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1st Aust. Battalion

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ERIE CAMP	1st Sept 1916		<p>Received order from 1st Inf Bde. to relieve 3rd Bn. in Right Bn. Reserve position to left Section 1st Aust. Div Secta.</p> <p>Transport moved to C 15. Central.</p> <p>1800 Bn. movement order issued (Copy attached).</p> <p>1835 Lt W.L. WALKER and 41 OR reinforcements reported from ÉTAPLES.</p> <p>1845 Bn. moved to BRANDHOEK and entrained for YPRES ASYLUM. arriving there at 2010.</p> <p>2010 Met here by 1 guide per Pl + 1 for Bn HQ. who were sent ahead with 3rd Bn previously to reconnoitre route. Then proceeded led by guides, with 100' distance between platoons to following positions.</p> <p>A. Co. SUNKEN ROAD — D. Co. BATTERSEA FARM — B. Co. RAILWAY DUGOUTS — C. Co. BUND DUGOUTS. Bn HQ. were situated at I 21 (Ref Map BELGIUM 28 NW), taking over Right Bn. reserve positions who moved into front line.</p>	VOLUME V
IN RESERVE Right Bn. Left Section	2/9/16	2235	<p>Positions finally taken over. Reported to 1st Inf Bde HQ. to that effect.</p> <p>0800 Lt WALKER attached to B. Co. + the 41 OR reinforcements distributed to Companies.</p> <p>1150 C.O. and Sen. Maj. visited Co. positions and front line returning at 1400.</p> <p>2015 Lt. HH. MOFFATT with 1 officer + 50 OR sent to deepen + improve X trench, running ENE from I 29 A 7 1/2.</p>	
	2/9/16	2310	<p>Gas alarm sounded. All ranks awakened + precautionary measures taken. No gas reached us.</p> <p>Following work was carried out during the 24 hours.</p> <p>FOSSE WAY deepened + cleaned as far as X trench in SQUAREWOOD — Positions in SUNKEN Rd improved also trench from KENNIE St to DUMP. BUND and RAILWAY DUGOUTS drained + cleaned</p>	
	3/9/16	0145	<p>Gas alarm given, and again at 0344. Bn. prepared. Gas did not reach us.</p> <p>Corp. improving positions during daytime</p> <p>2115 2 officers + 75 OR improved X trench under supervision of Engineer Officer. Party returned camp at 2115.</p> <p>Corp. repaired dugouts, drained + improved positions. Trench from KNOLL HOUSE to DORTINION HOUSE deepened and improved. Fatigue parties supplied.</p>	R Woodside May

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IN RESERVE Right Bn Left Section	4/9/16	0500 1945	<p>Fatigue party 30 OR. sent to Engineer Officer at the DUMP for work under his direction. Lt+MOFFATT with 1 officer +75 OR. sent to X trench. They deepened and drained it in parts + sandbagged parapet for 150'. Other work was carried out during the night as follows: - Trench from KNOLL HOUSE to DOMINION HOUSE deepened. Draining, deepening + cleaning FOSSEWAY from SQUARE WOOD to BATTERSEA FARM and towards KNOLL RD. Improvement of dugouts, draining etc at SUNKEN RD, BUND + RAILWAY DUGOUTS.</p>	
	5/9/16	1000 1900	<p>Raining during the day. Draining + repairs continued on Co₂ positions. C.O. + Sen. Maj. proceeded to 3rd Bn HQ. in front line to arrange details of relief of 3rd Bn by 1st Bn on the night 7/8th Sept. 1st Bn Relief Order issued to Cmp. (Copy attached) The following work was carried out during the 24 hours: - Trench from THE DUMP to VERBRANDEN Rd. drained and improved - also JACKSON ST. and trench following VERBRANDEN RD. from JACKSON ST to WINDMILL. Repair work on FOSSEWAY from BATTERSEA FARM to KNOLL RD completed. 100' of X trench deepened from KNOLL Rd. E to average depth of 6'.</p>	
	6/9/16	0900	<p>OSC-Corps, ac. Bombers + Bn. LMG. O. reconnoitred positions in front line to be taken over by them. Work was continued on same tasks as on 5/9/16. Minor communications were dug at BATTERSEA FARM.</p>	
	7/9/16	0230 2135 2200	<p>Advance party, as detailed in Bn. Relief Order of 5th ulto. proceeded to Right sub-section trenches to take over trench stores, maps, documents etc + await arrival of rest of Bn. In the evening Cmp. proceeded to relieve 3rd Bn at hours and by routes as instructed in the Relief Order. A Co₂ completed relief of right Co₂ in firing line. D</p>	

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Right Bn trenches. Left Section. (Sketch attached)	7/9/16	2150 2200	C. Co. Completed relief of support Co. B. Co. Reserve Co. Reported relief complete by 1st Bn to 1st Inf Bde HQ. During the night a little work was carried out improving the firing line. Fatigues and carrying parties were supplied by the Bn.	
	8/9/16	0200 1725	Enemy fired rifle grenades wounding 2 OR. Very quiet during daytime. Enemy sniped intermittently from Hill 60. Several Minnenwerfer bombs fell into left Coy line, slightly damaging portions of trenches. Following work was carried out:- improvements in trenches 41 to 44. Crates and hattries made. Parapets revetted & other Notice boards made and placed in trenches. ALLEN ST. dugouts built in LARCHWOOD. S.A.A. + bombs salvaged & cleaned.	
	9/9/16	0200	GLASGOW POST attacked by enemy bombing party, who were repulsed with casualties. We suffered none. All quiet during day except for energetic sniping by enemy. 2 men of other units shot dead by snipers at corner of JACKSON ST and cutting. A few 7.7 shells placed in same spot occasionally. Work carried out as follows:- Deepening & revetting trenches 41 to 43. Barbed wire set out by right Co. Path across cutting between trenches 38 + 39 deepened & improved. Parapets strengthened in right Coy. CRATER trench deepened & improved.	
	10/9/16	0200 1500	Enemy fired 8 Minnenwerfer bombs + 20 rifle grenades into right Coy. lines. No casualty or damage we retaliated with rifle grenades. Quiet during day. Usual sniping + occasional 7.7 shots at corner of JACKSON ST + cutting. Warned by 1st Bde to expect relief on night 12/13 by 2nd Bde, and to proceed to DEVONSHIRE CAMP on relief. Work carried out as follows:- TOWNSON ST cleaned out. Strengthening parapets, deepening widening trenches 38 to 41. Baricade near Culvert raised. ALLEN and BENSHAM STS. deepened, A framed & revetted.	

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RIGHT BN TRENCHES LEFT SECTION	11/9/16	1200 1240	<p>Enemy fired 30 T.M. bombs into railway cutting killing 1 man and wounding 8 others. Our artillery retaliated on trenches opposite our 38 and 39 at 1240 and silenced the enemy. All quiet otherwise during 24 hrs. — Following work was carried out:— Salvage collected from position + dumped by Coy. 5 latrines completed in Support Co's lines. VERRET RIDE from X trench to the firing line deepened, cleared, framed and duckboarded throughout. Now navigable for all persons and safe from observation. — Trenches 38 to 41 deepened + revetted in parts.</p>	
	12/9/16	0600 1100 1400 2200	<p>C.O., Adj. + O.C. Coys 9th Bn. shown over our position and arrangements made for relief tonight in accordance with instructions from 1st Bde H.Q. Lt SOMERSET with 1 NCO per Coy. and 1 man per platoon proceeded to DEVONSHIRE CAMP to allot it for the Bn, and act as guides to camp from detrainning station. Bn. Relief Order issued. (copy attached) Relief commenced by 9th Bn.</p>	
DEVONSHIRE CAMP.	13/9/16	0030 0200 0237 0345	<p>Relief completed except 1 LMG detachment on detached posts. (FOSSE + BERRY posts). Coy proceeded as relieved to SPRES ASYLUM and entrained for BRANDHOEK. They left SPRES ASYLUM at 0200. C.O. with H.Q. and part of B. Coy left SPRES by train at 0237 and arrived at DEVONSHIRE CAMP at 0345. Remaining LMG detachment, relieved at 0200, left SPRES by train at 0315, and arrived at DEVONSHIRE CAMP at 0415.</p>	
	14/9/16	1400 0900	<p>C + D. Coys bathed at DIVISIONAL BATHS at POPERINGHE. A + B Coys do Regimental Canteen (dry) inaugurated under the management of Lt LEE. Stores to amount of 987.65 £s purchased. Fresh supplied by Bn. Fund to commence. Lieut-Col. J. HEARNE assumed command temporarily of 1st Aust. Inf Bde during absence on furlough of Brig. Gen. N.M. SMYTH. VC. CB. Major P.S.S. WOODFORDE assumed command temporarily of 1st Aust. Battalion during</p>	

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DEVONSHIRE CAMP.	14/9/16	1600	absence of Lt. Col. J. HEANE D.S.O. Temp. Commanding 1 st Aust. Inf. Brigade A meeting of officers was held to arrange a Sports Meeting for the Bn. on the 21 st Sept. Officials and Committee were appointed to arrange the event. Committee commenced preparations at once. Training Carried out during the day as per programme prepared & issued (Copy attached)	
	15/9/16		Training. Regimental canteen proved an immense success. 350 fcs taken in sales during the day. Sales carried out by trustworthy man appointed by A LEE. The latter purchases all stores and supervises accounts daily. Goods are bought for the canteen at 5% discount and sold to the Bn. at R.E.F. canteen prices. The 5% profit will be expended on comforts for the men.	
		1715-	Major-General H.B. WALKER. C.B. D.S.O. visited the camp, and addressed all officers on interior economy	
	16/9/16	1400	Training - Hut prepared with Gachromator Gas. A+B. Coys and details issued & fitted therein with new Box Respirator Helmet under supervision of the R.M.O. and Bde. Gas Officer. Following NCO appointed to Bn. as 2 nd lieutenant. CSM. WEBB. E.C. and Sgt. BOARDMAN. H. 1 st Lt. 1 st Lt.	
	17/9/16	0900	CHURCH PARADE on camp ground. 2 nd Bn. also attended. Raining during the day.	
	18/9/16	0900	Raining heavily all day. Lecturettes delivered to Coys. in huts. A hut prepared with Gachromator Gas. C+D Coys + details issued, & fitted therein with new Box Respirator Helmet, under supervision of R.M.O.	
		1400	2 nd Lieut M.C. MOORS evacuated to hospital sick.	
	19/9/16	0700	Training. Fine weather Company Commanders and 1mbaltery proceeded to the AERODROME for lecture and demonstration on liaison work between infantry and contact aeroplanes.	
		1100	Officers & NCO's lectured and drilled in the use of the new Box Respirator helmet - the Officer & the Bde Gas Officer & the NCO's by a NCO. detailed by him.	

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DEVONSHIRE CAMP	19/9/16	1600	Officers + N.C.O.'s attended at 7 th Bn. Camp for lecture on physical exercises by Capt. BETTS.	
	20/9/16		Training. C.O. with 4 Co. officers + 5 NCO's reconnoitred right sub-section trenches right Bde. section. — Weather. wet. —	
		1400	44 OR reinforcements received from ETAPLES. Allotted to Companies. — 2 nd Lt BOARDMAN H. reported for duty from 1 st A.F. Ambulance; appointed to A Co.	
	21/9/16		Training during the morning. Five Officers and 5 NCO's left at 0800 to reconnoitre 6 th Bn. position in front line.	
		1530	Battalion inspected by G.O.C. 2 nd Army at 4 th Bn. Camp.	
	22/9/16		Training as per syllabus during morning. At 0800 5 Officers + 5 NCO's reconnoitred 6 th Bn. position in front line.	
		1330	Battalion Sports Meeting held at Div. Gas School Ground, BUSSEBOOM. Weather fine. The sports were very successful, and much appreciated by the men. The mens evening meal was augmented by cake and other food supplied by ^{the} the ^{men} subscribed by Officers and sum set aside by Bn. fund. Finally a very successful concert was held in the YMCA hall near DEVONSHIRE CAMP, where winners of events at the Sports Meeting were presented with prizes.	
	23/9/16		Training. — At 0800 4 Officers + 5 NCO's reconnoitred position of 6 th Bn. in front trenches.	
		1300	C.O. + Adjutant to 6 th Bn. H.Q. to arrange details for relief expected to take place on night 25/26 th September. Returned to DEVONSHIRE CAMP at 2030.	
	24/9/16	0915.	The Battalion attended 1 st Brigade Church Parade at the DIVISIONAL GAS SCHOOL ground. The High Commissioner for Australia and the G.O.C. 1 st ANZAC Corps and 1 st Australian Division were present. — 2 nd Lt. H.M. LANSER reported back from Stokes T.M. School.	
	1930	Instructions received from 1 st Inf. Bde. to relieve 6 th Aust. Bn. in the right sub-section trenches on night of 25/26 th Sept. Relief Order prepared and issued to Coy + Details. (Copy attached) Lt PHILLIPS and 10 OR LMG's proceeded on ladders with 300 filled LMG. Magazines for the line as instructed in Relief Order.		

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DEVONSHIRE CAMP.	24/9/16	2500	Remainder of advance party proceeded to line to be attached to 6 th Bn.	
	25/9/16	0700	Bn. bathed at Div. Baths at ROERINGHE.	
		1300	Informed by 1 st Bde H.Q. that train for SPRES ASYLUM would leave BRANDHOEK STN at 1930.	
		1400	Bn. warned to fall in at 1740.	
		1740	28 OR reinforcements received and allotted to Comp. 2 nd Lt. EC. WEBB reported for duty from ETAPLES. — appointed to A. Coy.	
		1940	Left DEVONSHIRE CAMP for BRANDHOEK STN, and arrived there at 1900. Departed by	
		1950	train at 1950 and arrived at SPRES ASYLUM at 1955.	
		2010	Bn. moved to the line at 2010 led by 6 th Bn guides. — 7/Co + Adj. with H.Q. Details	
		2215	proceeded to line and arrived at 2215.	
		2235	D. Coy reported relief complete.	
		2315	A. Coy —————	
		2345	B. Coy —————	
		2400	C. Coy —————	
			Relief reported complete to 1 st Lt. Bde H.Q. Lt. Col. J. HEANE D.S.O. resumed command of 1 st Aust. Battalion.	
			Work carried out: — Improvement of Crater positions and trenches 29-32.	
			G.O.C. 1 st Div and 1 st Bde conducted through position by Co.	
			Weather fine. Day very quiet. Work carried out: — Excavation in	
			Crater. Tunnel between new + old Crater drained + cleaned. Digouts built in THAMES St.	
			2 saps forward commenced from trench 30. Parapets built up in trenches 31 + 32	
			deepening + draining in trenches 31 + 32 S + 31 + 32 R.	

1st SUB SECTION
TRENCHES
RIGHT SECTION
(Sketch attached)

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RIGHT SUB SECT ⁿ TRENCHES RIGHT SECT ⁿ	27/9/16	1400	<p>Enemy bombarded our position with 77 HE + shrapnel + Munnenwerfer. Also at 1900. Our artiller + T.M.'s retaliated on his positions opposite us on each occasion. Our support trenches were damaged in parts. The following work was carried out: - Excavation, revetting, duckboarding + building dugouts in Craters and THAMES St. 2 Saps forward from trench 30 continued. Strengthening parapet + parapet in trenches 31 + 32. Draining in 31 + 32 S + R. Barbed + trench wire set out in front of Craters and trench 32. We suffered casualties: - 2 OK killed + 6 OK wounded.</p>	
	28/9/16	1015 + 1610	<p>at intervals during the day our artiller + T.M.'s vigorously bombarded the enemy's trenches opposite our section. Gaps were cut in his wire - one 30' wide opposite the right flank of 31. The enemy replied with Munnenwerfer, aerial torpedoes, and rifle grenades, slightly damaging our support line in places. Enemy aeroplanes flew over our positions at 1015 + 1610. We suffered no casualties. Following work was carried out during the 24 hours: - Revetting, duckboarding, + building dugouts in Craters and THAMES St. Tunnel from OLD CRATER to trench 29 drained and duckboarded. Saps from posts 6 7 + 8 in trench 30 continued. Parapets + parapet in trenches 31 + 32 strengthened + parapet made irregular. Repairing support trenches where damaged during bombardment, + draining + deepening these trenches in places. Barbed wire set out in front of trench 32.</p>	
	29/9/16		<p>Morning quiet. At 1430 our artiller bombarded the enemy trenches opposite + Stokes + machine T.M.'s participated. Many gaps were made in his wire + breaches in his parapet. 8 distinct gaps were observed opposite trench 32 + a wide gap opposite 33. The enemy retaliated vigorously with munnenwerfer and rifle grenades, again slightly damaging our support line in places. Work was carried out as follows: - Path in NEW CRATER duckboarded for 70'. Barricade strengthened. Walls + dugouts strengthened in OLD CRATER. Path cut to No. 6 post. Saps from posts 6 7 + 8 in trench 30 continued.</p>	

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RIGHT SUB SECT ⁿ TRENCHES RIGHT SECTION.	29/9/16		<p>Parapets + parapods thickened + strengthened in trenches 31 + 32. Repairing support trenches where damaged by bombardment. Draining + improving dugouts also in these lines. Barbed wire set out in front of CANAL ST, NEW CRATER and Trench 32.</p>	
	30/9/16	1400 1800	<p>All quiet during the morning. At 1400 our 18 pdr. + 4.5" bombarded the enemy's positions opposite our front. At 1800 a general bombardment by our artillery, Stokes + medium T.M.s damaged the enemy's trenches considerably + cut many gaps in his wire. Our snipers shot a German dead repairing parapet at a gap. The enemy retaliated with Mörserwerfer + Rifle Grenades to each bombardment but caused little damage.</p> <p>The 4th Aust. Bn carried out a successful raid at 2300 on the enemy position opposite trench 31, under cover of a heavy bombardment by our artillery + T.M.s of enemy's support trenches + flanks. The enemy retaliated feebly with Mörserwerfer. The raiders captured 1 German + killed 10 others, suffering casualties themselves. 1 man killed, 1 officer + 2 OR wounded. — We suffered no casualties. —</p> <p>Work was carried out as follows: —</p> <p>12' revetting and 42' duckboarding in NEW CRATER + 2 dugouts built. Positions for how 5" 66 parts in OLD CRATER improved. Tunnel to trench 29 lowered + cleaned out. Dugouts improved. Tunnel between NEW + OLD CRATERS cleaned out. Duckboarding, revetting + cleaning out in THAMES ST. Continuation of saps from posts 6, 7 + 8 in trench 30. Repairing + building up parapet in trenches 31 + 32, + dugouts improved. Draining carried out in support trenches. Barbed wire set out in front of CANAL ST, OLD CRATER and trench 32.</p>	

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 BY
 LIEUT COLONEL J. HEANE D.S.O. COMMANDING 1ST BATTALION A.I.F.

RELIEF

The Battalion will relieve the 3rd. Australian Battalion in reserve to Right Sub-Section of 1st. Aust. Div. Sector on the night of 1st/2nd Sept.

MOVE.

The Battalion will move from ERIE Camp at 1845 today to entrain at BRANDHOEK. The Battalion will be in Column of Route facing East on road outside Headquarters-in order, "A" Company leading, "D", "B" and "C"- ready to move at 1845. "A" Company will furnish small Advance Guard.

BILLETS.

Huts and vicinity will be thoroughly cleaned by 1800.

WATER.

Water bottles will be carried full.

ENTRAINING.

Lieutenant SOMERSET will report to Lieut. H.F. WATSON at 1915 ~~1900~~ at BRANDHOEK Station G.12. ~~to~~ to act as Entraining Officer for the Battalion.

DRESS.

Full Marching Order. Blanket wrapped in waterproof sheet and carried in Horse Shoe around pack. Steel Helmets will be worn.

GUIDES.

One Guide per Platoon and one for Headquarters were attached to the 3rd. Battalion on 31st Ult., to act as Guides for the Battalion to Reserve position.

DETRAINING.

On detraining at the Asylum, Companies will be met by their own guides and led to positions as follows:-

"A" Coy.	Sunken Road.
"D" Coy.	Battersea Farm.
"B" Coy.	Railway Dug-outs.
"C" Coy.	Bund do

Companies will move from Asylum in same order as from ERIE Camp, with 100 Yards interval between platoons.

STRICT SILENCE WILL BE OBSERVED ON THE MARCH.

REPORTS

Reports will be sent by O's.C.Coys. to Battalion Headquarters at the Railway Dugouts when positions have been taken over.

ALLOTMENT OF POSITIONS.

AND ONE N.C.O.
 Lieut. FINLAYSON and one Officer per Coy. will proceed to Reserve positions at 1300 today and allot quarters for Coys.

COOKERS.

Cookers will not be taken to Right Reserve position tonight. Positions will be selected by O's.C.Coys. and prepared for placing the Cookers on the night 2nd/3rd Inst. These positions will be made Shrapnel proof and capable of dissipating the smoke, besides being well screened.

In The Field.
 1/9/1916.

L. N. Edgley Lieut.
 A/Adjutant 1st Battalion A.I.F.

SPECIAL TRENCH ORDER

APPENDIX.

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 LIEUT. COLOBEL J. HEANE D.S.O. COMMANDING 1ST BATTALION A.I.F.
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1. Standing Trench Orders will be strictly enforced.
2. All ammunition, bombs etc., will immediately be examined and stored in Coy. or Platoon Stores, properly labelled.
3. Notices will be put up at the junction of all trenches shewing where they lead to, and shewing way to Bomb & S.A.A. Stores.
4. No information must be given to the enemy by conversation or unnecessary exposure, that would lead to the enemy discovering our identity. For instance no Australian hats are to be worn.
5. All movement in the open or about trenches, which is visible to the enemy, is to be stopped as much as possible. Coy. Commanders must strictly enforce this order, as non-compliance will draw fire.
6. GAS ALERT Notices "ON" or "OFF", are to be placed in prominent positions and all precautions set down in General Staff Memo. No. 65 strictly enforced. The whole of the precautions must be explained to all ranks and the reasons for same.
7. Each Coy. will have an Officer on duty at all times during a GAS ALERT.
8. All cooking in the lines will cease except when it can be done without smoke.
9. Each Coy. or detached unit will have at least one sentry on duty, but the Coy. Commander is responsible that requisite precautions are taken in all circumstances.
10. Men away from their trench positions without a written pass will be severely dealt with.
11. All trenches and dugouts will be immediately put in a state of repair, and provision made for additional men.
12. All Coy. and Bn. runners must know the way to all Coy. and Bn. Headquarters also Brigade and adjoining units, and these must be learnt at once.
13. All Officers will immediately reconnoitre all the ground and trenches over which they are likely to work, and Coy. Commanders will go over all the ground so that they will know their strong and weak points, and make arrangements to supplement and counteract as the necessity arises, and all phases of attack and counter attack, both of our own and of the enemy, discussed, so that prompt action can be taken when necessary.

In The Field.
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Lieut.
 A/Adjutant 1st Battalion A.I.F.

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SPECIAL RELIEF ORDER.

by
LIEUT. COLONEL. J. HEANE D.S.O., COMMANDING 1ST. BATTALION. A.I.F.
In The Field. 5/9/1916.

RELIEF.

On the night 7/8th. Sept. 1916 the 1st. Battalion will relieve the 3rd. Battalion in the right sub-section trenches, 1st. Inf. Bde. Section.

The relief will be carried out by Coys as follows:-

- A. Coy. 1st. Battalion will relieve D. Coy. 3rd. Battalion right Coy. in firing line.
- D. Coy. 1st. Battalion will relieve B. Coy. 3rd. Battalion left Coy. in firing line.
- C. Coy. 1st. Battalion will relieve C. Coy. 3rd. Battalion support to firing line.
- B. Coy. 1st. Battalion will relieve A. Coy. 3rd. Battalion in reserve. 2 Platoons & 1 Bombing Section in FOSSE WAY. 2 Platoons & H.Q. L.M.G. detachment in LARCH WOOD.

O.S.G. Coys., Lieut. FINLAYSON (who will act as Intelligence Officer, as well as Bombing Officer) and L.M.G. Officer will proceed to 3rd. Battalion to-morrow the 6th. Inst. to go thoroughly over positions to be taken over by them, system of defence, and work to be carried out.

O.S.G. Coys will arrange for such guides as may be necessary to guide reliefs to their positions, and also find out the best system of cooking for Coys when in the line.

The following ~~moves~~ ^{will be sent with the 3rd. Coy. to the trench to be relieved} moves ^{to be completed by 0500 on 7th. Inst.} will be completed by 0500 on 7th. Inst. Second in Command of each Company and 1 N.C.O. per Platoon. Bombing Platoon. A Section of this Platoon will be attached to each Company for discipline, quarters, and rations, therefore O.S.G. Coys will arrange for these in ~~MOVE~~. All COMPANY L.M.G. Detachments under L.M.G. Officer's supervision ^{who} Intelligence Platoon. 1 N.C.O. and 3 men per Company, will take over Intelligence duties under the charge of Lt. FINLAYSON. Signallers. The Signalling Sgt., 2 Signallers for Bn. Hd. Qrs., and 1 for each Company Signal Office. These will remain in, rejoining their Units on relief and will take over all Trench Stores etc. The Second in Command of each Company will be responsible that their Company, L.M.G. Detachments and Bombing Section attached to their Coy., ^{are attached to} relieve those of the 3rd. Battalion by 0500 on the 7th. Inst.

The R.M.O. will proceed to the 3rd. Battalion on the 7th. Inst., and arrange to take over. He will arrange the necessary Stretcher Bearers, Stations etc.

MOVE.

A. Coy. will ~~remove~~ to relieve as directed, at 2000 on the 7th. Inst.

D. Coy. will move to relieve as directed, at 2030 by KNOLL Road.

C. Coy. will move to relieve as directed, at 2015 by KNOLL Road.

B. Coy. will move to relieve as directed, at 2045 by FOSSE WAY and track to LARCH WOOD.

DRESS.

Full marching order Waterproof Sheets under flap of Packs. Water Bottles will be carried full. Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10, properly labelled and dumped at Company Dumps to be taken back to Transport, by 1900 on 7th. Inst. Officers: Valises will be dumped with them by same hour.

Strict silence must be observed during relief and all unnecessary movement or exposure avoided, as the position is under close observation by the Enemy.

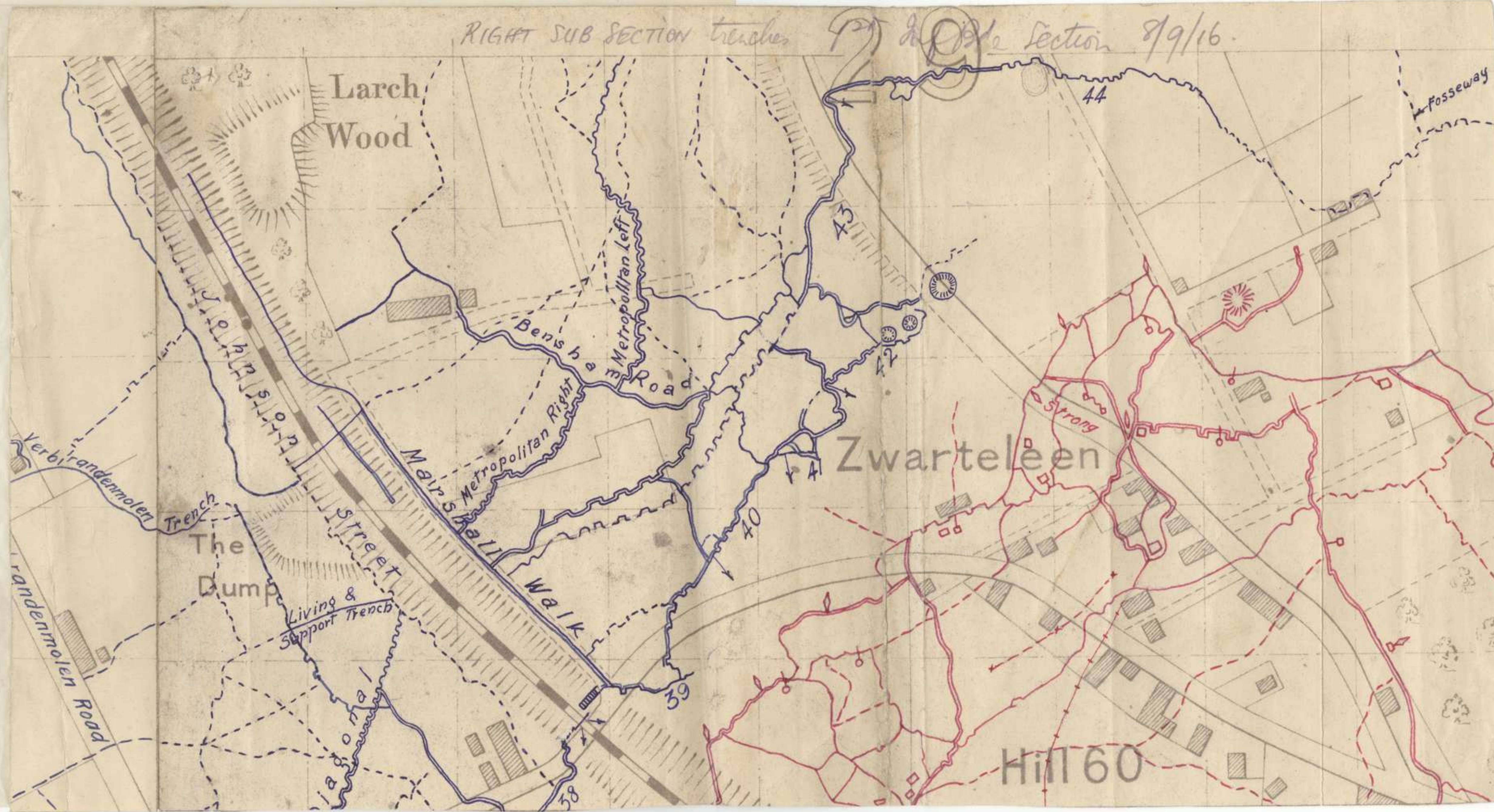
Company Commanders will report immediately on completion of relief, by telephone to the Battalion Hd. Qrs. in firing line using as code word WILGA. Duplicate copies of Trench Stores taken over, to be forwarded to Headquarters by 1000 on 8th. Inst.

All ranks must be warned not to expose themselves in or about the trenches, & Steel Hats must be worn at all times.

Bn. Standing Trench Orders & Special Trench Order of the 1st. Inst. will be strictly adhered to.

L. H. [signature] 4.1.F. [signature]

RIGHT SUB SECTION trenches (2) of the Section 8/9/16.



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RELIEF
MOVEMENT ORDER

APPENDIX.

Lieut. Colonel J. HEANE D.S.O. Commanding 1st Battalion A.I.F.

12/9/1916.

RELIEF.

The Battalion will be relieved in the right sub-section trenches tonight 12/13th Inst., by the 9th Aust. Bn.

Coys. will be relieved as follows:-

"B" Coy.	1st Bn.	by	"A" Coy.	9th Bn.
"C" "	" "	"	"B" "	" "
"D" "	" "	"	"C" "	" "
"A" "	" "	"	"D" as	"Balloting party"

Lieut. SOMERSET (with 1 N.C.O. per Coy., Coy. Cooks, and 1 guide per platoon) will proceed to DEVONSHIRE CAMP at 1100 to-day. He will allot the camp for the Bn. and take over Stores, Etc.. The Quartermaster will take over DEVONSHIRE CAMP and Transport Lines, and send Bn. Transport to them to-day, as instructed on 11th Inst. Transport will be sent to front line at usual hour to-night, to carry back cooking dixies, Coy. baggage, etc.

MOVE.

When relieved, each Coy. will report to Bn. Hd. Qrs., to that effect using word CREMORNE, and will then move out with intervals of 100 yards, between platoons, as follows :-

"A" and "B" Coys. by JACKSON STREET and VERBRANDEN ROAD to LILLE GATE. "C" and "D" Coys. by KNOLL ROAD, ZILLEBEKE ROAD, and VERBRANDEN ROAD to LILLE GATE. From LILLE GATE, the main road through YPRES, to the YPRES ASYLUM, where Bn. will entrain. for BRANDHOEK. On detraining, the Bn. will proceed by March Route to DEVONSHIRE CAMP. Strictest silence will be observed during relief, and no smoking.

DRESS. Battle Order, greatcoat rolled in Waterproof Sheet, and carried on back between haversack and belt.

On arrival at camp O's C. Coys. will draw blankets and distribute to Coys. Cooks will have hot tea ready for the men at DEVONSHIRE CAMP when it arrives, and Coys. will draw.

O's C. Coys. will arrange for return of L.M.G. Detachments attached for duty to them in line, to their own Coys. at once if relieved. Intelligence personnel, on relief will return to and move out of line with their Companies. Bombers will be returned to Lieut. FINLAYSON at DEVONSHIRE CAMP and will be attached as before to "C" Coy.

O's Units will give all information in connection with their Sectors, Defence Scheme, etc., to incoming Units, and will hand over correctly all Trench Stores and Maps, except BELGUIM Sheet 28.N.W.

TRENCH STORES.

Duplicate Copy of Trench Stores handed to relieving Unit will be submitted by O's C. Coys. to Battalion Headquarters by 1200 today.

Duplicate Copy of stores taken over at DEVONSHIRE CAMP will be submitted by Coys. to Battalion Headquarters by 1000 on 13th Inst.

COOKING DIXIES. etc.

Cooking Dixies, Coy. and Headquarter baggage, Officers' blankets etc., will be sent to Battalion Dump at 2030 today, to await removal by transport. One man per Coy. will be left to Guard this and will accompany transport back to DEVONSHIRE CAMP.

In The Field.
12/9/16.

A/Adjutant..... Lieut. Colonel
Commanding 1st Battalion A.I.F

1st BATTALION A.I.F.

APPENDIX:

Training programme for period - 14th. to 28th. September 1918.

DAILY. 0630 to 0700.

Physical Exercises.

Officers Class. All Subalterns under Captain
HOWELL PRICE D.S.O. Instructions in giving Orders
and drill.

0900 to 1100. Platoons to be trained in Grater snatching
and Trench Raiding. Parties to include Bombers,
and Bayonet men, to be covered by Lewis Machine
Guns.

Marketry. Rapid firing - 15 minutes daily - Rifle
exercises - Bayonet fighting and close order drill.

In addition, from 20th. to 28th. inclusive -
Extended order drill - Attack drill and assault-
ing from trenches in waves.

Stretcher Bearers and A.A.M.C. under R.M.O.

Bombing Platoon to train under Bombing Officer.

Coy. L.M.G. Detachments and reserve men under
Battalion L.M.G. Officer.

Hd. Qrs., and Coy. Signallers under Sgt. Signaller.

1400 to 1530. Companies in Route Marching at regulation step (120)
paces to the minute.

Coy. L.M.G. Detachments and reserve men under Bn.
L.M.G. Officer.

Stretcher Bearers and A.A.M.C. under R.M.O.

Company Bombing Sections under Bombing Officer.

(Battalion Bombing Platoon to Route March with "C"

Coy.) Hd. Qrs. & Coy. Signallers under Signaller Sgt.

2000. Lectures by all Subalterns, on selected subjects.

L. N. Edgley

Lieut.
A/Adjutant 1st. Battalion A.I.F.

S E C R E T.

1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

1st. Battalion.
2nd. Battalion.
3rd. Battalion.
4th. Battalion.
1st. M.G. Coy.
1st. A.L.T.M.By./



Brigade Headquarters,
23rd. September, 1916.

The following reliefs will probably take place,

<u>Sept. 25th./26th.</u>	1st. Bn.	relieves 6th Bn. in trenches
	3rd. Bn.	relieves 7th Bn. in reserve
	$\frac{1}{2}$ 1st. M.G.Coy.	relieves $\frac{1}{2}$ 2nd M.G.Coy.
	$\frac{1}{2}$ T. M. Battery	relieves $\frac{1}{2}$ 2nd T.M.Bty.

<u>Sept. 26th./27th.</u>	2nd. Bn.	relieves 5th. Bn. in trenches
	4th. Bn.	relieves 8th. Bn. in reserve
	M. G. Coy. and T. M. Bty.	complete their respective reliefs.

Definite orders have not yet been received.

Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade./

RELIEF ORDER

APPENDIX

by MAJOR P.S.S. WOODFORDE COMMANDING 1ST AUSTRALIAN BATTALION B.E.F. In The Field. 24/9/16.

RELIEF. On the night of 25/26th Sept. 1916, the 1st Battalion will relieve the 6th Battalion in the Right Sub-Section Trenches - 1st Inf. Bde. Section.

- Coys will relieve as follows:-
- A. Coy. 1st Bn. will relieve D. Coy. 6th Battalion.
- B. Coy. 1st Bn. will relieve C. Coy. 6th Battalion.
- C. Coy. 1st Bn. will relieve A. Coy. 6th Battalion.
- D. Coy. 1st Bn. will relieve B. Coy. 6th Battalion.

Positions will be taken over and defended and work continued at once, as carried out by the Coys. they relieve. All Officers have now familiarised themselves with the positions their Units take over.

MOVE.

- The following advance party will proceed to the above position, move to be completed by 0500 on 25th. inst.
- Second in Command of each Company and 1 Senr. N.C.O. per Coy. who will take over trench stores etc. and allot trenches for Coys.
- 1 Officer and 20 O/Ranks from A. Coy. to relieve Post in CRATER and Bridge Guard.
- 1 N.C.O. and 3 men from B. Coy. to relieve LISTENING POST.
- Lieut. FINLAYSON and 10 O/Ranks from Bombing Platoon - Intelligence Personnel - 1 N.C.O. and 16 men. Sgt. Signaller, 2 Signallers for Bn. H.Q. and 1 for each Coy. Signal Office.

Lieut. PHILLIPS and 10 O/Ranks from L.M.G. Detachments will proceed by Limber Waggons taking 320 filled L.M.G. Magazines to LANKHOF FARM dump at 1930. on 24th. inst., then proceed to 6th. Battalion position, taking Magazines on trucks, and will be attached to L.M.G.D's of 6th. Battalion.

Less Lt. PHILLIPS and party who will proceed as instructed, by limber at 1930, the advance party will entrain at BRANDHOEK Station at 0215 25th Inst. They will detrain at YPRES ASYLUM and proceed by march route to 6th Bn. position by route selected by Capt. MACGREGOR who will take charge ~~until~~ of party until 6th Bn. Hd. Qrs. is ~~relieved~~ reached.

The Bn. less the above advance party will proceed on the 25th Inst. by march route to BRANDHOEK Station and entrain at a time to be communicated later, for YPRES ASYLUM where the Bn. will detrain. The Bn. will expect, and be ready to move from DEVONSHIRE CAMP at 1800 on 25th Inst. At ASYLUM 1 guide per platoon and 1 for Bn. Hd. Qrs. will meet and lead Coys. to move off in order as "A", "B", "C" and "D", to relieve 6th Bn. Coys. will proceed with 100 yards distance between platoons.

DRESS

Full marching order, 1 blanket rolled in waterproof sheet and carried in horseshoe shape round pack. Steel helmets will be worn by all ranks.

WATER OFFICERS VALISES.

Water bottles will be carried full.

Officers' valises will be sent to Quartermaster's Store by 1600 25th Inst.

HOT COFFEE.

Hot coffee will be ready for the Bn. at Stall at LILLE GATE. Messstins will be held ready before reaching LILLE GATE & each man will draw from Stall as he passes. NO HALT will be made. Coffee must be drunk on the march.

STRICTEST SILENCE will be observed during relief. O's. C. Coys. will report on completion of relief to Bn. Hd. Qrs. using word KATOOMBA. Bn. Hd. Qrs. will be at BLUFF tunnels 1 33 Central.

Bn. Trench Standing Orders will be strictly adhered to.

P. T.O.

4550

MAJOR F. E. S. WOODFORD COMMANDING 1ST AUSTRALIAN BATTALION F. E. S. W. in The Field 24/10.

Relief Order Continued.

FATIGUE PARTIES - Immediately on completion of relief, Company Commanders will send fatigue parties to dump to draw rations, water, cooking dixies etc. These parties will take to dump all empty petrol tins taken over in Coy. lines and fill them from Bn. water cart, and carry them back with rations, etc.

ATTACHMENT - The Intelligence personnel - other ranks - will be attached to "A" Coy. for quarters, rations and discipline, on entering trenches until further orders.

TRENCH STORES - Trench, Post and Billet Stores, Log Books, Defence Schemes, Maps, Photographs and all documents which may be of value to relieving unit, will be taken over and receipts given, a duplicate receipt to be sent to Bn. H.Q., by 0800 on 26th Inst.

BILLETS - Huts and Ground in Devonshire Camp will be left in a thoroughly clean condition, before the Battalion moves out for BRANDHOEK Station.

TRANSPORT - Transport will occupy present lines till further orders.

Proceed by Lumber Waggon taking 300 filled L.M.G. Magazines to BRANDHOEK FARM dump at 1230. on 24th Inst., then proceed to 8th Bn. position taking Magazines on trucks, and will be attached to 8th Bn. H.Q. as per Coy. Signal Office.

F. E. S. Woodford
Major,
Commanding 1st Aust. Battalion.

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Full marching order, I blanked rolled in waterproof sheet and carried in horse shoe shape round back. Steel helmets will be worn by all ranks. Water bottles will be carried full.

Officers' valises will be sent to Quartermaster's Store by 1800 25th Inst.

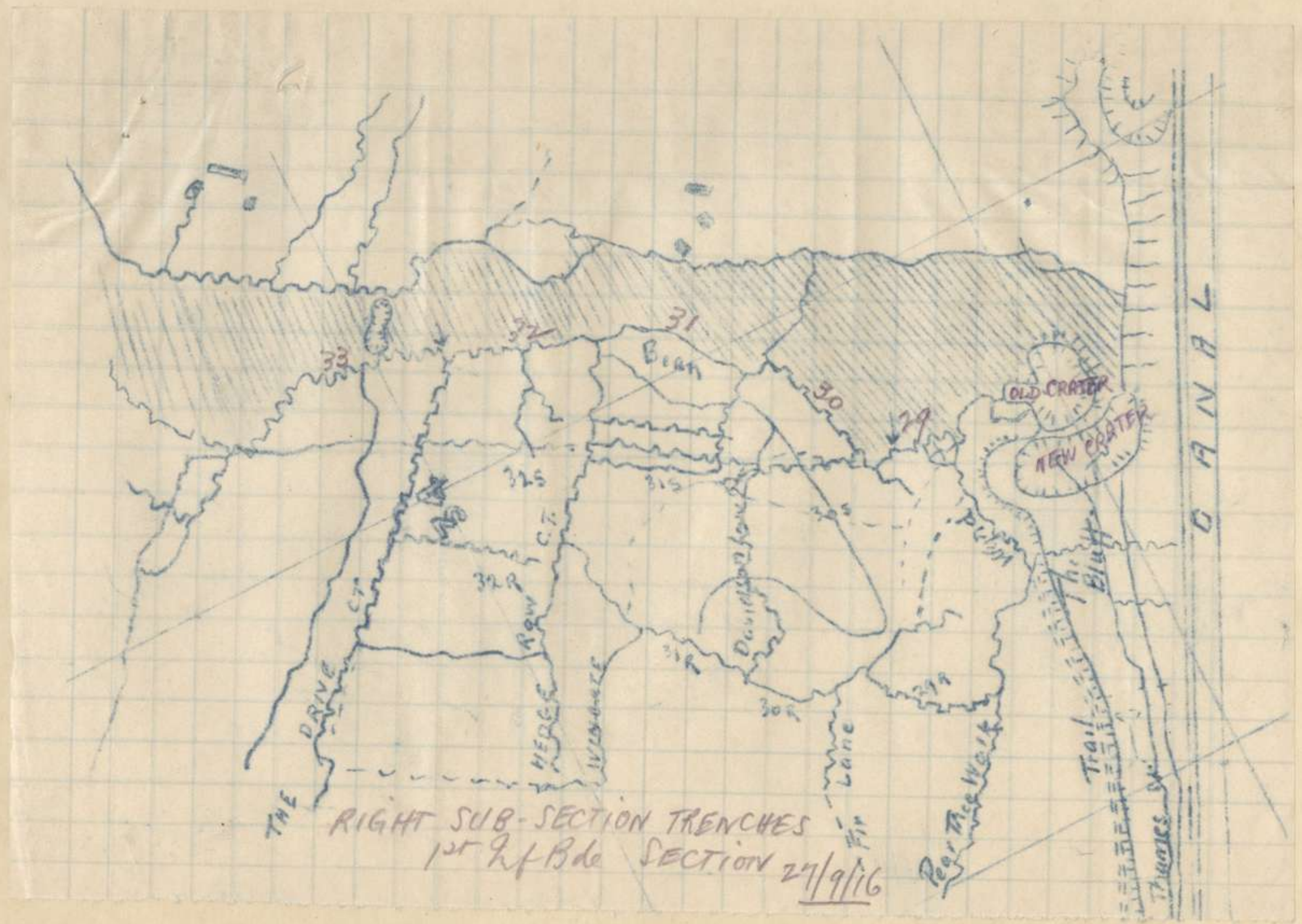
Hot coffee will be ready for the Bn. at 21st at LILLE GATE. Messias will be held ready before reaching LILLE GATE & each man will draw from Stall as he passes. NO HALT will be made. Coffee must be drunk on the march.

STRICTEST SILENCE will be observed during relief. O.A.C. Coys. will report on completion of relief to Bn. H.Q. using word KATONBA. Bn. H.Q. will be at BLUFF Tunnels I 23. Central.

Bn. Trench Standing Orders will be strictly adhered to.

DRUGS
WATER
OPTICIAN
VALISES

HOT COFFEE



RIGHT SUB-SECTION TRENCHES
 1st Lt Bde SECTION 27/9/16