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6. The following should be recorded daily as events occur:

- (i) Important orders, instructions, reports, messages or despatches received and issued, and decisions taken. *Original documents* should be attached as appendices to the Original copy of the War Diary.
- (ii) Daily map location, employment, movements and dispositions of unit headquarters and of batteries, companies, etc. March tables should be attached as appendices.
- (iii) Important movements of officers and matters relating to the duties of each branch of the staff. A complete set of the *routine orders and instructions, Part I Orders*, issued by the unit during the month should be attached as an appendix to the original copy.
- (iv) Detailed account of operations—to include:—
 - Exact hour, location and circumstances of important occurrences. Movements and names of neighbouring units. Commanders of batteries, companies, etc., names of Officers and number of O.R. (i) engaged and (ii) battle casualties. Dispositions, activities and identity of enemy forces. Prisoners and trophies captured. Ammunition expended. Factors affecting operations, topographical and climatic. *Maps and sketches* showing dispositions of batteries, companies etc., at important phases. The record of *communications, both written and verbal*, received or despatched during active operations as an appendix. A complete set of the *operation orders and instructions* issued during the month. Notes on conferences and reports rendered to higher formations, or received from lower formations, as appendices to the original copy.

(v) Nature and description of trenches, field works or accommodation occupied or constructed. Meteorological notes.

(vi) Changes in establishment or strength. Names and ranks of officers and number of O.R. Attachment of units and individuals. Reinforcements. *Copy of Part II Orders and Weekly Field Returns of Officers and O.R.* should be attached as appendices to the original copy. Changes in organization, stores, transport, etc.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
	1 Sep 44	0700	Map - Abbeville Reveille - Weather fair and warm. All vehicles are carrying troops. Our advance has been very rapid and it is a nice break for the boys in the coys that they are able to ride, although most of them aren't very comfortable, but it is still better than walking. There were intermittent showers throughout the day.	Appx 4
MEMESLIES 554807		1700	Arrived at MEMESLIES and the coys took up their defensive positions. AMQ set up in a house still occupied by civilians who kindly allowed the CO the use of a room as a Command post. The cook-house is set up in a machine shop.	886
MEMESLIES 554807	2 Sep 44		Baveille - It is quite damp and very misty. To-day is set aside as maintenance day and a weapon inspection has been laid on. Some of the boys have been helping themselves to tools from the machine shop and the AM told everyone in no uncertain terms that they must be returned. Some prisoners have been brought in and interrogated. One Jerry was discovered in the hay loft by one of the Pioneers who went into the loft for some straw.	886
MEMESLIES 554807	3 Sep 44		Baveille - The mornings in this area seem to be very misty but the day usually brightens up around 0900 hrs. Coy's improve positions and the drivers give their vehicles a good check up. Our present Padre was recalled to Brigade and we now have Capt Mowatt who was with us on a previous occasion for a couple of days. He is a damn nice fellow and well liked by the boys.	886
MEMESLIES 554807	4 Sep 44	1100 1405	Baveille - Cloudy and wet. Left this area and headed for the SOMME. Crossed the SOMME and the first thing we saw was one of our tanks on fire. It turned out that it had caught fire on its own hook. The "I" Section truck broke down and pulled off to the side of the road. A French civilian living near by came over and gave the boys a big basket of grapes. He informed us that the enemy had pulled out of that area the previous day taking all available horses with them. MAP - Mouth of SOMME MAP - RUE	886 Appx 55 Appx 56



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	4 Sep44	2000	En had supper at BEAUMARIES St MARTIN on the bank of the CAUGHNE River. Map - MONTREUIL	
		2200	Left BEAUMARIES ST MARTIN and slept along road between there and MONTREUIL SUR MER.	Appx 37 86
	5 Sep44	0530	Beveille - Wet and windy	
		0700	En crossed CAUGHNE River and proceeded to la Capell.	
		1500	En arrived at la Capell and EnHQ was set up in house at 749541. Coys moved into positions at "A" Coy 753538, "B" Coy - 750545, "C" Coy 754543 and "D" Coy 748538. MAP - BOULOGNE	86 Appx 38
		2230	General stand to from 2230 hrs - to 2300 hrs.	
	6 Sep44	0745	Beveille - Fine and warm	
		0745	German 1:60,000 map brought by Lt Auld of the Scouts. This map had the enemy D.F. tanks plotted on it for the BOULOGNE Area, also the positions of the coastal guns. This was turned over to Bde.	
		0800	Information brought in by FFI as to the strength of the Garrison at MONT LAMBERT and at BOULOGNE. Estimated strength between 5000 and 7500 all ranks.	86
		2130	General stand to from 2230 to 2300 hrs.	
	7 Sep44	0830	Beveille - Rain with high wind.	
		0830	Recco patrols out to gather information concerning enemy positions around Mt Lambert Lt Turnbull and patrol of one section on Recco of Rotterdam flushed some enemy on side of road. One man came out with his hands up when an MG from the ditch opened up wounding Lt Turnbull; his batman covered his withdrawal with a rifle and then withdrew himself.	86
		2230	Enemy Arty laid down a barrage on la Capell.	
	8 Sep44		Beveille - Cloudy and cool	
		0600	Enemy artillery laying down usual morning barrage. Quite a few shells landing near EnHQ and the coy positions. No casualties.	
		1445	Bath parade for the bn to the mobile bath unit about three miles to the rear of our present position. This was the first time the boys had had a shower for quite some time and it certainly was appreciated as there was lots of hot water. Clean shirts and new socks were issued.	86
		2000	Capt J C Price and two O.R.'s of the Snake Force were killed by enemy shrapnel. The loss of Capt Price will be felt by the bn as he was well liked, both as an officer and a man.	
		2130	Stand-to from 2130 to 2230 hrs.	

the fig. ... our 2nd signal sgt swung a heavy axe and made the blood fly around EnHQ executing

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
	9 Sep 44	0530	Reveille - Clear and warm. Jerry was a little early with his usual morning greeting, five or six shells being fired. No casualties.	
		0900	Burial service for Capt Price and the two OR's who were killed yesterday. The citizens of Ia Capell placed flowers on the graves after the service.	
		1545	Enemy Arty started shelling the town again, scoring a direct hit on the third house up the street from MMQ, killing five ORs from "A" Coy and wounding three more. Counter battery work was started by our own Arty.	JB
		2300	Jerry laid a heavy barrage on the town again. He seems to have our positions pretty well taped but doesn't seem to be able to lower his muzzle enough to hit the buildings we are occupying as his shells are landing in the fields behind us.	
		2350	Enemy Arty laid down another salvo. A few shells landed in the coy positions causing a few casualties.	
	10 Sep 44	0300	One of our Recon patrols composed of two men captured an enemy patrol of three men. The Jerries on being questioned and asked why they hadn't fired on our patrol said they didn't think they had enough fire power. They were laying in the ditch when they heard our patrol and had with them one Schmeiser (Tommy gun) one rifle and some hand grenades.	
		0300	Enemy artillery laid down another barrage on the town.	JB
		0530	Jerry is pretty persistent with his shelling laying down his usual morning greeting.	
		0600	Reveille - Clear and bright.	
		1500	Enemy Arty - must have learned where Brigade was situated as he laid down a barrage of 25 shells, but they all hit on the wrong side of the road. No casualties.	
	11 Sep 44	0200	Enemy Arty firing into town from direction of Mt Lambert.	
		0500	Another barrage laid down by enemy.	
		0600	Reveille - Fair and warm. The cooks have bartered 50 cans of bully beef for a 200 pound pig so we expect to have fresh pork some time to-morrow. Sjt F Farrington and Emile Kaprie our cooks have done a wonderful job while we have been in Ia Capell. We have had fresh buns, bread and doughnuts and it certainly has been appreciated by the boys.	JB
		1400	Sjt Tony Cornett, our sign signal sjt swung a heavy axe and made the blood fly around MMQ executing the pig.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
	12Sep44	0500	Reveille - clear and mild. Enemy Arty a little early again with his morning greeting. It sounded as if he had moved his guns right into the main street of la Capelle before firing them. 1800 Excellent dinner to-day from the pig. The cooks gave us roast pork, apple sauce, turnip, potatoes, bread and margarine, tea and plums. 2100 We started to move from la Capelle to new positions around WIERNE EFFROY. 2145 Arrived at WIERNE EFFROY. An HQ set up in Chateau at 781584.	786.
	13 Sep44		Reveille - bright and sunny. Jerry has done a lot of work around here to make himself comfortable. The Chateau has two lovely bathrooms with toilet, double basins and bath tub, but there is no water. He must have been here quite awhile as there are 3 barracks for troops and five or six concrete dugouts. 0900 Air photos of Boulogne area have been given quite a going over by the Coy Commanders. The enemy has some pretty strong positions in BOULOGNE and MOUNT LAMBERT. 1700 Cooks have been busy baking again as we had fresh buns for supper. 2100 Artillery in the vicinity have been laying down a barrage on enemy positions on MT LAMBERT.	786
	14Sep44		Reveille - clear and XXXXX cool. Not an awful lot of activity in the M., Outside of getting things keyed up for the attack on BOULOGNE.	786
	15Sep44	0800	Reveille - clear and cool. Cooks have been busy again and bartered 12 chickens and some bully beef for a calf. Sgt Tony Cornet butchered and skinned the calf, so we should have some fresh veal to-morrow. 1400 Medium bombers came over in force and dropped quite a load in the BOULOGNE area. Our own Arty has been popping shells in that direction all day. 1700 Fresh veal for supper plus some more fresh buns. Our cooks certainly are looking after the boys when the opportunity permits. 2030 "O" Group to discuss the operation for the attack on BOULOGNE.	786
	16Sep44		Reveille - clear and cool 0800 Large fire noticed in the BOULOGNE area after heavy explosions were heard. 1100 Typhoons making things hot for Jerry around BOULOGNE and MOUNT LAMBERT.	Appx 16 - 17 & 18 786.

...trenches on the NW slope of MT COUPLE while the sky opened
...ground burst.

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		1400	typhies were back to pester Jerry again.	Appx 39
		1830	"O" Group to lay plans for assault on BOULOGNE which starts to-morrow.	
		1900	Medium bombers were busy again trying to soften up the enemy for the attack.	
17Sep44		0400	Reveille - Wet and cool Sjt Ward of the Pioneer Pl who is the only man in the Bn who is privileged to grow a beard decided he would use this privilege and grow one. The only catch is that once he has started to grow it he must let it grow for three months before he can shave it off again.	Appx 38 & 39 & 45 JLB
		0615	The coys started to move to the assembly area in the BOIS de SOUVERAIN MOULIN, arriving there at 0830 hrs. The Bn start line extended from OLLICHUM to la CORBETTE. Our axis of advance was along the road running from L'Ermite through la HAUTE CLUSE to WEGAMBRENE.	
		0830	Heavy bombers of the tactical air force came over in strength to soften up the defenses in BOULOGNE and MOUNT LAMBERT prior to the attack.	
		0955	Bn crossed the start line with "B" and "D" coys as the forward coys. "B" Coy advanced to their first objective the village of WIGAMBRENE. Capt Sawyer "A" Coy Commander was wounded slightly in the shoulder but was still carrying on. He was standing talking to a tank commander in a mine field at 704545 when a group of Jerry prisoners came in and a Jerry Sjt stepped off the path that had been cleared by the flails exploding a mine which killed both Capt Sawyer and the Jerry Sjt.	
		1100	"B" Coy advanced to their first objective the village of MONTMARET without encountering much opposition "A" Coy moved through "B" Coy and after being pinned down by enemy fire and a two and a half hour engagement with the enemy took their first objective, the railway station in St MARTEL de BOULOGNE. Capt Hogarth of the anti-tank pl was using his six pounders to snipe at two Jerry mortar men who were trying to man a mortar. A direct hit was scored on one man with an AP shell which promptly ended that show. "G" Coy passed through "B" Coy and advanced to their objective at MARBODUZE. "A" Coy advanced to take control of the main cross roads at 687541. "B" Coy advanced to the cross roads at 696544. The capture of these two main road junctions completely sewed up any possible chance of the enemy trying to get out of BOULOGNE. "A" Coy consolidated their position in St MARTEL de BOULOGNE and spent the night in that area.	Appx 39 JLB
18 Sep44		0130	Reveille - cloudy and cool Bn HQ started to move to new location in BOULOGNE but had to spend the rest of the night in a house on the roadside due to heavy shelling.	
		2000	Remainder of BnHQ spent the night in slit trenches on the NW slope of MT COUFLE while the sky opened up and let down a cloud burst.	JLB

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		0550	"A" Coy along with "B" Coy started attack again to clear the north end of BOULOGNE. Attack was successful and several prisoners were taken. The coys consolidated their positions in the ST PIERRE area.	Appx 39
	18Sep44	1000	The C.O.'s carrier and the half-track were heavily shelled on the road 100 yds south of the station at 697538. Lt Stewart of the Lorne Scots who was attached to the QON of C for battle experience was killed by a Jerry sniper with an M. Capt Parkinson and CSM Hess of HQ Coy went out to pick up Lt Stewart. After picking him and a Sjt from "B" Coy up, were on the return trip when they got twisted in their directions and ended up on a bridge crossing the LIANE river where an enemy M opened up on them, almost cutting their jeep in two. Capt Parkinson and CSM Hess were wounded and Signalman Frost who was with them sustained a broken knee cap diving out of the jeep. CSM Hess and Signalman Frost are in the hospital and Capt Parkinson later died of his wounds. An HQ set up at College at 6825468 which had been formerly occupied by GERMAN Marines.	JB
	19Sep44		Reveille - Cloudy and cool Coys remaining static in present positions.	
		0900	Enemy 75 from strongpoint at 675547 is keeping things fairly warm around An HQ.	
		1630	"A" Coy moved forward against enemy strong point at 675547 but were forced to withdraw to ST PIERRE by heavy enemy fire. Valuable information was obtained as to the position of the enemy weapons. No doubt this attack also caused Jerry to spend a nervous night.	JB
	20Sep44	0800	Reveille - Cloudy and dull with rain. Some of our AVHS and tanks took a crack at an enemy pill box which has been causing a lot of trouble, but failed to move the enemy. His position here was pretty strong consisting of the pillbox itself, plus three outer walls of heavily re-inforced concrete. Our neighbouring unit in the Sde the NSR's who were on our right flank during the attack did a nice job in cleaning up four 13 inch guns the enemy had at WIMILLE.	
		1900	Capt Dunkelmann of the mortar platoon while firing a few bombs at the enemy strong point at 675547 dropped one bomb down the chimney of the pill box exploding the ammunition inside which no doubt caused plenty of consternation in the enemy ranks. Lt Early Stoll was wounded to-night and later died of shock while in the hospital. He was a former NCO in this unit and had previously served in Africa. He was recommended for a commission just prior to "B" Day. He rejoined the unit in July as "Sniper Offr".	JB

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
	21 Sep 44	0530	Reveille - Cloudy and cool. "A" and "B" Coys attacked strong enemy gun positions in the area around the pillbox at 675547, and after some stiff fighting cleared the area of the enemy, also clearing out the pillbox at the same time. "C" Coy advanced and took out enemy strong point around NAPOLEON'S MONUMENT at 688556. Heavy bombers were over to lay a few on FORT-de-la-CRECHE to soften it up for to-morrows attack.	786 Appx 39
		1730	"D" group to discuss plans for to-morrows attack.	
		1830		
	22 Sep 44	0700	Reveille - cloudy and cool. "C" and "B" Coys - made assault on Fort-de-la-Creche. This wasn't one of our original objectives, but our neighbouring battalions were having difficulty with it and it had to be cleaned up. Major Neil Gordon, "C" Coy Commander, who was wounded in the charge of "The Modern Light Brigade" on June 11th and who returned to the unit from England just before the Boulogne show, fired a Jerry 50mm Ack Ack gun at the Fort and the Jerries started coming out with their hands up. There is only one major point of resistance left in the BOULOGNE area and this is the Fort at le PORTEL which is South East of the city. 1200 RSM E W Hartnell was confirmed in rank to-day and was presented with a whip (a set of cat and nine tails) 1400 A few typhoons over the area taking a whack at le PORTEL. 1800 "A" Coy and the Pioneer pl left BOULOGNE to recon area around CALAIS for the bn move to-morrow. 1900 Recon-party arrived in area around WISSANT. The Pioneer pl who reconed this area were met with either hostile or curious stares by the habitants of the village. The citizens of la CAPPEL have taken up a collection to buy flowers to perpetuate the graves of the men of this unit who were buried there. 2000 Its pretty quiet around here to-night now that most of the opposition in this area has been cleaned up. Total casualties to-date for the BOULOGNE show are 100 all ranks.	786 Appx 40
	23 Sep 44	0700	Reveille - Wet and cool Bn started to move from BOULOGNE area for CALAIS. 0730 Crossed the start line at 687542 and followed main BOULOGNE - CALAIS road through MARQUISE, turned left at ST INGELVERT and proceeded N.W. to HERVELINGHEN. Bn stopped here for a few hours while the area on our front was reconed. 1200 Coys proceeded to defensive positions. 1700 BnHQ set up at former enemy hospital at 747722. 2000 Remainder of BnHQ spent the night in slit trenches on the NW slope of MT COUPLE while the sky opened up and let down a cloud burst.	Appx 39 Appx 40 786



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		2230	Fighting patrol sent out by "A" Coy to determine if enemy were occupying ESCALLES and HAUTE ESCALLES.	Appx 40
24Sep44	0500		Reveille - Rain with high wind. "A" Coy patrol reports no enemy in either ESCALLES or HAUTE ESCALLES. Flares fired from area of observatory at 778751.	86
	1800		Medium bombers over area again although visibility was poor.	
	1930		Rum ration issued along with tea, jam and biscuits.	
25Sep44	0800		Reveille - cloudy and cool. An FFI by the name of Louis passed information to 3rd Cdn Inf Biv about communication cables between CALAIS and Cap-Gris-Nez. This information along with Louis was passed on to us by Biv.	86
	1035		Pioneer pl guided by Louis went into minefield where cable was buried and proceeded to cut the cables. One six inch cable was cut by hand with an axe, and the other six inch cable plus ten 2 to three inch cables were cut by demolitions.	
26Sep44	1000		Reveille - clear and cool Heavy bombers of RAF (Lancasters) attacked Cap-Gris-Nez. This bombing lasted for two hours and from what could be seen from our positions the defenses there took quite a pounding	Appx 40 86
	1430		Bn started leaving for the mobile bath for a much needed shower. The boys were pretty disappointed when no clean underwear was forthcoming.	
27Sep44	0430		Reveille - cloudy and cool 20 enemy deserters from Cap-Gris-Nez walked into "A" Coy kitchen to give themselves up. They claimed yesterdays bombing hadn't done an awful lot of damage except to morale, but thought another bombing would soften the defenses up a lot.	86
	0900		Coye left present positions for march to Mesnil where we are presumably going for a rest	
	1400		Coye arrive at MESNIL and move into allotted areas.	
	1500		BnHQ left present position at 747722 for MESNIL	
	1600		BnHQ arrived at MESNIL and BnHQ set up at farm at 816576.	SCULOGNE STREET 1:50,000 Appx 38
28Sep44	0500		Reveille - clear and mild mild GOR of C detailed for special operation and to come under direct command of the 3rd Cdn Inf Biv.	
	0830		C.O. and Recce Group left MESNIL to recce new area for Bn between GRAVELINES and CALAIS.	86

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Place	Date	Hour	
		0900	Coy Commanders meeting.
		1130	Vehicles formed up ready to move off.
		1200	En left MESNIL by T.G.V.'s for new area.
		1630	Arrived in new area. EnHQ set up at 016800. Coys moved into defensive positions at "A" Coy, 995810.
		2100	"B" Coy 989789, "C" Coy 008805, "D" Coy 015790 and A/Tk pl at 986794. Message received from Div of conference to be held with Garrison Commander at CALAIS at 1000 hrs 29 Sep 44.
29Sep44	0830	Reveille - clear and cool	
		"B" Coy moved into new position at 939755.	
	0900	"C" Coy moved into new position at 944758.	
	1202	Message received from 3rd Can Inf Div of 24 hr truce to allow evacuation of civilians from CALAIS. The story behind this is that the Garrison Commander at CALAIS sent out a representative who contacted the GOC and made arrangements for a conference. At the conference the Garrison Commander wished to declare CALAIS an open city, naturally the GOC couldn't see this with the enemy sitting right in the place and with no way of getting out. Next the commander wanted 48 hrs to evacuate the civilians but was told he could have 24 hrs.	786
	1930	Rum ration issued.	
	2000	Coy Commanders meeting.	
30Sep44		Reveille - cloudy and cool.	
	0010	Six deserters gave themselves up to "B" Coy. Two of them were marines and the other four were infan-try from the 2nd Coy, 147 Reg't. They state that there is an officer and 50 O'R's at La TURQUENNE farm at 923755. They have 2 Usech LMG's, 2 MG's 34 and one 20 mm gun. They claim to have destroyed the gun before leaving. The men there wish to give themselves up but the officer won't let them.	786
	1100	"C" Group	

S.M. Left
(S.M. LEFT) Lt-col
Comd 1st Bn The GPR of C.

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1. Part I Orders	X ✓		
2. Field Returns	X ✓		
3. Part II Orders (to be inserted by 2 Ech)	-	-	X
4. Map Abbeville	X ✓		
5. Daily "I" Summary - 7 Sep	X ✓		
6. Daily "I" Summary - 9 Sep	X ✓		
7. Daily "I" Summary - 15 Sep	X ✓		
8. Intelligence Summary No 41 Part II	X ✓		
9. Intelligence Summary Now 42	X ✓		
10. Intelligence Summary No 43 Part I	X ✓		
11. Intelligence Summary No 43 Part II	X ✓		
12. Intelligence Summary No 44 Part I & II	X ✓		
13. Intelligence Summary No 44 Part II	X ✓		
14. Patrol Reports "Daily"	X ✓		
15. "Big 2 Bugle (Unit Publication)	X ✓		
16. "OPERATION WELLHIT" R/P Fighter Bomber Air Sp	X ✓		
17. Amendment No 1 to 8 Cdn Inf Bde OO No 19	X ✓		
18. "OPERATION WELLHIT" Arty Task Table	X ✓		
19. Trace "Q" Op Instr No 16 - 3 Sep 44	X ✓		
20. Trace "P" with amendments, OO No 5, 13 Sep 44	X ✓		
21. Traces "P" & "Q" issued with OO No 6 - 16 Sep	X ✓		
22. Arty Task Tables "OPERATION UNDERGO"	X ✓		
23. Adm Order No 11, "OPERATION UNDERGO"	X ✓		
24. Trace "R" "OPERATION UNDERGO"	X ✓		
25. OO No 8 3rd Cdn Inf Div "UNDERGO" with additional bomber targets and time of attack	X ✓		
26. Traces of additional heavy bomber support "OPERATION UNDERGO"	X ✓		
27. OO No 20 8 Cdn Inf Bde "UNDERGO"	X ✓		
28. OO No 3 7 Cdn Inf Bde, "OPERATION UNDERGO"	X ✓		
29. Appx "A" Operation "UNDERGO" plus Arty fire plan QOR of C attack 30 Sep 44	X		

Price will be felt by the Bn as he was well liked, down to the 2130 to 2230 hrs.
2130 Stand-to from 2130 to 2230 hrs.

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|---|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 30. Chart of Minefields in CALAIS Area | X ✓ | | |
| 31. Traces of Shell line and Safety line of Dover Guns. | X ✓ | | |
| 32. Fake Attack and Harassing shoot | X ✓ | | |
| 33. Defence of Calais | X ✓ | | |
| 34. Boulogne Defences | X ✓ | | |
| 35. Map - Mouth of the Somme | X ✓ | | |
| 36. Map - Rue | X ✓ | | |
| 37. Map - Montreuil | X ✓ | | |
| 38. Boulogne - Maps | X ✓ | | |
| 39. Boulogne Defence Overprint with Bomber and Arty Tasks | X ✓ | | |
| 40. Map - Calais | X ✓ | | |
| 41. Map - Ardres | X ✓ | | |
| 42. Map Calais Defence Overprint with Arty tasks plotted | X ✓ | | |
| 43. Maps Calais defence Overprint with Arty tasks for QOR of C attack | X ✓ | | |
| 44. Map Calais defence Overprint with 3 Bde tasks and positions | X ✓ | | |
| 45. Map of Boulogne defence - overprint with Bn Objectives and Boundaries | X ✓ | | |
| 46. Map - Plan of Port of Boulogne | X ✓ | | |
| 47. Map - Calais showing Arty Tasks | X ✓ | | |

This was used as there was lots of hot water. Captain Price was killed by enemy snipers. Price will be felt by the Bn as he was well liked, both as an officer and a man. Stand-to from 2130 to 2230 hrs.

2000
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