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Bridge B
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Watts. 10th
Kilunida.
Captains.

Field Dressings
16th

JUNE 1917

2 OCT 1917

U2020

11-30

advanced Bde. position bad.

Sumner road. 16.14 + 15 HQ all
lumped with Bde. Trees for aiming marks.
Bde Ground sheet badly placed, under
tree.

1:18 pm. Blue line? 12 noon. 15 mins late.

at 11-30 Bn. HQ moved from railway to rear Bde

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FIELD MESSAGE BOOK.

(For the use of Dismounted Regimental Officers and Non-commissioned Officers of Cavalry and Infantry).

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squares.*

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General Instructions from F. S. Regs.,

Part I. affecting preparation of Messages.

1. Messages intended for the headquarters of units and formations will be addressed by the title of the unit or formation in an abbreviated form, *e.g.*, First Army, First Div., Seventh Inf. Bde., Second F.A. Bde. The abbreviation for general headquarters will be G.H.Q. The title of the unit will be followed, if necessary, by the place to which the message is to be sent.

Abbreviations will only be used when there can be no doubt as to their meaning. The sender is responsible that any abbreviations he may use are such as will be understood by the recipient.

2. After the address the number of the sender's message will be given, followed by the day of the month.

If the message is in reply to, or has reference to, a message from the addressee, the number of that message will then be quoted. The text of the message will come next. The message will end with the abbreviated title of the sender's unit or appointment, as in para. 1 above, followed by the place and time of despatch.

3. When the sender desires to inform different addressees that the message has been circulated, he will add this information at the end of the text of the message, thus :—

“addressed First Gordons, repeat Fourth Inf. Bde., Second F.A. Bde.”

When information has been sent to another unit, the message will contain at the end of the text—“(unit) informed.”

4. When the message is complete it will be signed in the right-hand bottom corner, the rank of the sender, his appointment and the force he is with being stated. If the message is despatched by signal this signature is not transmitted, but is the authority for despatch.

5. If a signal message is to be delivered to more than one addressee, it facilitates despatch if separate copies for each addressee are handed in to the signal office.

9. The following general rules should also be observed—

- (a) Messages must be as concise as possible, consistent with clearness, and precise as regards time and place. Anything of an indefinite or conditional nature such as “dawn,” “dusk,” “if possible,” “may,” is to be avoided. The language used should be simple and the handwriting easily legible.

- (b) The hour of 12 will be followed by "noon" or "midnight" written in words. A night will be described thus: "night 29/30 Sept.," or "night 30 Sept./1 Oct."
- (c) The use of Roman numerals in signal messages is forbidden. Important numbers should be written in words. In messages which are to be signalled the letters AAA should be used for a full stop.
- (d) Names of places and persons will be written in block capitals, *e.g.*, LONDON, and must be spelt exactly as given on the map in use. Care is necessary to prevent misunderstanding resulting from the existence of two or more places of the same name.
- (e) If a map is referred to, the one used must be specified unless this is already provided for in standing orders. The position of places will, as a rule, be denoted either by naming the map squares (if any) in which they appear, or by the points of the compass, *e.g.*, "wood, 600 yds. S.E. of TETSWORTH," or by compass bearings, *e.g.*, "hill 1,500 yds. true bearing 272° from CHOBHAM, C.H.," or by description, *e.g.*, "cross roads $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S.W. of second E in HASELEY," the letter indicated being underlined. A road is best indicated by naming a sufficient number of places on it to prevent the possibility of mistake.
- (f) Positions are to be described from right to left looking in the direction of the enemy. The terms "right" or "left" are used in describing river banks, it being assumed that the writer is looking down stream. With this exception ambiguous terms such as "before," "behind," "front," etc., must not be used. If the term "Right" (or "Left") is applied to our own forces in retirement it is always to be understood that it refers to the original "Right" (or "Left") flank when facing the enemy.
- (g) When bearings are given they will always be true bearings, and this should be stated.
- (h) In naming units from which a portion is excluded, the unit will be named and the words "less....." added.
- (i) If the report or message refers to troops reaching a place at a certain time, it is assumed that the head of the main body is meant, unless otherwise stated.
- (j) A copy of messages sent will be kept by the sender, the copy and original being endorsed with the method and hour of issue, *e.g.*, "Pte. X. to Bde. Maj. Fourth Inf. Bde. at 8 p.m." "Flag signal to First Gordons at 9 a.m."

22071 Mr. A. Lyson

3rd Aust Div. Amara HQ.

A. I. F.

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Observation Report "B" by Lt.
from 10-5 A.M. 17/10/17 - 5-30 A.M. 18/10/17

10-7 A.M. Dense clouds of white &
yellow smoke observed in
direction of KEIBERG

10-20 A.M. Five British Aeroplanes
over line. Guns gone

11 A.M. No signs of Enemy movement
on opposite ridge.
Intermittent enemy shelling
H.E. shrap & Whizz Bangs.
Our shells occasionally falling
about Assyria
Much aerial activity.
Visibility high.

12-45 P.M. Enemy gun flashes visible
occasionally directly behind
Assyria.

1-30 P.M. Fourteen Hun planes flew

low over front line
2-30 P.M. Our shells bursting
all over ridge & on
Railway Cutting.

3-45 P.M. Our shells bursting with
accuracy over Assyria

4-30 P.M. Hun Balloon up in
direction of DADIZEELE
Heavy smoke by Fritz on
road at rear of this trench.

Sherlock

Hammond

Gates

Chaple

McLeod

Winks

Pollock

Purchase

Giles

Shitz

King.

Patlis

ADJUTANT
FADE

I beg to submit
Cpl. Wilson
next relief for the 4th as
Training Platoon.
I regret that at present
I have no stenographer
in the Coy.

1 P.M.
21/10/17

G. Sampson
Major
O.C. "B" Coy.

ADJUTANT

BS. FADE

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ZZZ 0140 AAA

5-15 P.M.

FADI = B

21/10/17

ADJUTANT

FADE

I beg to submit the
undermentioned N.C.O. for
tour of duty as instructor
at BASE, HAYRE
904 Sgt. Hardaker W

9-30 AM

22/10/17

R. Thompson
Major

3335 L'Esp. Jackson W.

33/10/11

Mat-p

Wm. Jackson

dot 284 7/10/11

TYPE HAKE
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O.C.

FADE

In connection with the operations extending from Oct 13-23 I desire to bring to your notice the specially good work done by the under-mentioned Officer & N.C.O's:-

Lieut George Hurry. Was of the greatest assistance to me & by his cheerfulness, coolness & personal example inspired all ranks to stick it through adverse weather conditions & heavy shelling. Particularly so on the night of 16/17 & morning of 17th during which enemy shelling of the position between 5.45 AM to 3.30 AM was severe. This officer was killed on the morning

of the 18th when 1/c of a winning party about 5 A.M. On previous occasions he has shown at all times cool judgment & courage of a high order.

277 Sgt. Crow A. W. F.G.:-
Whilst in charge of carrying parties from ZONNEBEKE to the front line, displayed cool leadership, resource & great courage. Getting the rations through without fail, under heavy shell fire. By his personal example, he inspired his party in the face of danger & lead them over shell torn ground with skill & judgment.

3335 R. Sgt JACKSON, W
Spewed courage & leadership throughout the operations. On the morning of the 18th

he was with a moving party under Lieut. HURRY. When that officer was killed, he rallied the party & brought in the body of his leader under very heavy shellfire as well as seeing to the guide who was wounded. Day was breaking & the party was under direct enemy observation. His courage & coolness was of a very high order indeed.

6001 Cpl. DAY, R.A.

Throughout the operations showed sound leadership & by his cheerfulness inspired his men under most trying conditions, of bad weather & heavy shelling. From 16th-18th he was in charge of a carrying party to the front line & by his skilful leading & personal example, brought

He rations through without
fail, under heavy shell
fire & across open ground.
On a previous tour near
WARNETON this N.C.O. showed
courage & ability in the same
task.

R. Sampson.
Major.

23/10/17

O.C. FADE B

C.S.M.

The Bn. will be relieved
by 8th Bn. this morning.

Be ready to move at 10-30 AM

Companies will occupy the
same places at Esplanade
Cut before we moved up.
all Shelters dixies, spang
water bottles etc to be dumped
at RAILWAY WOOD DUG-OUTS
by 11 A.M. Let Bn know
when you are clear.

"C" Coy will provide Guard
at RAILWAY WOOD.

Every man must go out fully
equipped. Salvage any soap
about.

Let Mr Hogan know contents
of this.

9-15 AM

23/10/17

W. Sampson
vc. B. Coy

ADJUTANT

FADE

ALL CLEAR.

11-5 AM.

23/10/17

FADE B

ADJUTANT FADE

Re State of Tunnels on Marching
in to ESPLANADE CUT 23/10/17

In regard to the above I
beg to report as follows:-

Interior of Tunnels occupied
by this Coy. They were in
a dirty condition, remnants
of food, castoff clothing
& socks lying about.
I salvaged 49 pairs of Sox.

LATRINES. — Fair

Outside Tunnels. A large
amount of castoff clothing,
empty jam & beef tins,
few leaves & fragments
of food lying about.

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The entrances about
400 rounds S.A.C. scattered
about outside WESTERN
entrance.

The place was in better
condition than on our arrival
on the 12th inst (when it was
indescribably filthy) but
could not be justly termed
fairly clean by any means.

4-30 P.M.

23/10/17

R. Sampson
Major.

OC "B" Coy.

C.S.M.

Tunnel & surroundings
to be ready for inspection
by 10 A.M.
all men with Razors to be
shaved.

Salvage all socks lying
about.

Spare Gear, Saa. Cash,
off clothing, equipment, etc
to be collected & put in
one dump.

Men to be ready to
embus at 11-30 A.M.

6-45 P.M. P. Sampson
23/10/17 Major
VC "B" Coy

ADJUTANT FADE

I beg to report that
the tents allotted
to "B" Coy in this Camp
were in a filthy state!

Fragments of food & rubbish
scattered about & in
one tent, human excreta
was found.

4 P.M.

24/10/17

Rampson
Major
OC "B" Coy

ADJUTANT FADE

In reply to your memo. re the conduct of COMS Jowett in the recent operations. Attached you will find statement from him.

I do not think it a satisfactory explanation. Sgt. Goodwin informed me that he did not see Jowett at all on the evening of the 13th inst. & I do not now understand why my COMS + "A" Coy's returned to the Transport Lines. His job was to find his Coy. "B" Coy received no Rations that night & it was not till next morning that some was obtained from other Coys. who in the dark had got down on the lot. I am well

aware that our move from
Esplanade Cut to KIT & KAT
was hurried & therefore the
usual arrangement of Guides
was not done. This led
to Confusion. Two parties under
a Serjt from this Coy spent
three hours that night looking
for the rations without success.
Had Jewett remained at his
post, other Coys could not have
got down on "B's" ration bags.
Next day at LONNEBEKE Comd
Jewett turned up with the
rations & his work subsequently
left nothing to be desired.
Under the circumstances I did
not consider disciplinary
action necessary.

9 P.M.

27/10/17

Samuelson
Major
O.C. "B" Coy

ADJUTANT FADE

Herewith deficiency list
Re Sheets W.P. Mess Tins,
Knives forks & spoons
I consider that there was no
excuse for any man to
come out of the line
short of these articles. I saw
dozens of the above lying
about ZONNEBEKE &
WESTHOEK RIDGE.

Thompson
Major

11 AM.

26/10/17

O.C. "B" Coy

ADJUTANT
FADE

I certify that the lines
occupied by my Coy.
were left clean

Blampson
Major

BC Coy

27/10/17

Adjutant, 15th Bn.

Re Army Form W 3436 for
Private Martin.

I regret delay in completing
this, but have no record
that it was passed to this
Coy. at STEENWOORDE & do
not think this could have
been the case, for it bears
Bn. date stamp 13/10/17.

On that date Bn. was at
KIT & KAT en route to the
Front line.

My O.R.C. states it was recd.
at RENEINGHELSTON 26/10/17
Careful enquiry has failed
to bring out anything in
connection with Martin's case

5 P.M.

29/10/17

V. Sampson
Major
O.C. "B" Coy

Working Party.
Advised to five trucks.
15/10/17

"B" Coy near Owl Trench.
Herewith I am sending
you a Wristlet Watch
the property of the late
Lieut. George Harry for
disposal with his
other personal effects.

W. Sampson
Major

29/10/17

CC "B" Coy.

get a guard out of them.
Am sending Major Mundell's
& Lieut Francis & Hurry's volises
up by this waggon.
Map reference was incorrect,
should read T 27 a 6. 8.
Let me know if there is
anything you are wanting
at any time.

Belmont Lines.

4-20 P.M. 28/6/17

R. Hampson.
Capt.

Adjutant
15th P.V.

Capt Browne left here @ midday for 4th Field Ambulance. He stated that he was unable to complete the summary of evidence, because you had the papers with you @ Hill 63. Is this so? If you will advise me, I will get it done to-morrow morning.

The Prisoners

Have any of the "blighters" been sentenced yet? If so, can we not get rid of them. They are a damn nuisance & accommodation here is very limited.

I take it that the Pirofs of other Vns. here are to be attached to us for duty rations & discipline & I can

with S.P. No 2 & carry new trench
line, on dotted line as shown
on accompanying map. To put
this present trench occupied
by us in good state, would take
an enormous number of sandbags
& labour, quite beyond the
power of our present strength.
New trench best scheme by
far. Good thing trench was
held lightly last night, shelling
heavy. Fife appears to have
outposts about 450 yds in front.
Sniping near B very little.
OC "A" considers idea of digging
new trench sound, but not
possible with present strength.
Am in touch with Fack on my
right & saw Lt. Simpson personally
this a.m. Am in touch with "B" on
left & in turn with FAD on his
left. Rations arrived in good time.

OWL TRENCH

9-50AM. 12/6/17

FADEB

OC

FADE

This am. I made a personal
reconnaissance of my position
& for 150 yds. in front of my
right flank, which rests on
Hud's Walk. Owl Support is no
occupied by us at all, but at
positions marked on accompanying
map I have two strong points,
held by 2 L.F.'s & 20 men, these
are not connected up. ~~THE~~ FACT
is on my right, firing ^{line} in newly
dug trench, opposite side of
Hud's Walk to Strong Point No. 1.
This Trench (Owl Trench) is in a
deplorable condition, was very
badly knocked about during
night and this AM. Consider it
a good scheme to dig a new
Trench to-night taking S.P. No. 1
as starting point, join up &

John G. V. & Henry J. J. J.

FADE

[illegible]

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