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18 ~~DA~~ BTN KRRC MAR '18 -  
MAR '19

122nd Inf. Bde.  
41st Div.

Battn. returned with  
Bde. to France from  
Italy 1/5.3.18.

WAR  
DIARY

18th BATTN. THE KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS.

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Attached:-

Appendices.

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18<sup>th</sup> Kings Royal Rifle Corps.

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or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
S. MARTINO ITALY.	MARCH		Right half Bn marched to FONTANIVA station and entrained with Lieut Col R Pennell DCO. Casualties Nil. Weather wet. Cd.	
	1	7am	at 7 am.	
	2		Left half Bn marched to FONTANIVA and entrained with Major W M Tye at 9 am. Weather wet. Casualties Nil. Cd.	
	3-5		Returned to France via Milan, Turin, Modane, Aix-les-Bains, Longueven, Amiens - Right half detrained POMMERA 8.30 am + bulked at POMMERA, where left half Bn joined at 5 pm after detraining at MONDICOURT. Weather fine. Casualties Nil. Cd.	
	6-8		Company training on training area - Musketry + bombing. Signal class. Weather fine. Cas. nil. Cd.	
	9.		Both route march - 10 miles. Counter-attack practice - weather fair. Cas. nil. Cd.	
POMMERA.	10.		Church parade. Cas. nil - weather fair - cold. Cd.	
	11.		Bathing - Company training. Cas. nil. weather fine - Cd.	
	12.		ABC Coy route march. D Coy bath. Officers HQs to see model of ground between LAGNICOURT and HERMIES SPUR - Bath training throughout this period as Counter-attack Bn in GHQ reserve in readiness for threatened enemy offensive at and S. of ARRAS.	MAP. 57.0-6.2.
	13.		Div! Musketry course started. 2 Coy firing - Bath practice alarm. weather fine. Casualties nil. Cd.	
			7 pm Bn transport ready to move 9 pm.	

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POMMERA	14-15		Musketry training and course continued. Weather fine. Casualties nil. Col.	
	16		Two Companies on range. Remainder route march. Major W.P. Bonstons and Capt J.N. Walby + 150 or more from 21st Bn K.R.L. joined the party - weather fine. Cas - nil. Col.	
	17		A Coy on range. Box boxing competition in the afternoon. weather fine. Cas nil. Col.	
	18		Divisional practice alarm. Bn passed with troops ready to move off at this notice. Lecture on P.T. H.S.F. after. weather dull - casualties nil. Col.	
	19-20		Coy training + range. weather wet. Casualties nil. Col.	
MONDICOURT	21		Battalion embarked at MONDICOURT station en route for EDGEHILL (near ALBERT) at 5.30 pm. Troop proceeding by road. Battalion was diverted owing to the heavy enemy attacks in BAPAUME area on 20th, and detached at ACHIET LE GRAND about 1 am 22nd.	
SAVOY CAMP (BIHUCOURT)	22		Battalion just left the station when enemy started to shell it. Arrived SAVOY CAMP S.E. BIHUCOURT. 3 am. About 11 am, Bn less 50 details was moved forward to position between FAUREUIL and SAPIGNIES. Same night a line was dug running from N.W. to S.E. 500' in rear of BEUGNATRE. Casualties nil. weather fair. Col.	57c W 2
BEUGNATRE	23		Digging continued. Enemy shelled BEUGNATRE and aerodrome in rear of position heavily throughout day. At 11 pm orders were received that Bn was to move up into the hills W. of BEUGNY in relief of S. STAFFS. Bn was relieved by 19th Middlesex about	

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W. BEUGNY (line)

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W. BEUGNOT.	23/24		I am and moved into the line, relief being complete just before dawn. Battalion came under command of GOC 125 Inf. Bde, the 19th Div. being on the right, + 25th on the left. Went to front - Casualties 5 OR wounded.	
	24		About 10 am. Lieut Col. R. Pennell - DSO. was wounded by a sniper + evacuated across the open. Major W. B. Bristow (OC Coy) assumed command of the Bn. A certain amount of shelling during the morning - Direction received from Bde that right flank was the likely danger spot. At 3 pm. troops on the right were seen to be withdrawing from their positions and C. Coy was therefore thrown out as a defensive flank to the Bde. Very heavy rifle and machine gun fire developed on the right, but the smoke from a burning dump to a large gabut concealed the enemy's movements. About 3.30 pm. troops on the left were seen to be falling back gradually - An attempt was therefore made to extract the Bde to prevent it being entirely cut off - but owing to the facts that there was wire behind both front and support lines, that all Companies were by then heavily engaged + that the enemy was advancing very fast on both flanks, especially on the right, it was not possible for more than a small proportion of the Garrison to be withdrawn. Casualties during the withdrawal were heavy as the enemy had managed to install machine	

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Luis to DIEPVIILLERS	24		<p>found on the railway line E of PREMICOURT and was infiltrating the embankment &amp; neighbourhood. At the same time a moderately heavy artillery barrage was put down behind our front line, &amp; behind it his infantry continued their advance. The remains of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Bde were collected and occupied a continuation to the S of the line dug on the 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup>, but were forced to leave this position as <del>the</del> corps took on left and right were withdrawn.</p> <p>The remains of 123 Bde were collected that night by the Coy at BIHUCOURT, and two lines of trenches dug and occupied in front of DIEPVIILLERS - to protect the road to ACHIET LE GRAND as the enemy was then in the outskirts of BAPAUME.</p>	
ESSARTS	25 <sup>th</sup>		<p>weather fine - Crossed approx - 08.15 OR 475 Col</p> <p>This position was, however rendered untenable this next morning by the enemy working up the valley between DIEPVIILLERS and FAUREVIL.</p> <p>During the day the line gradually fell back to a final position on the line of the ALBERT - ACHIET - LE - GRAND railway.</p> <p>At about 9 pm. the remains of the Division in this line were withdrawn on relief by the 62<sup>nd</sup> Div. - and the remains of this Bde. endeavoured to find the 122<sup>nd</sup> Inf Bde. As this could not be located, night was spent at ESSARTS.</p>	* See Appendix

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GOMMECOURT	MARCH 26		At midday 26th Bn rejoined 122 Inf. Bde, and picked up another party belonging to C Coy principally. The Bn was reorganized as one company, about to show	
BIENVILLERS	26/27		During the night Bn was withdrawn to BIENVILLERS + spent remainder of night in a field. Weather fine - very cold - Casualties nil. G	
GOMMECOURT	27		Moved in wood at BIENVILLERS + cleaned up as far as possible. Cf. weather in Cas. mt.	
GOMMECOURT	28		Bn moved up to support behind GOMMECOURT. G	
	29		Weather fine. Cas. nil.	
BUCAWOY	29/30		Bn received a Bn of 42nd Div. in support here behind BUCAWOY - Further stragglers joined Bn which was organized into 2 companies. Weather wet. Cas. nil. G	
	31		Slight shelling - No casualties - weather wet. G	

A P P E N D I C E S .  
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WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN - 18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

ORDERLY ROOM  
 No.....  
 6 - MAR. 1918  
 18th BATTN K.R.C.

	KILLED.	WOUNDED.	MISSING.	EVACUATED SICK	SENT TO BASE.	STRUCK OFF FOR ANY OTHER CAUSE.	TOTAL STRUCK OFF.	ADD REIN-forcements	REINFORCEMENTS A. DIV. WING.
	OFF. OR.	OFF. OR.	OFF. OR.	OFF. OR.	OFF. OR.	OFF. O.R.	OFF. O.R.	OFF. OR.	OFF. O.R.
Struck off Sunday.									
Struck off Monday.									
Struck off Tuesday.								25	
Struck off Wednesday.				20			20		
Struck off Thursday.									
Struck off Friday.									
<i>Struck off Saturday</i>									
Struck off Saturday.				20			20	25	
TOTAL.									

ORDERLY ROOM  
 No. Kb. 596  
 5 - MAR. 1918  
 18th BATTN K.R.C.

	Off.	O.R.
Strength last week.	440	887
Deduct struck off.	-	20
Remaining.	440	867
Add reinforcements.	-	25
Strength this week.	440	892

Does not include:-  
 Q.M. Ser St.  
 O.R. Clerk.  
 Shoemaker Sgt.

*Rennell*  
 Major

Commanding 18th Bn. K.R.R. Corps.

March 1st 1918.

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN - 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

Week ending Noon, 9th March 1918.

'A'		'B'		'C'		'D'		'E'		'F'	
Strength last week.		Increase during week - due to drafts reinforcements etc.		TOTAL from 'A' and 'B'		Decrease during week - casualties, sick, evacuations, and deducted from strength, etc.		Strength for current week.		DETAILS (explanation - see back.)	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
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1. Name of C.O. - Lieut.Col. R. Pennell, D.S.O.

2. Name of 2nd in Command - Major T.W.M.Fuge.

3. No. of Majors & Captains not including 1 & 2.  
6 (includes 5 Acting Captains).

4. No. of subalterns. 32.

Total officers \* 40.

\* To agree with Column 'E'.

Explanation of increase or decrease of officers, by name.

Explanation of Column 'D'.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
Killed		
Wounded		
Missing		
Evacuated sick		9
Struck off for any other cause		

TOTAL. 9

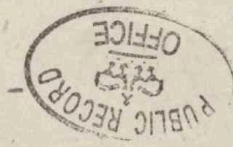
Sgd. *R. Pennell*. Lieut.Col.

Commdg. 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

## DETAILS.

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	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
On leave	3	47
Sick in Divisional Area		8
Attending Courses		-
Officers admitted to hospital sick who have not been reported as invalided home	-	-
	3	55
<u>Army employ</u>		1
Intelligence Staff		
<u>Corps employ</u>	1	1
Corps Clothing Exchange		
<u>Divisional employ</u>		1
Clerk		1
Signal Coy.		1
Baths		1
Canteen		1
<u>Brigade employ</u>	1	6
Attached 122nd M.G.C.		8
" 122nd Light T.M.B.		7
Traffic Control		1
Servant, R.T.O., VOLPAGO.		1
Absentees		1
Hospital, England.		1
	2	31
Grand total	5	86



DETAILS.



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Other Ranks.

On Leave

5

66.

Sick in Divisional Area.

1

10

Attending Course.

Officers admitted to Hospital sick who have not been reported as invalided home.

6 - 76.

TOTAL.

Corps  
Army Employ:-

Can. Corps. Int. Staff

1

14th Corps Clothing Exchange

1

1

Army  
Corps Employ:-

1

Divisional Employ:-

Clerk

1

Signal Coy

1

Canteen

1

Baths

1

Brigade Employ:-

1

6

Attached 122 M.G. Coy.

8

122 L.T.M.B.

5

Traffic Control

1

Rhe Forward Party

1

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Other Details.

Hospital England

1

Absentee

1

GRAND TOTAL.

9 - 123.

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN

*18th Bn King's Royal Rifle Corps* REGIMENT.

'A' Strength last week.		'B' Increase during week - due to drafts, reinforcements, etc.		'C' TOTAL from 'A' & 'B'		'D' Decrease during week - casualties, sick evacuations & deducted from Strength etc.		'E' Strength for current week.		'F' DETAILS. (explanation see back).	
Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.
40	900	—	2	40	902	—	4	40	898	9	123

- Name of C.O. *Lieut. Col. R. Pennell D.S.O.*
  - Name of 2nd-in-Command *Major G. H. M. Fudge*
  - No. of Majors & Captains not including 1 & 2 *6 (include 5 acting)*
  - No. of Subalterns *32*
- TOTAL OFFICERS *0 40*
- 0* To agree with column 'E'.

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN 'D'.

	Officers.	O.Ranks.
Killed.	.....	.....
Wounded.	.....	.....
Missing.	.....	.....
Evacuated Sick.	.....	2
Struck off for any other cause.	.....	2
<b>TOTAL.</b>	.....	<b>4</b>

EXPLANATION OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF OFFICERS BY NAME.

- .....arrived from reinforcements.
- .....Killed. (date)
- .....Evacuated Sick. (Date).
- etc. etc.

To agree with columns 'B' and 'D'.

(Date) *15-3-1910.*

Commanding *Sgd. R. Pennell Lieut Col 18th Bn King's Royal Rifle Corps*

SECRET.

18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Copy No. 2

Order No. 175.

1. The 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. will entrain at FONTANIVA on March 1st and 2nd, 1918.
2. Trains will be composed as under:-  
Train "A" -  $\frac{1}{2}$  Hqrs., "C" Coy., "D" Coy.,  $\frac{1}{2}$  Transport, starting at 8.12 pm., March 1st.  
Train "B" -  $\frac{1}{2}$  Hqrs., "A" Coy., "B" Coy.,  $\frac{1}{2}$  Transport, starting at 9.12 am., March 2nd.
3. Stores will be dumped as under:-  
 (1) For Train "A".  
 Blankets (rolled in bundles of ten and labelled) at the Q.M. Stores by 11 am., March 1st.  
 Officers' valises and train bundles (which will be clearly marked) at Q.M. Stores by 11 am., March 1st.  
 Officers' Mess stores at Q.M. Stores by 2.30 pm., March 1st, those required for the train being kept separate from all others.  
 (2) For Train "B".  
 Blankets (rolled in bundles of ten and labelled) at the Q.M. Stores by 5 am. March 2nd.  
 Officers' valises at the Q.M. Stores by 5.0 pm., March 1st.  
 Officers' train bundles (which will be clearly marked) at the Q.M. Stores by 5 am., March 2nd.  
 Officers' mess stores at the Q.M. Stores by 5 am., March 2nd, those required for the train being kept separate from all others.
4. Water bottles of Party "A" will be filled by 2 pm., 1st. Tea will be carried on the field kitchens. Rations for consumption on the 2nd will be issued at the station.  
 Water bottles of Party "B" will be filled by 6 pm., 1st. Breakfast rations will be carried on the field kitchens, and the remainder of the day's rations on the man.  
 No water will be available at the station.
5. O.S.C. "D" and "B" Coys. will detail the following fatigue parties to parade at the times stated to load the Transport:-  
 For Train "A" - 3 officers and 100 O.R. of "D" Coy., to parade ready to move off at 3 pm., March 1st.  
 For Train "B" - 3 officers and 100 O.R. of "B" Coy., to parade ready to move off at 4 am., March 2nd.
6. Party "A" will parade on the S. MARTINO - CITTADELLA road, ready to move off at 4 pm., March 1st. Order of march - Band,  $\frac{1}{2}$  Hqrs., "C", "D" Coys. Head of the column will be opposite Hqrs. Mess.  
 Party "B" will parade on the S. MARTINO - CITTADELLA road, ready to move off at 5 am., March 2nd. Order of march will be  $\frac{1}{2}$  Hqrs., "A", "B" Coys. Head of the column will be opposite Hqrs. Mess.
- Transport will report at the station three hours before the advertised departure of the trains.
7. No men are permitted to travel on open trucks or on the top of carriages. Men will be specially warned of the danger of the electrified portion of the route. No man will leave his truck without permission.  
 The latrine accommodation provided will be used, and indiscriminate fouling of the ground prevented.
8. Fire Orders are issued herewith to all concerned.
9. Acknowledge.

Issued at  
28.2.18.

Capt. a/Adjt.  
18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

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 " 3 "  
 " 4 Second in Command.  
 " 5 O.C. "A" Coy.  
 " 6 O.C. "B" "  
 " 7 O.C. "C" "

Copy No. 8 O.C. "D" Coy.  
 " 9 Medical Officer.  
 " 10 Signalling Officer.  
 " 11 Intelligence Officer.  
 " 12 Transport Officer.  
 " 13 Quartermaster.  
 " 14 R.S.M.

SECRET.

18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Copy No. 2

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WARNING ORDER No. 176.  
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1. Whilst in the present area the 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. will be in G.H.Q. Reserve, and will be prepared to entrain at 12 hours notice at MONDICOURT.

2. The Battn. and Transport, less "D" Coy. and one field kitchen, will entrain on Train No. 13.

"D" Coy. and field kitchen will entrain on Train No. 22.

3. Transport will report at MONDICOURT Station three hours, and personnel one hour, before scheduled departure of train. Times of departure of trains will be notified later.

4. The unexpired portion of the day's rations and one day's rations will be carried on the man.

All ranks will entrain with full water-bottles. Water-carts will be filled before entraining.

5. Orders regarding blankets and stores will be issued later.

6. Acknowledge.

*C. H. Howard*

Capt. a/Adjt.  
18th K.R.R.C.

11.3.18.

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" 4 Second in Command.  
" 5 O.C. "A" Coy.  
" 6 O.C. "B" "  
" 7 O.C. "C" "

Copy No. 8 O.C. "D" Coy.

" 9 Medical Officer.  
" 10 Transport "  
" 11 Signalling "  
" 12 Quartermaster.  
" 13 Intelligence Officer.  
" 14 R.S.M.

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18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Copy No. 2

ORDER No. 177.PRACTICE ALARM.

1. The Battn. will parade ready to move off at 9.0 pm. tonight, March 13th, on football ground East of the Orderly Room, in close column of Coys. Every available man will be on parade. Transport will parade on the DOULLENS - ARRAS road, facing East. Dress - full marching order and one blanket.

2. Officers' valises, mess stores, and all remaining blankets will be dumped at the Q.M. Stores.

3. Ammunition and rations for consumption on March 14th will be issued on the parade ground.

All water bottles will be filled before 9.0 pm.

4. Acknowledge.

Issued at 7.0 pm.,  
13.3.18.

*Chamberlain*

Capt. a/Adjt.  
18th K.R.R.C.

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" 4 Hqrs. 122nd Bde.  
" 5 2nd in Command.  
" 6 O.C. "A" Coy.  
" 7 O.C. "B" "

Copy No. 8 O.C. "C" Coy.

" 9 O.C. "D" "  
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" 12 Transport Officer.  
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" 14 R.S.M.



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18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

ORDER No. 179.

1. From 7 am. tomorrow morning, 18th March, the Battn. will hold itself in readiness to turn out in 'Fighting Order' (with "A" Echelon first line Transport) and march off at one hour's notice, on receipt of orders from Bn. Hqrs.

2. Immediately on receipt of the order all blankets, packs, mess stores, officers' valises, etc., will be sent to the Quartermaster's Stores. Rations for consumption on the 18th inst. will be carried on the man.

3. Acknowledge.

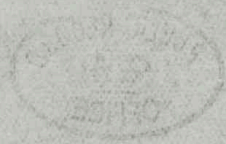
*C. H. ...*

Capt. & Adjt.  
18th K.R.R.C.

17.3.18.

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- " 6 O.C. "C" "
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- " 10 Medical Officer.
- " 11 Transport Officer.
- " 12 Quartermaster.

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SECRET & URGENT.

18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

Copy No. 2

ORDER No. 180.

1. The 18th Bn. K.R.R.C., less transport, will proceed by tactical train to the RISSMONT area on the 21st instant under orders to be issued later.

2. Transport will proceed by march route on the 21st instant, staging for the night 20th/21st.

3. Blankets will be taken in the train.

Officers' mess stores and kits will be dumped at the Q.M. Stores at the earliest possible moment, not later than 10 am. 20th instant.

Lewis Guns will be packed on the Lewis Gun limbers at the same time.

As lorry transport to and from the station will be very limited, officers' train bundles, and mess stores for the journey, will be reduced to a minimum.

4. Water carts will proceed forthwith to the Training Area, and all water bottles filled as quickly as possible.

Issued at  
20.8.18.

*E. C. ...*  
Capt. & Aijt.  
18th K.R.R.C.

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18th Bn. K.R.R.C.  
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Officer Casualties, 24th March 1918.  
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Killed in Action. Capt. W. A. J. Willans.

Wounded in Action. Lieut.Col. R. Pennell, D.S.O.  
Capt. J. N. Waldy.  
2/Lieut. G. F. Lewis.  
" J. Pennie.  
" F. Hope-Johnstone.

Missing. Capt. J. B. Gray.  
2/Lieut. J. A. Harris.  
" E. C. Bullivant.  
" C. T. Uren.  
" G. Richardson.  
" W. P. W. Shephard.  
" P. T. Loft.  
" G. Calder.  
" H. J. Pickup, M.C.

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41st Division  
122nd Infantry Brigade  
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18th BATTALION

THE KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS

APRIL 1918

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BUCQUOY	April 1918. 1st		In Support behind BUCQUOY. Little shelling. Casualties nil. Weather wet. Wmst	
MARIEUX	1st/2nd		Relieved by 42nd Division - 7th Manchesters. Embussed 3-0 am and proceeded to MARIEUX aerodrome. Casualties 1 O.R. wounded. Weather fine Wmst	
ORVILLE	2nd		Marched to ORVILLE Prisoner of War Camp. Casualties nil. Weather stormy Wmst	
POPERINGHE	3rd		Bussed to FREVENT station and proceeded by train to HOPOUTRE, afterwards marching to billets at POPERINGHE. Casualties nil. Weather fine Wmst	
SCHOOL CAMP near WATOU	4th		Moved to SCHOOL CAMP on WATOU road. Casualties nil. Weather fine Wmst	
	5th		Reorganised into 4 Coys. Received reinforcements. Casualties nil. Weather fine Wmst	
	6th		Battn. inspected by Lieut-Gen. Sir AYLMER HUNTER WESTON, G.O.C. VIII Corps. Reorganisation continued. Further drafts received. Casualties nil. Weather fine. Strength 26 Officers 917 O.R. Wmst	
near PASSCHENDAELE	7th		Moved to the line starting at 4-0 am. Battn. in Support S.W. of PASSCHENDAELE relieving 2nd Bn. R.F. Casualties nil. Weather fine Wmst	

2.

## WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	April 1918			
	8		Battn. in line. Wiring and salvage work. Little Gas Shelling.	
	9		Casualties nil. Weather wet and misty. Wmsst	
	10		Wiring and salvage. Battn relieved by 2/6 <sup>th</sup> Bath S. Staffs. Regt. and marched to JUNCTION CAMP, near WIELTJE. Casualties 3 OR	
	11		Weather fine. Wmsst	
JUNCTION CAMP	12		Proceeded to line at 8.0 pm to take over Bde. Front, <sup>two</sup> <del>one</del> Coys relieving each Battn front. Casualties nil. Weather fine. Wmsst	
ZONNEBEKE	13		Salvage work. Casualties nil. Weather fine. Wmsst	
	14		-do- Wmsst	
	15		Salvage work. Demolition of dugouts, material, communication etc. Casualties nil. Weather fine. Wmsst	
	16		Battn. withdrawn from Outposts on evacuation of PASSCHENDAELE salient, commencing at 4.0 am. Marched to SALVATION CORNER Camp, E. of YPRES. Casualties nil. Weather fine. Wmsst	
SALVATION CORNER	17		Battn. employed on Working Parties. Casualties nil. Weather fine. Wmsst	

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918 APRIL			
	18		Working Parties. Casualties nil. Weather stormy. Wmsd	
WARRINGTON CAMP	19		Battn. marched to WARRINGTON CAMP for work on Defence line. Casualties nil. Weather fine. Wmsd	
	20		Cops. worked on construction of Defence line. Casualties nil. Weather fine. Wmsd	
	21		Working Parties employed in forward area. Casualties nil. Weather fine. Wmsd	
	22		Work in forward area. Digging and wiring on rear defences. Army Zone. Casualties nil. Weather stormy. Wmsd	
	23		Working Parties employed in forward area. Casualties nil. Weather fine. Wmsd	
	24		Working in forward area. Casualties nil. Weather fine. Lt.-Col. Sir J.V.E. LEES, Bart. assumed command of Battn. vice Major W.P. BRISTOWE Wmsd	

4.

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## WAR DIARY

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918			
	April			
WARRINGTON CAMP	25		Working Parties. Battr. ordered to stand by to move at short notice, as attack was expected. Day spent in selecting NCO's and men to remain at transport lines and in organisation of Coy. Eight officer reinforcements joined. Casualties nil. Weather fine. Wmst	
	26		Orders to move received at 1-0 pm. Battr. moved to position behind GOLDFISH CHATEAU in accordance with Reserve Bde. Defence Scheme. Details moved to B Camp, BRANDHOKK under command of Capt. R. C. RICHARDSON, M.C. About 9-0 pm Battr. was ordered back to WARRINGTON CAMP. Casualties nil. Weather fine. Wmst	
	27		Battr. "standing by". Details training. Casualties nil. Weather fine. Wmst	
	28		Warning Order received to relieve 124th Inf. Bde. in line. Reconnaissance parties proceeded. W.O. subsequently cancelled. Details training. Casualties nil. Weather fine. Wmst	



WAR DIARY

or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WARRINGTON	1918	April	Battn. standing by ready to move at short notice. Details training.	
CAMP	29		Casualties 1. Weather fine. Wmsd	
	30		Battn. standing by to move at short notice. Enemy shelled Camp with Ground Srapnel, about 6 shellings falling in vicinity of huts, causing following casualties: 2 Lt. R.A. WAKELEY wounded, 9 OR wounded. Details training. Casualties (as above). Weather fine. Wmsd	
			Wmsd Warrington, 2nd Lieut. Asst. Coyt 18th R.R. Coy	

1914  
Order No 2  
SOMBREFFE

- 1) Order - 18.12.18 - SOMBREFFE
- 2) Billposting Party in afternoon at O. Room 0715 hours and will meet Staff Captain at SOMBREFFE Church at 0500 hours.
- 3) Stores to be dumped as under:-  
Valises, Blankets, Mess Stores at 1000 at Q. Master's Room at ~~1000~~ Mess Stores of A & B Coy's will be fetched at 1000 hours.
- 4) Sick Parade - 0900 hours. Unit's parade under O.O. at O. Room at 1000 hours.
- 5) Order of march A. B. Band C. D. Hdqrs. 1 Row south of D Coy under Capt. C. W. M. [unclear]

Starting Point - A Coy Hdqtrs  
 Head of Column to pass at 1100 hours.

7. Acknowledge.

*Chamberlain*

Issued at 2115  
 17.12.18

~~Capt + Adj~~  
 1514 B. K. K. K.

- | Copy No | File             |
|---------|------------------|
| 1       | War Diary        |
| 2       | "                |
| 3       | "                |
| 4       | CO Nos           |
| 5       | A Coy            |
| 6       | B "              |
| 7       | C "              |
| 8       | D "              |
| 9       | Billeting Office |
| 10      | Transport Office |
| 11      | Quartermaster    |
| 12      | Medical Office   |
| 13      | R.S.M.           |

18<sup>th</sup> B. King's Royal Rifle Corps Copy No  
Order No 27

Ref. Mads Bussard to Halmes 8/1000000

1. Area 19.12.18 - ST SERVVALS

2. Billiting Party, under command of O. Parn  
at ~~home~~ and ~~at~~ ~~home~~  
at ~~home~~ at ~~home~~

Billiting arrangements will be notified later

3. Blankets, valises and dress stores  
will be dumped at Q.M. Store by 0700

4. Jack parade 06.30 hours Under  
Parade at 0700 hours  
under O. Officer

5. Order of march B.C. Band D  
A. Hqs.

6. Head of column pass Staffing Point  
at 0810 hours. Starting Point will  
be B. in road 500 yds NW of L in LIGNY

7. ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued at  
18.12.18

Chumlow  
Capt + Asst  
18.12.18

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1	Filed
2	War Diary
3	"
4	OC Notes
5	A
6	B
7	C
8	D
9	Billing Office
10	Transport
11	Quartermaster
12	Medical Officer
13	RSM

18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

Order No. 28

Copy No. 2

Reference Maps BRUSSELS,

NAMUR &amp; LIEGE, 1/100,000.

- (1) Area, 20.12.18 - BIERWART - HERON.
- (2) Billeting arrangements will be notified later.
- (3) Valises, blankets, & mess stores will be dumped at Q.M. Stores by 0630 hours.
- (4) Sick parade - 0545 hours. Unfits parade under Orderly Officer at 0615 hours.
- (5) Order of march - C, D, Band, A, Hqs. B. B. Coy. will find rear party.
- (6) Starting point - level crossing  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile S.E. of Kilo. 60.  
Head of column to pass at 0721 hours.
- (7) There will probably be a long halt between 1230 and 1330 hours.

(2)

(8) Acknowledge.

2030

19/12/18

Chubb

Capt. + Adjt.  
18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

Copy No. 1 File

- |   |       |                   |
|---|-------|-------------------|
| - | 2 + 3 | War Diary         |
| - | 4     | O.C. Hqs.         |
| - | 5     | O.C. 'A' Coy.     |
| - | 6     | O.C. 'B' Coy.     |
| - | 7     | O.C. 'C' Coy.     |
| - | 8     | O.C. 'D' Coy.     |
| - | 9     | Battling Officer  |
| - | 10    | Transport Officer |
| - | 11    | Quartermaster     |
| - | 12    | Medical Officer   |
| - | 13    | RSM.              |

18<sup>th</sup> Bn. K.R.R.C.

Copy No. 3

Order No. 29

Ref. Map LIEGE 7, 1/100 000.

- (1) Area 21.12.18. VILLERS LE BOUILLET.
- (2) Billiting party rendezvous at O. Room at 0730 and meet Staff Captain at Road Junction immediately E. of I in VILLERS-LE-BOUILLET at 0900.
- (3) Blankets, valises, & mess stores of 'B' Coy. will be collected at 0815. Remaining Coy. will be dumped at P.M. stores at 0815.
- (4) Sick parade 0800. Unfit parade at O. Room under O. Officer at 0930.
- (5) Order of march D, A, Band, Hqs, B, C. C Coy. find rear party.
- (6) Head of column passes starting point 0930. Starting point - cross roads at Kilo 9 on



(2)

HERON - WANZ road.

(7) Acknowledge

*(Signature)*

Capt. & Adj. Gen.

1st Bn KRRC

20.12.18

- | Copy No. | File              |
|----------|-------------------|
| 1        | File              |
| 2 & 3    | War Diary         |
| 4        | O.C. Hqs          |
| 5        | O.C. A Coy        |
| 6        | O.C. B Coy        |
| 7        | O.C. C Coy        |
| 8        | O.C. D Coy        |
| 9        | Bulleting Offices |
| 10       | Transport Offices |
| 11       | Quartermaster     |
| 12       | Medical Offices   |
| 13       | Rsm.              |

18 Bn Kings Royal Rifle Corps.

Order No. 1411.

Ref map here 11.

1. The 18<sup>th</sup> Bn. KRRC will entrain at FREVENT Station tomorrow 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1911. The Bn will be conveyed by bus to entraining Station.
2. Stores will be dumped at Qm Stores as under:-  
Officers valises, train bundles, mess stores not required on train and all blankets at 6.0 a.m.  
mess Stores required on train 6.30 a.m.
3. The Bn. will parade on the tracks leading to ORVILLE ready to move off at 6.55 a.m. Order of march will be Band, Hdqrs B. A Bays. Dress - Fighting Order, overcoats will be worn.
4. Dinners will be served at or near the entraining Station.
5. All water bottles will be filled by 6.30 a.m.

2.4.11

C. H. Jones  
Capt RC

18<sup>th</sup> Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.  
Order no. 182.

1. The 18<sup>th</sup> Bn. K.R.R.C. will move to new area this afternoon 4<sup>th</sup> Apr.
2. Officers valises will be dumped at 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Stores immediately.  
mess stores will be dumped at 4.30 pm
3. The Bn. will parade on the DUNKIRK Road facing W in the order Band, Hdqrs, A.B. Draft ready to move off at 5.0 pm.
4. Transport will march with Battalion.

*Churston*

*Capt G. G. G. G.  
18<sup>th</sup> Bn. K.R.R.C.*

*4. 4. 18*

*copy to:*

1. File
2 W.D
3 W.D
4 Cb. Li Coy
5 B
6 Capt G. G. G. G. Taylor

*copy to:*

7 L.O.
8 M.O
9 Q.M.
10 T.O.



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Secret.18<sup>th</sup> K.A.R.C. No. 183 Copy No.

1. The 18<sup>th</sup> K.A.R.C. will be relieved by the 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Staffs on the night of the 11/12 April 1918.
2. One guide per platoon two from Batts. Hdqrs in clean fatigue dress will report to the Int. Officer at Sn. Hdqrs. at 6-30 pm. 11<sup>th</sup>. The party will then proceed to Groot House to meet the incoming unit.
3. All maps, plans of work, trench logs, reserve rations etc. will be handed over on relief and a copy of receipts obtained forwarded to O.A. by 9 a.m. 12<sup>th</sup>.
4. Lt. B. Coy. will detail an Officer to take charge of the additional 50 men attached to B. Coy. until further orders.
5. On relief Coys will march independently to outtraining station IBERIAN via H.K. Track where they will be met by the I.O. Lewis Guns & ammunition will be dumped on L.G. limbers near SEINE DUMP immediately on completion of relief & conveyed thence to new area near WEINTE.

6. Completion of relief will be wired to Sn. Hdqrs. by code word "THURSDAY."

1 file	4. A. Coy.	8. T.O.
2 2nd Bn	5. B.	9.
3 .	6. C.	10 I.O.
	7. D. Coy	11 Q.M.

Issued at \_\_\_\_\_  
11-4-18.

SECRET 18th Bn. K.R.R.C

Order No 194

Copy No. 2

Ref Map Sheet 28.

1. The 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. will move on April 20th to WARRINGTON CAMP (H. 2 c. Central).
2. Officers valises & mess stores will be dumped on the road E. of Bn. Hqs. by 10 am. 20th. AA Lewis guns will be placed on L.G. wagons under supervision of the L.G. Spt. by the same hour.
3. Coys. will each detail 1 N.C.O. to proceed to WARRINGTON CAMP at 9.30 am. to take over accommodation from the Q.M.
4. Coys. will march off at the following hours:-
 

A Coy.	10 am.	C. Coy.	10.20 am.
B	10.10 am.	D	10.30 am.

 An interval of 50 yds. will be maintained between platoons.  
 Dress - full marching order & 1 blanket.
5. The usual halts will be observed.
6. Rations for the 20th will be carried on Field Kitchens.
7. Acknowledge

*Chas. Howard*

Issued at 9.20 am  
20-4-18

Capt. & Adj. G.  
18th K.R.R.C.



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**"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

Army Form C. 2121  
(in pads of 100).

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Sent			Date.....
<b>SECRET</b>	At.....m.	To.....	Service.	From.....
	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....

TO

**WARNING ORDER**

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

**AAA**

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1. The 18 <sup>th</sup> KRRE will receive a Bath of the 124 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn Coy night 28/29 April 1918 in Right Sector V/PRES DEFENCES		
2. Following will report at 08 at 11 am today with rations to proceed to line Bn. I.O INCO + 2 times per Coy.		
3. Further details when received - 8. I.O. + 50. 10. Q.M.		

From	I.T.O	
Place	Issued at 10a	
Time		

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

**(Z)**

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Censor.

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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	To.....			By.....
	By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO

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Sender's Number. * KA 33	Day of Month. 28	In reply to Number.	AAA
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W.O.	issued	this	morning
IS	cancelled	as	
To all recipients of			
W.O. daks 28. IV. 18.			

From	Issued at 2.20 pm		
Place			
Time	28. IV. 18		
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SECRET.

18th Bn. K.R.R.C.  
ORDER No. 185.

Copy No. 3

Ref. Map Sheet 28 N.W., 1/20,000.

1. The 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. will relieve the 10th Bn. "Queen's" Royal West Surrey Regt. in the right sub-sector YHRS DEFENCES on the night of the 2nd/3rd May 1918.

2. Lewis Guns, trench bundles and mess stores will be placed on L.G. limbers by 6 pm., 2nd inst.

3. Rations for consumption on the 3rd will be carried on the man by "B", "C" & "D" Coys., and on the L.G. limbers for "A" Coy. and Hqrs. Water bottles will be filled by 5 pm.

4. Order of march will be "B", "D", "C", "A", Hqrs.  
An interval of 100 yards will be maintained between platoons.

L.G. wagons will march with their Coys. as far as SALVATION CORNER, where Lewis Guns will be unloaded.

5. The leading platoon of "B" Coy. will march off at ~~7.45 pm.~~ 8-45 pm

Route - By track to Plank Road at H.2 c.7.7 - cross-roads, H.3 c.0.5 - Plank Road, H.3 d.5.4 - SALVATION CORNER. Platoon guides will be met at a point 150 yards West of SALVATION CORNER.

6. Coys. will relieve as under:-  
"A" Coy. 18th KRRC. will relieve "A" Coy. 10th "Queens"  
"B" " " " " " " "  
"C" " " " " " " "  
"D" " " " " " " "

7. Trench stores, maps, programmes of work etc. will be taken over on relief and a copy of the receipts obtained on A.F. W.3405 (attached) forwarded to Bn. Hqrs.

8. Mess stores, water, and trench bundles will be drawn from Bn. Hqrs. after completion of relief.

9. Completion of relief will be wired to Bn. Hqrs. by Code Word "THURSDAY".

10. Acknowledge.

*Wms Fairington*  
Capt. & Adjt.  
18th Bn.



WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN *18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corp.* REGIMENT.

'A' Strength last week.		'B' Increase during week - due to drafts, reinforcements, etc.		'C' TOTAL from 'A' & 'B'		'D' Decrease during week - casualties, sick evacuations & deducted from Strength etc.		'E' Strength for current week.		'F' DETAILS. (explanation see back).	
Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.
440	898	2	341	442	1239	16	533	0 26	706	2	63

- Name of C.O. ....
  - Name of End-in-Command. *Major J.W.M. Fyfe*
  - No. of Majors & Captains not including 1 & 2. *4 Includes 2 Act. Capts.*
  - No. of Subalterns. *21*
- TOTAL OFFICERS. *0 26*

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN 'D'

	Officers.	O.Ranks.
Killed.	1	6
Wounded.	5	88
Missing.	9	412
Evacuated Sick.	1	45
Struck off for any other cause.		2
<b>TOTAL.</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>533</b>

EXPLANATION OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF OFFICERS BY NAME.

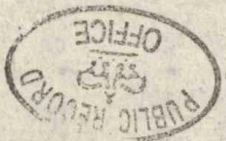
*Major W.P. Briscoe* From 21st Bn. H.R.R.C.  
*Capt. J.N. Waddy* arrived from reinforcements.  
*Capt. A.G. Williams* Killed. (date) 24-3-18.  
*2/Lieut. C.W. Hebron* Evacuated Sick. (Date) 24-3-18.  
 etc. etc.

WOUNDED IN ACTION. *Lt. Col. R. Pennell DSO. Capt. J.N. Waddy. 7/Lt. G.F. Lewis. 7/Lt. J. Connie. 4/Lt. P. Hope-Johnstone.*  
 To agree with columns 'B' and 'D'. *MISSING. Capt. J. Gray. 7/Lt. J.A. Harris. 3/Lt. Bullivant. C.T. Uron. G. Richardson. 2/P.W. Shepherd, P.T. Loft. G. Calder. H.G. Pickup M.C.*

(Date) *5-4-1918*

Commanding *Major 18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps*

DETAILS.



712

Officers

Other Ranks

On Leave

33

Sick in Divisional Area.

4

Attending Course:

Officers admitted to Hospital sick who have not been reported as invalided home.

1

TOTAL.

1

37

Army Employ:-

Rest Station. Poperinghe.

1

Corps Employ:-

San. Corps. Int. Staff

1

44th Corps. Clothing Exchange.

1

1

Divisional Employ:-

Blacks.

4

Observation Section.

1

Baths.

Canteen

1

Sig. Coy.

1

Waiter.

1

Brigade Employ:-

Runners.

6

122 T.M.B.

7

Other Details.

GRAND TOTAL.

2 - 63

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN *18th Bn King's Royal Rifle Corps* REGIMENT

'A' Strength last week.		'B' Increase during week - due to drafts, reinforcements, etc.		'C' TOTAL from 'A' & 'B'		'D' Decrease during week - casualties, sick evacuations & deducted from Strength etc.		'E' Strength for current week.		'F' DETAILS. (explanation see back).	
Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.
26	706	3	371	29	1077	1	17	28	1060	9	162

- Name of C.O. *Major W.B. Birtowc*
  - Name of Snd-in-Command *Major J.W.M. Hughes*
  - No. of Majors & Captains not including 1 & 2. *3 Includes 2 Act.*
  - No. of Subalterns *23*
- TOTAL OFFICERS *28*

To agree with column 'E'.

EXPLANATION OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF OFFICERS BY NAME.

- 2/Lt J.A. Stewart* arrived from reinforcements.
- 2/Lt W.S. Brinkley* arrived from reinforcements.
- 2/Lt D.C. Simpson* Killed. (date)
- 2/Lt D.C. Simpson* Evacuated Sick. (Date) *To 124 T.M.B. 16-3-18.*
- etc. etc.

To agree with columns 'B' and 'D'.

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN 'D'

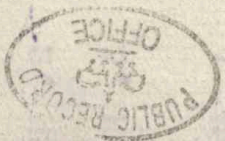
	Officers.	O.Ranks.
Killed.		
Wounded.		2
Missing.		
Evacuated Sick.		3
Struck off for any other cause.	1	12
<b>TOTAL.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17.</b>

*Wm. Downey*

(Date) *12-4-1918*

Commanding *18th Bn King's Royal Rifle Corps*

DETAILS.



713

Officers      Other Ranks.

On Leave

—      2

Sick in Divisional Area.

2      19

Attending Courses.

2      83

Officers admitted to Hospital sick who have not been reported as invalided home.

2

6      104.

TOTAL.

Army Employ:-

*Rest Station, POPERINGHE*

1

Corps Employ:-

*Can. Corps Int. Staff*

1

*14th Corps Clothing Exchange.*

1

1

Divisional Employ:-

*Wing  
Bldgs  
Observation section  
Baths*

2

4

4

2

1

*Lantern  
Signal Coy  
Writer.*

1

1

1

Brigade Employ:-

*Runners.*

6

*122<sup>nd</sup> J. M. B.*

7

Other Details.

*Attached R.S.*

28

GRAND TOTAL.

9 — 162

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN *18th Bn. K.R.R.C.* REGIMENT.

'A' Strength last week.		'B' Increase during week - due to drafts, reinforcements, etc.		'C' TOTAL from 'A' & 'B'		'D' Decrease during week - casualties, sick evacuations & deducted from Strength etc.		'E' Strength for current week.		'F' DETAILS. (explanation see back).	
Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.
28	1060	-	24	28	1084	1	48	27	1036	7	153

1. Name of C.O. *Major W. P. Bristowe*

2. Name of End-in-Command

3. No. of Majors & Captains *1 Major - O.C. 41st Div. Wing*  
not including 1 & 2 *3 (includes 1 Acting)*

4. No. of Subalterns *22*

TOTAL OFFICERS *27*

To agree with column 'E'.

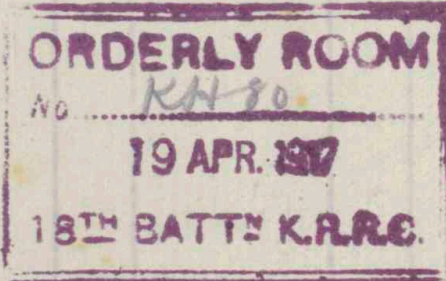
EXPLANATION OF COLUMN 'D'.

	Officers.	O.Ranks.
Killed.		
Wounded.		1
Missing.		5
Evacuated Sick.	1	42
Struck off for any other cause.		
<b>TOTAL.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>48</b>

EXPLANATION OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF OFFICERS BY NALE.

.....arrived from reinforcements.  
 .....Killed. (date)  
*2/Lt W. J. Clarkson* Evacuated Sick. (Date). *10.4.18*  
 etc. etc.

To agree with columns 'B' and 'D'.



(Date) *19-4-18*

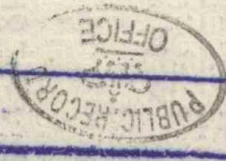
Commanding *W.P. Bristowe*  
*18th Bn. K.R.R.C.* Major

DETAILS.

717

Officers

Other Ranks.



On Leave		2
Sick in Divisional Area.	-	14
Attending Course.	2	24
Officers admitted to Hospital sick who have not been reported as invalided home.	2	-
<b>TOTAL.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>40</b>

Army Employ:-

Rest Station, POPERINGHE

1

Corps Employ:-

Can. Corps Intelligence Staff

1

XIV<sup>th</sup> Corps Clothing Exchange

1

1

Corps Gas School

1

Agricultural Officer

1

Divisional Employ:-

Div. Wing Staff

2

4

Details

53

Clerks

4

Observation Section

2

Baths

1

Canteen

1

Waiter

1

Brigade Employ:-

Signal Coy.

1

Runners

6

122nd T.M.B.

7

Other Details.

Attached R.E.

28

GRAND TOTAL.

7

153

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN *18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps*

**ORDERLY ROOM**

26 APR. 1918

'A' Strength last week.		'B' Increase during week - due to drafts, reinforcements, etc.		'C' TOTAL from 'A' & 'B'		'D' Decrease during week - casualties, sick evacuations & deducted from Strength etc.		'E' Strength for current week.		BATT' K.R.R.C. DETAILS (explanation see back).	
Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.		
27	103	9	307	36	1066	2	23	34	1043	7	245

1. Name of C.O. *Lieut. Col. Sir J.V.S. Lees Bart.*  
 2. Name of End-in-Command *Major W.P. Bristowe*  
 3. No. of Majors & Captains not including 1 & 2 *{ 1 Major, 4 Capts (Includes 1 Act.)*  
 4. No. of Subalterns *27*  
 TOTAL OFFICERS *34*  
 To agree with column 'E'.

*+ 22 from L.B.D.  
 5 hit casualties from Hos.  
 3 Reported missing in action*

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN 'D'.

	Officers.	O.Ranks.
Killed.	.....	.....
Wounded.	.....	.....
Missing.	.....	.....
Evacuated Sick.	.....	.....
Struck off for any other cause.	.....	.....
<b>TOTAL.</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>

EXPLANATION OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF OFFICERS BY NAME.

*1. (Lieut. Col. Bristowe) arrived from reinforcements.  
 1. (Lieut. Col. Bristowe) Killed. (date)  
 1. (Lieut. Col. Bristowe) Evacuated Sick. (Date).  
 etc. etc.*

*\* Lieut. Col. Sir J.V.S. Lees Bart.  
 Capt. R. Baskett, M.B.  
 Lieut. P. Brooksbank  
 2/Lieut. W. Binns  
 Lieut. Wood  
 Lieut. Johnson  
 Lieut. Rushworth  
 Lieut. Winsor  
 Lieut. Lee Stone*

To agree with columns 'B' and 'D'.

(Date) *26-4-1918*

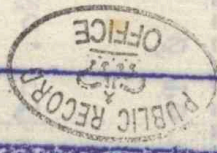
Commanding *Lieut. Col. 18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps*

DETAILS.

517

Officers

Other Ranks



On Leave

Sick in Divisional Area

2

25

Attending Courses

9

Officers admitted to Hospital sick who have not been reported as invalided home.

1

TOTAL.

3

34

Army Employ:-

20 Army Employment Battery

2

79

Corps Employ:-

Com. Corps Int Staff

1

XIV Corps Clothing Exchange (Italy)

1

1

Corps Gas School

1

Divisional Employ:-

Agricultural Officer

1

Dist Wing Staff

1

4

clerks

4

Observation Sect.

2

Baths

1

Com. Staff

1

Waiter

1

Signal Coy

1

D.A.S.O.S. Staff

6

Runners

7

122 T.M.B.

Brigade Employ:-

Other Details.

Attached R.E.

28

GRAND TOTAL.

7

245



*18th King's Royal Rifle Corps.*

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

May 1918

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*Vol 24*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WARRINGTON CAMP	1st		Battn. preparing to take over the line. Details at "B" camp, BRANDHOEK, training. Weather fine. Casualties nil. W.M.S.	
	2nd		Battn. relieved 10th Battn. R. West Surrey Regt. <del>is</del> in YPRES defences. Battn. HQ. in RAMPARTS. Details at BRANDHOEK, training. Weather fine. Casualties nil. W.M.S.	
YPRES	3rd		Battn. in line. Details at BRANDHOEK, training. } W.M.S. Weather fine. Casualties nil.	
	4th			
	5th		Battn. in line. Details at BRANDHOEK, training. Weather stormy. Casualties 1 OR. killed, 1 OR. wounded. W.M.S.	
	6th		Battn. in line. Details at BRANDHOEK, training. Weather stormy. Casualties nil. Lieut. A.S. LYELL joined for duty. W.M.S.	
	7th		Battn. in line. Details at BRANDHOEK, training. Weather fine. Casualties nil. W.M.S.	
	8th		Battn. in line. Details at BRANDHOEK training. Weather fine. Casualties nil.	

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May, 1918.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES	9th		Battn. in line. Details training at BRANDHOEK. Weather fine. Casualties nil.	WMSJ
	10th		" " " " " "	" { 2 OR killed 2 OR wounded WMSJ
	11th		" " " " " "	" 1 OR wounded WMSJ
	12th		Battn. in line. Details moved to BRAKE CAMP.	" nil. WMSJ
	13th		Battn. in line. Details training at BRAKE CAMP. 2nd lieuts. E.O. MANSFIELD	WMSJ
			C.R. TROWSDALE MM, and E.G.F. MOTT joined. Weather fine. Casualties nil.	WMSJ
	14th		Battn. in line. Details training at BRAKE CAMP. Weather fine. Casualties 2 OR killed. WMSJ	
	15th		Battn. in line. Details training at BRAKE CAMP. Weather fine. Casualties nil. WMSJ	
	16th		Battn. in line. Details training at BRAKE CAMP. Weather fine. Casualties nil. 2nd lieuts. E.W. ANDERSON, AM. AIRD, P. GORDON, J.D. JONES, R. PERRY, S. CLARKE, L. TRAIN, H. WESTERMAN, and F. EVANS joined	WMSJ

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES	17 <sup>th</sup>		Battn. in line. Details training at BRAKE CAMP. Battn. relieved night 17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> by 11 <sup>th</sup> Bn R West Surrey Regt and proceeded to SIEGE CAMP NO. 16, being joined there by Details. Weather fine. Casualties nil. Wms!	
SIEGE CAMP	18 <sup>th</sup>		Kit Inspections etc. Weather fine. Casualties nil. Wms!	
	19 <sup>th</sup>		Inspection of drafts and refitting boots and clothing. Battn. bathed at DIRTY BUCKET and FOSTER CAMP Baths. Wms! Weather fine. Casualties nil.	
	20 <sup>th</sup>		Inspection by Brigadier-General F.W. TOWSEY, CMG, DSO, GOC, 122 <sup>nd</sup> Inf Bde. Following medal Ribbons presented. <u>M.C.</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut. P.T. RAYNER, 1678 RSm. J. WELCH, <u>D.C.M.</u> 66036, RSm. R. CARDING, <u>MM.</u> R12832, Lt. A. BONSER, A200824 Cpl. J.E. HULSTROM, A201728, Cpl. W. SNASDELL, 8443 Cpl. F. TURNBULL, R34291 Rm. A. MORREY, R32658 Cpl. A. BLACKMAN. Weather fine. Casualties nil. Wms!	
	21 <sup>st</sup>		Bay training. Weather fine. Casualties nil. Wms!	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Working Parties on GREEN LINE. Specialist classes. Weather fine. Casualties 1 OR killed, 3 OR wounded. Wms!	

WAR DIARY *May, 1918*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SIEGE CAMP	23rd 24th 25th		} Working Parties on GREEN LINE. Specialist blosses. } Wmst } Weather fine. Casualties nil Night 25/26 Battr. relieved 10th Battr R.W. Surrey Regt. in Right Bath Sector of Right Bde. Front of 41st Division. Details 8 O. + 200 OR. under Capt. R. BASKETT, MC. moved to PALMER CAMP. Weather fine. Casualties nil. Wmst	
YPRES	26th 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st		Battr. in line. Details training at PALMER CAMP. Weather fine. Cas. 5 OR killed " " " " " " " " 1 OR wounded " " " " " " " " nil " " " " " " " " 1 OR wounded " " " " " " " " nil " " " " " " " " nil	Wmst Wmst Wmst Wmst Wmst Wmst

A small silent raid was carried out last night by the 18th K.R.R.C. under cover of the noise of the bombardment on their left.

The party consisted of

2/Lieut. S. CLARK,  
Sergt. SMITH.  
Corpl Robinson

and 9 O.Rs., with a Lewis Gun and team of 5 O.R.

The party left our lines at I.15.d.7.2 and proceeded along the C.3 railway line to the junction at I. 16.d.2.0, where 2/Lieut. CLARK left the Lewis Gun to protect his right flank.

He then led his party to a point I.22.b.20.99, and leaving Sergt. Smith and 4 O.R. there, he worked round to a point behind his objective at about I.22.b.3.9.

A sentry was seen in a post in the ruins at about I.22.b.3.8. The party rushed into the post, 2/Lieut. CLARK shooting the sentry with his revolver.

The post consisted of a Machine Gun Post with a deep dugout behind. Three men emerged from this dugout and were killed by the rest of the assault party.

The party was unable to remove the machine gun as several more of the enemy appeared, and so withdrew. They were fired on by a machine gun, but suffered no casualties.

Patrol re-entered our lines at the point of departure.

While the operation was in progress Very Lights were being fired from post at II.27.a.8.5.

A shoulder strap, bearing the number 31, was brought back as an identification.

2.5.18.

(Sgd) J.V.E. LEES,  
Lieut-Colonel,  
Commanding 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

SECRET.13<sup>th</sup> Bn. K.R.A.C.Copy No. 31st Amendment to Provisional Defence Scheme1. Para. 3.

Delete sub-para (a) and (b) and substitute

" (a) The front and support lines are held by three Companies disposed in depth.

" (b) The Right Coy holds the front line from Bn. Right Boundary to about I. 10 a 60.00 with 3 platoons, and the support line from Bn. Right Boundary to about I. 10 c 30.90 with 1 platoon.

The centre Coy holds the front line from I. 10 a 60.00 to about I. 10 a 80.50 with two platoons, and the support line from I. 10 c 30.90 to I. 10 a 30.70 with 2 platoons.

The left Company holds the front line from I. 10 a 80.50 to Bn left Boundary with three platoons, and the support line from I. 10 a 30.70 to Bn left Boundary with 1 platoon."

Sub-para (c) delete "..... and Coy. Hqs. .... DEFENCES" and substitute "...., with Co. Hqs. at I. 9. c 80.60."

Delete sub-para (d) and substitute "(d)

Temporary Hqs. for the 3 front line Coys

are as follows:— RIGHT } I. 10 a 60.30,  
CENTRE }

LEFT I. 10 a 30.40"

2.

Para 4.

Delete "....., the support Coy....." and  
substitute "....., the platoons in  
support....."

3.

Acknowledge.

Copies to all recipients of Provisional  
Service Scheme.

Issued at pm.  
10-5-1918.

Arthur Jones  
Capt 1st Lt  
19th Regt.

SECRET

18<sup>th</sup> An ARRC Order No 187.

Copy No. 3

Ref Chart 28 N.W.

Secret map 'a'

1. On the night of the 16/17<sup>th</sup> May 1918 the dispositions of Companies will be amended as follows.

Dispositions will then be as shown on map 'A'.

2. (a) The Right platoon of 'A' Coy will relieve the left platoon of 'C' Coy which will then occupy that portion of the SUPPORT LINE vacated by the platoon of 'A' Coy.
- (b) The left platoon of 'A' Coy will relieve the right platoon of 'B' Coy which will then occupy that position of the support line vacated by the platoon of 'A' Coy.
- (c) Position of Coy. Hqs. will be adjusted as follows:-

'B' Coy Hqs. will occupy dugout about I.10 a 3.7 which is at present used by 'A' Coy Officers. 'A' Coy Hqs. will move into Hqs. vacated by 'B' Coy. 'C' Coy will remain in their present position.

'D' Coy Hqs. will move into Hqs. vacated by 'A' Coy.

Hqs. vacated by 'D' Coy will be handed over to 12<sup>th</sup> An East Surrey Regt.



2

3: Details of reliefs will be settled between C's Co. Coys. concerned.

4: There will be no movement before 10 pm.

5: Position of S.P.M. grenades will be adjusted so that the correct establishment is maintained in each Coy. sector.

6: Completion of relief will be wired to Bn. Hqs. in B.H.B. Code.

7: Acknowledge.

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| 2          | Wan Diang                     |
| 3          |                               |
| 4          | 122 <sup>nd</sup> Inf. Bde.   |
| 5          | 12 <sup>th</sup> S. Surrey's. |
| 6          | 15 <sup>th</sup> Hants.       |
| 7          | 20 <sup>th</sup> Durham.      |
| 8          | OC. a Coy                     |
| 9          | " B "                         |
| 10         | " C "                         |
| 11         | " D "                         |
| 12         | S.O. A.O.                     |

*Shelton Howard*

*Capt. & Adj. Dist.*

SECRET.

18<sup>th</sup> C.M.R.C. Order No. 198.

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Ref. Map Sheet 28 1/20,000.

1. The 18<sup>th</sup> C.M.R.C. will be relieved by the 11<sup>th</sup> Bn Queens B.N. Snowy Regt on the night of 17/18<sup>th</sup> May 1918.
  2. Advanced parties from the relieving unit will report to Coy on the evening of 16<sup>th</sup> May will remain throughout 17<sup>th</sup> May.
  3. 'A' Coy, 18<sup>th</sup> C.M.R.C. will be relieved by 'A' Coy, Queens  
 'B' " " " " " " " " " "  
 'C' " " " " " " " " " "  
 'D' " " " " " " " " " "
- Order of relief will be A, B, C, D. The first Platoon of 'A' Coy will arrive about 11-30 pm
4. Reference Schemes, maps, plans of the area, S.O.S. signals, gunbooks, trench stores - all patrol items will be handed over to the incoming unit, & a copy of the receipts obtained forwarded to Co. Hdqrs by 10 am 18<sup>th</sup> inst.
  5. Trench bundles, mess stores & camp kettles will be placed on the ration dump as soon after dusk as possible on 17<sup>th</sup> in when relieved Coy will march independently to SIBCO CAMP, B.21.C.03 meeting guides (supplied by the Detail Camp) at BRIBLEN, B.29.d.1.8.  
 Lewis Guns will be placed on the

2

Ration dump, in south, where they will be served on the L.G. bins. An interval of two yards will be maintained between platoons.

2. Completion of relief will be given to Br. Hqs. in B.F.B. Co. Arrivals in Camp will be reported to the Orderly Br.
3. Field kitchens, water carts etc. will be taken to SIEGE CAMP on the afternoon of the 17th.  
Rations for consumption on the 18th will be served at SIEGE CAMP.
9. Acknowledge.

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3	4 122 Bde.
4	5 H <sup>A</sup> Line R.W.S.
5	6 C.C. Coy
6	7 " B "
7	8 " C "
8	9 " D "
9	10 S.O. 10.
10	11 Transport Co.
11	12 G. M.
12	13 Ass. Adjt.
13	14 R. S.M.

Issued at 10/11  
17. 1-18.

*Churnsham*

Capt. R. A. J.  
18. 15 R.R.C.

18th Bn. A. A. C.

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Order No. 186

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1. 3rd Coy will be relieved by 2nd Coy. on the left Company sector on the night of 1/6 to April 1918.

2. No movement will take place before 9 pm. Relief will be complete by 2 am 8/7 inst.

3. All details of relief will be arranged by Os. Co. Coy concerned.

4. A copy of receipt for trench items taken over by 2nd Coy will be forwarded to Bn HQ.

5. Acknowledgement.

- Copy No. 1 File
- 2 Hqs. Diary
- 3 " " "
- 4 O.C. Coy
- 5 O.C. B Coy.
- 6 S.O.
- 7 S.O.

issued 5-18

Copy - Adj 10th A. A. C.

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18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

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PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEME.  
-----Ref. Map 28 N.W., 1/20,000.  
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(1) The 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. holds the Right Sub-Sector of the 122nd Infantry Brigade.

The Battn. right boundary runs from I.10 c.59.55 Westwards to I.9 c.50.55. The left boundary runs from I.4 d.15.15 Westwards to I.3 d.85.15, thence to I.8 b.95.70.

(2) The Defences consist of a Front and a Support Line, which are continuous but at present incomplete; and a Reserve Line which it is intended to form into a continuous trench.

A derelict communication trench exists running from the Front Line at about I.10 a.75.35 to the Support Line, West of which it is impassable. The Pioneer Battn. is engaged on the reconstruction of this trench.

Three belts of wire run in front of the Front Line. There is also wire in front of both Support and Reserve Lines.

(3) At present the dispositions of troops are as follows:-

(a) The Front Line is held by one Company from the Battn. right boundary to I.10 a.75.35, thence by another Company to the Battn. left boundary.

(b) The Support Line is held by one Company.

(c) The Reserve Line is held by two Platoons of the Reserve Company, the remaining two Platoons and Company Hqrs. being at present in the YPRES DEFENCES. These Platoons and Company Hqrs. will be moved up into the Reserve Line as soon as accommodation is available.

(d) Hqrs. for the Right Front Company exist at I.10 a.70.25.

Hqrs. for the other three Companies are under construction.

(e) Battn. Hqrs. is situated in the Ramparts, at # I.8 d.15.70.

(4) The Front Line will be held at all costs.

Should the enemy succeed in penetrating any part of the Battn. front, the Support Company will immediately deliver a counter-attack, without waiting for further orders.

The Reserve Company will be prepared to move up to the Support Line, but will not move without orders from Battn. Hqrs.

In addition to this, the Reserve Company will be prepared to counter-attack the WHITE CHATEAU should it be captured by the enemy.

(5) VICKERS GUNS covering the Battn. Front are in position at I.10 c.45.45, firing N.E., and I.4 d.15.15, firing South.

STOKES MORTARS are at I.10 a.70.40 and I.10 a.30.30.

(6) A.A. LEWIS GUNS are mounted at about I.10 c.55.70, I.10 a.40.80, and I.9 a.05.30. The third gun will be moved forward to a point about I.9 b.45.65 when the remainder of the Reserve Company moves into R. Line.

(7) Battn. Hqrs. is in telephonic communication with Bde. Hqrs., with Battns. on the flanks, and with the four Companies. One Fullerphone is at Battn. Hqrs., one in the Front Line, and one in the Support Line.

Four pigeons are received daily.

(8) The Battn. front is covered by the 15th Bde. R.H.A.

(9) In case of an attack, working parties will man the nearest fire trench, and send to the nearest Battn. Hqrs. for instructions.

(10) Acknowledge.

*C. J. M. Dowling*  
Capt. & Adjt.  
18th K.R.R.C.

14.5.18.

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" 4 122nd Inf. Bde.  
" 5 12th E. Surrey Regt.  
" 6 15th Hampshire Regt.  
" 7 10th "Queen's" R.W.  
Surrey Regt.

Copy No. 8 O.C. "A" Coy.  
" 9 O.C. "B" "  
" 10 O.C. "C" "  
" 11 O.C. "D" "  
" 12 Signalling Officer.  
" 13 Intelligence Off'r.  
" 14 Spare.  
" 15 Spare.

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## DEFENCE SCHEME.

Reference Map 28 N.W.

1. The Sector comprises the defences immediately covering YPRES, and extends from a line, I.8 d.85.60 - I.8 d.00.60, to a line, I.2 d.6.1 - I.8 b.0.7 - I.8 a.0.7.

2. The Defences consist of the fire trench (which is only half made at present) between I.8 d.85.60 and I.2 d.60.10; and the YPRES Ramparts from I.8 d.00.60 to I.8 b.0.7, along which runs a fire trench, good in places.

3. There are two main lines of approach for the enemy, running through the Sector:-

(a) The MENIN Road.

(b) The ZONNEBEKE Road.

The ground to the South of the MENIN Road is rough and wet in places, but passable.

Between these two roads, on the Battn. front, the ground is very open and swampy, and affords a good field of fire.

To the North of the ZONNEBEKE Road the ground is rough but passable, and the field of fire at present much restricted by old camps and huts.

4. The Sector is under enemy observation from the East and from the South.

5. The Sector is held by three Companies in the front line, with one Company in support at the Ramparts. The three Companies in the front line are distributed, in the case of the right Company 2 platoons in the line, in the case of the remaining two Companies 3 platoons in the line, the remaining platoons being held back, as much under cover as possible, for immediate counter-attack if necessary.

6. Action in case of attack:-

In the case of the enemy breaking through the Outpost Battn. to our front and reaching the Battn. Sector, all defences will be held to the last. If any part of the line is overwhelmed, the platoons held back for the purpose will immediately counter-attack on the initiative of the platoon commander.

Counter-attacks should be delivered from a flank if possible, so these platoons must be prepared to assist the neighbouring Companies or Battalions.

In the case of an attack from the South or South-East, threatening our right flank, the right Company will at once send a platoon to hold the trench beyond our right boundary, from I.8 d.7.3 to the Moat, thus forming a defensive flank; and will be prepared to reinforce the Battn. on our right by a further platoon, if called upon by them to do so.

The Support Company will not counter-attack unless ordered to do so, but will line the Ramparts, and support the forward Companies by fire whenever possible.

*Arthur Brown*

Capt. & Adjt.  
18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

8.5.18.

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" 6 15th K. S.L.I.

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" 8 O.C. "B" "  
" 9 O.C. "C" "  
" 10 O.C. "D" "  
" 11 Signalling Officer.  
" 12 Intelligence Officer.

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Reference Maps YFRES 1/10,000, 28 N.W. 1/20,000,  
and special map (attached).  
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1. The 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. will relieve the 10th Bn. "Queen's" Royal West Surrey Regt. in the Right Battn. Sub-Sector of the *RIGHT* ~~Left~~ Brigade Sector on the night of the 25th/26th May 1918.

2. Surplus kits and blankets (which will be rolled in bundles of ten) belonging to men going up the line, will be dumped in the shed opposite the Guard Room by 12 noon, 25th inst.

Valises and mess stores will be dumped at the same spot by 7.30 pm.

Trench bundles and mess stores required in the line will be dumped in the Tailor's Shop by 7.0 pm.

Lewis Guns will be dumped in the same place by 3.0 pm. Each Coy. will take 5 Lewis Guns into the line.

3. Order of march will be ~~Hqrs. and 1 platoon of "B" Coy., "D", "A", "C", "B" Coy. less 1 platoon, Hqrs. & 1 platoon "B" Coy.~~

First platoon will pass the starting point at 8.0 pm., but will not pass MACHINE GUN FARM until 9.15 pm.

Starting point will be "D" Coy. Hqrs., B.21 d.1.6. 100 yds. will be maintained between platoons.

Route - ROME FARM Track - Machine Gun Farm - H.5 c.9.9; cross-roads H.12 c.2.7. WARRINGTON ROAD from I.13 c.3.9.

4. "A" and "D" Coys. will meet guides at the junction of WARRINGTON Plank Road and the LILLE GATE Road, I.20 a.4.9. These guides will take them to junction of LILLE GATE Road and GATE WALK at I.14 c.7.6; route will then be via GATE WALK to the Support Line, where platoon guides will be met.

"B" Coy. (less 1 platoon) and "C" Coy. will meet platoon guides on WARRINGTON Plank Road, I.15 d.0.6.

Hqrs. and 1 platoon of "B" Coy. will meet guides at I.20 a.6.9.

5. Lewis Gun Limbers will march with their Coys. as far as I.13 c.3.9, where L.Gs. and ammunition will be unloaded. Limbers will then proceed to Battn. ration dump at I.14 c.6.5, where trench bundles, mess stores, and water tins will be dumped and left in charge of a guard (2 men per Coy.) until they can be drawn by Coys.

The 5th gun of "B" Coy. will be carried on Bn. Hqrs. limber, and taken to the RAMPARTS.

6. "A" Coy. 18th K.R.R.C. will relieve "C" Coy. 10th 'Queens'!

"B" "	" "	" "	" "	"A" "	" "
"C" "	" "	" "	" "	"B" "	" "
"D" "	" "	" "	" "	"D" "	" "

7. A copy of receipts obtained for trench stores, maps etc. on AF.W.3405(attached) will be forwarded to Bn. Hqrs. immediately on completion of relief.

8. Completion of relief, will be wired to Bn. Hqrs. by Code Word 'SATURDAY'.

9. Rations for consumption on the 26th, and overcoats, will be carried on the man.

10. Acknowledge.

*Arthur Brown*

Capt. & Adjt.  
18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

24.5.18.

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" 5 O.C. 10th Bn. "Queen's" Royal  
West Surrey Regt.  
" 6 O.C. "A" Coy.  
" 7 O.C. "B" "  
" 8 O.C. "C" "  
" 9 O.C. "D" "  
" 10 Transport Officer.  
" 11 Signalling Officer.  
" 12 Intelligence Officer.  
" 13 Quartermaster.  
" 14 R.S.M.  
" 15 Spare.  
" 16 "



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WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN, 18th BN. K.R.R.C.

'A'		'B'		'C'		'D'		'E'		'F'	
Strength last week.		Increase during week - due to drafts, etc.		TOTAL from 'A' & 'B'.		Decrease during week - casualties, sick evacuations, deducted from strength etc.		Strength for current week.		DETAILS. (explanation, see back)	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
33	1038	1	57 *	34	1095	-	34	34 *	1061	8	260

1. Name of C.O. Lieut. Col. Sir J. V. E. Lees, Bart.
2. Name of 2nd in Command -----
3. No. of Majors & Captains) 1 Major not including 1 & 2. ) 5 captains (includes 1 Acting).
4. No. of subalterns - 27.
5. Total officers - 34 \*  
\* To agree with Column 'E'

Explanation of Column 'D'		Off.	O.R.
46	from I. B. D.		
4	fit casuals from hospital		
5	reported an error as 'Missing'		
1	from 122 Bde. Staff.		
1	from 21st K.R.R.C.		
	Killed		1
	Wounded		3
	Missing		1
	Evacuated sick		25
	Struck off for any other cause		4
TOTAL		-	34

Explanation of Increase or Decrease of Officers by name.

1 Lieut. A. C. Lyell - arrived from reinforcements.  
(To agree with Columns 'B' & 'D').

10.5.18.

**ORDERLY ROOM**  
Vs.....  
**10 MAY. 1918**  
**18th BATTN K.R.R.C.**

*W. Richardson* Captain for  
Lieut. Col. Comd. 18th K.R.R.C.



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DETAILS.

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Officers. Other Ranks.

On Leave

Sick in Divisional Area

1 19

Attending Courses

2 15

Officers admitted to hospital sick,  
who have not been reported as invalided home.

2

TOTAL

5

34

Army employ:-

Corps employ:-

2nd Corps Employment Battn.  
Corps Agricultural Officer.  
Can. Corps Intell. Staff.  
XIVth Corps Clothing Exchange  
Corps Gas School.

69

1

1

1

1

1

Divisional employ:-

41st Div. Wing Staff  
" " Details  
" Composite Battn.  
" Clerks  
" Observation section.  
" Baths.  
" Canteen.  
" Waiter.  
" Signal Coy.  
" D.A.D.G.S.

1

4

54

1

69

4

2

1

1

1

1

1

2

Brigade employ:-

Runners  
122nd T.M.B.

6

7

Other Details:-

Railhead Rest Camp, HEIDBEKE.

1

GRAND TOTAL

8

260

Map "A" attached to  
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only.

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN *18th Bn. K. R. R. C.* (REGIMENT)

'A' Strength last Week.		'B' Increase during week - due to Drafts, reinforcements, etc.		'C' TOTAL from 'A' and 'B'		'D' Increase during week - casualties, Sick evacuations & deducted from Strength etc.		'E' Strength for current week.		'F' DETAILS. (Explanation see back).	
Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.
34	1061	2	45 *	36	1106	-	24	36	1082	7	219

1. Name of Commanding Officer. *Co. Col. Sir J. V. E. Lees, Bart.*

2. Name of 2nd-in-Command.....

3. No. of Majors & Captains not including 1 & 2. *1 Major*  
*5 Captains (includes 1 Acting)*

4. No. of Subalterns..... *29*

Ø TOTAL OFFICERS..... *36*

Ø to agree with column 'E'.

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN 'D'.

\* 2 from Div. Staff  
2 reported 'Missing' now with Batta.  
1 from hospital  
40 from 1. B. D. (via Div. Wing)  
45

Killed.  
Wounded.  
Missing.  
Evacuated Sick.  
  
Struck off for any other cause.

Officers.	O.Ranks.
.....	4
.....	6
.....	14
.....	24

EXPLANATION OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF OFFICERS BY DATE.

*2/Lt. E. O. Mansfield. 2/Lt. C. R. Frowdale.* Arrived from Reinforcements.

..... Killed. (Date).

..... Evacuated Sick. (Date)

etc. etc.

To agree with Columns 'B' and 'D'

*Reinforcements joined Batta from Div. Wing*

TOTAL.

Date	Off.	O.R.
11.5.18		4
12.5.18		
13.5.18	2	60
14.5.18		1
15.5.18		31
	2	103

*(includes 58 previously taken on strength).*

(Date) *17th May* 1918.

Commanding..... *18th Bn. K. R. R. C.*  
*100 Richard* Capt. for Lieut.-Colonel.

DETAILS.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O. Ranks.</u>
On Leave.....		1
Sick in Divisional Area.....		30
Attending Courses.....	2	28
Officers admitted to Hospital Sick who have not been reported as invalided home.....	3	

TOTAL.

5      59

Army Employ:-

.....  
 .....

Corps Employ:-	Can. Corps Intell. Staff	1
	2nd Corps Temp. Works Batta	69
	Corps Gas School	1
	Corps Agricultural Officer	1

Divisional Employ:-	Attached A.P.M	18
	Dw. Wang Staff	5
	" Details	42
	Dw. Clerks	3
	" Observers	2
	" Canteen	1
	" Waiters	1

Brigade Employ:-	D.A.D.O.S.	2
	Runners	6
	122nd T.M.B	7

Other Details:-	Railhead Rest Camp HEIDBEKE	1
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GRAND TOTAL.

7      219



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WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN *18th Bn. K. R. R. C.* (REGIMENT)

ORDERLY ROOM  
No. *24 MAY 1918*

'A' Strength last week.		'B' Increase during week - due to Drafts, reinforcements, etc.		'C' TOTAL from 'A' and 'B'		'D' Increase during week - casualties, Sick evacuations & deducted from Strength etc.		'E' Strength for current week.		'F' DETAILS. (Explanation see back).	
Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.
36	1082	10 *	32	46	1114	-	16	46	1098	9	210

1. Name of Commanding Officer *Lieut. Col. Sir J. V. E. Lees, Bart*

2. Name of 2nd-in-Command

3. No. of Majors & Captains not including 1 & 2... *1 Major*  
*5 Captains (includes 1 acting)*

4. No. of Subalterns... *39*

Ø TOTAL OFFICERS... *46*

Ø to agree with column 'E'.

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN 'D'.

	Officers.	O.Ranks
Killed.	1	
Wounded.	4	
Missing.		
Evacuated Sick.	5	
Struck off for any other cause.		4
<b>TOTAL.</b>		<b>16</b>

EXPLANATION OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF OFFICERS BY NAME.

- \* Arrived from Reinforcements.
- Killed. (Date)
- Evacuated Sick. (Date)
- etc. etc.
- To agree with Columns 'B' and 'D'

*Explanation of Column 'B'*

Reinforcements on strength up to 24.5.18	10	28
From Hospital & taken on strength		1
Taken on strength from other causes		3
Reinforcements previously taken on strength who have arrived from Wang.	10	32
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>31</b>

(Date) *24-5-18* 1918.

Commanding *18th Bn. K. R. R. C.* Lieut.-Colonel.

DETAILS.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O. Ranks.</u>
On Leave.....		2
Sick in Divisional Area.....		32
Attending Courses.....	3	29
Officers admitted to Hospital Sick who have not been reported as invalided home.....	3	

TOTAL.

6	63
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Army Employ:-

Corps Employ:-

Can Corps Intell Staff

Corps Gas School  
Agricultural Officer  
2nd Corps Temp Workers Am

1  
1  
1  
58

Divisional Employ:-

Div Wing Staff  
Details

Div Hqs  
Clarks  
Plumbers  
Waiters

D. A. D. S.

7  
57  
3  
2  
1  
2

Brigade Employ:-

Business

Attached 122nd T.M.B.

6  
7

Other Details:-

Railhead Rest Camp, HEIDBEKE

1

GRAND TOTAL.

9	210
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DETAILS.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
On Leave		
Sick in Divisional Area.	1	23
Attending Course:		17
Officers admitted to Hospital sick who have not been reported as invalided home.	1	
	2	40
<u>TOTAL.</u>		

Army Employ:-

Corps Employ:-	2	73
2nd Corps Employment Battalion		1
Corps Agricultural Officer		1
Can. Corps Intelligence Staff	1	1
XIV Corps Clothing Exchange		1
Corps Gas School		

Divisional Employ:-	1	4
44th Div. Wing Staff		93
" " Details		4
" Clerks		2
" Observation Section		1
" Baths		1
" Canteen		1
" Waiter		1
" Signal Coy.		1
" D.A.D.O.S. Store		8

Brigade Employ:-		6
Runner		6
122nd T.M.B.		7

Other Details.

GRAND TOTAL.      6      246



WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN ..... 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. ..... REGIMENT.

'A' Strength last week.		'B' Increase during week - due to drafts, reinforcements, etc.		'C' TOTAL from 'A' & 'B'		'D' Decrease during week - casualties, sick evacuations & deducted from Strength etc.		'E' Strength for current week.		'F' DETAILS. (explanation see back).	
Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.
34	1043	-	51 *	34	1094	1	56	∅ 33	1038	6	246

1. Name of C.O. Lieut. Col. Sir J. V. E. Lees, Bart

2. Name of 2nd-in-Command.....

3. No. of Majors & Captains not including 1 & 2. 1 Major  
5 Capts. (includes 1 Acting)

4. No. of Subalterns..... 26

TOTAL OFFICERS..... ∅ 33

∅ To agree with column 'E'.

\* 46 from I. B. D.  
4 fit casualties from hospital  
1 reported an error as Missing  
51

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN 'D'.

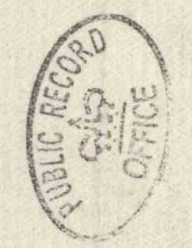
	Officers.	O.Ranks.
Killed.	.....	3
Wounded.	..... 1	24
Missing.	.....	19
Evacuated Sick.	.....	19
Struck off for any other cause.	.....	
<b>TOTAL.</b>	<u>1</u>	<u>56</u>

EXPLANATION OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF OFFICERS BY NAME.

..... arrived from reinforcements.  
2/Lt. R. A. Wakely <sup>Wounded</sup> Killed. (date) 30.4.18  
..... Evacuated Sick. (Date).  
etc. etc.

To agree with columns 'B' and 'D'.

**ORDERLY ROOM**  
No. K.R. 292  
**3 - MAY. 1918**  
**18th BATTN K.R.R.C.**



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(Date) 3-5-18

Commanding..... P. Brookbank, Lieut <sup>lieut for Lieut. Col.</sup>  
18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN - 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

'A'		'B'		'C'		'D'		'E'		'F'	
Strength last week.		Increase during week - due to drafts, reinforcements, etc.		Total from 'A' and 'B'.		Decrease during week, casualties, sick evacuations, and deducted from strength.		Strength for current week.		DETAILS (for explanation see back).	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
46	1098	-	22	46	1120	-	14	46	1106	10	202

1. Name of Commanding Officer - Lieut.Col. Sir J.V.E. Lees, Bart., M.C.
2. Name of Second in Command --
3. No. of Majors & Captains, ) 1 Major  
not including 1 & 2. ) 7 Captains (includes 2 acting).
4. No. of subalterns - 37.
5. Total officers - 46. e

e To agree with Column 'B'

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN 'D'.

	Officers	O.R.
Killed		5
Wounded		1
Missing		
Evacuated sick		8

Struck off for any other cause.

Explanation of Increase or Decrease of Officers by name.

Arrived from Reinforcements

Killed (Date)

Evacuated sick (Date).  
etc. etc.

To agree with Columns 'B' & 'D'.

Explanation of Column 'B'

Reinforcements on strength up to	21
From Hospital	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>

Reinforcements from Div. Wing. (already on strength) 8

TOTAL 14

31st May 1918.

Sgt. J.V.E. LEES. Lieut.Col.  
Comd. 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

DETAILS.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.Ranks.</u>
On leave		4
Sick in Divisional Area		19
Attending Courses	4	32
Officers admitted to Hospital sick who have not been reported as invalided home.	3	
	<hr/>	
TOTAL	7	55

Army Employ

Corps Employ - Canadian Corps Intelligence Staff		1
Corps Agricultural Officer		1
Divisional Employ -		
Div. Wing Staff	2	7
" Details		113
Div. Hqrs.	1	3
Div. Observers		2
D.A.D.G.S.		2
Brigade Employ - Runners		6
Attached 122nd T.M.B.		7
Other Details -		
Railhead Rest Camp		1
Escort Duty		4
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TOTAL	10	202



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18th Tamps Royal Rifle Corps.

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YPRES	1st 2nd 3rd		<p>Battn. in front line, Right Battn., Right Bde. Sector.                      YPRES DEFENCES. Details training at MACKENZIE CAMP.                      During the night 3rd/4th the Battn. was relieved by the 1/4th Battn. Duke of Wellington's Regt. and proceeded by tramway and march route to ROAD CAMP.                      London Gazette of this date.                      Capt. G. WREN HOWARD awarded M.C.                      C6069 Lieut. A.J. POTTS } awarded M.S.M.                      R9476 RQMS. A.E. ADAMS }</p>	<p>Wmsst.</p>

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PROVEN	4 <sup>th</sup>		The Battr. marched from ROAD CAMP to PROVEN where it entrained, (less "D" bay.) at 11-0 pm. for the second Army training area. "D" bay. remained in Rest camp for night 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> . Weather fine. W.M.S.	
WATTEN	5 <sup>th</sup>		The Battr. (less D bay.) detrained at WATTEN about 4-0 am and marched to HELLEBROUCK, arriving at 5-15 am. D bay. rejoined the Battr., performing the journey in busses. Weather fine. The day was spent in cleaning equipment etc. W.M.S.	
HELLEBROUCK	6 <sup>th</sup>		Kit Inspections, Bathing, and issue of new clothing. Weather fine W.M.S.	
	7 <sup>th</sup>		"A" bay. on Range, "B" "C" + "D" bays, at training. Lieut J.H. DEER rejoined the Battr. from ITALY. Battr. anti-aircraft Lewis Guns engaged an enemy aeroplane about 1-30 am. Weather fine. W.M.S.	
	8 <sup>th</sup>		"B" bay. on Range. Remaining three bays. and Specialists at training. Weather fine.	

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HELLEBROUCK	9 <sup>th</sup>		Training was continued. Orders were received that 41 <sup>st</sup> Divn. was placed at 9 hours notice to move by rail. Weather fine. W.M.S.	
	10 <sup>th</sup>		All Bns exercised on Second Army "A" Range, firing two practices at 200 yards and one at 300 yards. Weather fine. W.M.S.	
	11 <sup>th</sup>		The training of Bays and Specialists was continued. All mobilization stores were checked and inspected. The Divn. Commander addressed all officers in the evening. Weather fine. W.M.S.	
	12 <sup>th</sup>		"B" and "C" Bays on "A" Range. "A" + "D" Bays and Specialists continued training. Weather fine. W.M.S.	
	13 <sup>th</sup>		"A" and "D" Bays on Range. Training continued by "B" + "C" Bays and Specialists. Weather fine. W.M.S.	
	14 <sup>th</sup>		"B" "C" + "D" Bays at training and musketry on miniature ranges. "A" Bay carried out a tactical scheme. Major W.T.M. FUGG rejoined the Battalion. Weather fine. W.M.S.	

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HELLEBROUCK	15th		Training under bay. arrangements. Practice for Army Rifle Association Platoon competition was carried out. Capt. E. F. C. CAMPBELL joined. Weather fine. W.M.S.	
	16th		Church Parades for all denominations. In the afternoon all Platoons fired in the A.R.A. Platoon competition, No 15 Platoon winning. W.M.S.	
	17th		Bay. Training was continued. No 15 Platoon fired against the winning Platoon of 12th Batta. East Surrey Regt. and won. Weather fine. W.M.S.	
	18th		Training of bays. continued. No 15 Platoon fired against winning Platoon of 15th Batta. Hampshire Regt. and won. Weather fair. 3rd Lieut. S. CLARKE awarded M.C. 17650 Cpl. F. ROBINSON, M.M. awarded bal to M.M. C6645 Rfn. P. WEBBER and C9419 Rfn. A.L. BUTLER awarded M.M. Weather fair. W.M.S.	
	19th		Training continued. Regt. Transport inspected by. O.C. 41st Divnl. Train. The Divnl. Gas Officer gave a lecture to all Gas N.C.Os. "C" + "D" and "A" bays. fired one practice at 400 yards on "A" Range. No 15 Platoon fired in A.R.A. Platoon competition and became winning Platoon in Divn.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HELLEBROUCK	19th	contd	The Inspector of Catering, Second Army, visited the Battrn. and expressed his satisfaction at the feeding arrangements. Weather fair W.M.S.T.	
	20th		The Battrn. participated in a Bde. Scheme in the FORET D'EPERLECQUE, the object of which was to exercise the Bde. in warfare in wooded country. Weather fine. Major W.P. BRISTOWE rejoined the Battrn. W.M.S.T.	
	21st		Bay training continued. S.B. Co. tested in gas chamber under supervision of Divisional Gas Officer. Weather fine. W.M.S.T.	
	22nd		Four Bays exercised in a Battrn. Scheme to illustrate employment of advanced and rear guards. W.M.S.T. Weather fine	
	23rd		Voluntary Church Parades for all denominations. Battrn. bathed at EPERLECQUE. Weather fine. W.M.S.T.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HELLEBROUCK	24 <sup>th</sup>		<p>"A" + "D" Coys. practised on miniature Range; "B" + "C" Coys. carried out an Outpost Exercise. Orders were received for the move of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Inf. Bde. to the ROBROUCK area. Weather fair; some rain. W.M.H.</p>	
ERKELSBURG	25 <sup>th</sup>		<p>The Battrn. marched via WATTEN and RUBROUCK to a billeting area in the vicinity of ERKELSBURG, where the night 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> was spent. Weather fine. W.M.H.</p>	
near ABEELE	26 <sup>th</sup>		<p>The march was continued at 8-15 am via ARNEKE, CASSEL, and STEENVOORDE to billets in a disused aerodrome about 1 mile S.S.W. of ABEELE. Weather fine. B.O. and Company Commanders reconnoitred portions of Reserve line. W.M.H. Casualties nil</p>	
	27 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Battrn. preparing for forthcoming tour in the line. Platoon commanders reconnoitred Reserve line. Weather fine. Casualties nil. W.M.H.</p>	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Near ABEELE	28 <sup>th</sup>		Preparations for forthcoming relief continued. Routine Parades. Weather fine. Casualties nil. WMSD.	
	29 <sup>th</sup>		Battn. bathed. about 1-30 am., 10 rounds of 4.2 calibre were fired into the vicinity of camp, several falling close to Transport lines. One horse was wounded and had to be destroyed. Weather fine. WMSD.	
REMY SIDING	30 <sup>th</sup>		Battn. moved into a position of readiness for forthcoming relief near <del>REMY</del> REMY SIDING, ABEELE EAST, taking over billets and bivouacs vacated by 15 <sup>th</sup> Battn Hampshire Regt. Weather fine. Casualties nil. WMSD.	
			In the Field 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 1918  for Wm Harrington, 2nd Lieut. for O.C. 18 <sup>th</sup> Battn S.P.R.B.	

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN - 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

**ORDERLY ROOM**  
 No. ....  
 7 - JUN. 1918  
 18<sup>TH</sup> BATTN K.R.R.C.

'A'		'B'		'C'		'D'		'E'		'F'	
Strength last week.		Increase during week - due to drafts, reinforcements, etc.		Total from 'A' and 'B'.		Decrease during week, casualties, sick evacuations, and deducted from strength.		Strength for current week.		DETAILS (for explanation see back).	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
46	1107		21	46	1128		22	46	1107	9	208
46	1106		12	46	1118		11	46	1107		

1. Name of Commanding Officer - Lieut.Col. Sir J.V.E. Lees, Bart., M.C.
2. Name of Second in Command --
3. No. of Majors & Captains, ) 2 Major  
   ) 6 Captains (includes 2 acting).
4. No. of subalterns - 37.
5. Total officers - 46. \*

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN 'D'.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
Killed		
Wounded		
Missing		
Evacuated sick		10
Struck off for any other cause. (To Cadet School)		1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>11</b>

Explanation of Increase or Decrease of Officers by name.

Arrived from Reinforcements -

Killed (Date) -

Evacuated sick (Date).  
 etc. etc.

To agree with Columns 'B' & 'D'.

Explanation of Column 'B'

Reinforcements on strength up to 7-6-18	12
From Hospital	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>
Reinforcements from Div. Wing. (already on strength)	1 15

7<sup>th</sup> June 1918.

J.V.E. Lees

Lieut.Col.

Comds. 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

DETAILS.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.Ranks.</u>
On leave		6 <sup>13</sup>
Sick in Divisional Area		30 <sup>27</sup>
Attending Courses	4 <sub>5</sub>	24 <sub>24</sub>
Officers admitted to Hospital sick who have not been reported as invalided home.	2	
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TOTAL	6	60
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Army Employ

Corps Employ - Canadian Corps Intelligence Staff		1
Corps Agricultural Officer		1

Divisional Employ -		
Div. Wing Staff	2	7
"    Details		119 <sup>120</sup>
Div. Hqrs.	1	3
Div. Observers		2
D.A.D.O.S.		2

Brigade Employ - Runners		6
Attached 122nd T.M.B.		7 <sup>(5)</sup>

Other Details -  
~~Railhead Rest Camp~~

TOTAL	9	208
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WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN, 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

'A'		'B'		'C'		'D'		'E'		'F'	
Strength last week.		Increase during week - due to drafts, reinforcements, etc.		Total from "A" and "B".		Decrease during week, casualties, sick evacuations, and deducted from strength.		Strength for current week.		DETAILS. (For explanation see back).	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
46	1107	1	21	47	1128	-	28	47	1100	12	211

1. Name of Commanding Officer - Lieut.Col. Sir J. V. E. Lees, Bart., M.C.
2. Name of Second in Command --
3. No. of Majors and Captains, not including (1) and (2) 2 Majors ) 6 Captains (includes 2 acting)
4. No. of subalterns - 38
5. Total officers - 47 \*

Explanation of Column 'D'.

	Officers	O.R.
Killed.		5
Wounded		20
Evacuated sick		3
Struck off for any other cause		28
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\* To agree with Column 'B'.

Explanation of Increase or Decrease of Officers by name.

Arrived from reinforcements - Lieut. J. H. Deer (7.6.18)

Killed - Nil.  
Wounded - Nil.  
Evac.sick- Nil.

(To agree with Columns 'B' and 'D').

Explanation of Column 'B'.

Reinforcements on strength up to 14.6.18  
From Hospital

Reinforcements from Div. Wing  
(already on strength)

	Off.	O.R.
Reinforcements on strength up to 14.6.18	1	20
From Hospital		1
	1	21
Reinforcements from Div. Wing		17

*Arthur Howard Cap*  
Lieut.Col.

Commdg. 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

14th June 1918.

ORDERLY ROOM  
No. ....  
14 JUN. 1918  
18th BATTN K.R.R.C.

DETAILS.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
On leave	2	13
Sick in Divisional Area		27
Attending Courses	5	24
Officers admitted to hospital sick, who have not been reported as invalided home.	2	
	<u>9</u>	<u>64</u>
Corps Employ -		
Canadian Corps Intelligence		1
Corps Agricultural Officer		1
Divisional Employ -		
Div. Wing Staff	2	7
" Details		120
Div. Mqrs.	1	3
Div. Observers		2
D.A.D.O.S.		2
Brigade Employ -		
Runners		6
Attached 122nd T.M.B.		5
	<u>12</u>	<u>211</u>
TOTAL		



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**ORDERLY ROOM**  
 No. ....  
**21 JUN. 1918**  
**18<sup>th</sup> BATT<sup>n</sup> K.R.R.C.**  
 (Explanation see back)

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN, *18<sup>th</sup> Bn Kings Royal Rifle Corps*

"A" STRENGTH last week.		"B" Increase during week due to Drafts reinforcements etc.		"C" TOTAL from "A" and "B"		"D" Decrease during week casualties, sick evacuations & deducted from strength etc.		"E" Strength for current week.		"F" DETAILS (Explanation see back)	
Offrs.	O.Ranks	Offrs.	O.Ranks	Offrs.	O.Ranks	Offrs.	O.Ranks	Offrs.	O.Ranks	Offrs.	O.Ranks
47	1100	1	2	48	1102	-	40	48	1062	11	215

- Name of Commanding Officer... *Lieut. Col. Sir V. G. Lees Bt. mb.*
  - Name of 2nd in Command... *Major G. F. Campbell*
  - No. of Majors & Captains not including 1 & 2... *2 Majors, 6 Captains (Includes 2 Det.)*
  - No. of Subalterns... *38*
- ∅ TOTAL OFFICERS... *48*

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "D".

	Officers.	O.Ranks.
Killed	.....	.....
Wounded	.....	.....
Missing	.....	.....
Evacuated Sick	.....	.....
Struck off for any other cause	.....	.....
<b>TOTAL.</b>		<i>40</i>

*1. To Badger School*

∅ to agree with Column "E"

EXPLANATION OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF OFFICERS BY NAME.

*Major G. F. Campbell 15/6/18* Arrived from Reinforcements.

..... Killed (Date).

..... Evacuated Sick (Date).

etc. etc.  
 To agree with Columns "B" & "D".

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "B".

Reinforcements taken on strength up to *21/6/18*..... *2*

Rejoined from Hospital & Taken on strength.....

Taken on strength from other causes.....

**TOTAL.**..... *2*

Reinforcements previously taken on strength who have joined from Divisional Reception Camp..... *5*

Date... *21.6.1918*

*V. G. Lees*  
 Commanding... *18<sup>th</sup> Bn Kings Royal Rifle Corps*... Lieut. Colonel.

DETAILS.

OFFICERS.

O. RANKS.

On leave.....	2	71
Sick in Divisional Area.....		7
Attending Courses.....	3	23
Officers admitted to Hospital Sick who have not been reported as invalided home.....	1	

TOTAL.

6.

108

Army employ :-

Corps employ :-

Canadian Corps Det. Staff

Divisional employ :-

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Observation Sect.

Div. Wing Staff  
D.A.D.S.

Brigade employ :-

Runners

122 T.M.B

Bde Forward Party

Other details :-

Div. Wing Details

Attached to San Sect.

GRAND TOTAL.

10

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**ORDERLY ROOM**  
 No. 28 JUN. 1918  
 18th BATT. R.F.C.  
 (Explanation see back).

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN *18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps*

"A"		"B"		"C"		"D"		"E"		DETAILS (Explanation see back)	
STRENGTH last week.	Increase during week due to Drafts reinforcements etc.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	TOTAL from "A" and "B"	Decrease during week casualties, sick evacuations & deducted from strength etc.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Strength for current week.	Offrs.		O.Ranks.
48	1062	-	2	48	1064	-	13	48	1051	11	259

- Name of Commanding Officer *Lo. Col. Sir J. V. E. Lees, Bart., M.C.*
  - Name of 2nd in Command *Major G. F. Campbell*
  - No. of Majors & Captains not including 1 & 2 *Majors 2  
Captains 6 (includes 2 Acting)*
  - No. of Subalterns *38*
- ∅ TOTAL OFFICERS *48*

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "D".

	Officers.	O.Ranks.
Killed	.....	.....
Wounded	.....	.....
Missing	.....	.....
Evacuated Sick	.....	8
Struck off for any other cause	.....	5
<b>TOTAL.</b>		<b>13</b>

EXPLANATION OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF OFFICERS BY NAME.

- ..... Arrived from Reinforcements.
  - ..... Killed (Date).
  - ..... Evacuated Sick (Date).
  - etc. etc.
- To agree with Columns "B" & "D".

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "B".

Reinforcements taken on strength up to	28-6-18
Rejoined from Hospital & Taken on strength	2
Taken on strength from other causes	.....
<b>TOTAL.</b>	<b>2</b>
Reinforcements previously taken on strength who have joined from Divisional Reception Camp.	20

Date *28-6-18* 191

*[Signature]*  
 Commanding *18th Bn. K.R.R.C.* Lieut. Colonel.

DETAILS.

OFFICERS.

O. RANKS.

On leave.....	2	21
Sick in Divisional Area.....		27
Attending Courses.....	3	17
Officers admitted to Hospital Sick who have not been reported as invalided home.....	1	

TOTAL.

6	65
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Army employ :-

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.....

.....

Corps employ :-

*Canadian Corps Intell. Staff* ..... 1

Divisional employ :- *Agro. Staff*

1

*Clerks* ..... 3

*Observation Section* ..... 2

*Dw. Recep. Camp Staff* ..... 7

Brigade employ :-

*D. A. D. O. S.* ..... 2

*Runners* ..... 6

*122nd T. M. B.* ..... 6

*Bde. Forward Party* ..... 18

Other details :-

*Dw. Recep. Camp Details* ..... 143

*Attached 56 San. Section* ..... 3

*at I. B. D.* ..... 2

GRAND TOTAL.

10	259
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SECRET.18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.Order No. 191.

1. The 18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps will be relieved by the 4th Battn. Duke of Wellington's Regt. on the night of 3/4th June 1918.
2. The following details from the relieving Battn will arrive on night of 2/3rd June for attachment:-
  - 1 Off. and 6 O.R. for Battn. Hdqrs.
  - 1 " " 4 N.C.O.'s per Coy.
3. The following guides will report at Battn. Hdqrs to-night. They will be required to guide the incoming unit from MACHINE GUN FARM SIDING on the night of 2/3rd:-
  - 1 Guide per platoon
  - 1 " " Coy Hdqrs.

They will bring rations for 3rd with them.
4. As no Battn. Transport will be available on night of 3/4th all trench bundles, camp kettles and any other stores which cannot be carried on the man will be sent down to the ration dump to-night. Transport will be available for a very limited amount of Mess stores only on the night of 3/4th. These stores will be dumped at Battn Hdqrs by 10.30 p.m. 3rd.
5. Order of relief will be "C" "D" "A" "B"
 

"A"	Coy	18th	K.R.R.C.	will	be	relieved	by	"D"	Coy	D. of	W. Regt.
"B"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"C"	"	"	"
"C"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"B"	"	"	"
"D"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"A"	"	"	"

WARRINGTON ROAD will be used by Right and Centre Coys. The Railway will be used by Left and Support Coys. The first platoon will arrive about 11.45 p.m.
6. Defence schemes, trench stores, gumboots, petrol tins and all maps except one copy each of Sheet 28 1/20,000 and 1/10,000 will be handed over to the relieving unit. A copy of receipts obtained will be forward to Orderly Room by 12.0 noon 4th June.
7. One Officer per Coy and one at Battn. Hdqrs will remain with the relieving unit for 24 hours. Transport arrangements for these Officers will be notified later.
8. Completion of relief will be wired to Battn Hdqrs by Code word MONDAY.
9. As soon as relieved Coys will march independently to MACHINE GUN FARM SIDING. The men who will have guided in the relieving unit will then act as guides to their own platoons. A distance of 100 yards will be maintained between Coys. The Battn. will entrain at MACHINE GUN FARM SIDING and proceed to ROAD CAMP Sheet 27 L.2.a.2.8 via FUGWASH Sheet 27 F.7.a.1.9 where guides will be met.
10. The Battn. will entrain on June 4th and proceed to 2nd Army Training Area under orders to be issued later.
11. Transport less certain vehicles to be detailed later, will march to Training Area on June 3rd and 4th.
12. Acknowledge.

2.6.1918.

Signed. G. WREN HOWARD  
Capt. & Adjt.  
P.T.O.

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3	"
4	122nd Inf. Bde.
5	4th Bn. Duke of Wellington's Regt.
6	O.C. "A" Coy.
7	O.C. "B" "
8	O.C. "C" "
9	O.C. "D" "
10	S.O., I.O., M.P.O.
11	Transport Officer
12	Quartermaster
13	R.S.M.



SECRET.

18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Copy No. 2

Order No. 1.

Reference Map Sheet 27, 1/40,000.  
" 27A.

1. The 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. will march tomorrow, 25th June, to the RUBROUCK Area.

2. A billeting party composed as under will parade at Bn. Hqrs. at 8.0 am., and will then report to Lieut. A. G. EDGELL, 18th Bn. E. Surrey Regt., at the Church, RUBROUCK, at 9.30 am.

2/Lieut. P. T. Rayner, M.C.

1 O.Q.M.S. per Coy. and Hqrs.

1 N.C.O. Q.M. Stores.

They will draw bicycles from Bn. Hqrs.

3. All packs, which will be clearly marked, will be dumped at the Q.M. Stores by 7.0 am.

Officers' valises and mess stores will be collected as under:-

Valises - 7 am. (at Coy. Offices).

Mess stores - "A" Coy. 7.15 am.

"B" " 7.20 am.

"C" " 7.30 am.

"D" " 7.40 am.

Water bottles will be filled as follows:-

"A" Coy. 6.0 am. "C" Coy. 6.0 am.

"B" " 6.15 am. "D" " 6.15 am.

Field kitchens will be fetched at 8.15 am. and Lewis Gun limbers at 7.45 am.

O.C. Coys. are responsible that these times are strictly adhered to.

4. Order of march will be "C", "D", Band, Hqrs., "B", "A". Dress - Fighting Order. Steel helmets will be worn on the left shoulder.

5. Head of the column will pass starting point at 8.45 am. Starting point will be road-junction K.29 d.85.10.

6. The usual halts will be observed on the march.

7. O.C. Coys. are responsible that all billets are left in a clean and sanitary condition.

8. Rations for the 25th instant will be carried on field kitchens.

9. Acknowledge.

Issued at 11.10 am  
24.6.18.

*Wm Harrington*  
for Capt. & Adjt.  
18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

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" 2 War Diary.

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" 4 122nd Inf. Bde.

" 5 2nd in Command.

" 6 O.C. "A" Coy.

" 7 O.C. "B" "

Copy No. 8 O.C. "C" Coy.

" 9 O.C. "D" "

" 10 Transport Officer.

" 11 Medical Officer.

" 12 Quartermaster.

" 13 Intelligence Offr.

" 14 Assistant Adjt.

" 15 R.S.M.

SECRET.

18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

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## ORDER No. 2.

1. The 18th Bn. K.R.R.C., including Transport and Q.M. Stores, will move into bivouac camp in area L.22 a.b.c.d. and L.29 a. tomorrow, June 30th.

2. 2/Lieut. P. T. Rayner, M.C., and the Transport Officer will reconnoitre area tomorrow morning. 2/Lieut. Rayner will take advance parties (consisting of 1 C.Q.M.S. per Coy. and Hqrs. and one O.R. from Q.M. Stores) there in the afternoon. Advance party will leave present area at 2.0 pm.

3. Officers' valises and mess stores of Hqrs., "B" & "C" Coys. will be dumped at Q.M. Stores by 2.30 pm. Wagons will collect from "A" and "D" Coys. at 3.0 pm.

4. Coys. will move off by platoons at 200 yds. interval, at the following hours:-

"C" Coy.	2.45 pm.	"D" Coy.	3.30 pm.
"B" "	3.0 pm.	"A" "	3.45 pm.
Hqrs.	3.15 pm.		

5. Transport will move independently, a few vehicles at a time.

6. Water bottles will be filled before moving off.

7. When in bivouacs it is of the utmost importance that every precaution be taken to avoid detection.

At Night, lights are to be reduced to a minimum and are to be carefully screened, and no fires are to be lighted.

By Day, there should be one officer per Coy. always on duty to ensure that men do not expose themselves unnecessarily, and aeroplane sentries are to be posted to give notice of approaching aircraft.

Excessive smoke must be avoided.

8. The Divisional Commander directs that the reasons for such special secrecy, viz. to prevent the enemy from obtaining indications that a relief of the French by the British is in progress, should be carefully explained to all ranks.

9. Advance parties who are going up the line on the night of the 30th/1st will remain in present Camp, and proceed by lorry reporting at 8 pm., 30th instant.

10. Acknowledge.

*Arthur Adams*

Issued at  
29.6.18.

Capt. & Adjt.  
18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

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" 4	122nd Inf. Bde.
" 5	Second in Command.
" 6	O.C. "A" Coy.
" 7	O.C. "B" "
" 8	O.C. "C" "

Copy No. 9	O.C. "D" Coy.
" 10	Transport Officer.
" 11	Medical Officer.
" 12	Intelligence Officer.
" 13	Assistant Adjutant.
" 14	Quartermaster.
" 15	R.S.M.
" 16	Spare.

SECRET.

18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

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DEFENCE SCHEME.

1. The Battn. is in reserve to the Brigade, and is disposed in shelters etc. in the immediate vicinity of ZEVECOTEN, with Battn. Hqrs. at G.35 c.5.5.

2. Major E. F. Campbell and the Transport Officer will reconnoitre area tomorrow morning. Major Campbell will arrange for advance party consisting of 1 G.Q.M.S. per Coy. and Hqrs., and one O.R. from Q.M. Stores to be taken there in the afternoon. Advance party will leave present area at 2.0 pm.

3. In the case of (a) the line will be held with three Coys. distributed in depth, and one Coy. in reserve, as shown on Map "A" (attached).

All men must know their positions in case of attack. The 6th Division continues this line to our left, from MEATH FARM; and the 123rd Inf. Bde. to the right, from M.5 a.5.3.

4. In the case of (b), the possible roles for counter-attack are as follows:-

- (X) To counter-attack LA CLYTTE village.
- (Y) To counter-attack the SCHERPENBERG.
- (Z) To counter-attack CANADA CORNER.

The above counter-attacks will only be made on receipt of orders from higher authority, and in all probability in conjunction with other troops.

Routes for counter-attack and assembly positions in the cases of (X), (Y), and (Z) are shown in Sketch "B" (attached).

In the case of (Z) counter-attack, Z.1 position will be adopted if the SCHERPENBERG is still in our hands; if the SCHERPENBERG has fallen, Z.2 position will be adopted.

*Chas. Brown*

Capt. & Adjt.  
18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

8.7.18.

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 " 6 O.C. "B" "  
 " 7 O.C. "C" "  
 " 8 O.C. "D" "  
 " 9 Intelligence Officer.  
 " 10)  
 " 11) Spare.  
 " 12)

SECRET.

18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

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## DEFENCE SCHEME.

1. The Battn. is in reserve to the Brigade, and is disposed in shelters etc. in the immediate vicinity of ZEVECOTEN, with Battn. Hqrs. at G.35 c.5.5.

2. In case of a hostile attack developing against the Brigade front, the Battn. may be called upon to fill either of the following roles:-

- (a) Hold the ZEVECOTEN area, and prevent the enemy penetrating further towards RENINGHELST.
- (b) To counter-attack.

3. In the case of (a) the line will be held with three Coys. distributed in depth, and one Coy. in reserve, as shown on Map "A" (attached).

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4. In the case of (b), the possible roles for counter-attack are as follows:-

- (X) To counter-attack LA OLYTTE village.
- (Y) To counter-attack the SCHERPENBERG.
- (Z) To counter-attack CANADA CORNER.

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*Arthur Downes*

Capt. & Adjt.  
18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

8.7.18.

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 " 8 O.C. "D" "  
 " 9 Intelligence Officer.  
 " 10)  
 " 11) Spare.  
 " 12)



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July, 1918

WAR DIARY

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Near REMY SIDING	1st		<p>Monday. Details and "B" Echelon Transport proceeded in the evening to BOIS DE BEAUVORDE, and "A" Echelon Transport to LAPPE. During night 1st/2nd the Battr. relieved "B" Battalion, 103rd Infantry Regiment, 7th French Division, in support position near LA CLYTTE. Casualties 1 wounded. Weather fine. W.M.S.</p>	
Battr. H.Q. REINGHELST-LA CLYTTE road	2nd		<p>Tuesday. During night <sup>1st/2nd</sup> enemy intermittently shelled vicinity of Bde. H.Q., CHIPPEWA CAMP and REINGHELST-LOCRE road. LA CLYTTE-REINGHELST road was shelled for about 15 mins with 5.9 about 10.15pm, 2nd. Weather fine. Casualties nil. W.M.S.</p> <p>Two companies working on front line. W.M.S.</p>	
	night 2nd/3rd		<p>The neighbourhood of Battr. H.Q. was shelled with 5.9 at 2pm. Weather fine. Casualties nil. W.M.S.</p>	

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	4th		2 boys worked on LA CLYTTE defences. Casualties nil. W.M.H.	
ZEVECOTEN	5th		Battn relieved in support area by 15th Hants., and moved into Divn. Reserve, relieving 12th Surrey Regt. Casualties 1 OR. died of wounds, 1 OR wounded. W.M.H.	
	6th		Working parties for WESTOUTRE line were found by all Companies. Casualties nil. W.M.H.	
	7th		Working Parties under R.F. Casualties 8 OR. wounded W.M.H.	
	8th		R.F. working parties again provided. Casualties nil. W.M.H.	
	9th		Work on WESTOUTRE line. Casualties nil. W.M.H.	
LA CLYTTE	10th		Battn. relieved 12th Surrey Regt. in front line, LA CLYTTE defences night 10/11. Weather: Heavy Rain. Casualties nil W.M.H.	
	11th		In front line. Patrolling and improving Battle Positions. Casualties: 2 OR killed 3 OR wounded. W.M.H.	
	12th		In front line. Weather wet. Casualties nil. W.M.H.	
	13th		In front line. Casualties 1 OR wounded W.M.H.	

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LA CLYTTE	14th		Raid carried out by 6th Div. on left of Battrn front. Casualties 3 OR wounded. WMB	
	15th		Battrn. relieved in front line by 15th Stants and moved back into support area in relief of 12th Essexys. Casualties 1 OR. wounded WMB	
	16th		Working Parties on WESTOUTRE line and for burying cable. Casualties 1 OR killed 1 OR wounded	
	17th		found mighty under R.E. " 2 OR wounded	
	18th		supervisor WMB " nil	
	19th		" 4 OR wounded	
	20th		Battrn. relieved by 15th Stants and moved into Divnl Reserve in relief of 12th Essexys. Casualties 3 OR wounded. WMB	
ZEVECOTEN	21st		Battrn. in Reserve. Casualties 1 OR wounded WMB	
	22nd		Working Parties daily and " 1 OR wounded WMB	
	23rd		mighty for work on WESTOUTRE " nil WMB	
	24th		line and cable burying. " nil WMB	
LA CLYTTE	25th		Battrn relieved 19th Essexys Regt in front line. Casualties 2 OR. wounded WMB	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LA CLYTTE	26th		On night 26th/27th an adjustment of inter-Bde boundary was made between 'A' Coy. and 10th R West Kent Regt. Casualties nil. W.M.H.	
	27th		Patrolling and work on Battle positions. Casualties 4 OR wounded. W.M.H.	
	28th		at 12-30 am an intense and rapid bombardment of a portion of the enemy's line was carried out by 190 Bde. R. & A. A patrol <sup>company</sup> of 2nd Lt N.P. SPOONER, DCM, and 11 OR. rushed enemy post on cessation of bombardment <del>and</del> but an identification could not be obtained. Casualties 4 OR wounded. W.M.H.	
	29th		Patrolling and improvement of battle positions. Casualties nil. W.M.H.	
	30th		night 30/31st Battle relieved by 15th. Casualties 2 OR wounded. W.M.H.	
	31st		Hants and came into support. Casualties nil. W.M.H.	

W.M.H. Farrington got head  
assault. 18th Bn KRRC

In the Field  
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14<sup>th</sup> KARAC. ORDER No. 5

Copy No.

1. The 18<sup>th</sup> Bn KARAC. will relieve the 12<sup>th</sup> Bn E. Surrey Regt. in the front line on the night of the 10/11<sup>th</sup> July. The 15<sup>th</sup> Bn Hampshire Regt. will take over billets vacated by the Bn.

2. The following advance party will arrive from 15<sup>th</sup> Bn Hampshire Regt. tonight July 9<sup>th</sup>.

- 1 Officer per Coy.
- 1 NCO + 1 runner per platoon.

All defence schemes, plans, Tools, ammunition and trench stores and details re working parties will be handed over to these officers, and a copy of the receipts obtained forwarded to orderly room.

3. The following advance parties will proceed to the Hedges of the 12<sup>th</sup> E. Surrey tonight and will remain until completion of relief.

- Intelligence Officer
- 1 NCO per platoon.
- 2 runners per Coy.
- 2 " from Hedges.

They will parade at Bn. Hedges. at 9pm with rations for 24 hours.

4. Trench bundles, mess buckets, all petrol tins & camp kettles will be dumped at Bn. Hedges. by 10-30pm 10<sup>th</sup>.

These stored less petrol tins & camp kettles together with rations & water for consumption on 11<sup>th</sup> will be drawn from Bn Ration dump



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Completion of Relief will be wired  
to Brn Hdqrs by code word WEDNESDAY.

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1st M.R.C. Order No. 1. Copy No.

1. The 15th M.R.C. will receive the 8th Surrey Regt. on the night of July 5th and become the 1st Division. The 15th M.R.C. will occupy positions vacated by this Battalion.

2. Following advance parties will arrive from 15th M.R.C. tonight and remain with their opposite numbers

- 1 Officer - 1 runner per Ben Hayes
- 1 runner per Coy.
- 1 M.C.O. per Platoon

3. A Coy 15th M.R.C. take over from A Coy M.R.C.

B	1	B	"
C	"	C	"
D	"	D	"

4. Following guides will report at Ben Hayes at 10.15 pm. 5th to proceed to 15th M.R.C. to guide their Coy in, after which they will remain there tonight.

- 1 for Ben Hayes.
- 1 per Coy
- 1 in Platoon

5. Following advance parties will report at Ben Hayes at 10.30 pm. Tonight to proceed to their opposite numbers of 12th & Surrey with whom they will remain. Rations for this party will be delivered by Coy to Ben Hayes by 12 midnight for transmission to Surrey Regt. over



- 1 m.c.o for the Hqs.
- 1 m.c.o for Coy.
- 1 representative into peratoon

These will act as guides on night of 5/6th  
 meeting days as indicated

- A) Coy Stryker A) at dusk
- B) " " B) " "
- C) Base Hqs 11 pm
- D) " " " " "

C. a Coy Stryker will take over from A Coy Stryker  
 B " " " B " "  
 C " " " C " "  
 D " " " D " "

7. Trench bundles, mess stores, camp kettles  
 etc. will be dumped on road near the Hqs  
 by 10-30 pm 5th and will be withdrawn from  
 here the Hqs. after completion of rel. f.

8. Munitions for 6th will be dumped on rear area.

9. Coys will be prepared to march off into  
 their new positions at 10-30 pm but will not  
 move until they receive a wire from the Hqs.  
 on following code

PICKS = Hours  
 SHOVELS = minutes e.g.

"10 picks + 50 shovels" means you will move  
 at 10-50 pm.

3. Route 'A' & 'B' Coys via track running through  
 M.R. 2, M.B.C, M.S.H, C & D via 50 CLYFF.  
 RENINGHELF ROAD.

3.

Account books will be taken over from  
opposite numbers of 12th Br & Surrey Regt. and  
copy of receipts forwarded to Gen. Hedges. Maps  
of these schemes etc will be taken over by  
Intelligence Officer on behalf of Coy concerned.

11) French books in present area will be  
handed over to R.L.O. of Gen's Advanced Party  
and copy of receipts sent to Gen's Adv. Party.  
Maps, scheme schemes etc will be sent  
into Gen. Hedges on 5th inst & will be  
handed over there.

12) Completion of work will be sent to  
Gen. Hedges by road road FRIDAY.

13) REMEMBERANCE.

14) ~~REMEMBERANCE~~

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SECRET18th Bn K.R.R.C.Ref. Map HAZEBROUCK - SA

1. The 18th KRRC. will entrain at PROVEN Station today, June 4<sup>th</sup> 1918.

2. All stores will be dumped by 4.45 pm at the Q.M. Stores.

Water bottles will be filled as under -

A & B Coys. 3.0 pm

C & D Coys 3.30 pm.

Tea at 4 pm. in Camp. A further supply will be available at the Station.

3. The Bn will parade ready to move off at 6.15 pm. Order of march  
Ags A, B, Band, C, D.

4. Bn will detrain at WATTEN about 12.30 am, 5<sup>th</sup>, & will march to billets at HELLEBROUCK.

(Sd) B. Wren Howard,  
Capt & Adjt

14-6-18.

Secret 16<sup>th</sup> Bn. H. A. R. C. Order No. 6. Copy. 5

1 The 18<sup>th</sup> H. A. R. C. will be relieved by the 15<sup>th</sup> Bn. Hants Regt. on the night of 15/16 July 1918 and will withdraw on relief to the positions vacated by the 12<sup>th</sup> Bn. S. Surrey Regt.

2 The following advance party from 15<sup>th</sup> Hants. will report to Coy's tonight 14/15/18

- 1 Officer per Coy.
- 1 N.C.O. per platoon.
- 1 Runner —

3 The following guides from Coy's will report at Bn Hdqrs. at 10-30 pm. 15/16<sup>th</sup> to guide in the relieving unit

- 1 Guide per platoon.
- 1 " " Coy Hdqrs.

This party will bring down all hot food containers from their Coy without fail

4 The following advance party will report at Bn Hdqrs. at 11-30 pm. tonight 14/15 July.

- 1 Officer to be detailed by O/C 'C' Coy.
- 1 N.C.O. per Coy.
- 1 Representative per platoon. These

men will act as guides for Coy's. on 15/16<sup>th</sup> & will meet them on the road or railway as arranged by O.S.B. Coy concerned.

5 a Coy. H.A.R.C. will be relieved by D Coy. Hants.

A	:	a	:
B	:	B	:
C	:	C	:
D	:		:

6 Coy's who will occupy the same area when in support as they did before, with the

reception of the platoon of 'C' Coy and one  
platoon each of 'B' & 'D' Coy. The 2 latter platoons  
will occupy strong point in H. 6.

7. All bank orders will be carefully checked &  
handed over by an officer and a copy of receipts  
obtained forwarded to orderly room immediately  
on completion of receipt. The Officer from 'C' Coy  
with the advance party, will check all orders in  
the rear area and forward receipts to HQs.

8. Orders references etc will also be handed over to  
receiving unit.

8. Reason for re-occupation on 16<sup>th</sup> recon platoon  
will be drawn from report on Recon platoon  
after completion of work. All petrol tanks &  
any petrol will be dumped at same place.

9. That food containers not checked will be  
handed over at 9 AM. Orders to receiving unit.  
10. Completion of work will be marked to HQ through log  
code every Monday.

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Secret. 18th R.A.C. Order No 8. Copy 2

Ref map 28.S.W.1 (1/10 000).

1. An alteration will be made on night 26/27 July in the Boundary between left and Centre subsector in order to equalize the portions of the SCHERPENBERG - DICKEBUSCH LAKE LINE held by Brigades.
2. The new boundary will run North Westwards as at present from the front line to point N.T.d. 55.20 through point N.T.c. 99.99 to point N.T.b. 5.6 and hence along the present boundary.
3. The 18th R.A.C. will hand over to the 10th R.A.M. Kent Regt all branches & accommodation South of the new Brigade Boundary during the night 26/27th July. By 10pm July 26th '44' Coy. will be clear of the branches to be handed over. The commander of the platoon concerned will remain behind to hand over stores & dispositions.
  4. A company stores and dump will be moved over into the new area. Ammunition bombs & fireworks in the branches will be handed over & a copy of the receipt sent to this office by 3am 27th mid.
  5. A Coy will establish a post South of the LA CLYTTE - KEMMEL Road to

maintain touch with 10<sup>th</sup> M. W. K.

5. Completion of relief to be notified to this Office by wiring the code word 'RICHARDSON.' 'A' Coy HQs will move to present HQs of 'B' Coy. 'B' Coy HQs will move to about N.7.6. 9.6. taking all stores with them. S.A.H. in any trench vacated by 'B' Coy. will be handed over to 'A' Coy.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 9 pm  
26-7-18.

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I.O. + S.O. informes.

Summary of orders for 24/28 July 1950  
 Reference of sheet 29 S.W.1. (1/10000)

1. On the night 24/28<sup>th</sup> July the 190 Brigade A.F.C. will carry out an increase and reced bombardment of the enemy's front line for two minutes.
2. The 45th Div. will bombard -  
 line of Railway bombardment from N.14.6.23.80 to N.14.6.15.87 Hedge up to N.14.6.20.85 to N.14.6.19.91.
3. The 18 pns will put down a line barrage from N.14.6.89.99 to N.14.6.20.75 to N.14.6.53.20 to N.14.6.22.41 to catch enemy trying to escape from the bombardment.
4. The Right platoon of the front line Coy. will commence the front line at 2.00 - 3.00 to set. Mines - dugouts about N.14.6.75. They will re-occupy the front line at 2.00 + 4.5. The 4A COTTRE LINE from the Railway at N.14.6.13 to farm at N.14.6.45 will be thrown out at the same time held only by one platoon of the Left Coy + one platoon of the Centre Coy. This will be re-occupied at 2.00 + 4.5 unless on the opinion of G.O. to large enemy retaliation has not occurred on this front of the line.
5. All working parties will be under cover on the trench at 2.00 + 5.



6. a fighting patrol consisting of  
 1 Lt Col N.P. Spooner, 1 MCO + 10 men will  
 stand to in the front line trench about  
 H. 14 a.g. from Zero - 30 until Zero + 10  
 to sweep away enemy who come forward  
 to avoid the bombardment. At Zero + 10  
 they will go forward to ascertain damage  
 done + attempt to obtain identifications  
 from enemy dead or wounded. This  
 party will be accompanied by 2 stretchers  
 bearers + stretcher who will remain in  
 the trench.
7. a Synchronizer watch will be sent to  
 Lt SPOONER at dusk July 27<sup>th</sup>. Coy will  
 synchronize time with Bn Hqs at 9.20 pm  
 July 27<sup>th</sup> by telephone 12-30 am July 28<sup>th</sup>
8. Zero hour will be ~~11.30 pm 27<sup>th</sup>~~ 12.30 am 28<sup>th</sup>
9. No mention of this operation will be made  
 on the telephone.
10. The 124th Infy Bde + the 35th Division, both on  
 the night, will be carrying out a small operation  
 at the same hour.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*W.M. Wright*

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Notes - 18th KARAC. Order No 6. Copy to 5

Reference Map Sheet 28.

1. The 18th Bn KARAC will relieve 12th Bn 6 Surrey Regt in Reserve on night 20/21st July, their place in Support being taken by 15th Bn Hampshire Regt.
2. Coy will receive letters for letters will occupy same positions as when in Reserve formerly.
3. One N.C.O. per Coy & Bn & 4 men per platoon Bn & Coy will report to R.S.M. by 9 am on 20th July. This party will proceed in advance to take over billets & stores.
4. Munch bundles, petrol tins & mess stores will be dumped at Bn & Coy by 10 am July 20th. Transport Officer will arrange to collect these at 10.15 pm. Coy will each detail one man to accompany the limber. Lewis Guns will be carried by hand.
5. A.B. & D Coy will proceed to new area on completion of work. C Coy will move direct to its new area at 10.45 pm.
6. Arrival in new area will be reported to Bn & Bde by code word 'GOAT'.
7. Copies of all receipts for stores and documents will be forwarded to Bn & Bde by 12 noon July 21st.
8. Rations for consumption on July 21st will be drawn on arrival in new area.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

19-7-18.

Wm Hanning to

Thames & Medway

Issued at 10.55 pm.

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14 M.O. P.O.

15 RSM ✓

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Secret.Provisional Defence SchemeCopy No. 2<sup>o</sup>

1. The defence of the Bn. sector consists of
  - (a) the Outpost line (b) the main line of resistance.
2. The outpost line is held by 3 platoons holding a chain of posts, each one section strong and covered by nightly patrols, with 2 platoons in support. The main line of resistance is held by
  - (a) The Right Coy. with 3 platoons in the line and one platoon in support at Coy. HQs.
  - (b) The Centre Coy with 2 platoons in the line and one platoon in support.
  - (c) The left Coy with 3 platoons holding the farm at N.8.6.4.5 and vicinity as a strong point, one of which platoons being prepared to form a defensive flank on the left if necessary and one platoon in support at Coy. HQs.
3. The Coy. of the Support Batta (i.e. the forward one N. of LA CHYTTÉ RD. is at the disposal of the Commanding Officer and is available for counter attacks as may be required.
4. Action in case of attack - (a) as regards the outpost line. In case of local attack all posts will fight to the last. Support platoons will counter attack on the initiative of platoon commanders. In case of a general attack, the front line posts, if about to be overwhelmed will, after delaying and splitting up the enemy attack, withdraw fighting on the line of the support platoons. This line will, if unable to defeat the enemy attack, withdraw to the <sup>MAIN</sup> line of resistance and thicken the line there. (b) The main line of resistance will, in all cases, hold out to the last. Platoons in support to Coys holding the main line of resistance will be used to reinforce any part of the line where necessary under the orders of the O.C. Coys, or to counter attack immediately any part of the line on the initiative of the platoon or Coy. Commander. In connection with above it must be the object of all ranks to continue fighting at all costs and to kill as many of the enemy as possible. A party which continues fighting after being completely surrounded will entirely disorganize and hold up an enemy attack.

and usually be the means of inflicting a severe defeat on the enemy. The closer quarters to which one gets to the enemy the easier he is to defeat. If a trench is rendered untenable by the enemy barrage before an attack, troops should go forward and take up a position just in front of the trench. When the enemy barrage is very intense and he is following it up closely, great success can be obtained with few casualties by getting up and charging him with the bayonet before he reaches the trench.

5. Breker's guns, A.A. guns etc. covering the front are shown on map (attached).
6. The S.O.S. is a grenade bursting into stars, Red over Red over Red.

The Divul. area is subdivided into Brigade sectors.

Right Brigade subsector shown as	RIGHT
CENTRE	CENTRE.
LEFT	LEFT.

The area attached should be included in any S.O.S. wire or message.

7. If the outposts, after resisting to the fullest extent of their power are driven back, the protective barrage will be brought back to a line covering the main line of resistance.

In the event of all other means of communication having failed, the request for the barrage to be brought back will be a special light signal (to be issued) sent up from the SCHERPENBERG by an officer detailed by the right Brigade who will be in communication with the farm at N.8.6.4.5 by power buzzer, & with the O.P. at M.17.2.7.7. by buried cable.

When the officer in charge of the Coy. holding the farm at N.8.6.4.5 is satisfied that all troops in the left sector are clear of the forward area, he will send a message to that effect by power buzzer to the officer on the SCHERPENBERG. When the officer on the SCHERPENBERG is satisfied that all troops are clear of the outpost area, 400 ft front he will

send up the signal, which will be repeated from  
the other Infantry Brigade Hdqrs.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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SECRET18<sup>th</sup> Bn K.R.R.C., OPERATION ORDER NO 10.Copy No. 2

1. "A" Coy, 106<sup>th</sup> American Regiment will relieve "B" Coy, 106<sup>th</sup> American Regiment in the front line, left Divisional Sector on night 28/29<sup>th</sup> July as follows:-

<u>A Coy.</u>		<u>B Coy.</u>	
No. 1. Platoon	will relieve	Right Front	Platoon.
" 2 "	" "	Centre	" "
" 3 "	" "	Left	" "
" 4 "	" "	Support	Platoon.

2. Each platoon of "A" Coy, 106 Regt. will be organised as follows:-

3 Rifle Sections each of 9 or 10.  
1 Lewis Gun section of 10 and 2 Lewis Guns.

3. Platoons of "A" Coy, 106<sup>th</sup> Regt. will report at Front Bn Hdqrs. as follows.

No. 1. Platoon	10-30 pm.
" 2 "	10-45 "
" 3 "	11-0 "
" 4 "	11-15 "

Guides will be provided by "C" Coy, 18<sup>th</sup> K.R.R.C., at these times to conduct platoons to front line.

4. British personnel will be attached to "A" Coy, 106<sup>th</sup> Regt. as per attached table. These will report at Front Bn. Hdqrs. and join American platoons as shown.

5. All ammunition, bombs, trench stores, Defence Schemes etc. will be handed over by outgoing Coy. to incoming Coy. on relief. Copies of receipts will be sent to Bn Hdqrs. before dawn July 29<sup>th</sup>.

6. On relief "B" Coy, 106<sup>th</sup> Regt. will proceed by platoons to front. Bn Hdqrs, "C" Coy, 18<sup>th</sup> K.R.R.C. providing guides for this purpose. On arrival there, each platoon commander will report to C/C. 18<sup>th</sup> K.R.R.C. & will be provided with a guide from 12<sup>th</sup> East Surrey Regt. who will guide each platoon to its position in Support line.

7. Lewis Gun drums will be handed over by outgoing Coy. to incoming Coy. in the line. If incoming Coy. are unable to bring full complement of Lewis Guns along, outgoing Coy. will have to hand over Lewis Guns as well.

2

to make incoming Coy. up to 2 guns per platoon.

8. British Rfn. will be withdrawn from attachment to 'A' Coy 106<sup>th</sup> Regt on night 29/30<sup>th</sup> July, Officers and N.C.O's being left. The latter will all be withdrawn on the night 30/31<sup>st</sup> July.
9. About 36 Americans of 'A' Coy 106<sup>th</sup> Regt. will be accommodated by 'C' Coy 18<sup>th</sup> K.R.R.C. in the Reserve Bn area on night 28/29<sup>th</sup>. They will report to Support Bn Hqrs. at 10pm. where 'C' Coy 18<sup>th</sup> K.R.R.C. will provide a guide to take them to their billets.
10. 'A' Coy 18<sup>th</sup> K.R.R.C. will provide carrying party as usual night 28/29<sup>th</sup> to carry water & rations to front line.
11. Completion of relief will be reported to Bn Hqrs. by sending code word "JAM."
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Wm Harrington

Issued at  
24.7.1918

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Harrington  
18<sup>th</sup> K.R.R.C.

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2. War Diary.
  3. 'A' Coy 106<sup>th</sup> U.S.A.
  4. B " "
  5. B " K.R.R.C.
  6. B " "
  7. C " "
  8. D " "
  9. D " "
  10. 2. E-Summary Rpt.

- Copy No. 11. Hqrs 122 Bde.  
12. G.M. K.R.R.C.  
13. F.O.  
14. D.C. 106 Regt. U.S.A.

TABLE

Each American platoon	5 N.C.O's,	8 Riflemen,	as mentioned
platoon Hqrs.	1 Sergeant		
Each Rifle Section	1 N.C.O,	2 Riflemen	(Lewis Gunner)
Lewis Gun	1 " "	2 " "	
Coy Hqrs.	2 signallers,	2 runners.	

Officers will be attached as follows:-

Coy Hqrs.	LIEUT. A.C. LYELL.
No. 1. Platoon.	LIEUT. E.O. MANSFIELD.
" 2. "	" S. CLARKE M.C.
" 3. "	" J.D. JONES &
" 4. "	a Senior Sergeant.



SECRET.

'STEM' OPERATION ORDER NO 11.

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Reference map Sheet 28. S.W. 1 (1:10,000)

1. 3 Coys. BRANCH will relieve 3 Coys STEM in the SCHERPENBERG - DICKEBUSCH LINE and 1 Coy BRANCH will relieve 1 Coy STEM in the RESERVE AREA on night 30/31st July. 1918.

2. Coys will relieve as below:-

BRANCH.

'D' Coy. will relieve  
'C' " "  
'B' " "

STEM.

'D'  
'B'  
'A'

In RESERVE AREA.

'A' Coy.

'C'

Platoons of BRANCH will relieve their opposite numbers in order i.e. No. 5 Platoon 'B' Coy relieves No. 1. Platoon 'A' Coy. No 6 " " " " " " " " and so on.

3. Advance parties from BRANCH will report at Bn. Hqrs at 9.15 pm. on the night 30/31st. as follows:-

- 1 Officer + 1 Runner per Coy.  
1 N.C.O + 1 " " Platoon.

Bn. Hqrs. will dispatch them to (Coy) Hdqrs.

4. Guides from A, B & D Coys for incoming unit - 1 per platoon and 1 per Coy Hdqrs. - will report to Bn Hdqrs. at 10.30 pm July 30th. On relief Coys. will proceed to their former positions in SUPPORT area.

5. Advance parties will be sent as follows:-

1 Officer per Bn. to take over Defence Schemes, schemes of work and trench stores at Bn Hdqrs. 1 Senior N.C.O. per Coy. to take over Coy trench stores.

1 Representative per platoon to take over accommodation. They will be sent to Bn. Hqrs. ROOT on night 29/30th. Coys. will arrange for their own guides to take them direct.

6. Receipts for documents and trench stores handed over and taken over will be sent to Bn. Hqrs. by 2 pm. July 31st.

7. Completion of relief will be notified to Bn Hdqrs by using code word YORK.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 9.40 p.m.  
29. 7. 1918.

Wm Harrington

2nd Lieut 9 adjt

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- 2 } War Diary
- 3 } " " "
- 4 } O/C 'A' Coy
- 5 } " " " } STEM.
- 6 } " " " }
- 7 } " " " }
- 8 BRANCH.

- Copy No. 9. ROOT
- 10. ROPE
- 11. 'A' Coy. 106 Regt. U.S.A.
- 12. O/C 106 Regt. U.S.A.
- 13. M.O + I.O } STEM.
- 14. T.O. }
- 15. Q.M. }

STEM.

HQRU and V.P.D informed.

DETAILS.

OFFICERS.

O. RANKS.

On leave.....	8	40
Sick in Divisional Area.....		114
Attending Courses.....	4	17
Officers admitted to Hospital Sick who have not been reported as invalided home.....		

TOTAL.

12

101

Army employ :-

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Corps employ :-

Canadian Corps Intelligence Staff.....		1
XIX Corps Harvesting Coy.....	1	-
.....		

Divisional employ :-

Divisional Agr.....	1	8
" Reception Camp Staff.....	2	12
" " " Details.....		114
" Signals (Runner).....		1

Brigade employ :-

Runners.....		6
Attached 122nd T.M.B.....		4
Bde Forward Party.....		18

Other details :-

2nd Army Rest Camp.....		8
Absentees.....		3
Attached 16th Bn. K.R.R.C.....		1
" R.T.O. WATTEN.....	1	1
" I.B.D.....	1	2

GRAND TOTAL.

18

210

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN *19th Bn. K.R.R.C.*

**ORDERLY ROOM**  
 No. *10228*  
**27 JUL 1918**  
 18th BATT K.R.R.C. (on see back).

"A"		"B"		"C"		"D"		"E"	
STRENGTH last week.		Increase during week due to Drafts reinforcements etc.		TOTAL from "A" and "B"		Decrease during week casualties, sick evacuations & deducted from strength etc.		Strength for current week.	
Offrs.	O.Ranks	Offrs.	O.Ranks	Offrs.	O.Ranks	Offrs.	O.Ranks	Offrs.	O.Ranks
47	923	-	11	47	934	2	20	45	914

- Name of Commanding Officer *Lt. Col. Sir J. V. E. Lees Bart. M.C.*
  - Name of 2nd in Command *Major E. F. Campbell*
  - No. of Majors & Captains not including 1 & 2 *Majors 2  
Captains 6 (includes 2 acting)*
  - No. of Subalterns *35*
- ∅ TOTAL OFFICERS *45*

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "D".

	Officers.	O.Ranks.
Killed	.....	.....
Wounded	.....	10
Missing	.....	.....
Evacuated Sick	.....	9
Struck off for any other cause	2	1
<b>TOTAL.</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>

EXPLANATION OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF OFFICERS BY NAME.

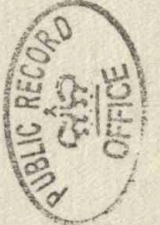
- ..... Arrived from Reinforcements.
  - ..... Killed (Date).
  - 2/C. G. G. Turner } Transferred to M.C.C. 19/7/18.*
  - 7 Evans } Evacuated Sick (Date).*
  - etc. etc.
- To agree with Columns "B" & "D".

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "B".

Reinforcements taken on strength up to <i>27/7/18</i>	3
Rejoined from Hospital & Taken on strength	8
Taken on strength from other causes	.....
<b>TOTAL.</b>	<b>11</b>
Reinforcements previously taken on strength who have joined from Divisional Reception Camp.	25

Date *27th July* 1918.

Commanding *J. V. E. Lees* Licut. Colonel.



852

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN *18th Bn. K.R.R.C.*

"A" STRENGTH last week.		"B" Increase during week due to Drafts reinforcements etc.		"C" TOTAL from "A" and "B"		"D" Decrease during week casualties, sick evacuations & deducted from strength etc.		"E" Strength for current week.		"F" DETAILS (Explanation see back).	
Offrs.	O.Ranks	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.
47	942	-	6	47	948	-	25	47	923	13	193

1. Name of Commanding Officer *Lt. Col. Sir J. V. E. Lees, Bart., M.C.*  
 2. Name of 2nd in Command *Major E. F. Campbell*  
 3. No. of Majors & Captains not including 1 & 2 *Majors 2 Captains 6 (includes 2 Acting)*  
 4. No. of Subalterns *37*  
 TOTAL OFFICERS *47*

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "D".

	Officers.	O.Ranks.
Killed	-	1
Wounded	-	11
Missing	-	-
Evacuated Sick	-	13
Struck off for any other cause	-	-
<b>TOTAL.</b>		<b>25</b>

to agree with Column "E"  
 EXPLANATION OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF OFFICERS BY NAME.

.....Arrived from Reinforcements.  
 .....Killed (Date).  
 .....Evacuated Sick (Date).  
 etc. etc.  
 To agree with Columns "B" & "D".

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "B".

Reinforcements taken on strength up to <i>20/7/18</i>	4
Rejoined from Hospital & Taken on strength	2
Taken on strength from other causes	6
<b>TOTAL.</b>	<b>12</b>
Reinforcements previously taken on strength who have joined from Divisional Reception Camp.	73

Date *20th July* 1918

*J. V. E. Lees*  
 Commanding *18th Bn. K.R.R.C.* Lieut. Colonel.

DETAILS.

OFFICERS.

O. RANKS.

On leave.....	6	40
Sick in Divisional Area.....		42
Attending Courses.....	2	17
Officers admitted to Hospital Sick who have not been reported as invalided home.....		

TOTAL.

8

99

Army employ :-

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Corps employ :-

..... <i>Canadian Corps Intelligence Staff</i> .....		1
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.....		

Divisional employ :-

..... <i>Agro.</i> .....	1	8
..... <i>Div. Reception Camp Staff</i> .....	2	7
..... <i>" " " Details</i> .....		38
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Brigade employ :-

..... <i>Runners</i> .....		6
..... <i>Attached 122<sup>nd</sup> T.M.B.</i> .....		4
..... <i>Bde Forward Party</i> .....		18

Other details :-

..... <i>Attached R.T.O. WATTEN</i> .....	1	1
..... <i>At I.B.D.</i> .....	1	2
..... <i>Attached 16<sup>th</sup> Bn. K.R.R.C.</i> .....		1
..... <i>2nd Army Rest Camp</i> .....		8

GRAND TOTAL.

13

193



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DETAILS.

OFFICERS.

O. RANKS.

On leave.....	5	31
Sick in Divisional Area.....		45
Attending Courses.....	3	21
Officers admitted to Hospital Sick who have not been reported as invalided home.....		

TOTAL.

8

97

Army employ :-

Corps employ :-

*Canadian Corps Intelligence Staff*

1

Divisional employ :-

*Hqrs. Staff*

1

1

*Clerks*

3

*Observation Section*

2

*D.A.D.O.S.*

2

Brigade employ :-

*Div. Reception Camp Staff*

2

7

*Runners*

6

*122<sup>nd</sup> T.M.B.*

4

*Bde. Forward Party*

18

Other details :-

*" Guard*

4

*Div. Reception Camp Details*

94

*at I.B.D.*

1

2

*Attached R.T.O. WATTEN*

1

1

*2nd Army Rest Camp*

1

10

GRAND TOTAL.

14

252

**ORDERLY ROOM**  
 No. W.F. 120  
**12 JUL 1918**  
**18th BATT<sup>n</sup> K.R.R.C.**  
 (Explanation see back)

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN... 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"E"	"F"
STRENGTH last week.	Increase during week due to Drafts reinforcements etc.	TOTAL from "A" and "B"	Decrease during week casualties, sick evacuations & deducted from strength etc.	Strength for current week.	DETAILS (Explanation see back)
Offrs. O.Ranks	Offrs. O.Ranks	Offrs. O.Ranks	Offrs. O.Ranks	Offrs. O.Ranks	Offrs. O.Ranks
47      1027	-      9	47      1036	-      94	47      942	14      252

1. Name of Commanding Officer Col. Sir J. V. E. Lees, Bart., M.C.
  2. Name of 2nd in Command Major G. F. Campbell
  3. No. of Majors & Captains not including 1 & 2 2 Majors  
4 Captains (includes 2 Acting)
  4. No. of Subalterns 37
- ∅ TOTAL OFFICERS 47

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "D"

	Officers.	O.Ranks.
Killed	.....	2
Wounded	.....	11
Missing	.....	-
Evacuated Sick	.....	7
<u>Transferred to Base</u>	.....	73
Struck off for any other cause <u>(Died of Wounds)</u>	.....	1
TOTAL.	.....	94

∅ to agree with Column "A"

EXPLANATION OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF OFFICERS BY NAME.

..... Arrived from Reinforcements.

..... Killed (Date).

..... Evacuated Sick (Date).

etc. etc.

To agree with Columns "B" & "D".

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "B"

Reinforcements taken on strength up to 13-7-18 ..... 3

Rejoined from Hospital & Taken on strength ..... 6

Taken on strength from other causes ..... 9

TOTAL. .... 9

Reinforcements previously taken on strength who have joined from Divisional Reception Camp. .... 40

Date 13th July 1918

Commanding 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. Lieut. Colonel.

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SECRET  
 78 Bn King's Royal Rifle Corps  
 Order No. 10  
 Ref Map Sheet 29 1/4 0000

1. The 78 Bn King's Royal Rifle Corps will continue the march tomorrow 10<sup>th</sup> inst.
2. Blankets, Officers valises & mess stores will be dumped at 3<sup>rd</sup> Stores by 0745.
3. The Battalion will parade ready to move off at 0855 on the Road running past Bn Hdqrs, facing SOUTH in the order: A. B. Band & D. Dress - Fighting Order.
4. Rations for consumption on 10<sup>th</sup> will be carried on field kitchen & 10 plus bottles will be filled before starting.
5. Surplus kit will be dumped under orders to be resumed later, no Lewis will be available.



- 6. Transport with follow Ben.
- 7. Acknowledges.

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- 7 " C -
- 8 " D -
- 9 T.O
- 10 S.M.
- 11 M.O.

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18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

Order No. 16 A

Ref. Map Sheet 30, 1/40,000

1. The 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. will march to area O. 14, O. 20, O. 26, today, 14<sup>th</sup> inst.
2. Bulleting party will parade at Bn Hqn. at 10.00.
3. Officers' valises & mess stores will be dumped outside Hqn. Mess at 10.00.
4. The Bn will parade on the main road running through the village, facing East, ready to move off at 11.05. Head of column to be opposite church. Order of march will be - Hqn., D, C, Band, A, B. Dress - fighting order. Blanket to be rolled on haversack.
5. There will be a halt from 12.50 to 14.00 for dinner.
6. Water bottles will be filled before starting.

(Sd.) G. Wren Howard,  
Capt. & Adjt.

18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

Issued at 02.45

14. 11. 18.

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1918 No. 3, 2, 2, 3.  
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- 6. 1918 No. 3, 2, 2, 3.
- 7. 1918 No. 3, 2, 2, 3.

18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.O.O. No. 16

Ref Maps, Sheets 29 &amp; 30.

1. Bulleting N.C.O.<sup>s</sup> will report at Bn. Hqs. immediately.
2. The Bn. will parade, ready to move off at 17.15, on the main road, facing N.E. Head of column at cross-roads, R. 16 & 7.1.  
Order of march - Hqs., A, B, Bana, C, D.
3. Rations for consumption on 14<sup>th</sup> will be carried on Field Kitchens.

(Sd). S. Wren Howard,  
Capt. & Adjt.  
18th K.R.R.C.

Issued at 15.30  
13. 11. 18.

**ORDERLY ROOM**  
 No. ....  
**5 - JUL 1918**  
**18th BATTY K.R.R.C.**  
DETAILS  
 (Explanation see back).

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN *18th Bn. K.R.R.C.*

"A" STRENGTH last week.	"B" Increase during week due to Drafts reinforcements etc.	"C" TOTAL from "A" and "B"	"D" Decrease during week casualties, sick evacuations & deducted from strength etc.	"E" Strength for current week.	"F"
Offrs. O.Ranks	Offrs. O.Ranks.	Offrs. O.Ranks	Offrs. O.Ranks.	Offrs. O.Ranks.	Offrs. O.Ranks.
48 1051	- 7	48 1058	1 31	47 1027	16 290

1. Name of Commanding Officer *St. Col. Sir J. V. E. Lees, Bart., M.C.*
  2. Name of 2nd in Command *Major G. F. Campbell*
  3. No. of Majors & Captains not including 1 & 2 *Majors 2  
Captains 6 (includes 2 Acting)*
  4. No. of Subalterns *37*
- Ø TOTAL OFFICERS *47*

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "D".

	Officers.	O.Ranks.
Killed	.....	.....
Wounded	.....	.....
Missing	.....	.....
Evacuated Sick	.....	<i>31</i>
Struck off for any other cause	<i>1</i>	.....
<b>TOTAL.</b>	<i>1</i>	<i>31</i>

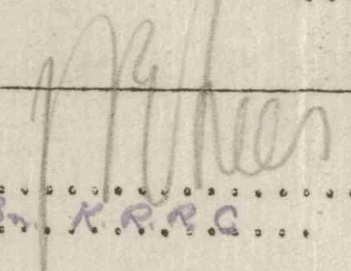
EXPLANATION OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF OFFICERS BY NAME.

- .....Arrived from Reinforcements.
  - .....Killed (Date).
  - .....Evacuated Sick (Date).
  - 2/Lt. C. B. Lee-Steele - Transferred to 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. 23.5.18 etc. etc.*
- To agree with Columns "B" & "D".

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "B".

Reinforcements taken on strength up to <i>5-7-18</i>	.....	<i>7</i>
Rejoined from Hospital & Taken on strength	.....	.....
Taken on strength from other causes	.....	.....
<b>TOTAL.</b>	.....	<i>7</i>
Reinforcements previously taken on strength who have joined from Divisional Reception Camp.	.....	<i>2</i>

Date *5th July* 1918

  
 Commanding *18th Bn. K.R.R.C.* Lieut. Colonel.