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WAR DIARY

OF

50th. BATTALION A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Reference Map	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FERRIERES	1918. Nov.	1st.	"A", "B" & "D" Coys. attack schemes during morning. "C" Coy. Range practices. General Special-ist training during afternoon. Major W.M. Fowler M.C., returned from leave, and took over T/Command of the Battalion. Day fine and cold.		Syllabus attached.
"	"	2nd.	The Battalion employed all the morning scouring the country in the vicinity for men A.W.L. and deserters. The whole of the Australian Corps was similarly occupied. Major J. Churchill Smith M.C. went on leave to U.K.		
"	"	3rd.	Wet Day: Battalion attended Church Parade at 11 a.m. in the Y.M.C.A. Tent. Orders received to have all surplus gear dumped at the Divisional Dump established in BREILLY CHATEAU near AILLY-sur-SOMME on account of probable move forward.		
"	"	4th.	As per Syllabus. Battalion on Route march, marching order, about 8 miles in the morning. Divisional Boxing Tournament held in the aerodrome at BOVELLES in the afternoon. C.O. and Coy. Commanders looked over ground for Battalion attack Scheme. C.O. held conference of Coy. Commanders in the evening to discuss the dumping of surplus gear, reorganisation of Coys. in 3 Platoons, and work for the following day. Weather fine and cold.		Instruction attack att scheme att.
"	"	5th.	Very Wet day. Rain interfered with work as laid down in syllabus. Coys. carried out reorganisation into 3 Platoons in their billets. Commenced dumping surplus gear at BRIELLY. Weather cleared in the afternoon.		
"	"	6th.	As per syllabus. Work interfered with by rain. Competition football match with Bde. H.Q. cancelled, Bde. H.Q. forfeiting. Wet day with fairly heavy rain during the afternoon.		
"	"	7th.	Dental inspection of the whole Battalion during the Morning, otherwise work as per syllabus. Warning order received for move to forward area. Drizzly rain all day.		
"	"	8th.	As per Syllabus. Battalion on Route march, marching order, of about 8 miles, being inspected by the Divisional Commander on the line of March. During the afternoon a general cleaning up of Billeting area on account of move forward the following day. Lieut. Colonel A.G. Salisbury D.S.O., returned from the M.G. School at CAMIERS & took over Command of the Battalion. Billeting Party left at 7 a.m. by motor lorry for ROISEL. Day cloudy with drizzly rain in the afternoon.		

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	1918.		Reference Map	
FERRIERES.	Nov.	9th.	Move postponed 24 hours. Work as per Syllabus. In the afternoon the Battalion Played a football match against Bde.H.Qrs., winning by 10 goals 13 behinds to 2 behinds. Day cloudy and fine.	
"	"	10th.	Battalion marched out from FERRIERES at 1000 hours, lunched outside PICQUINY, and arrived just East of HANGEST at 1430. The train arrived at HANGEST Station at 1830. The Battalion moved into the Station at 1900 and entrained, the train leaving at 2000 hours. Weather fine and cold.	Operation Order Attached.
In the Train.	"	11th.	In the train all day. Delayed enroute at various stations being 3 hours at St.QUENTIN where news of the Armistice was received. Arrived at TINCOURT at 2200 and marched to BOUCLY area where the Battalion was bivouaced, finally settling down at 2359 hours. Two absentees during the move. Wet day.	Disposition report att.
BOUCLY.	"	12th.	Battalion rested during the day. Foot inspection held by Companies. Fine and Cold.	
"	"	13th.	Battalion moved from BOUCLY to TINCOURT at 0800 and entrained on the light railway at 0830 for BRANCOURT arriving at 1315 hours. Marched to FRESNOY le Grand and billeted in evacuated houses. Billeting area fair. Cold and fine day.	Operation Order Disposition report att.
FRESNOY le Grand.	"	14th.	Inspection of arms, ammunition and equipment, cleaning of billets and vicinity under supervision of Coy. Officers. 50th. Bn. played the 51st. Bn., football, Australian Rules, and lost by 5 points. Weather fine and cold.	
"	"	15th.	Morning spent in close order drill, guards and sentries, interspersed with physical Training & organised games. The Bn. played the 13th. Field Ambulance football in the afternoon & won the match by 5 points. Weather fine and cold.	

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FRESNOY le GRAND.	Nov. 16th.			The Bn. had use of the baths at FRESNOY but there was no clean clothing available. When not at Baths, kit inspection was held by Coys. Inter-Company football match played in the afternoon. Weather fine and cold.	
	" 17th.			Battalion attended Brigade Church Parade in the morning. A March past in Column of route was held afterwards. In the afternoon played the 48th. Battalion at football and lost by 8 points. A careful inspection of all boots was held by Coys. and all men with bad boots were paraded at Q.M. Store for inspection by the Senior Major. The C.O. attended a conference of C.O.'s at Bde H.Qrs. to discuss the advance onto the Rhine. Weather fine and cold.	
	" 18th.			Battalion on route march, marching order, of about 8 miles in the morning. In the afternoon organised games and recreational training were held. Lieut. Colonel A.G. Salisbury D.S.O., left on special leave to United Kingdom. Major A.H. Rowe, 51st. Bn., assumed Command of the Battalion during absence of Colonel Salisbury.	
	" 19th.			Guards and sentries, sectional and platoon training, (Close order drill) & Coy. drill held in the morning. Medical inspection by R.M.O. of all men in "A" & "C" Coys., with a view to leaving behind all men unfit to march. In the afternoon the 50th. Battalion played the 10th. Battalion at football and won the match by 4 goals. Major J. Churchill Smith M.C., and Lieut. W.B. Sims returned from leave in U.K., the former detached for temporary duty at Bde. H.Qrs. Weather fine and cold.	
	" 20th.			Coy. paraded in marching order, fitted equipment, cleaned billets etc., and generally prepared for move next day. Medical inspection by R.M.O. continued, H.Q., "D" & "B" Coys., being inspected to find out all men who could not march. Weather fine and slightly warmer.	

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FRESNOY le Grand.	Nov. 1918.	21st.		Battalion moved out from FRESNOY le Grand at 0715 for St. SOUPLET via BOHAIN, VAUX AUDIGNY, MOLAIN and St. MARTIN a distance of 10 miles, arriving at 1100 hours. Billets good but untidy. One man evacuated to hospital enroute, 7 brought in with rear guard. Special foot inspection held during afternoon. Weather fine, roads hard. Lieut. H.W. Carlton M.C., left on 75 days Special Leave to U.K.	Operation Order att. Disposition Report att.
St. Souplet.	"	22nd.		Battalion moved out from St. Souplet at 0900 hours for FAVRIL via St. BENIN, Le CATEAU, BAZUEL, ORS, a distance of 14½ miles arriving at FAVRIL at 1630 hours. A halt was made after leaving ORS for 1 hour for meal from 1300 to 1415. Billets good but scattered. 3 O.R.'s brought in by rear guard. Lieut. L.E. Harding left on leave to PARIS. Fine day but roads muddy after noon.	
FAVRIL	Nov.	23rd.		Battalion moved out from FAVRIL TO LE PETIT FAYT, 5 miles, at 0930 hours arriving at 1100 hours. 3 Coys. billeted in le PETIT FAYT and 1 Coy. in Le GRAND FAYT. 3 O.R.'s brought in by rear Guard. Billets of O.R.'s good, for Officers only fair. All very scattered. Foot inspection held during afternoon. Morning cold but warmer in the afternoon.	Disposition Report att.
Le PETIT FAYT.	"	24th.		Voluntary Church Parade held in morning. Men rested in billets in view of march on following day. Special parade for foot inspection and all men washed their feet in a solution of permanganate of potash. Lieut. L.B. Smith left on leave to U.K., Lieut. W.B. Sims took over duties as A/Adjutant.	
"	"	25th.		Battalion marched out from Le PETIT FAYT at 0930 to SAINS du NORD via CARTIGNIES, BOULOGNE-sur-Helpe, BASSE BOLOUGNE, CANTRAINNE, ZOREES, a distance of 12 miles arriving at 1510 hours. Billets :- O.R.'s in a factory. Accomodation fair. Officers scattered in houses & only fair. 2 O.R.'s brought in by rear guard. Roads previous to todays march were hard and frozen, but today roads were very muddy owing to a thaw having set in. Rations for 26th. not received. Day fine but cloudy.	Operation Order att. Disposition Report att.
SAINS DU NORD.	"	26th.		Rations for today were received at 0600 hours. Battalion moved out at 0915 for SIVRY via RAMOUSIES, LIESSIES and WILLIES a distance of 10½ Miles arriving at 1430 hours. Billets in all cases fairly good but are scattered over a large area. Roads during march were very hilly, wet and muddy. Weather fine but foggy and damp.	

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SIVRY.	Nov. 27th.			Billets readjusted. Parade and recreation grounds fixed. Men rested and foot inspection carefully carried out. C.O. held a meeting of all Officers to explain future movements and elementary matters in connection with the repatriation scheme. Day wet with drizzly rain.	
"	28th.			C.O.s. Paraded and O.C.'s explained position with regard to future movements and repatriation scheme carefully to the men. Remainder of the day spent in washing and cleaning web equipment. In the afternoon recreational training carried on. Canteen opened in Battalion Area. C.D. attended conference at Bde.H.Q. for further instructions in the repatriation movement. Weather showery and wet.	
"	29th.			Disciplinary and recreational training, carried out during the morning. Weather fine but damp underfoot. Rum ration issued at lunch time.	
"	30th.			Disciplinary and recreational training carried out in the morning. All members of the Battalion not inoculated for typhoid during the last 12 months were then so treated.	

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OF

50th. BATTALION A.I.F.

FOR

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50th, B A T T A L I O N.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING for period ending 2nd, November, 1918.

Date.	9 a.m. to 12. Noon.	1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Nevr. 1st.	<u>Complete Companies.</u> - Daylight Outposts and Coy Defence Scheme. (Range Practices - 1. Coy).	Scouting & Patrolling- <u>Complete Platoons under Platoon</u> <u>Commanders</u> - Every Section to be exercised in turn as a patrol.
Nevr. 2nd.	<u>Complete Companies,</u> Gas Drill. Kit Inspection. Boot, Sock & Feet Inspection.	Football Match.

Platoons will fall in at 8.45 a.m. daily and have Roll Call & daily inspection completed by 9 a.m.

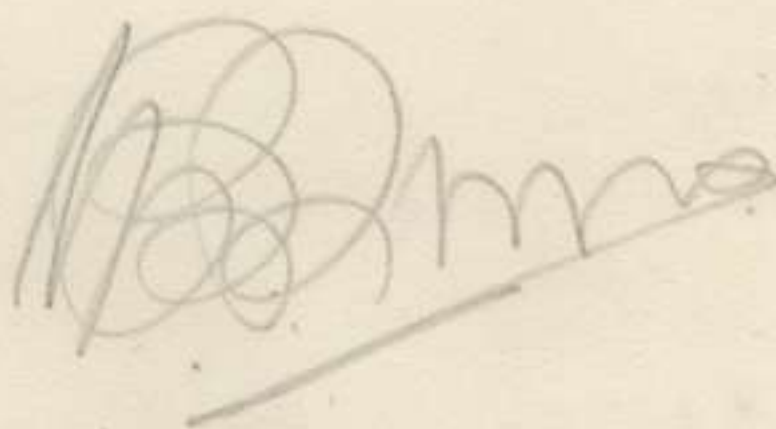
Details of Training to be completed one day in advance.

All Signallers will report to S.O. at Bn H.Qs at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.

Headquarters Intelligence Section and Coy Scouts will report to I.O. at Bn H.Qs at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.

Stretcher Bearers will report to R.M.O. at R.A.P. at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.

Coy Scouts & Stretcher Bearers will parade with Companies during Coy Attack Schemes.



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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING for week ending 9th, Nov, 1918.

Date.	9 a.m. to 12 noon.	1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
4/11/18.	Route March with Transport. Bn Parade Ground (Q.7.b.) 0900. Ferriers-along Ferriers- Picquigny Road-to Ailly-sur-Somme Dreuil-les-Aniens-Saveuse- Ferriers.	Specialists & Recreational Training. Lecture, -Offs & E.C.N.O.O's "Bn Attack Scheme"
5/11/18.		
6/11/18.	Battalion Attack Scheme Q.13 & 14.	Riflemen. Patrolling & Scouting. Lewis Gunners. - Gun Drill, Visual Training. (Nos.1. Revolver practice)
8/11/18.	Complete Companies :- Bayonet Fighting. Gas Training. Advanced Guards. (2.Companies on Rifle Range)	Inter-Coy Football Matches.
7/11/18.	Complete Companies - Bayonet Fighting. Gas Training. Advanced Guards.	Complete Companies :- Kit Inspection. Boot, Sock and Foot inspection.
8/11/18.	Route March. Bn Pde Ground. (Q.7.b) 0900. Ferriers-along Ferriers- Picquigny Road-to Bevelles- along Picquigny-Bevelles Road Ferriers.	Riflemen. - Rifle Grenade & Bombing Inspection. Lewis Gunners. - Gun Drill, Visual Training. (Nos.2. Revolver Practice (1.Coy on Range).
9/11/18.	Company Drill (1.Hour) Rifle Exercises. (1/2.Hour) Musketry Instr. (1.Hour) Visual Training. (1/2.Hour) Lewis Gunners. Range Practices Gun Drill.	Football Match.

Platoons will fall in at ~~XXXXX~~ 8.45 a.m. daily and have Roll
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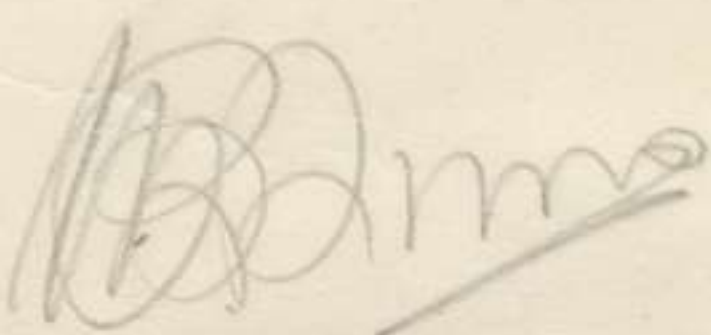
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All Signallers will report to S.O. at Bn H.Qs at 9 a.m. and
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Headquarters Intelligence Section & Coy Scouts will report to
the I.O. at Bn H.Qs at 9 a.m. & 1.30 p.m. daily.

Stretcher Bearers will report to R.M.O. at R.A.P. at 9 a.m. &
1.30 P.M, daily.

Coy Scouts and Stretcher Bearers will parade with Coys during
Coy Advanced Guards.



Lieutenant,

1/11/18.

for Adjutant, 50th Battalion. A.I.F.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BATTALION ATTACK SCHEME.

To be carried out on 5th, November, 1918.In the Field,
4th, November, 1918.

Reference Map 1/100,000 AMIENS & Sketch issued with Bde Tactical Exercises N° 1.

The Battalion Attack Scheme to be carried out on 5th inst will be the same as that carried out on 29th, Oct, 1918.

The orders for that operation will hold good with the following exceptions :-

- Para 4 . D.Coy will represent the enemy and will wear white hat bands.
- Para 5.- B.Coy will attack on Right on the frontage of approx: 650 Yds which includes the GUIGNEMCOURT-BOVELLES Road.
C.Coy will attack on Left on a frontage of approx: 650 Yds.
- Para 8.- A direction party composed of Lieut E.G.HODGE in charge with one NCO from B.Coy and 2.Bn Scouts will move forward on the extreme left of B.Coy on a compass bearing of 334° magnetic from Q.25.c.45.85.
- Para 11.- Battalion less D.Coy will march off from Starting Point near Y.M.C.A. Tent at 0830 hours. D.Coy will proceed to ground independently.

Dress :- Fighting Order less Greatcoats. Felt Hats to be worn.

Para 15.- Delete.

Administrative Memorandum for Bn Attack Scheme on 29th, October will hold good for Bn Attack Practice on 5th, Novr, with the exception of Instructions re Lewis Gun Limbers.

One Limber will carry B & C.Coys Lewis Gun Gear and limber for A.Coy's (half the limber to carry Signalling gear for Bn H.Qs)

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In the Field,
9/11/1918.

MOVE. The following troops will move by train No. 3 leaving HANGEST at 1627 hours on 10th inst -

50th Battalion.

Unloading party of 1. Officer & 50.0/Rks of 4th, Aust Pioneer Battalion., 1. NCO & 3. Police.

Destination :- TINCOURT.

Route :- Road to HANGEST thence by rail to TINCOURT.

Starting Point :- From Bn Parade Ground.

Time :- 1000 hours. Coys to be in position by 0945 hours.

Dress :- Marching Order less blankets. W.P. Sheets to be carried under flap of Pack.

Baggage :- Officers valises to be at Q.M. Store at 0800 hours. Mess Boxes same place at 0930 hours. Both blankets will be carried by lorry to HANGEST, One blanket will be carried by troops from there. Blankets to be at Store in Section bundles of not more than 10, plainly marked with wooden labels by 0730 hours. The one blanket to be issued at HANGEST to be rolled in separate bundles. Band Packs to be at Q.M. Store at 0730 hours.

Rations & Forage :- 1. Days rations on the man or in Cookers. 1. Days Forage to be carried in nosebags on the Animal. Waterbottles to be filled before Bn Leaves present area and all horses are to be watered at the latest possible moment before entraining. Bn will halt for mid-day meal at 1200 hours.

Transport :- Transport less Cookers will move to HANGEST independently under Transport Officer, leaving at 1000 hours. Cookers will move in rear of Battalion.

Entraining :- Transport will arrive at Entraining Station 3 Hrs and Troops 1½ hours before departure of train. Transport Officer will arrange to provide breast ropes for Horse Trucks. Marching Out States will be rendered to Bn H.Qs by 0700 hours 10th inst.

Sanitation.- Previous Orders re Sanitation to be strictly adhered to. Area occupied by Bn to be left clean and sanitary. Lieut F.S. SLEE to report to Adjutant when area is satisfactory.

Area Stores :- Palliasses to be returned to Lieut R.G. GOODMAN at Q.M. Store at 0730 hours and receipts obtained for same, copy of which to be forwarded to Bn H.Qs by 1200 hours.

Lieut J. WAINE. M.C. will act as Bn Entraining & Detraining Officer.

[Signature]
Lieutenant,
Adjutant, 50th Battalion. A.I.F.

50th. BATTALION.

DISPOSITION

REPORT.

11/11/18.

Map Reference France 62c.

H.Q.	J.30.a.
"A" Coy.	J.30.a.
"B" Coy.	J.24.d.
"C" Coy.	J.30 .a.
"D" Coy.	J.24.d.
Transport.	J.30 .a.
R.A.P.	J.30 .a.

Reference Map 62C. 1/40,000.

- MOVE. (a) The 50th Battalion will move to the FRESNOY le GRAND-MERICOURT-MONTBREHAIN Area today 13th inst.
- (b) Dismounted personnel will move by Light Railway to BRANCOURT le GRAND, leaving TINCOURT at 0830 hours.
- (c) Transport will move by Road independently crossing Canal at BELLENGLISE or BELLICOURT.

Starting Point :- "B" Coy's Billet.

Time :- 0800 hours.

Dress :- Marching Order, one blanket to be carried rolled on pack., W.P. Sheets to be placed under flap of Pack. Leather Jerkins to be worn.

Order of March :- D, B, C, A. Coys & H.Qs.


Baggage :- Officers valises of H.Qs, A & C. Coys to be at Q.M. Store by 0730 hours., B & D. Coys to be placed on Road opposite Coys by 0730 hours.

Remaining blanket to be rolled in Section bundles plainly marked and placed alongside of Road by 0700 hours.

Mess Boxes to be ready for collection by 0730 hours.

Sanitation :- Area occupied by Coys to be left clean and sanitary.

Lieut J. WAINE. M.C. will be Battalion Entraining and Detraining Officer.


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Adjutant, 50th Battalion.

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DISPOSITION REPORT.
*****13th, Novr, 1918.

In Town of FRESNOY le GRAND.

Headquarters & B.O.R.

No. 4. Ancien Chemin de
St Quentin.

R. A. P.

Gas Works, Station Road.

Headquarters Details.)
Q.M. Store.)
Transport.)

Spinners :: ::

A. Company.

Officers No. 48. :: ::

A. ::

O/Ranks. : 43. :: ::

B. ::

Officers : 18. :: ::

B. ::

O/Ranks. Nos, 1, 8, 14,
and 20. :: ::

C. ::

Officers : 24. :: ::

C. ::

O/Ranks. : 10. : :: ::

D. ::

Officers. : 58. :: ::

D. ::

O/Ranks. Nos, 26, 28, 34,
36, 40, 42, & 44. : :: ::

Detention Guard.

No. 48. :: ::

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Adjutant, 50th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field,
21st, Novr, 1918.

Reference Maps - ST QUENTIN 18 and VALENCIENNES 12 1/100,000.

MOVE. The 50th Bn complete with Transport will move to ST SOUPLÉT today 21st inst.

Reveille will be at 0500 hours.

Starting Point :- Bn Parade Ground.

Time :- 0715 hours., Coys to be in position by 0705 hours.

Order of March :- H.Qs, Band, B, C, D & A. Coys and Transport. Police Prisoners & Guard will march in rear of C. Coy.

Movement :- 100 Yds between Coys & Transport will be maintained.

Dress :- Marching Order, less Blankets. W.P. Sheets to be placed under flap of Pack. Leather Jackets to be folded flat and carried under Steel Helmet. Felt Hats to be worn.

All Officers to wear Service Tunics.

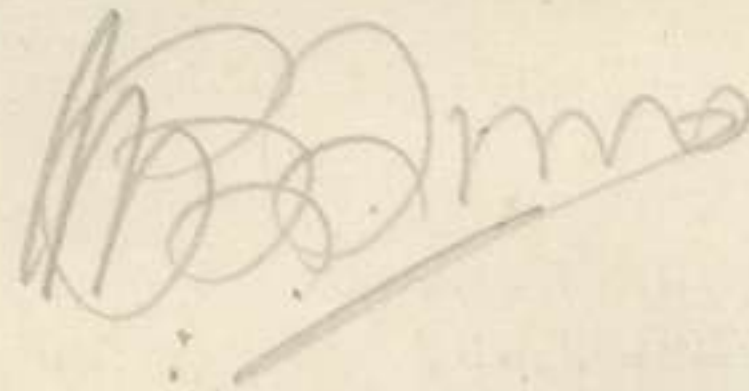
Baggage :- Officers Valises., Band Packs., Orderly Room Boxes and Blankets in bundles of 10 plainly marked with wooden or tin labels, to be at Q.M. Store on by 0600 hours. Mess Boxes to be ready for collection by 0615 hours.

Rations :- Unconsumed portion of day's rations to be carried on the men.
Breakfast for today will be at 0630 hours.

Cookers :- Cookers to be ready for teams by 0630 hours. One cook per Coy to travel with Cooker, remainder to march with respective Coys.

Rear Guard :- Duty Coy will detail 1. Sgt and 8 men to act as Rear Guard to march 50 paces in rear of Transpt. Lieut H. RIGGS will be in charge.

Sanitation :- Area occupied by Coys to be left clean and Sanitary. Sanitary Opl and 1. Sanitary detail per Coy will remain behind to ensure this., and will report to Q.M. Store on completion and will travel on Lorry to new area.



Lieutenant,
for Adjutant, 50th Battalion.

50th. BATTALION.DISPOSITION REPORT.21/11/18.St. Souplet.

H.Q.	Le Cateau Road.	18 - 8.
B.O.R.	" " "	A 3
Detention.	" " "	14.
R. A. P.	" " "	12.
O.Rs.	" " "	19 - 11 - 4.
Transport,	Haupt Str.	25.
	Aid Post Lane.	6.
	Sack Gasse.	4.
Q.M.Store.	Bismark Str .	1.
"A" Coy.	Aid Post Lane.	6.
	Haupt Str.	46.
	Square.	15.
"B" Coy.	Roon Str.	School.
"C" Coy.	" "	"
"D" Coy.	" "	"
	Aid Post Lane.	2 - 6.

In the Field,
21st. Novr, 1918.

Reference Map - VALENCIENNES 12. 100/000.

MOVE.- The 50th Bn complete with Transport will move to FAVRIL Area tomorrow 22nd inst.

Reveille will be at 0600 Hours.

Starting Point :- Bn H.Qs facing ST BENIN.

Time :- 0915 Hours.

Order of March :- H.Qs, Band, C, D, A.B. Coys & Transport. Police, Prisoners & Guard will march in rear of D. Coy. 100 Yds between Coys & Transport will be maintained.

Movement :-

Dress :-

Marching Order less Blankets. W.P. Sheets to be placed under flap of Pack. Leather Jackets to be folded flat and carried under Steel Helmet. Felt Hats to be worn. Officers to wear Service Tunics.

Baggage :-

Officers Valises, Band Packs. Blankets in bundles of 10 plainly marked with wooden or tin labels, Orderly Room Boxes to be at Q.M. Store by 0730 hours. Mess Boxes to be ready for Collection by 0800 hours.

Coy Commanders will ensure that baggage is at Q.M. Store at times stated.

Rations :-

Unconsumed portion of day's rations to be carried on the man. Breakfast for tomorrow will be at 0700 hours.

Bn will halt for midday meal from 1300 to 1400 Hours.

Cookers :-

Cookers to be ready for teams at 0830 hours. One Cook per Coy to travel with Cooker, remainder under Senior Cook in rear of B. Coy.

Rear Guard :-

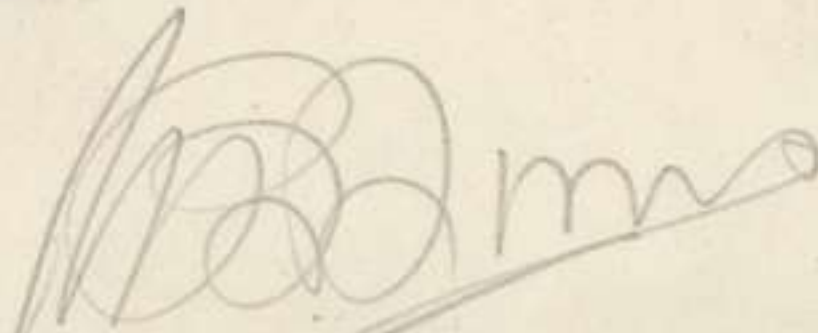
Duty Coy will detail 1. Sgt & 8. Men to act as Rear Guard to march 50 paces in rear of Transpt. Lieut W.J. HALL. M.C. will be in charge.

Sanitation :-

Area occupied by Coys to be left clean and sanitary. Coys will report to Adjutant at Starting Point that Billets are satisfactory.

Sick Parade :-

Sick Parade tomorrow 22nd inst will be at 0630 Hours.


Lieutenant,
for Adjutant, 50th Battalion. A.I.F.

In the Field,
22nd, Novr, 1918.

Reference Map VALENCIENNES 12. 1/100,000.

MOVE. The 50th Bn complete with Transport will move to LE GRAND FAYT Area tomorrow 23rd inst.

Reveille will be at 0600 Hours.

Starting Point :- A.Coy's H.Qs (S.E. of GRAND BEARD), in column of route facing PRISCHES.

Time :- 0905 hours.

Order of March :- H.Qs, Band., A.B.C.D. Coys & Transport. Police Prisoners & Guard will march in rear of B.Coy.

Movement :- 100 Yds between Coys & Transport will be maintained.

Dress :- Marching Order less Blankets. W.P. Sheets to be placed under flap of Pack. Leather Jackets to be folded flat and carried under Steel Helmet. Felt Hats to be worn. Bomb bags to be placed ~~under~~ in Pack out of Sight. Officers to wear Service Tunics.

Baggage :- Officers Valises, Band Packs, Orderly Room Boxes, and Blankets in bundles of 10, plainly marked with wooden or tin labels to be in Coy Dumps on Main Road by 0700 hours. Mess Boxes to be ready for collection by 0800.


Rations :- Unconsumed portion of day's rations to be carried on the man. Breakfast for tomorrow will be at 0700 hours.

Cookers :- Cookers to be ready for teams by 0815 Hours. One Cook per Coy to travel with Cooker, remainder to march with respective Coys.

Rear Guard :- Duty Coy will detail 1. Sgt & 8 men to act as Rear Guard to march 50 paces in rear of Transpt. Capt. W.H. CHRISTOPHERS will be in charge.

Sanitation :- Area occupied by Coys to be left clean & sanitary. Coys to report to Adjutant at Starting Point that Billets are satisfactory.

Sick Parade :- Sick Parade for tomorrow 23rd inst will be at 0630 hours.


Lieutenant,
for Adjutant, 50th Battalion. A.I.F.

50th. BATTALION.DISPOSITION REPORT.23/11/18.Le Petit Fayt.France 57a 1/40,000.

H.Q.	O.3.a.95.95.
R.A.P.	I.33.c.00.95.
Transport.	I.33.c.05.95.
Detention.	I.52.b.50.50.
B.O.R.	O.3a. 95.95.
Officers,	O.3. a.95.95.
Q.M.Store.	I.33.c.95.40.
"A" Coy.	I.33.b.95.10.
"B" Coy.	I.33.c.70.60.
"C" Coy.	O.32.b.50.50.
"D" Coy.	I.52.a.80.95.



APPENDIX 12

In the Field,
24th, Novr, 1918.

Reference Map VALENCIENNES 12. 1/100,000.

MOVE. The Bn complete with Transport will move to SAINS Area tomorrow 25th inst.

Starting Point :- Bn H.Qs facing S.E.

Time :- 0930 hours.

Order of March :- H.Qs, Band., A, B, C. D. Coys and Transport. Police, Prisoners & Guard will march in rear of B. Coy.

Movement :- 100 Yds between Companies & Transport will be maintained.

Dress :- Marching Order less Blankets. W.P. Sheets to be placed under flap of Pack. Leather Jackets to be folded flat and carried under Steel Helmet. Felt Hats to be worn. Officers to wear Service Tunics.

Baggage :- Officers Valises, Blankets in bundles of 10 plainly marked with wooden or tin labels of H.Qs. A & B. Coys, together with Orderly Room Boxes and Band Packs to be at Q.M. Store by 0700 hours. Officers Valises & Blankets (properly marked and rolled) of C & D. Coys to be dumped at Coy Billets ready for collection by 0630 hours. Mess Boxes ready for collection by 0800 hours.

Coy Commanders will ensure that baggage is at Q.M. Store at times stated.

Rations :- Unconsumed portion of days rations to be carried on the man.

Cookers :- Cookers to be ready for teams by 0830 hours. One Cook per Coy to travel with Cooker., remainder under Senior Cook in rear of D. Coy.

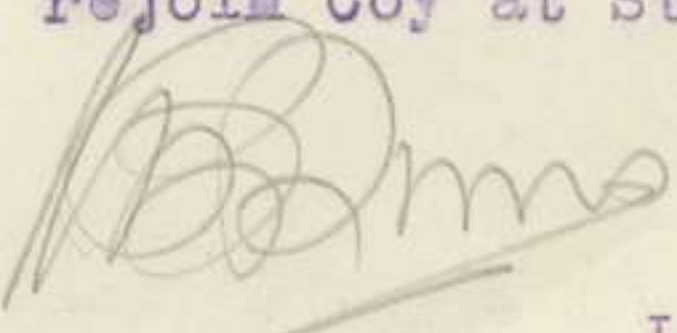
Rear Guard :- Duty Coy will detail 1. Sgt & 8. Men to act as Rear Guard to march 50 paces in rear of Transport. Lieut H. RIGGS. M.C. will be in charge.

Sanitation :- Area occupied by Coys to be left clean and Sanitary. Coys will report to Adjutant at Starting Point that Billets are satisfactory.

Sick Parade :- Sick Parade for tomorrow 25th inst will be as under

A.B.C. & H.Qs. 0700 hours. at R.A.P.

D. Company. - Stretcher Bearers to attend to cases of bad feet. Men otherwise sick to report at R.A.P. in marching order at 0900 and will rejoin Coy at Starting Point.


Lieutenant,
for Adjutant, 50th Battalion.

50th. BATTALION.

DISPOSITION REPORT. 25/11/18.

SAINS du Nord.

Rue de Ramousies.

H.Q. House next factory,
B.O.R. " " "

Q.M.)
R.A.P.)
Detention.)
Transport.)
"A" Coy.)
"B" Coy.)
"C" Coy.)
"D" Coy.)

In factory which had been used as a hospital.

OPERATION ORDER, No. 97.In the Field,
25/11/18.Reference Map NAMUR 8. 1/100,000.

MOVE. The Bn complete with Transport will move to SIVRY Area tomorrow 26th inst.

Starting Point:- Yard of Hospital. (Coys in Close Column).

Time:- 0910 hours.

Order of March:- H.Qs, Band, D, A, B, C. Coys and Transport. Police, Prisoners & Guard will march in rear of B. Coy.

Movement:- 100 Yds between Coys and Transport will be maintained

Dress:- Marching Order less Blankets. W.P. Sheets to be placed under flap of Pack. Leather Jackets to be folded flat and carried under Steel Helmet. Felt Hats to be worn. Officers to wear Service Tunics.

Baggage:- Officers Valises & Blankets in bundles of 10 plainly marked with wooden or tin labels of All Companies together with Orderly Room Boxes and Band Packs to be at Q.M. Store by 0700 hours.

Coy Commanders must please see that this baggage etc is delivered by time stated.

Rations:- Unconsumed portion of days' rations to be carried on the man.
Midday meal will be had enroute.

Cookers:- Cookers to be ready for teams by 0830 hours. One cook per Coy to travel with Cookers. Remainder under Senior Cook in rear of C. Coy.

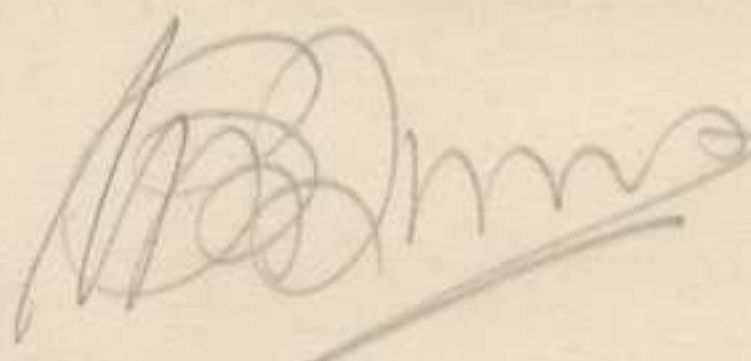
Rear Guard:- Duty Coy will detail 1. Sgt & 8 Men to act as Rear Guard to march 50 paces in rear of Transport. Lieut W.J. HALL. M.C. will be in charge.

Sanitation:- Area occupied by Coys to be left clean and Sanitary. Coys will report to Adjutant at Starting Point that Billets are satisfactory.

Reveille:- 0600 hours.

Sick Parade:- 0630 ::

Breakfast:- 0700 ::



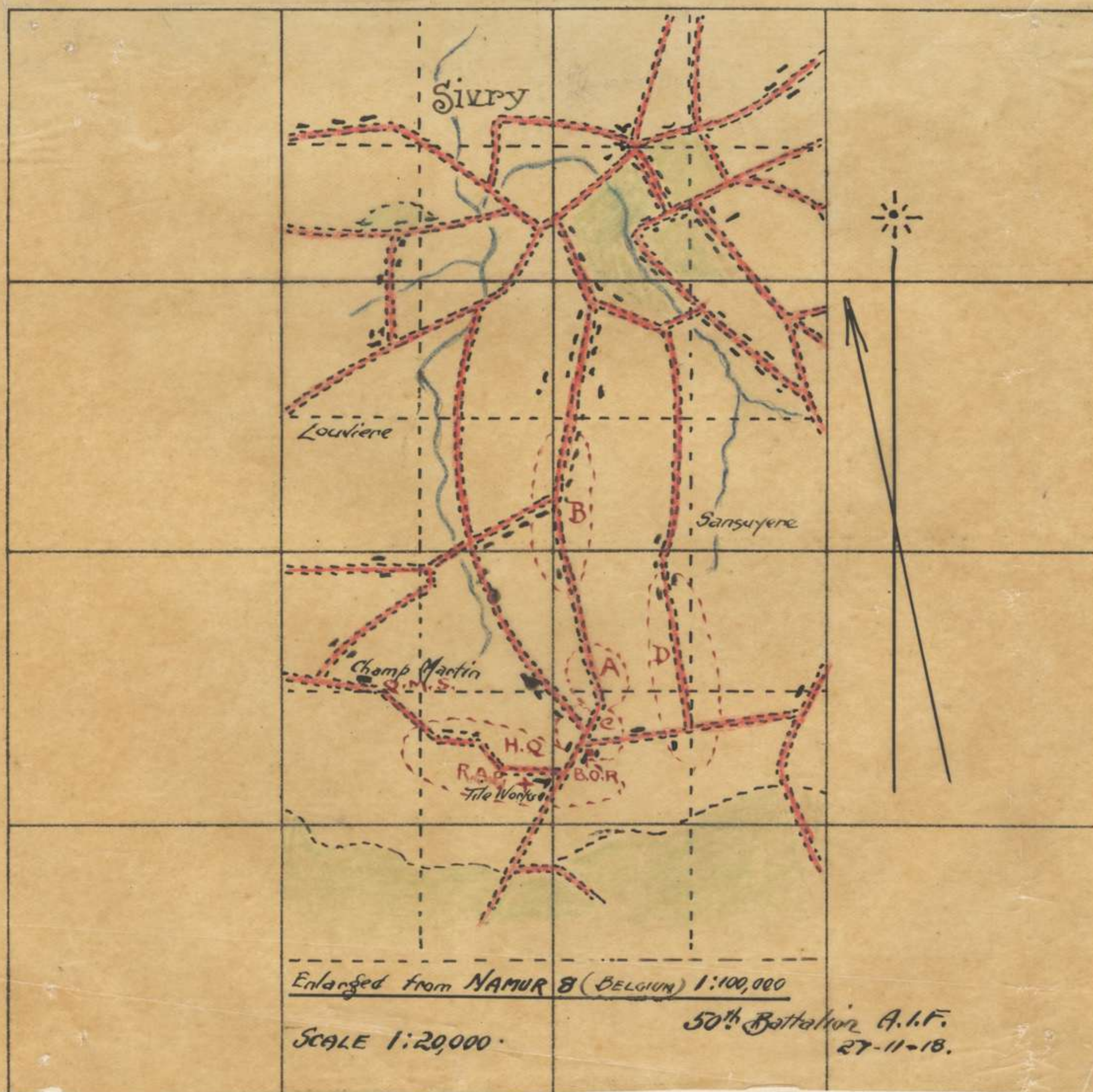
Lieutenant,
for Adjutant, 50th Battalion. A.I.F.

50th. BATTALION.DISPOSITION REPORT. 26/11/18.

Reference Map NAMUR 8 1/100,000.

SIVRY.

B.H.Q.	5.c.15.8.3.
B.O.R.	do.
Transport.	5.c.17.83.
Detention.	5.c.17.85.
Q.M.Store.	5.c.10.84.
R.A.P.	5.c.15.83.
"A" Coy.	5.c.17.88.
"B" Coy.	5.c.15.94.
"C" Coy.	5.c.17.85.
"D" Coy.	5.c.21.88.





FRESNOY-le-Grand
H.Q. & B.O.R.

50th Battalion A.I.F.
15.11.18.

50th, B A T T A L I O N.

STATEMENT showing "INCREASES" and "DECREASES" during month of Novr, 1918.

For week ending 7/11/18.-

Increases :-

From Reinfts.

:: Leave.

:: Schools.

Total.

Off. OR.

1. 11.

3. 15.

2. 37.

6. 63.

Decreases :-

To Leave.

: Schools.

: Hosptl.

: S.C.Compound.

: Bde Dump.

Total.

Off. O.R.

2. 23.

1. 2.

17.

5.

1.

3. 48.

For week ending 14/11/18 :-

Increases.-

From Leave.

:: Schools.

Total.

1. 6.

4. 13.

5. 19.

Decreases :-

To Schools.

: A.W.L.

: Leave.

: F.P.Compound.

: Hospital.

: Transfd.

Total.

3. 5.

1.

18.

2.

19.

1.

4. 46.

For week ending 21/11/18.-

Increases :-

From Seconded List.

:: Schools.

:: Leave.

:: Reinfts.

:: A.W.L.

:: Hosptl.

:: F.P. Compound.

:: Bde H.Qs.

Total.

1. -

2. 5.

2. 23.

1. 30.

1.

1.

1.

1.

6. 62.

Decreases :-

To Leave.

: Bde H.Qs

: Hospital.

: Schools,

Total.

2. 9.

1. 2.

10.

3.

3. 24.

For period ending 30/11/18 :-

Increases :-

From Leave.

:: Reinfts

Total.

2. 14.

1. 19.

1. 33.

Decreases :-

To Leave.

: Hosptl.

Total.

3. 8.

16.

3. 24.

Total Increases :-

18. 177.

:: Decreases :-

13. 142.

Strength actually with Unit on 31/10/18.

26. 613.

Increases during November, 1918.

18. 177.

Total.

44. 790.

Decreases during November, 1918.

13. 142.

Strength actually with Unit on 30/11/18.-

31. 648.

1/12/18.

for Adjutant, 50th Battalion. A.I.F.

Lieutenant,