

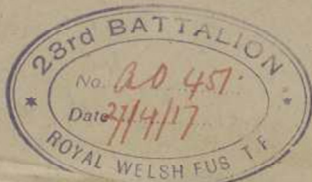
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UNFILLING BAGS. BRIGADE RESERVE AMMUNITION.

The point to which the Ammunition column will bring the Brigade Reserve Ammunition for this Unit will be at the Cross Roads behind Knapton New Hall just north of "4" in point 140, reference 1" Ordnance Map.

On the alarm sounding the Transport Officer will send S.S.A.A Limbered Waggon to this point.

MURDOCK.
26/4/1917.



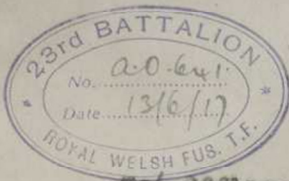
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The Machine Gun Office

ADDENDA TO OPERATION ORDERS ISSUED UNDER A.O. 451 OF 13/4/17.

LIASON OFFICER. The Flank Companies of this Unit in the case of Emergency or Tactical Emergency will send a Liason Officer, or Senior N.C.O. if no Officer is available to the nearest Headquarters on either flank, his duties being to inform the Battalion on the flanks, the disposition of the troops within the sector allotted to this Unit.



- To/ Officer Commanding,
"A" Coy.
"B" Coy.
"C" Coy.
"D" Coy.
Quartermaster.
Regimental Sergeant-Major.
Transport Officer.
Signalling Officer.
Battalion Bombing Officer.
- Machine Gun Officer.

23rd. Bn. R. W. Fusiliers. T.F.

For information.

W. Johnston
.....Capt & Adj.
23rd. Bn. Royal Welsh Fusiliers. T.F.

MUNDESLAY.
13/6/17.

S E C R E T.

DESCRIPTION OF PORTION OF NO.2. SECTION OF COAST LINE.

The Sector allotted to the 23rd.Bn.Royal Welsh Fusiliers is from Marl Point inclusive to Ostend Gap inclusive.

The Coast from Marl Point to Bacton Gap is described in Northern Army Defence Scheme amended to the 1st.September 1916 as "DANGEROUS" as regards an attempted hostile raid or invasion and from Bacton Gap inclusive to Ostend Gap can be described as "VERY DANGEROUS" as regards an attempted hostile raid or invasion. The main principle guiding the disposition and employment of troops is that the enemy must be prevented from landing at all costs.The Commander of the Unit is under Section "B" of the Defence Scheme justified in the case of extreme emergency in calling on a reinforcing Unit of a Cyclist Brigade direct,informing the Section Commander of his action. In other cases application for reinforcements must be made through the Section Commander.

SYSTEM OF DEFENCE.A front line of works commanding the water's edge so as to sweep the intervals with rifle fire and contain 20 to 30 Infantry with Machine Guns where available. A line of supporting trenches 100 to 300 yards in the rear of the front line The posts in the front line works must consist of 20 to 25 men but every quarter of a mile at greater intervals up to 30 men.As a general principle every post or group of posts has its own supports in rear of at least equal strength to its garrison this, for instance,Lifeboat Inn Post 25 men, in support 25 men. The system of defence hinges on the rapidity with which (a)Intelligence can be passed(b) All ranks can turn out(c)Reinforcements can arrive. It MUST be remembered this is of the highest importance that the tracing of beach work and Defence Scheme on the Cliff should be specially adapted to sweeping intervals between them with enfilade fire, frontal fire being on minor importance.

IN THE CASE OF AN ATTACK.Under no circumstances will any part of the line of observation be withdrawn in order to reinforce a threatened point.



ORDERS DURING SPECIAL VIGILANCE.

The following orders will be in force during Special Vigilance.-

All Officers and Men on leave will be recalled.

Officers Commanding Companies are responsible for recalling the Officers and Details of their respective Companies.

On Special Vigilance being ordered the Signalling Officer will despatch the Cycle Orderlies attached to the Signal Section to warn all Officers and Men's Billets on his warning list.

Each man will be issued with an extra 50 rounds of Ammunition so that during Special Vigilance he will carry 150 rounds. Sentries and Patrols will be doubled and Listening Posts placed between widely separated works.

All Ranks will rest Clothed and Booted. The Battalion will stand to arms $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours before sunrise according to the Field Almanack.

Hotchkiss Gun Teams will occupy the dug-out or billet nearest their emplacement with their guns and ammunition ready to man the trenches. All Hotchkiss Guns will be mounted and trained on the beach ready to fire $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours before sunrise.

Garrison and Supports of Permanent Posts will stand to Arms at their respective Posts.

All Ranks will remain standing to arms until the Commanding Officer has received the message "Nothing report All Clear" from the respective Companies throughout the Sector, when troops other than guards and sentry posts will be withdrawn on the order being received from Headquarters.

Sunrise, sunset reports will be sent by Headquarters of the Unit

to:- North Army, Norwich and repeated.
to:- Sector A, 64 Highland Division, Norwich
also:- Headquarters, 224th. Infantry Brigade, North Walsham.

They will be sent at the hour specified in the Field Almanack. In case of actual emergency a message will be sent to.....^{INTELLIGENCE}

.....^{LONDON}.....~~repeated North Army, repeated Sector A, 64~~
~~Highland Division, Norwich and 224th. Infantry Brigade. Nth. Walsham.~~
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All Ranks are confined to the billeting area during periods of Special Vigilance. An Officer will be at Headquarters at all hours by day and night in the immediate vicinity of the telephone room.

One Orderly will be sent by Officer Commanding "B" Company to Post Office, Mundesley on Special Vigilance being ordered, similarly One Orderly to Post Office Bacton. They will remain on duty until Special Vigilance is relaxed.

Water Barrrels at Permanent Posts must be kept filled with fresh water daily.

S.A.A. Carts will be packed and loaded.

When Special Vigilance is ordered All Ranks will stand to Arms in FULL MARCHING ORDER, Great Coats, with Field Dressing, Gas Helmets, Water Bottles filled.

TURN-OUT. Should Special Vigilance be followed by the Order "TURNOUT" the Officer who receives the message will cause the Alarm to be sounded at once. On the Alarm being sounded All Ranks must double to their allotted Alarm Posts.

EMERGENCY ACTION. If a message is received "Emergency", the Alarm will be sounded and all ranks double to their Alarm Posts An extra 50 rounds of Ammunition will be issued in the Trenches (making 200 rounds per man) Trenches will be manned by Garrison and Supports unless the emergency be in the nature of a Bombardment, in which case observers will be told off and the remainder take cover in the dug-outs and any available cover.

If the order "TURN-OUT" or "Emergency Exists" is received, Headquarters will move to TRUNCH ROAD SCHOOLS, where all messages and reports from Companies will be sent. The Motor Cyclist will report to the Commanding Officer at Trunch Road Schools.

AMMUNITION. The Reserve Ammunition Supply Station for the Battalion will be under the Railway Arch of the Norfolk & Suffolk

AMMUNITION.(CONTINUED.)

Joint Railway on the Mundesley/North Walsham Road under the direction of the Regimental Sergeant-Major, 1 B.A.A.Cart to be behind the Embankment near the Railway Arch.

Machine Gun Waggon, Pack Ponies, will be loaded and bring up the Reserve Ammunition as required.

TRANSPORT. The Regimental Transport will be formed up behind Railway Embankment in the first field on the right under the Railway Arch of Norfolk & Suffolk Joint Railway on Mandesley/Trunch Road.

Officers Cobs will be saddled and Grooms will act as directed by Officers concerned.

IRON RATIONS. Iron Rations will be issued and carried on the men but not opened until instructed by the Commanding Officer.

OPERATION MAPS. Operation Maps will be issued.

HOTCHKISS GUNS. Hotchkiss Gunners during Special Vigilance will act as laid down in order for Special Vigilance. The Guns are under the Command of their respective Officer's Commanding Coys: and the Machine Gun Officer's duty is to advise the Officers Commanding Coys: as to the disposition of his Guns. 2.G.S.

Limbered Waggon allotted for Machine Gun Ammunition will be loaded in the Ammunition dump on the Mundesley/North Walsham Road. 5000 rounds per Gun. This will be sent up to the firing line as required. One Hotchkiss Gun and Team is to be kept in Reserve with Officer Commanding Detachment, Bacton, so that he can direct them to go to any threatened point. One Hotchkiss Gun and Team will be in Reserve under Officer Commanding Unit at Trunch Road Schools so that it can be sent to any threatened point.

MACHINE GUNS.

RENDEZVOUS MACHINE GUN BATTERIES. The rendezvous to which this Unit will send guides for Machine Gun Batteries arriving will be as follows :- (see over)

RENDEZVOUS.MACHINE GUN BATTERIES.(CONTINUED.)

- (a). PASTON at the Junction of the roads near Paston Hall. The Capital "P" in Paston denotes the place. Reference 1" Ordnance Map. The Guides for this point will be sent by Officer Commanding the Unit from Mundesley.
- (b). Pollard Street, Bacton, forked roads near Grange, Reference 1" Ordnance Map. The Guides for this point will be sent by Officer Commanding Detachment, Bacton. Two Guides will be sent to each of the above points on receiving the message "Emergency Exists"

SIGNALLING OFFICER. The Signalling Officer on receiving the message "Special Vigilance" will carry out the warnings described under the headings "Special Vigilance". He will warn all Companies, Transport Officer, Commanding Officer, 2nd. in Command, Adjutant and the two Companies on Detachment ie. "C" Coy at Bacton & "D" Coy at Walcot.

He will also warn the 4th. Bn. Monmouthshire Regt. at Cromer. On the message being received "TURNOUT" or "Emergency Exists" he will at once cause the Alarm to be sounded throughout the Battalion area. He has established a telephone communication between Ostend Gap via Walcot Gap to "D" Coy. H.Q. at Sandy Gap, also from "C" Coys. H.Q. at Bacton, and an Air Line to Bacton Gap. From Bacton Gap to Field Barn a cable communication. From Trunch Rd. Schools to "A" and "B" Coys. combined, a line to Manor Hotel which acts as a transmitting Station to H.Q. 224th. Infantry Brigade. North Walsham, Brick Kilns & Marl Point After sending out the warnings described above, he will report to the Officer Commanding the Unit at Trunch Road Schools.

THE BATTALION BOMBING OFFICER. The Bn. Bombing Officer will on Special Vigilance being ordered arrange for the fusing of 50% of the Grenades at each permanent post.

On the Alarm sounding the Battalion Bombers will proceed to the Bomb Dumps at the permanent posts to which they have been allotted. Company Bombers will fall in with their Companies on their Alarm Posts. The Officer Commanding the Company will send two Bombers to each of his respective bomb dumps who will act under the directions of the Battalion Bomber at the Bomb Dump.

BATTALION BOMBING OFFICER.(CONTINUED.)

After the greater part of the Grenades in the dug-out have been fused, the bombers will man the trenches at the most vital spot, and will assist as directed by the Permanent Post Commander. Requisition by the Officer Commanding the Unit for further supplied of Grenades in the case of actual hostilities will be made by phone or wire to Headquarters, 224th. Infantry Brigade.

TRENCH CATAPULTS. The Company Commander having decided on position of his trench catapults will instruct the trench catapult team on the Alarm being sounded to proceed direct to their posts which have been previously allotted. These positions should be chosen at some easy distance from the Company Bomb Dugouts so as a speedy supply of bombs can be brought to the Trench Catapult Team.

PRACTICE EMERGENCY OR TACTICAL EXERCISES. In Tactical Exercise or Practice Emergency the same routine will be followed with the following exceptions. All messages will be prefixed under the heading of "As a Tactical Exercise" which denotes a Northern Army Scheme. "As an Outpost Tactical Scheme" or "As a Brigade Tactical Scheme" which denotes a practice by Headquarters, 224th. Infantry Brigade. "As a Battalion Tactical Scheme" denotes a scheme which only involves this Unit.

- (a). No reports will be sent beyond the Authority ordering the practice.
- (b). Every precaution must be taken not to alarm the Civilian population.
- (c). No action such as impressment of civilian vehicles, entering field etc. which involves the expenditure of money, should be carried out.
- (d). Mobilization and Operation Boxes will not be opened.
- (e). Cases of Reserve Ammunition will not be broken into.
- (f). Iron Rations will not be issued.

On the conclusion of Operations and Parade State as per attached Pro Forma will be rendered by Companies and Detachments. A Narrative of the operations will be sent to Headquarters, 224th. Infantry Brigade Officers and Men on Leave or on Courses of Instruction WILL NOT be recalled.

MEDICAL. The Field Dressing Station in this sub-sector will be at Trunch Road Schools. The Advance Field Dressing Station will be at Swaffield.

11 APR 1917

Lagar. J. Loayne

Lieut. Col.

Commanding 23rd Bn. Royal Welsh Fus. T.F.

83rd. Bn. Royal Welsh Fusiliers (T.F.).
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U N I T.	Nos. on Parade.		Scholon A.		Scholon B.		Sick.	Leave & Desobd.	Command Regt. Payley etc.	Total all ranks.
	Officers.	S. Ranks.	Officers.	S. Ranks.	Officers.	S. Ranks.				

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

No. 1000 C. S. Wright

Machine Gun Officer

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Operation orders