

DETAILS.

OFFICERS.

O. RANKS.

On leave.....	4	27
Sick in Divisional Area.....		10
Attending Courses.....	4	21
<i>2nd Army Rest Camp</i>	2	11
Officers admitted to Hospital Sick who have not been reported as invalided home.....		
<i>Officers' Rest House</i>	1	1
<u>TOTAL.</u>	11	70

Army employ :-

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Corps employ :-

*Canadian Corps Intelligence Staff* ..... 1  
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Divisional employ :-

*Agro. Staff* ..... 1 ..... 1  
*Clerks* ..... 3  
*Observation Section* ..... 2  
*Div. Reception Camp Staff* ..... 2 ..... 7  
*D.A.D.O.S.* ..... 2

Brigade employ :-

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

Other details :-

*Div. Reception Camp Details* ..... 169  
*at I.B.D.* ..... 1 ..... 2  
*Attached R.T.O. Watten* ..... 1 ..... 1

GRAND TOTAL.

16 290



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DETAILS.

	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
On leave	4	48
In hospital	1	7
Courses of Instruction	2	1
	<u>7</u>	<u>56</u>
19th Corps M.T.		1
" Harvesting Company		1
Brigade Headquarters		4
" Forward Party		1
Divisional Headquarters		13
Town Major	1	1
Escort duty		3
	<u>8</u>	<u>78</u>

*War diary*

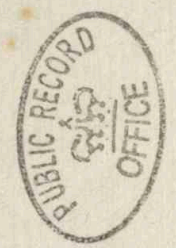
18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

Weekly Strength Return.

"A" Strength last week.		"B" Increase during week due to reinforcements, etc.		"C" Total from "A" and "B".		"D" Decrease during week due to casualties, sick evacuations, etc.		"E" Strength for current week.		"F" DETAILS (for explanation, see reverse).	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
44	760	-	17	44	777	-	21	44	756	8	18

- Name of Commanding Officer - Lt. Col. Sir J.V.E. Lees, Bt., D.S.O., M.C.
  - Name of Second in Command - Major C. D. Lacey, M.C.
  - No. of Majors and Captains (excluding above)
    - Majors 1
    - Captains 6
  - No. of subalterns 35
- Total Officers 44

Explanation of Column "D".	Off.	O.R.
Killed in Action		
Wounded in Action		
Missing		
Evacuated sick		18
Off strength for other reasons		3
<b>Total</b>		<u>21</u>



Explanation of Increase or Decrease of Officers, by name.

Explanation of Column "B".	Off.	O.R.
Reinforcements from Base	861	
On Strength from hospital		17
On Strength for other reasons		
<b>Total</b>		<u>17</u>

(Date) 30. 11. 18

*J. Lees*  
Lieut. Col.  
Commdg. 18th Bn. K.R.Rif. Corps.

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WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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18<sup>th</sup> King's Royal Rifle Corps.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Support line	1 <sup>st</sup>	August	No action casualties by enemy shelling. 2 OR wounded	
"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	"	hit	
"	3 <sup>rd</sup>	August	Casualties by enemy activity 1 OR wounded	
"	5 <sup>th</sup>	"	Casualties 6 OR wounded. 1 OR died of wounds	
"	6 <sup>th</sup>	"	Casualties 4 OR wounded	
"	7 <sup>th</sup>	"	During the night the Bn moved into the front line system in relief of the 12 <sup>th</sup> E Surrey Regiment in accordance with Operation Order no 12. no casualties	
Front line	8 <sup>th</sup>	"	Operation order no. 13 was issued & the Bn carried out the work of preparation for the attack	
"	9 <sup>th</sup>	"	The operation referred to was carried out by the 15 <sup>th</sup> Bn Hampshire Regiment. Our casualties 1 OR wounded 7 OR wounded	
Front line	10 <sup>th</sup>	"	The Bn in accordance with orders relieved the 15 <sup>th</sup> Bn Hampshire Regiment in the front line which had been consolidated by them on the night of the 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> August. Casualties nil. 1 OR killed	
Front line	11 <sup>th</sup>	"	Operation order no 15 was issued. Early in the morning at about 3.30 the enemy dropped a very heavy barrage of all calibres on our forward system reaching as far back as the LA CLYTTIE - DICKEBUSCHE ROAD. this lasted about one hour. The mist was very thick and no enemy were seen although when the Barrage had stopped a good deal of shouting could be heard. At about 5 am the Enemy attacked and succeeded in driving in our left Coy front. The Post occupied by A Binns and his platoon was completely isolated and none came out but one man who took a message to O.C. Coy reporting their danger. The left front company immediately reorganised in the front line and delivered a counter attack which succeeded in driving the Enemy from all the posts he had occupied with the exception of A Binns Post which was some hundred yards in front of our line and strongly held by the Enemy. The attack on the 1st Coy front was equally determined but not so well organized with the result that it was beaten off although for some time the left post on the Coy front was for some time engaged with the enemy in front of them as well as behind.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Front line	August 11 <sup>E</sup>	(Contd)	<p>The situation for this post- was relieved by the initiative and quickness of action of Sgt Humphrey, who was in command of the left support platoon on the Right log front. This NCO led part of his post in an immediate charge upon the Enemy in the Hollows between his own post and the front line post. They inflicted heavy casualties upon the Enemy with the sword and rifle and drove them out in front of the front line. The Enemy were in much greater numbers than he had at his disposal. This NCO was severely wounded in the spine. At about 8. am the situation was reported normal by patrols sent forward by the Support Companies. All telephone communication was cut and intercommunication had to be carried on by Runner. Casualties. 30 Jpr Killed 2 Jpr wounded 1 Jpr missing. 4 OR killed 20 OR wounded 19 OR missing. Operation order no 16 was issued with a continuation. The Relief was interfered with to some extent by an enemy bombing patrol. which entered one of our posts but was ejected by the 12<sup>E</sup> Surrey Regt on relief.</p>	
Reserve	August 12-16/17		<p>we remained in the Reserve Area at ZEVELOTEN until the night of the 16/17. When we were relieved by the 12<sup>E</sup> Surrey Regiment and proceeded to the Rest Area in L.26. 4 Area. Casualties nil.</p>	
Rest AREA	August 17-21/22		<p>nothing to Report - except an inspection of the Btn by G.O.C. Division who congratulated the men on their successful resistance to the Enemy attack on the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup>. on the afternoon of the 21<sup>st</sup> operation order no 18 was issued and during the evening the Btn moved up to the front line in relief of the 15<sup>th</sup> Bn Hampshire regt. during the Relief we had one officer killed &amp; one OR wounded.</p>	
Front line	August 22		<p>no action except slight enemy shelling. no casualties</p>	
	August 23 <sup>rd</sup>		<p>A quiet day no enemy action except shelling. 2 OR killed</p>	

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Front line	August 24 <sup>th</sup>		<p>At 3.45 am the enemy put down a heavy Barrage on our forward area it lifted and 4.15 am but continued in intensity until 4.45 when the enemy attacked, from no 3 post to no 8 inclusive no 3 and no 8. resisted all attacks no 4 was thought to have been taken but was subsequently found to be intact. no 5 post was lost also no 6. no 7 post was obscure no one knowing anything about it. the Enemy occupied CLYDESDALE CAMP in strength and with many machine guns.</p> <p>Casualties 2 Offr Killed 6 OR Killed 12 OR wounded 7 OR Missing.</p>	
" "	August 24 <sup>th</sup>		<p>at 11.15 pm 4 fighting patrols of one platoon each were directed against no's 4, 5, 6, 7. posts. 4 and 7 were reached and found to be occupied by our troops. the platoon against no 6 found the post occupied by the enemy and after some bombing and rifle fire entered the post. the platoon directed against no 5 post failed to make progress through CLYDESDALE CAMP and dug in on the line of the light railway. Casualties 1 OR Killed 2 OR wounded.</p>	
" "	August 25 <sup>th</sup>		<p>at 10 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Rayner, MC, with one platoon went out from no 4 post to work round behind no 5 post object being the reoccupation of the post. he reached to within a few yards of the post when he was challenged in german. he replied by shooting two of the enemy and was about to occupy the post with his men when a bomb thrown by the Enemy. hit him in the chest killing him instantly the men then lost heart and came back as they had no NCO who could grip them sufficiently to be successful. Casualties 1 Offr 1 OR Killed. 6 OR wounded.</p>	
" "	August 27 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Btn was issued order no 21. for the Relief by the 10<sup>th</sup> Btn Royal West Kent Regiment and at night the relief took place Btn returning to Rest AREA in L. 25.</p>	

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Rest Area	August 27 <sup>th</sup>		Btn spent the day cleaning up.	
Rest Area	August 28 <sup>th</sup>		Operation Order no 23. was issued and at 11.30 pm the Btn moved off entraining at ABEELE at 4 am 29 <sup>th</sup> .	
Esquerdes.	August 29 <sup>th</sup>		Btn detrained at LUMBRES at 7.15 am and marched to Billets in FERSINGHEM. 2 coys. ESQUERDES. 2 coys and HQ.	
"	August 30 <sup>th</sup>		Btn cleaned up.	
"	August 31 <sup>st</sup>		Btn route marched from 8 am to 11.30 am. orders were received at 6 pm for move next day 1 <sup>st</sup> September.	

for Lt Col. King  
for Lieut. Colonel,  
Command. 8<sup>th</sup> Bn. Kings Royal Rifle Corps.

18th Bn. R.R.C.

Honours &amp; Awards gained - August 1918

The Distinguished Service Order.

Major G. F. Campbell.

Second Bar to The Military Cross.

Capt. R. Bassett, M.C.

Bar to the Military Cross.

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

The Military Cross.

Capt. H. P. Spooner, D.C.M.

Lieut. J. H. Deer.

The Distinguished Conduct Medal.

6403 CSM. Hodgson E.

203451 L/Sgt. Maude B.

C/7504 Sgt. Symons L., M.M.

C/6394 " Humphrey W.

Second Bar to The Military Medal.

R/23922 Sgt. Balman C., M.M.

Bar to The Military Medal.

7593 CSM. Smith W.E., M.M.

C/12374 Sgt. Speed G., M.M.

The Military Medal.

R/13021 Rfn. Shaw S.

43979 a/Sgt. Callaghan A.V.

C/12624 Cpl. Heaps F.B.

3908 Rfn. Hiley E.J.

505209 " Hewing A.B.

39226 " Allister H.

27231 " Boyle J.

37954 " Reynolds F.

505200 " Frary E.

10942 " O'Shaughnessy P.

41811 " Barnes F.

C/7504 Sgt. Symons L.

2193 Rfn. Cleaver J.



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

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Order No. 12.  
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Ref. Map KEMMEL, 28 S.W. 1.

1. The 18th K.R.R.C. will relieve the 12th E. Surrey Regt. on the night of 7th/8th August 1918.

2. The 12th E. Surrey Regt. will take over the billets vacated by 18th K.R.R.C. They will send advance parties consisting of  
1 Officer to take over all Defence Schemes.  
1 N.C.O. per Coy. to take over trench stores.  
1 representative per platoon.  
These will report to Coys. at dawn 7th instant.

3. The following parties will be sent up to their opposite numbers at dusk 8th instant:-

1 Officer per Coy.

1 representative per platoon of "A" Coy.

They will take over all trench stores, Defence Schemes, and maps, etc.

4. A copy of receipts for all trench stores, Defence Schemes, etc. handed and taken over will be forwarded to Bn. Hqrs. as soon as possible after relief.

5. Empty petrol tins and camp kettles at present in possession of Coys. will be dumped at dusk on 8th instant at Support Bn. Hqrs., from whence Transport will collect them.

6. Companies will be disposed in the line as follows:-

<u>Coy.</u>	<u>Position.</u>	<u>In relief of.</u>
"A"	Out post Company.	"B" Coy. 12th E. Surreys
"B"	Centre Company	"C" " " "
"C"	LA CLYTTE Line.	"A" " " "
"D"	Right Coy.	"D" " " "
	LA CLYTTE Line.	
	Left Coy.	
	LA CLYTTE Line.	

Order of march will be "A", "C", "B", "D" Hqrs. An interval of 100 yds. will be maintained between platoons and 200 yds. between Coys.

7. 5 Guides per Coy. will be met at Front Bn. Hqrs. The first platoon of "A" Coy. will arrive there at 10.30 pm.

8. Rations for consumption on the 9th and 10th instant will be dumped at road opposite Front Bn. Hqrs. about N.1 c.30.15 by 10.15 pm. 8th instant.

Coys. will carry their rations from this point.

9. Completion of relief will be wired to Bn. Hqrs. by Code word "WEDNESDAY".

10. Acknowledge.

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

7.8.18.

SECRET.

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

Order No. 13.

1. In order to straighten the present front line on the Brigade Front, the approximate line N.14 a.50.00 to N.9 d.40.00 will be captured on the night of Aug. 8th/9th 1918. Zero hour will be notified later.
2. The attack will be carried out by the 15th Bn. Hampshire Regt.
3. The objectives and posts to be consolidated are shown on attached map.
4. There will be no alteration in the dispositions of the 18th K.R.R.C. until 24 hours after the attack, when the Battn. will relieve the 15th Hants.
5. Battle stragglers collecting posts will be established by O.C. "A" Coy. in the original front line, to collect all stragglers and send them forward.
6. A number of duckboards will be placed in the front line. On the night of the assault these will be placed in position across the trench by "A" Coy. as soon as it is dark enough.
7. Old Coy. Hqrs. at N.7 b.9.5 will be occupied by Hqrs. 15th Hampshire Regt. O.C. "B" Coy. will arrange to clear a short length of trench about N.8 a.0.3 to make room for a R.A.P. A second R.A.P. will be established with "D" Coy. Hqrs. at N.2 c.8.3
8. Forward bearer posts will be established at (a) in dugouts behind CLYDESDALE FARM, N.14 b.00.65; (b) On MILLEKRUISSE - BEAVER CORNER ROAD, at N.8 d.4-5 45.30. Coy. stretcher bearers are only responsible for evacuating as far as one of the posts.
9. Password will be MURDOCH.
10. Rations for consumption on the 8th/9th instart. will be brought up on night of 7th. Hot tea only will be brought up on night of 8th.
11. Acknowledge.

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

7.8.18.

14/11/45 N.K.A.C.  
 A. No. 7/15

Coy No. 2

- (1) The necessary alterations in disposition will be carried out tonight 10/11 August.
- (2) A Coy will be withdrawn from present position as follows:-
- (a) Platoon from N. 14 a 8.3 to about N. 14 a 5.7 will be relieved by the support platoon of 'B' Coy.
  - (b) Support platoon at N. 14 a 5.9 will be relieved by one platoon of 'C' Coy from position about N. 8 a 0.0.
  - (c) Remainder of 'A' Coy. will not be relieved, but will be withdrawn to new position.
- (3) On relief 'A' Coy. will take over centre area of SCHERPENBERG - DICKEBUSCH line outside the broad-gauge railway, & will be disposed as under:-
- (a) 1 platoon at N. 8 a 7.6
  - (b) 1 " " " " N. 8 a 0.0 (in relief of 'C' Coy's platoon).
  - (c) 1 platoon outside railway about N. 8 a 2.2 - N. 8 a 4.3.
  - (d) 1 platoon in support on same line at N. 7 a 9.3 (in relief of platoon of 'C' Coy).
  - (e) A Coy. HQ will be established at N. 8 a 3.5.
- (4) S.C. 'C' Coy. will select a new position for the support platoon about N. 7 a.

(2)

51 C.C. 'A' Coy 12th Div E.S. Coy Det  
will extend east of bus right station in  
SCHEIDENBERG - DIERSDORF line about 150  
yards to the right.

- (6) Detail of relief will be sent between  
CofC Coy concerned
- (7) Route for 'A' Coy - 'B' track along  
broad-gauge railway.
- (8) French stores S.A.A. & bombs will be  
re-organised as soon as possible and a  
list showing what is in possession of each  
Coy forwarded to Br. Hqs.
- (9) Completion of relief will be noted to Br. Hqs.  
by code word "CARROTS"
- (10) Acknowledged by wire

Colin Brown  
Capt. M.C. 1917  
1917 I.D.C.C.

Dated at  
10/8/15

Copy No 1 File  
 2 - 2 Line Hqs  
 3 - 7 CofC Coy  
 4 - 4 Coy 12  
 5 - 5 C  
 6 - 6 C  
 7 - 7 C  
 8 - 8 C  
 9 - 9 C  
 10 - 10 C  
 11 - 11 C



Subject

18th Bn K R R C

Copy No.

Order No. 16.

1. The 18th R.R.C. will be relieved by the 12th E Surrey Regt tonight, 11th/12th Aug. 1918; & will move on relief into the ZEVECOTEN reserve area, where they will take over billets vacated by 10th R. W. Kent Regt.
2. The following guides will be sent to Bn. Hqrs at the earliest possible moment after dusk today.
  - 2 per platoon
  - 1 per Coy. Hqrs.
 In addition to above 1 NCO per Coy will be sent down to take over billets, trench stores etc. in reserve Batten area.
3. Trench stores Defence Schemes etc will be handed over on relief, & the receipts obtained forwarded to Bn. Hqrs.
4. The Signalling Officer will proceed to new area this evening to take over billets & all Defence Schemes of Hqrs & Coys., from the reserve Batten.
5. Hot food containers and petrol tins will be dumped at Bn. Hqrs by Coys. The former will be taken down by transport, and handed over to Q. M. 12th E Surrey Regt - receipt being obtained.
6. Rations for consumption on the 12th will be dumped at Reserve Batten Hqrs.
7. Completion of relief will be notified to

Bn Hqs by code word "TURNIPS"  
8 Acknowledged

11/8/15

Capt. & Capt.  
18th M.R.C.

- | Copy No. | Title                |
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| 1        |                      |
| 2        | War Diary            |
| 3        | "                    |
| 4        | O.C. 'A' Coy         |
| 5        | " 'B'                |
| 6        | " 'C'                |
| 7        | " 'D'                |
| 8        | O.C. 12th L. Surrays |
| 9        | O.C. 2nd DLI         |
| 10       | S.O.                 |
| 11       | T.O. & Q.M.          |

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Secret18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

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Order No. 17

Ref. Map Sheet 27.

1. The 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. will move on the night of Aug 16/17 to the Rest area on L. 25.
2. Lewis guns and ammunition, camp kettles, mess stores, and trench bundles will be dumped at Bn Hqrs. by 9 pm tonight, whence they will be taken to new area by transport.
3. Defence schemes will be sent to Bn Hqrs. forthwith, and handed over to an officer of the 12th E. Surrey Regt, which unit will occupy the present Bn. area.  
Trench stores will be handed over to the advanced parties of the 12th Bn E. Surrey Regt, & a copy of the receipts obtained forwarded to Bn. Hqrs.
4. The Bn. will be employed on fatigue tonight - details of which will be issued later. On completion of task Coys will march independently to their new billets, meeting guides
5. Arrival in new billets will be reported to Bn. Hqrs.
6. Rations for consumption on 17th will be dumped in new area.
7. Acknowledge by wire.

16.8.18.

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

Copy No. 1 File.  
 " 2 War Diary.  
 " 3 "  
 " 4 12th E. Surrey Regt.  
 " 5 O.C. 'A' Coy.  
 " 6 O.C. 'B' Coy.  
 " 7 O.C. 'C' Coy.  
 " 8 O.C. 'D' Coy.

Copy No. 9. I.O., M.O., S.O.  
 " 10 Transport Officer  
 " 11 Quartermaster  
 " 12 R.S.M.

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18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

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ORDER No. 18.  
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Ref. Map Sheets 27 and 28.

1. The 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. will relieve the 15th Bn. Hampshire Regt. in the front line on the night of 21/22nd August 1918.

2. Lewis Gun limbers will report to Coys. today for conveyance of Lewis Guns, mess stores, and trench bundles to the line. They will follow Coys. on the march.

3. The following advance party will report at Hqrs. 15th Bn. Hampshire Regt. at 8.45 pm. tonight to take over trench stores:-

1 Officer per Coy.  
1 representative per platoon.  
1 N.C.O. from Bn. Hqrs.

4. Order of march will be Hqrs., "A", "C", "D", "B" Coys.

5. Heads of Coys. will pass road junction, G.32 d.7.3, at the following hours:-

Hqrs.	9 pm.		
"A" Coy.	9.5 pm.	"D" Coy.	9.25 pm.
"C" "	9.15 pm.	"B" "	9.35 pm.

6. Guides asunder will be met at Hqrs. 15th Hampshire Regt.  
1 per platoon.  
1 per Coy. Hqrs.

1 guide per post for "A" and "C" Coys. will be met at Coy. Hqrs.

7. Coys. of 18th K.R.R.C. will relieve Coys. of 15th Hampshire Regt. as follows:-

				<u>Position.</u>
"A" Coy.	will relieve	"D" Coy.		Right front.
"B" "	"	"B" "		Centre SCHEREMBERG Line.
"C" "	"	"A" "		Left front.
"D" "	"	"C" "		Right SCHEREMBERG Line.

8. Trench stores, Defence Schemes, etc., will be taken over on relief, and a copy of receipts obtained sent to Bn. Hqrs. before dawn on 22nd.

9. Completion of relief will be wired to Bn. Hqrs. by Codeword "WEDNESDAY".

10. Hot food containers from the line are being delivered at Bn. Hqrs. by 11 pm. 21st, and will be taken down to "B" Echelon the same night by limber.

11. Rations for consumption on the 22nd will be carried on the man.

12. Acknowledge by wire.

Issued at 2 pm  
21.8.18.

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

Copy No. 1 File.  
" 2 War Diary.  
" 3 "  
" 4 O.C. 15th Hants.  
" 5 O.C. 12th E. Surreys.  
" 6 O.C. "A" Coy.  
" 7 O.C. "B" "

Copy No. 8 O.C. "C" Coy.  
" 9 O.C. "D" "  
" 10 S.O., I.O., M.O.  
" 11 Transport Off'r.  
" 12 Quartermaster.  
" 13 R.S.M.  
" 14 Spare.



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

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Order No. 21

1. The 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. will be relieved by the 10th Bn. Royal West Kent Regt. on the night of August 26/27th 1918, and will proceed on relief to the WIPPENHOEK Rest Area.
2. Advance parties of 10th R. W. Kent Regt. will report to Coys. on the night of August 26th/27th 1918. One officer from "C" Coy., and one N.C.O. per platoon on Outpost line, and one N.C.O. per "A", "B" & "D" Coys. in the SCHERPENBERG - DICKEBUSCH Line will be left in the line until just before dawn on August 27th, or longer if required.
3. Trench bundles and mess stores, and all hot food containers and petrol tins in the line, will be dumped at Battr. Hqrs. as soon as possible after dusk on night 26th/27th.
4. The following guides will report at Battr. Hqrs. by 9.30 pm. on the night of 26th/27th.
  - (a) To be detailed by O.C. Outpost line (Capt. W. J. Taylor) from platoons occupying all posts in front line and support:—
    - 1 Guide per Coy.
    - 1 Guide each for support platoons.
    - 1 Guide for Coy. Hqrs.
  - (b) To be detailed by O.C. "A", "B" & "D" Coys.
    - 1 Guide per platoon in SCHERPENBERG - DICKEBUSCH LAKE Line
    - 1 Guide for Coy. Hqrs.
    - 1 Guide for detached L.G. Section of "D" Coy.
5. "B" Coy., 15th Bn. Hampshire Regt., will withdraw to their previous billets as soon as reliefs for "B" and "D" Coys. 18th K.R.R.C. arrive.
6. The relieving unit will be taking over the line as shown on attached map (attached to O.C. Coys. copies only), and will take over post by post, and platoon by platoon, irrespective of Coys.
7. All maps, defence schemes, etc., existing in the sector will be handed over on relief.
8. All trench stores will be handed over. The following items will be classed as trench stores: shovels, S.A.A., bombs, S.O.B., gum boots, flapjacks, gas rattle (except 1 per Coy.), Morsimus horns, all R.L. material, etc. A copy of receipts will be forwarded to orderly Room on relief.
9. Hot food containers and solidified alcohol will be handed over at O.H. Stores.
10. On relief Coys. will march independently to Rest area, WIPPENHOEK, meeting guides, to be detailed from "B" Echelon, at CONDIMENT CORNER. Lewis Guns and ammunition will be dumped at the R.A.P. M.C. 27.6 en route. They will be taken from there by transport to new billets.
11. Completion of relief will be wired to Battr. Hqrs. by Code Word "TUESDAY".
12. Rations for consumption on 27th, and overcoats, will be issued to Coys. in new area.
13. Acknowledge.

C. J. M. Jones

26.8.18.

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

Copy No. 1. File.

2. War Diary.
3. "
4. O.C. 15th Bn. Hants.
5. O.C. 10th R. W. Kent.
6. O.C. "A" Coy.
7. O.C. "B" Coy.
8. O.C. "C" Coy.
9. O.C. "D" Coy.
10. Asst. Adjutant.

Copy No. 11. Transport Officer.

12. Quartermaster.
13. S.O. and I.O.
14. Medical Officer.
15. R.S.M.
16. Spac.

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

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Order No. 23

Reference Map HAZEIBROUCK 5A.

- (1) The 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. will entrain at ABEELE Station tonight, 28th/29th August 1918.
- (2) L.C. ladders will move about 9.30 pm. under orders to be issued later.
- (3) Order of march will be Ayn. A.C.B.D.
- (4) An interval of 100 yds will be maintained between Coys. on the march.
- (5) Head of column will pass point 3.I. 68.85 at 11.30 pm.
- (6) Dress. full marching order.
- (7) Rations for consumption on the 29th will be carried on the man.
- (8) O.C. Coys. will ensure that all belts, latines etc. are left in a clean and sanitary condition.
- (9) The Bn. will detrain at ESQUERDES about 7 am. 29th inst.

*G. H. M. Linnin*

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

28/8/18

SECRET.

18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

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DEFENCE SCHEME.

Front Line Battn. - Left Brigade Sector - 41st Division.

Reference Maps - Sheet 28 S.W. 1 1/10,000

Special Map attached, 1/10,000 (to copies 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12)

1. BOUNDARIES. are shown on Special Map attached. A Battn. of the 123rd Infantry Brigade is on the right, and a Battn. of the 27th American Division on the left.

2. THE DEFENCES consist of:-

(a) The Forward System composed of a line of posts and supporting posts.

There is a single belt of wire in front of the front line posts, and wire also in front of the right supporting posts.

(b) The Main Line of resistance, which is that portion of the SCHERENBERG - DICKEBUSCH LAINE Line lying within the Battn. boundaries. It is a continuous trench and is protected by a double belt of wire.

3. DISPOSITIONS of Coys are as follows (see also Special Map attached)

(a) The Forward System. The 9 front line posts are held by 3 platoons of No. 1 Coy, plus 1/2 L.G. Section of No. 3 Coy, as under:-

Posts 1, 2, 3	"A" Platoon	
" 4, 5	"B" "	
" 6, 7, 8	"C" "	plus 1/2 L.G. Section.

The supporting posts are held as under:-

Right Support - "D" Platoon, No. 1 Coy.

Left Support - 1 Platoon.

Both these are available for immediate counter-attack.

Coy Hdqrs is at U.14.a.50.55.

(b) The SCHERENBERG, DICKEBUSCH LAINE LINE is held by 3 Companies less one platoon and one Lewis Gun Section.

No. 2 Coy holds from the South Brigade boundary to U.7.b.95.10 with three platoons, the 4th being in close support about

U.7.d.70.95, less one Lewis Gun Section which is in trench at

U.14.a.50.90 and is responsible for protecting the flank of the

2 Vickers guns at U.8.c.12.00 &

Coy Hdqrs is at U.7.d.50.25

No. 3 Coy holds from U.7.b.95.10 to U.8.a.75.35 with two

platoons. Of the remaining two platoons, one, less 1/2 L.G.

Section, is in close support at about U.8.a.30.50, and the

other detached to No. 1 Coy.

Coy Hdqrs is at U.8.a.25.55.

No. 4 Coy holds from U.8.a.75.35 to Northern Brigade Boundary,

with two platoons.

The third platoon is in close support about U.8.b.10.45, and

the remaining platoon about U.8.a.70.90.

Coy Hdqrs is at U.2.a.70.90.

4. ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK. There will be no withdrawal from any line. The role of the troops in the Forward System is to repulse any enemy attack if possible, or, failing that, to disorganise, delay and break it up. In the event of a general attack along the whole line the Outpost Line will not be reinforced from or from behind the SCHERENBERG - DICKEBUSCH LAINE Line.

Support platoons are at the disposal of Officers Commanding Coys for immediate counter-attack without reference to Battn. Hdqrs.

In addition

In addition to this, one Company of the Support Battn., accommodated N. of the LA CLYTTE - ZEVCOOTEY Road is placed at the disposal of the O.C. Front Line Battn. as Battn. reserve, for use in counter-attacking any portion of the SCHERHEMBERG - DICKEBUSH LAKE Line which may have been occupied by the enemy.

In the event of an attack appearing imminent, an Officer of this Coy will report at once to Battn. Hdqrs.

5. WORKING PARTIES. Should an attack appear imminent Working parties engaged on or forward of the Support Line will man the fire trench nearest to them, reporting at same time to the nearest Coy Commander for orders.
6. BATTN. O.P. is at N.7.d.70.30 and is manned day and night. There is also an observer on duty at Advanced Battn. Hdqrs at N.7.b.80.50, which forms a relay S.O.S. Post. The Battn. is responsible for maintaining communication with Brigade O.P. at N.2.c.57.67.
7. S.O.S. The S.O.S. Signal is at present a rifle Grenade bursting into stars red over red over red. This will only be put up when the actual infantry assault develops and will then be repeated every 10 minutes until the attack is beaten off.  
An alternative S.O.S. Signal is provided for by a chain of bugle posts, at which the ALARM will be sounded, as follows:-  
At Advanced Battn. Hdqrs.  
" Battal. Hdqrs.  
" Support Battn. Hdqrs.  
" Brigade Hdqrs.  
In the event of all communications having failed, the signal that the enemy is attacking, or preparing to attack the SCHERHEMBERG - DICKEBUSH LAKE Line will be an R.G. Signal bursting into stars Red over Green over Yellow, sent up from the SCHERHEMBERG by an Officer who is in communication with the Farm at N.8.b.40.50. The barrage will not be brought back from the Front System until notification is received that the enemy is actually attacking the SCHERHEMBERG - DICKEBUSH LAKE Line.
8. ANTI AIRCRAFT LIGHT GUNS are mounted in the following positions:-  
2 Guns at N.14.a.41.93  
2 Guns at N.8.b.20.60
9. ANTI TANK MEASURES. The only means of approach for hostile tanks are the KETTEL - LA CLYTTE ROAD, and the MILKY WAY. Infantry are responsible for dealing with enemy infantry following the enemy tank. Artillery for dealing with the tank itself.  
Ordinary S.A.A. is more effective than armour piercing ammunition for dealing with tanks - Loopholes, openings for guns and flaps in caps are points of vulnerability.
10. VICTORY GUNS. of which there are 13 covering the Battn. Sector are shown on attached map. Hdqrs are at:-  
Coy - G.33.c.20.20  
Section - N.13.b.74.95  
N. 7.a.18.88  
N. 7.c.55.84  
N. 8.b.45.55  
N. 1.c.85.85
11. COMMUNICATIONS. There are ground lines from Battn. Hdqrs ~~and~~ ~~to~~ to Brigade Hdqrs, Advanced Battn. Hdqrs and all Companies. Power Buzzers are installed at Front Coy Hdqrs (working to Battn. Hdqrs) and at Coy Hdqrs N.2.c.70.10 (working to Battn. Hdqrs and to the SCHERHEMBERG). Another one works from Battn. Hdqrs to Brigade and to Battns on left and right.  
Lamp at Battn. Hdqrs works to Brigade.

4 Pigeons.



(3)

4 Pigeons arrive at Battn. Hdqrs daily.  
Message rockets may be sent from Coy Hdqrs at N.S.A. 70.10 to Battn. Hdqrs and from Coy Hdqrs at N.S.A. 25.50 to Support Battn. Hdqrs and also from Battn. Hdqrs to Brigade.

12.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS:

Positions of ration dump, R.A.P., Forward R.A.P., R.E. Dumps, Salvage Dump etc., are shown on attached map.

13.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Chubbman*

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

Issued at .....

24.8.1918.

- Copy No. 1 File
- " No. 2 War Diary
- " No. 3 War Diary
- " No. 4 Hdqrs 122nd Inf. Bde
- " No. 5 O.C. Support Battn.
- " No. 6 O.C. "A" Coy.
- " No. 7 O.C. "B" Coy.
- " No. 8 O.C. "C" Coy.
- " No. 9 O.C. "D" Coy.
- " No. 10 Signal Officer.
- " No. 11 Intelligence Officer.
- " No. 12 Spare.

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

**ORDERLY ROOM**  
*W.S.R. 3*  
**3 - AUG. 1918**  
**18th BATT. K.R.R.C.**  
 DETAILS

**A** STRENGTH last week.      **B** Increase during week due to Drafts reinforcements etc.      **C** TOTAL from "A" and "B"      **D** Decrease during week casualties, sick evacuations & deducted from strength etc.      **E** Strength for current week.      **F** Explanation (see back).

Offrs.	O.Ranks	Offrs.	O.Ranks	Offrs.	O.Ranks	Offrs.	O.Ranks	Offrs.	O.Ranks
45	914	-	13	45	927	-	15	45	912

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

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "D".

	Officers.	O.Ranks.
Killed	.....	1
Wounded	.....	8
Missing	.....	.....
Evacuated Sick	.....	3
Struck off for any other cause	.....	3
<b>TOTAL.</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>15</b>

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

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

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "B".

Reinforcements taken on strength up to <i>3/8/18</i>	.....	8
Rejoined from Hospital & Taken on strength	.....	5
Taken on strength from other causes	.....	.....
<b>TOTAL.</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>13</b>
Reinforcements previously taken on strength who have joined from Divisional Reception Camp.	.....	-

Date *3rd August* 1918

*E. F. Campbell* Major for  
 Commanding *18th Bn. K.R.R.C.* Lieut. Colonel.

DETAILLS.

OFFICERS.

O. RANKS.

On leave.....	5	48
Sick in Divisional Area.....		35
Attending Courses.....	4	22
Officers admitted to Hospital Sick who have not been reported as invalided home.....		

TOTAL.

9                      105

Army employ :-

2nd Army Rest Camp

8

Corps employ :-

Canadian Corps Intell. Staff

1

XIX Corps Harvesting Coy.

1

4

Divisional employ :-

Aggr.

1

7

D.A.D.O.S.

2

Reception Camp Staff

1

10

" " Details

57

Brigade employ :-

Runners

6

122nd T.M.B.

5

Forward Party

17

Other details :-

Attached R.T.O. WATTEN

1

1

at I.B.D.

1

2

Absentee

1

Attached 15th Hunts

38

GRAND TOTAL.

14                      264



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

"A" Strength last week.		"B" Increase during week due to drafts, reinforcements etc.		"C" Total from "A" and "B".		"D" Decrease during week - casualties, sick evacuations, etc.		"E" Strength for current week.		"F" DETAILS. (Explanation, see back).	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
45	912	-	93	45	1005	-	47	45	958	13	183

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

Explanation of Column "D"

Officers	O.R.
	1
	15
	-
	29
	2
	47

\* To agree with Column "E"

Explanation of Increase or Decrease of Officers by name.

NIL.

Explanation of Column "B".

Reinforcements taken on strength up to 10.8.18.	88
Rejoined from Hospital and taken on strength	5
	93
Reinforcements previously taken on strength who have joined from Divisional Reception Camp.	NIL.

10.8.18.

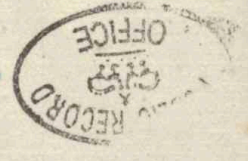
(Sd) E. F. Campbell, Major,  
for O.C. 18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.



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DETAILS.

	Off.	O.R.
On leave	4	36
Sick in Divisional Area		19
Attending Courses	3	31
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	7	86
	-----	
Corps Employ -		
Canadian Corps Intelligence Staff		1
XIXth Corps Harvesting Coy.	1	3
Divisional Employ -		
Hqrs.	1	7
D.A.D.O.S.		2
Reception Camp Staff	1	9
"        "        Details		48
Brigade Employ -		
Hqrs.	1	3
122nd T.M.B.	1	5
Forward Party		17
Other Details -		
Attached R.T.O. WATTEN	1	1
"A" Base Depot		2
Absentee		1
	-----	
	13	193
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WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN *18<sup>th</sup> Bn Kings Royal Rifle Corps*

"A" STRENGTH last week.		"B" Increase during week due to Drafts reinforcements &c.		"C" Total from "A" and "B".		"D" Decrease during week casualties sick evacuations & deducted from strength &c.		"E" Strength for current week.		"F" DETAILS (Explanation see back).	
Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.	Offrs.	O.Ranks.
45	958	-	16	45	974	8	65	37	909	14	228

1. Name of Commanding Officer *Lt. Col. Sir J.V.E. Lees, Bart. MC*  
 Name of 2nd in Command *Major E.F. Campbell*  
 No. of Majors & Captains not including 1 & 2 *Majors 1  
Capts 5 (includes 2 Actg)*  
 No. of Subalterns *29*  
 TOTAL OFFICERS *34*

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "D".

	Officers.	O.Ranks.
KILLED	3	4
Died of Wounds	1	1
Wounded	3	28
Missing	1	17
Evacuated Sick	-	14
Struck off for any other cause	1	1
TOTAL.	8	65

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

Arrived from Reinforcements.  
*2/Lt. H.G. Rushworth*  
*Capt. F.R. Taylor* *2/Lt. A. Westman* Killed (Date). *11.8.1918*  
*Major E.F. Campbell* (wounded) ~~Evacuated Sick~~ (Date)  
*2/Lt. E.C. Wood* *11.8.18* *2/Lt. W.E. Brinkley*  
*2/Lt. W.A.F. Binns* (Missing) *11.8.18* (Wounded *9.8.18*)  
 etc. etc.  
 to agree with Columns "B" & "D"

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "B".

Reinforcements taken on strength up to <i>16.8.18</i>	10
Rejoined from Hospital & taken on strength	6
Taken on strength from other causes	0
TOTAL.	16
Reinforcements previously taken on strength who have joined from Divisional Recreational Camp.	0

17. 8. 18.

*K.P. Binns*  
*Commandy 18 Bn. K.R.R.C.*

OFFICE  
PUBLIC RECORDS  
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DETAILS.

OFFICERS.

O. RANKS.

On leave .....	7	62
Sick in Divisional area .....		<del>26</del>
Attending Courses .....	4	36
Officers admitted to Hospital Sick who have not been reported as invalided home. ....		

TOTAL.

11      124

Army employ :-

.....

.....

.....

Corps employ :-

.....		1
..... <i>Can. Corps Int Staff</i> .....		
..... <i>XXIX Corps Harvesting Coy</i> .....	1	4

Divisional employ :-

.....		9
..... <i>Reception Camp Staff</i> .....	1	9
..... <i>Details</i> .....		53

Brigade employ :-

.....		4
..... <i>122<sup>nd</sup> T.M.B.</i> .....	1	5
..... <i>Forward Party</i> .....		17

Other details :-

..... <i>A Base Depot</i> .....		2
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GRAND TOTAL.

14      228

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

"A" Strength last week.		"B" Increase during week due to Drafts reinforcements etc.		"C" Total from "A" and "B"		"D" Decrease during week, casualties sick evacuations and deducted from strength.		"E" Strength for current week.		"F" Details. (Explanation see back.)	
Offs.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Ranks.	Offs.	O.Ranks.	Offs.	O.Ranks.	Offs.	O.Ranks.	Offs.	O.Ranks.
37	909	1	45	38	954	1	30	37	924	13	221

1. Name of Commanding Officer *Lieut. Col. Sir J. V. E. Lees Bart. M.C.*  
 2. Name of <sup>of</sup> 2nd in Command *Major W.P. Bristowe*  
 3. No. of ~~Officers~~ Captains, not including 1 & 2 *4 (Includes 1 Act)*  
 4. No. of Subalterns *31*  
 TOTAL OFFICERS *37*

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "D".

	Officers.	O. Ranks.
Killed	1	
Wounded		2
Missing		2
Evacuated Sick		23
Struck off for any other cause		3
TOTAL.	1	30

to agree with Column "E"

EXPLANATION OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF OFFICERS BY NAME.

*Lieut. Mill Lambert* Arrived from Reinforcements. 20.8.18  
*Lieut. W.B. Goldby* Killed 22.8.18  
 ..... Evacuated Sick.

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "B"

Reinforcements taken on strength up to <i>23.8.18</i>	<i>32</i>
Rejoined from Hosp. & taken on strength	<i>13</i>
Taken on strength from any other causes	
TOTAL.	<i>45</i>

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

23rd August 1918.

ORDERLY ROOM  
 23 AUG. 1918  
 18th BATTY K.R.R.C.

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



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DETAILS

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O. Ranks.</u>
On leave.....	5	70
Sick in Divisional Area.....	-	20
Attending Courses.....	4	25
Officers admitted to Hospital Sick who have not been reported as invalided home.....	-	
	<u>9</u>	<u>115</u>
<b>Corps Employ:-</b>		
XIX Corps Harvesting Coy.....		3
<b>Divisional Employ:-</b>		
Attchd. Hdqrs.....		10
Reception Camp Staff.....	1	9
"        " Details.....		47
<b>Brigade Employ:-</b>		
Attached Hdqrs.....		9
"    122nd T.M.B. ....	1	12
<b>Other Details:-</b>		
"A" Base Depot.....		2
Attchd. 184th Tunnelling Coy.....	1	13
Town Major ZEDER ZEBELE.....	1	1
	<u>13</u>	<u>221</u>
TOTAL.		

**ORDERLY ROOM**  
 No. ....  
 30 AUG 1918  
 18th BATTY K.R.R.C.

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

"A" STRENGTH last week.		"B" Increase during week due to drafts, reinforcements etc.		"C" Total from "A" and "B".		"D" Decrease during week, casualties, sick evacuations, etc.		"E" Strength for current week.		"F" (Explanation, see back).	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
37	924	8	22	45	946	4	50	41	896	14	212

1. Name of Commanding Officer - Lieut. Col. Sir J.V.E. Lees, Bart., M.C.  
 2. Name of Second in Command - Major W. P. Bristowe.

3. No. of Majors & Captains (not including 1 & 2)  
 Majors NIL  
 Captains 4 (includes 1 Acting)  
 4. No. of subalterns.  
 35  
41  
 \* TOTAL Officers.  
 \* To agree with Column "E".

Explanation of Column "D"

	Officers	O.R.
Killed	3	9
Wounded		18
Missing		7
Evacuated sick	1	16

Explanation of Increase or Decrease of Officers by name.

2/Lieut. A.W. Mansfield From I.B.D. 24.8.18 Arrived from Reinforcements.  
 " P.G. Blyth " " "  
 " T. Cox " " Killed.  
 " F.S. Jay " " "  
 " J. Curtis " " Wounded.  
 " C.J. Backshall " " "  
 Lieut. W.J. Clarkson " " Evacuated sick.  
 2/Lieut. A.W. Wallington etc. etc. 30.8.18  
 To agree with Columns "B" & "D".  
 2/Lieut. E.O. Mansfield - Killed 24.8.18  
 " P. Gordon " " "  
 " P.T. Rayner M.C. " " 26.8.18  
 " E.S.F. Mott To England  
 30.8.18.

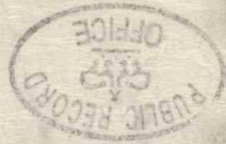
Struck off for any other cause.

TOTAL 4 50

Explanation of Column "B"

	Off.	O.R.
Reinforcements taken on strength up to 30.8.18.	8	2
Rejoined from Hospital and taken on strength		20
Taken on strength from other causes		
TOTAL	8	22
Reinforcements previously taken on strength, who have joined from Div. Reception Camp.		

*[Signature]*  
 Lieut. Col.  
 ComdG. 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.



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DETAILS.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.N.</u>
Leave	8	71
Hospital	1	21
Courses of Instruction	3	22
	<u>10</u>	<u>114</u>
Corps Employ - XIX Corps Harvesting Coy.		3
Divisional Employ -		
Attached Hqrs.		9
Reception Camp Staff	1	9
" " Details		47
Brigade Employ -		
Attached Hqrs.	1	9
Attached 129th Inf. Bde.	1	12
Other Details -		
"A" Base Depot		2
Town Major	1	1
Guard with C.O.S.		5
Attached M.T. XIXth Corps		1
	<u>14</u>	<u>212</u>

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15th Lancers Royal Horse Artillery Corps.

WAR DIARY

September, 1918.

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ESQUERDES	1st		Battn. rested in billets in preparation for move to the line on the following day.	
ABEELE	2nd		Battn. entrained at WIZERNIES for ABEELE area, where it arrived at 1500.	
VIERSTRAAT	2nd 3rd		During night 2nd/3rd Battn. moved into Reserve in VIERSTRAAT sector, relieving elements of 24th American Division. Details moved to WIPPENHOEK.	
	3rd		Area occupied by 'B' Coy. was heavily gas shelled, the whole Coy. eventually becoming casualties.	
	4th		The Battn. participated in a local operation to straighten the line <del>between</del> during the night 4th/5th	
	5th		At dawn 1 Coy. held CHINESE TRENCH from the VIERSTRAAT-WYTSCHAETE road to point N.12. d. 0.7 with posts on the main gauge railway in front. Remaining 3 bays in N.17. b and d.	
	5th/6th		The Battn. was relieved by 23rd Battn. Middlesex Regt.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HOOGRAAF	6th		Battn. in rest area about HOOGRAAF cleaning up.	
	7th		Battn. in Rest Area. Coy. training in progress	
	8th			
	9th			
	10th			
	11th			
	12th			
	13th			
VIERSTRAAT	14th		Battn. relieved 11th Battn. Queen's Regt. in front line on VIERSTRAAT sector during night 14th/15th.	
	15th		The Battn. held the line, with two boys holding 16 disconnected posts in front and 2 boys in support. Active patrolling was maintained throughout the period. Enemy artillery was active, and fired frequent counter-preparations.	
	16th		Details occupied billets vacated by Battn. at HOOGRAAF, moving on 19th to NEW ZEALAND camp.	
	17th			
	18th			
	19th			
	20th			

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VIERSTRAAT	20 <sup>th</sup> / 21 <sup>st</sup>		Battn. was relieved by 5th Battn. Argyll + Sutherland Highlanders, and proceeded by light railway from HALLEBAST SIDING to the ABEELE area.	
ABEELE	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Cleaning up, bathing, and reorganization	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		bay. and specialist training. Slight shelling by enemy H.V. guns of bulleting area.	
	24 <sup>th</sup>		bay. training continued. G.O.C. Brigade inspected billets and expressed his satisfaction at their cleanliness.	
	25 <sup>th</sup>		Battn. carried out an attack scheme. Inclement weather caused the operations to be abandoned at 1100.	
	26 <sup>th</sup>		Battn. took part in Bde. scheme in preparation for forthcoming operations.	
HOOGRAAF	27 <sup>th</sup>		Battn. marched to HOOGRAAF area where billets were occupied for night 27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> .	

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VERBRANDEN MOLEN	28		During the day Battr. moved to the OUDERDOM area, later to the BRANDHOEK area, thence to the vicinity of SWAN CHATEAU, and finally to near VERBRANDEN MOLEN where the night 28/29 was spent.	
	29		Orders were received for march via VERBRANDEN MOLEN road, Lockebis, HOLLEBEKE to concentration area in P. 15.6. The situation, as reported by 35th British Division was obscure. The Advanced Guard to the Bde. was held up at 1330, and made but little further progress. The Battr. moved forward to concentration area, engaging the enemy at VILLARS FARM. Resulting casualties were 2nd Lieut. F.G. JAY killed in action, 2nd Lieut. H.C. MAY died of wounds, and the following wounded - 2nd Lieuts A. BUCKLEY, T. COX, S. CLARKE, D.P. GWYNN, W.M. HARRINGTON (at duty). Casualties in other ranks amounted to approximately 90.	

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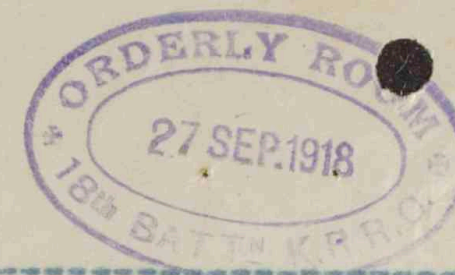
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	30		<p>Situation having been cleared up by 35th British Division, 122nd Inf Bde. remained in reserve, 18th BATTN occupying accommodation in neighbourhood of VILLARS FARM. Orders were received for continuation of operations on 1st Oct</p> <p>to Lt Col Harrington 2nd Lieut Lieut Colonel Commanding 18th BATTN</p>	

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

27.9.18.



"A" Strength last week.		"B" Increase during week due to drafts, etc.		"C" Total from "A" and "B".		"D" Decrease during week, casualties, sick evacuations, and deducted from strength.		"E" Strength for current week.		"F" DETAILS. (For explanation, see back).	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
37	764	2	125	39	889	-	17	39	872	12	177

- Name of Commanding Officer - Lt. Col. Sir J.V.E. Lees, Bt., M.C.
  - Name of Second in Command - Major W.P. Bristowe.
  - No. of Captains, not including above 7 (includes 3 acting).
  - No. of subalterns 39
- TOTAL OFFICERS 39  
(To agree with Column "E")

Explanation of Column "D".

	Officers	O.R.
Killed		
Died of wounds		
Wounded		1
Missing		
Evacuated sick		14
Struck off for any other cause		2
TOTAL		17.

- Explanation of Increase or Decrease of Officers by name.
- |                          | From Reinforcements. | do. |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----|
| S/Lt. H.C. May (22.9.18) |                      |     |
| " D.P. Gwynn (24.9.18)   |                      |     |

Explanation of Column "B".

Reinforcements taken on strength to date	2	96
Rejoined from Hospital and taken on strength		29
Taken on strength for any other cause		
TOTAL	2	125

Reinforcements previously taken on strength who have joined from Div. Recep. Camp NIL.

27.9.18.

*[Signature]*  
Comd'g. 18th Bn. K.R.R.

DETAILS.



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	Officers	O.R.
On leave	7	58
In Hospital	1	21
On Courses of Instruction	3	14
XIX Corps Harvesting Coy.		1
"    Demonstration Platoon		18
"    M.T.		1
Brigade Forward Party		17
Divisional Hqrs.		12
Brigade Hqrs.		7
Town Major, BUSSEBOOM.	1	1
G.H.Q. P.T. & B.P. School.		32
	12	177

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

21.9.18.

ORDERLY ROOM  
No. ....  
20 SEP. 1918  
18th BATTN K.R.R.C.

"A" Strength last week.		"B" Increase during week due to drafts, reinforcements, etc.		"C" Total from "A" and "B".		"D" Decrease during week, casualties, sick evacuations, and deducted from strength.		"E" Strength for current week.		"F" DETAILS. (For explanation see back).	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
37	721	-	62	37	783	-	19	37	764	14	187

1. Name of Commanding Officer - Lt Col. Sir J.V.E. Lees, Bt., M.C.	EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "D".	Officers	O.R.
2. Name of Second in Command - Major W. P. Bristowe.	Killed		1
3. No. of Captains, not including 1 & 2.	Died of wounds		1
4. No. of subalterns.	Wounded		3
	Missing		-
	Evacuated sick		14
	Struck off for any other cause.		-
TOTAL OFFICERS (to agree with Column "E").	TOTAL	-	19

EXPLANATION OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF OFFICERS BY NAME.

- Arrived from reinforcements.
- Killed in action.
- Wounded in action.
- Evacuated sick.

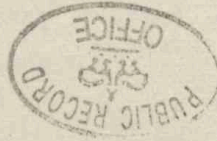
EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "B".

Reinforcements taken on strength up to 21/9/18	50
Rejoined from Hospital and taken on strength.	12
Taken on strength for any other cause	-
TOTAL	62

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

21.9.18.

*J. Lees*  
Lieut. Col.  
Commande, 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.



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DETAILS.

	..... Officers	..... O.R.
On leave	6	60
Sick in Divisional Area		27
Attending Courses	43	18
Officers admitted to Hospital sick, who have not been reported as invalided home	2	
	<hr/> <del>11</del>	<hr/> 105
2nd Army Rest Camp Corps Employ -	1	7
XIXth Corps Harvesting Company		3
"    "    Demonstration Platoon		18
"    "    M.T. Section		1
Divisional Employ -		
Attached Hqrs.		11
Briade Employ -		
Attached Hqrs.	1	7
Other Details -		
Town Major - BUSSEBOOM.	1	1
Guard at XI C.G.S.		2
G.H.Q., P.T. & B.F. School		32
	<hr/>	<hr/>
TOTAL	14	187
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**ORDERLY ROOM**  
 No. ....  
**14 SEP. 1918**  
 18th BATTN K.R.R.C.

Weekly Strength Return - 18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

"A" Strength last week.		"B" Increase during week due to Drafts reinforcements etc.		"C" Total from "A" and "B"		"D" Decrease during week, casualties sick evacuations and deducted from strength.		"E" Strength for current week.		Details. (Explanation see back)	
Offs.	O.R.	Offs.	O.R.	Offs.	O.R.	Offs.	O.R.	Offs.	O.R.	Offs.	O.R.
37	751	-	20	37	771	-	50	37	721	10	136

1. Name of Commanding Officer. *Lieut. Col. Sir J. V. & Mrs Bt. Col.*  
 2. Name of 2nd in Command. *Major W.P. Bristowe*  
 3. No. of Captains not including 1 and 2. *4 (Includes 3 Act.)*  
 4. No. of Subalterns. *31*  
 TOTAL OFFICERS *37*

**EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "D"**  
 Died of Wounds.  
 Killed.  
 Wounded.  
 Missing.  
 Evacuated sick.  
 Struck off for any other cause.

Officers. O.Ranks.  
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 .....  
 .....  
 .....  
 .....  
 .....  
 .....  
**TOTAL. 50**

to agree with column "E"

**EXPLANATION OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF OFFICERS BY NAME.**

..... Arrived from Reinforcements  
 ..... Killed in action  
 ..... Wounded in action  
 ..... Evacuated sick

**EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "B"**  
 Reinforcements taken on strength up to... *13.9.18*  
 Rejoined from Hospital and taken on strength.....  
 Taken on strength from any other cause.....  
**20**

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

*M. B. Lewis*  
 Lieut. Col.  
 Command. 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

14.9.1918.



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<u>DETAILS.</u>	<u>OFF.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
On Leave	4	20.
Sick in Divl. Area.		14.
Attending Courses.	8	26.
Officers admitted to Hospital who have not been reported as invalided home.	2	-
	<u>8</u>	<u>10.</u>
Corps Employ:-		
XIXth Corps Harvesting Coy.		3
do U.T. Section.		1
Divisional Employ.		10.
Briade Employ.		8.
Other Details:-		
Town Major, ZEMBELE.	1.	1.
Second Army Rest Camp.	1.	7.
Guard at XI C.C.S.		2.
	<u>10.</u>	<u>136.</u>
TOTAL.		

19 97  
62 62  
43

38 724  
38 43  
767

Weekly Strength Return - 18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

ORDERLY ROOM  
 No. ....  
 6-SEP-1918  
 18th BATTN K.R.R.C.  
 (Explanation see back)

"A" Strength last week.		(B) Increase during week due to Drafts reinforcements etc.		"C" Total from "A" and "B"		"D" Decrease during week, casualties sick evacuations and deducted from strength.		"E" Strength for current week		"F"	
Offs.	O.R.	Offs.	O.R.	Offs.	O.R.	Offs.	O.R.	Offs.	O.R.	Offs.	O.R.
41	896	3	25	44	921	7	170	37	751	11	163

1. Name of Commanding Officer *Lieut. Col. Sir J. V. E. Lees Bt. Mb.*  
 2. Name of Snd in Command *Major W. P. Bristowe*  
 3. No. of Captains not including 1 and 2. *4 (Includes 3 Act.)*  
 4. No. of Subalterns *31*  
 TOTAL OFFICERS. *37*  
 to agree with Column "E"

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "D"

	Officers.	O.Ranks.
<i>Died of Wounds</i>		
Killed	6	26
Wounded		145
Missing		
Evacuated sick	1	13
Struck off for any other cause		4
TOTAL.	7	170

EXPLANATION OF COLUMN "B"

Reinforcements taken on strength up to <i>7.9.18</i>	3	25
Rejoined from Hospital and taken on strength		
Taken on strength from any other cause		
TOTAL	3	25

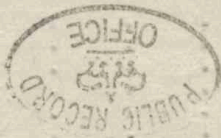
Reinforcements previously taken on strength who have joined from Divisional Reception Camp

EXPLANATION OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OF OFFICERS BY NAMES:

*2/Lt. J. P. Orrett* *2/Lieut. G. Hodgson*  
*2/Lt. W. Farey* *Arrived from Reinforcements 31. 8. 18*  
*2/Lt. R. Baskett, Mb. Killed in Action*  
*2/Lt. P. G. Blyth*  
*2/Lt. W. Wallington* *Wounded in Action 3. 9. 18*  
*2/Lt. H. L. Winsor* *Evacuated sick 24. 8. 18*

8.9.1918.

*J. Lees*  
 Lieut. Col.  
 Commandg. 18th Bn. K. R. R. C.



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DETAILS.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O. Ranks.</u>
On leave .....	4	59
Sick in Divisional Area.....		23
Attending Courses .....	3	18
Officers admitted to Hospital Sick who have not been reported as invalided home	2	
	<u>9</u>	<u>100</u>
<b>Corps Employ:-</b>		
XIXth Corps Harvesting Coy .....		3
"    "    M.T. Section .....		1
<b>Divisional Employ:-</b>		
Attached Hdqrs .....		10
Details at Reception Camp .....		15
<b>Brigade Employ:-</b>		
Attached Hdqrs.....	1	9
"    T.M.B. ....		12
Brigade Guard .....		5
<b>Other Details:-</b>		
" A" Base Depot .....		3
Town Major ZERMEZEELE .....	1	1
Guard at XI C.C.S. ....		5
	<u>11</u>	<u>143</u>
Total		

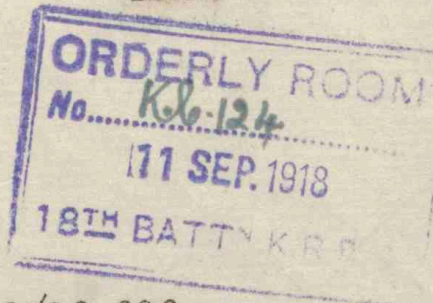
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NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT BY  
122nd INFANTRY BRIGADE  
SEPTEMBER 1st to 6th 1918.

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Reference Maps - HAZEBROUCK 5A. 1/100,000.  
Sheet 28. - 1/40,000.  
Sheet 28. S.F.2. WYTSCHAETE.- 1/10,000.

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1. The Brigade was resting in the Second Army Training Area near ST OMER, having arrived there early on the morning of the 29th August. On Saturday, August 31st, Warning Orders were issued that the Brigade would move to relieve the 27th American Division on the DICKEBUSCH FRONT; move to commence the following day. On September 1st, the 15th Hampshire Regt. and 12th East Surrey Regt. entrained at LUMBRES at midday, arriving in the ABEELE Rest Area at 5 p.m. The 18th King's Royal Rifle Corps followed on September 2nd by train, arriving at ABEELE Rest Area at 3 p.m.
2. During the night September 2nd/3rd, the 122nd Infantry Brigade relieved the 106th Infantry Regt., 27th American Division, in the VIERSTRAAT Sector. Throughout the day of the 2nd, the Americans had been engaged in heavy fighting, and the exact positions of the Front Line posts were not known, but it was reported that they held the general line from PURGATORY, O.7.c.2.8., through the GRAND BOIS, O.13.a., to the VIERSTRAAT - WYTSCHAETE ROAD at approximately O.13.a.00.05. The dispositions of the American Battalion and Companies could not be ascertained, the whole Regiment having been involved during the day. The 15th Hampshire Regt. and the 12th East Surrey Regt. were ordered to relieve the front Battalions, on the Right and Left respectively, the 18th King's Royal Rifle Corps moving into Brigade Reserve in the old system of trenches in N.10. & N.15., where a considerable number of Gas casualties (totalling 1 Company) were suffered, the Area being affected.
3. No guides were available for the 12th East Surrey Regt. The Battalion Commanders of the two front line Battalions issued orders to Companies to carry out an area relief, and establish a line from PURGATORY, O.7.c.2.8. to RED CHATEAU, O.13.a.00.00., dividing line between Battalions being the corner of GRAND BOIS, O.13.a.4.0. At 1.30 a.m., O.C. 12th East Surrey Regt. received a report that the companies proceeding down the VIERSTRAAT - WYTSCHAETE ROAD to relieve the Americans E. of GRAND BOIS, had met with the enemy who were holding CHINESE TRENCH astride the road at N.12.c.4.0., in considerable strength. O.C. 12th East Surrey Regt. thereupon ordered 1 Company to dig in astride the road as near as possible to CHINESE TRENCH, the remaining Companies to take up a position in the VIERSTRAAT SWITCH TRENCHES in N.17.a. & b., and N.11.c., and send back all Americans found in the area. A considerable number of the 1st Battalion, 106th American Infantry Regt. were found in this Area, under the impression they were at the objective in GRAND BOIS. The guides for the 15th Hampshire Regt. entirely lost their way, and orders were issued for Companies to get forward as far as possible, and send back all Americans found.
4. At dawn, the situation was as follows:-  
15th Hampshire Regt. held the trenches in N.17.c. with a few troops forward in Area N.23.b.3.9.  
12th East Surrey Regt. had two platoons in Southern end of CHINESE TRENCH, N.17.d.central: One Company around farm N.17.b.10.55.: One Company astride the road N.11.d.central; the remainder of the Battalion in the VIERSTRAAT SWITCH TRENCHES in N.11.c.

para. 4 (contd.)/-

para. 4 (contd.)

Touch had been established on the left with the 124th Infantry Brigade who reported they held the new Reserve Trench, N.E. from N.11.b.9.0., but there were 'pockets' of enemy troops all over the Area. The enemy were holding CHINESE TRENCH from N.18.a. astride the road to approximately N.12.c.9.5.

A considerable number of the three Battalions of the 1st American Infantry Regt. reported at their Regimental H.Q., H.31.a.6.9., that they had been relieved by the British.

10th

5. The Colonel Commanding the American Infantry Regt. thereupon agreed that the line handed over to the 122nd Infantry Brigade was as detailed in para. 4 above, and that the objective through GRAND BOIS had not been handed over.
6. At 3 p.m., 3rd September, a Conference was held at the Headquarters of the 12th East Surrey Regt., N.10.b.3.8. The following were in attendance:-

Brigadier-General S.V.P. WESTON, D.S.O., M.C. - Commanding 122nd Infantry Brigade.  
 Lieut-Col. G.L. BROWN, D.S.O. - Commanding 12th East Surrey Regt.  
 Lieut-Col. C. MURDOCH, D.S.O. - Commanding 15th Hampshire Regt.  
 Lieut-Col. Sir J.V.E. LEES, Bart., M.C. Commanding 18th K.R.R.C.

The G.O.C. 122nd Infantry Brigade explained that as certain operations were impending, it was essential that our line be advanced to the main guage railway line from N.18.d.2.2. to N.12.d.0.8.

7. At 5 p.m., a Warning Order was received from Division that an attack would be launched against the WYTSCHAETE RIDGE at 5.30 a.m. the following morning, in conjunction with the 34th and 35th Divisions on the Right and Left respectively. Warning Orders were issued to Battalions and a Conference of Commanding Officers ordered at 9 p.m. at Brigade Headquarters, H.31.a.6.9.
8. Detailed Orders were verbally issued to Battalion Commanders as follows:-  
 The 15th Hampshire Regt. and 12th East Surrey Regt. were detailed to attack each with 2 Companies in 2 waves.  
 The inter-Battalion dividing line was fixed as follows:-  
 N.18.a.35.35. (BYRON FARM, inclusive to left Battalion) -  
 0.13.a.45.80. - 0.7.d.35.10. to point 0.8.c.80.55. (CATTEAU FARM inclusive to Right Battalion).  
 The 18th King's Royal Rifle Corps moved up to trenches in N.10.a.
9. The first objective for the day was a general line from 0.13.c.4.7. to point 0.13.a.5.3., along road and edge of BOIS QUARANTE to 0.7.c.5.8. The second objective was the ST ELOI - MESSINES Road from point 0.8.a.3.2 to 0.14.a.6.6.  
 The second objective was to be attacked on receipt of orders from Divisional H.Q., if the resistance met with in the first advance proved to be slight.
10. Two Companies of the 12th East Surrey Regt. advanced to the main guage railway line during the night of the 3rd/4th September and cleared out the enemy from CHINESE WRENCH astride the VIERSTRAAT - WYTSCHAETE Road, meeting heavy resistance and suffering considerable casualties. The remaining 2 Companies then advanced through them and formed up on the main guage railway and were in position by 4 a.m. The 15th Hampshire Regt. were unable to clear up the situation in time, and eventually assembled behind CHINESE WRENCH by 4.30 a.m.
11. There was no preliminary artillery preparation. The attack was carried out under a barrage, which came down 300 yards East of the main guage railway running through N.18.central. The barrage remained on this line until 5.45 a.m. after which it moved forward in lifts of 100 yards every four minutes.

12. The assault commenced at 5.30 a.m. simultaneously with the opening of the barrage.  
On the left, the 12th East Surrey Regt. had reached, by 6.15 a.m., the general line from N.18.b.8.8. to O.7.c.2.7., although suffering very heavy casualties from Machine Gun and Rifle fire from the Right Flank, and from 2 large pill-boxes in GRAND BOIS.  
On the right the enemy were holding strongly OAK TRENCH in N.24.a., PETIT BOIS, and the low ground of the WYTSCHAETEBEEK, with the result that the 15th Hampshire Regt. were unable to advance beyond the light railway in N.18.c.3.a., and suffered very heavy casualties.
13. At 7.15 a.m. the enemy counter-attacked with about 100 men from the Support Battalion of the 153rd Infantry Regt., (which had been relieved from the line on the night 3rd/4th September, but were brought back when our attack developed), and drove in the East Surrey Regt. to the railway at N.12.d.0.6., but the posts in front of the craters in N.18.a. were able to maintain their positions.  
The 124th Infantry Brigade, on the left, reported that they had also come back to the railway at N.12.central.
14. Throughout the day, the enemy kept up an intense and accurate Machine Gun and Snipers Fire.
15. By dusk, owing to intense enfilade Machine Gun and Rifle fire, and shelling, our troops (with the exception of the post in front of the craters N.18.a., which held out throughout the whole operation), had withdrawn to the following line:-  
12th East Surrey Regt. in the VIERSTRAAT SWITCH and in trenches astride the road N.11.d.central.  
15th Hampshire Regt had been collected and reorganized in trenches N.23.b.55.30. to N.17.d.4.4.
16. During the night of September 4th/5th, the 18th King's Royal Rifle Corps were ordered to advance and establish a line as far forward as possible, and relieve all troops of the 12th East Surrey Regt. and 15th Hampshire Regt. that could be found. During the night the enemy heavily shelled with H.E. and Gas, the valley behind the VIERSTRAAT RIDGE.
17. At dawn, the situation was reported to be as follows:-  
1 Company 18th King's Royal Rifle Corps held CHINESE TRENCH from the VIERSTRAAT - WYTSCHAETE Road to point N.12.d.0.7., with posts on the main guage railway in front.  
3 Companies of 18th King's Royal Rifle Corps in Area N.17.b.&. d.  
Men of the 12th East Surrey Regt. had been relieved and reformed into a Company and were in Support in VIERSTRAAT SWITCH in N.17.a. and N.11.c.  
The 15th Hampshire Regt. had not been relieved.
18. A person el reconnaissance by the Brigade Major, Capt. S.R. HOGG, M.C. and 2nd/Lieut. T.H. LLOYD, M.C. shewed the Front Line to be as follows:-  
Trench N.23.b.55.30. to V.C. Road at N.23.b.6.6.; and 3 Posts on line from N.23.b.6.6. to N.17.d.4.4. held by 15th Hampshire Regt.  
CHINESE TRENCH from N.17.d.4.4. to N.18.a.0.4. held by 2 Companies of 18th King's Royal Rifle Corps.  
CHINESE TRENCH from N.12.c.5.1. to N.12.d.0.7., and posts on main guage railway from N.18.a.9.9. to junction with CHINESE TRENCH at N.12.d.0.7., held by 1 Company 18th King's Royal Rifle Corps.  
Further reconnaissance revealed that the crest from N.24.a.1.8. and trench system from N.18.c.2.5. to N.18.c.5.7. to N.18.a.7.8. were not held by enemy, and orders were issued for an advance to this line to be carried out at dusk, which line was subsequently established.
19. On the night of the 5th/6th September the 123rd Infantry Brigade relieved the 122nd Infantry Brigade, which moved on relief to Divisional Reserve in Area G.14.

## 20. CASUALTIES.

The casualties for the whole operation were:-

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Missing.</u>
Officers -	8	23	2
Other Ranks -	90	510	58

21. The difficulties of the attack were greatly increased by the obscure situation taken over from the American Division, who had themselves been heavily engaged. The 15th Hampshire Regt., being unable to form up on the line of the railway as it was found, contrary to information received, to be strongly held by the enemy, never caught up with the barrage. The enemy, contrary to expectation, put up a very strong resistance. In spite of these adverse factors, both Battalions advanced with the utmost courage and determination, until they sustained such casualties as made further progress impossible. These, in the case of the Officers, were especially severe and amounted to 35%; and in the case of the men to between 60% and 70%, of the numbers engaged. Most of the casualties were sustained from the high ground to the South. From PETIT BOIS and OAK TRENCH the enemy directly enfiladed our advance. Lieut. T.E.S. REYNOLDS, 12th East Surrey Regt., in maintaining and handing over an advance post in the HOLLANDSCHESDHUUR Crater, displayed fine courage and determination. Lieut. G.J. POTTER, M.C., 15th Hampshire Regt., organized the remnants of the Hampshire Regt., again advanced his line at dusk, and refused to be relieved until he had completed this operation. My Brigade Major, Captain S.R. HOGG, M.C., by his invaluable reconnaissance in broad daylight, cleared up a very obscure situation and gave orders which enabled the line to be advanced about 300 yards, and complete touch to be established on Right and Left. That the operation, owing to insurmountable difficulties, was only a limited success, cannot obscure the fine determination and self sacrifice, displayed by all ranks. *courage.*

10.9.18.

*S. R. Hogg*  
Brigadier General,  
Commanding 122nd Infantry Brigade.



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18th Bn. K.R.F.C. Order No. 29.

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Ref. Maps - Sheet 27 and 28, 1/40,000.

1. The 18th Bn. K.R.F.C. will move today to the HOOGRASP area, taking over the billets recently occupied there. Batta. Hdqrs. will be at MANDALAY CORNER, G.P.O. 29.45.
2. The Batta. will pass starting point at L. 33.c.2.4. at 7-25 pm. Order of march - B, C, A, D Coys., Bn. Hdqrs. Transport.
3. Route - L. 33.c.2.4. --- Cross Roads L. 33.d.2.4 --- road junction L. 33.d.2.7 --- road junction G. 26.c.4.4. to billeting area about G. 20.a.
4. The following distances will be maintained:- 200 yards between Coys, 200 yards between Bn. and transport, 20 yards between each 3 vehicles of transport.
5. Dress:- Battle Order.
6. Kits etc. will be dumped as under:-  
 Officers' Valises --- "G" Coy. Hdqrs. 9-0 pm.  
 Packs (by Coys.) --- "G" " " 9-0 pm.  
 Blankets (by Coys) " " " 9-0 pm.  
 Mess cart will collect mess stores commencing with "D" Coy. at 5-30 pm. Officers' trench bundles will be carried on L. 3. Limbers.
7. Rations (less tea and sugar) for consumption Sept. 28th will be carried on the man.
8. Separate instructions will be issued as to the disposal of details.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 11.30 a.m.,  
27-9-18.

*Wm Stanington*  
2/Lieut. a/Adjt.

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 8. " " "D" "  
 9. S.O. M.O. I.O.  
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 11. C.M.  
 12. Spare.

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18<sup>th</sup> Batta KRRC

Operation Order No 29

Reference Maps Sheet 28 SW 2 1/10000 WYTSCHAETE  
 Sheets 27 and 28 1/40000

- 1 The 5<sup>th</sup> B<sup>n</sup> Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders will relieve the 18<sup>th</sup> B<sup>n</sup> KRRC in the Line on night Sept 21/22
  - 2 Advance Parties from the incoming Unit will arrive in the line, night Sep 20/21 as follows:
    - Batta HQ 1 Officer, 2 runners, 2 Signallers
    - Per Coy 1 Officer, 1 Runner
    - Per Platoon 1 NCO
    - 1 runner per Coy will report at Batta HQ by 10 pm Sep 20 to act as guides to the above parties
  - 3 1 Guide for each Coy HQ and 1 for each Platoon (5 per Coy) to meet the incoming Units, will report at Batta HQ at 5 AM Sep 21st
  - 4 Order of relief will be:
    - Left Front Coy
    - Right " "
    - Right Support Coy
    - Left " "
- Head of relieving Batta will reach Batta HQ at 8 PM Sep 21st
- 5 Anti-Aircraft L.G. teams from the relieving Unit will be sent to HQs of the Left Front and Right Support Coys where guides will meet them under arrangements to be made by Batta L.G. sergt
  - 6 All Trench Stores, aeroplane photographs, and documents will be handed over. The receipts obtained will be forwarded to Batta HQ as soon as possible after relief.

7. Completion of relief will be reported to BnHQ by sending code word LEWIS
8. 1 Officer per BnHQ, 1 Officer per Coy and 1 NCO per Platoon will remain in the line with 5<sup>th</sup> A/SK for 24 hours after relief. This party will rendezvous at front line BnHQ at 4 AM Sep 22nd and will report the Bn Arrival to be reported to BnHQ
9. On relief, Companies will proceed independently to HALLEBAST SIDING (N21) where the Bn will entrain for ALEASE SIDING (L32 d 6.2). Major Gen A Buckley DCM will supervise the entrainment. Guides to be provided by O.C. Detach will be at ALEASE and the Bn will proceed to ABEELE School - Chapel
10. Lewer Guns will be carried on the Train  
30 men will stand in each truck
11. One lumber for trench bundles, mess stores and anti-aircraft gun - gun mountings will be at BnHQ at 8.30 pm 21st Sep

12. Acknowledge

Wm Harrington  
Major Gen A/Buckley

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1. On night 17/18 Sept., "C" bay will relieve "D" bay. and "B" bay will relieve 3 front Platoons and H.Q. of "A" bay.
2. All details will be arranged between bay commanders concerned.
- \* 3. No movement will take place before 8-30 pm, 17 Sept.
4. Rations for consumption 18 Sept. will be dumped by T.O. in boys' new areas.
5. Rations for consumption 18 Sept. for Anti-Aircraft Heavy Gun Teams attached to boys in Support will be sent up with rations of "A" and "D" boys.
  - a. On completion of relief in front line code word JOHN will be sent to Bn H.Q. by "B" and "C" Bays. On arrival in Support "A" and "D" boys will report to Bn H.Q. by sending code word BULL
  - b. ~~Receipts~~ Receipts for trench stores
7. ~~Receipts~~ Receipts for trench stores

and documents handed over will  
be forwarded to Battr HQ by dawn  
18 Sept.

8. Acknowledge

Wm Hamington  
2nd Lieut + Captain

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\* Insert para 2<sup>a</sup> :-  
The fourth Platoon of  
A Coy will remain in front line and  
will come under the orders of A.C. B Coy  
QM will arrange to send up rations for  
this Platoon with B Coy rations

and documents handed over will  
be forwarded to Bath HQ by dawn  
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8. Acknowledge

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\* Insect para: 2<sup>nd</sup> The 4th Platoon of A  
Coy will remain in Front line and  
will come under the orders of OC B Coy  
Q.M. will arrange to send up rations  
for this platoon with B Coy's rations

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I. D Coy before patrol tonight will enter the boundary as shown on attached Map (see 1/ Green)

The two posts of 12<sup>th</sup> E Surrey Regt at N12 d 7 25 70 and N12 d 7 5 will be taken over

It is believed that the post at N12 d 7 is one of those taken over last night in which case only the post on the left of this one on the same light railway will be taken over by the Section at present about N12 d 2

(New post shown in attached)

To tomorrow night the Support Coy will be The VIERSTRAAT line will be re-organised as shown on attached Map

The left Coy HQ at N11 d 7 50 will be handed over to the Left Batta. The left support Coy will move into the present right Coy HQ

Right support Coy will be re-organised and form a new HQ. There is believed to be a good depot at Paret FARM

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18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

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ORDER NO. 27.

1. The 18th K.R.R.C. will relieve the 11th Bn. "queens" Royal West-Surrey Regt., in the Right Bn. subsector on the night Sept. 14/15th 1918.
2. The following advance parties will proceed by lorry this evening to live with their opposite numbers and to take over trench stores. Party will parade at Bn. Hdqrs. at 6-15 pm. with rations for tomorrow.
  - 1 Officer per Coy. (except "B" Coy.)
  - 1 N.C.O. per platoon.
  - 2 Runners per Coy.
  - 1 N.C.O., 4 runners & 2 observers from Bn. H.Q.
3. The Bn. will proceed to HALLEBAST CORNER by train on the night 14/15th under arrangements to be issued later.
4. Guides, as under, will be met at Bn. Hdqrs. 11th queens, N. 10. b. 2. 6 at 8-45 pm. September 14th.
  - \* 1 per platoon.
  - 1 per Coy. Hdqrs.
5. On relief Coys. will be disposed as under:-
  - "A" Coy. Right Front.
  - "B" " " Support.
  - "C" " Left "
  - "D" " " Front.
6. Maps, Defence Schemes and all trench stores will be taken over from the outgoing unit, and a copy of the receipts obtained, forwarded to Bn. Hdqrs. before dawn Sept. 15th.
7. 20 Lewis Gun Magazines per Gun only will be taken to the line.
8. Completion of relief will be wired to Bn. Hdqrs. by code word "BEEF"
9. Rations for consumption Sept. 15th will be carried on the man. Water will be sent up by transport to Hdqrs. 11th queens and drawn from there by Coys. as they pass.
10. Dry socks and whale oil will be sent up with rations every night. A corresponding number of wet socks MUST be returned.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Chas. Brown*

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

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8. " "C" "  
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11. Transport Offr.,  
12. S.O. and I.O.  
13. R.Q.M.S.  
14. R.S.M.  
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1st Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

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Reference Maps, M.S.R.S. and M.S.V.S. 1/25,000

1. With reference to 1st Bn. K.R.R.C. Order No. 97 dt-d of 18-9-18. The Battalion will entrain at HILLSIDE SIDING (G.S.D.S.7) commencing 8-15 pm. September 18th and will proceed by night railway to CAMBRIDGE SIDING (M.S.S.S.S.)

2. Coys. will pass the starting point, Fork Roads G.S.D.S. 10 at the following times:-

"B" Coy.	8-30 pm.
"A" "	8-35 pm.
"C" "	8-40 pm.
"D" "	8-45 pm.
"E" "	8-50 pm.

Route:- Fork Roads (G.S.D.S. 10) - DARWIN CROSS (G.S.D.S.) - thence to HILLSIDE SIDING (G.S.D.S.7.)

3. Lewis Guns and magazines will be carried on the train.

4. Officers trench bundles, mess stores required in the line and camp kettles for Support Coys. and H.Q. Coy., will be dumped at H.Q. of Coy. by 8-0 pm. Transport Officer will arrange to collect these stores and dump them with water rations at ~~the~~ Vierstraat Cross Roads. Officers' valises and mess' surplus kits will be dumped at H.Q.s. of Coys. by 8-0 pm. Mess stores not required in the line will be dumped at same place by 8-0 pm.

X VIERSTRAAT  
CROSS ROADS

5. Acknowledge.

*Wm Harrington*  
S/Lieut. & Adj.  
1st Bn. K.R.R.C.

Issued at 10:15 am,  
18-9-18.

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19th Bn. K.R.R.C.

Order No. 25.

1. Reference Order NO. 23, mess stores, valises, etc., will be collected from Coy. in the order "C", "A", "B", "D", starting at "C" Coy. at 9.45 am.
  2. Cooker horses will be at Coy. at 11.0 am.
  3. Transport moves off at 11.45 am.
  4. The Batta. will entrain tomorrow, 2nd September, and will arrive in the ABELLS area sometime in the afternoon.
  5. The smallest possible amount of mess stores and the lightest train bundles only will be retained.
8. Acknowledge.

1.9.18.

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

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| "        | 10 | Q.M.           |

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

ORDER No. 25.

1. Reference Warning Order No. 23, all valises, mess stores, etc., must be ready to be dumped by 10.0 am. this morning; exact time and place to be notified later.

2. The Batta. will now move tomorrow morning, 2nd September, instead of today.

*Chit. Brown*

1.9.18.

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

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Secret18th Bn. K R R C  
Order No. 26

Copy No.

- (1) The 18th K R R C will entrain at WIZERNES Station tomorrow, 2nd Sept. 1918.
- (2) Trench bundles, mess stores & camp kettles A B & D Coys will be dumped at QM Stores by 7.15 am. Those of A & C Coys will be dumped at ~~C Coy~~ <sup>the railway crossing</sup> & left with one man in charge. All stores will then be taken by lorry to the station.
- (3) Order of march - Hqs. B, D, Band, A, C.
- (4) Head of column will pass starting point (Orderly Room) at 7.35 am.
- (5) Dress - full marching order.  
Rations for the 2nd Sept will be carried on the men.

Column formed

Capt. &amp; Adj. G.

18th K R R C.

1.9.18.

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18<sup>th</sup> H.R.R.C. order no 24.

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1. The 18<sup>th</sup> Bn H.R.R.C. will be relieved by the 23<sup>rd</sup> Bn Middlesex Regt on the night 5/6<sup>th</sup> Sept.
2. 'C' Coy. will relieve the forward platoon of 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. b. Surrey Regt. with 1 Officer & 1 platoon of 'B' Coy. in the craters N. 18. 6. 2. 8 & N. 18. 6. 5-9. at dusk tonight. A guide from 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. Surrey will report at 'C' Coy. HQs. Dispositions of 'A' & 'D' Coys. will be ~~arranged~~ <sup>re-adjusted</sup> as arranged by Brigade Major today.

Posts will be pushed forward from the CHINESE TRENCH as soon as possible as follows:-

'C' Coy. to broad gauge railway at about the Brigade Boundary. H. B. D. as already arranged.

3. 'B' Coy. less 1 platoon, which will be attached to & act under the orders of O.C. 'C' Coy. will withdraw after dusk to Rest Area.

Coy. will be relieved as under

23<sup>rd</sup> Middlesex

18<sup>th</sup> H.R.R.C.

'A' Coy. will relieve

D Coy

B

A

D " will relieve 3 platoons 'C' - 1 platoon

'B' in crater.

6. Guides as under will report at Ben. Hqs. at 11 pm must know their way to the new positions to be occupied by their respective Companies.

'A' Coy. 1 Guide per platoon. + 1 for Coy. Hdqrs.

'B' " 1 " " for platoon attached 'C' Coy.

'C' " 1 " " per " + 1 for Coy. Hdqrs.

In addition to above guides Coy. will send 2 runners each to Ben. Hqs. at 7-30 pm. to guide Officers of relieving unit.

7. Order of relief will be D.F., B + C.

8. All ~~copy~~ S.M.F. surplus to 120 rds. per man + all bombs, tools etc. will be handed over to relieving unit + a copy of receipts sent to Orderly Room as soon as possible.

9. Completion of alterations in dispositions + completion of relief will be reported to Ben. Hqs.

10. On relief coys. will march independently to rest area about C.36. a. 1.7 picking up guides to be detailed by Major W.T. Bristow at Ben. Hqs. Guides for A, C + D Coys. will be there at 1 am. for B Coy. at 11 pm.

11 heavy timber, ammunition & personal items etc. will be dumped at Ben. top. on the way down removed by lumber from there.

12 ACKNOWLEDG.

Chas. Brown

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8-9-18 pm

Capt Wright

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"A" Coy. will be holding trench from  
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18th Lijp Royal Rifle Corps

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TENBRIELEN

near GHELuwe

Battn. marched as part of 122nd Inf. Bde. group via TENBRIELEN and AMERICA, with the intention of occupying MENIN. The column was shelled E. of AMERICA ridge, slight casualties being caused. (Lieut. T.H. GWYHER wounded). Situation being obscure towards WERVICQ, one platoon was sent to hold high ground P.7. central facing South as Flank Guard. Advanced Guard encountered strong resistance, the advance was checked and by midday the Battn. was concentrated about Q.2.d.0.7. Orders for an immediate attack were received <sup>1930</sup> in the midst of heavy artillery and M.G. fire. Ob. 18th Hunts and his Coy. Comdr. attempted to arrange details with OC 18th RRRs. Capt. N.P. SPOONER being badly wounded while boundaries for attack were being settled. On situation being explained personally at Bde. H.Q. by Co. 18th RRRs. attack was deferred until following morning. The Battn. completed preliminary forming up during course of



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near GHELUWE	2nd		<p>The Battr. attacked at 0700 in conjunction with 15th Hampshire on night. At midday the Battr. had a line established from Q.4.d.8.3 to Q.4.d.4.3, and had gained touch with flanks. Casualties 2nd Battr. M.A. LAMBERT and C.E. HODGSON killed in action, 2nd Lieut. C.R. TROWSDALE Died of Wounds, Lieut. W.J. CLARKSON Wounded (at duty). Approximate casualties in other ranks 150.</p> <p>At 1750 an enemy counter-attack developed under heavy artillery fire on the forward area, forcing back line of 2nd Battr. Hampshire Regt. on our left. In consequence our posts were withdrawn to the light railway and the WERVICQ - GHELUWE road at Q.10.a.3.6. Two <sup>enemy</sup> field guns, which had been captured, had to be abandoned.</p>	
ZANDVOORDE	3rd		<p>Battr. was relieved during night 2nd/3rd by 1st/4th Cheshire Regt. and moved to area J34. At dusk Bde. came into Dune Reserve, and at 0200 Oct 4th Battr. was located at J.30.a.3.3</p>	
	4th			

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MENIN ROAD J30a33	5		Battn. remained in Div. Reserve with remainder of Brigade during 4th and 5th Oct, one bay. occupying MOLENDHOEK SPUR										
	6		Battn. marched to YPRES where it embarked for BUSSEBOOM. Total Casualties from 28th Sept. to 6th Oct.										
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DALLINGTON CAMP	7		Battn. received reinforcements of Officers and other ranks and was reorganized. Training was carried out in readiness for forthcoming operations.										
	8												
	9												
	10												
STIRLING CASTLE	11		Battn. entrained at REMY SIDING for STIRLING CASTLE and during night 11/12 relieved 10th Bn. Kent Regt. in Reserve										

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MENIN ROAD	12th		Bathn. remained in Reserve	
	13th		During night 13/14 Bathn. took over front from one bay. 12th East Surrey Regt. and formed up.	
	14th		Bathn. attacked in accordance with Opn. Order No 1 attached. Much difficulty was experienced in keeping direction owing to the thick mist, but by 0900 the BLUE LINE had been reached. Units were considerably disorganized but reorganization on the RED LINE was effected by 1600. 2 Lieutenants H. PAINE and C. J. BACKSHALL <sup>wounded in action</sup>	See Narrative of Operations attached to Opn. Orders
HOUSTON FORK	15th		122nd Inf. Bde. remained in support during Oct. 15th.	
GULLEKHEM	16th		Bathn. moved from HOUSTON FORK to PENNY CORNER FARM near MOORSEELE arriving at 1130. Many civilians seen on roads, having been evacuated from COURTRAI At 1530 122nd Inf Bde moved forward to take up position of	

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GULLEGHEM	16th		Support Bde., 4th (British) Division having taken over front of 36th (British) Division. 181KRk moved via MOORSELE to GULLEGHEM, where Battr. billeted for the night.	See narrative of operations in summary.
	17th		Battr. remained in billets at GULLEGHEM. Hostile aircraft were active during night 17/18 and were engaged by anti-aircraft heavy gun fire.	
Near COURTRAI	18th		Enemy maintained harassing fire on roads leading from GULLEGHEM to COURTRAI, using much gas shell. Casualties 1 OR killed, 1 officer wounded, 9 OR wounded, 7 OR wounded (gas).	
	19th		Battr. moved over the LYS and billeted in M6a, TILE WORKS on outskirts of COURTRAI.	
	20th		Battr. moved as Advanced Guard to Bde. Group towards SWEVEGHEM, but as advance of 35th Division was held up in that village, Battr. remained astride COURTRAI-SWEVEGHEM road for night 20/21, two boys holding an Outpost Line.	
SWEVEGHEM 21st			At 0300 Battr. marched to area East of SWEVEGHEM and formed up preparatory to attack. At 0715 attack commenced. The COURTRAI —	

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SNEVEGHEM	2/2 <sup>nd</sup>		<p>BOSSUYT canal was reached without opposition, and boys crossed by PONT LEVIS NO 2, which had been blown up but was still passable by infantry. On reaching the Eastern bank, all boys came under heavy M.G. fire, but pushed boldly on and seized ridge in 0.17 central - 0.23 central. Later it transpired that 29th (British) Division on left had made but little progress. To enable effective artillery support <del>to be afforded</del> to continue the advance our line was withdrawn from the ridge to about 0.16.d.3.9 - 0.17.a.1.6. Arrangements had been made for 41st and 29th (British) Divisions to continue the advance at 1215 but orders to this effect were not received until 1258, by which time our artillery supporting fire had ceased.</p> <p>Brigadier-General S.V.P. WESTON, D.S.O., M.C. G.O.C. 122nd Inf. Bde. saw C.O. at Bathn HQ, about 1320 and issued preliminary instructions for an advance to road 0.24.b.3.4 - 0.23.c.8.7. At 1530 29th (British) Division attacked. It was ascertained from a boy commander of a Bathn. of R. Fusers. that their objective was identical</p>	

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SWEVEGHEM	21st		<p>with ours, although this was trespassing within our Divisional boundary. Orders were issued for boys to stand fast on their present line. Later, orders were received for a resumption of attack at 0900 Oct 22. Throughout the morning much inconvenience was caused by a 6" Howitzer Battery which shelled the neighbourhood of Batten HQ in SWEVEGHEM. Artillery fire in support of the attack of the 29th (British) Division attack at 1530 also fell short and caused casualties to our men.</p> <p>Two Vickers Guns, one section R.E., one section R.F.A., and 1 Stokes mortar were attached to the Batten during these operations. The light French mortar was not used. The section R.F.A. fired on machine gun nests during the day. The section R.E. worked on PONT LEVIS NO. 2, preparing the damaged structure for wheels. This bridge was fit for 18 pdrs. by 1900 hours. About 1300, the 2 Vickers Guns took up a position on the East bank of the canal to cover BANHOUT BOSCH, as the situation on the left was obscure.</p>	

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PONT LEVIS NO 2	22 <sup>nd</sup>		<p>When orders for resumption of attack were received, it was the "forming-up" line fixed was found to be still in the hands of the enemy. CO. ordered a boy to go forward to clear farms on this line, and went to Bde. H.Q. to explain situation personally. The advance on the left was found to be unnecessary, the area having been cleared by 29th (British) Division. On the right, direction was lost, and the advance carried too far. Heavy M.B. fire was encountered, and Lieut. S. PYE and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. E. J. HACKING and 20 OR, were subsequently reported missing.</p>	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		<p>At 1210 the advance was stopped all along the line, and 18 KPRB remained as Battalion in Reserve.</p> <p>During night 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> the Battalion was relieved and marched to billets about O.3 central. Boys were reorganized.</p>	
SWEVEGHEM	24 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Battalion moved into billets at LOCKB, SWEVEGHEM, the 120<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. being in Divnl. Reserve.</p>	

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SWEVEGHEM	Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>		About noon Warning Order received to move into position in vicinity of HEESTERT. This order was cancelled later. The Batta moved forward, but owing to 12 <sup>th</sup> E. Sundry Regt. being held up, a gap occurred in the line, & road near KATTESTRAAT (O.18c Sheet 29) was picketed.	
KATTESTRAAT	26 <sup>th</sup>		At 4 am orders for attack were received, & Batta moved forward. Light shelling by enemy resulted in one casualty. Civilians reported that DRIESCH and AVELGHEM were clear of the enemy, & patrols were sent forward who confirmed this report. Two Coy. were accordingly pushed out to occupy line through DRIESCH & the outskirts of AVELGHEM, the remaining Coy. being in reserve.  In accordance with instructions from Brigade Batta side-stepped northwards to line KLOOSTERHOEK - P.15c - DRIESCH - P.27 a b-5. This operation being successfully executed, the line was taken over by the 124 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde.	
29/N. 30	26/27 <sup>th</sup>		Batta, relieved by 124 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde., marched to rest billets in Sheet 29 N. 30, East of BELLEGHEM.	
29/N. 30	27 <sup>th</sup>		Batta in rest area. Cleaning, & reorganisation.	
29/N. 30	28 <sup>th</sup>		Batta in rest area, training.	
29/N. 30	29 <sup>th</sup>		do	
29/N. 30	30 <sup>th</sup>		do	
Line	31 <sup>st</sup>		Batta relieved 17 <sup>th</sup> Bn. H.L.I. in line near KAPHOEN, P. 28, Sheet 29.  Draft of 91 O.R. joined Batta.	

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KAPHOEK	Night of Oct 31st - Nov 1st		Relieved 17th. H.L.I. in line at KAPHOEK (Sheet 29, P 28) <u>Casualties:</u> 3 OR killed 9 OR wounded by single shell which fell on "D" Coy's billet	
"	Night of Nov 1 - Nov 2		Relieved by 2/16 London Regt.	
OOTEHEM	2	-	Relief being complete marched to OOTEHEM (Sheet 29, P 7) No casualties. - Cleaning & Reorganisation.	
"	3-4		Training: Open Order Drill + Tactical Schemes	
"	5		Marched to HARLEBEKE: occupied RAILWAY CAMP (Sheet 29 H 12 b)	
HARLEBEKE	6		Bn. moved to billets in town in immediate vicinity of church. Cleaning & Reorganisation	
"	7/8		Field work. Rehearsal of projected attack. Reproduction on Lys R. of condition to be encountered in crossing SCHELDT. Crossing, & occupation of line beyond, carried out.	
"	9		Marched to KLEINBERG (Sheet 29 P 34)	
KLEINBERG	10		Continued advance to NUKERKE area (Sheet 29 R. 16)	
NUKERKE	11		About 1000 hrs, received <u>definite news of armistice</u> in following words:—	

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			<p><u>ARMISTICE:</u>                      GB 1 - 11th.                      "Following received from GHQ timed 0645 begins <del>the</del> Hostilities will cease at 1100 hours <del>the</del> Troops will stand fast at the line reached at that time which will be reported by wire to GHQ <del>the</del> Defensive precautions will be maintained <del>the</del> There will be no intercourse of any description with the enemy until instructions are received from GHQ. <del>the</del> Further instructions will follow <del>the</del> Ends <del>the</del> "</p> <p>news of cessation of hostilities received very quietly and without any demonstration whatever. It was evident that the minds of all had become so accustomed to a condition of war as natural &amp; permanent, that the mere announcement of a different state of affairs conveyed little or nothing to them.</p>	
NUKERKE	Nov 12/13		<p>Drill &amp; Games.</p> <p>The 2nd Army, forming part of the Army of Occupation, is moving forward as the enemy retires towards his own frontier. In accordance with this general plan, the Battalion moved forward to LOUISE MARIE (Sheet 30,52)</p>	
	- 13		<p>Continued march to STRAATENDRIES (Sheet 30,014)</p>	
LOUISE MARIE	- 14		<p>Provided Sentry Groups in Outpost line E of O 14, 20</p> <p>Drill &amp; Games.</p>	
STRAATENDRIES	15/16			

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STRAAT- ENDRIES	Nov 17		Continued march to VIANE (Sheet 30, V 24)	EFC
VIANE	18-19th		Drill & Games	EFC
"	20th		In accordance with 122 Int. Rev. O.O. dated 19th inst. (Continuation BM 679 dated 20th inst.), 41st Div. has been replaced in Ind. Corps by 9th Div. 41st Division is withdrawn into reserve and "will not advance further until state of railway permits of an adequate service of supply trains being arranged." Battalion withdrawn to SARLARDINGE, (Sheet 30 U 10)	EFC
SARLARDINGE 21st.	22nd		Cleaning, Drill & Games. By official invitation Commanding Officer ( <sup>Lieut-Col.</sup> Sir J.V.E. Lees, Bart., D.S.O., M.C.) and Adjutant (Capt. G. Wren Howard, M.C.) accompanied by <del>the</del> Coy. Cos. of C & D Coy (Capt. W.J. Taylor + 2/Lieut W.M. Harrington, M.C., M.M.) visited BRUSSELS for the purpose of being present on the occasion of the formal entry of the King of the Belgians into his capital	EFC
"	23-30th.		Drill, Range Practices & Games (Inter-Platoon & Inter-Coy Football)	EFC

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18<sup>th</sup> Bath KRRC

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1. The 18<sup>th</sup> Bn ~~London~~ KRRC will be relieved by the 2/16<sup>th</sup> Bn London Regiment on the night of Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1918
2. Camps kettles, mess stores and trench bundles will be dumped at Bath Hqs by 2100 hrs tonight
3. Guides, as under will report at Bath Hqs at 2359 tonight  
 1 guide per platoon  
 1 " " " Coy Hqs
4.
 

A Coy	2/16 London Regt	relieve	D Coy	18 <sup>th</sup> KRRC
C	"	"	B	"
D	"	"	C	"
B	"	"	A	"
5. On relief Corps will march independently to Area P7c dumping their Lewis Guns

at Catteridge en route.

Route, via DRIESCH - P 20 c - P 20 a -  
P. 19 b - P 13 meeting guides at P. 7. c 7. 2

6 Completion of relief will be reported to  
Catteridge by summer

7 Rations for consumption on Nov 2nd  
will be delivered in the new area

8 Acknowledge

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SARLONDINGE	1-10		Battalion billeted in village; Drill, Recreational Training & Sport.	<del>SP</del>
"	11		Major-Gen. Sir S.B. Lawford KCB, G.O.C. 4 <sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. presented French Croix de Guerre to 4 <sup>th</sup> Officers & OR in battalion.	
			<u>CROIX DE GUERRE</u> à l'ordre Corps P/Lt-Col. Sir J.W. Lees Bt. DSO, MC. Commanding Bn.	
			" " " " à l'ordre Division 2/Lt J.A. STEWART	
			9600 C.S.M. F.W. WRIGHT.	
			P/27281 P/Bn. J. BOYLE, M.M.	
			" " " " à l'ordre Regiment 20526 Sgt. J.S. McNEIL.	
			" " " " 4/6587 " J. GALVERT.	<del>SP</del>
"	12		Division being ordered to move forward by road to occupy quarters in vicinity of NAMUR, Bn. marched to HERINNES.	<del>SP</del>
HERINNES	13		marched to SAINTES by way of ENGHEIM.	<del>SP</del>
SAINTE	14		" " " " WANTHIER-LE-BRAINE.	<del>SP</del>
WANTHIER-LE-BRAINE	15		Rest & Recreation	<del>SP</del>
"	16		marched to GLABAIS, crossing en route the battlefield of WATERLOO, near which Bn. marched past H.M. the KING of the BELGIANS.	<del>SP</del>

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GLABAIS	17.		Marched to MELLERY	2/18
MELLERY	18		" " LIGHT.	2/18
LIGNY	19		" " ST. SERVAIS	2/18
ST. SERVAIS	20		" " BIERWART - HERON.	2/18
BIERWART - HERON.	21		" " VILLERS-LE-BOUILLET to occupy permanent quarters	2/18
VILLERS-LE-BOUILLET	22		Rest & Reorganisation	2/18
	23-24		Drill & Recreational Training	2/18
	25		For some weeks past special efforts had been made to organise Xmas Day celebrations for all ranks in Bn. Excellent dinner including Turkey & plum-pudding were provided for all and a dance was held in the evening.	2/18
	26-31		Drill, Recreational Training & Sport.	2/18
	28		Commenced work under Educational Scheme which has been drawn up to benefit men during demobilisation period. In this battalion, instruction is provided in English, Mathematics, History Geography, Civics, French, Chemistry, Electricity, Pottery, Farming, Shoemaking, Tailoring & Hair-dressing.	2/18
	31		New Year's Eve dances were organised for all Companies.	2/18

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Commanding Officer  
Major  
Commanding 18<sup>th</sup> Bn

DETAILS.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
On leave	2	45
In hospital	1	10
Courses of Instruction	2	1
	<u>5</u>	<u>56</u>
XIX Corps M.T.		1
"    Harvesting Company		1
Brigade Headquarters		4
Brigade Forward Party		1
Divisional Headquarters		10
Town Major	1	1
	<u>6</u>	<u>74</u>



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

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN.

ORDERLY ROOM

No. 23 NOV. 1918

18th BATTY K.R.R.C.

"A"		"B"		"C"		"D"		"E"		DETAILS (For explanation, see reverse).	
Strength last week.		Increase during week, due to drafts, etc.		Total from "A" and "B"		Decrease during week due to casualties, sick evacuations etc.		Strength for current week.			
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
36	728	9	48	45	776	1	16	44	760	6	74

- Name of Commanding Officer - Lt. Col. Sir J.V.E. Lees, Bt., D.S.O., M.C.
- Name of Second in Command - Major G. D. Lacey, M.C.
- No. of Majors and Captains (excluding above) - Majors <sup>1</sup> 6, Captains <sup>35</sup> 35
- No. of subalterns.

TOTAL OFFICERS

44

Explanation of Column "D"	Officers	O.R.
Killed in Action	-	-
Wounded in Action	-	-
Missing	1	1
Evacuated sick	1	15
Off strength for other reasons	-	-
TOTAL	1	16

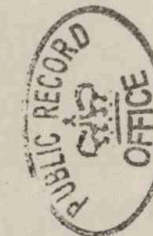
Explanation of increase or decrease of officers, by name.

Capt. H. G. Tuckfield, M.C.	From T.M.B.	
2/Lieut. H. K. Turner	From I.B.D. 18.11.18.	
" A. W. Miller	"	"
" C. W. Southern	"	"
" W. Bloomfield	"	"
" R. Perry M. C.	"	"
2/Lieut. G. J. Backshall, M.C.	"	"
" W. E. Brinkley	"	"
" J. H. Machin, M.C.	"	"

23.11.18.

Explanation of Column "B".

Reinforcements from Base	8	16
On strength from hospital		13
On strength for other reasons	1	19
TOTAL	9	48



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Lieut. Col.

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

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN.

"A" Strength last week.		"B" Increase during week, due to drafts, etc.		"C" Total from "A" & "B".		"D" Decrease during week due to casualties, sick evacuations, etc.		"E" Strength for current week.		"F" Details (for explanation, see back).	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
36	731	9		36	740	12		36	728	13	99

- Name of Commanding Officer - Lt. Col. Sir J.V.E Lees, Bt., D.S.O., M.C.
  - Name of Second in Command - Major G. D. Lacey, M.C.
  - No. of Majors and Captains (excluding above)
    - Majors 1
    - Captains 3
  - No. of subalterns 30
- TOTAL 36

Explanation of Column "D".	Officers	O.R.
Killed in Action		
Died of Wounds		
Wounded in Action		
Missing		
Evacuated sick		12
Off strength for other reasons		
TOTAL		<u>12</u>

Explanation of increase or decrease of officers, by name.

Explanation of Column "B"	Officers	O.R.
Reinforcements on strength from Base.		4
On strength from hospital		5
On strength for other reasons		
TOTAL		<u>9</u>

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16.11.18.

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

Lieut. Col.

DETAILS.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
On leave	5	46
In hospital	3	10
Courses of Instruction	4	17
	<u>12</u>	<u>73</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		
XIX Corps M.T.		1
" Harvesting Coy.		1
Brigade Headquarters		5
Brigade Forward Party		1
Divisional Headquarters		13
Traffic Control		2
Town Major	1	1
Demonstration Platoon		2
	<u>13</u>	<u>99</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		



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	<u>DETAIL.</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
On leave		5	37
In hospital		3	15
On Courses of Instruction		5	17
		-----	-----
		13	69
		-----	-----
XIX Corps Harvesting Coy.			1
" M.F.			1
Brigade Forward Party			14
Brigade Headquarters			6
Divisional Headquarters			14
Traffic Control			3
Town Major		1	1
Demonstration Platoon			2
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		14	111
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18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN.

ORDERLY ROOM

No. 8 - NOV. 1918

"A" Strength last week.		"B" Increase during week, due to drafts, etc.		"C" Total from "A" and "B".		"D" Decrease during week due to casualties, sick evacuations, etc.		"E" Strength for current week.		Details (for explanation see back).	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
54	728	2	51	36	779	-	48	38	731	14	111

1. Name of Commanding Officer - Lieut. Col. Sir J.V.E. Lees, Bart., D.S.O., M.C.
  2. Name of Second in Command - Major C. D. Lacey, M.C.
  3. No. of Majors and Captains (excluding above)
    - Majors 1
    - Captains 3
  4. No. of subalterns 30
- TOTAL 36

Explanation of Column "D".	Officers	O.R.
Killed in Action		3
Died of Wounds		3
Wounded in Action		11
Evacuated sick		31
TOTAL	-	48

Explanation of Increase or Decrease of Officers, by name:-

2/Lieut. T. F. Beirne From Base, 6.11.18.  
 " J. E. Braddock " " "

Explanation of Column "B".	Officers	O.R.
Reinforcements on strength from Base	2	38
On strength from hospital		10
On strength for other reasons		3
TOTAL	2	51



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9.11.18.

*Chas. Howard*  
 Lieut. Col.  
 Major,  
 Commdg. 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

DETAILS.

	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
On leave	1	48
In Hospital	5	32
On Courses of Instruction	3	8
	<u>9</u>	<u>88</u>
XIX Corps Harvesting Coy.		1
"    M.T.		1
Sde. Forward Party		15
Sde. Hqrs.		8
Div. Hqrs.		12
Town Major	1	1
Div. Reception Camp		3
	<u>10</u>	<u>127</u>

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

"A"		"B"		"C"		"D"		"E"		"F"	
Strength last week.		Increase, due to reinforcements, etc.		Total of "A" and "B"		Decrease, sick evacuations, casualties etc.		Strength this week.		DETAILS (for explanation see back).	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
33	642	1	118	34	760	-	32	34	728	10	127

1. Name of Commanding Officer - Lieut. Col. Sir J.V.E. Lees, Bt., D.S.O., M.C.

1. Name of ~~Second in Command~~ - Major C. D. Lacey, M.C.  
 Second in Command.

3. No. of Majors and Captains (not including above) *Majors 1*  
*Captains 3*  
 4. No. of subalterns. *28*  
 TOTAL *34*

Explanation of Column "D"

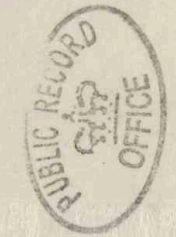
	Off.	O.R.
Killed	-	-
Wounded	-	1
Missing	-	-
Evacuated sick.	-	29
Struck off strength for any other reason	-	2
TOTAL	-	32

Explanation of Columns "B", "D" (Officers).

*Lieut. H.G. White - From Base - 30.10.18.*

*Chamberlain*  
*Capt*  
 Major,  
 Comd'g, 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

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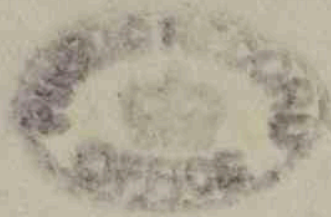


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Maps 'A' & 'B' not attached.



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18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

WARNING ORDER No. 11.

1. Coys. will be prepared to move at short notice.
2. In the event of a move, officers' valises, mess stores, and blankets will be dumped at the O.M. Stores.
3. Acknowledge.

*Chunddown*

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

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| "    | 6   | O.C. "B" "          |
| "    | 7   | O.C. "C" "          |
| "    | 8   | O.C. "D" "          |
| "    | 9   | Transport officer.  |
| "    | 10  | quartermaster.      |
| "    | 11  | Medical officer.    |
| "    | 12  | Signalling officer. |

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18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

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WARNING ORDER No. 9

Reference Map Sheet 29, 1/40,000.

1. The 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. will relieve a battalion of the 123rd Infantry Brigade in the line on the 9th instant.
2. "Covering parties" will probably proceed by bus as far as VOSSENHOEK, J.25 d.2.5, at a time to be notified later.
3. Remainder of Batta. will proceed by march route, starting about 1230.
4. There will be a halt for tea en route.
5. Acknowledge.

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*Chumbrant*  
Captain and Adjutant,  
18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

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"	6	O.C. "B" "
"	7	O.C. "C" "
"	8	O.C. "D" "
"	9	Signalling Officer.
"	10	Medical Officer.
"	11	Transport Officer.
"	12	Quartermaster.

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1. The 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. will march tomorrow, 5th November 1918, by march route to HARLESBEEK, N.18 area.

2. Billeting party of 1 N.C.O. per Coy. and Hqrs. will report to 2/Lieut. E. J. P. Orrett at 07.30 at the Orderly Room, where they will be provided with bicycles. The party will report to the Staff Captain at 09.00 at the Area Commandant's Office, HARLESBEEK.

3. Billeting returns for the present area will be sent to Orderly Room by 07.00.

4. Lewis Guns and ammunition, officers' valises, mess stores, and blankets (tied in bundles of ten, and labelled) will be dumped at "C" Coy. billet by 08.15.

5. The Bn. will parade in fighting order at 09.15, in the order - Hqrs., "B", "C", Band, "A", "D".  
Head of column will be at P.7 c.5.4.  
An interval of 100 yards will be maintained between Coys.  
Formal halts will be observed.

6. Rations for the 5th instant will be carried on the field kitchens.

7. Acknowledge.

Issued at 22.30.  
4.11.18.

*E. J. P. Orrett*  
Captain and Adjutant,  
18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

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"	5	O.C. "A" Coy.
"	6	O.C. "B" "
"	7	O.C. "C" "
"	8	O.C. "D" "
"	9	Transport Officer.
"	10	Quartermaster.
"	11	2/Lieut. E. J. P. Orrett.

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19th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

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ORDER No. 10.

Reference Map Sheet No. 1/40,000.

1. Advanced parties composed as under will report to P/Lieut. S. W. Dunn at Satta, Regts. (HAMILTONS CHURCH) tomorrow morning, 8th instant, at 0800:-

- 1 Officer per Company.
- 1 H.C.O. per Platoon.

2. Parties of 'A' and 'C' Coys. will proceed to Regts. of 19th Bn. 'Queen's' Royal West Surrey Regt., where accommodation will be allotted to them. (at 9.30 a.m.).

Parties of 'B' and 'D' Coys. will report at Regts. of 10th Bn. Royal West Kent Regt., R.S. 6.8.7. by 1300. Dress - 'Fighting Order.'

3. 'A' Coy. will proceed by bus tomorrow. Time and place to be notified later.

4. Acknowledge.

*Chas. Howard*

Capt. & Adj. Gen.  
19th Bn. K.R.R.C.

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7	C.O. 'C' "
8	C.O. 'D' "
9	P/Lieut. S. W. Dunn

*Warren*

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

Weekly Strength Return.

"A"		"B"		"C"		"D"		"E"		"F"	
Strength last week.		Increase during week due to reinforcements, etc.		Total from "A" and "B".		Decrease during week due to casualties, sick evacuations, etc.		Strength for current week.		DETAILS. (For explanation, see reverse).	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
44	808	-	20	44	828	-	7	44	818	18	85

1. Name of Commanding Officer - Lt. Col. Sir J.V.E Lees, Bt., D.S.O., M.C. Explanation of Column "D". Off. O.R.

2. Name of Second in Command - Major C. D. Lacey, M.C.

3. No. of Majors and Captains (excluding above) - Majors 1  
Captains 4

4. No. of subalterns 35

Total Officers 44

Total 7

Explanation of Increase or Decrease of Officers, by name.

Explanation of Column "B".

Reinforcements from Base On Strength from hospital 20  
On Strength for other reasons

Total 20

(Date) 13.12.18

*Cher. Amour*  
Lieut. Col.  
Comd. 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

DETAILS.

	Off.	O.R.
On Leave	8	41
In Hospital	1	10
Courses of Instruction	5	1
	<u>14</u>	<u>52</u>
XIth Corps M.T.		1
Brigade Headquarters,		5
Divisional Headquarters		13
D.A.P.M.		13
Town Major	1	1
	<u>15</u>	<u>33</u>



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

Weekly Strength Return.

"A"		"B"		"C"		"D"		"E"		"F"	
Strength last week.		Increase during week due to reinforcements, etc.		Total from "A" and "B".		Decrease during week due to casualties, sick, evacuations, etc.		Strength for current week.		DETAILS (for explanation, see reverse).	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
44	818	-	-	44	818	-	10	44	808	14	91

- Name of Commanding Officer - Lt. Col. Sir J.V.E. Lees, Bt., D.S.O., M.C.
  - Name of Second in Command - Major C. D. Lacey, M.C.
  - No. of Majors and Captains (excluding above)
    - Majors 1
    - Captains 6
  - No. of subalterns 35
- Total Officers 44

Explanation of Column "D".

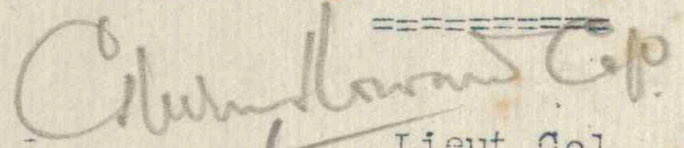
Killed in Action	
Wounded in Action	
Missing	
Evacuated sick	10
Off strength for other reasons	
<b>Total</b>	<u>10</u>

Explanation of Increase or Decrease of Officers, by name.

Explanation of Column "B".

Reinforcements from Base	
On Strength from hospital	
On Strength for other reasons	
<b>Total</b>	<u>        </u>

(Date) 21. 12. 18

  
 Lieut. Col.  
 Comd. 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. Corps.



Details.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>OR</u>
On leave	9	34
In Hospital	1	20
Courses of Instruction	3	1
	<hr/> 13	<hr/> 54
XIX Corps M.T.		1
Brigade Headquarters		5
Divisional "		13
D.A.P.M.		13
Town Major	1	1
	<hr/> 14	<hr/> 91
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18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

Weekly Strength Return.

"A"		"B"		"C"		"D"		"E"		"F"	
Strength last week.		Increase during week due to reinforcements, etc.		Total from "A" and "B".		Decrease during week due to casualties, sick, evacuations, etc.		Strength for current week.		DETAILS (for explanation, see reverse).	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
444	808	-	-	444	808	2	51	42	757	10	69

1. Name of Commanding Officer	- Lt. Col. Sir J.V.E. Lees, Bt., D.S.O., M.C.	Explanation of Column "D".	Off.	O.R.
2. Name of Second in Command	- <del>Major C. D. Lacey, M.C.</del>			
3. No. of Majors and Captains (excluding above)	- Majors 1 Captains 6	Killed in Action		
4. No. of subalterns	34	Wounded in Action		
		Missing		
		Evacuated sick		28
		Off strength for other reasons	2	23
	Total Officers 42			
			Total	2 51

Explanation of Increase or Decrease of Officers, by name.

Off Strength - Major C. D. Lacey, M.C., To England for special duty, 26.12.18.  
Lieut. N. Squier " " demobilization, 23.12.18

Explanation of Column "B".

Reinforcements from Base  
On Strength from hospital  
On Strength for other reasons

Total - -

(Date) 28.12.18.

*Alfred ...*  
Major  
Lieut. Col.  
ComdG. 18th Bn. K.R.Rif. Corps.



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Details

	Off.	O.R.
On Leave	5	38
Courses	3	5
Hospital	1	1
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	9	44
Essent duty		4
XIX Corps M.T.		1
Bde. Hqrs.		5
Div. Hqrs.		14
Town Major	1	1
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	10	69
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18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

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Order No. 51.

Reference Maps TOURNAI 5, and BRUSSELS 3; 1/100,000

1. The 18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps will march to the HERRING Area to-morrow 12th inst.
2. Billeting party composed as under, will report at 07.45 hours to 2nd Lieut. A. Buckley D.F.C. at Batten. Hdqrs who will meet the Staff Captain at HERRING CHURCH at 09.30 hours.  
1 Officer per Coy with bicycle  
1 N.C.O. mounted, from Transport.
3. Blankets and Officers' valises will be dumped as under by 07.30 hours:-  
"H.Q." "A" "C" "D" at O.M. Stores  
"B" Coy at "B" Coy Hdqrs.  
Mess Stores will be collected by the Mess Cart in the order "B" "D" "A" "C" starting with "B" Coy at 07.30 hours. O.C. Coys are responsible that mess stores are ready when called for.
4. Order of march will be:- "H.Q." "D" "A" Band "B" "C". Dress:- Full marching order.
5. Head of the Column will pass starting point at 08.25 hours. Starting point will be "A" Coy Officers' Mess.
6. All water bottles will be filled before moving off. Rations for consumption on the 12th inst., will be carried on the Field Kitchens.
7. There will be a halt for dinner from 11.50 hours to 13.00 hours.
8. Coys will hold foot inspections on arrival in new Billets. There will be a sick parade one hour after arrival.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at.....

11th December 1918.

*Arthur Longman*

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

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| "    | No. 6  | O.C. "B" Coy.         |
| "    | No. 7  | O.C. "C" Coy.         |
| "    | No. 8  | O.C. "D" Coy.         |
| "    | No. 9  | O.C. Hdqrs.           |
| "    | No. 10 | Medical Officer.      |
| "    | No. 11 | Intelligence Officer. |
| "    | No. 12 | Transport Officer.    |
| "    | No. 13 | Quartermaster.        |
| "    | No. 14 | R.S.M.                |
| "    | No. 15 | Spare.                |

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18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

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Order No. 22.Reference Map BRUSSELS 6 1/100,000

1. The 18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps will march to the SAINTES AREA to-morrow 13th inst.
2. Billeting Party, composed as under will report ~~at~~ at Battn. Hdqrs to 2nd Lieut. A. Buckley D.C.M. who will meet Staff Captain at Road Junction 300 yards W. of P. in STENKUP 4 B. 22.31 at 09.00 hours.  
1 N.C.O. per Coy with bicycle.  
1 N.C.O. from Transport with horse.
3. Officers valises and blankets will be dumped as under by 09.00 hours:-  
"H.Q." "A" "C" "D" Coys at C.M. Stores.  
"B" Coy at "B" Coy Headquarters.  
Mess Stores will be collected starting with "C" Coy at 09.15.  
"B" Coy Mess Stores will be dumped with their blankets.
4. Sick parade will be at 08.30 hours and again 2 hours after arrival in new area.
5. Order of march will be "A" "B" band "C" "D" Hdqrs. Dress:- Full marching order.  
O.C. "D" Coy will detail a rear party of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men under 2nd Lieut. A.W. Miller to march 50 yards in rear of the Transport, to bring in any stragglers and to take the names of any men who fall out.
6. Head of the column will pass the Starting Point at 10.21 hours. Starting Point will be Cross Roads 100 yards W. of HERINNES CHURCH (4 A. 34.72)
7. All water bottles will be filled before moving off.  
Rations for consumption on 13th inst., will be carried on the Field Kitchens.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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7 O.C. C Coy.  
8 O.C. D Coy.  
9 Intelligence Officer  
10 ~~War~~ Medical Officer  
11 Transport Officer.  
12 Quartermaster.  
13 R.S.M.  
14 Spare.

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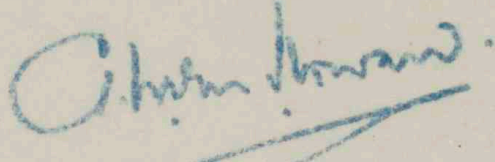
## OPERATION ORDER NO 23.

Reference Map - BRUSSELS 6 1/100,000.

1. The 18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps will march to the WANTHIER BRAINE Area to-morrow 14th inst.
2. Billeting Party, composed as under will report to 2nd Lieut. A. Buckley D.C.M. at 07.30 hours at Battn. Hdqrs. They will meet Staff Captain at Station WANTHIER - BRAINE at 08.30 hours.  
1 Officer per Coy with bicycle.  
1 Mounted N.C.O. from Transport.
3. Blankets, Officers valises and mess stores will be dumped at Q.M. Stores by 08.00 hours.
4. Sick parade will be as follows:-  
"A" & "B" Coys at 06.30 hours.  
"C" & "D" Coys at 07.30 hours.  
and again about 2 hours after arrival in new area.  
Men who are not bad enough to be evacuated, but are unfit to march will report at the Orderly Room at 08.15 hours and be marched to new Area under the Orderly Officer.
5. Order of march will be - "B" "C" Band "D" "A" Hdqrs. Dress:- Full marching order. O.C. "A" Coy will detail a rear party of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men under 2nd Lieut. T.F. Beirne to march 50 yards in rear of the Transport to bring in any stragglers and to take the names of any men who fall out.
6. Head of the Column will pass the Starting Point at 09.00 hours. Starting Point will be Road Junction 200 yards East of Battn. Headquarters.
7. All water bottles will be filled before moving off. Rations for consumption on 14th inst., will be carried on Field kitchens.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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 5 O.C. "A" Coy.  
 6 " "B" "  
 7 " "C" "  
 8 " "D" "  
 9 Intelligence Officer.  
 10 Medical Officer.  
 11 Transport Officer  
 12 Quartermaster  
 13 R.S.M.  
 14 Spare.

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18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps

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ORDER No. 14

Reference Map BRUSSELS N, 1/100,000

1. The 18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps will march to GLASATE to-morrow 19th in a t.
2. Billeting party, composed asd under, will report to 2nd Lieut. A. Buckler B.C.M. at 08.00 hours at Orderly Room. They will meet Staff Captain at Road Junction South of A in PLANCHVOIT at 09.00 hours:-  
1 Officer per Coy with bicycle.  
1 N.C. O. mounted from Transport.
3. Blankets, Officers valises, and mess stores will be dumped at C.M. Stores at 09.00 hours with the exception of valises and mess stores of "C" Coy and Hdqrs which will be fetched at some time.
4. Sick parade will be at 09.00 hours, dress:- full marching order, and again about 2 hours after arrival in new area. Men who are not bad enough to be evacuated but who are unfit to march, will report to the Orderly Room at 09.00 hours and will be marched to the new area under the Orderly Officer.
5. The order of march will be "C" "B" "A" "Hdqs". Dress:- full marching order. O.C. "A" Coy will detail a rear party of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men under 2nd Lieut. W. Squier to march 50 yards in rear of the Transport to bring in any stragglers and to take the names of any men who fall out.
6. Head of the column will pass the Starting Point at 10.00 hours. Starting Point will be 1200 yards North of road A in BRUNNE BRUNNE.
7. The Battalion will march past H.M. the King of the Belgians at a point between Kilometres 23 and 24 on the BRUNNE L'ALLIANCE - BRUNNE Road. Exact position of saluting base will be notified later.
8. All water bottles will be filled before moving off. Rations for consumption on 19th inst., will be carried on Field Kitchens.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*John Howard*  
 Capt. A.M.B.  
 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

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  - 5 O.C. "A" Coy.
  - 6 " " " "
  - 7 " " " "
  - 8 " " " "
  - 9 Intelligence Officer
  - 10 Medical Officer
  - 11 Transport Officer
  - 12 Quartermaster
  - 13 R.F.M.
  - 14 Spare.

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18 Bn Kings Royal Rifle Corps

Order No 25

Reference Map Russell's 6 100,000

- 1 The 18 Bn KRRC will march to MELLERY tomorrow 17 mid
- 2 Billiting Party, composed as under will report to Officer A Buckley DCM. at 0700 at Orderly Room. They will meet Staff Captain at Quatre Bras Cross Roads at 0800 hrs
  1. Officers per Coy with Bicycle
  - 1 Mounted N.C.O. from Transport
- 3 Blankets, Officers Valises and Mess stores of A & C Coy will be dumped outside Orderly Room by 0900 hrs  
 B Coy Blankets Valises + mess stores will be dumped at their Hqs by 0900 + will be picked up by lorry.  
 D Coy Blankets + valises will be dumped at their Hqs by 0900 + will be picked up by lorry. Mess Cart will collect mess stores of D Coy at 0900
- 4 Auck parade will be at 0800. Dress - Full Marching Order and again about 2 hours after arrival in new area  
 Unfits will parade at Orderly Room at 0900 and will be marched to new area under Orderly Officer
- 5 Order of march will be D, A, Band, B, C. Hqs. Dress - Full Marching Order.  
 A.C. Coy will detail a rear party of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men under 1st Lt Lodge (H Coy) to march 50 yards in rear of Transport to bring in any stragglers and to take the names of any men who fall out
- 6 Head of the Column will pass starting point at 10.02 hours  
 Starting point will be Church GLAIBAIS.
- 7 Water Bottles will be filled before morning off  
 Rations for consumption on the 17 will be carried on the Field Kitchens
- 8 Acknowledged

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G. W. Brown.

Capt Adj't



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VILLERS-LE BOUILLET	Jan. 1	-	The Battalion is at present commanded by MAJOR A.C. MARTIN M.C. who took over from LT-Col Sir J.V.E. LEES Bt D.S.O., M.C. (on leave) on Dec. 26/18. G.O.C. inspected Corps at work. Dull & Recreational & Educational Training.	
"	2-8	-	Training as above	
"	4	-	First Warning Order received as follows: "41st. Div. will relieve the 1st. Canadian Division at COLOGNE Bridgehead in the left sector Xth Corps Front. 18th Bn. KRRC will relieve 10th Canadian Infantry Bn. at VOLBERG	
"	4	-	Strength of Battalion 42 Officers 755 O.R.	
"	9	13.30	Batn entrained at HUY STATION for COLOGNE Area. During the period which the Bn. has spent in VILLERS-LE-BOUILLET the relations between the civil population and all ranks of the Battn. have been most cordial	
"	9-10		On train between HUY and BENSBERG.	
BENSBERG	10		Battalion detrained at BENSBERG and proceeded by road route to HOFFNUNGSTHAL-VOLBERG, adjoining villages on SULZ River & some ten miles E of COLOGNE	

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HOFFNUNGSTHAL -VOLBERG	Jan. 11		Strength of Battalion 42 Officers 794 OR.	2180
"	11-18		Battalion billeted in these villages where it is acting as Battalion in Reserve, outpost line being held by 12th. East Surrey Regt. Drill, and Recreational & Educational Training Facilities are provided for 10% of Bn. to go daily to COLOGNE. A Concert Party has been organised under the name of the "GREENJACKETS" & has given several concerts to the Battalion & in addition, has provided entertainments for other units who, in return, have sent their concert troupes to us. The attitude of the local population is non-committal; there appears to be little or no hostility or obstruction. On the other hand no fraternisation has been observed on the part of the Battalion.	2186
"	18		Strength of Battalion 42 Officers 786 OR	2185
"	19-25		Drill, and Recreational & Educational Training	2185
"	25		Strength of Battalion 40 Officers 771 OR.	2185
"	26-30		Drill, and Recreational & Educational Training During the past week the number of men leaving Battalion for demobilisation	2185



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War diary, Order No. 1.

1. The Battalion will move to GERMANY  
by tactical train on the 7th inst.  
One officer per Coy. will be ready  
to move at a moment's notice with  
Advance Parties.

2 Acknowledgments

Captain & Adjutant

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18th Bn. K R R C

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SECRET.18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.Copy No. NOperation Order No. 2.

Ref. Map Sheets 2L. 1/100,000, and 59, 1/250,000. (Germany).

1. The 18th Bn. K.R.R.C., with Transport, will entrain at 1303 hrs., Jan. 9th 1919, at ANDENNE Station, for COLOGNE area.
2. Lieut. & Q.M. H. Collinson, M.C., and Lieut. W. E. Brinkley will superintend entraining.
3. Breakfasts will be cooked in camp kettles under Coy. arrangements, and kettles will be dumped at Q.M. Stores before starting.
4. The Bn. will parade in full marching order (Officers will wear revolvers and B.R.) in column of route, facing South, on road running through billeting area, ready to move by 0600 hrs.  
Starting point - "C" Coy. Mess.  
Order of march - "C", "A", Band, Hqs., "B", "D".
5. All water-bottles to be filled before moving off.  
The unexpended portion of the day's ration, plus one day's ration, will be carried on the man.
6. Dinners will be ready by the time the Bn. arrives at ANDENNE Station.
7. All blankets and valises will be dumped by 0500, Jan. 9th.  
"A" & "C" Coys. at Q.M. Stores.  
Hqs., "B" & "D" Coys. outside girls' school.  
Hqs. valises and Orderly Room boxes at Orderly Room by 0500.  
Lantern stores, & sports gear ready to be loaded by 0500.
8. TRANSPORT.  
(a) Will be loaded up tonight.  
(b) Will be at Station 3 hours before scheduled time of departure of train.
9. Coy. Mess boxes will be dumped at Q.M. Stores by 2100 hrs tonight, 8th Jan.
10. Mess cart will call for Hqs. Mess box at 2100 hrs tonight.
11. Cookers will be at R.A.P. at 0530 hrs., 9th Jan., ready to move.
12. The Guard of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men over enemy material will remain after Bn. has left; and will be relieved by Canadian troops on arrival. On relief they will report to R.T.O. HUY, and proceed to rejoin unit.
13. Acknowledge.

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

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" 2 & 3. War Diary.	" 11. Quartermaster
" 4. 2nd in Command	" 12. Medical Officer.
" 5. O.C. Hqs.	" 13. Entraining Officers.
" 6. O.C. "A" Coy.	" 14. O.C. 19th Middlesex.
" 7. O.C. "B" Coy.	" 15. R.S.M.
" 8. O.C. "C" Coy.	
" 9. O.C. "D" Coy.	

18<sup>th</sup> Bn King's Royal Rifle Corps  
Amendment to O.O. No. 2 Dated 8.1.14  
Sick parade 08.00

- Ref Para 1. The Bn. will now entrain at Hoy Station
2. The Bn. will parade ready to move off at 09.30 hrs.
  3. Breakfast will be arranged to suit actual time of starting.
  6. Dinner will be eaten on the train. Two orderlies per platoon will be detailed to draw dinner at first halt and to see that camp knives are returned to cookers at first opportunity.
  7. From 05.00 hrs throughout substitute 07.00 hrs.

Remainder of order is unchanged.

AC Lyall  
Capt

8.1.14.

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

Weekly Strength Return.

"A" Strength last week.		"B" Increase during week due to reinforcements, etc.		"C" Total from "A" and "B".		"D" Decrease during week due to casualties, sick evacuations, etc.		"E" Strength for current week.		"F" DETAILS (for explanation, see reverse). Off. O.R.	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
42	757	-	3	42	760	-	5	42	755	8	88

1. Name of Commanding Officer	- Lt. Col. Sir J.V.E. Lees, Bt., D.S.O., M.C.	Explanation of Column "D".	Off.	O.R.
2. Name of Second in Command	- Major S. D. Lacey, M.C. <i>W. P. Bristowe</i>			
3. No. of Majors and Captains (excluding above)	- Majors - Captains 6	Killed in Action		
		Wounded in Action		
		Missing		
		Evacuated sick		1
4. No. of subalterns	34	Off strength for other reasons		4
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Total Officers	42			-----
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		Total		5

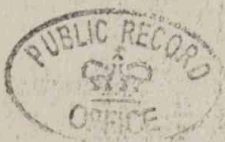
Explanation of Increase or Decrease of Officers, by name.	Explanation of Column "B".
	Reinforcements from Base
	On Strength from hospital
	On Strength for other reasons
	Total
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(Date) 4-1-19.

*C. Sherrin*  
Major  
Lieut. Col.  
Comd. 18th Bn. K.R.Rif. Corps.

Details.

	Off.	O.R.
Leave	3	54
Courses of Instruction	2	5
Hospital	2	4
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	7	63
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Escort Duty		3
XIX Corps M.T.		1
Bde Hqs.		5
Div. Employ		13
Town Major	1	1
R.T.O. HUY		2
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	8	88
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18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

Weekly strength return.

"A" Strength last week.		"B" Increase during week due to reinforcements, etc.		"C" Total from "A" and "B".		"D" Decrease during week due to casualties, sick evacuations, etc.		"E" Strength for current week.		"F" DETAILS (for explanation see back).	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
42	755	-	51	42	806	-	12	42	794	9	71
1. Name of Commanding Officer - <i>Lt. Col. Sir J. V. E. Lee Bt., D.S.O., M.C.</i>						Explanation of Column "D".					
2. Name of Second in Command - <i>Major W. P. Bristowe</i>						Killed in Action -					
3. No. of Majors and Captains (excluding above) - Majors -						Wounded in Action -					
Captains 6						Missing -					
4. No. of subalterns 34						Evacuated sick 3					
Total Officers 42						Off strength for other reasons 9					
						Total - 12					

Explanation of increase or decrease of officers, by name.

Explanation of Column "B".

Reinforcements from base 20  
On strength from hospital 31  
On strength for other reasons

Total

- 51

(Date) 11-1-19.

*W. P. Bristowe*  
Major

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

DETAILS

	Officers.	O.R.
Leave	4	25
Courses of Instruction	2	16
Hospital	2	7
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	8	48
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XIX Corps M.T.		1
Bde. Hqs.		5
Div. Employ		10
Town Major	1	1
Escort Duty		6
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	9	71
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*W. W. Martin*

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

Weekly strength Return.

"A" Strength last week.		"B" Increase during week due to reinforcements, etc.		"C" Total from "A" and "B".		"D" Decrease during week due to casualties, sick evacuations, etc.		"E" Strength for current week.		"F" DETAILS (for explanation see back).	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
42	794	-	-	42	794	-	8	42	786	7	89
1. Name of Commanding Officer - Lt. Col. Sir J. V. E. Lees Bt., D.S.O., M.C.						Explanation of column "D".					
2. Name of Second in Command - Major W. P. Bristow.						Killed in Action					
3. No. of Majors and Captains (excluding above) - Majors: -						Wounded in Action					
Captains: 6						Missing					
4. No. of subalterns 34						Evacuated sick					
Total Officers 42						Off strength for other reasons					
						Total 8					

Explanation of increase or decrease of Officers, by name.

Explanation of column "B".

Reinforcements from base  
On strength from hospital  
On strength for other reasons

Total

(Date) 18.1.19



*W. Bristow*

Major  
Comd'g. 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

Details.

	off.	O. R.
Leave	2	22
Courses of Instruction	2	15
Hospital	2	9
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	6	46
XIX Corps M.T.		1
Bde. Hqs.		4
Div. Employ		11
Town Major	1	1
Escort Duties		6
Supply Train Guard		4
A. P. M. COLOGNE		8
URBACH Town Guard		8
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	7	89
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18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

Weekly strength return.



"A" Strength last week.		"B" Increase during week due to reinforcements, etc.		"C" Total from "A" and "B".		"D" Decrease during week due to casualties, sick evacuations, etc.		Strength for current week.		"F" DETAILS (for explanation see back).	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
42	786	-	2	42	788	2	17	40	771	10	91
1. Name of Commanding Officer - Lt. Col. Sir J. V. S. Lees Bt., D.S.O., M.C.						Explanation of column "D".					
2. Name of Second in Command - Major W. P. Brewster						Killed in action <i>Demobilized</i>					
3. No. of Majors and Captains (excluding above) - Majors: - Captains: 5						Wounded in Action					
4. No. of subalterns						Missing					
						Evacuated sick					
						Off strength for other reasons					
Total Officers: 40						Total					
						2 17					

Explanation of increase or decrease of officers, by name.

*Capt G S Hughes* *to England for Demobilization 25/1/19*  
*2/11 on Southern*

Explanation of column "B".

Reinforcements from base  
On strength from hospital  
On strength for other reasons

Total

2

(Date) 25.1.19

*A. Mathew*  
Major  
Comd'g. 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

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Details

On leave	3	29
Courses of instruction	2	15
In hospital	2	6
	<u>7</u>	<u>50</u>

<u>SIX</u> Corps M.T.		1
Bde Hqs		4
Dist Comdoy		10
Town Major	1	1
Supply Train Guard		4
A.P.M. Cologne		8
Staback Town Guard		8
R.T.O. Bonn	1	1
P.O.W. Camp W.A.P.N	1	4
	<u>10</u>	<u>41</u>



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HOFFENINGSTHAL - VOLBERG	1-14	-	Weekly Strength Return 39 Officers, 731 OR. Battalion in Bde. Reserve.	2/18
"	8	-	Drill, Range Practice, Recreational & Educational Training. Weekly Strength Return 38 Officers, 656 OR.	2/18
"	14	-	Number demobilised during week 1 Off + 70 OR. Battalion relieved 12th E. Surrey Regt in Outpost Line.	2/18 2/18
"			Bn HQ + 2 Coy located in MARIALINDEN village on plateau E of ABBER RIVER. Remaining <del>the</del> Coy hold 9 posts on perimeter of Cologne Bridgehead between ABBER valley & SCHNELLENBACH.	2/18
MARIALINDEN	15		Weekly Strength Return 38 Officers + 583 OR. Number demobilised during week 71 OR.	2/18
"	15-24		Coy in village, Drill, Range Practices, Recreational & Educational Training.	2/18
"	22		Weekly Strength Return 38 Officers 563 OR. Number demobilised during week 16 OR.	2/18
"	24		Relieved in Outpost Line by 15th Hunts Regt. Bn returned to Bde Support at OVERATH on ABBER R.	2/18

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
OVERATH. <del>WINDERSHEIM</del>	26	-	Prior to departure of Bn from 41st Div, it was inspected + addressed by Major Gen. Sir S. LAWFORD G.O.C. 41st Div, and Brigadier-Gen. S.V.P. WESTON, G.O.C. 122 Bde. who paid tribute to the work of the Bn. in France, Italy + Belgium, whilst in 41st Div, of which it had formed part since Division first came out on Active Service in May 1916	E/P
"	27		Relieved at OVERATH by 1/7 Middlesex Regt. Bn proceeded by strategical train to NIEDERAUSSEM, 22 Kilos NW of Cologne, to be incorporated in 99th Bde, 2nd Division	E/P
	28		Weekly Strength Return 38 Officers - 559 OR No. demobilised during week NIL	E/P
			Total No. " " FEBRUARY 1 Officer, 157 OR.	E/P

SECRET18<sup>th</sup> Bn KINGS ROYAL RIFLE CORPS.

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## OPERATION ORDER NO 3.

REFERENCE MAPS: SHEET 2910 1/25,000 OVERATH.  
2911 " " " " " " ENGELSKIRCHEN.

1. The 18<sup>th</sup> Bn. Kings Royal Rifle Corps. will relieve the 12<sup>th</sup> E. Surrey Regt. in the Outpost Line as under on 14<sup>th</sup> February 1919.

'C'	boy	18 <sup>th</sup> Bn. K.R.R.C.	will take over from	'C'	boy	E. S. Regt.
'B'	"	"	"	'D'	"	"
'A'	"	"	"	'A'	"	"
'D'	"	"	"	'B'	"	"

2. Defence Schemes, Administrative Instructions, Iron Rations, Washing Bowls, Soyer Stoves, etc. will be taken over.

3. The Batta, less 6 boy, and 2 platoons B boy, will parade in the following order:-

'B' (less 2 platoons) - HQ boy - Band - 'D' - 'A'.

Starting Point 'B' boy Headquarters. Column facing

North. Time of Starting - 0900 hours.

Dress: Fighting Order: Leather jerkins will be worn:  
Box Respirators carried.

4. Blankets of Hqs. 'A', 'B' (less 2 platoons) + D boy, (securely tied in bundles of ten and labelled); Packs, clearly marked, canteen and sports stores, etc. will be dumped at Q.M. Stores by 0730 hours.

Officers valises and mess stores of 'A'

'B' + 'D' boys. will be dumped at Q.M. Stores by 0800 hours

Valises and mess stores of 'HQ' will be collected by 0800 hrs.

5. Dinners for above will be served immediately on arrival in new area.

6. Outpost Companies Detail.

(a) 'B' boy (2 platoons), and 'C' boy will proceed by motor lorry to new area; starting from 'C' boy Hqs. by 0830 hrs.

(b) Officers valises + mess stores, of 'C' boy; Packs and Blankets of B (2 platoons) and 'C' boys, will be taken in the lorries.

(c) 'B' boy - 2 lorries for Nos. 1 and 2 posts. Route:- Overath - Maria Linden.

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C Coy - 2 lorries for 3, 5 and 6 posts and Coy. Hqs.  
Route - Overath - Marialinden - Landwehr.

C Coy - 2 lorries for 7, 8 and 9 posts.

Route :- Overath - Engelkirchen - Kattenbach -  
Darbendörhe.

Above will take unconsumed portion of day's ration, and following day's ration, in the lorries.

7 Advance parties of 1 officer per Coy. and 1 N.C.O. per platoon, and 2 N.C.O.s Hqs Coy. will proceed to new area by lorry, parading at Bn. Hqs. by 0900 hours 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1919. Major A. G. Martin M.C., will be in charge of this party.

8 Acknowledge.

20. Lyell.

Capt & Adj. S.

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12	Intelligence Officer
13	R.S.M.
14	O.C. 12 <sup>th</sup> Bn. P.A. Coy.

18th. Bn. King's royal Rifle Corps. *copy no. 2*  
OPERATION ORDER NO. 4.

*War Diary*  
 Ref. Map Sheets 2910 and 2911.

- The Battalion will be relieved by the 15th. Hants. in the Outpost line on Feb. 24th, 1919. On relief the Battalion will move to OVERATH.
2. Defense Scheme, Administrative Instructions, Iron Rations, washing bowls, Soyer stoves, etc., will be handed over and receipts, signed by an Officer, will be rendered to O.R., together with list of stores taken over by 18.00 hrs. 24th instant.
  3. Owing to cancellation of lorries, special instructions will be issued for relief of 7, 8 and 9 posts.
  4. C Coy (except posts 7, 8 and 9) will dump blankets, stores, camp kettles, etc. Nos. 5 and 6 posts at FEDERATH, Coy Hdqrs. at LANDWEHR by 08.00 hrs. and will march independently on being relieved, to OVERATH. S.A.A. limber will collect blankets, Mess cart will collect mess stores.
  5. B Coy will, on completion of relief by B Coy. Hants march <sup>and</sup> independently to billets in OVERATH. B Coy stores, blankets, camp kettles, etc., will be dumped at B Coy Hdqrs. by 08.00 hrs. and will be collected by S.A.A. limbers.
  6. Remainder of Battalion will parade at 10.00 hrs on MARIALINDEN - OVERATH road facing West.  
 Order of March - A Coy, D Coy, Band, Hdqrs.  
 Starting point - D Coy office.  
 Dress - Full Marching Order, Jerkins (rolled) and box respirators.
  7. (a) A, D, and Hdqrs. Coys will dump blankets, Coy. stores, Canteen and sports stores outside Q.M. store by 09.00 hrs., together with Coy mess stores and all valises.  
 (b) Hdqrs. mess stores, ~~etc.~~, will be collected by 09.00 hrs.
  8. Dinners will be served on arrival in new area.
  9. Acknowledge.
- Issued at 11.30 hrs. *B.P. O'Neill* 2/Lt. & A/Adjt.  
 23.2.1919. 18th. Bn. K.R.R.C.

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- 6. O.C. B Coy.
- 7. O.C. C Coy.
- 8. O.C. D Coy.
- 9. T.O.
- 10. Q.M.
- 11. M.O.
- 12. 15th. Hants.
- 15th R. S.M.



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18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.No. 2.SECRET.OPERATION ORDER NO. 5.Re. Map. Sheets 2910 and 2911.

1. Posts 7, 8 and 9 will be relieved by C Coy, 15th. Hants. 24th instant.
2. Blankets, stores, camp kettles etc. of 7, 8 and 9 posts will be dumped at respective posts by 08.00 hours.
3. On relief posts <sup>7</sup>7, 8 and 9 will march to ENGELSKIRCHEN station and travel to OVERATH by 14.15 train.
4. Guides from <sup>7</sup>7, 8 and 9 posts will be at ENGELSKIRCHEN station to meet party of the Hants arriving by 08.40 train from OVERATH, & guide them to three posts.
5. Transport. 1 limber each will arrive at 7 and 8 post respectively and will proceed to OVERATH via ENGELSKIRCHEN.
6. If relieved before stores have been removed posts will leave a man in charge of same. He will accompany collecting limber.
7. Ration arrangements at discretion of O.C. C Coy.

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 6. T.O.

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 2/Lt. & A/Adjt.  
 13th. Bn. K.R.R.C.

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18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.OPERATION ORDER No. 6.Reference Map Coln Sheet 59.

1. The 18th Bn. K.R.R.C. will move to 2nd Divisional Area on 27th inst., by train, leaving OVERATH at 11.41 hours. 1
2. The Bn. will entrain at OVERATH Station at 11.00 hours and parade in the main street at 10.45 hours in the following order, Band Hdrs, "E" "C" "D" "A". Head of column at Road Junction of Main Street and Station St. Dress:- Full marching order.
3. 3 Lorries will be at the disposal of Bn. for conveying blankets and Q.M. Stores to new area - These lorries will be under the direction of 2nd Lieut. T.F. Beirne who will be responsible for route etc.
4. Transport with loading party of 2 Officers and 100 O.R. will be at Station at 09.00 hours.  
Loading Party - "B" Coy 1 Off. 40 O.R.  
"C" " 1 Off. 40 O.R.  
"D" " 20 O.R.
5. Blankets of "H.Q." "B" "C" "D" Coys, rolled in bundles of 10 and securely tied and labelled will be dumped at Q.M. Stores by 09.00 hours.
6. Sports Stores, Canteen Stores, Mess Stores, Officers valises of H.Q. B. C. D. will be dumped at Q.M. Stores by 08.30 hours.
7. Blankets, valises Mess Stores of "A" Coy will be called for by lorry at 08.00 hours.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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- 4 O.C. "H.Q." Coy.
- 5 " "A" "
- 6 " "B" "
- 7 " "C" "
- 8 " "D" "
- 9 Transport Officer
- 10 Quartermaster
- 11 Medical Officer
- 12 R.S.M.
- 13 Spare



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

Weekly strength return.

"A" Strength last week.		"B" Increase during week due to reinforcements, etc.		"C" Total from "A" and "B".		"D" Decrease during week due to casualties, sick evacuations, etc.		"E" Strength for current week.		"F" DETAILS (for explanation see back). Off. O.R.	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
40	771	1	2	41	773	2	42	39	731	8	101

1. Name of Commanding Officer - Lt. Col Sir J. E. Lees Bart DSO M.C.  
 2. Name of Second in Command - Major W. P. Britton  
 3. No. of Majors and Captains (excluding above) - Majors 1  
 Captains 31  
 4. No. of subalterns  
 Total Officers 39

Explanation of Column "D".

Killed in Action	
Wounded in Action	
Missing	8
Evacuated sick	34
Off strength for other reasons	2
Total	<u>42</u>

Explanation of Increase or Decrease of Officers, by name.

On strength Major A.C. Martin M.C. from Base 17. 10. 18

Off strength 2/Lt C.M. Bulton to England for Demobilization 29. 1. 19  
2/Lt J.D. Jones " " " " " " " "

(Date) 1. 2. 19

Total numbers demobilized since last return 2 34

Explanation of Column "B".

Reinforcements from base	1
On strength from hospital	2
On strength for other reasons	
Total	<u>3</u>

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col



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

Account

Lease	29
Hospital	2
Comms	10
	56

XIX Corp. J	1
Adm. Hqs.	4
Gen. Hqs.	7
Gen. Hqs.	1
Supply Hqs. Gen.	8
A.P.T. COLOGNE	8
URBACH Train Hqs.	8
P.W. Camp COLOGNE	4
P.W. Camp Seine PARIS	2
	8
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18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

Weekly Strength Return.

"A" Strength last week.		"B" Increase during week due to reinforcements, etc.		"C" Total from "A" and "B".		"D" Decrease during week due to casualties, sick evacuations, etc.		"E" Strength for current week.		"F" DETAILS (for explanation see back).	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
39	731	4		39	735	1	79	38	656	12	92
1. Name of Commanding Officer - Lt. Col. Sir W. G. ...						Explanation of Column "D".					
2. Name of Second in Command - Major G. B. Martin ...						Killed in Action					
3. No. of Majors and Captains (excluding above) - Majors: 1 Captains: 7						Wounded in Action					
4. No. of subalterns: 28						Missing Demobilised: 1					
Total Officers: 38						Evacuated sick: 7					
						Off strength for other reasons: 2					
						Total: 1 79					

Explanation of increase or decrease of officers, by name.

Off strength:

2/Lt. A. R. Taylor. In England for Demobilisation 31. 1. 19.

Explanation of Column "B".

Reinforcements from base  
On strength from hospital  
On strength for other reasons

Total

4

4

(Date) 8. 2. 19

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

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col.

Total number Demobilised since last return 0 OR  
1 70

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Details

Leave	3	22
Hospital	2	10
Courses	2	12
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	7	44
XIX Corps M.T.		1
Gen. Hqs.		6
Diol. Employ.	1	10
Town Major	1	1
Supply Train Guard		4
u. P. m. Cologne		8
URBACH Town Guard		8
POW Camp. Cologne	1	4
POW Boat Service, POZ		2
Y.M.C.A. Rosrath		2
R.I.C. Bonn	1	1
NOI Con. Camp. COLOGNE	1	1
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	12	92

18<sup>TH</sup> BATTN. K.R.R.C.

Weekly Strength Return.

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"A" Strength last week.		"B" Increase during week due to reinforcements, etc.		"C" Total from "A" and "B"		"D" Decrease during week due to casualties, sick evacuations, etc.		"E" Strength for current week.		"F" DETAILS (for explanation see back).		
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	
38	656	-	-	38	656	-	73	38	583	15	84	
1. Name of Commanding Officer				Lt. Col. Sir John Lewis B. D.S.O. MC		<u>Explanation of Column "D"</u>				Off.		O.R.
2. Name of Second in Command				Major A. E. Martin MC		Killed in Action				-		-
3. No. of Majors and Captains (excluding above)				- Majors - 1 Captains - 7		Wounded in Action				-		-
4. No. of subalterns				- 28		Demobilised				71		71
Total Officers				38		Evacuated sick				2		2
						Off strength for other reasons				-		-
						Total				73		73

Explanation of Increase or Decrease of Officers, by name.

Explanation of Column "B"

Reinforcements from Base  
On strength from Hospital  
On strength for other reasons

Total

(Date) 15. 2. 19

*[Signature]*  
Commdg. 18<sup>th</sup> Bn. K.R.R.C.

	Off.	O.R.
<u>Total Number Demobilised since last return</u>	-	71

Details

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	off.	OR
Leave	5	20
Hospital	2	10
Courses	2	7
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	9	37
XIX Corp M.I.	-	1
Brigade HQ	-	5
Divisional Emplay	2	10
Town Major	1	1
Supply Train Guard	-	4
A.P.M. Cologne	-	8
Urback Town Guard	-	8
P.O.W. Camp Cologne	1	4
Boat Service	-	2
J.M.B. Rosrath	-	2
mot. Co. Camp Cologne	1	1
R.I.C. Bonn	1	1
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	15	84

18<sup>TH</sup> BATTN. K.R.R.C.

Weekly Strength Return.

"A" Strength last week.		"B" Increase during week due to reinforcements, etc.		"C" Total from "A" and "B".		"D." Decrease during week due to casualties, sick evacuations, etc.		"E" Strength for current week.		"F" DETAILS (for explanation see back).	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
38	583	-	-	38	583	-	20	38	563	14	86
1. Name of Commanding Officer		- Lieut. Col. Sir J. V. E. Rees, Bt., D.S.O., M.C.				<u>Explanation of Column "D":</u>				Off. O.R.	
2. Name of Second in Command		- Major A. C. Martin, M.C.				Killed in Action					
3. No. of Majors and Captains (excluding above)		- Majors - 1				Wounded in Action					
		- Captains - 7				Demobilised					
4. No. of subalterns		-		28		Evacuated sick				16	
		Total Officers -		38		Off strength for other reasons.				4	
								Total		20	

Explanation of Increase or Decrease of Officers, by name.

Explanation of Column "B"  
 Reinforcements from Base  
 On strength from Hospital  
 On strength for other reasons

Total \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) 22nd. February, 1919.

Total Number Demobilised since last return

Off. O.R.  
- 16

*J. V. E. Rees*  
 Lieut. Col.  
 Commdg. 18<sup>th</sup> Bn. K.R.R.C.



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Details.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O. R.</u>
Leave	7	21
Hospital	2	8
Courses	1	6
	<u>10</u>	<u>35</u>
XIX Corps M. Y.		1
Brigade Headquarters		4
Divisional Employ	2	15
Y.M.C.A. Rosneath		2
2nd Army A.		1
Town Major	1	1
Supply train guard		4
A.P.M. Cologne		8
Urbach town guard		8
P.O.W. Camp. Cologne		4
P.O.W. Boat service, Pory		2
No. 1. Con. Camp, Cologne	1	1
	<u>14</u>	<u>86</u>

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18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN.

"A"		"B"		"C"		"D"		"E"		"F"	
Strength last week.		Increase during week due to reinforcement.		Total from "A" & "B"		Decrease during week due to casualties sick evacuations etc.		Strength for current week.		DETAILS (for explanation see back)	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
38	583	+	1	38	584	-	5	38	559	18	59

1. Name of Commanding Officer - Lieut.Col. Sir J.V.E. Lees Bt., D.S.O., M.C.		2. Name of Second in Command - Major A.C. Martin M.C.		3. No. of Majors & Captains (excluding above)		4. No. of Subalterns		Explanation of Column "D"		Off.	O.R.
				Majors -	1			Killed in action			
				Captains -	7			Wounded in action			
								Demobilised			
								Evacuated sick			3
								Off strength for other causes			2
											5

Explanation of Increase or Decrease of Officers by Name.

Explanation of Column "E"		Off.	O.R.
Reinforcements from Base			
On strength from Hospital			1
On strength for other reasons			
			1

Total Number Demobilised since last return Offs. Nil. O.R. Nil.

28.2.1919.

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Lieut.Col.  
Comdg. 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

18TH BATTALION,  
K.R.R.C.  
No. ....  
Date .....

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DETAILS.

	<u>OFF.</u>	<u>S.R.</u>
leave	11	27
Courses of Instruction	1	1
Hospital	<del>1</del>	<del>0</del>
	<u>12</u>	<u>28</u>
XIXth Corps H.Q. Coy		1
102nd Infantry Brigade H.Q.		1
41st Divisional Headquarters	2	12
41st Divl. Train H.Q.		2
41st Divl. Artillery H.Q.		1
P. of W. Boat Service DORZ		2
P. of W. Camp, WARR		3
No. 1 Concentration Camp Cologne		1
2nd Army "A"		1
2nd Army H.Q.		1
Town Major Busseboom	1	1
	<u>15</u>	<u>59</u>

18th Bn KRRC

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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MARCH 1919

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NIEDERAUSSEM OBERAUSSEM	1		(Battalion billeted in these adjoining villages - A+B Cops in OBERAUSSEM - C, D + HQ Cops in NIEDERAUSSEM) A+B Cops vacated OBERAUSSEM to make room for 13th Bn KRRC B Co billeted in NIEDERAUSSEM - A Co moved to MONCHOFF FARM about 1 Kils. N of NIEDERAUSSEM.	
NIEDERAUSSEM	2-8	-	Drill, Range Practices, Recreational & Educational Training	
"	8		Strength of Battalion 38 Off + 559 OR Demobilised NIL in consequence of Battalion having fallen to minimum ration strength for this purpose	
"	8-15		Drill, Range Practices, Recreational & Educational Training	
"	15		Strength of Bn 38 Off + 556 OR Demobilised NIL	
"	15-22		Drill, Range Practices, Recreational & Educational Training	
"	22		Strength of Bn 39 Off + 548 OR Demobilised NIL	
"	23-25		Drill, Range Practices, Recreational & Educational Training	
"	25		A+B Cops returned to OBERAUSSEM on departure of 13th Bn KRRC	
NIEDERAUSSEM OBERAUSSEM	26-27		Drill, Range Practices, Recreational & Educational Training	
"	27		Draft of 10 Off + 150 OR arrived from 4th Bn KRRC.	

18th Bn. KRRC

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MARCH 1919

~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NIEDERAUSSEM OBERAUSSEM	28/31	-	Drill, Range Practices, Recreational & Educational Training.	[Signature]
	29		<u>Strength of Battalion</u> - 49 Officers + 703 OR.	[Signature]
			<p>During month, Recreation Rooms have been established for all ranks. Sergeants Messes <del>messes</del> are in operation + Corporals Rooms opened in both villages. A varied programme of amusements + pastimes has been got through including Rugby + Association Football + Hockey, Boxing, Rifle Competitions etc. Whist Drives, various competitions + dances, performances by the Bn. Concert Party (The Greenjackets) etc have been organised. In Rugby Football especially - though most of the XV are novices - a successful period has been gone through in which the team has preserved an unbeaten record; <del>and</del> the Battalion is most proud of a 3pts - 0 victory over the 1st Battalion of the Regiment.</p>	[Signature]
				<p>[Signature] Comd 18th/60th</p>



*War Diary*

18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Fighting Strength Return for Week Ending 8th March 1919.

1.	Fighting Strength for previous week compiled in accordance with A.G.'s instructions	)	Officers... <sup>38</sup> .....
		)	O.Ranks... <sup>561</sup> .....
2.	Increase during week due to drafts etc. taken on Strength of Unit.	)	Officers.....
		)	O.Ranks... <sup>1</sup> .....
3.	Totals from 1 and 2.	)	Officers... <sup>38</sup> .....
		)	O.Ranks... <sup>562</sup> .....
4.	Decrease during week, casualties etc., deducted from strength of unit.	)	Officers.....
		)	O.Ranks... <sup>3</sup> .....
A.	Strength excluding attached.	)	Officers... <sup>38</sup> .....
		)	O.Ranks... <sup>559</sup> .....
B.	Not present with Unit and not at disposal of Commanding Officer.	)	Officers... <sup>14</sup> .....
		)	O.Ranks... <sup>100</sup> .....

	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>
a. On leave	9	44
b. Sick in Divnl. Area		5
c. Attending Course	1	
d. Officers admitted to Hospital but not invalided to England.	1	
e. Extra Regimentally employed & not at disposal of C.O.	3	51
	<u>14</u>	<u>100</u>

REMARKS.

1. One O.R. from L.S.S.
2. Three O.R. was sick.

*M. Hees*  
Lieut. Col.  
Commdg. 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.

18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.Fighting Strength Return - Week Ending 15.3.19

1. Fighting strength for previous week compiled in accordance with A.G.'s instructions.	Officers.	38
	O.Ranks	559
2. Increase during week due to drafts etc taken on Strength of Unit.	Officers.	--
	O.Ranks	2
3. Totals from 1 and 2.	Officers.	38
	O.Ranks	561
4. Decrease during week - Casualties etc., deducted from Strength of Unit.	Officers.	--
	O.Ranks	5
5. Strength excluding attached.	Officers.	33
	O.Ranks	556
6. Not present with unit and not at disposal of Commanding Officer.	Officers	15
	O.Ranks	118

	Offs.	O.R.
a. On Leave	9	60
b. Sick in Divl. Area	1	4
c. Attending Courses	1	
d. Officers admitted to Hos. but no invalided to Eng.	1	
e. Extra Regimentally employed and not at disposal of C.O.	3	54
	<u>15</u>	<u>118</u>

REMARKS.

1. 2 O.R. from C.C.S.
2. 5 O.R. evac. sick.

14.3.1919.

  
 Lieut. Col.  
 Comdng. 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.



*W. A. Brown*

18th Bn. King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Fighting Strength Return - Week ending 22.4.19

1. Fighting strength for previous week compiled in accordance with A.O.'s instructions.	Officers	33
	O.Ranks	556
2. Increase during week due to drafts etc., taken on strength of Unit.	Officers	2
	O.Ranks	1
3. Totals from 1 and 2.	Officers	35
	O.Ranks	557
4. Decrease during week, casualties etc., deducted from strength of unit.	Officers	1
	O.Ranks	9
5. Strength excluding attached.	Officers	34
	O.Ranks	548
6. Not present with unit and not at disposal of Commanding Officer.	Officers	17
	O.Ranks	174

	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
a. On leave	13	99
b. Sick in Divisional Area		4
c. Attending Courses	1	3
d. Officers admitted to Hospital but not invalided to England	2	
e. Extra Regimentally employed and not at disposal of Commanding Officers	4	8
	<u>17</u>	<u>174</u>

REMARKS.

1. 2 Officers from 1st Bn. K.R.R.C. (Major E. Alfrey M.C.)  
(Lt. A. G. C. Brown M.C.)  
1 O.R. from G.C.S.
2. 1 Officer to Eng. to Reg. Bn. (Capt. W. H. Harrington M.C.)  
5 O.R. Evac. Sick.  
3 O.R. Demobilised.  
1 O.R. Transferred to Bde. H.Q.

*W. A. Brown*

21.3.1919.

Commandg. 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.  
Lieut. Col.



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1. Fighting Strength for previous week compiled in accordance with A.C.'s instructions.	Officers.	39
	O.Ranks	548
2. Increase during week due to drafts etc., taken on Strength of Unit.	Officers.	19
	O.Ranks	185
3. Totals from 1 and 2.	Officers	49
		733
4. Decrease during week due to casualties, etc., deducted from strength of Unit.	Officers	--
	O.Ranks	8
5. Strength excluding attached.	Officers	49
	O.Ranks	698
6. Not present with unit and not at disposal of Commanding Officer.	Officers	19
	O.Ranks	185

	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
(a) On leave	12	104
(b) Sick in Divisional Area		8
(c) Attending Courses	1	5
(d) Officers admitted to Hos. but not invalided to Eng.	2	
(e) Extra regimentally employed and not at disposal of C.O.	4	76
	<u>19</u>	<u>185</u>

REMARKS.

1. 19 Officers from 4th Bn. K.R.R.C.
2. 185 O.Ranks from 4th Bn. K.R.R.C.
3. 2 O.Ranks from 1st Bn. K.R.R.C.  
3 O.Ranks from Hospital.
4. 3 O.R. Demobilised.  
1 O.R. transferred to London Div. H.Q.  
4 Evaluations.

29.3.1919.

*W. A. L.*  
Lieut. Col.  
Comdng. 18th Bn. K.R.R.C.