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<u>PENZANCE</u>			The morning was spent in Unpacking Ladders.	
<u>CAMP</u>			Reissuing of Guns stores etc to sections was Carried out during	
<u>NEUVE EGLISE</u>			the afternoon. Six Guns of the Company which were	
	<u>1:2:18</u>		on ANTI-AIRCRAFT work at LA-CRECHE were relieved by	
			3 rd A.M.G. Coy.	
			EIGHT. O'Ranks marched in from each of the Undermentioned	
			Battalions for Temporary training attachment, 33 rd Batt 34 th 35 th 36 th Batt.	
			No. 3094. Pte MADDEN, C.R. evacuated to Hospital.	
			No. 42. Pte L'cpl. HINKLEY, N.R. admitted to Hospital whilst on 14 days	
			leave to ENGLAND.	

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<u>PENZANCE</u>			The morning was spent in cleaning Guns and equipment.	
<u>CAMP.</u>			During the afternoon sections were engaged in checking spare parts, and examining ammunition belts.	
<u>NEUVE EGLISE.</u>			The undermentioned O'Ranks returned to Unit from 14 days English leave.	
	<u>2:2:18</u>		No. 60. Cpl. LONG. V - 145. Dvr. WEBECK. J.C. - 5084. Dvr. RUNCHELL. B.	
			459. Dvr. HOSKINS. W. - 1852. Pfc. PARSONS. A.C. - 1662. L'cpl. JONES. T.T	
			1243. Pfc. TAIT. J.W. - 1800. Pfc. CHAPMAN. A. - 920. Pfc. CHAPMAN. N.	
			1255. L'cpl. WALSH. J. - 718 Dvr. CAHILL. J.J. - 1914 Pfc. CRICH. E. - 1954. Pfc	
			McNAMARA. P. (attached 34*) No 2199. Pfc PURDY. E. attached 33 rd Batt.	
			No 111. Sgt. SWETE. C.J. rejoined Unit from CORPS. GAS. SCHOOL.	
			RATION. STRENGTH. 9 OFFICERS. 205 O'RANKS.	
			No. 2357. Pfc McCORMACK. R marched in from 35 th Batt for attachment as Brakesman	
			Vidw 874. Pfc PURCELL. W evacuated to Hospital. The undermentioned men were	
			returned to 36 th Batt having completed their period of training & No 2286. Pfc BUNYAN. C	
			2799. EVANS. C.J. - 445 HART. A.E. 6653. LEMON. H. 7344. WOODGATE. R.	
			7 O'Ranks were also returned to the following Battalions 33 rd 34. 35* having completed their period of training. Pfc McDONALD. N. evacuated to Hospital.	

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<u>PENZANCE</u>			a Combined Brigade Church Parade Conducted by Chaplains. OSBORNE (35 th Batt)	
<u>CAMP</u>			and CALDER (34 th Batt) was held at 33 rd Battalion Parade ground, at the	
<u>NEUVE-EGLISE</u>			Conclusion of which the G.O.C. A.I.F. presented M.M. & D.C.M. ribbons	
	<u>3:2:18.</u>		and medals to members of the Brigade.	
			On returning to Camp 8. Anti Aircraft positions were established for	
			the protection of PENZANCE TROIS ROISS & BULFORD CAMPS.	
			No 4840 Cpl MILLIGAN. W. No 3778. Pte HARDESS. C.R. & 651. Pte O'DONNELL. K.	
			attached to this Unit from CAMIERS. as instructors in Anti Aircraft	
			sight etc, marched out to 9 th CORPS. LEAVE. CAMP. BAILLEUL on similar Duties.	
			Lieut. LINDSAY. C.W.G.S. rejoined Unit from 14 days leave to England.	
			No 35. Sgt. GREGORY. R.C. and No 60 cpl LONG. V. evacuated to Hospital.	

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<u>PENZANCE</u>			The morning was spent in improving bomb splinter proof walls around	
<u>CAMP</u>			the Hut. During the afternoon the Company the Carried out	
<u>NEUVE-ÉGLISE</u>			Rifle & Squad Drill.	
	<u>4:2:18</u>		Four officers made a complete reconnaissance of the Corps ZONE, noting thoroughly starting points, positions of readiness, routes to positions of assembly for counter attacking, and overland routes and deploying positions in right & left Brigade sectors.	
			The men attached to the Company from Battalion starting their course of instruction on the Guns.	

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<u>PENZANCE.</u>			50. O'Rauko proceeded to Baths, and on return to Camp Squad Drill	
<u>CAMP.</u>			Completed the remainder of the morning's syllabus.	
<u>NEUVE Eglise.</u>			The afternoon of was spent in out door games.	
	<u>5:2:18</u>		Battalion men (attached) receive special instruction;	
			No 7317. Plt SULLIVAN. A. J. marched in from 35 th Batt temporarily attached	
			for training Video 721 Plt SKINNER. J. evacuated to Hospital.	
			No 6911 ^a Plt YOUNG. G. C. marched in from 35 th Batt temporarily attached	
			for training Video 2779 Plt CHARLTON. R. H., returned to Battalion.	
			No 335 Lt Col WILKINSON. J. T. & Plt 273. VOGES. A. L. evacuated to Hospital.	

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<u>PENZANCE</u>			The Company went for a route March in the morning	
<u>CAMP</u>			Battalion Men (attached) received special instructions.	
<u>NEUVE-EGLISE</u>			Afternoon - Half Day.	
	6:2:18.		No 122 Sgt. TALBOT. F.H rejoined Unit from Machine Gun Course CAMIERS.	
			No 542 Cpl. BOWE. A. and Pte CONLY. J.T. rejoined Unit from 6 days special leave to PARIS.	
			No 2524 Pte BATTLE. R. marched in from 36 th Batt for attachment as Brakeman	
			Vidua. 2005. Pte DRISCOL. returned to Battin.	
			#3855. Pte MANSON. A.L. evacuated to Hospital	
			615. Dvr. Jones. G. " " "	
			6620 Pte MCGILL. G. " " "	
			2028 " GORDON. G.W. " " "	
			54 " G JERRARD. A.C. " " " whilst on leave	

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<u>PENZANCE</u>			The morning was spent in cleaning Gun stores etc. prior to moving	
<u>CAMP</u>			into the line. And in the afternoon Crews detailed to proceed	
<u>NEUVE EGLISE.</u>			to live packed lumber. Battalion men (attached) received special instructions	
	<u>8:2:18</u>		No 1841. Pte. LAUNDRY. H.T. 36 th Batt (attached) rejoined 9 th A.M.G. Coy from	
			14 days leave to England, and returned to 36 th Batt from temporary attachment.	
			No 2102. Pte MORRISON. W. evacuated to Hospital.	
			" 1496. " CARBURY. C. " " "	
			" 15 " COATES. F.E " " "	
			" 62. Dvr. LEES. F. " " " whilst on leave to England.	

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<u>PENZANCE</u>			75. O'Rauks proceeded to Batho and on return to Camp the	
<u>CAMP</u>			Company completed the morning's syllabus by cleaning up the Camp.	
<u>NEUVE EGLISE.</u>			At 2 p.m. 6 Guns of the Company proceeded to the fire and	
	9:2:18.		relieved 6 Guns of the 10 th A.M.G. Coy. in PLOEGSTEERT. SECTOR.	
			The relief being complete by 7 P.M.	
			The Undermentioned officer and O'Rauks rejoined unit from 14 days	
			leave to ENGLAND. 2/Lt. PIPER. L.S. - 274 Pte. WHITE. H. 526. Pte. OLSEN. A.	
			No 271. Pte. RYAN. W.R. - 1129. DVR. GIBSON. H. 1808. Pte. DODDS. R.J.	
			No 92. DVR. PYNE. K. 225. NEWTON. O. No 1123. FULLICK. H.J.	
			No 112. DVR. STAPLES. P.F.	
			2/Lt. ELLIOTT. Sgt. MACMILLAN. and 564. Pte. PUTTOCK. W. marched out	
			to 2 nd ARMY. CENTRAL. SCHOOL of INSTRUCTION. WISQUES.	
			No 379. Pte Bull. W.P. & No 1445 HEATH. E.J. marched in from 35 th Batt	
			Temporarily attached for training	
			No 6850 Pte. MACPHERSON. D.D.W. & No 6911. Pte. YOUNG. G.C. Returned to	
			35 th Battalion from training attachment.	

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PENZANCE			During the morning of the 10 th , each Section closely inspected and	
CAMP.			overhauled belt Boxes preparatory to going into the line.	
NEUVE EGLISE			In the afternoon of the 10 th 8 Guns of the Company relieved	
	10:2:18		8 Guns of the 10 th A.M.G. Coy, the relief being complete by 2.45 p.m.	
	11:2:18		And in accordance with arrangements with the 10 th A.M.G. Coy	
			Carried out a programme of night firing on selected targets	
			from 5.30 p.m. until 9.45 p.m. expending 4000 Rds of ammunition.	
			The S.O.S. signal was unoperative from 9.30 p.m. until 11 p.m., zero hour	
			being 10 p.m. At 11.30 the 10 th A.M.G. Coy commenced to relieve	
			the Guns of this Unit, and by 1.45 a.m. the relief was complete.	
			Our Gun Crews together with gun stores etc, proceeded to HYDE PARK CORNER	
			where our fitters were waiting. All stores were loaded and the men were	
			conveyed to Camp on the litters arriving at 4.30 a.m. On arrival at Camp the	
			men were supplied with a hot meal & an issue of rum. The ^{Coy} personnel engaged	
			in the operation was 4 officers & 91 O'Ranks, and during the period in the trenches	
			the Company sustained no casualties. In the afternoon of the 11 th Sections were employed	
			in clearing up guns & stores. No 708. Pte. BROWN, A.O. & Lt Col WATT, R.E. leaving unit from English leave. No 43. IVR. HURRELL, N.A. evacuated to Hospital.	<p style="text-align: right;"> <i>[Signature]</i> Captain G.O. 9th Aust. Machine Gun Coy. </p>

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<u>PENZANCE</u>			11 th No 122 Sgt. TALBOT.F.M marched out on 14 days leave to ENGLAND.	
<u>CAMP</u>			LIET. WOOD.O.J. marched to join permanent Cadre A.M.G. training	
<u>NEUVE EGLISE</u>			Depot GRANTHAM.	
	(10:2:18		No 3094 Pte MADDEN.C.R rejoined Unit from Hospital.	
	(11:2:18		Transfers. 3798. Pte EATON.G.K transferred from 30 th Batt and taken on strength of 9 th A.M.G. Coy.	
			No 268. Pte. DICK.H.S. transferred from 9 th A.M.G. Coy to 5 th A.M.G. Coy.	

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<u>PENZANCE</u>			1 officer 1 Sgt 50' O'Rourke proceeded up to the line and dug	
<u>CAMP</u>			trenches 85 yards long 6' x 2' and 15 yards 4' x 2', but were	
<u>NEUVE EGLISE</u>			stopped in the latter case from going to the required depth, by water.	
	15:2	18.	85 yards of cable was also laid and buried.	
			Location of work Support. FARM. to. MAISON. 1875.	
			Remainder of personnel cleaned camp.	
			No 623. Pte. CANSDELL. P.E. (33 rd Batt attached) evacuated to Hospital	
			No 686 " FARBER. F.W " " " " "	
			No 645 " CATO R.L " " " " "	
			No 379 " BULL W.P 35 th Batt " " " "	

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<u>PENZANCE</u>			1 officer 1 Sgt 50 O'Ranks proceeded up to the line and deepened and	
<u>CAMP</u>			cleaned out trench dug on previous day, and laid cables.	
<u>NEUVE EGLISE.</u>			Location of work SUPPORT FARM to MAISON 1875.	
	<u>16:20 18</u>		Remainder of personnel were paraded to Baths.	
			The undermentioned O'Ranks rejoined Unit from 14 days leave to ENGLAND.	
			No 598. Pte FOREMAN. C.L. - No 76. IVR. McLEOD. A.A.J. - No 2031. Pte BEATON. J.	
			No 2355. Pte MORGAN. H. No 2114. Licpl. NEILSON. K. - No 1392. Pte. WONDERS. E.	
			No 2385. Pte. SPARKS. R.G. & No 2631. PULHAM. J. (34 th Batt attached).	
			marched out 14 days leave to ENGLAND. No 874 Pte. PURCELL rejoined	
			35 th Batt from Temporary attachment	
			The undermentioned O'Ranks rejoined Unit from Hospital. No 2102. Pte. MORRISON.	
			No 2028. Pte. GORDON. G.W. No 7204. Pte McDONALD. N. No 645 Pte CATO. R.L. attached 33 rd Batt	
			No 329. Pte. LUTHY. E.E & No 1225. Pte. PICKFORD. R. evacuated to Hospital.	
			Ration. Strength. 9 OFFICERS. 191 O'RANKS.	

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<u>PENZANCE</u>			1 officer 1 Sgt 50' O'Rourke proceeded up to the line and dug 80 yards	
<u>CAMP</u>			of trench 6' x 2' but laid no Cable in this part.	
<u>NEUVE Eglise</u>			And assisted Battalion working party to bury Cable in the portion they dug.	
	<u>17:2:18.</u>		Location of work BUNHILL Row.	
			No 1893 Pte HOWLAND G. rejoined Unit from 14 days leave to ENGLAND.	
			No. 469. L'cpl. SMITH. V.N. marched out to 10 th Corps GAS. School. BOESCHEPE.	
			No. 645. Pte. CATO. R.L. (33 rd ^{Attache}) evacuated to Hospital.	
			The Undermentioned O'Rourke rejoined Unit from Hospital.	
			No 1496. Pte. CARBURY. C. No 15 Pte. COATES. F.E. No 3446. Pte. MCCLURE.	
			Lieut. Ross. No 98. cpl RITCHIE. R. No 505. Pte. GOSLING marched out to	
			Corps. GAS. School.	

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<u>CAMP</u>			of trench greater portion of which had to be redug on account of	
<u>NEUVE EGLISE.</u>			sides falling in. 30 yards of additional dug 6'x2'.	
	<u>18:2:18</u>		Cable was laid throughout the whole length, and trench filled in.	
			Location of work. BUN HILL. ROW. Remainder of personnel on	
			instruction on the Guns.	
			No. 688. Pte. WHITE. G. transferred from 36 th Battalion and taken on strength	
			of 9 th A.M.G. Coy.	
			No 335. Licpl. WILKINSON. J.T returned to unit from Hospital.	
			No 3073. Pte HANDLEY. H.G. evacuated to Hospital.	

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<u>PENZANCE</u>			1. officer. 1. Sgt. 50 O'Ranks. proceeded up the line and dug 80 yards	
<u>CAMP</u>			of trench 6'x2'. 80 yards of Cable was also laid and buried	
<u>NEUVE ÉGLISE.</u>			with the exception of 10 yards. Location of work. MAISON. 1875. to. BUNHILL. Row.	
	<u>19:2:18.</u>		Remainder of personnel on instruction on the Guns.	
			No 3350 Pte McCristal. marched in from 33 rd Battalion for temporary attachment	
			Vice Pte. CATO. returned to Battalion.	
			The undermentioned O'Ranks evacuated to Hospital. 3519 Pte MURRAY. F.H.	
			No 500 Pte BRUHN. O.C. & No 637. Pte. QUINN. J. 33 rd Batt attached.	
			The undermentioned O'Ranks rejoined unit from Sick & Wounded.	
			104. L'opt. SEATON. L.V. No 1518. Pte APPLEBEE. J.A. No 2706 Pte MURPHY. A.J.	
			No 456 Pte FORREST. J.E.L.	
			No 43. Dvr HURRELL. H.H rejoined unit from Hospital.	

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<u>PENZANCE</u>			1 officer. 1 Sgt. 50' O'Ranks proceeded up to the line and buried	
<u>CAMP</u>			the remainder of the Cable viz 10 yards left over from 19 th	
<u>NEUVE Eglise</u>			Location of work. MAISON 1875 to BUNHILL. Row.	
	20:2:18.		Remainder of Personnel cleaned lumber.	
			No. 623. Plt. CANSDILL. F.E. (33 rd Batt attached) rejoined unit from Hospital.	
			No. 1111. [L]cpl. EDGAR. P.J. & No 2201. Plt. RAWLINGS. J. evacuated to Hospital.	
			<u>Promotion</u> . No 98. T/cpl. RITCHIE. R. to be Corporal substantive.	
			Tice Cpl GOLLAN. L.C.P. evacuated wounded	
			No 3164 Plt. MUNN. L.R. marched out to DIV. Baths LAUNDRY.	
			Tice L/cpl EDGAR evacuated to Hospital.	

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<u>PENZANCE</u>			1 officer 1 Sgt and 50 O'Ranks proceeded up the line and dug 100 yards	
<u>CAMP.</u>			of trench, 6'x2'. 100 yards of Cable was also laid & buried.	
<u>NEUVE Eglise</u>			Location of the work TOUQUET BERTHE to Ploegsteert. Wood.	
		<u>21: 2: 18</u>	25 O'Ranks were paraded to the Baths.	
			No 34. Pte. Foote. W. - No 1496 Pte CARBURY. C - & 2524 ^{Pte} BATTLE. R. attached 36 th Batt)	
			marched out on 14 days leave to ENGLAND.	
			No 1129. Dvr. GIBSON. H. & 1255. L'cpl. WALSH. evacuated to Hospital.	
			No 3009 Pte. IVORY. W.E. rejoined unit from Hospital.	

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<u>PENZANCE</u>			1 Officer, 1 Sgt and 40 ORanks proceeded up the line	
<u>CAMP</u>			and dug 80 yards of Trench 6' x 2' & laid and buried cable	
<u>NEUVE ÉGLISE</u>			throughout the whole length. Location of work TOUQUET	
	22:2:18.		BERTHE to Ploegsteert. Wood.	
			Remainder of personnel Cleared guns and equipment.	
			Battalion men receive special instruction.	
			No 2339. Pte JOHNSTON. G. rejoined unit from 14 days leave to ENGLAND.	
			No 779 Pte HOURIGAN. G. marched in from 36 th Batt for temporary attachment, via. Pte. WHITE. G. transferred to 9 th A.M.G. Coy.	
			No 686. Pte. FARBER. F.W. (33 rd Batt attached) rejoined unit from Hospital.	
			No 349. L'cpl. DUNN. R.A. Reverts to the rank permanent rank of Private	
			at own request.	

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<u>PENZANCE</u> <u>CAMP</u> <u>NEUYE'GRISE</u>			1 officer, 1 Corporal 25 O'Ranks proceeded up the line and dug 40 yards of trench 6'x2', Cable was also laid & buried throughout the whole length.	
	<u>23.2.18.</u>		75 O'Ranks were paraded to the Baths.	
			The afternoon was occupied in arranging Gun teams prior to moving into the line.	
			Battalion Men receive special instructions.	
			2 nd Lieut ROSS. W. J. S. & No 98. Cpl. RITCHIE. R. rejoined unit from Aust Corps G.A.S. School.	
			No 111 Sgt. SWETE. C. J. rejoined unit from Div. Bombing School.	
			No 3164. Pte MURPHY. L. K. rejoined unit from Div. Laundry.	
			2 nd Lieut DAVIS. T. C. evacuated to Hospital.	
			No 1111 L'cpl. EDGAR. P. J. & No 409. L'cpl. BRAY. F. returned to unit from Hospital.	

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<u>PENZANCE.</u>			Divine Service. Roman Catholics Paraded at 36 th Battalion parade ground CANTEN. CORNER at 10 p.m., the service being conducted by Chaplain LYNCH.	
<u>CAMP.</u>				
<u>NEUVE Eglise</u>				
	<u>24:2:18.</u>		Other Denominations paraded at Y.M.C.A. Hut 33 rd Batt Parade Ground at 9 A.M., the service being conducted by Chaplain NORMAN.	
			In the afternoon 8. Gun teams proceeded to the line and relieved 8. Gun teams of the 10 th A.M.G. Coy who reported to. (Appendix.)	
			PENZANCE CAMP and relieved, 8 Guns of this unit which were on Anti Aircraft duty.	I
			No 1756 SGT LAWTON. H.A. marched out to Corps A.A.M.G. School Bailleul.	
			Promotions. No 469. R L'cpl. SMITH. V.N. to be T/cpl. dt. from 24/2/18 vice	
			cpl. McINNES. R.S.P. to Hospital. No 409. L'cpl. BRAY. F.J.R. to be	
			T/cpl. dt. 24/2/17 vice cpl. LONG. V. to Hospital.	Appendix
			The Undermentioned O'Ranks appointed L'cpl. dt. from 24/2/17.	II.
			No 515. P/O. SAUNDERS. W.T. vice L'cpl. watch. to Hospital	

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PENZANCE			During the morning the lumber were packed, and Camp Cleared.	
<u>CAMP</u>			Remainder of Company minus 8 Gun teams left PENZANCE	
<u>NEUVE-EGLISE</u>			CAMP at 2 p.m. with transport, and took over LARK CAMP.	
	25:2:18.		from the 10 th A.M.G. Coy who occupied PENZANCE. CAMP. Appendix	
			The 8 Gun teams ^{which} remained at PENZANCE. CAMP proceeded to <u>II</u>	
			the line at 4 P.M.; and relieved the remaining 8 Guns of the	
			10 th A.M.G. Coy relief being completed by 10.15 P.M.	
			(No 133. DVR. WATTS. H. & No 3379 Pte. MOON. W.L. evacuated to Hospital.	
			(No 3617. Pte. DELANDER L.J. (36 th Batt attached)	
			<u>Promotions to Substantive Rank.</u>	
			No 98 T/cpl RITCHIE. R to be Corporal. substantive dt-25/2/18 vice	
			cpl. GOLLAN. L.C.P. evacuated wounded.	
			No 1976. T/cpl. PHIPPS. R to be Corporal Substantive dt-25/2/18 Appendix	
			vice cpl. CLARK. L.J. evacuated to A.M.G.T. Depot GRANTHAM. <u>III</u>	

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<u>LE-DOUVE.</u>			1 Gun at U ^{16a} / _{17.05} fired 500 rounds on TRACK at U ^{16a} / _{70.70} and 500 rds	
<u>SECTOR</u>			on U ^{24a} / _{65.55} . 1 Gun at U ^{16a} / _{14.10} fired 1000 rds on ROAD U ^{18c} / _{75.55} .	
		<u>26.2.18</u>	1 Gun at U ^{16a} / _{12.16} fired 1000 rds on SPINNING MILL. U ^{18a} / _{00.50} .	
		<u>5 AM</u>	1 Gun at U ^{16a} / _{10.20} fired 500 rds on ROAD at U ^{18b} / _{15.10} and 500 rds on BRIDGE at	
			U ^{18b} / _{00.55} . 1 Gun at U ^{9a} / _{95.54} fired 750 rds on HIRONDELLE ROAD U ^{12b} / _{05.98} .	
			1 Gun U ^{9a} / _{90.00} fired 750 rds on CROSS. RDS. U ^{12a} / _{52.50} and 500 rds on X RDS & RAILWAY	
			U ^{12b} / _{40.25} to U ^{12a} / _{90.17} . 1 Gun at U ^{10b} / _{08.06} fired 500 rds on CROSS RDS. at U ^{12a} / _{09.07} .	
			Enemy Artillery Very quiet during day & night.	
			Enemy M.G.'s active over forward System between dusk and 11 p.m.	
			and at 5 p.m. Visibility:- particularly good from 11 a.m. till dark	
			No 409 cpl. BRAY. - 2113 cpl. MALONEY. J.B. - 144 Plt YOUNG. G. - 2357. Plt McCORMACK	
			marched out on 14 days English leave	
			L'cpl SMITH. V.N. rejoined unit from 10 th Corps GAS school.	
			No 3018 T/S.M. CLARKE. S marched ^{out} to Musketry school LUMBRES.	
			No 1914. Plt CRICH. E. evacuated to Hospital.	

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<u>LE-DOUVE</u> <u>SECTOR</u>			Indirect fire was carried out against the following targets, (1) 1000 rds along ROAD from $U \frac{126}{38.35}$ to ROAD JUNCTION with TRAMWAY	
	<u>27.2.18</u>		$U \frac{12d}{50.80}$. (2) 1000 rds along ROAD from $U \frac{12d}{25.60}$ to $U \frac{12d}{50.25}$.	
		5 a.m.	(3) 1000 rds on CROSS. ROADS at $U \frac{12d}{52.80}$ and along RAILWAY from CROSSING	
			$U \frac{126}{38.30}$. (4) 1000 rds along HIRONDELLE ROAD from $U \frac{126}{05.98}$ to LEVEL CROSSING	
			$U \frac{126}{38.30}$. (5) 1000 rds at ROAD JUNCTION at $U \frac{12d}{09.31}$.	
			Every Machine Gun fired intermittently during the night and early morning. An aeroplane (nationality unknown) were seen to fall in flames at 9.30 P.M.	
			No 122. SGT. TALBOT. F.H rejoined unit from 14 days leave to ENGLAND	

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<u>LE-DOUVE</u> <u>SECTOR</u>			Incident fire was carried out against the following targets:- (1) 1000 rds at X ROADS U ¹²⁶ / _{52.50} + (2) 1000 rds LEVEL CROSSING U ¹²⁶ / _{38.30} .	
	28.2.18		(3) 1000 rds along HIRONDELLE ROAD. from U ¹²⁶ / _{05.98} to U ¹²⁶ / _{28.68} .	
			(4) 1000 rds at ROAD and TRAMWAY from U ⁶⁰ / _{99.04} to U ¹²⁶ / _{42.22} .	
			(6) 1000 rds at BRIDGE and approaches at U ¹⁸⁶ / _{00.50} .	
			Hostile Artillery was active at intervals during the day	
			At 10. am enemy shelled ST YVES Hill. and rear of ULTIMO Crater,	
			with 4.2's. Direction ^{from} of which shelling came was not ascertained	
			Enemy M.G's was very quiet. At 11.30 am. hostile plane was	
			observed at a great height, and it dropped several Bombs	
			in U ¹⁷² .	
			No 122. Sgt TAIBOT. marched out to permanent Cadre. A.M.G.T.D	
			GRANTHAM. No 145. Plt. Youl. E. evacuated to Hospital.	
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FOR

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9th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No 15

Reference maps

Sheet 28 1/20,000
WARRINGTON 1/10,000Brigade Headquarters
17th February 1918

(1) (a) The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will be relieved in the Reserve Brigade Area on the 24th and 25th February 1918 by the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade

(b) The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade in the left Brigade Area in the line on 24th & 25th February 1918

(c) Relief will be completed by 12 midnight 25th/26th February 1918

2. Command of the Left Brigade Area will pass to the G.O.C. 9th Australian Infantry Brigade on completion of Relief

3. (a) Relieving units will take over the existing dispositions in the line.

23rd Battalion will relieve "A" Battalion (39th Battalion)

31st " " " " "B" " (40th Battalion)

25th " " " " "C" " (38th Battalion)

26th " " " " "D" " (37th Battalion)

(b) The Relief of "C" & "D" Battalions will be carried out on the 24th February, and "A" and "B" Battalions on the 25th February.

(c) The 9th Australian Machine Gun Company will relieve the 10th Australian Machine Gun Company as follows.

8 Vickers Guns on 24th February

8 " " " 25th "

(d) The 8 Anti-Aircraft Vickers guns furnished by the 9th Australian Machine Gun Company will be relieved by the 10th Australian Machine Gun Company on the 24th February.

(e) The 9th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery will relieve the 10th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery on the 25th February.

P.T.O.

4. The nucleus Garrisons in the Second Zone furnished by the 34th + 33rd Battalions will be relieved by the 38th + 37th Battalions respectively on the 24th February.

5. No movement forward of Hyde Park Corner is to take place before 6.0 pm.

6. Advance Parties as under from 33rd + 34th Battalions will go into the line on the 24th February.

Lewis Gun Officer

Scout Officer

Sniping Officer

Signalling Officer

One Officer per Company

Battalion Gas NCO

No 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Teams

20% Scouts Snipers and Signallers

7. Subject to the terms of this Order the relief will be carried out under mutual arrangements to be made direct between Commanding Officers concerned.

9. (a) All Defence Schemes duties Works policies etc in connection with the Reserve Brigade and the Second Zone will be handed over upon relief to the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

(b) Log-books Maps Defence Schemes and all information concerning the Left Brigade Area will be taken over from the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade upon relief.

(c) In the case of (a) and (b) above receipts will be exchanged.

10. The 33rd Battalion will detail the Second-in-Command to take over from Second-in-Command 39th Battalion the defence works of LA BASSE VILLE and will assume responsibility for those works from the time of completion of relief.

11. The Staff Captain will issue the necessary Administrative Instructions in connection with the relief.

12. Units will report completion of relief by wire in code to Brigade Headquarters.

13. Acknowledge

Sydney J. F. Rain

Major
Brigade Major

9th Australian Infantry Brigade A.D.

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by Captain D. Mackey commanding

9th A. M. G. Coy.

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PROMOTIONS

No 469 Lt/cpl Smith V. H. to be Temporary Corporal
d/-24/1/18 vice Corporal Macquinn R. S. P. to Hospital
d/-27/1/18 & Posted to No 3 Section

No 409 Lt/cpl Bray J. R. to be Temporary Corporal
d/-24/1/18 vice Corporal Long V. to Hospital d/-3/1/18
& Posted to No 2 Section

No 515 Plc Saunders W. J. appointed Lance Corporal ^{d/-24/1/18}
vice Lt/cpl Walsh J. to Hospital & posted to No 4 Section

No 498 Plc Barron J. appointed Lance Corporal d/-24/1/18
vice Lt/cpl Dunn R. A. Reverted to Permanent Grade
of Private at own request & Posted to No 3 Section

No 424 Plc Rhodes W. F. Appointed Lance Corporal d/-24/1/18
vice Lt/cpl Bray J. R. promoted & posted to No 1 Section

No 552 Plc McLenahan J. D. Appointed Lance Corporal
d/-24/1/18 vice Lt/cpl Smith V. H. promoted & posted to
No 4 Section

REVERSIONS

No 549 Lt/cpl Dunn R. A. reverted to Permanent
Grade of Private at own Request d/-24/1/18

Road on Parade
Warms

Lt/cpl Smith V. H.

D. Mackey

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APPENDIX III

Company Order No 89.
by Captain D. Mackay commanding
9th Aust. Coy.

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25/2/18.

PROMOTIONS

No 98 Sgt RITCHIE R To be Corporal
Substantive of 25/2/18 vice Cpl Gordon
L. C. P. evacuated wounded

No 1976 Sgt PHIPPS R To be Corporal
Substantive of 25/2/18 vice Cpl Clarke L. P.
evacuated to A.M. G. I. Depot Grantham
England

for Don Mullie ²⁵
Captain
C.O. 9th Aust. Machine Gun Coy.

Read & signed
26/2/18
H. M. Daniels M.C.