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The following Officers were present with the
Battalion :-

Headquarters.

Lt.Col.J.W.Watkins,D.S.O./M.C.

Lieut E.Hartley, A/Adjutant.

2nd Lt. R.Gilmour. Signalling Officer.

2nd Lt. W.H.Riley. Intelligence Officer.

Capt. L.Little, M.O.R.C., U.S.A. Medical Officer.

"A" Co.

2nd Lt.B.M.Cassidy,V.C.

2nd Lt.J.Heron.

2nd Lt.B.J.B.Butler-Bowden.

"B" Co.

2nd Lt.A.Howarth,M.C.

2nd Lt.H.W.Everett.

2nd Lt.J.W.Keightley.

2nd Lt.W.F.Lilley,M.M.

"C" Co.

Capt. T.H.Robinson.

2nd Lt.W.S.Gilbert.

2nd Lt.A.W.B.Potter.

2nd Lt.W.G.Wilding.

"D" Co.

Capt.G.N.Stange,M.C.

2nd Lt.E.de B.Cantrell-
Hubbersty.

2nd Lt.G.R.Willans,

2nd Lt.S.H.Hope.

List of Decorations awarded :-

Award.

2nd Lt.B.M.Cassidy.

V.C.

Lt. Col.J.W.Watkins,M.C.

D.S.O.

Capt. G.N.Stange.

M.C.

2nd Lt.A.Howarth.

M.C.

"B" Coy.

660. C.S.M.,E.A.North.

D.C.M.

242243 Pte.W.H.Roscoe.

D.C.M.

34906 " T.Jones,

M.M.

7421 " J.Bennett.

M.M.

33602 " H.Blackledge,

M.M.

27058 L/Cpl.F.T.Howarth.

M.M.

40554 Cpl. A.Carter.

M.M.

"C" Coy.

306801	L/Cpl. H.Airey.	D.C.M.
2873	Cpl. C.B.Clayton.	D.C.M.
24013	Pte. E.J.Wooldridge.	M.M.
24294	" W.Booth.	M.M.
42419	" H.C.Pontet.	M.M.
39794	" R.Wood.	M.M.

"D" Coy.

1314	C.S.M. J.Baines.	D.C.M.
26291	L/Cpl.R.Kenyon.	M.M.
7152	Pte.T.Lackey.	M.M.
201335	" A.Walker.	M.M.
18074	L/Cpl R.Sladdin.	M.M.
235901	Pte. J.Jesse.	M.M.
7034	" T.Johnson.	M.M.
45167	" S.Wood.	M.M.

COPY OF
RAID ORDERS.

6/7/18.

LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS ORDER No. 17.

Field

Ref. Map. Sheet 36A. S.E. 1/20,000

3/7/18.

1. The Battalion will carry out a raid on shell holes held by the enemy at Zero Hour 6/7/18.

2. Objectives. Shell Holes at Q.34.c.60.75 and Q.34.c.70.65.

3. Object. 1. To obtain identification.
2. To damage and destroy the enemy's position.
3. To raise the morale of the troops.

4. Strength. The Raiding Party will consist 1 Officer, and 21 Other Ranks of "B" Coy.

5. Dress. Rifle and Bayonet.

2 Bombs per man.

All means of identification are to be removed.

Equipment and Box Respirators will be left in the trench, at Point of Exit and picked up on return.

Steel Helmets will be worn.

6. Support. The raid will be covered by Artillery and Machine Gun barrage, neutralisation of rear areas and flanks by heavy Artillery and Machine Gunfire.

Lewis Guns in the Front Line, 6" Newton and 3" Stokes will co-operate.

7. Method of Attack and Withdrawal. The Raiding Party will leave the Front Line at Q.34.c.7.4. at Zero Hour - 20 minutes and crawl through the crops to area Q.34.c.70.42., where they will form up in line of sections in file 2 yds interval between sections. From Zero Hour to Zero plus 1, Party will lie flat, from Zero plus 1 to Zero plus 3 party will creep towards the objectives whilst artillery barrage is on objectives. At Zero plus 3 minutes barrage will lift and party will rush the objectives, killing or taking prisoners any of the enemy and destroying his works. The barrage on flanks and in

rear of the objectives will continue till Zero plus 15 minutes

Withdrawal. The signal for the return to our line will be a blast on the whistle at the discretion of the Officer in charge of raiding party. This must be within the period Zero plus 15 minutes. The raiding party will crawl back to our line down the ditch on the East side of the road running from Q.34.c.25.25 to Q.34.central, and will re-enter our line at Q.34.c.25.25. rendezvousing at Front Company Headquarters Q.34.c.85.35.

8. Artillery Programme. Appendix A.

9. Machine Gun Programme. Appendix B.

10. 6" Newton Programme & 3" Stokes Programme.

Appendices C&D.

11. Lewis Guns. Two Lewis Guns with teams of 3 men each from "B" Co. will accompany the raiding party. One will occupy a shell hole at Q.34.c.52.54 and give covering fire on the Left Flank. The other will take up a position at Q.34.c.70.55 and give covering fire on the Right Flank.

12. "C" Co. will detail picked marksmen and rifle grenadiers to rifle grenade and keep down any movement East of a line Q.34.c.7.4. -- Q.34.d.4.9. paying special attention to area Q.34.d.5.6. and West of a line Q.34.c.3.0. --- Q.34.c.3.9. and the E. edge of Pacaut Wood.

13. "C" Co. will detail 1 N.C.O. and 3 men to collect any prisoners in the Front Line. These will be brought back direct to En.H.Q. by the raiding party.

14. 2 Stretcher Bearers will accompany the Raiding Party.

15. The Raiding party will leave L'Eclene evening 5/7/18 and spend night 5/6th in the Front Line. On completion of operation raiding party will return to L'Eclene.

16. Acknowledge.

(sgd) V.F.S.Hawkins, Capt & Adjt.

2nd Lan. Fus.

Watches will be synchronised at Battalion Headquarters
W.S.d.l.6. at 7 a.m. 6/7/18.

Zero hour will be at 9:30 a.m.

Officer i/c Lt. H.H.Barker-Jones.

N.C.O. Sgt. Wiggin.

Result. 3 Prisoners. 3 S R.I.R.
12 R.Div.

1 Slight casualty.

12 Huns killed.

Copy No.3.

12th Infantry Brigade Operation Order No.139.

Reference Map. Sheet 36A. S.E. 1/20,000.

4th July 1918.

1. The 2nd Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers will carry out a raid on enemy's posts in the immediate neighbourhood of Q.34.c.50.71 and Q.34.c.80.65 on 6th inst.

2. Object. To capture a suspected machine gun.
To obtain an identity.
To destroy enemy's moral.

3. Strength of Raiding Party. 1 Officer, 26 Other Ranks including two Lewis Guns.

4. Party will be told off in 4 groups, with one Lewis Gun to guard either flank.

5. Zero Hour, 9:30 a.m.

6. Artillery (including 9.45 Trench Mortars and 6" Newton Mortars) Machine Guns, and Light Trench Mortars will co-operate.

Barrages as on attached Tables "A", "B", and "C".

Note. The Infantry must keep flat from Zero to Zero plus 1, while 166 Fuze ammunition is being fired.

6. O.C. 2nd Lan. Fus. will arrange for telephonic and visual communication from the Front Line, so that he can report result of Raid as early as possible to Brigade Headquarters.

8. Any prisoners taken will be sent back to Brigade Headquarters without delay.

9. No papers, identification discs or distinguishing marks (other than Raid identification discs will be carried by the Raiding Party).

10. Watches will be synchronised by Right Group R.F.A 4th Battr.M.G.Corps, 12th L.T.M.Batty. at headquarters 2nd Lan. Fus., W.8.d.1.6. at 7 a.m. on the 6th inst.