

WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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			and the Division was placed under orders of the 3 rd French Army. Brigade marched to Bois de MONTIGNY arriving there about 10.30am. At 11.30am Brigade moved to VELLES-PERENNES in order to fill a gap between the British & French Armies which was feared - owing to an advance of the enemy from MONTDIDIER. On arrival there it was reported that the French & British had extended their line and that the gap was closed. Under orders from the French Corps the Regt placed the village of VELLES in a state of defence. The horses being sent to SAINTS MORAINVILLERS.	
29	33 ^{pm}		Orders received that the Brigade would move at 3.45pm to JUMEL (Copy of the French Order Relating the Brigade is attached as appendix "C"). Our horses being at SAINTS - the Regiment could not move with Brigade but marched independently via TARTIGNY-FALOUET-FIAFLOISE to the Bois de GUYENCOURT - rejoining the Brigade and bivouacking in the wood about midnight.	mm.
30	12 ³⁰		Orders received to march at 6.30am for mounted action. It being intended to concentrate the Div. in the Bois de BLANGY. On passing the starting point orders received that all movements given were postponed 2 hours.	mm.
	8.45		Orders received to move at once. The enemy had captured MEZIERES and were advancing on AMIENS. The Regiment formed the advanced Guard to the Brigade and moved	

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	31		<p>across country N. of the BOIS DE SENECA and crossed at CASTEL and immediately attacked the BOIS DE MOREUIL. A detailed account of this action is given in appendix 'D'.</p> <p>Lieut. AVS NORDHEIMER was killed with Major Jimmie Syden in the first mounted charge of the day. Later he was buried where he fell (map location C 22. & 8. 3. 1/4) his initials "V.N." being cut in a large tree.</p> <p>Capt Nordheimer. Lieut Price. SSO. MC. Lieut Evans. Lieut Lepreux. & 48 ORs being wounded & evacuated. 3 ORs wounded & missing. 19 ORs missing. 19 ORs killed.</p> <p>The Regt was not relieved until 1 a.m. 31st and marched back to BOIS de SENECA. HQ remaining in CASTEL.</p> <p>Heavy rain fell whole afternoon of 30th and all night 30/31st so that all ranks were wet through.</p> <p>Regimental HQ were shelled out of CASTEL about 1 p.m. and the enemy being reported as attacking - the Brigade stood to until 7 p.m. ready to support the infantry who had retired from the BOIS de MOREUIL in the early morning.</p> <p>at 10 p.m. orders were received that the Brigade would make a dawn mounted attack on MOREUIL WOOD at daybreak.</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>MM</p>

L. J. Van Schaubeur
Lieut Colonel.
Cuir. Royal Can. Dragoons.

Formed at BEAUMONT EN BEINE during the night 21/22nd March 1918, under command of Lieut. Colonel D.J. MACDONALD, D.S.O., M.C., L.S.H. (R.C.).

The party marched from BEAUMONT EN BEINE mounted at 6 a.m. 22nd via LA NEUVILLE EN BEINE - UGNY LE GAY to VILLEQUIER AUMONT. From this point horses returned under Lieut. Col. D.D. Young, R.C.D., to VARESNES, leaving a party of Dismounted men which came under the orders of Brig. Gen. SEYMOUR.

The Brigade moved into huts in BOIS DE GENLIS. Officers patrols were immediately pushed forward to LA FAISANDERIE to reconnoitre routes through the wood - to be used in case of having to defend the Eastern edge of the wood. During the day however, the Brigade was not called upon to move from their position in reserve. The 7th Dismounted Brigade were also in the same wood and close liaison was maintained between the two Bdes.

About 11 p.m. Col. Macdonald was instructed to meet Brig. Gen. Saddler Jackson (54th Inf. Bde) at whose disposal one half of Can. Dis. Bde was placed. Gen. Jackson's H.Q. were then in FAILLOUEL and 4 machine guns under Lieut Griffin were sent to this point at 1.15 a.m. 23rd - Royal Canadian Dragoons being held in readiness to move forward if required. At this time, the line of the 18th Div. followed approximately the line of the Canal de St QUENTIN on the western bank from TERGUIER to JUSSY. At 8.30 a.m. the R.C. Ds were called for by 54th Brigade and moved up at once, followed by remainder of Brigade - the whole of which had now come under the command of Gen. Saddler Jackson. Major Timmis, Cmdg. Royal Can. Dgns, took up a position on the Railway embankment N.W. of MENNESIS where he later merged into the last line of infantry falling back, and rendered valuable assistance to the latter during their retirement. The remainder of the Bde. moved to S. exit of FAILLOUEL. From here L.S.H. under Major J.G. Tatlow M.C. took up a line from W. exit of FRIERES FAILLOUEL along the high ground N. of that village thence along the Eastern edge of BOIS DE GENLIS to LA FAISANDERIE with two mach. guns in FRIERES FAILLOUEL. As the infantry gradually fell back, numbers of stragglers, stretcher bearers etc., were collected and sent forward into the line again. When it became obvious that FAILLOUEL was bound to fall, the P.G.H. were put into line on the high ground West of FAILLOUEL with two mach. guns, leaving one Dismounted Squadron in reserve. The whole Brigade line was instructed to hold out as long as possible, eventually falling back on the BOIS DE GENLIS, without allowing the line to break. This movement was successfully carried out - Gen. Saddler Jackson himself being in the line on the edge of the wood as the enemy poured into FAILLOUEL in lorries, accompanied by field guns and trench mortars. From this point the rear guard was taken over by Infantry - the Can. Dis. Bde being ordered to retire on VILLEQUIER AUMONT and thence to rendezvous at BOIS DE CAUMONT. This was achieved after some difficulty in withdrawing L.S.H. from BOIS DE GENLIS where they were at one time in danger of being cut off. The 2 mach. guns with P.G.H. (under Lieut. Hart D.C.M.) were reported missing, but later proved to have retired more to the West and to have joined up with other troops. Lieut. Hart eventually returned to the Brigade, having led two platoons of infantry for a time and later a troop of XII Lancers.

March 24th. On the morning of the 24th the Bde marched via BETHANCOURT to CAILLOUEL arriving at 8.30 a.m.. Here General Seely joined the Bde. At 11.30 a.m. the Bde again moved to DAMPCOURT being in reserve to 6th French Corps.

March 25th. The Bde. occupied a line on the left of the 7th Dis. Bde in support of the French, 3rd Dis. Div. line running from MONDESCOURT LA-BRETELLE - APILLY. Can. Bde being responsible for covering the Bridgehead at the latter point in case of a general retirement. At 1.30 p.m. orders were received to march to CARLEPONT. By this time the whole of the 7th Bde had crossed the river and the last British troops were one Sqdn of L.S.H. under Lieut. Tripp. The Brigade reached CARLEPONT at 6 p.m. where horses were met and the Brigade bivouacked for the night.

26th March. Brigade marched at 8.30 a.m. to LES CLOYES where they were joined by Lieut. Col. Straubenzee's Detachment - Lieut. Col. Macdonald's party now being merged into General Seely's command.

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Appendix #. 'B'

Narrative of operations.
3rd Cavalry Division Detachment.

On March 21st, orders were received to move south from ATHIES to BRAUMONT, where 800 men from the Canadian Brigade, about 700 from the 6th Brigade and 700 from the 7th Brigade were dismounted and sent forward to reinforce the Infantry.

On March 22nd moved to VARENNES.

On March 23rd, HARMAN'S Detachment formed, including mounted detachment of 3rd Cav. Div. composed of Canadian Brigade Staff, 150 from 6th Brigade under Major Watkin Williams, 150 from 7th Brigade under Capt. Parberry and 200 from the Canadian Brigade under Lieut. Col. Stevenson. Marched to GUIVRY and BERLANCOURT. Received orders to proceed to UGNY and connect up gap between 14th and 18th Divisions near LANDEVILLE. At that point found General SEYMOUR with Dismounted party. Ordered to return to BERLANCOURT.

At 6 a.m. 24th, received orders at BERLANCOURT to push forward in the direction of CUGNY in support of disorganised Infantry. On reaching VILLESSELVE Infantry line had broken. Cavalry was pushed forward and line reestablished from BRAUMONT to neighbourhood of BAUCOURT. Were ordered to withdraw to support the 9th French Div. but infantry line again broke on withdrawal of Cavalry. General HARMAN ordered return of cavalry to restore situation. The 7th & Canadian Brigades were sent mounted around the Southern side of VILLESSELVE and established a line from BRAUMONT, which was the left of the French position to the road junction 1/2 mile N.W. of BEAULIEU. The 6th Brigade Squadron under Major Williams was sent through COLLEZY with instructions to charge through the German lines, then swing right handed in a N.E. direction along their line, using the sword only. This was done successfully, and the charge was continued to the second class road running from VILLESSELVE to Hill 81 from which point communication was obtained with the left of the Canadian Brigade.

In this charge 100 prisoners were taken and between 70 and 100 of the enemy were sabred. The losses of the Squadron were 73 out of 150 but the manoeuvre gave the infantry renewed confidence and they pushed forward to a line from the outskirts of GOLANCOURT almost to BAUCOURT including Hill 81. This reestablishment enabled the remnants of two Batts. which had been fighting near CUGNY to retire on VILLESSELVES, at which point they were reassembled and sent back into the line.

An Infantry Colonel who had retired from CUGNY, although severely wounded, did magnificent work in reestablishing this line.

French troops came up, and the mounted troops of the 3rd Cav. Div. withdrew to a support line across the main road 3/4 of a mile S.W. of VILLESSELVES. Orders were then received that the French, having decided to take up a new line near GUISCARD, the Cavalry was to cover the retirement of the Infantry to that point and then withdraw to MUIRANCOURT.

This was done successfully.

At 4 a.m. 25th, the Infantry again retired, and the Cavalry retired from BUSSY and SERMAIZE to bivouacs north of LAGNY.

Orders were then received to push forward dismounted through CATIGNY to support the French who were holding at the Western exit of MUIRANCOURT.

On reaching BOIS LE CHAPITRE the French were met retiring and a position was taken in front of CHERVILLY, which was held until the French had taken up a line along the canal in the neighbourhood of CATIGNY, when the Dismounted party returned to the horses at LAGNY.

When the Cavalry withdrew, the French retired from the line of the canal across the NOYON - ROYE road, and on orders from General HARMAN the 2nd and 3rd Division mounted detachments advanced mounted to restore the situation. This was done successfully by moonlight, the 2nd Div. under Colonel Cook proceeding in the direction of CATIGNY and the 3rd

Division in the direction of SERMAIZE. The French again advanced and took up a position on the Eastern side of the Canal : all the enemy being cleared from the NOYON - ROYE road, Lieut.Col.MUIRHEAD of HARMAN's Detachment and Lieut.Col.Paterson of the 3rd Cav.Div.Detachment visited this line in the SERMAIZE - CATIGNY sector, and Lieut.Col.Paterson with a mounted escort, motored to the outskirts of NOYON without meeting any of the enemy until reaching NOYON. Patrols were kept in touch with the French line during the night from NOYON to CATIGNY. As the French said they were perfectly satisfied and were afraid the horses would draw fire in daylight, the Cavalry were ordered to proceed to the vicinity of PLESSIES where they spent the remainder of the night.

On the 26th, orders were then received for the 3rd Div.Detachment to push the enemy out of the BOIS DES ESSARTS and Mt. POPQUERICOURT in I.9.cent. where they had obtained a footing, and connect up with Fm.CHARBONNEAUX in I.1.b. to Pitmans Force supposed to be in the neighbourhood of DIVES LE FRANC. This was done successfully, the attack being made by the Canadian Brigade and a portion of the 7th Brigade dismounted, the remainder of the 6th and 7th Brigades protecting the right flank by holding the BOIS DE LA RESERVE. Touch was obtained with Pitman's force at road junction in I.15 central and with the 2nd Div. at the edge of BOIS DES ESSARTS in I.2.d., thus establishing a line from DIVES LE FRANC to LAGNY, after connecting with PITMANS Force at road junction the 6th Brigade were withdrawn to a position in support in the neighbourhood of Detachment Headquarters at the Chateau in I.13.b.9.7. and direct communication was opened along the main road through CUY to Harman's Detachment at DIVES.

The Northumberland Hussars which had been attached to the Canadian Brigade were detached to come under the command of Lt.Col Cook, 2nd Cav.Div., and held the high ground at Eastern end of MONTAGNE de LAGNY. Later, the enemy, who had crossed at CATIGNY, broke through the French line in the neighbourhood of CANDOR and turned the left flank of the 2nd Division who were compelled to retire through DIVES.

Col.Cook was killed at this time.

This left the left flank of the 3rd Cavalry Mounted Detachment in the air at the edge of the wood in I.2.d.

The 6th Brigade Squadron were ordered to push forward mounted in the direction of Fm.CHARBONNEAUX to support the 2nd Div. and were the last troops to withdraw. Col.Stevenson of the Canadian Brigade was sent to break back the left flank in the Bois Des ESSARTS, and all horses of the 3rd Cavalry Detachment were sent back through CUY under Capt.PARBERRY of the 7th.

Word was passed to Pitman's Force of the situation and that the 3rd would protect his left flank. The 3rd Div. now dismounted and fought a rearguard action on foot, gradually retiring on CUY, at which point a determined stand was made which delayed the enemy sufficiently to enable the 6th Brigade Squadron to get clear and Pitman's Force to retire to DIVES LE FRANC. This action was continued over the BOIS DE LA RESERVE and BOIS DE CLOCHETTES, the 3rd Cavalry Detachment ultimately crossing the river at EVRESCOURT and H.23.b.7.0, where the horses were waiting, and where the French had put a line along the River.

At this point, orders were received to retire to ELINCOURT which was reached about midnight on the 26th.

On the 27th, orders were received for the Canadian Brigade Detachment to rejoin the balance of the Canadian Brigade at VENETTE, and ceased to form part of HARMAN'S Detachment.

From VENETTE they proceeded to ARSY, at which point the Canadian Brigade was reassembled under the command of General Seely.

Appendix "C"

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6 Corps d'Armée

au Q.G. le 29 Mars 1918.
7h 30.

Etat-Major
3me Bureau
No.5156/3

Secret.

Ordre Particulier.

- I. - La 2 Division de Cavalerie Britannique et remise a la disposition de la V Armee Britannique.
- II. - Des le recu du present ordre, elle sera alertee et dirigee a cheval sur la region d'AILLY SUR NOYE (sans entrer dans le village, de maniere a degager les routes) en passant de part et d'autre de la voie ferree St JUST - AILLY SUR NOYE.
- III. - Le General Cdt la 2 Division de Cavalerie Britannique enverra des maintenant un Officier a AILLY SUR NOYE pour y recevoir les ordres de la V Armee Britannique.

General de MITRY.

56 DIVISION
d'INFANTERIE

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ETAT MAJOR

- 4me Brigade de Cavalerie Britannique
-3me do
-Brigade Canadienne.

No.23.

qui sont liberees des missions qui leur avaient ete donnees par la 56 D.I. sur les positions de BROYES - PLAINVILLE et WELLES PERENNES.

- Btn du 67 R.I. qui est charge de la mise en etat et de l'occupation de la position de BROYES

au P.C. le 29 Mars 1918
Le General Commandant la 56 D.I.
P.O. Le Chef d'Etat-Major.

At 12.30 a.m. on the morning of March 22nd, orders were received to form a Dismounted Brigade. The Dismounted Brigade was formed, 800 strong, under the command of Lieut. Colonel McDonald, D.S.O. M.C., and marched at 6 a.m. The report of the operations of this force is annexed, appendix "C".

The remainder of the Brigade marched the same morning to VARESNES.

On March 23rd, at VARESNES, orders were received for 50 men per Regiment, or more if available, to move at once. 200 men were provided by the Canadian Cavalry Brigade, and with 50 men per Regiment from the other two Brigades of the 3rd Cavalry Division, were placed under the command of Lieut. Col. Paterson, D.S.O. A report of the operations of this detachment is annexed, appendix F.

On March 24th, the G.O.C., Canadian Cavalry Brigade rejoined the dismounted party at CAILOUEL, returning from a conference in London to which he had been summoned by the Canadian Overseas Minister. He was then appointed to command all Dismounted Cavalry Units in that area, by G.O.C., 3rd Corps in accordance with orders hereto attached. (See G.I.10).

This force, consisting of the Dismounted men of the Man. Cav. Bde. and other units of the 3rd Cav. Div., together with 600 men dismounted of the 2nd Cav. Div. were placed at the disposal of Gen. Dibold, G.O.C. 125 French Div. Cmdg. the French Group of Divisions in the area East of NOYON.

At 2.30 p.m. on the 24th March, Gen. Dibold instructed Gen. Seely to keep his force as reserve between the Canal and the main road running EASTWARDS from NOYON.

On the morning of March 25th, the enemy attacked and took the high ground 5 miles N.E. of NOYON and the position of the troops, both French and English, to the North of the Canal thus dominated by the German artillery, became hazardous. Orders were received from Gen. Dibold that Gen. Seely's force, of which the Canadian Dismounted Brigade formed part, should cooperate with the French Units NORTH of the Canal, in delaying, and if possible stopping, the German advance Westwards. Towards 11 a.m. the enemy were firmly established on the heights overlooking the canal, and it was thought advisable to withdraw the French Batteries across the canal at APILLY. The dismounted Cavalry covered this operation and maintained their positions until 1 p.m. by which time the whole of the French Artillery and Infantry had crossed the canal. The last troops to cross the Canal were a Squadron of Lord Strathcona's Horse (R.C.) under the command of Lieut. Tripp. Lieut. Col. McDonald was in charge of the last rear guard, and his horse was shot on APPILLY Bridge. For their services on this occasion, the Dismounted Cavalry received the thanks of General Dibold and General Butler, Cmdg 3rd Corps. A copy of this order is attached.

The Canadian Dismounted Brigade then marched to CARLEPONT, where they were joined by their horses, and by Lieut. Col. van Straubenzee's party, the Brigade being thus reformed, less the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery and Lieut. Col. Paterson's detachment of approximately 200 men, and a portion of the Machine Gun Squadron.

On March 26th the Brigade marched to La CLOVE with orders to support the French 6th Corps, who were holding the line of OISE from SEMPIGNY to PONTAISE, cooperating with General Portel's force. A Squadron was sent to support the French Troops at SEMPIGNY and patrols were sent to PONTAISE and different points in the river between that point and SEMPIGNY.

APPENDIX I

At 12.30 a.m. on the morning of March 22nd, orders were received to form a Dismounted Batt.

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WE CAN LIVE ON THE SEAS BECAUSE WE HAVE THE OCEAN.

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On March 27th, the Brigade marched via COMPIEGNE to ARSY, where it was joined by Lieut. Col. Paterson and the remainder of the Brigade, and were then placed under the orders of the 2nd Cav. Div.

On March 28th at 6.30 a.m. the Brigade marched to Bois de MATIGNY 6 miles S.W. of MONTDIDIER. At 11.30 a.m., the Brigade was ordered to march as quickly as possible to WELLES, in order to fill the gap between the British and French Armies, and prevent the enemy column then advancing from MONTDIDIER, from establishing themselves between the two Armies. On arrival at WELLES it was found that the French Division with Headquarters at BROYES had had time to extend their line from HARRISSART to ROYAUCOURT thus joining up with the British. Patrols were immediately sent forward NORTH and NORTH EAST. By a brilliant attack the French succeeded in recapturing le MONCHEL and MESNIL ST GEORGES. Lieut. Harvey V.C. went forward with 10 men to FONTAINE two miles N.W. of MESNIL. He found the village in possession of the Germans. He attacked them and drove them out. The French had planned an attack from CATIGNY to take place half an hour later, and when they advanced found Lieut. Harvey in possession. There was a difficult moment, as the French assumed that Lieut. Harvey's party were Germans in disguise, and he was in fact arrested and not released until brought to the French Divisional Commander at BROYES. The next morning the French General expressed to the G.O.C. his appreciation of Lieut. Harvey's most gallant and enterprising act.

For the remainder of March 28th, the Brigade remained in support of the French Army in the neighbourhood of WELLES.

At 2 p.m. on March 29th, the Brigade received orders to march to JUMEL.

During the march, orders were received to proceed to GUYENCOURT, where the Brigade bivouacked in GUYENCOURT WOOD. The Brigade stood-to at dawn on March 30th having received orders at 2 a.m. to be ready to move at 6.30 a.m. The hour to move was postponed until 8.30 a.m. at which hour the G.O.C. met General Pitman Cmdg. 2nd Cav. Div. who gave him the following information and orders :- The Germans had captured MEZIERES and were rapidly advancing on AMIENS. The Brigade was to cross the NOYE and the AVRE rivers as quickly as possible, and engage and delay the enemy.

Orders were issued accordingly to move at once across country from REMIENCOURT, leaving Bois de SENECAT on the right, and endeavour to force a crossing at CASTEL. The crossing at CASTEL was unopposed and the Brigade proceeded due EAST to the Northern extremity of the Bois MORBUIL. At that point, considerable machine gun and rifle fire was encountered coming from the NORTHERN face of the wood. It was apparent that the retention of this wood by the enemy, giving them direct observation on the whole of the valley leading up to AMIENS, might be fatal to AMIENS and to the main line of railway to PARIS, and the G.O.C. accordingly decided to attack and take the wood. Headquarters were established at the northern edge of the small wood adjoining the large one. This small wood had not yet been occupied by the enemy. The Royal Canadian Dragoons, who were leading, were ordered to send an advanced guard squadron, commanded by Capt. Nordheimer, at a gallop to the North Eastern Corner of the wood. The second Squadron, commanded by Capt. Newcomen, also mounted, to the SOUTH WESTERN face of the wood, with the object, if possible, of gaining touch with Capt. Nordheimer's Squadron, at the extreme SOUTHERN corner of the wood. The Third Squadron, commanded by Major Timmis, was ordered to follow Capt. Nordheimer's Squadron in support. Capt. Nordheimer's Squadron, although exposed to very heavy rifle and machine gun fire, gallantly entered the North East corner of the wood, and established themselves. Capt. Newcomen's Squadron penetrated halfway to the SOUTH WEST face of the wood, where they found heavy machine gun fire directed upon them from the enemy, between MORISEL and MOREUIL. They turned into the wood and established themselves there. Major Timmis's Squadron met with considerable opposition and wheeled to the left, suffering very heavy casualties.

Lord Strathcona's Horse (R.C.) were then ordered to send one squadron to pass round the NORTH EASTERN corner of the wood at a

gallop, in support of ^{Major Timmins} ~~Capt. Nordheimer~~, while the remaining two Squadrons of the Regiment advanced to the attack dismounted on the SOUTHERN face. What took place is this :- Capt. Nordheimer's Squadron got into wood and engaged the enemy in hand to hand combat. Many of the enemy were killed, all refusing to surrender, but a large party, estimated about 300, retired from the wood SOUTH of the point where Capt. Nordheimer's Squadron had entered it. This party were charged by Lieut. Flowerdew and many of the Germans were killed with the sword, although they ran to meet them with the bayonet and shewed no sign of surrender. Lieut. Flowerdew having passed through them, wheeled about and charged again. He then galloped into the Wood at the EASTERN face, established himself, and was joined by the Dismounted Party of his Regiment. Fierce hand to hand fighting ensued in all the NORTH EASTERN part of the wood, resulting ultimately in the complete capture of this portion of the wood, and the killing of all the German garrison. The resistance of the enemy was most stubborn. One badly wounded German, shot through both legs and the stomach, refused to allow the stretcher bearers to move him, saying he would sooner die uncaptured. Meantime, Capt. Newcomen's Squadron were held up half way down the WESTERN face of the wood, and the enemy still held out in some strength in the SOUTHERN point of the wood. A Squadron of Fort Gary Horse was sent to reinforce Capt. Newcomen, and a second Squadron of the same Regiment was sent across the river to enfilade the enemy from the high ground above MORISSEL.

On this NORTHERN face, two Squadrons of Lord Strathcona's Horse (R.C.) advanced dismounted, commanded by Lieut. Col. McDonald. Many casualties were sustained in this advance, and no doubt the whole party would have been destroyed had it not been for the simultaneous attacks on the enemy's rear, of which he was aware from the continuous rifle and machine gun fire. Lieut. Col. McDonald's party entered the wood and overcame all enemy resistance, and by 11 a.m. the attack, having started at 9.30 a.m. the whole wood, except the extreme southern ~~front~~ point, was in possession of the Canadian Cavalry Brigade. The losses were severe, most Regiments having lost from half to one third of their officers, and a similar proportion of their men, and it would have been impossible to have held the wood but for the prompt arrival of General Bell-Smythe's Brigade, who reinforced our weak points and bore the brunt of the fierce fighting later in the day on the WESTERN face of the wood. In spite of repeated counter attacks by the enemy, the wood was held by the Cavalry until 2.30 a.m. the following day, March 31st, when General Seely handed over the defence of the captured wood, of which he had been placed in charge, to the Infantry of the 8th Div.

On relief, the Brigade retired and bivouacked in the BOIS de SENECAT, Brigade Headquarters being established at CASTEL. Throughout March 31st the Brigade stood to near BOIS DE SENECAT ready to assist the defence in case of counter attack, but were not called upon. At 9.30 p.m. orders were received from the 2nd Cavalry Division, to which the Canadian Cavalry Brigade was still attached, that the Division would counter attack at Dawn the following day. The G.O.C. and Brigade Major rode to GENTELLES and attended a Conference, lasting from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. on April 1st, planning the attack.

The attack was to be made on RIFLE WOOD, one mile S.E. of HANGARD, which had been captured by the Germans, thus giving them direct observation on AMIENS and the PARIS Railway. The command of the attacking forces, composed of the whole of the dismounted men of the 2nd Cav. Div. was given to the G.O.C. Canadian Cavalry Brigade. The orders were drawn up and issued at 4 a.m. and Commanding Officers of all Units were ordered to meet General Seely at DOMARTIN at 7 a.m. The 4th Cavalry Brigade were ordered to lead the attack on the road running due South from the ridge at the NORTH EASTERN corner of the wood, to HANGARD. The 5th Cav. Bde to seize the NORTH EASTERN edge of the wood, and the Canadian Cavalry Brigade to pass through the 5th Cav. Bde and clear and occupy the wood.

The attack started at 9 a.m. and was completely successful although the losses were heavy. The whole of the wood was in our possession by 11 a.m. There was much fierce fighting, but the

During this operation the 5th Cav. Bde was commanded by Lieut. Col. Nelson. The operation was covered by all available artillery firing on land down barages & also by concentrated M.G. fire from the 3 M.G. Squad.

*Of these 13 Mgs - 11 were used by the Hotchkiss
Guns of the Canadian Brigade against
the enemy throughout the day.*

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enemy showed more willingness to surrender than on March 30th. Over 100 prisoners were taken and 13 Machine guns. The positions round the wood were consolidated with the assistance of the 2nd Cav. Div Field Sqn Commanded by Major Swinburn, who was killed while directing these operations. The enemy organised a strong counter attack of a whole Brigade marching from VILLIERS AUX ERABLES which was observed concentrating by our air men. Meantime the road and wood were very heavily shelled, and the Oxfordshire Hussars and the 3rd Hussars on the left, and the 5th Cav. Brigade and Canadian Cavalry Brigade suffered somewhat severely. Reinforcements were sent for - the Inniskilling Dragoons being sent forward to the wood and the Royal Scots Greys prolonging the flank from the wood in the direction of THENNES. The whole of the 3rd Brigade being thus added to the force, the German counter attack, when launched, was completely repulsed and their losses were very severe, many hundreds of dead being left lying to the East and South of the wood.

The Canadian Brigade was relieved at 6 p.m. and marched to the BOIS DE SENECA, and the 4th and 5th Brigades were relieved later by the 14th Div the G.O.C. Canadian Cavalry Brigade being left in Command of the ground won, until the relief was completed.

Further heavy shelling took place with a certain amount of gas shells throughout the night, but the relief was completed at 5.45 a.m. and the ground handed over to the G.O.C. 43rd and 41st Inf. Brigades.

The G.O.C., Brigade Major and Staff of the Can. Cav. Bde returned to ROUVREL where Headquarters were established at 7 a.m. on April 2nd.

On April 2nd the Brigade marched at 3 p.m. to BOIS de BOVES, the Brigade Headquarters being established at BOVES.

On April 3rd at 6.30 p.m. the Brigade was visited by General Sir Henry Rawlinson, Commanding 4th Army, who addressed each Unit in turn. He told them that the two woods which the Brigade had captured, the BOIS DE MOREUIL which they had captured unaided, but later supported by the 3rd Brigade, and RIFLE WOOD, which they had captured in conjunction with the whole of the 2nd Cav. Div. and part of the 3rd Cav. Div. were the dominating features the possession of which might have been fatal to the defence of AMIENS.

He stated that there were no other troops available to recapture these vital positions and that their courage and determination had turned the fortunes of the day. He expressed his personal thanks and congratulated the Canadian Cavalry Brigade and told them that he had asked that a telegram should be despatched to the Prime Minister of Canada telling him of the achievements of the Canadian Cavalry at a time of great crisis, and asking that every effort should be made to provide them with reinforcements to enable them to continue to render similar valuable service.

The two operations resulted in the loss of about 600 officers and other ranks, but there can be no doubt that the capture of these positions in the face of superior forces of the enemy, prevented him from obtaining positions which might have been fatal to the defence of AMIENS.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BOIS de SENECA	April 1st	3am	<p>The Co. attended a Conference at Brigade Headquarters ROUVREL at 3. am and a dismounted Detachment about 125 strong under Capt. NEWCOMEN was organised which moved off mounted at 4.30 am - coming under orders of Lieut. Col. PATTERSON near THENNES at daybreak. The horses being sent back to BOIS de SENECA.</p> <p>Capt. Moss and Lieut JARVIS RCD were attached to Lieut Col. Patterson's Staff during the evening operations. It had been decided to take RIFLE WOOD S. of HOURGES on the ROYE - AMIENS road. A detailed account of this attack - resulting in the capture of the wood and over 100 prisoners and 13 Machine Guns will be found in appendix "D" (forwarded with war diary for March 1918). Casualties were - Lieut F. SAWERS and 20 ORs wounded. The troops went into this attack and were not relieved until 4. PM. Having had no food or sleep since 8. pm previous evening. The Regiment again bivouacked for the night in the BOIS de SENECA. Major STB BOWIE DSO. returned from leave to CANNES during the day. having been over one week finding the Regiment.</p>	<i>M</i>
	2nd 12 noon		<p>About 15 shells were dropped in the BOIS de SENECA - killing one officer and some ORs F.G.H. and several horses. Casualties to RCD - one OR slightly wounded. In consequence - Regiment moved to point 1/2 mile away.</p>	<i>M</i>

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NEAR BOIS DE SENEAT	2	2.45pm	The Brigade marched to Bois de Boves and bivouacked there. Capt. Walker & Johnson & Lieut James returned from leave in England after great difficulties in finding the Regiment.	
	3		Day spent cleaning up and resting.	
2 Boves	4		Regiment stood to at daybreak.	
		1.30pm	Orders received to stand to saddled up and Regiment remained so until 4.0pm when orders received to off saddle - remaining at 1/2 an hour's notice.	
			Gen. Sir Harry RAWLINSON - Commanding Fourth Army - addressed the Regiment on parade - thanking them for their services during recent operations and stating that the two actions - on March 30th and April 1st - had materially assisted in the saving of AMIENS.	
	5th		The Brigade marched during the morning to CAMON where it went into billets about 1.0pm.	
		pm.	Detail sent to RENANCOURT for 75 remounts.	
	6th		Day spent cleaning up. Artillery instruction commenced under Lieut JAMES - very few of the original gunners being left.	
			35 reinforcements (mostly "old" men) arrived from Base.	
	7th		Cleaning up - reorganising and reequipping.	
	8th		Exercise rides and reorganising and reequipping.	

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CAMON	April 9 th		Regimental Marching order parade. Inspection by G.O.	MM MM
	10 th		Regimental Marching order parade. Inspection by G.O. Following notifications as to awards for recent operations. Bar to M.C. - Lieut. H.T. Leveson (M.C.) M.C. - " A. Jarvis " - " H.B. Cochran. D.C.M. - 510. SSM. Copeland J. BAR to M.M. - 523. Sgt. Parkinson J. (M.M.) M.M. - 11465. Pk Palmer. S. - 576. Sgt. King E. - 310 Pk Karcher H. - 55073 - Harlow E. - 667 - Bersay H. - 114552 - Maxwell J. - 550140 - Harrington R. - 357 - Nelson J. - 3697 Sgt. Dunbar F. - 112. 2/Capt Graham G. - 550070 Pk Stoppard G.	
	11	8:30 am	Orders received last evening to march to BELLOY-SUR-SOMME at 8.15 am today. Destination changed to area about FROMEN-LE-GRAND. Regiment billeted for the night at NOEUX.	MM
	12		Orders received during morning to be ready to move at 2 1/2 hours notice and orders received about 1.30 pm to march to valley close to BUCARS where arrived about 2.30 pm. Brigade remained in this valley all afternoon - it being expected	MM

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CONCHY	13		that reinforcements from Canadian Corps might arrive at LIGNY.	
		6 pm	Regiment went into billets at CONCHY.	
	14	5.30 am	Brigade marched before day break to Brigade Starting point on NUNCO - St Pol road and from there via St Pol to HUCLIER where it went into billets - about 11 am - remaining at 3 hours notice to move.	
			Regiment stood to saddled up at 7 am and at 7.45 am off saddled - remaining at 3 hours notice for remainder of day.	
	15		70 Reinforcements arrive from Canadian Corps. These men have had no Cavalry training and have very little knowledge of riding.	
			Extract from a letter addressed to Major R S THOMAS by Brig. Gen. Saddle Jackson - Cmdg 5th Inf. Bde. is attached marked "appendix A".	
	16		Equitation for recruits. Regiment placed at 1 1/2 hours notice and orders received at 12.30 pm to march independently to NEDONCHEL. leaving at 1.30 pm. Arrived NEDONCHEL. 3.50 pm.	
17			35 ORs arrive as reinforcements from Base.	
			Regiment bathed this morning. This being first proper bath available since March 30th.	
18			Equitation for recruits. Training of new draft. Lieut. Smeaton, Ineikle, Parry, & Warren	

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NEDONCHEL	19		<p>arrive from England as reinforcements.</p> <p>Training of recruits & Hotchkiss Gunners.</p> <p>Lieut. Blue & Medhurst from England.</p> <p>Copy of letter addressed to Brig Gen. Kelly. Cndy Can. Cav Bde by Brig Gen. J. J. Pitman. Cndy 3rd Cav. Div. is attached hereto marked "appendix B".</p> <p>Copy of letter addressed to G.O.C. 3rd Cav. Div. by G.O.C. 15th Australian Brigade d/14/18 is attached hereto marked "appendix C".</p> <p>Copy of letter addressed to Cavalry Corps by G.O.C. 4th Army d/10/18/18 is attached hereto marked "appendix D".</p> <p>Copy of reply to this letter is also attached.</p>	<p>mm</p> <p>mm</p>
	20		<p>Training of Recruits & Hotchkiss Gunners. Lieut. Case and 80 Oks reinforcements from England.</p>	mm
	21		<p>Training of Recruits & Hotchkiss Gunners.</p>	mm
	22		<p>do do</p>	mm
	23		<p>Regimental dismounted parade and inspection by G.O.</p> <p>Officers patrols towards front line.</p> <p>80 Oks under Lt Atkins dispatched this morning to ABBEVILLE where Divisional Training Camp is being formed. Then selected mostly infantry reinforcements from Canadian Corps.</p>	mm

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NEDONCHEL	24		Inspection of all horses of the Regt. by ADVS and by Brig. General. officers patrols towards front line.	M. M. M. M. M. M.
		12.30 pm	Orders received for Regiment to move by 3. pm to FONTAINE - LES-BOULANS - arriving there about 5. pm. B' & C' Sqds at PREDEFIN. HQ. 9th Cav Bde still remaining in FONTAINE.	
FONTAINE and PREDEFIN	25		Regiment halted at NEDONCHEL. B' Sqdn moved to FONTAINE. - 9th Cav Bde having moved out of FONTAINE.	
	26		Sqdn training.	
	27		Sqdn training. Capt Wilkes to Hotchkiss Gun Course. Bde HQ. move to TERCHEIN.	
	28		No church parade. Sunday routine. Lt Jarvis attached Bde HQ as Int. Officer.	
	29		Sqdn training. Lieut Tallman arrives as reinforcement. Notification received that Sgt Greenes - C' Sqdn had formed part of CAREY'S force during recent retreat and had been awarded R.M.	
	30		Cleaning up for inspection tomorrow. 18 R. and 2 LD horses arrive from Remount Depot. and 13 OAs from Training Camp. ABBEVILLE with the horses.	

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" APPENDIX A "

Copy extract from a letter addressed to Major R.S.TIMMIS by
Brig.General Sadler Jackson - Cmdg. 54th Infantry Brigade.

"I shall take it as a favor if you will convey to the
Royal Canadian Dragoons, who came up to the assistance
of the 54th Infantry Brigade on the CROZART Canal on
the 23/3/18, our deep appreciation and gratitude for
the splendid way in which they cooperated during the
enforced retirement.

I can assure you that this is the universal feeling
throughout the Brigade.

God grant that if ever the 54th Brigade are again in a
tight corner they may be lucky enough to find themselves
side by side with the Royal Canadian Dragoons."

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" APPENDIX B "

Copy of a letter addressed to Brig.General Seely, Cmdg. Can.
Cav.Bde., by Brig. Gen.Pitman, Cmdg.2nd Cav.Div :

" Please express to all ranks of your Brigade my appreciation
of the great work they have done for the 2nd Cav.Div.during
the short time they have been attached.

The fighting qualities of the Canadians have been the admira-
tion of us all.

Where all have done so brilliantly it would be invidious to
mention any particular unit."

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" APPENDIX C "

Copy of a letter dated 7/4/18 from G.O.C. 15th Australian Inf.
Brigade to G.O.C. 3rd Cav. Div.

"The 15th Brigade are proud to have fought under and alongside
the Cavalry who have done so much to secure the situation,
and will always be ready and glad to fight alongside or
under the 3rd Cav. Div.

I would be glad if you would let your men know this."

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"APPENDIX D"

Copy of a letter dated 10/4/18 from General Sir H. RAWLINSON,
Cmdg. FOURTH ARMY, to CAVALRY CORPS :

"As the Cavalry Corps are now leaving the Fourth Army,
I desire to express my warmest thanks for the invaluable
service they have rendered during the heavy fighting
that has taken place in front of AMIENS.

I wish them all good fortune in the future, and trust it
may be my good fortune to have them once more in the
Fourth Army at no very distant date".

Copy reply from Cav. Corps :

"Cav. Corps wish to thank Fourth Army Commander for his kind
telegram, and hope they will soon be serving under his
command again".

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NEDONGHÉL and PREDEFIN	May			
	1 st		Brigade inspected in Marching Order by Corps Commander. Presentation of Medal ribbons.	TM
		2 nd	Squadron training. Inspection of Bivouacs etc by ABtms. Lieut. Booth and John arrive as reinforcements.	TM
		3 rd	Inspection of 'E' Sqdn in Marching Order by Brigadier. Orders received 8.30 pm that Brigade would probably move tomorrow.	TM
		4 th	Marched at 8.30 am independently via BLANGY to VACQUERLETTE - arriving at 1 pm.	TM
		5 th	Orders received 1 am to march and pass Brigade Starting point 8.30 am. Moving via AUXI-LE-CHATEAU to LONGVILLERS where arrived 12.15 pm. Six OAs proceed to ABBEVILLE to bring up remounts.	TM
		6 th	Marched 7.40 am via DOMQUER to VIGNACOURT and across country and crops to wood just NW of FRECHENCOURT. where went into bivouacs 4.30 pm in reserve to 4 th Army - attached to III Corps. Lieut. Cochran & Parry to Corps Equitation School.	TM
		7 th	Heavy rain and all night. Brigade on two hours notice to move.	TM
		8 th	Routine - 3 Australian deserters captured in wood. 12 Remounts arrive from ABBEVILLE.	TM
		9 th	Orders received 12.30 am to be saddled up at 5 am. At 7 am orders received to off-saddle. Lt Tallman on Hoteliers Course LE TOUQUET. Working party of 120 men go to HENENCOURT at dusk to work all night.	TM

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	May 10 th		Routine. Still standing-to at 2 hours notice. Officers patrols to LANEVILLE and HENENCOURT.	TM
	11 th		Stand-to at 5. am to 5.30. am. Looking party of 67 men to HENENCOURT at 9. am	TM
	12 th		Stand to 5. am to 5.30. am. Routine. 150 working men to HENENCOURT leaving at 6.30. pm returning 11. am tomorrow.	TM
	13 th		No Stand-to. Col Young from Brigade H.Q. to Corps Equitation Sch. CAYEUX.	TM
	14 th		Stand-to 5. am and routine.	TM
	15 th		Stand-to 5. am and routine.	TM
	16 th		No Stand-to. B. Ech. repairs Regiment - 150 working men all night near SENLIS	TM
	17 th		No Stand-to. Routine.	TM
	18 th		Routine. Squadron training.	TM
	19 th		Routine. Party of 60 working men leave at 1.15 pm. 15 shells from 12" Gun around and in wood from 2-4. pm. Capt Johnson seriously wounded. Capt Bullock and Lieut. Whitehead slightly wounded. 6 ORs wounded and seven horses evacuated. Party of 140 working men in front of HENENCOURT all night. German attack expected tomorrow.	TM
	20 th		No Stand-to. Routine. Brig. Gen. SEELY hands over command of Brigade to Col. Patterson FGH. (who becomes Temp. Brig. Gen.) and leaves for England. Lieut. Whitehead from Hospital.	TM

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	May 21 st		No Stand-to. At 1.45 am today six bombs dropped in vicinity of wood. This was repeated at 10. pm. No casualties. 26 horses RCHA killed or wounded.	TM/
	22 nd		Routine. Party 150 working men to SENLIS where worked all night. About 10.30 pm bombs again dropped close to wood.	TM/
	23 rd		Quiet day. No Stand-to. No working party.	TM/
	24 th		Marched 9.30 am to ST OVEN area where Regiment arrived in prepared camp 1.30 pm.	TM/
ST OVEN	25 th		Rest and routine. Organisation for two weeks training commenced.	TM/
	26 th		Sunday Routine. Rest. Football. Baseball. Cricket.	TM/
	27 th		Active training commenced	TM/
	28 th		Training and Routine.	TM/
	29 th		Training and half holiday. 1 Riding Horse. 1 LD horse from ABBEVILLE.	TM/
	30 th		Training.	TM/
	31 st		Training. Div. Commander sees Regt. at work.	TM/

C. J. MacShanage Lieut Colonel.
Squad Royal Canadian Dragoon

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ST OVEN	June			
	1 st		Training. Regimental Dismounted Sports in afternoon	MM
	2 nd		Routine. Regimental Concert in evening. Major Immus awarded DSO. Lieut Sawers MC.	MM
	3 rd		Div. Comdr. rides around Regiment while training. Elimination for G.H.Q. Troop Competition in afternoon. won by Lieut. Booth's troop "B" Sqdn.	MM
	4 th		Training. 11 Remounts from ABBEVILLE	MM
	5 th		Training. Corps & Div. Comdrs ride round Regt at work and lunch with G.O. Competition for best section. judged by Div. Comdr. in afternoon. 4 th Troop "A" Sqdn - 1 st 1 st Troop "A" Sqdn. 2 nd	MM
	6 th		Training. Orders for advance parties to Bois de FRECHENCOURT cancelled. Dismounted attack Scheme by Brigade.	MM
	7 th		Training.	MM
	8 th		Saddle Inspection by G.O.	MM
	9 th		Brigade Church parade. Regimental Speed trial in afternoon.	MM
	10 th		Training.	MM

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ST OVEN	11 th		Regimental Scheme 7 am. Trusting on Ranges in afternoon.	<i>MM</i>
	12 th		Brigade Scheme. Dismounted attack. Field Amb. cooperative Regimental mounted Sports in afternoon.	<i>MM</i>
	13 th		Training. 'A' Sqdn inspected by Div. Comdr.	<i>MM</i>
	14 th		Corps Comdr. rides round training area & inspects 'A' & 'B' Sqdns at Drill.	<i>MM</i>
	15 th		Exercise parades & saddling inspection. L.H. Sports in afternoon. Major Kingsford leaves for England.	<i>MM</i>
	16 th		Brigade Elimination in GHQ Troop Competition. LSH. 1 st . RCD 2 nd FGH. 3 rd Regimental mounted Sports in afternoon. Lieuts. Cochran & Parry from Equitation School.	<i>MM</i>
	17 th		Inspection by G.O. of Sqdns in marching order.	<i>MM</i>
	18 th		Inspection by Div. Comdr. of Sqdns in marching order. in afternoon.	<i>MM</i>
	19 th		Brigade Sports. Both RCD Sections in Best Section Competition disqualified for including Sergeants.	<i>MM</i>
			<u>First</u> . LGS Drums & Turnout. GS. Section jumping. <u>Seconds</u> . Best turned out man.	

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ST OVEN	19 th		Ing of War. Alarm Race. Officers 100 yards dash (Lt James). Thirds. Best turned out man. Obstacle Race.	
	20 th		Inspection of 'H' Ech. by Divisional Commander in the morning.	<i>mm</i>
	21 st		Preparation for march to Bois de FRECHENCOURT tomorrow.	<i>mm</i>
	22 nd		Regiment marched 8.15 am via VIGNACOURT. FLESSSELLES. MOLLIGNS. AU-BOIS. to Bois de FRECHENCOURT arriving there about 12. noon.	<i>mm</i>
Bois de FRECHENCOURT	23 rd		Cleaning up. looking party of 150 men out all night on front line defences. Col. Strantenze to Cav. Corps School at DIEPPE.	<i>mm</i>
	24 th		No looking party. Capt Moss to Hospital	<i>mm</i>
	25 th		do.	<i>mm</i>
	26 th		looking party 6 officers 150 ORs out all night on front line defences. Lieut Col. Strantenze from DIEPPE. Lt Col. Young from Equit. School. Lieut Cochran on leave to U.K.	<i>mm</i>
	27 th		Major Newcomen & Capt Inckenzie (Cav) to Hospital. 11 Remounts from Remount Depot. Lt. Cass to Hospital.	<i>mm</i>
	28 th		Inspection of Squadrons in marching order by G.O. Major Bowie to Hospital	<i>mm</i>

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FRECHENCOURT Wood	1918 July	1 st	Working Party of 4 officers and 150 men in front of HENENCOURT. Capt. Moss returned from Hospital. Canadian Corps Sports.	<i>MM</i>
		2 nd	Lieut. Doury to Hospital. No working party.	<i>MM</i>
		3 rd	Capt. Nordheim from England. Capt. Moss on leave. Routine. Regiment visited by Hon. A. V. Rosell. Orders received in evening for march to wood near ALLONVILLE (G. 19 and 20. 62 ^D)	<i>MM</i>
		4 th	2. am. Regiment marched to rendezvous - and arrived 3.30. am. "Stand-to" until 14. pm when marched back to FRECHENCOURT WOOD. This move was in co-operation with Australian & American advance at HAMEL. Lieut. Case from Hospital. Lieut. Blue & La Rose & Capt. Bullock to Hospital. Major Bowie to Staff College. Cambridge. Lieut. Sawers to Hospital.	<i>MM</i>
		5 th	Regiment marched 8. am to BOURDON - arriving at 12.30 pm. Lieut. Smeaton from Gas Corps Rpt Camp.	<i>MM</i>
		6 th	Routine.	<i>MM</i>
		7 th	Routine.	<i>MM</i>
		8 th	Routine.	<i>MM</i>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BOURDON	July 9 th		Routine. Major Newcomen from Hospital	MM
	10 th		Inspection of officers chargers by D.V.S. Canadians.	MM
			22nd Corps Race Meeting near SOUES.	MM
	11 th		Routine. Capt Fortye from Base.	MM
	12 th		Routine. Regimental Aquatic Sports.	MM
	13 th		Regiment marched 10am to Camp across river between HANGEST and CONDE. Headquarters at CONDE-FOLIE.	MM
			Capt Bray on leave to U.K. Lieut Cochran from leave. Lieut Blue and La Rose from Hospital.	MM
	14 th		Routine and Brigade Aquatic Sports. Capt Bullock from Hospital	MM
	15		Routine.	MM
	16		Routine	MM
	17		Routine	MM
	18		Routine	MM
	19		Routine	MM
	20		Routine	MM
	21		Church Parade in lines. Capt Moss from leave. Village of CONDE-FOLIE bombed during night.	MM

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			Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Place	Date	Hour		
Camp CONDE- HANGEST road	July			
	22		Squadron training.	
	23		Squadron training.	
	24		All ranks through Gas Chambers. HANGEST. Lieut Bregas arrives from England. Lieut. Lawes from Hospital. Lieut Drury from Hospital.	
	25		Squadron training.	
	26		Tactical Exercise without troops.	
	27		Visit of Canadian Journalists. M.O. parade and demonstration of Cavalry movements in heavy rain.	
	28		Squadron training.	
	29		Squadron training.	
	30		Squadron training.	
	31		Squadron training. Regimental Race Meet.	
			C. J. M. Strubbe Lieut-Colonel Comd. Royal Can. Dragoons.	

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Royal Canadian Dragoons - Canadian Cavalry Brigade

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Camp on CONDE - HANGEST Rd.	1918 Aug. 1st		Squadron training - Routine. Capt Bullock on leave.	J.A.
	2nd		Heavy rain. Routine.	J.A.
	3rd		Routine. Tactical exercise without troops.	J.A.
	4th		Brigade Givnie Service at HANGEST. Sunday Routine.	J.A.
	5th		Routine.	J.A.
	6th		Marched from CONDE-FOLIE 8:15pm - Arrived AMIENS 1:45am. bivouacked.	J.A.
AMIENS GARDENS	7th		Day spent making final arrangements and explaining impending operations. Marched at 8:45pm via AMIENS to point on BLANGY-TRUVILLE - ST NICHOLAS road where arrived at 12:30am. No off-saddling.	J.A.
	8th		At 4:30am attack from MARCELCAVE to AMIENS - ROYE road commenced by Canadian Corps. Australian Corps & III Corps. At 4:50am Brigade moved to CACHY. At 7:30am Brigade moved along cavalry track to NE edge of Bois de HANGARD across what had been the German front line. About 8am passed through 3rd Canadian Division and crossed river at IGNACOURT with whippet tanks. 9:30am jumped off from T roads S of IGNACOURT just E. of Pt. 102 for high	J.A.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	8 th		<p>ground E. of BEAUCOURT. L.S.H. on right. R.C.D. on left. 6th Sqdn advances Sqdn. By 3 successive bounds under heaviest Mach. Gun fire from Woods N. and E. of BEAUCOURT and from Village. Reached high ground immediately E. of Village and joined hands with L.S.H. on right. Left flank exposed as 7th Brigade had not gone further than this Village.</p> <p>Plans for further advance were discussed, but enemy Mk in woods very numerous. Casualties in reaching this point heavy. 6th Sqdn (Advance Guard) landed over to 4th Canadian Division (11th Bde) about 5 p.m.</p> <p>Casualties in Regiment - 9 killed, 47 wounded and 6 missing. Freittle and Booth killed. Also 125 horse casualties.</p> <p>About 8 p.m. returned to wood S. of CATEUX and "stood-to" saddled up all night. Co-operation of Whippet tanks not very successful during the day.</p>	7th
	9 th		<p>As is at daybreak. Canadian Corps continued advance in co-operation with 1st and 2nd Cav. Divs - not being allowed to off saddle and wait for first time since night 6th in AMIENS - being in support.</p>	3rd

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	9 th		At 4 pm orders to "stand to" received. Saddled up. Rumours of advance being very successful. At 7 pm allowed to loosen girths and go to water at CAYEUX. Later orders to "off saddle" and be ready to move at 5 am. tomorrow 10 th	<i>Jef.</i>
	10 th		Moved at 5 am to position of readiness in valley behind wood S. of CAIX. 3 rd Cav Div. leading Div. Brigade reserve Brigade. Infantry attack continued on whole line and Cavalry ready to go through if possible. General line - MEHARICOURT to LE QUESNOT. About 12.45 pm orders to move up to position just E. of HAVILLERS and about 3 pm Brigade received orders to try and go through infantry E. of LE QUESNOT and seize high ground NE of ROYE. Arriving S. of ROYE road E. of QUESNOT. 1 Sqn FGH launched (under enemy artillery barrage) to get around wood at Pt. 100. Remainder of Regiment launched straight down road. Country quite impassible - old SOMME trench lines & battle field. FGH badly cut up and unsuccessful. LSH launched down road but stopped. RCD held in reserve and not involved. Thing impossible. Casualties	<i>Jef.</i>

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	10 th		on patrol detail - 1 killed & 2 wounded. About 7 th orders received to march to ground N. of BEAUFORT where arrived after watering about 12 midnight. Off saddled.	J. J.
	11 th		On one hour's notice and again reserve Bde. as being the only one really involved yesterday. Took opportunity to clean up etc. Orders received at 5. pm to march back. Passed starting point (LE QUESNEL) about 5.30 pm. and march cross country S. of ROYE road between BOIS de MOREUIL - RIFLE WOOD - THENNES - BOVES - COTTENENT. arriving at latter place 10. pm.	J. J.
	12 th		Conference of C.Os. at 11. am. VISIT to BOIS de MOREUIL. 'B' Bcl. arrives with Col. Young.	J. J.
	13 th		Cleaning up. routine. Visit of Commander-in-Chief.	J. J.
	14 th		Whitehead, Wickerson & La Rose back. Muster, parade of horses.	J. J.
	15 th		Warning orders to move back. Adjutant visited BOIS de MOREUIL and re-interred remains of Lieut. A. V. NORDHEIMER and Pte KEARNS. Brigade marched 9.30 pm via AMIENS - PICQUIGNY - to HANGEST. R.C.D. at	J. J.

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HANGEST- CONDE road.	16 th		Old Camp on HANGEST - CONDE road.	
	16 th		Arrived 3.15am in same bivouacs. Resting.	Faj.
	17 th		Cleaning up. 17 Remounts and 28 Reinforcements arrive.	Faj.
	18 th		Brigade Memorial Church parade. 70 Remounts and 78 men.	Faj.
	19 th		Conference at Brigade HQ re recent operations. Sawers and 7 ORs on leave.	Faj.
	20 th		Tactical Exercise against 1 Sgdn LSH. Great success.	Faj.
			Orders received "Bde may move". Cancelled later.	
	21 st		Placed under 3 hours notice during night. G.O.C. on leave yesterday but not recalled. Attack by III Army today. Received orders about 7. pm to get ready to move. Moved independently at 9.15 pm to DOMART arriving in bivouacs 12 midnight. Grant & Fache and 7 ORs on leave.	Faj.
	22 nd		Nothing doing. Waiting around. No news.	Faj.
	23 rd		Standing about.	Faj.
	24 th		do do.	Faj.

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	25 th		Orders received at 5.30 pm to march at 8.30 pm to BOUFFLERS. Bivouacked in TOLLENT when arrived at 1. am.	<i>Zaf.</i>
	26 th		Marched 5.15. pm and arrived MONCHEL at 8.45. pm. Canadian Corps made attack this morning. No definite news.	<i>Zaf.</i>
	27 th		On one hour's notice and then 3 hours. Gen. Paterson recalled from leave.	<i>Zaf.</i>
	28 th		Standing about. Lieut Gripp and 29 OAs from ABBEVILLE. Gen. Paterson back.	<i>Zaf.</i>
	29 th		Training.	<i>Zaf.</i>
	30 th		Col. Young on leave. Training.	<i>Zaf.</i>
	31 st		Routine. B' Bcl. reforms Unit.	<i>Zaf.</i>

P. J. MacKinnon
Lieut Colonel.
Comdg. Royal Can. Engineers

BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS

No. 110.

By
LIEUT-COLONEL. H. I. STEVENSON, D.S.O.

COMMANDING, CANADIAN CAVALRY BRIGADE.

21st August 1918.

568. COMMAND

Brigadier-General R.W. PATERSON, D.S.O. having proceeded on leave the command of the Brigade devolves on Lieut-Colonel, H.I. STEVENSON, D.S.O., Fort Garry Horse, from this date.

569. HONOURS AND AWARDS.

The Brigade Commandor has much pleasure in notifying the following awards :-

LORD STRATHCONA'S HORSE (R.C.),

551028	Cpl.	W. IRELAND.	MILITARY MEDAL.
2664	Cpl.	T. MURDOCH.	do.
2000159	Sergt.	A. BLAIN EY	do.
551830	Sergt.	T.R. GEORGE.	do.
12661	Sergt.	T.A. COVE.	do.
551124	L/Cpl.	F. GIBBONS.	do.
115429	Pte.	A.L. RITCHIE.	do.
302031	Cpl.	H. MOORHEAD, M.M.	Bar to M. M.
117249	Pte.	B.F. FOSTER.	MILITARY MEDAL.
551017	L/Cpl.	C.J. FLETCHER.	do.
551818	Pte.	J. CARR.	do.

ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS.

240	Sergt.	N.C. CHARD.	MILITARY MEDAL.
5660	Sergt.	J. McLEAN.	do.
15502	Cpl.	L.C.S. PARKER.	do.
550202	Cpl.	E. E. GREEN.	do.
550285	Pte.	J. CARROL.	do.
550338	Pte.	V. ROBINSON.	do.
14520	L/Cpl.	R.W. STEVENS.	do.
550104	L/Cpl.	F.M. BROWN.	do.
14941	Sergt.	H.E. CRADDOCK.	do.

FORT GARRY HORSE.

114079-	L/Sgt.	C. JOHNSTONE.	Military Medal.
110035	Sergt.	A. BELLIVEAU.	do.
117080	Pte.	G. MILLIGAN.	do.
118076	Cpl.	H.C. LEWIS.	do.
227127	Cpl.	A.J. McCLELLAND.	do.
115164	Pte.	R. BRADSHAW.	do.
115018	Pte.	O. DAVIES.	do.
1060189	Pte.	J.H. BROWNELL.	do.
551920	Pte.	T.H. STEVENS.	do.
2147427	Pte.	S.D. MARKHAM.	do.
114084	Cpl.	W. MILLS.	do.

ROYAL CANADIAN HORSE ARTILLERY.

5935	Sergt.	M. McVEIGH.	MILITARY MEDAL.
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870. PERMANENT FORCE ALLOWANCE.-

Payment of Permanent Force Allowance in lieu of lodging, fuel and light to unmarried officers of the Permanent Force serving with the CMFO, shall cease from 1st July, 1918. If entitled to Separation Allowance on the grounds of support of widowed mother, etc, under the terms of Separation Allowance Regulations, unmarried officers of the Permanent Force serving with the C.M.F.C. should make the necessary application therefor and forward same through usual channels.

(Auth; Order in Council P.C. 1177, Ref; A.G.Canadians 16-1-8)

871. ARMLETS - REGIMENTAL POLICE.

The approved Armlet for Regimental Police is black with the letters "R.P." in red. These Armlets will, in all cases, be worn on the left arm below the elbow. The scale of issue is one per policeman.

Regimental Police will not wear the "M.P." armband authorized under G.R.O.870 for Military Police.

(4022/11 (Q.B.1.)8-8-1) ref. G.R.O.4720.

872. PANELS, Signalling Mark III. Attention is directed to G.M.O. 183.4784.

Attention is drawn to G.R.O. 4775

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Brigade Major,
Canadian Cavalry Brigade.

In the Field.

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Operation Order No 68

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21st Aug 1918.

- 1 In continuation of this Office AQ 658.
The Brigade will march tonight to the
Area - DOMART EN PONTREU - ST HILAIRE
Starting point - B of BOURDON - 9.15pm
Order of March:- Bde HQT Signals

LSH
MGS
FSH
RCHA
RCD
CCFA
MYS

Route will be given out at Starting
point.

- 2 Echelon A & Cyclists will march
with Units
Echelon B will march Brigaded
and will park at BETHENCOURT-
ST-OVEN
3 distances laid down by 4th Army
will be maintained during the
march
4 Units will march independently
after leaving starting point
5 Brigade report-centre will
close at 9.15pm & will open
at DOMART on arrival

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Canadian Cavalry Brigade.

OPERATION ORDER No. 69.

Reference 1/100,000. Maps.

Dated 25th August 1918.

1. The Brigade will march Northwards at 9 p.m. to-night, by which time the head of the Main body will pass the starting point - S. exit of RIBEAUCOURT.

ORDER OF MARCH :-

Advance Guard - One troop of F.G.Horse.

Main Body. - Brigade H.Q. & Signal Troop.
F.G.Horse. (less 1 Troop).
R.G.Dragoons.
M.G.Squadron.
L.S.Horse.
R.C.H.A.Brigade.
Can.Cav.Field Ambulance.
M.Vet.Section.

ROUTE :- RIBEAUCOURT - BEAUMETZ - AGENVILLE - MAISON PONTHEU-
GUESCHART.

AREA :- BOUFFLERS (Bde H.Q.) - LABROYE - TOLLENT - GENNE -
IVERGNY.

2. ECHELON "A" & Cyclists will march with Units.
3. DISTANCES as laid down by 4th Army will be maintained during the march.
4. UNITS will march independently after leaving starting point.
5. ADVANCE BILLETING PARTIES will report to Staff Captain at BOUFFLERS Church as soon as possible.
6. "B" Echelon will rejoin in new area.
7. BRIGADE REPORT CENTRE will close at DOMART at 8.30 p.m. and will open at BOUFFLERS on arrival.

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BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS

No. 112.

by
Brigadier General R.W. PATERSON, D.S.O.
Commanding

CANADIAN CAVALRY BRIGADE.

28th August 1918.

876. COMMAND.

Brigadier-General R.W. PATERSON, D.S.O. having returned from Leave re-assumes Command of the Canadian Cavalry Brigade 28th August, 1918.

877. HONOURS & AWARDS.

The Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has, under authority granted by His Majesty the King, awarded the under-mentioned decorations. -

SECOND BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Lieut-Col. D.J. MacDONALD, DSO, MC. Lord Strathcona's Horse (R.O)

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Major. P.V. TORRANCE, Lord Strathcona's Horse (R.O)

THE MILITARY CROSS.

Captain W.J.E. MINGIE, C.A.M.C. 7th Canadian Cavalry Field Ambulance.

Captain B LYON, C.A.M.C. attached Fort Garry Horse

Lieut T.C. ANDERSON, Fort Garry Horse.

Lieut J BUTTERFIELD, Fort Garry Horse.

Lieut A.J. CRERAR, Royal Canadian Dragoons.

Lieut D.A. GRANT, Royal Canadian Dragoons.

Lieut H.R. Rebit, DOM. Lord Strathcona's Horse (R.O)

THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

No. 116096 Sq. SM. T. STANDING, Fort Garry Horse.

No. 106315 Sergt J.W. JOHNSON, Fort Garry Horse.

No. 476311 Pte W.C. GAWLEY, Fort Garry Horse.

BAR TO THE MILITARY MEDAL.

No. 2909 Corpl. J. HOWE, MM Lord Strathcona's Horse.

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

No. 550086 L/Cpl. R.S. PENNYCOOK, Lord Strathcona's Horse.

are To the congratulations of the Corps and Divisional Commanders. added those of the G.O.C. Canadian Cavalry Brigade.

878. LEAKAGE OF INFORMATION THROUGH PRISONERS OF WAR -

A certificate will be rendered by all units of this Brigade by noon 25th of each month to the effect as called for by General Routine Order No. 4791.

879. LEAVE - LONDON; VISING PASSES; EARLY TREATMENT CENTRES.

Ext roots from O.M.F of C, R.O. No. 4831 in so far as Overseas Troops in France are concerned is published for information.

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579- LEAVE - LONDON; VISEING PASSES; EARLY TREATMENT CENTRES, -(contd)

(2) H.Q. Canadians R.O. No. 4553 of 12-7-18, is cancelled, and the following substituted.-

All W.Os., N.C.Os., and Men on leave remaining in London for a period of over SIX HOURS must report at either No. 3, SOUTHAMPTON ST, STRAND, W.C., E. or at 46, GROSVENOR GARDENS, VICTORIA, S.W., 1.

Passes and Railway Warrants will be handed to the Vise Clerk who will affix the office Stamp and return to the holder.

Any soldier found in London after Six hours stay, whose pass has not been vised will be immediately returned to his Unit and charged with disobedience of orders.

(3) In addition to the early treatment centres at present existing at the Vise offices mentioned in para 2, there have recently been established by the Imperial Authorities in or near all the principal Cities and towns throughout the U.K. "Early Treatment Centres".

(4) In the case of W.Os. N.C.Os. and Men proceeding on leave from formations in France, arrangements will be made for furnishing to each before embarkation to England the address of the Early Treatment Centre nearest to the place for which his leave Warrant is made out.

At Home

Major.
Brigade Major,
Canadian Cavalry Brigade.

28-8-18.

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CANADIAN CAVALRY BRIGADE.

OPERATION ORDER No. 70.

Reference 1/100,000 Map.

Dated 26th August, 1918.

1. The Brigade will continue the march at 6.15 p.m., at which time the head of the main body will pass the Starting Point - Road junction 1/3 mile S. of N of GENNE on LE PONCHEL - GENNE road.

ORDER OF MARCH:-

ADVANCED GUARD :- 1 Troop, R.C. Dragoons.

Main Body :- Brigade H.Q. & Signals.
R.C. Dragoons (less 1 Troop).
L.S. Horse.
M.G. Squadron.
F.G. Horse.
R.C.H.A. Brigade.
Can. Cav. Fld Ambulance.
M.V. Section.

ROUTE :- LE PONCHEL - VAULX - BUIRE-AU-BOIS - CONCHY.

AREA :- MONCHEL (Bde H.Q.) HAUTE COTE - LIGNY-SUR-CANOHE - PT POUBERS.

2. (A) ECHELON "A" & CYCLISTS will march with Units.

(B) ECHELON "B" will move to WILLENCOURT (where it will become divisionalized) as soon as the Brigade is clear of this area.

3. DISTANCES as laid down by 4th Army will be maintained during the march.

4. BRIGADE REPORT CENTRE will close at BOUFFLERS at 6 p.m. and open at MONCHEL on arrival.

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Brigade Major,
Canadian Cavalry Brigade.

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<i>MOUL</i>	<i>Sept</i>			
	1.		<i>Lieut Col. Young proceeds on leave to U.K.</i>	
			<i>Routine. B. Sect. receives Unit</i>	
			<i>Sunday Routine. No church parade. Lieut Gray on course at C.B.O.S.</i>	<i>200</i>
	2.		<i>Training parades. Major Jimmis on leave to U.K. - Regt. at one hours notice from receipt of orders at Brigade HQ.</i>	<i>200</i>
	3.		<i>12 hours Stand-to. Routine & Training. Visit of Corps Commander</i>	<i>200</i>
	4.		<i>Midnight order to be ready to move at 5 a.m. False alarm. Routine. Training. Major Flewmen on leave to PARIS.</i>	<i>200</i>
	5.		<i>Training. Routine.</i>	<i>200</i>
	6.		<i>Training. Routine. Lt Lache from leave.</i>	<i>200</i>
	7.		<i>Routine. Regiment in G.H.Q. Reserve at 24 hours notice</i>	<i>200</i>
	8.		<i>Capt. WILKES to U.K. for duty. Sunday Routine. Lt Grant from leave. Brigade Church parade & presentation of medal ribbons cancelled (rain).</i>	<i>200</i>
	9.		<i>Training. Routine.</i>	<i>200</i>
	10.		<i>Routine. Very heavy rain</i>	<i>200</i>
	11.		<i>Routine. Rain</i>	<i>200</i>
	12.		<i>Routine</i>	<i>200</i>
	13.		<i>Routine. Lt La Rose on leave to U.K.</i>	<i>200</i>

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MONCHEL	14.		Routine	my
	15		Sunday Routine. Major Newcomer from leave.	my
	16.		Regt (lies A2 & B Ech) moved to new area BLANGY-SUR-TERNOISE for Ech Corps Scheme - Regimental Starting point clear of MONCHEL on MONCHEL FLERS road. 8.30 am. Brigade starting point - X roads just NW. of E of FRAMECOURT 9.30 am. Route. CROISSETTE - BEAUVOIS - HUMIERES - ECLIMEUX. Thence to Belleb. where arrived 11.15 am. Regiment bivouacked in field. All officers in Dormitories of the HOSPICE St BERTHE.	200
	17		Corps Scheme. Reveille. 4 am. Quite dark. Moved from bivouacs 5.45 am to Brigade Starting point at junction of ECLIMEUX - HUMIERES and HESDIN - St Pol roads at 6.45 am. Brigade in reserve. Moved forward by successive advances as far as AUX-LE-CHATEAU. At 3.30 pm received orders to move to Bivouacs at AUTREBOIS for night. Rum issued which made everyone much brighter. Major Dennis rejoined rear party from leave.	200
	18		Moved to old area at MONCHEL. Left AUTREBOIS 7.30 am arrived MONCHEL 10 am. Lieut Wickerson on leave to A.K.	my
	19		Regiment to Baths at BOUBERS.	my
	20		Routine. Training.	my

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MONCHEL	21		Routine. Cleaning up.	<i>7th</i>
	22		Sunday routine.	<i>7th</i>
	23		Inspection of horses by Div. Commander 11.15 a.m. - at which time - naturally - it rained.	<i>7th</i>
	24		Training. Routine. 6 th Sgds moves to BLANGerval.	<i>7th</i>
	25		Left MONCHEL 9.15 p.m. - Order of march - B. C. F. Route - VACQUERIE - LE BOUCQ - BONNIERES - BOUQUE MAISON - LUCHEUX - HALLOT - thence to billets at FAMECHON. All men in billets on chicken netting beds in barns. Arrived FAMECHON 2.30 a.m.	<i>7th</i>
	26		Left FAMECHON 8. p.m. to march to Staging area. route - AUTHIE - Bos-les-ARTOIS - BERTRANCOURT - BEAUSSART - ENGLEBELMER - MARTINSART -	<i>7th</i>
	27		arriving at 1. a.m. - raining very heavily - village much broken down: Everything in open. Left at 10. p.m. for new area. Route ALBERT BECQUORDEL - BECOURT - MARICOURT. Thence to area E of CURLU.	<i>7th</i>
	28		Arrived CURLU area 2. a.m. - Numbers of German digouts and old sheds also some tents and trench covers. Everyone under cover and fairly comfortable. Good standings for the horses.	<i>7th</i>
	29		Received orders 11. a.m. to be ready to move at 3 hours notice. orders at 1.40 p.m. to be ready to move at 2.30 p.m. Moved out from CURLU area 4.15 p.m. - Route - CLERY - ALLAINES -	<i>7th</i>

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CAULAINCOURT WOOD			MT. ST. QUENTIN. PERONNE- ESTREES-EN-CHAUSSE- POEUILLY. To bivouacs in CAULAINCOURT WOOD about 500 yards from the Chateau - Arrived new area 10.30 pm - Raining very heavily. A few H.V. long range shells - mostly dud - in amongst the Regiment. No casualties. Anticipatory orders to be issued. Messrs La Rose & Shearer from leave.	<i>20A</i> <i>21A</i>
			<i>1/10/18</i>	
			<i>L. J. Mac Pherson Major Colonel.</i> <i>Cmdg Royal Can. Dragoons</i>	

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