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Infantry

**Item number:** 23/34/12

**Title:** 17th Infantry Battalion

July 1916



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
July 7.	L'Hallobean	Fr. R. C. Anderson evacuated sick	
9	" 10 AM	Moved from L'Hallobean Operation Order No. arriving at Rouge Croix at 7 P.M.	
10	Rouge Croix 10 AM	Moved to Ebbwingham arriving at 6 P.M.	
11	Ebbwingham 12 AM	Moved out and entrained at St. Omer at 4 P.M. departing at 5.8 P.M.	
12	Languean 2.40 AM	Arrived and marched to Argennes arriving at 3 A.M.	
13		2 Lieut. Shields 10' being joined by	
16	Argennes 7 AM	Moved to Cardonette arriving 3.15 P.M.	
18	Cardonette	" " Aubouffri	
20	Aubouffri	" " Wasloy.	

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July 22.	Wanoy. 10 AM.	Moved to a position near Albert.	
25	Albert.	Moved up to front line taking over	
		tranches. East of Poziers from 9 <sup>th</sup> W APT	
	26/27	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut. E. K. Lowther Killed	
		Maj. J. M. Maughan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut. E. S. Williams to A. Robertson, C. C. Finlay, H. G. Mathew (aduty) & R. T. Shields wounded.	
28		Capt. E. T. Mansfield & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Parcell wounded	
29		Lieut. L. K. Chambers promoted to Captain Capt. L. K. Chambers killed & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. C. R. Hayward wounded	



17th BATTALION, A.I.F.OPERATION ORDER No 18.July 8th 1916.

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March Order.Op Ref. sheet SA, HANSENBUCK, 1/100,000.

1. The Battalion has been ordered to move to FRABELLES to-morrow 9th inst, preparatory to entraining.
2. The March will commence at 10.40 a.m. and the Battalion will move in the following order:-  
"D" Coy. "C" Coy. "B" Coy. "A" Coy. All supernumeraries with their Companies.  
Until STANBROOK has been passed, Companies will move at 5 minutes intervals. When the leading Company passes through STANBROOK, it will take the road leading to MAILLON and will halt at the Junction of that road and the MOYAIRES - MAILLON Road, for the rest of the Battalion to come up. The Route will then be through MOYAIRES BOOK - the Road running East of OUTPOSTS - BOULEVARD - STRAZELLE - FRABELLES.
3. The Column will halt at MOYAIRES BOOK for mid-day meal and move again at 2 p.m.
4. The Transport will move to our Billets to MOYAIRES BOOK, where it will await the arrival of the Column.
5. Lieut. Foy (mounted) and 4 M.C.Os (1 per company) and 8 men from Duty Company on bicycles, will report at Battalion Headquarters at 9.15 a.m. on 9th inst. to proceed with Staff Captain to FRABELLES as Billeting Party for this Unit.  
The Interpreter will also accompany this party.
6. On arrival at New Billeting Area an orderly will be sent to Brigade Hd Qrs, where he will remain for the rest of the day and night, rejoining the Unit when it moves next day.
7. March discipline will be strictly adhered to. Troops will march well on the right side of the road, and, when halted, fall out on same side well clear of the road. Transport will also keep well on right side of the road.
8. All vehicles (except water-carts) of 1st line of Train Transport will have an escort of one man per vehicle in addition to the driver. These men will march in rear of the waggons on the left side. Water carts will have two men as escort. Soldiers other than the driver and brakemen are forbidden to ride on the waggons or to put their arms or accoutrements on them. Light Duty men with Transport will form part of this escort.
9. Officers and soldiers are not permitted to leave their Battalion Area without permission.
10. Waterbottles are to be filled and Companies will arrange for a meal to be cooked in Field Kitchens, care being taken to see that men have a good hot meal on arrival in Billets.
11. On arrival in Billets, the usual Guards will be mounted by Companies.
12. The Company Orderlies will report to Battalion Headquarters as usual on arrival in Billets.
13. Dress. Full Marching order, 1 Blanket and 120 rounds S.A.A.
14. Rations for the 10th will be drawn from the Dump at STRAZELLE. (This is subject to alteration.)

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| 1. File     | 5. "D" Coy.     |
| 2. "A" Coy. | 6. Transport.   |
| 3. "B" Coy. | 7. M.C. Officer |
| 4. "C" Coy. | 8. - Diary.     |

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