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7 Battalion Royal Irish Regiment

Sept 1917 - May 1918.

16TH DIVISION
49TH INFY BDE

7TH BN ROY. IRISH REGT
SEP 1917 - MAY 1918

To 30 DIV 21 BDE

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Small Irish Horse

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See 30 DIVISION, 21 BDE,
Box 2330

Miss Woodhouse.

he attached. According to the War Diaries the South Irish Horse which was a Cavalry Regt went to France in 1915. In August 1917 the unit was reorganised into an Infantry Battalion and designated 7 (South Irish Horse) Battalion Royal Irish Regt attached to 49 Brigade 16 (Irish) Division. In October 1917 the Battalion Commanding Officer was Lieut Col C. M. TRUMAN DSO and in January 1918 Lieut Col. H. E. NORTON (See letter 28.1.63). In April 1918 106 other ranks all ex Cavalry men were posted to Cavalry base for reposting to Cavalry units.

In June 1918 the Battalion was again reorganised - All Cavalry personnel were transferred to Cavalry for distribution to Cavalry units and the remaining Infantry personnel together with 835 Irish reinforcements made up a Battalion designated 7 Battalion Royal Irish Regiment.

The War Diaries of 1/1 Northumberland Trossers which are very brief have been examined and there is no record of the unit having received reinforcements of any description (This is rather doubtful as the unit is bound to have received reinforcements to make up for casualties. The Diaries just does not record the event.)

M Sullivan
26/7/63

NOTE:- I will be glad if you will let me have a copy of your reply as no doubt if the Australian people accept the mans services in France he is bound to apply for medals with the result there will be a File in front Army Medal office. I think he was in France.

The above enquiry relates to 73891 Pte Hugh MC CAHON
(Correct name MC CAUGHERN)

enlisted 9.2.17 South Irish Horse later as above

~~mess Woodhouse~~

↳ Re attached

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went to France

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Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
BEAURAINVILLE	1-9-17		} Organisation of Battalion and general preparations for Infantry training.
	to 30-9-17		
MARESQUEL	3-9-17		} Surplus Personnel disposed of as under:
	to		Details of Yorkshire Hussars formerly attached 2nd Sth Irish Horse despatched to 33rd Infantry Base Depot. 4-9-17
	to		Surplus personnel of A.O.C. despatched to A.O.C. Depot, Calais. 5-9-17
	30-9-17		Surplus Officers (Unfit) of 2nd South Irish Horse sent to British Cavalry Base Depot. 5/9/17
			Details of West's Yeomanry formerly attached 2nd Sth Irish Horse despatched to British Cavalry Base Depot. 6-9-17
			Farriers, Shoeing Smiths & Saddlers of 1st & 2nd Sth Irish Horse surplus to Battalion despatched to British Cavalry Base Depot. 7-9-17
			Surplus A.C. personnel despatched to A.H. Y. Depot, Abbeville & A.S.C. Depot, Havre
			Officers & NCOs attended Courses in Heavy Gunnery, Bombing, Sniping and P+ B. Training.

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MARESQUEL	11-9-17 30-9-17 -do-		Officers and NCOs from 16th Division attached to Battalion as instructors Officers and NCOs of Battalion attached to 16th Division in here for instruction	
			Note:- Also authority received for the designation of the Battalion to be 7th (South Irish Horse) Battalion Royal Irish Regiment.	
			J. H. Brodie Capt & Adj. 7th (S.I.H.) R. Irish Regt	

7th (S.I. Horse) Battalion Royal Irish Regiment.

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Marsequel	1/10/17		Training as infantry on Lewis Gun, Bombing Squad drill, Manual, Musketry	7 AB
"	2/10/17		do + battalion kit baths at HESDIN.	2 AB
"	3/10/17		Platoon Drill, Bayonet fighting, Physical Training, Bombing.	2 AB
"	4/10/17		More advanced platoon drill. Bayonet fighting + Physical Training.	2 AB
"	5/10/17		As on 4th.	1 AB
"	6/10/17		Battalion Route March of 9 miles. Draft from EGYPT arrived. 2 officers + 60 OR from conducting horses from MARSEILLES to EGYPT.	2 AB
"	7/10/17		Inspection of billets.	2 AB
"	8/10/17		Elementary company drill, Physical games + controlled charges.	2 AB
"	9/10/17		Musketry by companies. Lewis Gun + Rifle bombing. Draft from Egypt drilling.	7 AB
"	10/10/17		Company drill, + Physical games. Lewis Gun + Musketry.	2 AB
"	11/10/17		Lewis Gun firing, company schemes for open warfare attacks.	2 AB
"	12/10/17		Bayonet fighting on assault course. Wiring + trench digging.	7 AB
"	13/10/17		Advance party of 1 officer + 30 OR proceeded BOILEUX to take over camp at ERVILLE. Physical Training, + preparing for move.	7 AB

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Marsquel	14/10/17		Entrained at BEAURAINVILLE and proceeded to BOISLEUX au MONT to join 16 th Division. Took over camp from 7 th Royal Irish Rifles. (Belfast bank).	F.H.B.
ERVILLERS	15/10/17		Company drill and manoeuvre. Bombing + Lewis Guns. Provided working party of 1 officer + 50 O.R. to Town Major of ERVILLERS.	F.H.B.
"	16/10/17		Training in Special Attack Platoons. Physical Training. Bombing + Lewis Guns.	F.H.B.
"	17/10/17		Further training in attack principles. Phys. Trng. Bombing + Rifle Drills, Lewis Guns.	F.H.B.
"	18/10/17		do. Improvement of camp commenced.	F.H.B.
"	19/10/17		Battalion inspected by Maj. Gen. W. B. Hickie C. B. G.O.C. 16 th Division.	F.H.B.
"	20/10/17		Company drill Phys. Trng. Improvement of camp continued. Destruction of Hut etc.	F.H.B.
"	21/10/17		Church parade + bath at ERVILLERS.	F.H.B.
ERVILLERS	22/10/17		49 th Brigade relieved 48 th Brigade. South Irish Horse moved into support in left sub-section relieving 2nd Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers. B. Company attached to left sub-section line battalion (7 th 8 th Royal Irish Fusiliers). A company of K. Lunken. Pos. T17c. 76 B. Company. Strong points C.6 to C.10. S. Company Lunken used. T22a. 3.2. 1. Hqs. Hqs. at T. 22 d. 8. 9.	Abbe (1) Abbe (1) F.H.B.

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Left Support. Company Bn.	23/10/17		Work on improvements to dug-outs etc begun. Provided working parties for R.E.	JHS
do.	24/10/17		Improvements to dug outs, roads etc continued. Company commanders reconnoitred their positions in front line. Working parties under R.E.	JHS
do.	25/10/17		Improvements to dig outs. New dug outs commenced at Bn Hdqrs. Working parties under R.E.	JHS
do.	26/10/17		do.	JHS
do.	27/10/17		do.	JHS
do.	28/10/17		South Irish Horse relieved 7/8 Royal Irish Fusiliers in left anti-section front line. B Coy left. Hdqrs of Coy. in Pug Avenue. B Company left centre Hdqrs in Shaft Avenue. A Company Right Centre. Hdqrs in Shaft French. S Company Right Hdqrs in Burg Support. Bn Hdqrs in Shaft Avenue. Shaft No. 122.	JHS
do.	29/10/17		Working parties under R.E. Pug Lane shelled + 2 men killed by direct hit on their gun emplacement. Enemy's trenches raided with success by 7/8 Inniskilling Fusiliers. Three men of ours wounded in enemy's retaliatory shell fire, some portions of trenches slightly damaged. Officers patrol went out + reported on wire in front of U.I.5.	JHS
do.	31/10/17		Working parties under R.E. Officers patrol reconnoitred wire in V.1.4. + V.1.3. Wiring carried on at U.I.5.	JHS
do.	31/10/17		Working parties + improvement of trenches, duck boarding etc. Situation Normal.	JHS

JHS
7/8 Inniskilling Fusiliers
Bn Hdqrs

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 COPY OF BATTALION ORDERS BY MAJOR H.E. NORTON, SOUTH IRISH HORSE

21st October 1917.

1. The 49th Infantry Brigade ~~will~~ (less M.G. Coy) will relieve the 48th Infantry Brigade (less M.G. Coy) in the left Section on the 22nd October 1917.
2. The South Irish Horse will relieve the 2nd Royal Dublin Fusiliers in the left Support Sector.
3. Companies will carry out the relief as follows :-
 - "A" Company will relieve the Company 2nd Royal Dublin Fus. in the T.17.C.76.
 - "B" Company will relieve the Company 2nd Royal Dublin Fusiliers in SHAFT AVENUE (Coy. H.Q. T.6.a.84) Distribution - One platoon HIND TRENCH, three Platoons and Company H.Q. in SHAFT AVENUE. For tactical purposes this Battalion will come under the orders of the O.C. Left front Battalion. On completion of relief the O.C. this Company will report personally to the O.C. Left Front Battalion.
 - "C" Company South Irish Horse will relieve the Company 2nd Royal Dublin Fusiliers in strong points C.6. to C.10. (Coy. H.Q. in C.9)
 - "S" Company South Irish Horse will relieve the Company 2nd Royal Dublin Fusiliers in SUNKEN ROAD at T.22 a 32. Battalion Headquarters in SUNKEN ROAD at T.22 d 89.
4. Advance parties consisting of an Officer and senior N.C.O. and Gas N.C.O. per Company, Battalion Hd. Qrs and 1 N.C.O per platoon and numbers 1 & 2 of Lewis Gun teams with spare parts will be met by Guides. Further instructions will follow.

ORDERS FOR COMPANIES.

Guides for Companies (1 per Platoon) will be at JUDAS FARM, T.27 c.1(as follows :-

"B" Coy. 12.15pm) Companies will move off independently
 "C" " 12.45pm) in this order leaving 5 minutes
 "A" " 1.15pm) interval between Platoons. Arrival at
 "S" " 1.45pm) JUDAS FARM must be punctual.

One limber per Company and Headquarters will accompany above carrying rations, ten dixies per Company, filled petrol tins, Mess Box, Officers Packs, Signalling equipment etc. The Quartermaster will issue Periscopes, Very Light Pistols, and these together with wire cutters, wiring gloves and caps will be kept at Company Headquarters.

5. RATIONS AND WATER CART. The daily routine which will commence on 22nd October will be issued later.
6. DRESSING STATION . At Battalion Headquarters,
 hours
- 7 WORKING IN THE LINE . 9.0am to 12.0noon. 2.0 to 4.0pm.
8. RUNNERS AND CARRYING PARTIES. Will always carry rifles, five rounds in the magazine and at least ten extra rounds.
9. TAKING OVER. Two Runners will report to Battalion Headquarters immediately each Battalion has taken over. Completion of relief will be reported to Battal on Headquarters by the work "SHAMROCK" by 2.45pm.
10. TAKING OVER Blankets, Packs, Kits, will be handed over by Companies to the Quartermaster at Q.M. Store as follows :-
 - "B" Coy. 8.15am
 - "C" " 8.45am "S" Coy. 9.45am
 - "A" " 9.15am

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11. PERSONNEL. The personnel of Officers to go with the Battalion is as under :-

"A" Coy. Capt. Morton, 2/Lieut. Watts, 2/Lieut Stokes, 2/Lieut. Hadden.
 "B" Coy. Capt. Furlong, Capt. Colvill, Lieut. Stewart, 2/Lieut. Dwyer.
 "C" Coy. Capt. Wardell, Capt. Trant, 2/Lieut Murphy, 2/Lieut. Wilks.
 "S" Coy. Capt. Roche Kelly 2/Lieut Barrett, 2/Lieut Harris 2/Lieut Brocklebank.
 Hd. Qrs. Commanding Officer, 2nd in Command, Adjutant, Signalling Officer, Intelligence Officer, Medical Officer 2/Lieut Thornley (Lewis Gun Officer) will be attached to "S" Company. 2/Lieut Wolfe Smyth (Bombing Officer) will be attached to "B" Company. 2/Lieut Watts will be Works Officer in the Line. He will report to Battalion Headquarters at 3.0pm to-morrow for orders.

12. INSTRUCTION AND WORK IN THE CAMP. The following will remain in Transport Lines for duties as detailed. The senior Officer will be in charge and must have a Nominal Roll of all left behind.

BAYONET COURSE.	2/Lieutenants Penhale and Brown.
i/c SIGNALLERS.	2/Lieut. Ferguson.
i/c BUILDING.	2/Lieut Dignan.
PROCEEDING ON LEAVE.	Lieutenants Fogarty, Dease & Smith.
LEWIS GUN INSTRUCTORS.	One N.C.O. from "A" and "B" Companies.
LEWIS GUN CLASS.	Six men per Company.
SIGNALLING CLASS.	The Signalling Officer will arrange for sufficient Signallers to go into the line, the remainder to stay behind for instruction.
BRICKLAYERS.	Two trained, one from "S" and one from "C" Company. Four untrained (for instruction) 1 per Company. Above to report to Building Officer at Orderly Room at 8.45am.
DRYING PARTY.	One man per Company and one from H.Q. will report to senior Officer and will work in the drying room under arrangements to be made by the Quartermaster.

The senior Officer will arrange for instruction in Bombing for all details in addition to their other duties, and will work in conjunction with the building Officer who will get as much work done as possible with the men available.

A nominal Roll will be handed in to the Orderly Room by 7.0pm 21st from Companies and Headquarters of all ranks to be left behind. Also NUMBERS of Trench party.

13. TENTS The three tents will be struck and pitched in Transport lines where they will be occupied, until the Battalion moves, by those at present living in them, after which they will be available for details left behind.
14. IRON RATIONS Will remain in charge of Quartermaster in Transport lines in bulk.
15. BROKEN COOKERS. The Transport Officer will arrange to have these repaired forthwith.
16. INSPECTION OF CAMP The Medical Officer will report to the C.O. at 11.30am on 22nd inst that the camp is clean.

(sd) F. H. Brooke, Capt. & Adjt.

Copy of detail of para.5.

The Transport Officer will arrange for rations to be
 1. delivered until further notice at 4.30pm at :-

T.17.C.58. for "A" Company.
 The Duck board
 C.10. for "B" Company.
 Post C.6. for "C" Company.
 T.22.A.22 for "S" Company.
 Battb.H.Q. for Headquarters.

2. WATER. will be delivered as under :-

"C" Coy.	Post C.6.	at 4.0pm by Water cart.
"S" "	T.22.a.22.	at 4.30pm ditto
Batt.H.Q.	T.23.d.27.	at 4.0pm ditto
"A" Coy.	T.17.c.58.	at 4.30pm ditto
"B" "	Duck Board C.10.	at 4.30pm. X

X This water comes in petrol tins.

3. POST The post will be sorted at the Transport Lines and sent on limbers to the various Companies,

COPY OF BATTALION ORDERS BY LIEUT. COLONEL
C.M. TRUMAN, D.S.O. 27th OCT. 17.

1. RELIEF. Battalion will relieve the Battalion holding the left Sector. Companies will relieve in the following order, moving by Platoons at 5 minutes interval :-
LEFT SECTOR "B" "A" "C"

	<u>Move off at.</u>	<u>Relief to be complete by.</u>
"B" Coy.	12.45pm.	1.30pm.
"A" "	1.15pm. (Pass Red Flag)	2.15pm.
"C" "	2.0pm.	3.0pm.
2. <u>RIGHT SECTOR</u>	Relief to be complete by 1.45pm	
3. <u>LEWIS GUNS</u>	Numbers 1 will take over Gun positions one hour before platoons move into the line, Lewis Gun Officer to arrange details.	
4. <u>GAS N/C.Os</u>	Will move into the line one hour before relief and will render a certificate through the Company Commander to H.Q. that they have personally inspected all gas appliances and that they are in order, or otherwise.	

5. POSITION IN LINE

<u>LEFT.</u>	<u>LEFT CENTRE.</u>	<u>RIGHT CENTRE.</u>	<u>RIGHT.</u>
"B"	"C"	"A"	"S"

Code message when relief is complete - "PAT"

6. GUIDES Outgoing Battalion will meet platoons at Red Flag at and conduct them to their place in the line. The Guides will meet "S" Company at 12.0noon at T. Road, map ref. T.24.a.8.4. sheet 51 B1/20000.

ROUTE TO BE TAKEN "A" "B"

7. ~~ROUTE TO BE TAKEN~~ "A" & "C" via Strong Point at T.10.C.9.9. and Red Flag. "S" Coy. via CROISELLES to Factory at T.24.a.8.4. Sheet 51.B.1/20000.

8. RATIONS Rations will be dumped as follows :-

H.Qrs. "A" "B" & "C" at STADYBRIDGE at 6.0pm
"S" Company at THE QUARRIES at 4.0pm.

Company Commanders will see that ration carrying parties parade at dump to time. The Signalling Officer will parade daily at Dump and superintend issue of rations.

9. TRANSPORT Transport of all kinds must never be kept waiting. The Transport Officer has orders to report at once any infringement of this. C.Q.M. Sergrts. when accompanying ration limbers will walk, or ride a mule or bicycle.

10. COOKHOUSES. In future, the Company Cook Corporal will keep a daily strength in a book, showing the strength by Platoons, of men for whom he is cooking - which book will be shown to the C/O. when he goes round.

L/C Mullen will take over the Battalion Cookhouse at STADYBRIDGE on the morning of the 28th inst and remain in charge.

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11. RUNNERS.

When in support, Company Runners will act as relay posts and ALL messages will be passed from one Company to another. This arrangement is made to save Runners and expedite messages.

EXAMPLE :-

Messages from Headquarters to "B" Coy. should go :-
 From H.Q. to "A" Coy.
 " " "A" " "C" "
 " " "C" " "B" "

Runners will not carry rifles when taking messages, except in the front line, when they will carry rifle and ten rounds.

12. GUARDS

The Commanding Offices does not want Guards to turn out to him unless he tells them to.

13. ROLLS

Platoon Leaders, whether Officers or N.C.Os will invariable keep a roll of men under their Command in the trenches , showing how each is employed.

RELIEF ADDENDA

The following will proceed to the front line at 12.0noon to take over :-

1 Officer per Platoon to take over Trench Stores.
 The R.S.M. to take over Bombs etc.
 1182 Sgt. Cook G. "C" Coy. to take over all gas appliances.

RATIONS ADDENDA

Dry rations will be taken up in sandbags by Platoons and handed over to Platoon Sergt, by the C.Q.M.S. Wet rations only will go to the Cookhouses.

(sd) A.H.D.Lawson 2/Lt.&A/Adjt.

APP(2)
 COPY OF BATTALION ORDERS BY LIEUT. COLONEL C.M. TRUMAN, D.S.O.
 DATED 31st OCTOBER 1917.

1. RELIEF :- The 49th Infantry Brigade will be relieved by the 48th Infantry Brigade in the Left Sector on 1.11.17. The South Irish Horse will be relieved as follows:-
 - "A" Coy. S.I.H. by "D" Coy. 10th R.D.F.
 - "C" " S.I.H. by "C" Coy. 10th R.D.F.
 - "B" Coy. S.I.H. by "A" Coy. 10th R.D.F.
 - "S" Coy. S.I.H. by "B" Coy. 10th R.D.F.
 Relief to be completed by 4.0pm and to be reported to Battalion Headquarters by the code word "BILL" On relief, S.I.H. will return to BELFAST CAMP.
2. GUIDES :- The Signalling Officer will detail two Guides to be at the Red Flag at 11.0am (C.10) to conduct the advance party of the 10th R.D.F. to Headquarters. O.C. "B" "C" & "A" Companies will detail 4 guides each, 1 per Platoon, and the Intelligence Officer 1 Guide for Hd. Qrs. to have a slip of paper on which will be written, his Company and Number of Platoon, to be at the Red Flag at 2.0pm. Guides at the Red Flag must not expose themselves until the relief arrives. The Companies of the R.D.F. will arrive in the above order, and there must be no delay in the Guides picking up their parties.
3. ADVANCE PARTY :- The Advance party consisting of 1 N.C.O. per platoon, 1 N.C.O. from Signallers and 1 N.C.O. from Headquarters, will, with the 4 C.Q.M. Sergts. report to 2/Lieut Dignan and R.Q.M.S. Barber at the Quartermaster's Store ERVILLERS at 10.10am on the 1st November. The advance party who take over from "G" Company will report to Company Headquarters at 11.30am.
4. HANDING OVER :- All Trench Maps, Defence schemes, Trench Stores Working parties to be found etc. will be handed over and receipts obtained, copies of receipts to reach Orderly Room by 6.0pm on the 1st November. A full statement of work done and to be done will be handed over to the relieving Companies. Aeroplane Photograph Books will not be handed over.
5. TRANSPORT :- O.C. "A" "B" & "C" Companies and Medical Officer will arrange to dump all material to go on limbers and Maltese Cart, at post C.10. at 2.15pm leaving a guard of two men at the Company dumps. The three limbers and Maltese cart will come at half hour intervals to collect, and will be loaded in order "A" "B" "C" Companies and M.O. Limber for "S" Company at ROYAL DUMP at 4.0pm.
6. LINES :- O.C. Companies will see that their lines are clean before handing over. All petrol tins will be taken back to Camp.
7. WATER :- O.C. Companies will arrange to leave as much water as possible for the incoming Regiment.
8. WORKING PARTIES :- "A" "B" & "C" O.C. Companies will each detail 5 men to report to the R.S.M. at Battalion H.Q. at 9.0am to-morrow. The daily working parties detailed in para. 3 of last night's orders will be continued up to 12.0noon.

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9. AMMUNITION,
GRENADES ETC.

Companies will render to Orderly Room not later than 10.0am to-morrow, their daily Grenade and Ammunition return made up to 12.0noon.

10. TRENCH STORES :- All No.14 Periscopes and French Periscopes should be returned to Brigade H.Q. by 6.0pm on the 2nd prox. Great care should be taken by Battalions in front line to hand over the small oil lamps in Company and Battalion H.Q. Each Company in front line should have one of these. They should be included in Trench Store List.

GUIDES (ADDENDA)

O.C. "S" Company will detail 4 guides to be at "S" Company H.Q. at 2.30pm.

(sd) F.H. Brooke, Capt. & Adjt.

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1917.				
Nov.	1.		Relieved by 10th R. Dublin Fus. in Left Subsection & returned to BELFAST CAMP.	Operation order attached
"	2.		General cleaning up - Baths.	
"	3.		General Training - Baths.	
"	4.		Battln. inspected by G.O.C. 49th Inf. Bde. 2 officers and 80 men on practice digging.	
"	5.		Training in Lewis Gun, Bombing, Coy & platoon in the attack, digging.	
"			1 officer & 50 men on fatigue party at Div. H.Q.	
"	6.		ditto	
"	7.		Lewis Gun Training, Bombing, Lectures on Trench Warfare. 1 officer & 50 men fatigue party at Div. H.Q.	
"	8.		Trench to Trench attack - Coy & Battln. - Bombing down trenches. Bayonet fighting. Lewis Gun classes. Rapid wiring. 1 off & 50 O.R. fatigue party at Div. H.Q.	
"	9.		Physical training & Bayonet fighting. Company drill. Rapid wiring. Fatigue party of 1 officer & 5 men at Div. H.Q.	
"			Attack on trench to "Larkin" Live Bombing. Lewis Gun classes. Marking	
"	var		Attack on trenches out trenches & marching on tasks.	A.H. Lanson

for LT. COL. COMMANDING
SOUTH IRISH HORSE (7th R. I. REGT.)

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1917.				
Nov	10.		Physical training & Bayonet fighting. Musketry. Trench to trench attack. Live bombing. Rapid wiring. Lewis gun classes. Fatigue party 1 off. & 50 men at Div. HQ. Lt Col. C.M. Luman D.S.O. left the Regt. on transfer to "Lanks".	
"	11		Church Parades.	
"	12		Left BELFAST CAMP and relieved 8/9 th R. Dublin Fus. holding left Sector Position in line :- "B" Coy Left Area "C" Left Centre "A" Right Centre "S" Right. Batt. front :- U1 a 06 (Pug Lane) to U7 d 29 (Lump Lane) Situation quiet. Relief completed 3/0 pm. Patrolled wire between U1 d 45.50 & U1 d 75.35 & found in good condition. Patrolled SENSEE RIVER bed to U13 b 37. Nothing seen; enemy snipers active.	movement order attached
"	13.		Cleaning up positions. Working parties under R.E. daily (125 men) cleaning trenches, fixing "A" frames, revetting, repairing O.P.s, building traverses, draining trenches, repairing & improving Cookhouses, fixing & repairing duck boards, completed Gun Boot store, general improving of posts, putting out wire etc. Situation quiet.	

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1917				
Nov.	14.		Situation quiet. Enemy machine guns active during night.	
"	15.		Position in line changed as follows :- "A" boy SHAFT TRENCH. N. of SENSEE RIVER to junction of SHAFT and HORN trenches (exclusive) "C" boy - junction of SHAFT and HORN trenches (inclusive) to PUG AVENUE. "B" boy - SHAFT AVENUE and one Platoon in HIND TRENCH. "S" boy - N. of SENSEE RIVER U7. & S. 8. to LUMP LANE (inclusive) Relief completed 4.10 pm. Situation quiet.	
"	16.		Working parties under R.E. supervision as on 13 th inst. Our machine guns active. SENSEE RIVER patrolled. Situation normal.	
"	17.		Working parties under R.E. supervision. Situation normal.	
"	18.		Position in line changed as follows :- "A" boy - N. side SENSEE RIVER to junction FOP LANE and SHAFT TRENCH. "B" boy - SHAFT AVENUE & 1 platoon in HIND. Av. "C" boy - part HORN TRENCH & SHAFT TRENCH to junction FOP LANE also junction HIND SUPPORT & FOP LANE to about 150 yds S of SENSEE RIVER. "S" boy - Strong points C6 to C10. Situation normal. Our machine guns very active during night. Working parties under R.E. ceased at mid-day.	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place 1917.	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Nov.	19.		Repairing duck boards, and general repairs to trenches. Situation normal. Our machine guns active during night.	
"	20.		At 6/20 am. our artillery and machine guns opened intense bombardment on enemy's positions. Shooting reported very good. 1 officer & 40 men each from "B" & "S" boys went over at zero and dug communication trench connecting up LUMP LANE and TUNNEL TRENCH as shown in Red on Map attached. During this operation a gas cylinder was unearthened and damaged causing the following casualties:- 1 officer (Lt. H. Brocklebank) and 22 O.R. also 4 O.R. sustained shell wounds. An excellent communication trench was dug. "A" and "C" boys held front line as shown on map - "B" & "S" in support. The enemy's reply was heavy at irregular intervals. Four counter attacks made on front occupied by troops on our right were all successfully repulsed. Feint attacks with dummy figures carried out by us in vicinity of RIVER ROAD proved most successful. Seven Germans entered our lines where the SENSEE RIVER cuts HIND SUPPORT and surrendered - 2 were badly wounded. They belonged to the 470th Regt.	
"	21		Our artillery & machine guns continued heavily bombarding the enemy. Enemy retaliated on our lines shelling HIND SUPPORT. During the day the situation became normal. Patrols were sent out at night to ascertain if concentration of troops was taking place, but no sound of movement was heard from the enemy's lines.	
"	22		Lewis Guns active. Situation normal. Trenches destroyed by shell fire repaired	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place 1917	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Nov	22		wiring done at night. Patrol sent out to ascertain if ROTTEN TRENCH was occupied. This was found to be so, but rather lightly held.	
"	23		Trenches cleaned, and repaired where blown in. Lewis guns active. Patrol went out to ascertain if ROTTEN TRENCH was strongly held - single shots fired at intervals - opinion being that it was not strongly held. Enemy artillery active - SHAFT TRENCH and HIND SUPPORT shelled but no damage done. Wiring parties went out at night.	
"	24		Heavy enemy shelling on our Right about 6/30 am. Otherwise the day was quiet.	
"	25		Battalion relieved by 7/8 th R. Irish Fusiliers and returned to BELFAST CAMP	movement order attached
"	26		bleaming and checking equipment.	
"	27		Baths.	
"	28		Inspection by G.O.C. 49 th Inf. Bde.	
"	29		Practised trench to trench attack first by boys, and then as a Battalion. Full marching order parade. Certain officers went to reconnoitre the Centre Subsection.	
"	30		Left BELFAST CAMP and took over Centre Subsection from 2nd R. Dublin Fusiliers. 1 Officer (Capt G.C. Colville) and 5 O.R. Killed 2 O.R. MISSING and 1 O.R. slightly wounded during the relief.	movement order attch

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SOUTH IRISH HORSE (7th R. I. REGT.)

S E C R E T.

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49th Inf. Bde. Order No. 174.

30th October 1917.

1. The 49th Inf. Bde. (less M.G. Company) will be relieved in the Left Section by the 48th Inf. Bde. (less M.G. Company) on 1st November in accordance with attached table.
2. All details will be arranged between Unit Commanders concerned.
3. Advance parties, to include Snipers, Observers, Nos. 1 of Lewis Gun Teams and Brigade Bomb Store Keepers will take over 4 hours before their respective reliefs.
4. Billeting parties of 49th Inf. Bde. will report at their respective Camps by 11 a.m. 1st November.
5. All trench stores, defence plans, working party lists, work in progress and proposed, etc, will be carefully handed over and receipts taken. Copies of receipts to be sent to Brigade Headquarters by 6 p.m. 2nd November.
Aeroplane photos will not be handed over.
6. Completion of relief will be notified by code word - "ENNISKILLEN".
7. Headquarters, 49th Inf. Bde. will close at T.21.d.4.9 and open at HAMELINCOURT on completion of relief, at which hour command of Left Section will pass from G.O.C. 49th Inf. Bde. to G.O.C. 48th Inf. Bde.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

T. W. Macdonald. Captain,
Brigade Major, 49th Infantry Brigade.

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..	3	Bde. Signal Officer.
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..	5	2nd R. Irish Regt.
..	6	7th (S.I.H) R. I. Regt.
..	7	7/8th R. Innis Fus.
..	8	7/8th R. Irish Fus.
..	9	49th M.G. Company.
..	10	49th T.M. Battery.
..	11	47th Inf. Bde.
..	12	48th Inf. Bde.
..	13	152nd Inf. Bde.
..	14	16th Div. (G).
..	15	16th Div. (Q).
..	16	A. D. M. S.
..	17	130th Bde. R.F.A.
..	18	144th Coy, A.S.C.
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MOVEMENT TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 49TH INF. BDE. ORDER No. 174.

Unit to be relieved.	Relieving Unit.	Location.	Relief to be complete by :	Relieved unit marches to:
7/8th R. Innis Fus.	2 nd R. Dublin Fus.	Right Subsection.	5 p.m.	ENNISKILLEN CAMP.
7th (S.I.H) R.I. Regt.	10 th R. Dublin Fus.	Left Subsection.	4 p.m.	BELFAST CAMP.
2nd R. Irish Regt.	1st R. Dublin Fus.	Right Support.	2 p.m.	CLONMEL CAMP.
7/8th R. Irish Fus.	8/9th R. Dublin Fus.	Left Support.	3 p.m.	ARMAGH CAMP.
49th T.M. Battery.	48th T.M. Battery.	Right & Left subsections.	5 p.m.	Camp vacated by 48th T.M. Battery.

NOTES :- All movement to be by platoons at 5 minutes interval.

Rendezvous for guides should not be in immediate neighbourhood of Forward Brigade H.Q.

		Time	
A.	20.	8.30.	Cozy.
^a A ^u	2.		Touch party.
^a B.	24.	8.30	Cozy
B.	1.		Touch party.
C.	24.	8.30.	Cozy
C.	1.		Touch party.
Support.	22 (includes hold)	8.15.	X Fun. Hand
	22. (4 no. 11)	8.15	X Fast. Hand
S.	10.	9-12 2-4	?
S.	16.	10/11. 2 am.	?

SECRET.

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49th Inf. Bde. Order No. 177.

10th November 1917.

1. (a) The 7/8th R. Innis Fus. and 7th (S.I.H) R. Irish Regt. will take over the Right and Left Subsections of the Left Section respectively on the 12th instant.

(b) The 2nd R. Irish Regt. and 7/8th R. Irish Fus. will be relieved by two Battalions 48th Inf. Bde. in the Left and Right Support Positions respectively on the 12th instant. The reliefs will be carried out according to attached Table.

(c) The 49th T.M. Battery will relieve the 48th T.M. Battery in the Left Section on 12th instant.

(d) The 49th Inf. Bde. H.Q. will relieve the 48th Inf. Bde. H.Qrs. in the Left Section on the 12th instant.

2. Details of relief will be arranged between unit commanders concerned.

3. The following will be carefully taken over :-

- (a) All trench stores, maps, defence plans.
- (b) All work in progress and proposed.

A list of all trench stores and ammunition taken over or handed over will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. by 6 p.m. 12th instant.

4. Advance parties, including snipers, observers and Nos. 1 of Lewis Gun Teams from units taking over will take over 4 hours before their respective reliefs commence.

5. Completion of relief will be reported to Brigade headquarters by code word "GAZA".

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. L. Macdonald Captain.

Brigade Major, 49th Infantry Brigade.

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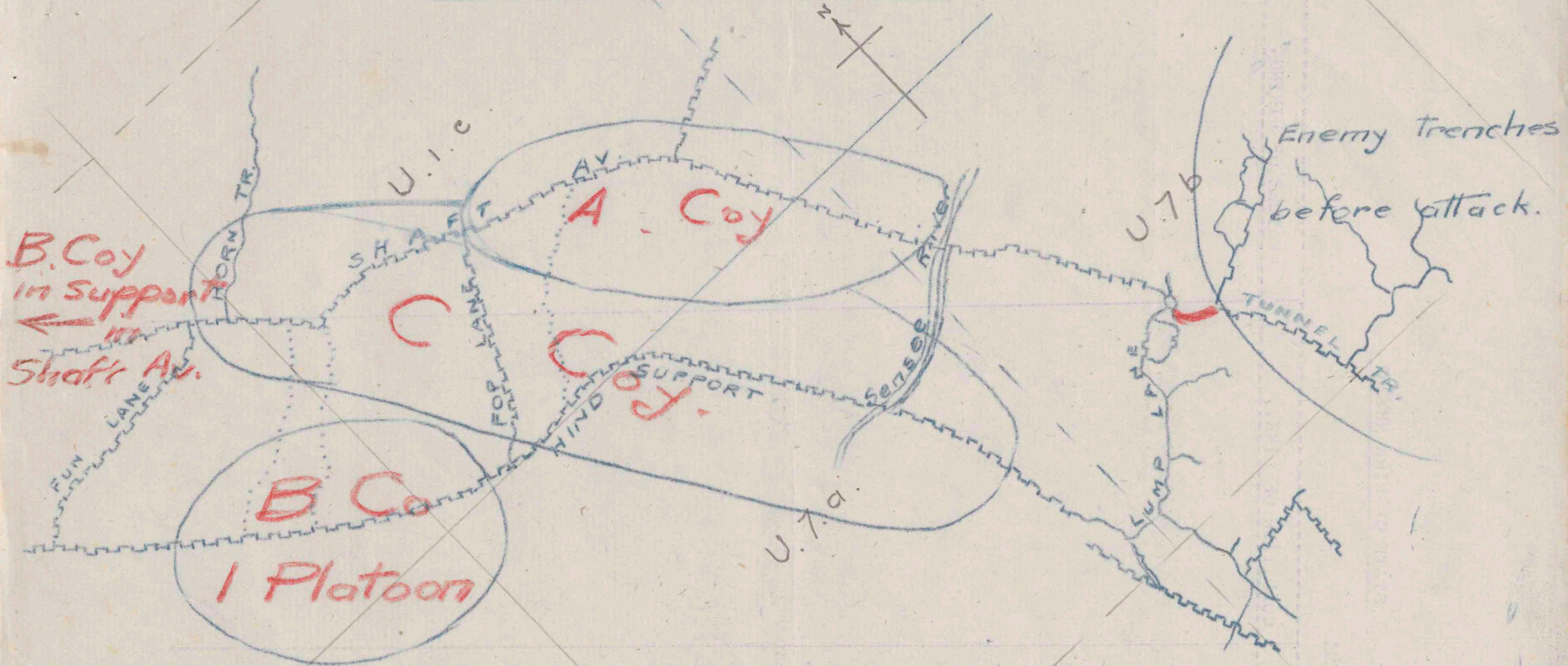
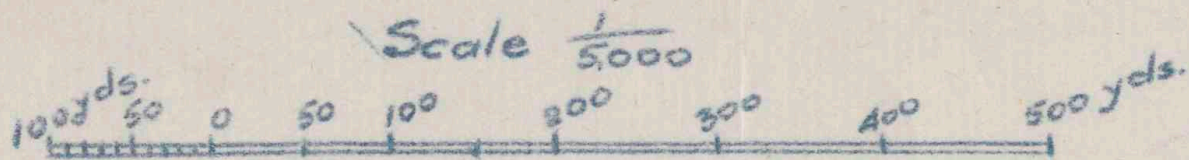
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.. 5 2nd R. Irish Regt.	15 A.D.M.S.
.. 6 7th (S.I.H) R.I. Rgt.	16 180th Bde. I.F.A.
.. 7 7/8th R. Innis Fus.	17 144th Coy, A.S.C.
.. 8 7/8th R. Irish Fus.	18 155 Field Coy, R.E.
.. 9 49th H.G. Company.	19 157 Field Coy, R.E.
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RELIEF TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 49th INF. BDE. ORDER No. 177.

Relieving Unit.	Unit to be relieved.	Location.	Relief to be complete by.	Relieved unit marches to
7/8th Innis Fus.	1st R. Dublin Fus.	Right Subsection.	3 p.m. 12th instant.	Right Support.
7th (S.I.H) R.I. Regt.	8/9th R. Dublin Fus.	Left Sub-section.	3 p.m. 12th instant.	Left Support.
1st R. Dublin Fus.	7/8th R. Irish Fus.	Right Support.	5 p.m. 12th instant.	ARLACH CAMP.
8/9th R. Dublin Fus.	2nd R. Irish Regt.	Left Support.	5 p.m. 12th instant.	FINISKILLEN CAMP.
49th T.M. Battery.	48th T.M. Battery.	Right and Left Subsections.	5 p.m. 12th instant.	Camp vacated by 49th T.M. Battery.
49th Inf. Bde. H.Q.	48th Inf. Bde. H.Q.	Left Bde. H.Qrs.	4 p.m. 13th instant.	Res. Bde. H.Qrs.

- 2nd R. Dublin Fus. will move from ARLACH CAMP to BELFAST CAMP. Move to be complete by 3 p.m.
- 10th R. Dublin Fus. will remain in CLOMEL CAMP.
- Platoons will move at 5 minutes interval.
- Guides will not rendezvous in neighbourhood of Forward Brigade Headquarters.
- Battalions proceeding to Camps will take over working parties from Battalions vacating.
- Billeting parties will report at their respective Camps at 11 a.m.

Parts of U1 & U7.
Fontaine, Sheet 51 SW



B. Coy
in Support
←
Shaft Av.

B Coy
1 Platoon

S. Coy in Strong Points
C. 6. to C. 10.

STATE OF WIRE REPORT.Left Section.

TRENCH.	CONDITION OF WIRE.	NATURE OF WIRING.
SHAFT AVE.		
HIND AVE.		
HIND SUPPORT.		
BROWN SUPPORT.		
PUG AVE.		
HUMBER SUPPORT.		
BURG SUPPORT.		
JANET LANE.		
NELLY AVE.		
LINCOLN SUPPORT.		
GUARDIAN RES.		