

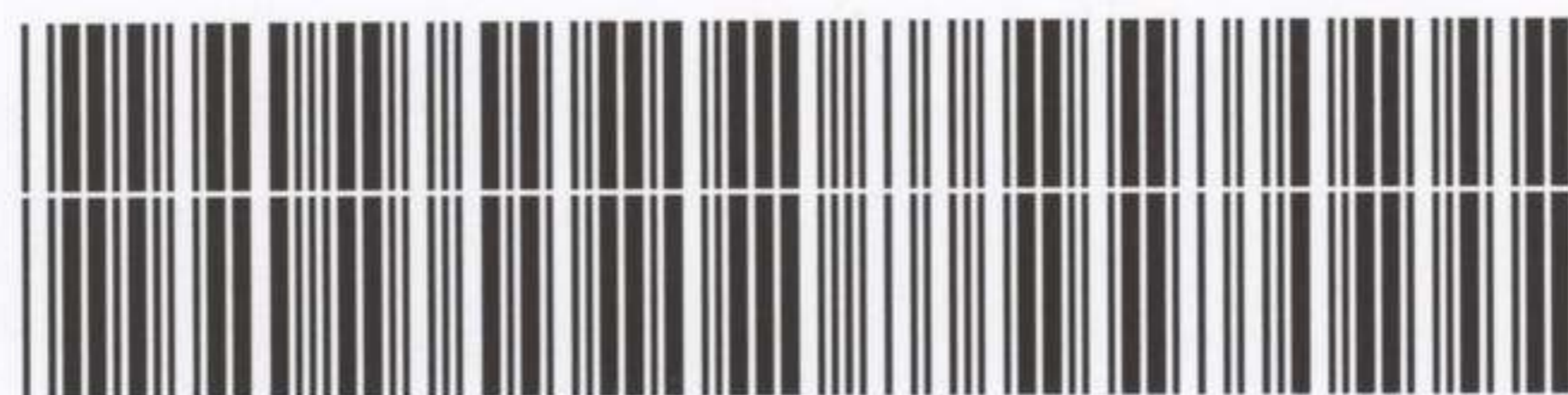
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DOMINION CAMP	1:10:17	8:30am		Company reorganisation was entered upon and shortages tabulated.															
		2:30pm		The B.C.C. met the Battalion on parade and thanked them for the work done in the recent operations. The enemy planes were active in dropping bombs during the evening and early morning.															
	2:10:17	8:30am		Reorganisation was still carried on.															
		1pm		8 officers and 141 other ranks marched in from details Camp at CAESTRE.															
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	3:10:17	8:30am		Gas drill was carried out during the morning. Specialists are being reorganised and trained under Specialist officers.															
		4:30pm		The CO attended a conference with the B.C.C. at Brigade Headquarters discussing preliminary operations. The details from the nucleus Camp bathed during the afternoon. Weather dull and damp.															
	4:10:17	8:30am		Gas drill carried out and specialist training carried on.															
		10am		C.O. attended a conference at Divisional Headquarters discussing recent operations.															

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DOMINION CAMP	4.10.17		<p>Effective Strength Off. OR 34 764</p>	<p>Actually with unit 23-586 In Field Ambulance 4-80 In Brigade area 2-28 Out of Brigade area 5-70 <u>34</u> <u>764</u></p>	
	5.10.17	8.30am	Gas drill and specialist training. Interfered with by wet weather.		
		2.30pm	Company route marches carried out.		
	6.10.17	8.30am	Gas drill and specialish training carried out.		
		10 am	C. O. attended conference with the B.G. C. at Brigade Headquarters. Question of kit to be carried in the event of an advance discussed.		
			Court of Inquiry held at Brigade Headquarters on articles lost in action.		
		3pm	Company Route Marches.		
	7.10.17	9.15am	C. O. attended a Conference at Brigade with the B.G. C. as to future operations		
		10 am	R. C. Church Parade in CINEMA HALL.		
		11 am	C. of S. + O. P. D. Church Parade in Y. M. C. A. Hall.		
			<p>Effective Strength Off. OR 34 767</p>	<p>Actually with unit 21-595 In Field Ambulance 5-83 In Brigade area 2-26 Out of Brigade area 6-63 <u>34</u> <u>767</u></p>	

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DOMINION CAMP	8:10.17	9.30am	C.O. Second in Command and Adjutant attended Conference at Brigade Headquarters on future operations.																					
		12noon	Battalion marched out and embussed on OUDERDOM-POPERINGHE Road. The unit debussed near BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER at 2.30 pm and were accommodated in NISSEN huts at BELGIAN BATTERY Corner. Rain fell during the evening. MAJOR CAMERON M.C. was in command of the Battalion LIEUT. COL. N. MARSHALL M.C. having marched out with the Details about 11.30 am.																					
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BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER	9:10.17	8.30am	Orders were received from Brigade to move up to Reserve line on ANZAC RIDGE. During the morning the mens feet were washed.																					
		1pm	The Battalion left BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER and proceeded by march route to ANZAC RIDGE and took over from 4 th Battalion relief being complete at 4.55 pm. "A" being on right flank "C" Company on the left "B" and "D" Companies being in close																					
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Place	Date	Hour	Weather fine.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ANZAC RIDGE	9:10:17			<p>Support. "C" Company were connected on left flank with 59th Battalion at GARTER POINT. "A" Company were connected by runner with the Devous at the BUTTE on their right flank. Enemy barrage fairly intense at JS66-4. Patrols were sent out by front line Companies to reconnoitre ground. Previous to the unit moving out from BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER one officer and an N.C.O. from each Company with the I.O. and one N.C.O. from Headquarters proceeded to ANZAC RIDGE to reconnoitre the positions to be taken over.</p>	
	10:10:17			<p>In consequence of an order from Brigade that all officers were to become acquainted with front line routes one officer and an N.C.O. per Company with the I.O. and an N.C.O. from Headquarters proceeded to the front and support lines occupied by the 32nd and 29th Battalions found out the dispositions and routes leading thereto. In consequence of instructions received by Brigade to reconnoitre 2nd Divisional area as far as the ROULERS Railway a party proceeded under officers and inspected routes leading to and from the area specified. Shelling was intermittent throughout the day.</p>	

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ANZACRIDGE	11.10.17	12 noon	<p>During the night hostile aeroplanes were active. Enemy sent over a number of gas shells between 4 and 6 am.</p> <p>The Battalion moved out at 12 noon being relieved by the 29th Battalion and proceeded by march route to YPRES Area being accommodated in trench shelters. During the night rain set in.</p> <p>Casualties during the tour of duty in the line were: Killed: Officers Nil Other ranks 3 Wounded: Officers Nil Other ranks: 2 N. Y. D.: Officers Nil Other ranks 3 Missing: Officers Nil Other ranks Nil</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="721 1093 2634 1391"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><u>Effective strength</u></td> <td>Actually with unit</td> <td>19-491</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Off.</td> <td>OR.</td> <td>In Field Ambulance</td> <td>5-88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>33</td> <td>764</td> <td>In Brigade area</td> <td>2-25</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Out of Brigade area</td> <td>7-160</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>reported at BIRR CROSS</td> <td>33 764</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Effective strength</u>		Actually with unit	19-491	Off.	OR.	In Field Ambulance	5-88	33	764	In Brigade area	2-25			Out of Brigade area	7-160			reported at BIRR CROSS	33 764	
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YPRES AREA	12.10.17	10.15am 5pm	<p>Two officers and every available man reported at BIRR CROSS ROADS to 14th Field Coy. Engineers as a working party and returned about 3.30 pm.</p> <p>An advance party of one officer and one N.C.O per Company with I.O. and an N.C.O from Headquarters proceeded to the front line to obtain dispositions.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Kurt</p>																				

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YPRES AREA	12:10:17		Rain fell during the night.	
	13:10:17	9.30am	<p>The CO. reported at Brigade Headquarters to receive instructions as to future operations. The Battalion moved out at 3.45 pm via BIRK CROSS ROADS - CHATEAU WOOD - HELLES track and proceeded to the front line relieving the 30th Battalion relief being complete at 11.30 pm. 'A' Company was on the right flank in front line 'C' Company on the left 'B' Company in close support and 'D' Company in reserve. 59th Battalion were in front line on right flank and 50th Battalion on the left. Rain was falling as the Battalion moved in and the HELLES track near the front line was much broken by shell-fire and nearly impassable. The trenches were water-logged and there was no protection from weather in the front line. Ground in front was very boggy. Battalion Headquarters were at D 29 a 4-4. During the night the enemy shelled the front line. Communication was established between the two battalions on the flank and our front line Companies and also between our two front line companies. Rain fell intermittently during the night.</p>	Appx No. 52
	14:10:17		Enemy aeroplanes were active during the day and enemy's batteries were	

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FRONTLINE	14.10.17		<p>Weather fine</p> <p>directed on to our observation posts. LIEUT. A. T. PARKER was detached as works officer for Brigade. Patrols were sent out during the night and explored the country in the vicinity of FLINTECORSE. Great enemy artillery during the night.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="752 735 2571 1013"> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;"><u>Effective Strength</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;">Actually with unit 18-466</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Off.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">OR</td> <td style="text-align: right;">In Field Ambulance 4-94</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">32</td> <td style="text-align: right;">750</td> <td style="text-align: right;">In Brigade Area 2-29</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">Out of Brigade Area 8-161</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>32 750</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>15.10.17 5pm A daylight patrol from 'A' Company to work in conjunction with the 59th Battalion went out to locate the enemy. It advanced 700 yards when the enemy opened with machine-gun fire. LIEUT. WRATHALL was killed. Enemy put barrage on front line for three hours commencing about 6pm. On the night of 15th/16th October two prisoners were captured in front of our lines and were sent to the rear. On the night of 15/16th 300 yards of wire was erected on left flank and 50 yards on the right.</p> <p>16.10.17 At 12.40 am the C.O. received a message from 59th Battalion asking him to call at their Headquarters to meet the B.A.C. He went over and met the B.A.C. Enemy shelling on front line heavy during the day.</p>	<u>Effective Strength</u>		Actually with unit 18-466	Off.	OR	In Field Ambulance 4-94	32	750	In Brigade Area 2-29			Out of Brigade Area 8-161			<u>32 750</u>	
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FRONT LINE	16.10.17		<p>Patrols were sent out at 6.30 pm in the vicinity of ANVIL WOOD. 'B' Company took over trenches vacated by 57th Battalion. 100 yards of wire was laid on centre of Battalion front. Weather was fine. Heavy shelling was met during the night.</p>																																	
CANAL DUGOUTS	17.10.17		<p>Constant shelling throughout the day. The Battalion were relieved by the 56th Battalion relief being complete at 8.35 pm and proceeded to CANAL DUGOUTS reaching there between 11 pm and 1 am</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="727 1053 2721 1421"> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;"><u>Effective Strength</u></td> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: right;">Actually with unit 17-456</td> </tr> <tr> <td>off.</td> <td>OR</td> <td>In Field ambulance</td> <td>4 - 93</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31</td> <td>744</td> <td>In Brigade area</td> <td>2 - 29</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Out of Brigade area</td> <td>8 - 166</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="border-top: 1px solid black;"></td> <td style="border-top: 1px solid black;">31 744</td> </tr> </table> <p>Casualties during tour of duty in the line were:-</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="632 1431 2721 1590"> <tr> <td>Killed</td> <td>Wounded</td> <td>N.Y.D.</td> <td>Missing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>off. OR</td> <td>off. OR</td> <td>off. OR</td> <td>off. OR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>47 (19 passed)</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Effective Strength</u>		Actually with unit 17-456		off.	OR	In Field ambulance	4 - 93	31	744	In Brigade area	2 - 29			Out of Brigade area	8 - 166				31 744	Killed	Wounded	N.Y.D.	Missing	off. OR	off. OR	off. OR	off. OR	1	47 (19 passed)	2	2	Appx No. 53
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MICMAC CAMP	18.10.17	1 pm	<p>Left Camp for MICMAC CAMP OUDERDOM AREA reaching there about 3.30 pm Accommodated in NISSEN huts.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Rural.</p>																																

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MICMAC CAMP	19:10:17 20:10:17		<p>Reorganisation was carried on and shortages tabulated. The troops were bathed during the afternoon. Reorganisation was carried and kit inspected.</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;"><u>Effective Strength</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;">Actually with unit</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20-393</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Off.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">OR</td> <td style="text-align: right;">In Field ambulance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3-109</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">31</td> <td style="text-align: right;">698</td> <td style="text-align: right;">In Brigade area</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1-28</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">Out of Brigade area</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>7-168</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>31-698</u></td> </tr> </table>	<u>Effective Strength</u>		Actually with unit	20-393	Off.	OR	In Field ambulance	3-109	31	698	In Brigade area	1-28			Out of Brigade area	<u>7-168</u>				<u>31-698</u>	
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CANAL DUGOUTS	21:10:17	10am 2pm	<p>The Battalion moved out and proceeded by march route to CANAL DUGOUTS arriving at 12 noon. Weather fine.</p> <p>The C.O. went to Brigade Headquarters and interviewed the B.G.C.</p>	App No. 54																				
	22:10:17	8:30am	<p>The Battalion was engaged in cleaning up dugouts and camp area. Rain fell during the night and the camp area was sloppy during the day.</p>																					
YPRES AREA	23:10:17	1pm	<p>Left CANAL DUGOUTS with Headquarters "C" and "D" Coys. "A" and "B" Companies reporting to 15th Field Coy. Proceeded by march route to YPRES AREA - ZILLERBEKE CAMP at 115a 8-6. "A" and "B" Companies reported for duty on WESTHOEK RIDGE.</p>	App No. 55																				

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GARTER POINT	24.10.17		<p>All available men were on fatigue duty reporting in two parties at 7.30 am and 7.45 am to 14th Field Company for carrying duckboards to CABLE HEAD. Showery weather. Parties returned before 12.30 pm. Brigade Order received to move to left supports tomorrow. C.O. inspected forward routes and advance parties went up to left supports and remained overnight.</p>					
GARTER POINT	25.10.17	10.15 am	<p>Left YPRES AREA with Headquarters "C" and "D" Companies and proceeded by march route to GARTER POINT taking over from 30th Battalion relief being complete by 12.30 pm. Weather fine. Working parties engaged in carrying and laying duckboards in the afternoon. A Company rejoined unit at GARTER POINT. LIEUT. PARKER A.T. was killed while engaged in taking over position of Brigade Works Officer from CAPTAIN MILLS of 32nd Battalion who was also killed. LIEUT. TUIBIB A.O. appointed Works Officer in his place. Several small parties were detached from "A" Company on guarding dumps etc.</p>					
	26.10.17		<p>Rain fell during the morning. Working parties were engaged in carrying</p>					

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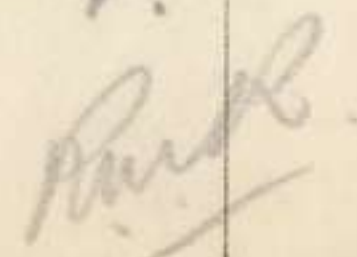
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GARTER POINT	26.10.17		duckboards and repairing duckwalks. 'B' Company reported to dressing station on MENIN ROAD for work as stretcher-bearers. Effective Strength Off. 30 OR 689 Actually with unit 18-348 In field ambulance 1-135 In Brigade area 2-35 out of Brigade area 9-171 30 689	
DERBY AREA	27.10.17		Work was carried on in improving support line. Duckwalks were also repaired. Advance party under LIEUT. DOLPHIN left at 1.15 pm to make lileting arrangements at the new camp. Relieved by 25 th Battalion relief being complete at 4.35 pm. Proceeded to camp adjacent to DERBY TRACK. Accommodated in shelters and huts. Casualties during tour of duty in supports Killed Off. 1 OR 1 Wounded: OR. 3	Appx 56
REYING HELST	28.10.17		Left camp at 10.30 am and entranced for REYING HELST arriving at about 2.30 pm. Men accommodated in tents and huts. Showery in morning. Details joined unit at REYING HELST about 2.30 pm numbering 259.	Appx 57
	29.10.17		Resting. Shortages tabulated and general cleaning up. C. O. and Adjutant attended Conference at Brigade H.Q. at 11.30 am but same adjourned till 2 pm. Results of Conference at Divisional H.Q. discussed.	Appx 58 

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REIVINGHELST	29.10.17		<p>Effective Strength</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>off.</td> <td>OR</td> <td>actually with unit</td> <td>20-517</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30</td> <td>753</td> <td>In Field Ambulance</td> <td>1-129</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>In Brigade Area</td> <td>2-34</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Out of Brigade Area</td> <td>7-73</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td><u>30</u> 753.</td> </tr> </table>	off.	OR	actually with unit	20-517	30	753	In Field Ambulance	1-129			In Brigade Area	2-34			Out of Brigade Area	7-73				<u>30</u> 753.	
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SECRET

BRACKET BATTALION No.

13TH OCTOBER 1917

Ref. Sheet 27
28. 1/40000

1. The BRACKET BATTALION will relieve the 30th Battalion in the front line system during the night 13TH/14TH OCTOBER.
2. Starting point :- I 15 a 8-5 at 3.45 p.m.
Route :- Pioneer Track, MENIN ROAD, HOOGE -CHATEAU WOOD - HELLES TRACK.
3. Order of march :- Headquarters, "A", "C", "B" and "D". Guides will meet Hqrs. and Coys. at 6.30 p.m. at 7 b 95-80. - X ROADS - WESTHOEK
4. Troops will march in single file with 50 yards between half-platoons.
5. The usual precautions will be taken against observation by hostile aircraft.
6. Strict silence must be observed on the march and during relief.
7. Ankle boots will be clearly labelled and will be dumped at WESTHOEK where gum boots will be put on.
8. Packs and blankets will be dumped by 12.30 p.m.
9. Officer's valises to be at Q.M.'S store by 8 p.m.
10. Dress :- Fighting order with water bottles filled. Steel helmets and S.B.R.
11. Parade states to B.O.R. by 3.15 p.m.
12. Watches will be synchronised at 5 p.m. from the A/Adjut. Ant.

R.M. ROLLAND A:Adjt.
BRACKET BATTALION

Issued to

- O.C. "A" Coy. 1
- O.C. "B" Coy. 2
- O.C. "C" Coy. 3
- O.C. "D" Coy. 4
- I.O. 5
- M.O. 6
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SECRETBRACKET BATTALION No.17TH OCTOBER 1917Ref. Sheet 27
28. 1/40000

1. BRACKET BATTALION will be relieved in the line by the 56th Battalion on the night of 17TH/18TH OCTOBER 1917.
2. (a) The route taken will be via HELLES TRACK - CABLE HEAD - (J 3 d 3-8) DUCKBOARD TRACK to GARTER POINT - PLANK ROAD - BIRR X ROADS - via LIENSTER FARM - WARRINGTON ROAD - SHRAPNEL CORNER - DERBY ROAD from I 19 b 9-5 to billets at I 19 b 2-5.
 - (b) Distances of 50 yards between sections will be maintained east of BIRR CROSS ROADS. otherwise distances of 200 yards between Companies and 800 yards between Battalions will be maintained.
 - (c) The necessary precautions will be taken against enemy aircraft.
3. All ammunition and R.E. dumps S.O.S. grenades trench shelters local maps air photographs defence schemes and information will be handed over to relief and receipts in duplicate obtained. Receipts to reach B.O.R. by 10 a.m. on 18th inst.
4. Gum boots will be brought out of the line on relief and dumped on WESTHOEK RIDGE on the north side of the BELLEWARDE Sleeper road at the point where the duckwalk from Brigade Head quarters meets the road (about J 7 a 4-5) under the supervision of LIEUT. AUSTIN. A guard is being found by Brigade Headquarters.
5. Headquarters, "A", "B", "C" and "D" Companies will each send a reliable guide to report to Battalion Headquarters at 3 p.m. Guides will report at 5 p.m. to 56th Battalion Headquarters (J 7 b 9-6) and lead the relieving Battalion forward. One guide per platoon of "A" "B" and "C" Companies will meet the relieving Battalion's similar Companies at end of HELLES duckboard track and will lead the platoons into position. "D" Company will send a guide per platoon direct to 56th Battalion Headquarters to report there at 5 p.m. and these guides will lead "D" Company 56th Battalion into position.
6. Completion of relief will be forwarded by Companies as soon as each relief is complete.
7. Marching out states to reach Battalion Headquarters by 5 p.m.
8. (a). Ankle boots will be worn out of the line and gum-boots carried and dumped as in para. 4.
 - (b). Hot boxes and water tins must be carried out to Camp.
9. "D" Company will supply an advance party of one N.C.O. and five men who will locate the billets and return to meet the Battalion at SHRAPNEL CORNER and lead them to billets. - one guide for Headquarters and one per Company.

10. Acknowledge.

Issued to
 C.O. "A" Coy. 1 - I.O. 5
 "B" Coy. 2 M.O. 6
 "C" Coy. 3 T.O. 7
 "D" Coy. 4 Q.M. 8

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60TH BATTALION ORDER NO. 125

20TH OCTOBER 1917Ref. Sheet 38 I/40000

1. The 60TH BATTALION will move to SWAN area tomorrow by march route.
 2. Starting Point : Road Junction H 31 b 3-5 at 10 a.m.
 3. Route : ST. HUBERTSHOEK - HALLEBAST CORNER - DICKEBUSCH - CAFE BELGE - CANAL DUGOUTS.
 4. Order of march :- Headquarters, A. B. C. and D. Companies
 5. Distances :- The following distances will be observed.

Between Platoons	50 yards
Companies	200 yards
Battalions	800 yards
- Companies will be responsible for communication from front to rear.
6. The usual precautions will be taken against observation by aircraft.
 7. Transport will move via OUDERDOM H 14 b 4-8 - CAFE BELGE and is to be clear of OUDERDOM area by 12 noon.
 8. The camp will be left in a clean and sanitary condition and certificates to that effect must reach B.O.R. by 9.30 a.m.
 9. "D" Company will detail one officer and 12 other ranks to see that the camp is left in a clean condition. The Officer detailed will report to the A/Adjutant for instructions at 9.30 a.m.
 10. "C" Company will detail one Officer and 8 other ranks to act as a rear guard.
 11. DRESS Full marching Order with Blankets. Steel helmets to be worn.
 12. Officers' valises to be at Transport lines at 9.30 a.m.
 13. Officers' chargers to be at B.O.R. at 9.45 a.m.
 14. Watches will be synchronised at B.O.R. at 9 a.m.

R.m. ROLLAND LIEUT.
A/ADJUTANT 60TH BATTALION

Issued to:			
O.C.	"A" Company	No. 1	
	"B" "	2	
	"C" "	3	
	"D" "	4	
T.O.		5	
Q.m.		6	
I.O.		7	
m.O.		8	

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SECRET

60TH BATTALION ORDER No.

23RD OCTOBER 1917

Ref. Sheet 38 1/40000

1. The 60th Battalion will move by march route this day to Camp at 1 15 A 8.6
2. Starting point: Corduroy Road at South end of Camp at 3 p.m.
3. Order of March :- Headquarters, "A", "B", "C" and "D" Companies.
4. Distances :-
Between Platoons 50 yards
Between Companies 200 yards.
5. The usual precautions will be taken against hostile aircraft.
6. Dress :- Full marching order with blanket. S.B.R. at the alert and steel helmet.
7. Officer's valises will be dumped close to Corduroy Road by 12 noon.
8. Parade states to reach B.O.R. by 1.30 p.m.
9. The Camp will be left in a clean and sanitary condition and certificates to that effect from LIEUT. OLVER for Headquarters and from Company Commanders must reach B.O.R. by 1.45 p.m.
10. Watches will be synchronised at 1 p.m.

R.M. ROLIAND LIEUT. A/Adjt.
60TH BATTALION A.I.F.

Issued to :-

- | | | |
|----------------|--------|-------------|
| a.c. | A Coy. | 1 |
| | B Coy. | 2 |
| | C Coy. | 3 |
| | D Coy. | 4 |
| I.O. | | 5 |
| M.O. | | 6 |
| Signal officer | | 7 |
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SECRET

BRACKET BATTALION ORDER No.

Ref . BELGIUM

37TH OCTOBER 1917

Sheet 28 1/40000

1. The BRACKET BATTALION is being relieved by the 25th Battalion THIS day.
2. One guide from Headquarters and one per Company, "A" Company supplying a guide for "B" Company will meet the incoming Battalion at 2 p.m. at J I d 5-8 on CAMBRIDGE TRACK.
The guides will proceed by ANZAC TRACK to CAMBRIDGE TRACK Having guided the incoming Battalion into position they will act as guides for the Unit going out.
3. All dumps trench shelters local maps air photographs and information will be handed over and receipts obtained.
Receipt to reach BRACKET Headquarters by 8 p.m. this day.
4. No trench or other stores will be removed from the sector.
5. Completion of relief will be reported by Companies to BRACKET Headquarters at once.
6. Distances of at least 20 yards between sections will be maintained east of MPRES-SHRAPNEL CORNER road and of 200 yards between Companies west of the above road.
7. This Battalion will move out by the following route:- ANZAC TRACK & CAMBRIDGE TRACK - PIONEER and GORDON TRACKS - GATE WALK to H 24 C 8-5.
8. Dress :- Fighting order steel helmets S.B.R. at the alert and over coat in pack. Care must be taken to see that every man moves out with a rifle with the exceptions allowed.
9. Parade states to reach BRACKET H.Q. by 2 p.m.
10. Acknowledge.

R.M. ROLIAND LIEUT.
A/Adjutant BRACKET Battalion

Issued to :-

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|----------------|------------|---------|
| O.C. | "A" Coy. | 1 |
| | "B" Coy. | 2 |
| | "C" Coy. | 2 |
| | "D" Coy. | 3 |
| I.O. | | 4 |
| M.O. | | 5 |
| SIGNAL OFFICER | | 6 |
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SECRET60TH BATTALION ORDER No.

28TH OCTOBER 1917

Ref. BELGIUM

SHEET 28 1/4000

1. The 60TH BATTALION will move to RENINGHELST to day by bus from CAFE BEIGE CORNER H 29 b 8-5 (Head of bus Column).
2. Starting point :- Junction of metal road in front of Camp and BERBY TRACK at 10.30 am.
3. Order of march :- Headquarters, "A" "B", "C" and "D" Companies.
4. The Battalion will move by march route to the embusing point in parties of 20 two deep at 20 yards distance. LIEUT. McKINLEY will take charge of distribution of parties at starting point. The Battalion will embus in rear of of the 15TH A.L.T.M.B. . When parties reach embusing point they will be lined up on the right of the road.
5. On debusing the parties of 20 will stand fast until orders are received to move.
6. Dress :- Full marching order with Blanket and waterproof sheet horsehoe fashion round pack. Steel helmets.
7. An advance party of 1 N.C.O. from Headquarters and one from each Company under LIEUT. DOLPHIN will report to Staff Captain at G30 C 3-7 at 11 a.m. today.
8. A guide from the advance party will meet the nucleus at G 22 b 4-3 at 2 p.m. and guide them to the new camp.
9. Transport will pass CAFE BEIGE CORNER (H 29 b 8-5) at 9.45 a.m. and will travel via H 16 d 1-1 - H 14 b 4-8 thence via OUDERDOM to new billeting area.
10. Officer's valises to be dumped adjacent to metal road in front of camp by 8.30 a.m.
11. Parade states to R.S.M. by 10 a.m.
12. Watches will be synchronised at 10 a.m.

R.M. ROLLAND A/ ADJT.
60TH BATTALION

Issued to

O.C.	"A" Coy.	1
	"B" Coy.	2
	"C" Coy.	3
	"D" Coy.	4
T.O.		5
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R O U T I N E O R D E R S No. 190

- by -

LT. COL. N. MARSHALL D.S.O. M.C.
 Commanding BRACKET Battalion

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30TH OCTOBER 1917

AWARDS
 3627

The following awards have been made :-

LT. COL. N. MARSHALL	M.C.	awarded	D.S.O.
LIEUT. A.F. PARKER	"	"	M.C.
LIEUT. M.D. KNIGHT	"	"	M.C.

The following has been awarded Bar to Military medal.

3189 SGT. LAWLER E.J.

The following have been awarded Military medals:-

1336	C.Q.M.S. GRAHAM	H.
5037	SGT. ARMSTRONG	W.H.G.
1945	PTE. HIBBERT	C.C.
5407	PTE. LLOYD	A.C.
2351	SGT. ROBERTSON	W.H.G.
2005	L/CPL. LEMIN	A.
3302	SGT. HORNSEY	
2340	L/CPL. ROLFE	A.B.A.

R.N. ROLIAND LIEUT.
 A/Adjutant BRACKET Battalion

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15TH INFANTRY Brigade.

5TH AUSTRALIAN Division.

1st Anzac Corps.

Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	60TH BATTALION		LIEUT. Henry Steven WRATHALL	On October 15th 1917 Lieut. H.S. WRATHALL was instructed to locate the position of the enemy in front of the 60TH BATTALION Sector, and to work in conjunction with other Battalion Patrols on the right and left flanks. It was daylight when he left the line. He advanced with his Patrol between Seven and Eight hundred yards. At this stage enemy machine Guns opened fire notwithstanding the risk to his own life he communicated all information to the N.C.O with the patrol and instructed the party to return. When crossing a shell hole this Officer was caught by machine Gun fire and killed. He displayed great bravery and devotion to duty, and although giving his own life was able to send back valuable information regarding the enemy.	<i>Wagon Sgt. Cameron acting C.O. 60th Bn</i>		

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15th INFA NTR Brigade.

5TH AUSTRALIAN

Division.

1st Anzac

Corps.

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	60TH BATTALION A.I.F.	1585	Lance Corporal McINTYRE, Archibald	During a period of Four days in the front line October 13th to 17th this M.C.O. shewed an utter disregard of personal danger. He encouraged and cheered his men under trying circumstances. He displayed great qualities of leadership and devotion to duty throughout.	Major H. J. K. Cameron acting. C.O. 60th Bn.		

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15TH INFANTRY Brigade.

5TH AUSTRALIAN Division.

P. Anzac Corps.

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	60TH BATTALION A.I.F.	2743	Private, FARLETT, <i>Victor Brisbane</i>	The above soldier is a Coy runner. In this Capacity he has displayed constant devotion to duty. During the attack in POLYGON WOOD in September 1917, he was sent through heavy shell barrages with important messages at a critical time, and delivered them promptly. From October 14th to 18th he shewed great bravery in guiding parties under shell fire, and in delivery of despatches to and from the Front line.	<i>M. Anzac acting C.O. 60th Bn.</i>		

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1 5TH INF. Brigade.

5TH AUSTRALIAN

Division.

1st Anzac

Corps.

Date of Recommendation.

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	60TH BATTALION	3164	Corporal KELLY William	On OCTOBER 15TH 1917, 3164 Cpl. W. KELLY was sent with a Patrol in daylight under an Officer to reconnoitre the country and locate the enemy in front of the Battalion. The Patrol advanced 700 yards when the Enemy opened up with machine Gun Fire. The officer was killed. This M.C.O. with remarkable bravery and coolness brought his Patrol back through the machine Gun and Shell barrages and was able to impart valuable information regarding the position and movements of the enemy. During the remainder of the stay in the line he took control of the Platoon and displayed great devotion to Duty throughout.	Major H. H. K. Cameron acting C. O. 60th Bn.		

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15TH INFANTRY Brigade.

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	80TH BATTALION	3615	Lance Corporal McCLINTOCK, Samuel	<p>On October 16th 1917, this W.C.O. visited his post during an intense enemy barrage. He immediately dug in the sap and found one of his men who had nearly expired.</p> <p>This W.C.O. was previously a stretcher bearer and was recommended by a number of Officers for unexampled acts of bravery.</p> <p>Throughout the stay in the line he inspired his men; and kept them steady under trying circumstances.</p> <p>He has shewn a splended leadership and devotion to Duty.</p>	<p><i>Major H. J. Cameron acting C.O. 60th Bn.</i></p>		

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15TH INFANTRY Brigade.

5TH AUSTRALIAN

Division.

1st Anzac

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	60TH BATTALION A.I.F.	5708	Private KIRBY, Robert William	<p>The above soldier has shown exceptional bravery under trying circumstances as a stretcher bearer. From October 16th to 17th he was on constant duty in the front line, and made repeated journeys to the dressing station under heavy shell fire.</p> <p>He set a fine example to the men by his coolness and devotion to duty.</p>	<p><i>Major H. G. K. Cameron acting C.O. 60th Bn.</i></p>		

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15TH INF. Brigade.

5TH AUSTRALIAN

Division.

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	60TH BATTALION A.I.F.	1805	Sergeant WALKER, James	On the night of October 15th this N.C.O. was sent with a Patrol to locate the enemy in front of the BATTALION SECTOR. He advanced 700 yards through ANVIL WOOD to within 40 yards of the place where enemy flares were dropping. He brought back valuable information of Enemy Posts and nature of Country. He has shown an utter disregard of personal danger throughout, and by his coolness and courage has set a splendid example to his men	<i>Major H. J. Cameron acting C.O. 60th Bn</i>		

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