

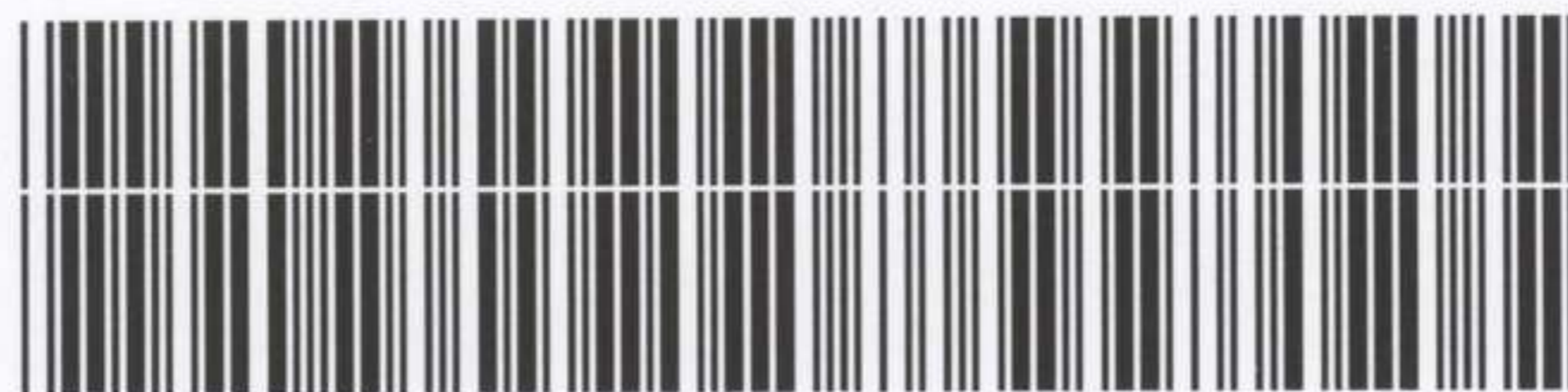
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TORREHAN FARM Sheet 28	30-11-17	5pm	The C.O. 2 nd in Command & Intelligence Officer, went out in front and sited positions for two forward-pats. This work was then carried on by a party from B. Coy under Lt Heron. Work carried out as per Appendix 64	APP 64
	1-12-17	8am	Work for the 24 hours was carried out as per Appendix 65.	APP 65
		5pm	Lt Beaver with 8 O.R. went out on patrol, about 1000yds in front, after listening for about 1 hour, returned. Nothing was seen or heard of the enemy. Lt Sitterman has been out for the last few nights, with the chief object of watching the WAMBEEK FARM VALLEY, but no movement has been noticed. The enemy were so very thick in front of our position.	
	2-12-17	8am	Work carried out as per Appendix 66. Battalion Order 10129 was issued.	APP 66.
			Work is being pushed on, and every available man is being used. The C.O.'s policy being to make as many improvements to the sector as possible. Particular attention is being paid to salvage	APP 67

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TORREKEN TORREAN BARR	3-12-17	6am 10:30am 11pm 9pm	<p>Work was carried out as per Appendix 68</p> <p>The C.O held a conference of Company Commanders, regarding an Artillery bombardment to take place tomorrow. It was decided to withdraw the Forward-Pats and leave only two Platoons in the front-line. It was also decided to send out two patrols of one officer and 8 men each tonight. One of these patrols under LT. C.V. HERON, obtained some valuable information.</p> <p>B Company relieved D Company in the front-line tonight, C Company moved up into support. D Company going into reserve. During D Coy. turn in the front line, they had no cucumattis. First snow of the year fell.</p> <p>Work was carried out as per Appendix 70</p> <p>An Artillery bombardment on certain enemy strong-points in front of our sector was carried out from 8am till 4pm. After which a patrol under Lt Cannon & Lt Heron went out.</p>	<p>APP 68</p> <p>APP 69</p> <p>APP 70</p>

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TORREKEN FARM	5-12-17	8am	<p>Weather fine. - Work was carried out as per Appendix 71. Nothing of importance on the front.</p> <p>Effective strength. Actually with unit. 29- 623</p> <p> Off - O.R. In Field unit 1- 18</p> <p> 37 792. In Bde Area 1- 97</p> <p> Ant Bde Area 6- 54</p> <p> <u>37- 792</u></p>	APP 71.
	6-12-17	8am	<p>Work carried out as per Appendix 72.</p> <p>From 8 am till 4 pm the Heavy Artillery bombarded enemy position on our front, and at 4-45 pm two patrols of 10 O.R. each and under Lt Herold Samson, went out with the object of ambushing or capturing any small enemy pat or working party. They were unsuccessful in this respect, but obtained good information in regard to the enemy defence, & also inflicted casualties.</p>	APP 72.

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TORREKEN FARM	7/2/17	7.30am	<p>Weather fine.</p> <p>Work was carried out as per Appendix 73</p> <p>Two of the enemy were seen on our right flank. They were not fired on because it was thought they were straggling into our lines. They disappeared into dead ground for a moment & then one reappeared and was captured. The other man was not seen again. Situation was quiet throughout the day.</p>	APP 73																		
	8/12/17		<p>Weather fine.</p> <p>Work carried out as per Appendix 74</p> <p>Disposition of Battalion is now as follows.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="727 1272 1993 1510"> <tr> <td>C Company</td> <td>Front line.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A " "</td> <td>Support.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B & D " "</td> <td>Reserve.</td> </tr> </table> <table border="0" data-bbox="791 1510 2784 1789"> <tr> <td>Effective Strength</td> <td>Actually with unit</td> <td>29-612</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OA 37</td> <td>In Field Amb.</td> <td>1-25</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>In Bde Area</td> <td>1-70</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Ant Bde Area</td> <td>6-57</td> </tr> </table>	C Company	Front line.	A " "	Support.	B & D " "	Reserve.	Effective Strength	Actually with unit	29-612	OA 37	In Field Amb.	1-25		In Bde Area	1-70		Ant Bde Area	6-57	APP 74
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TORREKEN FARM	9-12-17	8am	Showery weather. Work was carried out as per Appendix 75 Situation unchaned.	APP 75
	10-12-17	8am	Work was carried out as per Appendix 76. The weather has cleared up considerably and observation is much better. Enemy artillery has been a little more active during the day. Representative of the 1st Aust Div arrived to make preliminary arrangements in handing over. Effective Strength: 37 - 824. Actual with unit: 30-643. In Hd Amb 24. In Bde Area 1-70 Ant Bde Area 6-87 <hr/> 37-824	APP 76
	11-12-17	8am	Work carried out as per Appendix 77	APP 77

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TORREKEN FARM	11-12-17	5pm	A Company took over the front line from C Coy who moved back into supports; D & B Coys remaining in Reserve. Situation quiet.																
	12.12.17	8 am	<p>Work as per Appendix 78.</p> <p>Increased Artillery activity. One bomb scattered by two smaller machines flew across our section & dropped bombs, doing no damage. One machine was brought down by Anti-aircraft guns.</p> <p>Effective strength</p> <table data-bbox="784 1073 1505 1331"> <tr> <td>Of</td> <td>OR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>37</td> <td>518</td> </tr> </table>	Of	OR	37	518	APP 78											
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			<p>Usual night patrols went out at 4.30 pm and 6 am.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>[Signature]</i></p>																


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TORREKEN FARM.	13/12/17	8am	<p>Weather - fine</p> <p>Work carried out as per Appendix 79</p> <p>Situation quiet.</p> <p>Lt Col. Daly 6 Bn A.I.F., arrived with one officer per Company, in readiness for relief tomorrow night.</p> <p>Hq. Gen Hobbs & Bde. Gen Elliott visited. Ad Str during the afternoon. - Bn Order 131 issued</p> <p>The result of referendum taken as follows.</p>	<p>HPP 79</p> <p>HPP 80.</p>
	14/12/17	8am	<p>Lt Col Daly was shown over the sector by the C.O.</p> <p>The Battalion was relieved by the 6 Bn. Relief complete by 6.45 pm. The Bn suffered two casualties whilst holding the line.</p> <p>The night was spent at Ramille Camp near Kemmel.</p>	
KEMMEL	15/12/17	10am	<p>The Bn marched to DE KENNEBEEIR siding and entrained for DEVRES. The journey was extremely slow and we did not reach our destination</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DEVRES	16-12-17		<p>Weather - fine till two am. Our billets, however, were quite handy to the station, and after a hot meal, we were all resting.</p>	
	17-12-17	9:30a	<p>The Bn moved on to our billets area, about 15 kilos. The turnout was good and the marching excellent. The Band turned out, and have made great strides since our tour in the line. We are now billeted in different villages as follows: - Head Qtrs in BEUSSANT. A B & D Coy in BERNIEULLE and C Coy in INEXENT</p>	
BEUSSANT AREA.	18-12-17		<p>At present we are resting. The men are very fit and all comfortably billeted.</p>	
	19-12-17	9 am	<p>Companies were inspected by Company Commanders, and shortage of equipment were taken.</p>	

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			<i>Fine weather.</i>																							
BEEBANT AREA.	20.12.17	4.30am	Platoon training was carried out. - Gas drill for 15 minutes. On account of the snow we have been unable to have any sport, but Companies are organising cross-country runs.																							
	21.12.17	6.30am	Physical training. Bayonet fighting & Platoon drill was carried out. The afternoon was devoted to organised games, and fifteen minutes to gas drill.																							
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	22.12.17	6.30am	The official photographer visited us. The Bn was taken in Mess, also one was taken of the Officers, Sergeants and the Band. The C.O inspected A Company.																							

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BEUSSANT AREA.	23.12.17	8.30am	<p>Fine weather</p> <p>Church Parades as follows:- Co E & Co D. a Battalion Parade Ground at 9.30 am D.C. Parade at Church BEUSSANT at 9.30 am. "A" Company held a Cross-country run over about 2 miles.</p>	
	24.12.17	8.30am	<p>Today is a holiday - 90 men had leave to Boulogne. They proceeded from billets in motor-buses.</p>	
	25.12.17	8.30am	<p>D.C. Church Parades was held in the Village Church. Co E. Holy Communion was held in the School House at 10.30 am. £100 was spent out of Regimental Funds for Dinner there. Breakfast was served at 8.30 am, and Dinner at 12.30 pm. Everything went off splendidly and all the men were well satisfied. The Colonel went round during the dinner-hour. The officers</p>	

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BEUSSANT AREA	25/12/19	6.30pm	had dinner in a Café in BEUSSANT. 38 sat down, & speeches were made after the dinner.																															
	26/12/19	8.30am	To-day is a holiday. We had a great fall of snow during the night, and snow-balling is the order of the day. - <table border="0" data-bbox="816 890 2777 1268"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Effective Strength</td> <td>Actually with unit.</td> <td>Off</td> <td>OR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Off</td> <td>OR</td> <td>In Field Ambulance.</td> <td>38</td> <td>802</td> </tr> <tr> <td>45</td> <td>870</td> <td>In Bde Area</td> <td>1</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Out Bde Area</td> <td>1</td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>5</td> <td>40</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td><u>45</u></td> <td><u>870</u></td> </tr> </table> <p data-bbox="572 1208 2777 1367">Syllabus of training received from Brigade.</p> <p data-bbox="572 1367 2777 1526">Companies carried out Platoon & Section training, Marksmanship & Physical training. Bayonet fighting has. drill was carried for 15 minutes.</p> <p data-bbox="572 1526 2777 1725">C & D Companies carried out the same training. Yesterday. The A & B Companies were halted at DOUDRAVILLE.</p>	Effective Strength		Actually with unit.	Off	OR	Off	OR	In Field Ambulance.	38	802	45	870	In Bde Area	1	13			Out Bde Area	1	15				5	40				<u>45</u>	<u>870</u>	
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BEUSSENT AREA.	29.12.17	8.30am	<p>Inc. weather</p> <p>Companies carried at a Route March by Companies, of 4 miles. On account of the snow and slippery nature of the ground, marching was very difficult.</p> <p>Has. drill was carried out for 15 minutes.</p>	
	30.12.17	9am	<p>R.C. Church Parade was held in the Village Church at 10.30am. There was no Protestant Parade.</p>	
	31.12.17	8.30am	<p>C & D Coy were halted at DOUDAVILLE.</p> <p>A & B Coy carried out Section & Platoon training. The Bn Armorer Lt also inspected the arms of these two Companies.</p>	
			<p>Effective Strength</p> <p>Off O.P.</p> <p>45 862</p>	<p>Actualy with arms</p> <p>In Bde Area</p> <p>Out Bde Area</p> <p>In Hld Ambulance</p>
				<p>Off. O.P.</p> <p>32-756</p> <p>2-47</p> <p>8-52</p> <p>3-7</p> <p>45-862</p>

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WORKS REPORT BRACKET BATTALION
24 HOURS ENDING 8 a.m. 3/13/17

APPENDIX 66¹⁴

No. of men	WORK	LOCATION	TIME SPENT	REMARKS
I Off. 34 O.R.	CONSTRUCTION OF FORWARD POSTS	Frontal system	5.15 p.m. to 9.15 p.m.	These posts should be completed on night of 2nd./3rd. inst.
I Off. 14 O.R.	WIRING	do		Material used : 30 coils barb. 59 long corkscrews 65 short "
I Off. 30 O.R.	PERMANENT FATIGUE	177th Tunnelling Coy.	4.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.	
3 Off. 60 O.R.	CONSTRUCTION OF FORWARD POINT STRONG	Frontal system	4 p.m. to 10 p.m.	Under 14th F.E.
I Off. 33 O.R.	DIGGING DRAIN	O 27 Central	4.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.	Engineer fatigue.
D Off. 60 men	WIRING	Front Line	4.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.	This party carried up with them : 21 IX coils barb wire 6 bundles corkscrews 3 Coils barb wire. Party also carried from R.L.K. dump to Manchester Street, 14 "A" Frames AND FROM Railway Dump to Front line 5 bundles corkscrews.
I Off. 30 men	ERECTING 50 BARDS WIRE	In front of Shell hole posts	3 hours	Carried from Railway Dump to MAHIEU FARM 43 sheets expanded metal
I Off. 30 men.	EXCAVATING SAP FROM MANCHESTER STREET TO MAHIEU FARM	MAHIEU FARM	4 hours	Carried from Railway Dump to MAHIEU FARM: 34 "A" Frames (7feet) 4 bundles Camouflage 60 Angle iron, 15 Sheets expanded metal
I H.C.O. 30 men.	CARRYING PARTY		4 hours	Carried from Railway Dump to MAHIEU FARM: 34 "A" Frames (7feet) 4 bundles Camouflage 60 Angle iron, 15 Sheets expanded metal
I Off. 10 O.R.	WIRING DUCK-BOARDS	MANCHESTER STREET	4 hours	This work should be completed tonight.

- (a). Improvements made to Cocks' lines.
(b). Improvements were made to Front line trench.
(c). Ration party of I H.C.O. and 30 men at 7.30 p.m. and again at 4 a.m.

Proposed work for next 24 hours work consists of :- Constructing forward posts - Wiring duckboards - Wiring in front - Renovating Manchester Street
Taking up sufficient material for Company Headquarters in front line street

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BATTALION ORDER No. 128

1. On the night of the 3rd. inst., "B" Company will take over the front line from "D" Company.
 "C" Company will move into supports.
 "D" Company will move to Lancashire House.
 "A" Company will remain in their present location.
2. All details of reliefs will be arranged ^{mutually} ~~unitly~~ between Company Commanders concerned.
3. Aeroplane guard and traffic-control men now detailed by "C" Company, will be relieved by "D" Company on the morning of the 4th inst.
4. All maps, trench stores, etc. will be taken over and receipts exchanged.
5. The Pack Guard supplied by "A" Company will remain on duty after relief.
6. Code word for reporting relief complete will be WINE.

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BRACKET Battalion 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 3/12/17

No. of men	WORK	LOCATION	TIME SPENT	REMARKS
20 men	Making Concertina wire	CATACOMBS	10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.	
10 men	Draining shell holes on top of Dug-out	CATACOMBS	10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	
I Off. 30 men	Permanent fatigue	O I O C Central	4 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Under R.E.
I Off. 53 men	Working on strong point	23C Central	6 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.	This party also carried :- 20 coils of barb wire 2 " wire-netting 3 rolls camou- flage from Rail- way dump to Nerne dump
I Off. 40 men	Carrying party. Material for Company Hdqrs. in Front line		3 1/2 HOURS	From Railway dump to Front line : 6 Copulas, 13 sheets expanded metal, 24 long angle Pickets, 12 long cork screws, 1 coil barb wire, 8 duck boards, 6 lengths 3" X 2", 1 roll wire netting, 1 roll camouflage, 250 sandbags and bolts for sheet
I Off. 20 men	Excavating Sap	Manchester St. to Mahieu Farm.	5 hours	Also carried from Railway Dump to Sap 16 "A" Frames (5feet).
I Off. 14 men.	Wiring	Front line	5 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Material used: 8 coils barb wire 1 coil concertina wire. 25 long corkscrews 12 medium " 20 short " Completed wiring No. 7 Post Making a good obstacle.
2 Off. 23 men	Repairing duck-boards and wiring same	Manchester Street	1 p.m. to 4 p.m.	
I Off. 34 men	Constructing forward posts	Frontal-system	5.15 p.m. to 9.15 p.m.	Not yet completed.
(a).	Ration party of I N.C.O. and 20 men at 7.30 p.m. and again at 4.30 a.m.			
(b).	I Officer and 6 o.r. employed on salvage.			

Proposed work for the next 24 hours consists of :- Excavating sap from Manchester Street to Mahieu Farm, Wiring of duckboards. Renovating Manchester Street, Completion of advanced posts. Construction of Company Headquarters in Front line and carrying forward all necessary material.

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Report on patrol in vicinity of RIFLE FARM

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Patrol went out at 9.45 and returned at 11.45. We went from No.7 post in an easterly direction. Owing to the broken condition of the ground, we went in a very irregular formation. About 150 yards in front of No. 7 Post we passed an empty, destroyed pill-box. After going about 350 or 400 yards from No. 7 Post we encountered a hedge; through this we crossed and lay against a bank, like a trench, from this position we listened and observed. From where we were we could see that a hedge or line of trees, roughly formed a four-sided figure. We concluded that we were actually in RIFLE FARM. In front of us, about thirty yards away, was some piled up earth, about five or six yards long, which appeared to be a parapet of a strong point. To our left front there was an old house about forty yards from us. Owing to movement of one man in our patrol, machine gun and rifle fire was brought to bear on us. We were discovered but they did not know our strength. A party of the enemy were seen walking across about fifty yards in front of us. We went back about fifty yards and observed again. We could plainly see a party moving to their right front, also a party of two men moving towards the spot where we had been. We located another machine gun which was further down towards the WAMBEEK and I think there is a rifle post or a bombing post where we saw that parapet. After retiring a little further we waited and saw plenty of movement and noticed that the two machine guns every now and again would open spasmodically. Altogether, this place seemed strongly defended and there seemed to be continual movement, as if working parties were busy. There are at least three posts there, two machine guns and one infantry post. From there, he has a good field of fire, especially for traversing. Very little wire was seen in front of his post; the only wire we struck was some distance in front of the hedge. Of course, we could not see whether his machine gun positions were wired, but there was not wire in front of that parapet, which we observed first.

night 3rd./4th Dec.

Sgd. C.V. HERON Lieut.
12.30 a.m.

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WORKS REPORTS - BRACKET BATTALION - 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 4/13/17.

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No. of men	Work	Location	Time spent	Remarks
I Off. 30 men	Permanent Fatigue	O.I.O Central	4p.m. - 8p.m.	Under R.E.
I Off. 30 men	Carrying party	Reserve	8p.m. - 9p.m.	Carried 16 coils wire netting from Railway Dump to Verne Dump.
I Off. 35 men	Carrying party for Coy. H.Qrs. in the line	Reserve	4p.m. - 9p.m.	From 4 Segments "C" type English Cupolas 4 Expanded metal frames 6 X 3. 200 sandbags. 1 roll Mathoid. Also carried to S. D. 14 large reverting frames and angle irons from Anzac Dump.
I Off. 26 men	Strong-point	Manchester Street		
I Off. 9 men.	Excavating sap	Mahieu Farm	4 hours	
I Off. 30 men	Constructing forward post	Frontal system	4 hours	Also carried from Verne Dump to Front line, 8 coils barb wire, 12 bundles screw pickets, 1 pump.

(a). Improvements made to Manchester Street.

(b). Ration parties of I Officer 30 men at 7.30 p.m. and again at 4.30 am.

Proposed work for the next 24 hours consists of: Completion of Mahieu Farm sap. Construction of forward posts. Wiring in front. Wiring of duckboards. Renovating Manchester Street. Constructing Company Headquarters in the line, and carrying sufficient material for same.

On account of the Company in the Front line being relieved last night, some of the work that was laid down for the 24 hours had to be held over.

.....Major.
Works Officer BRACKET Battalion A.I.F.

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24 hours ending 8 a.m. - 5/13/17

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No. of men	WORK	LOCATION	TIME SPENT	REMARKS
I Off. 30 men	Permanent fatigue	O.I.O Central	4 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Under R.E.
I Off. 35 men	Carrying party	From Railway Dump to MAHIEU SAP	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Carried 10 coils concertina wire to Railway Dump. Carried from Rly. Dump to Mahieu Sap: 6 duckboards. 5 "A" Frames, 60 feet of matting (camouflage). Also camouflaged VERNE DUMP.
I Off. 36 men	Wiring party	Front-line	8 p.m. to 1 a.m.	This party carried from Railway Dump to VERNE DUMP 100 - 5 ft.) battens 110 - 3ft. 6" " " and carried from Verne Dump to Front line: 25 coils con- certina wire, Erect ed single line of barb wire in front 7 and 9 posts.
I Off. 19 men	Repairing Manchester Street	Manchester Street	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ HOURS	
I N.C.O. II men	Wiring duck- boards	Manchester Street	3 hours	
I N.C.O. II men	Renovating	Manchester Street	3 hours	
I Off. 10 men	Constructing C.T.	Mahieu Farm	4 hours	This job is now complete except for the fitting of some battens to keep the expanded metal from bulging.
9 men	Pumping and revetting shell hole in outpost line	Frontal system	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ HOURS	
I Off. 50 men	Strong Point		12 midnight to 3 a.m.	Also carried duck- boards and revett- ing for the strong point;
(a).	Ration party of I N.C.O. and 30 men at 7.30 p.m. and again at 3.30am.			
(b).	Salvage parties.			

Proposed work for the next 24 hours consists of: Completion of Mahieu Sap. Completion of forward posts. Renovating of Manchester Street.

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Works officer BRAC

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No. of men	WORK	LOCATION	TIME SPENT	REMARKS
I Off. 30 men.	Permanent fatigue	O I O C central	4 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Under R.E.
I Off. 34 men.	Carrying party	RAILWAY DUMP to VERNE DUMP	4.30 p.m. to 7.30 P.m.	Carried 40 duckboards, 3 cases of expanded metal
3 Off. 50 men	Strong point		12 midnight to 5.30 a.m.	Under A.E. This party also carried Duckboards, revetting, camouflage and copula iron for S.P.
I Off. 18 men	Wiring	Frontal system	8.30 p.m. to 2.15 a.m.	Used 50 corkscrews and 10 coils barb. Also carried to Front line 15 coils barb.
I N.C.O. 8 men	Maintenance	Manchester St.	3 1/2 HOURS	
I N.C.O. 11 men	Wiring duckboards	Manchester St.	3 hours	
5 men	Constructing Sap	Mahieu Farm	3 hours	
I Off. 34 men	Construction of forward posts	Frontal system	4 1/2 hours	150 sand bags used
10 men	Constructing Company H.Q.	do		This party is found by the Front line Company, and can work during the day.
(a).	Ration party of 1 N.C.O. and 20 men at 7.30 p.m. and again at 4.30 a.m.			

Proposed work for next 24 hours - Construction of Company head quarters in the front line. Renovating of Manchester Street. Completion of Mahieu Sap. Wiring in front. Preparation of wiring material.

.....Major
Works Officer, BRACKET Battalion A.I.F.

24 hours ending 8 a.m. 7/19/17

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Nb. of men	WORK	LOCATION	TIME SPENT	REMARKS
1 Off. 38 men	Carrying party	Verne Dump to front line	5 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Carried :- 14 coils concertina wire 14 rolls barb wire
2 Off. 45 men	Strong point	O 25 A Central O 27 C Central	11 p.m. to 4 a.m.	Digging and revetting strong point and carry ing from Dumps to Strong point.
W.C.O. 4 men	Revetting	Whieu sap	4 hours	Completed
W.C.O. 6 men	Maintenance	Manchester St.	3 hours	
1 Off. 30 men	Wiring	Frontal system	4 hours	This party prepared 18 rolls of barb wire and carried forward same. Also carried forward 50 screw pickets.
Off. 28 men	Wiring	Frontal system	4 hours	This party also carried up wire to front line.
10 men	Constructing Company H.A.	Front line		
a). Rotation party of 1. W.C.O. and 30 men at 7.30 p.m. and again at 4.30 a.m.				

Proposed work for the next 24 hours consists of :- Construction of
 shelter in front line. Renovation of Manchester Street. Wiring.
 Preparation of wiring material.

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24 hours ending 8 a.m. 8/12/17

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No. of men	WORK	LOCATION	TIME SPENT	REMARKS
I Off. 35 men	wiring	Frontal system	11.30 p.m. to 4 a.m.	Carried from VERNE Dump Concertina wire and corkscrews
I Off. 40 men	Cleaning and draining	Manchester Street	8 1/2 hours	
4 men	Fixing battens and revetting	Mahieu Sap	4 hours	work completed.
I Off. 30 men	Permanent fatigue		4 p.m. to 8 p.m.	

(a). Ration party of I B.C.O. and 30 men at 7.30 p.m. and again at 4.30 a.m.

(b). Improvements made to Battalion Head Quarters.

(c). Company Head Quarters constructed in front line.

(d). Improvements made to front line shelters.

2nd Company rested last night after tour in front line.

Proposed work for the next 24 hours consists of :- Improvements to front line shelters - wiring - renovation of Manchester Street - preparation of wiring material.

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Works Officer BRACKET Battalion.

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24 hours ending 8 a.m. 9/12/17

APP 75

No. of men	WORK	LOCATION	TIME SPENT	REMARKS
I. Off. 21 men	MAINTENANCE	Manchester Street	4 hours	
I. Off. 30 men	Permanent fatigue		4 Hours	Under R.E.
I. Off. 24 men	Wiring	Frontal system	4 hours	This party also carried up barb wire from VERNE DUMP.
2. Off.. 50 men	Strong points		4 hours	Under A.E.
I. Off. 34 men	Wiring	Frontal system	4 hours	This party carried up concertina wire and corkscrews from VERNE DUMP.

(a). Ration parties of I.N.C.O. and 20 men at 7.30 p.m. and at 4.30 am
Wiring in front, although carried on, has been greatly hindered owing to the intense darkness the last two nights.

Proposed work for the next 24 hours consists of :- Wiring - Preparation of wiring material - Renovation of Manchester Street - Improvements to Front line shelters.

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Works Officer, BRACKET Battalion

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24 hours ending 8 a.m. 10/12/17

No. of men	WORK	LOCATION	TIME SPENT	REMARKS
3 Off. 50 o.r.	Construction of strong point		5.30 a.m. to 7.40 a.m.	Under A.E.
1 Off. 34 o.r.	Wiring	Frontal system	5 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.	
1 Off. 15 men	Preparation of wiring material	do	3 hours	
1 Off. 30 o.r.	Permanent fatigue		4 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.	Under R.E.
1 Off. 34 o.r.	Carrying party	Verne Dump to Front line	3 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.	Barb wire and corkscrews
1 Off. 34 o.r.;	Maintenance	Manchester Street	13 mid-day to 4 p.m.	Wiring of duck-boards completed
(a). Ration party of 1 N.C.O. and 20 men at 7.30 p.m. and again at 4.30 am				
(b). Improvements were carried out to shelters in Front line.				

Proposed work for the next 24 hours consists of:- Wiring - Preparation of wiring material, Renovation of Manchester Street, Improvements to Front line shelters.

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Works Officer, BRACKET Battalion

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WORKS REPORT - BRACKET BATTALION

34 hours ending 8 a.m. 11/12/17.

APP 17

No. of men	WORK	LOCATION	TIME SPENT	REMARKS
I Off. 20 men	Preparation of wiring material	Frontal system	1 hour	Prepared :- 20 coils barb-wire and 10 coils concertina wire.
3 Off. 48 men	Wiring	Front-line	2.15 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.	This party carried to Front line, I Trench pump; 11 coils barb wire, 3 coils concertina barb wire, 50 long corkscrews, 40 short corkscrews, 1050 sand-bags.
2 Off. 30 men	Strong-point		3.30 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.	
I Off. 30 men	Permanent fatigue		4 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Under R.E. Party suffered two casualties.
I Off. 38 men	Maintenance	Manchester Street	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Wiring duckboards, and repairing and draining sap.
I N.C.O. 5 men	Carrying party	Railway dump to Front line	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	

(a). Ration parties of I N.C.O. and 20 men at 7.30 p.m. and again at 4.30 a.m.

(b). A party has been engaged on the improvement of shelter in front line

Proposed work for the next 24 hours consists of :- Wiring, Preparation of wiring material, Renovation of Manchester Street, Improvements to shelters in front line, - Carrying material to VERNE Dump from RAILWAY Dump.

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Works Officer, BRACKET Battalion A.I.F.

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WORKS REPORT - BRACKET BATTALION

24 hours ending 2 a.m. 1/19/17

No. of men	WORK	LOCATION	TIME	REMARKS
1 Off. 30 men	Maintenance	Manchester Street	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Repairing sap and wiring duckboards
1 Off. 30 men	Permanent fatigue		4.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.	Under R.S.
1 Off. 30 men	Carrying party	Vehicle Dump to Strong points	6.30 a.m. to 8.15 p.m.	
1 Off. 30 men	Fatigue	Front line	2 hours	Cleaning up G.S.A. trench.
1 Off. 35 men	Carrying reserve rations	Vehicle Dump to Front-line	6.45 p.m. to 10 p.m.	
2 Off. 50 men	Strong points		2 hours	Under A.S.
(a).	Ration parties of 1 R.S.G. and 20 men at 7.30 p.m. and at 4.30 a.m.			

Proposed work for next 24 hours :- Wiring, renovation of Manchester Street, preparation of wiring material.

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Works Officer, BRACKET Battalion.

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24 hours ending 8 a.m. 15/13/17

No. of men	WORK	LOCATION	TIME SPENT	REMARKS
2 Off. 50 o.p.	Wiring	Frontal system	3.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.	Used : 29 coils Barb wire, 15 coils concertina barb, 67 long corkscrews 115 Short and med. corkscrews.
6 Men	Preparing wire			This party carried up from Railway Dump to Front line 30 coils barb wire and 150 long corks- screws.
1 H.C.O. 13 men	Maintenance	Manchester Street	8 a.m. to 11 a.m.	
1 H.C.O. 10 men	Carrying	Railway Dump to Front line	10 p.m. to 3 p.m.	carried 5 coils wire netting to front - line.
1 H.C.O. 10 men	Wiring duckboards	Front line	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	
1 Off. 30 men	Permanent fatigue		4.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Under R.E.

(a). Ration parties of 1 H.C.O. 30 men at 7.30 p.m. and again at 4.30 a.m.

Proposed work for next 24 hours :- Wiring front-line - wiring Strong Points - Renovating Manchester Street - Wiring duckboards in Front line.

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Works Officer, BRACKET Battalion A.I.F.

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BRACKET BATTALION ORDER No. 31

Ref. Map. -
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1. BRACKET Battalion will be relieved on the night of the 14th./15th. December 1917 by the 6th Battalion, and will proceed to RAVILLES Camp.
2. All maps, trench stores, etc. will be handed over on relief and receipts exchanged. Copies of these receipts will be forwarded to Battalion Head Quarters as soon as possible same night as relief.
3. All gun-boots, with the exception of the Front-line Company will be handed in to Gun-boot store on the 14th inst, and receipts obtained. The front-line Company will carry gunboots down with them and dump them on the Road at 0.30 a.m. under the supervision of Lieut. BOLLEN who will obtain receipts from representative at Gun-boot store.
4. Q.C. "B" Company will detail 1 H.C.O. to meet a representative of the 6th Battalion at 10 a.m. on the 14th inst. at CAMP POST CORNER to act as guide to 0.15 a.m. (in de Sterkte Calaret).
5. All details regarding the relief of Companies, guides etc. will be issued later.
6. Reserve Company will carry their Lewis Guns to RAVILLES Camp, those of the Support Company and Front-line Company will be carried in a Q.C. Waggon. The guns will be placed in the waggon as the Company pass Battalion Head Quarters, and 1 H.C.O. per Company will be left in charge. Guns will be collected by Companies on arrival at RAVILLES Camp.
7. Code word for reporting relief complete will be "B".
8. Company Commanders will ensure that their areas are left scrupulously clean, and certificates to this effect will be handed to Adjutant by 10 p.m.
9. On the 15th December 1917 the Battalion will move to PARENTY Area by train leaving DEBRIEBEKE at 1 p.m. and arriving at DEBURES 6 p.m. Time of marching out of RAVILLES Camp will be approximately 10.30 a.m.
10. ORDER OF MARCH :- Band, Head Quarters, "A", "B", "C", "D", Transport.
100 yards between Companies
100 " " Units and Transport, will be maintained throughout the march.
ENEMY AIRCRAFT :- de Sterkte Calaret).
11. Usual precautions will be made against enemy aircraft.
12. DRESS :- Full marching order, Felt hats to be worn.
13. BAGGAGE :- Officers' valises will be placed outside the Officers' Mess by 8 a.m.
14. BLANKETS :- 1 blanket will be carried, the remainder will be rolled in bundles of 16, securely labelled, and placed on road outside Orderly Room by 8 a.m. This order also applies to Orderly Room baggage.
On arrival DEBURES the train will be met by motor Lorries and the above-mentioned will be conveyed to billeting area.

- 15. Marching out states are due at Orderly Room by 9 a.m.
- 16. Lieut. G.S. FITZGERALD is appointed entraining Officer and will report to Capt. A.S. HEMM 52th Battalion, half an hour before the arrival of the troops. He will take entraining states with him.
- 17. TRAINING:- The following personnel and Transport will be carried on the Transport Train leaving BULLHOLE Station at 6 p.m. and arriving at WIZERNES at 8 p.m. 15th December.
 - All cooks
 - 1 Water cart
 - 1 Hoss cart
 - 2 Riding horses

PERSONNEL and TRANSPORT proceeding by this train will be billeted during the night on the 15th/16th December at WIZERNES under arrangements to be communicated separately.

- 18. The C.O. will supervise the issue of rations for troops travelling by rail at entraining station of the 15th Inst. Two days' rations will be carried for personnel and animals travelling on Transport train. The issue of rations thereafter for troops travelling both by rail and road will be issued separately.

- 19. ROUTINE :- Routine for the 15th Inst., will be :-

REveille	7 a.m.
BREAKFAST	7.15a.m.
SICK PARADE	7.45a.m.

Orderly Officer for the day : 2/LIEUT. G.S. FITZGERALD
 Next for duty : 2/LIEUT. J.F. GORDON
 Duty Company : 4th Company

[Signature]
Capt.
 Adjutant BRACKET Battalion A.I.F.

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60TH BATTALION A.I.F.26th December 1917

The following programme of work will be adhered to for the period ending 5th January 1918.

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- 27th December :- Platoon and Section training, Musketry, Physical Training and Bayonet fighting.
- 28th December :- Presentation of Medal Ribbons by G.O.C. A.I.F. (Details later).
- 29th December :- Route marches by Companies (Not less than 8 miles).
- 30th December :- Church Parades.
- 31st. December :- As for 27th December.
- 1st. and 2nd. January :- Holidays.
- 3rd. January. :- Platoon training - Musketry - Physical training - and Bayonet fighting.
- 4th. January :- Route marches by Companies (Not less than 8 miles).
- 5th. January :- Company and Platoon Training

In addition 10 minutes Gas Drill will be carried out daily and lectures for officers will be delivered under Battalion arrangements to Officers in the afternoons or evenings. The Brigade N.C.O's. and Intelligence School will start on 27th inst., (Details later). Hours of work 8.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

.....Capt. & Adjutant
60TH BATTALION A.I.F.