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Operation Order No. 53 by Lt. Col. H. E. Norton
Comdg. SOUTH IRISH HORSE (7th R. I. Rgt.)
2 15th Jan. 1918.

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1. The Battn. will be relieved on the night of the 16th Jan. 1918 by the 7/8 R. Inniskilling Fus. and on relief will march by platoons at 5 minutes interval to Brigade Reserve line in cutting at STE EMILIE.
2. Companies will be relieved as follows :-

"A" Coy	will be relieved by	"D" Coy	R. Innis. Fus.
"B" "	"	" "C" "	" "
"C" "	"	" "B" "	" "
"S" "	"	" "A" "	" "
H. Q.	"	" H. Q.	" "

Completion of relief will be notified to Battn. H. Q. by words "No vacancy desired"
3. The following will be carefully handed over and receipts obtained :-
 - (a) Trench Stores.
 - (b) Defence arrangements and all information about the line, except aeroplane photographs.
 - (c) Work in progress and work proposed (in writing)
 - (d) Working parties.
 - (e) Ammunition and grenades.

Copies of (a) and (e) will be handed in to Orderly Room by 11.0am on the 17th inst.
to
4. Guides of 1 per Coy will meet advance party R. Innis. Fus. will report at Battn. H. Q. at 12.0noon on the 16th inst.
Guides for main body R. Innis. Fus. will be provided as under :-
 - 1 guide per platoon from "A" "B" & "C" Coys will report at Battn. H. Q. at 5.0pm.
 - 1 guide per platoon from "S" Coy will be at F.11.a.93 at 5.0pm.
5. The route to STE EMILIE will be by the track through F.14.
6. Major Furlong and the four C. Q. M. Sergts. will report to Battn. H. Q. R. Innis. Fus at 2.0pm to take over billets.
7. Transport Officer will detail the following transport :-

For "S" Coy	1 limber at junction of TOMBOIS & LONDON RD. (F.11.a.93)
For "A" Coy.	1 limber at F.4 Central.
" "B" "	1 " " "
" "C" "	1 " Battn. H. Q.
" H. Q.	1 limber, Mess Cart, Maltese Cart, & Battn. H. Q.
8. Acknowledge.

(sd) A. H. D. Lawson,
Capt & Adjt.

Copies to :-

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| 1 | 49th Inf. Bde. |
| 2 | 5 Coy. Comdrs. |
| 6 | 7/8 R. Innis. Fus. |
| 7 | Major Furlong. |
| 8 | M. O. |
| 9 | T'spt. Offr. |
| 10 | QrMaster. |
| 11 | Sig. Offr. |
| 12 | R. S. M. |
| 13 | War Diary. |
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Operation Order No. 54 by Lt. Col. H. E. Norton,
Comdg. SOUTH IRISH HORSE (7th R.I. Rgt.)
21st Jan. 1918.

1. The Battn. will relieve the 7/8 R. Innis. Fus on the night of the 22nd inst. Coys. will relieve in the following order :-

"A" Coy.	S. I. H.	will	relieve	"A" Coy.	R. Innis. Fus.
"B" "	" "	" "	" "	"B" "	" "
"C" "	" "	" "	" "	"C" "	" "
"S" "	" "	" "	" "	"D" "	" "
Hd. Qrs.	" "	" "	" "	Hd. Qrs.	" "

2. Advance Party consisting of Major Furlong 1 Officer and one N.C.O. per Coy. A/R.S.M. Regtl. Gas N.C.O. Signal Sgt. Nos. 1 of Lewis Gun teams and Cook Sergt. will parade outside Orderly Room at 10.0am and proceed to take over in daylight. Guides will be met at R. Innis. Fus. Battn. H.Q. at 12.0 noon.

3. Order of march for main body will be "A" "B" "C" "S" Coys and Hd. Qrs. Coys. will march by platoons at 5 minutes interval, leading platoon to march off at 4.0pm. Guides for "C" Coy and for "S" Coy (as regards YAK and ZEBRA posts) will be at Battn. H.Q. F.10.c.24 at 5.30pm and for "B" Coy. at F.11.a.71 at 5.30pm.

4. The following will be carefully taken over :-

- (a) Trench Stores.
- (b) Defence arrangements and all information about the line, except aeroplane photographs.
- (c) Work in progress and proposed (in writing)
- (d) Working Parties.
- (e) S.A.A. and Grenades.

Copies of receipts will be sent to Battn. H.Q. by 8.0am on 23rd Jan.

5. Completion of relief will be notified to Battn. H.Q. by the words "Hasten Return G"

6. Blankets will be tightly rolled in bundles of 10 and dumped outside Guard Room by 10.0am. Officers' spare kits will be dumped at same place by 12.0noon.

7. Transport Officer will arrange for collection of stores as in para. 6.

Two limbers per Coy. and 1 per H. Qrs. will report at 3.0pm in Battn. Mess Cart will report to Battn. Hd. Qrs. and Maltese Cart to M.O. at 3.30pm

8. Quartermaster will arrange for rations to be carried on Coy. limbers.

Ration and water dumps for following nights are as follows:-

For "A" Coy. at SANDBAG ALLEY.
" "C" & "S" Coys at F.4.c.80 on LEMPIRE RD.
" "B" Coy. at junction of LONDON RD. and TOMBOIS RD.
" Hd. Qrs. at Battn. Hd. Qrs.

9. Acknowledge.

(wd) A. H. D. Lawson,
Capt. & Adjt.

Copies to :-

- 1-4 O. C. Coys.
- 5 7/8th R. Innis. Fus.
- 6 49th Inf. Bde.
- 7 Sig. Offr.
- 8 M. O.
- 9 Tspt. Offr.
- 10 R. S. M.
- 11 War Diary.
- 12 File.

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Operation Order No. 55 by Lt. Col. H. B. Norton
 boundy. South Irish Horse (Tth R. I. Regt)
 27th Jan. 1918.

copy No. 11.

1. The Battalion will be relieved in the front line on the night of 28th Jan. 1918 by the 7th Royal Inniskilling Fus. and will proceed to Brigade Support
2. "A" boy will be relieved by "D" boy R. Inniskilling Fus.
 "B" " " " " " " " " " "
 "C" " " " " " " " " " "
 "S" " " " " " " " " " "
3. Guides will not be required.
4. Advance party consisting of 1 Officer per boy & 1 NCO per platoon will proceed to take over Support positions at 12 noon. These NCOs will meet their respective platoons at new Battalion H.Q. and act as guides.
5. "C" boy will proceed to RIDGE RESERVE N F2 central to about F2 a 24 - boy H.Q. at F2 c 25 vacated by "A" boy R. Inniskilling Fus.
 "A" boy will proceed to L'EMPIRE VILLAGE - 1 platoon in ENFER WOOD - 1 platoon in the village about F15 d 13.
 The platoon in the village will man MAY COPSE.
 One platoon less the officer will be attached to "B" boy and be accommodated in OLD COPSE.
 boy H.Q. will be at F15 b 13 vacated by "B" boy R. Inniskilling Fus.
 "B" boy will proceed to MALASSISE FARM. 2 platoons will be accommodated in OLD COPSE. These will include the platoon attached from "A" boy.
 "S" boy will move to cutting F2 c 25 - boy H.Q. in Cutting vacated by "D" boy R. Inniskilling Fus.
 Battalion H.Q. and AID POST will be at F15 b 13
6. One limber per boy will report to present ration dumps collect stores and carry to new boy H.Q. as follows:-
 For "A" boy 5.30 pm
 " "B" "C" and "S" boys 6.30 pm.
 one limber, mess cart and Maltese cart will report at Battalion H.Q. at 6 pm.
7. All trench stores will be most carefully handed over and taken over.
 Both taking over lists will be sent to Battalion H.Q. by 11 am on 29th Jan.
8. Relief complete in present positions will be reported to Battalion H.Q. by the words "Your orders noted"
 On arrival in Support, boys will write to new Battalion H.Q. the words "Rum plentiful"
9. Rations will be delivered tomorrow and following nights:-
 For "A" boy (less 1 platoon) and ^{H.Q. at} Battalion H.Q. at 5.30 pm.
 " "B" " (plus 1 platoon of "A") at F 8 a 63
 " "C" and "S" boys ~~at~~ at entrance of Cutting at F2 c 32
 Water carts will fill tanks at new Battalion H.Q. at 5.30 pm and will deliver to H.Q.s of "B" "C" & "S" boys at 7.30 pm
10. Acknowledge.

Copies to.

nos 1 to 4	Coys.
No. 5	Transport Officer
" 6	Medical Officer
" 7	4/8 R. Inniskilling Fus.
" 8	49th Inf Bde.
" 9	Signalling Officer
" 10	File
" 11	War Wearing
" 12	R.S.M.

(sd) A.H.D. Lawson
 Capt. & Adjt.

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or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Feb 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LEMPIRE	Feb 2 nd		In support slight shelling quite day generally	p/s
	" 3 rd		" " enemy occasionally shelled X Rcs very quiet	p/s
	" 3 rd		" " quite day, Relieved by the 1 st Royal Dublin Fus, relief completed by 8 P.M., Batt entrained at ST EMILIE for Bellota at HAMEL	p/s
HAMEL	" 4 th		Day was spent in cleaning up & checking equipment	p/s
"	" 5 th		The day was spent Training football match in the afternoon A+B v B+C.	p/s
"	" 6 th		Training was carried on two Coy A+B being at "Murbety each man fired 5 rcls Grouping & Application of 10 th Rspinel	p/s
"	" 7 th		General Sir H de la P. Gough. K.C.B. K.C.V.O. visited the Brigade & presented Medal Ribbons to Officers & Other Ranks two Coy's were found for the Grand of Honour	p/s
"	" 8 th		Day was spent Training all Lewis Gunners fired a practice on the 300 rd Range.	p/s
"	" 9 th		The Batt relieved the 2 nd Royal Irish Regt: at VILLERS FAUCON Relief was completed by 1 P.M.	p/s
VILLERS FAUCON	" 10 th		A Working party of three Officers & 200 G.R. was working behind RONSSOY wiring, position was shelled & Pte Daly & Pte Haugh were wounded	p/s

7th (S14) Royal Irish Regt

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VILLERS FAULCON	10 th		Upon reorganization of Brigades 6 Officers & 317 O R joined from the 6 th Royal Irish Regt.	p/s
"	11 th		Four Officers & 200 O R working on new line of trenches remainder of Batt training Officer revolver competition in the afternoon Lt. R. G. Brewster winning	p/s
"	12 th		Training & 200 working party	p/s
"	13 th		" " " " " "	
"	14 th		Church Parade at inspection Batt proceeded to the line & relieved the 15 th Durham Light Infantry in the left-sub-sect of the left-sector	p/s
EPEHY LEFT SECT	15 th		Very quiet, patrols were sent out,	
"	16		Some shelling in the morning Pte Peet - Pte Hennessy & Pte Fogarty were wounded while on a working party.	p/s
"	17 th		Enemy Air-craft very active a low flying machine fired on men of the Batt wounding Cpl. Rodman, Pte Edgell was also wounded	p/s

4th (S.I.H.) ROYAL IRISH REG'T

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LEFT SECT	18 th		An inter coy relief took place B relieving C & S during a slight shelling of front line, when transport was returning after delivering rations enemy air-craft dropped a bomb & killed Cpl Stokes & wounded Lt Hickey post Mc Garry Pte Hartney One horse had to be destroyed	Wps
"	19 th		Quite day strong patrols were sent with the object of obtaining identification but failed	Wps
"	20 th		"	Wps
"	21 st	5 AM	Enemy put down a barrage on our front-line the S.O.S. was fired & replied to, nothing else happened Lt. As Wolfe-Smith & Pte of Smythe Pte Fitzgibbon, Pte Byrne & Pte Rowden were wounded remainder of the day was quite	Wps
"	22 nd		Day quite, Relieved at night by the 2 nd Batt Royal Irish Regt: relief was completed by 8-30 P.M. Batt went into support in EPEHY & took over the EPEHY Defences	Wps
EPEHY	23 rd		Very quite day	Wps

Asst. Capt. Gage
LT. COL. COMMANDING
ROYAL IRISH HORSE (7th R. L. REGT.)

7th (S.I.H) Royal Irish Regt.

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EPEHY	24 th		Some light shelling, working parties formed for REDLINE	M/S
"	25 th		Very quiet	M/S
"	26 th		Some shelling on night in the morning the Batt relieved the 7 th Royal Fus Regt in the Right sub-section relief was completed quietly by 8-30 PM	M/S
RIGHT SUB SECT	27 th		Quite day some shelling to the right & left of Batt H.Q. strong fighting patrols sent out	M/S
"	28 th		Back areas were shelled lightly in the morning & more heavily in the afternoon suddenly relieved by the 8 th Batt Leicester Regt. proceeded by march route to VILLIERS FAUCON & occupied ADRIAN CAMP	M/S

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

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 62 BY LIEUT-COL. H.E. NORTON, COMMANDING

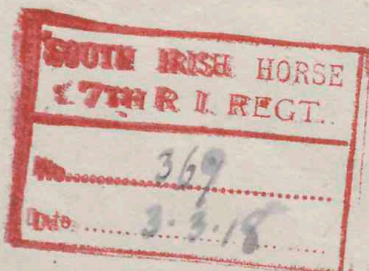
SOUTH IRISH HORSE, 7th. R. IRISH REGT. 28-2-18

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1. The South Irish Horse will be relieved by the 8th. Battn. Leicester Regt, in the Right Sub Section on the night of 28-2/1-3. The Battalion on relief will proceed to Billets in VILLERS FAUCON.
 2. The following will be carefully handed over :-
 - (a) Trench Stores
 - (b) Maps and all information concerning the Line, including Aeroplane Photographs.
 - (c) Work Done and Proposed (In writing)
 - (d) Defence Schemes.
 Trench Store Lists, properly signed and counter-signed, will be forwarded to Battalion H.Q. by 9 a.m. 1-3-18.
 3. Advance Parties from the 8th Leicesters will be sent to report to the respective Company H.Q. as they arrive. On receipt of the Code Message "777", Coys will send to Battn H.Q., one M.C.O. per Platoon. These M.C.Os will act as Coy Advance Parties and meet their respective Platoons at Railway Crossing (E.23.d.6.2) and act as guides to Billets. Guides for the relieving Unit, 1 per Platoon will be sent to report to Battn H.Q. at 6-15 p.m. Coy. Q.M.S. have been instructed to act on behalf of their Coys at VILLERS FAUCON re Billets etc.
 4. One Limber per Company will be available at Battn H.Q. at 6-30pm. One Limber, Mess Cart and Maltese Cart will be at the disposal of Battn H.Q. at the same hour.
 5. Companies will move off as relieved, reporting completion of relief to Battn H.Q. by the Code Message "S.D.V." Companies will report arrival in billets to Battn H.Q.
 6. Acknowledge.

K. J. Hart
Capt & Adjt.

Copies to

Nos 1 to 4	Coys
No. 5	8th Leicesters
No. 6	4th Inf Bde.
No. 7.	Transport Officer
No. 8	Intelligence Officer
No. 9	Signalling Officer
No. 10	Medical Officer
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OPERATION ORDERS NO. 61 BY LIEUT-COL H.E. NORTON, COMMANDING

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SOUTH IRISH HORSE (7th. R. IRISH REGT.) 25-3-18

1. The South Irish Horse will relieve the 7/8th. R. Innis Fus. in the Right Sub Section on the night of ~~28th/29th~~ 26/27th, Feby '18

"C" Coy S.I.H.	will relieve	"D" Coy R. Innis Fus	(Left Front)
"A" " " do	" " " "	"B" " " do	(Right Front)
"B" " " do	" " " "	"A" " " do	(Support)
"S" " " do	" " " "	"C" " " do	(Reserve)

Companies will move off in the following order, starting at 6-30 p.m., with 5 minute interval between Platoons :-
"C", "A", "B", "S"

2. One Officer per Coy and one N.C.O. per Platoon and No. 1 of Lewis Gun Teams will proceed to the Line at 8 p.m. on 26th., being met by Guides at H.Q. of R. Innis Fus. (F.I.B.7.0)
3. Documents will be taken over as usual.
Copies of Trench Store List, Work Proposed and in Progress and a List of Maps will be sent to Battn H.Q. by 12 NOON 27th. inst
4. Guides for Companies will be at F.I.C.90.90 at 6-30 p.m.
5. The two Anti-Aircraft Lewis Guns from Brigade Transport Lines will rejoin "C" Coy at 3.0 p.m.
6. Rations will be brought to Battalion H.Q. and dumped there under charge of C.Q.M.S.
7. All Cooking will be done in the Cutting.
8. Water will be carried up in Petrol Tins - 12 per Coy.
One Water Cart will be left at Battn H.Q. full, and the Tanks there will be filled.
9. The Intelligence Officer will arrange with "S" Coy for Covering Patrols.
10. Completion of Relief will be notified to Battn H.Q. by the Code Message "WHISKEY RECEIVED"
11. Acknowledge.

(Sd) B.J. Start

Capt & Adjt.

Operation Order No. 60 by order - Col. H.E. Norton, 100479-120.9
 soon manding South Irish Horse 4th R. Irish Regt
 21st Feb '18

1. The South Irish Horse will be relieved by the 2nd Batta R. Irish Regiment in the left Sub Section on the night 22nd/23rd Feb '18

A	Coy. R. Irish	will relieve	S	Coy. S. I. H.
B	"	"	A	"
C	"	"	B	"
D	"	"	C	"
2. An Advance Party consisting of 1 officer and one Gas M.C. per Coy and 1 NCO. per Platoon will report at Support Batta H.Q. at 10 am 22nd inst. Batta Gas M.C. will accompany this Party and take over Batta H.Q.
3. Guides of 1 per Coy to meet the Advance Party of the 2nd R. Irish will report to Lieut Brewster in Railway Cutting by the R.I.M.'s Depot at 12.45 pm. on 22nd inst.
 Guides of 1 per platoon to meet the main body of the 2nd R. Irish will report to Lieut Brewster at 6.15 pm. in the same place.
4. OC C. Coy will detail 2 Lewis Guns and Teams to relieve 2 Lewis Gun Teams of the 2nd R. Irish in Bangalore Transport lines by 12 Noon 22nd inst.
5. Companies will take over billets vacated by 2nd R. Irish as follows:

S	Coy. S. I. H.	will take over from	S	Coy. R. Irish
B	"	"	D	"
A	"	"	A	"
C	"	"	B	"
6. Rations will be delivered to Cook-houses & Coy mess. in Support Positions at 4 pm. Coys will each detail one guide to proceed with their Advance Parties and locate Cook-houses in order that they can guide ration limbers thereto. These Guides will meet Ration limbers at F.O.C. 7.5 at 6.45 pm on 22nd inst. OC C. Coy will detail a M.C. to ensure that guides are at this point at the appointed hour.
 The Transport officer will detail one limber per Coy for the conveyance of Lewis Guns etc. from present positions to billets in Support. These limbers reporting to Coys at 7.30 pm. In addition one limber for A & S Coys and one limber for B & C Coys will report at Batta H.Q. at 6.15 pm., where guides will be allotted. These limbers will convey cooking utensils to Cook-houses in Support.
 One limber, mess Cart & Maltess Cart will report to Battalion H.Q. at 7.30 pm.
 Water may only be drawn from Water Point in E.P.E.H. during hours of darkness. Coys will make their own arrangements for hauling water for cooking purposes, etc.

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7. The following will be carefully handed over & taken over:
- (a) Trench Stores
 - (b) Information about the line. (Excess Aeroplane Photographs)
 - (c) Work in progress & proposed (in writing)
 - (d) Working Parties.

Ammunition & grenades. Returns made up to 12 noon 22nd inst will be rendered to Batta Hill by 12 Noon on 22nd inst

Trench Store lists properly signed & countersigned & will be forwarded to Batta Hill on completion of relief.

8. OC and R. Irish Regt. will detail a Patrol to cover the relief.
9. Completion of relief will be notified to Batta Hill by the code message "Sergeant SMITH not here"
10. Acknowledge.

Leah's Advt.

Business at 5.00 pm
Cooks to be warned to be ready at 4.30.

Operation Order No 59 by Lt-Col H. E. Norton
Command South Irish Horse (Y. P. Irish)
14th Feb 1918

An inter-coy relief will take place on
the night of the 18th/19th as follows:-

B Coy will relieve C Coy
" " " " A "
" S " " " " "
respectively in the front line.

On completion of relief the Battalion
will be disposed as under:

S Coy in front line
A " in Support
B " holding Post on left of front
line and finding its own support
C Coy in Reserve.

Trench Stores will be taken over and
also all information about the line, etc.

Coy Commanders will arrange
between themselves all other details
including the Patrol to cover the
relief.

The undermentioned Officers will
be attached to B Coy during their tour
in the line:

2/Lieut. Smyth
~~2/Lieut. Bailey~~

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Relief to be complete by 4.30 pm.
and wired to Batten. Sig. by the
code "Rum Received".

2/lieut King will report to OC S. Coy
by 4 pm. to-morrow

(Sd) P. J. Star
Capt & Adj.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 58 BY LIEUT COL. H. E. NORTON, COMMANDING
SOUTH IRISH HORSE, 7th. B. IRISH REGT.13/2/18.

1. The South Irish Horse will relieve the 15th. Durham Light Infantry on the night of 14th/15th in the Left Sub-Section of the Left Sector.

"A" Coy S.I.H.	will relieve	"A" Coy	Durham L.I.
"B" " " "	"	"C" " "	"
"C" " " "	"	"B" " "	"
"G" " " "	"	"D" " "	"

All movement will be by Platoons at 5 minute intervals
"A" Coy will commence to move at 5 p.m.

1st. Platoon of "C" Coy	will move at	5-20 p.m.
" " " " " " " " " "	"	" 5-40 p.m.
" " " " " " " " " "	"	" 6-15 p.m.

2. One Officer per Coy and one N.C.O. per Platoon and No. 1 of Lewis Gun Teams will proceed to the Line on the night of 13th./14th. Parade at Orderly Room at 6 p.m. The Servant of each Officer will accompany him.

O.C. "A" Coy will detail 6 O.R. to proceed with this Party and take over Patrol Duties.

Rations for this Party to be made up in Sandbags and labelled.

3. The following will be carefully taken over :-

- (a) Trench Stores
- (b) All Defence Schemes and Documents connected with the Line
- (c) Aeroplane Photographs
- (d) Work in Progress and Proposed (In writing)
- (e) Maps.
- (f) Working Parties

Copies of (a) (d) and a list of (e) and a Sketch showing dispositions will be forwarded to Batta H.Q. by 12 Noon 15th

4. The Guides of the Durham L.I. (4 per Coy i.e., 1 per Platoon) will meet the Battalion at the Cross Roads F.L.C. 7.5 at 6-15 p.m. on 14th. inst.

5. All Anti-Aircraft Lewis Guns will be relieved by 12 Noon 14th. inst. Should they not be relieved by that hour they will be withdrawn.

6. Brigade Ammunition and Bomb Store - KPEHY F.L.C. 8.1.
Brigade H.Q. - SAULCOURT
Battalion H.Q. - X. 25. c. 8. 3

7. Rations and Water etc., for "A" and "S" Coys may be brought up to the Cookhouses in 14 WILLOWS ROAD
The above also applies to "B" and "C" Coy and H.Q. Cookhouses in the Railway Cutting.

8. There is a Water Point in KPEHY

8. One Limber per Coy will be available - the Fore portion for Lewis Guns and Ammunition and the Rear Portion for Officers Mess Kit. These Limbers will proceed the leading Platoon of each Coy Lewis Guns and Magazines for same will be removed from Limber and carried when it is no longer possible for Limber to proceed further or keep in touch.

One Limber, Maltese Cart and Officers Mess Cart will be at the disposal of Batta H.Q.

The G.S. Baggage Wagons will also be available for the removal of blankets, Officers Kits etc.

The whole of the above Transport will report to Batta H.Q. at VILLERS BAUCON at 4 p.m.

9. Officers Kits and all surplus blankets above one per man will be stacked as near the Cookers as possible. The blankets

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roller in bundles of ten and the whole under the charge of the .Q
 Q.M.S. who will be responsible for same.

H.Q. Officers Kit Surplus Stores and Blankets
 will be stacked outside Battn H.Q. at the same hour. H.Q.
 Sergeant will be responsible for the handing over of these to
 the R.Q.M.S.

2/Lieut. Conway will take charge of H.Q. and establish the
 at new Battn H.Q.

10. Relief will be reported to Battalion H.Q. by the Code
 message "Your R.D. 58 completed"

11. Acknowledge

(Sd) B.J. Start, Capt & Adjt.

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 No. 11 War Diary
 No. 12 R.S.M.
 No. 13 Lewis Gun Officer,

SECRET

Letter No 9

Operation Orders 1057 by Lieut Col H. Cotton, Coy
Commanding (South Irish Horse) 7th R. Irish Regt
8th Feb 18.

1/ The Battalion will relieve the 2nd R. Irish Regt at VILLERS FAUCON at 9th Feb 18. Relief to be complete by 1 PM.

2/ An Advance Party consisting of 2/Lieut Conway, 4/C. 2/M.S.S. Sergeant Cooke and 2 Signallers from H.Q. will report to the Town Major VILLERS FAUCON at 10 am. on 9.2.18 and take over billets etc.

3/ Lewis Gun Sections for Anti-Aircraft Duty will relieve the 2nd R. Irish Regt Guns by 12 noon at the following places:-

E 27. b. 4. 6 - one Gun

E 27. d. 4. 9 - one Gun

The Anti-Aircraft Guns now manned by us will be relieved by the 2nd R. Irish Regt by 12 noon.

Four Lewis Guns with No 1 & 2 of each gun will take over positions on the mound at VILLERS FAUCON.

The Lewis Gun officers will arrange above and detail sections etc.

Rations for these parties will be under Coy arrangement.

4/ Battalion will parade at 10 am. Companies moving off in following order at 100 yards interval.

A Coy

C Coy

S Coy

B Coy

H. Q.

5/ Blankets in excess of 1 per man will be rolled in bundles of ten and handed into Coy. Q.M. Stores by 8.30 AM. Transport officer will be detailed to report to Coy and arrange for the collection of these and officers kits.

6/ One lumber per Coy will be detailed to report to Coys at 8.30 AM. How part to be used by Lewis Guns and Rear Part for officers mess kit. Horses will be brought to convey Coopers.

Officers mess Cart: one lumber & Maltese cart will report at Gath H.Q. at 8.30 AM.

7/ Completion of Relief will be notified to Ctr H.Q. by Code Words "your T.T. received".

8/ Acknowledge

(Sd) B. J. Sturt
Capt & Adj.

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49th Brigade
16th Division.

7th BATTALION

ROYAL IRISH REGIMENT

MARCH 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	4 th (S.I.H) Royal Irish Regiment	Summary of Events and Information	March 1918	Remarks and references to Appendices	
	1 st to 9 th		Holding Line EPREY Sector				
	10 th to 12 th		Holding Line LEMPIRE Sector, Batta H.Q. LANCASTER HOUSE. Relieved on night 12/13 by 4 th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.				
	13 th to 18 th		The Batta moving into Brigade Reserve, manning the RONSOY Defences, with H.Q. at RONSOY VILLAGE				
	18/19		Relieved the 2 nd Royal Irish Regt in the line, with H.Q. at BASSE BOULOGNE				
	19/20		Holding the line. S & B Coys in front line, A & C Coys at RONSOY in support				
	20 th		A & C Coys relieved S & B Coys in the front line; S & B Coys going in support at RONSOY				
	21 st	4.30 ^{am}	The enemy opened a heavy bombardment mostly with gas shells lasting about 4 hours. The morning was very foggy.				
		8.30 ^{am}	The enemy attacked and broke through A & C Coys and reached RONSOY VILLAGE before S & B Coys were aware that the attack had commenced. No one of A & C Coys got back to the rest of the Batta, either being killed or taken prisoners. The enemy had practically surrounded the village before H.Q. and S & B Coys were aware of it, as he had broken through the Division on the night. At this time all the Officers, with the exception of Capt Bridge had become casualties, also the majority of other ranks. The remainder were ordered to withdraw and fought their way back to ST. ENNIEN where they arrived about 7 p.m. The strength then was 1 Officer and about 40 Other Ranks which included Sgt Maloney and 1683 Capt Harrison. About 9 p.m. the Batta was relieved by a Batta of the 9 th Division, and moved back to VILLERS MAUCON.				

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	22 nd		Enemy continued to attack during the morning. The Battalion now forming part of a composite Batt of units of 16 th Division fought their way back to TINCOURT WOOD, where they were then formed as a company of the 49 th Brigade Battalion	
	23 rd		Continued rear-guard fighting back to RIVER SOMME and over, through PERONNE to BIACHES	
	24 th		The Coy. still forming part of the 49 th Brigade Battalion, took up a position SOUTH of the SOMME near MERICOURT SUR SOMME	
	25 th		49 th Brigade Battalion moved forward to position between CHUIGNOLLES and RIVER SOMME	
	26 th		Retired to position between CHUIGNOLLES and MERICOURT SUR SOMME	
	27 th		Retired through MORCOURT and LAMOTTE and took up a position to the EAST of HAMEL WOOD	
	28 to 31 st		Holding line EAST of HAMEL WOOD	
	Officers joining during the month:-			
	Major F. Ball D.S.O. 7.3.18., Captain T.S. Sommers 24.3.18.			
	Officers joining off leave during the month:-			
	2 nd Lt. J. N. Wilkes 9.3.18., 2 nd Lt. P. J. Gibson D.S.O. 14.3.18., 2 nd Lt. J. W. Loughlin 29.3.18., 2 nd Lt. A. Woods M.M. 31.3.18. Lt. R. Dease (from hospital) 30.3.18.			
	Officers leaving during the month:-			
	2 nd Lt. A. P. Kennedy to H.K. pending transfer to Indian Army 7.3.18., Lt. Col. H. E. Norton to Sante Works 7.3.18. 2 nd Lt. W. M. Stokes was to H.K. (sick) 23.3.18., 2 nd Lt. T. B. Woodiwiss to T.A.F. 10.3.18.			

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			7 th (S.I.H.) Royal Irish Regiment	
			Summary of Events and Information	
			April 1918	
	1 st to 4 th		Holding the line at HAMEL WOOD.	
	4/5		Relieved and moved to SALEUX en route to reorganizing area.	
SALEUX	5 th		Moved to TOURS-EN-VIMEAU by march route.	
TOURS-EN-VIMEAU	6 th to 9 th		Re-organizing the Battalion.	
	9 th		Moved to WOINCOURT by march route.	
WOINCOURT	10 th		Marched to EU and entrained there for ARQUES.	
ARQUES	11 th		Detained at ARQUES and proceeded by march route to CAMPAGNE.	
CAMPAGNE	12 th		Proceeded by march route to WAVTRANS.	
WAVTRANS	12 th to 14 th		The remnants of the Battalion formed "B" Coy of the 49 th Inf Bde Composite Battalion.	
	14 th		Proceeded by march route to HERBELLE.	
HERBELLE	15 th		Proceeded by march route to STEENBECQUE.	
STEENBECQUE	15 th to 18 th		The Battalion was employed digging L. H. Q. Line.	
"	18 th		1 Officer & 106 Other Ranks all ex-cavalry men were sent to Cavalry Base for reposting to Cavalry units.	
			106 Other ranks were posted to the 2 nd Royal Irish Regt. The remainder of the Battalion consisting of 8 Officers and 50 Other Ranks formed a training staff for training American units. The 1 st line transport with personnel remained with the training staff.	
	19 th		The training staff proceeded by march route to THEROUANNE.	
THEROUANNE	20 th		Proceeded by march route to ELNES.	

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Remarks and references to Appendices

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FLNES	20 to 24		Training Staff carried out intensive training.	
	24		Proceeded by march route to LEDINGHEM	
LEDINGHEM	25 to 29		Training Staff carried out intensive training.	
LEDINGHEM	30		Proceeded by march route to THEROUANNE.	
			Officers joining during month: Major F. Roche Kelly M.C. 12.4.18, and took over command, Lt. J.S. Brenton, 5.4.18;	
			Officers leaving during month: Capt. P. Blackett, 18.4.18, to Cavalry Base.	

Roche Kelly
Lt. Col.
Comd. (A.I.F.) Royal Irish Regt

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
THEROUANNE	May 1 st		Training Staff moved from THEROUANNE to PECQUET by march routes	
PECQUET	1 st		700 Irish Reinforcements, Dublins and Munsters arrived for Digging Defensive Line.	
	"		These were made up into companies and administered by Training Staff	
PECQUET	15 th		Work carried out every day under 15 th Coy T.E.	
do	15 th		All Irish Reinforcements handed over to the 8 th K.R.R. to Training Staff.	
do	do.		4 th (S.I.H) R. Irish Regt. Training Staff moved to DOHEM by march routes	
DOHEM	16 th		Training Staff moved to BLENQUIN by march routes	
BLENQUIN	18 th		Training Staff moved to SAMER by march routes	
SAMER	19 th		Training Staff moved to HALINGHEM by march route. First line transport handed over to 16 th Division for use of American Army.	
HALINGHEM	20 th		Training Staff moved to FRENGQ by march routes	
FRENGQ	21 st		Commenced training 12 th M/Gun Batt. and 4 th Engineer Regt. U.S.A.	
	31 st		Instruction carried out daily in Musketry, Bombing, M/Gun, Gas & P.B.F. also training of Transport Personnel.	
Officers joining during month:			Capt. H. White M.C. R. Dub. Fus 1 st 6.18 as Adjutant; 2 nd Lt St. H. England, 11 th Hants Regt. 12.5.18 as Lewis Gun Instructor.	

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			<p>Officers leaving during month. Lt. J. S. Breerton & 2nd Lt. V. Hunter both of R. Irish Regt. to Base 4. 5. 18. 2nd Lt. J. McLaughlin. R. Mun Fus. to Base 4. 5. 18.</p>	
			<p>Awards & Honours during month.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">— <u>Military Medal.</u> —</p> <p>25133 Cpl. J. Claxton; 25002 Pte P. Adams; 25136 Pte J. Cleary;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">— <u>Italian Decoration, Bronze Medal for Military Valour</u> —</p> <p>25182 Sgt. J. J. Craigie</p>	
			<p>Strength. 31⁵/₁₈. 8 Officers 51 Other ranks.</p>	
<p><i>John Kelly Lt Col.</i> Comdg. 7th (S.I.R.) R. Irish Regt</p>				