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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
POSSUM RESERVE	1/1/17	0600	MAJOR WOODFORDE visited King line of 15 th and from there proceeded to HQ of the Company of 17 th B ⁿ on our right to find out conditions there in anticipation of taking over the left Coy sector of 17 th B ⁿ . He returned to 15 th H.Q. at 1330.	
		1400	Our artillery heavily bombarded enemy for 1 hour. Lieut A'BECKETT proceeded to 4 th ARMY SCHOOL FLEXICOURT	
		1800	MAJOR JACOBS proceed on tour of front lines returned 2035	
		1730	C&D Coy proceeded to relief of A&B Coys in firing line, relief completed 2000 without incident. Support & reserve Coys carried material to front line. Casualties for day 1 OR. killed 2. OR. wounded	
"	2/1/17	0830	C.O. proceed on inspection of front line in company with Brigadier 1 st Bde and later visited C.O. 17 th B ⁿ .	
		1730	Relief of left Coy by 4 th B ⁿ who took over left coy sector, commenced completed 1830	
		1900	Right Coy commenced relief of left Coy 17 th B ⁿ completed 2100. Support & Reserve Coys carried material to front line & CHALK CHEF. During day 2 OR. killed.	
		1900	Maj JACOBS proceeded on tour of lines returned 2215.	
"	2/1/17	0600	Maj WOODFORDE proceed to front line returned 1100. 7 OR. returned from Hospital. Mining Platoon returned to B ⁿ and were put on dugout construction of ins CHALK CHEF in conjunction with 2 nd B ⁿ Mining Platoon. 6 OR. to Hospital	Maj Jacobs 1/5 15/17

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Pissom Reserve	3/1/17	1730. 2200	A&B Coys proceeded to relief of C&D Coys, completed without incident by 1945. Major JACOBS proceeded on lines of lines returning 2230. During day 1 man killed and 6 wounded.	
"	4/1/17	0700 1900	Major WOODFORD proceeded up line returning to R ² H.Q. 1200. Meal carrying fatigues supplied by Reserve & Support Coys. Major JACOBS started line returning 2200, During day 1 man wounded.	
"	5/1/17	0300 0745 1400 1730	Two enemy N.C.O.s captured, brought to R ² H.Q. examined & sent to Brigade. Major WOODFORD proceeded up line accompanied by Capt WATSON M.C. to try & locate suspected enemy works, returned 1100. Heavy shelling for one hour by our artillery, enemy retaliation very slight. C&D Coys proceeded to relief of A&B Coys.	
"	6/1/17	0900 1100 1815 1840 1920 2015	Major WOODFORD proceeded up line returning 1200. C.O. & three officers 45 th B ⁿ came to B ⁿ H.Q. to discuss relief, C.O. 45 th left two officers behind to take over from A&B Coys. A Coy moved to HOBART camp on relief by Coy of 45 th B ⁿ B Coy moved to HOBART camp on relief by Coy of 45 th B ⁿ Major JACOBS left for HOBART camp to take command of R ² battalion Move to HOBART camp, A&B Coys, completed.	
"	7/1/17	1000 1300 1700 1720 1800 1900 2100 1900	Two officers 45 th B ⁿ proceeded up to firing line, Intelligence officer 45 th B ⁿ took over trench stores. C.O. 45 th B ⁿ & adjutant arrived The two Coys that relieved A&B on 6 th inst, proceeded to relief of C&D in firing line M ² & 2 nd B ⁿ Manning Platoons passed B ⁿ H.Q. on way to BENDIGO CAMP. Relief by 45 th B ⁿ completed Major WOODFORD and adjutant left B ⁿ H.Q. arriving BENDIGO Camp 2100. A&B Coys proceeded to BENDIGO camp from HOBART camp. Move of B ⁿ to BENDIGO camp completed by 2330.	

Jaco's Major
J/S - C. 1st Bⁿ

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BENDIGO CAMP	8/1/17	0700.	Transport commenced moving blankets & etc to QUARRY SIDING, Lieut VATES went to HENLY to arrange for baths.	
		0920.	The Battalion moved to QUARRY SIDING to eat, All Coys aboard by 1020. Lieut FITZPATRICK left behind to hand over camp.	
		1220.	Battalion detained at MEAVATE and marched to RIBEMONT. 1 Officer & 50 OR. left behind to load lorries.	
		1450.	Battalion arrived & took over clean billets at RIBEMONT. Transport arrived at 2120.	
RIBEMONT	9/1/17.		All Companies during day proceed to HENLY, bathed, & received clean underclothing. During day clothing & equipment was cleaned up.	
	10/1/17.		B. spent the day resting. N.C.O.s were reallotted.	
	11/1/17.		Men resting, Instructions for a series of lectures on Artillery work received.	
	12/1/17.		Coys training commenced, Major JACOBS, a Capt. PRICE attended a lecture at Division on Heavy Artillery work.	
	18/1/17.	0930.	Battalion moved by march route to BAZIEUX.	
BAZIEUX.	14/1/17.	1430.	move completed, camp B. occupied & found very clean. Commenced company training, work being of a muscle hardening nature.	
		2000	Lecture to Subalterns by Major JACOBS.	
	15/1/17.		Company training continued, organised games played, work 8 hours per day.	
		2000.	Lecture to Subalterns "Trench standing orders" by Major JACOBS.	
		1430.	Major JACOBS, CAPT WALKER, Lieut MOFFAT attended Divisional H.Q. lecture on "Counter Batteries".	
	16/1/17.		Coys practising advancing by waves in accordance with Divisional instructions.	
		1430.	Majors WOODFORD and JACOBS. attended Division, C.O.s Conference.	
		1430.	Capt. PRICE & EDLEY attended lecture on defensive gas measures at MERICOURT.	
		2200.	Lecture to Junior Officers "French warfare" by Major JACOBS.	

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BAZIEUX	17/1/17	2000	Battalion training in offensive trench warfare in accordance with Divisional Commander's instructions. Physical training. Lecture to Officers on assaulting in waves.	
	18/1/17		Battalion training & organising for assaulting in accordance with Divisional Memo 3. Major JACOBS attended C.O.'s conference at Brigade and also went with the Brigade Staff & B.C.O.s over manoeuvre ground.	
	19/1/17	1230	Battalion training in morning.	
		1430	Battalion marched to Brigade Manoeuvre ground. Battalion took part in manoeuvres under Brigade arrangements, returning to camp at 1630.	
		2000	Lecture to Officers on result of days training by Major JACOBS.	
	20/1/17	0830	Battalion practising for manoeuvres in afternoon.	
		1230	Battalion proceeded to Brigade Manoeuvre area.	
		1430	Battalion took part in Brigade Manoeuvres.	
		1630	Major JACOBS & Coy Commanders attended a lecture on "Comte Martial" by Col FOOZE, C.M.G.	
		2000	Lecture by Major JACOBS on days work.	
	21/1/17	1100	Church Parade & short route march.	
	22/1/17		Company & Battalion training, all men who had not previously thrown live bombs were put through live bomb throwing.	
	23/1/17	0900	Battalion commenced move to A Camp BECOURT camp found very clean.	
BECOURT	24/1/17		Battalion rested in morning. Physical Drill & inspection of arms etc in afternoon.	
	25/1/17		Major WOODFORDE & Coy Commanders visited 5 th YORKS in line returning 1930. Day carried on with Physical training.	

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BECOURT,	26/1/17	1100. 1500.	Companies carried on with Physical Training. C.O. had meeting of officers, discussed relief. LT WEBB, Q.M. left to make arrangements for relief of Q.M. 5 th YORKS. MAJOR JACOBS + LT WEBB, proceeded to lines to arrange details of work to be carried on when 13 th relieves 5 th YORKS.	
BECOURT BAZENTIN	27/1/17	0915. 1350 0900	The 13 th marched from BECOURT CAMP to site 3 BAZENTIN arriving at 1130. C.O. Adjutant + M.O. left No 3 camp to proceed to front line to take over from 5 th YORKS arriving 1540. LT WHITE proceeded to HIGH WOOD camp to allot same for B Coy + C + D Coy details. Lts RICHARDS + SHANNON went to see their new positions.	
H.Q. YARRA, SUP.		1645. 1845 1915. 2045.	Battalion commenced move from BAZENTIN near clear at 1640. MAJOR JACOBS + LT SPARKE arrived at B ² H.Q. Relief of 5 th YORKSHIRE REGT completed. MAJOR WOODFORD proceeded on tour of front lines.	
"	28/1/17	1000. 1200. 1445. 1935. 1945. 2100.	COLONEL P. COOK reported for interview re commission, & was sent to Brigade. PTE BLACKLOW arrived & reported to Brigade. MAJOR JACOBS left to go to inspect reserve Coy camp HIGH WOOD + Q.M. stores. BAZENTIN returned 2100. MAJOR WOODFORD + LIASON OFFICER toured support positions. LT SHANNON took wiring & revetting material to front lines left Coy. Enemy shelled vicinity of B ² H.Q. actively with 5.9 from N.E. 30 shells. MAJOR WOODFORD started around line on tour of inspection.	
"	29/1/17	0530. 1000. 1300. 1900. 2000.	LT WHITE + two 3 rd B ² officers went up to front line. MAJOR JACOBS proceeded to Q.M. store to arrange details re food returning 1800. LT COL. MOORE + MAJOR STACEY called at B ² H.Q. Lts PRICE, CHAMPION + CASSIDY with all details returned from Division school. LT DINGLE also reported. Lts SCALLES, BENNETT, + PRESNELL reported from cadet school & were posted to Coys. MAJOR WOODFORD went up line on tour of inspection. Usual fatigues carried material to front line.	

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HQ VARRA. SUB.	31/1/17.	1100.	<p>Major JACOBS proceeded to Q.M. Store & B Coy returning 1800. 1930. Lts SPARK & PRICE & M.O. proceeded on duty to front lines returning 2300. 2000. MAJOR WOODFORD accompanied Co. 3rd Bⁿ to front lines to show him around 2200. Adjutant 3rd Bⁿ called to discuss food arrangement for front & support lines Day quiet no incidents of importance Lints GALLACHER, PAGE & PARSONS proceeded to Div School, also 13 O.P.</p>	
"	31/1/17.	1100.	<p>Major JACOBS proceeded to BAZENTIN No 5 camp. 1830. 1st Battalion relieved by 3rd Battalion 1930. A Coy relieved. B Coy moved independently to BAZENTIN CAMP from HIGH WOOD. 1950. C Coy reported relieved 1945. D " reported relieved 2330. Move to BAZENTIN No 5 camp completed Day quiet, move completed without incident.</p>	

J. Jacobs Major
Lts SPARK
1st Bn

Relief Order

by Major P. S. S. Woodford, T/Comdug, 1st Australian Battalion. 7

The following relief will be carried out by 1st Aust Pon. on the night of 1/2nd January 1917.

C Coy. less 4A + 12A Platoons will relieve A Coy. in right sector of front line.

D Coy. less 8A + 16A Platoons will relieve B Coy in left sector of front line.

Move to commence at 1700.

All blankets + cooking utensils now in possession of Support and Reserve Coys. will be collected and stacked in convenient dumps for the incoming Coys. and receipts received for same.

All Mackintosh Capes, tommy cookers + Primus stoves now in possession of front line Coys. will be collected and handed over to incoming Coys. and receipts received for same.

One officer, one N.C.O. and three men per Coy. will proceed to respective Coys. being relieved in front, support + reserve lines to take over and give receipts for all French stores and act as guides to their respective Coys.

Any shortage in French stores will be immediately reported to Pon. Hd. Qrs.

Officers commanding A + B Coys will ascertain what fatigues are being supplied by support and reserve Coys and will continue same on completion of relief.

C + D Coys. will take steps to push ahead all work now in hand on front line.

On completion of relief Coys will immediately report in code to Battalion headquarters.

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R Somerset Lieut.
A/Adj. 1st Aust Battalion

WAR DIARY

1st AUSTRALIAN BATTALION

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RELIEF.

On the night of 27th Jan. the Coy. of 4th Bn. M.S. will relieve 'D' Coy. P. Bn. in left Coy. Sector of GIREASE TRENCH + GOODWINS POST.

On completion of relief 'D' Coy. P. Bn. plus attached bombers + L.M. Guns will relieve 'C' Coy. in right Coy. Sector GIREASE TRENCH + 'C' Coy. P. Bn. plus attached bombers + L.M. Guns will, on being relieved by 'D' Coy. P. Bn.; relieve 'D' Coy. of 1st Bn. Aust Bn in Sector of Trenches from N. 21. D. 7. 3. to the present divisional boundary at N. 21. D. 1. 8. in position viewed this morning by O.C. 'C' Coy. in company with Co. P. Aust Bn.

No Macintosh Capes or Signaling Gas will be handed over as trench stores + each Coy. will retain 24 of their Tommy Cookers.

All other trench stores will be made out in triplicate + a duplicate receipt sent to Bn. H.Q. by 10.00 on morning 28th.

Maps, ~~plans~~ down into, plans for the defence of the position + offensive operations proposed, if any, will be taken over.

Work will be continued at once, as carried out by the Coys. relieved.

O.C. Coys. will make necessary arrangements with O.C. Coys. they are to relieve, for guides to lead them

2)
 Command to new positions.
 Strict silence to be maintained
 during the relief & every
 precaution taken to prevent
 movement being observed
 by the enemy.
 On completion of relief
 Coy. will immediately report
 in code to Mr. Hd. Qrs.

2/1/17. P. Somers Lieut
 a/adjt. praisior.

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Relief Order War Drains

by order P. S. D. Woodford, 1/10/1917, 1st Aust. Div. Station.

On the night of 3/11/17 the following relief will be carried out.

A Coy. less details will relieve
C Coy. in R. Coy. Sector.
B Coy. less details will relieve
D Coy. in N. Coy. Sector.
Movs will commence at
11.00 today.

A Coy. will hold the N. Coy. Sector
with 2 platoons, 3 Lewis M. Guns
& 1 bombing post in front line &
1 platoon in CHAMBERS LIFT.

B Coy. will Garrison the Left Coy.
Sector with all four platoons, three
Lewis M. Guns, & 1 bombing post.

C Coy. on relief will move to
DUBOIS WAI & TOSSUM RESERVE.

D Coy. will on relief move to &
occupy PIONEER TRENCH & BULLS ROAD
Lewis Machine Gun Sections in
front line will hand over to
incoming sections their guns
all magazines & will take
over those in support.
Reserve positions by 'A' & 'B'.

(2)
 All Macintosh rifles, Tommy
 Cookers + trench stoves will
 be handed over to incoming
 Coy. Together with all maps
 documents, + information
 concerning the enemy.

Blankets + clothing etc. will
 be taken over by 1st Coy.
 in Support + Reserve Lines.

Blankets now in possession
 of 3 Coy. at CHALK Cliff will
 be stacked ready for Coy. to bring
 back to the Support trenches.
 Every effort will be made
 by Coy. in the line to bring
 out all wet + unserviceable
 gun boots + all available
 water cans.

The officer per Coy. with one N.C.O.
 + 3 men will proceed to respective
 new positions to take over trench
 stoves + all information + act
 as guides to the Coy.

Any shortages in trench stoves
 will as usual be reported to Bn. Hq.

On completion of relief Co
 will at once report to Bn. Hq.

P. J. J.

R. Somerset
 Adj. Perfection

Relief Order

By Major P.S.S. WOODFORDE T/Commanding 1st Aust Battalion

On the night 5/6th Jan. C & D Coys. will relieve A & B Coys. in the line.

On relief A Coy will move all their personnel to Pilgrim's Way + Possum Reserve and B Coy. will occupy positions in Bull's Road.

One officer and four guides per Coy. will proceed to the positions now occupied by Coys they are to relieve and will take over all Trench Stores, Maps, Documents and all information concerning their front. Guides will meet their Coys. at places selected by Coy. Commanders.

Coys. in the line will collect and bring out with them all gum boots. These will be stacked at Pn. Hd. Qrs. & a state showing number brought out will be submitted to Orderly Room by 2100.

Coys. going to the line will take 25 pairs of gum boots from Pn. Hd. Qrs. These will be drawn from T.R.S.M.

On no account will Coys. in support & reserve positions carry blankets to the line nor will the Coys. in the line bring out Mackintosh Capes. A complete list of trench stores taken over in all cases will be submitted to Pn. Headquarters by 1200 on 6th inst.

move to commence at 1700.

Rations will be drawn at Battalion Headquarters & carried up by Coys. as they move off.

In Field. 5/17

R. Sowerby Lieut.
H/Adj. 1st Aust. Bn.

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References to remarks on

Relief Order

War diary

By Major P.S.S. WOODFORD, T/Comdug, 1st Aust. Bn.

Reference Map. ALBERT 1/40000

- (1) The remaining two Coys. of 1st Aust. Bn. and 1st & 2nd Aust. Bn. Mining Platoons will be relieved by two Coys. 45th Aust. Inf. Bn. on the night of 7/8th Jan. in the Right Subsector of Right Sections of 1st Aust. Div. Sector.
- (2) On relief both Coys. plus details at present attached will move independently to BENDIGO CAMP (Bazentin S. 15. D. 2. 1).
- (3) Mining Platoons will move from Chalk Cliff at 1700 and will proceed to BENDIGO CAMP
- (4) All Hd. Qrs. details will be ready to move at 1730.
- (5) R.M.O. and A.M.C. personnel will move to new camp on being relieved by R.M.O. & A.M.C. of 45th Aust. Bn.
- (6) Bombing Sections and H.A. L.G. Sections at present attached to Coys. will move with Coy. to which they are attached and will rejoin the remainder of their sections at BENDIGO CAMP
- (7) All Coys. & Mining Platoons will ~~report~~ ^{on} being relieved report same to Bn. Hd. in Code.
- (8) One Guide per Platoon will be at Bn. Hd. Qrs. to lead Coys. to their billets.
- (9) All French Stores, Maps, Log. Books, photographs, plans of work, orders, documents and information in connection with the Sector

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Para (9) Contd. will be made up and handed over to relieving Coys. Receipts in triplicate will be obtained in all cases and will be sent to Bn. H.Qrs. by 1700 today.

(10) All Mackintosh Capes and blankets must be taken back to new camp, as the capes are on charge to A+B Coys. It is expected that every effort will be made to get every one out.

(11) On no account will any gumboots or Tommy Cookers be taken out of the line. Coy Commanders will pay particular attention to this.

(12) Four panniers per Lewis Gun will be handed over to incoming Coys. and separate receipts obtained.

(13) Coy. Commanders are to ensure that all ranks arrive in BENDIGO CAMP fully armed, clothed and equipped and must take precautions to prevent men dumping their gear.

(14) Rations for 8th inst. will be drawn on arrival at BENDIGO CAMP.

(15) Completion of relief to be reported to Bn. H.Qrs. BENDIGO CAMP.

L. Field 7/17.

R. Somerset Lieut.
A/Adj. 1st Aust. Bn.

MAJOR P.S.S. WOODFORDE T/COMMANDING 1st AUST. BATTALION. 12/1/1917.

Reference Map FRANCE Sheet 62 D. 1st Edition.

MOVE. The 1st Aust. Battalion will proceed by march route on 13th Inst., to BRAZIEUX.

The Battalion will move in order of :-
Pioneers and H.Q. Signallers.
"B" Coy.
"C" Coy.
"D" Coy.
"A" Coy.
and 1st Line Transport.

All details except those named above will march with the Companies to which they are attached. Companies will parade ^{ready to move} at 1215 outside their respective billets.

DISTANCES The following distances will be strictly ^{maintained} observed and Coys. will detail connecting files where necessary.

Between Companies 100 yards.
" " Transport & Unit 200 yards.

DRESS. Full marching order less blankets. Ground sheets will be worn under the flap of pack. Steel helmets to be carried on back of pack.

PROTECTION. "B" Coy. will find an Advance Guard of 1 Officer & 12 O.R.
"A" Coy. will find a Rear Party of 1 Officer and Bn. Police to pick up stragglers.
"A" Coy. will detail a Baggage Guard of 1 Officer & 12 O.R. to report to Transport Officer at 1200 at Q.M. Store.

BLANKETS. All blankets will be securely rolled in bundles of 10 and properly labelled with wooden or tin labels, and will be stacked in the entrance of gateway at Q.M. Store by 0800 sharp.

L.M. GUNS. Three Lewis Gunners per L.M.G. Cart will report to Transport Officer at 1200 in Square South of the Church with their hand carts ready to move.
1st Line Transport will move as per verbal instructions given to Transport Officer.

DISCIPLINE Strict march discipline will be maintained throughout move. Any man falling out must obtain a pass from an officer who will state reason for falling out and to whom he is to report.
O's.C. Coys. will be held responsible that no man of their Coy. is the worse for liquor.

BILLETS. All billets will be left scrupulously clean and receipts obtained from Billet owners.
All lanterns issued to Coys. will be returned to R.S.M. at Bn. Orderly Room not later than 0900 on 13th Inst.

MEALS. Midday meal will be ready at 1100, and Cookers will be prepared to move with Transport at 1200.

P. Somers
Lieutenant,
A/Adj. 1st Australian Battalion.

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MOVEMENT ORDER No. 16

by MAJOR P. S. S. WOODFORDE T/COMMANDING 1st Aust. Battalion. 23/1/1917.

Reference Maps ALBERT 1/40000 and 62D.

MOVE.

1. The 1st Australian Battalion will proceed by march route on 23rd Inst. to "A" Camp BECOURT.

The Battalion will move in order of :-

Pioneers and Signallers.

"C" Coy.

"D" "

"A" "

"B" "

and 1st Line Transport.

All details except those above-mentioned will march with the Companies to which they are attached.

Companies will parade at 0930 on allotment N.E. of the camp ready to move off. One marker per Coy. will report to R.S.M. at 0915 at Bn. Orderly Room.

DISTANCES.

2. The following distances will be strictly maintained, and Companies will detail connecting files where necessary.

Between Companies 100 yards.

" Transport and Unit 200 yards.

DRESS

3. Full marching order with ground sheets under flap of pack. Steel helmets will be carried on back of pack. Mess tins will be carried inside pack. Waterbottles will be carried full.

PROTECTION.

4. "C" Coy. will find an Advance Party of 1 Officer (2/Lt. SAMPSON) and 12 other ranks.

"B" Coy. will find a rear party of 1 Officer and Bn. Reg. Police to pick up stragglers.

"C" Coy. will supply a baggage guard of 1 N.C.O. & 12 men to report to 2/Lieut. WEBB C.M., at 0900 at Transport Lines.

BLANKETS, Etc.

5. Blankets will be securely rolled in bundles of ten, properly labelled with wooden or tin labels, and will be stacked at Guard Tent with all Officers' Valises and spare gear, by 0830.

BEDS

6. All straw beds which have been made up will be listed and will be stacked in end tents at North end of each Coy. line.

A list from each Coy. stating the number so stacked, will be forwarded to Bn. Orderly Room by 0830.

TRANSPORT.

7. Cookers will be ready to move at 0900 and will carry mid-day meal for their respective Companies and Details.

1st Line Transport will move as per verbal instructions given to Quartermaster.

DISCIPLINE.

8. Strict march discipline will be maintained throughout move.

Any man falling out must obtain a pass from an Officer who will state reason for falling out & to whom he is to report.

CLEANLINESS.

9. All tents and their surroundings are to be left scrupulously clean.

REPORTS.

10. Company Commanders will submit a written report to Bn. Hd. Qrs. immediately they take over new billets.

A. Somerset Lieutenant.
A/Adjutant 1st Aust. Battalion BEF.

FOR USE IN THE FIELD.

ACCOUNT of sums received and expended by the Sub-Accountant during the month of _____ 191____, in account with the Paymaster _____ Paymaster's Ledger Folio _____

Table with columns: Dr. (Date, No. of Voucher, From whom received, Particulars, Amount £ s. d.) and Cr. (Date, No. of Voucher, To whom paid, Particulars, Amount £ s. d.). Includes summary rows for Total Receipts, Total Expenditure, and Balance due to Paymaster.

I certify that the above Account is correct.

Station and Date _____ Sub-Accountant.

- 1. This Account is to be made out by the Sub-Accountant (the vouchers supporting the several credits and charges being annexed and numbered as "Sub-Vouchers") and should be forwarded as soon after end of month as possible, to the A. G. at the Base, who will transmit it to the Paymaster concerned at the earliest opportunity.
2. When this Form is used by the General Staff in connection with intelligence duties, the Sub-Accountant shall attach a Certificate in those cases where it is not possible or expedient to obtain Vouchers.
3. Vouchers or Certificates should be numbered 1, 2, 3, &c.

Major P. S. WOODFORDE T/Commanding 1st Australian Battalion. 26/1/1917.

Reference Map

57 c. S. W. & 57 d S. E.

RELIEF. The 1st Australian Battalion will relieve the 5th Yorks Bn. in right Subsector, left Sector of 50th Div. Front, in two stages.

The following advance parties will proceed to their respective positions on 26th Inst., arriving at COUGH DROP at 1800, where one guide will conduct them to 5th Yorks Bn. Headquarters

1 Officer and 1 Senior N.C.O. per Coy., & the R.S.M. for Bn. Hd. Qrs will take over all Trench Stores, Schemes of Work, & arrangements for cooking and supply of rations & water.

Signalling Sgt. with 1 Hd. Qr. Signaller and 1 Signaller for each Coy. office who will take over from corresponding details of the 5th Yorks Bn.

2 Lewis Gun N.C.O.'s. for each Coy. in the line, will take over and study positions of Lewis Guns in in their Coy. front.

The above parties will carry 24 hours rations.

MOVE. The Battalion in order of "D" "A" "B" "C", will move from BECOURT Camp commencing at 0900 on 27th Inst. to BAZENTIN by following route

X26 & X27 then up to 21D, 22A, 16D, 17A, 17B, 18A, & 18B to "B" Camp S. 8. C. 8. 9.

The following distances will be maintained on roads :-

Between Platoons. 100 yards.

Between every 6 vehicles. 100 yards.

Movement forward of HIGH WOOD will be in small parties at 100 yards distance.

Transport will move independently to lines now occupied by 150th Bde.

Cookers will proceed to BAZENTIN CAMP with the Bn. and will return, less "B" Coy's., to Transport Lines at 1500. "B" Coy's. Cooker will move to Reserve position occupied by "B" Coy.

1 Blanket ^{per man} will be rolled in bundles of 10 and securely labelled. These together with packs will be stacked in ~~Nat~~ Coy Cooker Hut by 0830

Companies will parade ready to move from BAZENTIN CAMP at 1615 outside their Coy. Huts, in order of "C" "D" "A" & "B", and will proceed by Duckboard Track commencing at S. 14. A. 9. 1. to trenches to relieve in the following order:-

"C" Coy. 100 strong 1st Aust. Bn. will relieve "A" Coy. 5th Yorks in R. Sector.

"D" " 100 strong " " " " " " "D" Coy. 5th Yorks in L. Sector.

"A" " 100 strong " " " " " " "B" Coy. 5th Yorks in Supports.

"B" " plus 1 Officer from each Coy. & remaining Other Ranks of "C" "D" & "A", will *be accommodated* in camp to be notified later.

One guide per platoon for Front Line & Support Coys. also 2 for Bn. Hd. Qrs. will meet Coys. at COUGH DROP at 1730 & guide them to their positions.

ESS. Battle Order with waterproof sheet and 1 blanket rolled between haversack and belt. Greatcoat & Steel helmet to be worn.

ORES. All Trench Stores, Maps, Photos, Documents, etc. Orders, & information for proposed operations will be taken over & receipts given. A Triplicate receipt will be sent to Bn. Hd. Qrs. not later than 0800 on 28th Inst.

CAUTIONS. Relief will be carried out in strict silence. Bn. Standing Orders regarding trench feet will be adhered to, & necessary reports submitted by Company Commanders.

Huts & grounds at BECOURT CAMP will be left scrupulously clean before the Bn. moves off. Completion of relief will be at once reported to Bn. Hd. Qrs.

R Somerset
Adj. Gen. a Coy.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

WAR DIARY

RELIEF ORDER

MAJOR P. S. S. WOODFORD T/COMMANDING 1st Australian Battalion. 30/1/17.

REFERENCE MAP GWEIDECOURT 1/10000.

The following reliefs will take place on the night of 31st Jan. - 1st February 1917:-

The 3rd Aust. Bn. from Support, to Right Sub-section trenches.
1st Aust. Bn. on relief moves to BAZENTIN Site 5. (S. 13. B. 24.)
4th Aust. Bn. from Site 5 to Support Trenches.

The 3rd Bn. Advance Party of 1 Officer, 2 N.C.O.'s., 1 Runner & 1 LNK. N.C.O. for "B" & "D" Coys. will proceed to "C" & "D" Coys. 1st Bn. positions respectively, and will be accommodated by them.

Companies will be relieved as follows:-

- "B" Coy. 3rd Bn. will relieve "C" Coy. 1st Bn. in Right Coy. Sector Line.
- "D" Coy. 3rd Bn. will relieve "D" Coy. 1st Bn. in Left Coy. Sector Line.
- "A" Coy. 3rd Bn. will relieve "A" Coy. 1st Bn. in Support Trenches.
- "C" Coy. 3rd Bn. will relieve "B" Coy. 1st Bn. in Reserve.

"B" Coy. plus "C" & "D" Coy. Details will move to new camp as soon as ~~eight permits~~ it has been vacated by the 4th Aust. Battalion.

Detached parties will rejoin their Companies at new camp.

Cookers will proceed to No. 5 Site BAZENTIN on afternoon of 31st January and will prepare a hot meal for their respective Companies by 2000.

All trench stores, including maps, photos, plans of work, Tommy Cookers, Primus Stoves etc., and all documents containing information will be handed over, & duplicate receipts forwarded to Bn. Hd. Qrs. by 1800 on 31st January 1917.

Company Commanders will ensure that all blankets, and equipment are carried out of the line.

"B" Coy. will send advance party of 1 N.C.O. for each Coy. & 1 for TURKS DUMP party under Lieut. LEE to Site 5, to allot camp for the 1st Bn.

N.C.O.'s. will then await Companies on duck-board track at Southern end of HIGH WOOD near old German guns, at 1800 and guide the Coys. to which they have been allotted by O.C. "B" Coy. to their respective quarters in No. 5 Camp.

"A" Coy. will send 1 guide per platoon to report at Bn. Hd. Qrs. at 1745 to guide "A" Coy. 3rd Bn. to their positions, and 1 guide to Bn. Hd. Qrs. COUGH DROP to guide 3rd Bn. party to TURKS DUMP, at 1730.

"C" & "D" Coys. will send 1 guide per post and support positions to report at Bn. Hd. Qrs. at 1745 to guide "B" & "D" Coys. 3rd Bn. respectively to their posts.

MOVEMENT. No Movement forward of Southern end of HIGH WOOD will take place before 1715, except in parties of not more than 3 men at 300 yards distance.

WORK. "B" Coy. will supply the following working parties daily, commencing on 31st January:-

- 1 Officer, 5 N.C.O.'s. & 78 men at CLARKE and YORK dump for pushing trucks etc.
- 1 N.C.O. & 6 men for work loading etc., at SWITCH Dump, from 1800 to 2400.
- 1 N.C.O. & 6 men for work loading etc., at SWITCH Dump, from 2400 to 0800.
- 1 N.C.O. & 3 men for permanent Bde. Guard who will be rationed by Bde., to mount at 1800.

One representative for each party will be sent forward on morning of 31st January to get details of duties from parties being relieved.

POSITION. Transport, Q.M. Stores, and Mining Platoon will not change their positions.

REPORTS. "A" "C" & "D" Coys. will report in code by wire immediately on being relieved in front line & support trenches.

On completion of relief Company Commanders will at once report to Bn. Hd. Qrs.

A/Adjutant 1st Aust. Bn.

Training Programme

for period of 21 days 12/1/17 to 1/2/17.

by Major R.S.S. WOODFORDE T/Commanding 1st Aust. Battalion 12/1/17

12/1/17 to 18/1/17.

- a Rifle exercises
- b Bayonet fighting & Musketry
- c Drilling & Section drill close order (frontal & rear order)
- d Route March
- e Organized games Football, Paper Chase, Cross Country Run, etc
- f Lectures to Officers + N.C.O's

	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th
50	1 1/2 hours	1 3/4 hours	1 1/2 hours	1 1/2 hours	1 1/2 hours	1 1/2 hours	
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19th 1 1/2 hours 20th 1 1/2 hours 21st 1 1/2 hours 22nd 1 1/2 hours 23rd 1 1/2 hours 24th 1 1/2 hours

(M) trench standing orders (N) trench warfare (O) worked bombs.

25/1/17 to 25/1/17. Platoons in following:-

- (A) Bombing
- (B) Live Bombing Practice
- (C) Platoon in Attack
- (D) Platoon in assault in waves
- (E) Platoon in Tactical Exercises
- (F) Platoon drill in close order
- (G) Platoon drill in extended order
- (H) Route marching
- (I) Organized games as above
- (M) Lectures to Officers + N.C.O's.

	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th
50	1 3/4 hours	1 1/2 hours	1 1/2 hours	1 1/2 hours	1 1/2 hours	1 1/2 hours	1 1/2 hours
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26th 1 1/2 hours 27th 1 1/2 hours 28th 1 1/2 hours 29th 1 1/2 hours 30th 1 1/2 hours 31st 1 1/2 hours

(M) Interior economy (N) elementary military organization (O) discipline

26/1/17 to 1/2/17. Companies in following:-

- (A) Bayonet fighting
- (B) Coy. drill in close order
- (C) Coy. drill in assault in waves
- (D) Coy. in tactical exercises with specialists co-operating
- (E) Route marching
- (F) Battalion drill
- (G) Co. in tactical exercise with specialists co-operating
- (H) Organized games as above
- (M) Lectures to officers + N.C.O's.

P.T.O.

Commenced 1/2/17

Training Programme Continued

Specialists

Training to be in Progressive stages in subjects laid down below.

BN. Bombers. Throwing practice from all positions.
 Bayonet fighting.
 Training in teams for mopping up work, etc.
 Practice in use of Rifle Grenade.
 Practice in Rifle Grenade Barrage work.
 Lectures on Co-Operation with Lewis Guns.
 Route marching.

Lewis Gunners. (to train with Companies under supervision of BN L.M.G. Officers)
 Technical Instruction.
 Range practice in firing gun.
 Lectures on tactical use of gun by itself + in Co-Operation with Bombers etc.
 Tactical exercises with guns.
 Route marching.

Signallers. Training under 1st Aust. Inf Bde Programme under Lt BRUTON.

Intelligence Platoon. Observing.
 Writing reports + messages.
 Patrolling.
 Lectures on sniping + Rifle Battery work.
 Rifle Exercises.
 Bayonet Fighting.
 Musketry.
 Route Marching.

26-1-17 to 1-2-17.

Specialists will be operate with Platoons Companies etc., in Tactical Exercises Route Marching, etc.

17-1-17

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all to be observed in accordance with the instructions contained in the instructions regarding the duties of the signaller in the 1st Australian Infantry Battalion.

Date: _____