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WAR DIARY

OF

153rd INF BRIGADE

Vol 17

from 1st Aug 1916

to

31st Aug 1916

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153rd Inf Bde

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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks (refer to Appendix) |
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| HIGHWOOD HANETA | 1 st Aug | | Situation remained unchanged. Orders received that 153 rd Bde would be relieved by 152 nd Inf Bde. Reliefs commenced about 3 pm were completed by 9 pm. Bde went into divisional reserve in bivouacs at E 12 a + c. | APP 1121 |
| E 12 a + c | 2 nd Aug | | In divisional reserve | 1011 |
| " | 3 rd Aug | | In divisional reserve | 1011 |
| " | 4 th Aug | | In divisional reserve. Casualties OR 1 killed 4 wounded. All these occurred while taking horses to water behind FRICOURT. | 1011 |
| " | 5 th Aug | | In the divisional reserve. During the night there was considerable shelling in the vicinity of the Bde Camp with gas shells but no casualties. Heat great. | 1011 |
| " | 6 th Aug | | 5 th Division relieved by 33 rd Division. 153 rd Bde relieved by 19 th Bde. | APP 1122 |
| D 12 d | 7 th Aug | | 153 rd Bde marched into bivouacs in area D 12 d. Brigade in bivouac in Major GIBSON 6 th Black Watch took over duties of Staff Capt. | 1011 |
| " | 8 th Aug | | All brigade transport marched by road to a bivouac near AGNEVILLE LONGPRE HALTING FOR NIGHT AT POUILLAINVILLE. | APP 1124 1166 1011 |
| " | 9 th Aug | | Bde marched to MERICOURT where it entertained detainees at LONGPRE. All units were in billets in new area by 11 pm. Disposition was as follows: Bde HQ at MERLESBART CHATEAU - 153 rd AG Coy + 153 rd TM Battery MERLESBART - 6 th Black Watch WANEL - 7 th Black Watch H. ... | APP 1125 1187 1199 1011 |

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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|------|--|--------------------------------------|
| | 9 th Aug | | <p>5th Gordon's HOGQUINCOURT - 7th Gordon's CITERNE - 1/3 Coy RE 3/4 Coy RE, 1/2 F Ambulance were also attached for billeting & were at SCRIEL.</p> <p>Train arrangements at MERICOURT were not good & trains arrived very late at LONGPRE. The billets were in many cases 6-8 miles from LONGPRE. The transport did not arrive till very late & was much exhausted. Heat very great all day.</p> | JHM |
| HEREKE SART billets provided | 10 th Aug | | <p>Bde commenced moving by rail to the area WARDRECOUES - RACQUINGHEM SE of SI OMER. Bde HQ moving first & was noticed that the men seemed soft & seemed considerably distressed by the march both left from LONGPRE. A circular was sent round on this matter.</p> | APP I 190 I 191 |
| | 11 th Aug | | <p>Bde HQ detained at THIEPONES 12.30 pm & marched to WARDRECOUES. all billets for units had been arranged by Divisional Staff. Bde HQ at MAIRIE WARDRECOUES. All units came in during the course of the day & night. Dispositions as follows Bde HQ, 6th Black Watch, 7th Black Watch, MG Coy, 3 field units, 103 Coy Train all at WARDRECOUES. 153rd T.M. Battalion in Gordon's 1/3 Coy RE, RACQUINGHEM - 5th Gordon's COMPAGNIE</p> <p>Training message received that 5th Div would take over the trenches of the NEW ZEALAND division at ARMENIERS & that parties were to go up by buses at 9 am 13th to look at trenches.</p> | JHM |

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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks with
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Appendices

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks with reference to Appendices |
|-------------|------------------|------|---|--------------------------------------|
| ARMENTIERES | 12 th | | in billets awaiting orders | VII |
| | 13 th | | Received orders to relieve the 2 nd NZ Bde in the line at ARMENTIERES on 17 th Aug. Advanced parties to go up on 16 th . Weather very hot & close. | APP I 192 APP I 193 VII |
| | 14 th | | Nothing unusual happened. Bde order issued for move to ARMENTIERES & relief of 2 nd NZ Bde in the trenches. | 194 |
| | 15 th | | C.O.C. & Bde Major reconnoitred trenches to be taken over. Rain fell. | |
| ARMENTIERES | 16 th | | Bde arrived in billets in ARMENTIERES & were billeted on the town acting as Divisional reserve & relieved 1 st NZ Bde under orders of NZ Division. It was arranged that the 3 rd NZ Bde should use their reserve battalion for the ARMENTIERES defences night 16/17. Aug as the town was not known to the Bde. | VIII |
| | 17 th | | 6 th Black Watch commenced relieving 3 rd Otago Bde in the left subsector; 7 th Black Watch relieved 3 rd Auckland Bde in the right subsector; 5 th Gordon's relieved the 2 nd Canterbury Bde in the subsidiary line; 7 th Gordon's relieved the 2 nd Wellington Bde in Bde Reserve. All reliefs were carried out by day & night. | APP I APP I APP I |

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Summary of Events and Information

Reference and Authority to Appendix

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information |
|----------------|------------------|------|---|
| ARTISANTERRACE | 17 th | | by 6pm were complete. Bell H.S. at 5.30 AM was 153 rd Inf Bde. ARMENTIERES. The trenches are in good condition. Orders were received to prepare scheme for small raid. |
| | 18 th | | Between 5.30 pm & 6.30 pm enemy shelled 6 th Bn in T.6 with 4 th & somewhat knocked about the trench. One Anallerga killed. Snipers smashed several periscopes. G.O.C. 37 th Div inspected the Bell Seals during the afternoon. At night 2 officers patrols went out & inspected the hostile wire which was very strong. |
| | 19 th | | No change all reports seemed to indicate great inactivity on the part of the enemy. |
| | 20 th | | No change. G.O.C. attended Owl conference in which work programme was laid down. 140 men detailed to Sappers' work & always to work with Sappers. Several officers patrols went out & examined enemy's wire which is very deep. Enemy appears to be very alert, as the patrols were met with trouble. Enemy constantly swept line with searchlight. |
| | 21 st | | Relief ordered to take place. These orders were received. Enemy rather active during the night. One truck was shot. had a short burst of 10 minutes at 12 midnight. They were |

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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|-------------|------------------|------|--|--------------------------------------|
| ARMENTIERES | 21 st | | assisted by rifle grenades. Considerable damage was done to hostile trench, but provoked a good deal of retaliation, with field guns & light hoivs. 2 casualties in 7 th Black Watch one being killed. These were caused by a "Rum jar" on a dipout. | Mh |
| " | 22 nd | | units changed, reliefs taking place by platoons by day. Completed at 6pm. Distribution as follows - Right subsector 7 th Gordons - Left subsector 5 th Gordons - Subsidiary line 6 th Black Watch - Bde Reserve 7 th Black Watch. Orders for "gas alert" were received from division at 7.20 pm. Wind being SE | Mh |
| " | 23 rd | | "Gas alert" still on. Otherwise the situation was quiet & the artillery of both sides not very active. | Mh |
| " | 24 th | | Situation normal slight shelling on both sides "gas alert" taken off at 6.10 pm. Many men seemed uncertain about "Gas Alert". | Mh |
| " | 25 th | | Situation normal. Slight mortar activity both sides | Mh |
| " | 26 th | | Relief orders issued. Situation normal ARMENTIERES shelling. Hostile mortars were active. | Mh |

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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|----------|------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| MONTIERG | 31 st | 1-28 ^{am} | In guns commenced firing to drown him of gas | |
| | | 1-34 ^{am} | Artillery T17s started their bombardment. Medium T-17s doing the same cutting. Smoke was also discharged from the pipes between the gas emplacements. Smoke | |
| | | 1-45 ^{am} | Gas ceased & smoke ceased. Reported to artillery that S.O.S was being sent up on right side. Artillery however were ordered not to shift their lines but to continue with the programme. This afterwards turned out to be the German S.O.S | |
| | | on 1-50 ^{am} | Artillery bombardment ceased | |
| | | 2-6 ^{am} | Artillery bombardment & barage commenced & raiding party under 2 nd Lt M ^c LAREN 6 th Black Watch formed up. The enemy's barrage however prevented them getting to the starting point (A). One of the party was immediately gassed, whether by gas shells or our own gas is uncertain. At soon after a large Hunnercafer hit several more of the party. It was decided then not to proceed with the enterprise & a covering party was organised to cover withdrawal of wounded. Meantime the Artillery kept up a slow barage. | |
| | | 3-15 ^{am} | All wounded were reported to be in & Artillery ceased. Total casualties to party 1 man dead of wounds & 13 men wounded including 2 nd Lt M ^c LAREN & 2 nd Lt TARRAL | |

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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|-------------|------------------|------|--|---|
| ARMENTIERES | 31 st | | <p>There was very little retaliation by the German Artillery, although a few shells were fired into ARMENTIERES & the ORCHARD & IRISH AVE were rather knocked about. It was most probable that the enemy was caught somewhat unprepared by our gas, as great shouting was heard & much confusion between zero + 2 min + 2 min + 4 min. No gas alarms were heard at that time but much later far in rear. Remainder of day quiet till evening when new batteries commenced registering behind FISI & PONT BAILLOT. This was reported at 7.30 pm & the Artillery & our guns were warned accordingly that something might happen. These new batteries appeared to be in WEZ MACSURT direction.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1/19/16 153rd Inf Bde</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">1/19/16</p> |

153RD INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO. 127.

10th AUGUST, 1916.

Reference map :-

Attached diagram and ABBEVILLE Sheet 11 1/80,000.

- Bde. Headquarters. 1. 153rd Infantry Brigade Group as per margin
Bde. Signals. will move by train on 10th 11th and 12th August,
1/6th Black Watch. as in attached table.
1/7th Black Watch.
1/5th Gordon Hrs. 2. The Commander of each train is responsible
1/7th Gordon Hrs. for the entrainment and detraining of his train.
153rd M.G. Coy. 3. Troops entraining before the midday meal
153rd T.M. Batty. will do with current days ration and supply
1/1st H.Fd. Coy. wagons loaded with supplies for following day.
2/2nd H.Fd. Coy. Troops entraining after midday will be issued
1/2nd H. F. Amb. with rations for consumption following day and
supply wagons loaded with supplies for day after.
4. The Staff Captain and Adjutant R.E. will travel by first train arriving at their detraining station where they will be handed distribution of billets for their units.
5. 1/6th Black Watch will detail the following on arrival at detraining station.
- (a) 1 Captain to act as detraining officer for the Division.
- (b) 2 Officers and 100 men as fatigue party.
- Both these should report at once on arrival to R.T.O.
6. All Lewis Guns are at HALLENCOURT except those of 1/6th Black Watch which are with their unit.
- Units should arrange to pick up their Lewis Guns at HALLENCOURT en route to LONGPRE STATION. Arrangements as to time etc. should be made direct by O.C. Units.
7. In the new Area Divisional Headquarters will be at RENESOURE CHATEAU.
153rd Infantry Brigade Headquarters will be at WARDRECOUES, 154th Inf. Bde. H.Q. at WALLON CAPPEL, 152nd Inf. Bde. H.Q. at BLARINGHEM.
8. Railheads will be as follows :-
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|-------------|-------------|
| 10th August | VIGNACOURT. |
| 11th August | MBBLINGHEM. |
9. Refilling point on 11th August is provisionally fixed at LYNDE for mails.
10. Acknowledge.

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

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| Copy No. | 1 | 1/6th Black Watch. |
| " | " | 2 1/7th Black Watch. |
| " | " | 3 1/5th Gordon Highlanders |
| " | " | 4 1/7th Gordon Highlanders |
| " | " | 5 153rd Bde M. Gun Company. |
| " | " | 6 153rd Trench Mortar Battery, |
| " | " | 7 1/1st High. Field Coy. R.E. |
| " | " | 8 2/2nd High. Field Coy. R.E. |
| " | " | 9 1/2nd High. Field Ambulance. |
| " | " | 10 51st Division. |
| " | " | 11 O.C. Sanitary Section. |
| " | " | 12 O.C. Divl. Salvage Company. |
| " | " | 13 O.C. No. 4. Coy. H.D. Train. |
| " | " | 14 Brigade Transport Officer |
| " | " | 15 Staff Captain 153rd Infantry Brigade. |
| " | " | 16 G.O.C. |
| " | " | 17 War Diary. |
| " | " | 18 No. 3. Coy. H.D. Train. |

MARCH TABLE issued with 153rd Bde. Order No. 127.

| Train No. | Identification No. | Unit. | Distance from billets to station. | Entraining Station. | Time for transport to arrive station. | Time for Personnel to arrive Station. | Time and date of Departure. | Detraining Station. | Train Commander | Remarks |
|-----------|------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 2 | 5120 25 26 27 | 153rd Bde.H.O. Bde. Signals. 153rd M.G. Coy. 153rd T.M. Batty Billeting parties. 153rd Inf. Bde. | * 8 miles. | LONGPRE | 10th Aug. 23.21 hrs | 11th Aug. 1.21 hrs. | 2.21 hrs | THIENNES | B.G.C. 153rd Inf. Bde. | |
| | 5121 | 1/6th B. Watch. | * 4 1/2 miles. | LONGPRE. | 11th AUG. 2.21 hrs. | 11th Aug. 4.21 hrs. | 11th Aug 5.21 hrs | THIENNES | O.C. 1/6th B.W. | To provide 1 detraining officer, and 2 officers and 100 men as fatigue at THIENNES to report to R.F.O. at that place. |
| | 5122 | 1/7th B. Watch. | * 6 miles | LONGPRE | 11th Aug. 5.21 hrs | 11th Aug. 7.21 hrs | 11th Aug 8.21 hrs | THIENNES | O.C. 1/7th B.W. | |
| | 5123 | 1/5th G. Hrs. Billeting parties 152nd Brigade | * 8 miles | LONGPRE | 11th Aug. 8-01 hrs | 11th Aug. 10.01 hrs | 11th Aug 11.01 hrs | THIENNES | O.C. 1/5th G.H. | |
| | 5124 | 1/7th G. Hrs. | *9 miles | LONGPRE | 11.21 hrs | 13.21 hrs | 14.21 hrs | THIENNES | O.C. 1/7th G.H. | |
| 9. | 5184 94 | 2/1 Fd. Coy. R.E. Sanitary Sec. | 0 2 3/4 miles | PONT REMY | 12th Aug. 1.48 hrs | 12th Aug 3.48 hrs | 12th Aug. 4.48 hrs | STEENBECQUE | O.C. 1/1st R.E. | |
| 1 | 5186 08 | 2/2 Fd. Coy. R.E. Salvage Coy. | 0 2 3/4 miles | PONT REMY | 4.38 hrs | 6.38 hrs | 7.38 hrs | STEENBECQUE | O.C. 2/2nd R.E. | |
| 23 | 5190 91 | 1/2 Fd. Amb. No. 4. Coy. H.D. Train. | 0 2 3/4 miles | PONT REMY | 7.18 hrs | 9 18 hrs. | 10.18 hrs | STEENBECQUE | O.C. No. 4 Coy. H.D. Train. | |

* The Routes for these distances have all been measured via HALLENCOURT - WANEL - LONGPRE which should be adhered to.
 0 This distance is from SOREL - PONT REMY.

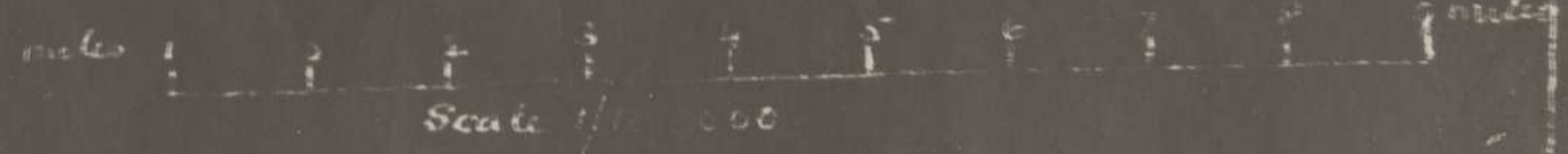
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DIAGRAM of ROADS in & vicinity
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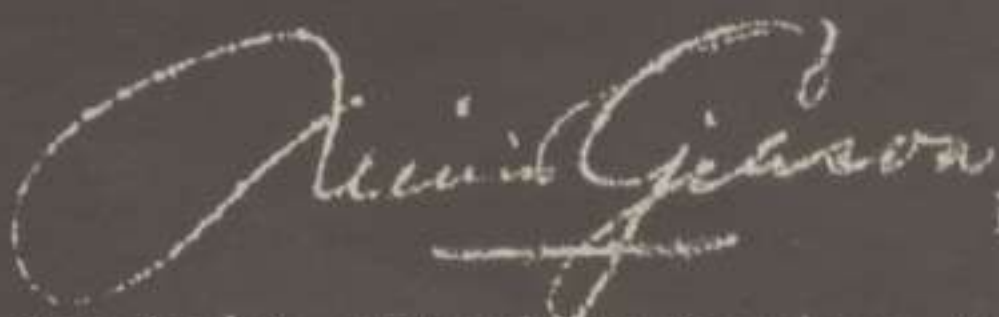


153RD INFANTRY BRIGADE

Administrative Instructions for Railway Movement.

BILLETING PARTIES.

1. Billeting parties of the 1/6th and 1/7th Black Watch, 1/5th and 1/7th Gordon Highlanders, 153rd Brigade Machine Gun Company, 153rd Trench Mortar Battery will report to Staff Captain at LONGPRE Station at 11 p.m. 10th August. (tonight)
2. O.C. 1/2nd Highland Field Ambulance will make his own arrangements for billeting party on arrival in new area.



Major,

10/8/16.

Staff Captain 153rd Infantry Brigade.

Copies to

1/6th Black Watch.
 1/7th Black Watch.
 1/5th Gordon Highlanders.
 1/7th Gordon Highlanders.
 153rd Bde. M.G. Company.
 153rd Trench Mortar Battery.
 1/2nd High. Field Ambulance.
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1st (HIGHLAND) DIVISION.

AMENDMENT TO OPERATION ORDER No. 76.

Cancel para. 11 and substitute:-

"Refilling Points on day of arrival in ~~MEMPHIS~~ area will be in the evening at the billet of the Train Company of each Group.

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
1st (Highland) Division.

13th August 1916.

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51st (HIGHLAND) DIVISION.

OPERATION ORDER No. 76.

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18th August 1916.Reference:-
HAZEBROUCK 5a Sheet.

1. The 51st Division will relieve the 1st New Zealand Division in the line during the period 14th - 18th August; relief to be completed by midnight 17/18th August.
2. The relief will be carried out in accordance with the attached table; dismounted troops moving by train and mounted troops and transport by road.
3. (a) Details of the Infantry relief will be arranged direct between Brigadiers concerned.
(b) Instructions as regards the train movement will be issued later by A.A. & Q.M.G., 51st Division.
(c) Each Brigade will detail a Field Officer to be in command of the Group transport and to be responsible for the discipline on the line of march. The A.P.M. will detail a proportion of M.M.P. to each Group to assist him.
4. Arrangements will be made for reconnoitring parties of Brigades going into the line to proceed by bus 24 hours in advance of their Brigades, viz:-
154th Brigade party on 13th inst.
153rd Brigade party on 16th inst.
5. Lewis and Machine Guns of relieving Brigades will go into the line during the morning of the day of relief.
6. Guns of Light and Medium Trench Mortar Batteries will be exchanged between Divisions in so far as the guns of either Division are in serviceable order at the time of relief.
7. The Divisional Artillery of 51st Division will relieve the Divisional Artillery of the 1st New Zealand Division on 16th and 17th August.
Details as regards this relief will be issued later as an appendix to this Order.
8. The C.R.E., A.D.M.S., and A.D.V.S., 51st Division, will arrange the details of the relief of units under their command with the C.R.E., A.D.M.S., and A.D.V.S., 1st New Zealand Division, reporting their procedure to this Office.
9. Brigadiers will take over command of Brigade Sectors on completion of relief.
10. G.O.C., 51st Division, will assume command of the Division Sector at 10 a.m., 18th inst.
11. Refilling Points:-
13th - 153rd Group WAREBOQUE, 9 a.m.
152nd & 154th Groups LYNLE - WALLON CAPPEL Road, 9 a.m.
Each Brigade Group will refill at above Points on day of movement. Refilling Points on day after arrival in ARMENTIERES Area will be at the billet of the Train Company of each Group.

James Stewart

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
51st (Highland) Division.Issued at 9.30 a.m.

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2 153rd Infantry Brigade.
3 154th Infantry Brigade.
4 C.R.A.
5 C.R.E.
6 "A".
7 1/0th Royal Sects.
8 A.D.M.S.
9 Divl. Train.
10 Signale.
11 A.D.V.S.
12 A.D.C. for G.O.C.
13 A.P.M.
14 Camp Commandant.
15 Ind A. & M.S. Army Corps.
16 1st New Zealand Division.
17 16th Division.
18 5th Australian Division.
19 War Diary.
20 File.
21 V Corps.

Reference :-
1/100,000 HAZEBROUCK Sheet.

MARCH TABLE ISSUED WITH OPERATION ORDER No. 76.

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| Date. | Group. | Road or Rail. | From. | To. | Remarks. |
|---------|--|---------------|------------------|---------------------|---|
| Aug. 14 | 154th Bde. Group- 154th Inf. Bde. 1/8th Royal Scots. 1/2nd High. Fd. Co. 1/2nd High. Fd. Amb. 2nd Co. Div. Train. | Rail. | EBBLINGHEM. | STEENWERCK STATION. | Thence by BAILLEUL - ARLENTIERES road to ARLENTIERES, taking over billets from 3rd New Zealand Brigade. |
| Aug. 14 | Transport of 154th Bde. Group. | Road. | BLARINGHEM AREA. | ARLENTIERES. | Starting Point :- Cross Roads LES CINQUES RUES. Time 5.30 a.m. Route :- HAZEBROUCK - LERVILLE - LA GORGUE thence S. of River LYS. To halt when head of Column reaches W. end of LA GORGUE, moving on again at 2 p.m. |
| Aug. 15 | 154th Bde. Group. | --- | ARLENTIERES | Right Sector. | Relieving 1st New Zealand Brigade. |
| Aug. 16 | 153rd Bde. Group- 153rd Inf. Bde. 1/1st High. Fd. Co. 1/3rd High. Fd. Amb. 3rd Co. Div. Train. | Rail. | EBBLINGHEM | STEENWERCK STATION | Thence by BAILLEUL - ARLENTIERES road to ARLENTIERES, taking over billets from 1st New Zealand Brigade. |

See amendment
Thence by road to ARLENTIERES via
x roads 1/4 mile W of Rm 2400T - a
of LEVECU - x roads 1/2 mile S of
of LES 3 TILLES - FONT de NISSE

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| Date. | Group. | Road or Rail. | From. | To. | Remarks. |
|---------|---|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|---|
| Aug. 16 | Transport of 153rd Mde. Group. | Road. | BLARINGHEM AREA | ARMENTIERES | Starting Point :- Cross Roads $\frac{1}{2}$ mile W. of B of BLARINGHEM. Time 5.50 a.m. Route :- BOUSSEHEM - CROIX MARRAISSE - MERVILLE - LA GORGUE, thence S. of River LYS. To halt when head of Column reaches W. end of LA GORGUE, moving on again at 2 p.m. |
| Aug. 17 | 153rd Bde. Group. | -- | ARMENTIERES | Left Sector. | Relieving 2nd New Zealand Brigade. |
| Aug. 18 | 152nd Bde. Group. 152nd Inf. Bde. 2/2nd High. Pz. Co. 2/1st High. Pz. Amb. 4th Co. Div. Train. Dismounted personnel of Divisional H.Q. | Rail. | EBBLINGHEM | STENNEBERCK STATION | Thence by BLIENNE - ARMENTIERES road to ARMENTIERES, taking over billets from 2nd New Zealand Brigade. |
| Aug. 18 | Transport of 152nd Bde. Group and Divisional H.Q. Group, including H.Q. Div. R.E., No. 1 Sect. Div. Signal Co. Div. Sanitary Sect. | Road | BLARINGHEM AREA | ARMENTIERES | Starting Point :- Junction of roads at LE CROUQUET. Time 5.30 a.m. Route :- STENNEBERCK STATION - CROIX MARRAISSE - MERVILLE - LA GORGUE, thence S. of River LYS. To halt when head of Column reaches W. end of LA GORGUE, moving on again at 2 p.m. |

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APPENDIX
to
51st (HIGHLAND) DIVISION
Operation Order No 76.

Reference Operation Order No. 76 para. 7.

14th August, 1916.

The 51st Divisional Artillery will relieve the New Zealand Divisional Artillery on 16th and 17th August by a section per battery on each day.

The 51st Divisional Artillery will move as under:-

Starting Point - LA BELLE HOTESSE.
Time - 6.30 a.m.
Route - STEENBECQUE STATION.
CROIX MARRAISSE.
MERVILLE.
ESTAIRES.
CROIX du BAC.
PONT de NIËPPE

Halt will be made on head of column reaching cross roads ~~N~~ of E of LA GORGUE, closing up to clear MERVILLE.

Column will move on again at 3 p.m.

Issued at 9.15 a.m.

D. Baird
for
Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
51st (Highland) Division.

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2. 153rd Inf. Bde.
3. 154th Inf. Bde.
4. C.R.A.
5. C.R.E.
6. "A"
7. 1/8th Royal Scots.
8. A.D.M.S.
9. Divl. Train.
10. Signals.
11. A.D.V.S.
12. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
13. A.P.M.
14. Camp Commandant.
15. Infd A. & N.Z. Army Corps.
16. 1st New Zealand Division.
17. 28th Division.
18. 5th Australian Division.
19. Vth Corps.
20. War Diary.
21. File.

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Amendment to 153rd Infantry Brigade Order No. 128.

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Reference 153rd Infantry Brigade Operation Order No. 128 the following additions should be made:-

1. In the margin after 1/7th Gordon Highlanders road 153rd Machine Gun Company and 153rd Trench Mortar Battery.
2. In Table A. in column 1 after Brigade Headquarters road 153rd Machine Gun Company.
In column 3 opposite 153rd Machine Gun Company read 5.30 a.m. : opposite 1/5th Gordon Highlanders road 5.35 a.m. : opposite No. 3. Coy Train road 5.40 a.m.
3. In Table C. Column 2 under 153rd Bde Group, and Transport of 153rd Inf. Brigade Group, after 1/6th Black Watch insert 153rd Machine Gun Company and 153rd Trench Mortar Battery.

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Captain.

14th August, 1916. Brigade Major 153rd Inf. Bde.

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| Copy No. | 1 | 1/6th Black Watch. |
| " " | 2 | 1/7th Black Watch. |
| " " | 3 | 1/5th Gordon Highlanders. |
| " " | 4 | 1/7th Gordon Highlanders. |
| " " | 5 | 153rd Machine Gun Company. |
| " " | 6 | 153rd Trench Mortar Battery. |
| " " | 7 | 1/1st Field Coy. R.E. |
| " " | 8 | 1/3rd Field Ambulance. |
| " " | 9 | No. 3. Coy. H.D. Train. |
| " " | 10 | 51st (Highland) Division. |
| " " | 11 | C.R.E. 51st Division. |
| " " | 12 | A.D.M.S. 51st Division. |
| " " | 13 | 1st N.Z. Brigade. |
| " " | 14 | 2nd N.Z. Brigade. |
| " " | 15 | 154th Infantry Brigade. |
| " " | 16 | Staff Captain |
| " " | 17 | War Diary. |
| " " | 18 | File. |
| " " | 19 | Brigade Transport Officer. |
| " " | 20 | Major Young, 1/6th Black Watch. |
| " " | 21 | G.O.C. |

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153RD INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER No. 188.

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Reference Map 1/100,000 HAZEBROUCK Sheet 5a.

14th August, 1916.

Edo Headquarters.
Sec. Signals.
1/3th Black Watch.
1/7th Black Watch.
1/5th Gordon Hrs.
1/7th Gordon Hrs.
1/1st B. Coy. R.E.
1/3rd Wd. Amb.
No. 3. Coy. Train.

1. The 51st Division will relieve the 1st N.Z. Division in the Line during the period 14th - 18th August; relief to be completed by midnight 17th/18th August, 1916.

2. The front to be held by the 51st Division runs from the R. LES 500 yards S.W. of FRELINGHUYEN, through L'EPINETTE to a point about the first L. of LA BLEUE. This is divided into 2 Sectors. Division between sectors is a point 300m of L'EPINETTE.

3. 153rd Infantry Brigade Group as per margin will relieve 2nd N.Z. Brigade.

- (a) by Road vide Table A.
- (b) by Rail vide Table B.

in the left sector of the line during the night 17/18th August in accordance with Table C.

4. 1/7th Black Watch will relieve the Battalion in the right sub-sector.

1/6th Black Watch will relieve the Battalion in the left sub-sector.

1/5th Gordon Highlanders will relieve the Battalion in the Support trenches.

1/7th Gordon Highlanders will relieve the Battalion in Reserve.

5. Details of relief to be carried out direct between Officers Commanding units.

Details of relief between Engineer and Ambulance Units are being carried out by C.R.F. and A.D.M.S. respectively, except in so far as the movements of these units by road and rail to the ARMENTIERES AREA is concerned.

6. Completion of reliefs to be reported to 153rd Brigade Headquarters.

7. Lewis and Machine Guns will go into the Line during the morning of the day of relief.

8. Guns of Light Trench Mortar Batteries will be exchanged between Brigades in so far as the guns of either are in serviceable order at the time of relief.

9. Reconnoitering parties will proceed by bus on 16th August details will be issued later.

10. G.O.C. 153rd Infantry Brigade will assume command of left Sector on completion of relief.

11. All mounted troops, horses, and vehicles of the 153rd Brigade Group will move by road as indicated tables A. and C. under command of Major Young, 1/6th Black Watch.

12. Refilling points/

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12. Refilling points on day of arrival in ARMENTIERES AREA will be in the evening at the billet of the Train Company.

13. Acknowledgo.

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Captain,
Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.

Issued at pm.

- 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 1/1st Field Coy. R.S.
- " " 8 1/3rd Field Ambulance.
- " " 9 No. 3. Coy. H.D. Train.
- " " 10 51st (Highland) Division:
- " " 11 C.R.M. 51st Division.
- " " 12 A.D.M.S. 51st Division.
- " " 13 1st N.Z. Brigade.
- " " 14 2nd N.Z. Brigade.
- " " 15 154th Infantry Brigade.
- " " 16 Staff Captain.
- " " 17 War Diary.
- " " 18 Mile.
- " " 19 Brigade Transport Officer.
- " " 20 Major Young 1/6th Black Watch.
- " " 21 G.O.C.

TABLE A. Issued with Operation Order No. 128.

For March of Transport of 153rd Infantry Brigade Group on 16th August 1918.

| Unit. | Starting Point. | Time of passing. | Destination | Route. | Remarks. |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|---|--|
| 1/7th Gordon Hrs. | BACQUINGHEM Church. | 5.0 a.m. | APPEMONTIERES. | WITTES - Fork roads just E. of in WIDDESN BOBSEGHEN - CROIX MARRAISSE - MERVILLE - LAGORGUE - thence S. of R.LYS - SAILLY SUR LYS. | When the head of the column reaches the WEST end of LAGORGUE it should halt until 2 p.m. moving on at that hour. During the march the 10 minutes halt per hour will be observed. |
| T.M. Battery. | " | 5.5 a.m. | " | | |
| 1/1st F.Coy. R.E. | " | 5.10 a.m. | " | | |
| 1/3th Black Watch. | " | 5.15 a.m. | " | | |
| 1/7th Black Watch. | " | 5.20 a.m. | " | | |
| Ede. Headquarters. | " | 5.25 a.m. | " | | |
| 1/5th Gordon Hrs. | " | 5.30 a.m. | " | | |
| No. 3. Coy. Train. | " | 5.35 a.m. | " | | |

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TABLE B.

For Movement of Dismounted Personnel on 16th August, 1918.

| Unit. | Starting Point. | Time to pass starting point. | Route. | Embarking Stat. | Time of departure. | Time of Arrival | Disembarking Stat. | Destination. | Route | Remarks. |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| 1/6th D.F. | Rd. Junction just N. of 2nd E. in WARDRECQUES | 3.10a.m. " | via. WARDRECQUES STATION. | EBBLINGHEM STATION. | 10.40a.m. | 11.36a.m. | STEMMERCK STATION | BATTALIES III ARMENTIERES from 1st N.Z. Bde. | Thence by road to ARMENTIERES via cross roads $\frac{1}{2}$ mile W. of R. in RABOT - A of LE VEAU - cross rde $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S. of E in LES 3 TILLEULS - PONT DE NIEPPE. | Order of March from STEMMERCK 1/6th D.F. 1/7th D.F. |
| 1/7th B.F. | ditto. | 8.20a.m. " | | | 10.40a.m. | 11.36a.m. | | | | |
| 1/7th G.H. | x roads just E. of Y in BELLECROIX | 10.0 a.m. " | | | 12.20p.m. | 1.16p.m. | | | | |
| 1/5th G.H. | CAMPAGNE CHURCH | 9.30a.m. " | | | 12.20p.m. | 1.16p.m. | | | | |
| Bde. H.Q. Signals. M.G. Coy. F. Amb.* | Rd. Junction just N. of 2nd E. in WARDRECQUES | 1.40p.m. " | via. WARDRECQUES STATION. | EBBLINGHEM STATION. | 4.0p.m. | 4.56p.m. | STEMMERCK STATION | BATTALIES III ARMENTIERES from 1st N.Z. Bde. | ditto. | Order of March from STEMMERCK Bde. H.Q. Signals. T.M. Batty. F. Coy. R.E. F. Ambulance |
| T.M. Batt. F. Coy. R.E. | x roads just E. of Y in BELLE CROIX | 1.45p.m. | | | 4.0p.m. | 4.56p.m. | | | | |

x Allow 10 mins. halt made in all these times for the halt of 10 minutes in each hour.
* Only if there are any dismounted personnel.

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TABLE C.

| 1. Date | 2. Group | 3. Road or Rail. | 4. From | 5. To. | 6. Remarks. |
|-----------|--|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| Aug. 13th | 155rd Bde Group. 1/7th Black Watch. 1/5th Gordon Hrs. 1/7th Gordon Hrs. 1/6th Black Watch. 1/1st F. Coy. R.E. | Rail | EBBLINGHEM | STEINWERCK STATION | Thence to ARMENTIERES to billets of 1st N.Z. Brigade. |
| Aug. 16th | Transport of 155rd Inf. Bde. Group. Brigade Headquarters. 1/7th Black Watch. 1/5th Gordon Hrs. 1/7th Gordon Hrs. 1/6th Black Watch. 1/1st F. Coy. R.E. 1/3rd Fd. Ambulance No. 3. Coy. H.D. Train | Road | WARDRECQ JES AREA | ARMENTIERES | THENCE to ARMENTIERES to billets of 1st N.Z. Brigade. |
| Aug. 17th | 155rd Bde. Group. | --- | ARMENTIERES. | LEFT SECTOR | Relieving 2nd N.Z. Brigade. |

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Relief of 2nd NEW ZEALAND Brigade by 153rd Brigade

Thursday 17th August, 1918. During the early morning the
Victoria Guns, Lewis Guns, Regimental Signallers, Snipers
and Observers will be relieved: this relief to be
completed in all Battalions before 8 a.m.

The 5th Battalion Gordon Highlanders (Lt. Colonel
McGarrigle) will relieve the 1st Battalion Canterbury
Regiment in the subsidiary line. (Lt-Colonel Stewart,
Headquarters, Chateau de Rose) before 12 noon, moving
via W route.

The 7th Battalion Gordon Highlanders (Major Bruce) will
relieve the 2nd Battalion Wellington Regiment (Lt-Colonel
Cunningham, Headquarters, Brewert Factory) with 2 Companies
in Houplines, before 12 noon, moving via. K route.

The 7th Battalion Black Watch (Lt-Colonel Hooper) will
relieve 2nd Battalion Australian 8 Regiment (Lt-Colonel
Brown) in the Right sub-sector with Headquarters off
Spain Avenue, commencing at 1 p.m. Relief to be complete
by 4 p.m. To move via. W. Route.

The 6th Battalion Black Watch (Lt-Colonel Jolley) will
relieve the 2nd Battalion Otago Regiment (Lt-Colonel
Moore) in the Left sub-sector. (Headquarters at Cambridge
House). Relief to commence at 1 p.m. and to be completed
by 6 p.m. moving via. X route.

N.B. All units either relieving or being relieved
to move in formed bodies of not greater than half a
platoon, and distance of at least 100 yards to be
maintained between them. Troops are forbidden to move
down centre of roads: they are to walk on pavement.

X and W Routes are to be reconnoitred by officers of the
153rd Brigade today.

17th August, 1918.

Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.

W. Kearney, Captain.

ROUGH SKETCH MAP
for Proposed Raid
(from Air Photos)

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153RD INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Administrative Instructions.

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27th August, 1916.

1. The following will proceed by march route to Training Camp Camp 14 miles S.E. of BAILLEUL tomorrow 28th August.
2. All officers and other ranks awarded decorations in Divisional Routine Orders Nos. 576 and 581.
3. Starting point PONT de NIEPPE at 8 a.m.
4. Order of march.
 - 1/6th Black Watch.
 - 1/7th Black Watch.
 - 1/5th Gordon Highlanders.
 - 1/7th Gordon Highlanders
 - 153rd Machine Gun Company.
 - 153rd Trench Mortar Battery.
 - Brigade Headquarters
 - Brigade Signal Section.
5. The party will move under orders of Major S. McDONALD, D.S.O., 1/5th Gordon Highlanders to whom they will report at PONT de NIEPPE.
6. The party will report to Staff Captain, 154th Infantry Brigade at Training Camp, 14 miles S.E. of BAILLEUL at 10.15 a.m.
7. Rations for consumption on 28th will be taken by the party. They will be rationed by 154th Brigade on 29th and 30th.
8. The party will return under orders of Major McDONALD, D.S.O. on 30th inst.
9. Clothing of party should be inspected to-day and if necessary renewed.
10. Bonnets will be worn at the Presentation Parade.
11. 6 Pipers, and all Drummers from each unit will accompany the party and will march at its head passed.
12. The Staff Captain will arrange for 2 G.S. Wagons to call at all quartermasters' stores between 6.30 a.m. and 7.30 a.m. on 28th instant to pick up kits etc. and will then proceed with party.
13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Shean Capt Major,
Staff Captain 153rd Infantry Brigade.

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| Issued at | 5 | p.m. | |
| Copy No. | 1 | C.O. 1/6th Black Watch. | Copy No. 8 Major McDonald, D.S. |
| " | 2 | C.O. 1/7th Black Watch. | " " 9 Bde. Transport Off. |
| " | 3 | C.O. 1/5th Gordon Highrs. | " " 10. File |
| " | 4 | C.O. 1/7th Gordon Highrs. | " " 11 Brigade Signals. |
| " | 5 | C.O. Bde. M.G. Coy. | " " 12 154th Inf. Bde. |
| " | 6 | C.O. 153rd T.M. Batty. | |
| " | 7 | Staff Captain | |

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153RD INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 129.

Reference Map:- HOUPLINES 2/10,000.

1. Gas will be discharged on the front of 153rd Infantry Brigade during the night 29/30th August, or on the first night after that date when suitable conditions obtain.
2. Gas discharge will be accompanied by :--
 - (a) Smoke discharge in the intervals between gas emplacements.
 - (b) Artillery and Trench Mortar Bombardment.
3. A time table is attached. Zero hour will be notified later.
4. Lewis and Machine Guns will continue the normal fire till - 2 minutes when 2 machine guns should have a burst of fire till plus 4 minutes. After plus 4 minutes Lewis and Machine Guns will be active till daylight.
5. With reference to para. 4 O.C. 153rd Machine Gun Company will draw up a comprehensive scheme for firing after plus 4 minutes on roads and communication trenches in rear. This should be submitted to G.O.C. 153rd Infantry Brigade by 12 noon 29th.
6. The Light and Medium Trench Mortars will bombard the enemy's front line and wire at the following points, at the hour specified in the Time Table. Medium Trench Mortars being directed on enemy's wire, and Light Trench Mortars on the hostile trench.

Medium Trench Mortars.

C.17.a.4.2.
C.23.c.8.6.
C.29.a.5.4.
C.29.c.7.5.

Light Trench Mortars.

On the CHICKEN RUN Fm. area on 100 yds front.
On BOX and COX Fm. area on 100 yds. front.
On C.23.c.9.3. on 100 yds. front.
7. Officers Commanding Right and Left Subsectors will arrange that Lewis guns play on the gaps in the wire during remainder of the night and during subsequent nights.
8. The gas is emplaced in
 - (a) A portion of T.78, T.79, and a portion of T.80.
 - (b) T.83, and a portion of T.84.
 - (c) A portion of T.86, and portion of T.87.
9. The smoke will be discharged from the gaps on the right of each emplacement, filling up the spaces between the gas emplacements with smoke.
10. The Brigade Grenade Officer will be in charge of the smoke discharge emplacements and will arrange with battalion commanders in the right and left subsectors for number of men required.

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11. The signal for discharge of smoke is notified in attached table.
12. All men employed in the front line trench will wear their gas helmets in the "gas alert" position vide "Standing Orders for Gas"
13. Officers Commanding Battalions in right and Left Subsectors will arrange for withdrawal of all men, except sentries and men employed on gas and smoke discharge, from the front line, and if necessary from the support line where this is too close.
Their proposals should be submitted by 3 p.m. 29th to G.O.C. 15th Infantry Brigade for approval. On no account should men go into the large and ill constructed shelters.
14. Some time before Zero code phrases will be sent ordering or cancelling the operation by wire to Officers Commanding right and left subsectors, Subsidiary Line, Machine Gun Company, Light Trench Mortar Battery, and Medium Trench Mortar Battery.
This code will be notified under separate cover.
The above mentioned will organise a system of runners so that information can be at once given to troops in front line, and all concerned in their units.
No communication will be sent by wire beyond SUBSIDIARY LINE.
15. If the weather conditions remain suitable no further message will be sent and the operation will take place according to time table.
16. In the event of the code message being cancelled owing to sudden change of the weather after the sending of code message, the following signal will be made.
1 rocket bursting into 5 stars which change colours
17. Officer-commanding 1/6th Black Watch will be responsible for sending up all rockets which may be required and will detail one officer especially for this duty.
18. The following trenches will be kept as clear as possible, during the hours of 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. and will on no account be used for down traffic during these hours.
DURHAM and IRISH AVE.
WESSEX AVE.
SPAIN AVE.
19. Brigade Headquarters will be kept informed of progress of operation.
20. Watches will be synchronised at CHATEAU ROSE by all concerned at 6 p.m. 29th.
21. Staff Captain will arrange for handing over all rockets to 6th Black Watch: Smoke candles will be taken over by Brigade Grenadier Officer.
22. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J.H. Brown Captain,
Brigade Major 15th Infantry Brigade.

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- Copy No. 1 O.C. 1/6th Black Watch.
- " " 2 O.C. 1/7th Black Watch.
- " " 3 O.C. 1/5th Gordon Highlanders.
- " " 4 O.C. 1/7th Gordon Highlanders.
- " " 5 O.C. 153rd Coy. H.G. Corps.
- " " 6 O.C. 153rd Trench Mortar Battery.
- " " 7 O.C. 51/Y Trench Mortar Battery.
- " " 8 Brigade Bombing Officer.
- " " 9 51st Division.
- " " 10 152nd Infantry Brigade.
- " " 11 L. Coy. R.E.
- " " 12 G.R.A.
- " " 13 Left Group Artillery.
- " " 14 File.
- " " 15 War Diary.
- " " 16 Staff Captain.

TIME TABLE accompanying Operation Order No. 129.

| TIME | ACTION. | SIGNAL. | REMARKS. |
|---------------------|---|--|--|
| 0 hrs. 2 minutos. | 2 Machine Guns to be firing. | by watches. | |
| 0 hrs. | Discharge of Gas. | by watch. | Under orders of L Coy. R.E. |
| Plus 0 hrs 4 min. | 2 Machine Guns cease firing Normal H.G. fire kept up. Discharge of Smoke togins. Artillery and Trench Mortars commence bombardment. | 1 rocket bursting into shower of golden and silver rain. | |
| Plus 0 hrs 15 mins. | Gas and smoke ceases. | by watch. | Smoke should endeavour to cease but it is not vitally important if it goes on a little beyond. |
| Plus 0 hrs 20 mins. | Artillery & T.Ms. cease. | by watch. | |
| Plus 1 hr. 30 mins. | Burst of fire by Artillery. | by watch. | |
| Plus 2 hrs 15 mins. | Another burst of fire by Arty. | by watch. | |

- R.E.
1. It is VITALLY important that the smoke discharge does not commence before specified time.
 2. The signal for cancelling the whole operation at the last moment is 1 rocket bursting into 5 stars which change colour.
 3. O.C. 6th Black Watch should have 3 of each kind of rocket ready for firing in case one fails.

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INSTRUCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH OPERATION
ON NIGHT 29/30th AUGUST 1916.

1. The zero hour has not yet been definitely fixed, but will be notified to all concerned.

2. At 2 hours before zero a code message will be sent, as follows:-

| | | |
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| To | } | "Ammunition is available" - means operation will take place as arranged. |
| C.R.A. | | |
| 152nd Bde. | } | "Ammunition not available" - means operation will <u>not</u> take place to-night. |
| 153rd Bde. | | |

Artillery and Infantry Brigadiers will arrange special codes to inform Batteries and Battalions by wire, on receipt of code message from Divisional Headquarters.

Battalions will organise a system of runners to give the information to the troops in the front line.

No communication will be sent by wire, beyond Battery or Battalion Headquarters.

3. If the weather conditions remain suitable no further message will be sent and the operation will take place according to time table.

In order to ensure that the smoke candles are started at the correct time, viz: O + 4, a rocket bursting into a shower of gold and silver rain will be fired from H.Q. of 6th Gordons and 6th Black Watch at O + 4 mins. At this hour also the Artillery bombardment will commence.

It is most important that the smoke candles should not be used before the time stated.

4. In the event of a sudden change of wind taking place after the code message has been sent ordering the operation to take place, the following signal will be employed to cancel it, viz:-

1 rocket bursting into 5 stars which change colour. sent up from H.Q., 6th Gordons, and H.Q., 6th Black Watch.

5. The gas will be let off practically noiselessly. No burst of Machine Gun fire is required to conceal the hissing sound, and Machine Gun fire will be normal throughout the Sector up to O + 4 mins.

In order to ensure that there is not complete silence at the zero hour, the 152nd Brigade will detail 1 Machine Gun, and the 153rd Brigade will detail 2 Machine Guns to fire from 2 minutes before zero until O + 4.

The above cancels Operation Order No. 78, para. 2 (a).

After O + 4 Machine Guns and Lewis Guns should be very active up till daylight, and Brigades will arrange comprehensive fire schemes, dealing especially with Communication Trenches and roads in rear.

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6. Officers in charge of smoke candle operations will report to O.C. "L" Company R.E. at 71, Rue Sadi Carnot ARMENTIERES, at 6 p.m. to-night and receive instructions.

7. The Artillery will open bursts of fire on the enemy's trenches at 0 + 1 hour 30 mins., and 0 + 2 hours 15 mins.

8. The following trenches will be kept as clear as possible during the hours of 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., and will on no account be used for down traffic during these hours:-

- (a) DURHAM and IRISH Avenues.
- (b) WESSEX Avenue.
- (c) SPAIN Avenue.

Van Stewart

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
51st (Highland) Division.

28th August 1916.

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- 152nd Infantry Brigade - 4
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- C.R.A. - 1
- O.C., "L" Company R.E. - 1
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IX
153RD INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 150.

22th August, 1916.

Reference attached plan (only issued to those concerned)

1. The 1/6th Black Watch will raid the enemy's trenches tomorrow night 30/11/16 August.
2. The raid will be carried out in accordance with plan previously agreed upon.
3. Artillery action will be as arranged by 51st Division.
4. Trench Mortar action will be as in Appendix A.
5. Infantry action will be as in Appendix B.
6. Appendix A, and B, will only be issued to those concerned.
7. Machine Guns and Lewis Guns of 7th Black Watch will sweep the hostile parapet during the raid, taking care to leave a space of 100 yards on either side of where raid takes place. This spot should be ascertained from Officer Commanding 1/6th Black Watch.
8. The signal that the raiding party has returned will be 3 rockets discharged together and breaking into golden and silver rain.
9. 1/6th Black Watch will be responsible for discharge of rockets mentioned in para. 8.
10. Brigade Headquarters will be kept informed of progress of the operation.
11. Detaches will be assembled at CHATEAU ROSE at 8 p.m. 20th August.
12. The Time Table for operation is attached.
13. Care will be taken to issue.
14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. ...
Captain,
Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.

- Issued at *6 p.m. 20/11/16*
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|------------|---------------------------------|
| Copy No. 1 | 1/6th Black Watch. |
| " " | 2 1/7th Black Watch. |
| " " | 3 153rd Coy, Machine Gun Corps. |
| " " | 4 153rd Trench Mortar Battery. |
| " " | 5 51/X Trench Mortar Battery. |
| " " | 6 51/X Trench Mortar Battery. |
| " " | 7 51st Division. |
| " " | 8 68th Infantry Brigade. |
| " " | 9 152nd Infantry Brigade. |
| " " | 10 War Diary. |
| " " | 11 File. |
| " " | 12 Staff Captain. |



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APPENDIX "A"

ACTION OF TRENCH MORTARS.

LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS. will bombard enemy's trench right and left of point B but will leave a space of 100 yards on the right and similar distance on the left of that point.

The 4 gun firing on the extreme right and one on extreme left should bombard the wire to deceive the enemy into thinking wire cutting is taking place at those points. The Light Trench Mortars will continue firing as in Time Table attached.

O.C. Light Trench Mortars should ascertain exact position of point B. from O.C. 1/5th Black Watch.

MEDIUM TRENCH MORTARS.

51/Z and 51/Y will cut the enemy's wire at the point B. They will continue firing for 7 minutes as in attached table and will then cease fire altogether.

O.C. 51/Y Trench Mortar Battery should ascertain the exact position of the point B. from O.C. 1/6th Black Watch.

29/8/1918.

W. Lewis Captain,
Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX B.

1. OBJECT. To obtain identifications, kill Germans, and bomb dugouts.
2. COMPOSITION OF PARTIES.

No.1 Party - 1 N.C.O. & 8 men.
No.2 Party - 1 N.C.O. & 8 men.
No.3 Party - 1 N.C.O. & 8 men.
No.4 Party - 1 Officer (Lieut. McLaron), 2 N.C.Os.
and 2 men.
Covering Party - 1 Officer (2/Lieut. Tarrol) 1 N.C.O.
and 6 men with rifles.
3. FORMING UP POINT. In Sap opposite left of T.86,
marked "A" in sketch.
4. Parties will move out in the following order :-
No.4, No.1, No.2, No.3.

No.4 Party will go to point marked "B" on sketch,
enter German Trench there and remain there to direct
the other parties.
No.1 Party will enter at same place and proceed to
the left till it reaches the Communication Trench at
"D", then proceed up it as far as "E"
No.2 Party will also enter at same place and proceed
to its left as far as "F", bombing along the fire
trench.
No.3 Party will enter at same place and proceed along
fire trench to the right as far as "C".
The Covering party will proceed half way between
Listening Post "A" and point of entry "B", ready to
take over any prisoners, or to frustrate any attempt
of enemy to cut off raiding party.
5. At (time elected) the raiding parties move into the
Sap leading to Listening Post marked "A" on sketch.
6. MACHINE GUNS AND LEWIS GUNS: will sweep parapet on either
side of German line to be raided.
7. Lieut. McLaron will give the signal for the return of
parties by CLAXON HORN. These parties will retire
in the following order :-
No.2, No.1, No.3, No.4.
8. O.C. Centre Company will notify Headquarters and
Artillery on return of Raiding Party.

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Captain,
Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.

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EQUIPMENT.

OFFICERS. will wear breeches and bombers shields,
and will carry 2 revolvers each and 2
bombs.

OTHER RANKS. All wear bombers' shields, trows, and
puttees, belt, and bayonet, and carry
2 bombs.

BAYONET MEN. Carry rifle and bayonet, 30 rounds S.A.A.

THROWERS. Buckets with 15 bombs.

CARRIERS. Buckets with 15 bombs, rifles, and bayonets.

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Captain,

Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.

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153rd INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 131

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30th August, 1918

1. The Raid of 1/6th Black Watch will take place immediately after gas discharge as laid down in 153rd Brigade Operation Order No. 129.
This Operation will take place night 30/31st or whenever weather conditions are suitable.
2. O.Cs. Nos. 129 and 130 will work in conjunction. The time tables of both O.O. 129 and 130 are however cancelled and Time Table attached to O.O. 131 is that on which the combined operation will be carried out.
3. Para. 3. O.O. No. 129 is cancelled and the action of Trench Mortars will be as in Appendix A. O.O. No. 130.
4. Para. 14 O.O. No. 129 will hold good same codes being used as arranged for O.O. No. 129.
5. Code word for ZERO. will be "DIVINE SERVICE"
6. Watches will be synchronised at CHATEAU ROSE at 3 p.m. 30th August.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. Lean Captain.

Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 6 p.m.

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| 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. M.G. Corps. |
| " | 6 | 153rd Trench Mortar Battery. |
| " | 7 | 51/Y Trench Mortar Battery. |
| " | 8 | 51/X Trench Mortar Battery. |
| " | 9 | 51st Division. |
| " | 10 | 68th Infantry Brigade. |
| " | 11 | 152nd Infantry Brigade. |
| " | 12 | War Diary. |
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| " | 14 | Staff Captain. |

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TIME TABLE TO BE ISSUED WITH O.O. 131, COMBINING THAT ISSUED WITH O.O. 129, and 150.

| TIME. | ACTION. | SIGNAL | REMARKS. |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|
| 0 hrs 2 minutes 1-28 | 2 machine guns to fire | by watch. | |
| 0 hrs 1-30 | Discharge of gas. | by watches. | Under orders of L Coy. R.I.E. |
| Plus 0 hrs 4 min. 1-34 | Discharge of smoke commences. Artillery bombardment commences. Stokes mortar bombardment commences. Medium Trench mortars will commence to cut wire at point of entry. | 1 Rocket bursting into shower of golden and silver rain and watches | Stokes should continue firing till 0 hrs plus 37 when they commence flanking barrage as arranged in appendix. |
| Plus 0 hrs 15 mins. 1-45 | Gas ceases. Smoke candles ceases. | by watches. | |
| Plus 0 hrs 20 mins. 1-50 | Artillery bombardment ceases. Smoke ceases. | by watches. | |
| Plus 0 hrs 30 mins. 2-0 | Artillery bombardment on front of raid commences and raiding party forms up at Point "A" Feint Artillery bombardments will reopen on other fronts. | by watches. | |
| Plus 0 hrs 37. 2-7 | Medium Trench mortars cease firing Artillery lefts to form protective barrage. Raiding party goes in. | by watches. | |
| Plus 0 hrs 40 2-10 | Raiding party returns. | 2 rockets bursting into golden & Silver rain | |
| Plus 1 hr 50 min. 3-0 | Burst of Artillery fire. | by watch. | |
| Plus 2 hrs 15 mins. 3-25 | Burst of Artillery fire. | By watch. | |

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Statement by Lieut. McLaren, 1/6th Black Watch, Officer
in charge of Raid.

My party formed up in S.87. At 8 minutes to 2 we went from S.87 to 1.86. We then went outside the trench and formed up there. About 2.5 a.m. the Germans started using gas shells which came close to us. We noticed the smell of gas and put on our helmets. Finding we could not possibly see with our helmets on I decided to wait where we were about 15 yards in front of our parapet. In the meantime one man had been gassed and was sent back.

We waited there till 2.30 a.m. and as the gas was then much better we started off. As the first man got to our listening post about 50 yards out I heard a burst behind me and found that 6 or 7 men were wounded. Just as I got back from seeing what had happened a shrapnel shell burst in front of us and wounded 3 men. As the party was now disorganised owing to the casualties I decided to give it up. All the wounded men have been brought in.

Our gas seemed to go over very well; the smoke went over in a dense cloud, slowly.

2/Lieut. Farrel was wounded and 10 men, and 1 man gassed.

Taken down by me.

(sgd.) A.O. JENNY, Lieut. Colonel,
O.C. 1/6th Black Watch.

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| | | | Bde. | Hqrs. | 1/8th Black W. | | 1/7th Black W. | | 1/5th Gordon Hrs. | | 1/7th Gordon Hrs. | | B.M.G. Coy. | |
| | | | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. | Off. | O.R. |
| August | 1st | | 5 | 68 | 32 | 487 | 19 | 630 | 29 | 553 | 46 | 761 | 11 | 114 |
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| " | 14th | | 5 | 68 | 26 | 683 | 22 | 897 | 26 | 678 | 43 | 724 | 10 | 139 |
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