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CYCLIST BATTALION.

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and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages  
will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet 36 G 1 a	1917 February 1		<p>Battn. located at DOULIEU.</p> <p>No. 3627/3 Q of 31<sup>st</sup> Jan received from 2nd Anzac re move of the Battn. and M.M.G. Batty. M. M.G. Batty advised Operation Order No. 9 issued.</p> <p>Billeting party consisting of Lieut. Clark Walker and 2 O/R per Coy moved off at 10 am. for LUMBRES with instructions to arrange billets there and move on 3rd to HENNEVEUX, and there arrange further billets.</p>	<p>App VI</p> <p>App VII</p>
Sheet 54 45 cut	2		<p>Battn. moved off at 9 am by march route to TRIENNES where a halt was made for lunch. Moved off at 2 pm arriving at LUMBRES at 5.15 pm where very complete arrangements had been made by Billeting Officer (Lt. Clark Walker).</p>	<p>(Clark Walker) Major</p>



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Sheet 13 4 E 27	1917 Feb 3		<p>Battal. moved off from LUMBRES at 9 am. arriving at HENNEVEUX a little before 2 pm.</p> <p>Under the circumstances the men stood the march very well. The roads were frozen hard for the most part, and in other places were covered with snow to a depth of two or three inches.</p> <p>A number of minor breakages in cycles were reported and it was considered advisable, in future, to distribute a certain number of spare parts amongst the sections so that they could carry out their own minor repairs without leaving it all to the artificers.</p>	
	4		<p>Capt McHugh, Lieut. Bowen, and 11 OR proceeded to Lewis Farm School.</p>	<p>Chemist's Band 7 men</p>



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Sht 13 4E 27	1917 7 Feb 13		G.O.C., 9th Cavalry Brigade (Brig-Gen Leggans) inspected billets of the Battalion.	
	16		A.D.M.S., 1st Cavalry Division inspected the billets.	
	20		Report on billets received from A.D.M.S., 1st Cavalry Division Appendix VIII Advice received from Mounted Troops that Lt. J.G. Jamieson of No 9 (Aust.) Coy. had been dismissed from the service by sentence of G.C.M.	
	22		G.O.C., 9th Cavalry Brigade inspected the Battalion, after which they marched past.	C. H. H. / [Signature]









VI

SECRET.

No. 3627/3.Q.

Officer Commanding,  
2nd Anzac Mounted Troops.  
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(1) The Cyclist Battalion and 7th Motor Machine Gun Battery will proceed by march route to 1st Cavalry Division Area on February 2nd.

(2) BILLETS. The Cyclist Battalion will billet for the night 2nd/3rd at LUMBRES. The horse transport will be billeted night 2nd/3rd at BLARINGHEM, and on the night 3rd/4th at LUMBRES. Billets in 1st Cavalry Division Area for Motor Machine Gun Battery will be at ALLINCTHUN and for Cyclist Battalion at HENNEVEUX. Billeting parties will be sent on ahead in every case to arrange accommodation with the Maires.

(3) RATIONS. The Motor Machine Gun Battery will proceed rationed up to and for 3rd inst., Cyclist Battalion up to and for 3rd inst. Horse transport of Cyclist Battalion up to and for 4th inst.

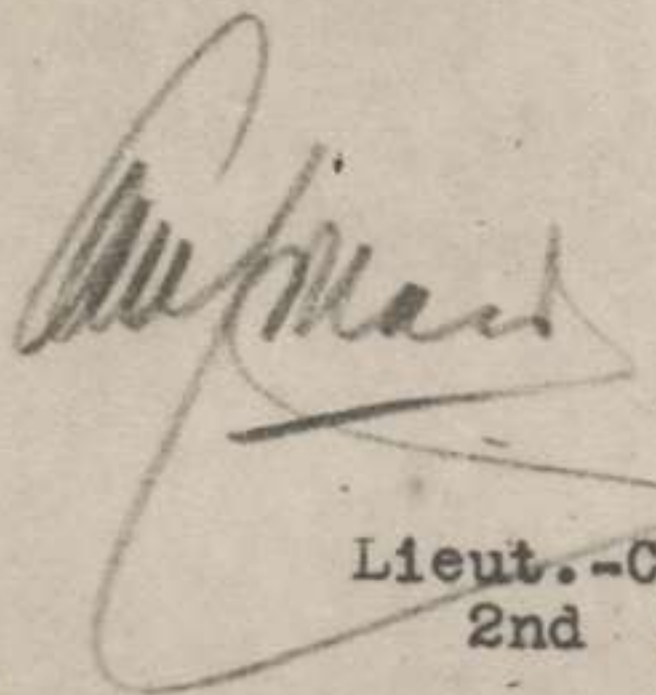
(4) TRANSPORT. One motor lorry to carry blankets and rations for one day will proceed with the Cyclist Battalion and will remain attached during their stay in 1st Cavalry Division Area.

(5) The O.C., Motor Machine Gun Battery and O.C., Cyclist Battalion will report on arrival to Headquarters 1st Cavalry Division.

(6) Horses will be billeted in the open at both BLARINGHEM and LUMBRES.

(7) ACKNOWLEDGE.

Headquarters,  
31st January, 1917.

  
Lieut.-Colonel, A.Q.M.G.  
2nd A.&N.Z.A.C.

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Cavalry Corps.



1931

Order No. 7  
Copy No. 1

OPERATION ORDER No. 7

By

Copy No. 1

Major G. H. Tier Evans, Commanding, 2nd Cavalry Corps Cyclist Battalion  
1st. February 1977.

Reference Maps.

- 5A Hazebrouck 1:100,000
- 13 Calais 1:100,000

- Orders have been received from 2nd. Cavalry Corps for the Battalion to move by route march to Cavalry Corps Area for training. Battalion will be billeted at ~~HEBROUVEUX~~ HENNEVEUX.
- Time and date of commencement of move- 9am. 2nd. February.  
The following programme will be observed.

1st day, 2nd. February.  
 Reveille 6am.  
 Breakfast 6-30am.  
 Officers breakfast 7am.

Battalion will parade at 8-30 am on road opposite Battalion HEADQUARTERS and will move off at 9am by the following route- DOULIEU, RUE PROVOISE, RUE PERQUIN, MERVILLE, N.F. along HAZEBROUCK ROAD to road junction immediately South of third R. ROUBRE RIV along Road S.E. to LESARE, HAVERSKROU, and THIENNES where a halt will be made for midday meal.

After lunch, march will continue via AIRE, MAMETZ, THEROUANNE, DORRE, CLIFFY, REMILLY, WARRAN, and BUNES, to LUMBRES where Battalion will billet for the night.

2nd. day, 3rd. February.

Reveille 7am  
 Breakfast 7-30am

Battalion parade at 8-45 am at a place to be detailed and will move off at 9am via BAVINGHAM, HARLETTES, ESCOUILLON, CHOUVILLON, and thence to HENNEVEUX.

- 2/ Lt. Clark-walker with 1 N.C.O. from No. 2 Coy. and 2 O/Bs from each Coy will act as Billeting party, and will move off at 10am, 1st. inst. to LUMBRES AND ST. THERESE night. Party will parade at 9-30am at Battalion Headquarters in full marching order. He will arrange billets at LUMBRES for Battalion for night of 2/3rd. inst. On the 3rd. inst. he will move to HENNEVEUX to arrange billets there, leaving behind as guides for Battalion 1 man per Company with the N.C.O. in charge.

ADVANCED GUARD.

- Lieut. Coner with one platoon from No. 2 Coy. will form advanced guard while Battalion is on move.

- Rearguard First day- Lieut. Reid with 1 N.C.O. from each Coy. will form rearward to pick up stragglers. 2/Lt. A.C.P. Hay will take over rearward on second day.

- Horse Transport will move under orders of Q.M. and will halt at BAVINGHAM on night of 2/3rd and at LUMBRES for night of 3/4th and will then proceed on 4th. to HENNEVEUX.

- Dress Full marching order, Shrapnel helmets and Box Respirators will be carried. 1 Blanket and W.P. Sheet to be carried on Cycle.



- 3 Lewis Guns Lewis Guns will be carried on company ladders.
  - 4 Ammunition 100 rounds per man will be carried on the man. 1000 rounds per Lewis Gun will be taken on ladders with guns. All ammunition in excess will be handed over to Q.M. at 3pm. for storage.
  - 5 Baggage, Stores, etc. Officers baggage will be kept down to 60lbs. and will be carried on Motor Lorry. One blanket per man will be carried on Motor Lorry. These blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10 and securely labelled under Company arrangements.
- Four dixies per Company will be carried on the Motor Lorry.  
 All stores etc. for M.T. will be ready to be packed up at 8am. 2nd. inst.
- 10 Rations Unexpended portion of days rations and 1 days iron ration will be carried on the man. 1 days rations will be carried on Motor Lorry under arrangements to be made by Q.M.

- 11 Billet Guards No. 1 Coy. will supply 2 men, No. 2 Coy. 1 man and No. 3 Coy. 1 man to act as Billet guards. These men will parade for instructions at 12 Noon 1st. inst.

Surplus stores, baggage etc. will be stored as follows:-

- No. 1 Coy. At No. 1 Coy's billets
- 2 Q.M. Stores At No. 2 Coy's billets.
- H.Q. & No. 3 Coy's at No. 3 Coy's billets.

- 12 The Commanding Officer trusts that every effort will be made by Coy. Commanders to see that billets are left in a clean and sanitary condition and that no salvage is left.

- 13 Marching out States will be rendered by Coy. Commanders at 8-45 2nd. inst. to Adjutant showing:-

Strength as per previous nights Strength Return \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number on parade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Difference, if any. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Explanation of difference if any. \_\_\_\_\_

- 14 At midday halt and on arrival at LUMBERS and HENNEVEUX marching in States will be rendered within half an hour of arrival showing:-

Numbers marched in \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. marching out on morning of 2nd. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Difference and explanation, if any. \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature]*  
 And Adjutant

2nd Inzac Corps Cyclist Battalion.

Copy to  
 1 Major Evans  
 2 Co 1 Coy  
 3 Co 2 Coy  
 4 Co 2 Coy  
 5 Q.M.  
 6 File  
 7 War Diary



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"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C.2121  
in force 1st 1918

No. of Messages  
SEE VIII

Prefix	Code	m	Words	Charge	This message is on a/r of:	Send, at
Office of Origin and Service Instructions						Service
			Sent			From
			At	m		By
			To		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
			By			

TO { OC. 2<sup>nd</sup> Arzac Cyclists Bn

Sender's Number B.L.H. 548 Day of Month 20<sup>th</sup> In reply to Number AAA

Enclosed M.O report by  
ADMS has been forwarded  
by Brigadier with the remark  
that sanitation is unsatisfactory  
and demands immediate  
attention and will you please  
see to it.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> Arzac Bn Capt  
Place  
Time  
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.  
Signature of Addressee or person authorized to telegraph in his name  
(2) W.D. Walsby Capt



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APPENDIX No. IX

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"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C.2121  
(in pads of 100)  
No. of Message.....

Prefix..... Code..... m.	Words	Charge	This message is on a/o of:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions:	Sent			..... Service.
	At.....m.	To.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	Date.....
	By.....			From.....
				By.....

TO { Reference 20/1001  
N.Z.E.F. London

Sender's Number. \* CB 181 E Day of Month. 15. 2. 17 In reply to Number. / **AAA**

Reference Shoulder Titles. NZCC and Cap + Collar Badges.

The titles have not yet arrived <sup>on</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>and using</sup> ~~the~~ DADOS N.Z. Division & O.C. and Signal Corps Troops yesterday I was informed that nothing had been received for me altho the N.Z. Division had received several cases of titles since 10 Jan'y last. Will you please do what you can to expedite delivery.



From C.O. 2nd ANZAC Cyclist Bn.  
Place  
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.  
Censor. (Z) Shelley [Signature]  
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

\* This line should be erased if not required.  
750,000. W 3186-M509. H. W. & V., Ltd. 6/16.



INSPECTION OF 2nd ANZAC CYCLIST BATTALION. 16.2.17.  
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No.1 and 2 Companies billeted at HENNEVILLE. in lofts and stables.

Floor of loft broken and open in places.

Bedding, loose hay and straw.

Kitchen, not clean, no oven.

Latrines, shallow trench, not fly proof. No head cover.

Incinerator. None.

Burying pit in use.

No. 3. Company in Barns.

Bedding, loose straw.

Kitchen, not clean.

Latrine, open trench, not fly proof, no head cover.

Refuse pit in use. No Incinerator.

REMARKS.

The sanitation of this unit is insufficiently developed. The use of loose straw and hay for bedding will increase the probability of the men becoming infected with Scabies and Lice.

The latrines should be of the deep, narrow trench pattern and fly proof.

Incinerators should be built in the neighbourhood of kitchens.

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