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OF

14th Battalion A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NEUVE- EGLISE. (Sheet 28 1/4C, CCC.)	1918. March 1st.		Billets inspected by Commanding Officer at 10 a.m. Morning, Cleaning and Sanitation of billets. Afternoon, Football. Weather cloudy but fine. Establishment - 29 Off. 562 c/ranks; Attached, 2 eff. 4 c/r. Detached - 13 eff/151 c/r. - Total strength, 44 officers 718 c/ranks.	
	2nd.		Weather fine. Working parties - 1 officer 30 c/r. to WULVERGHEM STONE SIDING; 1 sgt. 13 c/r. to assist Corps Troops Supply Column. Remainder - smartening up drill; close order drill. Afternoon, Football matches.	
	3rd.		Weather dull and cold. Working parties as above. Morning, Church parades; afternoon, half holiday. Estab. 31 eff. 559 c/r. Att. 3 eff. 44 c/r. Detached 11 eff. 154 c/r.	
	4th.		Weather dull and misty. Training as per Syllabus (see appendix). Working parties as per list. Afternoon - Recreation and Football. Padre's Evening Classes commenced.	appendix 1
	5th.		Fair weather. Training as per Syllabus; afternoon, Football and recreation. Working parties as above.	
	6th.		Weather clear and bright. Working parties as above. Training and Sports as per Syllabus.	
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	8th.		dc. dc. dc. dc. dc. dc. dc.	
	9th.		Clear weather. Working parties - 1 sgt. 13 c/ranks to assist Corps Troops Supply Column. Training - Gas Lecture; Practice on Rifle Range. Afternoon - Football matches.	
	10th.		Clear bright day. Church Parades, and Presentation of Ribbons and Medals by General Sir W.R. BIRDWICK, and march past of Brigade (including Transport). See appendix. Working party of 1 sgt. 13 c/r. assisting Corps Troops Supply Column at STEENWERCK, - locality shelled by enemy artillery; 1 c/rank wounded, and died of wounds at 2nd A.C.C.S. Establishment - 31 eff/ 586 c/r; 3 eff. 24 c/r. attached; detached 11 eff. 144 c/r. - Total strength - 45 eff. 754 c/r.	appendix 2

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NEUVE EGLISE.	1918.			
	March	11th.	Clear weather. Training as per Syllabus - see appendix. Working party, 1 sgt. 13 men to assist Corps Troops Supply Column. Afternoon - Football.	Appendix 3.
		12th.	Clear weather. Training as per Syllabus; Working party as above. Afternoon, Football.	
		13th.	Showery. de. de. de. de. de.	
		14th.	Clear weather. de. de. de. de. de.	
		15th.	Major H.A. CROWTHORP D.S.O. assumes command of Battalion; Major C.M. JOHNSTON D.S.O. takes over duties of Senior Major (2nd in Command). Training as per Syllabus.	
		15th.		
		16th.	Clear weather. Training as per Syllabus. Working party. Afternoon. football.	
		17th.	Morning, Church parades. Afternoon, half-holiday. Establishment, 28 officers, 607 c/ranks; attached, 3 officers, 33 c/ranks; detached, 14 officers 144 c/ranks - total strength, 45 officers, 784 c/ranks.	
		18th.	Bright weather. Morning, training as per programme. Afternoon, Battalion Sports. Defence Scheme issued - see appendix.	Appendix 4.
	19th.	Wet weather. Battalion put through baths at PALMER BATHS. Working party.		
	20th.	Showery. Training as per Syllabus. Working party. Afternoon - football etc.		
	21st.	Clear weather. Training under Coy. arrangements. Battalion put through Lachrymatory gas chamber. Afternoon - football matches.		

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NEUVE EGLISE	1918 Mar. 22.		Fine day. Working party of 250 men wiring a switch line to the Corps line near RCMARIN. "B", "C" and "D" Companies work from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Platoon for Rifle Competition on Brigade Range. NEUVE EGLISE shelled with heavy calibre shells - about 20 casualties caused to 13th and 15th Battalions. Afternoon - sports and football.	
	23rd.		Fine day. Same working parties as above on Switch line. Corps Engineers very pleased with wiring. Afternoon - Foot ball match, 14th Battalion v. 4th A.F. Ambce - Ambulance won. Town again shelled. Battalion casualties - 6 wounded (1 c/r. subsequently died of wounds).	
	24th.		Fine day. Owing to heavy shelling of town, Battalion moved to BULFORD CAMP (T.26.a.5.8). Transport of whole Brigade move SOUTH, Division following next day. Platoon rifle competition in afternoon won by 14th Battalion. Casualties from enemy shelling, 1 c/r. killed, 1 c/r. shell-shock. Establishment, 24 off. 629 c/r. Attached, 2 off. 2 c/r. Detached, 17 off. 124 c/r.	
BAVINCCURT. (Map ref. LENS 11. 1/100,000.)	25th.		Fine day. Reveille 3.30 a.m. Battalion moved by bus to BAVINCCURT (Move Order attached--). Embussing strength - 24 officers 577 c/ranks.	appendix 5
	26th.		Fine day. Battalion ordered to stand to at 12 noon; moved out at 2 p.m. and arrived at WINDMILL at BIENVILLERS-aux-BOIS at 6 p.m. Brigade move out to occupy HEBUTERNE, 14th Battalion to be in Reserve at CRUCIFIX K.3.e.& d. (sheet 57d.). Battalion in position at 11 p.m. Disposition as per appendix. Quiet night. Evacuations - to hospital, Sick, 4 c/r. Wounded, 1 c/r.	
(27th - rewritten; see below).	27th.		At 8 p.m. Commanding Officer and two Companies, "A" and "C", moved off to the left flank. at 9 p.m. "B" Company less one platoon moved into Support of "A" and "C" Companies. Disposition - see appendix; Intelligence - see appendix. Details and Transport move to	
	28th.		BIENVILLERS-aux-BOIS. Fine morning; showery in afternoon. Intelligence Summary - see appendix. To hospital, Sick 2 c/r.; Wounded, 1 c/r.	
	28th.		Battalion ordered to occupy K.11. central and get on left of 15th Battalion. Positions occupied before midnight. HEBUTERNE heavily shelled. Enemy machine guns and snipers very active. Enemy caught preparing to attack; was easily repulsed with heavy casualties. Prisoner of 3 LEHR Regiment taken. Posts pushed out during night. Reserve Company put in line. Front patrolled and patrol sent to CRUCIFIX.	

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HEBUTERNE. (Map ref. LENS II. 1/100,000)	1918.	Mar. 27th.	<p>Fine day. Indiscriminate shelling throughout the day. Enemy fire erratic; does not know our positions. Enemy attacked left flank of our Brigade at 12.30 p.m.; Battalion stands to; attack easily repulsed. Battalion stood down at 5.15 p.m. About 6.45 p.m. Battalion ordered to support left of 15th Battalion; "D" Company moved off at 7 p.m.; at 8.30 p.m. Commanding Officer and two Companies - "A" and "C" - moved across country to take up a position in K.I.C.b. on left of 15th Battalion. At 9 p.m., "B" Company less 1 platoon for carrying, moved in Battalion reserve. Dispositions - see appendix.</p>	
		29th.	<p>Fine day. Quiet morning. Excellent targets offered by the Hun, of which full advantage was taken. G.C.C. came up to arrange details of stunt to extend "A" Company to the crest of hill in K.I.I.C. Enemy massed on "A" Company's front at 3 p.m. Strong bombing party under 2/Lieut.V.E.HALL drove him back, but were in turn pushed back about 50 yards owing to bomb supply running out. Lieut.HALL was killed in this operation. At 8 p.m. "A" Company tackled him with a few Stokes and a couple of bombing parties. At 10.30 p.m. with a very light artillery barrage and an insufficient and inaccurate Stokes barrage, parties of 16th, 15th and 14th Battalions attempted to occupy the enemy trenches in front of our line. Owing to lack of barrage the operation was not pushed to a satisfactory conclusion. G.C.C. left at 3 a.m. One prisoner taken. Dispositions - see appendix. Casualties - Killed in action, 3 e/r. Wounded, 9 e/r. K.I.A. - 2/Lieut.V.E.Hall. Picquet detailed from Battalion Details - 3 N.C.C.'s and 10 men, with Lewis Gun, for patrol at E.p.c.2.3., from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.</p>	
		30th.	<p>Rain and mud. Trenches in very sloppy condition. Quiet day. At 2.15 p.m. the CRUCIFIX patrol reported enemy assembling as yesterday. Artillery and machine guns turned on and all warned. Dispositions - see appendix. Casualties $\frac{7}{2}$ K.I.A. - 5 e/r. Wounded, Captain W.R.Wadsworth M.C.; 17 e/r. To hospital, Sick, 6 e/r.</p>	
		31st.	<p>Rain and mud with occasional sunshine. Sergeant from 7th MANCHESTERS visited us for liaison purposes. Meeting of C.C.'s at 13th Battalion Headquarters. C.C. took Brigade Commander and G.S.C. of 4th Corps to Observation Post. At 8 p.m. "C" Company occupied crest of ridge in K.I.I.d. in conjunction with 15th Battalion. No opposition. At about 9 p.m. "B" Company made good about 100 yards more of trench in extension of "A" Company.</p>	

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HEBUTERNE.	1918. Mar.	31st	<p>Dispositions - see appendix. Casualties - 3 c/ranks. Sick to hospital, 1 c/rank. Intelligence summaries attached - see appendix. Three enemy machine guns captured and forwarded to Brigade Headquarters. Strength of Battalion moving into line, 21 officers 477 c/ranks. Total casualties and evacuations, 3 " 52 c/ranks. Additions (from leave) 2 " " Apprx. strength of Battalion in line 20 " 425 c/ranks. Establishment - 23 officers 585 c/ranks; attached 2 officers 1 c/rank; detached 16 off. 116 c/r. Total strength, 41 officers 701 c/ranks.</p> <p>-----</p>	

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Training Syllabus - 4th to 9th March 1918.
2.	Battalion Routine Order 56/18 - Presentation Parade.
3.	Training Syllabus - 11th to 16th March 1918.
4.	Training Syllabus - 18th to 24th March 1918.
5.	Move Order No. 8/18.
6.	Intelligence Summaries - 26th to 31st March 1918 (original copy only).

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Training Programme for week ending 9/3/1918.

Date.	9 to 9.30 a.m.	9.30 to 9.45 a.m.	9.45 to 10.15	10.15 to 11.15.	11.15 to 12.45 p.m.	Afternoon. 11.45 to 12.30.	afternoon
4/3/1918.	Close order drill.	Saluting to include 5 min. lecture by Platoon Commanders.	Rapid loading with dummy ammunition.	Practice on 30 yds. range	Bayonet fighting	Route march.	Football matches Australian rules; Soccer; training for Battalion Sports. 16/3/18.
5/3/1918.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
6/3/1918.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
7/3/1918.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
8/3/1918	Baths - 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.						
9/3/1918.	Battalion Route March with First Line Transport - Route, NEUVE EGLISE-DRANCUTRE-CLAPHAM ROAD-WATERLOO ROAD.						

Note - 6/3/1918. "B" Company on 150 yards range 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. after bathing.
 8/3/1918. "C" SPECIALISTS. - Lewis Gunners, Signallers, and Scouts under Lewis Gun, Signal, and Intelligence Officers respectively.
 Stretcher-bearers under Medical Officer.
 N.C.C's class - 1.45 to 2.30 p.m. daily.
 Officers' Lecture - 7 p.m. as per Syllabus.

Samit Chell
Captain.
 A/Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.

APPENDIX /

by
MAJCR C.M. JOHNSON D.S.O. COMMANDING.

1. BATTALION DETAIL. Orderly Officer for tomorrow, 10th inst. Lieut. R.C. Rexburgh.
Next for duty, 2/Lieut. T.H. Griffiths.
Company for duty tomorrow, "D" Company.
Next for duty, "A" Company.

2. CHURCH PARADE. The Corps Commander will present Ribbons and Medals tomorrow, Sunday 10th inst. at Brigade Church Parade, to be held on ground opposite the Pierret Hall, NEUVE EGLISE, at 10.30 a.m. Ribbons will be presented before ~~Medals~~ Medals. Other Ranks will be drawn up in front of 14th and 15th Battalions as under -

- Nos. 1 to 38 in Front Row.
- 39 to 75 in Second Row.
- 76 to 112 in Third Row.
- Artillery in Fourth Row.

Personnel marked X in following lists will receive both medals and Ribbons. On receiving their Ribbons they will fall in again on the left of rear row. All other recipients of Medals and Ribbons will fall in with their Units immediately after presentation.

Ribbons.

Officers.

Lieut. J.H. Johnson M.C. M.C.

Other Ranks.

No. 14.	Sgt. McPherson J.F.	D.C.M.
15.	C.S.M. Coleman W.	M.M.
16.	Sgt. Geede F.A.	M.M.
17.	Sgt. Fergus W.H.	D.C.M.
18.	Sgt. Deacon J.M.	M.M.
19.	Sgt. Drummond D.	M.M.
20.	Pte. Radnelli G.D.	M.M.
21.	Pte. Wilkinsen H.	Bar to M.M.
22.	Pte. Mills R.	Royal Humane Society Silver Medal.

Medals.

Other Ranks.

59.	C.S.M. Here A.A.	M.M.
60.	Sgt. Harrison E.	M.M.
61.	Sgt. Dalitz F.W.	M.M.
62.	Sgt. Andersen H.A.	M.M.
63.	Cpl. French T.H.	M.M.
64.	Cpl. Spearing R.	M.M.
65.	Cpl. Lowe F.A.V.	M.M.
66.	Cpl. Hughes T.V.	M.M.
67.	Cpl. Speed S.J.	M.M.
68.	Pte. Milner A.	M.M.
69.	Pte. Cepper J.	M.M.
70.	Pte. Saunders E.G.	M.M.
71.	Pte. Gray A.	M.M.
X. 72.	Pte. Mills R.	Royal Humane Society Silver Medal.
X. 73.	Sgt. Deacon J.M.	M.M.
X. 74.	Sgt. Drummond L.	M.M.
X. 75.	Pte. Wilkinsen H.	M.M.
X. 76.	Pte. Radnelli G.	M.M.
X. 77.	Sgt. Fergus W.H.	D.C.M.

At 9 o'clock all Companies will hold an inspection under Company arrangements. The C.C. will inspect one Company. When Company Commander is satisfied that everything is in order the parade will be dismissed. C.C.'s, Companies, will arrange for two markers per Company to report to R.S.M. on ground at 9.55 a.m. The Battalion will be formed up in mass on Seccer Ground opposite Pierret Hall at 10.10 a.m., and will be formed up on Brigade Parade at 10.20 a.m. Dress - drill order without rifles. Hats to be worn by all ranks. Officers will wear open tunics. All ranks to wear putties tied at top, except mounted officers. After presentation of Medals and Ribbons the parade will march past the Corps Commander. Saluting point - MESSINES-DRANCUTRE-ARMENTIERES Cross Roads.

2. CHURCH PARADE. ROMAN CATHOLICS. Service for Roman Catholics will be held at Pierret Hall at 10.15 a.m. and they will join in with general parade at conclusion of service. Roman Catholics will form up at Battalion Orderly Room at 10 a.m. Lieut. W.P. Beland M.C. will take command of party and he will detail a marker to report to Staff-Captain on ground at 10 a.m.

PROTESTANT. A Voluntary Service will be held at 6 p.m. on Sunday evening in Pierret Hall, Neuve Eglise.

3. SUMMER TIME. Summer time will come into use this night. At 11 p.m. (winter time) this evening the clocks will be put forward one hour, 11 p.m. becoming midnight.

4. GUNNERSLAND ELECTIONS. All nomination papers are to reach this office by 12 noon tomorrow without fail.

5. TRANSPORT. Tomorrow, 10th inst., the Transport will march past under Brigade Orders.

J.A. MITCHELL Captain. A/Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.

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- List of names and ranks: Pte. Miller R., Pte. Wilkin H., Pte. Radwell G.D., Pte. Drummond D., Pte. Dwyer J.M., Pte. Perry R.M., Pte. Good R.A., Pte. Coleman W.S.

- List of names and ranks: Pte. Gray A., Pte. Sanders E.C., Pte. Cooper J., Pte. Miller A., Cpl. Speed S.J., Cpl. Hughes T.V., Cpl. Lane P.A.V., Cpl. Sperring R., Cpl. French T., Sgt. Anderson M.A., Sgt. Dalis F.F., Sgt. Harrison E., Cpl. Hore A.A.

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All Marches to and from billets to be at attention.

Day and Date.	Morning, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.	Afternoon, 1 to 3 p.m.	Remarks.
Monday, 11/3/18.	Musketry Platoon Tests, Order, A. B.C.D. When not shooting the following training will be carried out, - Rapid Loading, Gas Drill; Bayonet Fighting.	Musketry, Rapid Practices.	Platoon and Company Football matches to be arranged & or each afternoon.
Tuesday, 12/3/18.	"A" and "B" Coys. on Long Range; "C" & "D" Coys. on 50 yards range. Saluting drill, 10 min. Gas drill, 10 min. Bayonet Fighting 1/2 hr. Close Order Drill 1/2 hr.	Musketry, Rapid Practices.	Training for Battalion Sports
Wednesday, 13/3/18.	Battalion Route March with 1st Line Transport.	Route NEUVE EGLISE - DRANGUTRE - CLAPHAN ROAD - WATERLOO ROAD.	to be held on 18/3/18.
Thursday, 14/3/18.	"C" & "D" Coys. on Long Range. "A" & "B" on 50 yds. Range. Saluting drill, 10 mins; Gas drill 10 min; Bayonet fighting 1/2 hr; Rifle Exercise 1/2 hr/	8.30 p.m. Practice of a Battalion relief under a heavy enemy gas shell bombardment.	
Friday, 15/3/18.	Musketry, Platoon tests.	Musketry, Rapid Practices.	
Saturday, 16/3/18.	Battalion Parade, 9.15 a.m., "A" Company's Parade Ground; Musketry.		

Note - SPECIALISTS. Lewis Gunners, Signallers, and Scouts under Lewis Gun Officer, Signal Officer and Intelligence Officer respectively.
Stretcher-bearers under Medical Officer.
U.C.C's Class, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

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Ed J. Mitchell
.....Captain.
A/Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.

Date.	Morning.		Afternoon.	
	9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.	10.40 to 12 noon.	1. to 1.30 p.m.	1.30 to 2 p.m.
11/3/18.			Combined Bullet & Bayonet Instruction under S/Sgt. Mitten, Corps Instr.	Short lecture on the essentials of Rapid Leading, Aiming and Firing, by Capt. R.W. JONES M.C..M.M.
12/3/18.	Syndicates 1 & 2. Gas Instruction under Lieut. R. Weed. Syndicates 3 & 4. Musketry - Trigger pressing $\frac{1}{2}$ hr; Rapid Leading $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. Adjustment of Sights, 10 min; Belt drill in all positions, 15 min; Resume Wiring Instruction, 15 minutes.	Syndicates 3 & 4. Syndicates 1 & 2.	Whole class as above.	Lecture - Fire Orders, Fire Control and Fire Power, by Captain R.W. Jones.
13/3/18.	Syndicates 5 & 6. Gas Instruction under Lieut. R. Weed. Syndicates 7, 8, 9. Musketry, as above.	Syndicates 7, 8, 9. Syndicates 5 & 6.	Whole class as above.	Lecture, Fire Discipline and demonstration of controlled fire of a fire unit as against uncontrolled fire.
14/3/18.	Syndicates 1 & 2. Gas Instruction under Lieut. R. Weed. Syndicates 3 & 4. Musketry - Fire positions in open and behind all sorts of cover including fields in ground.	Syndicates 3 & 4. Syndicates 1 & 2.	Whole class as above.	Lecture on Covering Fire; mutual support and the co-operation between fire and movement and between the bayonet and bullet.
15/3/18.	Syndicates 5 & 6. Gas Instruction under Lieut. R. Weed. Syndicates 7, 8, 9. Musketry as for 14th inst.	Syndicates 7, 8, 9. Syndicates 5 & 6.	Whole class as above.	Muscle exercises.
16/3/18.	Syndicates 1 & 2. Bombing, Hand and Rifle Grenades - by Lieut. R. J. Garcia. Syndicates 3 & 4. Lewis Gun Instruction, under Lieut. A. King.	Syndicates 3 & 4. Syndicates 1 & 2.		
EVENING LECTURES. In Sergeants' Mess at 7 p.m.				
	Wednesday, 13th inst.	Topography by Lieut. J.H. Johnston M.C.		
	Thursday, 14th inst.	Lewis Gun Tactics, by Lieut. A. King.		
	Saturday, 16th inst.	Scouting and Patrolling - Captain R.W. Jones M.C..M.M.		
Pencil and Note Books to be carried on all parades.				

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(Signed) R.W. Jones
.....Captain.
Chief Instructor.

APPENDIX. 3

Date.	9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	11 a.m. to 12 noon.	1 p.m. to 2 p.m.	2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
11/3/1918.	Lecture on Intelligence.	Map Reading; Conventional Signs.	Outdoor work with map.	Prismatic Compass and Protractor.	
12/3/18.	Observation March.	Reports on Observation March.	Map reading.	German Badges of Rank.	
13/3/18.	Director.	Brigade Lecture (General Intelligence)	Brigade Lecture (Organisation of Intelligence).	Geographical definitions.	
14/3/18.	Visit to Intelligence Corps Headquarters.				
15/3/18.	Patrol C.P. & Reconnaissance Reports).	Brigade Lecture (Identifications)		Map enlarging.	
16/3/18.	Read Reconnaissance - 2 hours.		Lecture on Scouting & Patrolling.	Afternoon, half-holiday.	
18/3/18.	How to Work an C.P.	Brigade Lecture (Lantern Lecture).	Road Traverse.	Platting	Brigade lecture
19/3/1918.	Map enlarging.	Observation march.	Gas lecture.	Road Traverse. Writing of Reports.	(Counter-Battery work)
				7 p.m. Night March by compass.	
20/3/18.	Identification.	Brigade Lecture. (Organisation of German Army).	Field Sketching.	Aeroplane photography.	
21/3/18.	Lecture on Scouting & Patrolling.	Brigade Lecture (Maps).	Field Sketching.	Report and Message Writing.	
				7 p.m. Indoor classes will be held at "A" Coy's H.Q.T. 15.a.50.20	
22/3/18.	Road Traverse.		Gas lecture.	Map enlarging.	
23/3/18.	Recapitulation.			Half-holiday.	

Richard W. Johnston
 Lieut.
 Intelligence Officer.

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14th Battalion A.I.F. Training Syllabus for week ending 25/3/1918.

All Marches to and from billets to be at Attention.

Day and Date.	Morning, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.	Afternoon, 1 to 3 p.m. Evening.
Monday, 18/3/18.	Musketry, Long Range, "A", "B", "C". Gas Drill, Rapid Loading, Bayonet Fighting.	Battalion Sports.
Tuesday, 19/3/18.	Musketry, Long Range, "B", "C", "D". Rapid Loading, Gas Drill, Rifle Exercises.	"B" Coy. Miniature Range. Night firing 8 p.m. "C". 6.30 p.m. "B".
Wednesday, 20/3/18.	Musketry, Long Range, "C", "D", "A". Rapid Loading, Gas Drill, Bayonet Fighting.	"C" Coy. Miniature Range. "A", "B", "D" close order drill.
Thursday, 21/3/18.	Baths.	Night firing. 8 p.m. "A" Coy. 6.30 p.m. "D".
Friday, 22/3/18.	Musketry, Long Range, "A", "B", "C". Rapid Loading, Gas Drill, Rifle Exercises.	Battalion Parade.
Saturday, 23/3/18.	Battalion Route March. Fighting order (tin helmets, one blanket in w.p. sheet round-pack). Route - NAVE POLICE-DRANGUTER-GLASHAN ROAD-SAPERISO ROAD.	

Note - SPECIALISTS.

Lewis Gunners, Signallers, and Scouts under Lewis Gun officer, Signal Officer and Intelligence Officer respectively.
 Stretcher-bearers under Medical Officer.
 N.C.O.'s class - 1 to 3 p.m.

Reginald J. Mitchell
 Captain.
 Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.

SECRET.

MOVIE ORDER No. 8/18.

Copy No.

Reference Map, HAZEBOGUCK S. A. 1/100,000.
Sheets 28 and 36 1/40,000.

1. The 14th Battalion will move by bus to BUSNES AREA on 25th inst.
2. Embussing will take place as follows -
 - (a) Embussing Road - WATERLOO ROAD.
 - (b) Head of Column - 28/T. 20. a. 8. 2, facing EAST.
 - (c) Time of Embussing, 6 a.m.
3. The Battalion will leave BULFORD CAMP at 4.45 a.m. in following order - "D", "C", "B", "A"; Headquarters Details (including Bands) and will take Overland Route, already reconnoitred by Company Commanders.
4. Parties of 27, including 1 officer or senior N.C.C. will be told off, approximately 6 parties per 90 yards. 1 Officer or senior N.C.C. to be in charge of each bus. Parties will be drawn up on right of road facing EAST.
5. Lieut. G. J. Huse will act as Embussing Officer and will hand to Brigade Major, Embussing States at rendezvous.
6. Dress - Full marching order, with blankets. Hats to be worn.
7. All huts to be left in a clean and sanitary condition. The Orderly Officer will collect the usual certificates from Company Commanders and hand same to Adjutant before leaving Camp.
8. Officers' valises and Mess Boxes will be dumped on duckboard track near Main Road at 4 a.m. Company Commanders will arrange for parties to carry Coeks' utensils to Embussing Point.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. Mitchell
.....Captain.
A/Adjutant 14th Battalion A.I.F.

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Patrols

Strength	Time of Departure	Time of Return	Route	Object	Remarks
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1 NCO 1 OR	10 30 AM 12 30 PM	12 30 PM	K.H.a.43	To. Caidland to K.H.b. get in. locate Crimpin road with British returning British troops K.H.a.43 troops left.	located British troops wounded German a wounded British wounded in K.H.b. Central also two wounded franchised in K.H.b. patrol by using
1 NCO 4 OR	2 AM 3 30 AM	3 30 AM	From K.H.a.8	To. This region patrol of area Crimpin road and from returning K.H.a.8 to	British troops was
1 N.C.O 4 OR	Hourly	-	K.H.a.3.2 via K.H.a.5.9 to K.H.b.7.6	2 troops of area was seen patrol	

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24 hours ending 30/3/11

Ref: Sheet 57 D. NE. 1/20000

Our Operations.

As the result of an attack
launched by us at 3.20 pm
29/3/11, our line has been
slightly advanced (Details
following)

Artillery - Active throughout
the day. Some good shooting
on enemy troops was done
in Sq. 217.

Aircraft - normal.

Planes - The only planes
used on our front were
the ordinary white planes.

Machine Guns - Our machine guns
& Lewis - were active
throughout the day and
numerous line targets were
engaged with success.

Enemy Operations

Artillery - HE BUTERNE was
heavily shelled at
intervals.

Aircraft - No enemy planes
seen.

M.C.S. - Below normal
During the night a
M.C. was flying from
approx K. 14. 4. 5.

Patrols - See our patrols.

Enemy movements - Much movement
was observed during
the day at K. 14. Central.
These parties were
spied on by our Lewis
guns.

Miscellaneous - We established
a post of 1 N.C. and 6 men
with L.C. at K. 14. 0. 5.
on right flank of
the British line.
J. H. Johnson
Lieut

shells were fired on enemy
trenches in H.H.C.

Aircraft - Between 8 AM
and 9 AM one of our
planes dropped bombs
and fired their M.G.'s
on enemy trenches in H.H.D
and K.H.C. The enemy
replied vigorously with
their M.G.'s & rifles.

Patrols

Strength	Time of Day	Time of Ret.	Route	Object	Remarks
1 N.C.O 3 OR	9 30 PM	10 PM	From H.E.S. to H.E.G.S.	To locate the enemy	They found the enemy in strength at H.C.G.S. and at H.H.C.G.S.
1 N.C.O 6 men	hourly	-	From K.H.A. to K.H.B.05.6	To keep touch with our	Touch was maintained with our post at K.H.B.05.6 on our left. No enemy encountered

Strength	Time of Day	Time of Ret.	Route	Object	Remarks
1 OR	midnight	1 AM	From K.H.A.S. to K.H.B.05.6	To	at 2.30 AM an enemy patrol of 4 men was encountered in possession of
6 OR	2 AM	3.30 AM	From K.H.A.S. to K.H.B.05.6	To	at 2.30 AM an enemy patrol of 4 men was encountered in possession of

1 N.C.O hourly - 6 men - From K.H.A.3.3 to K.H.D.8.5 touch was maintained with our post at night.

Enemy Operations

Artillery - Below normal

Aircraft - No sign of enemy planes

Machine Guns & Snipers - Very active on our whole front throughout day and night.

Patrols - No enemy patrols were encountered

Enemy Movement - Much enemy movement observed throughout the day. Between 7 AM and 8 AM large bodies of the enemy were seen crossing # L 7 and 78 towards Ross IG NO L wood in open formation. At 2:45 PM prior to our attack about 100 of the enemy were seen advancing on our front in K. H. d. This attack was met by H Company and repulsed.

J. J. Johnson
Head

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Ref Sheet 59 & NE 1/20000

Our Operations

Aircraft - ~~None~~

Artillery - At intervals throughout the day our 18 pounders were very active and from 9 AM to 10 PM the ~~big~~ fire on enemy trenches. One 18 pounder battery firing from ^{direction} from our NE court ~~direction~~ was firing short in K. H. d.

Machine Guns & Snipers - Very few targets were obtained during the day. At night our M.G.s continually swept the enemy's trenches.

Trench Mortars - At 9.40 the crew shrapnel mortars put a 6 man baggage down in K. H. d. and at 12 midnight twenty

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Evening Operations
 including Very heavy fire
 on HUBBERS and
 K 10 G 4 11 10 chiefly 4 11 10
 7 10 and 11 11 10
 4 C 10 11 10 Very active until
 10 11 10 afterwards normal AAA
 TRENCH MORTARS -
 Aircraft no activity
 Evening movement throughout the
 day Small parties of
 the enemy were observed
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