

# SQUADRON A

IN THE  
GREAT WAR  
1917-1918

INCLUDING A NARRATIVE OF THE  
105th M. G. BATTALION

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*Boutez en Avant!*

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*APPENDIX "H"*

**BATTLES AND ENGAGEMENTS**

SILVER BANDS  
authorized for the  
COLORS  
of the

105TH MACHINE GUN BATTALION

**DEFENSIVE SECTOR:**

DICKEBUSCH LAKE AND SCHERPENBERG SECTORS.

July 9, 1918, to August 30, 1918.

**YPRES-LYS OFFENSIVE:**

August 31, 1918, to September 2, 1918.

**SOMME OFFENSIVE:**

September 24, 1918, to October 20, 1918.

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### ENEMY OPPOSED TO BATTALION

#### DICKEBUSCH LAKE AND SCHERPENBERG SECTORS:

*July 9 to August 19, 1918:* East Poperinghe Line (Belgium, vicinity Mt. Kemmel).

This action consisted in constructing and occupying the second position opposite Mt. Kemmel during a time when the enemy was expected to make heavy attacks. The position was under close observation from Mt. Kemmel and was subjected to observed artillery fire by day and continued fire by night, inflicting daily casualties. The position was occupied by three battalions of infantry and one machine gun battalion at a time with six infantry battalions in reserve. Regiments alternated.

Enemy opposite front of 27th Division:

Divisions of Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria's Group of Armies.

*August 20 to August 30, 1918:* Dickebusch Lake Sector (Belgium, vicinity Mt. Kemmel).

This action consisted in holding the Dickebusch Sector Front Line, repelling raids, making raids and patrols, being under continual artillery and machine gun fire with perfect observation from enemy positions on Mt. Kemmel.

Enemy opposite front of 27th Division:

Divisions of Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria's Group of Armies.

#### YPRES-LYS OFFENSIVE:

*August 31 to September 2, 1918:* Vierstraat Ridge (Belgium, vicinity Mt. Kemmel).

This engagement was an advance to occupy this ridge and Mt. Kemmel from which the enemy was believed to be retiring. The enemy was found to be withdrawing his main force to Wyschaete Ridge, but leaving machine gun nests to hold as long as possible and keeping the whole terrain covered with artillery fire. Our troops continued a following action with artillery and machine gun preparation and action, meeting strong resistance, including counter attacks by enemy infantry to the east of the slope of Vierstraat Ridge. The 30th American Division on our left, the 34th British



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Division on our right and other corps of the 2nd British Army further south, participated in this engagement.

Enemy opposite front of 27th Division:

236th Infantry Division.

52nd Infantry Division.

8th Infantry Division.

### SOMME OFFENSIVE:

*September 27 and 28, 1918:* The Knoll, Guillemont Farm, Quennemont Farm (France, vicinity Le Catalet).

This operation was a planned attack with tanks, artillery and machine gun barrages to capture the strong advance line of the Hindenburg system. The 30th American Division on our right strengthened our line; no other troops participating.

Enemy opposite front of 27th Division:

185th Infantry Division.

121st Infantry Division.

54th Infantry Division.

75th Rifle Division.

2nd Guard Division.

*September 29 and 30, 1918:* Hindenburg Line (France, vicinity Bony).

This battle was a prepared attack with the 3rd British Corps on our left, the 2nd American Corps (27th and 30th Divisions), the Australian Corps and the 9th British Corps participating, in connection with other British Corps to the left and the French Army to the right.

Enemy opposite front of 27th Division:

252nd Infantry Division.

185th Infantry Division.

121st Infantry Division.

54th Infantry Division.

75th Rifle Division.

2nd Guard Division.

*October 17, 1918:* La Selle River (France, vicinity of St. Souplet).

This battle was a prepared attack, the enemy having made a determined stand, using the stream as a defence. The 3rd and the 9th British Corps, the 2nd American Corps participated in connection with the 10th French Army to the right.

Enemy opposite front of 27th Division:

243rd Infantry Division.

204th Infantry Division.

24th Infantry Division.

15th Rifle Division.

3rd Naval Division.

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*October 18, 1918:* Jonc de Mer Ridge (France, vicinity Arbre Guernon).

This battle was a prepared attack. The 3rd and the 9th British Corps and the 2nd American Corps participated in connection with the 10th French Army to the right.

Enemy opposite front of 27th Division:

243rd Infantry Division.

204th Infantry Division.

24th Infantry Division.

15th Rifle Division.

3rd Naval Division.

*October 19, 1918:* St. Maurice River (France, vicinity Catillon).

This engagement was an advance, including an attack on machine gun nests, with enemy artillery and infantry resistance. The 3rd and the 9th British Corps and the 2nd American Corps participated in connection with the 10th French Army to the left.

Enemy opposite front of 27th Division:

243rd Infantry Division (Parts of).

204th Infantry Division (Parts of).

24th Infantry Division (Parts of).

15th Rifle Division (Parts of).

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### REPORTS BY COMPANIES

#### VIERSTRAAT RIDGE

*August 31 to September 3, 1918:*

Major Commanding.....	KENNETH GARDNER, Major.
Adjutant.....	THEODORE CRANE, 1st Lt.
Supply Officer.....	RAYMOND A. McLEER, 1st Lt.
Bn. Intelligence Officer.....	KNOWLTON DURHAM, 1st Lt.
Surgeon.....	CHARLES D. KEYSER, 1st Lt.
Dentist.....	JOSEPH MULCAHY, 1st Lt.
Train Officer.....	FREDERICK SNARE, JR., 2nd Lt.
Chaplain.....	ARCHER B. BASS.

Rear Bn. Hdqts.....27 L 14 c 9070  
Advance Bn Hdqts....28 G 23 d 9955 } on all four days.  
Transport Hdqts.....27 L 14 c 8040 }

#### BATTALION CASUALTIES:

##### Killed:

Co. A None.  
B None.  
C None.  
D 5 on Sept. 2.  
Total, 5.

##### Wounded:

Co. A Aug. 31, 3 by enemy shell fire.  
B Sept. 1, 2 by enemy shell fire.  
C 0  
D Sept. 1, 2 by enemy shell fire.  
Sept. 2, 1 by enemy shell fire.  
Sept. 2, 9 gassed.  
Sept. 3, 25 gassed (including 2 officers).  
Total, 42.

#### OFFICERS AT SCHOOL:

Co. A WILLIAM C. BARTHMAN, 1st Lt.  
B JOHN J. FLEMING, 1st Lt.  
D FRANK H. GRACE, 2nd Lt.



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C ROBERT H. LEAKE, 1st Lt.

B JOHN REYNOLDS, 1st Lt.

Co. C, JOSEPH G. GALVIN, 2nd Lt., did not report until Sept. 3, 1918.

### COMPANY A AT VIERSTRAAT RIDGE

*August 31 to September 3, 1918:*

Commanding Officer.....CAPTAIN LUCIUS H. BIGLOW, JR.

C. O. 1st Platoon.....1ST LT. JOSEPH F. COOK.

C. O. 2nd Platoon.....2ND LT. HARRY B. JENNINGS.

C. O. 3rd Platoon.....2ND LT. HAROLD L. DOWNEY.

Company Hdqts., N 1 b 2565.

*August 31:*

1st Platoon Hdqts., N 2 c 8775.

Gun 1 N 9 d 2311.

2 N 9 d 2720.

3 N 8 b 7540.

4 N 8 b 8343.

2nd Platoon Hdqts., N 3 d 5515.

Gun 5 N 9 a 7030.

6 N 9 a 6535.

7 N 3 d 5010 (Concrete emplacement).

8 N 3 d 5515 (Concrete emplacement).

3rd Platoon Hdqts., N 4 a 1055.

Gun 9 N 3 c 5565.

10 N 3 a 7000.

11 N 3 b 8035.

12 N 3 b 8040.

Harrassing fire by 2nd and 3rd Platoons.

*September 1:*

No changes in positions. No firing as own troops could not be located.

*September 2:*

No changes in positions. No firing as own troops could not be located.

*September 3:*

Relieved night of Sept. 2-3 by 41st Bn. M. G. C. B. E. F.

### COMPANY B AT VIERSTRAAT RIDGE

*August 31 to September 3, 1918:*

Commanding Officer.....CAPTAIN NATHANIEL H. EGGLESTON.

C. O. 1st Platoon.....2ND LT. GEORGE A. MATTHEWS, JR.

C. O. 2nd Platoon.....2ND LT. ROBERT D. McCASKEY.

C. O. 3rd Platoon.....2ND LT. RICHARD G. LYON.

Company Hdqts. at Albermarle House, 28NW H 27 a 1835.

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### *August 31:*

1st Platoon Hqts., Burgomaster's House, H 34 a 5290.

- Gun 9 H 26 c 6588 (Pill Box).
- 10 H 27 d 2028 (Pill Box).
- 11 H 27 d 7000 (Pill Box).
- 12 H 27 a 9310.

2nd Platoon Hdqts., H 34 a 5290.

- Gun 1 H 33 d 8082 (Concrete Emplacement).
- 2 H 33 d 8785.
- 3 H 34 c 8580 (S. O. S. Gun).
- 4 H 34 c 8070 (S. O. S. Gun).

3rd Platoon Hdqts., H 27 a 1835.

- Gun 5 H 33 c 9098 (S. O. S. Gun).
- 6 H 33 c 9898 (S. O. S. Gun).
- 7 H 27 d 7962 (Pill Box).
- 8 H 28 c 5466.

Harrassing fire by 2nd and 3rd Platoons.

### *September 1:*

1st Platoon Hdqts. (at 4:30 A. M.), N 5 d 1050.

2nd Platoon Hdqts. (As on Aug. 31).

3rd Platoon Hdqts. (As on Aug. 31).

No firing as advanced outposts of the 105th infantry could not definitely be located.

### *September 2:*

1st Platoon Hdqts., Captain's Post, N 5 d 5525.

- Gun 9 A. M. at N 12 a 1582; P. M. at N 12 a 7050.
- 10 A. M. at N 12 a 1582; P. M. at N 12 a 7050.
- 11 A. M. at N 12 a 0878; P. M. at N 12 b 3070.
- 12 A. M. at N 12 a 0878; P. M. at N 12 b 3070.

2nd Platoon Hdqts. (LT. LYON), N 5 d 5525.

- Gun 1 N 5 d 6515.
- 2 N 5 d 6515.
- 3 N 11 b 5585.
- 4 N 11 b 5585.

3rd Platoon Hdqts. (LT. McCASKEY), H 34 Central. (In reserve.)

No firing as 105th infantry advanced outposts could not be located.

### *September 3:*

Relief of all guns completed by 41st Bn. M. G. C. B. E. F. at 3:00 A. M.  
Company returned to Rear Battalion Headquarters.

#### COMPANY C AT VIERSTRAAT RIDGE

### *August 31 to September 3, 1918:*

Commanding Officer . . . . . CAPTAIN ROBERT R. MOLYNEUX.

C. O. 1st Platoon . . . . . 1ST LT. EDWARD S. FLASH, JR.



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C. O. 2nd Platoon . . . . . 2ND LT. WARD H. FARNHAM.

C. O. 3rd Platoon . . . . . SGT. JAMES H. ROBINSON.

Company Hdqts., Walker Farm, H 27 b 6570.

*August 31:*

1st Platoon Hdqts., H 35 b 6027.

Gun 1 N 5 b 1748.

2 N 5 b 2660.

3 H 36 c 8545.

4 H 36 c 6552.

2nd Platoon Hdqts., H 29 c 0295.

Gun 5 H 35 a 2010 (S. O. S. Gun).

6 H 35 a 2520 (S. O. S. Gun).

7 H 29 c 8520.

8 H 29 c 9742.

3rd Platoon Hdqts.

Gun 9 H 34 b 2577 (S. O. S. Gun).

10 H 34 b 2795 (S. O. S. Gun).

11 H 28 d 3050 (Pill Box) (S. O. S. Gun).

12 H 28 d 3550 (S. O. S. Gun).

Harrassing fire by all Platoons.

*September 1:*

Same positions. No firing.

*September 2:*

Same positions. No firing.

*September 3:*

Relieved night Sept. 2-3 by 41st Bn. M. G. C. B. E. F.

### COMPANY D AT VIERSTRAAT RIDGE

*August 31 to September 3, 1918:*

Commanding Officer . . . . . CAPTAIN STANTON WHITNEY.

C. O. 1st Platoon . . . . . 1ST LT. ALWYN BALL, 3rd.

C. O. 2nd Platoon . . . . . 2ND LT. BERT R. ANDERSON.

C. O. 3rd Platoon . . . . . 2ND LT. HYGH DEY. STILLMAN.

Company Hdqts., N 1 b 2565.

*August 31:*

1st Platoon Hdqts., N 1 b 2565.

Gun 1 N 1 b 2555 (Concrete Emplacement).

2 N 1 b 3060 (Concrete Emplacement).

3 H 31 d 9000 (Pill Box).

4 N 2 a 2070.

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2nd Platoon Hdqts., H 33 c 1010.

- Gun 5 N 2 d 2060 (S. O. S. Gun).
- 6 N 2 d 2070 (S. O. S. Gun).
- 7 N 3 a 2095 (S. O. S. Gun).
- 8 H 33 c 2010 (S. O. S. Gun).

3rd Platoon Hdqts., H 32 d 2020.

- Gun 9 H 32 d 2020.
- 10 H 32 c 9566.
- 11 H 26 d 7515.
- 12 H 26 d 6520 (Splinter Proof).

Harrassing fire by 2nd Platoon.

### *September 1:*

1st Platoon Hdqts. (As on Aug. 31).

2nd Platoon Hdqts., N 10 b 3070.

(Guns in trench in vicinity.)

3rd Platoon Hdqts., N 10 b 3070.

(Guns in trench in vicinity.)

2nd Platoon and two guns of 3rd Platoon fired for seven minutes on Chinese Trench (N 18 a, N 17 b, N 17 d) about 5:00 P. M. Guns positions at N 10 b 9530.

### *September 2:*

Same data as for Sept. 1. No firing as 106th infantry forward outposts could not be definitely located.

### *September 3:*

Relieved at 11:00 A. M. by 41st Bn. M. G. C. B. E. F.

## HINDENBURG LINE

### *September 27 to 29, 1918:*

Major Commanding . . . . .	KENNETH GARDNER, Major.
Adjutant . . . . .	THEODORE CRANE, 1st Lt.
Bn. Intelligence Officer . . . . .	KNOWLTON DURHAM, 1st Lt.
Supply Officer . . . . .	RAYMOND A. McLEER, 1st Lt.
Transport Officer . . . . .	FREDERICK SNARE, JR., 2nd Lt.
Chaplain . . . . .	ARCHER B. BASS, 1st Lt.
Surgeon . . . . .	CHARLES D. KAYSER, Captain.
Dentist, JOSEPH MULCAHY, 1st Lt.	

(Map Reference Ricqueval, Parts of 62C NE & 62B NW.)

Rear Battalion Hdqts., 62C E 7 c 3050.

Advance Battalion Hdqts., 62C F 21 b 1510.

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### BATTALION CASUALTIES:

#### Killed:

Co. A	Sept. 27	5
	Sept. 29	1
B	Sept. 27	1
C	Sept. 27	2
	Sept. 29	1
D	Sept. 27	2
	Sept. 28	1

Total, 13.

#### Wounded:

Co. A	Sept. 27	21
	Sept. 28	9
	Sept. 29	11
B	Sept. 27	1
	Sept. 28	1
	Sept. 29	3
C	Sept. 27	7
	Sept. 28	2
	Sept. 29	1
D	Sept. 27	2
	Sept. 28	3

Total, 61.

### OFFICERS AT SCHOOL:

Co. A	WILLIAM C. BARTHMAN, 1st Lt.
C	WARD H. FARNHAM, 2nd Lt.
B	JOHN J. FLEMING, 1st Lt.
D	FRANK H. GRACE, 2nd Lt.
C	ROBERT H. LEAKE, 1st Lt.
B	JOHN REYNOLDS, 1st Lt.

### COMPANY A AT HINDENBURG LINE

*September 27 to 29, 1918.*

Commanding Officer.....LUCIUS H. BIGLOW, JR., Captain.

C. O. 1st Platoon.....JOSEPH F. COOK, 1st Lt.

C. O. 2nd Platoon.....HARRY B. JENNINGS, 2nd Lt.

C. O. 3rd Platoon.....HAROLD L. DOWNEY, 2nd Lt.

Company Hdqts., 62C F 19 d 5020.

*September 27.*

1st Platoon:

Guns from F 17 a 3060 to F 17 a 2585.

2nd Platoon:

Guns from F 17 a 2585 to F 11 c 2010.



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3rd Platoon:

Guns from F 11 c 2010 to F 11 c 2030.

### DUTIES:

Barrage fire from zero hour (5:30) to Z plus 75.

1st Objective: Zero hour to Z plus 18; 62B A 7 d 9545 to A 7 b 6555.

2nd Objective: Z plus 20 to Z plus 24. Raise 200 yards.

3rd Objective: Z plus 26 to Z plus 30. Raise 200 yards.

4th Objective: Z plus 32 to Z plus 36. Raise 200 yards.

5th Objective: Z plus 38 to Z plus 42. Raise 200 yards

6th Objective: Z plus 44 to Z plus 48. Raise 200 yards.

7th Objective: Z plus 50 to Z plus 75. Raise 200 yards.

S. O. S. Line, 62B A 9 a 2530 to A 2 d 9030.

*September 28.*

Company Hdqts., 62C F 16 Central to F 16 b 5090.

1st Platoon Hdqts., 62C F 16 Central to F 16 b 5090.

2nd Platoon Hdqts., 62C F 16 Central to F 16 b 5090.

3rd Platoon Hdqts., 62C F 16 Central to F 16 b 5090.

### DUTIES:

In readiness for counter attack.

*September 29:*

Company Hdqts., 62C F 19 d 5020.

(Withdrew to positions of Sept. 28 after barrage fire.)

### DUTIES:

Fired an early morning barrage on S. O. S. Line of Sept. 27.

## COMPANY B AT HINDENBURG LINE

*September 27 to 29, 1918.*

Commanding Officer.....NATHANIEL H. EGGLESTON, Captain.

C. O. 1st Platoon.....GEORGE MATTHEWS, JR., 2nd Lt.

C. O. 2nd Platoon.....RICHARD D. McCASKEY, 2nd Lt.

C. O. 3rd Platoon.....RICHARD G. LYON, 2nd Lt.

Company Hdqts., 62 NE F 14 d 9090; F 10 c 3550.

*September 27.*

1st Platoon Hdqts., Lempire Post, F 10 d 4515.

Gun 1 F 10 d 6515.

2 F 10 d 7023.

3 F 10 d 7025.

4 F 10 d 4515.

2nd Platoon Hdqts., Dose Trench, F 10 c 3550.

Gun 5 F 10 c 6045.

6 F 10 c 5050.

7 F 10 c 4060.

8 F 10 c 4065.

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3rd Platoon Hdqts., Yak Post, F 10 d 2090.

Gun 9 F 10 d 2090.

10 F 10 d 2090.

11 F 10 d 2090.

12 F 10 d 2090.

### DUTIES:

Guns 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 12: Searching fire on Tombois Road (F 5 d 6030 to A 1 b 6060) from zero hour to Z plus 75. (This task carried out.)

Guns 5, 6, 7, 8: Searching fire on Bird Lane (F 5 a 4020 to X 29 d 2000). (This task not carried out as a raid was being carried on against Lark Post (F 5 b 4090).)

Guns 3, 4: Concentrated fire on Pill Box F 5 d 58. (This task carried out.)

1st Platoon left for Co. C Hdqts. (F 17 c 2070) at 13:45 hours.

### *September 28.*

1st Platoon, F 17 c 2070.

2nd Platoon, Dose Trench.

3rd Platoon, Yak Post.

Position of readiness.

### *September 29.*

1st Platoon, F 17 c 3080.

2nd Platoon, F 11 c 3060.

3rd Platoon, F 11 c 2070.

### DUTIES:

"Fill in Fire" of Cos. A, C and D. Fired from zero hour to zero plus 30 (1st Platoon to Z plus 25).

In afternoon:

1st Platoon, Holland Post, F 17 a Southern.

2nd Platoon, Lempire Post, F 10 d 4515.

3rd Platoon, Yak Post, F 10 d 2090.

Guns 9, 10 at F 10 d 3080.

11, 12 at F 10 a 8020.

### DUTIES (if necessary):

1st Platoon: To cover ground from N to E.

2nd Platoon: Direct fire SE side of Tombois Valley and Road.

3rd Platoon: Guns 9 and 10, direct fire on Knoll. Guns 11 and 12, direct fire on Bird Lane.

1st and 2nd Platoons (two guns from each) delivered harrassing fire during night Sept. 29-30.

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*MEMORANDA*  
COMPANY B  
HINDENBURG LINE

From: C. O. Co. B, 105th M. G. Bn.  
To: C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.  
Subject: Report of operations Sept. 23 to Oct. 3, 1918.

*September 23.*

Camped overnight at Lieramont (62 NE E 7 c) as part of battalion.

*September 24.*

Under Voco, Co. B, Captain Egleston commanding, left Lieramont at 7:30 hours and proceeded via Ste. Emilie (62 NE E 24) to the line to relieve Co. A, 18th Bn. Machine Gun Corps. Relief was completed without casualties, the following headquarters and gun positions being taken over:

Co. Hdqts., 62 NE F 14 d 99.

1st Platoon Hdqts., F 10 d 4515 (Lempire Post), Lieut. Matthews commanding.

Gun 1 F 10 d 6515.  
2 F 10 d 7023.  
3 F 10 d 7025.  
4 F 10 d 4515.

2nd Platoon Hdqts., F 10 c 3550, Lieut. McCaskey commanding.

Gun 5 F 10 c 6045.  
6 F 10 c 5050.  
7 F 10 c 4060.  
8 F 10 c 4065.

3rd Platoon Hdqts., F 14 b 9050 (Quid Post), Lieut. Lyon commanding.

Gun 9 In reserve, not mounted.  
10 In reserve, not mounted.  
11 In reserve, not mounted.  
12 In reserve, not mounted.

The commanding officer of the relieved company and the No. 1 of each of the relieved gun teams remained through the night to explain necessary details to the relieving company. About 4,000 rounds were fired during the night; hostile machine gun fire active.

*September 25.*

Usual hostile machine gun fire on position. No firing done. Heavy shelling of area near company headquarters in apparent attempt to reach batteries near by. During evening constant gas shelling of woods in which company headquarters was located.



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### *September 26.*

At 1:00 A. M. forced to abandon company headquarters until 3:45 A. M. because of gas concentration. Established company headquarters at 7:00 P. M. at F 10 c 3550 and advanced 3rd Platoon, Lt. Lyon commanding, to Yak Post (F 10 d 29) at 10:00 P. M. Order received to lay down flank barrage on morning of Sept. 27. Points to be covered: Tombois Road (F 5 d 63 to A 1 b 66), 6 guns; Pill Box (F d 58), 2 guns, and Bird Lane (F 5 a 42 to X 29 d 20), 4 guns. Had conference at company headquarters during evening with Capt. Bulkley, commanding 3rd Bn. 105th Inf., Capt. Andrews, M. G. Co., 107th Inf., Capt. Bird and Lieut. Higbee, M. G. Co., 105th Inf. Pursuant to orders from battalion commanding officer to get in touch with divisions to the north, I had Lieut. Lyon visit the front line company there and also postponed Bird Lane shoot pending receipt of information.

### *September 27.*

At 2:00 A. M. the following message was sent to commanding officer 105th machine gun battallion:

“Bird Lane cannot be fired on as Co. C, West Suffolks (?) is raiding Lark Post (F 5 b 49). Lieut. Lyon of this company got in touch with commanding officer of raiding party. EGGLESTON.”

and also the following to commanding officer 3rd battalion 105th infantry:

“Am not firing on Bird Lane as people on left are raiding Lark Post (F 5 b 49). Please acknowledge receipt. EGGLESTON.”

Receipt of the last message was acknowledged immediately.

At zero hour (5:30 A. M.), guns Nos. 1, 2, 9, 10, 11 and 12 opened fire covering Tombois Road from F 5 d 63 to A 1 b 66 and guns Nos. 3 and 4 fired from zero to Z plus 4 on Pill Box at F d 58. Fire on the near end of Tombois Road was lifted well in advance of the infantry and was concentrated on far end of Tombois Road. All firing ceased at Z plus 75.

About 1:00 P. M. an order was received from the battalion commanding officer stating that Capt. Molyneux had had three guns put out of action and for Lieut. Matthews to proceed immediately with his platoon to re-enforce Co. C, reporting to Capt. Molyneux at his headquarters. An order was also received about this time to get ammunition to Co. C immediately as it was urgently needed, the messenger stating verbally that the written message could not express how the need for ammunition was. There were at this time no infantry available, stragglers or otherwise, for a carrying party and it was necessary in order to get the S. A. A. to Co. C to take not only all the signalmen and runners from Co. B headquarters but also one man from each of the gun positions and platoon headquarters of the 2nd and 3rd Platoons. At 1:45 P. M. the following message was sent to battalion headquarters:

“1. 1st Platoon, 4 guns, Lieut. Matthews commanding, left for F 17 c 27 (Co. C headquarters) immediately on receipt of orders; have not heard from it since. 2nd Platoon, 4 guns, Lieut. McCaskey com-

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manding, is in Dose Trench (F 10 c 46 to F 10 c 64). The trench is being heavily shelled intermittently. 3rd Platoon, 4 guns, Lieut. Lyon commanding, is in Yak Post (F 10 d 29): all O. K

"2. Impossible to get infantry for carrying parties; have tried, last company has just been taken into the line. Will try further in the rear. Am now sending S. A. A. over to Co. C headquarters with all the men I can spare from here. EGGLESTON."

At 1:55 P. M., Captain Blaisdell, commanding 3rd Bn. 106th Inf., passed company headquarters alone on his way to Tombois Farm to take "charge of what was left." He said he had no definite information as to the location of the line except that they did not hold their objective. About 2:30, eleven stragglers were picked up and added to the Co. B men who were carrying S. A. A. to Co. C and at 3:30 P. M. the following message was sent to the battalion commanding officer:

"1. Have delivered at Co. C headquarters 19,000 rounds of bulk S. A. A. and three loaded belt boxes.

"2. Am now sending over 11,000 rounds more, giving Co. C a total of 30,000 rounds delivered this afternoon. EGGLESTON."

On arrival at Co. C headquarters with this S. A. A., Sgt. Robinson ordered the Co. B detail to take 10,000 rounds forward to Doleful Post (F 17 b 66). The Co. B detail deserves great credit for its work in getting the ammunition to Co. C for, as stated above, it was composed of signalmen, runners, and men from gun crews who had been on the go continually for the previous 30 hours.

At 6:00 P. M., a message was sent the battalion commanding officer requesting information relative to S. O. S. Line that night and, a reply having been received that it would be far end of Tombois Tino Trench, appropriate fire data was sent to 3rd Platoon, Lieut. Lyon commanding, at Yak Post.

### *September 28:*

No change in disposition of guns. Area about company headquarters shelled heavily during day. During the evening, the battallion commanding officers held a conference at Co. B headquarters relative to a barrage on morning of the 29th at which Co. B was directed to "fill in" the fire of Cos. A, C and D, one platoon of Co. B covering each of the said companies. Position for the 3rd Platoon, Lieut. Lyon commanding, was selected at dusk about F 11 c 27 and for the 2nd Platoon, Lieut. McCaskey commanding, at F 11 c 36, the 1st Platoon, Lieut. Matthews commanding, being directed to fire from F 17 c 38. Appropriate fire data was sent to each platoon.

### *September 29:*

The positions selected from which to fire the barrage were occupied and fire maintained on the objectives from zero to Z plus 30 by the 2nd and 3rd Platoons and from zero to Z plus 25 by the 1st Platoon, Captain Molyneux



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having directed Lieut. Matthews to cease fire at that time. Barrage positions occupied by the 2nd and 3rd Platoons were heavily shelled all the morning. The battalion commanding officers held a conference the early part of the afternoon at Co. B headquarters at which were present Captains Whitney (Co. D), Egleston (Co. B) and Molyneux (Co. C). The battalion commanding officer directed that the disposition of the Co. B guns be changed to the following: 4 guns at Lempire Post covering principally for direct fire southeast side of Tombois Valley and Road; 4 guns in St. Patrick's Avenue at F 10 a 86 (or thereabouts) sited to cover ground to northeast, for the right 2 guns toward Bird Lane, left 2 guns ground to east towards north slope of Knoll at F 6 c Central (if Zebra Post masks position, guns to be placed in post or more north of St. Patrick's Avenue sufficiently to clear Zebra Post); 4 guns in Holland Post (F 17 a Southern) sited to cover ground from north to northeast. Orders were immediately sent out to the 1st Platoon, Lieut. Matthews commanding, to take up a position at Holland Post, to the 2nd Platoon, Lieut. McCaskey commanding, to withdraw from barrage positions at Lempire Post (*sic*); and to the 3rd Platoon, Lieut. Lyon commanding, to withdraw to the positions in St. Patrick's Avenue. The 1st and 2nd Platoons were in occupation of the new positions at 7:00 P. M. Captain Egleston and Lieut. Lyon made a reconnaissance along St. Patrick's Avenue and found that the ridge on which Yak Post and Zebra Post were located masked direct fire on the Knoll. Positions were accordingly selected for 2 guns for direct fire on the Knoll at Yak Post (F 10 d 38) and for 2 guns covering Bird Lane in trench at F 10 a 82. An order having been received from battalion commanding officer to "strafe" certain points designated, fire orders were sent to the 1st Platoon to cover one objective with 2 guns and to the 2nd Platoon to cover the other objectives with 2 guns. At 10:30 P. M. the following messages were sent to the battalion commanding officer:

"1. Firing on both targets had commenced by 9:30 P. M.

"2. Notice that firing on the left hand target had commenced was not received by me until 10:28 P. M.

"3. Lieut. Matthews reports Holland Post full of British and Australian machine gunners in reserve. EGGLESTON."

"1. 4 guns were in new position at Lempire Post and 4 guns in Holland Post by 7:00 P. M. Remaining 4 have not taken up positions as fighting limbers had not yet appeared.

"2. I reconnoitered carefully along St. Patrick Avenue and found no place there from which direct fire on the Knoll was possible. Yak Post is comparatively free from congestion so 2 guns will be put in the trench at 10 a 82 and 2 at 10 d 38; excellent fields of fire on the designated objectives. EGGLESTON."

*September 30:*

Remained in occupation of positions taken up Sept. 29.



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### *October 1:*

Pursuant to orders from battalion commanding officer, withdrew from all positions to battalion headquarters at Ste. Emilie during the morning.

### CASUALTIES:

#### Wounded:

- Sept. 26 PVT. J. D. BYRNE. Shell fire F 15 a 95.  
27 PVT. EMIL TINTERA. Shell fire F 10 d 51 (died same day).  
27 PVT. J. FITZGERALD. Shell fire F 10 d 42.  
27 PVT. GAETANO CERCHIARA. Shell fire F 10 d 38.  
29 CPL. CHARLES A. STACK. Machine gun fire F 11 c 36.  
29 PVT. LOUIS SIEGMUND. Shell fire F 11 c 36.

### LIAISON:

With battalion headquarters excellent at all times; with other companies very good most of the time. With infantry units, it was possible to get in touch whenever it was necessary, although it was impossible most of the time, to learn from them where the line was.

On the conduct of the men themselves, I could not say too much; they were willing to perform any task cheerfully, no matter how tired or under what conditions. They worked as a splendid machine responding immediately to all demands.

NATHANIEL H. EGGLESTON,  
*Captain.*

### COMPANY C AT HINDENBURG LINE

#### *September 27 to 29, 1918:*

- Commanding Officer . . . . . ROBERT R. MOLYNEUX, Captain.  
C. O. 1st Platoon . . . . . EDWARD S. FLASH, JR., 1st Lt.  
C. O. 2nd Platoon . . . . . EDWARD S. FLASH, JR., 1st Lt.  
C. O. 3rd Platoon . . . . . JOSEPH G. GALVIN, 2nd Lt.  
Company Hdqts., 62C F 17 a 3015.

#### *September 27:*

##### 1st Platoon:

Vicinity of F 17 b 5060.

##### 2nd Platoon:

Vicinity of F 17 b 5060.

##### 3rd Platoon:

Vicinity of F 17 d 7050.

### DUTIES:

Barrage fire from zero hour to Z plus 75.

1st Objective: Zero hour to Z plus 18; 62B A 14 a 3055 to A 7 d 9545.

2nd Objective: Z plus 20 to Z plus 24. Raise 200 yards.

3rd Objective: Z plus 26 to Z plus 30. Raise 200 yards.

4th Objective: Z plus 32 to Z plus 36. Raise 200 yards.

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5th Objective: Z plus 38 to Z plus 42. Raise 200 yards.

6th Objective: Z plus 44 to Z plus 48. Raise 200 yards.

7th Objective: Z plus 50 to Z plus 75. Raise 200 yards.

S. O. S. Line: 62B A 9 c 5535 to A 9 a 3030.

In afternoon fired on an enemy counter attack coming down Macquincourt Valley from the Knoll.

Night of Sept. 27-28, 3rd Platoon delivered harrassing fire along road running to Guillemont Farm and thence to Bony.

### *September 28:*

#### POSITIONS:

As on Sept. 27.

#### DUTIES:

In readiness for enemy counter attacks.

### *September 29:*

#### POSITIONS:

As on Sept. 27.

#### DUTIES:

Early morning barrage on S. O. S. Line of Sept. 27.

## COMPANY D AT HINDENBURG LINE

### *September 27 to 29, 1918:*

Commanding Officer.....STANTON WHITNEY, Captain.

C. O. 1st Platoon.....ALWYN BALL, 3rd, 1st Lt.

C. O. 2nd Platoon.....JAMES J. BEALIN, JR., 1st Sgt.

C. O. 3rd Platoon.....BERT R. ANDERSON, 2nd Lt.

Company Hdqts., Yak Post, 62C F 10 d 1595.

### *September 27:*

#### 1st Platoon:

From F 10 b 8050 to F 10 b 9030.

#### 2nd Platoon:

From F 10 b 9030 to F 10 d 9985.

#### 3rd Platoon:

From F 10 d 9985 to F 11 c 1065.

#### DUTIES:

Barrage fire from zero hour to Z plus 75.

1st Objective: Zero to Z plus 18; 62B A 1 d 7575 to A 7 b 6555.

2nd Objective: Z plus 20 to Z plus 24. Raise 200 yards.

3rd Objective: Z plus 26 to Z plus 30. Raise 200 yards.

4th Objective: Z plus 32 to Z plus 36. Raise 200 yards.

5th Objective: Z plus 38 to Z plus 42. Raise 200 yards.

6th Objective: Z plus 44 to Z plus 48. Raise 200 yards.

7th Objective: Z plus 50 to Z plus 75. Raise 200 yards.

S. O. S. Line: 62B A 2 b 3020 to A 2 d 9030.



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### *September 28:*

All platoons withdrew during P. M. of Sept. 27 to line from 62C F 10 a 8070 to 10 b 3025 to 10 d 4080.

Fired intermittently on parties of enemy seen on the Knoll.

### *September 29:*

As on Sept. 27. After firing barrage, withdrew to positions as of Sept. 28.

Fired an early morning barrage on S. O. S. Line of Sept. 27.

At 20:00 hours, Co. D withdrew to 62C F 10 c 3560 and then proceeded to Egg Post (62B 11 d 9560) to be ready to oppose counter attack from Knoll. Left flank of 27th Div. Egg Post strongly held by Australians and English with machine guns. Company withdrew to Pomponious Lane (from 62C F 11 d 6060 to F 11 d 2035).

## MEMORANDA COMPANY D HINDENBURG LINE

### *September 24, 1918:*

Memo to commanding officer 105th machine gun battalion.

Men available for duty:

Total enlisted strength.....	163
Detached service.....	6
Special duty.....	9
Hospital.....	28
Train.....	25
Company clerk.....	1
Cooks.....	3
Kitchen police.....	2
Mess sergeant.....	1
Assistant.....	1
Supply sergeant.....	1
Assistant.....	1
Signallers.....	11
Mechanics.....	3
Musician.....	1
	93
Balance of men with company:.....	70
Non-coms.....	15
Sick in quarters.....	13
Strikers.....	3
	31
Privates available.....	39
Non-coms available.....	15
	54

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

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*September 25:*

Memo to Sgt. Dittmar in regard to rations.

Until further notice, prepare and pack rations as follows: (If they all can be put on one double limber, all right.)

*Note.*—One platoon of Co. A attached.

Co. Hdqts. 1 bag of 8.  
1 bag of 3 (including 1 officer).

1st Platoon:

Hdqts. 1 bag of 7 (including 1 officer).  
1st Squad 1 bag of 5.  
2nd Squad 1 bag of 5.  
3rd Squad 1 bag of 5.  
4th Squad 1 bag of 5.

2nd Platoon:

Hdqts. 1 bag of 6 (including 1 officer).  
1st Squad 1 bag of 5.  
2nd Squad 1 bag of 5.  
3rd Squad 1 bag of 6.  
4th Squad 1 bag of 5.

3rd Platoon:

Hdqts. 1 bag of 5 (including 1 officer).  
1st Squad 1 bag of 7.  
2nd Squad 1 bag of 7.  
3rd Squad 1 bag of 7.  
4th Squad 1 bag of 8.  
Transport 1 bag of 7.

Any petrol tins sent back are to be filled and put on limbers next day.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*September 25, 1918:*

Memo to Lieut. Snare:

According to instructions of Major Gardner, you will see that one water car (full) with 4 horses attached, accompanies tonight's ration party to Co. D. (This water is for Cos. C and D and arrangements will be made to guide it to its proper destinations.)

One water cart (half full) with 2 horses, will go with rations for Co. B tonight.

WHITNEY  
*Captain.*

*September 26, 1918:*

Memo sent to Corp. Voelker:

Have sent Sgt. Dittmar note of following changes in rations to be sent up today:

1st Platoon: Same.  
2nd Platoon: Same.



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3rd Platoon: 1st Squad 1 bag of 5.  
                  2nd Squad 1 bag of 6.  
                  3rd Squad 1 bag of 5.  
                  4th Squad 1 bag of 6.  
Co. Hdqts.:                   1 bag of 3.  
                                  1 bag of 7.

I want these rations sent up on limbers this afternoon. Rations to be as little bulky as possible. If possible, to consist of bread and cooked meats. No cooking whatsoever will be possible here.

Send up all water tins available *full*.

3rd Platoon fighting limbers (packed) will come up as soon as possible after lunch and will have on them ration bags for 3rd Platoon.

The one fighting limber of 2nd Platoon and two fighting limbers of 1st Platoon will come up with 3rd Platoon limbers.

*No machine gun equipment will be removed from any limber.*

Rations for 1st Platoon will be on 1st Platoon limbers.

Sgt. MacKinlay and his five men will accompany limbers as will also extra men named by Sgt. Bealin on accompanying note.

Limbers to report to these company headquarters *as soon as possible* after lunch. This is important. Have Sgt. MacKinlay look over 3rd Platoon equipment and see that it is O. K.

*Note* (In connection with note to Sgt. Bealin).—Have three mechanics each carry up *on his person* rations for 24 hours.

Iron rations are essential.

Ten men from Co. A will also report and accompany limbers to these headquarters.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*September 26, 1918:*

Memo to Corp. Voelker:

All men coming up this afternoon must bring on their persons enough for evening meal.

This applies to men of transport coming up with limbers and in addition each of these will bring with him ration for 24 hours.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

Transport now here will be rationed as per memo of yesterday.

*September 26, 1918:*

Memo to Corp. Voelker:

Rations for tomorrow same as today. All transport will be rationed from these headquarters.

Guide will meet ration limbers at 19:00 hours at these headquarters to morrow. Use ammunition limbers now in camp as transport.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

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*September 27, 1918, 12:30 hours:*

Hdqts. 105th M. G. Bn.

To commanding officers Cos. A, B, C and D:

1. Important: Send co-ordinates of all guns roughly and present situation.

2. *Rush.*

3. Boche apparently counter attacking in spots. Must hold positions and continue S. O. S. as called for unless good direct targets appear.

4. You must arrange direct with infantry for any necessary carrying parties for S. A. A.

MAJOR GARDNER,  
1ST LIEUT. DURHAM.

*September 27, 1918, 13:25 hours:*

To commanding officer 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. Co-ordinates of guns roughly: E 10 b 86 to E 11 c 09 with 25 yard intervals.

2. Direct hit in shell hole in which right gun is placed (E 11 c 09). Cannot get out to see damage to gun.

3. All gun crews now in Yak Post trench as heavy shelling has occurred on gun positions. Ready to move back (to positions) at any moment.

4. No infantry headquarters or any infantry whatsoever in this vicinity. Have been unable to find any except 105th advancing early this morning.

5. Impossible to find carrying parties for S. A. A. Will do best I can.

6. Yak Post being shelled.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*September 27, 1918, 13:50 hours:*

Memo to commanding officer 105th M. G. Bn.:

Can it be arranged to send water wagon with ration limber tonight? Water very short.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*September 27, 1918, 14:20 hours:*

Memo to commanding officer 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. Have just learned from English artillery observer that Americans had retaken Knoll. We have seen Americans retreat and have seen Germans on crest of Knoll. A powerful telescope was used.

2. Please advise me at once as to firing on parties of Germans on Knoll. We can see our infantry in valley below.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*September 27, 1918.*

(Casualty Report)

*September 28, 1918, 08:07 hours:*

From: Commanding officer Co. D.

To: Commanding officer 105th M. G. Bn.

Subject: Tour of trench duty.

1. Further casualty to be added to yesterday's list of casualties:



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FRANK KEARNS (1209231), Co. A. (Attached to this company.) Wounded slightly by enemy shell fire. 6:15 hours at F 10 b 44 (Sept. 27). In line of duty. Evacuated to 1st Aid. Not yet returned. No report as to his condition.

2. Total casualties Sept. 27, 1918: A 2 D, B 3 D. Unable to recover bodies from positions last night but will try again tonight if shell fire is not too heavy. Two guns are totally out of commission, but, as far as known, tripods are O. K. Damage to belt-boxes, spare parts, etc., not as yet known. Will make report as soon as possible.

3. In view of the numerous casualties and many narrow escapes from almost continuous shelling by enemy and not being able to move forward as the shelling occurs all through this locality, I withdrew 10 remaining guns and mounted them in Yak Post and trenches so as to have the same grid bearings as originally laid out. S. O. S. cannot be laid on original S. O. S. line, falling about 200 yards short. Will this be satisfactory? Positions forward are so shelled that many more casualties would occur were they occupied. Sergeants and officers were unduly put to hazardous positions during the barrage firing through having to pass through shell fire (with no protection) in order to lay the guns for elevation with the clinometer. Had one of these clinometers been destroyed by shell fire, it would have meant that practically four guns would have been put out of action.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*September 28, 1918.*

### SITUATION REPORT

*9.00 P. M., Sept. 26, to 9.00 P. M., Sept. 27, 1918:*

General situation: Changes as already known.

Enemy activity: Seemingly local counter attacks on Knoll (F 12 a) with minor results.

Enemy shelling: Particularly heavy in F 11 a and b and in F 12 c (not center). All varieties of shell used.

Gas shells: Nearly negligible.

Enemy aircraft: Very active at all times except from 5:30 to 8:30 hours.

Enemy machine guns: Sniping fire at various times from direction of Knoll. No prolonged fire noticeable from these headquarters.

Enemy movement: Small bodies noticed returning over crest of Knoll in P. M. No harrassing fire.

General: As known.

Casualties: Five, as reported.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*September 28, 1918:*

Memo to Corp. Voelker:

1. Beg, borrow or steal some candles for company, 1st Platoon, 2nd Platoon, and 3rd Platoon headquarters. These are vitally needed.

2. I am enclosing a letter to Johnson which I have endorsed on en-

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velope. I am also returning filled-in Forms No. 27. You will have to get data on Kearns (Co. A) from his company clerk. I have signed his form because he is temporarily assigned to this company. Notify company clerk of his casualty and ask him to notify Captain Biglow.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*September 29, 1918, 08:45 hours:*

Hdqts. 105th M. G. Bn.

Operation Order No. 3:

1. Pack fighting limbers as soon as they arrive. Get guns ready to load. Limbers have been ordered to report where ration limbers report.
2. Reorganize squads and notify at once how many guns you can properly man. Take forward all guns whether manned or not.
3. Attack going well.
4. Movement order will follow. Until then, sit tight.

MAJOR GARDNER,  
1ST LIEUT. DURHAM.

*September 29, 1918, 09:33 hours:*

C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.

1. Operation Order No. 3 received at 09:25 hours.
2. Can properly man eight guns. (Detail of Co. A men had returned to own company.) This is a surmise on account of bad nervous condition of men.
3. Awaiting further orders.
4. When limbers arrive, will pack and remain at ration rendezvous.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*Note.*—In the afternoon of Sept. 29, 1918, a conference of company commanding officers was held and Co. D was ordered to proceed with all haste to Egg Post. This locality was crowded with British and Australian machine gunners in reserve, so Co. D was withdrawn to position in readiness in Pomponious Lane where it remained until withdrawn from the lines.

*October 1, 1918, 08:00 hours:*

Hdqts. 105th M. G. Bn.

Operation Order No. 4:

1. The division will move to the Peronne area by road march on Oct. 1 and 2.
2. This battalion will retire from the line and camp tonight at the Ste. Emilie headquarters.
3. Transport is now being ordered to report with fighting limbers at ration points. Companies will arrange to have guides meet fighting limbers.



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4. All equipment will be brought out and each man will come out completely equipped. Damaged machine guns will be salvaged.
5. On Oct. 2, battalion will march to Peronne area.
6. Usual march order and discipline will be maintained.
7. Notify when clear of line.

MAJOR GARDNER,  
1ST LIEUT. DURHAM.

### LA SELLE RIVER

*October 16 to 20, 1918:*

Major Commanding.....	KENNETH GARDNER, Major.
Adjutant.....	JOHN J. FLEMING, 1st Lt.
Bn. Intelligence Officer.....	KNOWLTON DURHAM, 1st Lt.
Supply Officer.....	RAYMOND A. MCLEER, 1st Lt.
Transport Officer.....	FREDERICK SNARE, JR., 2nd Lt.
Chaplain.....	ARCHER B. BASS, Captain.
Surgeon.....	CHARLES D. KAYSER, Captain.
Dentist.....	JOSEPH MULCAHY, Captain.

Rear Battalion Hdqts.: Becquinette Farm 57B SE V 27 a 5055.

Battalion Battle Hdqts.: Escaufort Q 31 c 6010.

Transport: Becquinette Farm.

#### BATTALION CASUALTIES:

##### Killed:

Co. A	None.		
B	Oct. 17	2	
C	Oct. 17	6	
D	Oct. 16	6	
	17	5	

Total.....19

##### Wounded:

Co. A	Oct. 17	1	
	18	3	
	19	1	
B	Oct. 17	5	
	18	8	(Including 1 officer)
C	Oct. 17	21	(Including 1 officer)
D	Oct. 16	9	
	17	6	

Ord. Oct. 18 2

Total.....56

#### OFFICER AT SCHOOL:

Co. B THEODORE CRANE, 1st Lt.

COMPANY A AT LA SELLE RIVER

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### *October 16 to 20, 1918:*

Commanding Officer.....LUCIUS H. BIGLOW, JR., Captain.  
Second in Command.....JOSEPH F. COOK, 1st Lt.  
C. O. 1st Platoon.....WILLIAM C. BARTHMAN, 1st Lt.  
C. O. 2nd Platoon.....HARRY B. JENNINGS, 2nd Lt.  
C. O. 3rd Platoon.....HAROLD L. DOWNEY, 2nd Lt.  
Company headquarters with the company.

### *October 16:*

At 17:30 hours, company left Becquinette Farm.  
During night of Oct. 16-17, took up positions.

### *October 17:*

1st Platoon: From 57B SE W 2 c 8265 to W 2 c 9017.  
2nd Platoon: From 57B SE W 2 c 8265 to W 2 c 9017.  
3rd Platoon: From 57B SE W 2 c 8265 to W 2 c 9017.  
At 5:20 opened a 12-minute barrage on railroad tracks from Q 34 d 2525  
to W 4 b 8520.  
Moved forward and by night were in position as follows:

#### 1st Platoon:

Guns 1 and 2 R 31 c 3535.  
3 and 4 R 31 c 2015.

#### 2nd Platoon, near Advantage Farm:

Q 36 d 7080 to Q 36 d 7045.

#### 3rd Platoon, near Arbre Guernon:

Q 36 d 7045 to Q 36 d 7015.

### *October 18:*

Positions same as P. M. Oct. 17.

### *October 19:*

Positions same as Oct. 18. (Two guns moved forward.)

### *October 20:*

Relieved at 20:00 hours. 1st and 2nd Platoons arrived at rear head-  
quarters at midnight and 3rd Platoon arrived at 4:00, Oct. 21.

## COMPANY B AT LA SELLE RIVER

### *October 16 to 20, 1918:*

Commanding Officer.....NATHANIEL H. EGGLESTON, Captain.  
Second in Command.....JOHN REYNOLDS, 1st Lt.  
C. O. 1st Platoon.....GEORGE A. MATTHEWS, JR., 2nd Lt.  
C. O. 2nd Platoon.....ROBERT D. McCASKEY, 2nd Lt.  
C. O. 3rd Platoon.....RICHARD G. LYON, 2nd Lt.  
Company headquarters with company.

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### *October 16:*

Company headquarters 57B SE W 3 a 7070 (then to 6099).

At 17:30 hours left Becquinnette Farm.

Reached positions at 20:00 hours.

### *October 17:*

1st Platoon: From 57B SE W 3 a 7565 to W 3 a 8020.

2nd Platoon: From 57B SE W 3 a 7565 to W 3 a 8020.

3rd Platoon: From 57B SE W 3 a 7565 to W 3 a 8020.

1st Platoon ceased fire at 5:41.

2nd Platoon ceased fire at 6:02.

3rd Platoon ceased fire at 6:02.

At 5:20 opened a barrage on Q 34 d 8040, on Q 35 c 9525 and on Q 35 d 3030. (See above.)

At 8:30 3rd Platoon at destroyed bridge at W 5 c 4080.

At 9:15 2nd Platoon with 2 guns (2 knocked out) at Q 35 a 4020 (later at Q 35 c 5099).

At noon 1st Platoon with 3 guns (1 knocked out) at Q 35 d 6030.

Company headquarters at Q 34 d 2080.

### *October 18:*

1st Platoon:

Gun 1 Q 36 b 9970.

2 Q 36 b 8550.

3 Q 36 b 7540. Plus 1 Lewis Gun.

2nd Platoon:

Gun 5 Q 36 b 8515.

6 R 31 a 3540. Plus 1 Lewis Gun.

3rd Platoon:

Gun 9 R 31 a 9580.

10 R 31 b 1070.

11 R 31 a 9580.

12 R 31 b 1505. Plus 1 Lewis Gun.

Company headquarters, Advantage Farm, Q 36 d 6585.

At 16:20 hours, 8,000 rounds fired at La Jonquiere Farm and Orchard at R 27 a 1070.

Harrassing fire by 1st and 3rd Platoons during night of Oct. 18-19.

### *October 19.*

Two guns (extras sent up) put in position at R 25 c 9020.

### *October 20.*

Relieved at 17:15 hours. Arrived rear battalion headquarters at 22:30 hours.



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## MEMORANDA

### COMPANY B

### LA SELLE RIVER

*October 16, 1918, 23:15 hours:*

SITUATION REPORT to 21:00 hours, Oct. 16:

1. Reached position assigned to this company at 20:00 hours. No casualties. Heavy shelling of Becquigny about 17:30-18:00 hours, and of La Haie Menneresse about 19:20 hours.

2. No gas shelling.

3. No enemy observed.

4. Enemy machine guns fired short bursts as column passed W 13 a 5095. Apparently had no observation but was on harrassing schedule only.

5. Limbers parked immediately in rear of position in hollow in W 3 a 4599.

6. No news yet from battalion headquarters.

7. Have sent to dump for S. A. A.

EGLESTON,  
*Captain.*

*October 16, 1918, 23:40 hours:*

BARRAGE DATA:

1st Platoon, Lieut. Matthews commanding.

1. Gun	Q. E.	Mag. Bear.	Fire
1	3°	90°	Traverse 1° each way, varying elevation slightly, bearing in mind that the object is to liberally cover the trench with heavy fire.
2	3°	90°	
3	3°	90°	
4	3°	90°	

2. Firing will be maintained from zero to Z plus 21 when all firing will cease and the limbers will be packed and held ready to move to new positions in Q 35 d 33.

3. Zero is 5:20 (five—twenty).

EGLESTON,  
*Captain.*

*October 16, 1918, 23:45 hours:*

BARRAGE DATA:

2nd Platoon, Lieut. McCaskey commanding.

1. Gun	Q. E.	Mag. Bear.	Fire
5	6° 30'	96°	Traverse 1° each way, varying elevation slightly, bearing in mind that the object is to cover the trench with heavy fire.
6	6° 10'	96°	
7	6° 30'	95°	
8	6° 30'	95°	

2. Firing will be maintained from zero to Z plus 42 when all firing will cease and limbers will be packed and held ready to move to new positions in Q 34 d 83.

3. Zero hour is 5:20 (five—twenty).

EGLESTON,  
*Captain.*

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*October 16, 1918, 23:50 hours:*

**BARRAGE DATA:**

3rd Platoon, Lieut. Lyon commanding.

- |    |     |        |            |      |   |
|----|-----|--------|------------|------|---|
| 1. | Gun | Q. E.  | Mag. Bear. | Fire |   |
|    | 9   | 5° 10' | 96°        |      | Traverse 1° each way, varying the elevation slightly, bearing in mind that the object is to cover the trenches with heavy fire. |
|    | 10  | 5° 30' | 96°        |      |   |
|    | 11  | 5° 10' | 95°        |      |   |
|    | 12  | 5° 30' | 95°        |      |   |

2. Firing will be maintained from zero to Z plus 42, when it will cease and limbers will be packed and held ready to move to new position at W 5 c 47.

3. Zero is 5:20 (five—twenty).

EGLESTON,  
*Captain.*

*October 17, 1918, 7:15 hours:*

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. All guns fired in barrage on prescribed targets as per schedule. Infantry passing through interfered with firing for some time and on several occasions.

2. Number of rounds fired, about 35,000.

3. Have plenty of S. A. A. and will leave about 15,000 in bulk at company headquarters of last night (W 3 a 77) where I can get it later if necessary.

4. Am proceeding to new position. Impossible to get out of here before because of heavy shelling on road.

No other news.

EGLESTON,  
*Captain.*

*Oct. 17, 1918, 7:30 hours:*

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

**CASUALTIES:**

Killed:

SGT. VAN DOHLEN.

Wounded:

PVT. BODAMER.

PVT. CARROLL.

PVT. DEWAR.

**EFFECTIVE STRENGTH:**

	Officers	Enlisted	Attach.
Officers . . . . .	5		
Enlisted (less Train):			
Non-coms . . . . .		19	
Other ranks . . . . .		79	
Train:			
Non-coms . . . . .		2	
Other ranks . . . . .		13	
San. Detach. (attached) . . . . .			2
Total . . . . .	5	*111	2

\*So given.

EGLESTON,  
*Captain.*



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*October 17, 1918, 07:30 hours:*

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. Four guns, Lieut. Lyon commanding, in position at bridge, destroyed (W 5 a 48) at 8:30. His report herewith sent to you.

2. Three guns, Lieut. McCaskey commanding, in hedge in Q 35 a 42. Impossible to go across to "P. T." (Q. 34 d 84) as heavy machine gun fire from Bandival Farm (Q 29 c) and Ridge (Q 36) was concentrated on that point if movement made.

3. At 9:30, Co. L (?) 108th infantry sent back word it was checked by counter attack and was at Q 29 a 99 to Q 35 l (sic) 99, machine gun fire and T. M. fire coming from woods at Q 36 a Eastern. The 105th infantry have since reported (9:45) counter attack repulsed and they were advancing.

4. Three guns, Lieut. Matthews commanding, on way to "P. T." (Q 35 d 84).

5. Lieut. McCaskey will occupy designated position as soon as possible (Q 34 d 84).

6. Railroad bridge (Q 34 d 18) blown up completely blocking highway to all wheeled traffic.

7. My present headquarters between that bridge and road crossing (Q 34 d 58).

CASUALTIES (since last report):

Killed: None.

Wounded:

PVT. O'NEILL (Form 117 herewith).

Other casualties reported heretofore today were: Killed, Sgt. Van Dohlen. Wounded, Pvts. Bodamer, Carroll, Dewar.

Effective strength (including train and sanitary detachment), 5 officers and 112 men.

EGLESTON,  
*Captain.*

*October 17, 1918, 13:00 hours:*

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

CASUALTY:

Wounded severely by shell about noon, PVT. HALL (1209358).

N. H. EGLESTON,  
*Captain.*

Lieut. McCaskey's guns are still in Q 35 c 5099 as that gives better field of fire and also affords some cover from view. The other position (Q 34 d 84) did not present good field of fire and had no cover from view.

N. H. E.

Lieut. Matthews, three guns, is at Q 35 d 63, ahead of designated position to cover dead space.

N. H. E.

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*October 17, 1918:*

### GENERAL SITUATION REPORT:

*9 P. M. Oct. 16 to 9:00 P. M. Oct. 17:*

1. General advance, objective obtained.
2. Enemy artillery extremely active about W 3 a 77 from 5:00 to 8:30 hours. Point of wood and road pounded with H. E. Also about Q 34 a 3098 to d 28.
3. Di-phosgene and sneezing gas mixed with many of the H. E. shells.
4. Enemy planes or balloons—none seen.
5. Hostile machine guns active during evening of Oct. 16 over W 3 a 77. At noon at Q 34 d 84 and 35 d 74. (Former from Bandival Farm and latter from houses in W 6 b NE).
6. Fired about 35,000 rounds in barrage of Oct. 17, A. M.
7. Company headquarters night of Oct. 16 at W 3 a 6099, daytime of Oct. 17 at Q 34 d 28 and night of Oct. 17 at W 3 a 6099.
8. Three guns put of action Oct. 17, A. M.
9. S. A. A. on hand, 115,000 rounds.
10. Three guns and one Lewis at Q 35 d 63 (Lieut. Matthews).  
Two guns and one Lewis at Q 35 c 5099 (Lieut. McCaskey).  
Four guns and one Lewis at W 5 c 48 (Lieut. Lyon).

### CASUALTIES:

#### Killed:

SGT. VAN DOHLEN.

#### Wounded:

PVT. BODAMER.

PVT. CARROLL.

PVT. DEWAR.

PVT. O'NEILL.

PVT. HALL.

PVT. TIERNY.

### EFFECTIVE STRENGTH:

Five officers and 110 enlisted men.

N. H. EGGLESTON,

*Captain.*

*October 18, 1918, 02:05 hours:*

#### Memo:

1. The Fourth Army will attack today, Oct. 18, at zero hour, 5:30 (five—thirty).
2. Our line now runs from W 6 b 82 along road to Q 36 b 49. Our brigade slightly ahead of brigades on left and right.
3. Objective is line from R 27 Central to R 21 a 54, an advance of 3,000 yards.



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4. 105th infantry will attack under cover of artillery barrage, supported by 106th infantry and this battalion.

5. At zero plus 30, this company (B) will move in most expeditious manner to Advantage Farm (Q 36 d 68) and will take up positions in R 31 a or b, guns laid for direct or indirect fire as required. Headquarters at Advantage Farm.

6. At Z plus 30 (i. e., 6:00), you will move to R 31 a or b, taking up position as specified in paragraph 5.

7. Limbers and pack animals will be sent forward but you will proceed at Z plus 30, whether they have arrived or not.

8. Rations will be sent you to Advantage Farm by limber.

9. When in position, send runner with map reference to Advantage Farm.

EGLESTON,  
*Captain.*

To C. O. 1st Platoon.

To C. O. 2nd Platoon.

To C. O. 3rd Platoon.

### GENERAL NEWS:

Ostend, Lille and Douai taken.

In yesterday's show, our Brigade took over 800 prisoners, the Division over 1,300 and Corps 2,000.

N. H. E.

*October 18, 1918, 09:15 hours:*

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. Owing to artillery barrage falling short, advance held up. Infantry officer (105th) in command of Advantage Farm stated he had received orders from Division headquarters that line was to be held as it was last night. (This was at 7:30 A. M.) Lieut. Matthews placed one gun at Q 36 b 67 and one at Q 36 b 74 to protect infantry flank. 108th infantry on the left had not advanced.

2. At 09:15 infantry advanced.

3. In addition to Lieut. Matthews' two guns placed as stated in paragraph 1, I now have seven guns and two Lewises at Advantage Farm and am advancing them as far as possible to support infantry.

4. At 08:15, Lieut. McCaskey was ordered by some lieutenant colonel (name unknown and now gassed) not to advance from Farm as that was front line.

EGLESTON,  
*Captain.*

*October 18, 1918, 09:20 hours:*

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. Co. A has its guns at same position as last night waiting for line to advance sufficiently to permit taking up designated positions.

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2. Captain McArthur, commanding 2nd Bn. 105th Inf., reports line extends from R 25 b 92 to R 26 c 70. Patrols from 105th infantry have been sent out to get in touch with 30th Division on right. Approximate line of 54th Brigade is thought to be R 19 c 24 to R 25 Central. La Jonquiere Farm (R 27 a NW) reported by Capt. McArthur strongly held and he is asking for artillery assistance to knock it out.

3. Much difficulty with machine gun nests in R 31 c. Special mopping up patrols have gone to clean them out.

EGLESTON,  
Captain.

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

*October 18, 1918, 09:40 hours:*

### CASUALTIES:

1. Bruised badly by shell: Sgt. Chubb, who has gone back to rear headquarters.

2. Gassed and evacuated: Corp. Pearce. Slightly wounded by shell fire, but still with company; Pvts. Stewart and Mott.

3. Effective strength, 5 officers and 108 men.

4. Brought limbers over railroad at Q 34 b 12 easily.

EGLESTON  
Captain.

*October 18, 1918, 17:15 hours:*

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. Herewith message map showing disposition of 105th infantry as it now is and as it will be tonight. The whole regiment has about 300 men, according to Captain Potter. It is proposed to put a detachment of the 102nd engineers along dotted line in R 31 c and d.

2. I have been along the 105th infantry front line and verified it. The 107th infantry is supposed to run through Q 30 b about where dotted line is.

3. At 16:20, I fired 8,000 rounds at La Jonquiere Farm (R 27 a 17) and Orchard (along ridge) where there were many machine gun nests.

4. Jonc De Mer Farm (R 25 a) was reached by our infantry but is not now held by either us or the Hun.

5. I have disposed of my guns as shown on the map.

6. All my transport is at Advantage Farm, my headquarters.

EGLESTON,  
Captain.

*October 18, 1918, 18:45 hours:*

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. Referring to the proposed disposition of Co. B guns as shown on the map. The disposition shown on my map, heretofore sent you, was made after conference with Captain Potter in command of 105th infantry front line and reconnaissance by me, and his disposition of the regiment for the night is affected by the presence of Co. B guns. The 105th infantry line



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as shown on message map sent you is the Outpost line, the real line being within it. Our presence there is necessary.

2. Have conferred with Captain Campbell, who is in command of the 102nd English detachment. His line is to go through R 31 d 47, R 31 d 13, R 31 c 50, W 6 b 81.

3. The machine gun company 106th infantry has two guns at W 6 b 81, one at X a 1650 (sic). Lieut. Hancock of 104th M. G. Bn. is going to place two guns at about X 1 a 28 and two at about R 31 c 85. Capt. Biglow, Co. A, has four guns in X 1 at extreme N. W. The sector proposed for Co. B is thoroughly covered. I therefore earnestly suggest that present disposition of Co. B guns be maintained as necessary under the present conditions.

4. La Jonquiere Farm and ridge is still strongly held by the Hun. At 16:00 hours, the officer of the 105th infantry saw many around building and orchards, using glasses from R 26 c SW. I think the report that the farm was partially occupied by this corps came from the similarity in pronunciation between that and Jonc De Mer Farm which our infantry did reach.

5. Am planning to continue harrassing fire on Jonquiere Farm when word is received to do so.

EGLESTON,  
*Captain.*

Disposition of guns referred to Oct. 18, 18:45 hours:

LIEUT. McCASKEY:	LIEUT. LYON:	LIEUT. MATTHEWS:
R 31 b 19	R 31 a 18	Q 36 b 72*
R 31 b 29	R 31 a 27	Q 36 b 83*
Lewis in reserve	R 31 b 12*	Q 36 (?)
	R 31 b 21*	

\*Harrassing fire guns.

*October 18, 1918, 19:20 hours:*

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. Captain McArthur, 105th infantry, has just sent word that 30th division took Ribeauville this afternoon and are to advance at once toward Mazinghien. Their objective is indefinite but will probably include that place.

EGLESTON,  
*Captain.*

*October 18, 1918, 20:15 hours:*

Memo. to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. Casualties (since last casualty report): Wounded: Lieut. Matthews, shell cut in back of head; Pvts. Richards, Kiernan, Stocker; Sgt. O'Keefe. (All above but Sgt. O'Keefe were evacuated.)

2. Effective strength, 4 officers and 105 men.

3. Have 126,000 rounds of S. A. A.

EGLESTON,  
*Captain.*

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HARRASSING FIRE, night of Oct. 18-19, 1918:

Memo to Lieut. Lyon:

Gun	Q. E.	Mag. Bear.	Fire
3	4° 50'	82°	Traverse 10° left.
4	4° 15'	76°	Traverse 10° right.

*Note.*—Fire at the rate of two belts an hour on each target. The traverse on No. 3 gun should be 10° to left and back, and on No. 4 gun 10° to right and back. *Cease firing at 07:00 hours.*

EGLESTON,  
*Captain.*

Memo to C. O. 1st Platoon:

Gun	Q. E.	Mag. Bear.	Fire
1	5° 30'	115°	Concentrated on cross roads.
2	4° 20'	122°	Concentrated on cross roads.

*Note.*—Fire at the rate of two belts per hour per target. Check direction and elevation carefully. *Cease firing at 05:00 hours.*

EGLESTON,  
*Captain.*

*October 19, 1918, 07:00 hours:*

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. Night fairly quiet. Very quiet as compared with yesterday morning and noon. No shells on Farm during night.

2. About 25 H. E. shells fell near position at R 31 b 19 at 02:00 hours; some di-phosgene mixed.

3. Infantry, about 06:45, ordered to advance by Colonel True. I consulted with him last night and again at 06:30. Am now on way to his headquarters, where, at his request, I will have temporary headquarters with him. (W 6 b 6590.) Objective is ridge west of St. Maurice Creek (Ridge—R 20 d).

4. 30th Division entered Mazinghien early this morning with patrols, reporting town was being shelled by the Huns. The 30th Division connected up with the 53rd Brigade at about R 31 c 94.

5. Harrassed La Jonquiere Farm with about 7,000 rounds and cross roads in Mazinghien with 5,000 rounds during period midnight to 05:00 hours. Ammunition on hand, 114,000 rounds.

6. No casualties since those reported Oct. 18, 20:15 hours.

EGLESTON,  
*Captain.*

*October 19, 1918, 09:00 hours:*

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. Am now with Col. True at R 27 a 77 (east of La Jonquiere Farm) with infantry front line. Practically no opposition so far. The line connects with the 30th Division on right. Should obtain objective within hour and a half unless something unexpected develops.

EGLESTON,  
*Captain.*



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*October 19, 1918, 10:00 hours:*

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. No further news from the front line.
2. Am maintaining position as shown on message map of last night with addition of two guns at about R 25 c 92. (I now have 11 guns.)
3. Captain Biglow has sent two guns from each platoon to the position assigned to him (sent by pack), and will send out balance of guns and equipment by limber this afternoon.
4. Would like to have switchboard, telephone and reel of wire sent up on next limber coming up.
5. No casualties.

EGLESTON,  
*Captain.*

*October 20, 1918, 09:00 hours:*

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. Night fairly quiet except for heavy shelling with H. E. of area 57 B S. E., R 25, 26, 31 and 32 between hours 03:00 and 04:00 and 05:30 and 06:30. Same area shelled very heavily yesterday between 15:00 and 17:00 hours. No shells fell in these headquarters. No enemy gas shelling in this area.
2. We did no harrassing fire during the night, and simply held our positions.
3. No casualties yesterday. Sent back to the rear, sick, Corp. Webster, Pvts. Weeks and Dalton.
4. Lieut. Matthews rejoined us last night and Pvts. Coppinger and Sheridan also reported for duty with this company.
5. Pvt. MacDonald reports that he has been temporarily attached to battalion headquarters as runner.
6. Capt. Egleston has been sent for by Col. True, infantry commanding officer, with whom he is at present.
7. Ammunition on hand, 114,000 rounds.

J. REYNOLDS,  
1st Lieut., Co. B.

*October 20, 1918:*

From: C. O. Co. B, 105th M. G. Bn.

To: Division Intelligence Officer.

Subject: German Papers.

1. Herewith I send you several folders of papers found in dugouts in area 57C SE R 26 c Western. They seem to be of much more than usual importance.

N. H. EGLESTON,  
*Captain.*

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### COMPANY C AT LA SELLE RIVER

*October 16 to 20, 1918:*

Commanding Officer . . . . . ROBERT H. LEAKE, 1st Lt.  
C. O. 1st Platoon . . . . . EDWARD S. FLASH, JR., 1st Lt.  
C. O. 2nd Platoon . . . . . WARD W. FARNHAM, 2nd Lt.  
C. O. 3rd Platoon . . . . . JOSEPH G. GALVIN, 2nd Lt.  
Company headquarters with company.

*October 16:*

Company headquarters, 57B SE W 2 c 5030.

At 17:30 hours left Becquinnette Farm.

Reached positions at 21:00 hours.

*October 17:*

1st Platoon From 57B SE W 2 d 2525 to W 8 b 3098.

2nd Platoon From 57B SE W 2 d 2525 to W 8 b 3098.

3rd Platoon From 57B SE W 2 d 2525 to W 8 b 3098.

Left guns ceased fire at 5:44.

Right guns ceased fire at 5:56.

At 5:20 opened barrage on target from Q 34 d 9960 to W 5 a 9505.

At 12:30 hours, combined with Co. D under Captain Whitney.

*October 18, 19 and 20:*

See Co. D at La Selle River.

### COMPANY D AT LA SELLE RIVER

*October 16 to 20, 1918:*

Commanding Officer . . . . . STANTON WHITNEY, Captain.  
Second in Command . . . . . ALWYN BALL, 3rd, 1st Lt.  
C. O. 1st Platoon . . . . . BERT R. ANDERSON, 2nd Lt.  
C. O. 2nd Platoon . . . . . FRANK H. GRACE, 2nd Lt.  
Company headquarters with company.

*October 16:*

Company headquarters, 57B SE W 2 c 5510.

At 17:30 left Becquinnette Farm with two platoons of four guns each.

Two guns put out of action at 18:15 hours at V 29 a 1020.

Reached positions with six guns at 23:55 hours.

*October 17:*

1st Platoon From 57B SE W 8 b 3505 to W 8 d 6075.

2nd Platoon From 57B SE W 8 b 3505 to W 8 d 6075.

At 5:20 fired a 24-minute barrage on railroad embankment at W 4 b 8520 to W 5 c 5562.

At 12:30 hours Cos. C and D combined under Captain Whitney. Seven officers, 114 men and 12 guns.

Combined companies in position in waiting with guns on limbers at W 8 a 1555.



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*October 18:*

At 6:30 hours company moved forward.

At 10:15 hours, in position as follows: At W 4 d 1060.

*October 19:*

Awaiting orders.

*October 20:*

Relieved at 13:00 hours and arrived at rear battalion headquarters at 16:00 hours.

### MEMORANDA

COMPANY D

LA SELLE RIVER

*October 16, 1918:*

Addendum to Field Order No. 63:

The tanks have found a crossing just south of St. Martin Riviere and expect to be on the ground in time to advance with the infantry at the end of the first 30-minute halt. If they arrive previous to this advance, they will remain in the hollow near Q 30 c 00 until it is time for them to move forward with the line. During the three hour halt, they will retire to the hollow in Q 30 Central and come up in time to advance to the second objective.

*October 16, 1918:*

Memo to Sgt. Dittmar:

1. Until further notice, ration bags will be made up and marked as follows:

- |    |                             |
|----|-----------------------------|
| 1  | Rations for 5 officers.     |
| 2  | 7 company signallers.       |
| 3  | 7 company runners.          |
| 4  | 6 1st Platoon headquarters. |
| 5  | 7 gun No. 1                 |
| 6  | 6           2               |
| 7  | 7           3               |
| 8  | 6           4               |
| 9  | 6 2nd Platoon headquarters. |
| 10 | 7 gun No. 5                 |
| 11 | 6           6               |
| 12 | 7           7               |
| 13 | 6           8               |

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2. Company headquarters will return each night by ration limber three empty petrol tins; Platoon headquarters will each return one; guns will each return one; making a total of 13 cans (two platoons of four guns each). These are to be filled with drinking water and are to be sent up with rations on next night. Note that a full petrol tin is to come up with each bag.

3. If less than 13 petrol tins are returned, only such number as were returned will be sent up full with ration limber on next night.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

(DATA FOR BARRAGE OF OCT. 17, 1918)

*October 16, 1918, 23:55 hours:*

### CASUALTIES:

Unable to make definite report as check has not been made. Killed and wounded: 12 men at about 18:15 hours in Becquigny.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*October 16, 1918:*

Hdqts. 105th M. G. Bn.

Operation Order No. 2:

1. Zero hour, 05:20.
2. Brigade and battalion headquarters, Escaufort (Q 31 c). Runners will enquire exact location.
3. Co. A will cease fire at Z plus 12.
4. Co. D will cease fire at Z plus 24.
5. Co. C guns on left half of company target NORTH of W 5 a 88 will cease firing at Z plus 24. Co. C guns on right hand of company target SOUTH of W 5 a 88 will cease firing at Z plus 36.
6. Platoon of Co. B firing on practice trench (Q 34 d 93) will cease firing at Z plus 21. Two platoons of Co. B firing on practice trenches (Q 35 c and d) will cease firing at Z plus 42.
7. Immediately after ceasing fire, Co. A will proceed with limbers (if possible) down road through W 2 d, W 3 c, W 9 b, locating a crossing of the Selle river between southern brigade boundary and Marsh Mill and will remain on west bank ready for quick advance, before receipt of further orders. If limbers cannot be used, guns will be carried in pack, limbers being brought forward as soon as possible.
8. Cos. C and D will be held ready to move forward from battery positions.
9. Importance of sending prompt reports will constantly be kept in mind.

MAJOR GARDNER,  
KNOWLTON DURHAM, 1st Lt.



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*October 16, 1918, 23:58 hours:*

To platoon commanders:  
Zero hour, 05:20.  
Fire for 24 minutes.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*October 16, 1918:*

To company commanding officers:

1. Contact planes in the event of a counter attack, will drop white parachute lights on the counter attacked troops.

KNOWLTON DURHAM, 1st Lt.

*October 17, 1918, 06:26 hours:*

Memo:

1. Sit tight but be ready to move by limber when ordered. (Limbers will be arranged for.)

2. Clean guns; not all at once; reload all belts possible.

3. How much ammunition did you fire per gun?

4. There are still boxes of S. A. A. in field belonging to 2nd Platoon.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

To Lieut. Anderson  
Lieut. Grace.

*October 17, 1918, 07:33 hours:*

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

Further report of casualties: Killed, 4 (four); wounded, 6 (six). One gun out of action. Total loss to date, 25. This leaves me with about 26 men and five guns. Three horses killed.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*October 17, 1918, 07:45 hours:*

Hdqts. 105th M. G. Bn.

To commanding officers Cos. A, B, C and D:

1. Battle headquarters is at Busigny at 53rd Brigade headquarters (V 16 b 5080).

2. Send brief report by this runner.

MAJOR GARDNER,  
KNOWLTON DURHAM, 1st Lt.

*October 17, 1918, 08:42 hours:*

Brief report.

1. Company left rear headquarters at 17:45 hours. Arrived Becquigny and two direct hits scored by enemy H. E. at 18:15 hours (V 29 a 2030). Casualties: 14 men killed or wounded.

2. Six guns in position and dug in at W 8 d 5060 and northward at 23:35 hours.

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3. Barrage opened at zero hour, after artillery barrage opened. 30th Division opened fire at 05:18 hours with machine guns before artillery started. Casualties started immediately after barrage started.

Casualties: Four dead, five wounded. Two horses killed, 11 horses wounded. Much equipment buried and not able to be recovered. (Will give definite facts later.)

4. Rounds fired by six guns, 16,000.

5. This report is approximate and has not been checked or verified.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*October 17, 1918, 11:15 hours:*

Hdqts. 105th M. G. Bn.

From: C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.

To C. O. Co. D.

1. Take command of Cos. C and D. Organize three platoons with Leake second in command.

2. You must be prepared to advance but secure all shelter possible. Do not BUNCH.

GARDNER,  
*Major.*

*October 17, 1918, 12:17 hours:*

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. Order regarding taking command of Cos. C and D received. Re-organization being accomplished.

2. There will be one platoon from Co. D and two platoons from Co. C.

3. Will notify you when ready to move.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*October 17, 1918, 12:31 hours:*

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. A provisional company has now been made up and is ready.

2. It consists of three platoons of 27 men each, headquarters of 18 men and four sanitary men. Seven officers in all.

3. Have I the major's permission to send back to rear headquarters my wounded horses and such limbers as I can send back with salvage now? I shall have other horses sent out for remaining limbers if agreeable to the major.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*October 17, 1918, 16:02 hours:*

Prov. Co. C and D.

Ammunition report: 96,000 in belts; 30,000 S. A. A. in bulk.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*



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*October 17, 1918, 15:15 hours:*

Hdqts. 105th M. G. Bn.

To all company commanding officers:

1. Send guides to rear battalion headquarters to guide ration limbers to your positions.
2. Send out bodies on ration limbers or on surplus fighting limbers in Cos. C and D.
3. Send ammunition and fighting strength report to battle headquarters (Escaufort) this evening. Report present location by return of runner.
4. Annexed map shows approximate positions of companies.

MAJOR GARDNER,  
DURHAM, 1st Lt.

P. S. Co. D.

All right as to paragraph three your memo just received regarding horses and limbers. All equipment will be salvaged.

MAJOR GARDNER,  
DURHAM, 1st Lt.

*October 17, 1918, 16:17 hours:*

Prov Co. C. and D.

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. Effective fighting strength:

Gun squads.....	84
Headquarters.....	26
Sanitary.....	4
Officers.....	7
Total men.....	114
Total officers.....	7

2. 8,000 rounds per gun (12 guns).
3. Headquarters of above company, W 8 a 1555.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*October 17, 1918, 22:15 hours:*

SECRET Field Order No. 64: 27th Division.

1. The army will continue to advance tomorrow (Oct. 18), the 2nd Corps continuing its attack.

2. The 27th Division will attack at 05:30 hours under a creeping barrage and advance to following objectives: R 8 d 6000, R 14 b 9000, R 15 c 2000, R 21 c 7000, R 27 a 9000, R 33 b 8000, X 3 b 7000, X 3 d 7000.

The division and brigade boundaries will remain as today.

3. (a) The 53rd and 54th Brigades will continue the advance in the same sub-sectors as today, leading troops following the barrage closely, and careful arrangements being made for mopping up.

- (b) The Division Reserve will consist of 104th machine gun battalion, 102nd engineers (less 8 battalion), one squadron 20th Hussars. The

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engineers and 104th machine gun battalion will move at dawn to a position on the east side of the Selle river on the general line of the railroad near St. Souplet, keeping clear of the roads and remaining under the orders of the division commander.

(c) The 105th and 106th machine gun battalions will be under the direction of the D. M. G. O. for the barrage. On completing the barrage, these battalions will be at the disposal of their respective brigade commanders, who will arrange for their use.

Division headquarters, Busigny.

53rd Brigade headquarters, Escaufort.

54th Brigade headquarters, Escaufort.

MAJOR GENERAL O'RYAN,  
STANLEY H. FORD,  
*Chief of Staff.*

(87 copies made and distributed according to a list as noted on original order.)

*October 18, 1918, 00:01 hours:*

Addenda to Field Order No. 64:

The barrage line will be as follows: Q 34 c 4080 due south to and including the Le Catteau road, thence southeast on the road to Q 36 b 7010, thence in a straight line to X 1 a 0795. Shortly before zero, patrols east of the infantry start line, which is 250 yards west of above line, should withdraw thereto.

O'RYAN.

*October 18, 1918, 00:30 hours:*

Hdqts. 105th M. G. Bn.

OPERATION ORDER No. 3:

To commanding officers Cos. A, B, C and D:

1. Fourth army will attack today (Oct. 18) at zero hour (5:30 hours).
2. All boundaries remain the same.
3. Our line now runs from W 6 b 8020 along road to Q 36 b 4090. Our brigade slightly ahead of brigades on right and left.
4. Objective is line from R 27 Central to R 21 a 54 (advance of 3,000 yards).
5. 105th infantry will attack under cover of artillery barrage, supported by 106th infantry and this battalion.
6. (a) At Z plus 60, one platoon of Co. A will proceed by pack and place two guns at R 27 c 5050 and cover right flank toward La Haie Tonnoile (R 28 Central); two guns at R 27 a 4000 to cover ground toward R 21 d 5050.  
(b) At Z plus 60, one platoon of Co. A will proceed to position near, but not in, crossroads at R 32 a 8090 to cover front and right flank.  
(c) At Z plus 60, one platoon of Co. A will proceed to position at R 26 a 6,000 to cover valley toward Basuel (R 8 c 0000).



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(d) At Z hour, Co. A will be at least 100 yards west of road from Advantage Farm to Q 36 d 7000 in order to clear barrage.

(e) Co. A headquarters will remain at Advantage Farm.

7. At Z plus 30, Co. B will move in most expeditious manner to Advantage Farm and take up positions in R 31 a and b, guns laid for direct or overhead fire as required. Headquarters, Advantage Farm.

8. At Z plus 30, Cos. C and D will move by limber to sheltered position in W 4 b or d and remain in reserve at that point until further orders.

9. Companies will collect salvage and trophies as time permits.

10. General news: Ostend, Lille and Douai captured today. Our brigade captured over 800 prisoners, division over 1,300, corps over 2,000. Battalion did splendidly in spite of severe punishment.

MAJOR GARDNER,  
KNOWLTON DURHAM, 1st Lt.

Cos. C and D.

Situation report, 2 A. M., Oct. 17, to 2 A. M., Oct. 18, 1918:

General situation: As known.

Enemy shelling: Very active with H. E. during the morning. In P. M., very little activity.

Enemy gas: Intermittent during period.

Enemy machine guns: Very active.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*October 18, 1918, 01:09 hours:*

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

General:

1. Cos. C and D suffered casualties as rendered in casualty reports. Now combined into one company of 114 men and seven officers.

2. Ammunition expended as per reports. Now on hand: 8,000 rounds per gun in belts and 50,000 extra.

3. Operation Order No. 3 received and will be complied with

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*October 18, 1918, 04:30 hours:*

Memo for Captain Whitney:

As soon as convenient, will you send me a complete casualty list for Co. D by name and number? At present information of this is indefinite.

Same applies to Co. C in one or two cases. I would like to check the whole list carefully.

DURHAM,  
*1st Lieut.*

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*October 18, 1918, 06:02 hours:*

Cos. C and D.

Supplementary casualty report:

Pvt. Byrnes, William L. (1200182), hit by machine gun bullet from aero bearing allied markings.

Pvt. Byrnes, member of Co. D, 105th M. G. Bn. Wounded slightly about 16:30 hours, Oct. 17, at W 8 b 22. Evacuated to 1st Aid.

*Note.*—Plane fired near Co. D several times. Two salvaged Lewis guns set up to fire on plane should it repeat performance, but it did not return.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*October 18, 1918, 08:15 hours:*

Cos. C and D.

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. Held up by traffic and bad roads.
2. Am now at W 10 a 38.
3. Am proceeding in accordance with orders.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*October 18, 1918, 10:35 hours:*

Cos. C and D.

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. Above consolidated company now located at W 4 d 16 with headquarters at house at that point.
2. Company and transport at about W 4 d 16.
3. No units of the 27th Division in this vicinity. Some regiments of 30th in vicinity.
4. Am awaiting orders.
5. If rations are to be sent to us here, will have guide to meet combined Cos. C and D limber at W 4 c 97 at crossroads. Suggest proceeding via St. Souplet by road running to St. Martin Riviere.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*October 18, 1918, 10:35 hours:*

Cos. C and D.

Memo to Lieut. Durham:

Please see that corrected list of rations required is given, if possible, to Mess Sgt. Dittmar of Co. D.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

Memo to Sgt. Dittmar:

1. Enclosed is new list of rations required for Co. D.
2. Would suggest that these rations and also rations for Co. C (now joined with D into one company) be sent up on one and same limber.
3. Don't forget water tins.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*



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Memo to Stable Sgt. Co. C:

Memo to transport officer:

Co. C requests that two extra lead horses and driver (harness for horses also required) and one packsaddle be sent up tonight with ration limber.

WHITNEY.

*Captain.*

*October 18, 1918, 14:00 hours:*

Hdqts. 105th M. G. Bn.

To commanding officer Co. D:

1. Am forwarding instructions to transport officer to send combined Cos. C and D limbers by route suggested by you. Am also notifying him that guide will meet limbers at W 4 c 97 at crossroads.

2. Send four runners for duty here. They will report with all their equipment.

3. If you do not require the services of four sanitary men, have them report to Captain Kayser.

MAJOR GARDNER,  
DURHAM, 1st Lt.

*October 18, 1918:*

Co. D.

Memo to Corporal Voelker:

The enclosed memorandum explains itself.

Follow out instructions and deliver memo to Lieut. Fleming.

Will find out numbers of men. No service records received.

Re:—Pvt. Magee,

Pvt. Feinburg.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*October 18, 1918:*

Memo to Captain Whitney:

Your note received. Co. C has all available men with transport. Men who did return here have been sent to hospital on account of gas. We have no harness or packsaddles not in use here. Horses in lines are ones brought back wounded; am trying to get animals and as yet have been unsuccessful.

I was going to ask Co. C to send a few men back as I have no men to drive limbers here.

Have just received orders to send Co. C kitchen. This will stay with you, I believe.

*1st Sergeant, Co. C.*

*October 19, 1918, 06:12 hours:*

Cos. C and D.

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. On leaving headquarters at W 8 a 16 on morning of Oct. 18, Pvt. Elliott G. Powers (1209541) did not report and could not be found. No news has yet been received of him. He reported at company headquarters and was checked off all right evening of Oct. 17.

2. Will notify battalion headquarters should any news of him be received.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

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*October 19, 1918, 09:10 hours:*

Cos. C and D.

Memo of casualties of Co. D (already reported).

At about V 29 a 22 at 18:15 hours, Oct. 16, 1918.

**Killed:**

Pvt., 1st Cl. . . . .	GREENE, SHERMAN R. . . . .	1950959
Pvt. . . . .	HUBSCH, EMIL . . . . .	1200199
Mechanic . . . . .	DURNEY, EDWARD J. . . . .	1200142
Pvt. . . . .	MUNRO, EDWARD H. . . . .	1200220

**Wounded:**

*Pvt. . . . .	SPRING, ARTHUR J. . . . .	1200229
*Pvt., 1st Cl. . . . .	ALLEN, GALE I. . . . .	2432961
*Pvt., 1st Cl. . . . .	BROWN, ROBERT . . . . .	2431861
*Pvt. . . . .	DOYLE, JOHN J. . . . .	2450282
*Corporal . . . . .	COSGROVE, GEORGE B. . . . .	1200185
*Pvt., 1st Cl. . . . .	EVANS, GEORGE . . . . .	1950944
Pvt. . . . .	SUTTON, RUSSELL C. . . . .	408166
Corporal . . . . .	BLANTHORNE, THADDEUS L. . . . .	1200177
Sergeant . . . . .	MCCAULEY, THOMAS . . . . .	1200152
*Pvt. . . . .	SMITH, FRANK W. . . . .	1951006
Pvt. . . . .	MCCARTHY, MICHAEL J. . . . .	1200209
Pvt. . . . .	MCCONNELL, JOHN W. . . . .	1200210

\*No definite news on these men.

At about V 8 d 87 at 05:45 hours, Oct. 17, 1918.

**Killed:**

Pvt., 1st Cl. . . . .	ZINKAND, OSWALD. . . . .	1951036
Sergeant . . . . .	MORAN, ARTHUR S. . . . .	1200164
Pvt. . . . .	LEVY, ALCAN H. . . . .	1200207
Sergeant . . . . .	CLEARY, MATTHEW T. . . . .	1200136

**Wounded:**

Pvt., 1st Cl. . . . .	MUCHNICK, WILLIAM. . . . .	1950984
Corporal . . . . .	WILLIAMS, BAILEY. . . . .	1200238
Corporal . . . . .	COONEY, WILLIAM L. . . . .	1200148
Pvt. . . . .	TURNER, FRANK. . . . .	1951016
Pvt. . . . .	SULLIVAN, JOSEPH P. . . . .	2670497

At about V 8 a 29 at 16:30 hours, Oct. 17, 1918.

**Wounded:**

Pvt. . . . .	BYRNES, WILLIAM C. . . . .	1200182
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All of above men killed or wounded by shell fire with exception of Pvt. Byrnes, who was shot through wrist by machine gun bullet fired from an aeroplane bearing allied markings.

All wounded evacuated to first Aid Station.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*



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9 P. M., Oct. 17, to 9 P. M., Oct. 18, 1918:

Cos. C and D.

SITUATION REPORT:

General situation: As known.

Enemy shelling: Not heavy.

Enemy gas: None noticed.

Enemy movement: As known.

Enemy machine guns: Not noticed.

Enemy aircraft: Five enemy aircraft flew low over W 4 b 20 and anti-aircraft guns fired at them with no results.

WHITNEY,  
Captain.

October 19, 1918:

Cos. C and D.

Memo to Corporal Voelker:

1. There are many up here without cigarettes. If possible, send up two cartons Lucky Strikes or Camels. Please pay for them and remind me of what I owe you.

2. No water cans came up last night.

3. Send, as soon as possible, petrol tins as follows: Co. D, 8 cans full; Co. C, 12 cans full.

4. Get the cans somewhere. Two platoons of Co. D and one platoon of Co. C have extra cans on limber.

WHITNEY,  
Captain.

October 19, 1918:

Cos. C and D.

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. Pvt. Powers, Elliott G. (1209541), of Co. C, has reported back to company.

2. At the time of departure from W 8 a 16 he was asleep and nobody was able to locate him.

3. Disciplinary action has been taken.

WHITNEY,  
Captain.

October 19, 1918:

Cos. C and D.

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. Pvt. Martin, G. B. (2398824), and Pvt. Dean, S. L. (2398470), both of Co. A, are at present with this company, having lost touch with their own company. They joined me yesterday.

2. I am keeping them with me until further orders.

WHITNEY,  
Captain.

October 19, 1918:

Hdqts. 105th M. G. Bn.

To C. O. Cos. C and D:

1. Referring to your memo just received, have Pvts. Martin and Dean report to Co. A at Advantage Farm, giving adequate directions and sending with them a note covering their stay with you.

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2. No prospect of your moving forward today. Send out some of your men to salve property within a half a mile of your location. All classes of property.

3. We will be relieved night of 20-21.

MAJOR GARDNER,  
DURHAM, 1st Lt.

9 P. M., Oct. 18, to 9 P. M., Oct. 19, 1918:

Cos. C and D.

SITUATION REPORT:

General situation: As known at headquarters.

Enemy shelling: Not more than six shells in this vicinity during 24-hour period.

Enemy aircraft: None observed.

Enemy machine guns: None heard.

Gas shells: None.

WHITNEY,  
Captain.

Sick: Pvt. Moriarty (1209537), Co. C, returned to rear headquarters.

October 20, 1918:

Cos. C and D.

Memo to C. O. 105th M. G. Bn.:

1. Strength of Co. D in field at present:

Officers.....	4
Sergeants.....	4
Corporals.....	4
Signallers.....	4
Runners.....	7
Gun numbers.....	25
Medical (attached).....	2
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Total (including officers).....50

Transport:

Sergeant.....	1
Other ranks.....	6

2. Strength of Co. C in field at present:

Officers.....	3
Sergeants.....	3
Corporals.....	7
Signallers.....	4
Runners.....	10
Mechanics.....	3
Gun numbers.....	41
Medical (attached).....	1
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Total (including officers).....72

Transport:

Other ranks.....	9
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Kitchen:

Other ranks.....	8
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### 3. Combined C and D companies:

Officers.....	7
Sergeants.....	7
Corporals.....	11
Signallers.....	8
Runners.....	17
Gun numbers.....	66
Mechanics.....	3
Medical (attached).....	3
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Total (including officers).....	122
Transport:	
Sergeant.....	1
Other ranks.....	15
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Total.....	16
Kitchen:	
Other ranks.....	8

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*October 20, 1918:*

From: C. O. Cos. C and D, 105th M. G. Bn.

To: C. O. Co. A, 105th M. G. Bn.

Subject: Pvts. Martin and Dean.

1. In accordance with instructions received from C. O. 105th M. G. Bn., I am sending you today Pvt. Martin, G. B. (2398824), and Pvt. Dean, S. L. (2398470). These two men joined this company the morning of Oct. 18, 1918, and have been with me ever since.

WHITNEY,  
*Captain.*

*October 20, 1918, 10:30 hours:*

Hdqts. 105th M. G. Bn.

To C. O. Cos. D and C:

1. March from your present position to Becquinette Farm at 13:00 hours.

2. All salvage which cannot be taken out with the companies will be left guarded and taken out later this afternoon.

3. The division will go into a back area. Details later.

4. Cos. C and D will immediately prepare requisitions to cover all shortages.

MAJOR GARDNER,  
DURHAM, 1st Lt.

## APPENDIX "K"

### CHRONOLOGY OF BATTALION

#### 105TH MACHINE GUN BATTALION

#### INCEPTION OF THE 105TH MACHINE GUN BATTALION

- July 15, 1917 Squadron A called into service of the United States.  
Headquarters.  
Troop A.  
Troop B.  
Troop C.  
Troop D.  
Troop MG.  
Drills in Central Park.  
Recruiting.
- Aug. 17, 1917 Men to officers' training schools.
- Aug. 17, 1917 Squadron A went into camp at Van Courtlandt Park.  
Losses by transfers and by commissions.  
New Recruits.  
Drills.  
Hikes.
- Aug. 18, 1917 Brig. Gen. Lester assumes command of troops at Van Courtlandt and Pelham Bay Parks.
- Aug. 21, 1917 Troop B and Troop D act as escort to Belgian committee.
- Aug. 28, 1917 Received marching orders for Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, South Carolina.
- Aug. 30, 1917 "Send Off Parade" in New York.
- Sept. 10, 1917 Troop D—D. S. Orange, N. J.—rifle practice.
- Sept. 13, 1917 Provisional Squadron acted as escort to 12th N. Y. Infantry.
- Sept. 16, 1917 Captain Putnam (Troop A) ordered to attend machine gun school at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.
- Sept. 18, 1917 Troop C—D. S. Orange, N. J.—rifle practice.
- Sept. 29, 1917 Brig. Gen. Lester relinquishes command of troops in New York.
- Oct. 7, 1917 Actual marching orders for Camp Wadsworth received.
- Oct. 12, 1917 Entrained for Spartanburg.



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### TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES

- Oct. 13, 1917 Arrived at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, South Carolina.  
Major Wright assumes command of the 105th Machine Gun Battalion.  
Headquarters.  
Company A. Composed of Troops A and B.  
Company B. Composed of Troop D.  
Company C. Composed of Troops C and MG.  
Horses turned in.  
New recruits.  
Promotion of enlisted men to new grades.  
Drills.  
Hikes.  
Schools.  
Trench duty.  
New equipment.
- Oct. 21, 1917 55 enlisted men transferred to battalion from 71st N. Y. Infantry.
- Nov. 5, 1917 34 enlisted men transferred to battalion from 10th N. Y. Infantry.  
35 enlisted men transferred to battalion from 47th N. Y. Infantry.
- Nov. 7, 1917 26 enlisted men at officers' training schools transferred to 47th N. Y. Infantry.
- Nov. 14, 1917 11 enlisted men retransferred to 10th N. Y. Infantry.  
17 enlisted men retransferred to 47th N. Y. Infantry.
- Nov. 19, 1917 Occupation of trench system by battalion.
- Nov. 23, 1917 Companies A and B on practice march.  
10 enlisted men transferred to battalion from 10th N. Y. Infantry.
- Nov. 29, 1917 Detail of enlisted men sent to field bakery.
- Dec. 1, 1917 Captain Whitney to machine gun school at Fort Sill.
- Dec. 6, 1917 Major Wright to divisional school of the line—gas defence.
- Dec. 7, 1917 10 enlisted men transferred to battalion from 10th N. Y. Infantry.
- Dec. 10, 1917 1st Lieutenant Colgate Hoyt, Jr., appointed A. D. C. to General Michie.
- Dec. 17, 1917 1st Lieutenant Colgate Hoyt, Jr., appointed Asst. Adj. and Asst. Brig. Inspector.
- Dec. 17, 1917 Captain Graham Youngs to temporary duty in office chief of staff.
- Jan. 10, 1918 A number of enlisted men discharged, S. C. D.
- Jan. 28, 1918 22 enlisted men transferred to Motor Mechanics' regimen

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- Feb. 11, 1918 Captain Kayser to temporary duty as medical officer (continued duty).  
Captain Whitney back from Fort Sill.
- Feb. 14, 1918 Captain Graham Youngs transferred to 308th Cavalry.
- Feb. 16, 1918 1st Lieutenant A. Campbell Schmidt transferred to 309th Cavalry.
- Feb. 22, 1918 Captain Albert W. Putnam transferred to 309th Cavalry and promoted to major.
- Feb. 23, 1918 1st Lieutenant George W. Vanderhoef, Jr., transferred to 309th Cavalry.
- Feb. 27, 1918 1st Lieutenant Nathaniel H. Egleston promoted to captain and assigned to command Co. B.
- Mar. 5, 1918 Captain Stanton Whitney transferred to 107th Infantry.
- Mar. 6, 1918 Co. A, 104th M. G. Bn. assigned to 105th Machine Gun Battalion as Co. D.
- Mar. 13, 1918 Co. C assigned to exterior guard of trenches. (24-hour tour of duty.)
- Mar. 14, 1918 Co. B assigned to exterior guard of trenches. (24-hour tour of duty.)
- Mar. 19, 1918 Major William R. Wright relinquishes command of battalion and proceeds to Washington, no original major or captain of the battalion remaining.
- Mar. 20, 1918 1st Lieutenant Lucius H. Biglow promoted to captain and assigned to command Co. A.
- Mar. 30, 1918 Battalion assigned to occupy trench system.  
Captain Harold H. Donaldson transferred to 314th Cavalry.
- April 8, 1918 Rifle practice at Glassy Rock.
- April 10, 1918 1st Lieutenant Frederick W. Wurster promoted to captain and transferred to 304th Cavalry.
- April 18, 1918 Major Kenneth Gardner assumes command of battalion.
- April 20, 1918 Enlisted men at officers' training schools transferred to 105th Field Artillery.
- April 27, 1918 2nd Lieutenant William O. Upjohn transferred to casual detachment.  
2nd Lieutenant Sherrill Babcock transferred to casual detachment.



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- April 27, 1918 Captain Robert R. Molyneux assigned to command Co. C.  
 Captain Walter G. Andrews assigned to command Co. D.  
 Advance party ordered to report to Camp Merritt:
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|---------------------|--------------------|
| Captain Egleston    | Sgt. Halpin, Co. A |
| 1st Lieut. Durham   | Waterman           |
| 1st Lieut. Flash    | MacKinlay          |
| 1st Lieut. Ball     | Kuhn, Co. B        |
| 2nd Lieut. Downey   | Noble              |
| 2nd Lieut. Matthews | Garlan             |
|                     | Hill, Co. C        |
|                     | Robinson           |
|                     | Potter             |
|                     | Bealin, Co. D      |
|                     | Cobb               |
|                     | De Witt            |
- April 29, 1918 26 enlisted men transferred to 102nd Ammunition Train.  
 May 1, 1918 17 enlisted men transferred to infantry unassigned.  
 May 4, 1918 Battalion left camp Wadsworth for Newport News, Virginia.

### EN ROUTE TO FRANCE

- May 5, 1918 Arrived at Newport News. Assigned to 12 at Camp Stuart.  
 Battalion equipped for over-seas duty.
- May 6, 1918 2nd Lieutenant Frederick Snare, Jr., assigned to Co. C.  
 2nd Lieutenant Tracy A. Clute assigned to Co. D.  
 2nd Lieutenant Richard G. Lyon assigned to Co. B.  
 2nd Lieutenant Henry B. Jennings assigned to Co. A.
- May 17, 1918 Eight men discharged, S. C. D.  
 4:00 P. M., started to load aboard U. S. S. "Calomares."  
 Finished at 4:45 P. M.  
 Order of loading: Cos. B, C, D, A, headquarters.
- May 18, 1918 Left Pier No. 5 at 8:10 A. M. Anchored in Hampton Roads at 9:20 A. M.  
 Left Hampton Roads under convoy of a cruiser and Destroyer "Huntington" at 10:00 A. M. U. S. S. "President Grant" and Freighter "Occidente" in convoy.
- May 19, 1918 Convoy joined by "Pochahontas," "Duke of Abbruzi," "Minnewaska" and two other transports.  
 Assignment made to life boats. Fire drill.
- May 20, 1918 Another transport joined convoy at 11:00 A. M.  
 May 26, 1918 Fired on supposed submarine; false alarm.  
 May 27, 1918 Escort of nine destroyers joined convoy at 11:00 P. M.

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- May 28, 1918 Cruiser left convoy at 3:30 P. M.  
Destroyers dropped depth bombs for submarine at 5:20 P. M. Official report shows that submarine was destroyed.
- May 29, 1918 Two transports left convoy at 12:00 midnight.
- May 30, 1918 Submarine attack at 4:04 P. M. Convoy under forced draft; 40 shots fired by transport.  
Docked at St. Nazaire, France, at 10:45 P. M. Unloaded ship all night.
- May 31, 1918 Left "Calomares" at 6:00 A. M. Left dock at 7:35 A. M.  
Arrived Camp No. 1 at 8:30 A. M.

### TRAINING PERIOD IN FRANCE

- June 1, 1918 At St. Nazaire. Inspection in the morning.  
Orders received to proceed to Noyelles (Nord) to report to the British.
- June 3, 1918 Left St. Nazaire at 5:00 A. M.  
With one company of military police, division headquarters and brigade headquarters, loaded the train at 7:00 A. M. Train pulled out at 8:12 A. M.  
Lapoissonniere at 14:15; Angres at 15:10; Le Mans at 19:30.
- June 4, 1918 General Michie died at 6:30; last honors were paid at Darnetal at 10:20.
- June 5, 1918 Arrived Noyelles at 4:30. Unloaded train at 6:30.  
Barrack bags emptied and taken away for storage.  
Marched to St. Firmin and billeted.  
Four British rolling kitchens received.
- June 7, 1918 12 British Vicker's machine guns received.  
Air battle high over St. Firmin.
- June 8, 1918 Regular Saturday morning inspection.
- June 10, 1918 Detail of two offices and 12 non-coms from Cos. A, B, C and D ordered to British machine gun school at La Champneuf Farm.
- June 11, 1918 Major Gardner, Sgt. Smith (B) and Sgt. Coppinger (D) left at 6:45 for four days with British divisions in the lines, Capt. Molyneux commanding battalion.  
2nd Lieutenant Hugh de Y. Stillman assigned to Co. D.  
2nd Lieutenant Harry H. Powers attached to Co. A.  
2nd Lieutenant Andrew L. Smith attached to Co. B.



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- June 12, 1918 Inspection and review at La Champneuf Farm at 16:00 by Field Marshall Sir Douglas Haig, B. E. F. Returned to billets at 17:45.  
Participating in review:  
107th Infantry.  
108th Infantry.  
104th Machine Gun Battalion.  
105th Machine Gun Battalion.  
106th Machine Gun Battalion.
- June 13, 1918 20 enlisted men dropped from battalion and transferred to replacements.  
2nd Lieutenant Thomas F. Hickey attached to Co. B.  
2nd Lieutenant Eldon M. Stenjam attached to Co. D.  
2nd Lieutenant Walter B. Wyon attached to Co. C (June 24 to Co. D).
- June 14, 1918 10-mile practice hike.
- June 15, 1918 Captain Molyneux and Pvt. Petersen (C) left at 5:45 for four days with British divisions in the lines, 1st Lieutenant Cook commanding battalion.
- June 16, 1918 Major Gardner returned at 1:30.
- June 18, 1918 Left St. Firmin at 8:00 and marched via Faviers, Noyelles Bridge and St. Valery to Sallenelle, arriving at 14:40. Billeted.
- June 19, 1918 Instruction by British officers.
- June 20, 1918 1st Lieutenant Cook, 1st Sergeant Throckmorton and Sergeant Robertson (A) left at 5:00 for four days with British divisions in the lines.
- June 21, 1918 Capt. Molyneux returned at 15:30  
One commissioned officer and two sergeants detailed to G. H. Q. M. G. school at Camiers for four weeks, commencing June 24.
- June 25, 1918 1st Lieutenant Cook returned.
- June 27, 1918 Gas demonstration at Hautebut at 20:00.
- June 28, 1918 Returned to billets at 1:30.
- June 29, 1918 Four commissioned officers and four sergeants detailed to army infantry specialist school at Langres for four weeks commencing July 1.
- June 30, 1918 Heavy bombing heard from the direction of Noyelles.
- July 3, 1918 Marched from Sallenelle at 7:15 arriving Noyelles at 9:45. Entrained for Wizernes. 1st section left at 11:18 and arrived at 19:30. 2nd section left at 14:18 and arrived at 6:00 (July 4).  
Marched to Clairmarais Forest and made camp there.
- July 5, 1918 Marched from Clairmarais Forest at 17:35 and arrived at Broxeele at 0:25 (July 6).

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- July 6, 1918 Marched from Broxeele at 10:00 and arrived at Quelmes at 23:20.
- July 8, 1918 Battalion inspection in lieu of regular Saturday inspection of July 6.  
One commissioned officer detailed to attend G. H. Q. B. E. F. Lewis gun school at Nortbrecourt.
- July 9, 1918 Firing practice on range west of Lumbres.  
Captain Walter G. Andrews transferred to 107th Infantry.  
Captain Stanton Whitney transferred to battalion.  
Assigned command of Co. D.  
New non-commissioned officers for Co. D.
- July 10, 1918 One commissioned officer and one sergeant detailed to attend G. H. Q. B. E. F. intelligence school at Merc-keghem, from July 16 to July 30.  
One commissioned officer and five sergeants detailed to attend G. H. Q. B. E. F. gas defense school at Merc-keghem, from July 16 to July 23.
- July 13, 1918 Chaplain John C. Ward transferred to 107th Infantry.
- July 14, 1918 Marched from Quelmes at 9:00 to Buyscheure.
- July 15, 1918 Marched from Buyscheure via Noordepeene, Cassel and Steenvoorde, arriving at Beauvoorde Woods at 11:45, relieving 106th Machine Gun Battalion.
- July 16, 1918 Inspection and drill for General Plummer, B. E. F.

## IN THE LINES IN BELGIUM

- July 17, 1918 At 15:00, 1st Platoons of Cos. A, B and C left for East Poperinghe lines.
- July 18, 1918 At 15:00, 2nd Platoons of Cos. A, B and C left for East Poperinghe lines.  
2nd Lieutenants Hickey, Powers, Smith, Stenjam and Wyon transferred to headquarters, 89th Division.
- July 19, 1918 At 15:00, 3rd Platoons of Cos. A, B and C left for East Poperinghe lines.
- July 22, 1918 At 20:00, Co. D left for East Poperinghe lines to relieve 3rd Platoons of Cos. A, B and C.
- July 23, 1918 1st Sergeant Fowler (B), 1st Sergeant Throckmorton (C), 1st Sergeant Balliet (D), Sergeant Robertson (A) and Sergeant Lyons (C) designated to attend third course at the army school at Langres on July 30. (To qualify for commissions.)
- July 24, 1918 Campaign hats turned in and over-seas caps issued.
- July 24, 1918 Battalion relieved in East Poperinghe lines by 106th Machine Gun Battalion.



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- July 25, 1918 At 14:00, 3rd Platoons of each company drilled for corps inspector.  
Cos. A and C attached to 6th Divisional Machine Gun Battalion, B. E. F.  
Cos. B and D attached to 41st Divisional Machine Gun Battalion, B. E. F.  
Battalion headquarters moved to 41st Div. M. G. Bn., B. E. F. headquarters.
- July 26, 1918 Two enlisted men of Co. B wounded in action.
- July 27, 1918 1st Lieutenant Crane and five sergeants detailed to attend American Wing machine gun school at Camiers, France.
- July 31, 1918 Battalion relieved in the Dickebush Lake-Scherpenberg lines by 106th M. G. Bn.  
Returned to Beauvoorde Woods.  
One enlisted man, Sanitary Detachment, wounded in action.

## TRAINING IN FRANCE

- Aug. 2, 1918 Marched from Beauvoorde Woods at 9:00, arriving Oudezeele Area at 11:15. Billeted.
- Aug. 3, 1918 Battalion went to Baths at Oudezeele.  
Inspection and property checking.
- Aug. 4, 1918 Attended division show at Oudezeele.  
Captain Whitney, D. S., to command Provisional Machine Gun Battalion consisting of machine gun companies of 105th, 106th, 107th and 108th Infantry.
- Aug. 5, 1918 Marched from Oudezeele Area to Beauvoorde Woods, arriving at 15:20.

## BACK IN THE LINES IN BELGIUM

- Aug. 6, 1918 During night of Aug. 5-6, relieved Provisional Machine Gun Battalion in second positions of the EastPoperinghe line.
- Aug. 10, 1918 Companies in line reduced to one officer, range finding sergeant and four company headquarters men: Platoon commander, platoon sergeant and four men per gun team. Remaining men returned to Beauvoorde Wood.
- Aug. 12, 1918 Received 46 enlisted men from division reception camp.  
Assigned: Co. A, 4 privates; Co. B, 6 privates, 1 corporal; Co. C, 5 privates; Co. D, 30 privates.
- Aug. 14, 1918 Two enlisted men of Co. B killed in action.  
Five sergeants detailed to gas school at Chaumont.

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- Aug. 15, 1918 Captain Whitney returned to duty with battalion.  
2nd Lieutenant Robert W. Evans, Jr., relieved from duty with A. E. F. to report to Base Section No. 5 for transportation to the United States.
- Aug. 18, 1918 2nd Platoon of each company retired from lines to Beauvoorde Woods.
- Aug. 19, 1918 Chaplain Archer B. Bass attached to battalion.  
3rd Platoon of each company retired from lines to Beauvoorde Woods.
- Aug. 19, 1918 A guard left in lines: Co. A, 1 sergeant, 6 privates; Co. B, 1 sergeant, 6 privates; Co. C, 1 sergeant, 6 privates; Co. D, 1 sergeant, 3 privates.
- Aug. 20, 1918 Guard relieved by 106th M. G. Bn.
- Aug. 21, 1918 2nd Lieutenant Richard D. McCaskey assigned to Co. B.  
2nd Lieutenant Bert R. Anderson assigned to Co. D.  
Cos. A and D (less Lieuts. Ball and Cook and personnel not going into lines) left to proceed to Details Camp so as to arrive at 11:00.
- Aug. 22, 1918 Battalion headquarters, transport (less fighting limbers), rear headquarters of Cos. A, B, C and D, marched to headquarters and transport lines of 6th Div. M. G. Bn., B. E. F., arriving at 15:20.  
Cos. B and C (less Lieuts. Reynolds and Leake and personnel not going into the lines) left to proceed to Details Camp so as to arrive there at 17:00.  
Cos. A and D left Details Camp at 19:30 to relieve Co. D and half of Co. B, 6th Div. M. G. Bn., B. E. F.
- Aug. 23, 1918 Cos. B and C left Details Camp at 19:30 to relieve Co. A and half of Co. B, 6th Div. M. G. Bn., B. E. F.  
One man of Co. D wounded in action.
- Aug. 26, 1918 1st Lieutenant Henry Adsit transferred to 107th Infantry.
- Aug. 27, 1918 2nd Lieutenant Tracey D. Clute gassed and never returned to battalion.
- Aug. 29, 1918 2nd Lieutenant Frank H. Grace assigned to Co. D.  
Five commissioned officers and four sergeants detailed to report to school at Clamecy on Sept. 1.  
Two sergeants to report to II Corps gas school at Châtillon-Sur-Seine on Sept. 1.
- Aug. 31, 1918 Three enlisted men of Co. A wounded in action.
- Sept. 1, 1918 Battalion moved forward after retreating Germans.  
Vierstraat Ridge.  
Two enlisted men of Co. B and two of Co. D wounded in action.
- Sept. 2, 1918 2nd Lieutenant Joseph G. Galvin assigned to Co. C.  
Five enlisted men of Co. D killed in action; 10 of Co. D wounded in action.



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- Sept. 3, 1918 Battalion relieved in lines by 41st Div. M. G. Bn., B. E. F. Two commissioned officers and 23 enlisted men, all of Co. D gassed.  
Battalion assembled at headquarters.
- Sept. 4, 1918 Headquarters, Cos. A and D and Sanitary Detachment marched to Heidebeeke at 22:00.

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- Sept. 5, 1918 Headquarters, Cos. A and D and Sanitary Detachment arrived at Heidebeeke at 1:30, entrained at 2:30 and arrived at Candas at 19:45, detraining at 20:20.  
Cos. B and C and part of Sanitary Detachment marched to Heidebeeke at 1:00, arrived at 4:15, train pulling out at 6:35 and arriving at Candas at 23:50.
- Sept. 6, 1918 Cos. B and C detrained at 0:30.  
At 9:00 battalion marched from Candas to Thievres, arriving at 14:40. Billeted.
- Sept. 7, 1918 Inspection of battalion and all impedimenta at 13:00.
- Sept. 12, 1918 1st Sergeant Leshner (A) and 1st Sergeant Noble (B) assigned to school infantry section A. C. S. (To study for commissions.)
- Sept. 13, 1918 Left Thievres at 8:30 for pistol and rifle practice. Returned at 17:30.
- Sept. 14, 1918 Inspection of quarters and of personnel by companies.
- Sept. 16, 1918 2nd Lieutenant Farnham detailed to report to gas school at Chaumont on Sept. 22.
- Sept. 17, 1918 Roster issued authorizing designated officers and enlisted men to wear wound chevrons.
- Sept. 18, 1918 Left Thievres at 8:30 to participate in division manoeuvres.
- Sept. 19, 1918 Division manoeuvres. Returned to Thievres at 20:00.
- Sept. 21, 1918 Rigid company inspection.
- Sept. 22, 1918 Transport left Thievres at 17:30 and marched to Lieramont.
- Sept. 23, 1918 Battalion left Thievres at 1:30, marched to Authieule, entrained at 4:30 and train pulled out at 4:45. Arrived Tincourt at 17:30 and marched to Lieramont, arriving at 20:10. Bivouaced.
- Sept. 24, 1918 Transport arrived at 5:00.

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- Sept. 24, 1918 Cos. B, C and D left at 20:00 to relieve 18th Div. M. G. Bn., B. E. F.
- Sept. 25, 1918 Rear headquarters moved forward from Lieramont.
- Sept. 26, 1918 All companies moved forward in preparation for barrage. One enlisted man of Co. B wounded in action.
- Sept. 27, 1918 Hindenburg Line barrage. Creeping for one hour and 15 minutes.
- Killed:      Co. A    5 enlisted men.  
                              B    1 enlisted man.  
                              C    2 enlisted men.  
                              D    2 enlisted men.
- Wounded: Co. A 21 enlisted men.  
                              B    1 enlisted man.  
                              C    7 enlisted men.  
                              D    2 enlisted men.
- Sept. 28, 1918 Killed:      Co. D    1 enlisted man.  
Wounded: Co. A    9 enlisted men.  
                              B    1 enlisted man.  
                              C    2 enlisted men.  
                              D    3 enlisted men.
- Sept. 29, 1918 Another early morning barrage.
- Killed:      Co. C    1 enlisted man.  
Wounded: Co. A    7 enlisted men.  
                              B    1 enlisted man.  
                              C    1 enlisted man.
- Companies withdrawn at 18:00 but sent forward into more advanced positions..
- Sept. 30, 1918 Killed:      Co. A    1 enlisted man.  
Wounded: Co. A    4 enlisted men.  
                              B    2 enlisted men.
- Oct. 1, 1918 Battalion relieved at 12:30 and marched to St. Emilie.
- Oct. 2, 1918 Marched to Red Woods and bivouaced.
- Oct. 3, 1918 One man of Co. B accidentally wounded.
- Oct. 4, 1918 Company inspection.
- Oct. 5, 1918 Baths at Templeaux-La-Fosse in the afternoon. Company inspection in A. M.
- Oct. 7, 1918 Marched at 13:45 for Hervilly, arriving at 16:15.
- Oct. 9, 1918 Marched from Hervilly at 15:30, arriving at Nauroy at 19:20.
- Oct. 10, 1918 On the march, vicinity of Premont. Bivouaced at 62B H 6 c 56.
- Oct. 11, 1918 On the march. Bivouaced at 62B NW C 10 a 99.
- Oct. 12, 1918 Arrived Becquinette Farm at 13:00. Bivouaced.



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- Oct. 15, 1918 Captain Robert R. Molyneux transferred to 104th M. G. Bn. as major, commanding.
- Oct. 16, 1918 Battalion moved forward to go into action at 17:30.  
 Killed: Co. D 6 enlisted men.  
 Wounded: Co. D 9 enlisted men.
- Oct. 17, 1918 La Selle River barrage. Harrassing.  
 Battalion crossed river after barrage.  
 Killed: Co. B 2 enlisted men.  
           C 6 enlisted men.  
           D 5 enlisted men.  
 Wounded: Co. A 1 enlisted man.  
           B 5 enlisted men.  
           C 20 enlisted men.  
           C 1 commissioned officer.  
           D 6 enlisted man.  
 Cos. C and D combined into one company.
- Oct. 18, 1918 Jonc De Mer Ridge.  
 Wounded: Co. A 3 enlisted men.  
           B 7 enlisted men.  
           B 1 commissioned officer.  
           Ordnance 2 enlisted men.
- Oct. 19, 1918 St. Maurice River.  
 Wounded: Co. A 1 enlisted man.

## REFITTING IN FRANCE

- Oct. 20, 1918 Cos. C and D withdrew at 13:00, arriving Becquinette Farm at 16:00.  
 Co. B withdrew at 17:15, arriving Becquinette Farm at 22:30.  
 Co. A withdrew at 20:00, arriving Becquinette Farm at 24:00.
- Oct. 21, 1918 Battalion marched from Becquinette Farm at 14:00 to Brancourt, arriving at 16:20.
- Oct. 22, 1918 Marched from Brancourt to Bellicourt, arriving at 12:00.
- Oct. 23, 1918 Marched from Bellicourt at 7:45 to Hervilly, arriving at 10:45.
- Oct. 24, 1918 Marched from Hervilly at 10:00 to Roissel, arriving at 1:20 to entrain for Corbie.  
 Delayed mine blew up the tracks so marched to Tincourt, arriving at 18:50.
- Oct. 25, 1918 Train left Tincourt at 5:00, arriving at Corbie at 14:00.  
 Marched to Vaulx-Sur-Somme, arriving at 15:30. Billeted.

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- Oct. 26, 1918 Captain Albert Moore assigned to Co. C.  
Major Gardner ordered to Grantham, England. Captain Whitney in command.
- Oct. 28, 1918 Captain Nathaniel H. Egleston transferred to 106th Infantry as major.
- Oct. 29, 1918 Replacements received from Division Replacement Camp.
- Nov. 4, 1918 Major Gardner returns from Grantham, England.
- Nov. 8, 1918 Baths for battalion.  
Captain Albert Moore transferred out of battalion.
- Nov. 11, 1918 ARMISTICE AT 11:00.

### WAITING FOR ORDERS IN FRANCE

- Nov. 13, 1918 1st Lieutenant Durham promoted to captain.
- Nov. 20, 1918 Captain Durham assigned to command Co. C.
- Nov. 26, 1918 Battalion marched from Vaulx-Sur-Somme at 4:30, entraining at Corbie at 8:15.
- Nov. 27, 1918 Arrived Connere at 6:00 and marched to Le Breil, arriving at 8:15.
- Dec. 20, 1918 Divisional manoeuvres.
- Dec. 21, 1918 Inspection by Major General John F. O'Ryan, commanding 27th Division.
- Dec. 23, 1918 Divisional manoeuvres.
- Dec. 27, 1918 Headquarters (less Transport and Supply), Cos. A and D and part of Sanitary Detachment marched from Le Breil at 9:00, arriving at Le Luart at 12:00.  
Transport, Supply, Cos. B and C, and remainder of Sanitary Detachment marched from Le Breil at 9:00, arriving at Sceaux at 13:00.
- Dec. 28, 1918 Co. B moved from Sceaux to Vouvray.
- Jan. 3, 1919 Review and inspection by commanding general.
- Jan. 4, 1919 Regular battalion inspection.
- Jan. 10, 1919 Captain Stewart D. Tiffany assigned to command Co. B.
- Jan. 11, 1918 Regular battalion inspection.
- Jan. 18, 1918 Regular battalion inspection.
- Jan. 22, 1919 Review of 27th Division by General Pershing.  
Sergeant Reidar Waaler (1209189), Co. A, received Congressional medal.
- Jan. 25, 1919 Regular battalion inspection.
- Jan. 31, 1919 Battalion held in readiness for inspection by embarkation officers. Inspected Feb. 1.
- Feb. 6, 1919 Lieutenant Crane on advance party.
- Feb. 8, 1919 Regular battalion inspection.
- Feb. 12, 1919 Chaplain Archer B. Bass relieved from duty with the battalion.



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- Feb. 17, 1919 Only over-seas equipment with battalion are four rolling kitchens; no arms.
- Feb. 17, 1919 Lieutenants Cook, Snare and Lyon on advance party.
- Feb. 19, 1919 Major Gardner promoted to lieutenant colonel and assigned to division staff.  
Captain Whitney promoted to major and assigned to 105th M. G. Bn. command.  
1st Lieutenant Leake promoted to captain and assigned to 105th M. G. Bn. headquarters.  
1st Lieutenant Flash promoted to captain and assigned to Co. C as extra.  
1st Lieutenant Ball promoted to captain and assigned to Co. D commanding.  
1st Lieutenant Reynolds promoted to captain and assigned to Co. B as extra.  
2nd Lieutenant Downey promoted to 1st lieutenant and assigned to Co. A.  
2nd Lieutenant Matthews promoted to 1st lieutenant and assigned to Co. B.  
Battalion left billets at 10:00 and marched and lorried to Champagne, arriving at 15:00. Entrained at 17:00 and arrived at Brest at 22:40.
- Feb. 21, 1918 Marched to Camp Pontanezen, arriving at 1:30.
- Feb. 24, 1919 Marched from Camp Pontanezen at 13:00 and bivouaced on the pier.
- Feb. 25, 1919 Battalion (less Camp Lee Detachment of 30 men under Lieutenant Barthman, Camp Sherman Detachment of 38 men under Lieutenant Grace and Camp Wheeler Detachment of 77 men under Lieutenant Anderson) boarded U. S. S. Leviathan about 11:00.

## HOMeward BOUND

- Feb. 25, 1919 On board Leviathan.
- Feb. 27, 1919 Captain Tiffany attached to battalion headquarters.  
Captain Reynolds assigned to command Co. B.
- Mar. 6, 1919 Leviathan docked at Hoboken at 11:00 A. M.  
Headquarters, Co. C, Co. D, Sanitary Detachment and Ordnance Detachment proceeded by ferry and train, arriving Camp Mills at 10:30 P. M.  
Co. A and Co. B policed Leviathan.  
Two enlisted men died of influenza on the trip.  
31 enlisted men transferred to medical authorities at Hoboken.

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### AWAITING DISCHARGE IN THE UNITED STATES

- Mar. 7, 1919 Cos. A and B arrived at Camp Mills at 1:00 A. M.
- Mar. 8, 1918 1st Lieutenant Cook, 2nd Lieutenants Snare and Lyon, who (with 1st Lieutenant Crane) had left France ahead of the battalion, reported for duty.
- Mar. 12, 1918 1st Lieutenant Crane to detached service with division headquarters.
- Mar. 18, 1918 Camp Lee, Camp Sherman and Camp Wheeler Detachments reported back to the battalion.
- Mar. 24, 1918 Battalion left Camp Mills and went to New York; escorted to Squadron A Armory by Squadron A and ex-members. Bivouaced.
- Mar. 25, 1919 27th Division parade. Bivouaced at armory.
- Mar. 26, 1918 2nd Lieutenant Frank H. Grace and 225 enlisted men transferred out of the battalion and ordered to return to Camp Mills.
- Battalion proceeded by subway and train to Camp Upton, arriving about 1:00 P. M.
- April 1, 1919 1st Lieutenant Theodore Crane transferred to division staff.
- Battalion discharged from service in the United States army.*  
(Some officers discharged as of April 2, 1919.)