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WAR DIARY  
OF

Royal Canadian Dragoons - Canadian Cavalry Brigade

From 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> January 1917

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References to Appendices
BOURSEVILLE	1917			
	Jan.			
	1 <sup>st</sup>		New Years day- Exercise Rides and Routine	✓
MONMOUTH	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Exercise Rides & Routine. Col. Nelles returns from leave.	✓
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Exercise Rides & Routine. Lieut. Price taken on Strength.	✓
	4 <sup>th</sup>		Exercise Rides & Routine	✓
	5 <sup>th</sup>		Exercise Rides & Routine. Brigade Tactical Exercise (without troops)	✓
	6 <sup>th</sup>		Exercise Rides & Routine.	✓
	7 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday routine - Church Parade for "C" Squadron	✓
	8 <sup>th</sup>		Exercise Rides & Routine	✓
	9 <sup>th</sup>		Exercise Rides & Routine	✓
	10 <sup>th</sup>		Exercise Rides & Routine	✓
	11 <sup>th</sup>		Exercise Rides & Routine. Major Bowie on leave to England	✓
	12 <sup>th</sup>		Exercise Rides & Routine	✓
	13 <sup>th</sup>		Exercise Rides & Routine.	✓
	14 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday Routine - No Church Parade	✓
	15 <sup>th</sup>		Exercise Rides & Routine.	✓

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BOURSEVILLE	Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>		Exercise Rides & routine. Major Le Meunier returns from leave	M.
	and 16 <sup>th</sup>		granted from Pioneer Batt.	M.
VOISNEARUE	17 <sup>th</sup>		Exercise rides & routine.	M.
	18 <sup>th</sup>		Exercise rides & routine. Lieut Le Meunier returns to Pioneer Batt.	M.
	19 <sup>th</sup>		Lieut Whitehead returns from leave. Lieut Larocque goes on leave.	M.
			Exercise rides & routine. Inspection of transport by Brig. Gen. Seely.	M.
			Lieut Tache returns from leave.	M.
	20 <sup>th</sup>		Exercise rides & routine.	M.
	21 <sup>st</sup>		Sunday routine. No church parade.	M.
	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Exercise rides & routine. Major Bowie returns from leave.	M.
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Exercise Rides & routine. Horse parade for Carting by D.A.D.R.-7 cast.	M.
	24 <sup>th</sup>		Exercise rides & routine.	M.
	25 <sup>th</sup>		Exercise ride & routine. Capt Bruneau M.D. goes on leave.	M.
	26 <sup>th</sup>		Exercise Ride & routine. Capt Wilkes goes on leave.	M.
	27 <sup>th</sup>		Exercise rides & routine. Inspection by Brig General of Exercise Riders.	M.
			Regt Boxing Tournament. Major Bell. & Lieut Jarvis on leave to Nice.	M.

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BOURSEVILLE	Jan 26th		Sunday routine. No church parade.	MM
WOIGNARUE	27th		Exercise ride Troutue.	MM
	28th		Exercise ride Troutue.	MM
	29th		Exercise ride Troutue.	MM
	30th		Exercise ride Troutue - Capt Johnson goes on leave.	MM
	31st			MM

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1917.			
BOURSEVILLE	February			
and	1st		Exercise Rides & Routine	III.
WOIGNARUE	2nd		Exercise Rides & Routine - Lieut Ceras from leave.	III.
	3rd		Exercise Rides & Routine	III.
	4th		Sunday Routine. Church Parade at WOIGNARUE.	III.
	5th		Exercise Rides & Routine.	III.
	6th		Exercise Rides & Routine.	III.
	7th		Exercise Rides & Routine.	III.
	8th		Exercise Ride & Routine. Major Bell & Lt Jarvis from French Leave. Capt Brugie from English leave.	III.
	9th		Inspection of Exercise Rides by Div'l Commander	III.
	10th		Exercise Rides & Routine - Lieut Hardope & Guyon & 65 ORs from Pionees Batt.	III.
	11th		Sunday Routine. No church parade. Lieuts Sawers, Coyne.	III.
			Le圳nieres to 158. ORs from Pionees Batt.	
	12th		Mounted Parade & refitting - Capt Wilkes from leave.	III.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1917			
BOURSEVILLE	Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>		Individual training & routine.	III.
	and 14 <sup>th</sup>		Individual training & routine.	III.
HOIGNEAUX	14 <sup>th</sup>		Individual training on sands	III.
	15 <sup>th</sup>		Individual training on sands	III.
	16 <sup>th</sup>		Individual training on sands	III.
	17 <sup>th</sup>		Individual training on sands	III.
	18 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday Routine - No Church Parade.	III.
	19 <sup>th</sup>		Individual & Troop training - Sands. Lieut. Ruthven. 91 <sup>st</sup> Lancs.	III.
			Lieut. Long. 2nd K.E. R. att'd for training.	
	20 <sup>th</sup>		Individual & Troop training on sands.	III.
	21 <sup>st</sup>		Troop training - Major from Pioneer Batt. Paris leave.	III.
			Lieut. Redhurst from Hospital.	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Individual & Troop training - Musketry on Ranges.	III.
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Individual & Troop training - Musketry.	III.
	24 <sup>th</sup>		Individual & Troop training - Musketry	III.
	25 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday Routine - to Church Parade.	III.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BOURSEVILLE and NOIGNARUE	1917 Feb.		<p>26<sup>th</sup> Troop T Squadron training Sands. Musketry</p> <p>27<sup>th</sup> Troop T Squadron training Sands. Musketry Colonel Nelles on leave to England.</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup> Troop T Squadron training - Musketry. -</p>	   

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**Appendix I.**

Cdn. Cavalry Bde. O.O. No. 19 dated the 24th March, enemy line which our mounted troops are in touch with. Instructions re tasks allotted to Division.

Cdn. Cavalry Bde. O.O. No. 20, Instructions re operations of Division on the 27th March.

Cdn. Cavalry Bde. O.O. No. 21, Results of operations on March 28th and instructions for withdrawal of Bde. to a position of assembly west of PERONNE commencing March 29th.

" 2 For operation order Cdn. Cavalry Bde. Royal Canadian Dragoons will push a reconnoitring detachment from HUMLU to observe SOREL le GRAND.

" 3 C.C.B. A/2472 Letter of appreciation from army commander G.O.C. 15th Corps and G.O.C. 8th Inf. Division for services rendered by the Bde.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	11	2	Remarks and references to Appendices
March						
Field	1st		Troop & Squadron Training, Brig. Gen. Umstetg & Lt. Col. Van Straelen visit Regiment.			
	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Squadron Training on Sands.			
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Squadron Training on Sands.			
	4 <sup>th</sup>		Church Parade for "C" Squadron, Sunday Routine.			
	5 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training, Lt. Long, 2 <sup>nd</sup> R. I. N. rejoins his unit.			
	6 <sup>th</sup>		Lieuts. Winkler and Patterson arrive as Superintendents.			
	7 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron Training.			
	8 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron Training.			
	9 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron Training.			
	10 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron Training.			
	11 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday Routine, Lt. Col. Helle returns from leave,			
	12 <sup>th</sup>		R. S. Jones, appointed to a commission.			
	13 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training, Capt's Wilkes & Johnson on leave to Paris.			
		Offic'l. Ration, 21 <sup>st</sup> January, cause to be attacked				
		Squadron training, Lt. Col. Van Straelen arrives to assume command of Regt.				
		P. J. van Straelenque 11th				
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	3	Remarks and references to Appendices
March					
1st	4th		Parade on Sands, for Lt Col. Nellys, offici farewell dinner to Lt Col. Nellys at LT REPORT.		TM
15th			Squadron Training, Lt Col. Nellys leaves to assume command of Cav. Cav. Training Brigade, Shorncliffe, Capt O'Gogarty on leave to England.		TM
16th			Squadron Training.		TM
17th			Squadron Training. Fitting of Box Respirators.		TM
18th			Church Parade attended by Cavalry Corps Commander.		TM
19th			Capt Wilkes returns from leave.		TM
			Orders received at 2 am to be ready to move at 11 am. Marched from BOURSEVILLE with A & B Sections ad 12.15 P.M. and moved with Brigade via DARGNIES - BEAUCHAMPS - YES LITTE to LIGNIERS arrived there at 5.55 P.M. Dismounted reinforcements remained in winter area - Strength of D.R. 7 officers & 128 ORs - tracing out state of regiment 31 offr. 460 ORs & 525 horses.		TM
			P. J. van Stanbeugel Lt Col ACW		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	<u>1</u>	Remarks and references to Appendices
	March				
20 <sup>th</sup>	March		Brigade marched at 9.00 a.m. - Starting point ANDANVILLE - Route via HORNOY - THIEULLOY - POIX to BLANGY-sur-POIX where arrived 1.15 p.m. "C" Squadron remained in POIX.		Ref. map DISPENS \$100.000
21 <sup>st</sup>	March		Brigade marched at 9.15 a.m. - Starting point X roads 1 mile west of COURCELLES. Route via SALOUEL to BACOUEL, where arrived at 12.45 p.m.		Ref. map AMIENS \$100.000
22 <sup>nd</sup>	March		Brigade marched 9.15 a.m. - Starting point cross roads N.E. of Ref. map 2 <sup>nd</sup> L in BALOUEL - Route via AMIENS - LONGUARD - VILLEFRANCHE - \$100.000 Cross roads 1 mile west of CERISY. Arrived at Rethondes near this point at 2.15 p.m.		Ref. map BALOUEL \$100.000
23 <sup>rd</sup>	March		Brigade marched at 9.30 a.m. - Starting point CHIRPY. Route - BRAY - MARICOURT - CURLU - HEM - CLERY to destroyed village of HALLE. Arrived at 3 p.m.		Ref. map AMIENS \$100.000
24 <sup>th</sup>	March		In accordance with operation order No 19 (copy attached) the Regiment marched at 8. a.m. and by 1.20 p.m. relieved the 14 <sup>th</sup> Regt. Cops Car. Rgt. of the tasks allotted.		Ref. map 6 <sup>th</sup> C \$140.000

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	5	Remarks and references to Appendices
Month					
24 <sup>th</sup> (cont)			<p>"A" Squadron took over, the BOIS-d-BUIRE to AIZIECOURT-LI-BAS (both inclusive) and "B" Squadron from AIZIECOURT to NURLU. "C" Squadron (in Reserve) and Regt. H.Q. at ruined factory just N.W. of ST. PIERRE Farm. At 6 p.m. Patrol from BOIS-d-BUIRE entered BOIS-d-TINCOURT, which had been reported strongly held, and finding it clear of the enemy, occupied it with one troop. This troop reinforced at once by one troop, and section M.G. from Car. Co. Bde. In G. Sqrs. "A" Squadron remain as advanced posts during night, and "B" Squadron relieved by Infantry.</p> <p>"B" Squadron took over same line as yesterday at daybreak, and patrols found SORG and LIERAMONT occupied. Got in touch with F.G.H. at ETRICOURT. Pte. Wilson missing after one of these patrols had been shelled. Patrol from "A" Squadron lost in BOIS-d-TINCOURT encountered enemy cavalry patrol at daybreak.</p>		
25 <sup>th</sup>					

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	6	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p>March</p> <p>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> cont'd at 17.2. Central and pursued them. Lt. McNaught wounded and a Hflan lance picked up. Sgt. Davidson missing since 8.30 fm last night. Lost gun doing visiting rounds of his Post near AIZECOURT. Patrol sent towards LONGEVESNES at 11.00 am drew heavy fire. At 2 fm BOIS- DE-TINCOURT and BOIS-de-BUIRE taken over by Ambala Cavalry Ody, and subsequently by Infantry, and during the night Infantry took over all advanced posts from A. Squadron. Before this relief, about 10 fm, A Squadron Advanced Post of 8 men East of AIZECOURT attacked by 50 enemy dismounted Cavalry, who were driven off after 3/4 of an hours fighting. Impetuous Watts wounded. B Squadron retired behind defences line at dusk. C Squadron go out and stand to west of LIERMONT at 3.00 am ready to follow up attack on village by 2<sup>nd</sup> Devons. This attack was not made.</p>		MM
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	March				
	16 <sup>th</sup> Cont'd		<p>"B" Squadron made responsible for and establish system of patrols on whole front NURLU - LONGAVESNES at daybreak. Pte Faulkner killed on a patrol towards LONGAVESNES.</p> <p>"A" Squadron resting at Rgt H.Q., near ST. PIERRE FARM. At 4.30pm patrols reported that a party of Germans had been seen leaving LONGAVESNES, and after reconnoitring patrols had been sent out, "B" Squadron occupied the village, the defences being subsequently taken over by the Infantry. In accordance with operation order No X 399 (copy attached) Lieut. Cunningham, with one troop, conducted a left flank of L.S.H. and F.G.N. in successful attack on wood S.E. of EQUANCOURT and the village of PONT-DE-SOREL. The following telegram received this evening by C.O. from Maj. Gen. Macandrew, C.M., 5<sup>th</sup> Cav Div.</p> <p>"Heartfelt congratulations to you and your Regiment on your good work today." Macandrew</p> <p>I. J. van Steenberg et al P.S.</p>		
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	8	Remarks and references to Appendices
March 27 <sup>th</sup>			<p>At 1 am the C. O. received a Telephone message from the G.O.C. to send 2 troops at day-break to reconnoitre and occupy LIERMONT. - 2 troops of "C" Squadron under Capt. Newcomen were detailed, and at 8 a.m. occupied the village - pushing out to the high ground on Contour 140 at E 22 a.s.s. in order to hold all approaches to the village. This ground was held, under Shell &amp; Rifle fire, until 4 p.m., when the Infantry took over. Cpl. Nash &amp; 5 men wounded, 2 horses killed and 3 missing.</p> <p>A " Squadron at day-break sent to Bois-d-Buist to co-operate with attack by the 8<sup>th</sup> Batt. Warwickshire on the high ground west of VILLEURS FA<sup>U</sup> CO<sup>H</sup>. Patrols were pushed forward ahead of the Infantry and cleared the wood in E 27 a and E 27 c, which were subsequently taken over by the Infantry. Patrols pushed forward towards VILLEURS were heavily fired upon.</p> <p>The result of the Squadron's activities materially assisted C. I. in their capture.</p> <p>P.S.</p>	8	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	9	Remarks and references to Appendices
March	Field 27th	Units	<p>the evening operation and those of the Ambala Brigade against VILLEFRANCHE. Casualties during these operations :- Lieut. Arnoldi, as per J.M.S. 2 and 4 others, ranks wounded. "B" Squadron, co-operating from daybreak with 2nd Batt. Warwickshire attacked on high ground in T 26, sent forward patrols, and Lieut. Price with one troop, on the left flank of Infantry advance, charged 25-Enemy Infantry - capturing 9 and killing 3. About T 21C, coming under heavy machine gun fire, he hid his troops and the prisoners in a mine crater, and at 3.30pm, under cover of a heavy snow storm, was able to bring back his prisoners and his troops intact to LONGAVESSES. As a result of the occupation of VILLEFRANCHE by "C" Squadron, a hurried conference was held by the P.O.C., with C.O., and it was decided to make the village a jumping off place for further operations against ST VILCOURT and GUYENCOURT.</p> <p>L.J. van Steenberg R.A.</p>		

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March Field	27 <sup>th</sup>	1918	<p>which was reported strongly held.      In accordance with operation order No 20 (copy attached) messages were sent to all Squadrons to concentrate at wood D 176 by 4.15 pm. As the whole Regiment had been actively engaged since day-break, as detailed above, the G.O.C. decided to keep it in reserve, and operation order was changed to that extent. At 5 pm, under cover of a heavy snow storm, which concealed our movements until close to the enemy, F.G.H and L.S.H. made mounted attack on SAULCOURT and GUYENCOURT - capturing both villages at 5.30 pm. The Regiment followed up this attack and took over the defence of the left flank until the defence of both villages was taken over by the Infantry, who had been sent up to relieve. At 2<sup>nd</sup> the Regiment was permitted to return to its H.Q. near ST PIERRE FARM.</p>	10	FM.

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	Front				
Arild	28 <sup>th</sup>		At 6.15 a.m. orders were received from the G.O.C. to send out 2 troops to reconnoitre and if possible occupy SORST, which the 14 <sup>th</sup> Corps Cavalry Regt had failed to reach last night. Two troops under Lieut. Cunningham were detailed, and started at 10.30 a.m., but an order from Brigade recalled them at 10.45 a.m. Day devoted to cleaning up and re-equipping. The G.O.C. called about 11 a.m. and formally congratulated the Commanding Officer on the work done by the Regiment yesterday. During all these operations the weather was very cold and wet. The horses and all ranks were for the most part out in the open, and the C. O. and H.Q. staff in a ruined factory which was shelled daily.		
	29 <sup>th</sup>		At 1.45 a.m. Operation order No 21 (copy attached) received and at 9.30 a.m. the regiment left for the I.T. area Theatres, <sup>1st</sup> R.R.		

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	<u>French</u>				
	24 <sup>A</sup>	Cnts Starting Point.	Hutments at CAPPLY reached at 1.55 pm.		
	30 <sup>A</sup>	Personnel of B Echelon and 13 reinforcements came up to Camps. Later ten other reinforcements arrived from the Base. Major Caldwell attached to Cavalry Corps. Staff as follows. Special order (copy attached) by Com Bde, issued tonight.			AM
	31 <sup>A</sup>	Still at CAPPLY - Cleaning up or re-organizing.			AM
<p>L. T. MacPherson Lt. Colonel Command, Royal Canadian Dragoons.</p>					

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Canadian Cavalry Brigade. Copy No.2.

Secret.

Operation Order No.19.

Reference maps 1/100'000.

March 24th 1917.

1. Our mounted troops are in touch with the enemy holding the following line :-  
ROISL - BOIS de TINCOURT - LONGAVESNES - SOREL - EQUANCOURT - YTRES.
2. The tasks of the Division are :-
  - (a). To ascertain the disposition of the advance hostile detachments.
  - (b). To ascertain the enemy's defences and strength.
  - (c). To picket the enemy so as to prevent his advancing and so as to give instant information of any withdrawal.
  - (d). To be ready to follow up the enemy if he withdraws.

Brig.Gen. 3. Canadian Cavalry Brigade, strength as in margin, will be responsible for carrying out the above tasks between the lines AIZECOURT le HAUT - TEMPLEUX - LONGAVESNES - EPENY - Seely. HONNECOURT(all inclusive) and LE TRANSLOY - BARRES - Attached BERTINCOURT - HAVRINCOURT (all inclusive). Troops. Advanced detachments will be on the line TEMPLEUX - 14th Corps AIZECOURT - le - BAS - NURLU - BUS - BERTINCOURT by 11.30 Caw. Regt. Cyclists Batt. a.m.  
(temp.only) Touch to be established with the advanced detachments of Ambala Brigade and 5th Army (Anzac Corps) on right and left of above line respectively, and between regiments.

4. (a). Royal Canadian Dragoons and two machine guns attached will march via Mt ST QUENTIN to MOISLAINS leaving the camp at 8 a.m. They will take over the posts held by the 15th Corps Cav. Regt from TEMPLEUX to NURLU inclusive(approximately). O.C. Royal Canadian Dragoons will send forward an officer to report at 8.a.m. at H.Q., 15th Corps.Cav.Reg., at MOISLAINS to make arrangements for relief. Reconnoitring detachments will be pushed forward towards LONGAVESNES - LIERAMONT - and SOREL. The places will be occupied if not held by the enemy.  
(b). Fort Garry Horse and two machine guns attached will march via main BAPAUME road - LE MESNIL en ARROUAISE leaving camp at 7 a.m. They will take over the posts held by the 14th Corps Cav. Regt. from ETRICOURT inclusive to BERTINCOURT inclusive (approximately). O.C. F.G.Horse will send forward an officer to report at H.Q., 14th Corps.Cav.Reg. LE MESNIL at 8 a.m. to make arrangements for relief. Reconnoitring detachments will be pushed out towards EQUANCOURT and FLUS - YTRES.  
Brigade H.Q., Signal Troop. MGS(less 4 guns) These places will be occupied if not held by the enemy.  
L.S.Horse. No.1 Field Troop(c). Units will report completion of reliefs to Brigade R.C.H.A.Bde. R.E., H.Q., Can. Field Amb. (d). The remainder of the Brigade(less R.C.D. and F.G.H) will move to MOISLAINS via Mt ST QUENTIN leaving Camp at 9 a.m.

Order of march as per margin.

- "A" Echelon. M.V. Section and Light Section Amm.  
Column will remain in the present bivouacs until further orders.
- (e). An officer of 14th Corps Cav. Regt. and Cyclists Batt. will report to this Brigade H.Q., in MOISLAINS at 10 a.m.
- (f). C.RCHA Bde. will arrange to reconnoitre artillery positions covering the points held by R.C.Dragoons and F.G.H., and to report to Commanding Officers of these Regiments before their return to RCHA Bde.
5. Line of Resistance will be LONGAVESNES - LIERAMONT thence EQUANCOURT - YTRES - BERTINCOURT - if in our possession, otherwise the line at present held by the infantry.  
Instructions as regards holding and strengthening the above line will be issued later.  
After reconnaissance, O.C. R.C.Dragoons and F.G.Horse will submit their proposals to Bde H.Q.,
6. Liaison officers and gallopers  
Major Caldwell and Lieut. Jarvis both R.C.D. will report at Div. H.Q., PERONNE at 9 a.m.  
Lieut. Col. Stevenson. F.G.H., and one officer galloper from each regiment will report at Bde H.Q., at head of column at 9 a.m.
7. Aeroplanes.  
Two aeroplanes will be continuously on contact patrol from 11.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Regiments will be prepared to communicate with aeroplanes.  
When using panels, sending should be very distinct and slow.
8. Communications.  
All regiments will keep two trained carrier pigeons men at Reg. H.Q.s for the purpose of taking over carrier pigeons when they are sent forward.
9. Cyclists relay post will be established at MANANCOURT at 11.30 a.m.  
2 Mounted D.Rs. per regiment will report at Bde H.Q., at MOISLAINS at 10.30 a.m.
10. Water  
O.C. Units will reconnoitre for any possibilities for watering in their vicinity.
11. Report centre from 10 a.m. Northern exit of MOISLAINS.
12. Advanced report centre will be established at S.W. exit of NURLU from 1 p.m.

G.H.BROOKE

Issued at 1 a.m. through signals.

Captain.

Brigade Major. Can.Cav.Bde.

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CANADIAN CAVALRY BRIGADE.

Operation order No 20 Copy No 1.

Reference map. 1/40,000

March 27th 1917.

1. LONGAVESNES - LIBRAMONT - EQUANCOURT were taken last night by the Canadian Cavalry Brigade. The enemy hold VILLERS-FAUCON-SAULCOURT-GUYENCOURT-SOREL-LE-GRAND FINS- with posts pushed out in front of their line close to LONGAVESNES and LIBRAMONT.

2. The task of the Division today is to capture the high ground South of VILLERS-FAUCON - that village - the high ground West of GREBAUSSART Wood - GREBAUSSART Wood - SAULCOURT Wood and village - GUYENCOURT and establish themselves in these places.

3. The Ambala Brigade is operating on the right of the Canadian Cavalry Brigade, line of demarcation is LONGAVESNES and VILLERS-FAUCON both inclusive to AMBALA Brigade.

4. With the above objects in view the following dispositions will be by 4.30 p.m.

(a) R.C.Dragoons (less 1 Squadron) with 4 Machine guns attached - Advanced ~~Guard~~ Guard with advanced detachments East of LIBRAMONT.

OBJECTIVE. The high ground about GREBAUSSART Wood to GUYENCOURT inclusive. Touch to be maintained with Ambala Brigade on the right.

(b) 14th Corps Cavalry Regiment - Left Flank Guard N.E. of NURLU with 1 Squadron on the SOREL-LE-Grand Spur.

OBJECTIVE. The HEUDICOURT Spur. Touch to be maintained with R.C.Dragoons on the right.

(c) "N" Battery, R.H.A. in action just South of NURLU.

"A" Battery, R.C.H.A.Bde. 1 mile West of LIBRAMONT.

"B" Battery R.C.H.A.Bde. 1 mile South West of LIBRAMONT.

Batteries to support the advance of the Brigade.

(d) Arrangements have been made for the heavies to fire on SAULCOURT and GUYENCOURT till 5.15 p.m. when they will lift to objectives about 2,000 yards beyond.

(e) The remainder of the Brigade will be disposed about the copses 20 and 40 just North of AIZECOURT-LE-BAS ready to move in the following order at 4.30 p.m.

L.S.H. with 4 Machine guns attached.

F.G.H.

M.G. Squadron (less 8 Machine guns)

"B" Troop Field Squadron R.E.

5. Brigade report centre opens at 4.30 p.m. at the Mill just West of LIBRAMONT.

6. COs of Regiments will report there at that hour.  
(sd) G.H.Brooke, Capt. Brigade Major  
Can.Cavalry Brigade.

AFTER ORDER.

R.C.Dragoons reported to be heavily attacked in LIBRAMONT. F.G.Horse will be prepared to act as Advanced Guard in place of R.C.Dragoons who would then come into Brigade Reserve.

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Canadian Cavalry Brigade.  
Operation order No 21.

Reference 1/100,000  
maps FRANCE.

March 28th 1917.

1. (a) Canadian Cavalry Brigade took SAULCOURT and GUYENCOURT yesterday with an advanced post established 1 mile East of SAULCOURT.  
(b) Infantry advanced Guards have now taken over the line held by the Brigade.
2. The Brigade is being withdrawn to a position of assembly West of PERONNE and will march thence tomorrow in accordance with the attached march table. (3) Intervals of 100 yards will be maintained between Squadrons or Equivalent units
4. Representatives from each unit will meet the D.A.A.&Q.M.G. at CAPPY Church at 10.00 a.m.
5. "B" Troop Field Squadron R.E. on arrival in new ~~bivouac~~ bivouac will be employed in improving shelter and bivouacs in the vicinity of the Brigade Camp.
6. Liaison and Galloper officers with the Division will join their units in Bivouacs tomorrow evening.
7. 14th Corps Cyclists Bn. will assemble at 10.00 a.m. at Mt. St. Quentin and will march thence independently to report for orders to O.C. 14th Corps Mounted Troops at MESNIL-EN-ARROUISE.
8. Dismounted men will march under an officer detailed by L.S.Horse to be assembled at the starting point at 6.00 a.m.
9. The Bivouacs at present used by troops will be cleaned up before units leave.
10. "B" Echelon wagons will march to new area empty, their loads will be moved from Dump at HERBECCOURT to the new bivouacs in Lorries detailed as follows:-  
    1 per regiment.  
    1 per battery.  
    1 per M.G.Squadron.  
    1 per Brigade H.Q.  
One officer and N.C.O. from each unit will be detailed to superintend the loading of lorries at 2.00 p.m. at HERBECCOURT. The officer will accompany the lorry with the kit and will deliver it to his unit in bivouacs. Lorries for regiments will be required to make more than one run.  
SUPPLIES tomorrow for the Brigade will be issued direct by lorries in the new area.
11. Brigade H.Q. will close at MOISLAINS at 11 a.m. and open at CAPPY on arrival in new area.
12. Acknowledge.

(sd) G.H.Brooke. Capt.  
Brigade Major.  
Canadian Cavalry Brigade.

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March 26th 1917.

Reference 1/40,000 map.

1. (a). The enemy are reported to be holding the wood 500 yards south east of EQUANCOURT - the village of EQUANCOURT and posts in the old German line about V4 ventral and V 54<sup>a</sup>.  
(b). Our troops are holding NURLU - MTRICOURT - the Station in P.32<sup>a</sup> - BOIS DE VALLULART - YTRES.
2. The intention of the G.O.C., is to seize and hold :  
(1). The wood south east of EQUANCOURT and the village south of the Railway.  
(2). The village North of the Railway.
3. (a). In accordance with verbal instructions L.S.Horse will move two Squadrons up to vicinity of NURLU by 5.30 p.m. At 6 p.m. leading Squadron will advance from a point one half mile North or N.N.W., of NURLU and seize the south-eastern edge of the wood to the railway line. As soon as the leading Squadron has got a footing in the wood, second squadron will move up to its support. Leading Squadron will push on to the village North of the Railway and consolidate there. Second Squadron will consolidate the wood and southern half of the village. Third Squadron will advance from eastern exit of MANANCOURT at 6 p.m. on equancourt village.  
  
(b). F.G.HORSE  
One Squadron will advance at 6 p.m. from the line southern edge of VALLULART wood about P.33.a.8'4. to Eastern end of wood on the spur in P.3 d.F.4 c. One troop will be prepared to bomb down the old German trench.  
  
(c). R.C.DRAGOONS.  
At 6 p.m. will push a reconnoitring detachment from NURLU to observe SOREL LE GRAND
- (d). RCHA.BDE.  
One battery will open burst of fire at 6 p.m. on the south-east edge of wood south of EQUANCOURT. As soon as the cavalry have entered the wood, fire will be directed on EQUANCOURT village for ten minutes. Thereafter, barrage fire will be established between EQUANCOURT and WINS.
4. MACHINE GUN SQUADRON :  
(a). O.C. M.G.S., will allot (a). 4 machine guns to L.S.Horse  
(b). 2 machine guns to F.G.H(c). push 2 machine guns on to the spur about P.33 central, to neutralise fire of hostile posts in old GERMAN line and support the advance of F.G.H.Sqdn.
5. 4 Machine guns of 28th Inf.Bde. from the spur in V16 c. will neutralise the fire of enemy machine guns on the SW edge of EQUANCOURT wood from 6 p.m. till the cavalry are observed to have entered the wood.

6. COMMUNICATIONS :

L.S.H., will establish a visual station west of NURLU in touch with Brigade H.Q., at MANANCOURT.

1 Officer galloper with two orderlies per regiment will report at 5 p.m. to Brigade H.Q., the Mairie, MANANCOURT.

7. Advanced report centre from 5 p.m., the Mairie, MANANCOURT.

8. Acknowledge.

G.F.H.BROOKE,  
Capt.  
Brigade Major.  
Can.Cav.Bde.

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C.C.B. No. A/2472.

H.Q., Canadian Cav. Brigade,  
29th March, 1917.

To :

R.C. Dragoons.  
L.S. Horse.  
F.G. Horse.  
R.C.H.A. Brigade.  
M.G. Squadron.  
Canadian Field Ambulance.

I have been asked by the Army Commander, the G.O.C. 15th Corps, and the G.O.C., 8th Inf., Div., in whose area recent operations took place, to express to all ranks their appreciation of the services rendered by the Brigade. The G.O.C., Cav. Corps, and the G.O.C., 5th Cav. Div., send their congratulations to the Brigade on their success.

I desire most especially to assure all ranks of my gratitude to them for the energy and dash with which they carried out all the tasks entrusted to them, resulting in the capture of six villages, of which three were well organised for defence, and a gain of ground to a depth of 6½ miles.

The success of the operations was due, in great degree, to the close cooperation of the different arms, especially that of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery whose accurate fire undoubtedly saved the Brigade from heavy losses from Machine Gun Fire.

The cooperation of the Machine Gun Squadron was also most close and valuable and the Field Ambulance rendered most efficient service.

While thanking the Brigade for their efforts during recent operations, I am confident that the fine spirit shewn by all ranks will carry them through all difficulties that lie before them, and ensure further success.

J.E.B. SHELLY,  
Brigadier General.  
Commanding Canadian Cavalry Brigade.

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1917 April 1 <sup>st</sup> CAPPY	Exercise rides.	M.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Exercise rides. Major Bowie to Hospital.	M.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Exercise Rides.	M.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Exercise Rides. Dismounted Reinforcements come up to CAPPY. remain as separate unit. F.A.M.S. Hogan to ENGLAND.	M.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Hon. Capt. Redhurst to Command D.Rs. Lieut. Bray assumes duties of Q.M.	M.
6 <sup>th</sup>	Exercise rides. Military Medal awarded to S.S.M. Githorse and Sgt. Goodall.	M.
7 <sup>th</sup>	Major Bowie from Hospital.	M.
8 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday. Volunteer Church Parades. Regt. ready to move at 8 hours notice from midnight tonight.	M.
9 <sup>th</sup>	Exercise Rides. Lieut Price awarded Military Cross. M.C. Nash the Military Medal - both for services during recent operations.	M.
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10 <sup>th</sup> April 10 <sup>th</sup> CAPPY	Exercise Rides.	III.
11 <sup>th</sup> "	Exercise Rides. Orders issued in afternoon to move tomorrow further East. Cancelled at 9.30pm.	III.
12 <sup>th</sup> "	Exercise Rides.	III.
13 <sup>th</sup> "	Scheme to practice work with Contact aeroplanes. Orders to move tomorrow (14 <sup>th</sup> )	III.
14 <sup>th</sup> "	Brigade marched at 9.15 am. Starting Point CAPPY. Route via FAY - ESTREES - VILLERS CARBONNEL - BRIE - bivouacs between ATHIES and DEVISE. Arrived about 2.00.	Ref. Map. AMIENS. 4 ST QUENTIN 1/100,000.
15 <sup>th</sup> BIVOUACS. DEVISE	Exercise Rides and building horse shelters.	III.
16 <sup>th</sup> "	Building Horse shelters. Working parties on roads.	III.
17 <sup>th</sup> "	Exercise. fatigue parties filling in mine crater and working on horse shelters.	III.
18 <sup>th</sup> "	Exercise Rides. fatigue parties on roads.	III.
19 <sup>th</sup> "	Exercise Rides. fatigue parties on roads.	III.
20 <sup>th</sup> "	Squadron training - fatigue parties on roads.	III.

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1917. April 21. Bivouacs near DEVISE	Squadron training. Fatigue parties to Aerodrome.	III.
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P.T. van Theehuizen  
Lieut.-Colonel.  
Lando. Royal Canadian Dragoons.

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Cdn. Cavalry Bde. Q.O. No. 24 dated the 13th  
May, 1917. Taking over of front held by 104th  
Inf. Bde. on the 14th/15th May by Cdn. Cav.  
Bde. 8th Hussars No. 9 L.A.C. Battery 1 Field  
Troop attached.

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bamp near ATHIES	May 1 <sup>st</sup>		Squadron training - Inspection by Cad. Corps Commanders of horse shelters and camp in afternoon. Inspection by Div. Commanders of Brigade Transport at 3 p.m.	10	10
	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Squadron training. Major Bell reports back from command of DRs	10	10
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Squadron training. Working Party for one Squadron	10	10
	4 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training. Working Party for one Squadron digging trenches.	10	10
	5 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training - Working Party on trenches	10	10
	6 <sup>th</sup>		Church Parade & Sunday routine. Maj. Bell on leave to England	10	10
	7 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training - Grazing.	10	10
	8 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training & working parties on reserve trenches.	10	10
	9 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training & working parties.	10	10
	10 <sup>th</sup>		Scheme against SEC'BAD Brigade. Gen. Sir Wm Rawlinson - Cmdg Fourth Army - directs operations	10	10
	11 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training - Lt Col. Young reports as second in command -	10	10
	12 <sup>th</sup>		Grazing parades. Regt. Concert. Brig. Gen. Gregory presents medal to Sgt. Lee - winner of welterweight championship of Cavalry Corps	10	10

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	May 18 <sup>th</sup> (contd.)		at ABBEVILLE in March.		18
near ABBEVILLE	13 <sup>th</sup>		No church Parade - Organisation tables for Desmounted Work received - H.Q. 4 officers 32 ORs : Each Squadron 3 officers 81 ORs.	18	18
	14 <sup>th</sup>		Organisation of Desmounted Regt : Col. van Straubenzee : Adjutant : Signalling Officer : Int. Office, (Lieut Price) on H.Q. : Majors Bowie & Tommies, and Lieuts Jarvis, Cochran, Le Meurier, Whitchurch, Wardrobe, James and ORs as above.	18	18
			At 6pm in accordance with Brigade operation orders No. 34 (Copy attached) Desmounted Regt left bivouacs mounted with horse holders arriving at VADENCOURT at 8.30pm where horses were sent back.	18	18
			By 1.30 am night of 14/15 <sup>th</sup> relief of 23 <sup>rd</sup> Manchester Regt. in sector allotted was completed : Regt HQ in Quarry R 11 a. b. b.	18	18
			'B' Sqdn in BROWN LINE in R 5 a and R 5 c - "C" Sqdn in Salt trench in R 6 a and 'A' Sqdn in SOMERVILLE WOOD in G 22 - the advanced position.	18	18
			No communication with the latter place except by night - On our night the L.S. Horse on ours left a Batt. of the Lincolnshire Regt. The	18	18

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May 14 <sup>th</sup> (contd)			right flanks of SOMERVILLE WOOD in the air and about 1000 yards in advance of L.S. Horse positions.	108	
15 <sup>th</sup>			Nothing of importance night of 14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> . One man of Manchester Regt. who had been Cluttred by a German Patrol during relief was brought in and died. Buried by R.C.D. at R 11 a. m. A quiet day. No casualties. About 10 p.m. Lieut Cochran with 20 men went completely round SOMERVILLE WOOD (regarding the extent of which there was some obscurity) but found it unoccupied. 'C' Sqdn relieves 'A' Sqdn in SOMERVILLE WOOD 'A' Sqdn occupying SALT TRENCH	108	
16 <sup>th</sup>			Night 15/16 <sup>th</sup> quiet - Two Mach. Guns from Bn. Bds. M.G. Sqdn added to garrison in SOMERVILLE WOOD and posts made up by working parties of the 8 <sup>th</sup> Hussars. Communication trench between SALT TRENCH and LONE TREE POST commenced by 8 <sup>th</sup> Hussars. During the night LINCOLNS on our left relieved by 7 <sup>th</sup> Dragoon Guards - Sec'dad Bde having relieved	108	
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May 16th			Infantry Bde. holding posts on our left. Quiet day. No casualties.		HB
17th			During night 16/17th, further working parties from H.G.H. and 8th Hussars proceed with wiring of SOMERVILLE Wood and digging communication trench - "C" Sqdn in SOMERVILLE Wood relieved by "B" Sqdn who withdraw to Salt trench - "A" Sqdn withdrawing to BROWN LINE.		HB
			Lieut Jarvis and 10 men make reconnaissance during night towards German wire in 32 b. but no German patrols were encountered - one man wounded whilst on covering party for working party of H.G.H last night. Quiet day. At 5:00 pm LONE TREE Post occupied by 20 men of "B" Sqdn was shelled. No casualties -		HB
			At 8:15 pm relief of regiment commenced by H.G.H. Relief completed by 12. midnight. Lieut Jarvis & 10 men remaining in SOMERVILLE WOOD to carry out further reconnaissance - same area as night before but covered more thoroughly. No Germans encountered.		HB

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	May 17 <sup>th</sup> (contd)		Regiment in Brigade reserve at VADENCOURT. Major Bell returns from leave.	18	
	18 <sup>th</sup>		Regiment resting and cleaning up Working Parties of 4 officers and 120 men supplied at night covering trench for LSH on right sector and digging trenches in SOMERVILLE Wood and screening roads.	18	
	19 <sup>th</sup>		Quiet day. Working Parties of 4 officers and 155 men working on Brigade Sector at night. Lt. STRAUBENZEE returns to mounted party and Col. YOUNG assumes Command of Mounted Regt.	18	
	20 <sup>th</sup>		Working parties of 4 officers and 125 men working at night on Brigade trench system.	18	
	21 <sup>st</sup>		Working parties of 5 officers and 155 men on Brigade trench system at night. R.G. Horse Post in SOMERVILLE Wood raided by Germans - 3 men wounded. Raiding party driven off.	18	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Working parties of 5 officers and 130 men on Brigade trench system at night.	18	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Quiet day. Relief of R.G. Horse on left sector of Brigade frontage	18	

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May 23 (contd)			commenced at 9.30 p.m. - "B" Sqn SOMERVILLE WOOD and LONETREE "A" Sqn SALT TRENCH. "C" Sqn BROWN LINE. Relig' Completed 11.30 p.m. 8th Hussars on our right. Scattered Bde on our left.		NP
24 <sup>th</sup> 12.30 a.m.			3 men wounded by Shell fire (2 very slightly still at duty) in SALT TRENCH. Quiet day.		NP
25 <sup>th</sup>			Quiet day. A' Sqdn to SOMERVILLE WOOD and LONE TREE B' " to SALT TRENCH.		NP
26 <sup>th</sup>			Quiet day. Arrangements being completed for raid tonight. One man wounded.		NP
27 <sup>th</sup>			At 2.15 a.m. this morning party of G.H. (1 officer & 30 men) passed through our posts in SOMERVILLE COPSE and raided wood in G.d. 9.3. - capturing eight prisoners and returned without casualties. At same time party of L.S.H. (1 officer & 30 men) raided FISHERS CRATER - capturing 9 prisoners. Casualties 1 killed & 2 wounded. Both operations carried on under cover of Artillery barrage by R.C.H.A.: Heavy Howitzer Battery and French 75's on our right - continued		NP
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	May 27 <sup>th</sup> (cont'd)		for 1/2 an hour. Prisoners belong to 164 <sup>th</sup> Inf Regt. Remainder of day quiet. "A" Sqdn to BROWN LINE : C Sqdn to SOMERVILLE WOOD and a lone TREE.	18	
	28 <sup>th</sup>		Ground in immediate vicinity of Regt H.Q. shelled for about two hours this morning. No casualties - arrangements being made to take over part of line on our left from SEC'N'DAD Bde. at 9.30 p.m. taking over part of SEC'N'DAD front commenced. Forward line extended to include PURPLE COPSE (now known as "red wood") and to include trenches on left of SALT TRENCH known as WALLA WALLA trench. 7 <sup>th</sup> D.Gp on our left. Relief completed by 1.00 a.m. Quiet night.	18	
	29 <sup>th</sup>		Quiet day. Arrangements for relief of Regt by 79H tonight. Relief completed by 12 <sup>00</sup> midnigh.	18	
	30 <sup>th</sup>		Reading and Cleaning up. Working parties - 1 officer & 112 men working on Brigade Front System at night. Col. STRAUZENBEE	18	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	9	Remarks and references to Appendices
	May 30 <sup>th</sup> (Contd)		assumes Command of Dismounted Regt and Col. YOUNG returns to mounted party.		W.B
31			Quiet day. 1 officer and 160 men working on Brigade trench system at night.		W.B W.B

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May 13th 1917.

Reference 1/40,000 and  
1/20,000 maps.

1. The Canadian Cavalry Brigade, 8th Hussars, No.9.L.A.C.Battery,  
1 Field Troop attached, will take over the line from 104th Inf.  
Brigade on the night of May 14/15th.
2. The frontage of 104th Brigade is from ■ M.S.c. to G.32.d.l.9.
3. The L.S.Horse and R.C.Dragoons will relieve the 23rd Manchester Regt  
: the Dividing line between regiments being the VADECOURT-TUMULUS  
road.

Dispositions as follows :-

Right sector. L.S.H. H.Q. Vadencourt Chateau.  
1 Squadron CRESSY TRENCH  
2 Squadrons BROWN LINE.

LEFT SECTOR. R.C.D. H.Q., Cooker Quarry.  
1 Squadron SOMERVILLE WOOD.  
1 Squadron SALT TRENCH and LONE  
TREE post.  
1 Squadron BROWN LINE.

Brigade Reserve. F.G.H.)  
6 M.GS) VADECOURT Chateau.

Divisional Reserve : 8th Hussars )  
4 M.GS.No.9 L.A.C. ) BIHECOURT.

Brigade Headquarters. VADECOURT chateau.

4. Detail of relief will be arranged direct between O.C. L.S.Horse  
R.C.Dragoons and O.C. 23rd Manchester Regt.
5. The Garrisons of all posts in front of SALT TRENCH will remain  
after the arrival of R.C.Dragoons reliefs until just before dawn  
on May 14th)15th when they will be withdrawn.
6. O.C. Canadian Mach.Gun Sqdn.will arrange reliefs direct with O.C.  
104th Mach.Gun Company.  
Only guns North of R.OMIGNON will be relieved by Canadian Mach.  
Gun Squadron.
7. Guides will be at the road junctions N.W.of VADECOURT Chateau.  
Reliefs will commence when light begins to fail.
8. All Maps, air photographs and trench stores will be taken over  
and receipt given.
9. Completion of relief will be reported by the code word HOLNON.
10. Brigade report centre will close at ATHIES at 8 p.m.  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Field	June 1 <sup>st</sup>		Quiet Day - working parties - Notification that S.S.M. Lebrille has been awarded Croix-de-GUERRE for service in trench operation.	TM.
	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Quiet day - working parties at night.	TM.
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Quiet day - Working parties at night.	TM.
	4 <sup>th</sup>		Quiet day - Working parties at night.	TM.
	5 <sup>th</sup>		Brigade relieved by Ambala Brigade and returns to division near ATHIES.	TM.
	6 <sup>th</sup>		Exercise Riders.	TM.
	7 <sup>th</sup>		Troop and Squadron training.	TM.
	8 <sup>th</sup>		Troop & Squadron training - Lieut. Jarvis on leave to England.	TM.

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9 <sup>th</sup>			Troop and Squadron Training.	DM
10 <sup>th</sup>			Sunday Routine - Church Parade - Lt. Col. Young to hospital as result of motor accident.	DM
11 <sup>th</sup>			Troop & Squadron training	DM
12 <sup>th</sup>			Troop & Squadron training - Lt. Tress return from leave to England - Rehearsal for decoration ceremony tomorrow.	DM
13 <sup>th</sup>			Brigade parade at 11.00 am for presentation by Corps Commander of decorations - Lt. Price (m.c); S.S.M. McBrille - Croix-de-Guerre; Corp Nobs - Military Medal; minor other decorations. Preliminary arrangements for relieving 7 <sup>th</sup> D. Drs in line tomorrow.	DM
14 <sup>th</sup>			Regiment organised for dismounted work as in May - Left Divisional at 6 pm, mounted and relieved 7 <sup>th</sup> D. Drs. on right Sub-Sector of Left Sector - C Squadron & A Squadron in outpost line - "B" Squadron in BROWN LINE. - Outpost line lies between RED WOOD and ASCENSION FARM (both inclusive). Relieving completed 12.15 am at Major Bell.	DM

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			in command of Dismounted Regiment. Heavy Shelling of all roads and tracks between 1 am and 4 am.	MM
15 <sup>th</sup>			Quiet day - Patrols in no man's land, no encounter with the enemy.	MM
16 <sup>th</sup>			Quiet day - Patrol under Lieuts. Cochran and Price towards ASCENSION WOOD - no enemy encountered.	MM
17 <sup>th</sup>			Quiet day - Patrol under Lieuts. Grant and Price encounter enemy patrol and shots exchanged - 10 Casualties.	MM
18 <sup>th</sup>			Quiet day - At 11.45 AM, under cover of Artillery Barrage, Ambala Brigade on our right raided ST. HELENE and ST. HELENE tracks - Inflict 15 Casualties and capture 3 prisoners - Casualties of Ambala Brigade 3 wounded - On our front patrol under Dr. Cochran and Price acting in co-operation, did not encounter enemy - on our left P.G.H. captured 1 prisoner in ASCENSION WOOD	MM

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			General Suly is injured by fall of his horse and breaks his collar bone and sprains ankle.	MM
19 <sup>th</sup>			Quiet day - Patrol under Lieut. Grant & Crear does not encounter enemy. - "B" Squadron relieves "A" Squadron in front line.	MM
20 <sup>th</sup>			Quiet day. - Col Van Straubenzee relieves Major Bell. - Col Stevenson, D.S.O. in command of Brigade. - A patrol of 70 men is organised in conjunction with G. G. H. with object of clearing up ASCENSION WOOD. - but immediately upon this patrol issuing from our wire the wood is subjected to heavy shell & machine gun fire and patrol is ordered to withdraw - 1 man slightly wounded.	MM
21 <sup>st</sup>			Quiet day - Some shells on No 4 post at 1.15 p.m. - No patrols tonight.	MM
22 <sup>nd</sup>			Quiet day - Small patrol under Lieut. Grant forwarded as far as 26.2.6.0. without	MM

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			encountering enemy. - Attack by Germans about 1.30 am 27/6 on GUILLEMONT FARM, held by 3d Can. Div., repulsed. Heavy barrage by both sides.	MM
23 <sup>rd</sup>			Quiet day. - Small patrol under Lieut. Wardenup proceeded to G.X.6.4.c. when rifle grenade was thrown at them from direction of ST. HELENE trench. No casualties.	MM
24 <sup>th</sup>			Quiet day. - Patrol to banks in G.32.a and to Y road G.36.c. - No encounters with enemy. "B" Squadron returns "C" in right C.R. Sector.	MM
25 <sup>th</sup>			Quiet day. - Patrol under Lt. Cochran & Poole to Y roads G.36.6.8.B. - No enemy encountered. - L.S.H. patrol encounters enemy in G.36.a.	MM
26 <sup>th</sup>			Quiet day. - Protective patrol under Lt. Guyot to rifle pits in G.36.c. - No enemy encountered. - L.S.H. patrol visit Garage in G.30.d. and find it unoccupied.	MM

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27 <sup>th</sup>			Quiet day. - Relieved in Right Sector of Brigade front by Lt. G.H. Commanding 9.30pm. Relief completed 11.30pm. Regiment comes back to Reserve. Regimental HQ. at L. 33. d. 3. 3. - Squadrons in Intermediate Line of Trophies.	TM.
28 <sup>th</sup>			Quiet day. - Squadrons engaged on Improving Intermediate Line, for the Garrisoning of which Regiment is responsible. 8 hours work per day required for each Squadron. - Lt. Savin returns from leave.	TM.
29 <sup>th</sup>			Quiet day. - Working Front to fit Squadrons on Trophies for the next front at night. - Lt. Savin relieves Lt. Cobden who returns to Base area.	TM.
30 <sup>th</sup>			Quiet day. - Building & improving Intermediate Line.	TM.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	2	Remarks and references to Appendices
133.d.38 (750,000)	July 1st		Quiet - working parties. Mr. Tache to Brigade as a/Signalling officer.		M.
	2nd		Quiet - Working parties Mr. Price to Brigade as a/Bde Int. Officer.		M.
	3rd		Quiet - working parties.		M.
	4th		Quiet - working parties.		M.
	5th		Quiet - working parties - practice for proposed raid.		M.
	6th		Quiet - working parties. Practice for proposed raid.		M.
	7th		Quiet - working parties. Practice for proposed raid.		M.
	8th		Quiet - working parties. A raid carried out at 11.30 p.m. on German trenches S. of BUISSON-GAULAIN farm by Brigade. - 1 Sqdn H.H. 3 Troop L.S.H. and 40 men of B Sqdn. R.C.L under Capt Nordheimer and Lt. Gwyn who were responsible for protecting right flank of raiding party. Lt. Price, R.C.L. a/Bde I.O. who had made many personal reconnaissances in "No-man's land" on the four nights preceding, led the party with the Bangalore torpedo and blew up a path in enemy wire at 11.31 p.m. This was the signal for the artillery barrage which was maintained for 55 minutes. The raid was entirely successful.		M.

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	8th (Contd)		1 officer and 35 ORs of enemy were captured and one machine gun. Many of the enemy were killed and bombed in their dug-outs. Our casualties - 1 officer killed. 3 officers slightly wounded. 20 ORs slightly wounded - 3 ORs seriously wounded. No R.C.D. Casualties.		
	9th		Brigade relieved by 101st Infantry Brigade - R.C.D. relieved by 11th Batt. Suffolks. Relief completed by 11.05 pm. Squadrons returning independently to horse lines near ATHIES on horses which were brought up. Pt. de la Lande killed in afternoon by enemy shell.	III	
N <sup>o</sup> ATHIES	10th		Exercise rides - cleaning up and refitting.		
	11th		Inspection of Regt in drill orders by adj Brigadiers - Lt Col. Patterson. R.H.A.	III	
	12th		Marching orders parade. Routine.		
	13th		Marching orders parade. Routine. Inspection of Transport by C.O. - Lt Col. Young rejoins from Hosp.	III	
	14th		Brigade commences four days' march Northwards. Regiment passed the starting point at P of PROSLE at 6.10 am	III	

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	14 <sup>th</sup> (contd)		with one Squadron 6 <sup>th</sup> Inniskilling Dragoons - attacked Route - BRIE - ESTREES - DENIECOURT Arrived in huts CAPPY at 9.30 am.			
15 <sup>th</sup>			March Continued - Passed starting point at CAPPY CHURCH at 7.30 am. Route - MORCOURT - SAilly - to bivouacs at MERICOURT where arrived at 11.30 am.			III
16 <sup>th</sup>			March Continued - Passed starting point at N.W. exit of FRANVILLERS at 7.10 am. Route - CONTAY - PUCHVILLERS - BEAUESNE to bivouacs at AUTHIEVILLE where arrived at 11 am.			III
17 <sup>th</sup>			March Continued - Passed starting point at T roads $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S. of DOUOLENS at 6.10 am. Route - DOUOLENS - FREVENT - HERLEN - LE - SEC - ST Pol - to bivouacs and billets at HERNICOURT at 12.30 PM. Field allotted by Brigade for horses deep in mud. Day spent in finding other standings.			III
18 <sup>th</sup>			Exercise rides. General routine.			III
19 <sup>th</sup>			Squadron training - Lieut. Cunningham on leave to England.			III
20 <sup>th</sup>			Squadron training & routine - Orders to move out of			III

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	20 <sup>th</sup> (contd)		HERNICOURT received from Brigade but cancelled in evening.		M
	21 <sup>st</sup>		Squadron training on training fields.		M
	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Sunday routine - Church Parade at 9.30 am.		M
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Squadron training on fields. 15 OKs on leave England.		M
	24 <sup>th</sup>		Inspection of houses by a/Brigadiers and of "A" and "B" Echelons at 10 am.		M
	25 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training. Tactical exercise without troops for officers.		M
	26 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training on fields. Routine.		M
	27 <sup>th</sup>		Brigade Scheme with Troops - Contact aeroplanes in cooperation. Major Timmis, Capt Nordheimer and Capt Cochran on leave to England.		M
	28 <sup>th</sup>		Exercise Rides & Baths at GAUCHIN. Ltent Gwyn from English leave.		M
	29 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday Routine - Church Parade Cancelled. Heavy Storm.		M
	30 <sup>th</sup>		Proposed Scheme with Aeroplanes Postponed until tomorrow owing to cloudy weather. Lent Price awarded to Military Cross in connection with raid July 8/9 <sup>th</sup> . Lent Birmingham from leave.		M
	31 <sup>st</sup>		Proposed Aeroplane Scheme Cancelled owing to cloudy weather.		M
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	1917				
HERNICOURT	Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>		Squadron training. Lent Cunningham from leave. 15 O.Rs proceed on leave.		
and	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Squadron training. Lieuts. Tippi & Crothers arrive from Base as reinforcements.		
NAVRANS	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Squadron training.		
	4 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training.		
	5 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday routine & Church Parade.		
	6 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training. Lieut. Price & 23 O.Rs. on leave to England.		
	7 <sup>th</sup>		Aero-plane Scheme.		
	8 <sup>th</sup>		Inspection in Marching Order by G.O. Capt Nordheimer. Capt. Newcomen & Lent. Cochran from leave.		
	9 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training. Major Timmins from leave.		
	10 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training. Elimination contests for Brigade Horse Show.		
	11 <sup>th</sup>		Brigade Horse Show. Competition for best troopers:- 1 Troop 'A' Sqdn 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 Troop. 'B' Sqdn. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lent Lechner & 30 O.Rs on leave to England.		
	12 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday routine. To church parade.		
	13 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training. Capt. Wilkes & Lent. Grant on leave to England.		
	14 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training.		

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			3.	
Aug 15 <sup>th</sup>			Divisional Horse Show. No first or second won by the Regiment.	
16 <sup>th</sup>			Squadron training. Lieut. J.H. Pache and 30 ORs on leave to England.	
17 <sup>th</sup>			Marching Orders Inspection of 'A' Sqdn. & 'A' Bch. by A/Brigadiers.	
			Jumping Competition between officers R.C.I. and 7 <sup>th</sup> D.G.S.	
			in afternoon - Won by 7 <sup>th</sup> D.G.S.	
18 <sup>th</sup>			Inspection of Brigade in Marching Orders by Corps Commander -	
			Lieut.-Gen. Sir E. J. Mc. N. Kavanagh. who expressed himself as exceptionally pleased with the turn-out and horses of this Regiment.	
			Lieut. Gray appointed Hon. Capt. & Q.M.	
19 <sup>th</sup>			Sunday Routine & Church Parade.	
20 <sup>th</sup>			Squadron training.	
21 <sup>th</sup>			Squadron training. Capt. Brugge. Lieut. Cawas. & 28 ORs on leave to England.	
22 <sup>nd</sup>			Squadron training. Photographs taken of 'A' Sqdn. by Official Photographers. Lieut. Col. Stranborough & Major Bell on leave to PARIS.	

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	Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Squadron training.	
	24 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training.	
	25 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training.	
	26 <sup>th</sup>		Sunday Routine. No church parade. 15. ORs on leave to England.	
	27 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training. Lieut. Col. Stranraer & Major Bell from PARIS leave.	
	28 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training.	
	29 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training.	
	30 <sup>th</sup>		Squadron training. Selection of horses for breeding purposes.	
	31 <sup>st</sup>		Squadron training.	
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