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51st Bn.
AIF.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HERISART.	1916 Aug 1 st		Battalion moved to VADENCOURT arriving there at 5.30 p.m.	
VADENCOURT	2 nd		Packs and greatcoats dumped at Brigade Dump WARLOY. BAILLON Battalion ready to move at two hours notice by 9 a.m. (For Battle equipment carried by men see G. S. Circular). Remainder of day spent in bathing and resting.	
"	3		Battalion exercise in morning.	
"	4		Exercises morning and night. Battalion in attack. One winning party per Company trained.	
"	5		Battalion exercise in morning. Moved to BRICKFIELDS (ALBERT) arriving there 12.30 a.m. 6-8-16.	
ALBERT	6		Intelligence Officer and one officer per Coy. reconnoitred road to SAUVAGE VALLEY.	
"	7		Battalion exercises in morning. rest in afternoon.	
"	8		Battalion exercises in morning. rest in afternoon.	
"	9		Two Officers went with Staff captain and Brigade party to reconnoitre road to POZIERES CEMETERY through MASH VALLEY.	

Am. R. C. C.

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ALBERT	1916 August 10		Three officers reconnoitred approaches to positions on north and East of POZIERES.	
"	11		Battalion exercises in morning - rest in afternoon.	AmR.
"	12		Two officers reconnoitred positions of 14th and 16th Battalions of 4th Aus Inf. Bde. and approaches thereto. Battalion moved to WIRE TRENCH at 1 p.m. - movement complete by 4 p.m.	
WIRE TRENCH	13		Two officers reconnoitred position of 13th Battalion and approaches thereto during the morning. Final Dumps for Lewis Gun carts, bombs etc were left at WIRE TRENCH. Cooks were placed in SAUSAGE VALLEY - Picks & shovels, 100 of each, were distributed & 2 bombs per man issued. Also 5 sandbags per man. All officers except C/O Adv & 3 per Coy were left at BRICK FIELDS with Qm Transport & Details as per App I	AmR. App I
near FERME DE MOUQUET.	Action Aug. 13 th - 16 th		For Operations & Details See App. II. (Brigade Report.	AmR.

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57th Bn.

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A. I. F.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALBERT	Aug. 16 th		Bn re-assembled at the Brigade Area. BRICKFIELDS during the day. rolls called etc. Bwimacker for the night & moved next day to	<u>amR</u>
WARLOY	17 th		<u>WARLOY</u> where Bn went into billets for two nights & rested - on the	
LA VICOONE	19 th		marched to LA VICOONE & billeted at the Chateau Farm for the night - moving next morning at 8 am to.	
BINNEVILLE	20 th		<u>BONNEVILLE</u> which was reached at 1 pm. Bn went into billets on the S.E. side of the village. Marching in strength.	<u>amR</u>
"	21 st		Work of re-organisation & re-fitting commenced. Draft of 109 men 2/57 th Reinforcements joined up.	<u>amR</u>
"	22 nd		Training & Equipping. Specialists completed to strength.	
"	23 rd		Training of Reinforcements. Brigade Parade on Training Ground HALLOY 4 pm when Maj Gen Cox GOC SW. presented Honours & Reward Cards.	<u>amR</u>
"	24 th		Inspection of training. Demonstration of Attack Practice for officers. 10 am & demonstration to officers & news of use of aircraft flares at 4 pm.	<u>amR</u>
"	25 th		Training. Brigade Attack practice with aircraft 1 m N of HALLOY. Practice with flares. Draft of 26 men joined 7 pm hospital 19 1 st /57 th reinforcements.	<u>amR</u>
March to HERISSART	26 th		Marched at 9 am - with midday halt at Val de Maison for 2 hours - to HERISSART (8 1/2 miles) arriving at 2.45 pm. where went into billets.	<u>amR</u>

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51st Bn.
A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HERISSART (SOMME)	Aug. 27 th	1916.	Billed. Divine Services - 7 new commissions sanctioned & officers appointed to Companies. Dump at WARLOY allotted & dumping commenced.	
	28 th		Refitting & dumping continued - moved out at 9am to VADENCOURT wood. where the Bn remained in huts for the night 28-29 th .	AmB
VADENCOURT	30 th		Moved in Brigade & bivouacked at BRICK FIELDS - ALBERT - under tarpaulins - very wet weather.	
BRICK FIELDS	31 st		Another wet night's bivouac - Strength (fighting) of Bn 722 of all ranks - Mess lines - equipment etc brought up to complete.	
<p><u>Notes.</u></p> <p>Some of the important messages during the fighting 14th - 16th August are appended.</p>				App. In
				Am Rose to Col.

51ST BATTALION.

ALLOCATION OF BATTALION DETAILS.

(1) With Transport.

Transport.
 Q.M. and batman; butcher; 4 Coy Storemen.
 Armourer; shoemaker; Orderly-room Sgt and Clerk.
 Spare officers and batmen.
 Officers Mess Sergeant, cook and waiter.
 Postal staff.
 All cycles less 4. 2 cyclists.
 Light Duty-men. 1 Cook per Coy.
 1 C.S.M.

(2) Dump.

(a) Stragglers Patrol.	(R.S.M.	} Senior Major supervises both (2) and (3) and lives at either.
	(2 Scout-guides.	
also	R.Q.M.S., 4 cyclists 1 batman.	

(3) Cookers.

Sgt Cook and Cooks (less 1 per Coy)	}
4 C.Q.M.S.	
2 Scout-guides.	

11/8/1916.

Am Rose

Lieutenant-Colonel.
 O. C. 51st Battalion.

reference FERME DU MOUQUET 1/5000.

14-8-16

- (1) The 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade holds line R 35.c.26., R.34.b 24 R.34.a.96., R.34.a.38., R.33.b.55., R.33.a.81.. 12th. Aus. Inf. Bde. on our Right and 145th Brigade on our LEFT.
- (2) On the night of the 14th/15th. the Brigade will advance in a Northerly direction.
Objective 51st. Battalion. - R.28.C.95. -66-36-24-03-04-27d.24.-73 and back to 91 inclusive. A defensive flank will be thrown back from R.28.c.95 towards R.34.a 99.
Strong points will be established at R.28.c.95., R.27.d.73-91.
49th. Battalion will take over the line from R.34. b.24. to R.34.a.28 99. linking up with the 51st. Battalion.
Objective 13th. Battalion. - R.27.d.91. exclusive-R.33.b.48.-36 inclusive. A strong point will be established near R.33.b.48.
Objective 50th. Battalion. - R.33.b.36 exclusive in front of QUARRY to 33 a 81 inclusive and will make good the trench from point 81 to junction at R.33.c.69 placing stops in both trenches about 40 yards distant from junction.
- (3) 13th. Machine Gun Company will bring indirect fire to bear on selected areas in rear of objectives which will be arranged by O.C. Com.
- (4) 1 Company 4th. Pioneer Battalion will be available for work on communications R.34.a.34.-35-91-and R.34.a.65.-58-91. 4th. and 13th. Field Companies Engineers will open communications between R.33.d. 28. and QUARRY also between point R.33.d.99. and R.33.b.96.
- (5) O.C. 49th. Battalion will place one Company at disposal of O.C. 51st Battalion during these operations.
- (6) After Capture all ground gained will be consolidated and held with Lewis Guns as lightly as the situation demands.
- (7) The attack will be timed in accordance with Barrage Map attached Zero time will be 10 p.m. night 14th/15th August 1916.
During the last intense bombardment the first wave will move forward and rush the trenches as the barrage lifts.
watches will be synchronised with Brigade time which will be sent to Units.
- (8) Arrangements will be made by Battalions for flares to be shown in Front Lines at 7.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. 15th. inst, for liaison with 7th. Squadron R.F.C.

Acknowledge.

(signed) C.C. Ridley Major
Brigade Major, 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

CIRC. (a)
Memo (b)
130 (c)

51st. Battalion Operation Report August 13th-17th 1916.

Aug. 13th.

Acting on Orders the C.O. a small staff & B.&C. Coys left WIRE TRENCH at 6 p.m.. These two Companies were to relieve two Companies of the 13th. Battalion with a view to making preparations for an attack by the 51st. Battalion.

All Mapé
References
Ferme de
Mouquet
1/5000

B. Coy. took over the length of Trench B34 A 87 -A17, this Company during the night bombed towards R27 D91 and pushed Patrols out. Behind these a shallow starting parallel was dug on a rough line R28 B01 -34 A19.

C. Coy less 1 Platoon deepened the sap (Communication) running from 34 A91-34 A95. One Platoon covered the defensive flank from 34 B24-34 A95.

Acting on B.M. Order No 370 of the 13th a general close to the left 14th. was made by the 13th. Battalion, during the early morning of the 14th and the dispositions of the Battalion by 8 p.m. in the evening were as follows. The line was thinly held by Companies with two Platoons in the line and the remainder in dug-outs or saps. Order from Right to Left A.C.B. Companies. Between 6-8 p.m. A. Coy arrived and was moved up into line. In the meantime Brigade Operation Order No 8 had arrived and O.C. 49th Bn. whose Left was at about 34 B24 placed a Company at disposal. This Company was ordered to dig a protective Trench from B 24 A 98 and during the night completed this up to about B 15.

D. Company commenced to arrive at 8 p.m. and were compelled to occupy the communication and support saps. During the 13th & 14th there was intermittent hostile shelling being specially heavy on the support and 3rd Line Saps. Battalion Headquarters was at about 34 A 90 and in the same place as Headquarters 13 th. Battalion.

14th-15th.

Operations Night 14th-15th.

The objectives were as in para 2 of Brigade Operation Order attached. All orders were given verbally to Company and Detail Commander at Battalion Headquarters.

The attack was to be made mainly in two waves A.C.B. Companies from Right to Left each with 3 Platoons in leading wave and one Platoon Lewis Gun Details and Mopping up Parties in second wave. D. Coy was to follow in two waves, and to assist in holding and consolidating and opening backward communications. The Scout Platoon was to detail a party to form a strong point at 34 A99 and to make the starting parallel -One Headquarters Bomb Team was detailed to assist in bombing NE. from objective 28 A 95. Remainder plus 4 reserve Lewis Guns were in reserve. The deployment commenced at dusk 8-30 p.m. and the first wave was in position by 9-45 p.m. with 2nd wave ready to leave fire trench.

D. Company was ordered to occupy the old fire trench. Punctually to time the Battalion moved forward, after the intense barrage Four enemy Machine Guns were still firing at the time, the barrage apparently proving ineffective. Several portions of the line entered the enemy trenches but A. Company on the right were held up by Machine Gun fire. In the centre the Lewis Gunners and some of C.&B. Companies were able to dig in on a front of 300 yards (nearly) and at about 60 yards from the enemy trench. On the left B. Company entered the trenches but the rifle and machine gun fire proved very deadly and there was little chance of the line being held at daybreak -Accordingly O.C.B. Coy having lost touch with the 13th. Battalion, decided to retire. This exposed the whole line and a general retirement was ordered -Lack of support on the left and the weak numbers at the objective decided O.C.B. Coy, to come away. Several detachments however dug-in at various points and held on; these had to come away by daybreak on the morning of the 15th. The withdrawal was made without loss of Morale 7 prisoners were brought away -The following dispositions were then put into effect D. Coy and all Lewis Guns held on to the firing line and consolidated. C. Coy was placed in support A&B Coys were withdrawn into dug-outs. Our position was persistently shelled throughout the 15th. The line was very thinly held.

At 6a.m. orders were received for the 13th. Battalion to be relieved and the following dispositions were then made.

B. Coy was detailed to take over the frontage of 13th. Bn. from 34A17 to just South of 33B55. D. Coy held fast in the centre A. Coy took up the line on the right from 34B17-A98 C. Coy remained in

(2)

support. The line was again thinned and the relief of the 13th. Battn effected by noon.

Aug. 15th. During the day preparations were made to resist counter-attack. Our Lines were heavily shelled. At dusk patrols were sent out to look for wounded and to guide in men lying out all day. At 5 p.m. the Company 49th. Battn. lent to this Unit was returned and 2 Platoons of B. Company ordered to take over defence of right flank.

The night was uneventful with intermittent shelling. The enemy made much use of 10 lbs. bombs—Most of the casualties occurred in support lines and behind.

Aug. 16th. Orders being received from Brigade Headquarters the relief of the Battalion was carried out between 5 and 10 a.m. on the 16th. One Company 3rd Battalion relieved our A. Coy on the right, and this was followed by the relief of B and D Coys by two Companies of the 4th Battalion. Sector handed over was from 34 B 17 - 34 A 54. The method of relief was by thinning away each Coy until the firing line was held by one platoon only and machine-guns. The men left in twos and threes and assembled by platoons in WIRE TRENCH. Several wounded remaining in dug-outs were brought away by special parties of D and B Coys under very difficult conditions. The amount of fire-trench consolidates by the Battalion was 350 yards and communication trench 300 yards, besides some shorter saps and gun-pits. The casualties were -

Killed IN Action	1	Off	60	o/Ranks.
Wounded	5	"	190	"
Missing	1	"	45	"

(f) The approximate number of rounds fired by:-

Lewis Guns was 300
 Rifle Fire 200
 Number of Bombs used 1800.

(g) Supply of Rations, water etc. Suggestions.

- i This supply worked fairly well, but it was undesirable and often not possible for firing line Units to send back ration parties:- It is better to have outside fatigues accompanied by a representative from the firing line Battalion and a Guide.
- ii Evacuation of wounded from the front line presented great difficulties. Each Battalion should have at least double the quantity of Stretcher Bearers, and should take in a supply of reserve stretchers in case of emergencies.

iii Communications.

Communication by wire and signal from the front line are practically impossible. Running is the best method. The latter soon become exhausted and a large surplus should be trained. The pigeon service is efficient and reliable. I would suggest that the Engineers do more labelling of trenches and communications than they do—one cannot have too many signposts with the map reference on them.

Reliefs and Artillery Officers etc. frequently could not find their way through the approach trenches. Labelling would also facilitate lateral communication between Units.

The Aircraft Calls on the KLAXON horn were very distinct.

General.

(h) Tactical.

- i It is a gross mistake to keep on a series of small offensives without properly consolidating and fixing communicating trenches first. The upkeep of communication trenches requires much attention. There seemed a great lack of Pioneer Battalions and Engineers. Many lives are thrown away in approaching the firing line and to suffer casualties before going into action is very demoralising. Also Ration and water parties suffered severely and consequently had to drop much of their supplies. I did not see one single good communication trench within one mile of the firing line. Unless such trenches in the firing line are built, it is very difficult to deploy squarely and I consider that loss of direction in attack is only to be expected when troops have no time to cut saps & improve communications solidly before a further advance.
- ii I had no F.O.O. from the artillery with me either at ranging time or during the attack—although the objective for my Battalion was

- 600 yards long. I think that a F.O.O. is necessary for ranging purposes. He might be accompanied by the Bn Intelligence Officer.
- iii The synchronisation of watches before an attack requires a large margin of time in advance, as it has to be done by runners.
 - iv It is sound to keep a very thin firing line with a few Lewis Guns by day.
 - v Every officer should be supplied with an Electric Torch & Compass and a large percentage of stretcher-bearers with electric torches.
 - vi It is sound and quite easy to advance the firing line by means gradually of patrols & strong points put out at night.
 - vii Reliefs must arrive at the most suitable hours as suggested by the O.C. in the firing line and the outgoing troops should pass out by a different route invariably to the incoming troops.
 - viii Air Photos taken the day previously should always be sent at once to the Battalion Commander.
 - ix I would suggest that where different units adjoin in an attack there should be an overlap and intermixture of the men by at least 1 Platoon frontage, so as to reduce chances of losing touch to the minimum.
 - x High casualties must be expected if troops are ordered to hold or fight on in a salient, without perfect communication trenches.
 - xi The bandoliers are much more practical for modern trench fighting than the web equipment-when once the troops are in the firing line

Am. P. R. W.

Lieutenant-Colonel.
O.C. 51st. Battalion.

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To.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....
By.....					
TO { 51st Bn					
13th "					
50 "					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month		In reply to Number	
* Bm. 370		13th		A A A	
<p>Following alterations to front held by Bns will be effected tonight under arrangements to be made between Officers Commanding concerned and completed by 7 am tomorrow 14th inst aaa 51st Bn will occupy R. 34. b. 24 to R. 34. a. 9. 6 1/2 to 38 to 17 exclusive aaa 13th Bn will occupy R. 34. a. 17 inclusive to R. 33. b. 55 inclusive aaa 50th Bn will occupy R. 33. b. 55 exclusive to R. 33. a. 81 inclusive aaa The dividing line between 51st and 13th Bns is R. 34. a. 17 to 35 to R. 34. c. 58 aaa Between 13th and 50th Bns R. 33. b. 55 to R. 33. d. 95. aaa Acknowledge.</p>					
From 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE					
Place					
Time 5.20 pm					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.					
(Z) Brigade Major 13th. Infantry Brigade					
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.					
* This line should be erased if not required.					
(4198) Wt. W14042-M44. 300000 Pads. 12/15. Sir J. C. & S.					

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TO					
51st Bn					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month		In reply to Number	
* B.M. 374		13th		A A A	
<p>Your Bn less 2 Companies will move to front line tonight and take over line R. 34. b. 24 to R. 34. a. 9. 6 1/2 to 38 to 17 exclusive from 13th Bn aaa All arrangements to be made with O/c 13th Bn direct. aaa Move to be completed by 7 am tomorrow 14th inst aaa Acknowledge</p>					
From 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE					
Place					
Time 5.45 pm					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.					
(Z) Major 13th. Infantry Brigade					
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.					
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(4198) Wt. W14242-M44. 800000 Pads. 12/15. Sir J. C. & S.					

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TO {			51st Bn.			
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		
* D.D. 1.48		14/8/16		DE A 6		
Extract from		orders		issued to me		
by		PRIZE AAA		beguns AAA ARMOUR		
will extend		to		R 34 a 99 ends		
AAA These		instructions are		as		
addition to		placing		a Coy		
at your		disposal		AAA Please		
let me		know		if you		
want the		Coy		for any		
other purpose		AAA		message		
from "my		A Coy "		to "91."		
not understood						
From		ARMOUR				
Place		5/55pm.				
Time						
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.				(Z) <i>James Forster</i>		
Censor. *				Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.		
* This line should be erased if not required.						
225,000. W 14042-M 44. H. W & V., Ltd. 12 15.						

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Sent			Date 15/8/16
At	m.		From 13 th 171 Bde
To			By J.W.
By			

TO 51st Bn

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* Bm 443	15 th		

you will be relieved early tomorrow morning by 4th Bn 1st A1 Brigade 1717 details will be arranged by C O^s concerned 1717 after reliefe you will move direct to brickfield 1717 acknowledge AAA Address 51st Bn repeated 1st Australian Inf Bde

From	13 th 171 Bde
Place	
Time	8.15 PM

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TO 51st B.N.					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month		In reply to Number	
* BM447		15TH		AAA	
Reference relief tomorrow AAA One company 3RD Battalion should arrive about 2 a.m. to take over line R 34 a 99 to R 34 a 38 AAA Two companies 4th Bn. should arrive about 6 a.m. to take over line R 34 a 38 to near R 33 b 55.					
From 13TH AUS. INF. BDE					
Place					
Time 11:40 p.m.					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.					
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Above message in
 hand writing of Lt. S.A.
 Higham 51st Bn. (then Lieut. Sgt.)
 subsequently wounded Villers-Bretonneux
 24/5/18 & died of wounds
 subsequently
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TO { 13 th Aust Inf Bde					
Sender's Number		Day of Month		In reply to Number	
* DEA 24		15 th		DM 436 AAA	
<p>The intense barrage was of only 5 minutes duration AAA The objective is in some places nearly 300 yards from my starting parallel & for such a distance I suggest that a prolonged bombardment of say 20 minutes is necessary AAA The deployment start were made in good order but 2 Bns had to use <u>one</u> communication sep. AAA The barrage especially of heavier metal appeared to be over as the enemy machine guns fired <u>throughout</u> latter are posted in some cases in T head forward AAA Moreover the barrage kept apparently on an eastward line along R 28 Ags - B. 57 - P. 88 rather than curving back from 95 to 28 B 56 but flank being uphill from me & machine guns swept me from there AAA even then one Coy reached about 28 A 24 & took prisoners AAA I had no artillery officer with me though good observation is possible but he may have been elsewhere AAA speaking generally the barrage seemed to be OVER though I hate blaming artillery</p>					
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Place					
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TO { 4 th Bn					
Sender's Number		Day of Month		In reply to Number	
* SEA 29		16 th		AAA	
<p>Your two companies and details ordered to relieve this Bn today with the met a guided up from Bode Hogs at 5 am tomorrow AM they should pass your Hogs about 6.30 am & come on at wide intervals in platoons at most with a few connecting files AM I will commence filling away by another route (CENTRE WAY) at 6 am but will have to line thinly held & with least Guns in last AM This will enable you to pass them along freely AM the first Companies to arrive will be directed to join up with your present right (old 50th Bn) AM I will report the take over & when I personally am leaving as I presume your Hogs will be where you are AM Please say if this arrangement will not suit</p>					
From		51 st Div. 1.20 am.			
Place					
Time					
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.				(Z) Am Ron & Col.	
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DEA			16 th					
<p>Having been handed over the major portion of the garrison I am now going out myself. I have had orders to take out all Lewis Guns. These are coming away now. It is last details. I shall not actually leave until I am satisfied that arrangements made by me to clear my wounded are effective. 15th which I have arranged to be evacuated so that they shall not be in your hands. I have seen your Major in charge. I told him what I could.</p>								
From								
Place 51 st BN 8 am.								
Time								
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.					(Z) Am R. M. L.			
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			By _____			(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By _____
TO { ALL COYS -						
* Sender's Number <u>500 30</u>		Day of Month <u>16th</u>		In reply to Number _____		AAA
<p>Relief of the 7th is to be carried out today by two companies 4th BN 1st and 2nd Companies arriving about 7 am. Relief Coy will take over from 2nd Coy from A.C. Coy which will be the order of relief. 2nd Coy will then be sent at daybreak of A.C. to be sent that all hope one hope the for this purpose 2nd D.A. to then out into at daybreak sending the men out in groups of 4-6 men fully equipped with etc etc all 2nd Coy are to remain till last a small release by order 2nd Coy makes are to be carefully instructed to file out past BN HQ 2nd at 11 am a down Centre way a side the way we came in 2nd 2nd makes the approach through to the far end of WIRE TRENCH where platoons will assemble a then go straight on to the 2nd trench etc</p>						
From <u>BRICK FIELDS 1st</u>		In case of distress				
Place <u>wherey shelling movement is held up</u>						
Time <u>of an hour accordingly on</u>		of B.C. to pick up touch				
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)						
General note line is left to move all replaced by 4th BN						
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PC A Po

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AAA

Commanded order to B Po 3rd Bn are to take
over now from A Po 51st Bn &
2 Coy 4th Bn are to take over from
D B AAA A Co now forms out
from the B D C. AAA

New order of relief A B D C.

At A Co to inform B D.

A Co to file as fully equipped strength
away

From

Place

Time

51st Bn 330 am

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(Z)

GMR

Censor.

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