1st R Guernsey L.I. Relief Orders

Ref Map C1 1 10000 25 NE 1 20000 28 NW 1 20000

1. The Battn will be relieved on the night of the 26th/27th January in the right sector of the Brigade front by the 1st NLFD. Regt. in the right subsector and the 2/Hants Regt. in the left subsector and will proceed to the BRANDHOEK area. The 1/NLFD Regt. will take over Posts A to C inclusive in the front line with 1 Coy of 4 Platoons (No 1 Coy.) the position of the right platoon in close support with 2 platoons and the position of the right platoon in the GOUDBERG defences with 2 platoons (No 2 Coy).

The 2/Hants Regt. will take over Posts 10 to 15 inclusive in the front line with 3 platoons, the position of the left platoon in close support with 1 Platoon (2 Coy.) and of the left platoon in the GOUDBERG defences with 3 platoons (X Coy)

2. Platoon Guides as follows will meet the incoming Regts at SOMME, the 2/Hants at 4.45 pm, the 1st NFLDs at 5.30 pm.

These guides will guide their respective platoons back by No 5 Duckboard track, branching off on the newly laid tape line at right angles to the track which joins the road near to the Aid post MOSSELMARKT. The guides for the close support platoons and GOUDBERG Spur will lead their platoons straight to their positions. Guides for each post in the front line will take over each the garrison of his respective post at the Aid Post and guide them to their post by the directest route. Coy Commanders will tell off intelligent men for this task who know their way well and they will be at the Aid Post by 5.45 pm and will keep a careful look out for the incoming Battns and waste no time in taking charge of the garrisons of the Posts to which they are guiding. These Post Guides will report to Lt Rawkins at the Aid Post and be in his charge.

3. Coys will march independently to WIELTJE Route VINDICTIVE X Roads, there by tape to No 5 track, there to WIELTJE keeping as long as possible to the duckboards. Lt Rawkins will station a man at the junction of the tape with the VINDICTIVE X Roads – Bellevue Road to guide troops until the last man has passed. Coy Commanders must make their own arrangements for collecting their Coys together before reaching WIELTJE.

The Battn will entrain at WIELTJE at 1 a.m. Cookers (1 for RGLI & 1 for R.F.) will serve hot tea at the entraining point. Lieut Denton will superintend the entraining. 30 men per truck. On detrainment the 2/RF. will march under Capt Powell to 'B' Camp, the 1/RGLI to BRAKE CAMP

- 4. All trench stores etc. will be handed over and receipts obtained, which will be handed to the Adjutant at the entraining point.
 - The full complement of tools and petrol cans will be brought out of the line, and every man will carry some piece of salvage. These will be dumped at the end of the duck-board track and receipts taken from the N.C.O. i/c & handed afterwards to the Adjutant. collected later.
- 5. An ambulance will be at SOMME to pick up any men who are incapable of marching further.
- 6. Relief Complete will be reported by Coy. Commanders by runner to Bn. Hqrs. at MALLARD X roads after the last man has passed this point.

G C Pearson Capt & Adj 1/RGLI

25/i/18

Relief Orders.

- 1. The 86th Brigade will relieve the 87th Brigade in the WIELTJE support area to-morrow, 3rd instant. The 1st R.G.L.I. will relieve the 1st K.O.S.B.'s in English Camp.
- 2. The Battn. will entrain at BRANDHOEK on two trains leaving at 2.30 p.m. and 2.40 p.m. A. B. & C. Coys. on the first train. Hdqrs. and D. Coy on the second train for WIELTJE, and march from there to English Camp. The Battn. will be formed up ready to move off on the road outside the Camp at 1.45 p.m., Order:- A. B. C. D. and Hdqrs. Head of the column, at the end of the road which runs through the Camp. Dress:- Full Marching Order, Steel Helmets, one blanket to be carried, great coats to be worn. A distance of one hundred yds (100x) will be maintained between Coys. Between here and BRANDHOEK Coys will march in fours. Between WIELTJE and English Camp in file.
- 3. The second blanket will be stacked neatly tied in bundles of ten at the side of the road W. of the Camp by 8.30 a.m. for conveyance by lorry. Officers' valises behind the Guard Tent by 11 a.m. for conveyance by limbers.
 - All Officers' or other kit which is not being taken up, will be stacked in a separate pile at the same place by 11 a.m. This will be conveyed to the Q.M. Stores on hand-carts by a fatigue party from the Drums.
- 4. One Lewis Gun and team of 6 per Coy. will proceed with one Lewis Gun Limber to the relief of four anti-aircraft guns of the 1st K.O.S.B.'s. Lieut Lainé will take charge of this party, which will march to English Camp starting at 9.30 a.m. their packs and blankets will be stacked with the blankets to go by lorry. They will carry one day's rations. The other three Lewis Gun Limbers will be loaded by 10 a.m.
 - L. Gun limbers, cookers, one water cart, mess cart, maltese cart, and tool limber will proceed by road under arrangements by the Trans. Officer. Rations will be issued at English Camp.
- 5. 2. Lieut. Street and 1 N.C.O. and 2 men per Coy. including Hdqr. Coy. will go on ahead by road to take over the accomodation in English Camp, and act as unloading party. They will start at 9.30 a.m. and take haversack rations. Their kits will be stacked to go by lorry. 2. Lieut. Street will also take over any stores from the 1st K.O.S.Bs.
- 6. This Camp will be left thoroughly clean, Coy Commanders reporting to this effect to the 2nd in Command before leaving.

- 7. Coys will report when they are settled in the new Camp.
- 8. A return showing description of accomodation, viz. No of nissen huts, tents, shelters, dug-outs, occupied by each Coy will be rendered to Orderly Room by 9.30 a.m. on the 4th inst.
- 9. C.Q.M.Ss' will proceed by the lorry to-morrow but will return at night, and will remain at the Q.M. Stores, bringing up rations every night. Coys will leave no other personnel behind.
- 10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

G C Pearson

Captain

Adjutant 1st Bn. R. Guernsey L. I.

Relief Orders

Ref Map 1st R.G.L.I. Copy No 3

C. 2. 1. 10000.

1. The battn will relieve the 1st LANCS. FUS in the right sector tomorrow night the 17th.

2. Dispositions will be as follows:-

Front Line Right B. Coy.

Posts 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. and X. Relieve C. Coy. 1st LANC. FUS.

Front Line Left A. Coy.

Posts 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. Relieve B. Coy 1st LANC. FUS.

<u>Support Line MOSSELMARKT</u> C. Coy.

3 Posts Front Line, 1 Post Support Relieve A. Coy 1st L. F.

Reserve Line BELLEVUE. D. Coy.

3 Posts Front Line, 1 Post Support Relieve D. Coy 1st L. FUS.

The Front Line Coys hold the posts with 3 Platoons and have 1 Platoon in close support.

Battn Hqrs BELLEVUE Deep dugout D.4.D.7.5.

Aid Post BELLEVUE D.4.D.7.5.

3. Coys will leave this Camp starting at 6.15 p.m. with 10 minutes interval between Coys, in the following Order.

B A C D <u>Dress</u>. Fighting order, sandbags instead of puttees. 2 days rations will be carried. Water Bottles will be filled before starting.

4. <u>Guides</u>. 1 per platoon will meet B Coy at SOMME at 7 p.m. and will guide them by K track to Right Coy. Hqrs. where guides for each post will take them on.

1 per platoon will meet A Coy who will proceed by No 5 duckboard track, on the track at a point opposite BELLEVUE and will guide them to Left Coy Hqrs, where guides for the posts will be waiting for them.

1 per platoon will meet C Coy who will also proceed by No 5 track at the same place as A Coy and guide them to their posts.

D Coy will proceed by the road the whole way and will be met by platoon guides at the point where the CT meets the road at BELLEVUE.

5. <u>Kits</u>. Blankets, packs (with puttees inside) and Officers valises will be conveyed to the transport lines tomorrow. All blankets will be stacked on the side of the road by 9 a.m., packs by 11 a.m., and officers valises by 2 p.m. Overcoats will be put in the packs. Jerkins will be worn.

6. Anti Aircraft

The 5th Lewis Gun in each Coy will be mounted in each case in selected positions in the Support platoon. Details will be taken over by Coy Commanders.

7. Communications.

There will be a Battn relay runner post at MEETSCHEELE. Coys will send all messages etc. down to this post, whence they will be sent on to Battn Hqrs, by Hqr runners.

8. Reports.

The following reports are required at Battn Hqrs daily.

Situation reports 3 a.m. and 3 p.m.

- 9. All defence schemes, trench stores etc will be taken over on relief and receipts forwarded to Battn Hqrs.
- 10. 5% of the Support Coy will be employed nightly on carrying R.E. material from MOSSELMARKT. to the Front Coys Hqrs.

The reserve Coy will furnish ration parties. 25% of the Reserve Coy will be at the disposal of the Tunnelling Coy nightly. Further orders will be issued.

- 11. Completion of relief will be reported to Battn Hqrs in B.A.B. code.
- 12. Acknowledge.

G C Pearson

Captain

16.3.18

Adjt 1/R Guernsey. L. I.

Copy 1. C.O.

2. Adjutant

3. War Diary

4. 5. O.C. A Coy

6. - B
7. - C
8. - D
9. Q.M. & T.O.

10. Bde

11. R.S.M.

12. I.O.

Relief Order 1st R.G.L.I.

Ref Map C.21.10000 Sheet 28 NE N.W.

- 1. The battn will be relieved tomorrow night 24th /25th by the 2/R. Fusiliers and will proceed on completion of relief to CALIFORNIA CAMP.
 - A Coy's raiding party will remain at the Transport lines.
- 2. Coys will be relieved as follows:-

D Coy	Right in line	by	Y	Coy	2/R.F.
C Coy	Left in line	by		Coy	2/RF
A Coy	in Support	by		Coy	2/RF
B Coy	in reserve	by		Coy	2/RF

3. Guides

1 Guide per platoon from D & C Coys will report to the Adjutant tonight. Platoon guides from A & B tomorrow night at 6 P.M. D Coys platoon guides will be at SOMME tomorrow at 7.30 PM to guide their relieving platoons to D Coys Hqrs via K track.

C Coy's platoon guides will be on No 5 Track opposite BELLEVUE at 8.15 PM. Route for relief No 5 track. OC's the above 2 Coys will arrange to have post guides at Coy HQrs.

A Coy guides will be at the same place on No 5 track by 8.15 p.m. and will guide relieving platoons straight to their posts via No 5 track.

- B. Coy guides will meet their relieving platoons at BELLEVUE on the road and will guide them straight to their posts.
- 4. <u>Transport.</u>

Lewis Gun Limbers will be on the road to meet Coys as follows:-

- A & B Coys 500x W of KANSAS X at 9.30 PM.
- C. Coy same place at 10.00 PM. D Coy at SOMME at 11 PM.
- 5. All trench stores, A.A. mountings, details of work etc will be handed over on relief and receipts handed to the Adjutant by 9 a.m. on the 25th
 - All stores on battn charge i.e. water tins, tools brought up, L Guns magazines etc will be brought out of the line.
- 6. Coys will report to Battn Hqrs when they are settled in CALIFORNIA CAMP.
- 7. Relief complete will be reported to these HQrs by each Coy by two runners at 10 minutes intervals.
- 8. Acknowledge.

23.3.18.

Copy No 1. O.C. A. Coy.

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Copy No. 5. C.O.

" " 6. Adjutant

" " 7. Q.M.

" " 8. 2/R. Fusiliers

" " 9 & 10. War Diary

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1.RGLI

Ref Map. C.2.1.10000.

- 1. The battn will relieve the 1^{st} LANCS FUS in the left sector of the Bde front tomorrow night the $27^{th}/28^{th}$
- 2. Dispositions will be as follows:-

Right Front Company

B. Coy relieves C Coy. 1st L.F.

Left Front Coy.

D Coy relieves B Coy. 1st L.F.

Support Coy.

A Coy relieves D Coy. 1st L.F.

Reserve Coy.

C Coy relieves A Coy. 1st L.F.

Battn Hqrs at BELLEVUE.

Aid Post at BELLEVUE.

Relay runner Post at MEETSCHEELE.

- 3. Coys will leave here in the following order, starting at 7.30 P.M. B. D. A. C. An interval of 15 minutes will be maintained between Coys. Platoons will move at 200x interval. Route Main Road.
- 4. Guides.

Platoon guides will meet Coys at the entrance to the C.T. at BELLEVUE. at Post guides will be at Coy Hqrs.

- 5. Lewis Gun limbers will proceed with their Coys as far as WATERLOO. They will move behind the leading platoon of the Coy, and must be unloaded with the least possible delay.
 - The 5th Lewis Gun will be mounted for A.A. as before, the exact position to notified to Battn Hqrs with morning reports on the 28th.
- 6. <u>Dress</u>. Fighting order. Sandbags instead of puttees. 2 days rations. Water bottles filled.
- 7. All blankets, and packs with greatcoats inside will be stacked by the side of the road by 9 am for conveyance by transport to BRAKE Camp.

Officers' valises and mess stores will be stacked at the same place by 1. PM. the mess cart will call for mess boxes at 5. PM.

- 8. One Officer per Coy will report at LANCS Fus Hqrs at 8. PM. to go to Coys ahead and take over trench stores etc. Receipts for same will be sent in with morning reports on the 28th inst.
- 9. This camp will be left thoroughly clean. Coy commanders will report to this effect to the adjutant before leaving.
- 10. Relief complete will be forwarded to Battn Hqrs by B.A.B. code, if the line is through, otherwise by runner.
- 11. Acknowledge.

G C Pearson Capt & Adj 1st RGLI

26/3/18.

- 1. The 86th Bde will be relieved by the 87th Bde in the Right Sector of the Divisional front on the night of the 30th to 31st inst.
- 2. The Battn: will be relieved by the 1st Border Regt. and will proceed to RED ROSE CAMP.

3. Guides

1 Guide per Platoon and 1 for Coy Hdqrs will be at BELLEVUE on the road at 8.30 p.m.

The Guides from A and C. Coys will guide their relieving platoons straight to their

The Guides from B and D Coys will guide their relieving platoons to their respective Coy Hdqrs where they will be met by Post Guides.

Relieving Coys of the 1st Border Regt. will arrive in the following order-

Right front Coy—Left front Coy—Support Coy—Reserve Coy

- 4. Coys will on relief proceed to SPREE FARM where they will entrain for BRANDHOEK. First train leaves at midnight. The trains will be filled up as Units arrive. On arrival at BRANDHOEK Coys. will march independently to RED ROSE CAMP. Hot tea will be arranged for by the Q.M. at the entraining point.
- 5. All trench stores, reserve rations, details of work done and proposed & dispositions together with a correct map will be handed over to incoming Coys. Receipts will be obtained and these will be forwarded to the Adjutant by 10 a.m. on the 31st inst.
- 6. Relief complete will be reported personally by Coy Commanders on their way down.
- 7. Acknowledge.

29-3-18.

Distribution.

- 1 C.O.
- 2 Adjt
- 3 O.C. A. Coy.
- 4 O.C. B.
- 5 O.C. C.
- 6 O.C. D.
- 7 86th Bde
- 8 1st Border Regt.
- 9 T.O. & Q.M.
- 10 Asst. Adjt.
- 11 & 12 Office.

G C Pearson Captain

Adjutant 1/R.G.L.I.

No. 9.

Ref. Map. ZONNEBEKE 1,10,000

- 1. The 86th Bde. will be relieved tomorrow night the 7th/8th by the 122nd Bde. The Battn. will be relieved by the 12th East Surrey Regt. and will proceed on completion of relief to WARRINGTON CAMP by train from BORRY FARM. The first train leaves BORRY FARM at 11.30 p.m.
- 2. Coys. will be relieved as under:-

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A. Coy by D. Coy. 12<sup>th</sup> E. Surrey Regt.
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B. " " C. " " " " "

D. " " A. " " " "

All movement on the way down will be by platoons at 100x intervals.

- 3. Guides.
 - C. Coy. will send 1 guide per platoon and 1 for Coy Hdqrs. to report to the R.S.M. before daylight tomorrow 7th inst. for guiding incoming platoons tomorrow night.
 - A. B. & D. Coys. will each send the same number of guides to report to LT. RAWKINS at BORRY FARM at 6.30 p.m.

Coys. of the 12th E. Surrey Regt. will come up from BORRY FARM in the following order B. D. C. A. Route JUDAH TRACK.

Guides must all know which Coys. they are guiding up, and be perfectly certain of the route to Coy Hdqrs.

Post Guides from A & C. Coys will meet incoming platoons at Coy. Hdqrs.

- 4. Each platoon in the front line will put out a standing patrol before the relief commences. These patrols will remain out until the relief of the platoons is complete. They should not go out too far.
- 5. All trench stores, dispositions, work on hand, etc, together with a detailed map of the Coy sector will be handed over to relieving Coys. Coy Commanders will take their relieving Coy Commanders round their posts before leaving.

Receipts for trench stores & barrage rations will be given to the Adjutant by 12 noon on the 8th inst.

- 6. All petrol cans and tools to be into the line will be brought down to WARRINGTON CAMP.
- 7. Hot tea will be provided at the tea kitchens near BORRY FARM.
- 8. On arrival in Camp, all men will wash their feet in water, which will be provided by

- the Q.M. Coy. Commanders will ensure that this process is inspected by platoon Commanders and compliance will be reported to the Adjutant.
- 9. Coy. Commanders will report relief complete in B.A.B. Code if the lines are holding, otherwise in person.
- 10. Acknowledge.

G C Pearson

Captain

Adjt. 1/R. Guernsey L. I.

Distribution. 1 C.O.

- 2 Adjutant
- 3 O. C. A. Coy
- 4 " " B. "
- 5 " " C. '
- 6 " " D. "
- 7 86th Bde.
- 8 12th E. Surrey Regt.
- 9 A/Adjt.
- 10 R.S.M.
- 11 & 12 Office.

<u>SECRET</u> Relief Orders Copy No. 4

1st Bn: Royal Guernsey L. I.

Ref. MAP. ZONNEBEKE 1,10.000

1. The 86th Bde will relieve the 98th Bde. tomorrow night the 3rd/4th in the left sector of the 33rd Divl. front. The 1/R.G.L.I. will take over the right Battn: front from the 2nd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. The 1st LANCS. FUS. will take over the left Battn: front. The 2nd ROYAL FUSILIERS will be in reserve in the BELLEVUE line.

2. Dispositions will be as follows, Coy Areas and boundaries being shewn on the map issued to Coy. Commanders.

Front Line Right A. Coy.
Front Line Left C. Coy.
Support B. Coy.
Reserve D. Coy.
Battn: Hdqrs. D.16.B.8.5

3. The Battn: will entrain at ORILLIA siding as follows.

5.45 p.m. A & C. Coys & Bn: Hdqrs.

6.0 p.m. B & D. Coys

Coys. will arrive at the entraining point 5 minutes before their trains are due to start. Detraining point is BORRY FARM (D.25.B.85.70). Guides will meet Coys. there, one for each Coy. Hdqrs and 1 per platoon. There will also be 1 guide for Battn: Hdqrs.

The route by which Coys. will proceed to their reliefs from BORRY FARM will be via JUDAH TRACK. An interval of 150x will be kept between platoons.

- 4. All maps, defence schemes, details of work etc, and trench stores will be taken over, and receipts forwarded to Battn: Hdqrs with the morning reports on the 4th inst.
- 5. Rear Battn: Hdqrs will remain at WARRINGTON CAMP. The Q.M. and transport lines will be at I.3.D.2.4.

All blankets and packs (with puttees inside) will be stacked in the hut opposite the Orderly Room by 3 p.m. Officers' valises will be stacked in the adjoining hut at the same time.

- 6. Sandbags will be worn instead of puttees. Water bottles will be filled before starting. 2 days' rations will be carried. 8 Yukon packs will be carried each by B & D Coys.
- 7. Rations and water will be conveyed by transport to SEINE DUMP, whence they will be taken forward by carrying parties.
- 8. All details regarding runner relay posts, carrying parties etc, will be notified as early

as possible.

- 9. The fifth Lewis Gun will be mounted by each Coy. for A.A. purposes, exact positions will be notified to Bn: Hdqrs. with morning reports on the 4th inst.
- 10. Relief complete will be reported by B.A.B. code, if the wires are holding, if not by runner. In any case a runner from each Coy. will be sent to Bn: Hdqrs directly relief is complete.
- 11. Acknowledge.

8-4-18

G C Pearson Captain

Adjutant 1st Bn: Royal Guernsey L. I.