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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1-11-16	VAUCHELLES 10am	Battalion moved to billets in VILLIERS-SOUS-BILLY.	
2-11-16	VILLIERS 10:30am	2/Lt. STONE joined from Training Bn. Battalion moved to billets in BELLOY-SUR-SOMME.	
3-11-16	BELLOY -	Headquarters at CHATEAU D'EN HAUT. Company training	
4-11-16	do -	in morning. B <sup>n</sup> tactical exercise in afternoon Capt. W. J. M. LOCKE rejoined from seconded list.	
5-11-16	do -	B <sup>n</sup> tactical exercise in morning + again at 7.30 P.M.	
6-11-16	do -	Divine Service - Capt. T. WELLS M.C. rejoined + took over command of "B" Coy.	
7-11-16	do -	Brigade tactical exercise in forenoon, repeated at night.	
8-11-16	do 8am	Company training	
9-11-16	do	Moved to RIBEMONT by motor buses from PICQUIGNY. Transport moved independently	APPENDIX "B 10"
	RIBEMONT 3:30pm	Arrived + went into billets.	
9-11-16	do -	Company training	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
10-11-16	RIBEMONT	- Company training	
11-11-16	do	- do.	
12-11-16	do	9am "A" + "B" Coys (both less Lewis gunners moved to WILLOW SIDING (F. 4. &)) 2pm Lt Col DURRANT to attend 7 days conference of C.Os. Capt. W. J. M. LOCKE, M.C. administering command.	APPENDIX N <sup>o</sup> "B 11"
13-11-16	do	12:45pm Battalion (less A + B Coys) moved to DERNANCOURT.	}
	DERNANCOURT	3pm Arrived & went into billets	APPENDIX
14-11-16	do.	8am Moved to bivouacs at BERNAFAY near MONTAUBAN	N <sup>o</sup> "B 12"
15-11-16	BERNAFAY	- 3 officers, 8 NCOs & 318 men of C + D Coys employed on fatigue	
20-11-16	"	Rt. Col. DURRANT rejoined from C.O's Conference.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
23.11.16	New Carlton Camp	B <sup>2</sup> . (-less "C" Coy. of QUARRY SIDING) moved to NEW CARLTON CAMP.	
27.11.16	Line E	<p>B<sup>2</sup>. moved into position in line as Right. B<sup>2</sup> GUEUDECOURT. B<sup>2</sup> H.Q. at GIRD SUPPORT TRENCH N.26 d 12. Disposition as follows. FRONT LINE "B" Coy (Right) N 21 C 48 - N 21 d 26. "A" Coy (left) N.21.C.48. - N.22.d.9.7½ - N 20 b.6.1. Two Coys. in support "C" Coy. PILGRIMS WAY N.26.C.3.0. - N.26.d.1.2½. "D" Coy. PIONEER TRENCH. N.32.a.7.0 - N 32.a.3.6. and BULLS TRENCH N.32.C.2.6½ - N 32.d.1.5. Relief complete 6.45 pm.</p>	<p>MAP GUEUDECOURT 1.10,000</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
29. 11. 16	Line 6pm "C" and "D" Coys. relieved "A" and "B" Coys. respectively.	
	— " — For casualties to 30. 11. 16 See Appendix "B" 13.	
	<del>In command Commanding</del>	

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MOVE ORDER

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War Diary Appendix N<sup>o</sup> 810

Lieut. Col. J.M.A. DURRANT  
Commanding 13th Battalion, A.I.F.

Headquarters,  
Belloy-sur-Somme,  
7th November 1916.

Ref. Map:- AMIENS 1:100,000.

- 1.....The 13th Battalion, less 1st Line Transport, will move to RIBEMONT on 8th inst. by motor buses from PICQUIGNY. Transport will move independently via ST SAUVEUR - AMIENS to BUSSY-LES-DAOURS and BONNAY on 8th inst., and thence to RIBEMONT on 9th inst.
- 2.....Units to pass starting point (BELLOY Church) at 8 A.M. 8th inst. in the following order:- Sigs. and Runners, Band, "A", "B", "C", "D" Coys, H.Q. Lewis Gun Detachments, Bombers and Pioneers, S.B. and A.M.C. A halt will be made between BELLOY and LA CHAUSSEE, when the column will be split up into parties of 25 each under an Officer.
- 3.....Officers' valises/ and bandsmen's packs to be stacked outside Battalion Orderly Room by 7.30 A.M. on 8th inst. The Quartermaster will arrange for a full complement of cooking utensils to be dumped near line of buses allotted to 13th Bn. at East entrance to PICQUIGNY on PICQUIGNY-AILLY-AMIENS road. A special bus is being provided for the carriage of cooking gear, but Officers' valises must accompany them in the bus.
- 4.....Two blankets and W.P. Sheet and 24 hours rations to be carried on the man.
- 5.....On arrival at loading station, troops will be drawn up on the right or left side as indicated, in groups of 25 every 12 yards with intervals of 25 yards between each 6 groups. Special attention is drawn to Fourth Army Circular No. 90/890 on the subject of embarking in French buses. An Officer must be placed in charge of each bus.
- 6.....Lewis Gun Handcarts will be tied behind transport wagons. 1 man to be detailed to look after each handcart.
- 7.....Major E.L. MARGOLIN, D.S.O. is in charge of 1st Line Transport of the Brigade, which will pass starting point (LA CHAUSSEE Church) at 10 A.M. 8th inst. 13th Bn. transport follows that of 14th Bn. and is followed by that of No. M.G. Coy.
- 8.....All billets to be cleaned up ready for inspection by 7 A.M. Marching Out States to Bn. Orderly Room by 7 A.M.
- 9.....Signals to transmit Brigade Time to all Units and H.Q. Officers at 7 A.M.
- 10.....Acknowledge.

*D. Marks*  
.....Capt. & Adjt.  
13th Battalion, A.I.F.

Issued at 4 P.M.

Copy 1 ..	"A" Coy.	Copy 6 ..	Signals & Q.M.
" 2 ..	"B" "	" 7 ..	Transport & R.M.O.
" 3 ..	"C" "	" 8 ..	R.S.M.
" 4 ..	"D" "	" 9 ..	FILE
" 5 ..	L.G.O. and Bombers	" 10 ..	War Diary.

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Appendix B 11

Headquarters,  
13th Battalion, A.I.F.,  
RIBBONT,  
10th November 1916.

Ref. Map:- ALBERT 1:40,000

1.....The following units will be detached for special duty at places as shown, as from 12th inst.:-

(a) "A" and "B" Coys. (both less Lewis Gunners) .. WILLOW SIDING (Y.4.b)

~~(b) 2 Platoons of "C" Coy. .. Workshops, RIBBONT.~~

*(Party (b) cancelled J.M.)*

2.....Those shown under (b) will remain in present billets, reporting as required. Those referred to in (A) will be billeted on the job.

3.....Captain H.W.MURRAY D.S.O. will command party (a), 2/Lieut. H.W.TURNER will command party (b). Both parties to pass starting point (Church) in order named at 9 A.M. to-morrow. Party (a) in Marching Order ~~(b) in Drill order.~~  
*(without packs)*

4.....Party (a) will take all gear; blankets to be rolled in twenties and stacked in Company heaps before 8 A.M. Transport Officer to provide the necessary transport. Cookers will accompany their Companies. The Quartermaster will accompany the party and will arrange for their rationing at the other end. Day's ration and one iron ration to be taken. The iron ration is not to be consumed without a direct order from O.C. the detachment.

5.....Max Officers and men detailed for schools commencing 12th inst, Accused and all witnesses in C.M. cases set down for 11th and 12th, are to remain behind. "A" and "B" Coy.'s Lewis Gunners and others referred to in this para will be attached to "D" Company for rations and administration.

6.....Signalling Officer will detail two runners to march with ~~each~~ party and return when location of work etc. has been pointed out to them.

7.....R.M.O. to allet 2 stretchers to party. (a).

Issued at 6.30 P.M.

*J.M.* .....Capt. & Adjt.  
13th Battalion, A.I.F.

- Copy 1 .. "A" Coy.
- " 2 .. "B" "
- " 3 .. "C" "
- " 4 .. "D" "
- " 5 .. R.M.O.
- " 6 .. Transport
- " 7 .. Quartermaster
- " 8 .. Signals
- " 9 .. War Diary
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MOVE ORDER

By

Captain W.J.M. LOCKE, M.C.

Administering Command 13th Battalion A.I.F.

Headquarters,  
12/11/16.

Reference Map: ALBERT, Combined Sheet 1:40.000

- 1....."A" and "B" Companies moved to WILLOW SIDING (F.4.c) on morning of 12th instant.
- 2..... 13th Battalion (less "A" and "B" Companies) will move:-  
 (a) 13/11/16 to billets in BERNANCOURT, via BUIRE, passing Starting Point (Church), RIBEMONT, at 12.45 p.m. in following order:- Signallers, Band, "C" Company, "D" Company, Bombers and Pioneers, Lewis Gunners, Stretcher Bearers and A.M.C.  
 (b) 14/11/16. to huts, etc. at BERNAFAY near MONTAUBAN, passing starting point (to be notified later) at 7.45 a.m. in same order.
- 3.....An interval of 200 yards between Units and 50 yards between Companies will be maintained. Cookers to march with Companies.
- 4..... On arrival at BERNAFAY, First line Transport will return to Transport Park at POMMIER REDOUBT (S.1.b).
- 5.....All blankets (to be rolled in twenties) and officers' valises placed on central dump at Church before 10.30 a.m. "D" Company to detail a loading party of 1 N.C.O and 12 men. Blankets to be rolled tightly. Only any rolls containing gear other than blankets will be dumped.
- 6.....Dress: Marching order without packs. W.P. Sheet and Greatcoat en banderole.
- 7..... Signals to transmit Brigade time to all Companies and H.Q. Officers at 10 a.m. and 12 noon.
- 8..... Acknowledge.

Capt. & Adjt.  
13th BATTALION A.I.F.

Issued at 7.30 p.m.

- Copy No.
1. "C" Company.
  2. "D" "
  3. L.G.O. & Bombers.
  4. R.M.O. and I.O.
  5. Signals & Q.M.
  6. Transport.
  7. War Diary.
  8. File.



War Diary

Appendix "B" 13.

Casualties

	KILLED		WOUNDED	
	Officers	Other Ranks	Offs.	Other Rank
27.11.16	nil	nil	nil	Two
28.11.16	-	Three	-	Three
29.11.16	-	-	-	Three
30.11.16	-	-	-	One.

W. M. Locke Capt.  
 for O.C. 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
 30/11/16