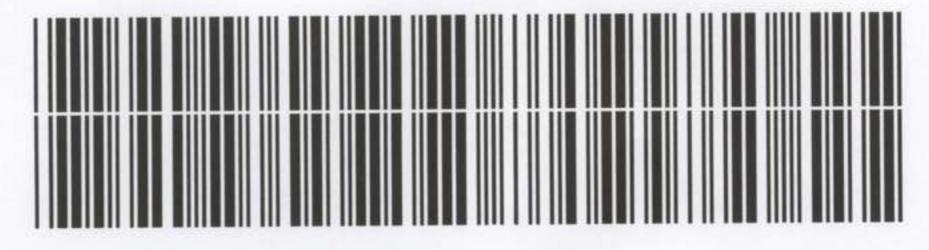
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Place Date Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
OURSET. 1/12/1917	Battalion Fighting Strength 32 Officers, 756 O.R's. At 10 a.m. s start was made with Battalion Sports but owing to continuous rain they had to be cancelled. Makor L- MAY left for U.K. on leave.	
OURSET. 2/12/1917	R.C. Mass held in village church 0900. At 10.30 a.m. special Battalion Parade held for purpose of practice for Brigade Competitions. Lieut-Colonel R A RAFFERTY returned from leave. Capt. T. FOX reported to relieve Capt P HAYES (Padre) Lt C A P GOSTELOW returned from Brigade special school. Weather fine but very gold.	
COURSET 3/12/1917.	Training as per syllabus with exception of "D" Company who represented Battalion in Brigade competitions. Weather fine.	
COURSET.4/12/17	In view of the fact that Brigad Competitions were being held the afternoon, merning was devoted to practising Bn. Drill. At 1. O.p.m. Battalion was judged by Brig. Gen. BENNETT C.M.G. and in this part of competition we get 2nd place. Major J. NEWMAN left for leave to PARIS and Major A.H.DARNELL for U.K. Weather fine but cold.	
COURSET. 5/12/17.	Brigade Competitions continued, shooting event taking place on 9th Bn. range. "D" Company represented this Battalion. Other Coy's carried un under Coy. arrangements. "C" Coy carrying out range practice on our own range. During the day pobling took place in regard referendum Question. It. GEMMELL left for U.K. on leave. No change in weather.	
COURSET. 6/12/17.	The whole day was devoted to a field excerise, as per R.O. No. 40 Bn. moving off at 0700. After a successful day Battalien returned to Billets 1500. D.D. & L., London, E.C. Wt. W1771/M2031 759,000 5/17 Sch. 52 Forms C2118/14	maji

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OURSET. 7	/12/17		Baths at DESVRES were available for Battalion. When not at baths Companies carried on as per syllabus. Lieut. C. PROUT left for U.K. on leave. WEATHER fine.	
OURSET. 8	/12/17		Training carried out as per syllabus. "D" Company firing on both Lewis Gun and Rifle range. Captain G.F.S.COMBS reported from U.K Lieut. C.C.PORTER from leave U.M. WEATHER dull.	
OURSET. 9/	/12/17		No Prostestant Church parade was held. R.C.Mass celebrated in COURSET Church at 0900. Lieut. G.W.MURRAY left together with other I.Os of Brigade to reconnoitre new area. WEATHER wet and miserable.	
OURSET.10/	12/17		Training carried on as per syllabus. Lt-Col RAFFERTY D.S.O. and Major PHILLIPS attended field practice. Lieut. M.E.CLARKE evacuated to hospital. WEATHER fine, with an occasional shower.	
OURS LT. 11	/12/1	7	Owing to the cold weather morning was devoted to Route March. 2/Lieuts E.F.SHACKLOCK & E.C.F.O'MAHONY reported from reinforcement WEATHER fine but cold.	
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Place Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
OURSET. 12/12/	17.	DESVRES Baths again available for use by this Battalion. When not at baths morning devoted to kit inspection and fitting of equipment. Major J.NEWMAN returned from leave to PARIS. WEATHER fine.	
OURSET 13/12/2	17.	The Battalion less Transport left COURSET at 0930 and after a good march arrived at LEDINGHEM 1200. Transport left for ELNES. & from there proceeded to NEUVE EGLISE in stages. 2/Lieut. D.A.JAMES left for U.K. on leave. Lt.W.BELFORD & H.V.HOWE returned from leave to U.K. and PARIS respectively. WEATHER fine and cold during morning but rain at night.	
DINGHEM 14/12/ & VROULT.	17.	At 0900 Battalion moved off from LEDINGHEM and after a fairly hard march arrived at AVROULT at 1330. WEATHER wet and miserable.	
VROULT. 15/12/ & NDENHOEK Camp.	17.	At 2300 previous night orders came through for Battalion to move and entrain at WIZERNES 0800, 15/12/17. To do this revielle sounded at 0200 and after having breakfast we moved off at 0400 arriving at station 0700, where tea was provided. Train left WIZERNES at 1045 and arrived at DE KENNEBAK 1400. From there Bn. marched to LINDENHOEK camp and stayed there for the night. Captain G.G.CAMPBELL returned from U.K. on leave. Lt. G.W.MURRAY reported back after making reconnaisence of forward area. WEATHER fine but cold.	
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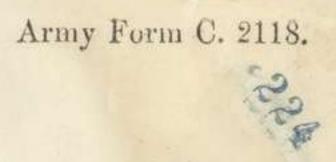
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Camp &: GABLE FARM. T.5 A.15.	5/12/17	During afternoon Battalion moved into Brigade Reserve Position at GABLE FARM, taking over from 9th Battalion. All men being confortable billeted in dugouts by 1630. Lieutenant W.W.GRAHAM M.C. and 25 O.R's marched out to be attached to Brigade Miners. WEATHER fine but cold.	
GABLE 17/: FARM. .5.A.15.	12/17	Day passed without incident. Carrying and Working parties numbering 5 Officers and 277 O.R's. 2/Lieutenant McKENNA detached to take charge of CURRY DUMP. WEATHER fine.	
18/	12/17	Working Parties, as per Works Table, numbering 6 Officers and 260 O. R's supplied. 2/Lieutenant W. A. KEELEY left for U.K. on leave. Company Commanders reconnected front line. WEATHER, fine but very cold.	
19/	12/17	Usual working parties supplied . 2 Officers per Company made reconnaisance of forward area. Lt. J.M.AITKEN returned from 2nd Army School and Lt. F.R.BEASLEY from leave U.K. WEATHER fine but frosty.	
" 20/	12/17	Usual working parties supplied. C.O. reconnoitred forward area. WEATHER fine-heavy frost.	paper
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ABLE FARM.	21/12/1917	Working parties amounting to 6 Officers and 200 O.R's supplied. Major J.NEWMAN reconneitred forward area. WEATHER fine but cold.	
"	22/12/1917	Usual working parties supplied. C.O. made reconnaisance of forward positions. Gifts from Comfort fund fistributed among men. Major A.H.DARNELL reported from leave to U.K. WEATHER fine but cold.	
"	23/12/1917.	Protestant Church Parade held 1100 and R.C.MASS celebrated 1030 Wallets distributed by Y.M.C.A. to members of Battalion as Xmas gift. Usual working parties supplied in afternoon. 2/Lieutenant T. HETHERINGTON and 12 men left to attent Divisional Signalling School. WEATHER fine but cold.	
"	24/12/1917.	Usual working parties supplied by "C" & "D" Companies, after which these Companies relieved Companies of 9th Battalion in support and reserve positions respectively. At 0330, 25/12/17 "A" Company relieved right Company in line and "B" Company left Company of 9th Bn. Lieutenant G.CAMPBELL reported from leave to U.K. WFATHER cold with occasional showers of sleet and snow.	
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Place	Date Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
the Field.	24/12/17.	Relieved 9th Bn. in front line night 25 25/12/1917.	
*	25/12/17.	Relief complete 0505, 25/12/17 without incident. Order of battle being - A Company Right. B Company Left. C Company in Support and D Company in Reserve. Brigadier inspected position during forenoon. Heavy fall of snow during afternoon and night. Good visibility at night. Casuualties - 1 O.R. wounded, shell fire.	
"	26/12/17	Day generally quiet. Bright foosty day with much snow.	
	27/12/17.	C & D Companies relieve A & B Companies in front line on night 26/12/17. Relief was completed by 0500 without incident. Day very frosty, bright. Enemy very quiet. C Company engaged small party of the enemy, one of whom being wounded, was taken prisoner, two others being killed. Casualties - 1 O.R. wounded.	
**	28/12/17.	Day cold with some snow and sleet. 20 petails arrived from waggon lines and are posted to B Company. G.O.C. 3rd Brigade visited Headquarters. Enemy attitude very quiet. Casualties - 1 O.R. wounded.	
	29/12/17.	A & B Coys relieved C & D Coys in the front line on night 28/29th D Coym to Support - C Coy to Reserve. Relief completed without incident. at 0300. 2/Lieut. D.A.JAMES reported from leave. Slight thaw. Nothing of incident to hote.	
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Place	Date Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
In the Field	31/12/17.	Day Dull, slight thaw. No incident to report. C.O. left for leave to U.K. Major J.NEWMAN assumes tempory command of Bn. Lieut. C.PROUT reported from leave and Lieut P.E.M.VOWELS M.C. from Hospital. Lieut W.C.BELFORD and 4 N.C O's left for 3td Tng.Bn. Frosty - day hazy. No incident to report.		
		Major J NEWMAN departed for U.K. Wajor A.M.PHILLIPS assumes tempory command. Casualties - 1 O.R.		
		Battalion Fighting Strength - 33 Officers, 750 O.R's.		
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OF

TELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDERS NO: 502

Major J NEWMAN.

Tempy Commanding 11th Battalion. A.I.F.

COURSET. 1/12/1917.

PART I.

· Carrier and

(1). Battalion Remkine Duty Company. 1/2/11/1917. "D" Company. Next for Duty.

Battalion Orderly Officer.

2/Lieut. T HETHERINGTON. Next for Duty. Lieut. F.E.M. VOWELS M.C.

(2) Roman Catholic Mass will be celebrated at COURSET Church DEVIEND temorrow at 0900. Parade will assemble in road in front of SERVECE. Church at 0850, senior Officer to take charge of party. Dress. Drill Order. There will be no Protestant Church Parade.

BREGADE (3) The Battalion will parade on Battalion Parade Ground at 1030 tomorrow to practice for Brigade Competitions. COMPETITIONS. Dress .- Fighting Order.

LORRIES FOR (4). Extracts from Brigade R.O. dated 29/11/17. FOOTBALL TEAMS. 59. Units desirous of obtaining lorries for conveyance of football teame in the Brigade Area must give at least 48 hours netice to Brigade Headquarters. Every effort will be made to obtain, but a lorry cannot be guaranteed.

(54) 62. The D.A. & Q.M.G. Second Army, under date 22.11.17 writes as follows :-

> "I. The majority of horses for the British Army are now purchased in America.

2. It is probable that the source of supply will be closed in the near future, with the result that the replacement of horses will become very difficult indeed.

3. Please take steps to ensure increased care of horses, as economy in horseflesh is now even more necessary that it has been in the past.

DAMAGE TO (6) Extracts from A.R.O. dated 26/11/17.

RAILWAYS. . - - 1385. In spite of numerous notice boards bearing a warning against walking on the track, the posting of police, and . frequent reports, railway formations continue to be used as thoroughfares. It is essential for men to proceed by routes followed by the railway lines, formations and units must either take efficient steps to ensure that the tracks themselves are not used or must provide duck-board walks along the alignment followed by the railways. These walks must be so arranged as not to interfere with the lines of their drainage 1390. Particular attention is drawn to Army Standing Order 7-12, and to G.R.O. 1941 which is republished.

It having come to the notice of the Commander-in-Chief that considerable damage is being caused by recently sown ground being ridden over in various Iscalities, he desires that stringent orders may be issued immediately to prevent this, and that steps be taken to ensure that these orders are brought at once to the notice of all concerned.

A good annual harvest is of great importance to the French population. The whole of-the French manheed of military age is in the field, fighting for the allied cause. Only old men women, and children remain to cultivate the ground. The splended efforts they have made and are making to ensure an adequate harvest are known to all. Under such conditions it is entirely inexcusable to cause any unavoidable damage, and it must be a point of honour with all ranks not to do so.

The Chin-C feels sure that if this is made clear to British Troops, officers and men will do their utmost to avoid and prevent damage to crops.

Notice beards will be errected in each crops area to warn

DAMAGE TO

CROPS.

warm troops and individuals , whether mounted or on foot, not to orese newly sown in fields.

In training areas the greatest care will be taken to reduce the damage to property and crops to the minimum compatible with training requirements.

Disciplinary action is to be taken in every case of disobedience of these orders.

TIRING PRACTICE 1391 .- A Frenchman has recently been wounded as a result PRECAUTIONS. of firing practice.

Officers conducting firing practice are responsible that all necessary precautions are taken to ensure that safety of the inhabitants of the neighbourhood. To warn persons from coming within the danger zeno, motices will be posted in conspicuous places and look out men with flags will be placed at suitable intervals.

PART 11.

APPOINTMENTS PROMOTIONS.

(7). No. 3243 L/c ARMSTRONG W to be Corporal vice Chl. TAYLOR supernumary.

2476 Private BROWN W. to be Lance Corporal. 3292 " CROFTS W to be Lance Corporal. 3273 " BOWRA G to be Lance Corporal.

All Headquarters Signallers. Dated A. 12. 1917

SUPERNUMARY. (8) Corperal TAYLOR E W T is placed on the Supernumary List.

TRANSFERS.

(9) Wo. 3849 Privates KENNEDY E.J. from "A" Company to Headquarters Signal Section.

No. 6340 Private STOKES H E ad 6762 Private GRIFFTHS W E from "C" Company to Headquarters Signal Section.

Dated 1. 12. 1917.

Adjutant. 11th Battalion. A.I.F.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO: 503

by

Lieut-Colonel R A RAFFERTY D S O,

Commanding 11th Battalion. A.I.F.

COURSET. 2/12/1917.

PART 1.

- DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Company. 2/3/12/1917. "A" Company.

 Next for Duty.

 Battalion Orderly Officer.

 Next for Duty.

 Next for Duty.

 Lieut. C PROUT.
 - WORK. (2). As per syllabus, with the exception of "D" Company and Headquarter Signallers.
- BRIGADE (3). "D" Company is to arrive at cross roads COURSET at COMPETITIONS. 0730 where it will be joined by Headquarter Signallers.

 Party will then proceed to ground where competitions are to be held. Lieutenant RETCHFORD to act as guide. Cooker is to accompany party and provide midday meal. Following stores are to be picked up at R. Q. M's store and carried to ground on Cooker.

25 Bombs (practice) 25 Blank Cartridges and 20 Rifle Grenades and rods.

O. C. "D" Company and Signal Officer to take necessary steps to see that all conditions as regards dress etc., are complied with.

a- Adjutant. 11th Battalion. A.I.F.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 504

Lieut-Colonel R A RAFFERTY, D. S. O. COURSET. 3/12/1917.

PART 1

DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Company. 3/4/12/1917. "B" Company.

Next for Duty.

Battalion Orderly Officer. Lieut. C. PROUT.

Next for Duty.

Lieut. C.S.GEMMELL.

WORK. (2). The Battalion will be formed up on Battalion Parade
Ground at 0915.

This will include all duties, who will be dismissed
after inspection and a few Battalion movements.

The Battalion will be formed up again at 12-45 p.m.
for Brigade competitions.

The only men allowed off these parades will be the
R. Q. M., Q. M. Sergeants and those exempted by the R.M.O.
D.R.E.S.S. Fighting Order. Box Respirator will be
worn, slung over the right shoulder and hanging at the
left side and overhow the equipment. Water Bottlesfilled.
Company Compandance Commanders will see that strick
attention is pix paid to detail.

Steel Hats will be worn by all ranks.

PART 11.

SECONDED. (3). The undermentioned officers resumed duty from regimental
seconded list:

Lieutenant C. A. P. GOSTELOW, late 67th Bn.

Lieutenant A. C. ELLIOTT, late 70th Bn.

Lieutenant M. E. CLARKE:

(A.I.F. List No. 263. 27/11/1917.)

SUPERNUMERARY. Captain A. G. BURGESS is restored to establishment from (4) supernumerary list. 11th November 1917.

STRENGTH. (5) 2nd Lieutenant T. HETHERINGTON is taken on strength from reinforcements. 12th November 1917.

The undermentioned officers are struck off strength :- (a). Lieut. L. C. COOKE M.C. killed in action.
7th Oct.1917.

2nd Lieut.L.L.SUMMERS, died of wounds accidentally received. 12th November 1917. 2nd Lieut.W.IRVING, killed in action.

2nd Nov. 1917.

(A.I.F. List 263, 27/11/17.)

(a). This cancels notification regarding this officer published in A. I. F. List 248.

Lieutenant.
Adjutant. 11th Battalion.

THE LEES

Lieut-Colonel RAFFERTY,

COURSET. 3/12/1917.

Battallon Orderly Officer. Lieut. C. PROUT. Heat for Duty. "G" Company. DUTIES. (1), Battalion Duty Company. 3/4/12/1917. "B" Company.

Next for Duty. Lieut, C.S. GERBELL.

Ground at 0915. WORK. (2). The Battalion will be formed up on Battalion Parade

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Steel flits will be worn by all ranks.

PART II.

(A.I.F. List No. 263, 27/11/1917,) Lieutenant M. E. CLARKE. Liantenant A. C. ELLIOTT, late 70th Bn. Lieutenant C. A. P. GOSTELOW, late 67th Bn. - seconded list :- - lith Movember 1917. SECONDED, (3), - The undermentioned officers resumed duty from regimental

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(A.P.F. List. 263, 27/11/17.)

published in A. I. F. List 248. (a). This cancels notification regarding this officer

Adjutant, Alth Battalion, Lieutenant.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 505

Lieut-Colonel R A RAFFERTY, D. S. O.
Commanding 11th Battalion A.I.F.
COURSET. 4/12/1917.

PART 1.

DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Company 4/5/12/1917. "C" Company.

Next for Duty.

Battalion Orderly Officer. Lieut. C. S. GEMMELL.

Next for Duty.

Next for Duty.

2/Lt. J. R. GEORGE.

WORK. (2). Syllabus will be suspended and training carried out as under:

A B and remainder of D under own arrangements.
C Company Lewis Gunners will report to 2/Lt HOLLEY and be ready to commence firing at 0915.
Remainder of C Company to carry out range practice commencing at 0915. Lt GEMMELL to be in charge of ange. Lieutenants GEMMELL and HOLLEY to make all necessary arrangements for safety of range i.e. flying red flags and posting sentries where necessary.

INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry composed of undermentioned officers will assemble at "B" Company Headquarters tomorrow 5th inst. to determine fate of a number of men posted as missing during LE BARQUE, LAGNICOURT and BULLECOURT engagements.

Companies to arrange for all men at present with Companies.

Companies to arrange for all men at present with Coy. who were in any of these engagements to report B Coy Headquarters 1000 for purpose of giving evidence.

President - Major PHILLIPS.

Capt EW TULLOCH

REFERENDUM. Will take place at respective Coy. Hqrs. tomorrow 5th inst under Company arrangements. Each Company will detail 1 officer to report B.O.R. 1000 tomorrow for ballot papers and instructions.

Row Baw Lieutenant.
Adjutant. 11th Battalion. AI.F

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No 506.

Lieut-Colonel R A RAFFERTY. D. S. O.

Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

COURSET. 5/12/1917.

PART 1.

DUTIES.

Battalion Duty Company. 5/6/12/1917. "D" Company.

Next for Duty.

Battalion Orderly Officer. 2/Lt. J. R. GEORGE.

Next for Duty. 2/Lt. H. L. EVANS.

WORK.

As per B. R. O. No. 40. Coy's in column of route in order,
A. B. C. D. will march from billets, head of column to meach
Cross Roads COURSET (Hars Mess) at 0700, Battalion will then
move off to ground, Headquarters leading.

RATE OR EXCHANGE. (X)

DRESS. Fighting Order, goat skin coats worn, and midday meal to be carried. Cookers to accompany Battalion and provide tea.

Transport Officer to arrange for horses for Cookers to report respective Coy's 0630 and in addition 1 limber to be at Bn. starting point 0650.

RATE OF EXCHANGE. (3) Extract from G.R.O. dated 29/11/17.

2883 - Rate of exchange.

The rate of exchange for issue of cash to the troops of the Expeditionary Force, has been fixed at the rate of 5 francs equals three shillings and eight pence for the month of December 1917.

GAS.

"Casualties often arrive at Dressing Stations without Small Box Respirators. The attention of all ranks will be drawn to the danger of discarding their protection against gas when wounded. All concerned with the collection of wounded will see that the box respirators of wounded men are brought in with them and accompany them to the medical units further back".

CLOTHING

G.R.O. 2855 and 1850 are published for information and

ALTERATIONS.compliance :- (5) "2855. A certs

"2855. A certain number of service garments returned by the troops are found to be in a condition which renders them unfit for re-issue, although the material itself is frequently quite serviceable. Such clothing has been improperly altered in pattern. Especially is this the case with trousers, which have either been reduced in length or taken in to fit the shape of an individual soldier's leg, presumably togive neatness in folding the puttees. This practice which is causing waste at a time when the most riged economy is essential must cease."

"1850. It has come to the notice that certain units have been in the habit of wearing shorts as part of the recognised S.D. uniform, and that the trousers issued to the men have been cut down for the purpose. This practice of cutting trousers is to cease".

AWARDS.

The Corps Commander wishes to express his appreciation of the gallant services rendered by the undermentioned during recent operations.

No. 127 L/Cpl. H. P. HARN.
In publishing above the Commanding Officer also wishes to convey his thanks.

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Mary

MAD and Lieutenant.

A/Adjutant. 11th Battalion. A.I.F.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 507

Lieut-Colonel R A RAFFERTY, D. S. O. Commanding 11th Battalion A.I.F.

COURSET. 6/12/1917.

PART 1.

- DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Company. 6/7/12/1917. "A" Company.

 Next for Duty.

 Battalion Orderly Officer. 2/Lieut. H.L.EVANS.

 Next for Duty. 2/Lieut. D. SHARP.
 - WORK. (2). When not at Baths, Coy's will carry on under own arrangements.
- BATHS. (3). The Baths at DESVRES are allotted to this Battalion for use tomorrow, 7th instant. Coy's are to be at baths and ready to use them at times shewn hereunder. Coy's must be marched to and from baths and on no account are men to be permitted to wander from baths.

 This is a compulsory parade and as many men as possible are to be bathed.

"D" Company - 1000.

"A" " - 1100.

"B" " - 1230.

"C" " - 1330.

Headquarters. 1430.

- HORSE RUGS.(4). B.R.O's Nos. 78 & 79 are published for information.

 "78. HORSE RUGS. Henceforward throughout the Winter, a rug for wach horse will always be carried on 1st Line Transport. The horses will invariably be rugged whenever vehicles are halted for any length of time".
 - DRESS. (5). "79. DRESS. Jerkins will be taken on all parades. They need not necessarily be worn throughout the parade, but must always be available forthe men to put on during halts".
 - BOOTS. (6). Several cases have occurred lately of boots being returned in a burnt condition. There is absolutely no excuse for this, and in future when boots are handed in in this state, men will be called upon to sign acquittance roll for the amount involved.

A/Adjutant. 11th Battalien. A.I.F.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 508.

Lieut-Colonel R. A. RAFFERTY, D. S. O.

Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

COURSET. 7/12/1917.

PART 1.

- DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Company. 7/8/12/1917. "B" Company.

 Next for Duty.

 Battalion Orderly Officer. 2/Lieut. D. SHARP.

 Next for Duty.

 Lieut. W. GRAHAM. M.C.
- WORK. (2). There will be no Battalion Parade. Companies will carry out Specialist Training. "D" Company Lewis Gunners will report to 2/Lieutenant J.R.GEORGE on range and be ready to commence firing at 0915.

 Remainder of "D" Company to report to Lieutenant INMAN on range at 0915 for firing practice.

 Lieutenants INMAN and GEORGE to make all necessary arrangements for safety of range i.e. flying red flags and posting sentries where necessary.
- TRAINING (3). B.R.O. No. 83, dated 6/12/1917 is published for information:GROUND. "83: TRAINING GROUND. It is noticed that a considerable
 amount of refuse is being left in the vicinity of Training
 Grounds and Ranges. Steps must be taken to keep the area
 where men have their midday meal, clean, and refuse which
 is already lying about, removed."
- LEATHER (4) D.R.O. No. 453 is published for information.

 "453, LEATHER JERKINS. etc., Commanding Officers will ensure that men wear their leather jerkins or Fur Coats when off parade or when standing or sitting about in the streets or billets.

 The wearing of Jerkins or great-coats on parade is optional."
- ORDERLY. (5) C. O's Orderly Room will be held at 10. 30 a.m. tomorrow. ROOM. 8/12/1917.

PART 2.

APPOINTMENTS (6). No. 241-Corporal THOMAS D.W. Headquarters Pioneers Section to be Sergeant, vice Hollins Supernumerary.

PROMOTIONS.

Dated 7/12/1917.

Lieutenant.

A/Adjutant. 11th Battalion. A. I. F.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 509

Lieut-Colonel R. A. RAFFERTY, D.S. O.

Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

COURSET. 8/12/1917.

PART 1.

- DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Company. 8/9/12/1917. "C" Company.

 Next for Duty.

 Battalion Orderly Officer. Lieut. W.GRAHAM. M.C.

 Next for Duty.

 Next for Duty.

 2/Lieut. C.LOCKYER.
- parades. (2). The Battalion less men of R. C. faith will be formed up on parade ground at 0955 ready for C. O. to take over.

 DRESS.- Fighting Order.

 R. C. Mass will be celebrated in COURSET Church at 0900 tomorrow, 9th instant. Men to be formed up on road in front of Church 0850. Senior Officer to take charge of party.

 DRESS.- Belt and side-arms.
- WINTER (3) Companies will requisition immediately for their CLOTHING. requirements in the following articles to bring same up to establishment as laid down in G.R.O.2621 of 15/9/17, giving reason for shortages :-

Vests Woollen, 1 per man. Drawers Woollen, 1 per man.
Gloves Worsted. Jerkins Leather.
Cardigans, 1 per man.

- GROUND (4)

 Extract from D.R.O. dated 7/12/1917.

 "85. SHEETS GROUND W.P. At the inspection during the Brigade Competitions it was noticed that a great many men were deficient in Sheets Ground W.P. Steps should be taken to get these completed as soon as possible."
- DISCIPLINE. (5) Copy of Special Order by Gen: Sir W.R.BIRDWOOD, 6/12/17. " 521. The Corps Commander regrets the necessity of drawing attention to the number of cases of desertion and absence without leave occurring in units of the Corps. This serious indiscipline is bringing into reproach the fair name of the gallant men of the Australian Imperial Force. The remedy lies, not in punishment, but in the hands of the men themselves. The Australian soldier has a great reputatio to maintain and he cannot and will not allow his good name to be allow besmirched by the discreditable action of a small proportion of men who are unworthy to be called Australians. General BIRDWOOD, therefore, calls upon every Officer and man of the Corps to assist him in removing the present blot on the name of ANZAC. Officers can help by obtaining the confidence of their men, and by being untiring in their care of them. The men can help by wkkximing insisting that all shall live up to one standard of courage and discipline the standard of ANZAC.

This order will be read to all troops now out of the line, on three parades, and to all other troops as they are withdrawn from the line."

PART 2.

TRANSFER. (6) No. 2805 Private CURRAN L from "B" Company to Pioneer Section, Headquarters.

Who and Lieutenant.

A/Adjutant. 11th Battalion. A. I. F.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 510.

Lieut-Colonel R. A. RAFFERTY. D. S. O.

Commanding 11th Battalion. A.I.F.

COURSET. 9/12/1917.

PART 1.

DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Company. 9/10/12/1917. "D" Company.

Next for Duty.

Battalion Orderly Officer. 2/Lieut. C. LOCKYER.

Next for Duty.

Lieut. ELLIOT.

WORK. (2). There will be no Battalion Parade. Companies to carry on, as per syllabus.

"D" Company Lewis Gunners to report to 2/Lieutenant
H. HOLLEY on range and be ready to commence firing at 0915.

Lieut. HOLLEY to make all necessary arrangements for safety of range i.e. flying red flags and posting sentries where necessary.

court of Inquiry composed of undermentioned officers, will assemble at "A" Company Headquarters at 1000 tomorrow 10th instant for purpo of inquiring into absence of certain members of this Battalion.

President. - Captain G. COMBS.

Members. - Lieutenant C. A. GOSTELOW.

2/Lieutenant EVANS.

Coy's to arrange attendance of witnesses (list having been circulated) at above hour.

PART 2.

STRENGTH. Major A.M. PHILLIPS, from General List, to be Major. (Authy. A. I. F. List 267. 4/12/17) 22nd November 1917.

STRENGTH.(5). The undermentioned officers are taken on strength from reinforcements (Cadet Bn.) 22nd November 1917.

2nd Lieut. G.P.McKENNA.

2nd Lieut. C.A.LOCKYER. 2nd Lieut. D. SHARP.

(Authy. A.I.F. List No. 267 dated 4/12/1917.)

SECONDED.(6). Lieut. W.W. GRAHAM M.C. ceased to be seconded with 3rd Tng. Bn. and resumed regimental duty. 21st Nov: 17.

(Authy. A.I.F. List 267 dated 4/12/1917.)

Lieutenant.

A/Adjutant. 11th Battalion. A.I.F.

NOTICES.

Result of Brigade Competitions held 3rd. 4th. 5th Dec 17.

Event.	9th.	loth.	llth.	12th	Max: marks.
Battalion Drill.	56	82	78	76	100.
Company Drill.	47	61	57	56	100.
Transport.	77	88	75	86	100.
Cookers.	43	40	35	38	50.
Runners race.	10	10	-	18	20.
Bayonet Fighting.	40	25	34	36	
Signalling.	38	44	38	41	50.
Rifle Grenade Competition.	25	21	18	20	50.
Bombing.	36	43	35	36	50.
Champion Shots.	60	17	15		50.
Field firing comp:	32	22		36	
Lewis Gun comp:	14	ry	43	41	
Cross Country 2 mile race	94	100	57	19	100.
	572	560	406	500	

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 511

Lieut-Colonel R. A. RAFFERTY. D. S. O.
Commanding 11th Battalion. A.I.F.
COURSET: 10/12/1917.

PART. 1.

DUTIES. &(1). Battalion Duty Company. 10/11/12/1917. "A" Company.

Next for Duty. "B" Company.

Battalion Orderly Officer. Lieut. FLLIOT.

Next for Duty. 2/Lieut. C. McKENNA.

WORK. (2). Battalion will be formed up on parade ground at 0915 ready for C. O. to take over.

DRESS. Fighting Order.

PAY. (3). Extract from A.I.F. Orders dated 7/12/1917.

" 1005. Forfeiture of pay-Venereal Disease.

Any member of the Australian Imperial Force will forfeit his pay and field allowance for every day he in hospital suffering from venereal disease, unless he can prove to the satisfaction of the D.M.S., A.I.F., that such venereal disease was inherited or acquired prior to his enlistment in the A.I.F.

A.I.F. Orders Nos. 685 & 745 dated 8th June 17, and 10th July 17, respectively, are hereby cancelled.

(Authy. D.A.G., A.I.F. 26/321 of 1.12.17.)

PART 2.

HONORS (4). The Corps Commander has awarded decorations to the following & N. C. O's.

MILITARY MEDAL.

3717 Sergeant W. E. BECK.

1798 T/Corporal D. MURPHY.

In publishing the above the Commanding Officer wishes to congratulate the recipients.

Lieutenant.

A/Adjutant. 11th Battalipp. A.I.F.

Lieut-Colonel R. A. RAFFERTY, D. S. O.

Commanding 11th Battalion, A. I. F.

COURSET. 11/12/1917.

PART 1.

DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Company. 11/12/12/1917. "B" Company.

Next for Duty.

Battalion Orderly Officer. 2/Lieut. G. McKENNA.

Next for Duty.

Next for Duty.

2/Lieut. W.A.KEELEY.

BATHS. (2). The DEVRES baths are available for use by this

Battalion tomorrow, 12th instant. Companies to be at

baths at times as shewn hereunder. Are no account

are men to be permitted to wander about cement works

and parties are to be marched to and from Baths.

Clean clothing will be available at baths.

Headquarters. - 0930.

"A" Company. - 1030.

"B" Company. - 1200.

"C" Company. - 1330.

"D" Company. - 1500.

2/Lieutenant WOOD will be in charge of baths and is to report B.O.R. for instructions at 0900.

When not at bathse Companies will carry on with fitting on equipment and kit inspection.

Lieutenant.

A/Adjutant. 11th Battalion A.I.F.

BATTALION POUTINE OPDER No. 513.

Lieut-Colonel R. A. RAFFERTY. D. S. O. Commanding 11th Battalion. A.I.F.

COURSET. 12/12/1917.

PART 1.

DUTIES. (1). Battalien Duty Company. 12/13/12/1917. "C" Company. "D" Company. Next for Duty. Battalion Orderly Officer. 2/Lieut. W.A.KEELEY. Next for Duty. 2/Lieut. SHACKLOCK.

B.R.O. No. 94 dated 11/13/1917 is republished. (2). DISCIPLINE. " 94 ROAD DISCIPLINE - TROTTING HORSES. 1st ANZAC Routine Order No. 524 dated 7th December 17, is repeated for information :-

> Attention is directed to A.R.O. 1406 and particularly the following portions which will be published in orders of every Unit with horses on charge and read on parade three times to all mounted men and drivers .-

Draught Herses including these in efficers' mess carts, are not to be trotted. The only exceptions allowed will be :-

(a) When the transport is under fire,

(b) In other emergencies, under an order signed by an officer.

Riding Horses are not to be trotted :-

(a) On pave or down the centre of hard roads. (b) At a pace exceeding 9 miles an hour."

Aladjutant. 11th Battalion A.I.F.

BATTATION POITTHE ORDER NO. 514. Lieut-Colonel R & RAFFERTY, D. S. O. Commanding 11th Battalion. A.I.F.

PART 1.

WORK.

(2).

Battalion Duty Company. 16/17/12/1917. "C" Company. Mext for Duty. "D" Company. Battalion Orderly Officer. 2/Lieut. H.A. HOLLEY. Next for Duty. 2/Lieut. T. HETHERINGTON.

> ALARM. - In the case of alarm, Companies will stand to at Company Headquarters, I officer per Company being sent to report B.O.R. when all correct. DRESS. - Fighting Order, waterbottles filled and unexpended portion of rations carried.

> > Lieutenant. A/Adjutant. 11th Battalion. A.I.F.

GABLE FARM. 16/12/1917.

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Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

GABLE FARM. 17/12/1917.

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Duffes. (1). Battalion Duty Company. 17/18/12/1917. "D" Company.

Next for Duty.

Battalion Orderly Officer. 2/Lieut. T. HETHERINGTON.

Next for Duty.

Lieut. G.S. GEMMELL.

The Corps Commander has awarded decoration to the undermentioned :-

MILITARY MEDAL.

No. 737 Driver G. WARD.

In publishing the above the Commanding Officer wishes to congratulate the recipient.

PART 2.

SECONDED. (3). Captain L. L. Le NAY is placed on regimental seconded list (wounded)

(Authy. A.I.F.List No. 269 dated 11/12/1917.)

list:-

Captain G.F.S.COMBS, and ceased to be seconded with lst Anzac Corps School on 2.7.17. 2nd Oct. 1917.

Lieut. R.A.CLARKE.

Lieut. (Hon Capt) R.B.BLYTH. 14th Sept.1917.

Lieut. G.M.McKINLEY. 14th Nov. 1917.

from "struck off".

Captain F.J.GRIFFIN is restored to establishment
30th Nov. 1917.

A/Adjutant. 11th Battalion. A.I.F.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 517.

Lieut-Colonel R.A.RAFFERTY. D. S. O.

Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

GABLE FARM. 18/12/1917.

PART 1.

- DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Company. 18/19/12/1917. "A" Company.

 Next for Duty.

 Battalion Orderly Officer. Lieut. G.S.GEMMELL.

 Next for Duty.

 Lieut. H.V.HOWE.
- ROUTINE. (2) The following routine will be observed tomorrow 19th.

 and until further orders.:
 Reveille. 0800. Sick Parade. 0900.

 Breakfast. 0930. Dinner. 1330.

 Evening meal and Rum issue on return from duties.
- ARMS, (3). Attention is drawn to the necessity for frequent and EQUIPMENT ETC. careful inspection of Arms, Ammunition, Anti-Gas Appliances etc., in order that everything may be in readiness for instant action.

PART 2.

- TRANSFER. (4). No. 5088 Private DAVIES W.J. from "C" to "D" Company.
- REVERTION. (5). No. 7196 Lance Corporal MALONEY G.L. reverts to the rank of Private at own request.

G.G. Campbell

Captain.
Act: Adjutant. 11th Battalion. A.I.F.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO.518.

BY

Lieut-Colonel R. A. RAFFERTY, D. S. O. Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

GABLE FARM. 19th December 1917.

PART 1.

DUTIES. (1). Battalion Duty Company. 19/20/12/1917. "B" Company.

Next for Duty.

Battalion Orderly Officer. Lieut: H.V.HOWE.

Next for Duty.

Next for Duty.

2/Lieut: J.G.GEORGE.

OF TREES. are being destroyed. This practice must cease immediately.

No standing timber on any account must be cut down.

PART 2.

REVERSION. (3). No. 5679 Temp:Corporal CAMERON D "A" Company, reverts to Lance Corporal on evac: sick. 18/10/1917.

No. 3024 Temp:Sergeant BRENNAN J.V. "D" Company, meverts to Corporal on evac: sick. 19/11/1917.

SUPERNUMARY.(4). No. 3 5/Sergeant BLACK M.D. is placed on Supernumary

List on joining O.T.C. Battalion. 5/11/1917.

(Authy. Part 2 Orders No.74 dated 10/12/17.)

APPOINTMENTS (5). No. 3302 L/Sergeant COUSINS A.B. to be sergeant vice PROMOTIONS.

STRENGTH (6)

STRENGTH. (6). No. 6039 Private DAVIES W.H. "C" Company is struck off strength on being transferred to 1st ANZAC H.Q.

Dated. 24/11/1917.

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Act: Adjutant. 11th Battalion.

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· BATTALION RPUTINE ORDER NO.519.

Lieut-Colonel R. A. RAFFERTY, D. S. O. Commanding 11th Battalion, A.I.F. GABLE FARM. 20th December 1917.

PART 1.

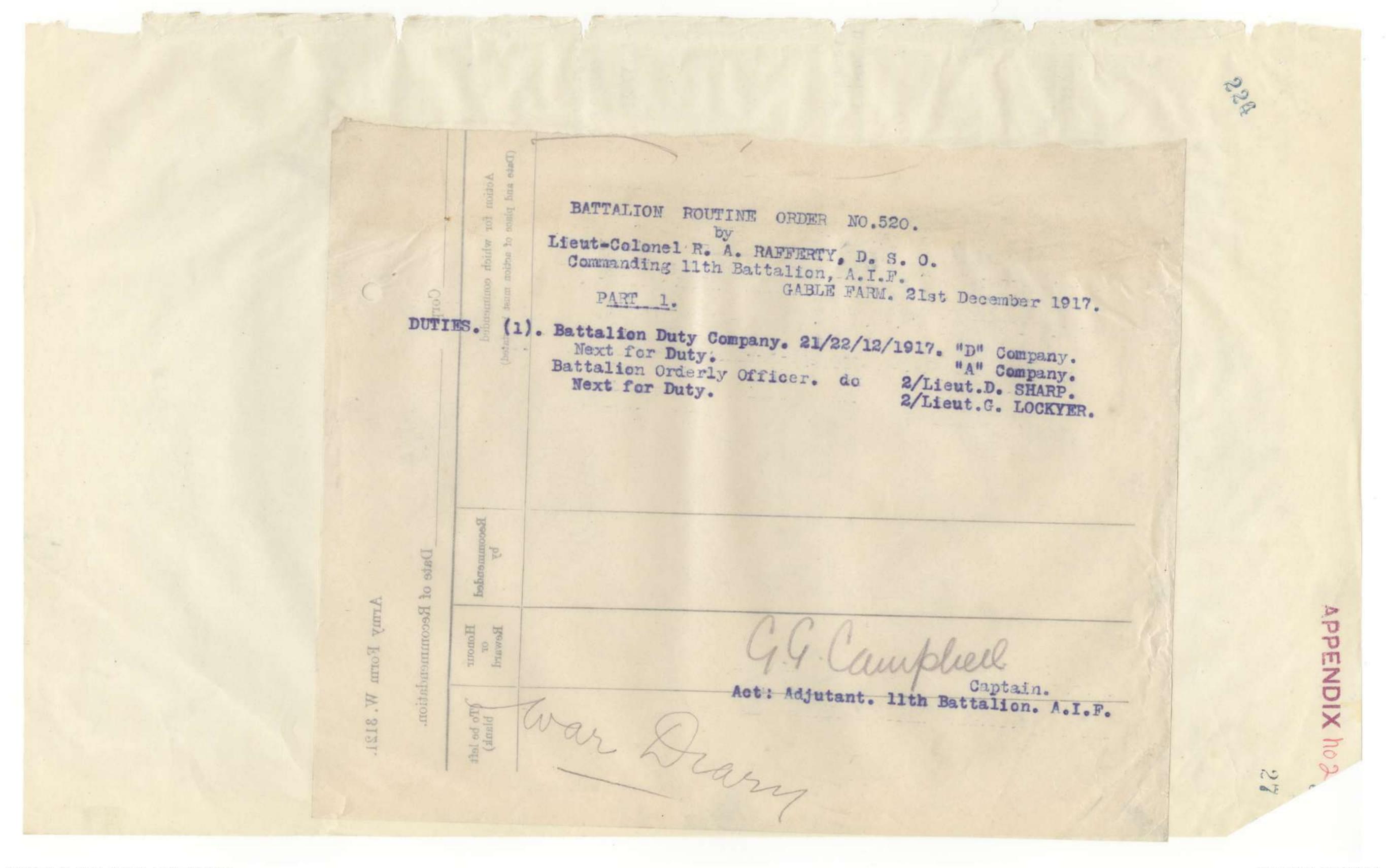
(1). Battalion duty Company. 20/21/12/1917. "C" Company. "D" Company. Next for Duty.

Battalion Orderly Officer. do 2/Lieut. J.R.GEORGE.

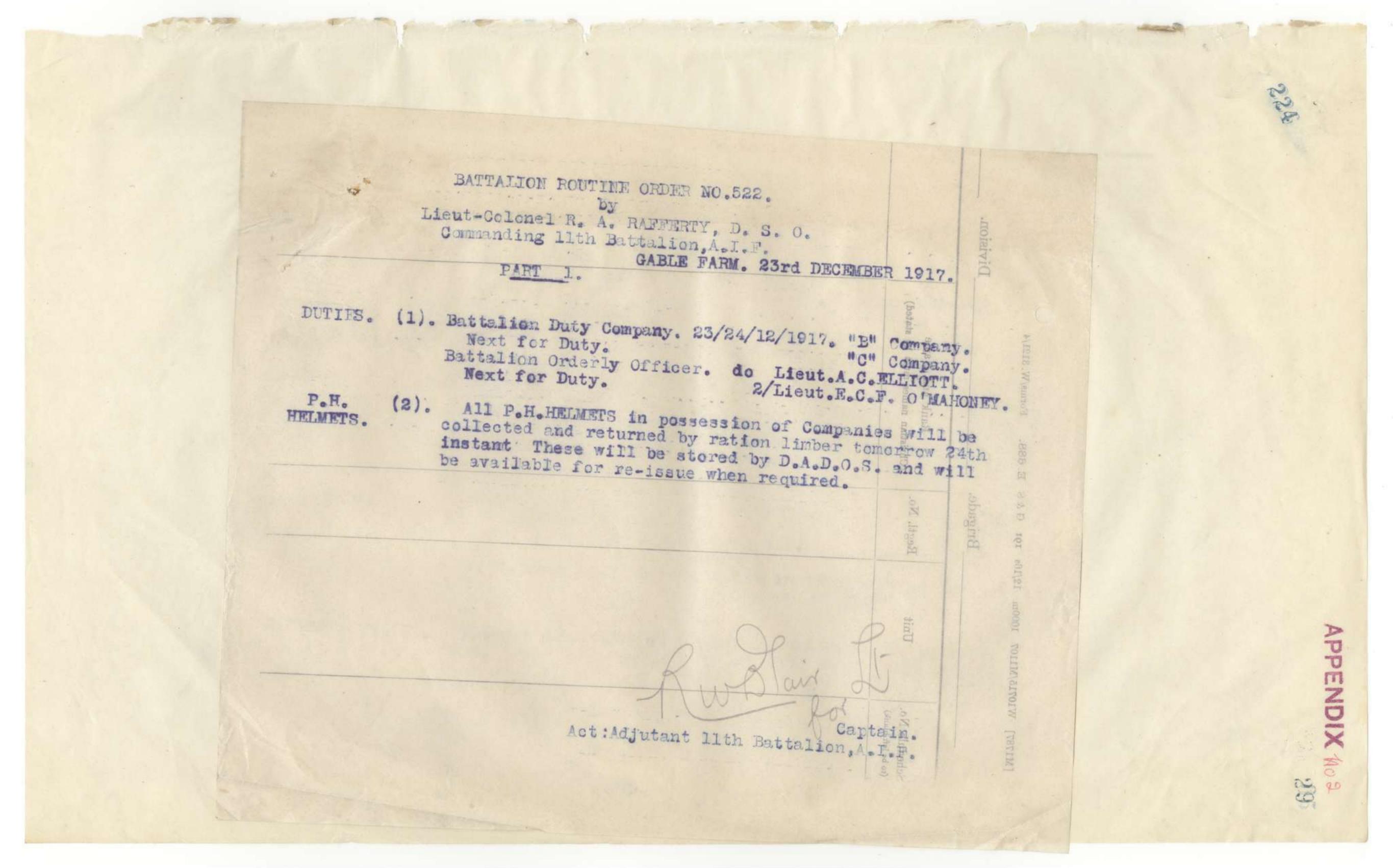
2/Lieut. D. SHARP.

Act. Adjutant. 11th Battalion.

Captain.



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SECRET. 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

OPERATION ORDER No. 47

By Lieut-Colonel R. A. RAFFERTY D. S. O.

Reference Map. Sketch attached.

1. Information.

The enemy is occupying the CAMPANGE ridge.

2. Intention.

It is intended to attack this ridge at (time Brigade orders) on a front of 600 yards .

3. Distribution.

Right Boundary, from C in COURSET to immediate right of C in CAMPANGE. Battalion Headquarters 300 yards South of S in COURSET. "A" Company Frontage Right edge of CAMPAGNE RIDGE to 300 yards EAST "B" Company right boundry is from left of "A" Company to a point 300 yards EAST. "C" Company will move down the COURSET-DOUDEAUVILLE ROAD to junction of La Darre Road. They will make a demonstration against CAMPANGE and cover the advance of "A" & "B" Companies. This Company to move 30 minutes before ZERO. "D" COMPANY Local Reserve situated at re entrant near Battalion Headquarters. 2 SECTIONS M. G. COMPANY. 1 section to report to "C" Company Commander. I section to be disposed so as to give covering fire from road LE BOIS JULION and Junction of COURSET - PARENTY road.

4.5. Communication.

Messages will be sent to Battalion Headquarters at 300 yards South of S in COURSET. The Signalling Officer will establish communication from Battalion Headquarters to Companies and Brigade Headquarters.

5. Regimental Aid Post.

On slope 100 yards EAST of Battalion Headquarters.

- 6. Ammunition at Pattalion Headquarters.
- 7. Cookers To Rendezovu at COURSET.
- 8. Rations The Q. M. will establish a dump near Cookers at COURSET.

10/12/1917.

Lieutenant-Colonel. Commanding 11th Battalion. A.I.F.

No. 1. C. O.

2. A. Company.

3. B

4. C

5 D -

6. Signal Officer.

Q. M.

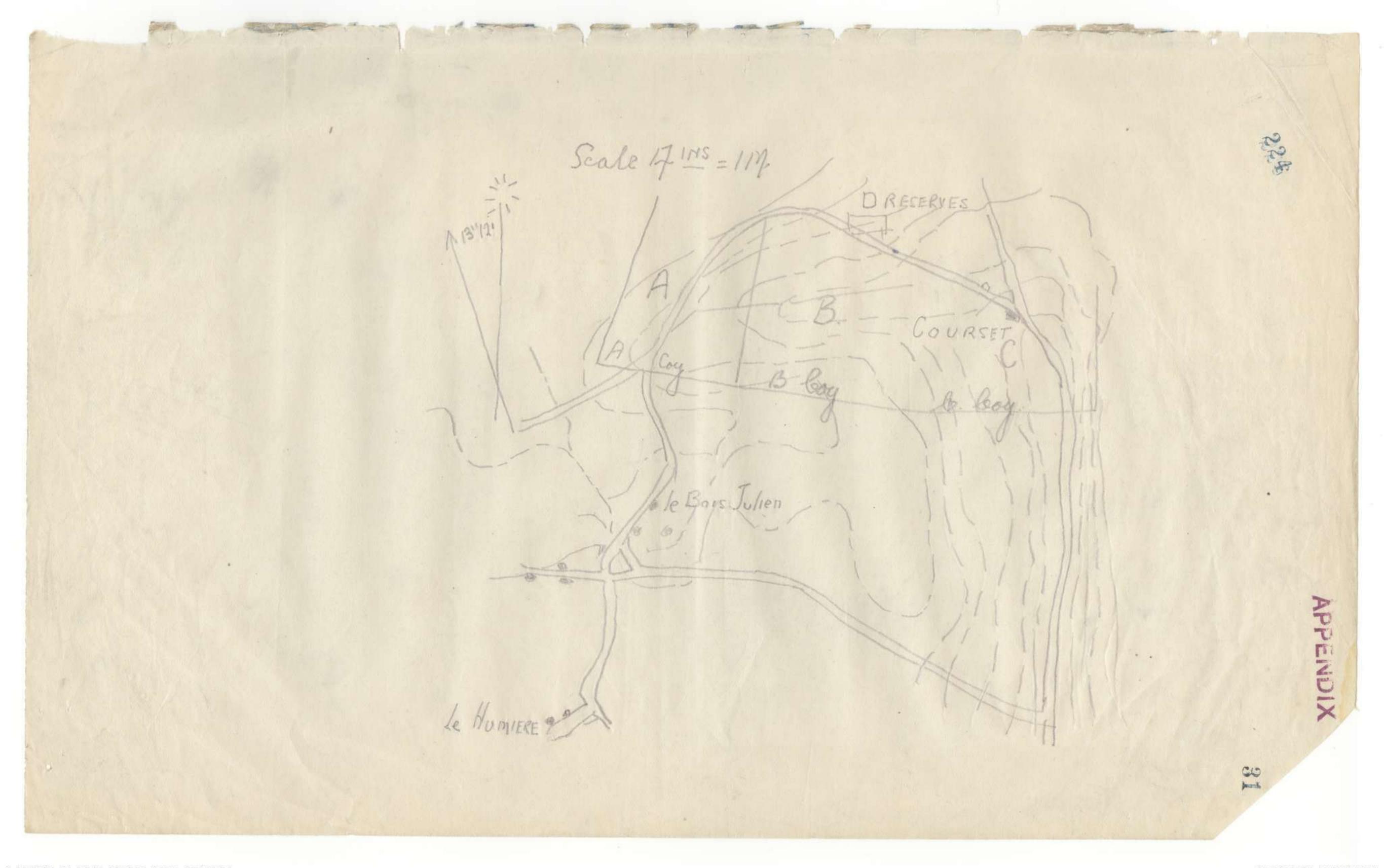
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RENCH

by

Lieut-Colonel R. A. RAFFERTY, D. S. O. Commanding 11th Battalion.

GABLE FARM. 24/12/1917.

The 11th Battalion will relieve the 9th Battalion in front line RELIEF. on the night of the 24/25th.

"A" Company will relieve the right front line Company.

"B" Company will relieve the left line Company.

"C" Company in support. "D" Company in reserve.

A" & "B" Companies will not be detailed for working parties. "C" & "D" Companies will carry on usual works.

"A" & "B" will move by platoens at 20 yards interval - "B" Coy: TIME. leading - Head of column to pass starting point (junction of duck walk and road near "B" Companies H.Q.) at 0100. These Coys: will pass 9th Battalien H.o. at 0300 and relieve about 0330. "C" & "D" Companies will carry on usual works & relieve at 2330.

DRESS. Fighting Order less haversack - Packs will be carried by supporting straps. Pack will contain the following articles - Emergency rations shaving gear, pair of sox, towel, sheep skin jacket, great coat and mess tin.

Company Commanders will take over all works in progress. IES & WORKS.

Trench stores will be taken over and receipts given, special attention must be given to the taking over of Gum-Boots. TORES.

One man per platoon will be detailed to attend to drying and SOCKS. exchange of socks instead of two per platoon as previously arranged.

UM BOOT "D" Company will detail 4 men to report at Gum-Boot Store at 2000 STORE. tonight to take over from 9th Battalion.

4 Batmen from Battalion H.Q. will be attached to Reserve Company, H.Q. these men will act as carrying party for Battalion H.Q. TMEN.

The R.M.O. will arrange with R.M.O. of 9th Bn. re taking over. wICAL. RoA.P. is situated behind Battalion H.Q.

Signal Officer will arrange direct with Signal Officer of 9th Bn. GNAL. re taking over communication.

All valises, Orderly Room and Mess Gear must be dumped near FICERS LISES Canteen by . Blankets relled in bundles of 10, plainly marked with section, platoon and Company designation must be dumped ANKETS neat Bn. Canteen at . . Haversacks marked on the back with name of number will be stacked in Coy: dumps near Canteen at

MPS & All billets must be left in a clean and sanitary condition. TLETS. Certificates to this effect to be handed to Adjutant as seen as possible after moving off.

APLETION Completion of relief will be notified to Bn.HQ. by code word RELIEF. "JAKE" . BN. H.Q. will close at GABLE FARM and open at new H.Q. position at 2300 - 24/12/1917.

GGAGE D'D' Company will detail 1 N.C.O. and 3 men to report to B.O.R. GUARD, at 1800 to act as guard over blankets, walises etc. These men will rejoin Unit when these dumps are cleared by Transport. 24 hours rations to be carried.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

CGB 11. amplie File. C.O.

Captain. Sec in Commd. Act. Adjutant. 11th Battalion. A.I.F.

Company. 9. R.H.O. R.Q.M. T. O.

& 13 War Diary. Hqrs .

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No. 40.

Battalion Headquarters. 5th December 1917.

The 11th Australian Infantry Eattalion is holding Z Sector as shown in attached map.

Disposition
Out post line including strongpost at L. 17 D 3. 0 - B Coy.
yellow line including strongpost at L. 17 D 23 3 - C Coy.
Blue line D Company.
X position A Company - (reserve)

In the event of attack by superior force outpost Company will retire along left boundry to bank in rear of Blue line, reorganise and await orders. Yellow line giving covering fire during retirement

Yellow line will retire through blue line to bank in rear of blue line and immediately in rear of "B" Company, reorgan ise and wait orders.

Blue line hold fire during retirement of "C" Company then reopen fire and hold position at all costs until ordered to retire.

Outpost Company and Yellow line use their own discretion as to time of retirement but Yellow line will not retire before outpost Company. Strongposts at L 17 D 3.0 and L 17 D 2.3 will hold on at all costs and harrass the enemy.

when and whereever possible and cover retirement of the other Companies.

4.

Signal Officer to arrange communications to all Companies.

- 5. Medical Officer to make arrangements for evacuation of wounded.
- 6. Location of Battalion Headquarters, Regimential Aidpost and dump will be notified later.

7. ACKNOWLEDOW.

Copy to Brigade 1.

C.O. 2.

Hqrs 3

A Coy 4

B 5

C 6

D 7

P.O.W. 8

T.O. 9

R.S.M. 10.

R.M.G. 11

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Adjutant. 11th Battalion.AI.F.

11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No 43.

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Battalion Headquarters.
12th December 1917.

Copy No.

1. The 11th Australian Infantry Battalion will move from present area to LEDINGHEM by march route tomorrow, 13th inst.

For purpose of this march Battalion will be divided into two groups viz - A. and B.

"A". - Headquarters and Companies plus 4 Cookers, 2 G.S. Wagons (supplies) and 1 water cart.

"B". - Transport less "

Starting will be at Road Junction SACRIQUIER (5E 46 75)
for both groups.

'B' Group will pass this point at 0900 and proceed to ELNES.

Route .- BECOURT - LE MESNIL - WISMES.

'A' Group will be formed up by 0920 with head of column resting at starting point, remainder lying along COURSET road.

Order of March - Hqrs. A. B. C. D. Cookers, etc.

The following distances will be maintained between Units on the march :-

Companies. 100 yards.
Unit Transport. 100 "
Battalions. 500 "
Transport of Units
when Brigaded. 100 "

- A. Dress. Marching Order plus one blanket, Steel Hats worn by all ranks and goatskin jackets, rolled and fastened under pack.
- one blanket per man will be carried by motor wagon. These are to be rolled in bundles of 10 and clearly marked with platoon and company designation, and will be stacked, as under, not later than osso. Officers baggage and mess gear to be at same place at above times:

Headquarters.

"A". "B" & "C" Coys. - Canteen.

"D" Company. - Company Headquarters.

- Billets must be thoroughly cleaned and men clear of same by 0900.

 Certificate to the affect that all billets have been left

 in clean and sanitary condition, to be handed Adjutant 0915 together

 with completed certificate that no damage has been done to Billet,

 (as per pro forma attached B.R.O. 405 of 24th ult.)
- Medical. No man is to be allowed to fall out without permission being first obtained from an officer, latter will give man falling out a chit and instruct him to report R.M.O. at rear of Battalian. 2/Lieutenant LOCKYER is to remain at rear of Battalian, where he destination.

Lieutenant.

A/Adjutant. 11th Battalion. A.I.F.

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No. 44.

Battalion Headquarters. 13th December 1917.

- 1. The 11th Australian Infantry Battalion will move from LEDINGHEM to AVROULT by march route tomorrow the 14th instant.
- 2. Starting point will be at road junction (5 F 85.85) LEDINGHEM Companies will be formed up on starting point at 0850.

 Order of march Headquarters, D. C. B. A., Cookers, etc.
- 3. The following distances will be maintained b

Between Companies. - 100 yards.

- 4. DRESS. Merching Order plus one blanket, Steel Hats worn by all ranks and goatskin jackets, rolled and fastened under bottom of pack.
- 5. One blanket per man will be carried by motor wagon. These are to be rolled in bundles of 10 and clearly marked with platoon and Company designation, and will be stacked, at Company Headquarters, not later than 0745. Officers baggage and mess gear to be at same place at above time.
- 6. Billets are to be left in a thoroughly clean and senitary, condition, certificate to this effect to be handed Adjutant 0845 together with completed certificate that no damage has been done to billets.
 - 7. MEDICAL. No man is to be allowed to fall out without narmission being first ahts institution of Battalian of Battalian. Lieutenant H.V. HOWE is to remain at rear of Battalian where he will take charge of all men falling out, and bring them on to destination.

Lieutenant.

A/Aljutant. 11th Battalion. A. I. F.

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Battalion Headquarters.

- 1. The 11th Australian Infantry Battalion will entrain at WIZERNE temorrow 15th instant.
- AVROUNT. Buttalion will be formed up with head of column resting at starting point at 0400.

DRESS. - Warching Order plus one blanket. Steel Hate are to be worn by all ranks and goatskin rolled and fastened under bottom of pack.

- one blanket per man will be carried by motor wagon. These are to be rolled in bundles of 10 and clearly marked with platoon and Company designation and will be stacked at Regimental Quarter Masters Store not later than 0300. Officers baggage and mass genr to be at same place at 0330.
- A Hot breakfast (Stew) is to be provided before moving off, Cookers will then refill and supply beaut station before entraining

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- 5. After entraining no man is to be permitted to leave train.

 6. C. "A" & "B" Company will supply picquet for forward and rear of train respectively of 1 Officer, 1 N.C.C. and 10 men to see that this order is strictly complied with.
- 6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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TITH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER No. 46.

Reference Sheet :-No. 28. 1/40000. Battalion Headquarters. 16th December 1917.

- 1. The 11th Australian Infantry Battalion will take over Reserve position at GABLE FARM from 9th Battalion today, 16thinst.
- 2. Battalion will move off from prement camp at 1500 in following order - Headquarters, A. B. C. D.
- 3. Route will be via VULVERGHEM Road.
- Unless otherwise ordered Company will march with a distance of 200 yards between each other.
- DRESS Marching order plus two blankets, Steel Hats worn and goatskins rolled and fastened under bottom of pack.
- 6. Area Stores. Any area stores will be taken over, receipts being given - copies of these (in duplicate) to be forwarded B.O.R.
- All Billets in present camp to be left in a clean and samitary condition, certificate to this effect to be handed Adjutant by Company Commanders.
- 8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieutenant. A/Adjutant. 11th Battalion. A.I.T.

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In the Field 26/12/17.

1. 'D' & 'C' Co's will relieve 'A' & 'B' Co's in the Front Lime on the 36/37/13/17.

'A' Co. will be relieved by 'C' Co. 'B' Co. will bereliaved by 'D' Co.

Relief will be commenced not earlier than 0100 and must be completemby 0230.

Usual arrangements re Ration Fatigues will apply till 12 midnight As regards Morning Meal the following arrangements will be made:-'B' Co. will have Tsa & Soup after reaching Reserve Position, On moving Forward 'D' Co. will carry Tsa, Bacon, stc., for 'A' & 'B' to Corner Dump and leave same there, 'C' Co. will pick up their Tea before moving in, 'A' Co. after coming out.

- Ankle Boots must be worn by all ranks during relief. Gum Boots will be handed over by Co's and receipts taken. All Trench Stores will be handed over and receipts taken.
- 3. PATROLS Front Line Co's (A & B) will send out usual Patrols and relieving Co's will detail 1 N. C. O. to accompany/same.
- TELEPHONES will be handed over as they satud.
- GUIDES will be detailed from each Platoon Post to guide incoming Platoons to their positions. Guides will report at B.O.R. at 0100 on 37th inst.
- PRIMUS STOVES to be handed over.
- COMPLETION OF RELIEF will be notified to B.C.R. by Gode Word "HENRY".
- ACKNOWLEDGE.

GG. Campbell captain, Actg. Adjutant, 11th Battalion, A.I.F.

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RELIEF ORDER NO. 2.

Ideut-Colonel R. A. RAFFERTY D.S.O., Commanding LORD.

In the Field. 28/12/17.

RELIEF 'A' & 'B' Go's will relieve 'G' & 'D' Go's in the Front Line on the night of 28/20th Dec. 1917.

'G' Go, will be relieved by 'A' Go.
'D' Go, will be relieved by 'B' Go.

On relief 'd' Co. will take up position of Reserve Company, 'D' Co. will take up position of Support Company.

Relief will be commenced not earlier than cloo and completed not later than 0300.

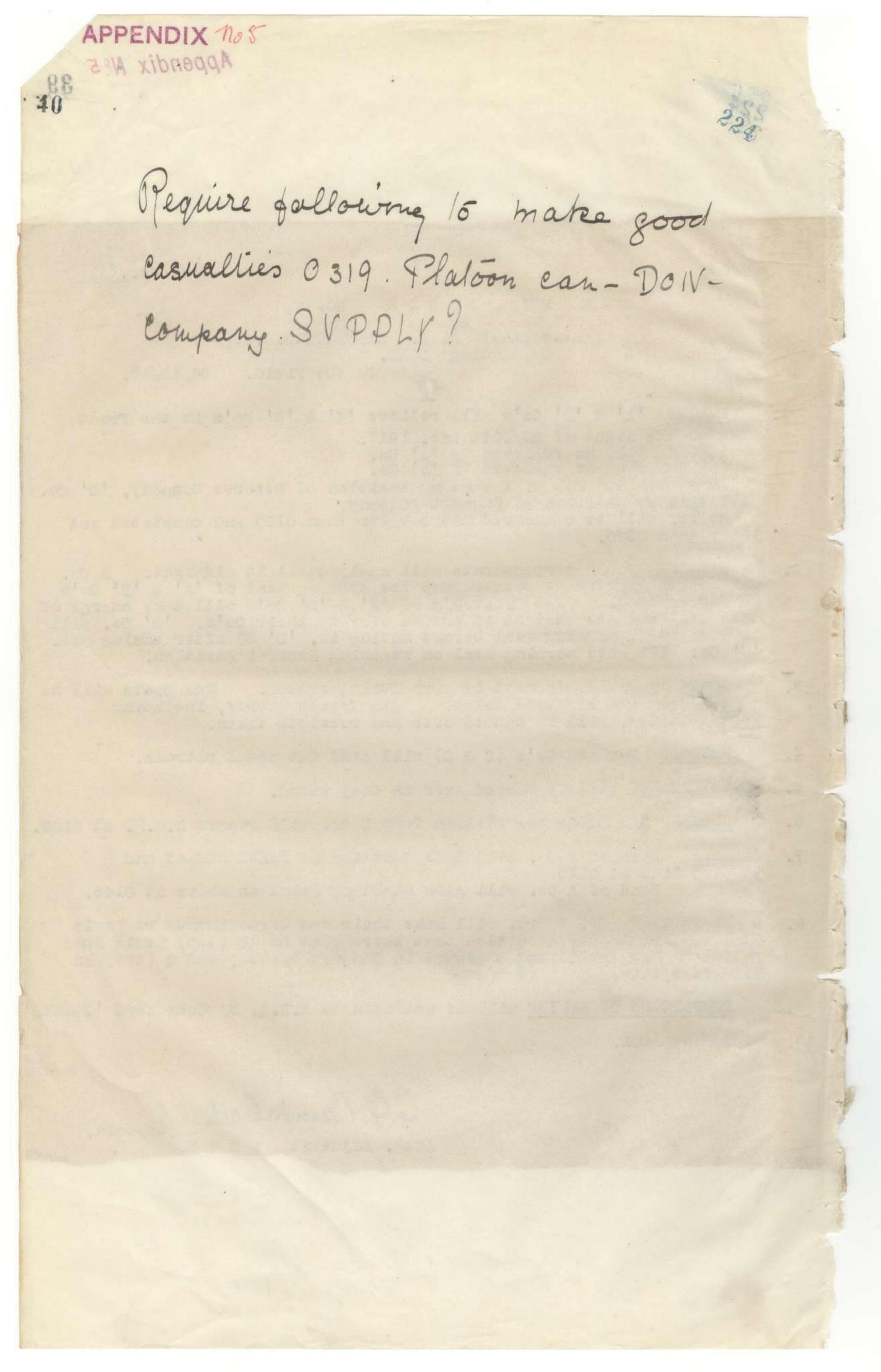
- RATIONS Usual arrangements will apply until 12 mignight. B Co. will carry forward to Corner Dump the morning meal of 'A' & 'D' Co's to Corner Dump. The C.Q.M.S's of 'A' & 'D' Co's will take charge of this meal and see that it is handed over to their Co's. 'A' Co. will pick up their morning meal before moving in, 'D' CO after coming out. 'C' Co. will have morning meal on reaching Reserve Position.
- BOOTS Ankle Boots must be worn during relief. Gum Boots will be handed over and receipts taken. All Trench Stores, including Primus Stoves, will be handed over and receipts taken.
- 4. PATROLS Forward Co's (C & D) will send out usual Patrols.
- 5. THIEPHONES will be handed over as they stand.
- 6. GUIDES 1 1 Guids per Platoon from D Co. will report B.O.R. at 0100.
- 7. Head of B Co. will pass Junction of FANNY STREET and Support Line at Oll5.

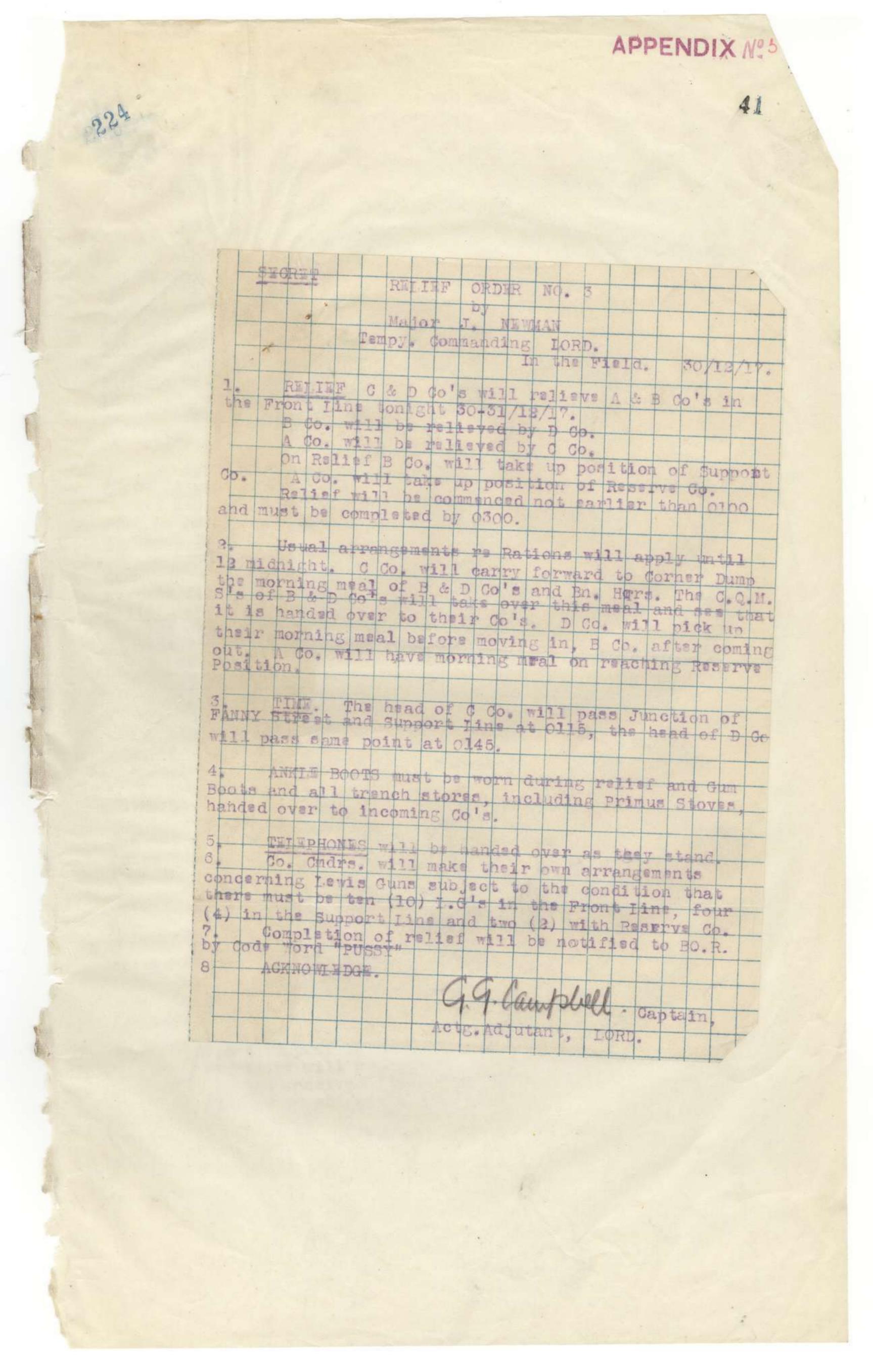
 Head of A Co. will pass Starting Point as above at Ol45.
- Guns subject to the condition that there must be lo (ten) I swis Guns in Front Line system, and 4 (four) in Support system, and 2 (two) in Reserve system.
- GOMPINTION OF RELIEF will be notified to B. H. Q. by Code Word 'BOSKER'
- lo. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G.G. Campbell.

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Ref: Map CALAIS 13. 1-100000.

Sketch attached.

Y. 12. 1917.

Information. -

The Enemy's patrols were encountered N.E. of COURSET about 12 noon today and withdrew S of COURSET.

Our Mounted Patrols report no signs of the enemy at SACRIQUIER or

towards LA CALIQUE.

The "A" Troop 13th L.H., 1st A.F.A. Brigade, 1st Aust Infy Brigade, and 2nd Aust Field Ambulance are billitted in DESVRES.

Intention .-

2. "A" Battalion, 1st Aust Infy Brigade will form the outpost. General line to be E & W across COURSET-DOUBEAUVILLE road and W across COURSET-LA DARRE road as per sketch attached.

"A" Company will occupy a frontage 660 yds. "B" 748 re sketch. 11 (711

Company will be held in reserve and will be situated on COURSET LA DARRE road. see sketch attached.

In case of attack the outpost line will be the line of resistance & will be held until further instructions are received.

Smoking, Fires, etc.,

3. No smoking or fires are to be allowed on the outpost line. Company Commanders will make arrangements for all cooking to be done in the support lines. Relief.

4. The outpost will be withdrawn after the vanguard passes through the line at 10 a.m. on the "Z" instant, and "A" Battalion will join the rea of the main body.

Headquarter, Outpost Company.

5. The Headquarters of Outpost Commander (Battalion Commander) will be in the School-house COUPSET. Signalling Officer will arrange communicat -ions with Company Headquarters and outpost Company Headquarters. Traffic.

6. No one, other than Troops on duty, prisoners, deserters, and flags of truce are to be allowed to pass through the Outposts except with

authority of the Commander.

Inhabitants with information will be blindfolded and detained at th nearest picquet, pending instructions, and then information sent to Outpost, Company Headquarters. Ammunition.

7. Battalion reserve of ammunition will be situated with Transport at

Outpost Headquarters.

Reg: Aid Post. 8. Regimental Aid Fost will be established at the Estaminet at the corner of cross roads COURSET. Wounded will be evacuated to DESVRES.

Only Platoon and Company Commanders will speak to person presenting themselves at the outpost line.

Prisoners and deserters will be sent at once through the Commander

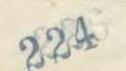
of the Outpost Company to the Outpost Commander at Headquarters.

Flags of truce will be halted some distance from Outpost line until instructions are received from Outpost Company Commander. No conversati is to be allowed in outpost line with the bearer of a flag of truce. If permitted to pass the individual must be blindfolded and escorted to Outpost Commander at Headquarters. Reports.

9. Dispositions and reports are to be sent to Outpost Commander Hars:

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut-Colonel. Commanding Outpost.



Appreciation of the Situation by C.O. 11th Battalion.

Intention of our Porce.

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Intention of the G.O.C. of the British detached force is to find the Enemy Detachments guarding the coast line, who are being collected at MONTREIUL and attack and prevent any knowledge being gained of the concentration of our troops on the line MORDAUSQUES - NICTHS - MUCOUELIERS.

Information.

A German Detachment has moved from MONTREIGH. North towards DESVRES His Mounted Patrols having reached the vicinity of COURSET, presumably with the intention of gaining information of what British Troops have landed at CALAIS and BOHLOGNE and the area of concentration. Strength of German Detackment unknown.

Force at my Disposal.

"A" Troop 13th L.H., 1st A.T.A.Brigade, 1st Aust Infy Brigade, & and Field Ambulance.

Instructions.

They are to find German Detached Force and where ever found attack and prevent any knowledge being gained of our concentration.

The British Force have reached DESVRES and "A" Battalion occupying Outpost line running E & W south of COURSET about 440 yards.

Courses open to us.

(1). To hold high ground about 440 yards south of CO RSET and patrol 3 towards MONTRETUL waiting until the German Force approaches.

(2). To move south towards MONTREIUL until contact is gained with enemy and there establish Outpost line, and patrol, preventing enemy moving N to our concentration Area.

(3). To push south in bounds to the hights Worth of MONTREIUL, attacking and forcing tack the enemy where met and holding him at MONTREIUL.

COURSE to be adopted - No. 3.

Reason/that this would carry out the intention of the Detached Force and we are taking the initiative.

The Country is suitable for this course to be adopted.

Local Conditions.

country is very hilly and most of the land is under cultivation, and is impassable to heavy traffic except on the roads.

The roads are good and passable for heavy traffic, plenty of material being available to keep in good repair.

The weather has been wet, but is now fine.

Plenty of water and timber is available and no difficulty in
Billting Troops.

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