

1st (S) Bn. Royal Guernsey Light Infantry.

OPERATION ORDER. (No 1)

1. INFORMATION. The Battalion will proceed overseas on the 26-9-17.
2. INSTRUCTIONS. Companies will parade as under:-

1st train load
“C” Coy. less R.S.M. 14 Transport personnel, Pte Hunt (Q.M. store), R.S.M’s batman and C.Os batman, Sgt Everest, Sgt Dorey and L/Cpl Dorey.
“B” Coy. less 13 Transport.
“D” Coy 103 men.

The following Officers will parade with this party:-
Major. W.H. Foote (in command)
The Adjutant.
All Officers “B” Coy, including 2 Lieuts. Morgan and Andrews.
All Officers, “C” Coy, including Lts. Sangster and Chapman
Capt McIlwraith, Lieuts Manson and Dorey.

Total 22 Officers and 550 other ranks.
Parade at 2.30, march off at 2.45.

2nd Train Load.
“A” Coy. Less 12 Transport, Sgt Gallienne and Transport Officers’ Batman.
Sgt. Everest, Sgt. Dorey and L/Cpl Dorey, R.S.M. and R.S.M’s Batman.
“D” Coy 115 men.

The following Officers will parade with this party:-
Major Davey (in command)
All Officers “A” Coy including Lts Dixon, Gribble and Mitchell.
Capt Le Bas, and remaining Officers “D” Coy including 2 Lts Rawkins, Johns and Stranger.
Total 15 Officers and 342 other ranks.
parade at 4.30, march off at 4.45.

Smoking inside the sheds in the docks, or on board Ship except on upper deck is strictly prohibited.

3rd Train load.
Transport Establishment including Grooms, Commanding Officers’ Batman, R.Q.M.S. Sergt Gallienne, Ptes Giles, Hunt, Officers’ Mess Sergt, 10 men of “D” Coy.

The undermentioned Officers will accompany the party:-
Commanding Officer. (in Command)
Assistant Adjutant.
Transport Officer.
Quartermaster.
Lieut G.K.F. Borrett.
2 Lieut. Durand
Medical Officer.

Total 7 Officers and 70 other ranks.

Parade at 6.00 march off at 6.15.

All animals, vehicles and cycles will accompany this party.
“D” Company signallers will be included in the number of men of “D” Coy in this party and will take charge of cycles.

Bandsmen will parade with their Companies.

3. DISCIPLINE. (1) Officers Commanding Companies will arrange to have a responsible N.C.O. i/c of each Compartment.
(2) No men will leave the train at any halt without leave of Officer i/c Trains.
(3) The voyage across channel will be treated as a night march, and no lights or noise will be permitted.

4. UNLOADING PARTY. Lieut. G.F.F. Borrett and 20 men will report to the Railway Transport Officer on arrival. The 20 men will be found as under:-

10 men of “D” Coy in the 3rd train load
10 Brakesmen.

This party will unload the vehicle so as to clear the train as quickly as possible, and after is cleared will drag the vehicles to the cranes detailed by the Embarkation Staff and assist in slinging.

5. HOLD PARTIES. 2 parties each of 1 N.C.O. and 5 men will be detailed by the O.C. 2nd train party and will report to the embarkation Officer, for duty in the hold assisting stevedores.

6. EMBARKATION. On arrival of the Officers Commanding Train loads will immediately report to Embarkation Officer for instructions.

7. RETURNS. The senior Officer with each train load will render to the Embarkation Officer at point of embarkation, a train state and shortage return.

(sd) A.F.C. Borrett Lieut.
Adjutant 1st (S) Bn R. Guernsey L. I.

Bourne Park Camp

25th Sept 1917.

No 1	Commanding Officer
2	2 nd in Command
3	Adjutant
4	Assistant Adjutant
5	Quartermaster
6	Transport Officer
7	Officer i/c Signals
8	Lieut. G.K.F. Borrett
9 & 10	"A" Coy.
11 & 12	"B" Coy
13 & 14	"C" Coy
15 & 16	"D" Coy
17	R.S.M.
18	Medical Officer
19 & 20	File.

1st. Bn: Royal Guernsey L.I.Operation Order No. 2.1. INFORMATION.

The Battalion will move this afternoon.

2. INSTRUCTIONS.

(a) The Battalion will parade at 16.30. March off at 17.30 for POINT 1 (Entrance No 70 COURS DE LA REPUBLICQUE)

Detail of march:-

Headquarters (Fighting Portion.)

“A” Coy. less 1 Officer and 30 other ranks.

“B” Coy.

Drums and Bugles.

“C” Coy.

“D” Coy. less 1 N.C.O. and 18 other ranks.

Headquarters (Administrative Portion.)

Transport will be drawn up in rear of the Battalion.

O.C. “D” Coy. will detail one Platoon to march in rear of the Transport.

(b) RATION PARTY.

O.C. “A” Coy. will detail 1 Officer and 30 men who will march at the head to POINT 4 (Entrance as for POINT 1) and report to the Officer i/c Detail Issue Store.

(c) LOADING PARTY.

O.C. “D” Coy. will detail at the Station 1 Officer and 50 men to assist in loading baggage and transport on train.

(d) BAGGAGE & OFFICERS KITS.

Two lorries will report at 15.00. All baggage and kits are to be ready stacked by that hour. O.C. “D” Coy. will detail 1 N.C.O. and 8 men as baggage guard.

(e) 2. Lieut. C.H. Manson will proceed with the lorries in advance of the Battalion to take over train and allot accommodation.

(f) PICQUETS.

O.C. “B” Coy. and “C” Coy will each detail a picquet of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men to alight at each halt to prevent men from leaving the train. One picquet will be at each end of the train.

(g) GUARD.

O.C. “C” Coy. will detail 1 Sgt and 3 men to guard the Refreshment Rooms at Stations to prevent men from entering.

3. DISCIPLINE.

(a) Water bottles must be filled before marching off.

(b) O.C. Coys. etc. must see that every man is told the station and point of entrainment before marching off.

(c) No equipment is to be taken off at the station nor are arms to be piled.

(d) Every man must clearly understand that he is not to leave the train for any purpose whatever without the permission of O.C. Train. Any breach of this order will be severely punished.

4. STATES.

The R.S.M. for Headquarters, O.C. Coys, and the Transport Officer will hand Marching out States to the Adjutant on parade.

(sd) A.F.C. Borrett Lieut.

Adj. 1st Bn: R. Guernsey L. I.

ISSUED AT

11.45.

Copy	No. 1.....	C.O.	Copy	No. 6.....	O.C. "D" Coy
"	" 2.....	Major Foote.	"	" 7.....	Q. Master.
"	" 3.....	O.C. "A" Coy.	"	" 8.....	T.O.
"	" 4.....	O.C. "B" "	"	" 9.....	R.S.M.
"	" 5.....	O.C. "C" "	"	" 10.....	2/Lt.
Manson.	"	" 11.....			File.

1st. (S) Bn: ROYAL GUERNSEY L. I.Operation Order No. 3.1. INFORMATION.

“A” & “D” Coys. and 50 men detailed by O.C. “C” Coy will move this afternoon to PARROY CAMP.

2. INSTRUCTIONS.

The above will parade at 14.00. and march off at 14.15 for INTERNATIONAL CORNER STATION. They will report to the R.T.O. there at 15.30. Guides will be provided by the 1/2 MONMOUTHS at ELVERDINGHE STATION.

The composite Battalion of H.Q. and 2 Coys 1/2nd. MONMOUTHS and 2 Coys. GUERNSEY LIGHT INFANTRY will be at the disposal of the C.E. XIV CORPS from ZERO hour and will receive orders from him.

The 50 N.C.Os and men from “C” Coy. will be under the A.D.M.S.

DRESS:- Field Service marching order. Blankets will be carried on the man.

The following will be left behind:-

Men on Headquarters, Buglers and drummers.

Only one Officer per platoon will go with their Companies.

TRANSPORT. Companies will take their cookers, and Lewis Guns and ammunition in their limbers.

1 water cart will be taken.

The Transport Officer will provide two limbers for Officers Kits at 14.00.

The Transport will proceed by road to PARROY CAMP.

100 shovels will be carried in another limber.

RATIONS. will be issued for one day.

(Sd) A.F.C. Borrett Lieut.

Adjutant 1st. (S) Bn: R. Guernsey L. I.

ISSUED AT:- 12.30

Copy No.	1	issued to	O.C. “A” Coy.
	2	”	” O.C. “D” Coy
	3	”	” O.C. “C” Coy
	4	”	” Transport Officer.
	5	”	” Quartermaster.
	6	”	” Regtl. Sergt. Major.
	7	”	” Commanding Officer.
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1st (S) Bn: R. Guernsey L.I.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 4.

Refce. Map.
Sheet 27 & 28
Edition 3.

16th October 1917.

1. INFORMATION. The Battalion will move with the 86 Bde Group to the Third Army Area on 17-10-17.
2. INTENTION. The Battalion will march out from STROKE CAMP on the night 16-17 October for PESELHOEK (A.20.b.6.5.) where it will entrain for SAULTY. Approximate length of ~~march~~ journey 7 hours.
3. INSTRUCTIONS.
 - (a) Troops will march in file with 200x distance between Companies.
 - (b) All watches will be synchronised before departure. Companies will halt independently at 10 minutes to the hour until the hour.
 - (c) O.C. "C" Coy. will detail 1 Platoon to load ~~the train~~ and unload at place of detrainment the train.
This platoon will march out with the transport.
 - (d) 2. Lieut. C.H. Manson assisted by 2. Lieut. A. T. Pirouet will march out with the transport and take over train No. 12. O.C. "B" Coy will similarly ~~take~~ detail an Officer who will arrive at PESELHOEK not later than 23.30 on the 16th. These Officers will report to the Officer of the Brigade Staff on duty ~~on~~ at the entraining station, and will take with them a complete marching out state shewing the number of men, horses, G. S. Limbers G. S., and 2 wheeled wagons proceeding by the train.
 - (e) O.C. "B" Coy will report to O.C. No. 10 train for instructions with regard to Picquets etc.
 - (f) O.C. "A" & "D" Coys will each detail 1 Sergeant and 6 men who will travel at the ends of No. 12 train to prevent troops from leaving the train without permission.
 - (g) All doors on the right hand side of the train when on the main line are to be kept closed.
 - (h) Troops will carry rations for the day following the day of detrainment.
 - (i) All Officers' Kits are to be stacked outside the Officers' Mess by 3.30.
 - (j) C.Q.M. Sgts and storemen will travel with their Coys.

(sd) A.F.C. Borrett Lieut.

Adjutant 1st (S) Bn: R. Guernsey L. I.

(Time of issue ...13.00...)

No. 1	Commanding Officer.
2	Major. Foote.
3	O.C. "A" Coy.

- 4 " "B" "
- 5 " "C" "
- 6 " "D" "
- 7 Quartermaster.
- 8 Transport Officer.
- 9 Lewis Gun Officer.
- 10 Medical Officer.
- 11 Signalling Officer.
- 12 2. Lieut. Manson.
- 13 File.
- 14 R.S.M.

UNIT.	Time of departure from STOKE CAMP	Route.	Time of arrival at PESELHOEK	Time of departure from PESELHOEK	Train.
"B" Coy. 1 Cooker & Team.	23.00. 16th.	Instructions have been issued to O.C. Coys etc.	1.00. 17th.	2.30. 17th.	10
H.Q. "A" Coy. "C" " less 1 Platoon D Coy.	6.15. 17th.		8.50.	10.20. 17th.	12
Transport (Less 1 Cooker & Team). 1 Platoon "C" Coy.	5.00. 17th.		7.20.	10.20. 17th.	12

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1st (S) Bttn Royal Guernsey L.I. (Operation)
Order No. 6

Refce. Maps	}	51.c. LENS 1/100,000 AMIENS 1/100,000	17.11.17
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I. INFORMATION The 86th Brigade will move from its present area on the night of the 17th/18th.

II. INSTRUCTIONS. (a) Capt. J.H. Luscombe, Capt. J.G. McIlwraith, Lts. Sangster and Norman and 41 O.R. will ~~proceed~~ march by road to ~~the~~ on the 18th inst to MONDICOURT direct from present billets. Nominal Rolls of this party have been issued to O.C. Coys etc & to Capt Luscombe. Orders for the march will be issued by Capt. R. Launceton 16th Middlesex Regt., who will command the Bgde. Party.
 Capt. J.H. Luscombe will detail 1 N.C.O. to report to Bde. Hd.Qrs. at 9 a.m. on the 18th inst to act as a guide to take ~~the~~ a lorry to present billets to collect kits.
 Rations for the 18th inst will be carried by this party.

(b) The remainder of the Battalion will parade, each Coy in its own lines, at 9.15 p.m. the 17th inst & will march to BOISLEUX STATION where it will entrain ~~for~~ PERONNE.

<u>Order of March.</u>	H.Qrs. A. Coy. B. Coy. C. Coy. D. Coy.
<u>Starting Point.</u>	Northern Southern end of present camp.
<u>Time.</u>	9.35 p.m.
<u>Route.</u>	HENDICOURT Rd. junction S7d8.9 – Rd. junction S14a8.3 – S9d1.5

Time of Departure of Train 0.28 a.m.
 During the march to BOISLEUX STATION intervals of 200 yards will be kept between companies, etc.
 Regulation halts will be observed.
 Lieut C.H. Manson will report to Lieut. G.S. Dixon (Brigade Entraining Officer) at BOISLEUX STATION at 11 p.m. the 17th inst.

(c) On arrival at ~~PERONNE~~ at detraining station the Battalion will detrain & will march to ~~HAUT-ALLAINES~~ a Camp where it will be billeted. This movement will be carried out with distances of 100 yards only between companies etc. Guides from III Corps Cyclists will meet the Battalion to conduct it to billets. March must be completed by 7 a.m.

III. RATIONS etc.

~~On arrival at BOISLEUX STATION Rations for the 19th inst. will be issued to the Quartermaster.~~ A breakfast haversack ration for the 18th inst will be carried on the man. The remainder of the ration for the 18th inst will be issued in billets.

IV. BLANKETS.

On arrival at ~~PERONNE~~ detraining station Coys will fall in and blankets will be collected & ~~rolled in bundles of 10 under company arrangements~~ and dumped unrolled by companies. Each Coy will detail 1 man to act as guard over its dump.

Party of 1 N.C.O. & 8 men of 'A' Coy (already detailed) will first of all unload the blankets carried on the train & then collect & roll in bundles of 10 the blankets dumped by companies ~~to await arrival of lorries~~. The unloading party will act as guard over the blankets until arrival of lorries.

V. PERSONNEL.

Instructions concerning composition of H.Qrs. & disposal of pioneers etc. have already been issued to Coys & must be strictly adhered to.

VI. REPORTS

C.O. will march with H.Qrs.

A.F.C. Borrett Capt.
Adj. 1/R.G. L. I.

Issued verbally to
all concerned at
12.30 p.m.

1 BN ROYAL GUERNSEY L.I.
(Operation) Order No. 8

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19.11.17

Ref. Sheet 57.C.

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1. INTENTION The Battalion will move on the night of the 19/20th to Assembly Area about Q.23.a.
 2. INSTRUCTIONS The Battalion will parade each Coy in its own lines at 1.50 a.m.

Order of March. D Coy
B Coy
C Coy
H.Q. (advanced).
A Coy
M. Gun Section
Trench Mortars
Yukon Pack Train

Intervals of 100x will be kept between Coys.

Starting Point V.10.b 6.6.

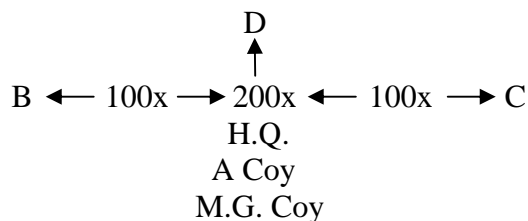
Time 2.24 a.m.

Route EQUANCOURT—FINS cross-roads—W.4.a.9.5. thence by track to QUEENS CROSS Q.28.d.4.4. thence by track to Rd. junction Q.23.C.6.4 thence into Assembly Area. Special Attention is to be paid to the following points

1. Absolute silence & no lights.
2. No Smoking.
3. Strict punctuality.

The track from W.4.a.9.5. to Rd. Junction Q.23.C.6.4 will be protected by a platoon of the Corps Cyclists (under 2/Lt Gaford) in pairs at intervals of about 150x. One man from each pair will pass the head of each Battalion on to the next pair & so on.

On arrival at assembly area the Battalion will halt in Artillery formation & in diamond form as under.



Each Coy will be in Artillery Formation.

Verbal orders have been issued for subsequent operations.

3. TRANSPORT. Twenty five pack animals allotted to Battalion will be ready loaded by 1.30 a.m. These animals will march 100x in rear of Battalion

until the position of Assembly where they will come under the orders of Brigade Transport Officer. As early as possible after zero hour Battalion Dumps will be formed as near Battalion H.Qrs. as possible & the Battalion will be supplied by the Yukon Pack Team under the Regimental Sgt. Maj.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE HD. QRS, will move from present area to VILERS PLOUICH at 9 a.m. 20th inst. The move will be by cross country route. Baggage must be sent forward with the Battn. Pack Train moving with the Battalion. Personnel to offload these mules may accompany them.
5. REPORTS All reports are to be sent to Battn. H.Qrs. (Advanced)
Coys will report by runner to Battn. H.Qrs. as soon as they have formed up in the assembly position. This runner will remain at Battn. H.Qrs.
6. STORES Signalling Stores, Trench Mortar Battery & all other stores required for immediate use will be offloaded immediately on arrival at Position of Assembly.

Issued at 20.00

A.F.C. Borrett Capt.
Adj. 1/R.G. L. I.

- Copy No 1. Filed
No 2. To be circulated & initialled
by O.C.s 'A' 'B' 'C' 'D' Coys
O.C. Trench Mortars
O.C. M.G. Section
Transport Officer
Q.M. & R.S.M.

1st Bn. R Guernsey L.I.
Operation Order No 1.

1. The 2/R.F and the 1st RGLI will take over the right section of the Divisional Front tonight 18th/19th inst from the 2nd Royal Berks (Front Line) and the 1st R. Ir. Rifles (Reserve Line)
2. The O.C. 2/R.F. will assume command of the front line with Bn Hdqrs at L.5.C.1.8 the O.C. 1/RGLI of the reserve line, with Bn Hdqrs at D.4.D.7.2. Bellevue, advance Bde Hqrs will be at KAAIE (D.13.D.8.6)
Boundaries will be as follows:-
Front Line:- W 25.C.1.0 to the track at V.30. A.4.5.
Reserve Line:- The reserve line is at Bellevue.
3. The Battn will go into the line as 4 Coys consisting of Coy Hqrs and 2 platoons each. A & B Coys will be under the command of the O.C. 2/R.F in the Front system & 3 platoons in the Front line and 1 platoon in immediate support. C & D Coys and 2 ~~platoons~~ Coys of the R.F. will be under command of the O.C. 1/RGLI in the reserve line at BELLEVUE.
The residue of the Coys will remain behind at ENGLISH FARM C.2.7.B Central under command of Capt Hutchinson, they will relieve men of their own Coys periodically in the front and reserve trenches and will be used for carrying up rations.
4. Every man going into the trenches will wear leather or fur jerkins, 2 sandbags round each leg instead of puttees, gum boots, P.H. helmets and box respirators in the alert position, and every other man will carry a shovel, no entrenching tools will be carried.
5. All overcoats, entrenching tools & puttees of men going up the line will be put up in the packs and together with the blankets will be handed in to the Q.M. Stores by 2pm today. Packs to be clearly marked. Men who have no packs to wrap their entrenching tools & puttees up in their greatcoats.
Men staying at ENGLISH FARM will keep their packs and blankets, and before they go up the line will send them back to the Q.M. Stores.
6. All men going up the line will take 3 pairs of dry socks. Men at ENGLISH FARM will treat their feet properly before going up to relieve men in the line.
7. All trench stores S.A.A. etc will be taken over by Coys in the line and receipts given.
8. Each Battn in the line keeps 20. S.O.S. rockets, Battns in reserve 15 each, the S.O.S. signal bursts into Red over Green over Yellow.
9. Guides:- Coy guides from the 2/Royal Berks will be at SOMME (D13.C5.3) at 5.40 pm for Coys going into the Front line. Coy guides for Coys going into the reserve line will be at the same place at 6.30 p.m.
Platoon guides will be at the following places 1 hour later than the above:-
For Coys going into Front line } at BELLEVUE on No 5 track.
" " " " reserve " }
10. Times for parade
A & B Coys will receive orders from the O.C. 2/R.F.
C & D " " parade on the road outside the camp at 5.15 p.m. ready to move off.
Coys will move in File with 100x interval until meeting platoon guides.
Route No 5 track BELLEVUE. The battn must be clear of this camp by 5.30 pm.

Everything must be left thoroughly clean. Lieut Dorey will hand over the camp to the incoming Regt.

11. East of BELLEVUE no parties larger than 2 men will move about by daylight.
12. 2 days rations and water in petrol tins will be taken into the trenches.
13. Rear Bn Hdqrs, QM Stores & Transport will remain at Brigade Camp BRANDHOEK while the Division is in the line.
14. Coys in reserve line will report relief complete to Bn Hdqrs at BELLEVUE.
15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(sgd) G C Pearson. Captain
Adjutant 1st R. Guernsey L.I .