

WAR DIARY

42nd Canadian Battalion 3rd Cdn. Division,
from 1st to 31st January, 1918.

Volume 28.

Diary Text

5 Pages.

Appendix A.

Operation Order No. 157 dated the 3rd January
Instructions for relief of 42nd Bn. by 49th
Bn. on the night 4th/5th January.

Operation Order No. 158 dated the 9th January
Instructions for inter-Bde relief on night
11th/12th January, 42nd Bn. will relieve 49th.

Operation Order No. 159 dated the 15th January,
Instructions for relief of 42nd Bn. by 49th Bn.
on 16th/17th January.

Operation Order No. 160 dated the 18th January,
Instructions for ~~relief~~ relief of 42nd Bn. by
~~the~~ 87th Bn. on the 19th and 20th January.

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendix
	<u>JANUARY 1st. 1918</u>	4th	<p>Battalion remained in the line during which time nothing of particular interest occurred. An active programme of work providing accommodation in QW and ALARM Trenches, dugout work and wiring was carried on.</p> <p>On the night of the 1st/2nd an inter-company relief took place "B" Coy., in support relieving "D" Coy., on the left front, and "A" Coy., in Reserve relieving "C" Company on the right front.</p>	
	<u>JANUARY 1st. 18</u>		<p>"B" and "C" Companies took up quarters previously occupied by their reliefs.</p> <p>Captain H. B. Macdougall, Regimental Paymaster, left the Battalion to proceed to England on special duty. He had been with the Battalion since its organization and had rendered most valuable services at all times, not only in his own department but in many other spheres. His departure, which it is understood is for the purpose of proceeding on duty to the United States of America, was much regretted by all ranks of the Battalion.</p>	LWA ASB
	<u>JANUARY 4/5th</u>		<p>Lieut. C. W. Hilsley reported and was posted to "A" Company.</p> <p>The Battalion was relieved in the line by the 49th Canadian Bn. E.R. and on completion of relief moved into Divisional Reserve, SOUCHEZ, taking over accommodation vacated by the P.P. C.L.I.</p> <p>The Battalion moved out of the line by train entraining at RED MILL - M. 28. a. 2.4. and detraining at LENS JUNCTION near SOUCHEZ. A number of the platoons, however, which were relieved early were given permission to proceed out on foot, which they did.</p> <p>Total Casualties for the tour were :- Lieut. A. E. Worley. Accid. Inj. and 1 O.R. slightly wounded.</p>	
			<p>Accommodation at SOUCHEZ CAMP was not of the best, consisting of a few MISSEN HUTS and a large number of small corrugated iron huts, holding twelve men each. All the huts were in a bad state of repair and many were without stoves.</p> <p>During its occupation of this area active steps were taken by the Battalion to improve the Camp and considerable improvement was under way by the time the Battalion moved out.</p> <p>During the stay of the Battalion at SOUCHEZ CAMP extensive general training could not be carried out owing to the unsuitable nature of the ground, the cold, and the various deficiency parades, etc., were required to be held. Deficiency inspection and parades, bath parades, parades to Gas School and inspection by the Armourer Sergt., were carried out as well as route marches. P.T. B.T. etc.,</p>	LWA
			<p>During the stay at SOUCHEZ a beer canteen was opened and proved a great success.</p>	
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~~INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS~~

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	<u>JANUARY 6/7/8th. 1918.</u>		<p>The Xmas and New Years Dinners for the Officers, N. C. O.s, and men which had been postponed on account of the move into the line just previous to Christmas were held while in SOUCHEZ CAMP.</p> <p>Dinners were given to the four Companies, two at a time in large marquee tents provided by the Y. M. C. A. Two Companies in the morning of the 6th and two in the afternoon. No. 4, at noon on the 7th.</p> <p>The Officer's dinner was held in a Messen Hut on the evening of the 7th. About forty sat down to dinner including the following guests:-</p> <p>Major. W. Leggett. M. C. " Basil Wadd. M. C. Capt. Lennox Black. M. C. " John McNaughton. M. C.</p>	
	<u>JANUARY 8TH 1918.</u>		<p>The dinner for the Transport and details at Transport Lines was held in a large estaminet at ROSSE 10 on January 8th.</p> <p>The following Decorations and Honours appeared in orders.</p> <p><u>DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.</u> Major Royal Lindsay Hamilton Eding. M. C.</p> <p><u>THE MILITARY CROSS.</u> Capt. Eric Barret Finley. <u>first</u> Lennox Black. (att. T.M. Battery).</p> <p>Lieut. Lorne Othbert Montgomery. <u>DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.</u> 419658 Corp'l (A/Sgt.) Bullock. (att. T.M. Battery).</p> <p><u>MENTIONED IN DESPatches.</u> Lieut. Col. R. McLennan. R. S. O. Major. W. Bovey. " Stanley Counter Norworthy, DSO. M. C. " Royal Lindsay Hamilton Eding. DSO. M. C. " Hugh Crawford Walker. Capt. Edson Raymond Pease. DSO. " (A/Maj/ Charles Beresford Topp. " Donald Alexander Bethune. Lieut. Charles Burnaby Tinning (Died of wounds.)</p>	<p>1918</p> <p>1918</p>

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			<p>in the right front. "B" Coy., from left support relieving "D" Coy., in the left front. "C" Coy., however left one platoon in the right front to replace a platoon of "A" Coy., which was absent on the "M" Course of instruction at FERFAY.</p> <p>The Battalion was relieved by the 49th Cdn Bn E. R. and on completion of relief moved into Brigade Support, LIEVIN.</p> <p>BATTALION HEADQUARTERS at M. 33. a. 30. 36 "A" COMPANY. M. 28. b. 30. 95 "B" " M. 22. d. 80. 25 "C" " M. 22. d. 95. 25</p> <p>The platoons were quartered in cellars in close vicinity to Coy. H. Q. "D" Coy., H. Q. and one platoon in cellars at M. 23. b. 8. 0. one platoon at M. 30. a. 7. 4. One Platoon in CRAZY REDOUBT and one in GRONY CROOK REDOUBT.</p> <p>"D" Coy., was located on the above lines to comply with the Brigade Defence Scheme, orders having been issued that in case of attack, platoons at M. 23. b. 8. 0. would man CAVALRY Trench for about 75 yards on the LIEVIN ROAD, and the platoon at A. 7. 4. was to take up a position just East of the railway cutting at M. 24. a. 9. 5. and extend for about 75 yards on each side of the MILL HILL ROAD. The platoons in CRAZY REDOUBT and GRONY CROOK REDOUBT to man these strong points.</p> <p>During the tour in Brigade Support one Company, namely "C" Coy., was detailed for work with 7th Field Coy., Q. E. and supplied two parties of 1 Officer and 45 O. R. each nightly. Their work consisted of carrying wire, engineering material, etc., up to the front line. In addition to this 1 N. C. O. and 36 O. R. were detailed to man Brigade Posts, such as Gas Guard, Bath Fatigues, Drying Room, Gun Boot Stores, etc. A party of from 15 to 25 was detailed each night for burying cable under the Brigade Signal Officer. Two parties of from 75 to 100 each were detailed each night for work in cleaning CHOODLE TRENCH and wiring it.</p> <p>The Battalion was relieved in Brigade Support, LIEVIN by 87th Cdn Inf. Bn. On completion of relief the Battalion moved by route march to FOSSE D where it was quartered in billets. Train accommodation at 8. 30 and 9. 30 p.m. had been provided to carry the personnel of the Battalion but it was decided not to make use of this accommodation, a measure which proved advantageous in view of the fact that the relief was completed before 8 o'clock and the Coys., arrived at FOSSE D by route march sooner than they would have by rail.</p> <p>Casualties during the tour were as follows:-</p> <p>Lieut. A. B. Proven. Accidentally wounded. P. O. R. Wounded.</p>	<p>K514</p> <p>K514</p> <p>K514</p>
	JANUARY 16/17th. 16.			
	JANUARY 19/20th.			

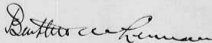
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	<u>JANUARY 20th, 18.</u>		Battalion stayed in billets in FOSSE D from the night 19/20th to the morning of the 21st. The Battalion and 1st Line Transport moved by Route March from FOSSE D to NOEUX LES MINES where it occupied billets.	LKA LKA
	<u>JANUARY 20th, 18</u>		Capt. C. W. Hale M. C. reported for duty in relief of Capt. C. G. Mills, who proceeded to report to No. 3 Cdn. C. C. S.	
	<u>JANUARY 21st./31st</u>		Battalion remained in Army Reserve at NOEUX LES MINES during this period working parties were carried out on the Army Reserve Line by six working parties of fifty each working on various days. General training was also carried on including Squad Drill, Close Order, Preliminary, Musketry, P. T. B. T. practice in new platoon formation, extended order. Working on the Sniping Range was carried out by the Snipers and Lewis Gun firing was carried out on the Rifle Range. Football and Baseball competitions were held. During the stay in NOEUX LES MINES the 13th Battalion was quartered close by in BRACQUEMONT. This was the first occasion on which the two sister Battalions had been so close to one another for any length of time. Full advantage was taken of the opportunity which was much appreciated and games of football and baseball were played by the two Battalions and frequent visits exchanged.	LKA LKA
	<u>JANUARY 28th 18.</u>		Lieut. Gwing. T. reported to the Battalion and was posted to "B" Coy.	
			 Lieut. Colonel. Comd., 42nd Canadian Battalion, R. H. C	

by
Lieut. Col. B. McLennan, D.S.O.
Comd., 42nd Canadian Batta.
Royal Highlanders of Canada.

Map Ref. 36. c. S. W. 1.

JANUARY 3rd 1916 .

1. INFORMATION. The 4th Cdn. Batta., E.R. from Brigade Support, LIEVIN, will relieve the 42nd Cdn. Batta. R.H.C. in the front line, left sub-section. On completion of relief the 42nd Cdn. Bn. REC will move into Divisional Reserve, SOUCHEZ, and take over Camp vacated by P.P.C.L.I.
2. INTENTION. The Battalion will be relieved in the front line, left sub-section on the night of 4/5th Jan., 16 by the 4th Cdn. Bn., E.R. and proceed to Divisional Reserve, SOUCHEZ.
3. TRAIN. The Batta., will entrain at RED HILL - N. 22. a. s. 4; LIEVIN at 9.30 p.m. Platoons which are relieved early may proceed by road to SOUCHEZ. For this purpose the Battalion Scouts will be posted at principal points on the road to direct troops.
4. GUIDES.

I. The 4th Batta., E.R. will not require Guides to the line, but front line companies will have guides in the trenches opposite each out post in readiness to take out outpost reliefs.

OUT. The Battalion ~~will~~ Scout Section will post guides as directed in Para. 3. Asst/Adjt., rear will arrange that necessary guides are posted on the road and to meet the train to lead Coys., to their respective billets in the Camp.
5. SIGNALS. Relief of Signallers will be under arrangements between S.O.'s concerned. Signallers will go out with their Coys.
6. LEWIS GUN RISER. 10 discs per gun will be turned over to the advance party of the relieving Batta., and receipt obtained. Coys., will arrange to send down during the afternoon necessary men to take over an equal number from the relieving Batta. Same should be stacked at RED HILL siding under guard.
7. WATER TINS. Water Tins, less those taken over as Trench Stores will be taken out by all Companies and Sq., except right front line "A" Coy., who will turn theirs over to the relieving Company on receipt.
8. TRANSPORT. 4 Limbers will report at 4 p.m. at RED HILL siding to take Lewis Guns and Officers Baggage.
9. OFFICERS BAGGAGE, ETC. Will be taken to RED HILL Siding before 4 p.m. and a guard posted over same, who will be responsible for their loading.
10. LEWIS GUNS. Lewis Guns of such platoons as may proceed by road will be taken to RED HILL Siding and guard posted over same who will be responsible for their loading.
11. SANITATION, ETC. Company Commanders, etc., will be responsible that the trenches, dugouts, latrines, etc., are turned over in good order.
12. TRENCH STORES. Receipts for trench stores will be obtained and forwarded to Orderly Room before 12.00 noon on the 5th.
13. REPORTS. On completion of relief Companies will report immediately by wire using the code phrase "Your O.O. 107 received at....."

Copy No. 1. 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde.
2 42nd Cdn. Batta. ER.
3 C.O.
4 O.C. "A" Coy.
5 O.C. "B" "
6 O.C. "C" "
7 O.C. "D" "
8 O.C. "E" "
9 B.O., S.O., I.O.
10 M.O.
11.12.13. War Diary.
14 T.O.
15 File Copy.

R.L.H. EWING.
Major/Adjt.

by
 Lieut. Col. D. McGowan, R.S.O.
 Cdn. 29th Canadian Battalion,
 5th Royal Highlanders of Canada.

MAP REF. / 3628.W. 1.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 1943

1 INFORMATION

There will be an inter-Brigade relief on the night of the 10th/11th January, 1943.

2 INTENTION

29th Canadian Battalion, R.S.O. will move from Brigade Reserve TOUCHEE and will relieve the 29th Canadian Battalion, E.R. in the front line, left sub-section LENS.

3 DISPOSITIONS

C COY. - Right Front
 D " - Left Front
 A " - Right Support (1 Platoon in AOMITE
 (3 " in ALAB)
 B " - Left Support 1 Platoon in VULET
 2 " CW
 1 Platoon and Coy. HQ. in
 CITE ST. THEODORE.

The Platoon of B Company in VULET will be tactically under D Company.

4 ROUTE

The Battalion will be transported from LENS Junction to NEPOC Corner by Light Railway. Thence by march to positions.

CHOCOMILE Trench will be used by both Right and Left Front Companies.

5 TIME

Battalion will entrain at about 1 p.m. 10th Jan., 1943, exact hour to be notified later.

6 ADVANCE PARTY

Advance Party of 1 Officer and 3 O.R. per front line Company, and 1 Officer and 1 O.R. per each remaining Company and Headquarters will proceed to the line, leaving at 1 p.m., 10th instant, under Company arrangements.

7 GUIDES

(a) Advance Parties of the front line Companies will arrange with the front line Companies of the 29th Cdn. Battalion E.R. to have guides placed in the trench opposite each outpost in readiness to lead out each outpost relief.

(b) C Company's Advance Party will furnish guides at the junction of CHOCOMILE and VULET Trenches to lead in their Platoons.

(c) A Company will furnish the guides for the H.Q. of B Company and platoon proceeding to Cite St. Theodore. These guides will report to B Company before entrainment.

8 RATIONS

Rations will come up to TOUCHEE Camp on the morning of the 10th and will be carried into the line on the men.

9 WATER & FUEL

Water tins and fuel will be brought up by limber to CHOW Dump. 1 N.C.O. and 5 O.R. per Company and Headquarters will be told off to be placed in the first truck of the first train and to proceed to CHOW Dump. These parties will distribute water and fuel to the Companies as the latter come in.

10 LEADS GUNS

Leads Guns and 1 leaded disc per Gun will be carried in by Companies. 16 leaded discs per gun will be handed over to the 29th Battalion, E.R. Advance Party, and a similar number taken over from the 29th Battalion on reaching the line. The Advance Party will arrange with 29th Cdn. Battalion, E.R. accordingly.

- 11
SIGNALS Signals will relieve under arrangements by the S.O.s concerned
- 12
OFFICERS' BAGGAGE (a) Officers' baggage, Orderly Room Boxes, etc. intended for the line will be stacked outside Orderly Room and Company H. Q. respectively by 2.30 pm. and will be carried up & by limber to CDV Dump.
 (b) Mess packs - containing Bakford and one blanket will be piled opposite Company H. Q. and H. Q. Stores respectively by 9.30 ~~xxx~~ a.m.
 (c) Officers' surplus kits, Orderly Room Boxes, Mess Boxes etc. intended for the Transport Lines will be stacked in separate piles at the same places by ~~2.30 p.m.~~ as in (b) by 12 noon.
 A copy of Trench Stores taken over will be forwarded to the Battalion H. Q. not later than 8. am, 11th instant.
- 13
TRENCH STORES Completion of rations will be reported by phone using the code message "Your O.O. 158 received at " and will be confirmed by runner.
- 14
REPORTS
- 15
BN. HEADQUARTERS Battalion H. Q. will be at CDV Trench N. B. 480, 30.
- 16
BILLETS Billets in COUCHEZ Camp will be inspected under Company arrangements.

C. G. HEWARD,

Lieut. Col. Adjutant.

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	2	19th Cln. Batta. E. R.	12	"O.
	3	G.O.	13	"O.
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	5	O. C. B "	17	File.
	6	O. C. C "		
	7	O. C. D "		
	8	Bombing Off.		
	9	Scout Officer		
	10	Intelligence Off.		

By

Major, R. L. H. EWING, D.S.O., M.C.
Comdg., 49th Canadian Battalion,
Royal Highlanders of Canada.

Ref Map Sheet 36. c. 9. W. 1.

JANUARY 15th 18.

- 1. INFORMATION.** Battalion reliefs will take place on the 16/17th inst., as follows:-
P.P.C.L.I. from Brigade Support, LIEVIN, will relieve R.C.R. in the front line right sub-section, LENS.
49th Canadian Battalion E.R. from Divisional Reserve, SOUCHEZ, will relieve 49th Canadian Battalion, R.H.C. in the front line, left sub-section.
- 2. INTENTION.** 49th Canadian Battalion, R.H.C. in front line left sub-section will be relieved by the 49th Canadian Battalion, E.R.
On completion of relief the 49th Canadian Battalion, will move into quarters occupied by it during its previous tour in support, except that "D" Coy., will place 2 platoons in CROMY & CRAZY Redoubts.
- 3. SIGNALS.** Will be relieved under arrangements to be made between S.O.'s concerned. Company Signallers will go out with their companies.
- 4. GUIDES.** Guides will not be required by incoming Battalion, but front line companies will arrange to place guides in the trenches opposite each post to conduct the reliefs to the posts.
- 5. ROUTE.** Via CROCODILE C.T. or overland.
- 6. ADVANCE PARTIES.** Will proceed during afternoon of the 16th January to take over area in Bde. Support vacated by P.P.C.L.I.
- 7. RATIONS.** Will be dumped on the night of the 16th at NAPOO CORNER, and a guard from advance party placed over same. They will be drawn under company arrangements.
- 8. L.G. DISCS & CARRIERS.** Coys., will turn over 16 loaded discs (with carriers) per gun to relieving companies, except "A" Coy., which will turn these over less carriers for 16 discs.
Advance parties will take over from 49th Bn., corresponding number of loaded discs and carriers. Receipts will be given.
- 9. WATER TINS** Water Tins less Trench Stores will be carried out by all companies except "A" Coy.
- 10. TRENCH STORES.** Receipts for trench stores with separate receipt for Brigade Trench Stores handed over will be turned by Companies and B.S.M. into BN., Hq., at 10 a.m. 17th inst.
- 11. REPORTS.** Relief complete. "FANNY"
Move complete. "ADAMS"
- C.G. HEWARD.
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|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Hq., 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde. | 10. S.O. B.O. Sig.O. | Lieut. Act/Adjt. |
| 2. Hq., 9th Cdn. Inf. Bde. | 11. Q.M. | |
| 3. O.C. 49th Cdn. Inf. Bn. | 12. 13. 14. WAR DIARY. | |
| 4. Comdg. Officer. | 15. FILE. | |
| 5. Adjt. | 16. B.S.M. | |
| 6. O.C. "A" Coy. | | |
| 7. O.C. "B" " | | |
| 8. O.C. "C" " | | |
| 9. O.C. "D" " | | |

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Jan. 16th. 18.

O.C. "D" COY.
COPIES TO O.C. A.H.C. DOYS. B.S.M.
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Reference to Bn.O.O.159. Para.3. sub-para 2
On completion of relief "D" Coy., will move into the following
quarters.

- Coy., Hq., and 1 Platoon at cellars at M.23.b.8.0.
- 1 Platoon cellars at M.30.a.7.4.
- 1 Platoon CRAZY REDOUBT.
- 1 Platoon CRONY CROOKREDOUBT.

Please arrange to scout routes to these quarters
to-morrow and have an Officer call on company commander of P.P.G.L.I.
at present occupying above quarters.

Lieut. Act/Adjt.

SECRET

OPERATION ORDER NO. 100

by
Lieut. Col. R. HOLMES, R.C.O.
Comdg., 4th Canadian Bn.
Royal Highlanders of Canada.

Ref. Mass. 350. 30. 20. R.S.W. 1. JANUARY 1942, 1918.

1. INFORMATION. The 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde., will be relieved in the LESS SECTOR by the 11th Cdn. Inf. Bde. Relief to be complete by 8 a.m. 31st January.
 2. INSTRUCTION. The 4th Canadian Battalion R.C.O. will be relieved in Bde., Support, DEWIS, by 8th Cdn. Inf. Bn., on the night 19/30th January.
 3. ORDER OF RELIEF. Upon completion of relief companies will move off independently in the direction of RED HILL SIDING. Intervals of 100 yards will between platoons will be maintained.
 4. SIGNALS. Signals will be relieved under arrangements to be made with R.C.O.'s concerned, but company signallers will go out with their companies.
 5. ADVANCE PARTIES. Advance parties of 10 C.R. per company and R.C.O. per Headquarters will proceed under Company arrangements at 18 Noon by route march to POSSE 10 and will report to the C.M.
 6. RECEIPTS. Receipts will be taken from incoming Battalion for all trench stores in Company Areas and will be handed into Orderly Room by 8 a.m. 30th January.
 7. MOVIE. The Battalion upon completion of relief will move from RED HILL SIDING to ALEX BOSLETTE by Light Railway and thence to POSSE 10 by Route March.
 8. TRAILS. Trails will be available at RED HILL SIDING at 8.30 and 9.30 a.m. each accommodating 300.
 9. BLANKETS. 1 Blanket per man will be carried handcarried on the men. Remaining blankets will be tied in bundles of 10 clearly labeled and stiled by Coy., at NAPOO CORNER by 4 p.m. and a guard placed over same. They will be carried to POSSE 10 by limber.
 9. LOUIS GUNS. Louis Guns, discs & carriers will be carried to POSSE 10 by limber and will be piled at NAPOO CORNER by 4 p.m. on the 18th inst. An R.C.O., from "A" Coy., will superintend loading on the limbers.
 10. OFFICERS KITS ETC. Officers kits, Orderly Room boxes, Mess boxes, etc., and all water tins, will be carried to POSSE 10 by limber and will be piled at NAPOO CORNER by 4 p.m. January 18th.
 11. BILLETTS. will be inspected under company arrangements.
 12. GUINNS. The Assistant Adjutant rear will post guides at convenient points on the BETHUNE - ARNAS Road to guide platoons and Hqs. to their respective billette.
 13. REPORTS. Relief complete "DOB" at.....p.m. by wire to Orderly Room and confirmed by runner. Move complete, in clear by runner to Batt. C.R. POSSE 40.
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14. INSTRUCTION. The Battalion with first line transport, including Field Kitchens will move on January 21st from POSSE 10 to CHICK LEE HING, where it will occupy billette.
 15. MOVIE. Heavy marching order, including two blankets - details to be notified later.
 16. MOVIE. 81st JANUARY. REVELLE 6.30 a.m.
DUNSAFFRAE 7.00 a.m.
 17. TANTING POLY. ORDER 36. b. S.E. R.S.C. 1.0. --
 18. MARCH. on BETHUNE ROAD with head of column opposite starting point at 8.30 a.m. 21st inst.
 19. LINE. Head of column will pass starting point at 8.00 a.m. January 21st.
 20. ORDER OF MARCH. HEADQUARTERS. A.S.C.B. COYS. TRANSPORT.
Pipers will report to their coys. P.T.O.

- 41. ROUTE. Via BRACQUENONT.
- 42. MARCH
MARCHING. Intervals of 200 yards between Companies and between "D" Coy., and Transport will be maintained.
- 43. MARCHING
OUT STATE. Marching out state will be headed into Orderly Room by 8 a.m. 21st January.
- 44. FIELD
KITCHENS. Teams for Field Kitchens will report at 8 a.m.
- 45. OFFICERS BED
ROLLS, KITS
MESS BOXES, etc. Officers Bed Rolls, Kits, Mess boxes, Orderly Room boxes, etc., will be carried by 1st line Transport and will be piled outside Battalion and Coy. Hq., at 8 a.m. 21st inst. Band a guard placed over same.
- 46. RELEASE. Tickets in FORCE 10 will be issued under company arrangements and the usual acquittance certificates will be forwarded to Orderly Room by 8 p.m. January 20th.

C.G. HENARD.

Ident. Act/Adjt.

- Sq., 9th Cdn Inf. Bde.
- 9th Cdn Inf. Bn.
- C.O.
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re move of 42nd Battalion from NOEUX LES MINES
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FEBRUARY	1st - 21st.		<p>The Battalion remained in Army Reserve at NOEUX LES MINES. During this period working parties were carried out on the Army Reserve Line by 2 parties of 50 each, working on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays of each week.</p> <p>General training was also carried on including Squad Drill, Close Order, Preliminary Musketry, P.T., practice in New Platoon Formation, Extended Order, and tactical schemes in conjunction with the use of smoke. Work on the Sniping Range was carried out by the Snipers and Lewis Gun firing was practised on the Rifle Range.</p> <p>Football Matches were played with various Batteries in the vicinity, also a return game with the 15th Canadian Battalion.</p> <p>21 Officers, 7 N.C.Os. and all the Scouts of the Battalion with the exception of one made a reconnaissance of the ST. EMILE and HILL 70 Sections. In addition a few of the Company Officers and N.C.Os. were conveyed by bus in order to look over the AVION and MERICOURT Section.</p>	A
FEB.	1st.		<p>Special Platoon from B Company proceeded to attend the "M" Course at Perfoy. At the inspection held at the end of the Course the platoon gained second place in the Brigade.</p>	B
	4th.		<p>Lieut. Molson, W., brother of Major H. Molson who was formerly Commander of B Company, joined the Battalion and was posted to B Company.</p>	C
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FEB.	6th		<p>Following Honours and Rewards were advised:</p> <p>RUSSIAN ORDER OF ST. ANNE, 2nd. Class with Swords Major E. C. Weyman BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE 478055 C. E. M. Page, J. RUSSIAN ORDER OF ST. GEORGE 415761 Pte. Waldvogel, J.</p>	A
FEB.	11th		<p>The G. O. C., 7th Canadian Inf. Brigade, made a very close inspection of the Battalion and saw the syllabus laid down for the day carried out. In his report he expressed satisfaction at the work performed by the Battalion paying special tribute to the turn out of the Transport and also to the good condition of the Field Kitchens.</p>	A
FEB.	13th		<p>A Concert was given to the Battalion in the Y.M.C.A. Hut, HERSIN, by the Dumbell Concert Party, 3rd. Canadian Division. The entertainment was extremely good but owing to the lack of accommodation it was impossible for the whole Battalion to be there.</p>	A
FEB.	16th		<p>Lieut. E. W. Auld proceeded to report to 3rd. Can. Div. Signals after having rendered invaluable services as Signalling Officer of the Battalion during the past sixteen months. Everyone regretted his departure.</p>	A
FEB.	17th		<p>Major G. G. D. Kilpatrick being temporarily at 3rd. Canadian Division H. Q., acting as Senior Chaplain, Major A. P. Shatford conducted the service which was held in the Y.M.C.A. Hut at 10.30 am.</p>	A

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	13th		the Y. M. C. A. Concert Party gave a performance of "The Private Secretary" in the Y. M. C. A. Hut, NOEUX LES MINES, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all ranks.	
	20th.		157 all ranks of B Company proceeded to Ferfay by lorry to attend "M" Course. It had been decided that better results were likely to be obtained by having the entire Company, and by calling for one Company from each Battalion in the Brigade it meant an entire Battalion practising together.	
	21st.		The Battalion received Orders to move by route march on this day from NOEUX LES MINES (Sheet 36b.) to RISPIN CAMP, VILLERS AU BOIS. Transport to move by road to lines at LA TARGEITE - F. 11b. & L (Sheet 51. a. M. E.) occupied by 31st. Battalion. The Battalion moved off at 10.30am. with intervals of 100 yards between Companies and between rear Company and Transport. A halt was made from 1. to 2pm. during which time men were served with hot tea from the cook kitchens. The Battalion reached RISPIN CAMP at 3.15 pm. The men were quartered in large French Huts while the Officers were in Nissen Huts. The quarters taken as a whole were comfortable.	
	22nd. - 23th.		The training during this period was similar to that carried on at NOEUX LES MINES. On two nights Companies practised patrol work. La Motte Range - F. 2. d. was allotted to the Battalion	

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23-25th Cont.			<p>for three days. During this period all Companies had an opportunity of firing. One day was allotted to Lewis Gunners. The Battalion played football matches with other Battalions in the Brigade also with the 31st Battalion at CHATEAU DE LA HAIE, and maintained an unbeaten record.</p>	A
			<p>Whilst the Battalion was in HISPIN CAMP it was decided that in view of the facilities being available to have a Battalion Officers' Mess. This gave the Officers an opportunity of coming in closer touch with one another.</p>	A
FEB. 22nd.			<p>Lieut. Col. B. McLennan, BSO, proceeded on 30 days leave to England, and Major R. L. H. KING, DSO, MC, assumed Command of the Battalion.</p>	A
25rd			<p>Major A.O. Meredith, 7th Cdn. Inf. Brigade, gave a lecture to the Officers and Sergeants of the Battalion on the subject of Information & Training.</p>	A
26th			<p>A team of eight Snipers proceeded by lorry to the Corps School at PERNES where a Brigade competition was held. The 42nd. Canadian Battalion won first place in Sniping with a score of 509 points out of a possible 832 (or 61%). In the observation test the 42nd. Battn. again came first with 65 points out of 100. In his report Major N. A. B. Armstrong, MC, wrote</p>	A
			<p>"The shooting of the 42nd. and 49th Cdn. Battalion teams was exceptionally good. It would be difficult to find another Bona Fide Sniping Section in the Canadian Corps that could beat these two teams."</p>	A

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 162.

by
Lt. Col. E. M. Deane M.B. & O.
Comdr., 4th Canadian Battalion.
Royal Highlanders of Canada.

WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 1945.

1. INFORMATION.

The 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group will move with Transport on the 21st inst., to VILLERS W BOIS-NEUVILLE ST. VAAST Area - Divisional Reserve.

2. INTENTION.

The 4th Canadian Battalion will move with Transport from WOUX LES MINES to NEUFIN CREP, VILLERS W BOIS by road on the 21st inst.

3. BU. ASSEMBLY POINT.

Battalion Parade ground.

4. ASSEMBLY HOUR.

Battalion will fall in, in mass formation, ready to move off at 10.15 a.m.

5. TRANSPORT.

Will be started with head at K. B. & W. 30 ready to move off at 10.30 a.m.

6. BDE. ST. VAAST POINT.

C.S.B. 5.0. NEUFIN, which point will be passed by Noon, via COMPIEGNY - GRAND SERVINS - to VILLERS W BOIS.

7. ROUTE.

8. MARCH DISCIPLINE.

100 yards interval between Coys., and between rear Coy., and Transport.

Halts will be made from 50 to 60 minutes after the hour and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Heavy Marching Order

9. DRESS.

10. BLANKETS.

C.S. Wagon will report to Coy., and Sn. Hq., at 8.00 a.m. to load blankets which are to be made up in rolls of 10.

11. RATIONS.

Unexpanded portion of the days rations will be carried on the men. Water Bottles will be filled.

Tea will be issued from the Field Kitchens from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

12. OFFICERS KITS, ETC.

Officers Kits, Mess Boxes, Orderly Room Boxes, etc., will be piled on the road side in front of Coy. H. C., and Sn. H. C., at 8.45 a.m.

13. PIPERS.

14. BILL ETC.

Pipers will report to their respective Coys., at 10.10 a.m. Company Commanders and B.S.M. will arrange to have billiard clear of men and ready for inspection by 9.00 a.m.

Clearance certificates will be sent to Orderly Room by 9.45 a.m.

15. MARCHING OUT STATE.

Will reach Orderly Room by 9 a.m.

L. M. KING.
Lieut. Act. Adjutant.

Copies to. Hq. 7th C.I. Bde.
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TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR
MOVE ON 21ST FEBRUARY 1918.

FOR VILLERS W BOIS.

Limbers.	2	Machine Guns of A. B. & C. Coys.
"	1	"A" Coys. Officers kits & mess utensils.
"	1	"B" " " " " " " " " " "
"	1	"C" " " " " " " " " " "
"	1	"B" Mess " " " " " " " " " "
"	1	Headquarter Officer's Kit.
"	1	Pipers' Kit.
	1	Headquarters Mess, cooking Utensils and Orderly Room Boxes.
Mess Cart.	1	Mess Boxes and Cooking Utensils H. Q. Mess.
M. O. Cart	1	Medical Supplies & Pharmacist Boxes.
G. S. Wagons	1	"A" Coys. Blankets.
	1	"B" " " " " " " " " " "
	1	"C" " " " " " " " " " "
	1	"HQ" " " " " " " " " " "

FOR TRANSPORT LINES

LIMBERS.	1	Transport Cooking Utensils and Trans. Stores.
"	2	Quartermasters Stores.

NOTES.

BLANKETS.

Blankets to be rolled in bundles of ten and piled at Coy., Store Rooms.

Blankets of H. Q. should be rolled by Units & clearly marked.

Wagons will report to Coys. at 9 a.m.

Coy. Commanders may put a bag with cups & so a parcel of sandwiches on Mess Cart or limber, but Mess Boxes must be taken on limbers supplied.

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Operation Order No. 166 dated the 11th March. Instructions for relief of 42nd Bn. by 49th Bn. on night 12th/13th March.

Operation Order No. 168 dated the 22nd March. Instructions re relief of Royal Cdn. Regt. by the 42nd Battalion on night 22nd and 23rd.

Operation Order No. 169 dated the 24th March. Instructions re relief of 42nd Bn. by 49th Bn. on the 24th/25th March.

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Report on minor operations carried out by 42nd Bn. raiding party on the 12th March.

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MARCH	1st		The Battalion proceeded by route march from VILLERS NU BOIS to NEUVILLE ST VAAST Area.	854
	1st-6th		During this period Battalion H. Q. and A. C. & D Companies were quartered in HILLS CAMP, NEUVILLE ST VAAST. Accommodation here was excellent, consisting of Nissen Huts in a good state of repair. B Company had two platoons at the Barrier on the LENS-ARRAS Road, and two platoons in VIMY VILLAGE. All four platoons were quartered in dugouts and cellars. During this tour all four Companies carried out working parties in front of the Ridge, working in conjunction with the 123rd. Pioneer Battalion.	854
	6th-7th		On the night 6th/7th, the 7th Cdn. Infantry Bde. relieved the 9th Canadian Inf. Bde. in the line, AVION Sector, and the Battalion relieved the 116th Cdn. Battalion in the front line left sub-section AVION. The disposition was as follows:- A Company.....Right Front C " Centre D "Left Front B "Support The frontage extended from the VIMY-AVION Railroad exclusive to the SOUCHEZ RIVER. The Support Company was quartered in Cellars in the Brewery in LA COULOTTE. Battn. H. Q. was in LA COULOTTE. The relief was completed without casualties at 11. pm. The 4th Cdn. Division was on our left and the R. C. R. on our Right. The character of the sub-section held by the Battalion was a curious one, as the right and centre Companies ran through AVION VILLAGE, but the left Company was in front of a large flooded area known as "The Lake" on the other side of which was a large railway embankment. The outpost line of the right and centre Companies was very complex, and the Left Company was remarkable for the distance for which several of the listening posts were pushed out from the front line; in one case nearly 300 yards. The listening posts were in all cases connected with the front line by pull wire. Constant patrolling was carried out during the night by all three Companies, and especially the Right and Centre Companies. The work of the patrols on the latter two Companies' fronts was very difficult owing to the fact that the ground, which was covered with a great quantity of debris, stones, timber, etc. from the ruined houses, made noiseless patrolling almost an impossibility. During the tour Lieut. H. B. Trout of A Company made frequent daylight reconnaissance of NO MANS LAND on the Company front with a view to ascertaining whether the enemy occupied the outpost line in advance of the embankment by day. On the second to last day of the tour, March 11th, Lieut. Trout, while making a daylight reconnaissance spotted an	

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MARCH	6th-7th.		enemy sentry in a suspected enemy post in SALINE Trench at N. 33 a. 37.70. Lieut. Trout was himself spotted by the sentry at the same time as he discovered the latter.	CSA.
	12th-13th		<p>As a result of this reconnaissance it was decided to carry out a daylight raid, at 9. am. March 12th, supported by Artillery and Trench Mortar barrage. The party consisted of Lt. H. B. Trout and 15 O.R. plus 2 Stretcher Bearers, including Sergt. Smith and Cmpl. Trowse of A Company. The raid was carried out exactly according to schedule and with the greatest dash by the whole party. Unfortunately on reaching the objective the post was found to be empty. The party threw stokes shells into an old cellar close by the post and part of the party bolted for the purpose moved down SALLOW Trench and located a night post at N. 33. a. 4.8. During the operation the party was sniped at from the rail way embankment, but no M.G. fire was directed towards them, and enemy's artillery retaliation was weak, consisting of Trench Mortars commencing 4 minutes after Zero, 77mm. fire commencing 7½ minutes after Zero, and 4.1s. commencing Zero plus 30. The party returned without casualties to our lines at 9.15 am.</p> <p>Detailed report of the raid is attached hereto.</p> <p>The following appeared in Battalion Orders in connection with the raid:-</p> <p><u>6193 CONGRATULATORY.</u></p> <p>The Commanding Officer wishes to express his appreciation of the excellent way in which Lieut. H. B. Trout and party carried out the raid on March 12th, which reflects the greatest credit on all those concerned.</p>	CSA.
	12th.		Lieut. L. H. Biggar, who had been wounded at PASSCHENDAELE, was taken on strength of the Battalion as Signalling Officer and proceeded to 1st. Army Signal School.	CSA.
	12th-13th.		<p>On the night March 12th/13th the Battalion was relieved in the front line by the 49th Canadian Battalion, E.R., and on completion of relief the Companies moved to the following quarters:-</p> <p>A COMPANY..... RED Trench from CLUGAS Trench to the left. B " in Cellars at LA COULOTTE BREWERY C " 3 Platoons in ANXIOUS Trench and 1 Platoon in DAWSON Trench. D " Cellars at LA COULOTTE BREWERY BN. H. Q. PIANO HIGOUTS - ANXIOUS TRENCH.</p> <p>During the relief a fairly heavy bombardment by gas shells was laid down by the enemy in the vicinity of Battalion H. Q., and the relief and move was somewhat delayed as a result. Fortunately no casualties resulted, although the concentration of gas was fairly heavy. The relief was completed at 20.15 hours, and the move by 12. midnight.</p>	CSA.

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MARCH	12th-13th		<p>"A" Company in RED Trench was placed at the disposal of the Area Commandant of the BOIS de l'HIRONDELLE Locality for the purpose of organization of the defences of the locality. The two Companies in the Brewery had battle positions assigned to them in ADEPT Trench. B Company being responsible for the southern extension of ADEPT Trench from its junction with ACTRESS to VIMY-AVION Railway, and thence along to junction of BEAVER inclusive. D Company had battle positions assigned to it in ADEPT from the junction with BALSAM inclusive to the left along ADEPT astride CLUCAS. The two platoons of B Company garrisoning the southern extension of ADEPT were instructed to take up quarters in the battle positions by the 15th March and in the meantime to "Stand To" night and morning in their battle positions. These orders were carried out but it required most energetic work on the part of the Company concerned to complete the erection of Beehive shelters in the trench sufficient to accommodate the whole of the garrison. During this tour in support A Company under the Area Commandant of the BOIS de l'HIRONDELLE Locality, and the other three Companies, besides working in their own areas, carrying rations etc., applied working parties to the 9th Field Company C.E. to the extent of 30 platoons nightly. The work carried on consisted of carrying up material, construction of dugouts, wiring, pushing material on the light rail way, trench wardens parties, trench improvement parties, construction of trench shelters etc.</p>	
	18th-19th		<p>The Battalion relieved the 49th Canadian Bn. E.R. in the line in the same sector as before.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">B Company on the right D " Centre C " Left A " Support</p>	25/14
	20th		<p>The relief was carried out without any unusual event and was complete at 9.15 pm. The 4th Canadian Division was on our left and the P.P.C.L.I. on our Right, the latter being relieved by the R.C.R. twenty-four hours later.</p> <p>While making his rounds of the posts by daylight Lieut. Scott of D Company spotted one of the enemy about 30 yards in front of one of our posts. Lieut. Scott fired three shots at him and two shots were fired at Lieut. Scott in return. The Hun, who was evidently part of a small daylight patrol, then disappeared.</p>	25/14
	22 ^d		<p>Lieut. H. L. Hoyle of C Company carried out a most daring patrol. At 9 am. he proceeded, accompanied by Sergt. Savage, to the waters edge by way of ELK Trench, taking off his equipment and tunic he waded in and when the water got deeper swam until he reached the CULVERT in embankment at N.26.b.60.45 where he remained listening to some of the enemy talking and then returned to the point at the waters edge where he had entered the lake. During this daring</p>	

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MARCH			<p>reconnaissance was covered by Sgt. Savage from the edge of the lake. Valuable information was obtained as the result of this patrol, the report of which is as follows:-</p> <p>(Arion Section) - 42nd Battalion: Daylight patrol: Morning being hazy patrol of Lieut. H. L. BOYLES and SGT. SAVAGE, C.B. left our lines at 9.30 am. at junction of COLUMBIA and ELEI HIPPOIT Trenches (N 26, a. 7.5.) and proceeded overland to water edge at N. 26, b. 55.40 Patrol then crossed water and entered culvert under railway embankment N. 26, b. 60.45. Voices of 2 Germans were heard talking on embankment around corner to left. Water about half way across on our side is shallow, thence on deep in spots, swimming for a few strokes being necessary. Considerable amount of tangled wire is in water on enemy side of channel and two strands of wire are strung along near side of embankment. Culvert is blocked at far side the obstruction projecting about a foot and a half above water level. Owing to shallowness of water on our side, and depth and wire on enemy side, it would be easier for enemy to cross than for us to send raiding party over. Patrol returned to our lines at 10.30 am.</p> <p>During the whole of this tour the Battalion carried out constant patrols at night also working parties, wiring the front line and improving their trenches. Support Company worked under the supervision of the 9th Field company on ADEPT, as well as carrying material to the front line and rations.</p>	
	24th/25th.		<p>The Battalion was relieved in the line by the 49th Cdn. Battalion, E.R., and on relief the Companies moved as follows:-</p> <p>A COMPANY..... ADEPT Trench from the right of the southern extension to junction with BEAVER.</p> <p>B COMPANY..... BOIS de l'HERONDELLE Locality, including DAWSON Trench.</p> <p>C COMPANY..... Cellars at LA COULOTTE, with battle positions in ADEPT Trench, from BALSAM to left extremity</p> <p>D COMPANY..... BOIS DE LA CHAUDIERE Locality.</p>	B/S/L
	25th.		<p>The relief was complete at 9.40 p.m. and the moves of all Companies at 10.40 p.m. The dispositions were changed by moving two platoons of B Company from BOIS DE L'HERONDELLE to SOURIS Rd., and placing them tactically under O.C. P.P.C.L.I.</p> <p>At 11.45 pm. the following wire was received from Brigade:-</p> <p>"Units will "Stand to" in readiness to move at one hours notice from 5.30 am. morning March 26th. Acknowledge by wire."</p> <p>All Companies and H.Q. accordingly "Stood To" at 5.30 am. in readiness to move. At 7.55am. on the 26th the following wire was received from Brigade "All Units may now "Stand down"</p>	B/S/L

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MARCH	26th/27th.		<p>The disposition was again changed by the 49th Cdn. Batta. E.R. moving its Company from Battalion Support to relieve four platoons of the P.P.C.L.I.</p> <p>C Company moved into the area vacated by the Company of the 49th Bn., placing two platoons in dugouts at LA COULOTTE on the right of the LENS-ARRAS Rd. B Company, including the two platoons in SOURIS Rd. moved into the area vacated by C Company at LA COULOTTE. On completion of these moves A.C. and B Companies had battle positions stretching from the junction of ACRESS and BETTY, along ACRESS up southern extension of ADEPT and along ADEPT to the left Divisional Boundary.</p> <p>A Company garrisoned its battle positions and C Company had two platoons garrisoning its battle positions. The remainder of C Company and the whole of B Company, who were in LA COULOTTE and on the right of the road, as above stated "stood to" in their battle positions.</p> <p>The numerous changes in the disposition carried out as above were made for the purpose of extending to the right the frontage held by the 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde., and consequently the frontage held by each of the front line Battalions of the Brigade.</p> <p>During the tour in Brigade Support D Company worked under the Area Commandant in BOIS de la CHAUDIERE, the remaining three Companies supplying working parties at night for the 9th Field Company C.E., wiring, carrying material, constructing dugouts, improving trenches etc., and in addition carried out work under Battalion and Company arrangements in their own Company Areas.</p> <p>Batta. H.Q., which under the Brigade Defence Scheme was responsible for the defence of IRISH Trench from Prescott Road left to 50 yards left of LUCAS Trench, wired this frontage, using small parties each night completing the three to four belts of wire already commenced across the whole frontage.</p> <p>At 6.30 am. on the 26th a wire was received from Brigade as follows:- "Following from TABBY "Stand To" Acknowledge." These orders were immediately forwarded to all Companies and Headquarters; Companies "Standing To" at once in their battle positions. The reason for the order was the enemy attack which was taking place to the south from OPPI to the SCARPE RIVER. The Artillery bombardment covering the attack was easily heard and in fact the Brigade Area was subjected to bombardment at the same time. Half-hourly reports were received from A Company and D Company on the situation, A Company's facilities for observation being especially good.</p> <p>VIMY Village and VIMY-AVION Railroad, and on occasions the BOIS DE LA CHAUDIERE Locality were subjected to fairly heavy bombardment. Vimy Village receiving special attention from the enemy heavies.</p>	<p>in A DEPT</p> <p>BSA.</p> <p>BSA.</p> <p>BSA.</p>
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MARCH	26th/27th		<p>Under instructions from Brigade, parties were detailed to man Battle Straggler positions, and all precautions were taken to meet an enemy attack.</p> <p>The weather turned cold and wet in the afternoon. All working parties were cancelled for the evening. At 6.05 pm. the following order was received from Brigade:-</p> <p>"Men may 'Stand To' in dugouts but must be able to turn out quickly. Battn. Commanders will be responsible that men can get into battle positions quickly"</p> <p>These orders were carried out.</p> <p>At 9.30 pm. orders were received from Brigade to "Stand Down"</p>	
	29th.		<p>Capt. J. D. Macleod, who was wounded at PASCHENDALE, returned to duty with the Battalion.</p> <p>Capt. R. P. Studd, MC, who had been in command of the 42nd. Company, 7th C.I.B. Training Battalion, C.C.R.C. since 1.1.18, returned to duty with the Battalion.</p>	65th
	30th.		<p>An inspiring message referring to the enemy offensive was received from the G.O.C., Canadian Corps. It read as follows:</p> <p>"In an endeavour to reach an immediate decision the enemy has gathered all his forces and struck a mighty blow at the British Army. Overwhelmed by sheer weight of numbers the British Divisions in the line between the SCARPE and the OISE have fallen back fighting hard, steady and undismayed.</p> <p>Measures have been taken successfully to meet this German onslaught. The French have gathered a powerful Army, commanded by a most able and trusted leader and this Army is now moving swiftly to our help. Fresh British Divisions are being thrown in. The Canadians are soon to be engaged. Our Motor Machine-Gun Brigade has already played a most gallant part and once again covered itself with glory.</p> <p>Looking back with pride on the unbroken record of your glorious achievements, asking you to realize that today the fate of the British Empire hangs in the balance, I place my trust in the Canadian Corps, knowing that where Canadians are engaged there can be no giving way.</p> <p>Under the orders of your devoted officers in the coming battle you will advance or fall where you stand facing the enemy.</p>	

WAR DIARY
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. 42nd. Canadian Bn. R. E. C.

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MARCEL.	30th.		<p>To those who will fall I say "You will not die but step into immortality. Your mothers will not lament your fate but will be proud to have borne such sons. Your names will be revered forever and ever by your grateful country and God will take you unto Himself"</p> <p>Canadians, in this fateful hour, I command you and I trust you to fight as you have ever fought with all your strength, with all your determination, with all your tranquillity courage. On many a hard fought field of battle you have overcome this enemy. With God's help you shall achieve victory once more."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(S) A. W. Currie, Lieut. General, Cdg. Canadian Corps.</p> <p>27th March, 1918.</p>	BSH															
	30th/31st		<p>The Battalion relieved the 49th Canadian Bn. E. R. in the line, left subsection AVION. Owing to the extension of the Brigade front the Battalion relieved four Companies in the front line instead of three. The 46th Imperial Division was on our left having relieved the 4th Canadian Division a few days before. The P.W. C. L. I. were on our right. The disposition from right to left was A. B. C. D. Coys. with Battalion H. Q. at LA OULOTTE.</p> <p>In conformity with orders to thin out the Observation Line of the Division the outmost line of the Brigade front was thinned out and the front line, or resistance line, which in the left subsection consisted of AVION & SASKATOON Trenches, was strengthened.</p> <p>MUST Trench was held simply by Posts and Patrols, Day and Night, and a Secondary Outpost Line established in front of AVION Trench.</p> <p>During the last week of the month, owing to the enemy offensive, all Schools and Courses were dispersed and all personnel in attendance, whether as Instructors or taking the Courses, were returned to their Units. As a result every Company had at least 6 Officers and Headquarters was also very strong.</p>	BSW															
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OPERATION ORDER NO. 161

by

Major R. L. H. King, M.C.,
Comd., 42nd Canadian Bn.,
Royal Highlanders of Canada.

SECRET.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5th 1918.

1. INFORMATION.

The 7th Can. Inf. Bde., will relieve the 9th Can. Inf. Bde. in the line WIGNON Sector on the night 6/7th March 18.

2. INTENTION.

The 42nd Bn., less "B" Coy., will move from NEWVILLE TRENCH and relieve the 116th Ch. Bn. in the front line, left sub-section. "B" Coy., will move from VEY and BARRIER, LENS-ARRAS Rd., and relieve the 116th Bn., Coy. in support.

3. ORDER OF RELIEF.

"A" Coy., 42nd Bn.,	will relieve	116th Bn.,	Right Front Coy.
"C" " " " "	" " " "	" " " "	Centre front Coy.
"D" " " " "	" " " "	" " " "	Left front Coy.
"B" " " " "	" " " "	" " " "	Support Coy.

(under company arrangements).

4. ROUTE.

Relieving Units will not pass over VEY RIDGE before 6pm No. 1 Route. NEWVILLE ST VAST - LENS-ARRAS Rd.

No. 2 CHARRIERE Rd., to BLANK Rd - L' OULOTTE Rd., and thence along L' OULOTTE Rd., to LENS-ARRAS Rd.

Unless otherwise advised No. 1 Route will be used, and Scout Officer will arrange to place guides at convenient places. The Coys. will be met by guides of the 116th Bn. at the junction of CHARRIERE TRENCH and LENS-ARRAS Rd. N. 31. & 9.7.

5. TIME.

Coys. will move off in the following order at 5.45 p.m. with 100 yards interval between Coys.

"A" Coy.

"C" " "

"D" " "

"H" " "

"B" " "

independently.

6. DRESS.

Battle Order with one blanket tenderole in rubber sheet.

7. ADVANCE PARTY.

Advance Party of 1 Officer per Coy., and at least 4 O.C. per Coy., 1th Lieut. Turner and the B.S.M. and 2 O.C. of H.C. will proceed to the line at 1.00 p.m. under company arrangements. "B" Coy., will make its own arrangements.

8. RATIONS.

Rations will be carried in on the men, with the exception of "B" Coy., whose rations will be dumped at Bn. H. Q., L' OULOTTE.

9. LEADS TRENCH

OFFICERS TRENCH

KITS COY.

COOKING UTENSILS.

10. SIGNALS.

Signals will relieve under arrangements between the Signalling Officer 116th Bn., and Signal Sergt. 42nd Bn.

11. PACKS &

OFFICERS SUB-

PLUS KITS &

SURPLUS BLANKETS.

12. INSPECTION

OF BILGERS.

13. TRENCH

STORES.

Units will be cleaned, clear of men and ready for inspection at 5 p.m.

Copy of trench stores taken over will be forwarded to Bn. Ho., as soon as possible, not later than 3 a.m. on the morning of the 7th.

14. M.H.Q.

15. RELIEF.

Will be at L' OULOTTE.

Completion of relief will be reported by 'phone using the code message "Your O.C. No. 164 received at....." and will be confirmed by runner.

A. H. KING,
LIEUT. COL. ADUT.

Copies to 7th C.I.B.

O.C. "C"

9th C.I.B.

O.C. "D"

B.S.M.

116th Bn.

T.O.

File

Adjut.

M.C.

3 Copies War Diary.

O.C. "A"

I.O.

O.C. "B"

SIGS.

by
Major L. I. Ewing, D.S.O., M.C.
Comdg. 4th Canadian Batta.
Royal Highlanders of Canada.

MARCH 11th 1918.

1. INFORMATION. As a result of a daylight reconnaissance by an Officers patrol, enemy post has been located at N. 33. A. 37.70 - SALINE TRENCH.
2. INTENTION. A raid will be carried out for the purpose of securing identification and to destroy dugouts, etc.
3. ZERO HOUR. 9 a.m. 11th March 1918.
4. RAIDING PARTY. Lt. I. B. Trout and party from "A" Coy., of 15 O.R. (and 2 Stretcher Bearers with stretchers) consisting of riflemen, R.G.'s and Bombers in Battle order in addition to which they will carry 12 smoke bombs and 6 Stokes Shells, will leave "AUGUST" Trench at approximately N. 33. B. 93.80 at ZERO hour and will move forward as far as barrage on the point to be raised permits.
5. ARTILLERY BARRAGE. Artillery Barrage will open at ZERO hour as per attached Table No. 1. Batteries firing on local concentration on the point to be raised will lift at ZERO plus 3. Barrage will continue for 30 minutes.
6. DIVISIONAL T.M. BARRAGE. Div. T.M.'s will fire a crash on point to be raised at ZERO - time not to exceed ZERO plus 1 and will do counter mortar work as per barrage table No. 2 attached.
7. M.G. BARRAGE. The 7th Bde. M.G. will open at ZERO on enemy approaches as per table No. 3, and continue until ZERO plus 20.
8. GARRISONS. O.C.'s Right and Centre Coys., will reduce L.O. garrisons to 3 men per gun, all other personnel to be under cover and "standing to" by 8.15 a.m. with the exception of Officers actually on duty, and will remain under cover until ZERO plus 40. In the event of an enemy shoot Coy., Commanders will use their judgment as to time of resuming regular day garrisons. Care must be taken in the withdrawal of the garrison that it is done one man at a time so as not to create any noticeable movement in the trenches.
9. SYNCHRONIZING WATCHES. Watches will be synchronized through Brigade and at 12.00 midnight and 6.00 a.m. runners will be sent to Coys., concerned from Bn. H., for this purpose.
10. STRETCHER BEARERS. In addition to the 2 S.B.'s accompanying the raiding party a party of 4 men will be detailed to stand by in "AUGUST" Trench near jumping off point with four stretchers. An Officer on duty from Centre Coy., will be 1/c and in the event of additional men being required for stretcher bearing purposes No 3's of the L.G. crews may be used.
11. ADVANCED R.A.P. Advanced R.A.P. will be established in cellar N. 33. C. 7.4. just S.E. of junction of BALSAM and AVION trenches.

C G HEWARD

Copies to 7th CIBse (6) L.O. Hvy Arty Lieut. Act. Adjt.
8th CIBse (c/o 7th CIBse).
R.C.R. C.O.
7th M.G. Coy. O.C.'s A B C D COYS
Div. T.M. Group War Diary (3)
L.O. 6th CPA. File 1.

Ref Map:
38.c.S.W.

by
Major R.L.R. Ewing, DSO, MC.
Comdg., 42nd Canadian Bttn.
Royal Highlanders of Canada.

MARCH 11th 18.

1. INFORMATION.

On the night 12/13th March 18., the 49th Bn. E.R. will relieve the 42nd Canadian Battalion in the line AVION, left sub-sector.

2. INTENTION.

On completion of relief companies will move to the following quarters:-

"A" Coy., 42nd Bn., RED TRENCH formerly occupied by "A" Coy., 49th Battalion.

"B" Coy., 42nd Bn., CELLARS at LA COULOTTE formerly occupied by "C" Coy., 49th Bn.

"C" Coy., 42nd Bn., "ANXIOUS" Trench formerly occupied by "B" Coy., 49th Bn.

"D" Coy., 42nd Bn., CELLARS at LA COULOTTE formerly occupied by "D" Coy., 49th.

"IQ" 42nd Bn., PIANO DUGOUTS "ANXIOUS" Trench.

3. GUIDES

(a)

For incoming Battalion.

"A" Coy., 42nd Bn., will provide 1 guide per platoon to report to 49th Bn., I.Q. "ANXIOUS" Trench S.C. Central at 6.30 p.m. to guide platoons of "B" Coy., 49th Bn.

"C" Coy., 42nd Bn., will provide one guide per platoon to report to "C" Coy., (49th Bn) I.Q. at LA COULOTTE at 6.30 P.M.

"D" Coy., 42nd Bn., will provide guides as already arranged with O.C. "D" Coy., 49th Bn.

(b)

For outgoing Battalion.

Guides will not be supplied unless one or more platoons of "B" Coy., 49th Bn., are moved prior to relief to "DAWSON" Trench, in which case one guide for each platoon so moved will report to Bn. I.Q., LA COULOTTE at 6.30 p.m. to meet and guide platoons of "C" Coy., 42nd Bn., which will be detailed to occupy "DAWSON" Trench.

4. ADVANCE PARTIES.

An Officer from each Coy. will proceed to look over the quarters to be occupied by the Coy., upon completion of relief. An advance party of 1 N.C.O. per Company and 1 O.R. per platoon will proceed under company arrangements during the day time to take over the quarters to be occupied.

5. RATIONS.

Will be dumped on the night 12/13th by Light Railway as follows:-

HQ. A & C. Coys., at SPIDER DUMP junction of RED TRENCH and Light Railway.

For "B" & "D" Coys., at LA COULOTTE DUMP.

6. TRENCH

STORES.

Disposition Maps, receipts for Trench Stores, etc., will be forwarded to reach Bn. I.Q., by 10.00 a.m. 13th inst.

7. Bn. I.Q.

Upon completion of relief will be at PIANO DUGOUTS "ANXIOUS" Trench - S.C. Central.

8. REPORTS.

Completion of relief will be reported to Bn. I.Q. using the code phrase "NEW YORK"

Completion of move by code phrase "BOSTON"

Copies to 7th C.I. Bde.
49th Bn. E.R.
CO.
H.Q.
T.O. & Q.M.
File.

O.C. "A" Coy.
O.S. "B" "
"C" "
"D" "
R.S.M.
War Diary 3.

C.G. LEWARD.
Lieut. Act. Adjnt.

OPERATION ORDER 167

BY

SECRET

Refc. Map.
36.0.8.7.1/20.000.

MAJOR R. L. H. EWING, D.S.O. M.C.
CMDR. 42nd. CANADIAN BATTALION
ROYAL HIGHLANDERS OF CANADA.

MARCH. 17th. 1918

1. INFORMATION

In accordance with 7th. Canadian Infantry Brigade Operation Order 135. The 42nd. Canadian Battalion. R.H.C. will relieve the 49th. Canadian Battalion. E.R. in the front line AVIGNON Sector left sub-sector on the night of 18th/19th. March. 1918.

2. INTENTION

The 42nd. Canadian Battalion. R.H.C. will relieve the 49th. Canadian Battalion. E.R. on the night 18th/19th. March. 1918. in the left sub-sector.

"B" Coy. 42nd. Canadian Battalion. R.H.C. will relieve "B" Coy. 49th. Canadian Battalion. E.R. on the right Coy. frontage.

"D" Coy. 42nd. Canadian Battalion. R.H.C. will relieve "C" Coy. 49th. Canadian Battalion. E.R. on the Centre Coy. frontage.

"C" Coy. 42nd. Canadian Battalion. R.H.C. will relieve "D" Coy. 49th. Canadian Battalion. E.R. on the left Coy. frontage.

"A" Coy. 42nd. Canadian Battalion. R.H.C. will relieve "A" Coy. 49th. Canadian Battalion. E.R. in Support.

All details of relief will be arranged directly between Company Commanders concerned.

3. RELIEF4. MOVING OFF.

Companies and Headquarters will move off independently under Company arrangements but must not move before 7.15. p.m.

5. ADVANCE PARTIES

1 Officer and 4 O.R. per Coy. and 1 H.C.O. from H.Q. will proceed to take over during the day of the 18th. inst.

Movement by advanced parties;

Officers servants etc. by daylight will be reduced to a minimum and will in all cases be kept to the Trenches.

6. PERMANENT BRIGADE POSTS WATER AND GAS GUARDS ETC.

will be relieved by the 49th. Canadian Battalion E.R. on the night of the 17th. inst.

Coys. will detail guides as follows to report to 49th. Canadian Battalion. E.R. Hdqrs. LA COULOTTE at 9.00. p.m. 17th. inst. to guide the reliefs for these posts.

"A" Coy. guide for water pickets guard at S. 11. a. 6. G. (CLUCAS TRENCH)

"B" Coy. guide for water pickets at H. 31. c. 2. 9. and H. 31. c. 7. 9.

"C" Coy. guide for water guard in BLUE NOSE TRENCH
The Brigade Gas Guard will also be relieved on the night of the 17th. inst. but guides will not be necessary.

7. DISPOSITION MAPS RECEIPTS ETC.

Disposition Maps, Trench Strength States, Receipts for Trench Stores will be forwarded to trench Battalion Hdqrs. by 8.00. a.m. on the day following relief.

8. BATTIONS

Will be dumped on the night 18th/19th by light railway at LA COULOTTE Dump for all Coys. and Hdqrs.

9. BATTN. H.Q.

Battalion headquarters will be established at LA COULOTTE upon completion of relief.

10. REPORTS

Completion of relief to Battn. H.Q. by use of code word HAGGIS.

11.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. G. HEWARD.
LIEUT. ACT. ADJT.

Copies to 7th. Can. Inf. Brigade
49th. Can. Bn. E.R.
C.O. M.C. T.O. G.H.

O.C. A. B. C. D. Coys.
R.S.M.
For Diary E. File 1

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OPERATION ORDER No. 168.

by

Major. R. L. H. Ewing. B. S. O. M. C.
Comdg., 42nd Canadian Bn. R. H. C.

FRIDAY MARCH 22nd. 18.

1. INFORMATION.

Under instructions from 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde., the southern Brigade Boundary will run as follows:- T. 9. b. 8. 5. T. 9. cent. T. 13. cent. S. 17. b. 5. 0 and thence as before and the boundary between right and left front line Battalions left sub-sector will now be the VIMY-AVION Rly., which will be inclusive to the right Battalion.

2. INTENTION.

The 42nd Cdn. Battalion. R. H. C. will relieve the garrison at present maintained by The Royal Canadian Regiment on the left of VIMY-AVION Rly. on the night 22/23rd.

3. RELIEF.

"B" Coy., 42nd Cdn. Bn., will relieve two platoons of "D" Coy., Royal Canadian Regiment in AVION Trench. Details of relief will be arranged direct between Coy. Commanders concerned. The garrison in AVION Support Trench on the left of the Railway will not be relieved.

4. MOVE.

Relief of the two platoons in AVION Trench will be made as soon as possible after dark, but not before 7.30 p.m.

5. TRENCH

STORES. ETC.

Lists of trench stores, disposition states etc., will be forwarded to reach Battalion Hq., by 8 a.m. 23rd inst. "B" Coy., will arrange to take over Trench Stores in AVION Support as well as in AVION Trench from The Royal Canadian Regt. and give receipts for same.

6. RELIEF.

Completion of relief will be reported to Battalion Hq., by wire by using code phrase "MULLIGAN - UP".

Copies to:- Hq. 7th CIBde. C.O.
R. C. R. I. O. P. I. S. C. G. S.
WAR DIARY (3)

C. G. HEWARD.
Lieut. Act. Adjt.

by

Major R. H. H. Campbell, C.O.,
 42nd Canadian Battalion
 Royal Canadian Engineers

MARCH 24th, 1918.

1. SITUATION.

On the night of 24/25th March 1918 the 49th Canadian Battalion, C.R., will relieve the 42nd Canadian Battalion, R.C.E., on the front line, VIGNON, left main sector.

2. INTENTION.

On completion of relief Companies will move to the following quarters:-

"A" Coy, 42nd Bn. "ADMET" Trench formerly occupied by "A" Coy, 49th Bn.

"B" Coy, 42nd Bn. BUIS DE LA MARE (including DA (S) Trench) formerly occupied by "C" 49th Bn.

"C" Coy, 42nd Bn. quarters at LA COULOTTS formerly occupied by "D" Coy, 49th Bn.

"D" Coy, 42nd Bn. BUIS DE LA CHAUMIERE formerly occupied by "B" Coy, 49th Bn.

3. SIGNALS.

Signals will be relieved under arrangements to be made between Signal Sergeant & C.O., 49th Bn., but Company Signallers will go out with their Companies.

4. GUIDES

Guides will be arranged where necessary between Coy. Commanders concerned.

5. ADVANCE PARTIES.

An Officer from each Company will proceed to look over the quarters to be occupied by the Company upon completion of relief. An advance party of 1 N.C.O. per Coy., and 1 R.O. per platoon & 1 N.C.O. & 1 R.O. from Hq. will proceed under Company arrangements, during the day to take over the quarters to be occupied. Movement by daylight by Officers' servants, cooks, etc., will be reduced to a minimum and will in all cases be confined to the trenches.

6. PERMANENT POSTS.

Permanent Posts will be relieved as per schedule "A" annexed, the relief for these posts leaving at dusk. Arrangements to be made directly between Coy. Commanders concerned.

7. RATIONS.

All to be dumped on the night 24/25th by Lt. Hq., as follows:-

Bn. Hq., & 3 platoons of "B" Coy., at SPIDER DUMP junction of RED TRENCH and LIGHT RAILWAY.

"C" Coy., and No. 8 Platoon of "B" Coy., at LA COULOTTS DUMP.

"D" Coy., at VICTORIA DUMP T. 13. S. 80. 80.

The rations for "A" Coy., will be brought up by lumber to the Junction of VICTORIA ROAD and "ADMET" Trench.

8. TRENCH STORES.

Disposition maps, receipts for Trench Stores, etc. will be forwarded to main Bn. Hq. at 8.15. 25th inst.

9. BR. H.Q.

Upon completion of relief will be at PLANO DUGOUTS - ANXIOUS TRENCH - 516. central

10. REPORTS.

Completion of relief will be reported to Bn. H. Q. using the code phrase "VIOLET".

Completion of move by code phrase "LORAINS".

11. ACRONIM CODE.

C. G. HEIARD, LIQUT. ACT. ADJT.

Hq. 7th C.I. Bn., Adjt. Sigs. Coy (3)
 C.O. 49th Can. Bn. T.G. I.G.
 C.O. Q.M. B.S. &
 O.C. A, B, C, D, Coy's, H.Q. File.

SCHEDULE "A"

ELEMENT POST.	STRENGTH N.C.Os. O.R.	TO BE MANNED BY -----	AT PRESENT MANNED BY
Bio. Gas Guard.	1 5	H.Q. (Sets).	H.Q. (49th Bn).
Water Guard BLUESOON T.	1 10	"D" Coy.	"B" Coy. (49th).
Water Grd. SIUCAS T. S.I.L.A.S.S.	3	"A" C	"A" Coy. (49th).
Water Grd. COLUMBIA T.	3	"A" C	"A" Coy (49th).
Water Grd. LA BOULOTTE.	3	"C" Coy.	"A" Coy (49th).
Water Grd. BEAVER T. just south of jet. with "ADEPT"	2	"A"	R.C.R's.

SECRET

OPERATION ORDER NO. 170

by

Lt. Col. B. McLennan, D.S.O.
Comdg. 42nd Canadian Bn.
Royal Highlanders of Canada.

Ref. Map. 36.e.S.W.

FRIDAY MARCH 30th 18.

1/HQ. 999

1. INFORMATION.

On the night 30/31st March the 42nd Cdn. Bn. R.S.C. will relieve the 49th Cdn. Bn. E.R. in the front line, left sub-section, AVION. On relief the 49th Cdn. Bn. E.R. will move into Brigade Support.

2. INTERESTION.

The 42nd Cdn. Bn. R.S.C. will relieve the 49th Cdn. Bn. E.R. in the front line, left sub-section on the night March 30/31st.

"A" Coy., 42nd Bn. will relieve "B" Coy, 49th Bn in the Right Coy., front.

"B" Coy., 42nd Bn. will relieve "D" Coy 49th Bn in the right centre Coy., front.

"C" Coy., 42nd Cdn. Bn. will relieve "C" 49th Bn in the left centre Company front.

"D" Coy., 42nd Bn. will relieve "A" Coy., 49th Bn in the Left Company Front.

All details of relief including guides where necessary will be arranged direct between Coy. Commanders concerned.

3. SIGNALS.

Signals will be relieved under arrangements to be made between Signal Officers concerned.

4. MOVING OFF.

Coys., and Hq., will move off independently under Coy. arrangements, but must not move off before 7.30 p.m.

5. DISPOSITIONS
MAPS, RECEIPTS
ETC.

Disposition Maps, Trench Strength states, Trench distribution states, receipts for trench stores and list of trench stores taken over will be forwarded to reach Bn. Hq., by 8 a.m. 31st inst.

6. ADVANCE
PARTIES.

1 Officer per Coy., and at least 1 O.R. per platoon & 1 M.C.G. from Hq., will proceed to take over during the day of 30th inst.

Movement by advance parties, Officers servants, etc., by daylight will be reduced to a minimum and in all cases will be kept to the trenches.

7. PERMANENT
BDE. POSTS.

Permanent Bde. posts, Water & Gas Guard, Traffic Control posts and Battle Straggler posts, supplied by 42nd Bn. will be relieved by 10.00 p.m. on the night of relief.

8. BN. HQ.

9. RATIONS.

Upon completion of relief will be at LA GOULOTTE. Will be dumped on the night of the 30/31st by Light Railway at LA GOULOTTE DUMP, for all Coys., & Hq..

10. REPORTS

Completion of relief will be reported to Bn. Hq., by using the code phrase "Splendid at....."

11.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

C.G. Howard.

Copies to:-

7th Cdn. Inf. Bde.
49th Cdn. Bn. E.R.
O.C. A.B.G.D. COYS.
I.O.S.O. M.O. (1)
S.M. & T.O. (1)
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Lieut. Act. Adjt.

REPORT ON MINOR OPERATION CARRIED OUT BY RAIDING PARTY
42ND. CANADIAN BATTALION, R. N. C. at 9 a.m. 12th March,
1918.

The raiding party consisting of Lieut. H. B. Trout and 15 O.R. (plus 2 stretcher bearers) including Serjeant Smith and Corpl. Trows left our line from "AUGUST" Trench at N. 32 b. 98.80 under cover of Artillery Barrage at 9 a.m. and proceeded to suspected enemy post in SALINE Trench at N. 31 a. 37.70, where Lieut. Trout in a daylight reconnaissance yesterday had seen a sentry. The party was divided into 3, 2 of which moved approximately 50 yards to the right and left of the point to be raided to act as blocks in SALINE Trench, while the remainder went through the post and around the ruin in the rear. On reaching the point it was found to be empty. It consisted of an old cellar in the ruin apparently not used for living in. A number of cylindrical sticks, etc., were found. The party threw Stokes Shells into the cellar. Blocking party No. 2 located a night post in SALLOW Trench approximately N. 38 a. 4.8, consisting of a funk hole with cylindrical sticks and egg bombs. During the operation the party was sniped at from Railway Embankment but no M.G. fire was directed towards them. They returned to our line at 9.15 a.m. without casualties.

BARRAGE

Our barrage was most satisfactory.

ENEMY

RETALIATION

Enemy's retaliation was weak, the first T.M.'s coming four minutes after ZERO in the neighbourhood of junction of AVION Trench with Railway and around BEAVER followed by some .77 a.m. gun fire in same area 7 1/2 minutes after ZERO. At ZERO plus 30 enemy opened with 4.1s in vicinity of track and south of same.

Arrangements made all worked out satisfactorily the one bad bit of luck being that no enemy were encountered.

I consider that great credit is due to Lieut. Trout, not only for the way in which he carried out the raid, but for his determined and persistent patrolling during this tour to determine whether the enemy occupied his outpost line in advance of the embankment by day or not, which finally resulted yesterday morning in seeing a sentry and being spotted by him. It is possible that on this account the post was withdrawn or may have made a get away when the shoot started.

I should like to express my keen appreciation of the excellent work done by Lieut. Livingstone the L.O. attached to us in arranging the barrage, which it was necessary to do in comparatively limited time, and for the support given by the Artillery, the Divisional T.M.A. and 7th M.G. Coy.

Major,
Cdg. 42nd. Canadian Battalion, R. N. C.

9TH CANADIAN ARTILLERY BRIGADE

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Minor Operation Order No. 2,

by

Major D. A. MacKinnon, DSO. CndC.

11th of March 1918

- INFORMATION 1. As a result of a daylight reconnaissance by an Officers patrol, enemy post has been located at N. 33, a. 27.70. SALINE TRENCH.
- INTENTION 2. A raid will be carried out for purposes of securing identification and to destroy dugouts, etc.
- ZERO HOUR 3. 9.00 A.M. 12th of March 1918
- RAIDING PARTY 4. Lieut. H. B. Trout and party from "A" Coy., of 15 ORa (4 2 stretcher bearers with stretchers) consisting of riflemen R.Gs, and Bombers in Battle Order in addition to which they will carry 12 smoke bombs and 6 Stokes shells, will leave AUGUST Trench at approximately N. 32, b. 98.80. at ZERO Hour and move forward as far as barrage on the point to be raided permits.
- ARTILLERY SUPPORT 5. Artillery Barrage will open at ZERO HOUR and barrage will continue for 20 (twenty) minutes as per attached table.
- SYNCHRONIZATION 6. Banners will be sent by batteries to this Brigade Headquarters to synchronize watches, at 7.00 am. 12th instant.
- CORRECTOR 7. Corrector will be established before Zero Hour. In firing for corrector shooting should be done well away from point proposed to be raided.
- METER CORRECTIONS 8. Will be very carefully worked out.
- O.P.s. 9. Officers on duty will be on the alert and will report immediately any unusual occurrence.
- L.O.s. 10. Liaison Officers will forward reports as soon as possible after the raid takes place.
- V 11. In the event of the raid being cancelled, the code word "CREAM" will be wired to all concerned.

Major,
A/C.O. 9th Canadian Artillery Brigade

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- Copy No. 2 to O.C. 31st. Battery
- 3 O.C. 33rd. "
- 4 O.C. 45th. "
- 5 O.C. 36th "A" "
- 6 O.C. 36th "B" "
- 7 L.O. Infantry Brigade
- 8 L.O. Right Battalion
- 9 L.O. Left Battalion
- 10 3rd. C. B. A. (for information)
- 11 G.O.C. R.A. Cdn. Corps (for information)
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BARRAGE TABLE

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BATTERY	TIME	GUNS		LOCATION
33rd	ZERO to + 3	3	Enemy Post	N. 33 a. 37.70.
	+ 3 to + 20	3	Rly Embk.	From
				B
		1		N. 33 a. 52.35
		1		N. 33 a. 45.40
45th		1		N. 33 a. 57.26
		1		N. 33 a. 70.95
		1		N. 27. c. 27.55
		1		N. 27. c. 55.10
		1		N. 27. c. 75.05
31st		1		N. 27. c. 30.65
		1		N. 27. c. 35.33
		1		N. 27. c. 36.30
		1		N. 27. c. 59.31
		1		N. 33 a. 65.15
36th "B"		1 (Howr)		N. 27. c. 40.80
		1		N. 27. c. 60.40

RATE OF FIRE

ZERO to + 5 mins - INTENSE
 + 5 to + 15 " - NORMAL
 + 15 to + 20 " - SLOW

AMMUNITION

18 $\frac{1}{2}$ dr. 50% "A"
 50% "AX"

> 36 "A"		1 (Howr)		N. 27. c. 95.10
		1		N. 33 a. 80.30
		1		N. 33 b. 37.42
		1		N. 33 d. 10.97

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Operation Order No. 172 dated the 4th April, Instructions re minor operation to be carried out on the 5th April.

Operation Order No. 173 dated the 10th April, Instructions for relief of 42nd Bn. by the 116th Bn. on night 11th and 12th.

Operation Order No. 174 dated the 11th April, 7th C.I.B. to be relieved by Bde. of 4th Cdn. Division on night 12th and 13th April. 42nd Bn. will relieve the 6th North Stratfords

Operation Order No. 175 dated the 14th April, Instructions re inter- Company relief on night 15th and 16th.

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Report on minor operation carried out by 42nd Bn. on the 24th April.

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Report on minor operation carried out on the 5th April.

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APRIL	1ST		Battalion still in front line AVION Sector.	E.S.O.
	2ND		<p>As explained in last months War Diary the former outpost line in "AUGUST" Trench had, under orders from Brigade, been thinned out and "AUGUST" Trench was manned night and day by standing patrols and patrols only. At 11 pm. on this date, the night being exceedingly dark, Lieut. W. C. Baber was proceeding along "AUGUST" Trench on the left of the AVION Rd. from to a standing Lewis Gun patrol which was posted in the AVION Rd. from a standing patrol posted on the extremity of AUGUST Trench. He was accompanied by 4 O.R. and had already made a trip to left standing patrol. On the return trip when the party had reached a point a few yards to the left at the junction of CLAUAS and AUGUST Trenches, a party of the enemy estimated at strength of 15 threw stick grenades into the trench on each side of the patrol and swarmed over the parapet firing their revolvers and instantly overpowering the patrol. Lieut. Baber and Pte. Grant were seized and after a struggle lifted over the parapet by the party. One of the patrol was left in the bottom of the trench for dead and the two remaining members of the patrol succeeded in making their escape. The enemy party then proceeded towards their lines down the AVION Rd., Lieut. Baber in charge of three of the enemy one of whom marched behind with revolver at Lieut. Baber's head. When they had proceeded a few yards from the trench, the enemy party was apparently alarmed by the noise made by the standing patrol on the right which was coming down the trench to investigate the disturbance, and Lieut. Baber seized the opportunity to wrench himself free and made good his escape, in spite of the fact that one of his captors fired his revolver at him at point blank range, wounding him with a grazing wound in the head. Pte. Grant did not succeed in escaping and has been reported "Missing, believed prisoner of War" Lieut. Baber succeeded in making his way to Company H. Q. where he reported the incident. Besides the wound in the head he was wounded by revolver shots in leg and arm and by a bomb in the other leg.</p> <p>Immediately on receipt of the report Major Willcock, M.C. in command of "C" Company took out a strong patrol to examine the locality and endeavor to recover Pte. Grant, and he was assisted by Major Topp in command of B Company on his right who took out a patrol for a similar purpose. No trace of Pte. Grant could be found, although the trench and No Mans Land in the vicinity were carefully searched. These patrols and a daylight patrol which went out at daylight next morning established the fact that enemy party had cut a way through our wire making a path by pieces of paper fastened to the stakes and had proceeded down AVION Rd. to AUGUST Trench where the party divided into two smaller parties and had lain in wait on the</p>	K.H.

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APRIL	2ND	parapet of the trench. A cap belonging to an N.C.O. of a Jaeger Bn. was picked up in the trench at the scene of the encounter.	ASIA
	3RD	The appointment of Major S. C. Nbrworthy, DSO, MC. as temporary Brigade Major, 8th Canadian Inf. Brigade appeared in Divisional Orders. The appointment of Capt. J. B. MacLeod as Adjutant appeared in Battalion Orders.	ASIA can
	5TH.	<p>A minor operation was carried out by Lieut. A. J. MacLachlan and one platoon of C Company, in conjunction with the Heavy Artillery at 9 a.m. The purpose of the operation was to make a daylight reconnaissance from the area from AUGUST Trench N. 26 d. to the railroad. If identifications were secured the party were to return if not they were to proceed through the Culvert to N. 27. a. 80.05 and investigate and destroy known dugouts. The feature of the operation was a shoot by Heavy Artillery on carefully selected points, while the 18 pndra. fired smoke shells on three selected targets believed to contain M.G. emplacements. The party was divided into three:-</p> <p>Party A A/Sgt. George, J. proceeded to junction of SALINE & SALLOW N. 33 a. 35.85, and worked down SALLOW Trench to approximately N. 27. a. 65.35.</p> <p>Party B A/L/Sgt. Matthews, H. and 7 O.R. proceeded straight down AVION Rd. to the right of trees to same point N. 27. a. 65.35 to block trench, remaining there until joined by Party A.</p> <p>Party C Lieut. A. J. MacLachlan and 6 O.R. went straight through ruins in a bee-line to same point and acted as covering party for other 2 parties. Here very heavy M.G. fire was experienced firing from the left. One of these M.G.s. was located at approximately N. 27. a. 80.70, rifle fire from embankment was also encountered. Party therefore could advance no further and withdrew very successfully under cover of smoke bombs thrown by themselves and fire from our snipers who had been posted to cover the operation.</p> <p>No identifications were obtained and no casualties occurred but valuable information as to the locality was obtained.</p> <p>Copy of the detailed report of the operation with observations thereon is attached.</p> <p>The Battalion was relieved in the front line by the 49th Cdn. Battalion, E.R., and on completion of Relief moved to Brigade Support.</p>	ASIA ASIA ASIA ASIA ASIA

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19th APRIL	5th		A COMPANY - BOIS DE LA CHAUMIERE Locality C " - ACTRESS Trench, Southern extension of ADEPT Trench and ADEPT Trench proper B " - ADEPT Trench and dugouts on LENS-ARRAS Rd. LA COULOTTE AREA D " " CELARS at LA COULOTTE	
	9th		Publication of the award of the M. C. to the Battalion Transport Officer Major Hugh McMaster Scott appeared in the London Gazette. This decoration was awarded for the work of this Officer while Brigade Transport Officer of the 12th Canadian Infantry Brigade in the PASSCHENDAELE Operations	
	10th		Orders were received for the relief of the Brigade in the AVION Section by the 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade on the nights 11/12th and 12/13th April. On completion of relief the Brigade was to go into billets at NEUVILLE ST. VAAST. The Battalion was to be relieved on the night 11/12th by the 116th Canadian Bn. and the 75th Canadian Bn., and on completion of relief was to move to HANSON CAMP, NEUVILLE ST. VAAST.	
	11th		The order for the relief of the Brigade by the 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade, was cancelled and an order was issued which provided for the relief of the Brigade on that portion of the front of T. 3 a. 4.0. by a Brigade of the 4th Canadian Division and ordered the Brigade to relieve the 137th Imperial Brigade in the LENS Section.	
			Capt. E. C. Evans returned to the Battalion. This Officer was one of the original Officers of the Battalion, but had been absent since he was wounded at the SOMME in September 1916.	
			Capt. Munroe, C.A.M.C. reported to replace Capt. Hale, M.C. C.A.M.C. Medical Officer of the Battalion who had been sent to the Corps Rest Station, sick.	
	12/13th		On this night the Battalion in accordance with the last mentioned order, moved from Brigade Support in AVION Section, 3 Companies of the Battalion relieving the 6th North Staffords in the left front line, LENS Section, and one Company of the Battalion relieving one Company of the 5th S. Staffords in Brigade Support LENS Section. Upon completion of the relief disposition of the Battalion was as follows: D COMPANY in the front line ARGYLE MARGAM LOOP AND AMULET Trenches. A COMPANY in Support COW and ALARM Trenches. B COMPANY in light reserve, quartered in eastern part of LIEVIN, with battle positions in CAVALRY Trench and ADROIT post, garrison of ADROIT post living there.	

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AP MIL	12/19TH		<p>C COMPANY in left reserve in ST. JEANNE D'ARC with battle positions in CAVALRY, PAUL, PETER and JOHN'S Posts. The Battn. frontage in the front line extended from N 20. a. 00. 52 to the railway cutting at N 13. d. 64. 12, the cutting being inclusive to the Bn. Although shortly afterwards this was changed and the Brigade on our left made responsible for the cutting.</p> <p>The 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade were on our left and the Royal Canadian Regiment on our right. The P.P. C.L.I. moved into the Support positions in the AVION Sector which had been vacated by the Battalion.</p>	f510
	15th/16th		<p>Inter-company relief. A Company in support relieved B Company in the front line. B Company right reserve, relieved A Company in Support D Company on relief moved to right reserve. C Company remained unchanged.</p>	f514
	18th/19th		<p>Inter-Company Relief. B Company in Support relieved A Company in the front line. C Company, left reserve, relieved B Company in Support A Company, on relief, moved into the left reserve. B Company remained unchanged.</p>	f510
	19th		<p>Lieut. J. M. Morris who had been absent on command as Musketry Officer of the 3rd Div. Wing, since December 1917 returned to the Battalion, was posted to B Company.</p>	f510 f510
			<p>During the morning Battalion Headquarters was heavily shelled, over 300 5.9's being put in the immediate vicinity.</p>	
	21/1918		<p>In the afternoon between 60 and 70 shells were thrown, one of which crashed through the tunnel in the Officers Quarters. Battalion Headquarters was moved to Stafford House that same night.</p>	f510 f510
	21/22nd.		<p>Lieut. G. L. Ogilvie proceeded on temporary duty to 7th Cdn. Inf. Brigade as Orderly Officer to the G.O. C.</p>	f510 f510
	22nd.		<p>Inter-Company relief. C Company, in support, relieved B Company in the front line. B Company, in the right reserve, relieved C Company in Support B Company, on relief, moved into right reserve A Company remained unchanged. Capt. Wn. Hale, M.C. resumed his duties as Battalion M.O.</p>	f514 f514

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APRIL	23/24th		<p>Major E. Leggat, MC, 3rd Cdn. Siege Batty. carried out an excellent shoot on proposed objectives.</p> <p>Preparations were made to carry out a raid on the enemy's lines at 3 am. on the morning of April 24th in conjunction with smoke barrage, simulating a gas projection. It was arranged that gas projectors which were in position in CITE ST. THODORE, if weather conditions were favourable, would be fired at 12 midnight on the 23/24th April, and that this projection should be followed at 3 am. (ZERO Hour) by a projection with drums of smoke and simulated projection of gas by flashes. As however the night 23/24th was unfavourable for gas though not unfavourable for smoke the gas projectors were not fired on that night but arrangements in regard to smoke projection and simulated projection of gas by flashes were carried out.</p> <p>At 2 am. on the morning of the 24th the enemy opened an intense French Mortar barrage on our posts 4 and 5, the latter of which was one of the points selected for the jumping off place for the proposed raid. At 2.15 am. the enemy 20 strong attempted to raid our posts 4 and 5 but were driven off by Machine Gun fire. As a result of the bombardment bowser Cpl. Hughes was killed and 7 O.R. from C Company wounded.</p> <p>45 minutes later our raid was carried out according to schedule. The raiding party was divided into 2 - Party A under Lieut. W. J. Kavanagh and 12 O.R. from C Coy. Party B Lieut. Cowing, T. and 12 O.R. D sub-divided into raiding party of 7 O.R. and covering party of 5 under Sergeant Bestwetherick.</p> <p>Party A, on the projection of the smoke and the discharge of the dummy gas projectors, left our post No. 2 at N. 20. a. 20.75 and pushed forward to enemy post at N. 20. a. 25.92. They got right forward to the post where they encountered heavy wire which had apparently been newly put up, which it was impossible to penetrate. While they were trying to find a opening the enemy spotted them and opened with rifle fire, Mills grenades and cylindrical sticks to which our party replied with a large number of Mills grenades and then withdrew covering their withdrawal with No. 27 smoke bombs. They returned to our lines at 3.19 am. with two slight casualties only. No prisoners were obtained.</p> <p>Party B. At ZERO Hour on the projection of smoke the party went forward and reached Railway Embankment at N. 14. a. 02.17 without being fired on. At the top of the embankment the shell holes were found full of wire and light concertina fence had been put up since the previous night. A M.G. opened on the right but was immediately silenced by bombs and rifle grenades fired by the covering party on the top of the embankment. The raiding party got over the wire and rushed the enemy concrete post in the trench that runs along reverse slope of the embankment. The garrison of the post retired down the trench. Lt. Cowing and L/C Mavor, who had got ahead of the party in getting through the wire, chased this garrison up the trench to the left towards</p>	<p>6518</p> <p>6515</p> <p>6518.</p> <p>6518.</p>

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APRIL	23/24th		<p>Gilvert for a distance of about 100 yards where they found wire block placed just to the south of the Gilvert. Lt. Cowing opened with his revolver, climbing to the side of the trench and L/C Mavor started throwing bombs and cylindrical sticks at the enemy who put up a stiff fight from the other side of the wire block. Just as the rest of the party joined Lt. Cowing he was hit on the head and fell unconscious to the ground. L/Cpl. Mavor then went to his help leaving three men at the block to cover withdrawal and pulled back Lt. Cowing along the trench. He and Pta. Hineson lifted Lieut. Cowing over the embankment, the covering party meantime engaging a party of 8 of the enemy who were approaching from the south along a path at the foot of the embankment, and the three bombers who had been placed at the wire block continued to bomb the enemy vigorously. Severe casualties are thought to have been inflicted on the party approaching along the path and also on the party to the south of the block, who were engaged with rifle grenades from the top of the embankment at point blank range. As soon as L/Cpl. Mavor and Pta. Hineson had got Lt. Cowing safely over the embankment, covering parties withdrew. Lieut. Cowing was found to be severely wounded on the head and was still unconscious when he was evacuated, a stretcher case.</p> <p>Copy of detailed report of the raid is attached hereto.</p> <p>Following comment by the G.O.C. Division was made as a foot note of the report sent to Division.</p> <p>"A good enterprise skilfully carried out. It was unfortunate that the leader (refers to Lt. Cowing leader of party B) became a casualty. He seems to have acted with great determination and dash and must be a v. G. officer.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Sgd.) L.J. Lipssett, M.G.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">B54</p>
	24/25th		<p>Inter-Company relief.</p> <p>B Company, in support, relieved C Company in front line.</p> <p>A Company, in left reserve, relieved D Company in Support</p> <p>C Company, on relief moved into left reserve.</p> <p>E Company remained unchanged.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">B54</p>
	27/28th		<p>Inter-Company relief.</p> <p>With this relief a new system of holding the area was inaugurated, namely, front line and support line were distributed half of each to each of two Companies instead of having one Company responsible for the front line and the other for the Support. To carry this out the following moves took place:</p>	

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SCHEDULE "A" IN CONNECTION WITH O.O. 171.

WATER & GAS GUARD, TRAFFIC CONTROL, POSTS, ETC.

		Personnel.	At present supplied by.	To be taken over by 42nd En.
1.	Bde. Gas Guard.	1 N.C.O. 5 men	Hq.	Sots. Sec.
2.	Battle Stragglers Post DEAD HORSE CORNER approx S. 4. c. 95. 10.	1 N.C.O. 5 "	Hq.	"D" Coy.
3.	Water Guard, BLUENOSE.	1 N.C.O. 11 men	"D"	"A"
4.	Water Guard BEAVER Tr. nr ADNET.	2 men.	"A"	"C"
5.	Water Guard CLUCAS TR.	3 "	"D"	"D"
6.	Water Guard COLUMBIA TR.	3 "	"D"	"D"
7.	Water Guard. LA COULOTTE.	3 "	"D"	"D"
8.	Railway Control Post. LA COULOTTE.	2 "	"D"	"D"

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 172.

by
Lieut. Col. B. McLennan. D. S. O.
Comdg., 42nd Canadian Batta.
Royal Highlanders of Canada.

Refs. Map. 36.c.S.W.3.
" " 36.c.S.W.1.

1/10.000.

THURSDAY APRIL 4th 1918.

1. INTENTION. A minor operation will be carried out for the purpose of securing identification. It is proposed to make a daylight reconnaissance of the area from AUGUST TRENCH N. 26.d. to the railroad. Should identifications be secured the party will return, if not they will proceed through Culvert at N. 27.c. 80.05, and investigate and destroy known dugouts.
The operation will be carried out by 1 Platoon of "C" Coy., under Lieut. A. J. MacLachlan, in conjunction with the Heavy Artillery, who will fire on selected targets for the purpose of creating a diversion, and Field Artillery who will use smoke - as per attached tables.
2. ZERO HOUR. Will be fixed hour plus 17 namely 9.00 a.m. 5th April 1918
3. ARTILLERY TABLE. As per attached schedules.
4. GARRISON. Day positions only will be maintained. All Officers & O.R. not directly concerned except those on duty are to be under cover by 15 minutes before zero.
5. SNIPERS. 6 Battalion Snipers will report to O.C. "C" Coy., 4 for use with his covering party; 2 to be detailed to the right of the railroad.
6. SIGNALS. S.O. will run a line and install a phone in O.P. in SULLIVAN TRENCH for purposes of this raid.
7. STRETCHER BEARERS. 2 Stretcher Bearers will accompany the raiding party. O.C. "C" Coy., will detail a party to stand by in AUGUST Trench near jumping off point with a reserve of four stretchers.
8. SYNCHRONISING WATCHES. Watches will be synchronized through Brigade at 6 a.m. Runners will be sent to Coys., concerned from Bn. Hq., with the time.
9. CODE WORDS. BLACK. Operation takes place.
GREEN. Operation cancelled.

J. B. MCLENNAN.

CAPTAIN, ADJUTANT.

Files to Hq., 7th C.I. Bde.
H.L.O. Bde. Hq.
C.M.S. L.O.
S.O.S.
C.O. 1st C.D. COYS.
P.M.S.
WAR DIARY.

SCHEDULE "A". TABLE OF HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE, in connection
with 42nd Canadian Battalion. C.O. 172.

HEAVY ARTILLERY.

RATES OF FIRE.

Rapid	-	1 round per gun per minute.
Normal	-	$\frac{1}{2}$ round per gun per minute.
Slow.	-	$\frac{1}{4}$ round per gun per minute.

If wind is favourable 6" Hows. will fire gas
for the slow periods.

TARGETS.	No. 1.	Rebankment N. 33. b. 30. 35	6" HOWS.
	<u>No. 2.</u>	<u>Objective N. 27. c. 22. 10.</u>	6" HOWS.
	No. 3.	Turntable N. 27. b. 12. 05	6" HOWS.
	No. 4.	En. Hq., N. 27. b. 15. 52	6.2 HOWS.
	No. 5.	C.P. N. 21. c. 25. 15	8" HOWS.

TIME TABLE.

No. 1. Target.	Zero plus 1 to zero plus 4	Rapid.
	" " 4 " " " 21	Normal.
	" " 21 " " " 31	Slow.
No. 2. Target.	Zero to zero plus 3.	2 guns rapid then stop.
No. 3. Target.	Zero to Zero plus 3.	Rapid.
	Zero plus 3 to zero plus 30	Normal.
	" " 30 " " " 30	Slow.
No. 4. Target.	" " 2 " " " 5	Rapid.
	" " 5 " " " 22	Normal.
	" " 22 " " " 32	Slow.
No. 5. Target	" " 1 " " " 4	Rapid.
	" " 4 " " " 21	Normal.
	" " 21 " " " 31	Slow.

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SCHEDULE "B"
TABLE OF FIELD ARTILLERY FIRE, in connection with
42nd Canadian Battalion. R.H.C. C.C. 172.

FIELD ARTILLERY 18 Bnrs. Firing Smoke Shells.

From ZERO plus 3 to ZERO plus 6 - 2 rounds per minute on each, of
the 3 Corps Log targets, namely:-

No. 10 Corps Log Target.	N. 33. a. 70.25
22 " " "	N. 33. b. 55.25
23 " " "	N. 27. d. 10.95.

ZERO plus 6 to ZERO plus 16 - one round per minute on each of the
on each of the above targets.

plus
ZERO plus 10 to ZERO 20 - one round per minute on each of the
following targets, namely:-

N. 27. d. 60.00.
N. 34. b. 50.70.
N. 22. c. 50.70.

Headquarters.

7th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

Following is report of minor Operation carried out at 9.00 a.m. this morning :-

As a result of the operation, which was an experiment of using the Heavies to create a diversion, it would appear that had we laid down a Field Gun barrage, the Machine Guns and Snipers who bothered us might have been silenced, and think it is probably desirable for this type of ground to use a combination of the Heavies and Field Artillery barrage.

The smoke shells thrown by the Field Artillery on the right were absolutely effective, and the prompt use of smoke grenades by the party themselves undoubtedly enabled it to get forward within a few yards of the culvert, and get back without casualties. Parties all carried on in accordance with the arrangements, and the Officer & N.C.O's i/c the party deserve the greatest credit for the way they got forward and in the withdrawal.

In view of the rapidity with which the enemy Snipers and M.G.'s opened, it would look as though some positions must have been maintained on the left, on a basis of "night conditions" on account of the very heavy fog and rain. Previous daylight patrols in this area have drawn no fire from this direction. One Machine Gun was located at approx N. 27. c. 80. 70.

Our Snipers were only able to get one or two targets before the smoke grenades thrown by patrols obscured view, after that they only fired in direction of sounds.

LIEUT. A. J. MACLACHLAN and 22 O.R. left our lines AUGUST TRENCH at Jct. with VICTORIA ROAD. Artillery assistance as known to you.

Party assembled before zero to right of Church (R. 33. a. 25. 95) one party "A" A/Sgt. GEORGE J. and 7 O.R. proceeded to Jct. SALINE and SALLOW (R. 33. a. 35. 85) and worked down SALLOW Trench to approximately N. 27. c. 65. 35

Party "B" A/L/Sgt. MATTHEWS. H. and 7 O.R. proceeded straight down VICTORIA ROAD to right of trees to same point N. 27. c. 65. 35 to block trench, remaining there till joined by party "A".

Party "C" LIEUT. A. J. MACLACHLAN & 6 O.R. went straight through ruins in bee line to same point and acted as covering party for other two parties.

Here very heavy M.G. fire was experienced firing from the left, one of which was located at approx. N. 27. c. 80. 70, also rifle fire from embankment. Party therefore could advance no farther, and withdrew very successfully under cover of smoke bombs (K.J.) and fire from our Snipers.

OBSERVATIONS.

1. Enemy wire very heavy, but has been badly smashed by our Artillery and Stokes, and no difficulty was experienced in getting through it at any point.
2. SALLOW Trench very shallow but bath-matted pretty continuously.
3. A "T" Sap off SALLOW Trench at approx. N. 27. c. 55. 10 apparently used as a night post, there being stick bombs and post in good repair.
4. Apparently no day post this side of Culvert.

continued.

REMARKS.

Artillery fire accurate. Same applies to Stokes.

Smoke, of Artillery and Hand Bombs very effective in obscuring enemy's view of active M.G. and rifle fire would seem that firing withdrawal casualties were directly avoided by use of hand smoke bombs.

RECORD OF EVENTS, as reported from forward Signal Station in advance of AUGUST TRENCH.

9.05½	German two red flares.
9.06	" one red flare.
9.08	Some Sniping and little M.G. fire.
9.10	Two M.G.'s firing.
9.12	M.G.'s very active.
9.14	Intermittent bursts of M.G. fire.
9.15	Enemy T.M.'s
9.16½	Party returning.
9.20	Party all in.

Burton W. Leeson

Lieut. Col.

Comdg., 42nd Canadian Battalion. R. H. C.

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OPERATION ORDER NO.173

by

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Royal Highlanders of Canada.

Ref. Map. 36. c. SW. 1.
" " 36. S. W. 3.

APRIL 10th 18.

1. INFORMATION. The Brigade will be relieved in the line AVIGNON SECTION by the 9th Canadian Inf. Bde., on the nights 11/12th and 12/13th April. 18.
On completion of relief the Brigade will go into billets at NEVILLE ST. VAAST with Bde. Hq., at Fort George.
2. INTENTION. On the night 11/12th the 42nd Cdn. Bn., R.H.C. will be relieved in Brigade Support, left sub-section by the 116th Cdn. Bn. On completion of relief the Battalion will move to HANSON CAMP.
3. ROUTES. The Companies will go out by the following routes:-
"A" Coy., RED TRENCH and LENS-ARRAS RD.
"B" " BALSAM TRENCH and LENS-ARRAS RD.
"C" " CYRIL TRENCH and LENS-ARRAS RD.
"D" " & Hq., LA COULOTTE RD, PLANK ROAD and Bath Mat Walk.
Officer i/c Scout Section will place guides at junctions to guide outgoing Units.
4. SIGNALS. Will be relieved under arrangements to be made between Signal Officers concerned. Coy., Signallers will move out with their Coys.
5. ADVANCE PACKERS. As already arranged. Movement by Officers servants, etc., will be reduced to a minimum and will in all cases be confined to the trenches.
6. GUIDES. Guides on the basis of 1 per Bn. Hq., and 1 per Coy., Hq., and 2 per Platoon will rendezvous at junction of RED TRENCH and LENS-ARRAS RD., at 8.45 p.m. 11th Inst., reporting to Lieut. H. A. Sewell at that point.
(NOTE:- Coys., of the relieving Battalion have only three platoons).
7. L.G's, OFFICERS L.G's, Officers Kits, Dishes, Water Tins, etc., will KITS, DISHES, WATER TINS, ETC. be piled at dumps as follows:-
"A" Coy., junct. RED TRENCH and LENS-ARRAS RD.
"C" " " CYRIL TRENCH and LENS-ARRAS RD.
"B" & "D" & "Hq.", junction LA COULOTTE RD & FRESCOTT RD
Limbers will report at these dumps at 10.30 p.m. Coy., Commanders will arrange for a guard of 1 H.C.O. & 2 O.R. who will also act as loading party.
8. TRENCH STORES. Receipt for trench stores handed over will be forwarded to reach Bn. Hq., at 6.0 p.m. to-morrow 11th in Completion of relief will be reported to Bn. Hq., by wire using code phrase "Your O.C. 173 received at"
Completion of move will be reported to Bn. Hq., HANSON CAMP by runner.
9. REPORTS.

Copies to Hq., 7th C.I. Bde. 116th Cdn. Bn
C.O. Adjutant.
O.C. A.B.C. D. COYS.
Q.M. & T.O. (1) SO. IO. BO. (1)
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J. D. MACLEOD.
CAPTAIN. ADJUTANT.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 174

by

Lieut. Col. B. McLennan, D.S.O.

Comdg., 42nd Canadian Bn.

Royal Highlanders of Canada.

Ref. Map

LENS 36.0.57.1.

THURSDAY APRIL 11th 1918.

1. INFORMATION. (a) On the night 12/13th APRIL the 7th Cdn. I. Bde., will be relieved on that portion of the front south of T.3.a.4.0 by a Brigade of the 4th Cdn. Division.
- (b) On the same night 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde., will relieve the 137th (Imperial) Inf. Bde., in the LENS Section.
- The 9th Cdn. I. Bde., will be on the left of the 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde., in the new section and the 4th Cdn. Div. on the right.
- The Boundary between the 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde., and the 9th Cdn. Inf. Bde., will be as follows:-
N.13.d.7.0. - N.213.b.0.3. - N.13.a.0.3. across Railway to M.18.b.4.3 - M.18.b.9.7 - M.18.a.6.8.
2. INTENTION. The 42nd Bn. R.I.C. (less ONE Coy) from Bde. Support AVION Section will relieve the 6th North Staffords in the Left front line, LENS Section.
- ONE Coy., of the 42nd Bn., from Brigade Support AVION Section will relieve 1 Company of the 6th South Staffords in Brigade Support. (M.18) LENS Section.
- "D" Coy., 42nd Bn., will relieve front line platoons of B & C Coys., of 6th North Staffords in the front line
- "A" Coy., 42nd Bn., will relieve support platoons of "B" & "C" Coys., 6th North Staffords in supports.
- "B" Coy., 42nd Bn., will relieve "A" Coy., 6th North Staffords in right reserve.
- "C" Coy., 42nd Battalion will relieve "D" Coy., 6th North Staffords and 1 Coy., 6th South Staffords in Left Reserve.
- D. A. C. B. COYS. Companies will move off at dusk.
3. ORDER OF MARCH.
4. ROUTES. Via RED TRENCH, thence along BARRON ROAD to NAPOO CORNER Battalion Scouts will be placed at intervals along route to direct.
5. ADVANCE PARTIES. (a) Advance parties of 1 Officer per Company and 2 O.R. per platoon and 1 Officer and 4 O.R. from headquarters will proceed at 1.00 p.m. to-morrow 11th inst and take over trench stores etc.
- (b) Advance parties from the P.P.C.L.I. will report to Companies to-morrow afternoon 11th inst., to take over the present area as per arrangements between Bn. Commanders concerned.
- Movement by advance parties, Officers, Servants, etc., will be reduced to a minimum and will in all cases be confined to the trenches.
6. SIGNALS. Signals will be relieved under arrangements to be made between Signal Officers. Coy. Signallers will go out with their Coys.
7. LEWIS GUNS. Lewis Guns will go out with their companies, and crews will carry 16 discs per gun, 6 discs per gun will be placed at dumps and taken over on ladders.
8. OFFICERS KITS ETC. Officers Kits, Mess boxes, Dixies, Water Tins and 6 L.G. discs per gun will be piled at dumps as follows:-
A & C Coys., at junction of RED Trench and LA COULOTTE ROAD.
"B" & D Coys., & HQ., at junction of LA COULOTTE & PRESOTT ROADS.
- Coy. Commanders will arrange for a guard of 2 O.R. who will also act as loading party.
- Ladders will report at Dumps as soon after dusk as possible and will deliver to GROWE DUMP.
9. TRANSPORT.
10. GUIDES. (a) Guides on the basis of 1 per platoon will be supplied by the 6th North Staffords and 6th South Staffords who will meet relieving Units at NAPOO CORNER.
- (b) 1 O.R. per Platoon of 42nd Bn., advance party will, after taking over trench stores, etc., report to NAPOO CORNER at 8 o'clock to Lieut. H.A. Sewell, and will act as joint guides with the Staffords to take in platoons.

11. TRENCH STORES.

Receipts for Trench Stores handed over and list of trench stores taken over will be forwarded to reach Battalion Hq., by 8 a.m. 13th inst.

12. DISPOSITION MAPS, ETC.

Disposition Maps, Trench distribution States, Trench Strength states, will be forwarded to reach Bn. Hq., by 8 a.m. 13th inst.

13. RATIONS.

Will be Dumped as follows:-
Headquarters A.B. & D. Coys. GROW DUMP
"C" Company. VICTORIA JUNCTION.

14. BN. HQ.

On completion of relief will be at M. 23. c. 60. 75

15. REPORTS.

Completion of relief will be reported to Bn. Hq., by wire using code phrase "Your O.C. 174 received at D.M." C. Coy. will report by runner

J.D. MACLEOD.
CAPTAIN, ADJUTANT.

Hq., 7th Cdn Inf. Bde.
6th North Staffords.
6th South Staffords.
P.P.O.L.I.
C.O.
Adjutant.
O.C. A. COY
B =
C =
D =
I.O. B.O. S.O. 1.
C.M. & T.O. 1
B.S.M.
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S E C R E T.

April 14th 1918.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 175.

by

Lieut. Col. E. McLennan. SSG.

Comd. 42nd Cdn. Bn. R. C. S.

1. INTENTION.. There will be an inter-company relief on the night 15/16th April and the following moves will take place.
"A" Coy, in Support will relieve "D" Coy, in the front line
"B" " Right Reserve will relieve "A" Coy in Support.
"D" Coy., on relief will move to Right Reserve.
2. RELIEF. All details of relief will be arranged between Company Commanders concerned.
3. PATROLS. The relief must not interfere with aggressive patrolling.
"A" Coy., will arrange to have patrols go out as early as possible.
4. WORKING PARTIES. Coy, Commanders will see that the work programme is carried on. Working parties will report immediately on completion of relief.
5. RATIONS. O.C. "C" Coy., will detail a party of 1 R.C.O. & 15 C.N. to carry rations for "A" Coy., on night of relief.
Other companies will carry their own rations on completion of move.
6. REPORTS. Completion of relief will be reported to Bn. Hq., by wire using code phrase "Your O.O. 175 received at.....P.M."

J. D. MACLEOD.

CAPTAIN. ADJUTANT.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 176 April 17th 1918.

by

Lieut. Col. B. McLennan. B. S. C.

Commandant, 2nd Canadian En. H. B. Co. ---

1. INTENTION.

There will be an inter-company relief on the night 18/19 April and the following moves will take place.

"B" Coy., in support will relieve "A" Coy., on the front line.

"C" Coy., left Reserve will relieve "B" Coy., in support.

"A" Coy., on relief will move into left reserve.

2. RELIEF.

All details of relief will be arranged between Company Commanders concerned.

3. PATROLS.

The relief must not interfere with aggressive patrolling. "B" Coy., will arrange to have patrols go out as early as possible.

4. WORKING PARTIES.

Coy. Commanders will see that the work programme is carried on. Working parties will report immediately on completion of relief.

5. RATIONS.

"D" Coy., will furnish party to carry "B" Coy., rations, of 1 N.C.C. & 15 O.R. Party will report at CROW HUME at 9.00 p.m.

Other companies will carry their own rations on completion of relief.

6. REPORTS.

Completion of relief will be reported to En. Hq., by wire using code phrase "Year O.C. 176 received at.....p.m."

J. D. MACLEOD.

CAPT. ADJUTANT.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 177.

April 21st 18.

by
Lieut. Col. B. McLennan. B. S. C.
Comdg., 42nd Canadian Battalion.
Royal Highlanders of Canada.

1. INTENTION.

There will be an inter-company relief on the night
20/21st April and the following moves will take place.

"C" Coy., in support will relieve "B" Coy., in
front line.
"D" Coy., in "Light Reserve" will relieve "C" Coy.,
in Support.
"B" Coy., on relief will move into Night Reserve.

2. RELIEF.

All details of relief will be arranged between Coy.,
Commanders concerned.

3. PATROLS.

The relief must not interfere with aggressive patrol-
ling.
"C" Coy., will arrange to have patrols go out as early
as possible.

4. WORKING
PARTIES.

Coy. Commanders will see that the work programme is
carried on. ~~Working parties will report to the Coy. Comdgr. on
completion of relief.~~

5. RATIONS.

"A" Coy., will form a party to carry "C" Coy.,
rations of 1 B.C. & 15 O.R. Party will report at
CROW BUMP at 9.00 p.m.

Other companies will carry their own rations on
completion of relief.

6. REPORTS.

Completion of relief will be reported to Sn.Hq.,
by wire using the code phrase "Your O.O. 177 received at
.....p.m.".

J. B. MACLEOD.

CAPT. ADJUTANT.

by

Lieut. Col. R. McLennan, D.C.O.
 Comdg., 42nd Canadian Bn. R.C.C.

APRIL 23RD 1918.

Ref. Nos. LENS 26.0.2.2.1.

1. INTENTION. A raid will be carried out on the night 23/24th April 1918 for the purpose of obtaining identification and destruction of dugouts, etc., under a dummy gas projection, provided weather conditions are favourable.
- (A) Under arrangements with Capt. Sumner, Special Coy. R.C., who will project 25 drums of smoke at Zero hour & simulate the discharge of 200 projectors by the use of black powder.
- (B) Conditions being favourable Special Coy. R.C. will project Gas at Zero minus 3 pounds in the centre of the area N.14.C. and N.20.A and B.
2. ZERO HOUR. Zero hour 3 a.m. on the night 23/24th April 1918, wind being favourable.
3. SMOKE PROJECTION. Smoke will be projected on the following points:-
 N.14.C.10.60.
 N.14.C.07.37
 N.14.C.20.38
 N.14.C.20.68
 N.20.A.40.90
 and simulate the discharge of 200 projectors.
4. OBJECTIVES. Suspected enemy posts to be raided are:-
 (1) Enemy post at Jct. LENS-LIEVIN Rd., & Railway N.20.A.20.85
 (2) Enemy post Jct. LENS-ARRAS Rd., with Railway at N.20.A.44.78
 (3) Enemy post at Culvert in Railway Embankment N.14.C.10.37 and dugouts in vicinity.
5. RAIDING PARTIES. "A" Party consisting of Lt. S. J. Kavanagh and 1 Section approximately 12 O.C. with such additional connecting files, S.N. etc., that may be necessary, will raid objectives Nos 1 & 2.
 "B" Party, consisting of Lt. T. Cowing and 1 Section as above will raid objective No. 3.
6. ASSEMBLY POINTS. "A" Party will assemble at ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Post No. 2 in advance of ANGLE Trench N.20.A.71.06.
 "B" Party will assemble at Culvert in Railway at N.13.A.70.33.
7. SIGNAL TO START. Discharge of Projectors will be Signal to Start.
8. SIGNAL THAT PARTIES HAVE RETURNED. A green flare fired from ANGLE & ALOOF Trenches respectively.
9. ARTILLERY. 7th Canadian Inf. Bde., will arrange:-
 (1) To have Artillery S.C.S. line on portion of our front concerned to be as follows from Zero minus 15 minutes, until notified that the operation is complete.
 N.14.C.27.87 - N.14.C.45.80 - N.20.A.75.60 - N.20.A.50.25.
 (2) If it is desired to call down a barrage for protection or to cover withdrawal, this should be placed on the normal S.C.S. line (A) plus 100.
10. L & R T.M.'s. 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde., will arrange:-
 That L & R T.M.'s. do not fire on the area in question.
11. M.G.'s. 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde., will arrange that M.G.'s. do not fire on the area in question.
12. GARRISON. Garrison of the front line - ANGLE-AMALGAM-ALOOF with the exception of two sentries per post and L.G.'s will be withdrawn and "stand to" in their dugouts.
13. SIGNALS. S.C. will install phones at Culvert - ALOOF Trench & at dugout in rear ANGLE Trench; Jct. LENS-LIEVIN Road.
14. SYNCHRONIZATION. Watches will be synchronized at 8 p.m. & 11 p.m.
15. CODE WORDS. Operation cancelled - SNAP.
 Operation complete - CAKE.
 (Call for barrage - SOUP.
 on normal S.C.S. line plus 100 yds. OVER.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

J. D. MACLEOD.

CAPTAIN, ADJUTANT.

Hqs. 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde.
 Capt. Sumner, C. C. Special Coy. R.E.
 C.O.
 C. C. A. E. C. D. COMS.
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OPERATION ORDER NO. 179.

April 2nd 18.

by

Lieut. Col. B. McEhennan. D. S. C.

Comdg. 42nd Can. Battn. R. H. C.

1. INTENTION.

There will be an inter-company relief on the night 24/25th April and the following moves will take place.

"D" Coy., in support will relieve "C" Coy., in front line.

"A" Coy., in Left Reserve will relieve "D" Coy., in Support.

"C" Coy., on relief will move into Left Reserve.

2. RELIEF.

All details of relief will be arranged between Coy. Commanders concerned.

3. WORKING PARTIES.

Coy. Commanders will see that work programme is carried on without interference.

4. RATIONS.

"B" Coy., will furnish a party of 1 R.C.O. & 15 men to carry "D" Coys., rations. Party will report at CROW BUMP at 9.00 p.m.

Other companies will carry their own rations on completion of relief.

5. REPORTS.

Completion of relief will be reported to Bn. Hq., by wire using the code phrase "Your O.C. 179 received at.....p.m."

J. D. MACLEOD.

CAPT. ADJUTANT.

REPORT ON MINOR OPERATION CARRIED OUT AT 2
3 A.M. THIS MORNING BY 42ND CANADIAN BATTALION, R.C.A.

At 3 a.m. on projection of smoke to simulate a gas attack - April 24th, 1918

Party "A" Lieut. E. J. Kavanagh and 12 O.R. left our Post No. 2 at N. 20. a. 20.75 and pushed forward to enemy post at N. 20. a. 28.92. No difficulty was encountered from wire in getting forward and none was found in the Sinken Road until the party got right up close to post. The smoke afforded an effective screen and they were not spotted until reaching a high belt of concertina wire around post. This was impossible to get through and while trying to find a way, the enemy spotted them and opened with rifle fire, Mills Grenades and Cylindrical sticks. Our party replied vigorously with a large number of Mills Bombs and after finding it impossible to get into the post, and throwing a lot of bombs they withdrew covering their withdrawal with No. 27 bombs. This party returned at about 3.19 a.m. There were two slight casualties.

Just prior to going out a wiring party was reported and it is thought that the belt of concertina barbed wire around the post must have been put out during the night. The Officer i/c was enthusiastic about the smoke projection, stating that they were able to get to the post before enemy realized it and had it not been for the wire no difficulty should have been experienced in clearing up the post.

Lt. Kavanagh and Party carried out the operation in a very creditable manner.

Major R. Willcock, whose idea of simulating dummy gas by smoke was acted on, supervised the right party from an advanced post in "No Mans Land"

"B" Party - Lieut. T. Cowing and 12 O.R., which were sub-divided into raiding party of 7 O.R. and a covering party of 5 under Sergt. Bestwetherick.

At 3 a.m. on the projection of the smoke, party went forward and reached the Railway Embankment at N. 14. a. 0.2.77 without being fired on. When the party reached the top of the Embankment, shell holes were found full of wire, and light concertina fence had been put up since last night. A machine gun opened on the right, and was absolutely silenced by bombs and rifle grenades fired from the covering party on top of the embankment. Party got over the wire and rushed enemy concrete post which was in the trench that runs along the reverse slope of the Embankment. The garrison of this post retired down the trench. This trench which is about 2 1/2 ft. deep and is dug along back of embankment so that a man standing in it can just see over the track.

Lt. Cowing and L/C Mavor who had got ahead of the party getting through the wire chased the garrison of this post up the trench to the left towards the culvert. They went up the trench about 100 yards where they found a wire block placed just to the south of the Culvert. Lt. Cowing climbed to the side of the trench and opened fire with his revolver, L/C Mavor then throwing Mills and Cylindrical sticks, a bag of which he had picked up in the trench, at the Hun who put up a stiff fight.

Just as the remainder of the party joined these two, Lieut. Cowing was hit on the head and fell unconscious to the ground. L/Cpl. Mavor then went to his assistance, placing 3 men at the barrier to cover withdrawal of the wounded Officer, who he pulled back along the trench. At that moment he saw a party of 8 men approaching from the south along path at the foot of embankment which decided him to go directly over the embankment instead of the way they had come. With the assistance of Pte. Dineen he got Lt. Cowing lifted over the embankment. The covering party meantime engaged the party approaching from the south and the bombers whom he had placed at block continued to bomb the enemy vigorously there; meantime Sergt. Bestwetherick's party had bombed several dugout entrances. The leading man of the party of 8 was hit with rifle fire and crumpled up; the remainder were bombed at close range with Mills and several of them must have been wounded, as a number of bombs were thrown at close range right into the party.

During the operation Rifle Grenadiers engaged the party to the south of the block from the top of the embankment and state they were able to fire point blank into the trench and must have caused casualties.

When it was realized that Lt. Cowing was severely wounded, the main effort of the party was to get him back to our lines. When L/C Mavor and Pte. Dineson had got him safely over the embankment, the two parties withdrew.

Owing to the fact that Lieut. Cowing was very severely wounded in the head it was impossible to obtain any report from him, but the co-acting part were most enthusiastic about the way he led the party.

L/Cpl. Mavor also deserves special credit for the way he succeeded in getting Lt. Cowing in an unconscious condition out of a stiff fight.

The work of the covering party under Sergt. Bestweatherick was excellent it not only succeeded in silencing a machine gun but used sound judgement in dealing with the situation throughout.

The smoke projection on the left which was more widely distributed, and of which a number of irons fell short, was not so satisfactory as on the right, but afforded a sufficient screen for the whole of the party to reach the top of the embankment before they were spotted.

The enemy encountered were not wearing gas helmets.

(Sd.) Barrett McLENNAN, Lt. Col.

Comd. 42nd Canadian Battalion, R.E.C.

7th Canadian Inf. Brigade
B.M.R. 3/16

3rd. Cdn. Div. "B"

Forwarded.

A.O. Meredith, Major

for Brig. General

Comd. 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade

24. 4. 18.

A good enterprise, skillfully carried out. It was unfortunate that the leader became a casualty; he seems to have acted with great determination and dash, and must be a v.g. officer.

(Sd.) Lipsett, M.G.

REF: MINOR OPERATION BY 42ND CDF. BN. MORNING 4.1. 24th, 1953
 SUMMARY OF VERBAL MESSAGES RECEIVED AT ADVANCE REPORT CENTRE
 & BATTALION H. Q FROM O.C. "D" & "C" COYS. AT JUMPING OFF POINTS.

PROM

Time	Remarks	Action
3.00	a.m. All quiet, no flares	
3.02	" Good cloud	RT
3.03	" Projector barrage good	LT
3.05	" White chain lights & scattered shots	RT
3.06	" Large Fritz flare to left of embarkment	LT
	Bombs	RT. & LT.
3.07	" Grenade fighting taking place	LT
3.08	" Bombs & Mills grenades	LT
3.08	" Rifle shots	RT
3.08	" M.G. single shots	RT
3.09	" Bombs right & left	RT
3.09	" Hand grenade fighting continuously	LT
3.09½	" White chain flare on left	RT
3.10	" do do	RT
3.11	" More Mills	RT
3.12	" Rifle smoke grenades (ours)	RT.
3.13	" White flare on track	RT
3.14	" Single M.G. shots	RT
3.14½	" White flare on track	RT
3.15	" White flare on left of track	RT
3.16	" Fritz ground flare on track	RT
3.16	" SOUP	RT & LT
3.17	" Our howies shooting up rear areas	RT
3.19	" 2 double green flares	RT
3.20	" Right party back-no success-no casualties	RT
3.20	" Double green flare relayed back	RT
3.22	" More SOUP H. A opening up on right front	RT
3.22	" M.G. bursts on our left	RT
3.22	" M.G. fire on right	RT
3.23	" Two darts	RT
3.24	" Another dart	RT
3.25	" Our 18 pdrs putting over parapet	RT
3.25½	" Two green flares on left	RT
3.25½	" Minnies	RT
3.26	" Two red flares on left Mr. Cowing wounded	LT
3.28	" Two red flares on left	RT
3.28	" One green flare left rear	RT
3.29	" Gas. Enemy gas shells or pineapples sight	RT
3.31	" Two red flares on left	RT
3.31½	" Mill strafe both ways	
3.33	" Gas is shell gas - phosgene	
3.34	" One white flare on left	
3.34	" Things quieting down-one white flare on left	
	Some stokes	
3.35	" His guns shooting to our rear	
3.37	" Cancel SOUP.	
3.38	" Keep up retaliation "Capt. Grafftoy"	LT
3.40	" Open up again or normal line	
3.40	" 4. 1's on left	LT
3.41	" Darts on front line	RT
3.42½	" <i>3.42½ 1's on left 1's but one gun and shooting of mine</i>	
3.45	" Retaliation no longer needed	
3.45	" Artillery quiet Darts on right	
3.45½	" White flare on left	
3.46	" Have M.O. get ready for Mr. Cowing.	
3.47	" German post retired then party went across embarkment	LT
3.48	" Hun inputs bombed	LT
3.48	" Our 4.5's shooting short near barrier.	RT
3.49	" From a little to right of Lens-Liwin Rd.	RT
	Still dropping short near post 27	RT
3.53	" LT coming in (Capt. Grafftoy).	RT
3.54	" All quiet.	LT

3.55 am. Our guns shooting again RT
3.56 " Was correct but all quiet now RT
3.57 " Everything normal. Coming in. RT
Following are messages received from Report Centre from 2 i/c
"To TAKEN.

CNCE at 3.29 a.m. 333 prisoners NIL 333 Right and Left
party all returned 2 known casualties & Lt. Cowing.
From 2 i/c Taken. "

" Lt. Kavanagh reports men held up by high belt of wire
just outside post enemy threw Mills and cylindrical sticks our
party bombed posts 333 3 casualties"
4 a.m. From 2 i/c Taken "

"Lt. Cowing Revolver wounds scalp 333 stretcher case has
not reached here yet"
4.05 a.m. From 2 i/c Taken "

"Lt. Cowing was over embankment and 25 yards up track
when hit in head by revolver shot became unconscious and had
to be carried out his withdrawal covered by our bombers. "
From 2 i/c Taken. "

SECRET

OPERATION ORDER NO-180 April 27th 18.

by.

Lieut. Col. E. McEwen, D.S.O.

Comd., 42nd Canadian Batta.

5th Royal Highlands of Canada.

1. INTENTION.

There will be an inter-company relief on the night 27/28th April, when the following moves will take place:-
"A" Coy., will take over the right front sub-sector.
2 Platoons "A" will relieve 2 platoons "D" Coy., in ARCYLE-AMALGAM & ALGOF Trenches.
2 Platoons "A" Coy., will garrison ALARM & AGUE Trenches and ABBOTT post.
"B" Coy., will take over the left front line sub-sector
2 Platoons "B" will relieve 2 platoons "D" Coy., in ALGOF-COTTON & ANULET Trenches.
2 Platoons "B" will relieve 2 platoons "A" in COV Trench.
"D" Coy., on relief will move into billets in right reserve.

2. BOUNDARIES.

CROCODILE Trench will be the Boundary between "A" & "B" Coys. Posts 4 & 10 will be inclusive to "A" Coy., & "B" Coy., will be responsible for the defence of CROCODILE from COV to AMALGAM.

3. COY. HQ.

Coy., Hq., for the right front line sub-sector will be at the junction of ALARM & ABBALON Trenches.

Coy., Hq., for the left front line sub-sector in COV trench.

4. RELIEF.

All details of relief will be arranged between Coy., Commanders concerned.

5. WORKING

PARTIES.

Coy., Commanders will arrange that work programme is carried on with as little interference as possible.

6. RATIONS.

"B" Coy., will leave a rear party to carry in Company rations.

"D" Coy., will detail a party to carry "A" Coys., rations.

Both parties will consist of an N.C.O. and 15 G.S., and will report at CHOW BUMP at 9.30 p.m.

7. RECEIPTS FOR

TRENCH STORES.

Front line Coys., will hand in receipts for trench stores taken over by 10 a.m. 28th inst.

8. REPORTS.

Completion of relief will be reported to En. Hq., by wire using the code phrase "Your G.C. 180 received atp.m."

J. D. MACLEOD.

CAPTAIN, INFANTRY.

SECRET

OPERATION ORDER NO. 181.

by

Lieut. Col. E. McEwen, D. S. G.
Comd'g., 42nd Canadian Battalion.
Royal Highlanders of Canada.

MAY 1st 1916.

Ref. No. 36. S. S. 1/10. 600

1. INFORMATION.

The 3rd Canadian Division will be relieved by the 18th Corps, composed of 30th and 34th Divisions. Moves will commence April 30th, reliefs to be complete by 6.00 a.m. May 3rd.

The 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde., will be relieved:-

- (a) in LENS Section by the 61st Brigade on night of 1st/2nd May.
- (b) in AVIGN Section by the 60th Brigade on night of 2nd/3rd May.

2. INTENTION.

The 42nd Canadian Battalion, B. C. I., will be relieved by the 7th B. C. L. I., on night 1st/2nd inst.

"A" Coy. 7th B. C. L. I., will relieve "A" Coy., 42nd Bn. in right front sub-sector.

"B" Coy. 7th B. C. L. I. will relieve "B" Coy., 42nd Bn. in right reserve.

"C" Coy., 7th B. C. L. I. will relieve "C" Coy., 42nd Bn., in left front sub-sector.

"D" Coy., 7th B. C. L. I., will relieve "D" Coy., 42nd Bn., in left reserve.

After relief the Battalion will en-bus under instructions to be issued and proceed to CAUCOUET Area.

Lt. C. C. Howard will act as en-bussing officer.

Lt. H. A. Sewell will act as de-bussing officer.

In the event of trains being used to LENS JUNCTION

Lt. A. Fleming will act as en-training officer.

Lt. V. W. Hobart will act as de-training officer.

3. GUIDES.

Guides will be detailed on the heels of 2 per platoon and one per Coy. Hq. They will report to Lt. A. Fleming at Bn. Hq., Staffs House at 7.30 p.m.

4. L. GUNS.

4 L. G's per Coy., and 12 discs per gun will be carried out. The remaining gun and discs will be placed at the dump at Jct. RED TRENCH and LENS-LIEVIN Rd., and will be taken out by limber.

Coy., Commanders will see that full complement of discs are taken out and that they are loaded.

5. OFFICERS KITS Etc.,

Officers Kits, Mess Boxes, Dixies, and 10 water tins per Coy., will be piled at dump at Jct. of RED TRENCH & LENS-LIEVIN Rd.

Coy., Commanders will each detail a guard of 1 C.R. who will also act as loading party.

R. Q. BAGGAGE will be piled at Bn. Hq.

6. TRANSPORT.

Limbers will report at dump at Jct. RED TRENCH & LENS-LIEVIN Road., and Battalion H. Q., at 9.30 p.m.

7. TRENCH STORES.

All maps of the area, Defence schemes, aeroplanes, photos, log books and trench stores will be handed over and receipts will be forwarded to reach Bn. Hq., by 8 o'clock to-night.

8. REPORTS.

Completion of relief will be reported to Bn. Hq., by wire using code phrase "Year P. O. No. 181 received at p.m."

Copies to Hq., 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde.

10.30.50.

O. C. 7th B. C. L. I.

H. H. & T. G.

C. G.

H. G.

O. C. & S. C. O. COYS.

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FROM

1st Coy. Buff

TO

29th
30th of May 1918.

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from 1st to 29th May, 1918.

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Operation Order No. 181 dated the 1st May, 1918.
Relief of 18th Corps by the 3rd Cdn. Divsn.
Operation Order No. 183 dated the 6th May, 1918.
March of 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde. Group to the St.
Hilmaire Burbure area on the 7th May, 1918.

Operation Order No. 184 dated the 13th May, 1918.
March of 2nd Cdn. Battalion to LOEINGHEM
to-morrow for Brigade Practice Scheme.

Operation Order No. 186 dated the 23rd May, 1918.
Move of 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde. by bus to the BOMY
area 24th inst.,

Operation Order No. 187 dated the 26th May, 1918.
7th Cdn. Inf. Bde. to take part in 3rd Cdn.
Div. Tactical Scheme in the BOMY area to-morrow
27th instant.

Operation Order No. 189 dated the 27th May, 1918.
Instructions for move of Bn. on the 28th.

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Practice attack scheme No. 2

Practice Operation Order No. 3 Instructions to
Bn. reference attack.

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Sketch map of ROEINGHEM Sector.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAY	1978			
	1ST.		<p>The Battalion still in the line in the LENS Sector. On this date orders were received for the relief of the 3rd. Canadian Division by the 18th Cops, composed of 20th and 24th Divisions. On the night of May 1st/2nd. the Battalion was relieved by the 7th Bde of Cornwall Light Infantry. The relief was effected quietly with the exception of some shelling which took place as the last Platoon of "D" Coy., was moving up CROCOILE TRENCH, and L/Sgt. Finnie was killed and 1 O.R. Wounded. The relief brought to an end the longest continuous tour which the Battalion had ever done in the front line, the Battalion as a whole having completed 57 days in the line and "B" Coy., 63 days in front of VIMY RIDGE.</p> <p>On completion of relief the Battalion entrained on light railway trucks at RED MILL SIDING; the platoons arrived and detrained on the CARENCEY-BOUCHEZ Road, close to LENS Junction, where 30 'busses were waiting. The last train load arrived about 11.30 pm. and the 'busses moved off in two convoys of about 1 1/2 hours interval to CAUCOURT. The last 'busses reached CAUCOURT about 4. am., and the Battalion moved into comfortable billets. The transport had moved on the morning of May 1st. to CAUCOURT reaching there in the evening.</p>	Imp.
	2ND.		<p>Capt. W. Hale, M.C., M.O. of the Battalion returned from Rest Camp, and Captain Munroe, who had replaced him, ceased to be attached.</p> <p>During the stay in the CAUCOURT AREA, the Battalion was fitted out in kilts, re-equipped, bathed, and training commenced, including range practice for Lewis Guns and Rifles on the ranges in the vicinity of the village, which however were not of the best.</p>	654 654 654
	7TH.		<p>The Battalion, with the rest of the Brigade, moved by Route March to the ST. HILAIRE-BOURURE Area. The Battalion left CAUCOURT at 7. am. and completed the journey to ST. HILAIRE by 3.30pm. Transport moved with the Battalion. The beginning of the journey took place in a downpour of rain, but the weather cleared during the middle of the morning. The column stopped for lunch in a large wood near CALONS-RECOURT. The route taken was REURVEIVE - BOUDAIN - DIVION - WERPAY - AMES to ST. HILAIRE, where the battalion moved into billets.</p> <p>While in the ST. HILAIRE Area the Battalion was under orders to be ready to move at 4 hours notice.</p> <p>During the first week of the stay daily reconnoitring parties were sent to the forward area in the vicinity of ROBECCQ, HINGES and MT. BERNENCHON, to look over the front line and routes of approach. Almost immediately upon arrival at ST. HILAIRE a period of intensive training commenced, the greater part of the time allotted being devoted to tactical schemes and</p>	654 654

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3926 WAY	7TH	DNT.	The LINGHEM AREA was allotted to the Battalion on certain days and many useful tactical schemes both by Oya, and as a Battalion were carried out. The excellent ranges at T. 15. b. near MUCY AU BOIS were allotted to the Battalion on frequent occasions and Range practices, L.G. Practices and Field Practices, both for riflemen and Lewis Gunners were carried out.	
	11TH		Lieut. G. S. Ashby who had been in ill-health for some time was invalided to England.	FSH FSH
	12TH		Captain F. S. Allan reported to the Battalion as supernumerary Captain and was posted to "D" Company. He had been Second-in-Command of the 134th Cdn. Battalion which formed part of the 5th Division. On the disbanding of the latter he reverted to the rank of Captain in order to avail himself of an opportunity of coming to France under a new policy by which officers were attached as supernumerary and absorbed in the rank to which they had reverted as soon as vacancies occurred.	FSH
	14TH		The Battalion took part in Brigade Manoeuvres in the LOZINGHEM Area. The Battalion proceeded by Route March to ALLOUAGNE leaving at 7.30 a.m. in the morning and proceeding via L'ESPRESSERIE, BURONVILLE, BURBURE, ALLOUAGNE to LOZINGHEM Area. The Scheme carried out was an attack scheme by the entire Brigade. The R. C. G. on the Right and 42nd. Cdn. Battalion on the Left, assaulted and captured the enemy's position up to and including the intermediate objective (Blue Line on attached map). When this line had been consolidated the P.P.C.L.I. on the Right and the 49th Cdn. Bn. on the Left passed through the 2 other Battalions and moved to the assault, and captured the enemy position in the Final Objective (Green Line on attached map). The disposition of the Battalion for the attack was C Company on the Right with a 1 platoon frontage with four platoons distributed in depth - D Company on the Left with 2 platoon frontage, 2 platoons in support - B Company (less 1 platoon) in support - A Company (less 1 platoon) in reserve. One platoon of B Company was attached to C Company, and one platoon of A Company was attached to D Company, for mopping up Strong Points in C 23 a. & b. Attached to the Battalion was one battery of Heavy M.G. which were distributed 2 guns to each of the attacking Companies, 2 guns for the Support Company, and 2 guns in Reserve. The manoeuvres were very successful from every point of view, and many useful lessons were learned. The importance of the use of smoke grenades was especially brought to the attention of all who took part. Attached to the Brigade in the attack were two contact	FSH

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MAY	14TH	CONT.	aeroplanes and a battery of Field Artillery. The 9th Cdn. Inf. Brigade acted as enemy. On completion of manoeuvres the Battalion marched back to ST. HILAIRE. Practice Operation Orders and instructions are attached, also map showing area, objectives and boundaries.	PS 18
MAY	15TH		The announcement appeared in orders of the award of the Military Medal to 438494 A/L/C. Mavor, J.H., for his part in the raid April 23rd/24th, 1918	PS 18
	16TH		Lieut. D. G. MacPherson, W. G. Scott, J. A. P. Hayden and H. M. Eerns reported and were attached to the Battalion, being posted to D.B.C. and A Companies respectively.	PS 18
	17TH		Lieut. J. D. LeMoine, who had been invalided sick to England in September 1917, returned to the Battalion, was taken on strength and posted to his former Company - A Coy.	PS 18
	19TH		Lieut. A. Wilson proceeded on command to 3rd. Cdn. Div. Hq., C.C.R.C., to take charge of the 42nd. Battalion Platoon of the Reinforcement Company.	PS 18
	20TH		Lieut. D. G. MacPherson, who had been attached, was taken on strength. Notification was received that Lieut. T. O'Connell, who had been wounded in the raid of April 23rd/24th, had been invalided to England.	PS 18
			The Battalion took part in Divisional Scheme in the LOZINGHEM Area. The Battalion left ST. HILAIRE and proceeded by Route March to BOIS ST. PIERRE near RAMBERT. All Transport except the ^{the} weapons moved off. The route was via LIERES - AMES. Dinner was served in BOIS ST. PIERRE at 10.30 am. The manoeuvres were based on the following general ideas:	PS 18
			The Brigade was considered to be holding an area which the enemy had attacked, of which the front line was MUCHEL-LOZINGHEM Road. The enemy attacked and broke through the defences, outpost line, and main lines of resistance at some points. The 49th Cdn. Battalion were holding on the Right and the P.F.C.L.I. on the Left. The 42nd. Cdn. Battalion and the R.C.R. who were in close reserve and reserve respectively, were ordered to counter-attack on the Right and Left respectively, and restore the original main line of resistance. The Battalion attacked on a 3 Company Frontage , A Company on the Right, B Centre, C Left, with D in close reserve, C Company being called upon to make a flanking movement to overcome the resistance in the wood which formed part of the enemy line. The attack took place as ordered and some very interesting movements were carried out. A Battery of M.G. was attached to the Battalion, and	PS 18

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Place 19 B	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAY	20TH		the Brigade had at its disposal a Battery of Field Artillery and 2 contact aeroplanes. On completion of the manoeuvres the Battalion marched back to ST. HILIARE.	PSW
	23RD		The announcement appeared in Orders of the award to Lieut. T. Quinn of the M.C. for the part he played in the raid on April 23rd/24th, 1918.	PSA
	24TH		On this date it had been planned to carry out Divisional Manoeuvres in the BOMY Area. The Battalion with the rest of the Brigade embarked at 7.30 am., and proceeded to the Area but as the rain which had been falling all morning gave no signs of letting up, the manoeuvres were cancelled by Divisional Commander and the Brigade returned without debussing.	PSW
	25TH		The announcement appeared in the List of Appointments and Commissions of the promotion of Lieut. Lorne Cuthbert Montgomery, M.C., Second-in-Command of B Company, to be temporary Captain.	PSW
	26TH		Major R. Willcock, M.C. proceeded on command to Gyps School to act as Instructor temporarily. 41 O.R. who were in need of a rest were sent to the 3rd Div. Wng, C.C.R.C. and exchanged for a similar number of reinforcements. Announcement was received that Lieut. V. E. Hbbart, who had been invalided to Hospital and had been sent to England. Captain Girven of the Canadian Dental Corps and his Staff were attached to the Battalion for rations and orders, in order that a dental station might be opened in close proximity to the Units in the Brigade.	PSW PSW PSW PSW
	27TH		The Battalion took part in Divisional Manoeuvres in the BOMY Area, proceeding to the Area by bus leaving at 7.30 am., and arriving at 9. am. On debussing the Brigade was informed that the enemy had attacked on the night previous and broken through our line which was at that time uncertain. Patrols of the enemy were reported in the villages of BOMY and PETIGNY and ERNY ST. JULIAN. The P.P.C.L.I. was put out as a screen to cover the debussing of the Brigade. The 49th Battalion was then sent forward to clear the enemy out of the villages of BOMY and PETIGNY and the surrounding wooded country. When word had been received that these villages and surrounding country had been cleared of the enemy the 42nd Battalion on the Left and the R. C. R. on the Right were sent forward to attack the enemy's line which he was holding in	PSW

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MAY	27TH		strength just west of the villages of PETIGNY and ERNY ST. JULIEN. Of the 42nd. Cdn. Battalion A Company was on the Right and D Company on the left with B Company in Right Reserve and C Coy. in Left Reserve. The enemy consisted of the 52nd. Cdn. Battalion, a Company of Heavy M. Gs. and a squadron of Cdn. Light Horse. The manoeuvres were most instructive and were particularly noticeable for the use of mounted Cavalry patrols and a rather ridiculous Cavalry charge at the conclusion of manoeuvre. The Battalion encamped near ERNY ST. JULIEN and returned to ST. HILAIRE.	SSA
	28TH		The Battalion acted as enemy for the 9th Cdn. Inf. Brigade and carried out similar manoeuvres to those carried out by 7th Cdn. Inf. Brigade on the day previous. The defending forces consisted of the Battalion, a Company of M. Gs. and a squadron of Light Horse. The Battalion learned many valuable lessons by carrying out the opposite side of the manoeuvres which they had taken part in the day previous. On the conclusion of the field day the Battalion returned to ST. HILAIRE by bus. Lieut. R. Crowe reported as reinforcement, was taken on strength, and posted to B Company. Lieuts. H. M. Ferris and W. G. Scott, who had been attached were taken on strength.	SSA
	29TH		Lieut. M. K. Craig reported to the Battalion and was taken on strength. During the month most of the spare time was occupied in sports and games. On May 25th the Brigade Sports which were of a humorous nature took place on A Coy's Parade Ground. There were special events for civilians and also many numerous events for Officers and Men. The Battalion Football team during the course of the month played five games as follows: The 44th Field Ambulance - Result: 44th F.A. 1 Goal 42nd. 2 Goals " " " 2 Goals " 0 Goals 49th Cdn. Battalion E.R. " 49th Bn. 0 " " 4 " 51st Hvy. A.S.C. " 51st ASC 3 " " 2 " P.P.C.L.I. " P.P.C.L.I. 0 " " 0 " The Baseball Team played three games as follows: 7th Cdn. Inf. Brigade - Result: 7th C.I.B. 4 42nd. 6 7th Cdn. Engineers " 7th Cdn. Engineers 4 5 P.P.C.L.I. " P.P.C.L.I. 6 " 7	SSA SSA

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WAR DIARY
Sheet or 6
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

42nd Canadian Bn. R.H.C.

Army Form C. 2118

(Erase heading not required.)

Page	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
19 18 MAY	29TH		<p>Besides this the Officers Indoor Baseball Team played games with The 49th Cdn. Battalion, E. R., 7th C.I. Bde H. Q. (2 games), 3rd Cdn. Division "A", P.P.C.L.I., 7th Bn. Engineers. We won all games except that with 3rd. Div. H. Q. "A".</p> <p>During the month also several opportunities were given for attendance at the 3rd. Cdn. Div. "DUMBELLS" Concert Party which were much enjoyed.</p>	CSM 1518

Beattie McLean

Lieut. Col.

Cmdg. 42nd Canadian Battalion, R.H.C.

by

Lieut. Col. B. McLennan, D.S.O.
 Commandg. 42nd Canadian Battalion
 Royal Highlanders of Canada

Ref. Mes. 36. c. S.W. 1/10, 000.

May 1st 1918

1. INFORMATION.

The 3rd Canadian Division will be relieved by the 18th Corps, composed of 20th and 24th Divisions. Moves will commence April 30th, reliefs to be complete by 6.00 a.m. May 3rd.

The 7th Cdn. Inf. Bdg. will be relieved:-
 (a) in LENS section by the 61st Brigade on night of 1st/2nd May

(b) in AVION Section by the 60th Brigade on night of 2nd/3rd May

2. INTENTION

The 42nd Canadian Battalion, R.H.C. will be relieved by the 7th D.C.L.I. on night 1st 2nd inst.

"A" Coy. D.C.L.I. will relieve "A" Co., 42nd Bn. in right front sub-sector.

"B" Coy. will relieve "D" Coy., 42nd Bn. in right reserve
 "C" " will relieve "B" " 42nd Bn., in left front sub-sector

"D" Coy. will relieve "C" Coy. 42nd. Bn. in left reserve.

After relief the Battalion will em-bus under instructions to be issued and proceed to CAUCOURT Area.

Lt. C.G. Neward will act as em-bussing officer.

Lt. H.A. Sewell will act as de-bussing officer.

In the event of trains being used to LENS junction

Lt. A. Fleming will act as ex-training officer

Lt. V.R. Hebart will act as de-training officer.

3. GUIDES

Guides will be detailed on the basis of 2 per Platoon and one per Coy. Hq. They will report to Lt. A. Fleming at Bn. Hq., Stafford House at 7.30 pm.

4. L.GUNS

4 L.Gs. per Coy. and 12 discs per gun will be carried out. The remaining gun and discs will be placed at the dump at Jct. RED TRENCH and LENS-LIEVIN Rd. and will be taken out by limber.

Coy. Commanders will see that full complement of discs are taken out and loaded.

5. OFFICERS KITS ETC.

Officers Kits, Mess Boxes, Dixies and 10 water tins per Coy. will be piled at dump at Jct. of RED TRENCH L LENS-LIEVIN Rd.

Coy. Commanders will each detail a guard of 1 G.R. who will also act as loading party.

H.Q. baggage will be piled at Battalion Hq.

6. TRANSPORT

Limbers will report to dump at Jct. RED TRENCH L LENS LIEVIN Rd., and Battalion Hq. at 9.50 pm.

7. TRENCH STORES

All maps of the area, defence schemes, aeroplane photos, log books and trench stores will be handed over and receipts will be forwarded to reach Bn. Hq. by 8 o'clock tonight

8. REPORTS

Completion of relief will be reported to Bn. Hq. by wire using code phrase "Your O.O. No. 181 received at pm"

G. . A.B.C.D. Coys.
 Q.H. A.T.O.

J.D. MacLeod
 Capt. Adjt.

SECRET

OPERATION ORDER NO. 183

by

Lieut. Col. S. M. Leman, R.S.C.
 Gen'l., 42nd Canadian Batta.
 Royal Highlanders of Canada.

MONDAY, MAY 6th 1945.

Ref. Nos. LENS 11

HAZEBROUCK

1. EXECUTION The 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade group will march to the ST. HILVAIRE-BURGUNDY Area on the 7th May, 1945.
2. INTENTION The 42nd Canadian Battalion will march to ST. HILVAIRE on the 7th inst., where it will occupy billets.
3. STARTING POINT Cross Roads - P, 16 & 47 (Ref. map 36 b).
4. TIME OF START The battalion will fall in in column of route on Rue du Colvaire, with head of column at junction of road and football field, ready to move off at 7 a.m. and will pass Brigade starting point at 8.30 a.m.
5. ORDER OF MARCH
- Headquarters.
 A Coy.
 E " "
 C " "
 D " "
 Transport.
6. ROUTE Via BERNHIVE - HONDAIE - DIVION - FERFAY - AIEA.
7. MARCH DISCIPLINE Intervals of 100 yards will be maintained between Coys.
8. Halts 100 yards between Rear Coy. and Battalion Transport. Following halts will be observed:-
 From 25 to 30 minutes after the hour
 From 50 to 60 minutes after the hour
 There will be a long halt from 9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
9. HEAD KITCHENS Will go with their Coys.
10. STEEL BUNKERS Will be carried by Officers, N.C.O.'s & Men.
11. MESS BOXES Mess Boxes will be piled in field near Q.M. Stores by 6.15 a.m.
12. COOKING ON THE MARCH The Headquarters men will get their rations from A, B. & C Coys, kitchens. Transport detail from "D" Coy kitchen.
13. BAGGAGE All surplus baggage with the exception of Officers kits, mess kits & cooking utensils to be handed into Q.M. stores by 5 p.m. to-night.
14. OFFICERS KITS & MESS PACKS Officers kits, mess packs, will be piled by Coys, in the field near Q.M. Stores by 6.30 a.m. to-morrow morning. Blankets and greatcoats will be put in the packs.
15. LOADERS The Battalion & Coy. Storesmen will act as loaders and unloaders. On arrival at the new area they will get all their Officers & mess kits ready for the Battalion coming in. The Coy. Storesmen will also act as guides to their Coys.
16. BILLETS Billets will be cleaned and ready for inspection by 6.15 a.m.
17. MARCHING OUT STATE Marching out state will be handed into Orderly Room by 6.30 a.m. 7th inst.
18. ROUTE MAY 7th

Reveille 5.00 a.m.
 Breakfast 5.30 " "
 N.O.'s M & Parade 5.45 "

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 Adj't.
 O. C. A. B. C. D COYS.
 Q.M.
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 Etc.
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J. R. HUGHES
 CAPT. ADJUTANT

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 131

by
Lieut. Col. B. J. G. G. G. G. G.
Comd. 4th Canadian Batta.
Royal Highlanders of Canada.

MAY 13th 1945.

1. INTENTION. The 4th Canadian Battalion will march to LOZINGHAM to-morrow for Brigade Practice Scheme.
2. STARTING POINT. Jct. of BOURECQ-LIERES Roads.
3. TIME 7.30 a.m.
5. ROUTE. LES PRESSES - HUNHONVILLE - BONDURE - ELLOUAGNE.
6. ORDER OF MARCH Headquarters
A.
B.
C.
D.
Intervals of 100 yards will be maintained between Units.
7. DRESS. Battle Order without Steel Helmets.
8. TRANSPORT. L.G. Linberg, pack animal & A Field Kitchen will accompany the Battalion to assembly area.
9. ROUTINE. Reville.....6.00 a.m.
Breakfast.....8.30 "

J. B. W. G. G.

CPT. W. W. W.

No. 7th Can. In. & Bde
C.O.
Adj. Lt.
O. G. A. B. C. R. COYS.
I.O.
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OPERATION ORDER NO. 385

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by
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Royal Highlanders of Canada.

Ref. Map

36 & N. E. 1/30,000

SUNDAY MAY 10th 1918

1. INFORMATION

The 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade will move to the LOZINGHE SECTION to-morrow morning 20th inst. to take part in 3rd Canadian Divisional Manoeuvres.

2. INTENTION

The 42nd Cdn. Bn R.H.C. will march from ST. HILAIRE to the BOIS ST. PIERRE (C. 14) to-morrow 20th inst. On completion of Operations, the Battalion will return to billets at ST. HILAIRE.

3. STARTING POINT & TIME

The Battalion will fall in, in column of route on the main road, with head of column at junction of BOUTRECO and LIERES Roads, ready to move off at 7. a.m.

4. ORDER OF MARCH

"D" "C" "B" "A" Coy. & "Wg" Details.
Interval of 100 yards will be maintained between Units.

5. ROUTE

Via LIERES - VIES.

6. DINNER

Dinner will be served at 10.30 a.m. at the BOIS ST. PIERRE.

7. DRESS

Battle Order without steel helmets.

8. TRANSPORT

All Transport less Tool Carts will accompany the Battalion.

9. BATTLE C.

G. S. 5. 60.0.

J. BRADY
CAPT. ADUTWE

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| " 3. | S. i/c |
| " 4. | Adj't. |
| " 5. | O. C. "A" Coy. |
| " 6. | O. C. "B" " |
| " 7. | O. C. "C" " |
| " 8. | O. C. "D" " |
| " 9. | I.O. B.O. S.O. L.G.O. |
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OPERATION ORDER NO. 136

by
Lieut. Col. R. J. Danner, B. S.O.
Comd'g, 42nd Canadian Bn. R.H.C.

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HAZEBROUCK 5-a 1/20,000.
Sheet 36-a 1/20,000

THURSDAY MAY 23RD 1945.

1. LINK RELATION. The 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde., will move by bus to the BOMY Area to-morrow 24th inst., to take part in 3rd Cdn. Div. Tactical School.
 2. INTENTION. The 42nd Cdn. Bn. R.H.C., will move by bus from ST. HILVIRE to-morrow 24th inst., to the BOMY Area & will remain on manoeuvres.
 3. DEBUSHING POINT & TIME. The Battalion will fall in on the WEGY AU BOIS - ST. HILVIRE ROAD with head of column 100 yards S.W. of "A" Coy, parade ground at 7-15 a.m. Coys., will fall in in the following order:-
Headquarters Detail,
A.B. C.B. COYS.
BENNETT-CURRY ROAD at road junction W of E in BONCOURT.
Lieut. C.G. Howard will act as debussing Officer & Lieut. A. Hasing will act as debussing Officer.
 4. DE-BUSSING POINT.
On completion of manoeuvres the Battalion will fall in on the OYECQUÉ-TREBOUÛNE Road at Cross Roads N. & of D in DEINTE.
 5. S.A.A. No live S.A.A. will be carried. Pouches will be carefully inspected and Unit Commanders will be responsible that all live S.A.A. has been removed. The QM will arrange that each of the buses carry 2 wooden boxes of S.A.A. for emergency purposes. This S.A.A. will be returned to the stores on the return to billets.
 6. LEIVE GUNS. Lewis Guns will be carried. Loaded magazines will be left in buses during manoeuvres.
 7. RATIONS. Haversack Rations will be carried and sufficient time will be available to make Tea on completion of manoeuvres before the Battalion returns to billets.
Cooks will go with their Coys., and bring dishes. They will remain with the buses.
 8. TRANSPORT. Transport will not move. Officers Horses will be sent out to the debussing point on far arrangements to be made by T.O. to be there by 8.30 a.m.
 9. DRESS. Battle Order without steel helmets.
 10. MARCHING. Marching Out states will be handed into Orderly Room by 6.45 a.m. to-morrow morning.
- Copies to HQ 7th C.I.Bde. C.O. 21/c Adj. J. BHACHEL
O. C. A.B. C.B. COYS. I.O. B.O. L.G.O. S.O. CPEN. ADJ.
T.O. QM. B.S.M. Ptl. & War Store (3)

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 187

by
Lieut. Col. R. M. Lennon, R.S.O.
Comdg., 42nd Canadian Bn. R.H.C.

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Sheet 35-a 1/40,000

SUNDAY MAY 26th 1945.

1. INFORMATION. The 7th Can. Inf. Bde., will take part in 3rd Canadian Div. Tactical scheme in the BOMY area to-morrow 27th inst.

2. INTENTION. The 42nd Canadian Bn., R.H.C. will move by 'bus' from ST. HILWIRE to the BOMY Area to-morrow morning 27th inst.

On completion of manoeuvres the battalion will fall in on the OYECUS-THEROUWINE Road at Cross Roads N. W. of Din DE STEE.

3. DEBUSING POINT & TIME The Battalion will fall in on the WUYU W BOIS - ST. HILWIRE Road with head of Column 100 yards S. W. of "A" Oya, parade ground at 7.30 a.m.

4. ORDER OF DEBUSING. Will be as follows:-

5. DE-BUSING POINT No. details - A.B.C.B. OYS
BENNETTS-CURRI RD, at junction W of B in EDHOERT.
Lieut. C.G. Howard will act as debussing Officer & Lieut. A. Elving as de-bussing Officer.

C.S.A.

No live S.A. will be carried. Patches will be carefully inspected and Unit Commanders will be responsible that all live S.A. has been removed. The C.O. will arrange that each of the 'busses' carry 2 unbroken boxes of S.A. for emergency purposes. This S.A. will be returned to the stores on the return to billets.

6. LOUIS GUNS. Lewis Guns will be carried. Loaded magazines will be left in 'busses' during manoeuvres.

8. RATIONS. Haversack rations will be carried and sufficient time will be available to make Tea on completion of manoeuvres before the Battalion returns to billets.

Cooks will go with their Oya, and bring dishes. They will remain with the busses.

9. TRANSPORT. Transport will not move. Officers Horses will be sent out to the debussing point under arrangements to be made by T.O. to be there by 8.30 a.m.

10. DRESS Battle Order without steel helmets.

11. MARCHING OUT STATE. Marching Out states will be handed into Orderly Room by 6.45 a.m. to-morrow morning.

12. CONFERENCE. There will be a conference on the ground at the completion of the Operation on the place at which Officers Call is first sounded. All mounted Officers will attend.

Copies to- HQ 7th C.I. Bde. C.O. 2i/a Majt.
I.O. B.O. LG.O. S.O.
O. C. A.B.C.B. OYS. T.O. 2i. B.S.N.
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J. BRACKER
ADJUTANT

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 109

by

Lieut. Col. B. H. Cameron, R.C.O.
Command, 4th Canadian Battalion
Royal Highlanders of Canada.

MAY 27 1918

FRIEDLAND, CANADA

Regimental
MAZEBROOK 5-a
1/100,000
Sheet 36 a. 1/10,000

1. INFORMATION

The 4th Canadian Battalion R.H.C. will act as enemy to-morrow in a tactical scheme to be carried out by the 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade in the BONY area.

2. INTELLIGENCE

The Battalion will move by 'buses from ST. HILARY to DELBITE in the BONY area to-morrow morning 28th inst., and will return to billets on completion of manoeuvres.

3. DEBUSSEING POINT & TIME

The Battalion will fall in on the ST. HILARY ROAD - ST. HILARY ROAD with head of column 100 yards S.W. of "A" Coy's parade ground at 7.15 a.m.

4. ORDER OF DEBUSSEING

No. details A.B.C.B. COYS.

Lieut. C. G. Howard will act as unbusseing Officer.

Lieut. A. Fleming will act as debussing officer.

5. S.A.A.

No live S.A.A. will be carried. Pouches will be carefully inspected and Unit Commanders will be responsible that all live S.A.A. has been removed. The Q.M. will arrange that each of the 'buses carry 2 submachine boxes of S.A.A. for emergency purposes. This S.A.A. will be returned to the stores on the return to billets.

6. LIVE GUNS

Live Guns will be carried. Loaded magazines will be left in 'buses during manoeuvres.

7. RATIONS

Haversack Rations will be carried and sufficient time will be available to make Tea on completion of manoeuvres before the Battalion returns to billets.

Cooks will go with their Coys, and bring dinner. They will remain with buses.

8. TRANSPORT

Transport will not move. Officers Messes will be sent out to the debussing point under arrangements to be made by T.O., to be there by 8.30 a.m.

9. DRESS

Battle order with Steel Helmets.

10. MARCHING OUT STATE

Marching Out states will be handed into Orderly Room by 6.45 a.m. to-morrow morning.

11. CONFERENCE

At the conclusion of the operations a conference will be held on the ground where the Officer's call is first sounded. All mounted Officers will attend.

Copies to Regt. 7th C.I. Bde. C.O. 2 1/2 Adjts.
1. C. A.B.C.B. COYS. I.O. B.O. L.G.O. 3C.
1. O. Q.M. B.S.H. War Mary (3)

J. H. HADLEY
CAPTAIN / ADJUTANT

by

Lt. Col. B. McLennan, D.S.O.

Ref. Map

Comdg. 42nd Canadian Battalion, R.H.C.

Sheet FRANCE 36.a.

Friday May 10th 1918.

1.

INFORMATION

1. (a) Since attack May 4th 1918, enemy line has become defined as follows:- LA TURNAUD S.5.d. thence N.E. along road LA COUTURE - N. 31 d. - N.32.C. - a - ' § 26 d. - 27 a to cross roads Pt. 33-4 thence along road to MAZINGHER.
- (b) Enemy is reported to have outpost positions pushed forward from this line and is believed to be holding the line in strength.
2. British line runs LIGNY-RELY, thence along RELY-PONTES Road as before
"X" Imperial 1. Brigade occupy Brigade frontage from N.28 d.0.8. to N.34 a.4.7. with the 4th 1. Battalion in the line.
3. The 43rd Battery C.F.A. will fire at a slow rate of fire on the enemy's front line and approaches one hour prior to the attack, and thereafter will be governed by the situation

2.

INTERIEN

- (a) The 7th C.I.B. will attack enemy line from N.27 a.95.95 (road on right flank exclusive) to N.26.d.6.2
- (b) The 42nd Battalion attacking on the right, the R.C.R. on the left
- (b) The dividing line between Battalions being junction of five roads in N.26.b - road from N. 26.b.3. to N. 27.d.8.0. inclusive to the left Battalion.
- (d) The 43rd. Cdn. Battalion will be on the right flank.
- (e) 7th T.M. Battery will detail 4th Stokes Guns with crews to attacking Battalions.
- (f) The Battalion will attack in conformity with the above Orders, passing through our present front line at tomorrow and advancing to the attack.

3.

DISTRIBUTION

- (a) The Battalion will attack with two companies on a two platoon front, each with two platoons in close support.
A. Company on the right B. Company on the left
C. and D. Companies will be in reserve and move 300 yards in the rear of attacking companies.
- (b) Attacking Companies will move in artillery formation as far forward as tactical situation will permit.
Reserve Companies will be in artillery formation
- (c) 1 Stokes Gun will be attached to each of the attacking Companies, 2 will remain in reserve with C. Company.

4.

ASSEMBLY POINT

The Battalion will move from ST. HILIAIRE in order to attack at _____ and assemble immediately in rear of present front line from N.28 D.0.8. to N.28 d.1.2.

5

ROUTE

Via.-

6.

EQUIPMENT

Battle order - Steel helmets worn on back.

7.

RATIONS & WATER

Filled water bottles will be carried.

8. WATCHES

Watches will be synchronized at Battalion H.Q. at 8 am. 11-5-18.

9. R.A.F.

R.A.F. near junction of cross roads N.29 c.2.7.

10. TRANSPORT

11. REPORTS

Battalion H.Q. - Junction of cross roads N.28 d.9.8. until 10.30 am. then with C. Company.

J.D. MacLeod, Captain/Adjutant

SECRET

(a)

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SECRET

PRACTICE OPERATION ORDER - 3.

by
Lieut. Col. B McEwen, D.S.O.
Cmdg. 42nd Canadian Battalion, R.H.C.

Monday May. 13th. 44.

- 1
INFORMATION. Our Patrols report enemy are in force in Sinker Road N. 27. b.
- 2
INTENTION (a) The Battalion will attack with 2 Companies on a two Platoon front position from N. 27. b. 9. 8. to N. 27. d. 9. 8. 5.
(b) 1 Battery 3rd Div. M. G. Coy. (8 Guns) are attached.
(c) 1 Section 7th. T.M. Battery (4 Guns) are attached.
(d) R. C. R. on right - 5th. C.M. R. on left.
- 3
TIME
- 4
DISTRIBUTION (a) "A" Company on right
"D" Company on left
"B" & "C" in reserve, move about 300 yds in rear of attacking Companies.
(b) Machine Guns - 2 for attacking Companies
4 in reserve with C Company
(c) T.M. - 1 with attacking Companies
2 in reserve with C Company
- 5
BATTN. H. C. With C Company

J. H. Mad. esd.
Captain. Adj. t.

"B" Coy., Less one platoon will be in Support
 "A" Coy., Less one platoon, will be in Reserve.

1 Platoon from "B" Coy., will be attached to "C" Coy., and
 1 Platoon from "A" Coy., will be attached to "D" Coy., for
 mopping up strongpoints in G. 23, a & b.

O. C. "C" Coy., will detail 1 Platoon to bring anti-air
 fire on road in C. D. a. using his 2 Divisional M. G.'s im-
 mediately behind his platoon to assist in this operation.

When the final objective has been reached, it will be
 held by the troops occupying it disposed in depth. The B. C. R.,
 will move into Support along line on road C. D. a. 9.9 - G. 16. a. 65.
 The 1st Battalion will remain in Brigade Reserve along
 line of the Intermediate Objective.

6. ARTILLERY.

Action of Artillery will be notified later.

6. MACHINE
GUNS.

1 Battery of Machine Guns will be attached to the
 Battalion and distributed as follows:-

- 2 Guns to each of the attacking Coys
- 2 Guns for the Support Coy.
- 2 Guns in Reserve.

7. CONTACT
PATROL.

Will fly at ZERO Plus 2 hours and ZERO plus 2 1/2 hours
 Ground flares will be shown on call from aeroplane.

8. LIGHT
SIGNALS.

White Very Lights - Intermediate Objective gained.
 Green Very Lights - Final Objective gained.
 Red Very Lights - Artillery Support required.
S.O.S.

To be notified later.

9. ZERO HOUR.

Will be at 11.30 a.m.

10. B.H.Q.

To be notified later.

J. B. HAGEDORN
 CAPTAIN ADJUTANT.

P.T.O.

Copy No. 1. Hq. 7th C.I. Bde.
2 P.F. C.I. I.
3 R. C. P.
4 C.O.
5. 2 i/c
6. Adj. t.
7. O. C. A. COY.
8. O. C. B. ?
9. O. C. C. "
10. O. C. D. "
11. I.O.
12. L.G.O.
13. S.O.
14. Q.M.
15. T.O.
16. B. S.M.
17. W. M. WAR HRY.
23. F.I.S.

by
Lieut. Col. B. M. Dawson, R.C.O.
Comd. 2nd Canadian Bn.
Royal Highlanders of Canada

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MAY 13th 1945.

1. INTENTION.

In accordance with instructions already issued, the 7th Cdn. Inf. Bn., will attack the enemy's positions in the LOUICHES Sector on the 13th inst., passing through the Brigade at present holding the Sector. "I" Brigade is attacking on the Right - "H" Brigade is attacking on the Left.

(a)

(b)

BOUNDARIES OF ATTACK.

Right Brigade Boundary 1: From enemy front line at C. 13. & 6.0 - along the LOUICHES-BUREURE ROAD inclusive - C. 11. & 2.7 - C. 11. & 7.6 - thence in a straight line to C. 3. & 9.4.

Left Brigade Boundary 2: From C. 23. & 9.9. - in a straight line to C. 9. & 1.7.

Boundary Between Battalions 3: A straight line from C. 24. & 6.7 to C. 4. & 6.65.

(c)

OBJECTIVES.

Immediate Objective: The BLUE LINE - The North Western side of the road running from C. 11. & 1.7 to C. 10. & 7.75.

Final Objective: The GREEN LINE - The Western side of BUREURE-SAINBERT road from C. 3. & 9.4 to C. 9. & 1.7.

(d)

PHASES FOR THE ATTACK

(a) First Phase. The R.C.R. on the Right and 2nd Bn. on the Left will assault and capture the enemy's position up to and including the Immediate Objective (BLUE LINE).

(b) Second Phase. The P.P. C.E.L. on the Right and the 9th on the Left will pass through the troops engaged in the first phase when they have completed the capture of the Immediate Objective, and assault and capture the enemy's position up to and including the final objective (GREEN LINE).

The 2nd Cdn. Bn., will attack, capture and consolidate the enemy's position up to and including Immediate Objective.

Right Bn. Boundary: - A straight line from C. 24. & 9.7 to C. 7. & 65.40.

Left Battalion Boundary: From C. 23. & 9.9. in a straight line to C. 9. & 1.7.

"C" Coy. will attack on right on a 1 Plat. frontage with 1 Plat. distributed in depth.

"B" Coy. will attack on left with on 2 Plat. frontage with 2 Platons in support.

2. INTENTION.3. BOUNDARIES OF ATTACK.4. DISPOSITIONS.

SECRET

ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS

IN CONNECTION WITH C.O. NO. 5 (PRACTICE) May 13th E.

- (xi) 3rd Canadian Divisional Artillery (less three sections of 10 pndrs, and one section of 4.5" Howa) will co-operate by laying down creeping and standing barrages and smoke screens.
- (a) Creeping barrage will open at ZERO on a line from C 23, b. 6.1 to C 24, b. 4.5 where it will remain for 3 minutes. Barrage will then lift at intervals of 100 yards for 3 minutes until it reaches the line C 27, a. 5.0 - C 28, a. 3.1 where it remains for 7 minutes.
- At ZERO plus 31 it again lifts at intervals of 100 yards for 3 minutes until it reaches line C 28, b. 4.1 - C 29, a. 4.5 where it will remain for 13 minutes.

- (b) The standing barrage will be as follows:-
How - 4.5" Howa, and one battery of 10 pndrs will lay down an inclined barrage on the village of LOUINGHEM from C 28, a. 5.0 - C 29, a. 3.0 from ZERO to ZERO plus 27 when the 10 pndrs will take their place in the creeping barrage, and the 4.5" Howa will fire on enemy S.P.s, at C 27, a. 3.0 - C 27, a. 3.7 - C 28, b. 1.7 - C 29, a. 9.2.

One 4.5" Howa will engage dugouts at C 23, b. 3.7 from ZERO until the creeping barrage comes within 100 yards of it, when it will lift to the wood in C 27, a. 3.5.

The remaining five 4.5" Howa will fire from ZERO on enemy S.P.s at C 27, a. 5.3 - C 27, a. 5.6 - C 27, a. 3.9 - C 27, b. 5.2 and on the road at C 27, a. 3.5 until the creeping barrage comes within 100 yards of them when they will lift to enemy S.P.s within their Brigade zones beyond the second objectives.

When the creeping barrage comes within 100 yards of S.P.s beyond second objective,

4.5" Howa will lift and will form a protective barrage 100 yards in front of the 10 pndrs protective barrage on second objective until ZERO plus 65.

- (c) The Howitzers and 10 pndrs detailed to place a standing barrage on LOUINGHEM will fire 50% smoke so as to screen the advancing Infantry.

The placing of the smoke screen will be governed by the wind but must not be outside the boundaries shown on attached tracing for the standing barrage.

- (d) 4.5" Howa detailed to fire on wood in C 27, a. 3.5 will fire 50% smoke.

NOTE Creeping barrages and standing barrages on LOUINGHEM will be represented by men waving signal flags.

RANGE OF FIRE. ZERO to ZERO plus 65. 10 pndrs, 2 rds per gun per minute. 4.5" Howa one round per gun per minute.

The action of the Special Battery 3rd Canadian Div. Artillery consisting of six 10 pndrs, and 2-4.5" Howa will be as follows:-

(a) This Battery will not take part in the First Phase unless specially called upon by C.O. C 7th Cdn. Inf. Bde., but will move up behind the attacking Infantry to position from which it will be able to support the Second Phase of the attack.

(b) When suitable positions are reached, the battery will engage the line of the final objective, but will be prepared at all times to engage targets of opportunity or to support the Infantry when called upon by Battalion Commanders.

(c) Closest touch must be maintained with the advance of the Infantry through liaison officers and O.P.s, so as to ensure that the advance is not delayed by our artillery fire.

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PRACTICE OPERATION ORDER No.4

Copy No. _____

by
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Comd'g. 42nd Canadian Battalion, R.H.C.

Monday May 13th 1918.

1.

INFORMATION

Patrols report enemy occupy in strength, Sunken Road
N. 27.a. and N. 26.a.

2.

INTENTION

Battalion will attack position from N. 27 a.8.7. to
N. 26.a.7.3. with 3 Companies, less 1 platoon.
One Company in Reserve.

3.

TIME

4.

DISTRIBUTION

- (a) "A" Company on right with flank resting on N. 28 a.
8.7. for 300 yards S.W.
"B" Company Centre - 200 yards frontage
"C" Company, less 1 platoon - 300 yards frontage -
1 flank to be on N.26 a.7.3.
1 Platoon "C" Company will garrison present line.
"B" Company in reserve will move about 300 yards in
rear of attacking Companies.
- (b) Machine Guns - 2 Guns will be attached to each of
the attacking Companies.
- (c) T.Ms. - 2 T.Ms. attached to "D" (Centre Coy)
2 with Reserve Company.

5.

Batt.H.Q.

With "B" (Reserve Company)

J.D.MacLeod, Capt./Adjt.

CEMETERY

SKETCH MAP OF
LOZINGHEM SECTOR
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MILL (DESTROYED)

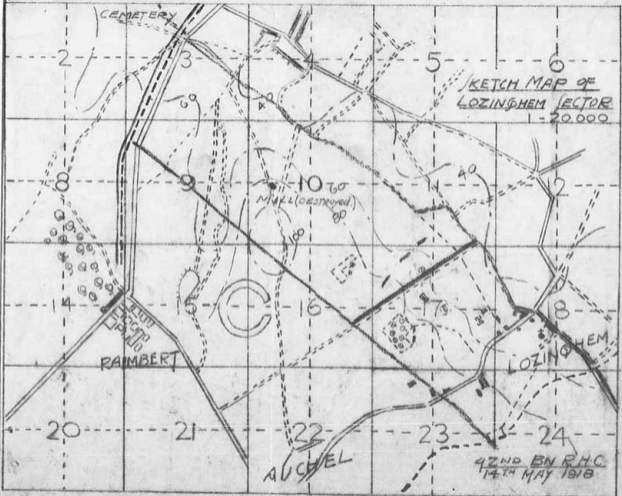
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