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WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Nov			
	2		Moved up at from camp and took over from 27 th Battalion in right support on Anyra Ridge	
	5		Took over from 20 th Bn in right front.	
	7		Came out on being relieved by 23 rd Bn + marched to Halfway House. Relief complete by 7.50 PM.	
	8		Left Halfway House at 9.30 ^{am} + marched to Belgian Chateaux where we embussed, and proceeded to billets near STEENEVOORDE.	
	11		Left Steenevoorde at 8.30 AM + marched to Staple. It rained nearly the whole time.	OO No 44
	14		Lieut G.B. Finlay rejoined Battalion from 6 th Division.	
	15		Battalion went for a 10 mile route march.	
	18		Battalion moved by march route to billets near Merris.	OO No 45
	19		Battalion marched to hutted camp near Steenwerck. 2nd Lieuts E.A. Read + R.R.F. Willard joined from 19 th Battalion.	
	29		Capt R.B. Anderson struck off strength on appointment as probationer in Indian Army Reserve of Officers	

J. Anderson



Reference Sheet 27. Edition 2. 1/40,000

1. The 5th. A.I. Bgde. Group will move by march route to WALLON-CAPPEL Area on 11th. inst. Route - Steenvoorde, St. Sylvestre Cappel, Koortten Loop, Longue Croix. to squares U 1 & 2. A Coy. and Band will move off in time to arrive at road junction K 32 d 4.0. at 8.30 a.m. (near Steenvoorde). B, C and D Companies will be formed up in road near Battalion Headquarters at 7.45 a.m.
2. Cookers, Mess Carts, and Water Carts will move with the Battalion. The remainder of the transport will move independently. This is owing to the impossibility of lorries being able to reach Companies and the transport will have to be used to transport blankets etc. to K 34 d 0.3.
3. Officers' baggage and Mess gear will be ready for transport by 6.45 a.m. Blankets will be rolled by sections, labelled and stacked ready for transport by 6 a.m.. A guard of 1 N.C.O. and 2 men will be left with the blankets from each Company.
4. During the move the following distances will be maintained on the march.
Coys. 100 yards.
Unit and its Transport. 100 yards.
Battalions 500 yards.
Halts will be made at 15 minutes to each clock hour.
5. Each Company, R.Q.M., and Transport Officer will forward a certificate to Battalion Headquarters before moving off stating that the billets occupied by them were left in a clean and sanitary condition. R.Q.M. will obtain a receipt from owners of billets stating that no damage has been done by our troops. "D" Company will detail a Guard of 2 men under Sgt. Brindley, who will remain behind and obtain from the incoming Units of 30th. Div. receipts for all tents, tent boards etc., copy of which will be handed into Bn. Orderly Room. These Units will probably march in on 13th. inst.. R.Q.M. will make necessary arrangements for Rations.

6 A C K N O W L E D G E



Captain

Adjutant, 17th. Battalion, A.I.F.

1. File.
2. War Diary.
3. "A" Coy.
4. "B" Coy.
5. "C" Coy.
6. "D" Coy.
7. Transport Offr.
8. Q.M.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 45.

APPENDIX. SECRET.

17TH BATTALION. A. I. F.

Copy No. 1.

17th November 1917.

Reference Map:- HAZEBROUCK 5a. 1/100,000.

1. The 17TH BATTALION will move by March Route to the MERRIS AREA on the 18th instant.
2. Companies will be on the road in front of Battalion Headquarters in the following order:- "A", "B", "C", and "D", at 8.30 a. m.
The following distances will be maintained between Units on the march:-

Companies	100 yards.
Unit and its Transport	100 yards.
Battalions	500 yards.

 Halts will be made at 10 minutes to each half hour.
Halt for mid-day meal - 12 noon to 1.30 p. m.
3. Officers' Baggage and Mess Gear will be ready for Transport by 7.15 a. m.
Men's blankets will be transported by motor lorry.
Blankets will be rolled by Sections, marked ready for lorry by 7 a. m.
Instructions re Billeting Party will be notified later.
4. 1st Line Transport will accompany Units. Cookers will move in rear of Companies.
5. Each Company will be responsible for the cleanliness of their Billets, and will furnish a certificate to Battalion Headquarters before moving off, stating that their Billets were left in a clean and sanitary condition.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E.

J. H. Garrett Captain.
Adjutant 17th Battalion A. I. F.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. File.
2. C. O.
3. War Diary.
4. "A" Company.
5. "B" Company.
6. "C" Company.
7. "D" Company.
8. Quarter-Master.
9. Transport Officer.