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Nov 1st

Remarks and references to Appendices

The day was beautifully fine and clear and the morning was devoted to training as per syllabus. During the afternoon the Bn. rugby football team met and defeated the 48th Bn. team by 25 points to nil. At about 5 pm. a wire was received from Brigade stating that Austria had signed an armistice with Italy.

2nd

Training this morning was suspended on account of an operation on a large scale to try and round up any A.W.L. men. This occupied the whole morning and during the afternoon the men were free to do as they pleased. The Smart Set concert party made their final appearance in the Pierrot Hall, playing to a packed house. The Corps Commander was present and at the end of the programme made a short speech, in which he thanked us for past services and forecasted an early move nearer the line.

3rd.

The usual Church parades were held this morning - the R.C. parade was held in the village church REVELLES, and took the form of a memorial service for men who have fallen. The bishop of AMIENS was present in person. Service for protestant denominations was held in the Pierrot Hall at 0930. Nothing further of note happened throughout the day. Weather was dull and threatening.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

4th
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Summary of Events and Information

During the morning, training, which comprised a Bn. scheme of attack was carried out. In the afternoon "B" Coy. played football against 26th Coy A.A.S.C. and secured a ~~na~~ victory by 14 points to nil. The Blue Dandies (4th Bde. concert troupe) made their first appearance in the Pierrot Hall, where a packed house greatly appreciated a very good programme.

5th

On account of very heavy rain training this morning was carried out in billets. During the afternoon the Bn. rugby team played the 46th Bn. and secured an easy victory of 27 points to nil.

6th

The rain continued to day and training as ^{for} yesterday was carried out in billets. There was no recreation parade on account of the wet condition of the ground.

7th

The morning was fine and the Bn. carried out the route march which was postponed yesterday. During the afternoon the Bn. Australian rules team played the 46th Bn. the latter winning easily by 13 goals to nil.

8th

The weather was fine this morning and training was carried out as per syllabus. Brigade Order 239 was received at 1605 detailing move to forward area. In the afternoon the Bn. rugby team played the 49th Bn. The rain somewhat interfered with the play, but still it was a good game and our team secured a victory by 5 points to nil. At 2200 a wire was received from Brigade postponing the move for 24 hours.

Hour

The day was beautifully fine and sunny, and during the morning training was carried out as per syllabus. On account of this being saturday the men had the afternoon to themselves. Nothing of event happened throughout the day.

Date

Place

Church parades were held as usual this morning. R.C. parade in village church PISSY and protestant denominations in the Pierrot Hall at 1000. During the day all preparations were made for moving but at 1500 a

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ROISEL

FRESNOY-le-Grand

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Summary of Events and Information

Place Date Hour

11th

(a) telephone message from Brigade cancelled the move for 18 hours. Later a wire was received from Brigade stating that the move had been cancelled for 24 hours. The day was ~~main~~ beautifully fine and sunny and the village streets have now dried up considerably.

12th

We were still standing by for the move to-day, but at about 1200 word was received that our move was postponed a further twelve hours. At about 1100 an unofficial message by telephone from Brigade brought the welcome news that the armistice had been signed at 0500 to take effect from 1100. This message though never confirmed by wire was received with joy by all ranks.

13th

The weather was quite fine and reveille sounded at 0430. After an early breakfast the Bn. proceeded by march route to AILLY-sur-Somme. The Starting point was passed at 0710 and we reached our destination at 0930. The Bn. after having lunch, entrained, but owing to no engine being available it was midnight before the train moved out. The night was very cold and all ranks were partial to fires, which were in plenty.

14th

Early this morning our train reached ROISEL where we detrained and proceeded to a camp just outside the village. The morning was very frosty, quite the coldest we have experienced this winter but it turned out a glorious day. The Bn. rested all day except that preparations were made for a further move tomorrow.

15th

The Bn. moved to-day from ROISEL to FRESNOY-le-Grand the journey as far as BRANCOURT-le-Grand was by light railway, thence by march route to FRESNOY-le-Grand, which place was reached 1400. The town is deserted but billets very comfortable. Since commencing the move the weather has been beautiful with frosty mornings but fine sunny days.

16th

The beautiful fine weather was continued to-day - during the morning recreational parades were held but the Bn. was given a rest from training after the two days travel. In the afternoon a football match was played between "A" Coy and H.Qrs. in which the latter were victorious by twelve points to nil.

17th

The weather was fine and training was carried out during morning. After lunch a football match (Soccer) was played against the 4th M.G.Bn., the latter winning by two goals to nil.

18th

A Brigade Church parade was held this morning and at the conclusion of the service the G.O.C. addressed the Brigade. He informed us of our probable movement in the near future, and apparently we are in for a good time as well as for some work. This was the 1st day of mounting Brigade Guard and Picquet, and our Bn. was first to supply duties.

The weather is now very cold, and to-day we saw the first snow of the season. However, there was so little that no ~~training~~ ^{difference} was made to the training which was carried on as per syllabus. During the afternoon inter-company football matches and recreational parades were carried on.

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do 20th

do 21st

St. Souplet
do 22nd

Favril 23rd

do 24th

do 25th

Le-Gd-Fayt
do 26th

Avesnelles
do 27th

do 28th

Remarks and references to Appendices
Summary of Events and Information
Hour
Date
Place

The day was fine but cold and training was carried on during the morning as per syllabus. In the afternoon Bn. rugby football team played against the 15th Bn. and after a fast and very interesting game the 45th secured a victory by 6 points to 5. In this match our line was crossed for the second time this season and our scores are now 172 points for, and 8 points against

The day was cold but fine and the Bn. carried out a route march as per syllabus. During the afternoon recreation parades were held as usual.

Training as per syllabus occupied the morning and in the afternoon recreation parades were held. The Bn rugby football team played a match against a combined team from the 4th, 12th., & 13th Field Coys. and won by 16 points to nil. At 0900 Bn. Order 3/36 was issued for the move to St SOUplet, on 22nd instant.

Reveille this morning was at 0500 and at 0715 the Bn. left Fresnoy-le-Grand en route for St. Souplet - the morning was very cold but beautifully clear and the march was carried out in good time, our destination being reached at 1200. Some of the billets were very dirty but on the whole were quite comfortable.

We were the last Bn. of the Brigade to move this morning so that our reveille was not until 0700. The march to Favril was commenced at 0930 and the Brigade Starting point was passed at 1000. The march was harder to-day partly on account of the great amount of traffic on the road, and partly because the roads were wet and slippery. Good time was maintained and our billets were reached at 1500. Billets are very comfortable.

The morning was dull and cold and it appeared as if rain were imminent. Bn rested to-day after two days marching- Voluntary church parades were held in billets in the morning, and the men had the afternoon free.

Light rain fell during the morning - no strenuous training was carried out, the men being employed with light recreation. At 1400 Brigade Order 242 was received and at 1930 Bn. Order 3/38 for move to Le-Gd-FAYT was issued to companies. Nothing further of importance happened throughout the day.

Reveille this morning was at 0700 and at 0930 the Bn moved out of FAVRIL and proceeded by march route to Le Gd-Fayt via PRISCHES. We reached our destination at 11 a.m. as the march was very short everyone was quite fresh at the journeys end. Bn. Order 3/39 for move to AVESNELLES was issued to companies at 1900.

The Bn. passed Brigade Starting Point near Petit PAYT at 0920 and proceeded to AVESNELLES. Our route lay through Cartignies and Avesnes. Though the roads were wet and muddy the march was done in good time and all were in billets by 1330. The rest of the day was devoted to making the billets as comfortable as possible for the night.

The day was wet and cold, and the Bn. was employed in thoroughly cleaning of equipment, clothing and billets. When we took over the billets were in a deplorably filthy condition. The Brigade Pierrot Troupe opened in the Salle de Fetes, Avesnelles, and proved very attractive, a fine programme being rendered.

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Sheet 4 - 45th Bn. War Diary - November 1918-

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Summary of Events and Information

To-day there was no rain, but the sky was cloudy - the streets have now been swept clean of a great amount of the wet mud, and a great improvement is to be noticed, both in streets and billets - parades were carried on as usual - training in the morning and recreational parades during the afternoon.

The last day of perhaps the most wonderful month in the history of the world has now drawn to a close. The surrender of AUSTRIA, the armistice with GERMANY, the evacuation of FRANCE & BELGIUM, and the handing over of the German Grand High Sea Fleet have filled us all with a glow of pride of victory. Our small part in the great scheme of things has perhaps appeared uninteresting, but still we realise that what we do is done in the great cause of humanity. During the month the Bn. has travelled many miles partly by train and partly on foot on our way to GERMANY which we hope to reach before long. The day has been fine and regular training carried out.

The following are the weekly strengths:-

Week ending	1st November 1918	Off	O.R.
" "	8th "	35	693
" "	15th "	34	680
" "	22nd "	34	676
" "	29 "	33	683
		34	704
No. on leave 30th November		2	42
" at schools of instruction			1

D. Marmay
Commanding Bn. A.I.F. Major.

RS

Place	Date	Hour

WAR DIARY.

of
45th BATTALION, A.I.F.

for

NOVEMBER 1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES. (Original)

No.	<u>Subject.</u>
1	Bn. Order No. 3/33 ✓
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3	do 3/35 ✓
4	do 3/36 ✓
5	do 3/37 ✓
6	do 3/38 ✓
7	do 3/39 ✓
8	Syllabus of Training for week 4-10/11/18 ✓
9	do do 18-24/11/18 ✓
10	Q.M. report. ✓

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Reference Sheet 62 E, N E L/20000

1. (a) The 45th Battalion A.I.F. will move from PISSY to the forward area to-day 10th November 1918, by march route and train, entraining at AILLY-SUR-SOMME.
 - (b) The Bn, less Transport will pass the starting Point at 1900. Transport will move direct, arriving at AILLY-SUR-SOMME 3 hours before schedule time of departure.
 - (c) Starting Point - P. 28. d. 4. 9.
 - (d) Order of March - "H.Q." Band "B" "C" "D" & "A" Coys
Rear Party - O.C. "A" Coy will detail a rear party of 1 platoon to march in rear of the Battalion.
- 2 (a) ENTRAINING Lieut L.R. Corbett will act as Bn entraining Officer and will report to the R.T.O. by 2100, 10.11.18
 - (b) "H.Q." Band, "B" "C" "D" Coys with Transport, less 1 Cooker and team will entrain on No 8 train; schedule time of departure 23,47, 10.11.18
"A" Coy with Cooker and team will entrain on No 11 train schedule time of departure 03,47, 11.11.18
 - (c) Loading and unloading parties will be detailed by Other Units of the Division.
 - (d) Train Picquet - O.C. "B" Coy will detail party of 20 O/Rs under Lieut B.R. Moore, to act as Train Picquet
3. MARCHING OUT STATES-will be handed to the A/Adjt at the Starting Point.
4. RATIONS will be carried as follows -
1 Days Iron Ration on the man.
1 Days Ration on the man
5. CERTIFICATES OF CLEANLINESS etc, will be obtained from owners of all billets, and handed to the A/Adjt at the Stabbing Point

Sgd. W.R. Watson Lieut
Act/Adjt. 45th Battalion A.I.F.

Issued by runner at 1200 to -

1. O.C. "A" Coy
2. O.C. "B" Coy
3. O.C. "C" Coy
4. O.C. "D" Coy
5. Headquarters
6. Transport Officer
7. Quartermaster
- 3 Office Copy
- 9 War Diary

PRACTICE

45TH BATTALION ORDER NO 3/35 Copy No.....

Ref. Attached Sketch & Sheet 62 E

2.11.18

INFORMATION

1. The enemy has been driven off the General Line SALOUEL-QUEVAUVILLERS and is retreating in orderly manner in North Westerly direction fighting rearguard actions.
2. The 48th Battalion A.I.F. is holding the line marked RED on accompanying sketch.

INTENTION

3. The 45th Battalion A.I.F. will attack, capture, and consolidate the Line marked BLUE on sketch attached. The 1st. Aust. Division will co-operate on the Right, and the 13th A.I. Bde on the left.

INSTRUCTIONS

4. "D" Coy (Right) and "B" Coy (Left) will attack on the frontages as shown in sketch. "A" Coy will be in Supports and "C" Coy in Reserve. I Section Stokes Mortars is allotted to "D" Coy and I Section to "B" Coy.

AMMUNITION

5. Battalion & Company pack train will be at Battalion Headquarters under command of the R.S.M. and demands for ammunition will be made to pack train direct,

R. A. P.

6. R.A.P. will be at Q.25.a.5.2. until half an hour after Zero Hour when it will move forward and be established at P.24c.9.5.

TRANSPORT

7. Transport will remain in present position and await orders.

ZERO HOUR

8. Zero Hour will be notified later. Watches will be synchronised at 0700, 4th November.

LIAISON

9. Lieut A.J. Frost "MM" and 2 Runners will report to Right Battalion at Zero Hour and Lieut W.E. Brown "DCM" with 2 Runners, will report to Left Battalion.

REPORTS

10. Reports to Battalion Headquarters, which will be at Q25.a.5.2. until Zero Hour, when it will move forward as attack progresses and be established at P.24.c.9.5.

D. P. Phipps
Lieut.
Adj. 45th Battalion.
A.I.F.

Issued to at

1. O.C. "A" Coy
2. O.C. "B" Coy
3. O.C. "C" Coy
4. O.C. "D" Coy
5. Headquarters
6. File
7. Transport Officer
8. Quartermaster
9. 10. 11. - War Diary
12. Left Battalion
13. Right Battalion
14. R. M. O.

Reference Map St Quentin 1/100000

1. The 45th Battalion A.I.F. less Transport and Cookers, will move from present bivouacs, ROISEL, to FRESNOY-LE-GRAND Area, per narrow gauge railway to-morrow, 14.11.18 entraining at ROISEL at 0915, detraining at BRANCOURT-LE-GRAND,
2. TRANSPORT with Cookers will move direct by road.
3. Lieut L.R. Corbett will act as Battalion entraining and detraining Officer and will report to the 4th Aust Division Entraining Officer ROISEL, at 0845
4. ROUTINE

Reveille	0700
Sick Parade	0700
Breakfast	0730
Pass Starting Point	0900

Starting Point - On road near "A" Coy Cookers
Order of March - "H.Q" "A" "B" "C" & "D" Coys
Blankets will be carried on the man, rolled horseshoe fashion around the pack
Jerkins will be worn over the tunics.
5. DIXIES 3 dixies per Company and Headquarters, and sufficient tea etc, will be carried for the mid-day meal.
Officer's valises and Company Mess boxes to be at the Q.M. Store at 0800
All tents and trench shelters will be struck and stacked in Company Lines by 0730
Company Commanders will ensure that the area and bivouacs occupied by their Companies are left clean and in a sanitary condition.

Sgd W.R. Watson. Lieut
Act/Adj. 45th Battalion A.I.F

Issued by runner at 1900 to-

1. O.C. "A" Coy
2. O.C. "B" Coy
3. O.C. "C" Coy
4. O.C. "D" Coy
5. Office Copy
6. Headquarters
7. Quartermaster
8. Transport Officer.

Appendix 5
APPENDIX

45th. BATTALION ORDER No. 3/37.

Headquarters, St. Souplet,
22.11.18.

1. The 45th Bn. will move by march route to FAVRIE to-morrow 23rd instant.
2. ROUTINE. The following routine will be observed:-

Reveille	0645
Sick parade	0700
Breakfast	0800
3. STARTING POINT. (opposite Church in St. Souplet) will be passed at 0930.
4. ORDER OF MARCH. Band, C.D. H.Qrs., A.B.
5. REAR Party. O.C. "C" Coy will detail 1 platoon under Lt McKay to march on rear of Bn.
6. DRESS. Marching order - no ration bags will be exposed - all equipment to be neatly and correctly fitted.
7. DISTANCES. The following distances will be maintained:-

100 yards	between companies
100 "	" rear company and transport
100 "	" transport and rear party.
8. The Bn. will halt for lunch at 1250 and resume the march at 1400.
9. Valises and blankets (2 per man) rolled in bundles of 10 to be dumped at Q.M. Store at 0800. No roll will contain more than 10 blankets. Mess boxes to be at H.Q. Mess by 0830.
10. Loading party. O.C. "D" Coy will detail 1 NCO and 8 men to report to Q.M. at Store at 0800.
11. Billets. Unit commanders will ensure that billets are left in as clean a state as possible.

(Sgd) R.S. Pickup Lieut.
Adj. 45th Bn. A.I.F.

45th BATTALION ORDER No. 3/38.

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Headquarters, Prisches,
25.11.18.

Ref. Sheet 57a.

1. The 45th Bn. will move by march route to Le Gd FAYT tomorrow 26th instant.
2. Routine. The following routine will be observed:-
Reveille 0700
Sick parade 0730
Breakfast 0800
3. Starting Point. (Road junction H.9.d.8.2.) will be passed at 0925.
4. Order of march. D. H.Qrs., Band, A.B.C.
5. Distances. The following distances will be observed:-
100 yards between companies
100 " " rear company and transport
100 " " transport and rear party.
6. Rear party. O.C. "B" Coy will detail 1 platoon under Lieut. Hopgood to march in rear of Bn.
7. Dress. Marching order - no ration bags will be exposed - all equipment to be neatly and correctly fitted.
8. Billets. Officers commanding units will ensure that billets are left perfectly clean and latrines filled in.
9. Baggage. Officers' valises, mess boxes, and blankets (2 per man, rolled in bundles of 10) will be dumped on main road in front of Coy. H.Qrs. by 0800. A loading party of 4 men per coy. and 4 for Bn. H.Qrs. will be with blankets etc. to load at 0800.
10. Cookers. will pull out at 0830.

Issued by runner at 20000 to

- 1 A Coy
- 2 B "
- 3 C "
- 4 D "
- 5 Office
- 6 H.Qrs.
- 7 G.M.
- 8 T.O.

(Sgd) R.S. Pickup Lieut
Adj. 45th Bn. A.I.F.

45th BATTALION ORDER No. 3/39.

Headquarters, Le. Gd. Fayt,
26th November 1918.

ef. Sheet 57a.

1. The 45th Bn. will move by march route to AVESNELLES to-morrow 27th instant.
2. Routine. The following routine will be observed:-
Reveille 0700
Sick parade 0715
Breakfast 0730
3. Starting Point. (Railway Station Petit Fayt) will be passed at 0920,
4. Order of march. C.D. Band, H.Qrs., B. & A.
5. Distances. The following distances will be maintained:-
100 yards between companies
100 " " rear company and transport
100 " " transport and rear party
6. Rear party. O.C. "A" Coy will detail 1 platoon under Lieut. Pitie to march in rear of Bn.
7. Dress. Marching order - no ration bags to be exposed - all equipment to be neatly and correctly fitted.
8. Billets. Officers commanding units will ensure that billets are left perfectly clean on marching out.
9. Baggage Officers' valises, mess boxes, and blankets (2 per man, rolled in bundles of 10) will be dumped on main road; A & B Coys in front of their Coy. H.Qrs., C & D Coys at Q.M. Store by 0800. A loading party of 4 men per coy. will be with blankets to load at 0800.
- 10- Cookers. will pull out at 0830.

Issued by runner at 2030 to

- 1 A Coy
- 2 B "
- 3 C "
- 4 D "
- 5 Office
- 6 H.Qrs.
- 7 Q.M.
- 8 T.O.

(Sgd) R.S. Pickup Lieut.
Adj. 45th Bn. A.I.F.

45th Battalion A.I.F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 10th 1918

Date	Time & Subject	
Monday 4th	BATTALION SCHEME	
Tuesday 5th	0900 - 0950 Bn Parade 1000 - 1050 Fire Discipline 1100 - 1150 Visual Training 1200 - 1230 Platoon & Coy Drill	1400-1600 Recreation Parade
Wednesday 6th	BATTALION ROUTE MARCH Route - FLUY - QUEVAUVILLERS-REVELLES-PISSY	Starting Point - P.27.d.8.4. Time - 0910 1400-1600 Recreation Parade
Thursday 7th	COMPANY SCHEME	1400-1600 Recreation Parade
Friday 8th	0900-0930 Bayonet Fighting 0930-0950 Rapid Loading 1000-1050 Field Formations 1100-1150 Musketry Exercises 1200-1230 Guards & Sentries At least once during work, Gas Alarm will be given.	1400-1600 Recreation Parade
Saturday 9th	BATTALION ROUTE MARCH Route - BOVELLES-X Roads GUIGNEMICOURT - PISSY	Starting Point - P.28.c.9.6. Time - 0910 P.11.a.2.3.- FERRIERS 1400-1600 Recreation Parade
Sunday 10th	CHURCH PARADE	

Classes - Signal School
Scout School
Wiring School
Bayonet School
N.C.O.'s Class - Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 1400-1600
Officer's Instructional Classes - as per Itinerary.

Night Gas Alarm - Monday
Musketry - Tuesday & Friday. Range to be allotted

W. Pickup
Lieut
Adj. 45th Battalion A.I.F.

45TH BATTALION, A.I.F.SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 24th NOVEMBER 1918.

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Date	Time	Subject
Monday 18th	0900 to 1200 1400-1600	ROUTE MARCH Fresnoy-le-Grand - Fork road N.E. Fontaine-Uterte - X roads N. of Croix Fensomme - Fresnoy. Recreation parade
Tuesday 19th	0900 to 1200 1400-1600	Baths Medical Inspection Guards & Sentries Company drill Recreation parade
Wednesday 20th	0900 to 1200 1400-1600	Route March Fresnoy - Brancourt - Fork road N.E. of Montbrahain - Fresnoy. Recreation parade
Thursday 21st	0900-0950 1000-1050 1100-1150 1400-1600	Bn. Parade Guards & Sentries Platoon & Company drill Recreation parade
Friday 22nd	0900 to 1200 1400-1600	ROUTE MARCH Fresnoy - Etaves - X roads N.E. of Croix Fensomme - Fresnoy Recreation parade
Saturday 23rd	0900-0950 1000-1050 1100-1150	Bn. Parade Rifle exercises Guards & Sentries
Sunday 24th		CHURCH PARADE.

W. Watson Lieut
Actg. Adj. 45th Bn.

Appendix 10.SUMMARY OF Q. Ms. DEPARTMENT & TRANSPORT SECTION
from 1st to 30th NOVEMBER 1918.

1st Nov. Battalion still billeted at PISSY. Transport re-painted all limbers. 4th Nov a dump of all surplus gear was formed at BREILLY - on 6th Nov. 3 packages of magazines and papers were received from comforts - on 10th 22000 cigarettes were received from the American Red Cross and were greatly appreciated by all ranks. On the 11th the Bn. moved to AILLY-sur-Somme and with transport entrained there for ROISEL where the night was spent. On the 14th the Bn. entrained at ROISEL for BRANCOURT and then marched to FRESNOY-le-Grand; the transport proceeding direct by road from ROISEL to FRESNOY. On the 18th 2 packages of cigarettes were received from Comforts fund. On the 19th. cocoa and milk, sugar, sauce, tobacco, cigarettes, &c were received from Australian Comforts Fund. On the 20th complete change of underclothing was made for the men. On the 22nd Bn moved by road with transport to St SOUPELET, and on 23rd went on to FAVRIL. On the 26th Bn. moved by road from FAVRIL to Le Gd. FAYT and on 27th to AVESNELLES. In spite of the frequent moves and distance away from Railhead the supply of rations clothing &c was quite up to the normal. The supply of fresh vegetables was on the light side and unfortunately the issue could not be supplemented by purchase of any.
