

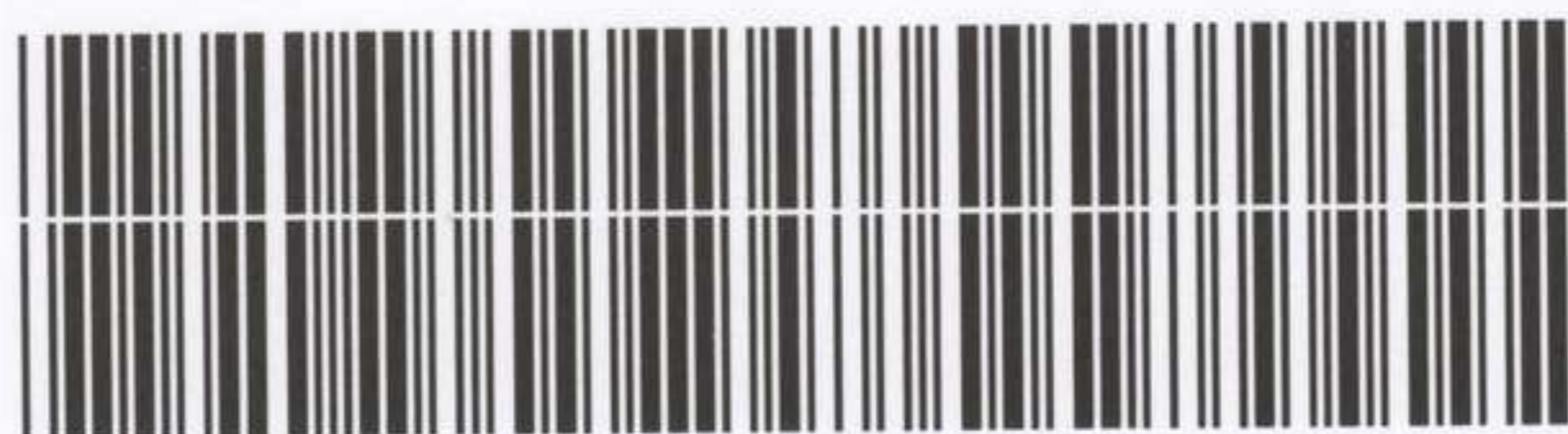
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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
Trenches at ARMENTIERES.	SEPT 1 <sup>st</sup>	9 pm.	<p>About 1 a.m. in morning enemy bombarded us heavily both on front &amp; support line using 77mm H 2 + 5.9 guns. This continued for about 45 minutes. Heavy munitions were also fired from two separate guns, doing much damage. There were a considerable number of 'duds' among the enemy shells. The enemy had exceptionally fine shooting &amp; if not a direct hit they were usually very close shots. Slight damage only was done to the front line, but round the RICHARD, PETROGRAD, COMSETT, head of GLOUCESTER &amp; S. end of 582 were badly damaged &amp; blocked in several places. Weather fine.</p> <p>Enemy also shelled HOULINES &amp; ARMENTIERES with heavies. Our snipers claim to have shot two of the enemy. One Cassinier, other ranks, 1 killed. 4 wounded.</p> <p>Relieved between 2 pm &amp; 4 pm by 7<sup>th</sup> B<sup>n</sup> GORDONS. We went to SUPPER in the SUBSIDIARY.</p> <p>A MINNWERFER 'DUD' shell fell on our line during enemy bombardment measured 3 ft 6 in long &amp; 9 1/2" diam &amp; has a brass tube fixed on one end, brass driving band, &amp; painted blue gray. It must have come a distance of at least 1000 yds.</p> <p>One company in SUBSIDIARY &amp; the B<sup>n</sup> H.Q. at CHARLES DE RICE in HOULINES.</p>
			<p>32 The machine gun work parties were supplied to GORDONS in front line &amp; carried back to R.E. Co.</p>
			<p>33 9 pm Weather fine. Our Artillery active. Enemy shelled vicinity of B2 &amp; 4 between 6.30 pm &amp; 7 pm with H 3.5. No doubt searching for battery. Enemy behind Chateau. Our aircraft had raid into enemy ground &amp; on return journey were heavily shelled. Cassinier. 1 man killed 1 man wounded.</p>

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Trenches at ARMENTIERES.	4 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9pm	<p>Met morning. 2/2 D.W. GREIG + 10 men of 'B Coy attached to 2/2<sup>nd</sup> Field Co. R.E. working &amp; carrying parties supplied as before.</p> <p>GORDONS report in their Intelligence of this date that the screams of what was taken to be a woman was distinctly heard from the enemy's trench opposite.</p> <p>Casualties: 1 man wounded.</p> <p>2/2 J.F. WOODILL allowed cover at GRENADE SCHOOL TERDEGHEM. J.W.H.</p>	
do	5 <sup>th</sup>	9pm	<p>Very quiet day. Lt. Col. CHEAPE went off on Special Leave. Meeting of GENERAL + all C.Os. at CHATEAU DE ROSE, also B<sup>th</sup> I.Os. to discuss raids schemes.</p> <p>Enemy shelled ARMENTIERES causing many casualties. J.W.H.</p>	
do	6 <sup>th</sup>	9pm	<p>Our raiding party under 2/2 LE MAITRE + FINLAYSON went back to T. lines to practice their raiding scheme.</p> <p>Between 2 pm + 4 pm relieved 7<sup>th</sup> GORDONS in front line. Enemy quite quiet except when we fired our 2" T.M. He retaliated with heavy mortars + shells + communication trenches. Our patrols report enemy patrols in No 4000 line. This is a new departure for the enemy. He has also been cutting his front grass plots + has heaped up the cuttings. Many of our machine guns up in the evening + enemy did much shelling with slight success managing to bring down one machine, which fell (overturning with flames or war) in the enemy line. J.W.H.</p>	
			<p>Very fine weather. Our artillery active. Enemy shelled 8<sup>th</sup> GORDONS in front line. He also shelled vigorously with 77mm + one 2" T.M.</p> <p>Considerable amount of work is being done in the evening trenches in the front line. Especially in the front line which shows signs of improvement. J.W.H.</p>	

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Trenches at ARMENTIERES	5 <sup>th</sup>		<p>improvements &amp; repairs each morning. Work is done by night always. The heads of <sup>new</sup> snatching stabs (similar to one 'A' frame) can be seen every morning. Bombardment snatching is also used. A sound has been heard playing behind enemy lines. <del>The snipers claim to have shot 2 persons.</del> Casualties - one man killed, one man wounded.</p>	J.W.Bill
do.	8 <sup>th</sup>	9pm	Dull morning but cleared up early. Snipers active. One man claim 2 of his enemy.	J.W.Bill
BAILLEUL	9 <sup>th</sup>	9pm	<p>Very fine weather. Snipers quiet all day. One sniper claim two men. Relieved by 7<sup>th</sup> ARGYLE &amp; SUTHERLAND HERE in front line between 2 pm &amp; 4 pm. This Bn moved back by platoons to camp about 1 ml. S.W. of BAILLEUL. Tents for whole Bn beside 6<sup>th</sup> B.W. &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> G.H. Blankets were issued to the men. The mess packs were carried by transports from HOULINES. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. GREIG &amp; his party returned to duty from 1/2 F. Coy. R.E. Capt. J.M. HUNTER joined for duty as CHAPLAIN to the 6<sup>th</sup> B.W. &amp; then Bn. &amp; is posted to the Bn.</p>	80.0.49752 J.W.Bill
do.	10 <sup>th</sup>	9pm	<p>Good day. Spent in cleaning of clothing &amp; equipment &amp; baths at STERNWERCK. Dinner service held at 6 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. WADDELL returned to duty from Grenade School. Brigadier inspected the work of our Raiding party at the T. lines.</p>	J.W.Bill

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Camp at BAILLEUL.	September 11 <sup>th</sup>	9pm.	Weather fair. Parade including gas helmet drill, saluting as usual. Music pipe bands & Dr's band playing. 6 <sup>th</sup> P.W. Guard of Honour preparing. Lewis Gunner accidentally wounded while being taught 'hopfages'. Snapperman presentation of medals to BELGIAN Soldiers at BAILLEUL by 6 <sup>th</sup> P.W. Guard of Honour, in attendance, also 21 <sup>st</sup> P.W. Guard of Honour & Dr's band.	P.S.M.
do	12 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Weather good. DIVISIONAL HORSE SHOW from 11am to 6pm. Lt. H. D. GRAHAM left to join 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn The Black Watch (S.M.) at NIAG. Capt. R. M. MONRO attended a lecture on THE DALKANS at BAILLEUL at 3pm. 1 <sup>st</sup> GORDON H.Q. arrived in camp in evening.	P.S.M.
do	12 <sup>th</sup>	9pm	Weather dull. Parade as usual. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. T. A. MONZIES to attend with three men of his Bn. to Dr. B. B. B. School. at STEENWERCK.	P.S.M.
do	14 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Parade as usual. Weather very stormy & cold - New Box Respirator issued to all ranks. Gas Chamber erected & men passed through test. Lt. Col. CHERAPE returned to duty from leave. Brig General STEWART killed by shell near TILLAGH DUMP. Concert held by us in evening in Scottish Churches' Tent. Performers from our Bn. & the Congreg. 7pm to 8.30 pm.	P.S.M.
do			Weather fine. Leave of one officer, per fortnight per Bn. before. Parade as usual. Officers - new flasks with new Box Respirators issued. In afternoon the Bn. marched to BAILLEUL to cinema. (Arrived early, left camp at 2.15 pm. Left 7.55 pm. when transport began unexploded. (See separate Report). Road by St. Julien Mass. about same time found unexploded. 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. A. S. H. HARRIS wounded in OR. 1 man killed 7 wounded. (Some dead wounds). Good news received from COMBAT.	P.S.M.

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Trenches in front of BANGALORE	15/16 SEPT. 1916	9 pm	<p><u>REPORT ON RAID.</u></p> <p><u>PREPARATION:</u> 2/Lt. A.S. LE MAITRE &amp; Co. The H.C.O.C. has all been over the ground several times previously. In spite of this it was found very hard to locate the various positions owing to all hedges &amp; ditches looking exactly the same.</p> <p>Party left the trench at 8.15 pm &amp; advanced to point B. On the way out the BANGALORE TORPEDO was picked up by the men detailed, &amp; they, under 2/Lt. A.S. LE MAITRE advanced towards the enemy's wire. A slight error was made in direction &amp; the torpedo was put in about 40 yds to the left of the previously arranged position. The covering party took up their appointed place 40 yds to the left, the latter party were not directly behind it.</p> <p>While the torpedo was being shovelled through the wire the party were under heavy rifle fire from about 10 GERMANS. It was successfully pushed under the wire &amp; the party returned to point B to await explosion. It was most successful &amp; made a gap in the wire about 8 feet broad. A small amount of trip wire was left in front of the parapet, but the party had no difficulty in crossing it. The separate parties got slightly mixed but worked along the German trench left &amp; right. The left party fell ones 2 German who were crouching in the trench. One tried to escape but went. Lt MAITRE got 2 bullets into him &amp; Sgt. Wood one, which settled him. The other was taken prisoner.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">O.S.H.</p>	<p>Remarks and references to Appendices</p>  <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">7714</p>

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			<p>Report on <u>RAID</u> - Cont<sup>d</sup></p> <p>As the object of the raid had been gained the order to retire was given. Serg. Wood charged in GERMAN down 2 dugouts for the men to fall in, but they would not come out. He then fired his revolver &amp; fed them with bombs. There were several men in each dugout. The right hand party saw 3 Germans but they ran off &amp; were not pursued owing to our having already got a prisoner.</p> <p>The trench was very like one over &amp; in good repair, much new sandbagging &amp; something with corrugated iron had been done lately. While the party was in the trench there was considerable rifle fire. The trench was a few metres. The trench seemed to be strongly held, but the enemy seemed to retire to the support line as soon as our barrage started. Very few places were put up &amp; their barrage was not heavy.</p> <p>The GICHRIST was killed by a single bomb or shell on leaving the trench &amp; he was badly mutilated &amp; could not be extracted from the German wire.</p> <p>Unfortunately, while approaching our own wire a German shell landed among the returning party, wounding Lt. McMAHON &amp; Sgt. McNEIL &amp; killing the prisoner.</p> <p>Stretchers bearers brought the wounded in &amp; a search party went back to get the dead German, who was found &amp; searched. The body was brought in.</p> <p>Having to the traps being placed to get to the left the party did not return by the proposed route. It was very hard to know when to return.</p>	

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			<p><u>Report on RAID</u> out</p> <p>Our men behaved excellently. Some going out our tower again to make sure that nobody was left out.</p> <p>The men speak very highly of the leadership of Sgt. LE MAITRE along with Sgt. WOOD &amp; Plt. MILLAR. The latter has been with the Regiment since it came out &amp; has been in every raid &amp; attack.</p> <p>Casualties: 1 officer wounded.</p> <p>D.R. 1 killed, 6 wounded.</p> <p>It was unfortunately impossible to retrieve Plt. GILCHRIST'S body, as it was badly smashed up &amp; lying in the German wire by the gap made by the torpedo.</p> <p>All ranks say our Artillery barrages was excellent.</p> <p><u>Lessons from the Raid</u></p> <p>Previous experience showed that when returning men paid more attention to a tape line, probably due to excitement, but I am of opinion that it would have been most useful on this occasion.</p> <p>All men should come back by the same route otherwise it is impossible to know when they are all in.</p>	
			<p>Sgt. G. R. H. CHEAPE Lt. Col.</p>	
			<p>16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1916</p>	

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Camp at BAILLEUL.	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9pm	<p>Weather normal - Weather fine - Party of 1 officer + 4 M.C.S. from Tank Company left camp by bus at 8.30 a.m. to recommit the trenches beyond ARMENTIERES before bombing gas-carrying parties - Landing party returned - band, + received by whole B<sup>n</sup> which was paraded - Lt. Col. CHEAPE congratulating them. Telegram from Corps Comd sent out. Party sent to Cinema at BAILLEUL. Football matches. Officers + men. Brigadier Gen. CAMPBELL inspected camp + complimented them B<sup>n</sup> on clean condition of the line - 50 Men + M.C.S. + 4 officers on gas-carrying party. to T. 87. n. P.H.U.</p>	
do	17 <sup>th</sup>	9pm	<p>Weather good - Entire formation at STEENWERCK. took out one company down as pumps were down - The anti-gas equipment set to be carried by officers + s.b. 1 - Small Box Respirator P.H.G. Helmet. + 1 pr. Goggles. Church parade at 10 a.m. Promulgation of order (to drink by being shot) on Pte BLACK the B<sup>n</sup> checked the B<sup>n</sup> band before B<sup>n</sup> at 6 pm. P.H.U.</p>	
do	18 <sup>th</sup>	9pm	<p>Very wet throughout night + early morning - Pte BLACK shot at 5.47 a.m. by German Major MILLIGAN proceeded on leave. Sgt. W. R. TORRIS proceeded to T.M. School of Instruction. The remaining parties sent off early to trenches also taking back. 1st Battalion moved on 12 noon from Camp at BAILLEUL to Brigade Reserve at ARMENTIERES. Group B billets. 4 h. at Rue de l'Harbourg. P.H.U.</p>	7-133 774x

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ARMENTIE RE	19 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9 pm	Weather good but stormy. Capt. W. HERO returned to duty. Draft of 30 men arrived from base. 24. R. BARRI returned to duty from C.C.P. B <sup>2</sup> moved from 'B' Group billets to 'G' Group billets. Held in place like Carnot. Work parties & carrying parties supplied to trenches. J.W.Hill	
do	20 <sup>th</sup>	9 pm	Weather good but stormy. 24. T.A. MENZIES returned to duty from Banding School. 24. A.M. MOORE returned to duty from Phys. Bldg + B.E. Course. B <sup>2</sup> parade when C.O. presented men with coats of commendation from Divisional General - Work parties still supplied to trenches. Man wounded while on work party. Word of a possible move to the South in a few days. Trenches recommenced. J.W.Hill	
do	21 <sup>st</sup>	9 pm	Weather fair. Capt. W. HERO took 2 H.C.O.C. from each Company to visit an Artillery battery for instruction. Baths for men at MIERRE. J.W.Hill	
do	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9 pm	Weather fine. Very much aerial activity. Cpts. Munro + Rowan + the I.O.F. attended demonstration of Infantry + Aeroplane contact at BAILEUL Camp at 3 pm (Divisional). 12 O.R. reinforcement arrived from base today. (all old hands). 6 <sup>th</sup> GORDONS raided Enemy trenches in I Sector but were unsuccess. The enemy were prepared. Sentence on Ph O'Neill promulgated. Sentenced to be shot but commuted to 5 yrs P.S. with H.L. Lieut. ROMAN gazetted Temp. Captain. Tonic Cap. Ball pouches re belonging to prisoners captured in 'M. Le Marquis' raid returned to us from Division. J.W.Hill	B.O.O. No 134. 7787

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ARMENTICO	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Continued. Tram sent to Mr. Le Marquis Home, Capt. to command Pte Cuthill who took part in the raid - Officer of B <sup>co</sup> Lt Col. dunnies at Cape - S/Lt R. K. CAMPBELL proceeded to School of L. G. at La Touque J.W. 11	
do	23 <sup>rd</sup>	8pm	Advanced parties of relieving B <sup>co</sup> arrived at Bode H.Q. of this B <sup>co</sup> met CO. + officers of Relieving B <sup>co</sup> at Bode & contacted them found one billet All maps in B <sup>co</sup> recalled & returned to Bode Night parties & parades as usual. J.W. 11	P.O. 42135
do	24 <sup>th</sup>	9pm	Dinner Service held in Factory billet at 10.30 a.m. Brigadier attended One officer + 43 O.R. around here by mistake for BAILLEUL camp + Bode asked us to find billets for them, which we did, in the Factory. This was a draft for the 5 <sup>th</sup> Scap. Co. 152 Bode Duplicate copies of War diary for Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May sent to of T.F.I. Report PERTH. LENS & VALENCIENNES Maps given out. J.W. 11	
do			Engineer operations orders received at 1 a.m. Billeting party sent off about 1.15 a.m. to meet S.C. at Choch at METEREM - Billet 4.30 a.m. B <sup>co</sup> moved by platoons at 5 a.m. interval beginning at 6.30 a.m. to point to ml. E. of HIEPPE where the B <sup>co</sup> collected + with transport & marched via METEREM to billets between there + BAILLEUL arriving 1.15 pm. Began in METEREM. The Military Medal. (draw 3/1/15) J.W. 11	P.O. 42136

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METZREH-	Sept 26	9 pm	Very fine weather. Physical drill & ordinary parade. C.O. 2nd BATT. COMMUNICATED his appreciation of excellent work done by parties of this B <sup>n</sup> during the last hour of the month -	J.H.H.
do	27	9 am	<p>Weather fine. B<sup>n</sup> paraded at 8.30 a.m. Route march to point about 4 miles W. of METZREH &amp; S. of FLETRE where the Brigade (6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> B.N. 5 &amp; 7 SERRANTS M.S.C. etc.) marched past the Army Commander (Gen. PLUMMER) also Div<sup>n</sup> &amp; Brigade Commanders. Returned via METZREH arriving 12.30 pm.</p> <p>Many aeroplanes observed over here between 10 &amp; 11 a.m. Our anti-aircraft guns very busy - Our machines out after enemy but were left far behind.</p> <p>Bulleting party sent off on cycles to STEENEWERCK Station to meet parties from other B<sup>n</sup>s &amp; Brigade, carrying 4 days rations.</p> <p>Evening balloon brought down - It drifted across our line being heavily shelled then aeroplanes put it on fire. The man attempted to drop with a parachute but caught in ropes, falling after fire had got the ropes in vicinity of KEMMEL.</p> <p>21st Lieut. LE MAITRE awarded the Military Cross &amp; Serg. R. WOOD the O.C.M. for services in CAMPBELL returned to office of B<sup>n</sup> on necessity of training in patrol or work.</p> <p>Football matches between Coy -</p>	J.H.H.

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METELEM.	28 <sup>th</sup>	9pm	Weather fair in afternoon Usual forenoon parades Riding practice for officers at 5pm at 6 <sup>th</sup> B.N. Companies practice night patrolling from 9 to 11pm Operation orders for Saturday received	B <sup>th</sup> sent to Chemin de BAILLEUL T. M. M.
de	29 <sup>th</sup>	9pm	Weather dull + inclined to rain 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt R.M. MENCIER + Impien + 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt R. BEVERIDGE + 4 Companies + marched to for practice with guns. Usual parades + Kit inspections at ANZAC Horse Show near BAILLEUL Camp. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt R.K. CAMPBELL returns to duty from L.S. School.	19 <sup>th</sup> D.W. Training Coy. T. M. M.
de	30 <sup>th</sup>	9pm	Weather fine Usual forenoon parades Officers' review, mess hour etc. 2 officers + 100 men paraded at 8.15 a.m. + marched to BAILLEUL to report to R.T.O. Arrived at BAILLEUL Station about 5.15 pm + embarked - Train moved off at 6.23 pm. HASEBROOK is to DOULLENS. Embarked here at 12.30 a.m. + marched to BEAUVRE about 5 mls. Arriving about 2.30 a.m. 1/10/16. Dis. Brigade at 6 <sup>th</sup> B.N. here.	B.O.O. No. 137 T. M. M. 7784

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STRENGTH (Erase heading not required.) RETURN.

Place DATE	OFFICERS		Sub units	Summary of Events and Information	Total Strength		Location of Unit	Remarks and references to Appendices	
	Date K. W. M. K. W. M.	Hour O. R.			Officers O. R.	Other O. R.			
September 1 <sup>st</sup>		21	2			42	926	Trenches in ARMENTIERES	
2		14	2		0	42	918	do	* Remains on duty
3			2			42	917	do	1 Man to duty
4		11	1			42	916	do	3rd School
5			5			42	912	do	
6			1			42	913	do	
7			2			42	912	do	
8		11	3			42	907	do	
9			2			42	905	Camp at BAILLEVE	
10			4			42	901	do	
11			1			42	905	do	
12		1	1			42	906	do	
13			1	1 <sup>st</sup>		42	904	do	* H. H. B. GRANAT transfers to 3 <sup>rd</sup> B. The Black Watch
14			3			41	904	do	
15			-			41	908	do	
16	1	16	3			33 <sup>0</sup>	40	930	do
17			2			2	40	930	do
18			-			1	40	931	do
19			7	+ 2 to base		4	40	926	Regt. Res. in ARMENTIERES
20			4			32 <sup>+</sup>	40	954	do
21		1	-			-	40	953	do
22			-			-	40	953	do

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	K	W						K	W	OFFICERS	O.R.		
September													
23				1			1 <sup>o</sup>	12		40	963	ARMONTIERES	under cpc
24				3				-		40	960	do	
25				2			2 <sup>o</sup>	3		40	959	METZREY	
26								10		40	969	do	
27				6				0		40	963	do	
28							2 <sup>+</sup>	3		40	964	do	+ Repair in line
29				3						40	961	do	
30										40	961	do	



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Place	Date	REG. Hour No.	RANK	NAME	Summary of Events and Information	Coy.	REMARKS	Remarks and references to Appendices
Trenches at ARMENTIERES	Sept 1st	4961	Pte	McEwan	J. Killed in action	C		
	"	4165	"	Thompson	A. Wounded do	C	died of wounds 2/9/16	
	"	2369	Pfc	Melville	G. do do	C	Remained on duty	
	"	2741	Sgt.	Brown	A. do do	C		
	"	41033	Pte	Middleton	T. do do	D		
	3rd	3087	"	Miller	C. Killed do	F		
	"	4065	"	Penman	J. Wounded do	C		
	4th	2916	"	Humber	R. Do do	A	Shell shock	
	"	3201	"	Keillon	J. Killed do	A		
	"	4531	"	Eddie	J. Wounded do	C		
RAILLEVAL Camp	11th	2953	"	Moonlight	J. Accidentally wounded	A		
Trenches at ARMENTIERES	15th	5528	"	Eilchrist	G. Killed in action	C		
	"		2 Lt	A. S. LE MAITRE	Wounded in action	A		
	"	5080	Sgt.	Alday	G. do	A	died of wounds 19/9/16	
	"	4210	Pfc	McLaughlan	F. do	A		
	"	4174	Pte	Cuthill	J. do	A		
	"	2666	"	Gibb	A. F. do	A		
	"	5511	"	Humber	R. do	A		
	"	2255	Sgt.	Wood	R. do	C		
	20th	6702	Pte	Drummond	C. do	D		

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## 153RD INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO. 132. 782x

Reference 1100,000 HAZEBROUCK 5a.

8th September, 1916.

1. The 154th Infantry Brigade will relieve 153rd Infantry Brigade in the left sector during 9th September.
2. On relief the 153rd Infantry Brigade will move into a Training Camp 1 mile S.E. of BAILLEUL and will be in Corps Reserve.
3. Reliefs will be as in attached Table.
4. 51/Y Trench Mortar Battery will remain in the line and be at the tactical disposal of 154th Infantry Brigade.
5. All details of relief will be carried out direct between units concerned.
6. All Trench Stores, Log Books, etc. must be handed over to incoming units.
7. Sappers mates and drainage party upon relief will then rejoin their Battalions.
8. Upon relief units will march to camp in parties not larger than platoons till they are W. of NIEPPE. Distance of not less than 300 yards will be kept between parties.
9. Billoting parties will meet Staff Captain at Railway crossing  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile E. of last W. L. in BAILLOUL STA. at 10 a.m.
10. Completion of reliefs to be reported to 153rd Infantry Brigade Headquarters in ARMENTIERES.
11. Arrival of units in camp to be reported to 153rd Infantry Brigade Headquarters at STEENWERCK.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. H. ...* Captain,  
Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade,

Issued at 10-30 A.M.

Copy No.	1	1/5th Gordon Highlanders.
"	"	2 1/7th Gordon Highlanders.
"	"	3 1/6th Black Watch.
"	"	4 1/7th Black Watch.
"	"	5 153rd Coy. Machine Gun Corps.
"	"	6 153rd Trench Mortar Battery.
"	"	7 51/Y Trench Mortar Battery.
"	"	8 Captain Mitchell, O.C. Sappers Mates.
"	"	9 Officer i/c Drainage Party.
"	"	10 51st (Highland) Division.
"	"	11 152nd Infantry Brigade.
"	"	12 154th Infantry Brigade.
"	"	13 Staff Captain.
"	"	14 File.
"	"	15 War Diary.
"	"	16 C.R.A.
"	"	17 1/1st High. Field Coy. R.E.
"	"	18 2/2nd High. Field Coy. R.E.

TABLE OF RELIEFS ISSUED WITH OPERATION ORDER NO. 132.

Unit.	To be relieved by.	Time.	Remarks.
1/6th Black Watch.	1/4th Gordon Highlanders.	After 12 noon 9th September.	Arrangements to be made direct by units.
1/7th Black Watch.	1/7th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.	After 12 noon 9th September.	
1/5th Gordon Hrs.	1/9th Royal Scots.	To be complete by 12 noon 9th September.	
1/7th Gordon Hrs.	1/4th Seaforth Hrs.	To be complete by 12 noon 9th September.	
153rd M.G. Coy.	154th M.G. Company.	ditto.	
153rd T.M. Batty.	154th Trench Mortar Battery.	ditto.	
Sappers' Mates of 153rd Bde.	Sappers' Mates 154th Brigade.	To be relieved by 8 a.m. 9th September.	
Drainage Party 153rd Brigade.	Drainage Party, 154th Brigade.	To be relieved by 12 noon 9th September.	

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153RD INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO. 133.

REFERENCE MAP :- Sheet 36. - 1/20,000.

17th September, 1916.

1. The 153rd Infantry Brigade will relieve the 152nd Infantry Brigade in the Right Sector of the Divisional front on 19th instant.
  2. The line to be taken up will be reconnoitred on 18th September.
  3. The following will reconnoitre the line.
 

C.O. or 2nd in Command	}	per Battalion.
6 Officers (including Lewis Gun Officer)		
16 Other Ranks.		
1 Officer	}	Trench Mortar Batty.
2 Other Ranks.		
2 Officers	}	Machine Gun Coy.
2 Other Ranks.		
1 Officer		Brigade Headquarters.
- These numbers are NOT to be exceeded.
- Bussos will be at Camp at 8 a.m. 18th September, to convey these to ARLENTIERES where they will report to Headquarters 152nd Brigade at 98 Rue SADI CARNOT, where guides will be waiting them.
4. 7th Gordon Highlanders will relieve the battalion in right sub-sector.  
5th Gordon Highlanders will relieve the battalion in left subsector.  
6th Black Watch will relieve the battalion in Support Line.  
7th Black Watch will be in Brigade Reserve.
  5. Details of relief on 19th as per attached table.
  6. All sappers mates, and engineer working parties etc. will take over from 152nd Brigade parties from 8 a.m. 19th Sept. The Cable burying party will be relieved at 8 p.m. 18th September. The officer i/c. of this party should report to 152nd Brigade Headquarters at 10 a.m. 18th for instructions as to relief.
  7. The remainder of the brigade will march to ARLENTIERES during the afternoon of 18th September and will be billeted as laid down in Staff Captain's Instructions.
  8. Battalions will march as far as NIEPPE closed up. E. of that place they will march by platoons at 500 yards interval.
  9. Times for march as in attached table.
  10. Details of relief of Machine Gun Companies and Light Trench Mortar Battery to be arranged direct between commanders of those units.

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11. Brigade Headquarters will be at STEENWERCK till 12 noon 19th instant when they will be 98 RUE SADI CARNOT in ARMENTIERES.
12. Completion of reliefs will be reported in code to 98 RUE SADI CARNOT.
13. Billeting parties will proceed with reconnoitring parties on 18th September.
14. 2" Trench Mortar Batteries now in Sector will remain at tactical disposal of 153rd Infantry Brigade.
15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*M. Hean*

Captain,

Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 6.45 pm.

Copy No.	1	to	1/5th Gordon Highlanders.
"	"	2	" 1/7th Gordon Highlanders.
"	"	3	" 1/8th Black Watch.
"	"	4	" 1/7th Black Watch.
"	"	5	" 153rd Coy. Machine Gun Corps.
"	"	6	" 153rd Trench Mortar Battery.
"	"	7	" 152nd Infantry Brigade.
"	"	8	" 154th Infantry Brigade.
"	"	9	" 51st (Highland) Division.
"	"	10	" D.O.T.M.
"	"	11	" File.
"	"	12	" War Diary.
"	"	13	" Staff Captain,
"	"	14	" C.R.E.
"	"	15	" C.R.A.

TABLE OF RELIEFS.

Unit.	Relieving.	Place where guides will be met.	Time to meet guides.	Remarks.
5th Gordon Highrs.	Left Battalion.	W. end of BUTERIVE LANE near railway station at HOUPLINES	8.30 a.m.	Guides for all platoons will be at meeting place. 8 minutes between platoons.
7th Gordon Highrs.	Right Battalion.	ROUND POINT. (I.l.b.50.65.)	8.30 a.m.	as above.
6th Black Watch.	Support Battn.	ROUND POINT. (I.l.b.50.65.)	11 a.m.	as above.
7th Black Watch.	Battn in Brigade Reserve.	To be arranged between O.C. Units. Battn Headquarters Rue Sadi Carnot.		
153rd M.G. Coy.	To be arranged between O.C. Units. Reliefs to be complete by 12 noon 19/9/16.			
153rd T.M. Batty.	To be arranged between O.C. Units. Reliefs to be complete by 12 noon 19/9/16.			
Lewis Guns.	To be arranged between Lewis Gun Officers of Units to be completed by 12 noon 19/9/16.			

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Time Table for March on 18th September, 1916.

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Unit.	Time to leave Camp.	Remarks.
1/6th Black Watch.	11.0 a.m.	Should move by platoons after NIEPPE.
1/7th Black Watch.	12. noon	ditto.
1/5th Gordon Hrs.	1 p.m.	ditto.
1/7th Gordon Hrs.	2 p.m.	ditto.
153rd M.G.Coy. } 153rd T.M.Batty }	3 p.m.	Should move in detachments after NIEPPE.

Should move into Billots in ARMENTIERES as detailed by Staff Captain.

SECRET.153rd Infantry Brigade.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No. 45.

17th Sept., 1916.

1. BILLETS.

Units moving forward on 18th instant will occupy the same billets as they did on first night of arrival in ARMENTIERES.

2. BILLETING PARTIES.

Billeting parties of 1 Officer and 1 N.C.O. from each Battalion and 1 N.C.O. from Machine Gun Co. and Trench Mortar Battery will proceed in advance and take over the Billets: should there be any trouble about any of the Billets, Officers will report to Town Major, Armentieres.

3. CARPENTERS.

The Brigade Carpenters will report to Sergt. Gibson at Brigade Workshops at 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

4. TRANSPORT.

All transport will return to original transport lines on Monday evening.

5. GUARDS.

The Battalion in Brigade Reserve will furnish a guard of 1 Sergeant and 4 men at Brigade Headquarters from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. nightly during present ~~stay~~ <sup>tour</sup> in the line.

6. POST OFFICE.

Brigade Post Office will open at 111 RUE de FAIDHERBE on Wednesday morning but mails will be collected at No. 3 Coy. A. S. C. as formerly.



Major,

17th Sept. 1916.

Staff Captain 153rd Infantry Brigade.

Copy No. 1 retained,  
 2 to Staff Captain,  
 3 O. C. 1/6th Black Watch.  
 4 O. C. 1/7th Black Watch.  
 5 O. C. 1/5th Gordon Highlanders.  
 6 O. C. 1/7th Gordon Highlanders.  
 7 Q. Master, 1/6th Black Watch.  
 8 Q. Master, 1/7th Black Watch.  
 9 Q. Master, 1/5th Gordon Highlanders.  
 10 Q. Master, 1/7th Gordon Highlanders.  
 11 Transport Officer, 1/6th Black Watch.  
 12 " " 1/7th Black Watch.  
 13 " " 1/5th Gordon Highlanders.  
 14 " " 1/7th Gordon Highlanders.  
 15 Brigade Transport Officer,  
 16 M. C. O. 1/3 Brigade Post Office,  
 17 No. 3 Section Divisional Signal Coy.  
 18 O. C. 153rd Company Machine Gun Corps.  
 19 O. C. 153rd Trench Mortar Battery.



Orders for Divisional Massed Pipe Bands  
during attachment to 153rd  
Infantry Brigade.  
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The bands from 152nd and 154th Brigades are  
attached to 1/6th Black Watch for quarters, rations  
and discipline.

Seaforth Highlanders  
Pipe Major M. McKenzie and Drum Major Henderson,  
1/5th Gordon Highlanders will be responsible for the  
practices, and drill of the pipers and drummers.

The Band will carry out massed practices on Sunday  
evening, all day Monday and the morning of Tuesday and  
will play at the Divisional Horse Show from 11 a.m. till  
conclusion of Show on Tuesday 12th instant.

The Bands of the 152nd and 154th Brigades  
will rejoin their units on morning of 13th instant.

9th Sept., 1916.

*William Gibson*  
Major,  
Staff Captain 153rd Infantry Brigade.

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153rd Infantry Brigade Operation Order No. 134. 740x

21st September, 1918

1. A raid will be carried out on the night of 22/23rd September, 1918, by the 1/3th Gordon Highlanders of 152nd Infantry Brigade on the German Salient opposite the MUSHROOM in I.11.c.
2. The raiders will enter the German trenches at I.11.c.3<sup>2</sup>.1<sup>1</sup>, I.11.c.3<sup>1</sup>.3<sup>1</sup>, and I.11.c.4.4. wire in all 3 cases will be cut with torpedoes which will be laid early on the night 22/23rd Sept.
3. There will be no preliminary bombardment and all units will ensure that the night is as "Normal" as possible before the raid.
4. The raid will take place at 12.45 a.m. the artillery firing a combined salvo at that hour, this will be the signal for the firing of the torpedoes and for the Trench Mortars, Stokes Guns and Machine Guns to open fire and the raiders to rush in.
5. The 152nd Brigade are arranging for their own Stokes, Guns and Vickers guns to form a barrage.
6. O.C. 153rd Machine Gun Company will assist O.C. 152nd Machine Gun Company in every way which may be required.
7. O.C. 153rd Trench Mortar Battery will detail 4 of his guns to fire on points 1, 2, 3, 4, in attached map (attached to Divisional Operation Order which is issued only to O.C. 153rd Trench Mortar Battery, O.C. 51/X Trench Mortar Battery, and 1/5th Gordon Highlanders)  
4 of his guns will bombard enemy's front line from I.5.c.90.25. and I.5.d.3.6.
8. Brigade Bombing Officer will arrange to discharge smoke from our line between points I.5.c.50.55. to I.5.c.8.9. if the wind is suitable.
9. Brigade Bombing Officer will also arrange to bombard enemy's front line between points I.5.c.90.25. and I.5.d.3.6. with rifle grenades.  
This will continue till the discharge of one or more rockets showing gold and silver rain or until word is despatched from the O.C. 1/5th Gordon Highlanders.
10. In the event of the torpedoes failing to be in position by 11.45 p.m. the senior officer i/c of the Raiding Parties will inform both 152nd and 153rd Trench Mortar Batteries, O.C. 152nd Machine Gun Company, and O.C. 1/7th Gordon Highlanders that the operation will not take place.  
The 153rd Infantry Brigade will notify O.C. 1/5th Gordon Highlanders by sending him the code word FROST, the O.C. 1/5th Gordon Highlanders will be responsible for informing Brigade Bombing Officer that the operation is cancelled.
11. During the progress of the raid O.C. 1/5th Gordon Highlanders and 1/7th Gordon Highlanders will arrange to have the men not necessary in the front and support lines in places of safety.

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12. All ration carrying parties etc. should have completed their work by 12.15 a.m. on night 22/23rd September.

13. Divisional Time will be issued at SQUARE FARM I.9.b.05.30 at 6.30 p.m. on 22nd September, O.C. 1/5th and 1/7th Gordon Highlanders, 2" mortars, 152nd and 153rd Trench Mortar Batteries should detail representatives to be present.

O.C. Right Group Artillery should send a representative to 153rd Infantry Brigade Headquarters at 6 p.m. for the time.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Robert Gordon St.*  
 Captain,  
 Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 3.30 p.m.

Copy	No.	1	1/6th Black Watch.
"	"	2	1/7th Black Watch.
"	"	3	1/5th Gordon Highlanders.
"	"	4	1/7th Gordon Highlanders.
"	"	5	153rd Coy. Machine Gun Corps.
"	"	6	153rd Trench Mortar Battery.
"	"	7	51/X Trench Mortar Battery.
"	"	8	51st (Highland) Division.
"	"	9	152nd Infantry Brigade.
"	"	10	Right Group Artillery.
"	"	11	War Diary.
"	"	12	Filo.
"	"	13	Brigade Bombing Officer.

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153rd Infantry Brigade Operation Order No. 100

23rd September, 1918.

1. 103rd Infantry Brigade will relieve the 153rd Infantry Brigade in the Right Sector of the Divisional front during 24th September.
2. Reliefs will take place as in attached table. All details of relief to be made between O.O. Units concerned.
3. Upon relief 153rd Infantry Brigade will move into billets in ARMENTIERES.
4. Upon relief Units will hand over all log books, trunks, maps etc. to incoming unit.
5. Both Medium, and Light Trench Mortar Batteries will be required to hand over their guns to incoming units taking those of relieving unit in exchange.
6. Completion of relief to be reported to 153rd Infantry Brigade 98, RUE BADI CARNOT.
7. On completion of relief Brigade Headquarters will move to 93 RUE SADI CARNOT.
8. Lewis Guns will be relieved by 12 noon under arrangements to be made direct between units concerned.
9. Billeting Parties to report to Brigade Headquarters at 7.30 a.m. 24th September.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*H. Lean* Captain,  
Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 6.30 p.m.

Copy No.	1	1/6th Black Watch.
"	2	1/7th Black Watch.
"	3	1/5th Gordon Highlanders.
"	4	1/7th Gordon Highlanders.
"	5	153rd Coy. Machine Gun Corps.
"	6	153rd Trench Mortar Battery.
"	7	51/X Trench Mortar Battery.
"	8	103rd Infantry Brigade.
"	9	8th Australian Infantry Brigade.
"	10	51st (Highland) Division.
"	11	102nd Infantry Brigade.
"	12	C.R.E.
"	13	C.R.A.
"	14	War Diary.
"	15	File.
"	16	Staff Captain.

TABLE OF RELIEF ISSUED WITH 153RD INF; BDE. ORDER NO. 135.

Unit.	Unit which relieves.	Time by which relief is to be completed.	Guides to be at	Destination of relieved unit.	Remarks.
1/8th Black Watch	25th Northumberland Fus.	12 noon	ROND POINT. I.1.b.50.65.	E. Billets.	
1/7th Black Watch.	24th Northumberland Fus.	12 noon	_____	will not change billets.	
1/5th Gordon Hrs.	26th Northumberland Fus.	6 p.m.	W. end of BUTERNE LANE near HOUPLINES Station.	M. Billets.	
1/7th Gordon Hrs.	27th Northumberland Fus.	6 p.m.	ROND POINT. I.1.b.50.65.	F. Billets.	
153rd H.G.Coy. 153rd T.M.Batty. 517X T.M.Batty.	103rd H.G.Coy. 103rd T.M.Batty. Y.34 T.M.Batty.	} 12 noon	} Under arrangements between units concerned.		

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## 153rd INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO. 153

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24th September, 1918.

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| Bde. Headquarters.  | 1.  | 153rd Infantry Brigade Group and per margin will move tomorrow to billeting at METEREN.  |
| 1/6th Black Watch.  | 2.  | Starting Point and times of passing as per attached table.   |
| 1/7th Black Watch.  | 3.  | Route as per attached table and sketched map.  |
| 1/5th Gordon Hrs.   | 4.  | Units will move by platoons as far as the Starting Point with distance of 200 yards between platoons.                          |
| 1/7th Gordon Hrs.   |     | At the starting point they will close up into battalions etc. and march each unit with its transport to its billeting area.    |
| 153rd M.G. Coy.     | 5.  | Units will see that their platoons and transport clear ARMENTIEREE in time to prevent blocking of platoons of succeeding unit. |
| 153rd T.M. Batty.   | 6.  | Motor Lorries are allotted as per attached table for conveyance of blankets etc.   |
| 51/X T.M. Batty.    | 7.  | Billeting parties will meet Staff Captain at METEREN CHURCH at 10 a.m.   |
| 51/Y T.M. Batty.    | 8.  | Brigade Headquarters will close at ARMENTIEREE at 9.30 a.m. and reopen at METEREN at 12 noon.                                  |
| 51/Z T.M. Batty.    | 9.  | Battalions will give map reference of their new Headquarters when reporting arrival.   |
| 51/V T.M. Batty.    | 10. | ACKNOWLEDGE.   |
| 1/1st H. Field Coy  |     |  |
| 1/3rd H. Field Amb. |     |  |

*J. Hean* Captain,  
Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 1/2 p.m.

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|----------|----|---------------------------------|
| Copy No. | 1  | 5th Gordon Highlanders.         |
| "        | 2  | 7th Gordon Highlanders.         |
| "        | 3  | 6th Black Watch.                |
| "        | 4  | 7th Black Watch.                |
| "        | 5  | 153rd Coy. Machine Gun Corps.   |
| "        | 6  | 153rd Trench Mortar Battery.    |
| "        | 7  | 51/V Trench Mortar Battery.     |
| "        | 8  | 51st Division.                  |
| "        | 9  | 1/1st H. Field Coy. R.E.        |
| "        | 10 | 1/3rd Highland Field Ambulance. |
| "        | 11 | 51/X Trench Mortar Battery.     |
| "        | 12 | 51/Y Trench Mortar Battery.     |
| "        | 13 | 51/Z Trench Mortar Battery.     |
| "        | 14 | War Diary.                      |
| "        | 15 | File.                           |
| "        | 16 | Staff Captain.                  |

MARCH TABLE ISSUED WITH OPERATION ORDER NO. 138.

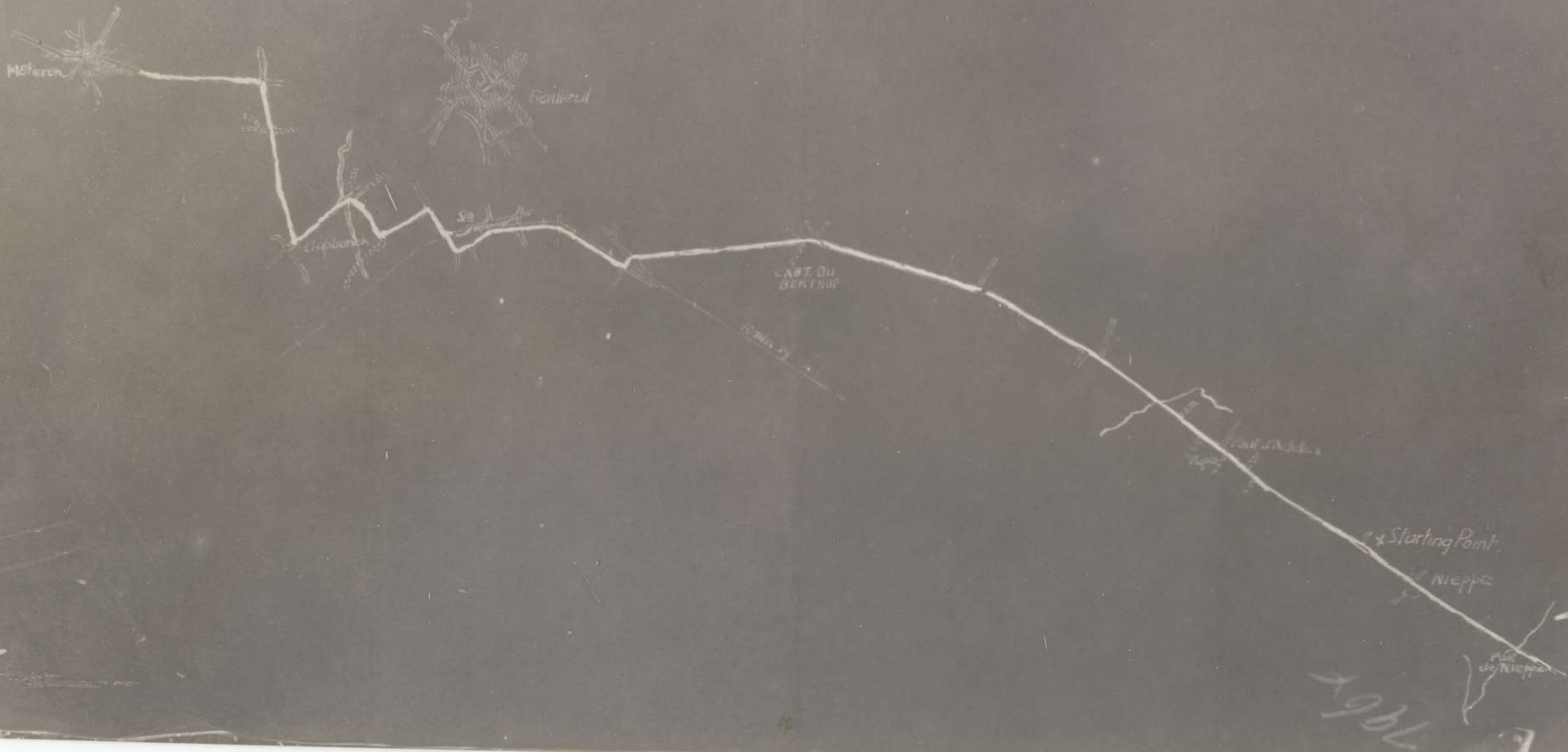
Unit.	Starting Point.	Time for head of unit to pass starting point when closed up.	Route	Destination.	Remarks.
7th Black Watch.	Road junction just W. of C. in CHAU, at NIEPPE, Reference Map Es. HAZEROUCK 1/100,000.	9 a.m.	ARMENTIERES - NIEPPE - CANT	BILLETS as on attached skotcha map.	51 X, Y, Z, will proceed to FLEIRE where they will be billeted by Camp Commandant. They should send on billeting party to Camp Commandant.
8th Black Watch		10 a.m.	DUBERTHOP - W. to level crossing S.27.a.9.1. across		
Ede. H.Qrs.		11 a.m.	CHENIN DE FER DE CALAIS - skirt latter to S.25.b.8.3. N.W. across railway to		
5th Gordon Hrs.		11.15 a.m.	S.19.d.4.1. - S.W. to		
7th Gordon Hrs.		12.15 p.m.	X.30.a.7.6. - SWINSTAELE - CLAPBANCK - N. TO MAIN ROAD		
153rd M.G. Coy.		1.15 p.m.	SAILLEUL to <del>NETEREN</del> - HESTEREN.		
153rd T.M. Batty.		1.30 p.m.			
51/V T.M. Batty.		1.45 p.m.			
51/X T.M. Batty.) 51/Y T.M. Batty.) 51/Z T.M. Batty.)		2 p.m.			
1/1st H. Field Coy.		2.30 p.m.			
1/3rd H. Field Amb.	3 p.m.				

*Handwritten initials*

Scale 1:40,000

(A.M.S. Route)

1000 Yards 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000





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\*\*\* ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS \*\*\*

TRANSPORT.

The First Line transport will remain in its present location.

Battalions may arrange to take the following:-

- Officers chargers.
- Water carts.
- 1 Horse cart.
- Cookers.
- Medical cart.
- 1 G.S. limber.

Horses for cookers and Medical cart will return to Transport lines.

The Machine Gun limbers and officers horses may be taken to back area but the limber horses must return to their present lines and stay with remainder of transport.

Transport Officers will remain in their present billets. No overhead cover or standings are available for horses in back area.

BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

Brigade Headquarters transport will move to back area under arrangements to be made by Brigade Transport Officer.

POST OFFICE.

The Brigade Post Office will be opened in Brigade Headquarters area.

CARPENTERS.

The Brigade carpenters with the exception of the following will rejoin their units on Saturday :-

- Sergt. Gibson
- Pte. Mitchell } 1/7th Black Watch.
- Pte. King }
- Pte. Hughes. }

Pte. Robertson - 1/7th Gordon Highlanders.

QUARTERMASTERS STORES.

The quartermasters stores will remain in their present location. Guards will be left in charge of these stores.

*Neil Gibson*

Major,

8th Sept., 1916.

Staff Captain 153rd Infantry Brigade.

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Copy No. ....

153rd Infantry Brigade Operation Order No. 137.

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33rd September, 1916.

- Brigade Headquarters. 1. 153rd Infantry Brigade Group as per margin will move by train and road to the AREA ST. QUEN SURCAMPS.
- 1/3th Black Watch.
- 1/7th Black Watch.
- 1/5th Gordon Highrs.
- 1/7th Gordon Highrs.
- 153rd M.G. Coy.
- 153rd T.M. Batty.
- 51/V T.M. Batty.
- 51/X T.M. Batty.
- 51/Y T.M. Batty.
- 1/1st High. Field Co.
- 1/3rd Field Ambulance No. 300y. H.D. Train.
- 51/Z T.M. Batty.
2. Railway time table is attached.
  3. Transport will arrive 3 hours and personnel one hour before the times of departure shown in the table.
  4. No personnel or stores will be allowed in the brake vans at each end of the train.
  5. A complete marching out state showing number of men, horses, 4 wheeled and 2 wheeled wagons and bicycles will be sent down with the first portion of every unit entraining and handed over to the R.T.O.
  6. Breast ropes for horse trucks must be provided by the units themselves; ropes for lashing vehicles will be provided by the Railway Authorities.
  7. Supply and baggage wagons will accompany their own units.
  8. Rations for the day following day of detachment will be carried.
  9. Advance parties will meet units on arrival at detraining station.
  10. 153rd Infantry Brigade Group will use BRANVAL as a staying billet en route to ST. QUEN SURCAMPS Area.
  11. Roads will be settled at detraining stations by the D.A.A. & C.M.C. 51st Division.
  12. Captain MILNE, 1/7th Gordon Highlanders will act as entraining officer at BATHLEUL WEST Station. He will report to R.T.O. at that station at 9 a.m. 30th instant and will remain and proceed by the last train.  
Major YOUNG 1/5th Black Watch will act as detraining officer at DOULLEUL and will report to R.T.O. on arrival and remain until the last train has been cleared.
  13. 2 Officers and 100 men of 1/7th Black Watch will report to R.T.O. at BATHLEUL WEST Station at 9 a.m. on 30th instant and will remain and proceed by the last train.  
2 Officers and 100 men of 1/5th Black Watch will report to R.T.O. at detraining station and will remain until the last train has been cleared.

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14. The Commander of each train is responsible for the entrainment and detrainment of his train.

15. Any telegraphic reports necessary during the journey will be sent by C.C. Trains addressed 51st Division C/o. A.D.R.T. 2. and repeated 51st Division c/o. A.D.R.T. 3.

16. Railhead will be at ST. RIQUIER from 30th September inclusive.

17. Refilling Points :-

29th September - VILVRE (double refill)

1st October - BEAUVAIL.

18. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*H. Lean*

Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade. Captain.

Issued at 5:45 p.m.

- Copy No. 1 1/6th Black Watch.
- " " 2 1/7th Black Watch.
- " " 3 1/5th Gordon Highlanders.
- " " 4 1/7th Gordon Highlanders.
- " " 5 153rd Coy. Machine Gun Corps.
- " " 6 153rd Trench Mortar Battery.
- " " 7 51/V Trench Mortar Battery.
- " " 8 51/X Trench Mortar Battery.
- " " 9 51/Y Trench Mortar Battery.
- " " 10 51/Z Trench Mortar Battery.
- " " 11 1/1st Highland Field Coy. R.S.
- " " 12 1/3rd Highland Field Ambulance.
- " " 13 No. 3 Coy. H.D. Train.
- " " 14 51st (Highland) Division.
- " " 15 Staff Captain.
- " " 16 War Diary.
- " " 17 File.
- " " 18 Captain Milne, 1/7th Gordon Highlanders.
- " " 19 Major T.E. Towns, 2/5th Black Watch.

Railway Time Table for move of 153rd Infantry Brigade Group.

Train No.	Identification No.	Unit.	Outgoing Station.	Time & Date of departure.	Time & Date of arrival.	Destination Station.	Train Commander.
3	51/21	1/8th Royal Highrs. Supply Ser. No. 3. Co. Div. Train.	BAILLEUL West.	30/9/18. 13.23.	30/9/18. 17.54.	DOULLENS S.	O.C. 1/8th Royal Hrs.
6	51/20. 51/25. 51/26. 51/27.	Hd. qrs. 153rd Inf. Bde. Signal Section. 153rd M.G. Co. 153rd T.M. Batt. (Light)	BAILLEUL West.	15.25.	20.34.	DOULLENS S.	B.G.C. 153rd Inf. Bde.
9.	51/22.	1/7th Royal Highrs.	BAILLEUL West.	18.28.	23.54.	DOULLENS S.	O.C. 1/7th Royal Highrs.
12a	51/23.	1/5th Gordon Highrs.	BAILLEUL West.	21.23.	2.34.	DOULLENS S.	O.C. Unit.
15.	51/24.	1/7th Gordon Highrs.	BAILLEUL West.	1st Oct 3.23.	5.34	DOULLENS S.	O.C. Unit.
18.	51/96. 51/97. 51/98. 51/99.	51/X T.M. Batt. (Med). 51/Y T.M. Batt. " 51/Z T.M. Batt. " 51/V T.M. Batt. (Hvy)	BAILLEUL West.	3.28.	8.34	DOULLENS S.	O.C. 1/8th Royal Scots.
21.	51/92. 51/99.	1/3rd H.F. Amb. 3rd Co. Div. Train.	BAILLEUL West.	1st Oct 6.38.	1st Oct. 11.34	DOULLENS S.	O.C. 3rd Co. Div. Train.
24.	51/84.	1/1st H.F. Co. R.E.	BAILLEUL West.	8.58.	14.04.	DOULLENS S.	O.C. Unit.

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AMENDMENT TO 153RD INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO. 137.

1. In para. 1 instead of AREA St. OUIEN - SURCAMPES substitute "will move to a staging area S. of DOULLENS and will march the following day to an area to be notified later"
2. In para. 3 for "one hour" read "1 1/2 hours".
3. Delete para. 10.
4. In para. 16 for ST. RIQUIER substitute BELLE EGLISE.
5. In para. 17 delete refilling point for 1st October and substitute "this will be notified to Advance parties by the I.A.A. & Q.M.G."

*J. Hean*

29/9/16.

Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade. captain,

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| " " 14     | Headquarters 51st (Highland) Division.      |
| " " 15     | Staff Captain,                              |
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| " " 19     | Major T.E. Young, 1/6th Black Watch.        |

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			By _____			

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Sender's Number: B.N. 438      Day of Month: 29<sup>th</sup>      In reply to Number: \_\_\_\_\_      AAA

*Reference Operation Order No 137  
Banks will be carried on  
the men to the entrance  
station AAA. Arrangement for  
transport from detaining stations  
will be notified call AAA*

From: CORN  
Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_

*The above may be forwarded as now corrected.*

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*Col Major*

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153rd Infantry Brigade.

Amendments to Operation Order No. 137.

1. Reference Maps. 1/100,000 Sheet 5a. HAZEBROUCK.  
1/100,000 Sheet 11 - WENS.

2. For para. 3. substitute :-

Transport will arrive at the Entraining Stations three hours and personnel one and a half hours before times of departure shown in the table.

*Wheeler*

Captain,

29/9/18.

Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.

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Operation Order by Lt Col G. R. H. Cheape  
Comd of 1st Bn The "Black Watch" (R.H.)

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29-9-16

1. The Battalion will entrain at BAILLEUL (WEST) tomorrow 30th inst.
2. OFFICERS' VALISES will be ready for removal at 10.30 am
3. MESS BOXES do do 1 pm
4. 2000 GUN CASES will leave Balleul in time to reach station at 11.30 pm
5. Companies will rendezvous at 11.15 pm on road leading South from main BAILLEUL - METELEN RD, 200 yds E. from Bath Hobbes
6. Order of march as follows: - ~~Band~~ Band, Hd. Qrs, D, C, B, A Coy
7. Signallers and Snipers & Scouts will entrain with their Coy.
8. Men will carry their own blankets to Entraining Station.
9. Arrangements for transport from Detraining Station will be notified later.
10. O. C. Coy will detail 25 men per Coy to report to R.T.O. at BAILLEUL (WEST) Station. This party will parade at Bath Hd Qrs at 8.15 am & will be under 2 Lieuts. B. C. Beaton & R. M. Menzies. They will proceed with last train of Brigade
11. Coy will render to OR not later than 10 am tomorrow complete marching-out state showing numbers of Officers & Other Ranks.
12. Men will carry unconserved portion of their rations for tomorrow.
13. Water-bottles will be filled before 2.30 pm tomorrow.
14. As the cooks leave at 2.30 pm men will make their own tea etc.

NOTE Blankets will be carried neatly folded & strapped on the back of the Pack.

J Reid  
Lieut & Adjutant  
1st Bn The BLACK WATCH (R.H.)