

War Diary of 3rd Wellington Infantry Battalion, 4th NZ Infantry Brigade – January 1918

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- Jan 01 Tue The Battalion in the line REUTEL SECTOR J.10.b.12.65 weather fine. Intermittent shelling. 2/Lt A. T. Duncan wounded by shell fire not serious.
- Jan 02 Wed The Battalion was relieved in the line by the 3rd Battalion 3rd N.Z.R.B. and proceeded to MANAWATU CAMP I.15.c Hutments and dugouts. On journey out front and support line companies met with fairly heavy shelling till reaching BUTTE. Battalion had 5 Other Ranks wounded.
- Jan 03 Thu BATTALION supplying working parties for line. Weather cold, sick parade large. About 6 a.m. ENEMY Aeroplanes over Camp One dud bomb dropping on hut occupied by W.W.C. COY. ENEMY shelled Camp at short intervals all day ceasing at 7 p.m. and opening out again at 11 p.m. for one hour. No casualties. 2/Lt. Beasley and 79 Other Ranks proceeded to Musketry School at LUMBRES.
- Jan 04 Fri Weather fine, Battalion employed on working parties as usual. Lt. Col. Short proceeded to R.F.C. School, Major Mackay taking Command. Daily State 35 Officers, 870 Other Ranks. Ration State 19 Officers, 623 Other Ranks.
- Jan 05-06 Working parties as usual, weather fine. LT. R. Goldsman proceeded on leave to England. ENEMY shelled vicinity of Camp with Gas shells for 15 minutes.
- Jan 07 Mon Working parties for Line as usual, a dull day. Rev H. C. Money returned from leave.
- Jan 08 Tue The BATTALION moved back to WALKER CAMP H.27.b.70.70 taking over from the 1st BATTALION OTAGO REGIMENT. Snowing hard. BATTALION employed on working parties. Conveyed to WALKER CAMP on light railway 2/Lt's Chamberlain, Howden and Little off strength. Capt. E. Morgan returned from U.K. leave.
- Jan 09 Wed Very cold day – snowing at intervals. Working parties proceeded on light railway for work in HOOGE AREA. LT.COL. J. L. Short returned from School and resumed Command of BATTALION. Daily State 32 Officers, 861 Other Ranks. Ration State 19 Officers, 629 Other Ranks.
- Jan 10 Thu BATTALION employed on working parties as usual. Thaw set in over night – very sloppy. Heavy and continual shelling by ENEMY artillery on Lines near Camp, two BATTALION bandsmen wounded whilst on detachment to C.R.A.

- Jan 11 Fri BATTALION employed on working parties as usual. Raining. Four Officers and 50 Other Ranks attended a lecture by Major General WOOD U.S.A. Army "AMERICA AT WAR"
- Jan 12 Sat Wet – muddy day, 2/Lt. J. T. Thomas returned from Hospital, 2/Lt. W. E. Howard returned from School. BATTALION on Recreation training in morning.
- Jan 13 Sun Fine day – freezing slightly 2/Lt. H. Lawson returned from School, LT. H. R. Biss proceeded to Brigade Training Camp to take charge of BATTALION Details. 12 reinforcements received.
- Jan 14 Mon Snowing at intervals, Capt. B. H. Morison evacuated to Hospital to undergo operation. Daily State 32 Officers, 865 Other Ranks. Ration State 22 Officers, 636 Other Ranks.
- Jan 15 Tue Very wet day – Capt P. W. Skelley returned from WISQUE School and proceeded to 24th Brigade 8th Division. LT.-COL. J. L. SHORT lectured to Brigade Officers on "THE R.F.C. COURSE AT BERTANGLES"
- Jan 16 Wed Blowing and cold all day also raining hard turning to snow in evening – 2/Lt's T. N. BEASLEY and H. G. FOSTER returned from Schools – BATTALION employed as usual on working parties.
- Jan 17 Thu No working parties – very wet day – warning order received Brigade to be Corps Troops. Six reinforcements arrive. 2/Lt. C. G. STEWART proceeded on leave to ROUEN.
- Jan 18 Fri BATTALION relieved at WALKER CAMP by 1st BATTALION WELLINGTON REGIMENT – H'QRS moved to HOOGRAAF G.26.c.40.90 W.W.C. Coy, H.B. Coy, and Ruahine Coy, moved to BUSSEBOOM G.16.c.6.2 for work with 3rd Canadian Tunnellers, Taranaki Coy moved to DRANOUTRE M.36.c.10.60. Seventeen snipers to R. E. Dump BUSSEBOOM. Six L.G. Teams to various Anti-Aircraft Posts. Raining steadily, Coys moved out by train from DICKEBUSCH SIDING, H'qrs marching. Six reinforcements arrived for the BATTALION.
- Jan 19 Sat Weather fine. 63 Other Rangs rejoined the BATTALION from Brigade Training School. Taranaki Coy employed with 1st Australian Tunnellers. BATTALION now on various duties as above, mostly Tunnelling work building of shelters in Support and Reserve Lines.
- Jan 20 Sun Ten reinforcements arrive for BATTALION.
- Jan 21 Mon Weather good. C.S.M. GALBRAITH and Sgt. BURGESS to O.T.C. Major J. S. MACKAY left on U.K. leave.

Jan 22-23 Weather fine. Commanding Officer visited Coys at BUSSEBOOM and DRANOUTRE. Coys in splendid quarters and thoroughly enjoying themselves.

Jan 24 Thu LT. D. H. W. H. DONALDSON and 2/Lt. C. J. McHARDIE rejoined H'QRS from 1st Australian Tunnellers. Grand day. Capt. F. L. HARTNELL left for U.K. leave and replaced at 4th Field Coy N.Z.E. by LT. R. GOLDSMAN.

Jan 25 Fri COL. And Brig-General visited BUSSEBOOM. Daily State 30 Officers, 866 Other Ranks. Ration State 12 Officers, 213 Other Ranks.

Jan 26 Sat Ten reinforcements marched in. COL. And Adjutant visited DRANOUTRE.

Jan 27 Sun LT. D. H. W. H. DONALDSON to School and Capt. B. H. MORISON off strength.

Jan 28-29 Weather fine. 2/Lt. C. G. STEWART returned from ROUEN leave 28 Jan 1918

Jan 30 Wed Shelling of back areas by ENEMY. 2/Lt. H. G. FOSTER returned from School.

Jan 31 Thu LT. W. J. JONES to U.K. on leave.

Operation Order No.7 by Major J. S. MACKAY 07 Jan 1918

- [1] The 3rd Battalion Wellington Regiment will take over from the 1st Battalion Otago Regiment WALKER CAMP tomorrow the 8th inst.
- [2] Coy's will prepare to move at 2 p.m. and will march out in the following order:- H'qrs Coy; Hawkes Bay Coy; Taranaki Coy; Ruahine Coy; W.W.C. Coy
- [3] The route will be SHRAPNEL CORNER – DERBY ROAD – CAPE BELGE – DICKEBUSCHE. Coy's will march by platoons in file? 50 yards will be maintained between platoons and 100 yards between Coy's. Strict march discipline being maintained.
- [4] Advance party of one N.C.O. and three per Coy will report to Lt. Jones at Battalion H'qrs at 8-30 a.m. 8th inst.
- [5] Blanket will be rolled in tens and stacked along with men's valises, at the side of Plank road 50 yards from Battalion H'qrs ready for limbers by 10 a.m. In the case of W.W.C. Coy these will be stacked by the huts already occupied by them.
- [6] One N.C.O. and six men per Coy will be detailed to act as loading party and guard. These men will stay with Coy gear until it is taken over at WALKER CAMP. Any men who are absent on working party will leave their kits etc, ready before leaving for their tasks. And will be given definite instructions as to where they are to report. Men acting as baggage guard will march behind waggons.
- [7] Officers valises, Orderly boxes, Lewis Gun Gear etc. will be stacked near Battalion H'qrs by 1 p.m.
- [8] All camps will be handed over scrupulously clean and camp certificates obtained from the relieving Unit.
- [9] Completion of moves will be reported by runner to Battalion H'qrs.
- [10] Battalion H'qrs will close at this camp at 2 p.m. on the 8th inst. and reopen at WALKER CAMP at the same hour.

Signed C. G. Stewart 2/Lt. A/Adjutant

1-3 War Diary; 4-8 Coy's; 9 Q.M. & T.O.

4th New Zealand Infantry Brigade – Order No.65 – Warning Order – Head Quarters, January 16th, 1918
Reference Map: Sheet 28 1/40,000

- [1] The following reliefs will take place to-morrow, 17th January
(a) The 3rd Bn. Canterbury Regiment will relieve the 2nd Bn. Auckland Regiment at BELGIAN CHATEAU, H 23 b.
(b) The 3rd Bn. Otago Regiment will relieve the 2nd Bn. Wellington Regiment at BELGIAN CHATEAU, H 23 b.
- [2] The following reliefs will take place on 18th January
(a) The 3rd Bn. Auckland Regiment will relieve the 1st Bn. Auckland Regiment
(b) The 3rd Bn. Wellington Regiment will relieve 1st Bn. Wellington Regiment
Note: The 3rd Bn. Auckland Regiment will be prepared to relieve 200 men of 1st Auckland Regiment at BELGIAN CHATEAU, h. 23 b to-morrow, 17th January, if required.
- [3] Relieving Battalions will take over all duties of Battalions being relieved.
[4] Reliefs of 4th Machine Gun Coy. & 4th L.T.H. Battery will be advised later.
[5] Units will make their own arrangements re Advanced Parties.
[6] All Working Parties detailed for 17th of January are cancelled.
[7] Camp certificates will be obtained from relieving Battalions.
[8] ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed R. Logan, Major, N.Z.S.C. Brigade Major

Copies to G. O. C.; 3rd Bn. Auckland Regt; 3rd Bn. Wellington Regt; 3rd Bn. Canterbury Regt; 3rd Bn. Otago Regiment; N.Z. Division; 1st N.Z. Infantry Brigade; Staff Captain; War Diary; File; L. T. M. Battery; 4th M.G. Coy

4th New Zealand Infantry Brigade – Headquarters January 16th

To: All Recipients of Warning Order No.65

Further to WARNING ORDER No.65 of 16th inst.:

- [1] The reliefs mentioned in Para 1 and Note to Para 2 will take place to-morrow 17 January
- [2] The Units of the 1st N.Z. Infantry Brigade will, on relief, move to the Camps previously occupied by relieving Units of this Brigade.
- [3] Battalion Headquarters and Transport Lines of 2nd Battalions Auckland & Wellington Regiments are located at G.26.c.3.3. The Companies of these Battalions are located at BELGIAN CHATEAU H.23.o
- [4] Transport Lines will NOT be moved to-morrow 17th January
- [5] Representatives of Units of the 1st N.Z. Infantry Brigade will report to their opposite numbers of this Brigade to-morrow morning, 17th January to arrange details of relief.
- [6] G. S. Wagons as under will report to Battalions at 10 a.m. 17th inst. for conveyance of blankets etc to new Camps. Battalions will ensure that full instructions are given to the drivers of these vehicles: 3rd Bn. Auckland Regiment – 1 G.S. Wagon; 3rd Bn. Otago Regiment – 1 G.S. Wagon; 3rd Bn. Canterbury Regiment – 4 G.S. Wagons
- [7] ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed R. Logan, Major N.Z.S.C. Brigade Major

 4th New Zealand Infantry Brigade – Miscellaneous Employment of Bns of 1st NZIB
1st Bn. Auckland Regiment

1 O.R.	A.P.M. POPERINGHE
3 O.R.	AREA COMMANDANT, RENINGHEIST
1 Officer & 2 O.R.	AREA COMMANDANT, HALFWAY HOUSE
1 O.R.	AREA COMMANDANT, GODWAESVELDE

2nd Bn. Auckland Regiment

1 N.C.O. & 6 O.R.	A.P.M. YPRES (Prison)
6 O.R.	Grave Digging at (I 13 d 2.2.), (I 9 d 2.3), (I 17 c 1.6) – Two each
2 Lewis Guns	CORDOVA (Map Ref. G 24 d 9.4)
3 O.R.	Field Punishment Compound, H.20 c 4.1

1st Bn. Wellington Regiment

2 Lewis Guns	DICKEBUSCH DUMP H 28 c 1.4
17 O.R.	R.E. Dump BUSSEBOOM
2 Lewis Guns	HORNBY DUMP h 30 a 8.6
2 Lewis Guns	HOWE DUMP H.24 c 1.1

2nd Bn. Wellington Regiment1st M.G. Coy

2 Sections A. A.	ROBSON G 29 d 9.4
	BUSSEBOOM G.16 c 1.1
	ZEALAND G 16 d 3.4
	GRANVILLE H 13 b 2.2

1st L.T.M. Battery

1 Officer & 12 O.R.	ZEALAND DUMP G 16 d 3.4
3 Officers & 15 O.R.	F. P. COMPOUND G 27 a 4.7

Operation Order No.8 by Lt. Col. J. L. Short 17 Jan 1918
Reference Map Sheet 28 1/40,000

- [1] The Battalion will be relieved on the 18th January, 1918 by the 1st Battalion Wellington Regiment
- [2] Companies will move as follows:- View (less 2 L.G. Teams) to BUSSEBOOM; Skin to BUSSEBOOM; Milk (less 2 L.G. Teams) to DRANOUTRE; Flax (less 2 L.G. Teams) to DRANOUTRE; Bn. HQrs to HOOGGRAAF.
- [3] Two Lewis Gun Teams from View will relieve corresponding teams at HOWE DUMP (H.24.c.1.1); Two Lewis Gun Teams from Milk will relieve the corresponding teams at DICKEBUSCH DUMP (H.28.c.1.4); Two Lewis Gun teams from Flax will relieve the corresponding teams at HORNBY DUMP (H.30.a.8.6); Bn. HQrs will provide Guard of 1 Cpl, 1 L/Cpl, and 15 ment (Snipers) to relieve Guard at R.E. Dump BUSSEBOOM.
- [4] View and Skin will entrain at DICKEBUSCH SIDING at 9-15 a.m. Detrain BUSSEBOOM, also Guard supplied by Snipers. Milk and Flax will entrain DICKEBUSCH SIDING at 9-15 a.m. Detrain DRANOUTRE. Bn. HQrs will march to HOOGGRAAF, leaving Camp at 10 a.m. Lewis Gun Teams referred to in para 3 will move from Camp at 9-30 a.m.
- [5] All Companies and Parties, except Bn.HQrs Details, will parade in Full Marching Order plus both Blankets and 48 hours rations. Bn. HQrs Details will parade Full Marching Order, less Blankets.
- [6] Transport will be at WALKER CAMP as under;- For each Co. – 1 G.S. Limber and Cooker Horses at 8-30 a.m.; For L.G. Teams Mess Cart at 9 a.m.; For Bn. HQrs Maltese Cart and 3 G.S. Wagons at 9 a.m. Officers Chargers for C.O., 2nd in Command, Adjutant and M.O. at 10 a.m.
- [7] Transport Lines and Q.M. Store will move to HOOGGRAAF on morning of 18th Inst.
- [8] All Huts, Cookhouses, Horselines and Latrines are to be left scrupulously clean. Companies will obtain clearance certificate from MAJOR J. S. MACKAY before leaving Camp.
- [9] View and Skin will, on arrival at BUSSEBOOM report to O.C. CANADIAN Tunnelling Co. Milk and Flax will, on arrival at DRANOUTRE, report to O.C. AUSTRALIAN Tunnelling Co.
- [10] Companies will report completion of move by runner as soon as possible.

[11] Bn. Hq. will close at WALKER CAMP at 10 a.m. and open at HOOGGRAAF at same hour.

Signed W. H. JONES, Lieut. A/Adjutant

Copies 1-3 War Diary; 4-7 4 Coys; 8 Bn, Hq; 9 Q.M. and T.O.; 10 Bde Hq.

4th New Zealand Infantry Brigade – Order No.66 – 17 Jan 1918
Ref map Sheet 28 1/40,000

- [1] The reliefs mentioned in Paras 2 and 4 Warning Order No.65 will take place tomorrow 18th January in accordance with attached Table “A”
[2] Transport Lines of all Brigade Units will be moved on the same date.
- [3] The following will be handed over to relieving Units and duplicate receipts forwarded to this Office
(a) All Trench Maps including those issued from this Office on 12th January
(b) All Defence Schemes
(c) All Area Stores, including S.A.A. Reserve of 50 rounds per man
- [4] Units carrying out reliefs on 17th inst. will commence Corps Working Party duties taken over from relieving Battalions on 18th January and Units carrying reliefs on 18th January will commence Corps Working Party duties on 19th January. Other duties – Area Commandants, Guards, A.A. duties &c will be taken over by 12:30 p.m. 18th January.
- [5] N.C.O.’s and Signalling Classes will be continued at Brigade Training Camp. Remainder of personnel at Brigade Training Camp will be withdrawn by Units forthwith to the extent necessary to complete strength of Working Parties found by the Units relieved.
- [6] G.S. Wagons as under will report to Units for the conveyance of blankets &c at 9 a.m. 18th January. Wagons: 3rd Bn. Wellington Regt (4); 4th N.Z.I. Bde Headquarters (1); 4th L.T. Battery (1); 3rd Bn. Auckland Regt (2)
- [7] ACKNOWLEDGE

Signed R. Logan, Major, Brigade Major

Copies to G.O.C.; 3rd Bn Auckland Regt; 3rd Bn, Wellington Regt; 3rd Bn. Otago Regt; 4th NZ. .G. Coy; 4th L. T. Battery; 4th Field Company; 4th Coy Divisional Train; 4th Field Ambulance; N.Z. Division; 1st N.Z.I. Brigade; Staff Captain; Brigade Sig. Section; War Diary; File

Table "A"

Date	Unit	From	Handing Over to	To	Relieving	Remarks
16-1-18	4 th N.Z.I.B. H.Q.'s	WALKER CAMP	H.Q.'s 1 st N.Z.I.B.	HOOGRAAF G.26.c.3.3	H.Q.'s 1 st N.Z.I.B.	
16-1-18	3 rd Bn. Auckland Regiment (less 200 men)	WALKER CAMP	1 st Bn. Auckland Regiment	(a) H.Q.'s & Transport Lines HOOGRAAF G 26 c 3.3 (b) 400 men DRANOUTRE	1 st Bn. Auckland Regiment (less 200 men)	(b) Entrain Light Railway DICKEBUSH 9.30 a.m. Detrain DRANOUTRE
16-1-18	3 rd Bn. Wellington Regiment	WALKER CAMP	1 st Bn. Wellington Regiment	(a) H.Q.'s and Transport Lines HOOGRAAF G.26.c.3.3. (b) 200 men DRANOUTRE (c) 200 men BUSSEBOOM	1 st Bn. Wellington Regiment	(b) Entrain Light Railway DICKEBUSCH 9.30 a.m. Detrain DRANOUTRE
16-1-18	4 th M.G. Coy	HOWE CAMP	1 st M.G. Coy	(a) H.Q.'s & 2 Sections & Transport at HOOGRAAF G.26.c.3.3 (b) 2 Sections A.A. (see Remarks column)	1 st M.G. Coy	2 Sections A.A. ROBSON G.29.d.9.4. BUSSEBOOM G.16.c.1.1. ZEALAND G.16.d.3.4. GRANVILLE H.13.b.2.2.
16-1-18	4 th L.T. H. By	WALKER CAMP	1 st L.T.H. By	(a) H.Q.'s & surplus HOOGRAAF G.26.c.3.3. (b) see Remarks Column	1 st L.T.H. By	1 Off 12 O/R. ZEALAND DUMP G.16.d.3.4. 1 Off 15 O/R F. P. Compound G.27.a.4.7.
16-1-18	4 th Coy N.Z.D.T.	H.23.c.9.3.		H.19.c.5.6.		

Note: Reliefs of 4th Field Company and 4th Field Ambulance will be arranged direct by the C.R.E. and A.D.H.S.

3rd Battalion Wellington Regiment – List of Maps Documents Etc Handed over to 1st Battalion Wellington Regiment 18 Jan 1918

Maps - Sheet 28 N.E. (12); 28 N.E.1. (4), 28 S.E. (1), 28 S.W. (2), 36 N.E. (1), 36 N.W. (2), D.I. – 1:10,000 (20)
BECELAERE (10); WESTROOSEBEKE (40); OOSTHOEK (8); WATERDAMHOEK (11); NIEUWE KRUISEECKE (6); PASSCNENDAELE (1)

Documents

4th N.Z. Inf. Bde. Defence Scheme (For Right Brigade Sector)

4th N.Z. Inf. Bde. Defence Scheme (For Left Brigade Sector)

Appendix II for above

4th N.Z. Inf. Bde Order No.64

Air Photos

Centre Division Front

Left Division Front

 Daily State Wellington Works Battalion 31 Jan 1918

Effective Strength	26 Officers, 846 Other Ranks 10 Riding Horses, 19 Large Mules, 6 Light Draught Horses, 9 Heavy Draught Horses, 7 Pack Mules 9 Bicycles, 4 two-wheeled horsed vehicles, 14 four-wheeled horsed vehicles, 16 Lewis Guns
Details Attached as in W.E.	
N.Z.M.C.	1 Officer, 5 Other Ranks, 1 Riding Horse
N.Z.O.C.	1 Other Ranks
Other Details Attached	
Chaplains	2 Officers
A.S.C.	7 Other Ranks, 2 Light Draught Horses, 12 Heavy Draught Horses
Camp Wardens	2 Other Ranks
Less Detached	
Bde. HQ	1 Officer, 11 Other Ranks, 1 bicycle
Canadian Tunnellers	6 Officers, 350 Other Ranks
Australian Tunnellers	2 Officers, 118 Other Ranks
Y.M.C.A.	2 Other Ranks
Schools	2 Officers, 18 Other Ranks
Leave	3 Officers, 8 Other Ranks
Field Ambulance	1 Officer, 54 Other Ranks
Market Gardeners	5 Other Ranks
Agricultural Work	3 Other Ranks
A.A. Defences	24 Other Ranks
Corps Workshops	3 Other Ranks
4 th Coy. N.Z.E.	1 Officer, 25 Other Ranks
N.Z. Div. HQ.	1 Officer, 1 Other Ranks
Guard R.E. Dump	17 Other Ranks
Ration Strength	12 Officers, 222 Other Ranks 11 Riding Horses, 19 Large Mules, 8 Light Draught Horses, 21 Heavy Draught Horses, 7 Pack Mules