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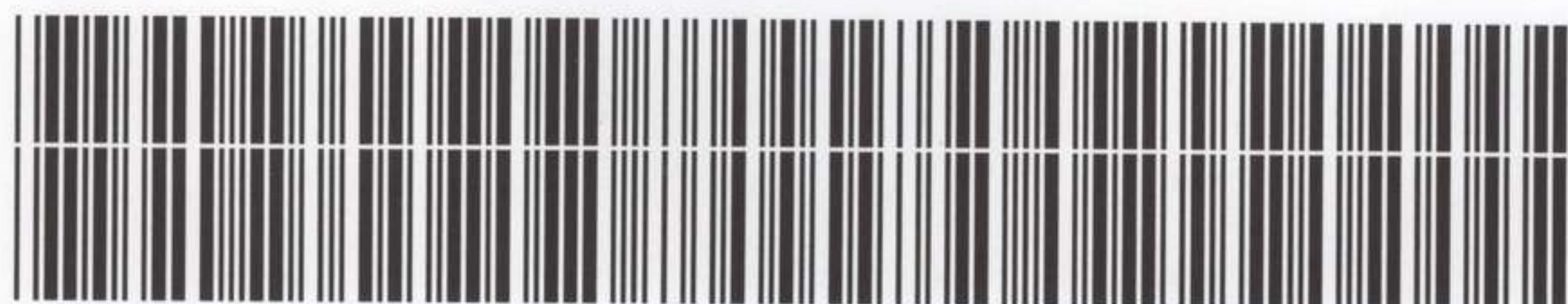
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7th Australian Battalion Special Order

15th October 1917

Extract from 2nd Aus. Inf. Brigade Circular of 10th October 1917

The Army Commander has awarded the Bars to Military Medal and Military Medals to the Other Ranks shown below. Please convey the Corps Commander's, Divisional & Brigade Commanders' congratulations to the recipients. Their names will be published in the London Gazette in due course

Bar to Military Medal

3160 Cpl. G. E. Maloney

The Military Medal

1573	Cpl. Mitchell J. W. ARMC	2726	Sgt. Jones W. J.
338	Sgt. Gaddis J.	544	Sgt. Holland G.
1840	Sgt. Wraight H. J.	2391	Cpl. McDonald A. H.
4778	Cpl. Faulkner W. E. G.	3981	Pte. Price W. E.
2653	Pte. Robinson A.	6729	" Brownshaw H. G.
1718	" Belsey B. R.	1642	" Glasspool W. H.
2396	" McNeil G. J.	2589	" Gwynne B. B.
9599	Layne F. J. G. ARMC	6754	" Garvan G. J.

Extracts from 2nd Aus. Inf. Bde. Circular of 14th Oct 1917

Under authority granted by His Majesty the King, the Field Marshal Commanding in Chief has awarded the following decorations

Please convey the Divisional and Brigade Commanders' congratulations to the recipients who should be informed as soon as possible. Their names will be published in the London Gazette in due course

The Military Cross

Captain J. W. Hopkins

The following names have been noted for next Honors Despatch

"Mention in Despatches"

Captain D. L. Barlow

940 C. L. L. F. McDonald

The C.O. heartily congratulates the recipients of the above awards

(Sgd) O'Harris

Adjutant 7th Aus. Battalion

Headquarters
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
12th Oct. 1917

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TRAINING SYLLABUS

for period ending 30th October 1917.

Date	Description
13th to 30th October 1917 (inclusive)	<p>CHURCH PARADES.</p> <p>Specialist training in Lewis Guns, Bayonet Fighting, Rifle Grenadiers, Bombers and Musketry.</p> <p>Platoon Drill</p> <p>Platoon, Company and Battalion in attack Formation, open warfare, Route Marches.</p> <p>Recreational Training</p> <p>2nd M.G. Coy. Specialist Training and two Coy. Route marches.</p> <p>2A L.T.M. Bty. Specialist Training and particularly practicing firing with the Sling, two Route marches.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lewis Machine Gunners are to be trained in the use of the German Machine Gun, both heavy and light. 2. Musketry - Rapid loading and firing to be practiced daily. 3. The attack formation as carried out in the last attacks will be practiced - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st with wave of two lines of skirmishers 2nd with one line of skirmishers 3rd in artillery formation - practicing deployment of sections where necessary. <p>Particular attention to be paid to direction.</p> <p>Battalion and Company Commanders to pay particular attention to development of the Platoon Commanders initiative by setting of tactical problems and creating likely developments in an attack.</p> 4. Anti-gas drill to be carried out daily and practice to be given in working while wearing the gas helmets. 5. Officers to be practiced in Coding and Decoding messages - Marching on Compass bearing, both night and day. 6. All officers and N.C.O's ^{to be practiced} in writing short clear messages and men in passing verbal messages. 7. Dress for parades will be Fighting Order. 8. Battalion Signallers to be trained under Brigade arrangements. 9. Battalion and Company Intelligence Sections are to be brought up to strength with carefully selected men and their training to be proceeded with at once. 10. Training periods will be - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning 0830 - 1130 Afternoon 1400 - 1530 11. Battalion Programmes will be submitted to this office by 1800 on 14th October 1917.

R. R. Rogers Lieut.
for CAPTAIN.
Brigade Major
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Henry by Walter

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2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE

TRAINING PROGRAMME

Bde. & Loc. of Bde.Hqrs.	Period	Time	Description	Remarks.
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. RENNINGHELS	14th to 20th Octr. inclusive	14th	CHURCH PARADES	
		15th 0830	Specialist training - Lewis Guns - Bayonet	Hours of training - Morning 0830 - 1130 Afternoon 1400 - 1530 78 Bn Scouts
		15th -	Fighting - Rifle grenadiers - Bombers -	
		16th 1130	Musketry.	
		1400-1530	Platoon in attack formation - open warfare - Recreational Training	8 Battalion Signallers will be trained under Brigade arrangements.
		17th 0830-1130	Company route march, and specialists training	Bn 2nd Bn 14th Bn dep. will train think 3 units An army units learn on training to be trained in use of Lewis M. Am. by heavy flight. Musketry, who practiced daily. The attack formation will practiced 1st with more of 2 lines of skirmishers 2nd with one line of skirmishers 3rd in artillery formation practicing deployment of sections where necessary Anty gas full daily for 1/2 to include
		1400-1530	Coy. practice in attack formation. Open warfare Recreational Training.	
		18th 0830-1130	Specialist work and Platoon drill	
		1400-1530	Coy. practice attack formation, open warfare and Recreational Training.	
		19th 0830-1130	Coy. route march - Specialist training	
		1400-1530	Battalion in attack formation, open warfare Recreational Training.	
		20th 0830-1130	Brush-up in anything necessary.	
		1400-1530	2nd M.G. Coy. Specialist Training and 2 Coy. Route marches 2A L.T.M. Bty. Specialist Training, particularly practicing in firing with Sling and two Route marches.	

The detailed instructions in attached Bangalore mine will be closely followed.

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Period 14th. to 20th. October. 1917.

Hours of Training - 0830 - 1130.
1400 - 1530.

8 Bn. Signallers and 8 Bn. Scouts will be trained under
Brigade arrangements.

Bn. Hdqrs. Sigs. and Scouts will train under Bn. arrangements.

14th. October. CHURCH PARADES.

15th. October. 0830 - 1130. Specialist Training - Lewis Guns - Bayonet
Fighting - Rifle Grenadiers - Bombers - Musketry.
1400 - 1530. Platoon in attack formation - open warfare -
Recreational Training.

16th. October. As for 15th. inst..

17th. October. 0830 - 1130. Company route march and Specialist Training.
1400 - 1530. Coy. practice in attack formation. Open warfare.
Recreational Training.

18th. October. 0830 - 1130. Specialist work and Platoon drill.
1400 - 1530. Coy. practice in attack formation, open warfare.
Recreational Training.

19th. October. 0830 - 1130. Coy. route march - Specialist Training.
1400 - 1530. Battalion in attack formation, open warfare.
Recreational training.

20th. October. 0830 - 1130. Coys. at disposal of Coy. Commanders for general
brush up work.
1400 - 1530.

The detailed instructions in attached Brigade memo
will be closely followed.

OH
Adjutant 7th. Australian Battalion. Lieut.

2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade
ORDER No. 55.

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HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
15th OCTOBER, '17.Reference Sheet 28 N.W.
1:20,000

1. The Brigade will move to HALIFAX Area today.
2. Route - G.34.b.7.4. - G.29.b. Central - OUDERDOM - H.14.
3. Starting Point G.34.b.7.4.
4. Order of March - 6th Bn., 5th Bn., M.G. Coy., T.M. Bty., 7th Bn.,
Brigade Headquarters will move independently. (8th Bn.)
5. 6th Bn. will pass S.P. at 1545, and thereafter Units at
25 minutes interval. M.G. Coy. and T.M. Bty. will move as
one Unit.
6. Following intervals will be maintained on the March:-

	200 yards	Between Companies
	100 "	" " " & Bn. Transport.
at least	800 "	" " Battalions.
7. Advanced Party of 1 Off. and 2 O.Rks. per Unit will report
to Staff Captain, Brigade Headquarters No. 11 Camp at 1230
for instructions.
8. Receipts for tents and certificate re cleanliness will be
obtained from Area Commandant.
9. Lorries will be available for extra gear.
10. Brigade Headquarters will close at No. 11 Camp at 1500 and
open at H.14.c.6.2., HALIFAX Area, at same hour.
11. A C K N O W L E D G E.

J. J. J. Captain,
for Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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5	1st Aust. Division	"	D.R.
3	5th Battalion	"	"
7	6th Battalion	"	"
8	7th Battalion	"	"
9	8th Battalion	"	"
10	2nd M.G. Coy.	"	"
11	2nd A.L.T.M. Ety.	"	"
12	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"
13	A.D.M.S., 1st Aus. Div.	"	"
14	Brigade Major	"	"
15	Staff Captain	"	"
16	No. 4 Signal Section	"	"
17	Bde. Int. Officer.	"	"
18	Camp Commandant	"	"
19	Area Comds. RENINGHELST	"	"
20	" " HALIFAX	"	"
21-25	Spares.		

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<p>Ref Para 9 B.O. 25 in London not report until tomorrow and There will be one lorry for B and one each for M.B. and 2nd Lt. May and a guard to each of present Bde Hqs. N^o 11 Camp at 0745 on 16th to meet lorry and Acknowledge</p>					
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2nd AUST INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 56.

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WV W 8112HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.,
16th OCTOBER, 1917.Reference Map - Sheet 28 N.W., BELGIUM.
1:20,000

1. The 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade is being held in readiness for movement to the forward area at short notice to act in support of the 5th Australian Division.
2. The Point of assembly in the event of a move will be within the Area, the Boundaries of which are as follows :-

On the South a line running from I.20.A.40.50. to I.15.C.95.00., skirting the ZILLEBEKE LAKE to I.15.D.25.30 - I.16.D.70.40. -

On the North a line running from I.14.A.90.00 - I.16.B.20.35.

The East and West boundaries by lines joining the East and West extremities of above lines respectively.

3. The Brigade Group, less personnel laid down in S.S.135, Section XXX, will be prepared to move by march route to the above area. Routes as per March Table attached.
4. Starting Point - H.14.B.35.80.
5. Order of March - Brigade Headquarters, 8th Bn., 7th Bn., 6th Bn., 5th Bn., 2nd M.G. Coy., and T.M. Battery.
6. The following intervals will be maintained on the march :-

200 yards between Companies.
800 " " Battalions.

Under urgent circumstances Units will have to move as quickly as possible.

7. The Dress and equipment of the troops will be as laid down in S.S.135, Section XXXI.
8. On the receipt of the order to move all Units will proceed as laid down.
9. Battalion Intelligence Officers and one officer from 2nd M.G. Company and 2nd A.L.T.M. Battery will report to Captain LOVETT at Brigade Headquarters at 1500 to-day, 16th instant, to proceed to the Area specified in para.2, where Units will be allotted their respective assembly areas. After which Units will arrange for guides to reconnoitre the routes for approach to same, as laid down in the March Table attached.
10. A map shewing the Corps Boundaries will be issued to Units. Officers and Guides will reconnoitre the area forward of the assembly area within the 5th Australian Divisional area under Brigade instructions.
11. In the event of a further move forward than the assembly area, Units will move in the same order.
12. First Line Transport will be Brigaded 'A' Echelon leading, and move in rear of personnel column, in command Senior Transport Officer. On receipt of order to move, all Quartermasters will immediately report mounted to Staff Captain at Brigade Headquarters to receive further Administrative Instructions.

13. Brigade Headquarters will be established in the vicinity of
L.15.C.8.3.

14. A C K N O W L E D G E.

P. Cagnant

for. Captain,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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5	1st Aust. Division	"	"
6	5th Aust. Division	"	"
7	5th Battalion	"	"
8	6th Battalion	"	"
9	7th Battalion	"	"
10	8th Battalion	"	"
11	2nd M.G. Coy.	"	"
12	2nd A.L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
13	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"
14	A.D.M.S., 1st Aust. Div.)	"	"
15	1st Brigade A.I.F.	"	"
16	3rd Brigade A.I.F.	"	"
17	Brigade Major	"	"
18	Staff Captain	"	"
19	No.4 Signal Section	"	"
20	Lde. Intel. Officer	"	"
21	Camp Commandant	"	"
22	Area Comdt. HALIFAX	"	"
23-26	Spares.		

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To accompany 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No.56 of 16/10/17.

Date.	Unit.	Starting Point. Place.	Time of passing.	ROUTE	Destination.	REMARKS.
	Lde. H.Qrs.	H.14.B.35.80.	X	H.16.D.10.10. - H.23.A.70.95 - Belgium Battery Corner - KRUISSTRAAT - WARRINGTON Rd., and continue along this Road after passing I.20.A.5.9.	Area as per para.2. L.O. No.56.	All Units will arrange for guides from H.18.C. 90.00. forward to area allotted to respective Unit.
	8th Ln.	do	X	H.16.D.10.10. - H.23.A.70.95.- Belgium Battery Corner - KRUISSTRAAT - WARRINGTON Road- as far as L 20.A.5.9. to L.14. C.7.8. along Railway to I.15. A.00.00 - area I.15.C.	do	8th Battalion will follow on immediate- ly 100 yards in rear of Lde. Headquarters.
	7th Ln.	do	X + 18 mins.	do	do	
	6th Ln.	do	X + 36 mins.	Same route as above as far as BELGIUM Battery Corner, thence via DERLY Rd. - SHRAPNEL Corner - WARRINGTON Road - mins. allotted areas.	do	
	5th Ln.	do	X + 54	do	do	
	2nd M.G. Coy.		X + 72 mins.	do	do	
	2nd A.L. T.M.Lty.	do	X + 82 mins.	do	do	

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BRIGADE ORDER NO 57

Appendix No. 9

HEADQUARTERS

2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade

21st October 1917

Reference Sheet 28 N.W.

1. The 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade less details for Reinforcement Camp will move to YPRES Area tomorrow 22nd Instant.

2. Order of March as per Margin.

Bde. Hqrs.
3th Battalion
7th do
6th do
5th do
2nd M.G. Coy.
2A L.T.M. Bty.

3. Starting Point - H.14.B.3.8.

4. Units will move as per March Table attached by routes mentioned thereon. Full Marching order will be carried.

5. Advanced parties will guide their respective units to Billeting area.

6. There will be a halt of 10 minutes at 10 minutes to each clock hour.

7. Receipts and certificates for cleanliness from Area Commandant will be handed in to Staff Captain by 1800 on 22nd Instant.

8. Special instructions will be given to details for Reinforcement Camp.

9. Transport will be Brigaded under the Command of the Brigade Transport Officer, and will move in rear of personnel Column direct to Brigade Wagon Lines at H.23.C. Central. Cookers and Water carts will accompany personnel.

10. All Trench Feet equipment will be taken to Wagon Lines and used as freely as possible.

11. Extra Transport will be available. Notification will be sent by wire.

12. Rations will be drawn as usual tomorrow.

13. Brigade Hqrs. will close at HALIFAX CAMP at 1000 and open at INFANTRY BARRACKS I.7.D.9.2. same hour.

14. A C K N O W L E D G E,

R. R. Agnew

Lieut.
a/Brigade Major
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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8	7th Battalion ✓	"	"
9	8th Battalion	"	"
10	2nd M.G. Coy.	"	"
11	2A L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
12	Brigade Major	"	
13	Staff Captain	"	
14	No 4 Signal Section	"	
15	No 3 Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"
16	Bde. Int. Officer	"	
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MOVE TABLE to accompany Bde. Order No 57

Date	Unit	Starting Point		Route	Remarks.
		Place	Time of passing		
22nd Octr.	Bde. Hqrs.		0900		
	8th Battalion	H.14.B.3.8.	0900	H.16.D.10.10 - H.23.A.70.95 - Belgian	i. 8th Bn. will follow on
	7th Battalion	do	0920	Battery Corner -	200 yds. in rear of
	6th Battalion	do	0940	KRUISTRAAT CORNER -	Bde.Hqrs.
	5th Battalion	do	1010	Thence to Billeting Area	ii. 20 minutes interval
	2nd M.G.Coy.				will be maintained
	2A L.T.M.Bty.				between Battalions
					200 yds bet. Coys.
					iii. 200 yards between 5th
					Bn., M.G.Coy. and
					2A L.T.M.Bty.

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Day of Month.

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Lt Purbrick	to proceed to Reinforcement camp with details on 22 inst
Wt Lowe	
Wt Lyle	

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TO { *All boys*

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Valises stores &c to reach
Q M store by 0800 m
22nd inst

Reveille 0630
Breakfast 0700
Link parade 0730

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TO

*all Coy's & Specialists QM, T.O.
Bn O.O.*

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

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1	Bn moves on 22 nd m. L to YPRES AREA
2	Route H14 B38 - H16 D1010 - H23 A7095
	- BELGIAN BATTERY CORNER - KRUISTRAAT CORNER
	thence to Billeting Area
3	Bn starting point Cinema Hall
4	starting Time 0900
5	Order of march HQs A, B, C, D Coy
6	Dress Full marching order
7	Cookers to accompany respective Coy
	Water carts to move in rear of D Coy
8	Transport moves independently brigaded
	under Bde Transport Officer
9	Details for Reinforcement Camp to report at
	Bn HQs at a time to be notified
10	Re Certificates as to cleanliness ^{Phonetic} to reach
	Bn HQs by 0800

From

Place

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HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade,

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22nd OCTOBER, 1917.

5th Bn.
6th Bn.
7th Bn. ✓
8th Bn.
2nd M.G. Coy.
2nd A.L.F.M. Pty.

Re move to forward area.

- ✓ 1. One lorry per Battalion and 1 each for T.M.Bty. and M.G. Coy. will report at 0815 for move of extra gear.
- ✓ 2. *3 Lories* will be available for CAESTRE personnel. Guides will report at head of track leading off road to present Bde. Headquarters for same at 1030.
- ✓ 3. All men under arrest and any awaiting trial by F.G.C.M. for a serious offence will be sent to Corps Compound HOOGRAP. A.W.L. cases should be released without prejudice unless men cannot be trusted on release.
- ✓ 4. Personnel for Cookery, Veterinary, Lewis gun Schools, etc., will remain at Wagon Lines getting instructions direct from Wagon Lines.
5. All Battle stores required, which are not taken over from 4th Brigade, will be obtainable, on signature of ~~Staff~~ A/Staff Captain, Rear Bde. H.Qrs., from Balmy Dump, KRUISSTRAAT Dump, or Advanced D.A.D.O.S., DICKENBUSH, as the case may be. Gun Boots, high, are obtainable. Great care will be taken in keeping correct tally of same.
- ✓ 6. Draw sand bags up to ⁴ 3 per man from KRUISSTRAAT Dump immediately. These will be taken into forward area by the men; one wrapped round each puttee. *4 the others under shoulder straps.*

L. H. Loach Captain,
Staff Captain,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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ComHEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade,

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22nd OCTOBER, 1917.

5th Bn.
6th Bn.
7th Bn. ✓
8th Bn.
2nd M.G. Coy.
2nd A.L.T.M. Bty.

1. Personnel for Reinforcement Camp will move this morning to CAESTRE under orders of Major T.F. ULRICH, DSO, 8th Battalion; to be clear of present location by 1200.
Bands will proceed to Wagon Lines and not to Reinforcement Camp.
2. One Officer per Unit will report to Major ULRICH at 8th Battalion Headquarters at 0945 for instruction.
3. Motor lorries will be available for baggage of these details.

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L. L. Louch
Captain,
Staff Captain,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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BRIGADE ORDER NO 58

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HEADQUARTERS.
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade
21st October 1917

Reference Map. ZONNEEKE
28 N.E. 1

1. RELIEF. (a) The 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve the 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the night 23rd/24th October 1917.
- (b) Moves in connection with the relief will be carried out as per Move Table attached. Details not provided for will be arranged between Unit Commanders.
2. ADVANCE PARTIES. (a) Parties of 1 Officer per Battalion and 4 N.C.O.'s per Company will report on the night 22nd/23rd October to take over Dumps and Stores in the Forward Area.
- (b) The following Specialists will be in position before 0600 on 23rd October.
- ✓ Lewis Gun Teams of Front Line Posts
 - ✓ Observers for each Front Line Post.
 - Machine Gun Teams (where necessary)
3. BOUNDARIES. The Brigade Boundaries will be the Divisional Boundaries which are as under :-
- Right - A Line running from D.23.D.1.7. - D.23.C.85.55 along road to D.22.D. Central - D.28.A.55.35 - D.27.B.95.15., then South West along road to GARTER POINT.
- Left - ROULERS RAILWAY LINE from D.17.B.25.25., running South West.
- The Inter-Battalion boundary so far as the 7th and 8th Battalions are concerned is as under :-
- A line running from D.17.D.60.40 - D.17.D.20.45 - D.23.A.40.70. - D.28.A.17.95 (Road junction).
4. METHOD OF DEFENCE (a) The Sector is divided into a two Battalion front, distributed in depth, with one Battalion in Support and one Battalion in Reserve.
- (b) Owing to the enemy having withdrawn his Front System of Defence considerably to the East, the whole of the Sector will be Thinned out as much as possible to avoid casualties from shelling. Accommodation and shelter will be arranged accordingly, particularly in the non-shelled areas. The use of a large proportion of Lewis Guns will therefore have to be considered for the front line system.
- (c) The improvement of all posts and trenches is to be carried on, and sufficient shelter erected for the likely garrison.
- (d) Wiring of the front line system is to be continued and improved.
- (e) (i) The two Battalions will send out patrols to gather all information possible and Defensive Patrols will cover the whole front constantly throughout the night.
- (ii) On the night of 23rd/24th, the 6th Battalion will arrange to patrol along the ROULERS RAILWAY LINE as far as D.18.A.60.60. with a view to selecting suitable positions to establish posts.
- (f) Disposition reports from each Unit will reach Bde. Headquarters at 1800 on 24th instant.

Amended

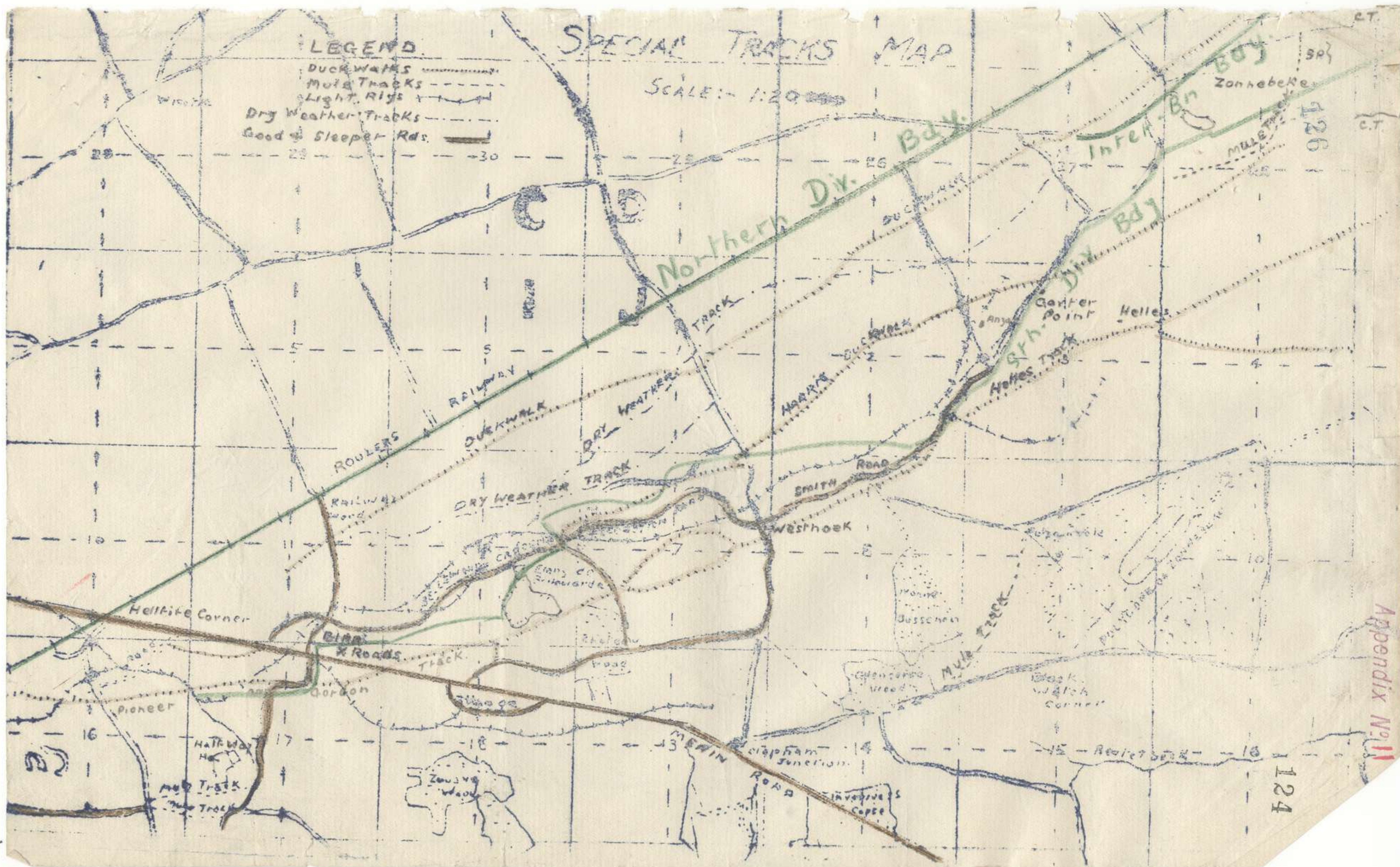
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Date.	U N I T.	TIME.	FROM.	T O.	R O U T E.	REMARKS.
23rd. Oct.	7th Bn.	0830	YPRES	ANZAC RIDGE & TOKIO.	MENIN Road - BIRR Cross Roads - I.11.D.3.2. along corduroy Road to I.12.B.8.0., thence via HARRIS Duckwalk to destination.	At present unoccupied.
	8th Bn.	0930	YPRES	WESTHOEK RIDGE	MENIN Road - BIRR Cross Roads to I.11.B.4.0., thence via Duckwalk track to destination.	In relief of Bn. of 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.
	2nd T.M. Bty.	1200	YPRES	LINE	do	In relief of correspond- ing unit of 4th A.I. Bde.
	Bde. H.Qrs.	1230	YPRES	D.26.C.15.30.	do	In relief of 4th A.I. Bde.
	6th Bn.	1400	YPRES	ANZAC RIDGE	LILLE GATE - PLOMMER & Gordon track to BIRR Cross Roads to I.11.D.3.2., along Corduroy Road to I.12.B.8.0., thence via HARRIS Duck walk to destination.	To be vacated by 7th Bn.
	5th Bn.	1500	YPRES	WESTHOEK RIDGE	MENIN ROAD - BIRR Cross Roads - I.11.B.4.0., thence via Duckwalk track to WESTHOEK RIDGE.	To be vacated by 8th Bn.
	7th Bn.	1700	ANZAC RIDGE	LINE (Right Sector).	Road through D.27.D. to ZONNEBEKE, along BROODSEINDE Road to Line.	In relief of 16th Bn. of 4th A.I. Bde.
	8th Bn.	1800	WESTHOEK RIDGE	LINE (Left Sector).	Via Duckwalk Track.	In relief of 14th Bn. of 4th A.I. Bde.
2nd M.G. Coy. To relieve early on morning 23rd as arranged by O.C. By ZONNEBEKE BROODSEINDE Rd. }						In relief of corresponding unit of 4th A.I. Bde.
200 yards between Companies 50 " " Platoons Forward of WESTHOEK RIDGE, 50 yds. between 1/2 Platoons.						

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HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Infantry Br

22nd OCTOBER, 1917

..... 7th Aust. Inf. Br

Herewith amended Move Table which cancels that
issued together with the ORDER.

Lieut.,
A/Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade,

22nd OCTOBER, 1917.

7th Aust. Bn.
.....*Com 11*1st AMENDMENT TO B.O.58.

Reference para.5 'Communications', sub-para. (1), line 2,
for "D.28.D.Central" please read "D.28.B.Central".

ACKNOWLEDGE

*P. R. Rogers*Lieut.,
A/Staff Captain,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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MOVE TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BDE. ORDER NO 58.

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D a t e.	U n i t.	T i m e	F r o m.	T o.	R o u t e.	R e m a r k s
23rd Oct.	8th Battn.	0900	YPRES	WESTHOEK RIDGE	MENIN ROAD AS far as BIRR Cross roads, thence via Duckwalk track at I.11.B.4.0. to respective areas	In relief of Bn. of 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.
	6th Bn.	1200	YPRES	ANZAC RIDGE & TOKIO	Via LILLE Gate, Pioneer and Gordon track to BIRR Cross roads thence via Duckwalk track at I.11.B.4.0	At present unoccupied
	2A L.T.M. Bty	1300	YPRES	L I N E	"	In relief of corresponding unit of 4th A.I. Bde.
	7th Bn.	1330	YPRES	Line (right sector)	"	In relief of 16th Bn. of 4th A.I. Bde.
	Bde. Hqrs.	1400	YPRES	D.26.C.15.30	"	In relief of 4th A.I. Bde.
	2nd M.G. Coy.	1430	YPRES	L I N E	"	In relief of corresponding unit of 4th A.I. Bde.
	5th Bn.	1500	YPRES	WESTHOEK RIDGE	"	To be vacated by 8th Bn.
	8th Bn.	1530	WESTHOEK	Line (left sector)	Duckwalk "	In relief of 14th Bn. of 4th A.I. Bde.

300 yards between Companies
50 " " Platoons
Forward of WESTHOEK RIDGE, 50
yds. between $\frac{1}{2}$ Platoons.

NOTE.- TRACKS AND TIMES SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Unit Commanders will use th
own discretion about advanc
through shelled areas, devia
from the track. by

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5. COMMUNICATIONS. Communication will be maintained by the following means -
- (i) By buried cable from Brigade Hqrs. to Advanced Lde. Hqrs. at D.28.D. Central, and from there to Battalions by overground.
 - (ii) By direct visual with the LUCAS LAMP at all times.
 - (iii) By relay posts of Runners from Advanced Brigade Headquarters to Brigade and to Battalions.
- Battalions will cut down packet despatches as much as possible to save unnecessary strain on the Runners.
- Battalions will detail 4 runners per Battalion to report to Lieut. JOHNSON, Brigade Signal Officer at Brigade Headquarters with 24 hours rations at 1800 on 22nd inst.
6. RIFLES. All units will pay particular attention to the keeping of rifle breeches covered, and arrangements will be made to cover the muzzles to keep the dirt out.
7. FEET. All units will see that every possible means will be available for their men, to protect them from trench feet, and constant supervision will be entailed.
8. DUMPS. Lieut. R.V. ANDREWARTHA will take over main Brigade Dump at D.22.D.5.5. early on 23rd October. The 7th Battalion will detail 1 N.C.O. and 6 other ranks as Working Party on Brigade Dump. This party will report to Brigade Headquarters at 0930 on 23rd October.
9. TRANSPORT. Wagon Lines will be in vicinity of H.23.C. Central.
10. RATIONS. A.S.C. will deliver rations to Battalion Q.M.'s at Wagon Lines where they can be dealt with and carried forward by Pack Train. Battalions will make their own arrangements to carry from point where rations are dumped by Pack Train.
11. SALVAGE. Every attention will be paid to this matter. Battalions will detail special parties to collect Salvage and will send same back by every Empty Pack Train. Each Pack Train will carry to dump at Wagon Lines. All parties returning from forward area will be given articles of Salvage to carry out. Each Battalion will form and clearly mark its Salvage dump. A daily salvage list will be furnished to Brigade Headquarters, showing quantity and how disposed of.
12. BLANKETS. Blankets and Greatcoats will be dumped at Wagon Lines or taken to Front line system at discretion of J.O.'s. Packs will not be taken further forward than YPRES. Each man should go forward carrying in all 3 pairs of socks. Changes can be effected through Divisional Clothing Officer.
13. HEADQUARTERS. Brigade Headquarters will be established at D.26.C.15.30. at 1700 on 23rd October 1917.
14. Reports. Completion of Relief will be wired in Code to Brigade Headquarters.
15. A C K N O W L E D G E.

R. R. Agnew

Lieut.
a/Brigade Major
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

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2/4	War Diary	"	
5	1st Aust. Division	"	D.R.
6	5th Battalion	"	"
7	6th do	"	"
8	7th do ✓	"	"
9	8th do	"	"
10	2nd M.G. Coy.	"	"
11	2A L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
12	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"
13	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
14	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
15	Brigade Major	"	"
16	Staff Captain	"	
17	No 4 Sig. Section	"	
18	Bde. Int. Officer	"	
19	a/Staff Captain	"	
20-25	Spars 4th A.I. Bde		

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
21st October 1917.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED UNDER DIVISIONAL
INSTRUCTIONS No. 1 Series No. 5 dated 20th October 1917.

TRANSPORT.

First Line Transport will be located in vicinity of
CAFE BELGE.

DUMPS.

Main Divisional Dump is situated at H.22.b.9.2. (ARMY
DUMP).

Advanced at WESTHOEK, J.7.b.5.3.

Brigade Dump is situated at D.22.d.6.5. (CEMETERY DUMP).

WATER SUPPLY.

Main water point, I.12.c.5.5.

Tested wells are located at -

D.27.d.7.7.

D.27.a.7.7.

8 water carts are at disposal of Brigades.

R.A. STORES.

Main Dump, KRUISSTRAAT.

Advanced Dump at D.27.a.7.4. (St. JOSEPH).

ORDNANCE.

Normal supply of Ordnance stores will be continued but an
Advanced Dump will be established at H.23.c.6.6. (DICKBUSCH).

PACK ANIMALS.

Units will detail following animals to report to Lieut.
SMITH, A.A.S.O., at I.14.c.6.9. (outside LILLE GATE) at 1600
on 23rd instant:-

1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	18
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.	18
3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	18
Each Fld. Coy. Engrs.	1
1st Pioneer Bn.	3

1 N.C.O. to accompany each brigade Group and 1 man per
animal. Nose bag, grooming kit and 1 bucket to accompany
each animal. Pack saddles will be provided. 48 hours rations
to be carried.

Above personnel and horses will be temporarily detached
from Units and will be controlled by Lieut. SMITH.

BATTLE STORES.Advanced Ordnance

To be drawn at Relieving Brigades will forward
return of ammunition, stores, etc., taken over on relief, to
Divisional Headquarters 24 hours after hand over is completed.

J. H. Campbell
Lieut.-Colonel,
A. A. & S. O. M. G.,
1st Australian Division.

"A" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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						Date.....
			At.....			From.....
			To.....			By.....
			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO { 1st Aust. Div., 5/6/7/8th Bns., 2nd M.G. Coy.
2nd A.I. T.M. Bty., No. 4 Sig. Section, No. 3
Coy. A.A.S.C., Camp Command. Bde. Hqrs A.A.

* AZE.912

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Please amend para. 12 of B.O. No. 57 to read as follows
aaa Rations will be drawn from
Brigade Supply Dump at H. 23.0.2.0. at
1130 on 22nd instant by 2nd Line Trans-
port aaa Added. Units concerned, repto.
other recipients of B.O. 57 aaa please
acknowledge.

From

Place

Time

2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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To					From		
By					(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By		

TO

all Coy.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <i>AR 55</i>	<i>22</i>		

*Bn moves at an early hour
on 23rd unit to ANZAC RIDGE
at 1 Coy to TOKIO and will
move from there later in
the day to relieve front line
One officer & one NCO per Coy
will report at 1400 to C.O. at
Orderly Room (near main entrance to
Tunnels) for instructions as to
recommencing these area this afternoon*

From	<i>2</i>		
Place			
Time	<i>1330</i>		

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TO { all Coys					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.	
* CR 55		22		AAA	
<p>4 NCOs per Coy will report in fighting order & with 24 hours rations (great coat & waterproof sheet etc taken) at Bn orderly Room at 1500</p> <p>These NCOs will take over Coy positions dumps etc & also</p> <p>NCOs Packs etc dumped under by arrangements temporarily</p> <p>1435</p> <p>B</p> <p>1440</p> <p>1420</p>					
From					
Place					
Time					
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			At	m.	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	From	
			To			By	
			By				
TO		A + B Coy					
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.		In reply to Number.		AAA	
		22					

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Coy Lewis turn teams
to move forward & take over
front line positions tonight
(Teams have been sent in)
Gunner to move in fighting order
with 24 hours rations also great
coats & waterproof sheets
Coy Commander to report as soon
as their teams are ready to move -
An NCO from each Coy who has been
to Bn HQ (MOULIN FARM) to
accompany gunners & guides will
take the gunners from Bn HQ to
front line. Packs to be dumped under

From	#	Coy arrangements.
Place		
Time	1430	
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	<i>O'Hanlon</i>	

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Special Battalion Order ^{lvii}

22.10.17

- 1 - 7-Bn moves on 23rd Oct 1917 to relieve 16-Bn 4 Bde + portion of a 4-Bde Bn on left of 16-Bn
- 2 - Times of moves will be notified
- 3 - Order of relief.
A & B Coy's relieve the front line
A Coy on the right & taking over from
B Coy with right Coy of 16-Bn
B Coy will take over from left Coy
16-Bn & in addition will take
over the posts on the left again
of 16-Bn & not taken over by 8-Bn
D & Coy in close support.
C Coy in support.
Positions as at present held will
as far as possible be the positions
taken over by us.

4 Boundaries.

Inter Bn Boundaries 7-Bn
8-Bn - A line running
from D 17 D 6040 - D 17 D 2045 -
D 23 A 4070 - D 28 A 1795 (Road
junction)
Right Boundary of Bn is also
Brigade right boundary & is
a line running from D 23 D 17 -
D 23 C 8555 along road to ~~D 22 D 2045~~
D 22 D 2045

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- D 28 A 5535 - D 27 B 9515

then South West along road to
CHARTER POINT5 advance parties as under to
move forward on 22. mit4 NCOs per Coy to take over dumps, &c.
leave 4 men to guard front line ports6 Methods of defenceThinning out as much
as possible to avoid casualties.Bn front to be patrolled
constantly throughout each night7 ImprovementsPorts & trenches to be improved
& daily returns furnished of work
done & men employed thereon8Working of front line to be continued
& improved.9Rifle Breeches to be covered & as
much as possible rifle muzzles to
keep the dirt out10Feet - must be inspected daily by
an officer. Men are to rub their feet
daily & change socks as often
as possible.11

Regade Dump D 22 D 55

12

Ration arrangements later.

Probably by pack train to Bn HQ Bn

13

Bn HQ

Location will be certified

- 3
- 12 Salvage. A Bn salvage dump will be established & location notified to Enys. All parties returning from forward area will be given articles of salvage to carry out.
- 13 Blankets & packs will be dumped on 23rd inst before Bn leaves RAMPARTS. Overcoats & W.P. sheets will be taken forward. Trench coats to be rolled & strapped to waist belt.
- 14 Socks. 3 pairs to be taken forward by each man.
- 15 Reports.
- 1 Work Report at 0600 daily.
 - 2 Casualty Report at 0600 daily.
 - 3 Intelligence Report & location Report at 0600 daily. Original patrol reports to be attached intelligence reports.
 - 4 Material return at 0600 daily.
 - 5 Ammunition return expenditure return at 0600 distinguishing between rifle & L.G. expenditure.
 - 6 Bomb expenditure return at 0600 daily.

O'Hara H.
Adjt

1600
22.10.17

D CAP 1730

C W 1740

B 1750

A and 1805

Instruction No 1 to
Special Order of 22-10-17

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- 1 A Coy will move at 0830 on 23/10/17 to ANZAC RIDGE
B Coy will move at 0830 on 23-10-17 to TOKIO.
C Coy & D Coy will move at 1000 to WESTHOEK RIDGE
- 2 Routes & distances set out in attached schedule
- 3 C & D Coys will follow in rear of 8th Bn to WESTHOEK RIDGE
- 4 On arrival at above locations Coy Commanders will distribute their commands with a view to minimizing casualties
- 5 Bn Hqrs will if circumstances permit be established at ANZAC HOUSE (OP CARTER POINT) until 1230 when Bn Hqrs will move forward to 16th Bn Hqrs

- 6 B Coy will relieve the left Coy of 16th Bn only.
 - 7 B Coy to move from TOKIO to front line at 1630.
A Coy to move at 1630
C Coy to move at 1615
D Coy to move at 1615
In event of enemy shelling Coy Commanders will use their discretion as to moving but in any event reliefs must be completed before 1900.
 - 8 Coy Commanders will arrange detail with 7th Bn I.O. at 16th Bn Hqrs times and locations at which they wish to be met by 16th Bn guides.
 - 9 Route map as issued by Brigade attached for information.
 - 10 Men showing signs of French feet will be sent to M.O. at once at RAP (location will be notified).
- 2040 (Sgd) O'Harris Lt
Adyt

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Prefr.....Code.....m. Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Words Charge.	Read at.....m. Date..... From..... By.....
Sent	Ab.....m. To.....	This message is on file of <i>Gen</i> Service. (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO

In reply to Numb-

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Wt. W492/A

Instruction No 1 to Comd
Special Order of 22-10-17

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on 23/10/17 to ANZAC
RIDGE
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- 5 Bn Hqrs will if circumstances
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HOUSE (off GARTER POINT)
until 1230^{mid} when Bn Hqrs
will move forward to 16-Bn Hqrs

6 B Coy will relieve the left
Coy of 16th Bn only

7 B Coy to move from TOK 10
to front line at 1630
A Coy to move at 1630
C Coy to move at 1615
D Coy to move at 1615

In event of enemy shelling
Coy Commanders will use their
discretion as to moving but in
any event reliefs must be
completed before 1900

8 Coy Commanders will
arrange direct with 7th Bn
I.O. at 16th Bn 17 hrs Times
& locations at which they
wish to be met by 16th Bn guides.

9 Route Map as issued by
Brigade attached for information

10 Men showing signs of Trench Feet
will be sent to M.O. at once at R.A.P.
(Location will be notified)

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Special Battalion Order 95 (v)

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22-10-17.

1. 7th Bn. moves on 23rd October 1917 to relieve 16th Bn. 4 Bde & portion of a 4 Bde Bn on left of 16th Bn.
2. Times of moves will be notified
3. Order of relief

A & B Corps. relieve the front line
A Coy on the right & taking over from right Coy of 16th Bn.

B. Coy will take over from left Coy 16th Bn. and in addition will take over the posts on the left again of 16th Bn. not taken over by 8th Bn.

D Coy in close support

C Coy in support

Positions as at present held will as far as possible be the positions taken over by us.

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Boundaries

Inter Bn. Boundaries 7th & 8th

Bns - A line running from

D 17 D 6040 - D 17 D 2045 - D 23 A 4070

- D 28 A 1795 (Road junction)

Right boundary of Bns is also

Brigade right boundary & is a line running from D 23 D 17 - D 23 C 8555 along road to D 22 central D 22 D central

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- D 28 A5535 - D27 B9515 then south
West along road to CARTER POINT
- 5 Advance parties as under to move
forward on 22nd inst.
4 NCOs per Coy to take over dumps
and Lewis Gun teams of front line
posts.
- 6 Methods of defence
Thinning out as ~~much~~ much as
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Bn front to be patrolled
constantly throughout each night.
- 7 Improvements
Posts & trenches to be improved
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work done and men employed
thereon.
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continued & improved.
- 8 Rifle Breeches to be covered & as
much as possible rifle muzzles
to keep the dirt out.
- 9 Feet - must be inspected daily by
an officer. Men are to rub their
feet daily & change socks as
often as possible.
- 10 Brigade Dump D22 D55.

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4 Ration arrangements later

Probably by pack train to Bn H/Gro

11^a Bn H/Gro Location will be notified

12 Salvage

A Bn Salvage dump will be established and location notified to Coy. All parties returning from forward area will be given list of salvage to carry out.

13 Blankets & socks will be dumped on 23rd inst before Bn leaves RAMPARTS. Overcoats & WP shirts will be taken forward. Overcoats to be rolled & strapped to waist belts.

14 Socks 3 pairs to be taken forward by each man

15 Reports

1 Work Report at 0600 daily

2 Casualty Report at 0600 daily

3 Intelligence Report & location Report at 0600 daily

original patrol report to be attached intelligence reports

4 Rations return at 0600 daily

5 Ammunition expenditure return at 0600 distinguishing between rifle & L G expenditure

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22-10-17

6 Bomb expenditure return at 0600 daily (Sgt) O. Harris Lt adst

Copy of Intelligence Summary

Our Operations

23/10/17

The 7th Aus. Bn. relieved the 16th Aus. Bn. on the night of 23rd 24th inst relief was carried out without incident and complete by 1845. 23-10-17

Our Corps are now disposed as follow.

Front line. "A" Coy on right holding Nos. 1 & 2 posts with a listening post 30 yds. in front of No. 1 post, remainder of "A" Coy in support line about

D 23 a. 2.4. Coy HQ. D 23. a. 2.4.

"B" Coy are all in front line occupying posts Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 running from D 23. B 0510 to D 23. A 0585.

Coy HQ. D. 23. a. 3035. The front was patrolled as far as possible during the night, patrols could not get far forward owing to the extremely bad ground in front.

Posts were also connected by patrols, "B" Coy are extending and improving posts.

"D" Coy is in support line around D 22 D 88.

"E" Coy is about D 22. C 1.1. "E" Coy HQ D. 22. C. 0.2.

This Coy. is fairly comfortable.

Enemy Activity

The enemy shelling has been below normal during the night. A few 5.9" fell along the ridge between front and support lines, very little shelling behind support line.

Two suspected enemy OPs. have been observed in trees 96° clbag. and 104° clbag. from D 23 a. 2.4.

Approximate distance 1600 yards

(Sgd.) C. G. Robt. 7th
Aus Bn

7th Australian Battalion

Intelligence Summary

from 0600 24-10-17 to 0600 25-10-17

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Our ActivityPatrols

2115 1 A patrol (1 officer and 6 other ranks) left our left flank at D 23 B 07 at 2115 for the purpose of examining RHINE COPSE and the vicinity of BIRMA COPSE. Patrol returned to our lines at 2315.

Patrol report is attached. Bn I.O. Lt. ROBB who was in charge states no signs of enemy could be found nor any recent signs of occupation by enemy. Country was most difficult to get through.

0015 2 A patrol (1 officer 6 other ranks) went out from our right flank for the purpose of reconnoitering BUSY WOOD. Patrol left at 0015 and returned at 0200. Lt. NIXON of A Coy in charge. Patrol report attached.

BUSY WOOD was examined and found to be unoccupied. No sign of enemy in immediate vicinity but enemy flares seen to right of BUSY WOOD and about 800 yards from the wood.

Work

Front line posts deepened and improved.

Supports. Shelters improved and increased.

Wiring 10 coils barbed and 2 coils concertina put out in front of front line posts.

Flanks. Touch was maintained with flank Bns throughout the 24 hours.

Enemy Activity

Artillery Enemy reply to our barrages was comparatively feeble and scattered. Enemy opened in reply on each occasion within ten minutes of our opening and completed his reply within 15 minutes after cessation of our fire. Reply fell mostly on our front line system & ZONNEBEKE.

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Apart from replies to our barrages enemy artillery was very active during the 24 hours vicinity of MOULIN FARM and ZONNEBEKE being heavily shelled by 5.9.

Fire on ZONNEBEKE was undoubtedly drawn by large working parties working on roads through ZONNEBEKE and in full view of enemy balloons and aeroplanes. This Bn. has 1 Coy distributed in ZONNEBEKE to the left of the road.

Aeroplanes

Enemy aeroplanes were very active flying low over front line and between ZONNEBEKE and front line

Enemy movement

None observed

(Sgd) E. G. Robb Lt
7 Aust Bn

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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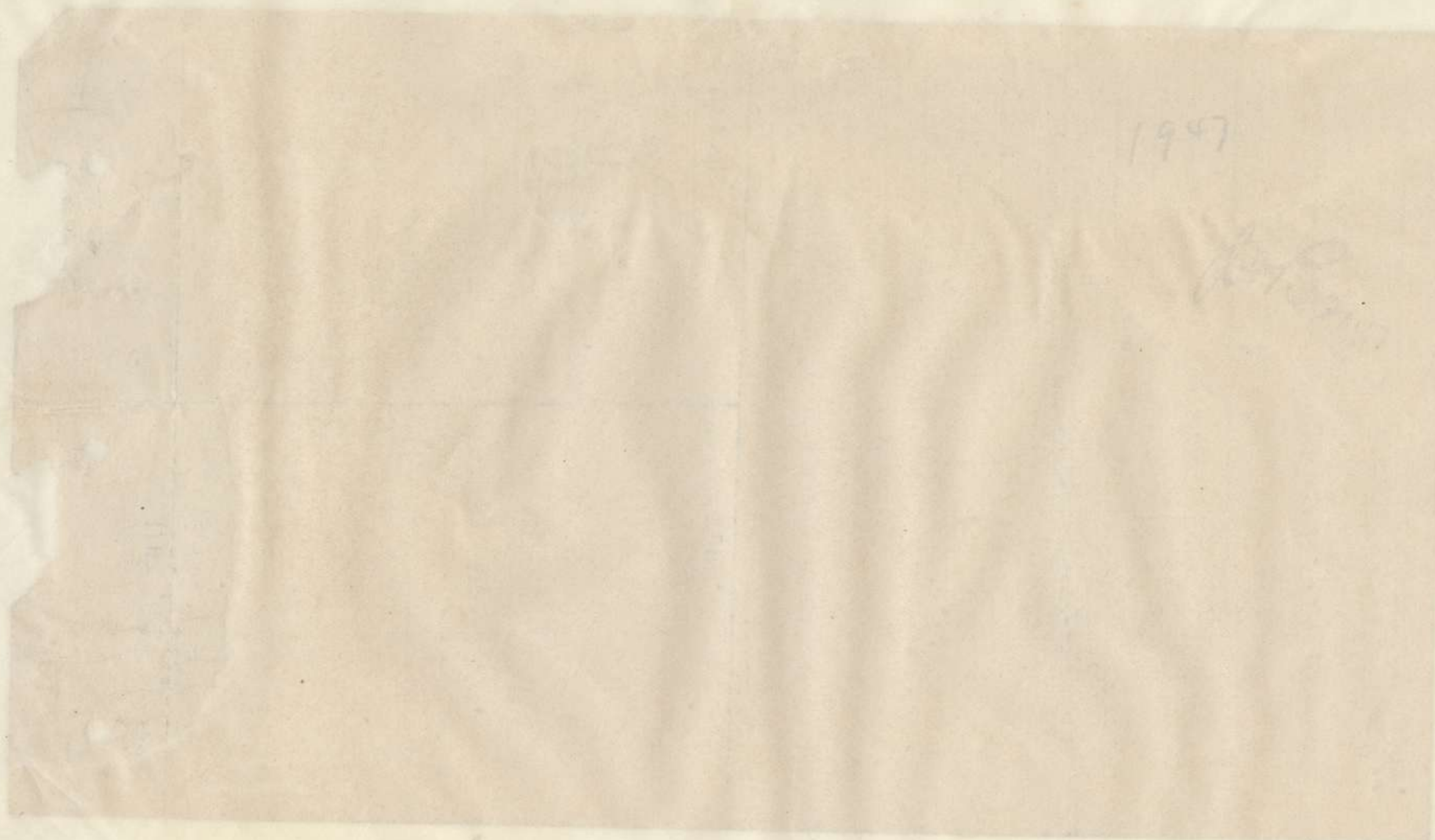
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2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 59.

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HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde,
25th Oct. 1917.

Reference Sheet. BELGIUM 28.

1. (a) The 2nd and 5th Armies are to attack on 'O' day, the operations forming part of a series of operations for the capture of PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE.
(b) The 10th Canadian Brigade of the 4th Canadian Division is attacking on the left of the 1st Australian Division, with the 48th Battalion directly on our left, with objectives as shown on map (b) attached.
2. (a) the 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. will attack on 'O' day for the purpose of protecting the right flank of the 4th Canadian Division, and will establish a strong post on the Spur in the vicinity of D.18.A.6.6. extending well out and towards ASSYRIA.
(b) DECLINE COPSE south of the railway and the YPRES-ROULERS Railway are inclusive to this Brigade.
(c) Zero hour will be communicated later.
3. (a) The 6th Battalion is detailed to carry out the operation and will allot one Company for the task.
(b) This Company will form up approximately at post D.17.B.8.4., at least 1 hour before Zero.
(c) A Sub-Section A.M.G. will be placed at the disposal of O.C. Coy., and will be emplaced to protect the post in DECLINE COPSE from counter-attack.
(d) (i) One Section 2nd A.L.T.M. Battery will be placed at the disposal of O.C. Coy. and will be emplaced in Post D.17.B.8.4. and will normally not be required to move from this position.
(ii) The Section will open fire on DECLINE COPSE, South of the ROULERS Railway, the 3 Pill Boxes and Railway Cutting at Zero hour, stopping at Zero plus 16 at latest, and will not open fire again unless ordered.
(e) The attacking troops will move forward in Artillery Formation on the Southern side of the ROULERS Railway, having a light screen thrown out in advance under cover of the artillery barrage.
(f) The 8th Battalion will act in support to the attacking Company.
4. Attacking troops will be equipped as laid down in S.S.135 with the following additions -
Each man will carry - 4 Sand bags
170 Rounds S.A.A.
1 Waterproof Sheet.
2 White Flares.
5. Special arrangements will be made to keep touch with troops advancing on Northern side of ROULERS Railway Line.
6. A R.E. Officer and party of 2nd Field Coy. Engineers with all necessary material will be in readiness to follow up behind the attacking troops and assist in the sighting and consolidating of the Post, under orders O.C. Company, 6th Battalion.
7. (a) A creeping barrage will be put down along the whole Divisional front as shown in the attached barrage maps.
(b) (i) The creeping barrage will be put down at Zero 150 yards in front of the post at D.17.b.75.40.
(ii) At Zero plus 8 minutes the barrage will move forward at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes. The 18pdr. barrage will advance in lifts of 50 yards every 4 minutes
(iii) On the arrival of the barrage at a line 200 yards beyond the objective a protective barrage will be formed there and a special searching programme will be carried out by the heavy artillery up to a line /down the reverse slopes of the KEIBERG RIDGE, well

(iv) On the morning after the attack an army barrage will be carried out at 5-20 a.m. on the fronts of Canadian, 1st ANZAC and X Corps.

(v) Additional artillery will be called for, if required, through Brigade Headquarters.

(vi) 18 Pdrs. will fire 4 rounds smoke shell in rapid succession to mark its arrival on the protective barrage.

8. The Machine Guns will carry out the following tasks :-

(a) Task for S.O.S. Barrage Guns. Task for S.O.S. Barrage Guns on 'O' day will be to prolong the present M.G. Barrage over our area and overlap about 50 yards to the North of the Railway Line. They will also keep under fire the high ground and search the reverse slopes in E.13.a.

A.C. Group will arrange that 'A' Battery keeps under fire area D.18.b. and D.18.d. and E.13.c.

(b) Time table for above tasks.

'A' Battery. Location D.22.d.9.8.

From Zero plus 8 to plus 16 will fire on d.

From Zero plus 16 to plus 24 will fire on e.

From Zero plus 24 to 60 will fire on f.

Relay on original S.O.S. Line.

'B' Battery. Location D.17.c.35.60.

From Zero plus 8 to plus 60 - Left 4 guns will open fire on barrage line and search railway and each side of railway thoroughly to full extent of range, and back to S.O.S. Line- Right 4 guns will keep under fire areas E.13.A. & E.

Relay on original S.O.S. Line.

9. (a) A Contact Aeroplane will fly at about Zero plus 60 minutes, at which time flares will be called for by dropping a White Very Light and sounding a succession of "A's" on the KLAXON Horn.

(b) WHITE FLARES ONLY WILL BE LIT.

These will be supplemented by the use of "WATSON Fans, and the waving of helmets, handkerchiefs, etc.

(c) The following success signal will be fired on gaining the objective. -

3 White Very Lights fired in rapid succession and repeated once or twice with a definite interval in each case.

10. Communications will be established as well as possible under Battalion arrangements to the 8th Battalion Headquarters at D.16.D.95.10.

The 8th Battalion will post a special lookout for the success signal, and communicate to Brigade Headquarters by VISUAL at once.

11. The synchronisation of watches will be carried out as follows:-

(a) The Brigade Signal Officer will synchronise two reliable watches with the time telegraphed from Division at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. each day.

(b) Battalion Signal Officers and C.O.'s M.G. Company and L.T.M.Bty. will synchronise reliable watches from time indicated on watches of Licut. DICKENSON, 7th Battalion, who will proceed to all the Brigade Units.

12. Medical arrangements will be as laid down in instructions already issued.

12. All captured documents will be despatched direct to Brigade H.Qrs. Identification of any prisoners will be wired direct to Brigade H.Qrs., and prisoners themselves escorted to Brigade interrogation centre at Brigade H.Qrs.

Prisoners will be taken over by 8th Battalion who will arrange necessary escorts.

The Divisional Prisoners of War Cage will be at BIRR CROSS Roads.

14. The risk of a counter-attack is slight; and as it is expected that the enemy will increase his artillery action on the front line positions on the ridge, the 7th and 8th Battalions will thin out their front line 'O' day temporarily, and hold the line by utilising more LEWIS GUNS, where necessary.

15. Appendices -

- (A) Intelligence information.
- (B) Machine Gun Barrage Map.
- (C) Artillery barrage sketch.
- (D) 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. Daily Intelligence Summaries.

16. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. R. Agnew

Lieut.,
A/Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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	8	8th Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
	9	2nd Field Coy. A.E.	"	"
	10	10th Canadian Bde.	"	"
	11	5th Battalion	"	"
	12	6th Battalion	"	"
	13	7th Battalion	"	"
	14	8th Battalion	"	"
	15	2nd M.G. Coy.	"	"
	16	2nd A.L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
	17	G.O.C.	"	"
	18	Brigade Major	"	"
	19	Bde. Int. Officer	"	"
	20	No. 4 Signal Section	"	"
	21	Staff Captain.		
	22/25	Spares.		

Special Memo - regarding the foregoing

1. Coy Commanders will as far as possible thin out

2. Careful watch to be maintained throughout the day & reports sent in to Bn HQ as frequently as possible. Right flank to be particularly watched. B Coy to maintain touch with 8 Bn & report at once if touch lost.

Officer H. adjt

24.10.17

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Appendix 'C'

To Accompany B.O. 59

BARRAGE MAP

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APPENDIX 'A' TO BRIGADE ORDER No. 59.

HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
25th Oct., 17.

TOPOGRAPHICAL.

The ground opposite the extreme left of our sector may be briefly described as follows :-

The YPRES-ROULERS Railway running in a North-Easterly direction, crosses the saddle formed by the junction of the KEIBERG SPUR (running S.E.) with the main PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE, which runs N.N.E. The valley thus formed runs up north-west towards the railway and embraces country which is practically impassable right up to the South side of the railway. DECLINE COPSE astride the railway situated on the forward slope of the saddle abovementioned but near the crest, is hand shaped with fingers closed except the index finger which points south-east, the railway is deeply sunken through the COPSE and thence on.

ENEMY.

The 11th BAV. DIV. is believed to be opposite our front with 3rd BAV. I.R. astride the railway. Moral may be considered not good, though the Division should be fresh and up to strength.

DEFENCES.

Patrols have reported ground clear of enemy west of DECLINE COPSE. The most recent patrol was fired at from D.18.A.3.5. This COPSE has been strongly held up to the present and appears to be defended as under :-

The finger is separated from the hand by a trench which has recently been worked on. The main defences are, however, north of the railway and consist of a trench in the south-west corner continuing across the railway at D.18.A.25.58. and a number of shell holes apparently organised for defence.

The sunken railway and COPSE appear to be filled with material which may be wire.

The approach to the COPSE is north-west from sunken road in D.18.B.

The cutting east of the COPSE may be expected to be held by the enemy

Our Activity

Patrols

A patrol (1 officer and 8 ORs) left our line at 2115 for the purpose of examining roads in D24.B.

Patrol moved along road from D24.B.41 to DEMISPLEARE for about 250 yards, ^{then} 20 yards on left of road to the CROSS Rd at D24.D.29 where it was challenged and fired on by enemy in front and later from flank. This was the first indication of enemy whereabouts, patrol had examined dugouts without finding traces of recent occupation. Casualties 1 killed 1 wounded.

No 2.

A Patrol of 1 officer and 7 ORs left our line at 2315 for the purpose of reconnoitering DRAINTY Copse (D18.D.43) Patrol went out by D23.D.48 and patrolled along BUSY WOOD to D26.A.8.4 thence straight to the Copse. No sign of enemy occupation could be found. Patrol returned by same route to D23.D.48 arriving back at 0030. Casualties. Nil.

Artillery

Our barrages during the 24 hours have been fairly intense.

The enemy reply has been rather feeble on the forward areas, usually falling about 10 minutes after ours opens and then falling 300 yards in front of our line and passing lightly to the ridge between support and front line. Calibre - 77 & 4.2. In the area around THAMES WOOD and MOULIN FARM the enemy replied with a considerable number of 4.2. and 5.9 Shells. From 1900 to 2400 the enemy shelled this area very heavily with 5.9 shells.

Aircraft

Our planes were fairly active during the afternoon of the 25th.

P.T.O

Enemy Activity

Enemy shelling has been fairly normal during the latter part of last night and early this morning. The shelling on ridge between front and support lines has been rather more consistent than usual.

Aircraft

Enemy aircraft was not active yesterday, one plane flew across our front just before dusk.

From 1900.25^h to 0100.26^h enemy planes flew over our area throwing out light signals when over the ZONNEBEKE Area. Bombs were dropped some distance to our right.

Miscellaneous

At 2000 front line reported enemy flares bursting into two greens along his whole front.

(Sgt) E. G. Robt. R.
7 Aus Bn.

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2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE. ORDER No. 60.

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HEADQUARTERS,
26th OCT., 1917.

1. Inter-Battalion reliefs will be carried out on the night 27th/28th October.

2. Reliefs will take place as under :-

5th Bn. will relieve 7th Bn.
6th Bn. will relieve 8th Bn.

Reliefs will also be carried out by -

2nd A.M.C. Company
2nd A.L.T.M. Battery.

3. Advance parties consisting of Officers and H.Q.O's to take over Company Sectors, Lewis Gunners, and Observers for each forward post will be in position by 0600 on 27th October. Reliefs of all rear positions to take place in daylight and the other posts to be relieved as early as possible, considering the weather.

4. Work to be taken over and continued by ingoing Units, and all maps, airphotos, and Intelligence instructions to be handed over.

5. Working parties, all dumps, stores and S.O.S. Signals will be handed over, receipts for stores to be forwarded to Staff Captain by 1800 on 28th instant.

6. All details to be fixed up between O.O's concerned.

7. Completion of Relief to be reported to Brigade H.Qrs.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

R. K. Mearns
Lieut.,
A/Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Reference my AZB. 269 aaa For 28/29th read
27/28th aaa Usual advance parties will
go forward under unit ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ arrange-
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Inter Battalion		relief		will
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Battalion Order 86 ~~com~~ ¹⁵
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- 1 - Inter Battalion relief will be carried out on night of 27/28 October
5 Bn relieves 7 Bn
- 2 - Advance parties of Officers & NCOs from 5 Bn will take over front line Coy sectors Lewis Gun positions & observation posts before 0600 on 27-10-17
- 3 - On 5 Bn parties taking over A & B Coys will detail one officer each to proceed with the Coy Lewis Gun teams to 5 Bn position & take over positions for Coys. A Coy to relieve A of 5 Bn & so on
Table of locations of 5 Bn Coys is attached
- 4 - If 5 Bn parties do not arrive by 0600 A & B Coys will each detail parties of 1 officer & 8 guides to take over positions of A & B Coys to 5 Bn parties to move to 5 Bn as early as possible on 27-10-17
C & D Coys will send parties

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- 1 - 1 officer + 8 guides to
take over positions of C + D Coy (16)
5 Bn. Parties to leave by 0800
- 4 - 4 guides for each Coy will
report back as early as possible
to guide their Coys on relief
to new positions
- 5 - Receipts will be obtained for
all trench stores & sent to
Bn HQ before completion of
relief
- 6 - Officers taking over new positions
will take over all stores dumps &
& particulars of any Coy working
parties
- 7 - Relief complete to be wired
in code to Bn HQ &
on arrival in new positions in
writing to Bn HQ

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Locations ^(cont. from p. 12) (5/12/12) (17)

1 Bn Hqrs JIB61 SEXTON HO
(West Creek ridge)

2 1 Coy I 6 B
1 Coy I 6 A
1 Coy I 6 A + C
1 Coy RAILWAY WOOD (I 11 B)
DUROUTS

I 6 A B + part of C is over the railway line

J. H. Smith
capt

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C log to material
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C/K 168Cover No 12 26.10.17

C Coy

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Send 2 reliable
men back with letter hereunto
to Q M (instructions regarding
relief + when to send our
intents on relief)

These men must leave
about 0600 on 27th and
get back to Q M as quickly
as possible so as to stop work
from sending pack train
to 3 on 28th

2330

24.00J H M. H.
M. H.R. G. H.

from 0600 - 26-10-17 to 0600 - 27-10-17

Our ActivityArtillery

Our artillery fire has been very similar to that on preceding days. The reply to S.O.S. signals on our left was prompt and appeared to be well placed and enemy sent up double RED and YELLOW cluster flares.

Work

Work last night consisted of repairing forward posts which had been blown in during the day, 300 sandbags were used.

Aircraft

at 0630 our planes were flying low over forward area.

Enemy Activity

The enemy shelled our forward posts intermittently throughout the day, several posts were blown in Calbre. 77.

From 1530 to 1600 the enemy shelled the area between THAMES WOOD and ZONNEBEKE with S.G. shells.

From 1700 to 1830 the enemy shelled the RAILWAY to the rear of ZONNEBEKE heavily and until morning intermittently.

Enemy Aircraft

Enemy aircraft has not been active during the last 24 hours.

(Sgd) E. E. Rott
7th Australian Bn.

7th Australian Battalion

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Intelligence Report

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0600 26-10-17 to 0600 27-10-17

Our ActivityPatrols

A Patrol of 1 Off. and 2 ORs left our line at ^{D23. Box. at} 2120 for the purpose of examining dugouts in DAIRY WOOD. The dugouts were found to be completely destroyed by shell fire. So patrol returned to line at D23. Box at 2150.

A patrol left our line at ^{D23. cent. at} 2130 to ascertain if enemy still occupied DE MISPEL AREARE cross roads. Patrol moved around right edge of BUSY WOOD to cross roads but could find no trace of enemy there so returned to our lines at D23 central returning at 2330.

0600 - 27-10-17 to 0600 28-10-17.

Our Activity

Relief - On the night of 27-28 inst. The 7th Aus Bn. was relieved by the 5th Aus Bn. Relief was carried out without incident and complete by 1815. 27-10-17.

Our companies are now in positions vacated by 5th Aus Bn. 7th Bn Hdqrs. - SEXTON HOUSE

Artillery

Our artillery has not been particularly active during the day.

Aircraft

Our planes have been active throughout the day and several aerial fights were observed.

One plane believed to be ours was brought down in flames in enemy territory.

Work

The work carried out has been improving and extending dugout accommodation in the forward area.

P.T.O.

Enemy ActivityArtillery

Throughout the day enemy artillery had been unusually quiet.

At 1700 the enemy began shelling the whole area between the support line and ZONNEBEKE using 4.2 and 5.9 and heavy howitzer shells and mustard gas shells in THAMES WOOD. The shelling continued heavy until 1800 when it became lighter, only 97 being then used.

Aerial Activity

Enemy planes were active during the day. At 1630 one plane flew low over ZONNEBEKE, firing on the roads with his machine gun. Plane was fired on by our machine guns and driven off.

(Sgd) C. G. Roll. Lt
7th Aust Bn

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5th Bn sent up 9 men to open						
at 0630						
I put them on the posts and have						
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1000 and guides.						
I sent back word to the 5th that						
I would supply guide to each post						
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Sheet 28 From 0600 - 28-10-17 to 0600 29-10-17

Enemy ActivityArtillery

From 0600 to 0800 the enemy shelled area J.1.a with 5.9" and 8" howitzers, the shelling was not particularly heavy.

From 0800 to 1700. Enemy artillery was more active J.1 being shelled with 5.9". Shelling increased in violence on this area until 1700 when it gradually ceased. many 8" shells fell in this area between 1200 and 1700

2305 Enemy shelled J.1 heavily with Gas shells.

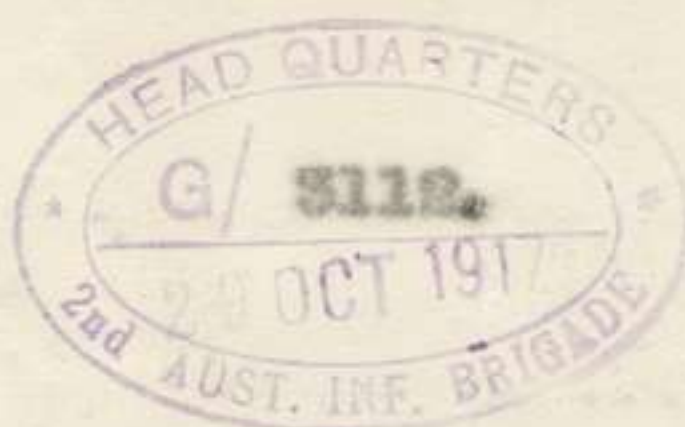
2315 All Corps report gas shells falling in their areas.

0200 Situation again normal.

At 1045 13 enemy planes including one Gotha crossed our area flying in a Westerly direction and dropping a number of bombs in the vicinity of BIRR X Rds, returning at 1100 flying at a very low altitude in direction of enemy lines.

At 2240 enemy planes bombed Area J 1.2.7 & 8 very heavily, bombing continued for about an hour.

(Sgd. E. G. Robt. Lt.)
7th Aus Bn.



HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Infantry Bde.

29th OCTOBER, 1917.

Instructions.

1. A further advance will be carried out by the 4th Canadian Division on our left on 30th October. Zero hour will be 0500.
2. Canadian objective is -

Line running from D.13.D.05.85 to D.12.D.1.0. - D.8.C.4.2.
- D.8.C.0.4. - D.5.D.9.2.
3. The 12th Canadian Brigade now occupies posts in DECLINE COPSE and also to the WEST and East of the COPSE at D.13.A.2.5., and in the vicinity of D.13.A.8.8. respectively
4. (a) The 6th Battalion will furnish a standing patrol of approximately one Officer and 15 men which will be kept in DEVOY WOOD, both during the night and in any case during tomorrow.
(b) There is an old damaged pill Box there, which may be made use of, but tools will have to be taken out so as to form some sort of post, and cover from view for the men during the day.
(c) No movement to take place during the day.
(d) This is to be a permanent post until ordered otherwise.
(e) At Zero plus one hour the Canadians will attack the dugouts at D.13.A.80.80.
(f) Machine guns should be specially instructed to cover DEVOY WOOD from an advance on it by the enemy.
(g) A battery of Field Artillery will be specially told off to cover DEVOY WOOD.
5. The 6th Battalion will patrol to ASSERIA at various hours throughout the night. The route should be changed from time to time to avoid surprise.
6. Front Line Battalions will thin out their front line posts as much as possible by placing more Lewis guns forward.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. R. Agnew

Lieut.,

A/Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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6	7th Bn.	"	"
7	8th Bn.	"	"
8	2nd M.G. Coy.	"	"
9	2nd A.L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
10	7th Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
11	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
12	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"

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HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade,
29th OCTOBER, 1917.

First Amendment to this Office G/3112 - INSTRUCTIONS.

Reference para. 4 sub-para. (a) substitute the following :-

Sub-para (a) will read -

The 6th Battalion will furnish a standing patrol of one Officer, one LEWIS GUN and 15 men which will be kept in DECOY WOOD during daylight tomorrow .
Their role will be to deny the COPSE to the enemy, and to protect the right rear of the COPSE. CANADIANS.

Acknowledge.

R.R. Owen.
Lieut.,
A/Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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(issued to all recipients of these Instructions.)

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Sum. 0600 29-10-19 to 0600 30-10-19

Our Activity. Owing to enemy shelling & casualties D Coy. 7th Div. Bn moved from position in I. C. B. to the RAILWAY WOOD dugouts (I. H. B. 73)

Artillery

Our artillery has been particularly active during the last 24 hours.

Aircraft

Our aircraft was very active during the day, a large number of ^{our} planes returned from the direction of the enemy line at 1600

Enemy ActivityArtillery

From 0600 to 1045 very little enemy shelling in this vicinity

From 1045 to 1115 enemy shelled J. I. B. steadily, then increased in violence to one shell every 5 seconds and continued until 1200 when shelling ceased.

Calibre 5.9. & 4.2.

1300. Enemy again shelled ^{J. I. B.} at 5 second intervals with 5.9 & 4.2 moderating at 1320; from then onward shelling has been normal.

1730 to 1830. Area J. I. shelled with 5.9. at 8 second intervals.

2010 to 0200 All area heavily shelled by gas shells.

For the remainder of the night enemy shelling normal.

Enemy Aerial Activity

Enemy aerial activity appears to have been below normal to-day.

At 1130 a number of enemy planes crossed our sector flying in NORTHERLY direction apparently observing for artillery.

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2045 A large number of enemy planes dropped bombs on ANZAC RIDGE and surrounding country. Bombing continued until midnight.

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Ref. Sheet 28. From 0600. 30-10-17 to 0600 - 31-10-17

Our Operations

Relief

The 7th Aus. Bn was relieved from positions on WESTHOEK RIDGE and RAILWAY WOOD dugouts by the 11th Aus. Bn. Relief was carried out without incident and complete by 1220. 30-10-17.

7th Aus. Bn moved to huts at H.17 D 8055

Enemy Activity

From 0600 to 1200. Enemy shelling on WESTHOEK RIDGE was below normal.

(Sgd) E. G. Robb. (Lieut)
7th Aus Bn.

7th Australian Battalion24th Coy 7th

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Narrative of Operations 22-10-17 to 30-10-17

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2040

Bde. Order No. 57 received re move to relieve 4th Aus. Inf. Bde. in firing line.

Bn. Move Order issued covering move from HALIFAX CAMP to VPRES

22-10-17

0900

Bn. moved by march route to VPRES and settled in VPRES Sap. Esplanade (under Ramparts) at 1200

1330

Message to All Coys that Bn. will move in 2 stages from VPRES to firing line. 1st stage - 2 Coys ANZAC RIDGE 1 Coy TOKIO, 1 Coy WESTHOEK and advance party from each Coy. to go forward.

1420

I.O. instructed to move forward with advance parties and take over positions.

1430

Coy. Lewis Gun Teams instructed to move forward to take over 16th Aus. Bn. Lewis Gun positions.

Bn. Hdqrs will be at ~~MOULTON~~ FARM.
MOULIN

1600

Special Bn. Order issued re relief of 16th Bn. by 7th Bn. on 23-10-17 and detailing order of relief.

2040

Special Instruction No. 1 to above order issued as to time of moves. 1st and 2nd Stages on 22-10-17

23-10-17

Bn. moved by stages to firing line.

1st stage completed by 1130 when Bn. Hdqrs. temporarily established at ANZAC HOUSE.

2nd stage completed at 1845 when relief of 16th Bn. completed and Brigade advised.

1845

Message from D Coy that 8 casualties just sustained including all Coy. Stretcher Bearers and to send up bearers to remove casualties.

2335

Message to C Coy to arrange at once from R.A.P. Special memo to all Coys with particulars of artillery barrages by us on 24th unit and that Canadians patrolling to DECLINE COPSE tonight

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7th Australian Battalion

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24-10-17

0600 Casualty report to 2nd Aus. Inf. Bde.

wounded 12
shell concussion 1
sprained ankle 1

Intelligence report attached.

1330 Patrols right and left flanks detailed for tonight

1330 Message to Flank Bns warning them our patrols will be out tonight

1400 Message to all Corps as to bombardments by us on 25th inst.

1540 Message from left flank Bn 5th Div as to locations of their flanks and our flanks

1600 Message from Bde as to times of our artillery fire tomorrow.

1700 Report to Bde on our barrage at 9.15 a.m. today and that enemy reply on our side line but very scattered.

1950 RHINE COPSE Message timed 1800 from Bde. Detailing special patrol to reconnoitre RHINE COPSE

1950 Instructions received from Bde with particulars of minor operation by 6th Bn on 24-10-17

2000 Bn. I.O. instructed.

25-10-17

0600 Casualty report to Bde

OK.
Killed 1
wounded 6
shell concuss. 5
acc. 1
acc. injury 1
Total 14

0600 Wounded & remained on duty. 2.

Intelligence report attached.

Report to Bde on our barrage 1715 on 24-10-17 and our reply report attached.

1430 Patrols right and left flanks detailed.

Flank Bns. notified.

B.O. 59 received covering minor operation by 6th Bn supporting flanks of Canadians.

Message to C Coy.

I.O. proceeds to forward Corps with B.O. No 59 and our instructions thereon and obtain noting of same by Coy commanders.

26-10-17

0130 A Coy reports right patrol encountered enemy and that one man of A Coy patrol killed and one wounded.

0200 Left patrol B Coy reports no sign of enemy.

0400 Message to Brigade with short report of results of patrols (copy attached).

0430 Situation report enemy shelling above normal (Enemy shelled our area very heavily during the night)

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0600 Casualty report to Brigade

	CR.
Killed	1
Wounded	4
Sick	1
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Intelligence Report attached

1250 Message timed 1205 from Bde to obtain report on dugouts in DAISY WOOD.

1432 Message from Bde to observe our artillery fire at 1600

1637 } S.O.S reported on our left. Bde informed
 1641 }
 1649 }

1800 Bde informed our artillery fire at 1600 effective.

1930 Bde. 1600 covering enter Bn relief for 27/28 October 5th Bn to relieve 7th Aus Bn

Special order to all Coys. with details as to relief.

2030 All Coys advised as to our barracks on 27-10-17.

2345 Message to Bde that none of dugouts in DAISY WOOD habitable or capable of repair

27-10-17

0600 Casualty return to Bde. CR

Killed	2
Wounded	10
Sick	1
Acc. injury	1
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1815 Intelligence report attached

Relief by 5th Aus. Bn completed and Bn moved to WESTHOEK RIDGE as Support Bn.

1850 Message from Bde that Canadians attack at 1000? tonight. 2200

2000 Bn. Complete at WESTHOEK RIDGE. (2 Coys at Railway dugout, 2 on ridge near Bn Hdqrs. on WESTHOEK RIDGE (SEXTON HOUSE))

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Casualty report. - Wounded - 3.

Intelligence report attached

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1020.

Casualties - 3 wounded.

B.O. 61. with particulars of relief of Bn. on 31st sent
by 3rd Bde. Bn. received and acknowledged.

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29-10-17

Bn. lying in support and supplying fatigues at
night.

Enemy heavily shelled area at intervals and on
nights 28-29th October with gas shells for 4 hours.

29-10-17

All Corps. advised by special orders for relief on
30th and to move to BELGIAN CHATEAU Area on
relief.

Bde advises 11th Bn. now to relieve instead of 10th Bn.
as at first arranged.

0435

Message timed from Bde. to be prepared to
move at short notice to front line as enemy
reported to be massing at E13. Central and to pass
on instructions to 11th Bn. on relief.

All Corps informed.

1220.

Relief by 11th Bn. completed and Bde. advised.

1500

Bn. complete in new area.

Special report submitted to Bde re disrepair of
Railway Bugouts.

2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 61.

HEADQUARTERS,
28th OCT., 1917.

Reference Sheet BELGIUM 28.

1. The 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. (less 2nd A.M.G. Coy.) will be relieved by the 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. (less 3rd A.M.G. Coy.) during the 30th October and on the night 30th/31st October, and will move into Divisional Reserve.
2. (a) Reliefs and subsequent moves will be carried out as per 'Move Table' attached.
(b) Distances of at least, 30 yards between Platons) will be and 200 " " Coys. } maintained EAST of WESTHOEK RIDGE.
(c) All details of relief not provided for will be arranged mutually between Unit Commanders concerned.
4. Each Guide directing relieving troops to forward posts will have with him a piece of paper with the particulars of the post, platoon, Headquarters, etc., that the party he will guide up will relieve.
5. Outgoing troops will on all occasions make way for relieving troops on duckwalks.
6. (a) All Pumps, Trench stores, Battle Stores, gum boots, air photographs and maps, and information will be handed over, receipts obtained and handed in to Brigade Headquarters in duplicate by 1200 on 31st instant
(b) Separate receipts will be obtained for trench shelters.
7. Wagon lines will remain at present location.
8. Completion of reliefs to be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.
9. The command of the sector will pass to the Brigadier-General Commanding 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade on completion of relief.
10. Billoting parties will be arranged by near Brigade Headquarters.
11. 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. Headquarters will open at BELGIAN CHATEAU on arrival.
12. A C K N O W L E D G E.

R. R. A. new
Lieut.,
A/Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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8	7th Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
9	10th Canadian Inf. Bde.	"	"
10	5th Battalion	"	"
11	6th "	"	"
12	7th "	"	"
13	8th "	"	"
14	2nd M.G. Coy.	"	"
15	2nd A.L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
16	G.O.C.	"	"
17	B.M.	"	"
18	Staff Captain	"	"

19 A/Staff Capt. D.R.
20 B.I.O.
21 A/B.I.O.
22 No. 4 Sig. Section
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MOVE TALLE TO ACCOMPANY 2nd AUST. INF. BRIGADE ORDER No. 61.

Date.	UNIT.	FROM.	TO.	ROUTE.	REMARKS.
OCT. 30th	Ede. Hqrs.	D.26.C.1.3.	BELGIAN CHATEAU H.23.E.3.7.	Duckwalk track BIRR CROSS Rds. WARRINGTON Road.	
do	5th Bn.	FRONT LINE (right)	CANAL DUGOUTS I.13.A.6.4.	do	Occupied by 10th Bn.
do	6th Bn.	FRONT LINE (left)	CANAL AREA H.17.D.4.2.	do	At present occupied by 2nd Battalion.
do	7th Bn.	WESTHOEK	CANAL AREA H.17.D. Cent.	do	At present occupied by 1st Battalion.
do	8th Bn.	ANZAC	CANAL AREA H.17.D.8.6.	do	At present occupied by 4th Battalion.
do	2nd A.L. T.M. Bty.	LINE	CANAL AREA	do	Billets occupied by 1st A.L.T.M. Bty.
do	2nd M.G. Coy.	Relieved under arrangements by D.M.G.O. (instructions later).			

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FIRST ADDENDA TO 2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 61.

HEADQUARTERS,
29th OCT., 1917.

1. The relief will take place in two stages :-

1st STAGE - 11th Bn. will relieve 7th Bn. on WESTHOEK RIDGE.
12th Bn. will relieve 8th Bn. on ANZAC & WESTHOEK.

2nd STAGE - 11th Bn. will relieve 6th Bn. Left Front Line.
12th Bn. will relieve 5th Bn. Right Front line.
9th Bn. will take over on ANZAC & WESTHOEK.
10th Bn. will take over WESTHOEK.
3rd A.L.T.M.Bty. will relieve 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.

2. 5th and 6th Battalions will send two guides per Battalion to Brigade Headquarters at 1700 today, 29th instant, to guide incoming advance parties.

3. A C K N O W L E D G E.

R. R. Agnew

Lieut.,

A/Brigade Major,

2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Honors & Awards

Under authority granted by His Majesty the King, the Field Marshal, Commanding in Chief, has awarded the following decorations.

The Divisional & Brigade Commanders wish their congratulations conveyed to the recipients.
The C.O. also adds his congratulations.

Bar to Military Cross.

Captain J. W. Hopkins M.C.

Military Cross

Lieut D. G. Phillips

Distinguished Conduct Medal

2850^B 4^c J. W. McDonald

Mention in Honors Dispatch

Lieut. J. Fowler

The Corps Commander has awarded Military Medals to the following.

1330.	Cpl.	L. J. Ewins	att.	2 nd A.L.I. Co. Bty.
636	Pte	W. H. Jenkins		do
618	.	J. Harwood		do

(Sgd) O'Hare
Adjutant 7th Aust Battalion

7th Australian Battalion

Extract from 2nd Aus Inf. Brigade memo
 7/50. of 20/10/17, the following have been
 awarded Bars to Military Medals and Military
 Medals as shown.

1136	Pte. J. Hempel	Bar to M.M.
2653	Pte. M. Robinson	do
2584	Pte. J. H. Hicks	do
5454	Lt. H. Thorpe	M.M.
5693	Pte. R. J. Hodgson	"
20	Lt. C. Wighell	"
5473	Lt. V. Barnard	"
1661 ^a	Pte. A. G. Lee	"

(Sgd) Lt. Col. Rogers, Capt
 Staff Captain
 2nd Aus Inf Bde.

SECOND ARMY

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

1st to 15th October, 1917.

General.

Following on the battles of Menin Road and Polygon Wood the enemy renewed his attempt to retake portions of the captured territory, between Menin Road and the North of Polygon Wood on the 1st, and on each side of the Menin Road on the 3rd.

In the second of these the enemy managed to surround one of our posts temporarily, but both attacks were driven off with heavy losses to the enemy and our line remained intact.

Further operations were undertaken by us on the 4th, 9th, and 12th October, the principal of these being the Battle of Broodseinde on the 4th.

THE BATTLE OF BROODSEINDE—4th, OCTOBER 1917.**The Assembly.**

The long spell of fine weather broke on the evening of the 3rd October, when a heavy gale accompanied by light rain showers, broke in from the South-West. There was some intermittent hostile shell fire during the night of 3rd-4th, but on the whole the assembling of our troops was not seriously interfered with.

The Battle.

At 6 a.m., 4th October, the attack was launched on a frontage of about 9,700 yards, extending from Bitter Wood, South of the Tower Hamlets Spur, to North of Gravenstafel, where the front of the attack was prolonged by the Army on our left by a further 4,300 yards to the Ypres—Thourout Railway.

The Red Line.

The first objective for the attack was the Red Line, viz.:—

Hampshire Farm—Berry Cottages—Northern portion of Gheluvelt Wood—Polherhoek Chateau—Reutel Village—Romulus Wood—Thames Farm—Van Mieben—Albatross Farm.

The Corps on the right gained the greater part of the objective under the barrage, but failed to take Berry Cottages and Lewis House.

The Corps attacking on the right centre met with considerable opposition about Polderhoek Chateau and West of Reutel, but the objective was gained throughout the whole line, and the troops detailed for the assault on the further objective were able to reach their jumping off positions up to time.

The Corps attacking in the left centre with Australian troops found the enemy in considerable strength, elements of three Divisions being found formed up ready for an attack on our line which our assault anticipated only by ten minutes. Very severe casualties were inflicted on the enemy by our barrage and with the bayonet, and the enemy's opposition was quickly overcome, and by 8.12 a.m. the Red Line was reported to be in our hands.

The Corps attacking on the left with Australian and New Zealand troops had some casualties prior to the attack through hostile shelling. Nevertheless the assault was launched punctually to time, and by 9.14 a.m. the Red Line had been captured and many German prisoners were already being sent back.

The Blue Line.

At 8.10 a.m., after a halt of from one to two hours on the Red Line, the assault was launched on the Blue Line, viz.:—

Reutel—Judge Copse—Joiners Rest—Noordemhoek—Celtic Farm, West edge of Daisy Wood—Tyne Cottage—Berlin Wood—Kronprinz Farm.

The Corps which had attacked the Red Line in the right centre was the right attacking Corps against the final objective; Australian and New Zealand troops attacked in the centre and on the left.

The enemy offered a stubborn resistance, but by 12.20 p.m. the Corps in the centre reported the capture of their final objective, and the left Corps reported similarly at 1.15 p.m. The right Corps reached practically the whole of their final objective, but the situation in the vicinity of Reutel was at all times somewhat obscure.

Counter-Attacks.

During the day the enemy delivered no less than ten counter-attacks.

Five counter-attacks were made between the Menin Road and Polderhoek Chateau and two attacks on the Judge Copse Spur, North of Reutel. These attacks appear to have been successfully repulsed. A further attack, however, succeeded in dislodging us from Judge Copse, Reutel and Polderhoek Chateau, and at the end of the day our line ran along the western and northern edges of Polderhoek Chateau Wood, the eastern edge of Cameron Covert, on the western outskirts of Reutel, through J 11 central to the Broodseinde—Becelaere Road at point J 6 c 1.0.

Further North, a concentration of the enemy's infantry, in D 80 a, during the afternoon was dispersed by our artillery.

At 2.35 p.m. the enemy made a determined attack in three waves from the direction of the cemetery in D 17 a, North of Ypres—Roulers Railway, but this attack was broken up by our artillery, rifle and machine gun fire. A second attack was similarly dealt with, and a concentration in D 4 b and D 5 a, West of Passchendaele, about noon was broken up by our artillery before any counter-attack from this direction could materialize. Several S.O.S. signals were sent up at various points of the front at 7 p.m. and during the night of 4th-5th October, but the enemy made no further attacks and the consolidation of our line proceeded satisfactorily.

On the greater part of our front the enemy offered a stubborn resistance and the large proportion of bayonet wounds among the German prisoners testifies to the severity of the hand to hand conflict which took place on many parts of the front, and in which our troops again proved their superiority. In places, however, the Germans surrendered freely, an officer capturing 31 prisoners single-handed from one blockhouse, and the garrison of another blockhouse surrendered with three machine guns as soon as our attack was launched.

Prisoners and Material.

Seven field guns, several trench mortars and a large number of machine guns were captured. The total number of prisoners who passed through Corps Cages and Casualty Clearing Stations from 6 p.m., 3rd October, to 6 p.m., 6th October, was 117 officers and 4,035 other ranks.

After the Battle.

The Battle of Broodseinde appears to have inflicted such heavy losses on the enemy and to have so disorganised his artillery that the succeeding days passed comparatively uneventfully.

On the 5th, however, our artillery twice caught the enemy massing East of Reutel and no infantry action followed.

On the night 6th-7th October, Australian troops raided the enemy's position opposite Celtic Wood, 1,200 yards South-East of Broodseinde, and captured 12 prisoners and a machine gun. About 20 Germans were killed, many were wounded and the remainder ran away.

At 5 a.m., 7th October, the enemy bombarded our line in Cameron Covert, South-West of Reutel, and was seen advancing to the attack. His assault, however, was broken up by artillery, machine gun and rifle fire, and failed to reach our lines. Later in the day, at 5.30 p.m., the enemy put down a heavy barrage on the greater part of our battle front and advanced to the attack in some strength against our positions about Reutel. He was beaten off by our artillery and rifle fire, leaving two prisoners in our hands. No infantry attack was made against the remainder of our front.

On the following day, at 4 p.m., the enemy barraged our front and support lines from North of the Ypres-Roulers Railway to South of Broodseinde. At the same time his aeroplanes appeared in large numbers and our airmen reported that the Menin-Gheluwe Road was crowded with troops and transport. This was dealt with by our artillery, and our counter-batteries opened fire. The situation then quietened down and the enemy made no attempt to attack.

OPERATIONS ON THE 9th and 12th OCTOBER.

9th October—The Assembly.

The assembling of our troops during the night 8th-9th October was attended with considerable difficulty. The ground was very heavy owing to much rain having fallen intermittently since the afternoon of the 4th October, and the night up till 11 p.m. was exceptionally dark. No interference, however, was encountered from hostile artillery fire.

The Attack.

At 5.20 a.m. on the 9th October our attack was successfully launched between a point East of Broodseinde and Kronprinz Farm, North of Gravenstafel.

A subsidiary operation was carried out on the right to improve the line we had gained on the 4th instant, from Polderhoek Chateau to North of Reutel.

The main attack was carried out by Australian troops on the right and English regiments on the left.

The attack on Polderhoek Chateau met with considerable opposition. Hostile machine guns came into operation and but little progress was made. On the left practically all objectives were attained, our troops capturing the remainder of Reutel and getting a footing in Judge Copse. The line was held in spite of considerable machine gun fire from the South and East, and has been consolidated.

Between the subsidiary and the main attack, the Australian troops, taking advantage of the barrage, raided Celtic Wood (North-East of Molenaarelsthoek) and advancing over 500 yards almost reached the eastern outskirts of the wood. Here the enemy were found holding a trench in strength, and fierce hand to hand fighting took place. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy at small cost to ourselves.

Our troops met with considerable opposition in Daisy Wood, North-East of Broodseinde, but swept round it and eventually mopped it up. At the end of the day our line ran East of Daisy Wood, Dairy Wood and Neuwemolen to the level crossing at D 17 b 4.3.

The left Corps met with considerable machine gun fire from isolated positions, and at one time were reported to have reached their final objectives. It is not yet clear whether the flares seen by our contact aeroplanes were lit by the enemy in order to mislead, or whether small parties of our men actually reached this line but were too isolated and weak in numbers to be able to retain the positions they had won. Our men, however, succeeded in capturing and holding a large number of fortified farms and buildings and in establishing a line along the whole front 500 yards East of the line from which they had started. At the end of the day our line ran from the level crossing at D 17 b 4.3, through Keerselaarhoek and Marsh Bottom to the western edge of the Cemetery in D 3 b.

With the exception of one local counter attack in D 24, East of Daisy Wood, which was easily repulsed, the enemy made no attempt to dislodge us from the positions we had won, and the consolidation of our new line proceeded satisfactorily. We captured four officers and 310 other ranks in these operations.

12th October.—The Assembly.

The enemy's artillery shelled the front areas of our two northern Corps somewhat heavily at intervals during the night 11th-12th October, using a large number of gas shells on the area astride the Ypres-Roulers Railway and on Westhoek Ridge. This, together with the muddy ground and a very wet, dark night, made the assembling of our troops a matter of considerable difficulty. All our troops, however, reached their "jumping off" positions up to time.

The Attack.

At 5.25 a.m. Australian and New Zealand troops advanced to the assault from South of Ypres—Roulers Railway to Yetta Houses (28 D 3). Hostile machine guns immediately opened heavy fire, and it was found that new apron wire had been erected around several of the enemy's strong points and "pill boxes." Our troops progressed satisfactorily up several of the spurs, but a strong point about Bellevue succeeded in checking our advance at this spot. The valleys proved impassable after the heavy rain owing to the mud, which also delayed and tired out our troops in their further progress on the higher slopes. Eventually our advance was brought to a standstill, and a line was consolidated slightly in advance of that from which the attack started.

Prisoners.

From 6 p.m. 6th October to 6 p.m. 11th October the total number of prisoners obtained by various means was 8 officers and 342 other ranks.

During the 48 hours ending 6 p.m., 13th October, 25 Officers and 514 other ranks of the enemy passed through our Corps Cages and Casualty Clearing Stations as prisoners of war.

EMPLOYMENT OF THE ENEMY'S FORCES.

In consequence of the operations undertaken during the past fortnight, the following hostile divisions have been identified opposite the Army front:—

Sector.	In line on October 1st.	Divisions Subsequently Appearing.
Poelcapelle	10 Ers. Div. (4th–5th Oct.)	187 Div. (Oct. 7th–8th) 16 Div. (Oct. 14th–15th) 5 Bav. R.D.
Passchendaele	20 Div. (4th Oct.)	4 Bav. Div. (Oct. 5th) 195 Div. (Oct. 14th) 220 Div.
S. of Roulers Railway	4 Gd. Div. (Oct. 5th–6th)	45 Res. Div. (Oct. 3rd, 4th & 9th) 233 Div. (Oct. 13th–14th) 3 Gd. Div.
N.E. of Polygon Wood (additional sector)		16 Div. (<i>elements</i>) (Oct. 4th) 22 Res. Div.
Becelaere	19 Res. Div. (Oct. 4th)	8 Div. (Oct. 8th) 10 Bav. Div. (Oct. 14th) 15 Div.
Kruiseecke	25 Div. (Oct. 11th)	17 Div. (<i>elements</i>) (Oct. 4th) 24 Div.
N. of Ypres—Comines Canal	207 Div. (Oct. 8th)	1 Bav. Res. Div.
Houthem	24 Div. (Oct. 9th)	8 Div.
Warneton	32 Div.	
Deulemont	5 Bav. Div.	

Note I.—The date indicates in each case when the relief took place.

Note II.—Divisions in italics have been used as counter-attack divisions, not as relieving divisions.

Changes in Divisional Sectors.

It is suspected that the front between the Roulers Railway and the Menin Road was reinforced by the equivalent of an extra division, as the operations of 4th October disclosed the presence of elements from six divisions in this area. It is, however, possible, that later this extra division was withdrawn, and that the previous distribution of three divisions has been reverted to. For a time the 22nd Reserve Division appears to have held the line North-East of Polygon Wood, between the 233rd Division on the North, and the 8th Division in the Becelaere sector.

Further, the division formerly astride the Ypres—Comines Canal has, in consequence of the lengthening of this sector, withdrawn to the North bank of the Canal. This has brought about an expansion in the divisional sectors between the Canal and Warneton.

Disposition of the enemy's troops.

In nearly all sectors the enemy has kept all three regiments in line, but there is reason to believe that at any rate the 233rd Division in the sector South of Roulers Railway maintained only two regiments in line and held the third intact in reserve.

Use of Counter-attack Divisions.

The appearance of divisions specially set aside for counter-attacks has been a most marked feature of the enemy's defensive tactics during the fortnight. It is rarely, however, that the complete division has been used at one time. It would appear as if the enemy had held this fresh division as a reserve for certain sectors, and has then detailed elements of the division for the counter-attack, in conjunction with the reserve elements of the divisions actually holding the line. The general result has been a marked diminution in early local counter-attacks on the part of isolated battalions, and the appearance of elements of certain counter-attack divisions, two and even three times in the battle. It has thus become a matter of uncertainty as to when a counter-attack division has been finally withdrawn exhausted from the battle. A typical instance of the use of these composite forces occurred on 9th October when elements of four divisions (*viz*: 45th Reserve Division, 195th Division, 233rd Division and another division) formed together, attempted to counter-attack. For particulars of counter-attack divisions and their sectors see the table above.

New Defensive Tactics.

An important document captured from 4th Guard Division showed that the enemy had realised as a result of the September battles that the policy of leaving the front line troops to delay the assault as much as possible, and then attempting to retake the position with heavy counter-attacks, had failed. It is stated that the losses incurred to his troops by their passage through the barrages was in no way commensurate with the results obtained.

This order, which presumably emanated from the German 4th Army, directed that in future the front positions should be strongly manned, and that reserve machine guns should be brought right forward. Our assault, it was hoped, would thus encounter a strong enough resistance, from the front position, to effectually break it up at its inception.

In addition, concrete defences in the forward areas were to be freshly wired, and the hostile infantry are to take up a position as close to our lines as possible. This policy had some success on the 9th October, and was further developed by the 12th when a very heavy fire was immediately opened at zero hour by the enemy's machine guns. It is, however, certain that the state of the ground was extremely favourable to these tactics.

It is interesting to note that a captured battalion commander of the 16th Division stated that the enemy's losses in their forward positions are much lighter than in the reserve and support lines.

Divisions at Present in the Line.

Since the 12th October the enemy has apparently relieved every division, with one exception, on this Army battle front. It is evident that there is still a great deal of confusion and mixing up of units, but the order of battle between Poelcapelle and the Ypres—Comines Canal is now established. All these divisions, with the exception of 22nd Reserve Division, about which little information has been obtained, are fresh and probably well up to strength. Each division has been identified by prisoners within the last three days, but owing to the men being new to the ground, and the lack of lateral communication, prisoners are rarely able to give the order of battle of their divisions. In many cases the order of battle given on the accompanying map, therefore, is subject to alteration.

Divisions in Reserve.

Very little definite information is available regarding new divisions likely to be in reserve behind the battle front. There is some reason to think that the following divisions may have been brought to this front, but at present confirmation is lacking:—

5th Division, from Russia.

A Naval Division.

It may, however, be assumed that every effort will be made by the enemy to keep a reserve of fresh troops behind the battle area.

Divisions Withdrawn.

There remain, however, a large reserve of men to be drawn from divisions which have been taken out of the battle, and which, so far as is known, remain in Flanders. These divisions have suffered in varying degree of severity and few are likely to be in a condition to re-appear as intact divisions. The following is a list of divisions withdrawn and not yet identified elsewhere:—

Bavarian Ersatz Division.	20th Division.	4th Bavarian Division.
16th Bavarian Division.	10th Ersatz Division.	227th Division.
50th Reserve "	19th Reserve "	195th "
3rd Reserve "	4th Guard "	233rd "
23rd Reserve "	*6th Bavarian "	22nd Reserve Division.
208th Division.	187th Division.	*207th Division.
*17th "	18th Division.	*25th "
45th Reserve Division.	*10th Bavarian Division.	

It is difficult to form an estimate of hostile casualties, as it is evident that they are frequently most severe well behind the front line. The divisions marked * are those which are thought to have suffered least and taking into consideration the time that has elapsed since their withdrawal from the battle might in an emergency be again put in, in whole or in part.

Morale.

To judge from a large number of prisoners' statements, both officers and men, the morale of the German Army is suffering badly. Cases of desertion and insubordination are very frequent. The heavy losses the enemy is suffering on this front are evidently widely known amongst his troops, and divisions coming into this area from other parts of the front have not, as a rule, shown a better spirit than those which have been for some time in the battle area.

Wastage of Enemy Divisions.

The operations undertaken during the first fortnight of October have caused the employment of at least 26 hostile divisions on the battle front, of which 17 have been withdrawn with very heavy casualties.

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ACTIVITY OF ENEMY'S ARTILLERY.

The enemy's artillery policy, as revealed by our operations on the 4th, 9th and 12th, is becoming more and more purely defensive and every effort is being made to avoid our counter-battery fire. The two main features of the enemy's new defensive policy are (1) Increased number of batteries (principally heavy) withdrawn from forward areas, which are kept in reserve in rear and only brought into action when a new attack develops. (2) Increased use of cross fire, particularly by forward field batteries (which only fire during an attack), on the flanks of the attacking front.

The results of this policy are clearly seen when a new attack is made:—(1) Heavy artillery is slow in opening and some hours pass before the situation is understood, and until then fire is very feeble and erratic. (2) From four to five hours elapse before the batteries held in reserve come into action (usually in the open near roads), and it is not until the afternoon that any concentrated effort is made. (3) No regular heavy barrage can be maintained by these batteries and the fire is usually in spasmodic bursts on selected targets when they are captured by us. (4) Hostile counter-battery work—entirely area shelling—is less effective. Registration with aeroplane is practically impossible, and has been negligible on our battle front.

The enemy's barrage during operations on the 4th was very indiscriminate and more in the nature of retaliation for a practice shoot than an organized reply to a serious attack. On the 9th the enemy's fire at the beginning of our attack was light and erratic and no definite barrage was put down until the attack had fully developed. On the 12th there was little retaliation to our attack barrages in their opening stages and some time elapsed before the situation was understood and systematic fire opened on our attacking front. Fire did not become really heavy until the afternoon.

The changes which have taken place in the hostile artillery dispositions were shown on a sketch issued with the Second Army Summary of the 11th, the main features being the decrease in the lower part of the Tenbrielen Group and the increase in the Kolenberg and Waterdamhoek Groups.

Further attacks would probably result in a bigger concentration in the Moorslede Group firing North-West, particularly East and South-East of the town.

Since the attack of the 12th, enemy fire has been characterized by heavy area shoots, particularly on battery areas and during the night of the 14th–15th there was a heavy gas shelling of forward areas on the battle front.

AIRCRAFT.

During operations on the 4th, weather conditions were exceptionally unfavourable; our machines, however, managed to do much useful work; enemy planes were inactive. During operations on the 9th and 12th our machines carried out contact patrols, reconnaissances, and fired on hostile troops. A record number of locations of hostile batteries were made by our machines on the 9th. Enemy fighting machines showed considerable activity on the battle front on the 9th and a few strong formations have recently been encountered. Generally, however, activity of enemy's scout machines has been below normal. Low flying machines have been fairly active from time to time in forward areas but there has been little activity of long distance reconnaissance machines. During moonlight nights at the beginning of the month, the enemy carried out a considerable amount of bombing on back areas, visiting Poperinghe, Hazebrouck, St. Omer, Cassel, Fletre, Abeele. Activity of hostile artillery planes has been remarkable slight especially in view of the operations which have been proceeding.

ENEMY'S DEFENCES.

With the exception of a certain amount of work on the support trench of the Warneton line West of Houthem and in the enemy's front line North of Frelinghien, little new work has appeared in forward areas. Fresh wire has been put out in the cratered area on the battle front; in the attack on the 12th several strong points and pill-boxes in front of Passchendaele were found to have been freshly wired with apron wire.

In rear areas the enemy has concentrated for the most part on the Roulers line, which has now been continued Southward to South-West of Ledeghem, and a new switch line, practically a continuation of the Gheluwe switch, has been traced out across the Passchendaele—Terhand line, joining up almost with the Southern end of the Roulers line. Patches of new wire have also been put out in front of the Roulers line between Beythem and the Roulers railway. On the Dadizeele line a section of trench has been dug behind existing wire East of Moorslede, and new wire has been put out South-West of Westroosebeke. On the Passchendaele—Terhand line additional communication trenches have appeared South-West of Menin. The support line to the Linselles switch is being dug out.

THE GENERAL SITUATION.

The nature of the enemy's defences and dispositions on the battle front as disclosed by our operations on the 12th are a clear indication of the pursuance of his recently initiated policy of intensive defence of his forward area. As against his previous policy of thinly held front line with echeloned supports for local counter attacks and intact counter-attack troops further in the rear, he now puts his dependence on a concentration of troops liberally supported by machine guns and equipped with every available means for close fighting in the forward area.

Having obtained a certain measure of success by this means, it is likely that he will continue to pursue and elaborate this defensive policy in the future, so that a revival of concentrated work in forward areas may be looked for in the construction of well-concealed machine-gun positions and particularly in the putting out of more stretches of wire difficult to locate on account of the churned up ground.

The enemy probably recognizes that any success he may appear to have had in the recent operations of the 9th and 12th are not wholly attributable to these new tactics, and that he must credit our stopping short of our objectives to many other causes—mainly weather and ground. What proportion may be claimed is another question but it is undoubtedly sufficient to influence him in adhering to these new methods for the present at least.

The enemy's appreciation of the situation in which he finds himself, therefore doubtless turns very much on the weather and the state of the ground. He may conclude that with the advent of bad weather no further large scale offensive on our part is likely or even possible, but he must be expected not to rely on this nor to cease his efforts to improve his defences.

Whether he will be content at this juncture to adopt a policy of passive defence or will, if given an opportunity, adopt a counter offensive policy depends almost entirely on the state of his troops. He will doubtless consider that he has much to gain in a successful counter offensive at some critical part of our line wherein he might be able to "close the season" with an operation which at least, might not be a defeat. The troops which have already fought over this ground are, with perhaps a few exceptions, not likely to be imbued with a spirit sufficiently strong to heartily undertake this, and if he decides during the present space to embark on such an operation, it will be almost sure to be with new troops and with radical re-arrangements of artillery.

That he has, within the past two or three days, made a wholesale change in the dispositions on the battle front between Becelaere and Passchendaele is evident from the accompanying map and the table of dispositions on page 3. These changes have included not only ordinary reliefs but what appear to be reinforcements to troops already in the line, put in in a more orderly manner than he has adopted heretofore following a period of disorganization. To what extent he has pushed up reserve divisions—formerly known as counter-attack divisions—close to the battle front is not yet clear, but the abnormal railway activity on the front of this Army since the 12th should be borne in mind though it is a question whether this as yet portends more movement than is warranted by ordinary reliefs.

The artillery re-adjustments in grouping are such as might be expected with the steady trend northwards of the intensive battle front and it is interesting to note how the successive groups starting from Tenbrielen in the South, have moved northwards and eastwards. The enemy does not appear to have increased the number of his guns, but their re-arrangement can be easily construed into a concentration directed against the Broodseinde and Passchendaele Ridges where for choice he is the more likely to take the offensive if indeed he still retains any initiative.

C. H. MITCHELL, Lieut.-Col., G.S.,
for Major-General, G.S., Second Army.

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Headquarters

Lieut. Colonel C. E. Herrod Commanding
 Lieut. Col. E. Harris Adjutant
 Lieut. E. G. Robb. Intelligence Officer
 Lieut. R. W. Swallow. Sig. Officer
 Lieut. W. G. Pollock
 Lieut. A. Dean
 2/Lieut. G. P. Clowe Liaison
 2/Lieut. G. B. Russell Liaison

A Coy

Lieut. R. L. Percy
 Lieut. K. M. Purbrick
 Lieut. G. Keaton
 Lieut. H. Nixon
 Lieut. C. B. Anderson

B Coy

Capt. J. W. Hopkins
 Lieut. A. D. Hollyhoke
 Lieut. W. R. Booth
 Lieut. A. L. Falthouse
 2/Lieut. K. G. Banks

C Coy

Capt. W. B. Campbell
 Lieut. C. L. Dobbin
 Lieut. M. B. Hambrook
 Lieut. H. R. Hambrook
 Lieut. D. G. Phillips

D Coy

Lieut. E. Hill
 Lieut. F. L. Wyeth
 Lieut. W. H. G. Smith
 Lieut. F. B. Gaulton
 Lieut. A. M. Seare MC

Capt. E. L. Barlow. R.M.O.

Lieut. J. Fowler. Pde Dump

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Headquarters

Major C. H. Swift	Commanding
Lieut. O. E. Harris	Adjutant
Lieut. E. G. Robb	Intelligence Officer
Lieut. R. W. Swallow	Signal Officer

A Coy

Lieut. R. L. Piercy O.C.
2/Lieut. H. J. D. McKenzie
Lieut. K. E. Purbrick

B Coy

Lieut. J. H. G. Gordon
2/Lieut. P. L. Edgoose
2/Lieut. P. Howe

C

Captain W. R. D'Almeida
Lieut. D. G. Phillips
2/Lieut. G. B. Russell

D

Captain A. J. Phillips
Lieut. G. Anderson
2/Lieut. A. E. Wiswoud

Captain D. L. Barlow. R.M.O.

Lieut. J. Fowler. Bde. Dump.

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Return of Officers in Order of Seniority

on Strength of Unit at 1800 on 8/10/17

1917

PRESENT

Order Serial	Rank	Name		Remarks
1	Lt. Col.	Herrod	E.E.	Commanding
2	Major	Swift	G.H.	2nd Lt.
3	Capt.	Hopkins	J.W.	OC B Coy
4	"	Tubb Mc	J.R.	Transport Officer
5	"	Phillips	A.T.	OC D Coy
7	"	D'Altra	W.R.	OC C Coy
8	Lieut	Hill	E.W.	
12	"	Wright	H.L.	adj 2nd Lt.
13	"	Piercy	H.L.	OC A Coy
15	"	Gordon	J.H.G.	
16	"	Swirbeck	Kell	
17	"	Spallow	R.H.	Bn. Sig. Officer
18	"	Smith	H.H.G.	
20	"	Nixon	H.G.	
24	"	Anderson	H.G.	
25	"	Harris	O.E.	Adjutant
27	2/Lieut	Edgoose	J.G.	
28	"	Gaulton	J.B.	
29	"	Meyer	A.F.	
30	"	Phillips	D.G.	
31	"	Beach	A.E.	
32	"	Challot	A.W.	
34	"	Blowe	G.T.	
35	"	Russell	G.B.	
36	"	Wise would	A.E.	
37	"	MacKenzie	H.J.	

ABSENT

6	Capt	Hillard	R.T.	Bde. Mess Instructor
9	Lieut	Young	H.H.	2nd Army School
10	"	Kelly	L.H.	Anzac Corps School
11	"	Hamilton	H.B.	Reinf. Camp
14	"	Fowler	J.	Bde. Bumps Officer
19	"	Jardine	H.	Hosp. sick
21	"	Dickinson	J.R.	adj. Int. Officer Bde
22	"	Robb	E.G.	No. 23. Vet Hosp
23	"	O'Neill	H.T.	Bde. Sig. Officer
26	"	Scott	H.B.	Anzac Corps School
33	2/Lieut	Tucker	H.L.	a.

I the Field

8-10-17

(Sgt.) E.E. Herrod Lt Col

Commanding 7th Australian Battalion

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on Strength of Unit at 1800 on 12/10/17
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Order Entry	Rank	Name		Remarks
2	Major	Swift	b.H.	Temp. commanding
3	Capt	Hopkins	J.W.	OC. B. Coy
4	"	Sub. MC.	J.R.	Transport Officer
5	"	Phillips	A.S.	OC. "D" Coy
7	"	D'Altera	N.R.	OC. "C" Coy
8	Lieut	Hill	E.W.	
13	"	Curry	R.H.	OC. "A" Coy
14	"	Fowler	J.H.	app 20th
15	"	Gordon	J.H.	
16	"	Lambert	J.H.	
17	"	Swallow	R.H.	Br. Sig. Officer
18	"	Smith	N.H.	
20	"	Cheson	N.H.	
24	"	Anderson	N.H.	
25	"	Harris	N.H.	
27	2/Lieut	Edgose	O.P.	Adjutant
28	"	Gaulton	J.B.	
29	"	Meyer	A.P.	
30	"	Phillips	J.G.	
31	"	Beech	A.C.	
32	"	Challott	A.W.	
34	"	Glawe	J.B.	
35	"	Russell	J.B.	
36	"	Moscow	A.C.	
37	"	Chas. Kenzie	J.G.	

ABSENT

1	1st Col	Herrod	E.E.	Learn. England
6	Captain	Hillard	J.H.	Bde. class. Eng.
9	Lieut	Young	N.H.	2nd Army School
10	"	Hill	N.H.	Angas Corps School
11	"	Hamilton	N.H.	Bank Camp
12	"	Hughes	N.H.	Small Arms School
14	"	Gardner	N.H.	Corp. Sick
21	"	Dickinson	N.H.	of Int. Officer Bde
22	"	Robb	E.E.	No. 23. McHaff School
23	"	O'Keefe	N.H.	Bde. Sig. Officer
26	"	Scott	N.H.	Angas Corps School
33	2/Lieut	Tucker	N.H.	do

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12/10/1917

(Sgd) M. Swift Major
Temp. commanding 7th Aust Bn

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7th Australian Battalion
Return of Officers in Order of Seniority
on Strength of Unit at 1800 on 19/10/17
PRESENT

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Order No.	Rank	Name	Initials	Remarks
2	Major	Swift	W.H.	Temp. Commanding
3	Capt.	Hopkins MC	J.W.	OC B Coy.
2 nd	Capt.	Spullion	W.C.	(Reported absent today)
5	"	Phillips	A.S.	OC D Coy
7	Lieut	Dallara	W.R.	OC C Coy
8	"	Hill	E.W.	
11	"	Hamilton	W.C.	
13	"	Gregory	R.L.	OC "A" Coy.
14	"	Howler		adj. G. S. B.
15	"	Gordon	J.H.G.	
16	"	Turbrick	J.H.	
17	"	Swallow	R.W.	Bn. Lg. Officer.
18	"	Smith	W.H.	
20	"	Chamson		
22	"	Kell	E.G.	Intelligence Officer
24	"	Anderson	E.G.	
25	"	Graham	R.J.	
26	"	Harris	W.H.	Adjutant
28	"	Edgrose	W.H.	
29	"	Gaulton	J.B.	
30	"	Meyer	A.D.	
32	2 nd Lt.	Beck	A.C.	
33	"	Mallet	A.H.	
35	"	Clawie	E.P.	
36	"	Russell	E.B.	
37	"	Wise would	A.C.	
38	"	MacKenzie	J.H.	
39	"	Carne	R.L.	
40	"	Ross	J.H.	
41	"	Swift	E.G.	
42	"	Dyle	J.H.	

ABSENT

1	1 st Lt.	Herrod	W.H.	Leave, England
4	Capt.	Subb MC	J.R.	do
6	"	Hellard	R.L.	Bde. Class Instr.
9	Lieut	Young	W.H.	2nd Army School
10	"	Kelly	W.H.	Anzac Corps School
12	"	Wright	W.H.	G.H.Q. Small Arms School
16	"	Jardine	J.H.	Hosp. Sick
21	"	Dickinson	W.H.	of Bde. Int. Officer
23	"	McKell	W.H.	of Bde. Lg. Officer
27	"	Legg	W.H.	Anzac Corps School
31	"	Phillips	E.G.	Hosp. Sick
34	2 nd Lt.	Sucker	W.H.	Anzac Corps School

In the Field
19/10/17

(Sgt) O Harris. Lieut
 Adjutant 7th Aus. Battalion

Nominal Roll of Officers going into action on
23rd October 1917

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Headquarters

Major C. H. Swift Commanding
 Lieut O. E. Harris Adjutant
 Lieut E. G. Robb Intelligence
 Lieut R. W. Swallow Signal Officer

A Coy

Capt. A. M. Hamilton
 Lieut. J. H. G. Gordon
 Lieut. H. Dixon
 2/Lieut. H. J. D. McKenzie

C Coy

Capt. W. R. D'Almeida
 Lieut. R. J. Graham
 2/Lieut. G. B. Russell
 2/Lieut. P. R. Carney
 2/Lieut. I. B. Hanson

B Coy

Capt. J. W. Hopkins M.C.
 Lieut. A. P. F. Meyer
 Lieut. S. L. Edgose
 2/Lieut. A. L. Beech

D Coy

Capt. A. J. Phillips
 Lieut. G. Anderson
 Lieut. J. B. Gaulton
 2/Lieut. A. W. Mallett

Capt. D. L. Barlow. R.M.O.

Lieut. J. Fowler app. S.O.
 Lieut. R. L. Percy app. Transport Officer

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7th Australian Battalion

APPENDIX

Return of Officers in order of Seniority on Strength
of Unit at 1800 on 26/10/17

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Present

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Order of Seniority	Rank	Name	Remarks
2	Major	Swift	Temp. Commanding
3	Capt.	Hamilton	O/b "A" Coy.
4	"	Hopkins	O/b "B" Coy.
6	"	Phillips	O/b "D" Coy.
8	"	D'Almeida	O/b "E" Coy.
9	Lieut	Hill	
14	"	Purcell	
15	"	Fowler	
16	"	Gordon	Actg. Q. M.
18	"	Swallow	
21	"	Nixon	
23	"	Robb	
25	"	Anderson	Intelligence Officer
26	"	Graham	
27	"	Harris	
29	"	Edgoose	
30	"	Gaulton	
31	"	Meyer	
33	2/Lieut	Beech	
34	"	Mallett	
36	"	Hanson	
38	"	Russell	
39	"	Mackenzie	
40	"	Carne	
42	"	Swift	

Absent

1	Lt. Col.	Herrod	E. E.	Reserve Camp
5	Capt.	Tubb. "M.C."	F. R.	Leave England
7	"	Hillard	R. J.	Inst. 2nd Bde. Class.
10	Lieut	Young	H. H.	2nd Army School
11	"	Kelly	L. H.	Anzac Corps School
12	"	Hamilton	W. E.	Leave England
13	"	Wright	H. J.	G.H.Q. Small Arms School
17	"	Dunbricks	K. M.	Reserve Camp
19	"	Smith	W. H. G.	do do
20	"	Jardine	J. A.	Hospital Sick
22	"	Dickinson	V. R.	Actg. Intelligence Officer 2nd Bde.
24	"	O'Neill	H. F.	Actg. Signal Officer 2nd A.I. Bde.
28	"	Scott	W. E.	Anzac Corps School
32	"	Phillips	D. G.	2nd Army Rest Camp
35	2/Lieut	Tucker	W. L.	Anzac Corps School
37	"	Blowe	G. P.	do do
41	"	Ross	J. J.	Reserve Camp
43	"	Lyle	J. M.	do do

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(sqd.) O. HARRIS Lieut
for C.O. 7th Aus. Bn.

REPORT ON ROADS AND TRACKS.

1. FORWARD.'A' Tracks -

BIRR X Roads to D.27.A.2.1. - Double duckboard track in good condition for the most part though damaged in a few places.

D.27.A.2.1 to D.22.B.2.0. - Single duckboard track in good condition, being carried forward.

'B' Roads -

WESTHOEK - ZONNEBEKE. - Good and fit for traffic except between D.27.C.9.0. and D.27.D.4.5. where the road is impassable until planked. Planking is being proceeded with..

FREZENBERG - BROODSEINDE. - A pave road. From where it enters our left boundary at D.26.B.9.4. to D.27.B.8.5. it is in fair condition and is being repaired. Thence to D.23.C.2.5. the road is full of shell holes but is a fair mule track.

11 CROSS ROADS.

D.28.A.1.9. to D.21.D.5.3. - Fair condition being repaired.
 D.28.A.2.9. to D.22.A.7.0. - Earth road, very poor condition
 D.22.D.6.5. to D.16.D.5.0. - Earth road, very poor condition lot of shell holes.
 D.23.A.3.7. to D.17.C.2.8. - Old metal road, fair condition, lot of shell holes.
 D.23.A.3.7. to D.17.C.8.5. - Pave road, fair condition, few shell holes.

111 TRAMWAY.

WESTHOEK - ZONNEBEKE - Now complete almost to St JOSEPHS' near ZONNEBEKE.

LIR 166

all logs

secret

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Divisional S.O.S.
 line is D 24 A 20 - ~~D 24~~ D 18 B 60 -
 D 18 B 1085

- Artillery barrages as
 under will be put down on 27 inst.
- A at 5-20 am on starting line
 E 25 C 52 - E 13 C 50.
- B 6 minute bursts of fire at
 8-45 pm, 8-51 pm 9-10 pm
 - 9-16 pm

This fire will take the form of
 a standing barrage in depth
 A + B barrages

A barrage on line E 19 A 69
 - D 18 B 1085

B barrage 200 yards east
 of A

Front line to observe shots &
 report on effects of same &
 retaliation

2030
 26-10-17 and 0530/
 O'Hanrahan
 adjt.

End

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HEADQUARTERS,
26th OCT., 1917.ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS No.1.

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1. The S.O.S. Line on the Divisional front will be as follows :-
D.24.A.2.0. - D.18.C.6.0. - D.18.B.10.85.
 2. Days after 'O' day will be known as 'P(a)', 'Q(a)', 'R(a)', 'S(a)' etc.
 3. Artillery barrages will be put down on 'P(a)' day as follows:-
 - (a) At 5-20 a.m. on Starting Line E.25.C.5.2. - E.13.C.5.0.
D.12.D.45.00.
 - (b) There will be 6 minute bursts of fire at the following times :-
8-45 p.m., 8-51 p.m. and 9-10 p.m. - 9-16 p.m.
This fire will take the form of a standing barrage in Depth.
A. and B. Barrages :-
A. Barrage on Line E.19.A.6.9. - D.18.B.10.85.
B. Barrage 200 Yards East of A.
 - (c) There will be silent periods at -
8-51 p.m. to 9-10 p.m.
10-p.m. to 10-30 p.m.
unless firing is required in response to S.O.S. Signals.
 4. (a) On 'Q(a)' Day -
Army barrage will be at 5-30 a.m. on same Line as para.3 above.
(b) There will be bursts of fire as in para.3(b) at the following times :-
8-15 p.m. - 8-21 p.m.
9-33 p.m. - 9-41 p.m.
(c) Silent periods at 8-21 p.m. - 8-40 p.m.
11 p.m. - 11-30 p.m.
 5. (a) On 'S(a)' day -
Army barrage will be at 5-15 a.m. on same line as 'P(a)' day.
(b) Silent periods will be from 8 p.m. - 8-30 p.m.
10 p.m. - 10-30 p.m.
 6. Other shoots may be ordered at any time in which case Units will be notified. Front Line Units will observe shoot and report on affects of same and on any retaliation.
 7. When Units call ^{up} for retaliation and our artillery responds Front Line troops will report immediately the hostile fire has ceased by wiring the word CUBAN so that ammunition is not unnecessarily wasted.
 8. ✓ A C K N O W L E A D G E.

R. R. Quinn Lieut.,
A/Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Distribution :-

Copy No.1	5th Bn.	7 G.O.C.
2	6th Bn.	8 B.M.
3	7th Bn.	9 No.4 Sig.Section
4	8th Bn.	10 Staff Captain,
5	2nd M.G.Coy.	11 Asst. Staff Captain
6	2nd A.L.T.M.B.	12 Bde. Intel. Off.
		13 Asst. Bde. Intel. Off.

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Casualties during month of October 1917OfficersKilled in Action

Lieut G. Heaton	4	10	17
Lieut W. R. Booth	4	10	17
Lieut W. G. Pollock	3	10	17

Wounded

Capt. W. B. Campbell	3	10	17
Lieut C. L. Dobbin	3	10	17
Lieut H. R. Hambrook	3	10	17
Lieut M. B. Hambrook	4	10	17
Lieut A. Dean	4	10	17
Lieut A. L. Salthouse	4	10	17
Lieut H. D. Hollyhoke	4	10	17
Lieut F. S. Wyeth	4	10	17
Lieut C. R. Anderson	4	10	17
Lieut A. M. Teare "M.C."	4	10	17
4 th Lieut K. G. Banks	4	10	17
2 nd Lieut H. E. Wisewould	19	10	17

Wounded - Remaining on Duty

Lieut H. Nixon	4	10	17
Lieut D. G. Phillips	4	10	17

Died of Illness

Hon. Capt. + Q. Master J. E. Scholes 10 10 17

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31. 10. 17

(sgt) O. HARRIS Lieut

Adj. 7th Australian Bn.

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Casualties during month of October 1917 (cont.)

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Officers - Arrivals

2/Lieut	P. R. Carne	} Promoted to commissioned Rank 15/10/17
"	A. G. Swift	
"	T. J. Ross	
"	J. M. Lyle	

2/Lieut L. B. Hanson from Reinforcements (cadet Bn.)
20/10/17

Lieut R. J. Graham, rejoined from 2nd Training Bn.
15/10/17.

Capt. A. N. Hamilton, rejoined from wounded 19/10/17.

Other Ranks

Casualties

Killed in action	62.
* Wounded	215
* Died of Wounds (inc. in wd.)	15
Missing	19
Wounded & prisoners of War in Germany	1
Hospital N.Y.D.	2
Shell concussion	1
Contusions	1
Wounded - remaining on duty	5
Gassed (attached Bde. as G.R.)	1
Accidentally injured	1

Reinforcements

Reinforcements	71
Returned from 2 nd Training Bn.	5

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(Sgd) O. HARRIS Lieut.

Adj. 7th Austral. Bn.