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Needle * Switch Trench	1-2-17		<p>The day was clear and our Artillery was very active. The heavy Artillery carried out a bombardment of Enemy's line from 1-30 P.M. to 2 P.M. E. Coy. relieved the left Coy of 57<sup>th</sup> in the line starting at 5:30 P.M. &amp; B Coy moved up to Rose &amp; D to Millers Son. * The 15 Bn less 2 Coy. on * abt our left carried out a minor operation as per Bgde order No 78. attached. Lt Hooper 2 Agls &amp; 40 men, were attached as a working party in 2 shifts to dig a trench to connect right flank of trench to be captured with our left flank. Owing to the whole of the operation objective not being gained orders were given by O.C. attack for the Sat not to be carried on. A Coy relieved a Coy of 57<sup>th</sup> on right sector at 4 A.M.</p>	A.B.I
Front line Sept	2-2-17		The Bn on our left were compelled to fall back.	



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Frontline System	2/2/17		into their original position <del>position</del> at an early hour in the morning. There was much sniping during the day & artillery was active during the morning but became quiet towards evening.	
	3/2/17		Revetting & wiring of Rose trench carried out by its garrison parties for front line, deepening monsoon & Gen's trench supplied to Staff officer for work. m Gun fired at German planes which flew over but without effect. The left Coy were withdrawn from front line just before dawn with exception of Bomb posts which were withdrawn at noon & heavies bombarded enemy trench on our left. 6. Coy were relieved by D Coy on left sector & A Coy were relieved by in right sector relief being completed by 8 P.M.	
	4/2/17		The artillery was active all day	

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4/2/17			<p>at 10 P.M. the 4<sup>th</sup> Bgd on our left attacked the enemy at trenches - see 15<sup>th</sup> Bgd order No 80 attached - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Hooper B. &amp; Bt. 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Co + 40 men dug a sash toward enemy trench on right of objective. This party did very good work 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Hooper being wounded but carried on until morning. + Correspondence from G.O.C. 4<sup>th</sup> Bgd + G.O.C. 15<sup>th</sup> Bgd APP. is attached. The operation on our left was a success C. + German trench is now occupied by us. Large parties were supplied by us for deepening monsoon + Zenith. Two Cas' were 10 Killed + 30 wounded.</p>													
5/2/17.			<p>The C.O. visited scene of previous night's operations at 10 A.M. + found our trenches much damaged in the sector + the men had spent a trying night + were very tired but the trench was cleaned up before midday. The Bn was relieved in front line system by 59<sup>th</sup> Bn. Relief being completed by 9 P.M., A. &amp; C. Coy.</p>													

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Inter- mediate line.	6/2/17.		being accom <sup>d</sup> at Needle & B & D in swish trench. Rebelling & cleaning trench - uniforms & equipment were cleaned up & gum boots returned to drying shed. We were relieved by 60 <sup>th</sup> Bn relief being Completed by 6-30 P.M. & we returned to huts in B. bank Bernafay.	
	7/2/17		Feet of A, B, C & D Coy bathed at Fld. Amb baths. French prevention treatment employed new underclothing supplied. 100 Reins arrived for the Bn, 260 men were supplied Carrying parties.	
	8/2/17.		An inspection was made of new reins, who consisted mainly of trained men. Parties of 423 men were supplied for various works & fatigues.	
	9/2/17		Pf has an inspection & bathing of feet & French treatment applied. Another batch of 22 <sup>nd</sup> arrived at 9 P.M. usual fatigue supplied, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Moon & 54 OR were sent	



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			<p>Total Effective Strength  off 59 OR 892</p> <p>Detached Duty  In Field Ambulance 7  Doing Duty with Unit 16</p>	6	121	
			up to be accommodated in Rosebush for duty under Staff Officer for works for front line. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt McWhannell reported back from 4 <sup>th</sup> Army Sig School.			
Delville Wood	10/2/17		Usual fatigues supplied B. C & D Coy's moved up to Delville wood camp 17 boy being detached with 57 <sup>th</sup> Bn & they proceeded to switch trench.			
	11/2/17		B & D Coy's marched to Fricourt Bde Camp leaving Delville Wood at 1 P.M. They are to be accommodated there until joined by remainder of Bn			
	12/2/17		Another batch of Reins arrived 64 in all indications of a thaw & for first time since 16/1/17 mud appears.			
	13/2/17		The thaw is more pronounced, fatigues supplied for burying cable did not return until 3 A.M.			
	14/2/17		H. Gns & C. Coy left Delville Wood at 2 P.M. reaching Fricourt Bde Camp at 5 P.M. & were accommodated in A. & B. Camp there being plenty of room.			att C & D.



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			The 57 <sup>th</sup> Bn carried out a successful raid on Enemy's trenches - 15 <sup>th</sup> Bde order No 82. A Coy 58 <sup>th</sup> Bn being accommodated in dug outs in Millers Row Post as support Coy.	
	15/2/17.		Advance party left for Ribemont. Small working parties supplied reinforcements inspected & equipment etc cleaned up	
	16/2/17		Moved to Ribemont for training in "The offensive of small units (see Bde order 83 attach) & Bn order No 19) leaving Fricourt at 2 P.M. & arriving at Ribemont at 5-30 P.M. Owing to detached parties having a strenuous time & not rejoining until 10 am after a long march it was decided to leave them in Fricourt to follow on next day.	App E + F
	17/2/17		A Coy & other detached parties rejoined. The morning was spent in cleaning up of Billets, equipment	



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			<p>Total Effective Strength</p> <p>off. 36 OK 931</p> <p>Detached Duty</p> <p>In Field Ambulance</p> <p>Doing Duty with Unit</p>	56	94	
	18/2/17		<p>clothing etc &amp; in the afternoon <del>was</del> a Bn muster</p> <p>Parade was held at which the Bn. Honor, Awards &amp;</p> <p>Commendations were made know to all. Syllabus</p> <p>of training was drawn up Copy of which is attached</p> <p>Church Parades at 8-30 for R.C. &amp; 9 A.M. for Protestants were</p> <p>held, in the afternoon a short route march was taken</p> <p>place. Half the Coy Officers proceeded to range &amp;</p> <p>were instructed by Lewis Gun Officer in Lewis Gun</p> <p>&amp; each fired from same.</p>	25	785	apt G.
	19/2/17		<p>Parades as per Syllabus. Footballs were provided</p> <p>for the men after parade &amp; much interest was shown</p>			
	20/2/17		<p>all men were bathed A+B Coy blankets fumigated</p> <p>there was slight rain all day, Officers made road</p> <p>traverse.</p>			
	21/2/17		<p>Bn Parade &amp; morning parade as per Syllabus at</p> <p>1-45 P.M. instructions received from Bgd for Bn to</p>			



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			move at once to	
Townsville	22/2/17		Tricourt, moved out at 4 P.M. reaching Tricourt at 7 P.M. & troops were huddled in D camp 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hooper rejoined & 5 Bf Officers joined up. Lecture to officers by Bgdnr. Bn moved to Townsville camp Beinafay at 2-30 P.M., reaching camp at 5 P.M.	
Swinch Trench	23/2/17		Second Blankets & hachts & Officers Valises were stored in Perik camp also O. B. & Guard Room estd there. The Bn moved out at 4 P.M. & occupied Intermediate line Bn Hqtrs C.I.D. being in Swinch trench & A.B. in Gab Trench (see Bgdn order no 85 att.) we took over from 46 <sup>th</sup> Bn.	aph H. + I
FRONT LINE SYSTEM	24/2/17		Moved up to front line system A.B. & C boys being in front line & D being divided between chalk pits & these Rd we relieved 45 <sup>th</sup> & 48 <sup>th</sup> Bn taking over a two Bn frontage. Bn Hqtrs estd Possum	



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Place	Date	Hour		
FRONT LINE SYSTEM.	24/11/1918		<p>Reserve. Before being relieved 48<sup>th</sup> Bn entered <sup>&amp; habrolled</sup> Pork Trench &amp; found the trench evacuated we established posts in this trench.</p> <p>Our right Coy sent out a Patrol to Lucifer Trench which was also found to be evacuated. On our left &amp; right the same action had been taken &amp; it was found that enemy had evacuated his most forward trenches. on the right &amp; left, Regd. as well as on our own front. Patrolling was kept up all night, information as to the exact position of enemy was not obtainable. Rations were carried up to the Coys by parties from D Coy.</p>	<p>1918</p> <p>1.</p>
<p>A6945 Wt. W11422/M1160 350,000 12/16 D. D. &amp; L. Forms/C./2118/14.</p>				



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			off	on		off	on	
			40	908		5	105	
						5	63	
						30	740	
FRONT	25/2/14				We consolidated our positions in York & Stormy Trenches.			
LINESYSTEM					Orders issued for patrols to examine BARLEY TRENCH. Salvaging operations carried on in both parts of the new sector.			
					and sanitation improved (See App. J.) Three patrols went out			
					and examined BARLEY TRENCH, one patrol under 2/ht			
					Trewan penetrated the enemy's trench on the left			
					passing between two of his posts and encountered			
					a hostile patrol. They fired on the patrol killing			
					one man and wounding others. The patrol was			
					despered. 2/ht Trewan gained much useful information			
					BARLEY TRENCH was found to be occupied by the enemy			
					Issued orders for occupation of BARLEY TRENCH (see App. K)			
					Operation carried out successfully but owing to			
					mistake in map reference and to the fact that			
					the trench was not found to be continuous as was			
					shown on the map considerable doubt existed as to			



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FRONT LINE SYSTEM.	27/2/17		whether the people had reached the trench intended. <del>Day</del> Days spent in making preparations to rectify the error if such existed. Bn H.Q. moved forward to Cheese Road. C.O. & I.O. went forward at dusk and found that the party who had gone forward the previous night had actually reached their objective. The trench had been taken without opposition. Posts had also been established in Bread trench & Milky Way, a new line having been thus established as ordered in Bde Order Operation Instructions No. 2 (see app L). Relieved by 59th Bn. 58th Bn went back to Intermediate line with HQ & one Coy in Bulls Trench, 1 Coy in Pilgrims Way & 2 Coys in Swath's Trench. Amended table of moves see Bde Order of 28/2/17.	app L
TOWNSVILLE	28/2/17		Moved to Townsville Camp at 5 pm. Altho very tired the men returned in excellent spirits.	app M



## APPENDIX A

Appendix "A"

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 78

Reference -Trench Map 57 C.S.W.  
GUEUDECOURT 1/10000.

31st January 1917

1. The 15th Battalion (less 2 companies) will carry out a minor operation on 1st February with the object of :-
  - (a) Straightening our line in N.21.D and N.22.C.
  - (b) Gaining the commanding ground at N.21.E.5-7.
  - (c) Establishing identification and inflicting loss.
  - (d) Maintaining the Offensive spirit.
2. When the operation is completed the captured line at N22.C.1½ - 6½. will be joined up with our trench at N. 22.C.3-4½. The 15th Battalion is to establish a bombing post at N.22.C. 1½-6½. and our left flank will also rest at this point.
3. The assaulting party will occupy our trenches as far as required on the left flank during night of 31st January / 1st February under mutual arrangements between C.O's concerned.
4. The company of the 58th Battalion at MILLERS SON will furnish a working party of 40 men (two shifts) under a resolute Officer to dig the trench specified in para.2 above. This trench has already been started. This party will take their own tools. Unit arrangements are to be made for hot coffee and food, etc.
5. The 15th A.L.T.M.B. will engage targets already indicated to the O.C., from Zero until the position is captured. Close watch will be kept for machine guns firing from N.22.C.-3-8. The ~~mortars~~ mortars will stand by for barrage in case of ~~an~~ counter-attack.
6. Zero time will be 7 p.m.
7. The pass word is ~~xxxxxx~~ "CANNAN".
8. The C.O. 57th Battalion will remain in charge of the front line until 6 a.m. on 2nd February.
9. Counter-attack, if any, will probably be directed against our left Company front.
10. A GREEN VERY LIGHT will mean that the objective has been gained.
11. The O.C. 15th A.L.T.M.B. will check his watch with that of O.C. No. 2 Assault Party at 6 p.m.

(Sgd) Geo. F. Whack Major  
Bde Major 15th Inf.Bde. A.IF



APPENDIX A1  
58<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

App A1

Operation Order. No 24.  
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- (1). Preliminary instructions have been issued personally to officers concerned. There being no time to issue written orders.
- (2). actions after 7 p.m.

C Coy. C Coy. will move rapidly into position as detailed and give what support is possible to the assaulting troops. The left flank of the Coy. will rest on a point N22C 0-4. Should the assaulting troops have to retire care must be taken not to fire upon them. All ranks must also be warned of the position of the digging party.

Digging Party. As soon as the assault commences, the digging party, first relief of 20 men will move in single file in a line nearly in continuation of the dug portion of the sap, but bearing to the left so as to strike the captured position of the enemy trench about N22.C. 0-5½. The men will be distributed in a zig-zag line at intervals of 2 yards. The first 10 men of the waiting relief will move out into shell holes and cover the working party. Care must be taken that this covering party does not go too close to the enemy line. They need not be more than 10 yards from the line of diggers. A M.G. is suspected at N22.C. 3½-8½.

Counter attack. In the event of a counter attack launched against any position of our line it must be understood that the line is to be held. Should the attack sweep across the ground occupied by the digging party before sufficient cover has been secured the digging party will retire to SHINE TRENCH until the attack has been driven off when they will again resume digging operations.

Reliefs for digging party. will be arranged by its C.O. Lt. R.H. Hooper. Normally a relief should dig for a period of 1 hour. Every effort must be made to complete the communication trench, work will cease as soon as increasing light renders it impossible to continue.

Password. The password for tonight will be CANNAN.



## APPENDIX

Signals One green rocket on extreme left of assaulting party indicates "objective gained." One red and one green indicates "slacken barrage."

Supply of Grenades The Bde. Grenade Officer will meet C Coy. at entrance of ETERNAL ALLEY and hand over a supply of grenades in boxes which will be carried to the front line. Should the points of safety pins of grenades be turned back they must be prepared for instant use by being straightened.

Ration Arrangements B Coy. will move to ROSE TRENCH arriving there at 6 p.m. An officer will remain behind to hand over to incoming unit. B Coy. will be responsible for getting rations from Railhead to MILLER'S SON POST. From there D Coy. will provide parties to carry the rations of front line Coy. forward.

(Sgd) Chas. A. Denby

Lt Col

Comd 58<sup>th</sup> Av



APPENDIX *B*

## 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 80

Reference - 1/10000 GUEUDECOURT.

4th February 1917

1. The 4th Infantry Brigade is attacking the enemy trenches from N.22.C.05-65 to N.21.B.25-05 also communication trench N.21.B.4-9 to N.21.B.5-0. tonight at an hour to be notified later. The captured area is to be consolidated and bombing blocks established at  
     N.22.C.05-65.  
     N.21.B.25-05.  
     N.21.B.30-05  
     N.21.B.5-0
2. The 13th Battalion with 2 companies 14th Battalion is carrying out the attack. Lieut-Col J.M.A. DURRANT D.S.O. is Commanding.
3. There will be a 3 minute artillery barrage on the objective at Zero. There will be a heavy bombardment of enemy's rear trenches and gun positions to cover the operation.
4. The O.C. 15th M.G. Coy. will arrange to bring enfilade fire to bear on enemy's trench from N.22.C.25-85 to N.21.B.8-2. from Zero to Zero plus 5. intermittent bursts will be fired on the same target until there are indications of counter-attack upon which a heavy barrage will be placed.
5. The O.C. 15th A.L.T.M.B. will engage enemy's trench from N.22.C.6-6 to and including the trench junction at N.22.C.25-85 from Zero to Zero plus 5. He will then stand by to engage hostile M.Guns or other suitable targets.
6. The C.O. 58th Battalion will hand over temporarily to the O.C. attacking troops any trench required by the latter for "forming up". When reasonably quiet a working party of 40 men will be put on to dig a trench from the shell crater opposite N22/3 towards N.22.C.-05-65 where the 13th Battalion are digging towards N.22.C.25-85 towards the crater. A dump of 300 sand bags, 30 picks, 20 shovels and 600 grenades will be formed at Left Company H.Q. for use by assaulting troops.
7. The following special signals have been arranged :-  
     GREEN VERY LIGHT - Objective gained.  
     RED ASTEROID ROCKET- Counter battery work required.
8. The pass-word will be "BRISBANE".
9. Watches will be synchronised at 6 p.m.
10. Officers of Brigade Staff will act as liaison Officers at 4th Inf. Brigade H.Q. and with O.C. Assault at CHALK PITS. These Officers are authorised to call on units direct for any assistance required.

(Sgd.) Geo. F. Wieck Major  
 Brigade Major, 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.



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## Operation Order No 25.

APPENDIX B1

Reference — Secret Map Edition E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div.  
Scale 1/10000.

An operation similar to that carried out on night of 1<sup>st</sup>/<sub>2</sub><sup>nd</sup> Feb. will be carried out during the night of 4<sup>th</sup>/<sub>5</sub><sup>th</sup> Feb., a battalion and a half from the 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade being employed.

During the night of 4<sup>th</sup>/<sub>5</sub><sup>th</sup> Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> Bde. troops will occupy portion of SHINE TRENCH. O.C. D Coy. will obtain receipt for portion of trench temporarily taken over. Receipt will specify extent of trench and hour of taking over.

Hour fixed for commencement of operation will be notified later.

Grenades, ammunition, water, and sandbags will be sent up and must be kept in suitable places.

O.C. D. Coy. will make necessary redistribution of his men and make provision for rapidly manning the portion of his trench that will be vacated by the 4<sup>th</sup> Bde. troops.

2/Lt. Hooper will select two reliefs of 20 men each and as soon as the enemy trench has been taken will commence to extend the communication sap beyond the shell hole on the same lines as in the operations of 1<sup>st</sup>/<sub>2</sub><sup>nd</sup> Feb.

During daylight hours Lewis Guns in this sector will be laid on the known approaches to the ~~existing~~ position to be attacked. Arrangements will be made so that these approaches as well as the normal sector of fire of each gun can be accurately covered at night. Care must be taken to have ammunition and magazines clean and to work the gun sufficiently often to prevent the oil from freezing.

Every assistance will be given to 4<sup>th</sup> Bde. troops and advantage must be taken of every opportunity to hamper the enemy in his counter attack.

Should a counter attack by the enemy involve portion of our trench the S.O.S. signal will be fired and the trench will be defended at all cost.

Sgt. Raven will select suitable spots in enemy trench in rear of the portion being attacked and will bombard them with rifle grenades. Care must be taken to point out to every man



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of D Coy. the exact locality which it is intended our troops shall occupy in the enemy trenches.

midnight <sup>Lt. Col.</sup> 3/4<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1917.



CIRCULAR MEMO.

APPENDIX *C* *App. C*

The following is a copy of letter from 4th Aust. Inf. Bde dated 5/2/17:-

" G.O.C.  
15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Please convey to the O.C., 58th Battalion, my appreciation and also that of the O.C., 13th Battalion, for the good work done by his men in pushing forward that communication trench from the "Shell Hole" towards the right of our objective.

The Right Company of the attacking ~~parry~~ Battalion at dawn this morning is still about 30 to 50 yards short of where the block had to be placed, namely at-N.22.e.05.65. That flank sustained the full force of both counter attacks but the Company Commander hopes that by midnight tonight to establish that block and commence digging backwards to connect up with the trench which the 58th Battalion men dug last night.

It is hoped that the linesman who so speedily restored communication on two occasions between the Advanced 13th Battalion Headquarters at CHALK PIT and 58th Battalion Headquarters will receive some recognition. Unfortunately he was wounded. "

(Sgd) C. H. BRAND Brig-General.  
Commanding 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.

The following message ~~was~~ from 15th Infantry Bde has also been received :-

" 58th Battalion.

The attached letter (as above) is forwarded for information. Needless to say the Brigadier had every confidence that this appreciation would be merited and that the work would be done as well as any troops on this front could do it. "

5/2/17

(Sgd) Geo. F. Wieck Major  
Brigade Major 25th Infantry Brigade



## APPENDIX "C"

58th BATTALION

App. C.

6/2/17.

CIRCULAR MEMO.

The C.O. desires at this juncture to place on record his appreciation of the many fine acts of individual officers and men of the Battalion during the recent tours of duty in the line, and of the battalion as a whole. Names will not be mentioned here: that will come at a later date. Cold, loss of sleep, fatigue, anxiety, and many other ~~discomforts~~ discomforts have had to be endured, and difficult and dangerous tasks have had to be undertaken. It gives one all the more pleasure to be able to say that the Battalion has acquitted itself well when the fact is remembered that many of the troops were facing the music for the first time.

The fortunes of war have exacted during the last tour of duty a rather heavy toll of the 58th Battalion and we have left behind us some good fellows whom we can ill spare. They have done their job and given all they had to give for the cause of right and the honour of their country.

The C.O. wishes to express his admiration of the fine performance of the party who, under very severe fire, assisted the 13th Battalion by sapping from our trench towards the enemy position on the night of the 2nd/3rd February, and again on the 4th/5th Feb., and directs that the accompanying messages relative to their action should be read to all ranks.

(Signed) A.H.L. GODFREY. Lieut.  
a/Adjutant, 58th Battalion.



SECRETC O P YAppendix "C" /**APPENDIX C1**15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 82

Reference - 57 C.S.W.  
ALBERT 1/40000.

11th February 1917

1. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will be relieved by the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade on the 13th, 14th, and 15th Feby. Relief to be completed on night 15/16 February.
2. Movement of the various Units will be shown on table attached.
3. Receipts will be obtained for all trench stores, equipment, material, logbooks, gumboots etc. and a copy of same forwarded to Brigade H.Q. within ~~the~~ 36 hours.
4. The details of the relief will be arranged between the C.O's concerned.
5. All maps issued by Brigade H.Q. and copies of the Divisional Defence Scheme will be retained by Units.
6. Unit depots now in "E" camp will not be moved.
7. Representatives of Units will proceed 24 hours in advance.
8. Brigade H.Q. will close at S.12.B.6-6, at 6 p.m. on 15th Inst. and re-open at FRICOURT Brigade Camp.
9. Copies of Sector Defence Scheme will be returned to Brigade H.Q. before Units leave the area.
10. Command of the Sector will pass at 10 a.m. on 16th inst.

(Sgd.) Geo. F. Wleck Major  
Brigade Major 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.



15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Table of Reliefs (Issued with Order No. 82)

**APPENDIX D**

DATE (Night)	FRICOURT	MONTAUBAN	"B" Camp	DELVILLE WOOD	NEEDLE SWITCH	FRONT LINE
	31st Bn.	29th Bn.	59th Bn.	58th Bn.	57th Bn.	60th Bn
12/13th	32nd Bn.	30th Bn.				
13/14th	31st Bn. 59th Bn.	29th Bn. 30th Bn.	32nd Bn.	58th Bn.	60th Bn.	57th Bn
14/15th	58th Bn. 59th Bn.	29th Bn. 30th Bn.	60th Bn.	31st Bn.	32nd Bn.	57th Bn
15/16th	59th Bn. 58th Bn.	60th Bn. 29th Bn.	57th Bn.	30th Bn.	31st Bn.	32nd Bn
16th B	58th Bn. 59th Bn.	60th Bn. 57th Bn.	29th Bn.	30th Bn.	32nd Bn.	32nd Bn

The 15th M.G. Coy. and 15th A.L.M.B. will be relieved on the night of 15th/16th February and move to "B" Camp.

The usual road intervals will be maintained.

The duties found by the 32nd Battalion will be taken over by the 50th Battalion.

The duties found by the 30th Battalion will be taken over by the 60th Battalion.

(Sgd) Geo. F. Wieck Major

Brigade Major 15th Australian Inf. Bde.



APPENDIX *E*

15th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 83.

Reference - 57 C.S.W.  
AMIENS 17

14th February 1917

1. The 58th Battalion will proceed by March Route to RIBEMONT via MEAULTE-DERNANCOURT ~~ax~~ BUIRE on the 16th inst.
2. During its stay in RIBEMONT the Battalion will be trained in "The Offensive of small Units". The C.O. 58th Battalion will draw up and submit for approval a Syllabus of Training overing a period of 10 days,
3. The detached portions of the Battalion (less 50 O.R. working party) will concentrate under Capt. JOHNSTONE at MONTAUBAN on night of 15/16th inst. The party will then rejoin Battalion H.Q. at FRICOURT by 10 a.m. on 16th inst.
4. The Battalion will march at 2 p.m. on 16th inst. under arrangements made by the C.O.
5. The usual road distances will be observed. East of FRICOURT Units will march in file.
6. Communication with Brigade H.Q. will be maintained by Battalion Cyclist Orderly.
7. Advanced parties will proceed on 15th inst.

(Sgd.) Geo. F. Wieck Major  
Brigade Major 15th Aust. Inf. Bde



58th BATTALION

OPERATION ORDER NO. 19 BY LIEUT-COL. CHAS. A. DENEHY, COMMANDING

**APPENDIX 'F'**

FRANCE

15/2/17

1. The 58th Battalion will move to RIBEMONT via MEAULTE-DERNANCOURT and BUIRE commencing at 2 p.m. in the following order :-

Battalion Headquarters,

"B" Coy.

"C" Coy.

"D" Coy.

"A" Coy.

An interval of 100 yards between companies will be maintained and strict march discipline will be observed.

2. Officers' valises and ALL blankets rolled in bundles of 20 (short rolls) will be stacked by 11 a.m. in one pile on road at a spot to be selected later. 2/Lieut. Trevan will be responsible for stacking and loading of all valises, blankets and stores on transport and O.C. "D" Coy. will detail 6 men as loading party.  
A motor lorry will be provided to carry blankets.
3. DRESS. Marching Order, greatcoats inside pack, sheepskins or jherkins folded neatly inside waterproof sheet and placed under flap of pack.
4. O's C. should bear in mind that their detached details will be re-joining by 10 a.m. tomorrow.
5. Companies will furnish "Marching Out" states by 12-15 p.m. and a certificate to the effect that camp has been left in a clean and sanitary condition by 7 p.m.
6. 2/Lieut. C.R. Cole with 6 men from "B" Coy. will remain behind and hand over camp to Camp Commandant and obtain "clean" certificate.

(Sgd.) Chas. A. Denehy Lieut.-Col.  
Commanding 58th Battalion.

DISTRIBUTION

Copy. No.	1	File
	2	War Diary
	3	War Diary
	4	"A" Coy.
	5	"B" Coy.
	6	"C" Coy.
	7	"D" Coy.



SYLLABUS

OF WORK.

APPENDIX 'G'

DAY.	7.35 - 9.15 a.m.	9.30 - 12 noon.	2. - 4 p.m.	REMARKS.	EVENING.
1st Day. 7/8/17.	Brisk march and trot to training ground and Physical cal Exercises.	(Routine Orders to be read daily at this parade.)			
2nd Day. 8/9/17.	At least two of- ficers per com- pany to be on parade.	Cleaning clothing, arms and equip- ment.	Full muster parade. Publication of Honors. Section and late drill.	Talk to Officers on efficiency. Explanation of work a- head.	
3rd Day. 9/10/17.	Specialists under command of a sec- ond Officer will act separately.	Church parade at Merriemourt and Ribenent. Inspection of billetts.	Route march by Coys. 2-3.30 p.m. Half officers & half N.C.O.'s at Lewis Gun practice on Range.	Conduct & etiquette for Officers Talk by C.O.	
4th Day. 10/11/17.	Physical Training to be laid down previous night by Company Commanders and Officers in charge are to take part in the work per- sonally.	Battalion Muster Parade, including cooks, etc. Close order drill Platoon & Company. Test Box-respir- ator.	Bayonet fight- ing. Company drill tested by C.O. Battalion drill.	The Pris- matic Col- pass. (By C.O.)	
5th Day. 11/12/17.		"C" & "D" Coys. bathing parade. Blanket fumig- ation.	"A" & "B" Coys. bath- ing parade. Blankets fumiga- ted.	The off- ensive spirit. Instructions in Defensive Measures a- gainst gas.	
6th Day. 12/13/17.		"C" & "D" Officers battalion traverse. "A" & "B" Coys. bay- onet fighting. Ad- vancing under bar- rage.	"A" & "B" Coys. Of- ficers take road traverse. "C" & "D" as for "A" & "B" in corn- ing.		
7th Day. 13/14/17.		Battalion parade. Instruction by all Officers in Defen- sive Measures a- gainst gas. Bayonet fighting.	Raiding a straight line of trench by companies. Remaining officers to fire Lewis Gun.		
8th Day. 14/15/17.		Battalion parade. Lecture by dis- mounted Officers "The Offensive Spirit". Bayonet fighting. Mounted Officers parade at Trans- port Lines and have horses & saddlery allotted.	Parade of Trans- port. Raiding a salient.	Lecture by C.O. The re- lation between Officers & N.C.O's.	
9th Day. 15/16/17.		Battalion parade. Full muster except Reg. Police and men drawing supplies. Transport also to attend. March past. Com- pany competition, vehicle competi- tion.	Live grenade practice close order, Coy. drill. Lecture to N.C.O.'s by Coy. Commanders. How to handle small commands. How to treat their subordinates. How to sign their names and make a nominal roll. How to make a guard report.		

Only additional information regarding "wanting to complete" is to be entered on this side.

Date of Despatch.

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	Smith Gunners																		
	Range Takers																		
	Serjeants																		
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Cablemen																			
Brigade Section Pioneers																			
General-duty Pioneers																			
Signallers																			
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Signature of Commander:

Unit.

Formation to which attached.

Date of Despatch.

[P.T.O.]



DAY. 7.35 - 8.15 a.m. 9.30 - 12 noon. 2 - 4 p.m. EVENING.

8th Day.  
24/2/17.  
SATURDAY.

AS FOR  
PREVIOUS  
DAYS.

Battalion parade. Football  
Battalion raid on march either  
trench with C.T.'s. between Right  
and Left Bat-  
talions or be-  
tween Battalion  
and another Unit.

Battalion  
Concert.

9th Day.  
25/2/17.  
SUNDAY.

do.

Church Parades. Short Route  
march. Officers  
making Trench  
traverse.

10th Day.  
26/2/17.  
MONDAY.

As will be directed later.

(Signed) CHAS. A. DENEHY. Lieut.-Colonel.  
Commanding 68th Battalion.

No. of Report

Reported direct giving details of personnel and horses assigned to complete given on 1/11/17

Only additional information regarding "wanting to complete" is to be entered on this side.



## No. of Report

Remarks:—

Unit.

Date of Despatch.

[P.T.O.]



# 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No 85

Reference - 57 C.S.W.

21st Feb 1917

1. The 15th Aust. Inf. Bde will relieve the 12th Aust. Inf. Bde in the right sector of the right centre Divisional area on the 23rd, 24th, & 25th Feb. The front line will be taken over during the night 24/25th inst.
2. The Right Boundary of the Area to be taken over runs from N. 21. D. 9-5 to N. 32. B. 4-9, along the ~~St. James~~ ~~St. James~~ Road. to N. 32. C. Central, S. 12. Central. The Left Boundary runs from N. 20. C. 90-65. to N. 25. D. 2-4, N. 31. B. 25-75 to S. 6. D. 5-0.
3. The line will be held by one Battalion. One Battalion will be in the Intermediate - Second Line and one Battalion in TOWNSVILLE CAMP. One Battalion will remain in FRICOURT for training.
4. The 58th Battalion will take over the front line from the Battalion of the 12th Brigade and will move to TOWNSVILLE CAMP on the 22nd inst. in anticipation. Further moves & reliefs will be as set out in the attached table.
5. Until necessary adjustments are made the sector will be defended on the same principles as were laid down for the defence of sectors occupied previously. Our occupation will be marked by a vigorous offensive.
6. Units will send responsible officers & specialists to the front line 24 hours previous to the arrival of the unit.
7. The Relief of the Tinker's Gun & Stokes. Gun Post will be carried out on the night 24/25th inst. All existing positions will be manned.
8. All Maps, Photos, Plans, Instructions, Ammunition, Gas Equipment & Stores of every description will be carefully checked and Receipts given - Copies of these Receipts will be sent to Brigade HQ within 36 hours.
9. The Relief will be conducted under the order of the G.O.C., 12th Brigade and Units on reaching TOWNSVILLE CAMP will come under his authority. B.O's Units will mutually arrange details.

P.T.O.



## APPENDIX

9 (cont). The G.O.C. 15th Inf. Bde will assume  
Command of the Sector at 10 A.M. on 25th

10. <sup>Inst.</sup> Brigade H.Q. will move to BERNAFFAY QUARRY on 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. and to deep dug-outs at S. 12. B. 5-6 at 9 AM on 25<sup>th</sup> inst.



## Table of Moves &amp; Reliefs

Issued with 15th Aust. Inf Bde. Order 1985

Date	Manely or Freund	Montandrom	Journville	Length Gap	Target Line
Feb 22nd	59th Br	60th Br 59th Br	58th Br	C/12	D/12
23rd	57th Br	60th Br	58th Br	<del>58th Br</del> D/12	D/12
24th	57th Br	---	60th Br	59th Br	58th Br
25th	57th Br	---	60th Br	59th Br	58th Br
26th	57th Br	---	60th Br	59th Br	58th Br
27th	57th Br	---	60th Br	58th Br	59th Br
28th	57th Br	---	58th Br	60th Br	59th Br
Mar 1st	57th Br	---	58th Br	60th Br	59th Br
2nd	57th Br	---	58th Br	59th Br	60th Br
3rd	57th Br	---	59th Br	58th Br	60th Br
4th	57th Br	---	59th Br	58th Br	60th Br
5th	59th Br	---	57th Br	60th Br	58th Br
6th	59th Br	---	60th Br	57th Br	58th Br
7th	59th Br	---	60th Br	57th Br	58th Br
8th	59th Br	---	60th Br	58th Br	57th Br
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10th	59th Br	---	58th Br	60th Br	57th Br
11th	59th Br	---	58th Br	57th Br	60th Br
12th	59th Br	---	57th Br	58th Br	60th Br
13th	59th Br	---	57th Br	58th Br	60th Br
14th	59th Br	---	57th Br	60th Br	58th Br
15th	59th Br	---	60th Br	57th Br	58th Br
16th	60th Br	---	59th Br	57th Br	58th Br
17th	60th Br	---	59th Br	58th Br	57th Br

22/10/17

(Sgd) Gen. F. Wiest Major  
Bde Major 15th Aust Inf  
Bde



TABLE OF MOVES AND RELIEFS

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APPENDIX *I*"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.Army  
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58 Bn RIBEMONT

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58 Bn will move from RIBEMONT  
to FRICOURT Bde camp today  
and arrangements have been made  
with Camp Commandant FRICOURT  
but advance party should report  
as soon as possible

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The above may be forwarded as now corrected.	
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Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.	

\* This line should be erased if not required.  
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## APPENDIX J

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15<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Brigade

Operation Instruction No 1.

C.O.

25<sup>th</sup> Feb. 191758<sup>th</sup> Bn.

(1) The Div. on our left has been ordered to occupy WHEAT TRENCH and patrol LE BARQUE and LIGNY THILLOY.

(b) The 5<sup>th</sup> Div. is ordered to ascertain situation in LE BARQUE SWITCH.(c) The 15<sup>th</sup> Bde. has been ordered to push forward patrols forthwith from TORK and STORMY trenches to BARLEY trench.(d) The 8<sup>th</sup> Bde. is to patrol NORTH from SUNRAY TRENCH.(e) The 14<sup>th</sup> Bde. is to reconnoitre HEAVEN TRENCH.2. The Sphere of action allotted to the 15<sup>th</sup> Bde is.

LEFT BOUNDARY. Line from N20 Central to H34 Central.

RIGHT BOUNDARY a line through N22 a 0-0 to N10 a 0-0

3. You will send out patrols at once in accordance with para 1 (c)

4. As BARLEY trench is believed to be unoccupied it is suggested that a party moving up MILKY WAY could most easily achieve our object.

5. If BARLEY Trench is reached by your patrols, posts will be established there to facilitate the probable complete occupation by us of that line during tonight

6. Frequent messages showing progress are to be submitted to Gde. H.Q.

Signed Geo. F. Wieck Major  
Bde. Major 15<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Bde.  
12.45 pm.



## APPENDIX J1

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Copy.

Operation Instruction No 1  
by Lt. Col. Chas. A. Deuchy  
commanding 58<sup>th</sup> Bn.

25<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1917

all Coys.

1. The enemy has carried out an extensive retirement and it will be necessary for us to follow him as rapidly as possible.

To do so it will be necessary for us to become as familiar as possible with the ground in front of us.

We must be prepared to move at short notice and every effort must be made to foresee what arrangements will be necessary. Communication must be improved. If telephonic communication fails runners must be utilized. Full information must be sent back frequently.

2. A, B & C Coys. are to send out patrols at once to examine BARLEY TRENCH. If it is found to be unoccupied a sufficient number of posts must be established there to hold it.
3. The most suitable line of advance will be the Sunken Road running through N20 and N15. It is reported that the enemy has a machine gun in MILKY WAY.
4. Password for tonight is BARLEY.
5. Our advance is bounded by lines as under  
Left Boundary line from N21 Central to H 34 Central  
Right Boundary line through N22 a 0-0 to N10 a 0-0.

Chas. A. Deuchy Lt. Col.



## APPENDIX K

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58<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

Operation Instruction No 4.

26<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1917.

Reference - Map GUEUDE COURT to TILLOY + BEAULENCOURT 1/10000.

- (1) The 58<sup>th</sup> Bn. will seize & hold the line N15 d 0-0 to N15 d 3-8, thence along BREED TRENCH and SUNKEN ROAD to N15 d 7-0 to STORMY TRENCH.
- (2) The 8<sup>th</sup> Bn. at present occupy a post in BARLEY TRENCH at N14 d 9½-0. Patrols from this post encountered strong position on bank of SUNKEN ROAD which crosses BARLEY TRENCH about N15 c 5-9. A trench mortar is said to be located there.
- (3) A, B. & C Coys. will each detail parties as under to carry out the operation.  
D Coy. will place one platoon at disposal of O.C. A Coy. and one platoon at disposal of O.C. C Coy. for purpose of manning positions vacated by fighting patrols.
- (4) Zero hour will be notified by 'phone message reading RUM ISSUE followed by hour in code.  
(See No 19 P. 43 Code book.)
- (5) Following will be the action taken by each company.  
At Zero C Coy. will send forward teams as under -
  - (1) One officer, 10 other ranks.
  - (2) Bomb team 8 other ranks under N.C.O.
  - (3) L. G. team with gun and 4 riflemen as escort.
  - (4) One officer 10 other ranks carrying rifle grenades.
  - (5) Bomb team 8 other ranks.



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These parties will proceed to post occupied by 8<sup>th</sup> Bn. (N14 d 9½-0) and enter trench at this point. The L. G. Team will cross the parados and lie down in a position from which they can guard the flanks. When all parties are in the trench the leading team will work along and capture the strong post at N15 c 5.9. The second team will jump out over the parados and occupy the road in rear of the trench guarding the approach and bombing across to stop the enemy from approaching from direction of BREED TRENCH. When the strong post has been gained N<sup>o</sup> 2 team will proceed to work further to the right of BARLEY TRENCH, dropping in from the rear.

As soon as N<sup>o</sup> 1 team commences bombing operations N<sup>o</sup> 4 will fire rifle grenades on the loop at N15 c 9-8½ to N15 d 3-8. After the capture of the strong point N<sup>o</sup> 4 team will work along till it comes up with N<sup>o</sup> 2 team. N<sup>o</sup> 1 team will meanwhile consolidate the strong point. On reaching the loop N<sup>o</sup> 4 team will work along the front line whilst N<sup>o</sup> 5 works along the rear line. N<sup>o</sup> 2 meanwhile will establish a post at the point where the loop commences. The greatest care will be exercised by the rear teams not to commence



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bombing before their turn is due, and not to crowd on the heels of the leading teams. The L. G. will not fire unless the occasion demands.

- (b) At Zero A Coy. will send forward the following parties
- (1) One officer 10 other ranks with good supply of bombs
  - (2) 8 O.R. carrying rifle grenades
  - (3) Lewis Gun team
  - (4) One officer 10 O.R.

These parties will move to BREAD TRENCH via MILKY WAY. No 1 party will approach as close as possible to the enemy wire where it crosses BREAD TRENCH. They will lie down and endeavour to escape observation. No 2 will take up a position in BREAD TRENCH about 20 yards in rear of No 1, and lie close. Lewis Gun Team will take up a suitable position just beyond the junction of MILKY WAY and BREAD TRENCH. No 4 will occupy MILKY WAY at its junction with BREAD TRENCH. None of these parties of A Coy. will make any move, unless attacked, till they hear the bomb fight commence on the left. They will then act as follows: No 1 will bomb the intersection of BREAD TRENCH and BARLEY TRENCH and will endeavour to



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guard the sunken road approach from the rear. No. 2 will fire on that ~~position~~ portion of BARLEY TRENCH to the right of BREAD TRENCH to prevent approach of enemy from right. A few rifle grenades will also be fired on BARLEY TRENCH to the left of BREAD TRENCH but the officer in charge of No. 1 must watch for the approach of our men from the left and prevent No. 2 team from continuing the fire in this direction too long. The L. G. will not fire unless the enemy is seen approaching from the right. It will guard the flank. No. 4 team will establish a post and be available to reinforce Nos. 1 and 2 if necessary and to bring back prisoners. When C Coy. has bombed along to BREAD TRENCH Nos. 1 and 2 will co-operate by placing a block at the sunken road immediately to the right of intersection of BREAD TRENCH and BARLEY TRENCH and placing a post to defend it.

(7) B Coy. will send forward the following parties:-

- (1) 1 N.C.O. and 6 men.
- (2) 1 officer and 20 O.P.



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N<sup>o</sup> 1 team will move out after the 4 teams of A Coy. have left the trench and will proceed along MILKY WAY to the point where SUNRAY TRENCH crosses it. They will establish a post there. N<sup>o</sup> 2 team will be at the disposal of O.C. A Coy. and will await his instructions at N21 c 3-0.

They can be utilized as runners, prisoners escort or as reinforcements.

- (8) Each Coy. will send several S.O.S. rockets which will be used only in the event of the enemy coming forward from the rear to counter attack. The artillery will in that case put down a barrage as follows -

N 15 a 0-9½ — N 16 a 0-0 — N 16 c 0-2.

- (9) Arrangements will be made to keep constant touch with Bn. H.Q. and to send frequent reports.

One extra man per fighting patrol may be detailed as emergency and to act as prisoners' escort. Every effort will be made to capture prisoners. Prisoners if taken will be sent to Bn. H.Q. without delay.

- (10) Pass-word tonight WOWER.

- (11) Preparations will be made as rapidly as possible. Receipt of this order will be notified by 'phone immediately.

Lt. Col.



## APPENDIX L

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Secret

15<sup>th</sup> Aus. Inf. Bde  
Operation Instruction No. 226<sup>th</sup> February 1944

O.C

58<sup>th</sup> Bn

- (1) The 15<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde is to occupy the line N 15 a. o. o. to N 15 d. 38. thence along BREAD TRENCH and SUNKEN ROAD to N 15 d. 7.0 to STORMY TRENCH.

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Inf. Bde at present occupy a post in BARLEY trench at N 14 d. 9 1/2.0.
- (2) The 58<sup>th</sup> Bn will arrange for strong fighting patrols to occupy the line as above during the night of 26/27<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Communication is to be established and maintained with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde on the left.

- (3) BARLEY TR. is to be entered about N 14 d. 9 1/2.0. by fighting patrols who are to work to the right (towards BREAD) establishing posts at intervals to consolidate, until the whole objective is gained.

- (4) Arrangements have been made with left Artillery group. for a barrage to be put down in event of an SOS from the fighting patrols.

N 15 A 0.902 - N 16 a. 0.0 - N 16 c. 0.2.

- (5) Frequent reports to be submitted to 15<sup>th</sup> Bde HQ (Sgd) R. G. Legge Capt

B. M. 15<sup>th</sup> A. I. Bde



*Secret*  
15th Aust. Inf Bde Order No 86

Reference 57 C.S.W.

26th Feb 1917

1. The left boundary of the Brigade Sector has been altered and now runs as follows:-

From the front line at N. 20. Central to ~~SEVEN DIALS~~; N. 20. C. 1-0 to N. 25. D. 25-40. thence along road through points N. 31. B. 25-90; N. 31. A. 8-1; T. 1. A. 4-8; T. 1. A. 25-55; S. 6. B. 85-80. to S. 6. D. 0-5; S. 11. D. 20-85; S. 15. D. 6-0; S. 19. D. 95-85.

2. The distribution of the Battalion holding the front line will be as follows:-

2 Coy. - Front Trench and Advanced Post.

1 Coy. - Support.

1 Coy. - Reserve.

The number of Tickers Guns in the front line will vary. The O.C. 15th T.M. Coy. will make any necessary re-arrangement as soon as fresh ground has been secured.

3. From the 27th Feb, inclusive the Battalion reliefs will be as shown hereunder. Previous tables are now cancelled.

Date	Forward	Downwell	Intermediate	Front Line
Feb 27th	57th Bn	60th Bn	58th Bn	59th Bn
28th	57th Bn	58th Bn	60th Bn	59th Bn
Mar 1st	58th Bn	57th Bn	60th Bn	59th Bn
2nd	58th Bn	57th Bn	60th Bn	59th Bn
3rd	58th Bn	57th Bn	59th Bn	60th Bn
4th	58th Bn	59th Bn	57th Bn	60th Bn
5th	59th Bn	58th Bn	57th Bn	60th Bn
6th	59th Bn	58th Bn	57th Bn	60th Bn
7th	59th Bn	58th Bn	60th Bn	57th Bn

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