 a.m.) until Zero (3.10 a.m.) our artillery carried out a heavy harassing shoot whilst our planes flew low overhead dropping bombs on the enemy forward systems. This enabled the tanks to complete their assembly on a tape line about a thousand yards behind the infantry tape line.</p> <p>At 3.10 a.m. our creeping barrage opened on a line about two hundred yards in advance of the infantry tape line remaining there for four minutes. Guns of all calibres were used at various ranges making the barrage about 800 yards deep.</p>	

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HAMELET.	4 th JULY 1918 (cont.)	3.14 a.m. 3.41 a.m. 4.45 a.m.	<p>(cont.)</p> <p>At Zero plus four minutes, according to the pre-arranged time-table, the barrage crept forward closely followed by the attacking infantry whilst the 'tanks' raced up to get in front of the troops before they reached the first line of resistance. A good 'kick-off' was made and the troops got well clear of the enemy barrage which was weak and scattered and did not come down for several minutes after Zero.</p> <p>The 43rd. Bn. reached and overcame all resistance on the first objective without much trouble and at Zero plus 31 minutes the barrage halted for ten minutes to enable the 44th. Bn. to leap-frog through the 43rd. Bn. This was quickly and successfully done and the 44th. Bn. commenced to follow the barrage to the final objective on the top of the crest. Six 'tanks' moved into HAMELET to 'mop up' the village.</p> <p>The Bn. divided into two and moved around each side of the village, each half battalion being preceded by three 'tanks'. A small wood on the left of the village was cleared and the trenches immediately east of the village were 'mopped up' without any serious resistance being met.</p> <p>Towards the final objective which was reached by the three front line companies varying from 4.45 a.m. to 4.55 a.m.; a good deal of M.G. fire was met but this was quickly overcome by combined action of 'tanks' and infantry. The 'tanks' proceeded to 'mop up' the space of 400 yards between the front line and the protective barrage, and consolidation was proceeded with at all speed.</p>	

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HAMELET.	4 th JULY, 1918.	5.13am	<p>(cont.)</p> <p>The final objective consisted of a heavy line of trenches with strong points every few hundred yards, but owing to the very effective barrage by our own artillery considerable digging had to be done to afford the necessary protection to the troops from hostile artillery and M.A. fire. There were many dugouts in the system from which a large number of prisoners was taken.</p> <p>At 5.13 a.m., the protective barrage died down and the 'tanks' withdrew having completed their task.</p> <p>Touch was obtained with the units on both flanks who had also obtained their objectives, they being left - 42nd Bn., right - 15th Bn.</p> <p>Apart from desultory shelling the line was quiet until late afternoon when the enemy commenced to shell more violently.</p> <p>At 10.30 p.m. the enemy who had moved up to a strong-point by means of a sap in considerable numbers counter-attacked our left company (A Coy). After a vigorous hand-to-hand combat with bombs and bayonets some of the enemy succeeded in lodging in some of the numerous saps and small posts in the maze of trenches in this vicinity. Fighting continued until about 2 a.m. when a bombing attack, the companies on the right co-operating, was organised. By 2.30 a.m., this attack had mopped up all the enemy in our system killing over a hundred capturing 6 officers and 50 ^{pr}s approx., 10 M.A. and other war material.</p>	

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HAMELET.	4 th JULY, 1918 (cont.)		<p>(cont.) Finally our line was further advanced about a hundred and fifty yards to include the enemy strong point and part of his C.T., which was then blocked.</p> <p>At the beginning of the counter-attack our S.O.S. barrage was used but subsequently after half an hour that was stopped, and the situation dealt with without artillery support. On this occasion the Lucas Signal Lamp proved invaluable; - Companies and Battalion Headquarters were in communication by this means during this action despite the violent enemy artillery fire and the difficulty of having continually to shift the lamp in accordance with the movement of Companies' Headquarters.</p> <p><u>Dispositions</u> - "A" Coy left, "B" Coy centre, "D" Coy right, "C" Coy support.</p> <p><u>Boundaries</u> - Refer HAMEL Offensive Instruction No. 1, appended.</p> <p><u>Prisoners</u> - Prisoners captured by the Bn. during the operation totalled approximately 12 Officers, 350 other ranks. Amongst the officers was a complete Battalion Staff. In addition, a number of our prisoners passed through the 4th. Bde. Sector - our right flank - at the request of that Brigade, where they assisted in carrying stretcher cases back to the Dressing Station on their way to the Prisoner of War Cage.</p> <p><u>War Material Captured</u> - a large amount of material including about 20 M.G.'s, two new type Anti-Tank Rifles, a large amount of signalling apparatus, equipment, documents, and maps were secured.</p>	

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	4 th JULY, 1918 (cont.)		<p style="text-align: center;">(cont.)</p> <p><u>Our Casualties.</u> - Killed - 22 O/R's, Wounded - 5 Officers (Capt. W. J. STABLES, LT. E. E. McGRATH, LT. K. SHERIDAN, LT. F. A. LEEDS, LT. A. J. MUNRO - remaining on duty.) Wounded - 113 O/R's. Missing - 13 O/R's.</p> <p><u>B.H.Q.</u> - At 6 a.m. B.H.Q. moved from P.1, a to P.8, central and there dug into a bank, where the O.P. and signalling station had previously been established.</p> <p><u>OFFICERS WHO TOOK PART IN THE OPERATION -</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">Headquarters</td> <td style="width: 10%;">LT.-Col.</td> <td style="width: 30%;">J. P. CLARK, D.S.O.</td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 30%;">Commanding.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>CAPT.</td> <td>C. L. BILES, M.C.</td> <td></td> <td>Adjutant.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Lieut.</td> <td>H. R. HUGHAN.</td> <td></td> <td>Liaison Officer.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Lieut.</td> <td>G. B. KILGOUR.</td> <td></td> <td>Intell. W. de.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Lieut.</td> <td>C. R. DAYIES, M.M.</td> <td></td> <td>Liaison with 15th Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Lieut.</td> <td>R. B. O'CARROLL, M.M.</td> <td></td> <td>" " 4th Bde "</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>CAPT.</td> <td>C. LONGMORE.</td> <td></td> <td>" " 4th Bde "</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>CAPT.</td> <td>M. LEWIS and Lieut. E. C. ROGERS supervised the Assembly.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>'A' COY.</td> <td>CAPT.</td> <td>W. J. STABLES, Lieut. A. J. MUNRO, Lieut. C. J. PIPER,</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Lieut.</td> <td>E. E. McGRATH, 2nd Lt. W. STEWART.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>'B' COY.</td> <td>LT.</td> <td>J. S. EVERETT, LT. F. A. LEEDS, LT. C. R. CORNISH, LT. K. SHERIDAN.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>'C' COY.</td> <td>CAPT.</td> <td>H. L. FOWLER, LT. A. L. SMITH, LT. C. H. S. POLE, LT. J. PATON.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>'D' COY.</td> <td>CAPT.</td> <td>E. C. ADAMS, LT. F. O. GAZE (M.C.), LT. W. G. FAULKNER, LT. H. SCARR, M.M.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>LT.</td> <td>R. G. D. ANDREWS, M.M.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>R.M.O.</td> <td>CAPT.</td> <td>R. L. KENIHAN, M.C.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Headquarters	LT.-Col.	J. P. CLARK, D.S.O.		Commanding.		CAPT.	C. L. BILES, M.C.		Adjutant.		Lieut.	H. R. HUGHAN.		Liaison Officer.		Lieut.	G. B. KILGOUR.		Intell. W. de.		Lieut.	C. R. DAYIES, M.M.		Liaison with 15th Bn.		Lieut.	R. B. O'CARROLL, M.M.		" " 4th Bde "		CAPT.	C. LONGMORE.		" " 4th Bde "		CAPT.	M. LEWIS and Lieut. E. C. ROGERS supervised the Assembly.			'A' COY.	CAPT.	W. J. STABLES, Lieut. A. J. MUNRO, Lieut. C. J. PIPER,				Lieut.	E. E. McGRATH, 2 nd Lt. W. STEWART.			'B' COY.	LT.	J. S. EVERETT, LT. F. A. LEEDS, LT. C. R. CORNISH, LT. K. SHERIDAN.			'C' COY.	CAPT.	H. L. FOWLER, LT. A. L. SMITH, LT. C. H. S. POLE, LT. J. PATON.			'D' COY.	CAPT.	E. C. ADAMS, LT. F. O. GAZE (M.C.), LT. W. G. FAULKNER, LT. H. SCARR, M.M.				LT.	R. G. D. ANDREWS, M.M.			R.M.O.	CAPT.	R. L. KENIHAN, M.C.			
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HAMEL.	4 ^d JULY, 1918, (cont.)		<p>(continued.)</p> <p>The trenches attacked and captured by this battalion consisted of a well sighted and heavy series of strong points originally dug by the French as a defensive line. These strong points were connected laterally and the line heavily wired throughout. Our artillery barrage however was so effective that those parts of the trenches which were not totally destroyed had to be re-dug considerably to be of any use. The wire was also destroyed in such a way that it did not offer a serious obstacle to the attacking troops.</p> <p>The resistance offered by the enemy to our advance in the majority of cases was by isolated and nests of M.G.s. of which the enemy had a large number on the front. These however were very effectively dealt with by the 'tanks', which readily proceeded to the assistance of the infantry when signalled to, the procedure being for the 'tank' to waddle over and sit on the nest while the closely following infantry 'mopped it' up.</p> <p>The German Infantry, apart from the above, on the whole did not show much fight. There was much evidence of the attack being a complete surprise to the Boche, and owing to the effectiveness of our artillery, 'tanks', the attacking troops were all over him before he had time to organise his defence.</p> <p>Identifications obtained were mainly 202nd R.I.R., of the 43rd Reserve Division, and 55th I.R. of the 13th Division.</p> <p>Messages are appended with Original diary.</p>	

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B.H.Q. at P.O. central	5 th JULY 1918		<p>(A DAY.)</p> <p>During the day the enemy shelled our new forward system, the village of HAMEL, and vicinity, very heavily. 'C' Coy. relieved the left Coy. in the front line and 'A' Coy. returned to the Support position vacated by 'C' Coy. No further counter-attacks developed although the enemy were several times seen massing in P.16. These concentrations were dealt with by our artillery and in addition heavy counter preparation shoots on likely points of assembly were carried out at intervals during the period.</p> <p>Owing to the heavy nature of hostile shelling platoons had to be frequently shifted within their area to avoid casualties.</p> <p>During the day 'two tanks' which had been disabled in the attack were repaired and brought out under their own power.</p> <p>One company of 43rd. Bn. moved up into Support of 44th. Bn. and occupied a position immediately east of HAMEL.</p> <p>Weather was fine throughout the day.</p> <p>There was considerable aerial activity during the day and many exciting fights were witnessed.</p>	

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HAMEL	6 th JULY 1918.	3.15am	<p>(<u>"B DAY"</u>) At 3.15am. in reply to our counter-preparation shoot the enemy put up a large number of S.O.S. lights. These were not answered by his artillery until about ten minutes later, the result being a scattered shelling of the whole area with H.E. and Gas.</p> <p>Commencing at 10p.m. the battalion was relieved by the 50th Bn. A.I.F. the relief being completed about 1a.m. on the 7th instant. Hostile artillery was very active during the relief and greatly hampered the 'change over', several casualties being sustained.</p>	

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BOIS DE MAI. (N ^B ALLONVILLE) SH. 62 ^{P1} / ₄₀₀₀₀	7 th . JULY 1918.		<p>Following on the relief the Battalion marched round the outskirts of CORBIE and LA NEUVILLE to I 25, where the cooks were already waiting with a hot meal. The men then rested until 7 a.m., when they proceeded to N.S.C about a thousand yards west of DAOURS. From there they were conveyed by motor lorry to the bivouac ground in the Wood near ALLONVILLE, arriving at 11 a.m. The Battalion then rested for the remainder of the day.</p> <p>The good meals and quiet of the Wood were keenly appreciated by all after the hazards, noise, and tension of the past three days.</p> <p>Weather fine and warm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CBK/j</p>	

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BOIS DE MAI G. 6, d. (N ^o ALLONVILLE) SH 62 ^D / 40,000	8 th JULY, 1918.		<p> Clothing parades held for all Companies. Baths and clean changes obtained in CARDONNETTE, fifteen hundred yards N.W. of ALLONVILLE. In the evening the 11th. Brigade Concert Party give a free concert in a disused HANGAR on the outskirts of ALLONVILLE, and a large audience gathers to listen to a good programme. 'Fall In' blows as men are flocking out of the concert, and on arriving at their camps, they receive orders to get into fighting order and to 'Fall In' immediately. Blankets and packs are left in dumps for removal later by transport. Heavy rain falls at 11 p.m. whilst men are still waiting. This proves to be merely a <u>PRACTICE ALARM</u> and 'Dismiss to quarters' blows at midnight. </p>	

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<p>BOIS DE MAI. (G. 6, d) SH. 62^D $\frac{1}{40,000}$</p>	<p>9th JULY, 1918.</p>		<p>At 3 p.m., Gen. Monash, the Corps Commander, presented ribbons of medals won at SAILLY-LE-SEC on March 28th et seq., and in a straightforward talk to those assembled explained the military situation, its probable demands upon them and the prospects for the future, and also congratulated the Brigade (I.I.d.) upon its work at SAILLY and more recently at HAMEL. The latter battle he described and praised as a 'quick, clean victory.'</p> <p>The weather during the day was dull and rain fell on and off the whole time.</p>	<p>CBK J</p>

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<p>BOIS DE MAI. (G, 6, d.) SH. 62^D_{40,000}</p>	<p>10th. JULY. 1918.</p>		<p>Despite a strong breeze and drizzling rain, the Battalion held a splendid sports meeting in the afternoon in an open field adjoining the camp. An interesting and enjoyable afternoon was spent in this manner and 'A' Coy. secured most points.</p> <p>Free pictures were shown in a spacious barn in ALLONVILLE by the 'Expeditionary Force Canteens' Board both afternoon and evening. The 'BANDICOOTS' (10th. Brigade Concert Party) followed the Picture programme with a concert in the evening.</p> <p>11th. Brigade Party continued their concerts.</p> <p>Pay day.</p>	<p>Programme of Sports appended.</p> <p>15</p>

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B.H.Q. at O, 13, a. SH. 62 ^D / _{40,000}	12 th JULY, 1918.	6p.m.	<p> morning and afternoon spent in getting equipment ready for moving out and in cleaning up the camp. </p> <p> Battalion marched out with full marching order 'up' and travelled by way of BUSSY and DAOVRS to dugouts along banks in O, 7, c and O, 13, a. B.H.Q. was established between 'A' and 'B', and 'C' & 'D' boys. All were settled down by 10 p.m. </p> <p> This move was occasioned owing to the 11th Brigade being Reserve Brigade to the sector between VILLERS-BRETONNEUX and SAILLY-LE-SEC, held by 10th Brigade on the right and the 9th Brigade on the left. </p> <p> A drizzling rain fell during the day but cleared up for the march and the weather continued fine all night. </p>	

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B.H.Q. at O. 13. a. SH. 62 ^D 1/40,000	13 th JULY, 1918.		<p>Battalion resting. Dugouts cleaned and improved.</p> <p>In the afternoon No. 1 Pn. and the Intelligence Branch fired a magazine per man from the L.G. at a range near the railway bridge in O. 7. c., and obtained satisfactory results.</p> <p>H.Q. Details reduced owing to the new establishment.</p> <p>An epidemic of influenza has caused many evacuations to hospital.</p> <p>Two Boche planes sneaked across at twilight and brought down two balloons in flames, but all the four observers got safely away by parachutes.</p> <p>A very welcome issue of Comforts was made in the evening. -</p> <p>Cigarettes from the Overseas Fund (Gwalia, W.A.), Biscuits, Sweets, and Golden Syrup from the Lady Mayoress' Fund (Melbourne), and tins of milk from the Citizens' War Chest Fund (Sydney).</p> <p>Regimental canteen opened during the day.</p> <p>Weather fine and clear.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RBJ</p>	

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B.H.Q. at O. 13, a. SH. 62 ⁷ / 40,000	14 ^d JULY, 1918.	10am.	Church Parade in the camp. Enemy shelled DAOURS in the evening with High Velocity (5.9") shells. Rained for an hour in the middle of the day.	[Blank]

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<p>B.H.Q. O. 13. a SH. 62^d _{40,000}</p>	<p>15th JULY, 1918.</p>		<p>Baths and clean changes were obtained by the Battalion at the old Water mill in DAOURS.</p> <p>Protective earthworks were built for transport horses against hostile shelling and bombing.</p> <p>The companies when not on bath parade were engaged in L.G. and Sectional training.</p> <p>A Boche plane swooped out of the clouds in the afternoon and another balloon disappeared in flames, after the two observers had begun floating away with parachutes.</p> <p>The flies and mosquitoes were very persistent all day and reminded one of fine weather conditions in Western Australia.</p> <p>The Battalion played a 'soccer' match with a team drawn from the 'Tank' Corps which assisted us so ably in the HAMEL victory. The Tanks scored 'another' victory by 6 goals to 1.</p> <p>Weather very sultry.</p>	<p>CBK Lt</p>

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B.H.Q. at O. 13, a. SH. 62 ³ / _{10,000}	16 th JULY, 1918	4.30am	<p>Heavy storm broke over the camp at half-past four this morning, and many were forced to seek better shelter than that afforded by their dugouts. After breakfast, however, the day cleared thus providing good opportunities for mending the leakages.</p> <p>L.A. and Sectional Training carried out by all Companies.</p> <p>All took advantage, during the sultry conditions of the day, of the proximity of the river SOMME to have a good swim.</p> <p>A concert was given in the evening by the Brigade 'Pierrots' near 'A' Coy. quarters and there was a good attendance of Battalion and Balloon Section men.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">C.B.K. J</p>

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B.H.Q. at O, 13, a SH. 62 ^D / 40,000	17 th JULY, 1918.		<p>The night was very sultry indeed. There was a great deal of hostile bombing during the hours of darkness but our area remained calm.</p> <p>The Battalion carried on with h.c. and Sectional Training.</p> <p>Swimming parades were held in the afternoon and were greatly enjoyed by all.</p> <p>The Boche spent the latter part of the afternoon in putting a heavy strafe on the forward areas and on VILLERS-BRETONNEUX, which was hidden temporarily in a cloud of red dust.</p> <p>The weather was particularly threatening toward night and a little rain fell.</p>	<p>CBK Lt</p>

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B.H.Q. at O, 13, a SH. 62 ^P / ₄₀₀₀₀	18 th JULY, 1918.		<p>The usual L.C. and Sectional Training was carried out. Swimming parades were again a happy feature of the day's work. The muggy conditions prevailing during the forenoon were tempered by a heavy downpour at half past four in the afternoon. Reading matter was distributed among the troops. - 'Blighty,' 'Anzac Bulletin,' 'Welcome,' and West Australian papers.</p>	

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B.H.Q. at O, 13, a. SH. 62 ^D / 40000	19 th JULY, 1918.		<p>Companies spent the morning in L.G. and Sectional Training.</p> <p>All indulged in swimming in the afternoon in preparation for the Aquatic Sports arranged for tomorrow afternoon, the favourite pool being that above the Locks near DAOURS</p> <p>Baths and clean changes were obtained at the old Water Mill in DAOURS.</p> <p>A welcome issue of cigarettes and tobacco, sent by the Australian Comforts Fund, was made in the afternoon.</p> <p>During the day two enemy observation balloons were brought down opposite us in flames by our airmen and three Hun planes were observed to fall behind his lines.</p> <p>'Aussie', No. 5, was eagerly bought up by all possessing the necessary purchase price of one penny. This paper, produced by an Australian publishing staff in the Field, is becoming more popular each time it appears as it is replete with genuine humour and interesting items touching on the life among the Australians in France.</p> <p>The weather was cloudy but fine.</p>	<p>RBK L</p>

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<p>B.H.Q. at O, 13, a. (SH. 62⁷/_{40,000})</p>	<p>20th JULY, 1918.</p>		<p>The companies spent the morning in Section Work. H.Q. Details fired a magazine per man on the Lewis Gun on the range near the railway bridge.</p> <p>A very enjoyable and well attended Swimming Carnival was held in the afternoon, and some splendid racing, diving, and life saving matches were witnessed. A very heavy downpour at 3.30 p.m., however, caused the curtailment of the programme. The scene of the Carnival was the water above the Lock gates of the SOMME R. near DAOURS.</p> <p>The sky was extremely black for the remainder of the day, but apart from the thirty minutes' deluge no more heavy rain fell.</p> <p>Butter sent by the Australian Comforts Fund was issued in the evening.</p>	<p>Programme and Results Appended.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ABK L</p>

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B.H.Q. at O, 13, a (SH 62 nd 40,100)	21 st JULY 1918	10am	Church Parade held at 10am near Y.M.C.A. in O, 13, c. All packs handed in at 3 p.m. to be taken to Q.M. Store in N. 9, a. The Regimental Band played a programme in the camp between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Men spent the greater part of the day swimming in the river. Day was fine but cloudy; evening beautifully clear.	RBK Lt

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B. H. Q. at O. 13, a. (S.H. 62 ^D / 40,000)	22 nd JULY 1918.		<p>The Companies spend the morning on Section and Lewis Gun Work.</p> <p>H.Q. Details supplied a salvaging party to search the vicinity of FOUILLOX.</p> <p>The Swimming Carnival, begun on Saturday afternoon, was continued this afternoon, and provided a great deal of amusement and excitement by the 'freak' races. Men from the Tank Corps joined in in the open events.</p> <p>A Boche airman swept across in the afternoon through a heavy barrage fire of 'Archies' and M.G.'s, and brought down one of our observation balloons in flames, this to avenge apparently the two Boche balloons burnt by our airmen before eight o'clock this morning. The two observers landed safely per parachute.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> glorious the whole day.</p>	Results Appended CPLT

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B.H.Q. at O. 13, a (SH. 62 nd / 40,000)	23 rd JULY, 1918.		Salvaging near FOUILLOY continued in the afternoon. Heavy rain the whole day cancelled work of Companies.	[Handwritten initials/signature]

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B.H.Q. at O, 13, a. (SH. 62 ^D / _{40,000})	24 th JULY, 1918.		<p>The Companies were engaged in usual training, and practice bombing near Wood (O.S.d) during the day.</p> <p>Salvaging in the neighbourhood of FOUILLOY was continued.</p> <p>Baths and clean changes of underclothing were obtained at the old mill in DAOURS.</p> <p>Cricket matches were played in the evening between teams drawn from the Companies.</p> <p>Pay was available in the afternoon.</p> <p>Shirts and socks from the Comforts Fund were given out by the R.Q.M.S. to the Battalion.</p> <p>A well attended concert was given in the evening by the 11th Brigade Party, and was followed by a few selections by the Battalion Band.</p> <p>Cloudy but fine.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CBG</p>	

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B.H.Q. at O. 13, a. (SH 62 nd 10,000)	25 th JULY, 1918.		<p>The Companies carried out Section training and bombing practice during the day.</p> <p>H.Q. Details were engaged in salvaging around FOUILLOY.</p> <p>In the afternoon the Companies played further cricket matches between representative teams. The day, however, was very unsettled and rain fell for half an hour early in the afternoon.</p> <p><u>HONOURS & AWARDS.</u> - The following have been awarded the MILITARY MEDAL:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>N^o 3143.</td> <td>Sgt. Warner,</td> <td>J. L.</td> <td>N^o 148.</td> <td>Cpl. Stamp,</td> <td>A. G.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 2315</td> <td>L/Sgt. Basterton,</td> <td>W. W.</td> <td>" 61.</td> <td>Pte. O'Sullivan,</td> <td>P.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 922</td> <td>L/Cpl. Fraser,</td> <td>A.</td> <td>" 2767.</td> <td>Pte. Tierney,</td> <td>G. P.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>(now S/Sgt.)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(now S/Cpl.)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 2054.</td> <td>Pte. Barnard,</td> <td>J. J.</td> <td>" 2789.</td> <td>Pte. Barry,</td> <td>H. J.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>(now S/Cpl.)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(now S/Cpl.)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 2271.</td> <td>Cpl. Borizzi,</td> <td>G. J.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>(now Sgt.)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 2887.</td> <td>Pte. Steinberg,</td> <td>L. S.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 390.</td> <td>Pte. Hilner,</td> <td>W.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 626</td> <td>Cpl. Currie,</td> <td>J.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>(now L/Sgt.)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	N ^o 3143.	Sgt. Warner,	J. L.	N ^o 148.	Cpl. Stamp,	A. G.	" 2315	L/Sgt. Basterton,	W. W.	" 61.	Pte. O'Sullivan,	P.	" 922	L/Cpl. Fraser,	A.	" 2767.	Pte. Tierney,	G. P.		(now S/Sgt.)			(now S/Cpl.)		" 2054.	Pte. Barnard,	J. J.	" 2789.	Pte. Barry,	H. J.		(now S/Cpl.)			(now S/Cpl.)		" 2271.	Cpl. Borizzi,	G. J.					(now Sgt.)					" 2887.	Pte. Steinberg,	L. S.				" 390.	Pte. Hilner,	W.				" 626	Cpl. Currie,	J.					(now L/Sgt.)					<p>See Ref. B.O. N^o 705. Narratives Appended.</p> <p>Bk L</p>
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B.H.Q. at O, 13, a. (SH 62 ^D / 40,000)	26 th JULY 1918.		<p>The quiet of the camp was broken about 3.45 in the afternoon by a fifteen minute strafe by enemy 4.2" guns. No damage and no casualties were sustained.</p> <p>The weather was fine throughout the day until eight o'clock in the evening when a heavy storm lasting two hours commenced.</p> <p>Section work was carried out during the day, and salvaging at FOUILLOY.</p>	<p>CPH J</p>

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B.H.Q. at O, 13, a. (SH. 62 ^D 1/10000)	27 th JULY 1918.		Salvaging near FOUILLOY was carried out by H.Q. Details during the day. Section and Bombing Training of Companies was almost rendered nil by the heavy rain which continued practically unabated until 9.30pm from very early morning.	[Handwritten initials/signature]

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B.H.Q. at O, 13, a. (SH. 62 ¹ / ₄₀₀₀₀)	28 th JULY, 1918.		<p>The Battalion took full advantage of an allotment of baths and clean changes of underclothing at the old mill in DAOURS.</p> <p>A Church Parade was held in the afternoon, and the Regimental Band played for an hour in the camp after the Parade.</p> <p>The weather was very unsettled and cloudy but no rain fell.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">CBK J</p>

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B.H.Q. at O. 13, a. (SH. 62 ^D / _{140,000})	29 th JULY, 1918		<p>In the morning the Companies carried out Section training.</p> <p>A working party drawn from H.Q. Details and the Companies was engaged all day making a road around the foot of the lower bank of the camp as the rains had made the ground too soft for limbers.</p> <p>It was very hazy the whole day but fine allowing more cricket matches to be played among the Companies.</p> <p>The guns on this sector opened a heavy fire on the enemy at 10 p.m. and kept it up for several hours.</p> <p><u>HONOURS & AWARDS.</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Lieut. CORNISH, C.R.</td> <td>-</td> <td>DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. GAZE, F.O. (M.C.)</td> <td>-</td> <td>BAR TO MILITARY CROSS.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Captain LEWIS, M.</td> <td>-</td> <td>MILITARY CROSS.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No. 1661, Sergt. INGVARSEN, JEXK.</td> <td>-</td> <td>DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.</td> </tr> </table>	Lieut. CORNISH, C.R.	-	DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.	Lieut. GAZE, F.O. (M.C.)	-	BAR TO MILITARY CROSS.	Captain LEWIS, M.	-	MILITARY CROSS.	No. 1661, Sergt. INGVARSEN, JEXK.	-	DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.	<p>Ref. see B.O. no. 709. NARRATIVES APPENDED.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CBK 46</p>
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B.H.Q. at O. 13. a. SH. 62 ^{D.} / ₄₀₀₀₀	30 th JULY 1918.		Day was spent in reorganisation and preparation prior to relieving 34 th . Bn. in the BAILLY-LE-SEC Sector. This order was subsequently cancelled. Bn. to prepare to relieve 40 th . Bn. in the HAMEL Sector.	
	31 st JULY, 1918.		at 2 p.m. the Battalion proceeded to HAMEL and commenced the relief of the 40 th . Bn. east of the village.	CBK LJ

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Narrative of HAMEL offensive
44th Battr. A.S.Z. 4th July 1918.

Preparation:- During a few days prior to the attack the Battalion was bivouaced in a WOOD about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile North East of ALLONVILLE.

There all preliminary preparations were made, conferences held, stores issued & the operations rehearsed with & without TANKS, which were to accompany us.

Approach March:- At 3 pm on the 2nd July the Battalion less plus one Company of the 13th Reg of Americans B & C Echelons, marched to a bivouac ground on the banks of the SOMME, West of QUERRIEU, a hot meal was served there & the men rested until 9.45 p.m. At that hour the force plus cooks & the necessary transport for Lewis Guns, picks & shovels, etc., moved via DAOURS, thence along the canal bank to HAMELET, thence to part of the Reserve system of trenches, which were taken over from the 51st Battr. A.S.Z. The cooks remained at a convenient spot on the North bank of the SOMME, from which (2) two further hot meals were carried to the Trenches.

at 9.30 a.m. orders were received that all Americans attached to the Bath were to return to their Unit. In accordance with this they marched out at 9.45 a.m.

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Approach
March, cont'd: prior to the attack.

The Battalion rested all day on the 3rd July, & at about 1 a.m. on the 4th July the final approach march to the Assembly position was commenced,

Companies moving forward under guides by overland route to the Taped Line in & immediately forward of our front line trench.

Assembly: - The Battalion was formed up ^{with and} in rear of the 43rd Battalion from P to D P. 2. d. q. 6 to P. 8. b. 2. 0. & the Assembly was completed without interruption from the enemy at 2.45 a.m. No casualties were sustained by the Battalion up to this time.

Formation: - Formation adopted was lines of sections in single file at about 8 paces interval.

Attack: - Zero hour was fixed 3.10 a.m. From zero minus 8 minutes, harassing fire was carried out by our artillery to enable the Tanks to be assembled without being heard by the enemy, on a taped line about 1000 yards in rear of the infantry. Our planes also dropped bombs on the enemy front line to drown the noise of the Tanks. At 3.10 a.m. a creeping barrage moving for

The Attack.
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the first 1000 yds approx, at 100 yds in 3 minutes was commenced on a line about 200 yards in the advance of the infantry Taped line. at zero plus 4 minutes the attacking force moved forward, 44th Bn following close behind the 43rd Bn.

A good kick-off was made & the troops got well clear of the enemy barrage which was weak & scattered & did not come down for several minutes after zero. at zero plus a few 100 yds 31 minutes the barrage halted, firing & smoke as a signal, for 10 minutes to enable the 44th Bn to leap-frog through the 43rd Bn on the first objective, this was quickly & successfully done & the 44th Bn commenced to move forward behind the barrage now at 100 yds in 8 minutes towards the final objective.

Six Tanks moved into HAMEL to mop up the village & the Battalion divided into two, to go round the village, each half Battalion being preceded by 3 TANKS.

A small wood on the left of the village was cleared & the trenches East of the village

The Attack :- were mopped up without any serious resistance
contacts :- being met. Towards the final objective,
which was reached by the three (3) front line Coy,
ranging from 4.45 pm to 4.55 am, a good deal
of H.G. fire was met. This was quickly overcome by
combined action of Tanks & infantry.

The Tanks proceeded to mop up the space of
scores between the front line & the protective barrage
& consolidation was proceeded with at all speed.

The final objective consisted of a heavy line of
trunks with strong points every few hundred yards,
but owing to the very effective barrage of our artillery,
considerable digging had to be done to afford the
necessary protection to the troops. There were
many dugouts in the system from which a considerable
number of prisoners were taken.

At 5.15 am the protective barrage died down
& the Tanks withdrew having completed their tasks.

Apart from desultory shelling, the line was quiet
until late afternoon, when the enemy commenced
to shell more violently. At 10.30 pm the enemy who
has moved up to a strong point in considerable

The Attack: numbers counter-attacked our left Coy (F Coy).

cont'd :- after a vigorous hand to hand contest with bombs & bayonets, some of the enemy succeeded in lodging in some of the numerous gaps & small pools in the maze of trenches in the vicinity.

Fighting continued until about 2 am, when a bombing attack, the Coy on the right co. operating, was organised. By 2.30 am this attack had mopped up all the enemy in our system, killing over 100, capturing 6 Officers & 50 O/Rs approx 10 MGs & other war material & finally our line was further advanced about 150 yds to include the enemy strong point & part of his L.S. which was then blocked.

At the beginning of the counter attack our S.O.S. barrage was used but subsequently after half an hour it was stopped situation dealt with without artillery support.

On this occasion the Lucas Signal Lamp proved invaluable, Capt. Rattr. Hdqrs were in communication by this means during his action despite the violent enemy artillery fire & the difficulty of having to continually shift the lamp in accordance with movements of Capt. Hdqrs.

E Coy then relieved F Coy in the left front line F Coy returning to the support position vacated by E Coy.

From that time until the B attack was relieved to whole of the ridge on which the forward system ^{was}, HAMEL village & part of the rear area (our old trench system & N.M.L.) were very heavily shelled without respite. D

During the next ^{two} few days of J day, owing to the above shelling it became necessary to frequently move platoons about within the area to avoid casualties.

No further counter-attacks were attempted altho' the enemy were seen several times massing, this being effectively dealt with by our Artillery.

Counter preparation shoots on likely points of assembly were also carried out at intervals during the period.

Relief - On the night of 7 July, the Battalion was relieved by the 50th Bn & proceeded by road to a bivouac ground about 2000 yds N.W. of LA NEUVILLE. A hot meal was partaken of there at 9 am the Battalion marched to a point 1000 yds West of TAOURS from which they were conveyed to the previous bivouac grounds in the wood at ALLONVILLE by motor bus arriving there about 11 a.m.

Dispositions: (a) to the Attack: - A Coy. Left - B Coy. Centre - D Coy. Right - C Coy. close support.

(b) Flank Units: - Right 15th Bn - Left 12th Bn

Prisoners: - Prisoners captured by the Battalion during the operation

totalled approx 12 Officers - 350 O/Rs, a number of our prisoners passed through 4th Bde sector at the request of that Bde where they were used as stretchers & carried back. ^{Amongst these were the officers of a Battalion staff.}

Casualties: - Killed 22 O/Rs 7 wounded 5 Officers 112 O/Rs
Missing 13 O/Rs.

War Material A large amount of material including about captured :- 20 M.G.s, 2 new type Anti-Tank Rifles, a large amount of signalling apparatus, equipment, documents & maps were secured

Officers.

Officers who took part in the operation were:

Headquarters: - Lieut-col J. P. Clark D.S.O. Commanding
 Capt. G. L. Bils MC. Adjutant. Lieut. H. R. Hughes Signal Officer
 Lieut. G. B. Kelgous Intelligence Officer. Lieut. G. R. Davies
 Lieut. G. R. Davies^(MM) Liaison with 15th Bn.
 Lieut. R. B. Carroll^(MM) " " 12th Bn.
 Capt. G. Longmore " " 10th Bde.
 Capt. W. Lewis } Supervising Assembly.
 Lieut. E. Rogers }

A - Company: Capt. H. J. Stables. Lieut. H. Burns. Lieut. G. Piper.
 Lieut. E. E. McGrath. Lieut. W. Stewart.

B - Company: Lieut. G. Everett. Lieut. J. Leeds. Lieut. G. Cornish. Lt. K. Sheridan.

C - Company: Capt. H. Dowler. Lieut. H. Smith. Lieut. G. H. Pole.
 Lieut. E. Paton. Lieut.

D - Company: Capt. G. E. Adams. Lt. J. O'Garra MC. Lieut. W. J. Daulton.
 Lieut. J. Scar^(MM). Lt. R. J. Andrews^(MM).

R.M.O.: Capt. R. L. Kerihan^(MC)

44th BN.
NARRATIVE

of

HAMEL OFFENSIVE.JULY, 4th - 6th, 1918.

Between the hours of 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. on the 4th July, the troops engaged in the advance through HAMEL on to the next ridge, moved up and took up their positions behind the tape in No. Man's Land, the 44th Battalion being just behind the 43rd Battalion whose task it was to take and secure the first objective.

The harassing fire opened by our guns at two minutes past three in the morning served to drown the whirr of the 'tanks' which were moving up into position ready to help our boys in the advance. During the eight minutes tension before 'zero' (3.10 a.m.) many of our planes could be heard buzzing overhead doing their share towards drowning the noise of the 'land-ships'.

At ten minutes past three our barrage came down with ferocious suddenness upon the enemy's front line area, and pounded, battered, and chopped it to pieces with shells of every calibre, - light, medium, heavy, gas, shrapnel, high explosive, and phosphorous shells. The Boche here suffered four minutes' hell before the barrage began to lift in hundred yards' stages every minute, allowing our first wave (43rd Batt.) to advance to the attack with the cooperation of the 'tanks', which smelt out the vicious machine guns in the enemy strong-points, and summarily dealt with them in their own quaint manner.

Not many minutes passed before the first waves (43rd Bn) had taken the first objective, and the on-coming tide of the 44th Battalion swept over it and on up the coveted ridge, 'A' and 'B' Companies working round the left and 'C' and 'D' Companies round the right of the village of HAMEL, leaving the village to the tender mercies of Hotchkiss and six Pounder aboard six 'tanks'. Three 'tanks' accompanied each half of the battalion around the village.

Whilst our advance was in progress the enemy followed his usual procedure by filling the air with very lights and rockets - white, red, green, golden, and showers - but whatever their significance, his barrage remained particularly feeble, and our boys advanced with practically no resistance from artillery, the machine guns giving the most trouble. A kind spurt from the uncanny 'tank', however, soon disposed of the defending 'gallants'.

A feature of the offensive was the effectiveness of the smoke barrages which were used on either flank to cover our advance. These consisted of thick white clouds of smoke which were worked across the front by the action of the wind.

The first 'tank' flying the tricolour denoting its return, was seen moving back at ten minutes past four apparently delighted with its success and leaving the village behind blazing furiously.

As darkness gave place to day, our men could be seen working their way steadily but surely to the crest of the ridge, whilst eight tanks wobbled here and there over the slopes and summit of the ridge clearing the Boche out of his strong defences commanding our old forward area.

By twenty-five minutes to five the ridge was ours, and, with 'C' Company in support, the remainder of the battalion commenced to consolidate their new front line, an old Boche trench just below the summit on the eastern slope. No. 1 Platoon moved out on the left and dug an outpost, about a hundred yards in front of the front line. 'B' Company in the centre also pushed out an outpost whilst 'D' Company secured the right flank.

By this time our planes were overhead in scores and besides firing into the enemy lines to harass him in his retreat, they carried out a very valuable yet novel task by dropping ammunition suspended from parachutes, each machine so engaged carrying two boxes.

As the morning proceeded, batches of prisoners belonging to the 202nd R.I.R. came streaming in from all directions, a great proportion of them being very young perhaps between sixteen and twenty years of age. Up went their hands at sight of a khaki figure, and a look of terror gripped these youngsters, all of whom seemed quite broken in spirit and perfectly docile, when any of our boys advanced towards them.

Large formations of enemy planes flew over to the attack about eleven in the morning and two of our R.E.8's fell victims to the Boche pilots before they were driven off. Several times during the day, however, these 'birds' crossed the line again as though bent on frustrating any big air offensive on our part, but despite all their daring to prevent us from observing, our contact and reconnaissance planes carried out their dangerous tasks successfully and continuously.

A lull in the battle came at midday, when, except for two lame tanks one in HAMEL and one on the slope of the ridge; all our land-ships had returned - male, female, and supply. Parachutes continued to float down from the flock of planes overhead and as they deposited their freight of ammunition, the Boche gunners engaged in lively sniping with their 10.5 cm. shells, thinking to cause casualties as our men endeavoured to get the welcome ammunition. His admirable scheme failed entirely.

At 10.15 p.m. on the 4th, our S.O.S. signal (3 green lights) shot up into the darkness from three different points in the front line and immediately our machine guns from every part of the countryside spat out a murderous belt of fire on to No-Man's Land and the enemy's defences. Our artillery were soon in action too and placed a wall of steel from bursting shells between our men and the enemy. In this answer to

our call for help, Fritz replied vigorously, his machine guns and artillery concentrating all their attentions upon our new lines. This pandemonium proved to be the accompaniment to an enemy counter-attack, in which, profiting by the cover afforded in the communication trenches leading to his lost trench, a strong party of the Boche crept forward and commenced bombing our outposts and our front line with stick bombs.

He succeeded in capturing the outposts and then in obtaining a footing in our front line where he remained until morning. Eleven of 'B' Company were taken prisoner in the outpost.

During the small hours of the morning of the 5th, a party in charge of Lt. Cornish and Lt. Gaze (M.C.) volunteered to retake the outpost in front of 'B' Company's position and carried out their work in brilliant style, bringing back those of their pals captured a few hours earlier by the Skun, and taking prisoners the Skuns who were about to lead out their prisoners in the direction of Berlin. Those left in the front line too worked hard to oust the enemy from the piece he had captured and by three o'clock in the morning by dint of persistent grenade and Lewis Gun work were able to report the front line clear of the enemy, - except dead and prisoners.

All night our planes were very busy bombing the enemy lines and defences, and hostile machine attempted casualties among our men by dropping many bombs on our side. The enemy artillery was very persistent during the night on our lines and in HAMEL. The Boche machine gunners and snipers gave much trouble too especially to parties working forward to our front line, the bullets just skimming the convex slope of the hill.

Practically the whole of Friday, 5th, was spent by the enemy in venting his spleen upon us for our victory by shelling heavily at intervals our front line, supports, HAMEL and the vicinity, and the flat through P. 203.

At midday the heavy bursts were such as to portend barrage fire but they resolved themselves into nothing more than a heavy strafe.

Our planes scoured the air in large formations and a lively 'rat-tat-tat' somewhere up above told frequently of willing encounters. The observation planes did their invaluable work of watching the enemy movements and of reporting his intentions. The two disabled tanks having been temporarily repaired during the night were brought out under their own power quite cheekily yet safely in broad daylight.

On Saturday the 6th, the third day of the offensive, rations were taken up to the men in the forward areas under cover of the sheltering ridge. The enemy artillery assumed lively proportions during the afternoon and evening, and caused no little inconvenience to the boys whilst being relieved about midnight by the 50th Battalion.

The 44th men made their way via the outskirts of CORBIE and the village of LANEUVILLE to the cookers in I, 25 where a good hot meal awaited them. This was a boon and a refresher to all and helped them to march through DROUERS to the motor lorries which soon whisked them off to the quiet of the BOIS DE MAI. Here they rested all day. The good meals and rest which they were treated to there soon drove off all signs of fatigue which must result from three days' battle, in spite of victory.

of

HAMEL OPERATION'A' COY 44th BATT.

At 3.15 p.m. on the 2nd July, 1918, "A" Coy. consisting of 5 Officers and 122 of Ranks marched out to a Reserve line in rear of our assembly position. The Company arrived in the Reserve trenches at 2.45 a.m. on the morning of the 3rd. and remained there until 1.10 a.m. on the morning of the 4th.

On 'Y' Day, the following was the disposition of the Company: -

No. 1 Platoon,	Lt. Piper	and 33 of ranks.
No. 2 do.	Lt. McGrath	and 33 of ranks.
No. 3 do.	Lt. Stewart	and 33 of ranks.
No. 4 do.	Lt. Munro	and 26 of ranks.
Company H.Q's.	Capt. Stables	and 19 of ranks.

making a total strength of all ranks for the Company
5 Officers, 144 of ranks.

At 7.30 p.m. on 'Y' night, the Company was supplied with a hot meal whilst in reserve trenches and were also issued with 48 hours iron rations per man.

ASSEMBLY -

At 1.10 a.m. on Zero morning (4th) 'A' Company moved off from the reserve trenches and assembled in No-man's Land in rear of the 43rd Battalion, our left flank resting at I, 2, d, 90.60.

The Company then extended to the right in lines of sections (3 sections per platoon), 25 yards apart.

DISPOSITION -

No. 2. Platoon	on the left
No. 3 do.	on the right
No. 4 do.	left of No. 3 platoon
No. 1 do.	right of No. 2 do

The whole Company was on the correct Assembly line in position by 2.50 a.m.

ARTILLERY -

From 3 a.m. to 3.10 a.m. our artillery carried out harassing fire on enemy positions to be attacked. At 3.10 a.m. the concentrated barrage was placed on S.O.S. lines; it then moved as per artillery time-table. At zero plus 4

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minutes on S.O.S. lines, then after every three minutes the barrage moved forward 100 yards, until it came to a halt for 10 minutes on the 'red' line.

At zero plus 49 minutes, 'A' Coy 'leap-frogged' through the 43rd Battalion and here deployed into line extending over the Company front.

At 3.51 a.m. the barrage commenced to move forward at the rate of 100 yards every 4 minutes, and the 'tanks', which were by this time well in front of us moving forward, toward the final objective.

During our advance little enemy opposition was encountered except in isolated posts, but these were quickly and systematically mopped up by the advancing sections.

At 4.45 a.m. our objective was reached and consolidation was immediately begun; here the Company lost 2 Officers, and 15 ranks wounded. Up to 5 a.m. on the 4th, 'A' Company had taken 3 Officers, and 60 ranks prisoners, killed 1 Officer and 10 ranks, and captured 5 Machine Guns.

No. 1 Platoon dug in on the right of the Company front and connected up with 'B' Coy on the right. The position they consolidated contained two large German dugouts (vide BAYONVILLERS 120,000 at approx. P. 10, b, 99-70). In these two dugouts, Mr. Piper and his platoon took 2 Officers and 35 ranks prisoners, captured 2 machine guns, a new German anti-tank gun with 43 rounds of ammunition, this being a unique capture inasmuch as the 'tank' people reported a new German anti-tank gun being used against them.

The remaining platoons of the Company consolidated platoon posts to the left of No. 1 joining up with the 42nd Battalion on the left flank.

The consolidation was carried out as quickly as possible and was only interfered with by aeroplanes between 5 a.m. and noon.

No. 1 Platoon at this time were being troubled by an enemy strong-point at P. 11, a 20.60 but this was soon put under by energetic bombing.

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The enemy remained quiet during the afternoon and evening up to 9 p.m.

At 10.10 p.m., the enemy counter-attacked in force with stick grenades, and established a footing in our No. 1 Platoon trench, and in 'B' Coy's forward position which brought down our artillery S.O.S. Close bombing fights ensued. At 3 a.m. strong bombing parties from our 'B' and 'D' Companies assisted 'A' Coy. on the left and bombed the enemy out of the position, finally taking his big forward strong-point and capturing 50 prisoners, 12 machine guns, maps, etc. The whole of 'A' Company then moved forward and took up a new position with 'C' Company in support.

At 10.0 p.m. on the night of the 5th/6th 'A' Coy less one platoon attached to 'C' Company moved back and relieved the Support Company of the 43rd Battalion in P. 10, c, 60.60, 'C' Company, 44th Battalion taking over our position in the front line.

At midnight 5/6th the enemy shelled consistently for two hours with 5.9's the support line. From 3 a.m. until 2.15 p.m. the support line remained quiet and advantage was taken of this to supply the Company with rations and water.

At 2.15 p.m. the enemy opened with 5.9's on the support lines and continued until 7 p.m., making the support position untenable. Acting under orders, the company side-slipped to the left 300 yards and consolidated new positions, these positions being handed over to the support company of the 50th Battalion on relief at 12.30 a.m. on the 7th.

'A' Company casualties during the whole operation were

Officers -	Wounded	2.
Of Ranks -	Killed	1.
	Wounded	30.
	Missing	4.

Slightly wounded & remaining on duty 1 Officer, 30 R's.

On the morning of the 4th Capt. Stables W.F. Company Commander was wounded and evacuated.

Lt. Munro, A.F. administered command of the company for the remainder of the operation.

Will be prepared in manuscript form by the Staff Officer responsible for the unit concerned in the event of the unit being ordered to disband or to be transferred to another unit.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

MAJOR DIVER

Place
Date
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NARRATIVE

of

HAMEL OFFENSIVE.

'B' COY., 44th BN.

The Company was in position at the assembly point at zero minus 40 minutes on the night of 3rd/₄th July, 1918.

Our position was immediately in rear of 'A' Coy., 44th Battalion and the formation was that of platoons in line of sections in single file at approximately 8 paces interval. We followed as close as possible behind the barrages and maintained our formation until about half way through HAMEL WOOD when some confusion arose due to the fact that enemy prisoners started to pass through our lines, and apparently thinking that resistance was at hand they showed an inclination to crowd.

This, however, was overcome by Section commanders exercising full control over their sections and when we emerged from the Wood our normal formation had been regained.

The Company then linked up with 'A' Company on the left and 'D' Company on the right and maintained its position right to the final objective. On reaching this no resistance was met with; dug-outs were speedily cleared, and the platoons placed in position in the front line with the necessary picket lines established in front of our position.

During the advance from the village of HAMEL to our final objective, Lieut. Leeds, and Sgt. Campbell (no. 6 Platoon) and Lieut. Sheridan (no. 7 Platoon) were wounded and it was here that Sgts. Dorizzi and Ingravsen displayed their initiative and grip of the situation by immediately assuming command of their platoons.

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Intelligence Summary

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

After being assured of connection with right and left flanks, the consolidation of the position was commenced. This work, however, was rudely interrupted by activity of an enemy strong-point operating half left to our position. To clear up this strong-point the aid of the 11th Light Trench Mortar Battery was enlisted but owing to the fact that Lt. Adams (of the 11th L.T.M. Bty. that was operating with us) was evacuated sick or wounded, assistance from this quarter was delayed and it was decided that a fighting patrol from 'A' company should storm and take the position at 10.30 p.m. on the night of 4/5th July. The enemy, however, frustrated this attempt by launching a counter-attack on our position at 9.45 p.m. the same night. He gained a temporary success, but a bombing party organised by Lt. Gaze of 'B' company assisted by Lt. Cornish of 'B' company eventually routed the enemy and left the position in our hands. During this operation some 15 Germans were killed, 50 captured, and 10 machine Guns, a quantity of other war material in the shape of ammunition, equipment, documents, and the like obtained. It was during this operation that Lt. Cornish displayed great courage and initiative. When the strong-point had been cleared up 'A' company occupied it and enemy activity ceased until 8.15 p.m. on the night 5/6th July when a considerable number of gas shells were dropped around our lines. During the same night counter preparation work of artillery were carried out from 10.15 p.m. to 1.35 p.m. and from 3 a.m. to 3.25 a.m. The morning of 6th July was extremely quiet but at 5.25 p.m. on that day enemy artillery became extremely active and

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NARRATIVE

of

HAMEL OPERATION.

'D' Coy. 44th Bn.

Re Offensive 4-7-18, I have to report as follows: -

Our battalion moved off from the rendezvous at zero minus two hours (1-10 a.m.) to the point of assembly.

The men were filed up without any confusion and were placed in position without any mishaps, the assembly being completed by 2.15 a.m. At the assembly point our party was kept well blocked up to the 43rd. Battalion, who were on the tape line, to avoid the rear wave being caught in the enemy barrage; the disposition was 'D' Coy on the right flank, 'A' Coy on the left flank, 'C' Coy on the right and 'B' on the left.

Harassing fire commenced at Zero - 8 minutes.

For the first four minutes the barrage was too close and prevented the forward movement, so we were compelled to await the next lift.

The right and left flanks got well away on the first lift of the barrage but the centre hung a little, probably owing to the previous shortage of the barrage and also to casualties among the leaders of the 43rd. Battalion.

At this point I pressed forward to the front and the 44th. Battalion practically became the front line. Apparently the barrage did not fall on Pear Trench as at this point we met with strong resistance, both from hand grenades and machine gun fire. The gun positions were dealt with as met, also positions in Echelons of shell-holes.

'D' Coy. came into contact with 10 M.G. positions. We had trouble at this time as the barrage had got ahead of us; the barrage was caught up again at the 10 minutes halt; the Tanks came to us well on time and were in front of us whilst getting through HAMEL village.

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APPENDIX 6/59
D' COY 44th BATTALION
4th DIVISION
1st BRIGADE
1st INFANTRY BATTALION

RECOMMENDATIONS AND AWARDS.No. 1143 SGT. WARNER. Frederick Lytton.

For devotion to duty during heavy M.G. fire. During the attack on HAMEL on the 4th. July 1918, the Company was held up several times by M.G. fire. On two separate occasions Sgt. Warner while under intense M.G. fire, rushed enemy M.G. positions and put the gun out of action, killing the crews, thus enabling the Company to continue the advance. His splendid action greatly assisted our advance and set a magnificent example of coolness and devotion to duty while under intense M.G. fire.

No. 2315 L/Sgt. CASTERTON William Wright.

For gallant action and splendid leadership :- After reaching the final objective on the 4th. July 1918 in the offensive against HAMEL, L/Sgt. Casterton located an enemy M.G. enfilading their position. Without hesitation, Casterton dashed forward with his section and by means of well directed fire put the gun out of action and captured the complete crew of 1 N.C.O. and 9 men. His excellent leadership and initiative put great confidence into the men.

No. 922 L/Cpl. FRASER Alfred.

For gallantry and devotion to duty :- During the attack on HAMEL on the morning of the 4th. July 1918, his Company came under intense M.G. fire. L/Cpl Fraser, single handed, dashed forward and shot the Officer and the remaining four members of the crew who were putting up a stubborn fight. This N.C.O. displayed great coolness and utter disregard of his personal safety which set a fine example to his comrades.

No. 2054 Pte BARNARD Frank Fuller.

For conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty :- During the offensive against the ridge East of HAMEL on the 4th. July 1918, Pte Barnard handled his section with grit and determination. On reaching the final objective, he at once began mopping up enemy dugouts and killing and capturing twelve of the enemy. Two enemy M.G.s. were also captured by him which he immediately used for the defense of the captured line. His coolness and utter disregard for his personal safety set a fine example to his men.

No. 227 T/Sgt. DORIZZI Edgar Joseph.

For good leadership and devotion during the attack on HAMEL on the 4th. July 1918. This N.C.O., immediately his platoon Commander and platoon sergeant became casualties, took charge of the platoon and led them during a critical period of the advance. On reaching the final objective, he immediately re-organised the platoon and personally played them in the position to be defended. By his immediate action in taking charge of the platoon, he undoubtedly minimised casualties and raised the confidence of the men in his leadership.

No. 2887. Pte STEINBERG Lawrence Solomon.

For courage and devotion to duty during the period his Company occupied the ground gained East of HAMEL on 4th. July 1918. Throughout the whole period, although continually under heavy artillery fire this Company signaller maintained communication between Company and Battalion Headquarters. He had his position blown in twice, but immediately re-established his lamp. His willingness and utter disregard of his personal safety, set a splendid example to his comrades.

No. 390 Pte. KILNER. William.

For coolness in leading his section during the attack on HAMEL on 4th. July 1918. :- His section leader became a casualty early in the advance. Kilner at once assumed command and led them with great dash to the final objective. Here he mopped up a strong Headquarters capturing many prisoners and important documents, and material. His splendid leadership inspired his men with confidence and his coolness under fire set a splendid example to his comrades.

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of
RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD.

N^o: 1661, Sgt. INGVARSON, - JENS, EDWARD, VALDEMIR, CARL

For great coolness, personal bravery, and devotion to duty.

In operations against HAMEL on 4th. July, 1918 this N.C.O. was a platoon Sergeant and immediately took charge of the platoon when his platoon officer early in the advance became a casualty. Sgt. Ingvarson led his men with great dash and gained the final objective establishing a strong point well in advance. When the enemy made a counter-attack and temporarily occupied a portion of the captured trench on the night 4/5th. July, Sgt. Ingvarson at once organised a bombing section to work down the trench at the same time placing a Lewis Gun covering the most exposed part. This enterprise was most successful in ejecting the enemy from the trenches inflicting several casualties. This N.C.O. personally accounted for 5 enemy killed.

The dash and determination of this N.C.O. set a splendid example to his comrades.

Signed. J. P. Clark, Lt-Col
C.O., 44th Bn.

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of
RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD.

LIEUT. GAZE, Frederick Owen.

For great coolness, personal bravery and devotion to duty. In the operations to capture the enemy line EAST of HAMEL on night of 3/4th - 4/5th July 1918, this officer was with his platoon on the right flank of the left Brigade and responsible for the direction thereof. He led his men forward to the final objective disposing of enemy strong posts as encountered during the advance capturing the two M.G.'s in such posts and maintaining excellent direction.

On the night 4/5th July, 1918, a very strong party of the enemy counter-attacked the left of the line captured that day and succeeded in entering some portion of it. Lt. Gaze went forward with an organised party to eject the enemy. He was entirely successful in mopping up the enemy, and recapturing the line. The success was pushed forward to an enemy strong post which had given considerable trouble and could not be cleaned up during the day and mopped it up capturing several M.G.'s, much material and one officer and 50 P.R.'s as well as inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

He displayed great determination and good leadership throughout the operations & by his personal conduct was a grand example to his comrades.

Signed. J. P. Clark Lt/Col.
C.O. 44th Bn.

6/7/18.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD.

CAPT. LEWIS, Maurice.

For courage, coolness, and devotion to duty, on the night 2/3rd. July to 6/7th. July, 1918. This officer was responsible for the conduct of the approach march and in placing companies on the assembly tapes in the offensive EAST of HAMEL. Immediately after the opening of the barrage he followed the troops over and assisted in placing the companies on their final objective and in reorganisation and consolidation. On the night 4/5th July when the enemy delivered a strong counter-attack and got some men into part of the captured line, Capt. Lewis went forward with the party detailed to push the enemy out leading the men with great courage and with utter disregard to his personal safety. The operation was entirely successful and Capt. Lewis went further forward with the assaulting party and successfully led them against an enemy strong point where it is estimated a hundred and fifty of the enemy were killed, 1 officer and 50 O/R's. captured and 10 enemy M.G.'s. and one anti-tank gun. It was greatly owing to the coolness and personal bravery of Capt. Lewis that the operation was such a complete success.

Signed: J. P. Clark, Lt/Col.
C.O. 44th. Bn.

6/7/18.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD.

Lieut. CORNISH, Cyril Richard.

For most conspicuous bravery, leadership, and devotion to duty, when in charge of a platoon in the operation against HAMEL and the trenches EAST of HAMEL on the morning 4th July, 1918. On reaching the Wood just in advance of the first objective his platoon was held up by two M.G.'s. Lt. Cornish immediately rushed these M.G.'s. killing the gunner operating one and ~~killing~~ capturing the crew of the second and over-turning both guns. He then successfully led his platoon to the final objective, reorganised and turned two other captured M.G.'s. on the enemy. On the night 4/5th July, about three hundred of the enemy rushed part of our trenches we had taken early in the day, succeeded in gaining a footing. In the counter-attack organised to eject the enemy this officer played a conspicuous part. Mounting the parapet he shouted "Come on, 'B' boy," and engaged the enemy with bombs allowing the attacking party to come forward and retake the trench, completely restoring the situation. He then led his men forward against an enemy strong post, killing many of the enemy, capturing 1 officer and 50 O/R's. and 10 M.G.'s. He further led his men against the retreating Boches and inflicted casualties with bombs and rifle fire chasing the enemy further into enemy territory.

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The initiative displayed by this officer in quickly deciding the method of attack and in going forward against great odds with utter disregard of his personal safety showed a striking example to his comrades. Throughout the three days and nights we were in occupation of the captured line his splendid fighting qualities, his cheery and optimistic nature, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the British Army.

6/7/18.

Signed - J. P. Clark, Lt/Col.
C.O., 44th Bn.

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BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL J.P. CLARK. D.S.O.

Order No 687.

COMMANDING 44th BATTALION. A.I.F.

30.6.18.

-----Part One-----

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 1.7.18....."D" Compsny.2. FRENCH CURRENCY. G.R.O. 4367.

It is notified for information that after 1st August.18. silver coins of the following denominations, 2 franc, One franc, 50 centimes and 20 centimes, bearing on the obverse the effigy of Napoleon III with laurel wreaths, will no longer be legal tender. Such coins should be exchanged at Civil Post Offices or Banks on or before 31st July.18.

3. MARCH DISCIPLINE. A.R.O. 2246.

Para 10 of A.R.O. 2039 is amended as follows:- After the word "vehicle" insert the words "other than gun limbers and artillery ammunition wagons"

4. ARMY VEGETABLE GARDENS. A.R.O. 2258

The Army vegetable gardens at CAMON are placed out of bounds to all troops except those actually on duty in the gardens.

5. DECEASED MEN'S EFFECTS. D.R.O. 1975.

When paybooks and monies of deceased men have been forwarded to Divisional Paymaster, a note to this effect will be made on the inventory, which accompanies the remainder of the effects to the Base.

Companies when handing over effects will inform the Postal Orderly in regard to Paybook and money in accordance with this order.

6. SCHOOL RESULTS.

7th Course Australian Corps Gas School. June .18.

2769 L/Cpl Mercer. A.H. Result:- V.G. Pass.

7. POSTAL. A.I.F. ORDER 1270.

Complaints regarding non-delivery of or delay of mail items by the Army Postal Service must be rendered officially to D.A.D.P.S. A.I.F. Admin H.Q. LONDON, through C.O. of the soldiers unit. Each complaint is made the subject of careful enquiry by the Postal Investigation Section. When complaints re delay in delivery of mail are made, it is essential that all envelopes be returned. The circulation of each item can then be thoroughly investigated, and the cause of such delay if any eliminated.

8. POSTAL.

EXTRACT FROM A.I.F. ORDER NO 348.

Members of the A.I.F. are advised that mails from Australia are placed on board steamers travelling by various routes. It some times happens that mail posted in Australia after the preceding mail has closed and been despatched may arrive in LONDON before such preceding mail.

If two mails arrive simultaneously such letters are "grouped" before delivery, and economy in circulation results.

The receiving of letters of various Australian dates in one covering envelope does not necessarily mean that delay has occurred at the Base Post Office.

Commanders will inform all ranks accordingly.

SECONDING.
Lieut. Adam. J.

Seconded for duty with 11th A.L.T.M.B. 3.5.18.
(Authority A.I.F. Order List 348 25.6.18)

TRANSFERS.

No 761 Cpl Wells. R.W. "D" Transferred to Australian Corps School 30.6.18
from 44th Battn. (Auth:- AIF Order 626.)

STRENGTH.

2/Lieut Jones. E.E. "B" Taken on strength from General Inf Reinf
26.6.18. (ex Cadet Battalion.)
(Late No 231. C.S.M. W.O. 11. 44th Bn.)

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

860 Cpl Taylor. C.R.D.	26.6.18.)	
3380 Pte Armstrong. F.E.	26.6.18.)	
2823 Pte Gale. A.H.	26.6.18.)	To Hospital Sick.
529 Pte Gregson. W.	26.6.18.)	
935a Pte Tilly. A.M.	26.6.18. (
3410 Pte Rogers. G.A.	27.6.18.)	

WOUNDS.

No 991 Pte Simms. F.G. "D" Wounded in action 27.6.18. (At Duty)

REJOINED BATTALION.

2602 L/Cpl Maher. W.J.)	
2884 Pte Sara. T.H.)	"B" Rejoined Bn ex detachment 27.6.18.
2835 Pte Hunt. H.)	(Not S.O.S.)
247 Pte Bowden. W.)	

522 Pte Connop. A. "C" Rejoined Bn x detachment 27.6.18.

7549 Pte Treasure. F.H.	"D")	
5179 Pte Rodgers. M.J.	"C")	
1828 Pte Gilmer. C.	"A")	Rejoined Bn ex sick 26.6.18.
2145 Pte Scales. H.C.	"A")	
4751 Pte Chisholm. D.V.	"A")	
491 L/CPL White. C.E.	"C")	

36 Pte Cousins. W.	"A")	
524 Pte Devenish. A.W.	"C")	Rejoined Bn ex wounded 26.6.18.
536 Pte Horton. S.A.	"C")	

C.L. Biles. Captain.
ADJUTANT 44th BATTALION. A.I.F.

BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL. J. P. CLARK. D.S.O.

Order No 688.

COMMANDING 44th BATTALION. A.I.F.

1.7.18.

-----Part One-----

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 2.7.18..... "A" Company.2. STRENGTH. Evacuated sick struck off strength. 1.7.18.

No 3358 Pte Disson. L.H. D Coy.	No 3327 Pte O'Loughlin. J. D Coy
No 364 Pte Snell, C.T. B Coy.	No 1612 Sgt Gallop. A.L.D. D Coy
No 445 L/Sgt Gillett. F. B Coy	No 3104 Cpl McCrae. A.J. H.Q.

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-----Part Two-----

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

No 3104 Cpl McCrae. A.J.	To Hospital sick	29.6.18.
3749 Pte Smith. W.J.	do do	30.6.18.
3744 Pte Cahill. F.T.	do do	30.6.18.
2372 Pte Molan. W.J.	do do	1.7.18.
638 Pte Lawson. F.M.	do do	1.7.18.

REJOINED BATTALION.

No 705 Pte Donovan. F.S.	"HQ" Rejoined Bn x sick	30.6.18.) Det Div Wing.
No 939 Dvr McConnell. J.D.	"HQ" do do	19.6.18) Not S.O.S.

PROMOTIONS.

No 49 T/Sgt Higgins. W.E. (P.B. No 115993)	Promoted SERGEANT 1.7.18. vice 15 Sgt Yule. J.F. evac wounded 1.4.18.
No 26 T/Cpl Buchan. R. (P.B. No 115874)	Promoted CORPORAL 1.7.18. vice 49 L/Sgt Higgins W.E. promoted.
No 128 T/Sgt. Gibson E. J. (P.B. 115909)	Promoted SERGEANT 1-7-18 vice 174 Sgt Davis E.W. Missing in Action. 1-4-18.
No 197 T/Cpl. McKay N.D. (P.B. 115977)	Promoted CORPORAL 1-7-18 vice 128 Cpl. Gibson E.J. Promoted.
No. 2273 T/Sgt. Betts L.A. (P.B. 261188)	Promoted SERGEANT 1-7-18 vice 192 Sgt. Bingley C.L. evac. Wdd. 1-4-18.
No 219 T/Cpl. Walters A.W. (P.B. 116029)	Promoted CORPORAL 1-7-18 vice 2273 D/Sgt Betts L.A. Promoted.
No 2276 L/Sgt. Woodroffe C. J. (P.B. 261187)	Promoted SERGEANT 1-7-18 vice 170 Sgt. Duff J to O.T.C. and supry.
No 1616 L/CPL. Donaldson C.D.A. (P.B. 204794)	Promoted SERGEANT 1-7-18 vice 862 Sgt McCarthy F.L. evac. Sick over 3 mos.
No 2824 L/Cpl. Gale J.P. (P.B. 204484)	Promoted CORPORAL 1-7-18 vice 761 Cpl. Wells R.W. Transferred to Corps Schools.

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PROMOTIONS (TEMPORARY)

No 814 Cpl. Lonsdale J.A. (P.B. 115965)	Promoted T/SERGEANT 1-7-18. vice No 680 COMS. McKeller J.E. evac Medically Unfit. 13-6-18.
No. 1617 L/Sgt. Lees J. (P.B. 265008)	Promoted T/SERGEANT 1-7-18 vice 1616 Sgt. Donaldson C.D.A. Detch. to Corps as Instr.
No. 2346 L/Cpl. Hughes C.E. (P.B. 115810)	Promoted T/CORPORAL 1-7-18 vice 2647 L/Sgt Lees J. Promoted.
No. 797 L/Cpl. Lindsay P. (P.B. 115704)	Promoted T/CORPORAL 1-7-18 vice 4818 Cpl. Gargett J.W. evac Sick 19-5-18.

APPOINTMENTS.

No. 2428 Cpl. Troy R.J. (P.B. 115830)	Appointed L/SERGEANT 1-7-18. to complete establishment.
No. 2274 Cpl. Gratwick J.H. (P.B. 261189)	Appointed L/SERGEANT 1-7-18 to complete establishment.

C.L. BILES. Captain.
Adjutant 44th. Battalion. A.I.F.

BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL. J.P. CLARK. D.S.O.

COMMANDING 44th BATTALION. A.I.F.

Order No 689

7.7.18.

)-----Part One-----

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 8.7.18....."A"company.
2. SICK PARADE. Sick Parade will be held tomorrow the 8th inst. at 9.30 a.m.
3. STRENGTH. Evacuated sick struck off strength. dated 7.7.18.
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|--------------------------|--------|-------------------------|------|
| 860 Cpl Taylor. C.R.D. | D Coy. | 3380 Pte Armstrong F.E. | D Co |
| 529 Pte Gregson W. | C COY. | 935a Pte Tillt. A.M. | B Co |
| 3410 Pte Rogers G.A. | A Coy | 3749 Pte Smith. W.J. | C Co |
| 3744 Pte Cahill F.T. | C COY. | 2372 Pte Molan. W.J. | D Co |
| 638 Pte Lawson F.M. | C Coy. | 702 Pte Kidd. M.C. | Hq. |
| 2274 L/Sgt Gratwick J.H. | D COY. | | |

-----Part Two-----

ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITAL.

702 Pte Kidd. M.C. To Hospital sick 2.7.18.
 2274 L/Sgt Gratwick. J.H. do 2.7.18.

ACCIDENTAL INJURY.

2598 Pte Male. E. "D" Accidentally injured 2.7.18.

STRENGTH.

2175 Pte Healey C. "D") Taken on strength from 41st Battalion. 2.7.18.
 358 Pte Toby R.T.F. "B")

TRANSFERS.

332 Cpl McQueen R.A. "B") Transferred to Australian Corps School. 30.6.18
 3390 Sgt Dewar R. "B") (Auth A.I.F. Order. 626)

REJOINED BATTALION.

2823 Pte Gale. A.H. "H.Q." Rejoined Battn ex sick 3.7.18 (not S.O.S)

3087 Pte. Kelly. P	"C"	Rejoined Battalion. x Sick. 30-6-18)
R1056 Pte. Kenny. R.T.	"C"	do do do 30-6-18)
2909 Pte. Wilkinson. A.H.	"B"	do do do 4-7-18)
2907 Pte. Winzar. J.H.	"A"	do do do 4-7-18) Detchd. at
2838 Pte. Jack. A.F.	"C"	do do do 4-7-18) Divl. Wing.
1662 L/Cpl. Ion. T.	"A"	do do do 4-7-18)
3682 Pte. Langley. A.J.	"D"	do do do 4-7-18)
1699 Pte. Traynor. J.W.	"D"	do ex Injured 30-6-18)
2572 Pte. Gregan. J.T.	"A"	do do do 4-7-18)
333 Pte. Wilson. W.W.	"B"	dp do ex Wdd. 4-7-18)
37 L/Cpl. Dean. J.	"A"	do do do 4-7-18)
3437 Pte. Gilbert. V.F.	"C"	do do do 4-7-18)

DIED OF WOUNDS.

7494 Pte. Turner. H.N. "D" D. of W. at advanced Dressing Sn. 4-7-18.
 2108 Pte. Hodgkinson. C.W. "B" D. of W. at No 5. C.C.S. 4-7-18.
 3017 Pte. Adam. R. "B" dated 4-7-18.

KILLED IN ACTION.

1896 Pte. Clark.	N.T. "C"	Killed in Action.	5-7-18.
2169 Pte Wise	W.H. "B"	do	4-7-18.
2575 Pte Grace	S.R. "B"	do	4-7-18.
7492 Pte Kelly.	E.R. "B"	do	4-7-18.
6334 Pte Moyle.	R. "D"	do	4-7-18.
2346 B/Spl. Hughes.	C.E. "D"	do	6-7-18.
5701 Pte Fraser	C.C. H.Q.	do	6-7-18.
3426 Pte Moran.	J. "D"	do	6-7-18.
1894 Pte Baker.	E. "D"	do	6-7-18.
642 Pte Maclellan. D.	"C"	do	4-7-18.
3394 L/Cpl. Moyle.	J.W. "D"	do	5-7-18.

KILLED IN ACTION. (CONTINUED)

25301	Pte Atkins.	W.	"A"	Killed in Action.	4-7-18.
3412	L/Cpl. Morley.	W.	"D"	do	4-7-18.
2043	Cpl Walmsley.	G.O.H.	"D"	do	4-7-18.
3568	Pte Barnard.	J.T.	"D"	do	4-7-18.
3301	Pte Kemp.	P.	"D"	do	4-7-18.
2032	Sgt Parker.	A.	"D"	do	4-7-18.
2322	Pte Duty.	J.W.	"D"	do	4-7-18.
642	Pte Neisler.	G.	"C"	do	4-7-18.
3379	Pte Ayre.	W.C.	"C"	do	4-7-18.
402	Pte Comben.	C.T.	"B"	do	4-7-18.
638a	Pte Lynch.	J.J.	"C"	do	4-7-18.

MISSING IN ACTION- STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

2415	Pte Small	J.B.	"A"	Missing in action.	4-7-18.
3410	Pte Martin.	J.R.	"A"	do	4-7-18.
3663	Pte Gordon.	W.U.	"A"	do	do
3408	Pte Galt.	W.M.	"A"	do	do
7560	Pte Workman.	J.A.	"A"	do	do
3125	Pte Roelich.	B.	"D"	do	do
570	Pte Hartley.	J.	"C"	do	do
2672a	Pte Keys.	A.	"C"	do	do
3747	Pte Langdon.	R.	"C"	do	do
1676	Pte McIntosh.	C.J.	"C"	do	do
2908	Pte Wood.	H.	"C"	do	do
1859	Pte Lawrence.	G.A.	"B"	do	do
2835	Pte Hunt.	H.	"B"	do	do

WOUNDED IN ACTION.- AT DUTY.

388	L/Cpl. Gunning	A.L.	"B"	Wounded-Remaining at Duty.	4-7-18
	Lieut. A. J. MUNRO.		"A"	do do do	4-7-18.
2570	L/Cpl. Good.	C.L.	"C"	do do do	4-7-18.
3575	Pte. Game.	W.J.	"B"	do do do	4-7-18.

WOUNDS.

3322	Pte. Massey	"B" J.F.	W. in A.	5-7-18.	662	Cpl. Trott.	W.H.	"B"	5-7-18
609	Pte. Mackintosh.	E. "C"	do	5-7-18.	3314	Pte McInnes.	E HQ.		5-7-18
128	Sgt. Gibson.	E. J. "A"	do	4-7-18	116	Cpl. Aylett.	J. E. "A"		4-7-18
1764	Pte Morgan.	E. E. "A"	do	4-7-18	2155	Pte Downey.	W. "A"		4-7-18
2162	Pte Green.	C. "A"	do	4-7-18	2335	Pte Godfrey.	E. C. "A"		4-7-18
151	Pte Gronow	D. G. "A"	do	4-7-18	7490	Pte Jolly	W. H. R. "A"		4-7-18
3348	Pte Green	A. "A"	do	4-7-18	1781a	Pte Murray	J. K. "A"		4-7-18
159	Pte Woods	L. F. "A"	do	4-7-18	5705	Pte Gelding	W. "A"		4-7-18
2145	Pte Scales	H. C. "A"	do	4-7-18	3267	Pte Coff.	W. M. "B"		4-7-18
311	Sgt Campbell	E. A. "B"	do	4-7-18	906	Cpl. Lunt.	N. "B"		4-7-18
378	Pte Trotter	R. "B"	do	4-7-18	2300	Pte Bohmes	F. "B"		4-7-18
2066	Pte Corbett.	L. "B"	do	4-7-18	183	Pte Gujn.	G. H. Q.		5-7-18
2613	Pte Bloxsome	J. "B"	do	4-7-18	3131	Pte Smith.	T. J. "D"		4-7-18
2905	Pte Wilkinson	G. J. "B"	do	4-7-18	751	Pte Elder	E. W. "D"		4-7-18
3619	Pte Borchet	J. E. "A"	do	4-7-18	3352	Pte Smith	F. H. "D"		4-7-18
189	L/Cpl Hendon	R. E. "A"	do	4-7-18	710	Pte Mill	E. F. S. HQ.		4-7-18
2388	Pte Parker	H. P. "A"	do	5-7-18	2855	Pte Moore	J. "D"		5-7-18
3370	Pte Walker	R. G. "C"	do	4-7-18	2858	Pte Muir	A "D"		4-7-18
3615	Pte Bewick	W. "A"	do	4-7-18	3658	Pte Ferry	L. A. "B"		4-7-18
410	Pte Standen.	H. "B"	do	4-7-18	3527	Pte Jeff	H. E. "D"		4-7-18
3585	Pte Moncrieff	W. E. "D"	do	4-7-18	1828	Pte Gilmer	C. "A"		6-7-18
3343	Pte Rochford	T. P. "D"	do	4-7-18	537	Pte Jeffrey	S. H. HQ.		4-7-18
3404	Pte Macmillan	H. A. "D"	do	6-7-18	2215	Cpl. Maclean	E. N. "D"		6-7-18
2342	Pte Hammersley	J. F. "D"	do	6-7-18	627	Pte Cherry	R. G. "C"		4-7-18
3143	Sgt Warner	F. E. "D"	do	5-7-18	7452	Pte Bird.	S. "C"		4-7-18
1820	Cpl Francis.	H. S. "B"	do	4-7-18	2657	Pte Walton	R. "C"		4-7-18
3661	Pte Gilbride	H. "C"	do	4-7-18	545	Pte Waldock	H. H. "C"		4-7-18
3412	Pte Watts	G. A. W. "C"	do	4-7-18	3711	Pte Smith	A. "C"		4-7-18
2876	Pte Probert	S. "C"	do	4-7-18	2112	Pte Holman	V. "C"		4-7-18
3144	Pte Wallace	H. G. "C"	do	4-7-18	3050	Pte Davies	J. H. "C"		4-7-18
604	T/Cpl. Northway	A. J. "C"	do	4-7-18	1622	Pte Benson	B. "C"		4-7-18
491	L/Cpl. White	C. E. "C"	do	4-7-18	1644	Pte Evans.	A. E. "C"		4-7-18
2835	Pte Mitchell	E. "C"	do	4-7-18	520	L/Cpl. Brown	M. L. "C"		4-7-18
3326	Pte O'Connell	D. E. "B"	do	4-7-18	1158	Pte Dicks	A. E. "C"		4-7-18
2278	Pte Duckham	H. "B"	do	4-7-18	2871	Pte Pacy	C. A. "C"		4-7-18
2671	Pte Bennett	B. L. "B"	do	4-7-18	268	Pte Ivin	R. "B"		4-17-18
2818	Pte Fennell	W. "B"	do	4-7-18	3636	Pte Chandler	H. "B"		4-7-18
2654	Pte Williamson.	F. "D"	do	4-7-18	387	Pte Mercer	E. G. HQ.		4-7-18

WOUNDS. (CONTINUED.)

388 L/Cpl. Gunning A.L.	"B" 4-7-18. 2315	L/Sgt. Casterton W.W.	"A" 4-7-18
3602 Pte Dunsmure C	"D" 4-7-18. 2790	Pte Bowen H.E.	"A" 4-7-18
3706 Pte Reading C.W.J.	"A" 4-7-18. 241	Pte Philp A.J.	"A" 4-7-18
3728 Pte Webb.R.C.	"A" 4-7-18 123	L/Sgt. Connolly M.	"A" 4-7-18
3610 Pte Brentnall J.	"A" 4-7-18 3136	Pte Thomas A.	"D" 4-7-18
793 Pte Thomas W.S.	"D" 4-7-18 2401	Pte Byrne E.P.	"D" 4-7-18
3006 Sgt Stiepwich W.N.	"D" 4-7-18 2276	L/Sgt Woodroffe C.J.	"D" 4-7-18
3535 Pte Bishop A.J.	"D" 4-7-18 900	L/Cpl Devenish E.F.	"D" 4-7-18
784 Pte Seymour A.S.	"D" 4-7-18 991	Pte Sims.G.	"D" 4-7-18
852 Pte Clark S.	"D" 4-7-18 2837	Pte Holm.R.C.	"D" 4-7-18
2175 Pte Healey O.	"D" 4-7-18 3767	Pte Cassidy J.A.E.	"C" 4-7-18
3288 Pte Gooch.S.C.	"D" 4-7-18 7444	Pte Manners C.B.	"D" 4-7-18
7547 Pte Taaffe J.E.	"D" 4-7-18 3695	Pte Pascoe P.	"D" 4-7-18
3045 L/Cpl Daddow F.T.A.	"D" 4-7-18 3433	Pte McCarlie R	"D" 4-7-18
3098 Pte Mathews C.G.	"D" 4-7-18 2585	Pte Howard J.F.	"D" 4-7-18
760 Sgt Jones T.C.J.	"D" 4-7-18 737	Pte McCubbing J.	"D" 4-7-18
2123 Pte Lee F.	"D" 4-7-18		
Lieut. McGRATH.E.E.	"A" 4-7-18	Capt. STABLES. W.J.	"A" 4-7-18
Lieut. LEEDS.F.A.	"B" 4-7-18	Lieut. SHERIDAN.K.	"B" 4-7-18

C.L.BILES. Captain.
Adjutant 44th. Battalion. A.I.F.

BATTALION ORDERS.

BY

CAPTAIN W.H. ROCKLIFF. (M.C.)COMMANDING 44th BATTALION. A.I.F.Order No 6909.7.18.

-----Part One-----

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 10.7.18..... "C" company.
2. FORFEITURE OF PAY VENERAL DISEASE. A.I.F. ORDER 1282.
A member of the A.I.F. will forfeit one third of his full daily rate of pay (including deferred pay) for every day he is in Hospital suffering from V.D. unless it can be proved to the satisfaction of the D.M.S. A.I.F. that such V.D. was inherited or acquired prior to his enlistment in the A.I.F. Officers who forfeit one third of their pay in accordance with para 1 will in addition, forfeit the whole of their field allowance whilst in Hospital suffering from V.D. This order will operate and take effect as from 1st Jany 1918 (A.I.F. Order 1005 is hereby cancelled.)
3. LIGHT RAILWAYS CROSSINGS. G.R.O. 183.
Horses or Transport will not cross the Light Railway in Corps Area except at points where crossings have been made for this purpose. Attention is drawn to 4th Army Standing Order 432.
4. LAUDATORY. The following received by Brigade from 4th Aust. Division 4-7-18 is promulgated for information of all ranks:-
" Army Commander wishes his congratulations conveyed to you
" and your men on your excellent work.
" General Birdwood and Corps Commander both send you and
" your Command best congratulations on your brilliant work.
" Please add mine. - General Maclagan."
5. UNOCCUPIED PREMISES. AMIENS. A.R.O. 2281.
Officers or men will not enter any unoccupied premises in AMIENS except on duty.
6. SCHOOL RESULTS.
3rd. Course Corps Lewis Gun School. 9th to 23rd. June 1918.
Lieut. W.G. Faulkner. Result - V. Keen.) Excellent knowledge of weapon - V. Capable Instructor.
7. FIRING OF REVOLVERS AND RIFLES.
The following order will be added to Regimental Standing Orders:-
" No Rifle or Revolver is to be discharged except in Action
" or at an authorised practice."
8. TRANSFERS. The following transfers take effect dated 8-7-18.
(BN.)
Capt. W.H. Rockliff. (M.C.) "C" Coy. to Hqrs.
Lieut. C.R. Davies. (M.M.) "C" Coy. to Hqrs.
526 Pte Duncan J. "C" Coy. to Hqrs.
485 Pte Clare. A.M. "C" Coy. to "A" Coy.
2241 Pte. Dornan. F. "C" Coy. to "A" Coy.
1698 Pte Traynor J.P. H.Q. to "D" Coy.
7193 Pte Van Raalte P.E. "D" Coy. to H.Q. Storemen.
9. STRENGTH. Evacuated Sick struck off Strength 9-7-18.
Lieut. M.H. J. OTTO. "A" Coy. 2441 Pte Bentley A. J. "C" Coy.
681 Pte Moyle E.H.W. "D" 2161 Pte Lonsdale. W. "D" Coy.
2908 Pte Wood. H. "C" Coy. 570 Pte Hartley. J. "C" Coy.

----- Part Two. -----

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

No 3682 Pte Langley A. J.	5-7-18.)	
No 113 Pte Cumming R.M.	4-7-18.)	
No 2685 Pte Madigan. T. J.	4-7-18.)	To Hospital Sick

No.2069 Pte Crocker. J. 4-7-18.)
 No.2295 Pte Breadmore. D.S. 4-7-18.)
 No.2038 Pte Thompson. D.M. 4-7-18.)
 No.2901 L/Cpl.Wann.C.A. 4-7-18 4-7-18.)
 No.1000 S/Sgt.Chapman. F. 8-7-18.)
 (Att.x A.O.D.)
 No. 681 Pte Moyle.E.H.W. 8-7-18.) To Hospital Sick.
 No.2161 Pte Lonsdale. W. 8-7-18.)
 No.1616 Sgt.Donaldson. C.D.A. 6-7-18.)
 (Whilst on detachment.)
 No 2441 Pte Bentley. A.J. 4-7-18.)
 No. 570 Pte Hartley. J. 4-7-18.) To Hospital Sick.Previously
 No.2908 Pte Wood. H. 4-7-18.) promulgated Missing in A.4-7-18.
 No 797 T/Cpl.Lindsay P. 9-7-18.)
 No.3580 Pte Johnstone.W. 9-7-18.)
 No. 648 Pte Outram. A 9-7-18.)
 No 7476 Pte Gill F.W. 9-7-18.) To Hospital Sick.
 No.1954 Pte Lysaght S.C. 9-7-18.)
 No 8070 Pte Harden. R. 9-7-18.)
 No 3425 Pte Howard S. 9-7-18.)

STRENGTH.

No 1675 Pte McIntosh.H.R. C Coy.) Taken on Strength ex 41st.Bn on
 No 136 Pte Clare C.M. A Coy.) Transfer 9-7-18.

REJOINED BATTALION.

No 2372 Pte Molan. W.J. "D" Coy.Rejoined Bn x Sick 7-7-18.
 No 2802 Pte Chatt. A.G. "B" Coy. do do Wdd. 6-7-18)Detchd.
 No 638 Pte Lawson. F.W. "C" Coy. do do Sick 6-7-18)3rdDiv.Wing

DIED OF WOUNDS.

No 2112 Pte Holman. V. "C" Coy. Died of Wounds 6-7-18 at No.47CCS.
 (Prev.promgtd Wounded in Action)
 No 123 L/Sgt.Connolly.M. "A" Coy. Died of Wounds 6-7-18 at No.47CCS.
 (Prev.promgtd Wounded in Action)

WOUNDS.

No 2073 Pte Campbell. F. C Coy. Wounded in Action 4-7-18.
 No 2835 Pte Hunt H. B Coy)
 No 3437 Pte Langdon R. C Coy) Wounded in Action 4-7-18.
 No 2572 Pte Keys A C Coy) (Prev promgtd.Missing in Action
 No 1676 Pte McIntosh. C.J. C Coy) 4-7-18)

No 3147 Pte Westm A.E. B Coy. Wounded in Action. 4-7-18
 No 6711 Pte Smith. E.A. B Coy. Wounded in Action. 4-7-18.
 No 3260 Pte Crowder C.E. C Coy. Wounded in Action. 4-7-18
 No 2772 Pte Wallace S.H.C. C Coy. Wounded in Action. 4-7-18.

ACCIDENTAL INJURY.

No 1673 Pte Manuel. T.F. B Coy. Accidentally injured(ankle) 4-7-18.

ILLEGAL ABSENTEE.

No.6490 Pte Chapman J.E. A Coy. Declared Illegal Absentee by Court
 of Enquiry 27-6-18.(Illegally absent
 from 6-6-18.)

OFFICER RETURNED TO AUSTRALIAM

Lieut GARNSWORTHY.S.Y. Returned to Australia.(Auth.AIF List 352)
 (Invalidated.)

PROMOTIONS.

No. 138 T/Sgt.Johnson. H.A. Promoted CQMS 13-6-18 vice No.7 CQMS
 (P.B.115948.) McKenzie D.Evac.to Base Medically unfit.
 (Auth.Brigade R.O.No.60 8-7-18.)
 No. 275 T/CQMS.Murphy. H.A. Promoted CQMS 23-6-18 vice No.1913 CQMS.
 (P.B.115476.) Taylor A.J.R. Died of Wounds.
 (Auth.Brigade R.O.No.60 8-7-18.)
 No. 720 EDP.Sgt Mitchinson.DE.)Promoted 2nd.Lieutenant 2-7-18)AuthA.I.F.
 No. 763 EDP.Sgt Groom. H.P.) do do do)List 352
 No. 500 L/Sgt.McDaniell.T.J. Promoted SERGEANT 5-7-18 vice No.470
 (P.B.116228.) Sgt.Ball P.J.Missing in Action 28-3-18.
 No. 546 T/Cpl.Padgett.J.R. Promoted CORPORAL 5-7-18 vice No.2034
 (P.B.116247.) Cpl.Cunnington A. Wounded 5-7-18.
 No. 814 T/Sgt.Lonsdale J.A. Promoted SERGEANT 9-7-18 vice No.2032
 (P.B.115965.) Sgt.Parker.K.I.A. 4-7-18.

No.5781 L/Cpl.Seery.F.
(P.B.115747.)
No. 685 Pte Baynes.H.
(P.B.115612.)

Promoted CORPORAL 9-7-18 vice No.2043
Cpl.Walmsley.G.O.H. K.I.A. 4-7-18.
Promoted CORPORAL 9-7-18 vice No.814
Cpl.Lonsdale J.A.promoted.

APPOINTMENTS.

No.2289 Pte Baxter. W.)
No.2789 Pte Berry. H.J.)
No.1786 Pte Gomme. O.D.)
No.1698 Pte Traynor. J.P.)
No. 988 Pte Allan. R.)
No.2308 Pte Christie.J.D.E.)
No.2670 Pte Fergusson.E.J.)
No. 752 Pte Owen. E.H.M.)
No.2828 Pte Ray. A.E.)
No. 846 Pte Spruce. E.W.)
No. 597 Pte Mountain. S.)
No.2546 Pte Billings. J.)
No.2889 Pte Spargo. H.C.)

Appointed LANCE-CORPORAL 9-7-18 to
complete establishment.

PROMOTIONS. (TEMPORARY.)

No.1698 L/Cpl.Traynor. J.P.
(P.B.115768.)
No.1786 L/Cpl.Gomme.O.D.
(P.B.199879.)
No.2789 L/Cpl.Berry.H.J.
(P.B.208470.)
No.2289 L/Cpl.Baxter W.
(P.B.115789.)
No. 685 Cpl.Baynes. H.
(P.B.115612.)
No.2047 L/Cpl.Byrne H.J.
(P.B.115793.)
No.2120 L/Cpl.Little.J.
(P.B.115812.)
No. 776 L/Cpl.Maloney.J.T.
(P.B.115710.)
No.5781 Cpl.Seery. F.
(P.B.115747.)
No. 893 Cpl.Blick P.S.
(P.B.93189.)
No.2428 L/Sgt.Troy.R.J.
(P.B.115830.)
No.1617 T/Sgt.Lees.J.
(P.B.265008.)

Promoted T/CORPORAL 10-7-18 vice No.2428
Cpl.Troy.R.J. promoted tempy.
Promoted T/CORPORAL 10-7-18 vice No.860
Cpl.Taylor.C.R.D. evac.Sick 26-6-18.
Promoted T/CORPORAL 10-7-18 vice No.4818
Cpl.Gargett.J.W.evac.Sick 19-5-18.
Promoted T/CORPORAL 10-7-18 vice No.2274
L/Sgt Gratwick J.H. evac Sick 2-7-18.
Promoted T/SERGEANT 10-7-18 vice NO.680
CQMS.McKellar.J.E.evac.to Base Med.Unfit.
Promoted T/CORPORAL 9-7-18 vice No.2215
Cpl.Maclean.E.N.Wounded 6-7-18.
Promoted T/CORPORAL 9-7-18.vice No.893
Cpl.Blick P.S.promoted.
Promoted T/CORPORAL 10-7-18 vice No.5781
Cpl.Seery F.promoted.
Promoted T/SERGEANT 10-7-18 vice 3143
Sgt.Warner F.L.Wounded 5-7-18.
Promoted T/SERGEANT 9-7-18 vice No.3006
Sgt.Sticpwich.W.N.Wounded 4-7-18.
Promoted T/SERGEANT 9-7-18.vice No.2276
Sgt.Woodroffe.C.J.Wounded 4-7-18.
Promoted T/SERGEANT 9-7-18 vice No.760
Sgt.Jones T.U.J. evac.Wdd 4-7-18 and
ceased to be T/Sgt. vice 1616 Sgt.Donaldson
C.D.A.from that date.
Promoted T/CORPORAL 9-7-18 vice No.651
Cpl.Roberts evac.Wdd.5-6-18.
Promoted T/CORPORAL 9-7-18 vice No.1662
Cpl.Trott.W.H. Wdd. 5-7-18.
Promoted T/CORPORAL 1-7-18 vice No.206
Cpl.Robins.B.C.evac.Wdd.16-4-18 and ceased
to be T/Cpl.vice No.862 Sgt.McCarthy from
that date.
Promoted T/CORPORAL 5-7-18 vice No.2561
Cpl.Davies.R.C.evac.Sick and ceased to be
T/Cpl.vice No.2034 Cpl.Cunnington.A.from
that date.

REVERSIONS.

No.604 T/Cpl.Northway.A.J.
(P.B.116243.)
No.797 T/Cpl.Lindsay.P.
(P.B.115704.)

Reverts to PRIVATE on evacuation Wounded
dated 5-7-18.
Reverts to LANCE-CORPORAL 9-7-18 on evac.
Sick.

C.L.BILES. Captain.
Adjutant 44th.Battalion.A.I.F.

NOTICES.

CINEMA SHOWS will be given on the 9th., 10th. and 11th., insts., at 2-30 pm. and 6 p.m. at LA HARA FARM - ALLONVILLE. → ADMISSION FREE.

Officers' Clothing Department.

An Officers' Clothing Department has been established at Melbourne Road, VIGNACOURT and will be open daily from 1st. July inclusive at the following hours :-

Week Days.- 8 a.m. to 12-30 p.m.-2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Sundays. - 9 a.m. to 12-30 p.m.

All sales will be on repayment.-(See G.R.O.2761.)
Ready Money not accepted.

BY
CAPT. W. H. ROCKLIFF. M.C. COMMANDING 44th. BATTALION. A.I.F.

Order No. 691.

10th. July 1918

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 11-7-18. - "D" Company.

2. 303 S.A.A. (S.P.G. TRACER.) C.R.O. 4451.

When using S.P.G. Tracer Ammunition it is necessary that the last five rounds at least should consist of ordinary Mark VII ammunition and that the barrel should be cleaned out immediately afterwards.

Unless this is done a hardcake is formed on the surface of the bore which is liable to lead to bulged barrels.

3. TRANSFERS. The following transfers take effect from 10-7-18.:-

No. 885 L/Cpl. Wann. G.A. - B Coy. No. 3682 Pte Langley. A. J. - D Coy.

No. 955 Pte Oxley. J. W. B Coy. No. 885 T/Sgt. Batnes. H. HQ to D. Coy

4. STRENGTH. Evacuated Sick struck off Strength 10-7-18.

No. 2901 L/Cpl. Wann. C.A. "B" Coy. No. 3682 Pte Langley. A. J. "D" Coy.

No. 113 Pte Cummings. R.M. "A" Coy. No. 5683 Pte Madigan. T. J. "A" Coy

No. 2069 Pte Crocker. J. "A" Coy. No. 2293 Pte Breadmore. D.S. "D" Coy

No. 2038 Pte Thompson. D.M. "D" Coy.

-----Part Two.-----

ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITAL.

No. 1712 Sgt. Mann. L.)

No. 684 Pte Fisher. D.)

No. 5103 Pte Garman. C.)

No. 3760 Pte McManus. B.)

No. 7447 Pte Allen. N.E.)

No. 153 Pte O'Brien. J.)

No. 7460 Pte Clifford. J.)

To Hospital Sick. 10-7-18.

DETACHMENT.

No. 522 Pte Connop. A.E. "C" Coy. Detached to Aust. Inf. Base Depot.
9-7-18. Medically Unfit. Struck off strength

REJOINED BATTALION.

No. 2274 L/Sgt. Gratwick. J.H. "D" Coy. Rejoined Bn ex Sick 9-7-18.
(Detached 3rd. Div. Wing.)

No. 2800 Pte Caudle S.J. "B" Coy. Rejoined Bn. ex Wounded 10-7-18.

C.L. BILES. Captain.
Adjutant 44th. Battalion. A.I.F.

BATTALION ORDERS.

BY

CAPTAIN. W. H. ROCKLIFF. (MC)Order No 692. COMMANDING 44th BATTALION. A.I.F.11.7.18.

-----Part One-----

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company 12.7.18..... "A" Company.

2. TRANSFERS. The undermentioned transfers take effect dated 11.7.18.

Captain Longmore. C.	"C" Coy to "A" Coy and to Command.
Lieut Pole. C. H. S.	"C" Coy to "A" Coy.
Lieut Scarr. H. (MM)	"D" Coy to "A" Coy.
Lieut Munro. A. J.	"A" Coy to "D" Coy.
No 2856 Pte Moorhouse. F.	"D" Coy to HQ Cooks.
No 774 Pte Lyons. J. P.	"D" Coy to HQ Pioneers.
No 3037 Pte Chrisp. W. J.	"A" Coy to "D" Coy.

-----Part Two-----

ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITAL.

No 2348 Pte Hackett. F. J.) To Hospital sick 11.7.18.
No 2236 Pte Robinson. S. N.	
No 2544 Pte Pollock. A.	
No 3347 Pte McKeon. J.	
No 908 Pte McIlwaine. T. R.)

REJOINED BATTALION.

Lieut ROGER. A. "B" Rejoined Bn x Training Bn England. 10.7.18.

PROMOTIONS.

No 922 L/Cpl Fraser. A.	Promoted CORPORAL 7.7.18. vice No 123 L/Sgt
(PB No 115662)	Connolly. M. Died of Wounds. 6.7.18.
No 2271 L/Sgt Dorrizzi. E. J.	Promoted SERGEANT 11.7.18. vice No 3390 Sgt
(PB No 186043)	Dewar. R. transferred to Corps Schools.
No 1936 L/Cpl Homewood. J.	Promoted CORPORAL 11.7.18. vice No 2271 L/SG
(PB No 115428)	Dorrizzi. E. J. promoted.
No 2602 L/Cpl Maher. W. J.	Promoted CORPORAL 11.7.18. vice No 332 Cpl
(PB No 174273)	McQueen. R. A. C. transferred to Corps Schools.

PROMOTIONS (TEMPORARY)

No 363 L3Sgt Mills. A. J.	Promoted T/SERGEANT 11.7.18. vice No 311 Sg
(PB NO 115470)	Campbell. E. A. wounded 4.7.18.
No 2773 L/Cpl Moore. L. J. M.	Promoted T/CORPORAL 11.7.18. vice No 363 L/sgt
(PB No 208490-	Mills. A. J. promoted.
No 2675 L/Cpl Joyce. R. H.	Promoted T/CORPORAL 11.7.18. vice No 906 Cpl
(PB No 174254)	Lunt. N. wounded 4.7.18.

APPOINTMENTS.

No 389 Cpl Hastings. H. R.) Appointed LANCE SERGEANT 11.7.18. to complete establishment.
(PB No 115924)	
No 1711 Pte Utry. C. H.	
No 1915 Pte Gay. R. O.	
No 2096 Pte Green. M.	
No 2054 Pte Barnard. F. S.	
No 2896 Pte Westaway. J. G.) Appointed LANCE CORPORAL 11.7.18. to complete establishment.
No 555 Pte Reilly. M. D.	
No 7198 Pte McMahon. P. T.	

C. L. Biles. Captain.
ADJUTANT 44th BATTALION. A. I. F.

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BATTALION ORDER

BY

CAPTAIN W.E. ROCKLIFT (MC)

11.7.18

Order No 682. COMMANDING 44th BATTALION. A.I.F.

---Part One---

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company 11.7.18..... "A" Company.

2. TRANSFERS. The undermentioned transfers take effect dated 11.7.18. Captain Bonebrake C. "D" Coy to "A" Coy and to Command.

- Lieut Bonebrake C. "D" Coy to "A" Coy.
- Lieut Bonebrake H. (MI) "D" Coy to "A" Coy.
- Lieut Bonebrake A. J. "D" Coy to "C" Coy.
- No 2828 Pte Bonebrake F. "D" Coy to HQ Cooks.
- No 2774 Pte Bonebrake J. P. "D" Coy to HQ Pioneers.
- No 2037 Pte Bonebrake W. J. "A" Coy to "D" Coy.

NOTICE. ---Part Two---

TRENCH COMFORTS.

FIFTY POUNDS HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE 44th BATTALION TRENCH COMFORT FUND CLAREMONT. W.A. FOR THE PURPOSE OF FETCHING THE BAND UP TO ITS PRESENT STRENGTH IN INSTRUMENTS. THIS AMOUNT WAS SENT FROM THE PROCEEDS OF A FETE HELD RECENTLY IN CLAREMONT AT WHICH THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUNDS WAS RAISED FOR THE BATTALION TRENCH COMFORT WORK. THE SECRETARY OF THE FUNDS REPORTS THAT THE PACKING OF XMAS BOXES FOR 1918 HAS BEEN COMMENCED.

The above to be promulgated to all ranks.

- ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL
- No 2348 Pte Hackett W. J.
- No 2226 Pte Robinson S. H.
- No 2544 Pte Pollock A.
- No 2547 Pte Nelson J.
- ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL (TEMPORARY)
- No 2531 Pte Hackett W. J.
- (PS No 112470)
- No 2774 Pte Moore E. J. M.
- (PS No 204190)
- No 2828 Pte Bonebrake F. R. H.
- (PS No 14224)
- APPOINTMENTS
- No 2828 Pte Bonebrake F. R. H.
- (PS No 11224)
- No 1711 Pte Ury C. H.
- No 1813 Pte Ury C. H.
- No 2028 Pte Green M.
- No 2024 Pte Bernard J. S.
- No 2828 Pte Westaway J. G.
- No 253 Pte Kelly M. D.
- No 1718 Pte Nelson J.

NOTICE

SEE OVERLEAF

ADJUTANT 44th BATTALION. A.I.F. C.E. Rife. Captain.

BY
CAPTAIN W.H. DOCKLIFF. (MC.)

COMMANDING 44th. BATTALION. A.I.F.

13-7-18.

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 14-7-18..... "C" Company.
Orderly Officer will be responsible for collecting Tattoo Reports.

2. CHURCH PARADE.

Battalion Church Parade will be held to-morrow 14th inst., on flat immediately in front of B.H.Q. at 10 a.m. Markers will report to R.S.M. on Parade Ground at 9-50 a.m. Dress. Belt and Side Arms.

CHURCH PARADE. (ROMAN CATHOLIC.)

Mass will be celebrated in DAOURS Church at 10-30 a.m. to-morrow, 14th Inst., Parade for this service will fall in at B.H.Q. at 10 a.m. Dress. Belt and Side Arms.

3.

RESULTS OF SCHOOLS. Australian Corps Gas School. 8th. Course.
Captain H.L. Fowler. 92%. Excellent.

4. AUDIT BOARD.

The following Officers will constitute a Board to Audit the Account of the Regimental Canteen:-

MEMBERS.

Captain C. Longmore.
Captain M. Lewis.
Captain H.L. Fowler.

Time and place to be arranged by Senior Officer.

5. TRANSFERS.

The following are transferred from H.Q. Details to Companies as shown, as from the 13th inst.,:-

No 5748 Pte May E.C.A. "B" No 129 Pte Goodisson S.M. "A"
No 764 Pte McGow T. "B" No 150 Pte Stoltze T. "A" No 2680
Pte Atkins W "B". No 2379 Pte McBride D. "B" No 2766 Pte
Ewing R. J. N. "C" No 202 Pte O'Neill F. C. "A"
The following to "D" Coy.:- No 876 Pte Dods W. E. G. (Detchd.
Divl. Wing.) No 3137 Pte Tichbon S. J. No 2601 Pte Lawrence. L.
No 3077 Pte Hunter G. I. No 705 Pte Donovan. F. S. No 2554 Pte
Curry W. N. No 757 Pte Gordon A. No 277 Kennedy J. J. No 420
Pte Outred B. No 2874 Pte Putman J. No 774 Pte Lyons J. T.
No 1963 Cpl Mullally F. No 218 Pte Wheatcroft N. No 303 Pte
Williams A. V.

6. STRENGTH. Evacuated sick. struck off strength 13-7-18.
No 1616 Sgt Donaldson C. D. A. "A" Coy.

C. L. BILES. Captain.
Adjutant. 44th. Battalion. A. I. F.

BY

CAPTAIN W.H. ROCKLIFF. (M.C.)

Order No 694.

COMMANDING 44th. BATTALION. A.I.F.

14-7-18.

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 15-7-18. "D" Company.

Duty Company will supply daily 2 N.C.Os. and 20 Men to report to LIEUT. WHITCOMBE, 3rd Divisional H.Q. at 8 a.m. as a working party.

Midday meal to be carried. No tools required.

This party will report to Battalion Headquarters at 6-45 a.m. to be inspected by Orderly Officer before proceeding.

The N.C.O. in charge of each party will be given written instructions as to where he is to report, to whom, time to report, and particulars of what his party is.

2. RESULTS OF SCHOOLS.

4th. Army Infantry School. 9-6-18 to 29-6-18.

No 2642 L/Sgt West H.G. Result - Good report.

Corps Lewis Gun School. 23-6-18 to 8-7-18.

No. 26 Cpl. Buchan. R. Result - Good report. Qual. as Instr.

No. 2 Brigade N.C.Os. School. P.E. 10-7-18.

No 2439 Cpl. White J. Result - 92%

No 968 Sgt Palmer C.T. do - 85%

No 271 Cpl. Adam J.H. do - 79%

No 143 L/Cpl McLachlan. W. do - 79%

No 576 Cpl. Dungey H.G. do - 79%

No 225 L/Cpl. Smith E.H. do - 79%

No 2670 " Fergusson. E.J. do - 78%

No 270 Cpl. Cole A.H. do - 71%

No 974 L/Cpl. Watson. S. do - 69%

Total Marks obtainable 100. Highest in School 96%.

3. TRANSFERS. The undermentioned Transfers take effect dated 14-7-18.:-

No 3654 Pte Fulcher J. H.Q. to "D"

No. 158 Pte Weeks W.J. H.Q. to "A" No 578 Pte Everett W.A.

H.Q. to "C" No 7193 Pte Van Raalte P.E. H.Q. to "D"

No 7585 Pte George T. "A" to H.Q. Sanitary. No 5798 Pte Bolger. R

H.Q. to "D".

----- Part Two. -----

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

2nd. LIEUT. STEWART. W. 12-7-18.)

415 L/Cpl. Anderson C.L. 12-7-18.)

2829 Pte Grover A.J. 12-7-18.)

7556 Pte Wolfe F. 12-7-18.)

3722 Pte Turnbull R. 12-7-18.)

7496 Pte Keily. J. @ 12-7-18.) To Hospital Sick.

2681 Pte Mottram. E.J. @ 12-7-18.) @ (Whilst on Detachment.)

R1506 Pte Kenny R.T. 10-7-18.)

LIEUT. C.J. PIPER. 14-7-18.)

255 Cpl. Sullivan W.T. 14-7-18.)

TRANSFERS.

2894 Pte Thompson D.J. "B") Transferred to 11th. A.L.T.M. Battery dated

2381 Pte Nagle J. "A") 11-7-18 from 44th Battalion.

2601 Pte Lawrence L. "D")

3765 Pte Hopkins. W.S. "C")

855 Pte Cassidy P. H.Q. Transferred to 4th. Aust. B.G.R.O. Coy dated 12-7-18. (Auth. D.A.G. A.I.F. 187/3045)

REJOINED BATTALION.

2806 Pte D'arcy A.L. "A" Coy. Rejoined Bn x Wdd 10-7-18.

2947 Pte Adsheed J.L. "A" Coy do do Sick 10-7-18.

272 Pte Hart A. "B" Coy do do do 10-7-18.

98 Pte Gregg R. "D" Coy do do Wdd. 10-7-18.

Pre Colledge R.E.L. "B" Coy do so Detchd. 14-7-18 (not S.O.D.)

C.L. BILES. CAPTAIN.
ADJUTANT 44th. BATTN. A.I.F.

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BY
CAPTAIN W.H. ROCKLIFF. (M.C.)COMMANDING 44th. BATTALION. A.I.F.Order No 695.15-7-18.1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 16-7-18....."A" Company.2. PASSES.- A.R.O. 2303.

Officers and Other Ranks when travelling in a motor car or motor cycle must be in possession of a one day pass, signed by a Commanding Officer or Staff Officer, authorising the journey and stating the nature of their duty. One pass for a party is sufficient. In the case of Officers and Other Ranks who have to travel by motor car or motor cycle in the normal course of duty, a weekly pass may be issued.

3. AMIENS. C.R.O. 192.

Attention is directed to A.R.Os. 1901 and 2281, reading as follows:-

1901. " AMIENS is placed out of bounds to all troops, Passes to enter the town will be issued only to those proceeding there on duty."

2281. " Officers or men will not enter any unoccupied premises in AMIENS except on duty."

These orders will be read on parade in every Unit before 15-7-18, and once monthly thereafter, and will also be posted in a conspicuous place in all Unit billeting areas.

4. STRENGTH. Evacuated Sick struck off strength 15-7-18.

No 1954	Pte Lysaght StC.	"C" Coy.
No 8070	Pte Harden R.	"B" Coy.
No 3425	Pte Howard S.	"D" Coy.
No 3580	Pte Johnstone W.	"A" Coy.
No 382	Cpl Spence A.R.	"B" Coy.
No 7460	Pte Clifford J.	"D" Coy.
No 153	Pte O'Brien J.	H.Q.
No 7447	Pte Allen A.E.	"B" Coy.
No 3760	Pte McManus B.	"C" Coy.
No 5103	Pte Garman C	"C" Coy.
No 684	Pte Fisher D.	"D" Coy.
No 1712	Sgt Mann.L.	"D" Coy.
No 797	L/Cpl. Lindsay P.	"D" Coy.
No 648	Pte Outram A.	H.Q.
No 7496	Pte Gill F.W.	"B" Coy.

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HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

1699	Pte Traynor J.W.	to hospital Sick	12-7-18.
1879	apte Martin H.	do	15-7-18.
382	Cpl Spence A.R.	do	7-7-18.
270	Cpl. Cole A.H.	do	14-7-18.
2872	Pte Pacy I.A.	do	14-7-18.

WOUND. (ACCIDENTAL.)

2372 Pte Molan. W.J. "D" Coy. Wounded accidentally 13-7-18.

PROMOTION. (TEMPORARY.)

462 Sgt. Mills J.E. Promoted T/CQMS. 21-6-18. vice 5035 CQMS Kelly A.C. to hospital Sick 20-6-18. (Auth. 11th B.R.O. No 61 of 14-7-18.)
(P.B. No 93209.)

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REJOINED BATTALION.

935a Pte Tilly A.M.	"B" Coy. Rejoined Bn ex Sick 13-7-18.) Detchd.
2415 Pte Small J.D.	"A" Coy. Rejoined Bn 13-7-18.) Div. Wing.
	Prev. promulgated Missing in Action)
	4-7-18.))
1616 Sgt Donaldson C.D.A.	"D" Coy. Rejoined Bn ex Sick 10-7-18)	

DETACHMENT.

1616 Sgt Donaldson C.D.A. Detached for duty to 1st. Tunnelling Coy 10-7-18

C.L. BILES. Captain.
Adjutant 44th. Battalion. A.I.F.

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BY

CAPTAIN W.H. ROCKLIFF. (M.C)

Order No 696.

COMMANDING 44th BATTALION. A.I.F.

16.7.18.

1. -----Part One-----

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 17.7.18....."B"Company.

2. RE FORFEITURE OF PAY. V.D. (A.I.F. ORDER 1282)

Reference Battalion Order 690 sub-para 2 with reference to the above order, it is notified for the information of those concerned that the amount to be credited to soldiers paybooks owing to the order being made retrospective will be made by the Chief Pay Office LONDON.

The pay sergeant cannot issue or make any credit entries in paybooks till he is instructed to do so by LONDON Office, and some period will therefore elapse before the credit notes are received.

3. STRENGTH. Evacuated sick struck off strength 16.7.18.

2/Lt Stewart. W. A Coy. 2348 Pte Hackett. F. J. A Coy.
 2236 Pte Robinson. S. W. A Coy. 3544 Pte Pollock. A. D Coy.
 3347 Pte McKeon. J. D Coy 908 Pte McIlwaine. T. R. D Coy.
 415 L/Cpl Anderson. C. L. HQ. 2829 Pte Grover. A. J. D. Coy.
 7556 Pte Wolfe. F. D Coy. 3722 Pte Turnbull. R. B Coy.
 R1056 Pte Kenny. R. T. C Coy.

-----Part Two-----

ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITAL.

2166 Pte Wicks. W. 14.7.18.) To Hospital sick.
 2926 Pte Mayburg. N. W. 15.7.18.)

REJOINED BATTALION.

No 113 Pte Cumming. R. L.	"A"	Rejoined Bn x sick	15.7.18)
No 1712 Sgt Mann. L.	"D"	do do	15.7.18.)
No 3528 Pte Johnson. H. A.	"C"	do do	14.7.18.) Detached 3rd
No 881 Dvr Sticken. E. A.	"HQ"	do do	14.7.18.) Div Wing.
No 391 Dvr Stevenson. J. R.	"HQ"	do do	14.7.18.)
No 2866 Pte O'Donohoe. J. P.	"C"	do do	14.7.18.)

STRENGTH.

No 2110 Pte Higham. F. J. "D" Taken on strength x Reinfo 14.7.18. (Det at 3rd Div Wing.)

DIED OF WOUNDS.

No 3433 Pte McCarlie. R. "D" Died of Wounds at 10th Genl Hosp ROUEN 7.7.18.
 (prev promulgated Wounded in Action)
 No 3098 Pte Matthews. C. G. "D" Died of Wounds at 6th Genl Hosp 8.7.18.
 (prev promulgated Wounded in Action)

C?L. Biles. Captain.
 ADJUTANT 44th BATTALION. A.I.F

NOTICE.

BRIGADE TROUPE WILL GIVE A CONCERT TO BATTALION THIS EVENING AT 6 p.m.

BATTALION ORDERS.BYCAPTAIN W.H. ROCKLIFF. (M.C.)Order No 697. COMMANDING 44th BATTALION.A.I.F.17.7.18.-----Part One-----

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 18.7.18....."C" Company.
2. STRENGTH. Evacuated sick struck off strength. 17.7.18.
No 1699 Pte Traynor.J.W. "D" Coy.

-----Part Two-----ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITAL.

No 7514 Pte McDermott.C.L. 17.7.18.)
 No 6110 Pte Lee.R.W. 17.7.18.) To Hospital sick.

STRENGTHPROMOTION (TEMPORARY)

No 143 L/Cpl McLachlan.W.M. Promoted T/CORPORAL 16.7.18.vice No 2315
 (PB No 115980) L/Sgt Casterton.W.W.Wounded 4.7.18.
 No 5714 L/Cpl Horton.A.J. Promoted T/CORPORAL 16.7.18.vice No 116
 (PB No 115936) Cpl Wylett.J.E. Wounded 4.7.18.
 No 2642 L/Sgt West.H.G. Promoted T/SERGEANT 16.7.18.vice No 462
 (PB No 282092) Sgt Mills.J.E. promoted.
 No 2676 L/Cpl Tierney.C.P. Promoted T/CORPORAL 16.7.18.vice No 2642
 (PB No 208493) L/Sgt West.H.G. promoted.

CORRIGENDUM.PROMOTION
TEMPORARY.

No 2289 T/Cpl Baxter.W. Reference B.O. 690 showing soldier promoted
 T/CORPORAL 10.7.18. amend vice to read:-
 Vice No 1617 L/Sgt Lees.J. promoted.

APPOINTMENT.

No 2676 Pte Tierney.C.P.) Appointed LANCE CORPORAL 15.7.18. to
 No 7455 Pte Bull.C.R.) complete establishment.
 No 1662 Pte Ion.T.)

C.L.Biles. Captain.
 ADJUTANT 44th BATTALION.A.I.F.

BATTALION ORDERS.

BY

CAPTAIN W.H. ROCKLIFF. (M.C.)Order No 698.COMMANDING 44th BATTALION.A.I.F.18.7.18.-----Part One-----

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 19.7.18....."D"Company.
2. BATHS. Baths at DAOURS Baths are available as shown tomorrow 19.7.18. Capacity 150 per hour. Parties of 37 to be sent each 15 minutes in charge of an Officer, or if Officer not available senior N.C.O.
- | | |
|---------------|--------------------|
| "A" Company. | 1 pm. to 1.45pm. |
| "B" Company. | 1.45pm. to 2.25pm. |
| "C" Company. | |
| H.Q. Details. | 2.25pm. to 3.20pm. |
| "C" Coy. | 3.20pm. to 4 pm. |
| "D" Coy. | 4 p.m. to 4.30pm. |
3. STRENGTH. Evacuated Sick struck off strength. 18-7-18.
No 7496 Pte Kelly J. "C" Coy.
No 2681 Pte Mottram. E. J. "D" Coy.
4. TRANSFERS. The undermentioned Transfers take effect dated 18-7-18:-
No 218 Pte Wheatcroft N. "D" Coy to Hqrs Police.
5. FAT - Jam CARTONS etc.,
The return of Fat, Bones, Jam Cartons, Paper etc., has of late been considerably below the usual standard. Companies will at once provide receptacles so that the return of the articles mentioned may be brought up to the usual standard again.

-----Part Two-----REJOINED BATTALION.

No 1954 Pte Lysaght S.C.	"B" Rejoined Bn ex Sick 17-7-18.)	Detached 3rd Div.
No 3425 Pte Howard F.	"D" do do do 17-7-18.))	Wing.
No 8070 Pte Harden R.	"B" do do do 17-7-18.)	

REVERSIONS.

No 881 Dvr Sticken E.A. (P.B.116Lo7.)	Reverts to PRIVATE 14-7-18 on ceasing to perform the duties of DRIVER.
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C.L. BILES. Captain.
Adjutant 44th Battalion.A.I.F.

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BY

CAPTAIN W.H. ROCKLIFF. (M.C.)

COMMANDING 44th. BATTALION. A.I.F.

Order No 699

19-7-18.

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 20-7-18..... "A" Company.

2. LITERATURE DROPPED FROM ENEMY AEROPLANES.

It is reported that the enemy continues to drop propaganda over our lines by means of aeroplanes.

The ordinary method of dropping propaganda over our lines has been in the past by means of coal gas balloons.

It is desired to ascertain whether there is any case that can be sworn to by an eye-witness, of propaganda intended for British troops being dropped by German aviators.

Any case of papers, books, pamphlets or other literature being dropped by enemy aeroplanes will at once be reported to these Headquarters.

Date, time, locality and names of actual witnesses to be stated.

All such papers, books, and pamphlets will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters.

This order to be read out to all Companies on three parades.

3. TRANSFERS. (Bn.)

The following transfers take effect as from the 19th. inst. :-
7480 Pte Hall J. HQ to "A" Coy. 1924 Pte Woods V.G. HQ to "D" Coy
3331 Pte Pickering J HQ to "D" Coy. 316 Pte Smith W.H. 2046 Pte Anning H.A. and 2845 Pte Lucke F "B" Coy to HQ., 881 Pte Sticken A.E. HQ. to "D" Coy.

----- Part Two. -----

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

No 3087 Pte Kelly P. To Hospital Sick 19-7-18.

REJOINED BATTALION.

No 445	L/Sgt Gillett F.	"B"	Rejoined Battalion	18-7-18.)	
No 702	Pte Kidd M.C.	HQ	do	do	18-7-18.)
No 7476	Pte Gill F.W.	"B"	do	do	18-7-18.)
No 648	Pte Outram A.	HQ.	do	do	18-7-18.)
No 373	Pte Beeke J.E.	"D"	do	do	17-7-18.) ex Sick.
No 5201	Pte Smith A.T.	"C"	do	do	17-7-18.)
No 2684	Pte Moschetti. BF.	"C"	do	do	17-7-18.)
No 656	Pte Smith V.	"C"	do	do	17-7-18.)
No 2678	Pte Cuckson E.C.	"C"	do	do	17-7-18.) ex Wounded.
No 3304	Pte Kinshott A.G.	"B"	do	do	17-7-18.) ex Injured.
No 1616	Sgt. Donaldson. C.D.A.	"D"	do	do	18-7-18.) ex Detachment. (not S.O.S.)

C.L. BILES. Captain.
Adjutant. 44th Battalion. A.I.F.

BATTALION ORDERS.

BY

CAPTAIN W.H. ROCKLIFF. (M.C.)Order No 700.COMMANDING 44th BATTALION.A.I.F.20.7.18.

-----Part One-----

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 21st July 1918....."B"Company.

All Packs with felt hats rolled in packs will be stacked in Company Dumps opposite "A" Company Cookers by 3p.m. 21.7.18. ready for Transport to Q.M.Store.

2. CHURCH PARADES.SUNDAY 21.7.18.CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Battalion Parade 10a.m.opposite 42nd Battalion Headquarters. Chaplain. Phillips.
Companies will fall in on their own parade grounds at 9.40a.m.
Holy Communion will be held in 44th Bn Reading Room at 7a.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC.

Mass. 10.30a.m.-DAOURS CHURCH- Chaplain Jones.
Companies will fall in in front of Battalion.H.Q.at 10a.m.
Lieut W.G.Feulkner."D"Coy will take charge of this parade.
Dress for both Parades:- Belt and Side Arms.S.B.R.

3. STRENGTH. Evacuated sick struck off strength. 20.7.18.

Lieut PIPER.C.J. "A"Coy. 1879 Cpl Martin.H.A. "C"Coy.
255 Cpl Sullivan.W.T. "B"Coy. 270 Cpl Cole.A.H. "B"Coy.
2872 Pte Pacy.L.A. "C"Coy. 2166 Pte Wicks.W. "A"Coy.

-----Part Two-----

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

No 3049 Pte Darcy.J. To Hospital sick.20.7.18.

TRANSFER TO ENGLAND.

No 3740 Pte Boyce.A.H. "B" Transferred to ENGLAND 23.6.18. for return to AUSTRALIA (Underage) (ex Div Wing-Auth D.H.Q. Q46/140 of 21.6.18. Div Wing A12/133)

PROMOTION.

No 2824 Cpl Gale.A.H. Promoted COMPANY QUARTER MASTER SERGEANT 16.7.18 vice 680 CQMS McKellar. unfit for further services in the Field.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

2657 Pte Walton.R.

Died of Wounds received in Action 4.7.18.at 13th F.A. (Prev promulgated Wounded in Action)

7547 Pte Taaffe.J.E.

Died of Wounds received in Action 11.7.18.at No 5 Gnl Hosp.(Prev promulgated Wounds in Action)

C.L.Biles. Captain.
ADJUTANT 44th BATTALION.A.I.F.

BATTALION ORDERS.

BY

Captain W.H. ROCKLIFF. (M.C.)

Order No 701.

COMMANDING 44th BATTALION.A.I.F.

21.7.18.

L. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 22.7.18. "C" Company.

-----Part Two-----

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

3654 Pte Fulcher.J.)	
7193 Pte Van-Raalte.P.E.)	To Hospital sick.21.7.18.
3353 Pte Shearer.D.)	

REJOINED BATTALION.

7556 Pte Wolfe.F.	"D"	Rejoined Bn x sick.20.7.18.)	Detached at
860 Cpl Taylor.C.R.D.	"D"	do do 20.7.18.)	3rd Div Wing.
3380 Pte Armstrong.F.E.	"D"	do do 20.7.18.)	
7440 pte Ford.J.H.	"D"	do do 20.7.18.)	
884 Dvr Crews.H.	"HQ"	do do 20.7.18.)	
7452 Pte Bird.S.	"C"	do Wndd 20.7.18.)	

APPOINTMENT.

No 626 Cpl Currie.J.
(PB No 46864)

Appointed LANCE SERGEANT 21.7.18. to complete establishment.

Sgd. C.L.Biles. Captain.
Adjutant 44th Battalion. A.I.F.

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BATTALION ORDERS.

BY

MAJOR W.H. ROCKLIFF. (M.C.).Order No 702. COMMANDING 44th BATTALION.A.I.F.22.7.18.-----Part One-----

- 1.ROUTINE. Duty Company for 23-7-18....."D" Company.
- 2.PRISONERS OF WAR.THEFTS FROM.(G.R.O.3823 as amended by G.R.O.3987.)
Complaints have been received alleging cases of theft of personal property from freshly captured Prisoners of War. Such incidents are not only discreditable in themselves, but they provoke retaliatory measures on the part of the enemy against British Officers and men who have been captured by them.
All Ranks are forbidden to remove from German Prisoners, any personal belongings including Watches and Jewellery Iron Crosses, Money, Discs, Pay Books and articles of personal clothing.
Official Letters, Documents and Maps, should be collected at the earliest possible opportunity.
Private Letters, Papers and Documents will only be removed under the authorised supervision of a General Staff or an Intelligence Corps Officer or of an Officer of the Provost Branch of the Staff.
This order will be promulgated at frequent intervals, so that reinforcements may be made aware of it.
- 3.ECHELONS. "A" "B" & "C" Echelons will in future, be known as "Fighting Troops", "Wagon Lines" and "Nucleus"
- 4.STRENGTH. Evacuated Sick struck off strength dated 22-7-18.
7154 Pte McDermott C.L. "D" Coy 6110 Pte Lee R.W. "A" Coy.

----- Part Two.-----TRANSFER TO ENGLAND.

1837a Sgt Henderson C.A. "A" Coy. Proceeded to O.T.C. England 21-7-18. and to be borne supernumerary to establishment of 44th Battalion.

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

32 Pte Beetson G.H. "B" Coy To Hospital Sick 22-7-18.

PROMOTION.(TEMPORARY)

Captain W.H. Rockliff. (M.C.)

Promoted MAJOT (TEMPORARY) 17-7-18.
(Auth.D.A.G. A.I.F., T67 of 20-7-18)

400 L/Cpl. Clarke W.C.
(P.B.No 115380)

Promoted TEMPORARY CORPORAL 22-7-18
vice 255 Cpl Sullivan W.T. evacuated Sick 14-7-18.

2054 L/Cpl. Barnard F.F.
(P.B.No 115546)

Promoted TEMPORARY CORPORAL 22-7-18
vice 270 Cpl. Cole A.H. evacuated Sick 14-7-18.

APPOINTMENT.

248 Pte Curo P.J.

Appointed LANCE CORPORAL 22-7-18 to complete establishment.

TRANSFER.

3582 Pte Larson J.E. "B"

Transferred to 11th Fld. Coy Engineers 22-7-18 from 44th Battalion. (Authority 11th Inf. Brigade 2/3 of 20-7-18.)

NOTICE.

THE BRIGADE TROUPE WILL GIVE A-9
concert on the 24th inst at 6 p.m.

C.L. BILES. Captain.
Adjutant 44th Battalion.A.I.F.

BY

MAJOR W.H. ROCKLIFF. (M.C.)

Order No 703.

COMMANDING 44th BATTALION. A.I.F.

23.7.18.

-----Part One-----

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 24.7.18....."A" Company.
2. BATHS. Baths at DAOURS Baths are available as shown to-morrow 24-7-18
Capacity 150 per hour. Parties of 37 to be sent each 15 minutes
in charge of an Officer, or if an Officer is not available, a
Senior N.C.O.

"D" Coy.	1 p.m.	to 1-30 p.m.
"C" Coy.	1-30p.m.	to 2-10 p.m.
HQ. Dtls.	2-10p.m.	to 3- 5 p.m.
"B" Coy.	3- 5p.m.	to 3-35 p.m.
"A" Coy.	3-45p.m.	to 4-30 p.m.

----- Part Two. -----

STRENGTH.

No 9650 Cpl. McGrath A.A. "HQ" Taken on strength on transfer from 11th. Fld.
Coy Engineers 23-7-18.
(Auth. 11th. Inf Bde 2/10 of 14-7-18. 11th F.C.
(Engrs. 21/45 of 23-7-18.)

REJOINED BATTALION.

No 892 Sgt Bingley C.L. "A" Rejoined Bn ex Wounded 21-7-18.) Detached
No 1687 Pte Roberts C.D. "D" Rejoined Bn ex Wounded 21-7-18.) Div. Wing.

PROMOTION.

No 2050 T/Cpl. Broadbridge C.H. Promoted CORPORAL 23-7-18 vice 206 Cpl.
(P.B. 115549) Robins B.C. wounded 16-4-18.

PROMOTIONS (TEMPORARY.)

No 992 Cpl. Fraser A. (P.B. 115662)	Promoted T/SERGEANT 23-7-18 vice 1837a Sgt. Henderson C.A. to O.T.C. 21-7-18.
No 1840 L/Cpl. Hewby A.S. (P.B. 115935)	Promoted T/CORPORAL 23-7-18 vice 922 Cpl. Fraser A. Promoted.
No 26 Cpl. Buchan R. (P.B. 115909)	Promoted T/SERGEANT 23-7-18 vice 128 Sgt. Gibson E. J. wounded 4-7-18.
No 5758 L/Cpl. McComish L. (P.B. 115975)	Promoted T/CORPORAL 23-7-18 vice 26 Cpl. Buchan R promoted.

APPOINTMENTS.

3621 Pte Brown O.H.)	Appointed LANCE CORPORAL 23-7-18 to complete establishment.
3075 Pte Holmes A.P.)	
2093 Pte Griffiths. J.E)	

C.L. BILES. CAPTAIN.
ADJUTANT. 44th. BATTALION. A.I.F.

BATTALION ORDERS.

BY

MAJOR W.H. ROCKLIFF. (M.C.)

Order No 704. COMMANDING 44th BATTALION. A.I.F.

24.7.18.

-----Part One-----

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 25.7.18....." B" Company.

----- Part Two-----

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

No 3781 Pte Illingworth J. To Hospital Sick 24-7-18

REJOINED BATTALION.

No 758 Pte Newman G.H. (MM) "D" Rejoined Bn ex Sick 17-7-18.

DETACHMENT.

Capt. R.L. KENIHAN. (M.C.) (A.A.M.C.) Detached for duty with 3rd. Aust Sanitary Section 23-7-18.

ATTACHMENT.

Capt. S.L. GERMON. (A.A.M.C.) Attached for duty as R.M.O. ex 9th. Fld. Amb. 23-7-18.

PROMOTION. (TEMPORARY.)

No 685 T/Sgt. BAYNES H. To be T/SERGEANT 16-7-18 vice 1612 sgt. Gallop ALD. (P.B. 115612) evac. sick and ceased to be T/Sgt vice 180 CQMS. McKeller J.E. from that date.

No 1786 T/Cpl Gomme O.D. To be T/CORPORAL 20-7-18 vice No 685 Cpl Baynes H. (P.B. 199879) promoted, and ceased to be T/Cpl vice 860 Cpl. Taylor C.R.D. from that date.

C.L. BILES. Captain.
Adjutant 44th. Battalion. A.I.F.

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BY

MAJOR W.H. ROCKLIFF. (M.C.)

No 705.

COMMANDING 44th BATTALION. A.I.F.

25-7-18.

ROUTINE. Duty Company for 26-7-18....."C" Coy.TRANSFERS. The following Transfers take effect dated 25-7-18 from Coys to H.C.A)A.Lewis Gun Section.They will remain for the present attached to their ~~eyes~~ respective Companies.:-"A" Company.

No. 7500 Pte Lane C.A. 7480 Pte Hall J. 7453 Pte Bow W.G.

"B" Company.

No 2096 L/Cpl. Green M. 2404 Pte Scott J. 3571 Pte Crockett P.

"C" Company.

No 2570 L/Cpl Good C.L. 543 Pte McLaren J.C. 2996 Pte Thorn F

"D" Company.

No 7483 Pte Henry L.R. 7527 Pte O'Mara F. 7523 Pte Nicholson. O.

----- Part Two. -----

TRANSFER.

No 3146 Pte Weir R.D. "HQ" Transferred to 1st. Pioneer Bn. 24-7-18 from 44th Battalion. (Auth. 11th Bde 2/12 22-7-18.)

REJOINED BATTALION.

Capt. J.H. FOXWORTHY.

Rejoined Bn ex Sick 23-7-18 (Posted to "D" Coy and to Command.)

3654 Pte Fulcher J. "D"

Rejoined Bn ex Sick 24-7-18 (not SOS)

3363 Pte Shearer J. "D"

do do do 24-7-18 (do) Detchd

529 Pte Gregson W. "C"

do do do 24-7-18 (do) 3rd Div.

2772 Pte Wallace B.H.C. "C"

do do Wtd 23-7-18) Wing.

HONORS AND AWARDS.AWARDED THE MILITARY MEDAL.Special Order by
G.O.C. 3rd. A. Div.
24-7-18.

In publishing the names of the recipients the Corps, Divisional, Brigade and Battalion Commanders desire to convey to them their congratulations.

3143 Sgt. Warner F.L.

On two occasions when his Company was held up by machine gun fire this N.C.O. killed and wounded a crew and put the guns out of action.

2315 L/Sgt Casterton W.W. Dashed forward with his section and put a machine gun out of action, capturing 1 N.C.O. and 9 men.

922 L/Cpl Fraser A.
(now T/Sgt.)

Single-handed he attacked and shot the Officer and crew of a M.G.

2054 Pte Barnard F.F.
(now T/Cpl.)

In charge of a bombing section he cleared several dugouts, killing many and capturing 12 of the enemy and two M.G. which he immediately used.

2271 Cpl Dorizzi E.J.
(now Sgt.)

On his platoon commander becoming a casualty he assumed command, led them throughout the advance and consolidated his position.

2887 Pte Steinberg L.S.

In charge of a signal station, he maintained communication although his station was twice blown up by shell-fire.

390 Pte Kilner W.

He assumed command of his section early in the advance when his section leader became a casualty. He captured a H.C. many prisoners and important documents.

626 Cpl. Currie J.
(now L/Sgt.)

Led his section with determination, mopped up several dugouts, killing several of the enemy, he also captured a M.G. killing the crew.

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- 148 Cpl. Stamp A.G. Manoeuvred his L.G. section into a position of advantage, put an enemy M.G. out of action and captured the gun.
- 61 Pte O'Sullivan P. Bombed and killed the crew of a M.G. and captured it, then bombed the adjacent dugout and captured an Officer and 20 men.
- 2767 Pte Tierney C.P.
(now T/Cpl.) In charge of a L.G. section, he was successful in mopping up enemy strongpoint.
- 2789 Pte Barry H.J.
(now T/Cpl.) The crew of a L.G. team which he commanded became casualties. He organised another team and put a M.G. out of action, killing the crew.

C. L. BILES. Captain.
Adjutant 44th. Battalion. A.I.F.

ADDENDUM.

Baths at DAOURS Baths are allotted as follows for the 26-7-18 :-

"B" Company. 10 a.m. to 10-30 a.m.

All other Details from Companies who require a bath will parade at Battalion H.Q. by 10-15 a.m. (Time allotted 10-30 a.m. to 11 a.m.)

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BATTALION ORDERS.

BY
MAJOR W.H. ROCKLIFF. (MC)

Order No 706. COMMANDING 44th BATTALION.A.I.F. 26.7.18.

-----Part One-----

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 27.7.18..... "D" Company.
2. STRENGTH. Evacuated sick struck off strength. 26.7.18.
 No 3049 Pte D'arcy.A.L. "A" No 3087 Pte Kelly.P. "C"
3. RESULTS SCHOOLS.
 No 3 Infantry school TIDWORTH. Course ending 13.7.18.
 Lieut T.H.Porter. Result. 65%. Fair.

-----Part Two-----

- REJOINED BATTALION.
 No 7447 Pte Allen.A.R. "B" Coy. Rejoined Bn x sick 25.7.18. (Detached 3rd Div Wing.
- STRENGTH.
 2/Lieut D.E.MITCHELSON. "HQ" Taken on strength ex Genl Reinf's x Cadet
 (Late EDP Sgt 44th Bn Battn ENGLAND. 26.7.18.
 No 720)
 2/Lieut H.P.GROOM. "HQ" Taken on strength ex Genl Reinf's x Cadet
 (Late EDP Sgt 44th Bn Battn ENGLAND. 26.7.18.
 No 763)

C.L.Biles. Captain.
 ADJUTANT 44th BATTALION.A.I.F.

BY

MAJOR W.H. ROCKLIFF. (M.C.)

Order No 707. COMMANDING 44th BATTALION.A.I.F.27.7.18.

-----Part One-----

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 28.7.18....."A" Company.
2. BATHS. Baths at Divisional Baths DAOURS will be available tomorrow 28th inst.
Men to be sent in parties of 37 each 15 minutes in charge of an Officer or if Officer not available a Senior N.C.O.

"B" Company 8 -30 a.m. to 9 -15 a.m.

"C" Company 9 -15 a.m. to 10 a.m.

"D" Company 10 a.m. to 10-45 a.m.

H.Q. Details 11-30 a.m. to Noon.

"A" Company 10-45 a.m. to 11-30 a.m.

Companies will arrange to relieve personnel on dumps so that they may be bathed.

3. CHURCH PARADE. CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Battalion Parade in Y.M.C.A. at 10 a.m. Chaplain Phillips.
"B" Company and H.Q. Details will attend this parade and will fall in on their own parade grounds at 9-40 a.m.

Holy Communion at 7 a.m. 44th. Battalion Reading Room.

ROMAN CATHOLICS.

Mass 10-30 a.m. DAOURS CHURCH. Chaplain Jones.
R.Cs. not on bathing parade will fall in in front of B.H.Q. at 10 a.m. Lieut. Anketell will take charge of parade.

Dress for both parades :- Belt and Side Arms. S.B.R.

----- Part Two. -----

REJOINED BATTALION.

No 1859a Pte Jones F. "A" Rejoined Bn. ex Sick 25-7-18 (Det. Div Wing.)

(Sgd.) C.L. BILES. Captain.
Adjutant 44th. Battalion. A.I.F.

BATTALION ORDERS.BY

Order No. 708. MAJOR W.H. ROCKLIFF. (MC.)
 COMMANDING 44th. BATTALION. A.I.F. 28-7-18.

1. ROUTINE. Duty Company for 29-7-18..... "B" Company.
2. TRANSFERS. No 3681 Pte Lammonby T. HQ. to D Coy. dated 28-7-18.
 No 1859a Pte. Jones F. A Coy. to D Coy. dated 28-7-18.
3. STRENGTH. Evacuated sick struck off strength dated 28-7-18.
 No 2926 Pte Maybury M.W. HQ. No 3781 Pte Illingworth JVC Coy

----- Part Two. -----

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

No 2911 Pte Gooch R.	23-7-18)	
No 2664 Pte Moschetti B.F.	27-7-18)	
No 2341 Hackett W.	27-7-18)	
No 3127 Pte Shakeshaft W	27-7-18)	To Hospital Sick.
No 2273 Sgt Betts L.A.	28-7-18)	
No 3360 Pte Treacy C.J.	28-7-18)	
No 975 Pte Wilkinson M.C.S.	28-7-18)	
No 1938 Pte Hayes. J.J.	28-7-18)	

REJOINED BATTALION.

Lieut. K. SHERIDAN. "B" Rejoined Bn. ex wounded 25-7-18.
 No 3104 Cpl. McCrae A.J. "HQ" Rejoined Bn ex Sick 27-7-18 (Det Div Wing.)

DETACHMENTS.

Captain E.C. ADAMS.)
 No 148 Cpl Stamp A.G. "A") Detached and proceeded to ENGLAND 28-7-18
 No 626 L/Sgt. Currie. J. "C") for duty with Training Battalion.
 No 1936 Cpl. Homewood J. "B") (struck off strength.)

Lieut. C.D.W. LINTOTT. (MC.))
 No. 129 Pte Goodissan S.M.)
 No. 2766 Pte Ewing R.J.L.)
 No. 2379 Pte McBride D.)
 No. 202 Pte O'Neill F.G.) Detached with 47th. Division 111 Corps for
 No. 764 Pte McGow. T.) duty. 27-7-18.
 No. 2767 T/Cpl. Tierney C.P.)
 No. 1963 Cpl. Mullally F.)
 No. 778 Pte Young R.W.)

(Sgd.) C.L. BILES. Captain
 Adjutant 44th. Battalion. A.I.F.

BY

APPENDIX

MAJOR.W.H.ROCKLIFF. (M.C.)Order No 709 COMMANDING 44th BATTALION.A.IF.29.7.18.-----Part One-----

- 1.ROUTINE. Duty Company for 30th July....."C" Company.
- 2.SCHOOLS. 4th Army School of Cookery. Course 26.6.18 to 16.7.18.
No 126 Pte French.H.W. Result. V.G. 75%.
- 3.STRENGTH. Evacuated sick S.O.S. 29.7.18.
No 7193 Pte Van Raalte.P.E. "D" No 32 Pte Beeston.G.H. "B"
No 2911 Pte Gooch.R. "HQ"

-----Part Two-----ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITAL.

No 3594 Pte Hetherington.R. 29.7.18. To Hospital sick.

ACCIDENTAL INJURY.

No 597 L/Cpl Mountain.S. "C" Accidentally injured 24.7.18(Sprained ankle)

REJOINED BATTALION.

Lieut YULE.J. Rejoined Bn x detachment 27.7.18.

DETACHMENT.

Lieut FAULKNER.W.G. Detached for duty with 3rd M.G.Battalion. 29.7.18.

No 3353 Pte Shearer.D. "D" Deattached to A.I.B.D. unfit for further service
in the field.28.7.18. (S.O.S)(Auth 11th INF Bde
21/16)Lieut ANDREWS.R.G.D.(MM)"D"Detached and proceeded to ENGLAND 28.7.18. for
duty with Training Bn(S.O.S)PROMOTIONS. (TEMPORARY)No 1700 T/Cpl Turtle.R. Promoted TEMPORARY CORPORAL 29.7.18.vice 626 L/Sgt
(PB No 116302) Currie.J. detached to Training Bn England for duty
and ceased to be Temporary Corporal vice 651 Cpl
Roberts.J.H. from that date.No 575 L/Cpl Doust.G. Promoted TEMPORARY CORPORAL 29.7.18.vice No 651
(PB No 116145) Cpl Roberts.J.H.evac sick 5.6.18.No 519 L/Cpl Purnell.W.J. Promoted TEMPORARY CORPORAL 20.7.18.vice 1879
(PB No 31029) Cpl Martin.H. evac sick.15.7.18.HONOURS AND AWARDS.

Lieut CORNISH.C.R.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

On the 4th July 18.during the attack Lieut Cornish rushed 2 M.G's killing the crew of one and capturing the crew of another. He took prominent part in a counter attack,organised to eject the enemy from part of our trenches which he had occupied. Later he led his Platoon against an enemy strong point killing many of the enemy captured several prisoners and 3 M.G's.

Lieut GAZE.F.O. (M.C)

BAR TO MILITARY CROSS.

On the 4th July during the attack while in the command of a platoon he disposed of enemy strong points encountered,capturing 2 M.G's. On the night 4/5 July he ejected the enemy and recaptured portion of our line which had been occupied by the enemy. He then attacked an enemy strong point captured several MG's,one Officer and 50 O/R and inflicted heavy casualties.

Captain.LEWIS.M.

MILITARY CROSS.

On the 4/5 July when the enemy delivered a strong counter attack and penetrated a portion of our

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HONOURS AND AWARDS? (contd)

Captain LEWIS.M.

front line, this Officer led a party forward and drove them out, inflicting severe casualties, he captured several prisoners and 4 M.G's.

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

No 1661 Sgt INGVARSON. JEVK.

On his Platoon Commander becoming a casualty, he assumed command and led his men with great dash and initiative establishing strong points. He took a prominent part in the ejection of the enemy on the night 4/5 July, inflicting many casualties.

Sgd C.L. Biles. Captain.
ADJUTANT 44th BATTALION. A.I.F.

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Battalion Headquarters,
2.7.18.

HAMEL OFFENSIVE INSTRUCTION NO.1.

Note ZERO day is assumed to be "Z" day. The day before ZERO "Y" day and two days before ZERO "X" day.
"A" day is the day following ZERO day.

1. INTENTION. On "Z" day at an hour to be notified later the 44th Battalion in conjunction with other Battalions of the 11th Brigade will attack and capture the village of HAMEL and consolidate a line to be known as the BLUE LINE.

2. FLANK TROOPS. The 15th Battalion will be on our RIGHT and 42nd Battalion on the LEFT.

3. ALLOTMENT OF INFANTRY. The 43rd Battalion will capture and mop up HAMEL. The 44th Battalion will, avoiding the town of HAMEL, leap frog through the 43rd Battalion and capture and consolidate the BLUE LINE from P.10.d.66.35 to P.4.d.50.15. with Companies disposed as follows:-

x P.10.d.66.35.

"D" Company from P.10.d.66.35. to P.11.e.22.85.

"B" Company from P.11.e.22.85. to P.11.a.10.60.

"A" Company from P.11.a.10.60. to P.4.d.50.15.

"C" Company in support on a line P.10.d.1.6. to P.10.b.15.25.

4. ARTILLERY ACTION. The advance to the BLUE LINE will be covered by a creeping barrage of Field and Heavy Artillery.

The start line of the most Westerly 18 pounder barrage is shown on map issued.

From ZERO minus 8 minutes until ZERO normal Artillery harassing fire using a large proportion of Smoke shells will be maintained.

This harassing fire must not be mistaken for the commencement of the creeping barrage which will be easily recognisable by the intensity of the fire.

The creeping barrage will open on the start line at ZERO, the first round of each gun being a smoke shell.

This barrage will remain on the start line until ZERO plus four minutes, after which it will lift 100 yards every THREE minutes for TEN lifts, i.e. the TENTH LIFT will be made at ZERO plus THIRTY ONE minutes. → the barrage

For next Ten minutes i.e. (from ZERO plus 31 minutes to ZERO plus 41 minutes) will remain stationary.

In order to indicate that a halt is taking place the first two rounds per gun fired on this halt line will be smoke and in order to indicate that the barrage is about to advance again another smoke screen will be built up during the last two minutes of halt.

At ZERO plus 41 minutes the barrage will lift 100 yards and thereafter will continue to advance at rate of 100 yards in FOUR minutes finally coming to rest and forming a protective barrage four hundred yards EAST of BLUE LINE. This protective barrage will last until ZERO plus one hundred and twenty three minutes. → Where

5. RATES OF FIRE, 18 POUNDS

ZERO to ZERO plus 31 minutes Three rounds per gun per minute.
ZERO plus 31 minutes to ZERO plus 39 minutes one round per gun per minute except for five hundred yards front of the barrage where it passes through HAMEL with a rate of fire will remain at three rounds per gun per minute.

At ZERO plus 39 minutes until commencement of protective barrage 3 rounds per gun per minute, during the protective barrage will drop down one round per gun per minute.

Cease fire ZERO plus 123 minutes.

It will be noted that Artillery barrage does not allow of all Infantry reaching the BLUE LINE simultaneously.

6. TANKS.

Two sections (SIX TANKS) of "C" Coy 8th TANK Battalion, are allotted to 44th Battalion for capture of BLUE LINE. One section moving ~~WESTWARD~~ NORTH and one section SOUTH of the village of HAMEL.

These Tanks will be marked with the BATTALION COLOURS. Other section of tanks will be working on ~~our~~ ^{our} flanks, working with Tank Battalions.

on Y/S night Tanks will assemble about 1000 yards WEST of the Infantry taped line of assembly and commence to move forward to the attack at ZERO minus 5 minutes.

7. AIRBORNE

Two contact planes will fly from ZERO to ZERO plus 2 hours and one from ZERO plus 2 hours ~~until~~ until dark.

They will call for flares by means of firing WHITE LIGHT and sounding a series of ~~XXX~~ "A's" on the HAZARD HORN. Flares will not be called for until about ZERO plus 90 minutes and will only be lit by the most forward troops.

These contact planes will be marked by having two small black flags attached to the triangular plane near the tail of the machine.

A counter-attack plane will fly from ZERO to dark.

This plane will be marked by having a streamer attached to the right strut and on seeing an enemy concentration for a counter-attack will fire a S.O.S. Signal consisting of a parachute white flare giving off large quantities of smoke in direction in which the enemy is assembling or counter-attacking.

Special aeroplanes have been detailed to drop S.A.A. for Infantry and Vickers Guns.

Dumps for Infantry will be formed at P.4.d.2.2. and ~~XXXXXXXX~~ P.10.d.00.02. these positions will be marked by an "B" made of strips of white cloth six feet by one foot, the latter will be placed by the 44th Battalion, every endeavour will be made to save the parachutes dropping this ammunition.

8. M.G.'s.

Three M.G.'s from the 11th Machine Gun Coy will follow the 44th Battalion to consolidate in the BLUE LINE the roles of these guns will be, one gun in P.10.d. to fire into the valley in P.17.a. Two guns for protection of spur running through P.11.a.

9. ASSEMBLY

Forward tape line of assembly will be along the line Y.S. central, P.9.a.0.4., P.3.b.2.5. This line will on Y/S night be marked with pegs painted white on our side, these pegs will be joined up by tape and tapes will be led back through gaps in the wire from certain of these pegs to the front line to guide the troops on ~~the~~ to the assembly line.

Wire will be cut for the gaps on X/Y night though it will not be removed until Y/S night.

The 44th Battalion will assemble immediately in rear of the 43rd Battalion, well forward and clear of our own front line. During the first four minutes of the barrage the leading troops will get as close to it as possible, the troops in rear closing up.

One platoon of "D" Coy 44th Battalion will assemble in the 15th Battalion area in order that touch may be continually maintained with the latter, similarly one section of "A" Coy 44th Battalion will assemble in 43rd Battalion area.

After leap-frogging the 43rd Battalion one section of "D" Coy 44th Battalion will move with "B" Coy and one section "B" will move with "D" Coy to ensure connection once HAMEL has been passed.

Captain, H. LEWIS and Lieut H.C. ROGERS will supervise the assembly of the Battalion, this supervision being in addition of that of Company and Platoon Commanders.

(3)

(9. ASSEMBLY
CONTD.)

The assembly of all Companies is to be completed by 2200 minus 15 minutes, and immediately reported to Battalion Headquarters.

10. MOPPING
UP

Area for mopping up are allotted to Companies, Platoons and Sections on maps already issued.

11. H.Q.

On X/Y night, "Y" day and Y/Z night Battalion Headquarters will be at P.L.S.4.4.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

G.L. Miles, Captain.
ADJUTANT 44th BATTALION.

Distribution.

copy No. 1. C.O. No 2. O.C. "A" Coy No 3 O.C. "B" Coy. No 4. O.C. "G" Coy No 5 O.C. "D" Coy. No 6 Brigade. No 7. I.O.

1. S.O.S. S.O.S. Signal from 12 noon 2nd July is a rifle grenade bursting into three GREEN LIGHTS, one over the other. From Zero minus 1 hour until ZERO the S.O.S. line will be, start line of the 18 Pdr barrage.
2. MAPS & DOCUMENTS.
No maps shewing our trench, Headquarters, or any other secret inf information or dispositions of Tanks, will be taken forward of B Battalion Headquarters.
3. SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES.
Each Company will send an Officer to Battalion Headquarters at 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Y day in order to obtain synchronised time.
4. ENEMY DOCUMENTS.
Officers and N.C.O.'s only will be searched by responsible Officer and all documents and maps taken from them. These will be sent to Battalion Headquarters without delay.
Privates will not be searched. Each Company will detail 1 N.C.O. as dug-out searchers. All documents and maps found will be at once sent to Battalion Headquarters.
5. PRISONERS.
Officer and N.C.O. prisoners will be kept separate from Privates and as far as possible the locality in which a prisoner was captured will be sent with him.
6. ATTACK.
Company's will attack in TWO waves followed by a line of Moppers-Up and a Reserve Company. Each Company will provide its own Mop Moppers-Up.
7. PROTECTION OF ASSEMBLY.
The assembly of the Battalion front will be carried out by strong fighting patrols from ZERO minus 2 hours until ZERO minus 8 minutes.
8. COMMENCEMENT OF ASSEMBLY.
Battalion will commence to assemble on the TAPE line at ZERO minus 8-minutes 2 hours.
9. FIXING OF BAYONETS.
Bayonets will be fixed at ZERO minus 8 minutes.
10. LIAISON.
Captain C. Longmore will be Liaison Officer at the 12th Brigade Headquarters. He will report to there Headquarters on Y/Z night. Close liaison both from front to rear and to the flanks will be maintained between all Units.
11. ADVANCE OF RESERVE COMPANY.
The rate of advance of Reserve Company will be so regulated that they do not advance East of the position of the support line to the BLUE LINE (where they will consolidate) unless they are required to complete the capture of the BLUE LINE.
12. REPORTS.
From ZERO to ZERO plus 6 hours reports will be sent in every half hour, and from ZERO plus 6 hours until A/B night every hour and as frequently as the situation demands.
13. HAMEL VILLAGE.
44th Battalion may be required to assist the 43rd Battalion by taking HAMEL from the East. This applies particularly to the Reserve Company.
After the village has been mopped-up all troops will be withdrawn from it.
14. ENEMY SNIPERS.
After reaching the BLUE LINE enemy snipers must be dealt with by our snipers, Vickers and Lewis Guns and Stokes Mortars.

HAMEL Offensive Instructions. No 2.

1. The purpose of this document is to provide instructions for the HAMEL offensive.

2. The HAMEL offensive is to be conducted in accordance with the following instructions:

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HAMEL Offensive Instructions.No 2.continued.14.ENEMY SNIPERS.(contd)

Tanks will assist in this mopping-up, up to about 100 yards of the BLUE LINE protective barrage.

15.TACTICAL COMMANDER.

The Infantry Commander on the spot is responsible for the decision as to joint action of Tanks and Infantry. He will give such orders to the Tank Section Commanders, as the situation demands. His orders should not interfere with the General Plan of the operations as layed down in the orders of Higher Authority.

16.PATROLS.

Active patrolling will be carried out on Z/A night and A/B night

17.SECRECY.

All troops will remain under cover from enemy observation, both Aerial and ground during Y night.

18.PASSWORDS.

The following passwords will be used on the Brigade front.

Y/Z night....."BILLY"

Z/A night....."DIGGER"

A/B night....."BLACKBOY"

19.ACKNOWLEDGE.

Sgd C.L.Biles. Captain.
ADJUTANT 44th BATTALION.A.I.F.

Issued with HAMEL Offensive Instruction NO.1.

- SUPPLIES. 1. Supply will be by normal method. A special reserve of Iron Rations and Water has been placed in Dumps as per Schedule "A" attached.
- TRANSPORT. 2. (a) Battalions will use their pack transport augmented by American transport for carrying material forward from Brigade dumps.
 (b) Transport personnel will reconnoitre routes to be used on "Z" day and "Z/A" night and following night. Carrying parties will be detailed to carry material forward from the location where pack transport will unload to forward support and Reserve Companies.
 (c) Transport lines will be established at the following places and immediately made proof against hostile bombing.
41st. Bn. H.28.b.5.0. 42nd Bn. H.28.d.7.7. 43rd Bn. H.35.a.5.0.
44th Bn. H.35.d.2.0.
- AMMUNITION. 3. Dumps are established as per Schedule "A". Battalion Dumps will be drawn on first. Units arranging to keep their Dumps filled by drawing from the Brigade Dumps. Ammunition on ZERO Day will also be dropped per means of parachutes from Aeroplanes, at Dumps as per Schedule "A".
- HOT FOOD CONTAINERS. 4. Each Battalion has been issued with Hot Food Containers.
- WATER BOTTLES. 5. Additional Water Bottles to the number of 700 per Battalion will be issued to Units at their transport lines at 6 p.m. on Y/Z Day.
- CHLORIDE OF LIME. 6. In Dumps as per Schedule "A".
- SUPPLY TANKS. 7. Two Supply Tanks are available for the Brigade. They will establish forward Dumps at approx. P.4. Central. and P.10.d.00.82. Fifteen minutes after the capture of the final objective. Material in Dumps as per Schedule "A". Tanks will be marked on sides 11th. Brigade Supply Tanks.
- TANKS. 8. Units will arrange to have Battalion signs attached to their fighting Tanks. Reserve Tanks for this Brigade will have the 11th. Brigade oval colored BLUE attached. Size.- 15" X 8".
- PRISONERS OF WAR. 9¹
- (1) 10 M.M.P. will report at Forward Brigade Headquarters of the 4th. 6th. and 11th Brigades at 10 p.m. on the evening of the Y/Z Night.
 They will take over all Prisoners of War after interrogation from the Brigades concerned and escort them to a Forward P.O.W. collecting Station at CORBIE. (Map location Sheet 62 D., O.5.c.8.8.)
- (2) Units will do their utmost to send all Prisoners to the Brigade Headquarters as expeditiously as possible and will not use the Prisoners for Stretcher-bearing unless the position absolutely warrants it.
- (3) The P.O.W. will be taken from the Forward Collection Station at CORBIE under M.M.P. Escort to the Rear Div. P.O.W. at N.11.c.8.8. and from there will be taken to the Corps P.O.W. Cage at POULAINVILLE.
- (4) 11th. Brigade Headquarters is at J.25.d.27.40.
 4th. Brigade Headquarters is at P.7.a.0.3.
 Attention is directed to S.S.135, Sec.27, and page 87, Appendix "A".

STRAGGLER POSTS.10.

Divisional Straggler Posts will be maintained at the following points:-

No1. I.33.b.2.2. No.2. O.2.b.5.3.
No3. O.9.a.8.3. No.4 O.1.c.2.5.
No 5. N.6.a.5.5.

Brigade Straggler Posts will be established by 41st. Battalion at J.32.a.80.60., J.31. Central., P.1. Central.

Battalions will arrange Straggler Posts of their own in addition to the Divisional and Brigade Posts.

STRAGGLER COLLECTING STATION. The Divisional Straggler Collecting Station will be at N.6.c.9.5.

All stragglers collected and are found to be Medically Fit will be fed and sent back to their respective Brigade at the earliest possible moment.

SALVAGE.11.

Each Battalion will have one Platoon of it's reserve Coy specially ear-marked to deal with Salvage from ZERO plus 3 Hours onwards. Units will select prior to ZERO Day the location where they will form their Salvage Dump and notify Transport personnel. Salvage will then be collected by all returning limbers and pack animals and conveyed to the 4th. Divl. Salvage Dump at BUSSY. Salvage Area as per Map attached.

BURIALS.12

(a) One Platoon of each Reserve Coy will be detailed for Burial purposes.

(b) They must not operate on this work, however, until the attack is finished when they are not likely to be required for Tactical purposes.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.13.

- (1) M.D.S. For walking cases will be at N.4.c.9.2.
A.D.S. Stretcher cases will be at N.4.c.9.2.
M.D.S. for Stretcher cases will be at G.29.c.5.3.
LES ALHCONS.

GAS CENTRE will be at G.29.c.5.3.

All Gas cases will be sent to this location.

- (2) O.C. 13th. Aust. Fld. Ambulance will be responsible for evacuation from 4th. Aust. Divl. Sector as follows:-
WALKING CASES direct to C.C.S.

STRETCHER CASES to M.D.S. LES ALHCONS

- (3) R.M.O's. Forward Battalions will move with Battalion and will select new R.A.P. with consultation with O.C. Battalions suitable sights notifying sites as soon as possible to O.C. 13th. Field Ambulance and to A.D.M.S.

Communication will be maintained by means of Field Ambulance Stretcher Bearers.

Bearer, Relay and Motor Loading Posts will be moved forward by O.C. 13th. Field Ambulance as situation warrants.

- (4) Adequate stocks of surgical and medical requirements, stretchers and blankets have been placed at all Medical Posts and R.A.P's.
(5) Full use is to be made for the evacuation of WALKING CASES of returning empty mechanical transport.
(6) R.A.P's and evacuations as per Schedule B. attached.

WATER .14

- (a) Water Points (drinking water) are situated as follows:-

N.15.b.5.9.

H.35.c.5.6.

Water for Horses;) - N.6.c.5.2.

- (b) Before water in HAMEL or BOUZENCOURT is used, samples must be tested by R.M.O.
Tablets for purifying water will be issued to all units.

"B" and "C" ECHELONS No.15

Administrative Details, Q.M. Store, Orderly Room will be established at Transport Lines, location as per para 2 (c).

"C" Echelon and remaining personnel of "B" Echelon will remain in ALLENVILLE Area.

"C" Echelon will be commanded by Captain W.H. ROCKLIFF M.C 44th. Battalion.

CASUALTIES .16

Casualties will be reported promptly.

43rd. Battalion will detail 1 Officer to report to the M.D.S at N.4.e.9.2. and 44th. Battalion will detail 1 Officer to report to the M.D.S. at G.29.e.5.3. on the afternoon of "Y" day, for the purpose of noting all casualties, to assist in checking the Brigade Casualty Lists.

No., Rank, Name, Date of Casualty, Nature of Casualty and unit are required in each case.

DEAD ANIMALS 17

Units will bury all dead animals in their respective areas.

Parties will be definitely detailed beforehand for this purpose.

REAR BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS 18

Rear Brigade Headquarters will be established in BUSSY.

SCHEDULE "A"BATTALION DUMPS

Dump	Location	Article	Quantity
No.1 "A" Bn (44th.)	P.8.b.0.4	Ammunition S.A.A.	50,000
		(25,000 clipped packed bandolier 25,000 packet packed or loose)	
No.2 "C" Bn. (43rd.)	P.2.d.1.5.	do Grenades No.36	300
		do Mills 23 Mk.11	200
		Stokes 3" assorted rings	260
No.3 "B" Bn. (42nd.)	J.33.d.1.5.	Rationa Iron	200
		Water & Petrol Tins	200
		Lime Chloride -barrels	1
		Quantity of Barbwire, long and short pickets	

BRIGADE DUMPS

No.1	J.25.d.4.3.	Ammunition S.A.A.	20,000
		do Grenades 23 Mk.11	250
		Stokes 3" assorted rings	500
No.2	O.6.d.1.3.	Rationa Iron	250
		Water -Gallons	400
		Quantity Barbwire, long and short pickets	
		Sandbags and Galvanised iron.	

FORWARD DUMPS IN NEW AREA ESTABLISHED BY TANKS

No.1 "B" Bn.	P.4.Central	Wire barbed -coils	100
		Pickets -long	150
No.2 "A" Bn.	P.10.d.00.82	Pickets short	300
		Iron-sheets	23
		Bombs T.M. (not detonated)	150
		Water - tins	34
		Ammunition S.A.A.	10,000

DUMPS ESTABLISHED BY AEROPLANES

No.1	P.4.d.2.2.	Ammunition S.A.A.	20,000
No.2	P.10.d.00.82	do	20,000

PRESENT ENGINEER DUMPS CONTAINING R.E. MATERIAL

Locations	J.34.a. 80.45. , J.32.e.10.80. , P.2.d.50.50.
	P.8.a.20.80. , P.1.d.90.30.

HAMEL Offensive. Instruction No. 5.

1. Two Mortars of 11th L.T.M. Batty. will accompany each Battalion.
2. The two Mortars allotted 43rd Bn will follow the 44th Bn., the latter leap-frogs through the former.
3. Thus six Mortars will be available to assist the advance to the BLUE LINE and will consolidate West of it and be prepared to put down a S.O.S. barrage for its protection.

3-7-18.

(Sgd.) G.A. Vasey. Major
B.M. 11th. A.I. Bde.HAMEL Offensive. Instruction No. 3.

1. COUNTER + ATTACKS. In case of an enemy counter-attack, all troops will hold the ground in which they are disposed and if the enemy has penetrated our defences, Support and Reserve troops will immediately counter-attack and regain any lost ground or tranches. Support and Reserve Platoons going forward to counter-attack will leave behind a nucleus garrison of 1 Lewis Gun per Platoon.
2. BOMBING BLOCK. "D" Coy. 44th Bn. will ensure that bombing block is established on the trench leading into the enemy's lines at about P. 10. d. b. 2.
3. CONSOLIDATION OF POSITION AFTER CAPTURE OF BLUE LINE. Maps previously issued show approx. the line to be consolidated and the dispositions of troops after the capture of the BLUE LINE. The lines of consolidation as shown on Map will first be a series of Platoon Posts which will later be connected laterally. Detailed plans of dispositions by Companies and platoons as on Z/A Night will be forwarded to B.H.Q. by 10 p.m. Z day.
4. BATTALION HEADQUARTERS. Battalion Headquarters will move after the capture of the BLUE LINE from P. 1. a. 4. 4. to P. 8. b. 2. 3.
5. RESERVE TANKS. All ranks must be to keep watch out for the advance of our tanks. In order that the reserve Tanks may be guided between groups of our men and wounded, "C" Coy 44th Bn. will detail 3 men to accompany each of the ~~six~~ six reserve Tanks of "B" Coy. 13th Tank Bn.
6. OFFLOADING OF TANKS. Each Coy. will detail a party to offload the stores being carried in a box on the back of each fighting Tank. It is not necessary to mount the Tank to empty these boxes.
7. DIRECTION. Direction will be maintained by Officers commanding flank platoons of battalions who will do so by means of the compass.

C.L. BILES. Captain.
Adjutant 44th. Battalion. A.I.F.