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WAR DIARY

OF

50th. BATTALION A.I.F.

FOR

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	1918.		Reference Map Sheet 62E 1/40,000	
FERRIERES.	Oct.	1st.	Training in the Ferrieres Area continued as per Syllabus. Battalion on a route march of about 6 miles in the morning. Weather fine.	Syllabus attached.
"	"	2nd.	Training as per Syllabus. The Brigadier came over and inspected the training. The D.A.D.M.S. inspected the billets and sanitary arrangements. Weather fine.	Copy of report att.
"	"	3rd.	As per Syllabus. The C.O., Lieut. A.S.Hawker and 3 C.R. returned from Australian Mission to the 2nd.American Corps. Lieut. J.H.Hill, No.6602 Sgt. T.W.McDonald, wounded in action with 27th.American Division, 2nd.American Corps, and No.2217 C.Q.M.S., R.Sandercock evacuated sick. Weather fine and warm.	
"	"	4th.	Battalion on a route march about 6½ miles, marching order, in the morning. Training as per syllabus. Fine day.	
"	"	5th.	As per syllabus. The Brigadier inspected the transport. In the afternoon the Battalion Sports were held at FERRIERES. Both equestrian and foot events took place, the meeting being a great success. Fine day.	Programme attached.
"	"	6th.	Clocks put back one hour. Fine day.	
"	"	7th.	Training as per Syllabus. Route march about 6 miles by the Battalion in marching order. Weather dull with slight drizzly rain.	Syllabus attached.
"	"	8th.	Two Coys.went to the Baths at BOVELLES where clean clothing was issued. Remainder carried on training as per Syllabus. A working party of 80 was sent to the Brigade Sports ground. General BIRDWOOD and General McLAGAN visited the Battalion. Weather fine.	
"	"	9th.	At 8 a.m. the C.O., took Officers and Sergeants for map reading and instruction in Platoon Tactical scheme. The Battalion attended the Brigade Sports Meeting which was held on the Aerodrome grounds near BOVELLES. Weather cloudy and dull.	Programme attached.

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	1918.		Reference Map sheet 62 E 1/40,000	
FERRIERES.	Oct.	10th.	Two Coys. went to the Baths at BOVELLES where clean clothing was issued. The other two Coys. went to the rifle range near GUIGNEMICOURT. The C.O., took the Officers and Sergeants in Map Reading & Platoon Tactical schemes. Weather fine but rather misty.	
"	"	11th.	One Coy. went to the Rifle Range. The remainder of the Battalion on musketry, Lewis Gun Instruction and Platoon operations against hostile rear guards. In the afternoon a Battalion Parade was held as a preliminary to the Divisional Commander's Inspection. A little ceremonial drill was carried out on this parade. All Officers and N.C.O.'s attended a demonstration of drill given at 3.30 p.m. by the Regimental N.C.O.'s Class under Lieut. C.P. GREENE D.C.M. The day was cloudy but there was no rain.	
"	"	12th.	The proposed inspection by the Divisional Commander was cancelled, so in "lieu" of this the Battalion went on a route march about 6 miles. The Divisional Commander saw the Battalion on the march at the aerodrome near BOVELLES. There was a thick mist during the day with light rain falling.	
"	"	13th.	The Battalion attended church parade. At the conclusion of the parade the C.O. distributed prizes won at the Battalion Sports. The C.O., held a conference of Coy. Commanders, on condition of billets, health precautions and Training. Owing to the Brigadier leaving on duty the C.O., took over Command of the Brigade but remained at Battalion Head Quarters. Major J. Churchill SMITH M.C., returned from duty, at Brigade Head Quarters. Weather Showery.	
"	"	14th.	Route march about 7 miles in the morning. In the afternoon Chaplain GUALT from the Australian Base, who has been lent to the Y.M.C.A., entertained the men from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The C.O. took Officers and Sergeants in an exercise in Judging Distance and Visual Training. Battalion Lewis Gun Officer exercised "C" Coy. Lewis Gunners on the Range. Bright and fine day.	Syllabus attached.

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FERRIERES.	1918 Oct.	15th.		<p>Battalion Marched to Brigade Training Ground where they were addressed by the Premier of the Australian Commonwealth. The C.O. took the N.C.O's Class in practical schemes and map reading. The Battalion Lewis Gun Officer exercised "D" Coy. Lewis Gunners on the Range. Lieut. Colonel J.L. WHITHAM C.M.G., D.S.O., returned from temporary duty with the 4th. Bde. & took Command of the 13th. Bde. Major W.M. Fowler M.C. left on leave. Major J. Churchill Smith M.C. took over duties of Bn. 2nd. in Command. Bn. Lewis Gun Officer exercised "D" Coy. Lewis Gunners on the Range. Weather Cloudy with a few light showers.</p>	
	"	16th.		<p>Training as per Syllabus. A conference of C.O's and Battalion Educational Officers was held at Brigade Headquarters to arrange for a commencement of preliminary Educational Classes. Examinations commenced for N.C.O's and aspirants passing through Regimental N.C.O's Class. Battalion Lewis Gun Officer exercised "A" Coy. Lewis Gunners on the Range. Bridge tournament held in the evening at which 96 competed. Won by Cpl. Robertson & Pte. Gorsch. Weather cloudy but no rain.</p>	
	"	17th.		<p>Battalion on a Route March about 6 1/2 miles. The Divisional Commander Major General C.G. Sinclair MacLagan C.B., D.S.O., saw the Battalion pass outside GUIGNEMICOURT and the Brigadier, Lieut. Colonel J.L. WHITHAM C.M.G., D.S.O., saw it pass at the entrance to BOVELLES. Training as per Syllabus. H.Qrs. went to baths at BOVELLES in the afternoon where clean clothing was issued. In the afternoon the C.O. took Officers and Sergeants on practical map reading and Platoon Scheme. In the Evening, formation and meeting of the Battalion Educational Committee. The C.O., Major J. Churchill Smith M.C., Lieut. A.S. Hawker, Lieut. R.G.T. Goodman, Chaplain Captain L.G.H. Hall..... Fine Day.</p>	
	"	18th.		<p>As per Syllabus. Battalion Paraded at 8.15 a.m. and was addresses by the C.O. who explained the Educational Scheme. Prospectus of Scheme was distributed and names of volunteer teachers called for. Two Coys. to Baths at BOVELLES where clean clothing was issued. Range allotted to Battalion. C.O. held a conference of the teachers and Educational Committee in the evening. Fine day.</p>	

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FERRIERES.	Oct.	19th.		<p>As per Syllabus. Coys. practiced attack schemes and deployments. Football started. The best 5 players from "A" Coy. and 4 best from "B", "C", "D" and "HQ" played as a team against a team picked from the rest of the Battalion with the object of getting the best players. The 27 best players were chosen and throughout the week ending 26/10/18 they practiced and a team of 18 was chosen to represent the battalion in a match against the 51st. Bn.</p> <p>The C.O. held a meeting of Coy. Comdrs to discuss training.</p> <p>Over 260 names of students were received for the Educational Scheme. Weather Cloudy.</p>	
		"		<p>20th. Weather cold with moderate showers.</p> <p>Church parade cancelled and voluntary service held in the local school room.</p> <p>The Bde. Educational Officer Captain AUROUSSEAU M.C., held a conference of all voluntary teachers in the Brigade, at Bde. H.Qrs., BOVELLES at 11 a.m.</p>	
		"		<p>21st. As per Syllabus. Battalion on a route march about 6 1/2 miles., with Transport. in the morning.</p> <p>All riflemen who had been receiving instruction on the Lewis Gun started Range Practices with it.</p> <p>Bombing Officer commenced instruction of rifle section Commanders in bombing and rifle Grenades.</p> <p>A conference of teachers in the Educational Scheme was held at 9.30 a.m.</p> <p>Euchre tournament commenced in which there were 144 entries. Weather cool & cloudy but no rain.</p>	Syllabus Attached.
		"		<p>22nd. As per Syllabus. Platoons practicing attack scheme.. In the afternoon the riflemen under instruction carried out range practices with Lewis Gun. Battalion Bombing Officer instructed section commanders in bombing and rifle grenades.</p> <p>C.O. gave practical instruction to Officers and Sergeants in message writing:</p> <p>The new rifle range up to 100 yards finished and ready for firing on.</p> <p>Under the Education Scheme Lieut. H.L. BILLING lectured to voluntary teachers on the "Art" of imparting instruction and formation of classes. Euchre tournament continued.</p> <p>Weather cool and cloudy.</p>	Sketch att
		"		<p>23rd. As per Syllabus. Platoons practicing attack schemes in morning. "A" & "C" Coys. on rifle range.</p> <p>The C.O. attended a conference at Brigade Headquarters in the afternoon.</p> <p>Platoon road race held in the afternoon.</p> <p>Euchre tournament finished. Won by Pte Gorsch and Pte Fairy.</p> <p>Weather fine.</p>	Copy of details & list of winners attached.

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FERRIERES.	1918. Oct. 24th.			As per Syllabus. Coys. practising attack scheme. Riflemen under instruction firing Lewis Gun on Range. in afternoon. The C.O. attended a conference at Bde.H.Qrs. held by the Inspector General of Training in France, Brigadier General GUGGISBURG C.M.G., D.S.O., at which details of training were discussed. The Divisional Commander, Brigade Commanders and their staffs, also all Bn. and Coy. Comdrs., attended a demonstration at BOVELLES aerodrome on the methods of training given by G.H.Q. representatives. In the evening the C.O. held a conference of Coy. Comdrs. to discuss training. Weather Fine.	
	"	25th.		As per Syllabus. Brigade Boxing Contest held in afternoon. C.O. held a conference of Coy. Comdrs. in the evening re training. Weather misty and cool but no rain.	Programme attached.
	"	26th.		Revision of weeks work. Football match in afternoon. 50th. Battalion V 51st. Battalion played at FERRIERES. The Battalion team played well up to ¹⁰ / ₄ time when they were leading by 1 goal, but the 51st. Bn. Team got well away in the last ⁴ / ₄ quarter, making 4 goals in quick succession. The final scores were - 51st. Bn. 7 goals 6 behinds, 50th. Bn. - 4 goals 6 behinds: Weather was misty in the morning but fine and bright the rest of the day.	
	"	27th.		Bn. attended Church Parade in the morning which was followed by a march past in Column of Platoons, after the C.O. had distributed the prizes for the road race, Bridge & Euchre tournaments which had been held the previous week. Weather fine . dull.	
	"	28th.		As per Syllabus. Route March about 7 miles in the morning. In the afternoon the C.O. explained Bn. Attack Scheme to Coy. Comdrs. on the ground, who afterwards explained to their Platoon Comdrs.	Syllabus attached.

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FERRIERES.	Oct. 29th.		Fine bright day. Battalion parade at 8.30 a.m., marched to ground near GUIGNEMICOURT and carried out Battalion attack scheme. in morning. At conclusion of scheme a conference of umpires and all Officers was held on the ground where faults etc., were pointed out and discussed. In the afternoon a blackboard lecture was given by the C.O. to all Officers & N.C.O's. The Scheme was then repeated on the ground in skeleton, Coy. Comdrs., Platoon Comdrs., and Section Comdrs., only working over the ground to correct the faults pointed out in the morning.	Copy of instructions for attack scheme Intell. Rept. Disposition Report, Plan attached.
"	30th.		As per Syllabus. In the afternoon Battalion parade when the a/C.O. held an inspection & rehearsal for the inspection by the Divisional Commander next day, followed by a march past in column of route. At 3 p.m. a/C.O., Officers, and Sergeants attended a lecture on artillery co-operation by Lieut. Colonel ALLARDYCE at Y.M.C.A. hut GUIGNEMICOURT. The C.O. left for Senior Officers course at G.H.Q. Machine Gun School at CAMIERS. Major J. Churchill Smith M.C., took over Temporary Command of the Battalion. Weather fine and dull.	
"	31st.		Battalion marched to CLAIRY and joined rest of Brigade where it was inspected by the Divisional Commander, Major General E.G. Sinclair MACLAGAN C.B., D.S.O., who afterwards addressed the troops. A march past in column of route followed, the Battalion returning to FERRIERES. Owing to the Battalion returning late, the afternoon parade was cancelled, the troops attending a football match between "A" and "B" teams. In the evening the a/C.O. held a meeting of the football committee to pick a team for the match against the 49th. Battalion next Saturday. Weather fine and cloudy.	

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OF

50th. B A T T A L I O N A.I.F.

FOR

O C T O B E R 1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Syllabus of Training for period Oct. 1st. - 5th.
2.	Copy of Report by D.A.D.M.S.
3.	Programme of Bn. Gymkhana held Oct. 5th.
4.	Syllabus of Training for week ending Oct. 15th.
5.	Programme of Brigade Gymkhana held Oct. 9th.
6.	Syllabus of Training for week ending Oct. 19th.
7.	Syllabus of Training for week ending Oct. 26th.
8.	Sketch of Rifle Range.
9.	Conditions, programme and winners of inter-platoon road race
10.	Programme of Brigade boxing contest .
11.	Syllabus of training for period Oct. 28th. - Oct. 31st.
12.	Instructions for Battalion Attack Scheme.
12a.	Administrative memorandum for Battalion Attack Scheme.
*13.	Intelligence Report for Battalion Attack Scheme.
15.	Disposition Map for Battalion attack Scheme.
16.	State shewing weekly increases and decreases, also increases and decreases for month ending 31st. October.
17.	Sketch of the Chateau at FERRIERES.
18.	Sketch of plan for laying out equipment for inspection.
*14.	Disposition Report for Battalion Attack Scheme.

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S U L L A B U S O F T R A I N I N G .

Period 1st October to 5th October 1918.

Date.	8.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.	10.15 a.m. to 12 noon.	2 p.m. to 3.30 pm.
Tuesday. 1st.	R O U T E	M A R C H.	: Lewis Gun Instr. all : ranks except special : lists detailed for : specialist training : B. Class partially : trained gunners. : C. Class beginners. : A. Class fully train- : ed gunners who will : act as instructors.
Wednsdy. 2nd.	: <u>Complete Pltns. Inspectn.</u> : Close order drill and : rifle exercises ($\frac{1}{2}$ hour) : lecture on saluting : ($\frac{1}{4}$ hour) Rapid deploym- : ents ($\frac{3}{4}$ hour)	: Musketry (as per separ- : ate syllabus)	: Lewis Gun Instr. : as for 1st.
Thrsdy. 3rd.	: <u>Complete Pltns. Inspectn.</u> : Close order drill & rifle : exercises ($\frac{1}{2}$ hour) Coy. : Attack formation ($\frac{1}{2}$ hour):	: ditto.	: ditto.
Friday. 4th.	R O U T E	M A R C H.	: ditto.
Satrdy. 5th.	: <u>Complete Companies.</u> : Re-Reading of Orders and Kit Inspection.		: Inter-Coy. foot- : ball matches.

Platoons will fall in at 8.45 a.m. daily and have roll call and daily inspection complete by 9 a.m.

Details of training to be prepared one day in advance.

All signallers will report to Signal Officer at Battalion Head Quarters at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.

Headquarters Intelligence Section and Coy. Scouts will report to Intelligence N.C.O. at Bn.H.Qs. at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.

Stretcher Bearers will report to R.M.O. at R.A.P. at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.

25/9/18.

Hareton

Lieutenant.

Adjutant 50th. Battalion.

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50th. Aust. Inf. Battalion.

Report on inspection of 50th. Aust. Inf. Battalion.

The Battalion is billeted in the village of FERRIERES - a very clean French Village.

Two companies are located in an empty Chateau and two scattered through the village.

- 1. Billets. Clean and Airy. Kits are folded in a uniform manner and the general condition reflects great credit on the men, N.C.O's and Officers. Transport personnel in a few instances need keeping up to the general standard.
- 2. Cookhouses. Clean. Cooks wore overalls. No food uncovered. Grease traps efficient.
- 3. Latrines. Well situated. Urinals provided. The seat covers should all be self shutting.
- 4. General. The general health of the Battalion is very good, clothing clean and in good repair. Boots are all sound.

3/10/18.

(Signed) KENNETH SMITH. Colonel.

A.D.M.S., 4th. Aust. Division.

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G Y M K H A N A

50th. B A T T A L I O N. A.I.F.

To be held at FERRIERES on 5th. October 1918.

J U D G E S.

Lieut. Colonel	A.G.SALISBURY	D.S.O.
Major.	W.M.FOWLER	M.C.
Captain.	A.G.CORBETT	
Lieutenant.	H.W.CARLTON	M.C.

S T A R T E R.

Lieutenant. J. HUNT.

T I M E K E E P E R S.

Lieutenant.	J.R.LYNCH.
A/R.S.M.	R.R.FOULKES.

S T E W A R D S.

Lieutenant.	H. RIGGS.
Lieutenant.	W.J.HALL. M.C.
Lieutenant.	W.L.SCARBOROUGH.
Lieutenant.	F.B.McBRYDE.

C O M M I T T E E.

"A" Coy. Lieutenant.	E.A.COOK.	Sgt.	MULRONEY.
"B" Coy. Lieutenant.	G.S.I.QUEALE.	Sgt.	SEARY.
"C" Coy. Lieutenant.	E.R.NOBLET M.C.	Cpl.	DRUMMOND. L/Cpl. MUNRO.
"D" Coy. Lieutenant.	A.G.ROWE.	Cpl.	DAYMOND.
H.Qrs.Coy. Lieutenant.	D.J.HENDERSON.	Cpl.	HAWKES.

(Signed) R.G.T.GOODMAN Lt. Hon. Sec.
Sports Committee.

50th. B A T T A L I O N. A.I.F.

G Y M K H A N A.

To be held at FERRIERES on the 5th. October 1918.

Athletic.

Programme of Events.

- 1st. Event. 12 noon. Heats for 100 yards Battalion Championship. (Open.)
- 2nd. " 12.15 p.m. 1st. & 2nd. Heat Tug-of-War. One 2 minute Pull.
- 3rd. " 12.30 p.m. 440 Yards Championship.
- 4th. " 12.45 p.m. High Jump commence at 4 feet 3 inches.
- 5th. " 1.10 p.m. Heats of 120 yards Hurdles.
- 6th. " 1.25 p.m. Tug-of-War (Semi-Final).
- 7th. " 1.30 p.m. Final - 100 yards Championship.
- 8th. " 2.5 p.m. Long Jump. (Three Jumps.)
- 9th. " 2.25 p.m. Final 120 yards Hurdles.
- 10th. " 2.35 p.m. Officers' 75 yards Race.
- 11th. " 2.45 p.m. 880 yards Relay Race. (Coy. Teams of 4).
- 12th. " 3.00 p.m. Final Tug-of-War.
- 13th. " 3.20 p.m. Judging best sustained Fancy Dress Costume.

Equestrian:-

- 14th. Event. 3.30 p.m. Race for Transport (4 furlongs, catch weights.)
- 15th. " 4.00 p.m. Officers' Hack Race. (4 furlongs.)
- 16th. " 4.20 p.m. Mule Race for Companies. (4 furlongs.)
- 17th. " 4.40 p.m. Flag Race.
- 18th. " 5.10 p.m. Mule Musical Chairs.

Athletic Prizes. 1st. 2nd. 3rd.

Equestrian Prizes. 1st. 2nd.

100 Yds. Champ.	50Fr	10Fr	5Fr	Transport Mule Race.	25Fr	10Fr
440 " "	20Fr	10Fr		Mule Race. (Coys.)	25Fr	10Fr
120 " Hurdles.	30Fr	10Fr	5Fr	Flag Race.	25Fr	10Fr
High Jump.	20Fr	10Fr		Musical Chairs.	25Fr	10Fr
Long Jump.	20Fr	10Fr				
880 Relay Race.	80Fr					
Tug-of-War.	80Fr					
Fancy Costume.	25Fr	15Fr				
Officers' Race.	Trophy.					

(Signed) R.G.T. GOODMAN Lt., Hon. Sec.

4/10/18.

Sports Committee.

50th, BATTALION, A.I.F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

For week ending October 12th, 1918.

Date.	9 a.m. to 11 a.m.	11 a.m. to 12 noon.	2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
Monday. 7th.	ROUTE MARCH.		Lewis Gun Instruction all ranks except specialists detailed below.
Tuesday. 8th.	<u>Complete Platoons</u> Close Order Drill & rifle exercises (1/2 hour) Platoon attack Scheme (1 1/2 hrs)	<u>Musketry Instruction</u> (as per separate Syllabus.) Lewis Gunners separate.	As for 7th. inst.
Wednesday. 9th.	BRIGADE SPORTS.		GYMKHANA.
Thursday. 10th.	<u>Complete Platoons.</u> Close Order Drill & Rifle Exercises (1/2 hour.) Platoon attack Scheme (1 1/2 hrs.)	<u>Musketry.</u> (as for 8th. inst.)	As for 7th. inst.
Friday. 11th.	<u>Complete Platoons.</u> Close Order Drill & Rifle Exercises (1/2 hour.) Company attack Scheme (1 1/2 hours.)	As for 8th. inst.	As for 7th. inst.
Saturday. 12th.	<u>Sec Drill.</u> Re-reading of orders, etc.	<u>Kit Inspection.</u>	Inter-Coy. Football Matches.

ROUTE MARCH.

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 Headquarters Intelligence Section and Coy. Scouts will report to Intelligence Officer at Bn. Headquarters at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.
 Stretcher Bearers will report to R.H.O. at R.A.P. at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.
 An allotment of Rifle Range and Baths will be made in Battalion Routine Orders.

5/10/18.

W. J. Stanley
 Lieutenant,
 A/Adjutant, 50th Battalion.

Near 15th Brigade Headquarters.

Athletic and Equestrian Events.

1st Event - 11 a.m.

ATHLETIC. (For Brigade Cup Aggregate.)

Event	<u>Prize.</u>
No. 1. 100 yards Championship. 2 Reps per Unit.	120 Frs.
2. 120 :: Hurdles. 2 :: : ::	100 ::
3. 440 :: Championship. 2 :: : ::	100 ::
4. 880 :: Relay Race. Teams of 4 per Unit.	140 ::
5. 880 High Jump. 2 Reps per Unit.	80 ::
6. Tug-of-War. Teams of 8 per Unit.	240 ::

OPEN EVENTS. (Allied Forces.)

No 7. 100 yards (scratch)	100 Frs.
8. 440 :: ::	100 ::
9. 75 :: Officers (scratch)	75 :: Trophy.
10. Best sustained characters, Bookmaker & Clerk in Fancy costume.	50 ::

EQUESTRIAN.

No. 11. Hurdle Race. - 6 Furlongs Open to Allied Forces Any Rider. Min. Weight. - 10 stone.	150 Frs.
12. Hurdle Race. (Mules) 5 Furlongs open to 4th Div. Catch Weights.	75 ::
13. Officers Race. 4 Furlongs open to A.I.F. Min. Weight. - 11 stone.	125 : Trophy.
14. Flag Race. - Open to 4th Div. Min. Weight. - 11 stone.	100 ::
15. President's Purse. 6 Furlongs - open to <u>Allied Forces.</u> Any Rider, catch weights.	150 :& Trophy
16. Mule Race. - 3 Furlongs. Open to 15th A.I.Bde. Catch Weights.	75 ::
17. Officers Race 3 Furlongs. Open to 15th A.I.Bde.) Catch Weights. For horses that) have not been placed in any Race) in France.)	75 :& Trophy

Totalisator and Bookmakers on ground.

Nominations close 10 p.m. 8th. October.

Entrance Fees - Events Nos. 11, 13, & 15.	10 francs.
" " 14 & 17	5 ::
Other Events	Free.

F.S.SLEE, Lieutenant,
 Hon. Sec.

W.R.ARCHDALL, Lieutenant,
 Treas.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING for week ending 19th, October, 1918.

Date.	9 a.m. to 11 a.m.	11 a.m. to 12 noon.	2 p.m. to 5.30.
14/10/18.	ROUTE MARCH.		Lewis Gunners Instn all ranks except Specialists de- tailed below.
15/10/18.	<u>Complete Platoons</u> :- Guard & Sentry Duties ($\frac{1}{2}$ hour) Platoon Attack Scheme ($\frac{1}{2}$ hours)	Musketry Instn as per separate Syllabus. Lewis Gunners separate.	do
16/10/18.	<u>Complete Platoons</u> :- Guard & Sentry Duties ($\frac{1}{2}$ hour) Platoon Attack Scheme ($\frac{1}{2}$ hours).	do	do
17/10/18.	ROUTE MARCH.		<u>Complete Coys</u> :- Kit Inspection.
18/10/18.	<u>Complete Platoons</u> :- Bayonet Fighting ($\frac{1}{2}$ hour). Company Attack Formations & Rapid Deploy- ments, ($\frac{1}{2}$ hours) (2 Coys on Rifle Range.)	Musketry Instn as per separate Syllabus. Lewis Gunners separate.	Lewis Gun Instn all ranks except Spec- ialists detailed below.
19/10/18.	<u>Complete Platoons</u> :- Bayonet Fighting ($\frac{1}{2}$ hour) Company Attack Formations & Rapid Deployment, ($\frac{1}{2}$ hours) (One Company on Rifle Range.)	do	do

Platoons will fall in at 8.45 a.m. daily and have roll call and daily inspection complete by 9 a.m.

Details of training to be prepared one day in advance.

All Signallers will report to Signal Officer at Bn H.Q.s at 9 a.m. & 2 p.m. daily.

Headquarters Intelligence Section & Coy Scouts will report to Intelligence Officer at Bn H.Q.s at 9 a.m. & 2 p.m. daily.

Stretcher Bearers will report to R.M.O. at R.A.P. at 9 a.m. & 2 p.m. daily.

An allotment of Rifle Range and Baths will be made in Bn Routine Orders.

Coy Scouts & Stretcher Bearers will parade with Coys during Coy attack practice.

H. Corbett Lieutenant,
A/Adjutant, 60th, Battalion. A.I.F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAININGFor week ending 28th. Oct. 1918.

Date.	9 a.m. to 12 noon.	2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
October 21.	R O U T E M A R C H.	Lewis Gun Range Practices for Riflemen under Lewis Gun Off. Allotment as per Bn. Orders. Rifle Grenades & Bombing by Bn. Bombing Officer for all Commanders of Rifle Sections. Lewis Gunners Description and recognition of targets. Judging Distance and Visual Training.
October 22.	Platoon attack Scheme to include in particular Scouting, Fire Discipline, & Fire Control. Description & Recognition of Targets, Fire Orders, Mutual Support & Covering Fire. The Assault, Pursuit by fire, Re-organisation & Consolidation. Patrols.	As for 21st.
October 23.	Coy. Attack Formations & Rapid Deployments. Company Attack Scheme. Range allotted two Coys. as per Battalion Orders.	Platoon Road Race.
October 24.	Coy. Attack Formations and Rapid Deployments. Coy. Attack Scheme. Range allotted two Coys. as per Battalion Orders.	As for 21st.
October 25.	Battalion Attack Scheme.	As for 21st.
October 28th.	R O U T E M A R C H.	Football Matches.

Platoons will fall in at 8.45 a.m. daily and have roll call and daily inspection complete by 9 a.m.

Details of Training to be prepared one day in advance.

All Signallers will report to Signal Officer at Battalion Headquarters at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.

Headquarters, Intelligence Section and Coy. Scouts will report to Intelligence Officer at Bn. H. Qrs. at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.

Stretcher Bearers will report to R.M.O., at R.A.P., at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.

H. Carlton

Lieutenant

19/10/18.

Adjutant 50th. Battalion.



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50th Battalion Rifle Range, FERRIERES. Oct. 1918.

W. BREWSTER

Appendix 8

10/10/18

An inter-platoon Road Race of 5 miles length open to all members of the Battalion will be held on Wednesday 23rd inst.

Conditions.

- a. Starting Point. Battalion Parade Ground at 2 p.m.
Route as indicated by arrows ref attached map.
Finishing point in front of Battalion Orderly Room.
- b. Platoons may enter any number not less than 15 competitors.
- c. Platoons not able to obtain 15 competitors will be ineligible to compete and will carry out work as per syllabus of training laid down for that afternoon.
- d. Platoons will be distinguished by the number of their platoons worn on the back.
- e. Points are allotted as follows:-

1st Place.	20 Points.	
2nd na	15 ::	
3rd ::	10 ::	
4th ::	7 ::	(winning platoon)
5th ::	6 ::	Platoon with the highest
6th ::	5 ::	aggregate of points.
7th ::	4 ::	
8th ::	3 ::	
9th ::	2 ::	
10th ::	1 ::	

- f. Prizes.
Winning platoon receives an open order of £2 for Canteen supplies.

Individual Prizes.

<u>Place.</u>	<u>Francs.</u>		<u>Time.</u>
1st	30	Pte Quigley T.A.	27 mins.
2nd	20	Pte Wilson T.H.	28 ::
3rd	15	Pte Gilbert W.A.	29 ::
4th	5	Pte Chamberlain S.J.	30 ::
5th	5		
6th	5	Winning Platoon.	
7th	5	No 8. B Coy. with 44 points out	
8th	5	of a possible of 73.	
9th	5		
10th	5		

18/10/18.

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(Signed) Lieut. R.G.T. Goodman.
Hon. Sec. Sports.

PROGRAMME.FRANCE 25th October, 1918.R U L E S - R.N. and A.BOUTS - each Contest - THREE (each 2 minutes.)JUDGES - TWO (with Referee.) Their decision to be final.DRESS Knickers and Bare Feet, Socks, or light Shoes.NOMINATION FEES. - Nil.PRIZES:- Medals for 1st and 2nd in finals.

OFFICIALS. Referee. - Lieut. W.H.CARLTON. MC. 50th Battn.
Judges. - Lieut. R.O.ROXBURG 14th Bn. and
 Corpl. WILLS, 13th Field Ambulance.
Clerk of Scales. - Lieut.T.G.WATKINS, 51st Battn.
Timekeeper. - Lieut. ARCHDALL, 13th A.L.T.M.B.
Stewards. - Lieut. HOCKINGS 49th Battn.
 Lieut. CONWELL 13th Bde. H.Qs.
 Sgt.Maj.TIPPET 50th Battn.

Starting Time 2.30 p.m. 25th October 1918.

Weigh In 1.30 p.m. 25th October 1918.

Should the contests not be completed by 5 p.m. the Committee may decide that they shall be fought at a subsequent date.

FIXTURES.

Light Weights.	9 Entries.	
Featherweights.	4 Entries.	
Welter-weight.	2 Entries.	
Middle-weight.	2 Entries.	Winner Pte Gagliardi. 50th Bn
Officers.	2 Entries.	Winner Lieut.F.S.Slee. 50th Bn

(signed) J.L.O'SULLIVAN, Secy.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

 For period from 28th to 31st October, 1918.

Date.	9 a.m. to 12 noon.	1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Oct. 28th.	Route March with Transport.	: <u>Lewis Gunners</u> . Lewis Gun N.C.O's, : Nos. 1 & 2 to Lewis Gun Officer. : Remainder - General Musketry, : Instruction. : <u>Riflemen</u> . Rifle Grenade and : Bombing Instruction.
Oct. 29th.	Battalion Attack Scheme.	: <u>Lewis Gunners</u> . General Musketry : Instruction. Visual Training. : Description and recognition of : targets. Fire Orders. : <u>Riflemen</u> . Rifle Grenade and : Bombing Instruction.
Oct. 30th.	: <u>Complete Companies</u> . : Bayonet Fighting. (Gun Drill for : Lewis Gunners.) : Gas Drill. : Company attack scheme.	: Recreational Training.
Oct. 31st.	Route March less Transport.	: Demonstration for whole Battalion : in Scouting and Patrolling by : Battalion and Company Scouts.

Platoons will fall in at 8.45 a.m. daily and have roll call and daily inspection complete by 9 a.m.

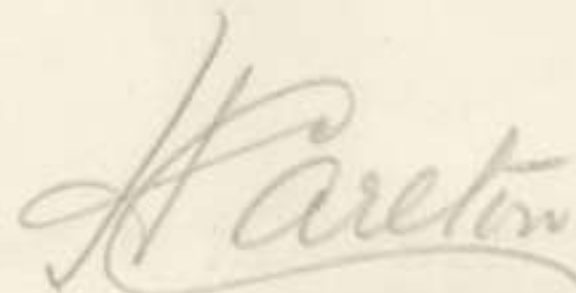
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Stretcher Bearers will report to R.M.O. at R.A.P. at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.

Coys. Scouts and Stretcher Bearers will parade with Companies during company Attack Schemes.



Lieutenant.

27/10/18.

A/Adjutant 50th. Battalion. A.I.F.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BATTALION ATTACK SCHEME.To be carried out on 29th, October, 1918.In the Field,
28/10/18.

Reference Map 1/100,000 AMIENS & Sketch issued with Bde Tactical Exercises N° 1.

1. The operation to be carried out is to be considered primarily as an exercise in advanced platoon training, and special notice will be taken of the handling of platoons, the fire orders given by Section Commanders, and the control of sections by their Commanders.
2. The general situation and narrative is given in Bde Tactical Exercises N° 1. (Already issued).
3. The starting position, Battalion boundaries, and objective, is shown on the sketch already issued.
4. "B" Coy, less duties, will represent the enemy, and men of this Coy will wear white hat bands.
Orders have been given separately to O.C., "B" Coy.
5. The Battalion Frontage allotted is approx: 1,300 Yards.
"G" Coy will attack on the Right on a frontage of approx: 350 Yards, which includes the GUYMERICOURT-BOVELLES Road.
"D" Coy will attack on the Left on a frontage of approx: 350 Yds.
"A" Coy is detailed as Supporting Coy and will follow the attack 400 Yds in rear of the attacking Coys, making use, during the advance, of the more suitable ground in "G" Coy's Sector.
The H.Qs of the Support Coy is to be moved by bounds to the following approx: positions in succession:-
Q.25.d.15.00 to Q.25.b.20.90. to Q.10.c.60.60. to Railway Stn P.24.b.60.20.
6. Battalion Headquarters & R.A.P. will be established at Q.25.b.90.10.
Battalion O.P. will be established at Q.25.b.20.90.
7. A runners Relay Station, forward report centre, and Stretcher Bearer relay Station, will be established at approx: Q.19.c.60.60., as soon as the attack has progressed sufficiently far to permit this.
A Battalion Visual receiving station will be established at Q.25.b.20.90. - efforts should be made to send back messages both by runner & visual.
8. A direction party, composed of Lieut W.L. SCARBOROUGH i/c, with one N.C.O. from "D" Coy and two Bn Scouts will move forward on the extreme left of "C" Coy on a compass bearing of 334° Magnetic from Q.25.c.45.85.
9. A Contact Plane (imaginary) will fly over Sector about one hour after Zero and will call for flares by sounding Klaxon Horn (represented by 2.G's on the bugle). When this called for, flares (represented by burning newspaper) will be lighted by the foremost troops on each Coy Sector.
10. Men are to be warned to be ready to take precautions against gas during the attack, if necessary.
11. Battalion, less B. Coy will march off from starting point near Y.M.C.A. Tent at 0830 hours.
B. Coy will proceed to the ground independently.
Dress :- Fighting Order, with Felt hats, less greatcoats.
12. Orders for that attack will be notified by message form on the ground.
13. Zero hour will be 1000 hours.

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14. All Lewis Guns, both in the attack and defence, will be distinguished when firing by the use of gas rattles.
Each section of the defending Coy. will carry one flag, and when a definite order has been given by the Section Commander but not before, the flag will be alternately waved, and pointed towards the spot or area on which the fire was directed.
15. Two umpires will be told off for the defence, one in each sub-sector, one umpire will be told off for each attacking Company.
In addition, Lieut Colonel R. CHRISTIE, D.S.O., 51st Bn will act as Chief Umpire.
Umpires will wear a white arm band.

Hartley Lieutenant,
A/Adjutant, 50th Battalion, A.I.F.

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::	:	11.	15th, A.I. Bde H.Qs.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM - Battalion Attack Scheme 29th, Oct, 1918.

- LEWIS GUNS DEFENCE.** The Defending Company will carry their Lewis Guns and one magazine per Gun to the ground.
 - LEWIS GUNS ATTACK.** The guns of the Attacking Coys together with 12. Magazines per Gun will be carried to the ground on Limbers. One Limber for C & D. Coys., one Limber for A. Coy.-(half the Limber to carry Signalling gear for Bn H.Qs).
 - TOOLS.** Large entrenching tools will be carried on tool wagon to the S.W. corner of GUIGNEMICOURT and distributed among Riflemen of Coys there.
 - FLARES.** Coys will improvise balls of news paper to be lighted as flares and issued in the proportion of one per man.
 - GAS RATTLES.** Gas rattles to represent fire from Lewis Guns will be drawn from Q.Ms Store at the rate of 7. for defending Coys; and 4. per attacking Coy.
 - S. A. A.** Pack Animals with S.A.A. will stand by under cover near Bn H.Qs and will be moved forward as situation permits. Subsequent location of this Mobile ammunition will be notified to Coys during the operation.
 - SIGNAL EQUIPMENT.** Signal equipment will be carried to the ground on one half of the limber carrying A. Coy's Lewis Guns.
 - STRETCHERS.** Stretchers will be carried to the ground by the bearers from the starting point.
- Casualty chits will be issued on the ground before the operation commences and will be distributed by Coy Commanders at their discretion. A man who is given a ticket will lie down and the Stretcher Bearers will apply a first field dressing or improvise a splint as may be required according to the description of the injury and decide whether the man should walk even if he could. On arrival at the R.A.P. the R.M.O. will examine the dressings and point out any errors or lessons.
- TRANSPORT.** All Transport mentioned in the above instructions will move out in rear of the Battalion on the morning of the 29th at 0830.

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Lieutenant,
A/Adjutant, 50th Battalion. A.I.F.

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50th, B A T T A L I O N.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 0600 - 29/10/18.

OPERATIONS. The 50th Bn relieved the X. Bn., - 17th, Aust Inf Bde on night 28/29th, Oct, 1918. Relief complete by 2200 on the 28th without casualties.

Redistribution of troops was completed by 0300 29/10/18.

Artillery. Occasional harrassing fire by 18 pdrs on woods in P.24.b. & c. also roads running through BOVELLES.
Suspected Bde. H.Qs at Chateau BOVELLES shelled with 4.5 Hows.

M.G's. Harrassing fire occasionally on roads leading to BOVELLES.

T.M's. Nil.

Aeroplanes. Nil.

Patrols. Vigorous system carried out after relief. No enemy encountered in Valley in Q.19.b. & c., but enemy appears to be holding railway line in Q.19.a and P.24.b. and bank along road P.24.c and d. Hostile M.G's appear to be firing from woods in P.24.b. & c.

ENEMY. Artillery. Very little activity on Battalion Front. Occasional shelling of GUIGNEMICOURT and vicinity P.38.b with 4.2 & 77 m.

M.G's. Appearing to be firing from Woods P.24.b & c.

T.M's. Nil.

Aeroplanes. Nil.

Identification. Nil.

Enemy Attitude. ~~Nil.~~ Alert but nervous.

Flares. Many used during the night.

Weather Conditions. Light showers during the night. Ground fire.

Harleton Lieutenant,
A/Adjutant, 50th Battalion. A.I.F.

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50th, BATTALION N.A.I.F.

DISPOSITION REPORT

Appendix 14

Reference Map France 62E. S.E. 1/20,000.

Battalion Headquarters.	Q. 25. b. 90. 10.
O.P.	Q. 25. b. 20. 90.
R.A.P.	Q. 25. b. 90. 10.
"A" Coy. Coy H.Qs.	Q. 25. d. 15. 00.
Support Company. No. 1 Platoon.	Q. 25. d. 30. 50. to Q. 25. d. 20. 20.
: 3 do	Q. 25. c. 65. 15. to Q. 25. c. 00. 05.
"B" Coy.	Q. 26. a. 20. 10. to Q. 26. a. 30. 30.
Reserve Company.	
"C" Company. No. 1 Picquet.	
Right Front Company.	
No. 1 Post L.G.	Q. 25. b. 00. 95.
: 2. : 5	Q. 25. a. 70. 55.
Picquet.	Q. 25. a. 30. 70.
No. 2 Picquet.	
No. 1 Post L.G.	P. 30. b. 90. 70.
Picquet.	Q. 25. a. 50. 40.
Coy H.Qs. -	Q. 25. b. 00. 20.
No. 1 Post L.G.	Q. 25. b. 20. 40.
No. 2. : :	Q. 25. a. 70. 20.
"D" Company. Coy. H.Qrs.	Q. 25. e. 30. 30.
Left Front Company.	
No 1 Post.	P. 30. b. 70. 10.
" 2 : :	P. 30. d. 30. 70.
No 1 Picquet.	Q. 25. a. 20. 20. to P. 30. d. 95. 65.
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A/Adjutant 50th Battalion.

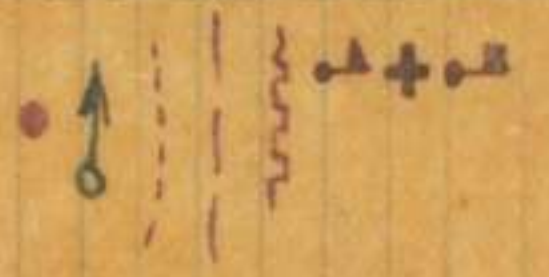
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STATEMENT showing Increases & Decreases during the month of
October, 1918.

For period 1st to 4th, October, 1918.

Increases :-		Decreases :-	
	Offrs. O.R.	To	Offrs. O.R.
From Leave	2	From Military Prison	1
:: School	1	:: F.P. Compound.	5
:: Reinfts.	1	On Leave	1
:: II. U.S. Corps (Aust Mission)	2	To Schools	1
:: Hospital.	4	Transfd	3
		To Aust 1914 Furlough	1
Total.	6. 27.	Total.	2. 15.

For period 5th to 11th, October, 1918.

From Leave	3	To Schools	5.	19.
:: A.W.L.		On Leave	4.	28.
:: Reinfts.		To Aust 1914 Furlough	1	2.
:: Hospital.		To Hospital.		1.
:: Schools.		On Spec Duty ROUEN	1.	
Total.	3. 54.	Total.	11.	50.

For period 12th to 18th, October, 1918.

From Bde H.Qs	1.	1.	On Leave.	1.	17.
:: Leave	3.	8.	To School.	1.	6.
:: Reinfts.	1.	21.	: Hospital		6.
:: Schools.	1.	3.	: D.H.Q.		5.
:: Hospital.		1.	Transferred.		1.
:: A.W.L.		1.			
Total.	6.	35.	Total.	2.	35.

For period 19th to 25th, October, 1918.

From Reinfts.	2.	19.	On Leave	4.	10.
:: Sick.	1.		To School	1	5.
:: Schools.	1.	5.	: Hospital.		2.
:: F.P. Compound.		3.	: O.T.C.		2.
:: Bde H.Qs.		1.	: F.P. Compound.		6.
:: Leave.		17.	Transferred.		1.
Total.	4.	45.	Total.	5.	26.

For period 26th to 31st, October, 1918.

From Leave	1	18.	On Leave	1.	16.
:: Schools	1.	7.	To Schools	1	1.
:: A.W.L.		5.	: Aust 1914 Furlough	1.	
:: D.H.Q.		4.	Seconded 13th, L.T.M.B.	1.	
:: Reinfts.		9.	Hospital.		5.
Total.	2.	45.	Total.	4.	22.

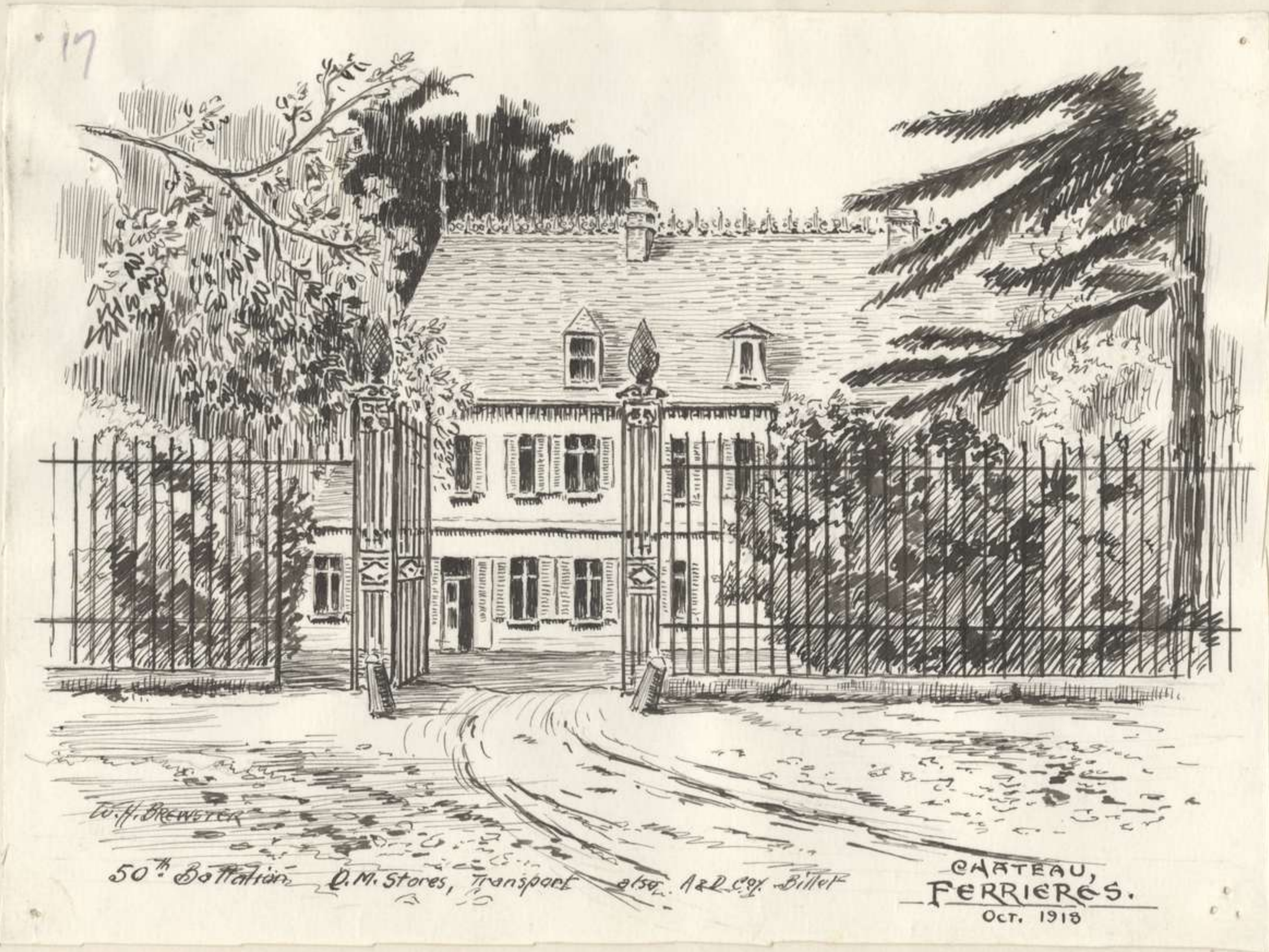
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Offrs.	O/Ranks.
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Total Decreases during month of October, 1918 :-

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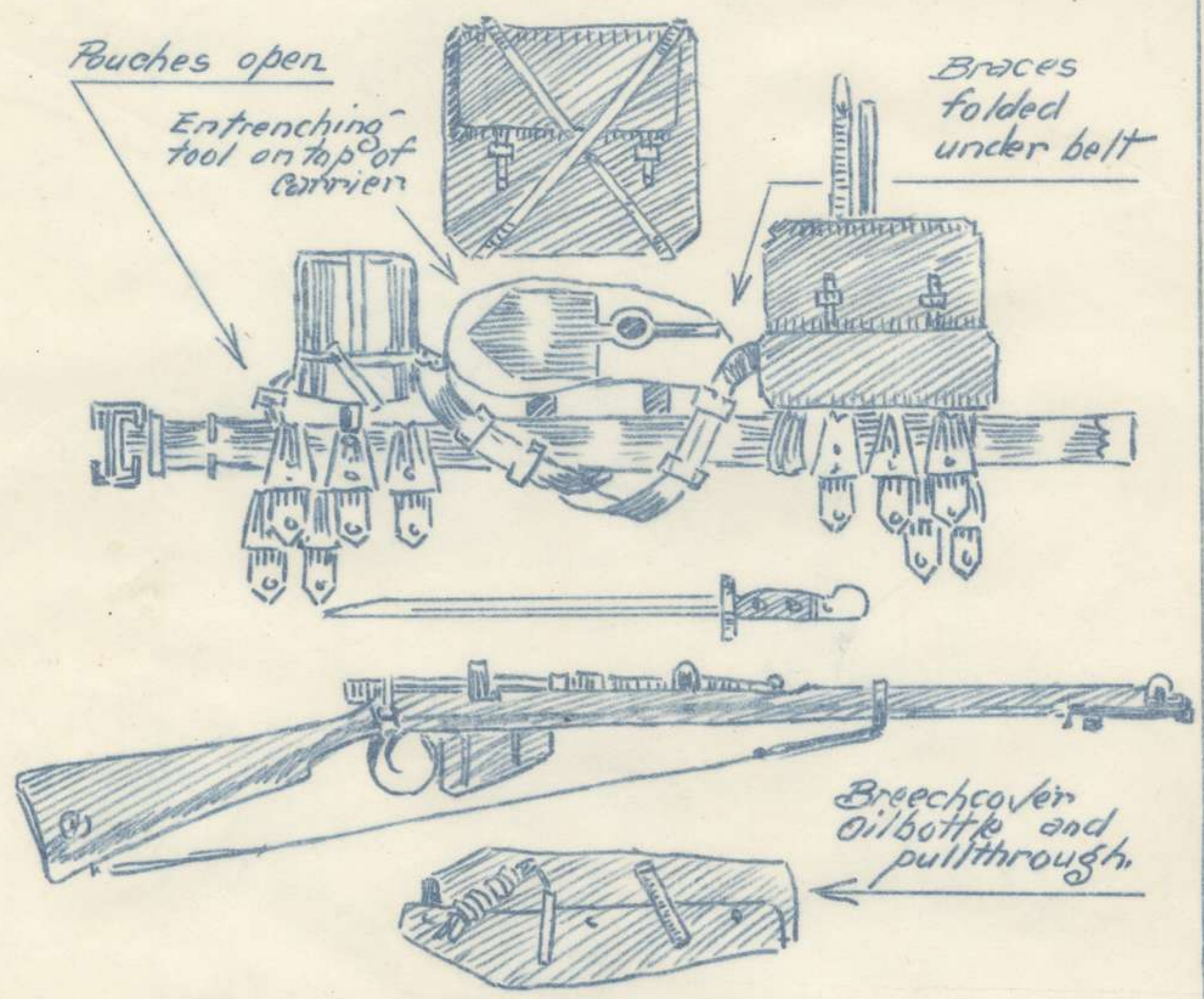
	Offrs.	O/Rks.
Actually with Unit on 30/9/18.	27.	556.
Increases during month Oct.	21.	204.
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Total.	48.	760.
Decreases during month Oct.	24.	148.
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Actually with Unit on 31/10/18.	24.	612.
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Appendix 17

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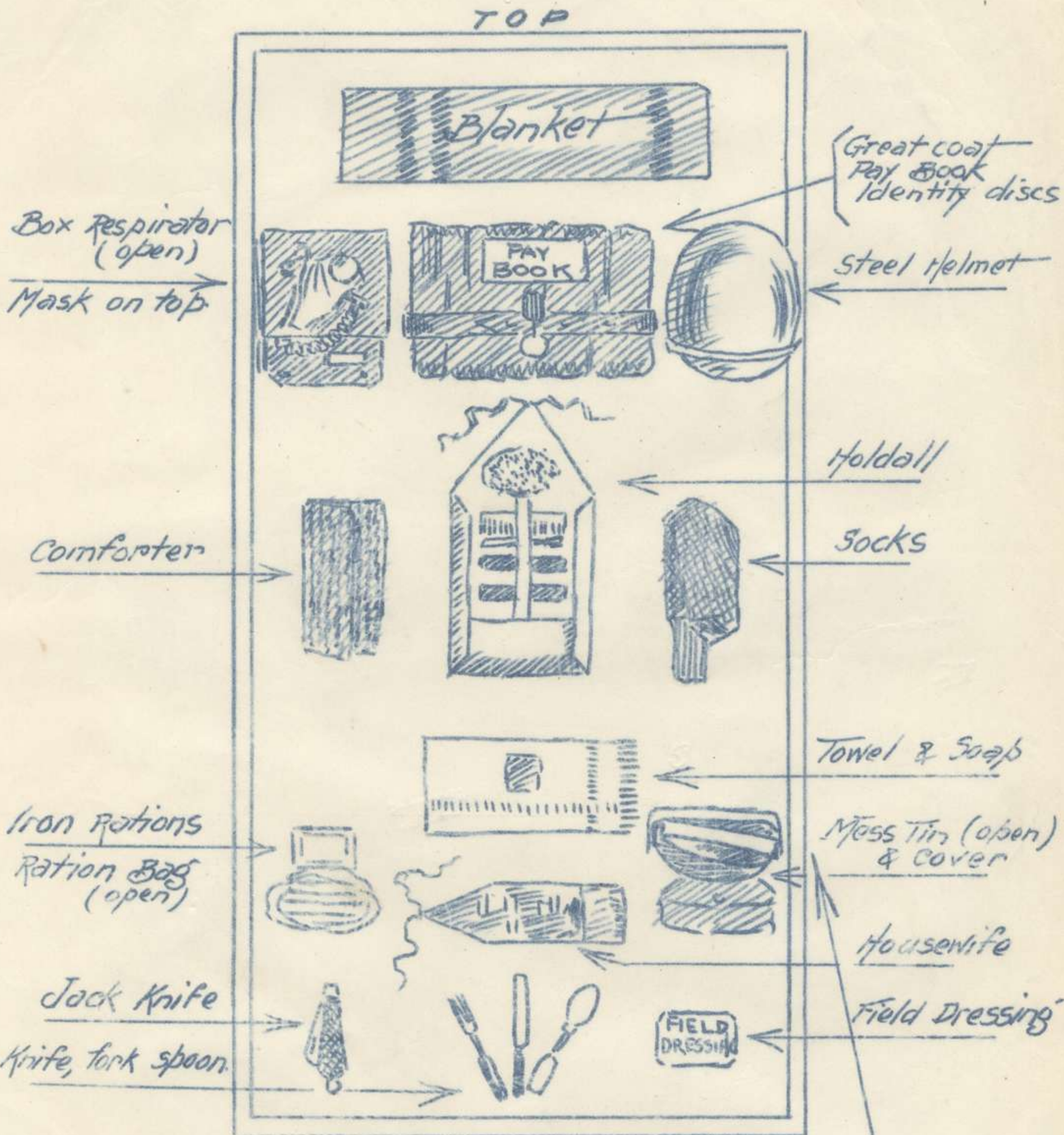
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KITS FOR INSPECTION



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