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Reference map sheet 28

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918			
KEMMEL AREA	1st Jan.		Battalion camped in ROSSIGNOL CAMP in huts, KEMMEL AREA, resting after tour of 16 days in the line. Weather fine but cold.	
do	2nd Jan.		Battalion supplied working parties. Weather fine but cold.	
do	3rd Jan.		Part of Battalion on working parties. Lieut. O. J. E. HARRIS and Lieut. R. W. SWALLOW proceed to ENGLAND on leave. Weather - snowing during day, very cold.	
do	4th Jan.		Working parties supplied, also 3 Officers and 100 O. Ranks for firing party at funeral of Capt. M. KENNEDY, 1st. Aust. Division, at DRANOUTRE. Lieut. H. H. YOUNG in command. 2/Lieut. G. B. RUSSELL proceeded to England on leave. 2/Lieut. D. C. MACKINNON proceeded to T. M. School, 1st. Aust. Corps. Weather fine but cold, snow on ground.	
do	5th. Jan.		Battalion supplying working parties. Lieut. E. W. HILL proceeded on leave to England. Lieut. A. DEAN proceeded to Hospital, gassed. Chaplain Capt. CASHMAN reported back from leave England. Weather fine but cold, snow on ground.	
do	6th Jan.		Battalion supplying working parties. Remainder of Battalion on Church Parade. C. of E. parade held by Capt. NEVILLE at KEMMEL Cinema. R.C. held by Chaplain Capt. CASHMAN at KEMMEL Church.	
do	7th Jan.		Battalion supplying working parties. Battalion moves from ROSSIGNOL CAMP, KEMMEL, to IRISH HOUSE and CHINESE WALL as support to 1st. Brigade, to relieve 8th. Battalion. Battalion billeted in dug-outs. Very comfortable. Relief complete by 1500. Weather fine, snow thawing.	Corr. 1.
do	8th Jan.		Battalion in dug-outs at CHINESE WALL and IRISH HOUSE. Supplying working parties to Brigade in the line. Weather snowing off and on all day, very cold.	

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KEMMEL AREA	9th Jan.		Battalion on working parties for Brigade in front line. Weather snowing very heavily all day. Very cold. Lieut. J.M. LYLE proceeded to England on leave. Lieut. T.A. JARDINE reported back from Hospital.	
do	10th Jan.		Working parties. Weather snowing hard all day. Thaw during night.	
do	11th Jan.		Working parties for front line. Weather cold but fine. Lieut. C.R. ANDERSON, Lieut. W.E. LANE, and Lieut. R. PURBRICK reported back from England. 2/Lieut. R. ANDERSON reported from Cadet SCHOOL School, England.	
do	12th Jan.		Working parties in forward area. Weather snowed during day, very cold.	
do	13th Jan.		Working parties in forward area. 2/Lieut. HANSON and 2/Lieut. R.P. WHALLEY proceed to Aust. Corps School. Weather snowed during day, very cold.	
do	14th Jan.		Working parties as usual. Lieut. D.G. PHILLIPS M.C. and 2/Lieut. E.J. ROSS proceed to 10th. Corps School. Weather fine but cold.	
do & FRONT LINE SHEET 28 0.35.d.20.10	15th Jan.		Battalion to proceed by march route to relieve 11th. Battalion, line left-right sector. The Battalion left bivouacs at 1430 along WYTSCHAETE - WULVERGHEM - MESSINES roads. "A" and "B" Coys. in front line R and L. "C" in supports. "D" in Reserve. Relief complete at 2225 2225. Weather bad, rained very hard during the night, making roads bad and trenches in frightfully bad condition. C.T. in places water over knees. Front posts mud and water thigh high. 2/Lieut. J.H. HAMBLETT proceeded to 10th. Corps School. No casualties.	Corr. 2.
FRONT LINE	16th		Quiet night. Little shelling from our 18 pdrs. No shelling from enemy. Very quiet. Weather dull but fine. Sector in very bad condition. Work being carried out on front line posts, but still very wet and muddy. Lieut. H. NIXON rejoined from 2nd. Bde. Musketry School. 1 O/Rank wounded (M.G.)	

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FRONT LINE	1918 17th Jan.		Quiet during morning and afternoon, occasional shelling by both sides. Weather snowed and rained during morning but stopped during afternoon. Still very dull. Condition of sector very bad. Mud bad in C.T's. and front posts. All dug-outs flooded Working parties pumping in front and support lines, and building up trenches which have fallen in since the rain. Casualties 2/0/Ranks wounded.	
do	18th Jan.		Quiet on front. Men on front posts pumping out water and building and revetting their posts. Posts in very bad condition. Very little work can be done owing to the shortage of men and the number of men carrying rations. Weather raining during the morning and very dull during afternoon. Enemy shelling nothing to speak of. casualties 1 0/rank wounded.	
do	19th Jan.		Quiet during the day and night excepting for a few pineapple bombs being thrown into right part of right Coy. Trenches in very bad condition, every available man working on them. Mud and water very bad. Weather cold and bleak. Casualties 1 0/Rank wounded. Inter Coy. relief took place. "A" relieved by "D" Coy. from Reserve, "B" Coy. relieved by "C" Coy. in support. Disposition - Right Coy. "D", Left Coy. "C", Support "B", Reserve "A". Relief went off without any hitch, being completed at 2200.	
do	20th Jan.		Quiet during day excepting for occasional enemy shelling on scattered parts of sector. Weather fine. Observation good. Numbers of aeroplanes flying about. No enemy machines seen. Casualties nil.	
do	21st Jan.		Quiet on sector. Occasional enemy shelling on scattered objects. Enemy throwing pineapples into right post of right Coy, quietened by 18 pdrs. Weather dull but fine. Water still lying about. Trenches in bad condition. Casualties nil. Lieuts. E.W.HILL, R.W.SWALLOW, O.J.E.HARRIS, and 2/Lieut.G.B.RUSSELL returned from leave England.	
do	22nd Jan.		quiet during morning and afternoon. At 1800 our 18 pdrs. , T.M.'s., and Machine Guns opened up on KIWI FARM. No retaliation. Enemy shelled with 5'9, 4'2, and minenwerfers at about 2230 in the vicinity of our T.M. Battery. Our artillery retaliated and enemy stopped shelling. weather fine but dull. Casualties- 1 0/Rank wounded.	

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	1918			
FRONT LINE and KEMMEL AREA	23rd Jan.		Quiet during morning and afternoon. Enemy shelling occasionally. Weather dull but fine. Relief by 11th Battalion. Relief complete 1700. Battalion marched back to KEMMEL via WULVERGHEM and camped in huts at ROSSIGNOL CAMP. Casualties 1 O/Rank killed.	Corr.3.
KEMMEL AREA	24th to 28th Jan.		Working parties supplied for Corps Line Defences. Every available man at work. Weather fine but cold.	
do	26th Jan.		Lieut.Col.E.E.HERROD D.S.O. returns from leave England, and reasumes command of Battalion. Lieut.E.G.ROBB proceeded on leave to England.	
do	27th Jan.		Lieut.H.H.YOUNG proceeded on leave to England.	
do	28th Jan.		Major C.H.SWIFT proceeded on leave to England.	
KEMMEL AREA and LOCRE AREA.	29th Jan.		Battalion moves by march route to LOCRE and LINDENHOEK respectively. H/Qrs., "A" and "B" Coys and Transport to LOCRE, "C" and "D" Coys. under Major BASTIN M.C. to LINDENHOEK, where "C" and "D" Coys. are to work on rear defences. Battalion complete in both Camps by 1200. Working parties supplied to full strength of Battalion. Weather fine.	Corr.4.
LOCRE AREA.	30th & 31st Jan.		Whole Battalion on working parties. Weather very foggy and cold.	
			Intelligence Reports from 15/1/18 to 23/1/18. Corr.5. Changes in Officers - Corr.6. Honors and Awards - Corr.7. Daily Changes in Strength - Corr.8.	
			Return of Officers on Strength of Unit in Order of Seniority - Corr.9.	
			<i>E. Herrod</i> Lieut.Col. Commanding 7th. Australian Battalion.	

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BRIGADE ORDER No. 71.

APPENDIX I

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.,
6th Jany., 1918.

Reference Map, WYTSCHAETE,
1:10,000.

1. The 5th and 8th Battalions, now working in the forward area, will be relieved by the 6th and 7th Battalions respectively on the 7th January and night 7/8th January, and will move back and occupy the quarters thus vacated by the 6th and 7th Battalions.
2. On completion of relief the 6th Battalion will come under the orders of the G.O.C., 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade.
3. Works in progress will be continued and working parties will not cease work until they are relieved.
4. Advanced parties from the four Battalions concerned will be attached to all working parties they are to take over for 24 hours prior to the relief.
5. The relief will take place as far as possible in daylight, but no movement forward of the WYTSCHAETE - WISSINFS Ridge will be allowed before 1830.
6. All maps, photographs, defence schemes, plans of work and documents of value to the incoming unit will be handed over. Area and trench stores will be handed over and receipts obtained. A copy will be sent to reach this Office by 1800 on the day after the relief takes place.
7. Completion of relief will be notified by wire in code to 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade and to this Office.
8. Details of relief not herein provided for will be mutually arranged between C.O.s concerned.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. F. Weston

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

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9	2nd A.G. Coy.	"	"
10	2nd A.L.T. Bty.	"	"
11	1st Aust. Division	"	"
12	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
13	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
14	Brigade Major	"	"
15	Staff Captain	"	"
16	Ad. Intel. Off.	"	"
17	No. 4 Signal Section	"	"
18	Bde. Works Officer	"	"
19/22	Spares.		

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APPENDIX 1

7th. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER No. 10.

Reference Map - WYTSCHAART, 1/10000.

1. The 5th. Aust. Battalion now working in the forward area will be relieved by 7th. Aust. Battalion on 7th. January 1917 and night 7/8 January 1917. Time notified later.
2. Companies will take over from the respective Coys. of 5th. Battalion.
3. Works in progress will be continued. Working parties will not cease work until they are relieved.
4. Advance parties from the two Battalions concerned will be attached to all working parties. They are to take over for 24 hours prior to relief.
5. No movement forward of the WYTSCHAART and HESSINES ridge will be allowed before 1630.
6. All plans of work and documents of value to the incoming Unit will be handed over. Area and trench stores will be handed over and receipts obtained. A copy will be sent to reach Regimental Office by 2000 the day after the relief takes place.
7. Completion of relief will be sent by wire in code to Bn. H/Quar.
8. Company Commanders will arrange for guides to be left at ROBBINGOL CAMP to guide parties coming back from duty to IRISH PARK.

K. J. Jarvis 2/Lieut.
a/Adjutant 7th. Aust. Battalion.

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2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 72.

HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.,
13th Jany. 1918.

Reference WYTSCHAETE 1:10,000

1. The 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade will relieve two Battalions of the 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade and two Battalions of the 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade in the line in accordance with the attached relief table.
2. Advanced parties from Battalions will be sent into all advanced posts and will take part in all patrols on the night before their respective reliefs takes place. They will remain in and rejoin their Units when they arrive.
3. No movement of troops forward of the MESSINES - WYTSCHAETE ridge will take place before 1645.
4. (a) All maps, photographs, defence schemes, plans of work, and documents of value to the incoming troops will be taken over.
(b) Area and trench stores will be taken over and receipts given on pro forma sent to all concerned. A copy will be sent to this Office by noon on the day after the relief takes place.
5. Transport lines will not change.
6. (a) Each Battalion will furnish a certificate to this Office by noon on the day after the relief takes place that defence schemes have been taken over, Battalions properly detailed to defences and orders for action in accordance with the respective schemes have been promulgated to all concerned.
(b) Company Commanders' sketches of disposition will be forwarded to reach this Office by 1800 on 17th instant.
7. Instructions in regard to the 2nd M.G. Coy. will be issued later.
8. Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between C.O.'s concerned.
9. On completion of relief the command of the four Right Battalion Sub-Sectors of the Divisional Front will pass to the G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.
10. Completion of relief will be notified by wire in code to this Office.
11. Brigade Headquarters will close at RAMILLIES CAMP at 1600 on the 16th instant, and open at MIDLAND FARM (T.S.a.1.5.) at the same hour.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. F. Watson

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

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8.	8th do	"	"
9.	2nd M.G. Coy.	"	"
10.	2nd A.L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
11.	1st Australian Division	"	"
12.	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
13.	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
14.	Area Commandant, KEMMEL	"	"
15.	Brigade Major.		
16.	Staff Captain.		
17.	No. 4 Signal Section.		
18.	Works Officer.		
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RELIEF TABLE TO ACOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 72.

Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	Unit Relieved.	Remarks.
Night 15/16th Jany.	6th Bn.	WYTSCHAETE Area	Line Right Centre Left Brigade Sector.	3rd Bn.	
do	5th Bn.	RAMILLIES Camp.	Line Right Left Brigade Sector.	4th Bn.	Not to pass LAMP POST CORNER before 1700.
do	7th Bn.	IRISH HOUSE.	Line Left Right Brigade Sector.	11th Bn.	
do	2nd A.L.T. M.Bty.	KEMMEL.	LINE.	1st and 3rd A.L.T.M.Btys.	
16th.	8th Bn.	ROSSIGNOL Camp.	WULVERGHEM.	10th Bn.	Not to arrive before 1100.
Night 16/17th	8th Bn.	WULVERGHEM.	Line Right Right Brigade Sector.	12th Bn.	

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7th. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER No.11.

Reference Map - WYTSCHAETE, 1/10000.

1. 7th. Aust. Battalion will relieve 11th. Aust. Battalion on night of 15/16 January 1918 in the line left Right Brigade Sector.
2. Distribution - Front line, "A" on right "B" on left. Supports, "C" Coy. Reserve "D" Coy.
3. The following advance parties will meet I.O. at Irish House at 1500 to-day:- 1 Officer and 4 N.C.Os. per Coy., Bn. Works Officer, Gum Boot Officer, and 3 H/Q. Signallers. Advance parties will take part in all patrols and make themselves thoroughly acquainted with Coy. sectors.
4. No movement forward of MESSINES and WYTSCHAETE ridge before 1645.
5. Trench Stores to be taken over and receipt given on pro-forma. Receipts to be forwarded to Bn. H/Qrs. on completion of relief.
6. Coy. Commanders' sketches of disposition will be forwarded to reach Bn. H/Qrs. by 1600 on 17th. inst.
7. Completion of relief to be notified by wire to Bn. H/Qrs. in code.
8. Guides for front line Coys. will be at Bn. H/Qrs.
9. Route - Notified later.
10. Time - Notified later.
11. Transport lines will remain in their present location.
12. Acknowledge.

2/Lieut.
a/Adjutant 7th. Aust. Battalion.

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1. Men will carry all their kit with exception of one blanket. Second blanket to be rolled in bundles of ten and clearly labelled. C.Q.M.S. will obtain receipt from Q.M. for blankets handed in. Blankets will be dumped at Coy. H/Qrs. by ~~xxxx~~ 1400 tomorrow. Mess boxes and officers' spare kit to be ready at same time. Limbers to be at each Coy. and H/Qrs. at 1400 to collect blankets and officers' spare kit. Limber to call at Coy. H/Qrs. at 1400 to collect Lewis Guns and ammunition to go to Messines. One limber to be at Bn. H/Qrs. at 1400 to collect band instruments to be stored at Q.M. store.

*K. Farvie*2/Lieut.
a/Adjutant 7th. Aust. Battalion.*JH*

2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 73. APPENDIX 3.

HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aus. Inf. Ide.
21st Jany. 1918.

Reference Sheet. 28.S.V. 1:20,000.

1. The 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade (less 2nd M.G. Coy.) will be relieved by the 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade (less 3rd M.G. Coy.) in the Right Brigade Area of the Divisional Sector on the night 23rd/24th January in accordance with the attached relief table.
2. Advanced parties of 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade which are taking over areas not previously held by such Units will be sent into all advanced posts and will take part in all patrols the night before the relief takes place. They will remain in and rejoin their Unit when it arrives.
3. (a) All maps, photographs, defence schemes, plans of work and documents of value to the incoming troops will be handed over.
(b) Area and trench stores will be handed over and receipts obtained on pro forma sent to all concerned. Two copies will be sent to this Office by noon on 24th instant.
4. On relief the 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade will take over the quarters of, and the duties now being carried out by, the 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade. In order to ensure that there is no break in the continuity of work advanced parties from the 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade will be attached for 24 hours prior to the relief to all working parties which are to be taken over from the 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade.
5th Bn. will take over the duties now being performed by 11th Bn.
6th Bn. " " " " " " 9th Bn.
7th Bn. " " " " " " 10th Bn.
8th Bn. " " " " " " 12th Bn.
5. 5th and 8th Battalions' transport will take over on the 23rd instant the Standings now occupied by the 10th and 9th Bns. respectively at T.14.d.2.9. Lines will be vacated by 12 noon. Transport lines of the 6th and 7th Battalions will not change.
6. 5th and 8th Battalions' Quartermasters' Stores will be located at DAYLIGHT CORNER from 12 noon on 23rd instant and will draw from 4th Coy. A.S.C. Rations will be delivered forward on heavy Decauville Railway. The remaining Brigade Units will draw from 3rd Coy. A.S.C. at N.31.C.7.4., Quartermasters' Stores being situated at Transport lines KEMMEL.
7. Completion of relief will be notified by wire in code to this Office.
8. Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between C.O's concerned.
9. On completion of the relief, command of the Sector will pass to G.O.C., 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade.
10. Brigade Headquarters will close at MILLAND FARM on completion of relief and reopen at RAILLIES Camp.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. Watson
Captain,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12	3rd Coy. A.S.C.		
13	4th Coy. A.S.C.		
14	1st Aust. Division		
15	1st Aust. Inf. Dde.		
16	3rd Aust. Inf. Dde.		
17	6th Aust. Inf. Bdo.		
18	MESSINES Group Artillery		
19	COOSTAVERNE Group Artillery		
20	Ayca Commandant "ULVERGHM"		
21	Brigade Major		
22	Staff Captain		
23	Dde. Intel Officer		
24	Dde. Works Officer		
25	Dde Transport Officer		
26	No. 1 Signal Section		
27/30	Spares.		

1. On receipt of the 2nd and 3rd copies of the War Diary, the 2nd and 3rd copies will be forwarded to the 2nd and 3rd Battalions respectively. The 2nd and 3rd copies will be retained for the 2nd and 3rd Battalions respectively. The 2nd and 3rd copies will be retained for the 2nd and 3rd Battalions respectively.

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7. Completion of relief will be notified by wire in code to the Office.

8. Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between C.O.s concerned.

9. On completion of the relief, command of the sector will pass to 2nd A.S.C. 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

10. Brigade Headquarters will move at 05.00 hours on completion of relief and remain at RAHILL G.S.

11. ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Captain
Brigade Major
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

RELIEF TABLE to Accompany BRIGADE ORDER No. 73.

UNIT.	FROM.	TO.	RELIEVING UNIT.
8th Battalion	Line Right	VULVERGHEM (T. 6. c. 1. 2.)	12th Battalion.
7th Battalion	Line Right Centre	ROSSIGNOL CAMP.	11th Battalion.
5th Battalion	Line Left Centre	GAILLE FARM (T. 5. a. 1. 6.)	10th Battalion.
6th Battalion	Line Left	RAMILLIES CAMP.	9th Battalion.
2nd A.L.T.H. Bty.	Line	KEMMEL.	3rd A.L.T.H. Bty.

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7th. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 12.

ref. map 28 S.W., 1/20000.

1. The 7th. Aust. Bn. will be relieved by the 11th. Aust. Bn. in the Right Centre sector on night 23/24th inst.
2. All maps, schemes, and information of value to the incoming unit will be handed over.
3. Trench Stores Trench stores to be carefully checked and handed over. Signed receipts to be forwarded to this office as early as possible. Signature of officer of incoming Coy. must be on receipt
4. On relief Battalion will move to ROSSIGNOL CAMP Coys. will rendezvous at MESSINES and move back under Coy. arrangements.
5. Completion of relief to be wired to Bn. H/Qrs, in code.
6. Advance Parties - Each Coy. will detail 1 Off. and 4 N.C.O's. to proceed to ROSSIGNOL CAMP.
"B", "C", and "D" Coy. parties to report to Bn. H/Qrs. at 1800 tonight
"A" Coy. party will meet this party at MESSINES at 1845. The whole party will then proceed to ROSSIGNOL CAMP under senior officer.
10th. Battalion is at present in occupation of camp. The officers will take over the camp, and the N.C.O's. will be attached to 10th. Bn. fatigue parties. These N.C.O's. will be used to guide our fatigue parties first morning.
7. Transport Lines will remain in their present location. Q.M. STORE to move back to old Store (KEMMEL). Rations to be drawn from 3rd. Coy. A.S.C. at N.31.c.7.4.
8. Acknowledge.

(Signed) K.R. JARVIE 2/Lieut.
a/Adjutant 7th. Aust. Battalion.

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7th. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER No.12.Instruction No.1.

1. Lewis Guns Guns and Paniers will be dumped on limbers at the HOSPICE. Sgt. WILLS will be in charge of the loading. Coys. will collect their guns on arrival at ROSSIGNOL CAMp.
2. Horses Coy. Commanders' horses will be waiting at the Gum Boot Store.
3. FOOD Hot meal will be ready for Coys. on their arrival in Camp.
4. Every endeavour will be made to keep the men together on the march to Camp. All ranks will be told that Bn. is going to ROSSIGNOL CAMP, so that any man falling out will know exactly where to go. It is not known yet whether fatigues will be required the morning after relief, but Coys. will be prepared to supply all available men at short~~est~~ notice if required.

(signed) K.R. JARVIE 2/Lieut.
a/Adjutant 7th. Aust. Battalion.

2nd. AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.74.HEADQUARTERS.
26th. January 1918.

Reference Sheet 28, 1/40000.

1. The 2nd. Aust. Infantry Brigade (less 2nd. Aust. Machine Gun Coy.) will be relieved by the 14th. Aust. Infantry Brigade on the 29th January, and will proceed by march route to the LOCRE Area in accordance with the attached Move Table.
2. (a) Defence Schemes, maps, photographs, Works policy and all documents and information of use to the incoming Units will be handed over.
(b) Area stores will be handed over and receipts obtained on pro forma sent to all concerned.
Two copies will be sent to this Office by noon on 30th January.
(c) On arrival in the LOCRE Area defence schemes which have been prepared for the Brigade in Support will be taken over and orders for action in accordance therewith will be promulgated to all concerned. A certificate that this has been done will be furnished to this office by noon on 30th instant.
3. For the purpose of handing over one Officer per Battalion and one N.C.O. per Company will remain behind when the Brigade moves out, and will await the arrival of the incoming Units.
4. All camps will be left in a scrupulously clean condition. A certificate in duplicate to that effect will be obtained from the Area Commandant. One copy will be forwarded to this Office by noon on 30th. January.
5. Billeting parties of one Officer and four N.C.O's per Battalion and one Officer and one N.C.O. from 2nd A.L.T.M. Battery will be sent on the morning of 28th. January to take over their respective camps in the new area, and will await the arrival of their Units there.
6. The following will be maintained on the march :-

Between Battalions	-	500 yards
" Companies	-	100 "
" Unit and its Transport	-	100 yards.
7. Two Companies of the 7th. Battalion, each of 100 Privates with proportion of Officers and N.C.O's, will move to LINDENHOEK Camp on the morning of 29th January, and will be billeted there. ~~Further~~ These Companies will be employed on work in the present area. Further particulars will be notified later.
8. Separate instructions for the relief of 2nd Aust. Machine Gun Company will be issued later.
9. Brigade Headquarters will close at RAMILLIES Camp at 9-30 a.m., on 29th January and open at LOCRE at the same hour.
10. Acknowledge.

(Signed) H.F.WATSON Captain.
Brigade Major.
2nd. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

[Handwritten Signature]

MOVE TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 74.

U N I T.	FROM.	TO.	ROUTE.	REMARKS.
5th Battalion	GABLE FARM	BIBB BARRACKS (M.29.a.8.9.)	via DAYLIGHT COR- NER & DRANOUTRE.	To leave GABLE FARM at 9 a.m.
6th Battalion	RAMILLIES CAMP.	KEMMEL HUTS (N.19.d.4.4.)		To pass Crossroads at N.21.d.5.4. at 9-45 a.m.
7th Battalion, (less 2 Coys.)	ROSSIGNOL CAMP.	WAKEFIELD CAMP (M.29.c.8.8.)	via BRULOOZE & LOCRE.	To pass Crossroads at N.21.d.5.4. at 9-30 a.m.
8th Battalion	WULVERGHEM	DONCASTER HUTS (M.28.b.9.5.)	via DAYLIGHT COR- NER - DRANOUTRE - LOCRE.	To pass GABLE FARM at 9-20 a.m.
2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.	KEMMEL	M.18.d.5.5.	via BRULOOZE	To pass Crossroads at N.21.d.5.4. at 10 a.m.

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7th. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER No. 13

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Reference ~~XXXX~~ Map - Sheet 28 1/40000.

1. 7th. Aust. Battalion (less 2 Coys.) will be relieved in present area on 29th. inst, and will proceed by march route to LOCRE area.
2. Starting point - Main gate of Rossignol Camp and facing towards Brigade.
3. Route - *Order of march H/Brig, A/B Coy. B. Coy Transport* Rossignol Camp to Wakefield Camp (M.29.C.8.8) via BRULOUZE and LOCRE.
4. Time - Head of column to pass starting point at 9-15 a.m.
Transport to join column at N.21.D.5.4 at 9-30 a.m.
5. "C" and "D" Coys. will move under command of Major H.E.BASTIN M.C. to LINDENHOEK Camp on morning of 29th. inst., and will be billeted there. Major Bastin to complete necessary arrangements.
6. Coys. mentioned in para. 5 must each be of a strength of 100 privates with proportion of N.C.O's. in addition. Adjutant to be advised by 4 p.m. on 28th. inst. number of N.C.O's. and men required to bring each Coy. up to required strength.
7. Rossignol Camp to be left in a scrupulously clean condition. Coy. Commanders to furnish certificates to this effect by 8 a.m. on 29th. inst. Lieut. K.M. PURBRICK of "B" Coy. will remain behind and hand over to next unit to occupy Rossignol Camp. 1 N.C.O. per Coy. also to be detailed to remain behind. These N.C.O's. to report to Lieut. Purbrick.
8. 2/Lieut. M.V. CROWE ("A" Coy.) and 2 N.C.O's. each from "A" Coy. and "B" Coy. to proceed to Wakefield Camp on morning of 28th. inst. and take over Camp. Party to report at Battalion Office at 10 a.m. on 28th. inst.
9. Distances on March - Between Battalions 500 yards, Coys. 100 yards, Unit and Transport 100 yards.
10. Reports on march to head of column. On arrival in new billets all correct or otherwise within half an hour of arrival.
11. *Instructions as to baggage orders & rations etc will be issued later*

J. H. Jones Lieut.
Adjutant 7th. Australian Battalion.

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INSTRUCTION No.1 to
Battalion Order No.13.

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MOVE TO LINDENHOEK

Major BASTIN M.C. to arrange direct with Q.M. and T.O. regarding rations, valises, mens second ~~XXXX~~ blanket etc.

MOVE TO LOCRE

Mens second blanket to be collected, rolled in bundles of ten shortwise, securely tied and legibly labelled and stacked in Coy. dumps alongside Adjutant's Hut by 7 a.m. on 29th. inst. Officers valises to be stacked at same location as blankets by 8 a.m. Officers mess stores etc. at same location by 8-45 a.m. Motor Transport is not available. Q.M. and T.O. to arrange for loading etc.

(Signed) H.J. WRIGHT Lieut.
For Adjutant 7th. Aust. Battalion.



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7th. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION DETACHMENT. ORDER No. 1.

Ref. Map - Sheet 28, 1/20000.

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1. MOVE - The LEFT HALF 7th. Aust. Bn. as detailed in para. 5 Bn. Order No. 13 will move by march route to, and relieve two Coys. 2nd. Aust. Bn., in LINDENHOEK CAMP on 29th. inst.
2. STARTING POINT - N.21.B.9.1.
3. TIME OF STARTING - Head of column will pass S.P. at 1130.
4. ORDER OF MARCH - "C" - "D" Coy. 100 yards to be maintained between PLATOONS and Coys.
5. ROUTE - Most direct.
6. ADVANCE PARTY - C. and D. Coys. will each send forward before 1000 in the morning 1 officer to take over new Camp.
7. KITS - Mens blankets will be collected, rolled in bundles of tens, securely tied, and legibly labelled. The above will be staked in Coy. dumps in rear of Adjutant's Hut (each Coy. supplying a guard of two men to guard same.) at 0900. Officers valises, mess gear etc., to be at same location as blankets at 0900.
8. TRANSPORT - One G.S. Wagon is available for L. Guns, kits etc. This wagon will be at S.P. for its first load at 1100. Coy. Cookers and Water Carts will proceed to new camp under orders of the T.O., leaving this camp at 0930.
9. GENERAL - (a) Paras. 7 and 10 of Bn. Order No.13 to be adhered to. (b) Medical and ration arrangements have been mutually arranged with M.O. and Q.M. respectively.

(Signed) H.E.BASTIN Major.
O.C. No.1 Detachment.
7th. Australian Battalion.

Copies.	To.	Time	Method.
1.	File.	2100	
2.	C.O.	"	D.R.
3.	"C" Coy.	"	"
4.	"D" Coy.	"	"
5.	Q.M. & T.O.	"	"

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7th. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION DETACHMENT

Provisional Instructions No.1.

Ref. Map - Sheet 28, 1/20000.

1. **SCHEME** - "C" and "D" Coys., 7th. Aust. Bn., which form the above mentioned detachment, have been allotted to the 1st. Aust. Pioneer Bn. for work in the CORPS LINE OF DEFENCE.
2. **DUTIES** - The duties for the present will consist of a day and an evening working party of 3 officers, 10 N.C.O's., and 90 O.R. in each party.
"C" Coy. will supply the evening party.
"D" Coy. the day party.
3. **TIME OF RENDEZVOUS ETC.** - The above parties will rendezvous at MACONACHIE SIDING, N.27.A.8.2, at the following times:-
EVENING PARTY, Daily at 1530.
DAY PARTY, Daily at 0545.
From MACONACHIE SIDING an officer or N.C.O. of the Pioneer Bn. will conduct parties to their place of work.
O.C. "C" and "D" Coys. will be responsible for their respective parties, leaving camp in sufficient time to be at MACONACHIE SIDING at the time stated above.
4. **MEALS**, - EVENING PARTY, Breakfast 0830, Dinner 1100, Tea 1430, Hot meal 2230 - 2300.
DAY PARTY - Breakfast 0445, Snack ? time (Each man to carry this meal), Dinner 1430, Tea 1730.
5. **SICK PARADE** - will be held daily at 1400 near the detachments canteen
6. **GENERAL** - (a) States shewing number of Off. and O.R. available for work will be submitted to this office at least two hours before party is due to move off.
(b) All ranks proceeding forward with WORKING PARTIES will be in fighting order.
(c) Officers i/c PARTIES will assist the Pioneer Officers in every way, and will push forward the tasks allotted to them. These officers will also submit a report (pro-forma to be used is shewn below) to this office by 1500 each day, on work done.

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Location.	Nature of work.	Amount done in last 24	Strength of party Off. O.R.	Time worked		Remarks.
				From.	To.	

(d) All administrative arrangements will be made direct with the officers of the departments concerned.

(Signed) H.E.BASTIN Major.
O.C. No.1. Detachment, 7th. Aust. Battalion.

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Intelligence Summary No.1.

From 0600 15/1/18 to 0600 16/1/18.

Ref. Map - Sheet 28.

1. Operations.

(a) Relief :- The 7th. Aust. Bn. relieved the 11th. Aust. Bn. in the LEFT Bn. sector of the RIGHT Brigade front. The relief was made difficult by bad weather, and complete by 2225 - 15/1/18. The 7th. Bn. is now disposed as follows:-

~~XXXXXX~~ Bn. H/qrs. - 0.34.B.20.15.

"A" Coy. Front line right, Coy. H/qrs. 0.35.d.20.10.

Front line 1 Platoon S.P. 1.0.35 - 0.35.D.65.60.

" " 1 " S.P. 3.0.35 - 0.35.d.39.65.

Support line 1 " S.P. 3.0.5. - ~~0.35.d.20.00~~ 0.35.d.20.00.

" " 1 " S.P. 2.0.35 - 0.35.c.90.35.

"B" Coy. Front line, left, Coy. H/qrs. 0.35.d.55.25.

Front line 1 Platoon S.P. 3.0.35 - 0.35.d.25.80.

" " 1 " S.P. 5.0.35 - 0.35.d.60.50.

Support line 1 " S.P. 4.0.35 - 0.35.d.20.00.

" " 1 " S.P. 5.0.34 - 0.34.d.85.50.

"C" Coy. Support Coy. Coy. H/qrs. 0.34.b.15.20.

"D" Coy. Reserve Coy. MESSINES. Coy. H/qrs. 0.32.d.40.60.

(b) Patrols:- A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men left our line at 0.34.A.8.4 for the purpose of inspecting the wire in front of our posts. Patrol traversed the left Coy. front and found wire very light and not of sufficient thickness to be a serious obstacle. Patrol was out from 2400 to 0145.

Another patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men traversed the same route from 0200 to 0345, also reports wire poor.

2. Artillery Intermittent harassing fire results could not be ~~seen~~ observed.

Machine Guns A few bursts on tracks etc.

Trench Mortars Nil.

Aircraft Nil.

Enemy Activity

Identification Nil.

Enemy Shelling Nil.

Enemy Attitude quiet.

Enemy Defences Nothing ~~fresh~~ fresh to report.

Other Enemy Activity Nil.

(Signed) E.G.ROBB Lieut.
 I.O. 7th. Aust. Battalion.

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From 0600 16/1/18 to 0600 17/1/18.

Ref. Map - Sheet 28.

1. Operations

- (a) patrols.- in addition to the usual liason patrols between posts, and flanking bns, the following patrols worked in the Bn. front.
1. 2 men left our lines at 0.35.d.8.1 to examine enemy wire. Enemy wire was found to be in good condition. Some of it had been recently erected. An enemy M.G. was located at 0.36.c.2.1. "No Mans Land" is very boggy owing to recent heavy rain. Our wire is in good condition, but very thin. No enemy were seen. Patrol returned to our lines at 0015 by 0.35.d.60.30.
 2. At 0015 a patrol of 1 officer and 7 O.Ranks left our lines at 0.35.d.6.5 for the purpose of examining No Mans Land, and controlling same. No Mans Land was found to be in fair condition on the left. Our wire is fair toward the centre of the Bn. front, but weak on left. No enemy were encountered. Patrol returned by point of departure at 0200.

2. Enemy Activity

- Artillery There has been little shelling on our sector, but gun flashes were observed on our front firing to flanks. One gun firing from WERVICQ at the rate of 1 shot per minute dropped about 150 - 519 shells on 0.34.a.5.8 to 0.28.c. This gun fired intermittently from 1330 to 1700.
2. Machine Guns Considerable M.G. activity, chiefly indirect fire on tracks and communications.
 3. Trench Mortars Nil.
 4. Enemy Aircraft Nil.
 5. Enemy Attitude Quiet.
 6. Enemy Defences An enemy M.G. active from 0.36.c.2.1.
- Enemy Movement An enemy O.P. can be plainly seen in some ruins at a grid bearing of 63 deg. from 0.34.b.15.15, distance about 2500 yards. The observers can be seen from the waist upwards.
7. Signalling Nil.
 8. Miscellaneous Gun flashes were observed on the following grid bearings from 0.34.b.15.15.- 92 deg, 80 deg.
At 1620 one of our heavies blew up an enemy ammunition dump at a bearing of 78 deg. grid (same place).

(Signed) E.G.ROBB, Lieut.
I.O. 7th. Australian Battalion.

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Intelligence Summary No.3.

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Ref. Map - Sheet 28.

From 0600 17/1/18 to 0600 18/1/18.

1. Operations

- (a) Relief An inter-platoon relief was carried out by the forward Coys. during the night. During the relief the Right Coy. had two men slightly wounded by a Granatenwerfer. Otherwise relief was carried out without a hitch.
- (b) Artillery Our artillery has been less active than on preceeding days. A few bursts of harassing fire were put over. Owing to misty weather results could not be observed.
- (c) Patrols A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 2 men left our lines from 0.35.d.35.70 at 1900 to examine enemy wire and locate enemy working party, believed to be working on their wire. The working party was seen, but on the approach of our patrol disappeared at 0.35.d.80.80. The enemy wire is in good condition. Our wire is thin. No Mans Land very wet in places. Patrol returned to our lines by 0.35.d.75.30 at 2015.
2. A patrol of 1 officer and 7 O.Ranks left our lines at 0.35.a.60.65 at 2355 and worked across the MILITARY ROAD to 0.35.a.95.95 then turned to the right and worked across the left Coys. front to the left post of the right Coy. The enemy appeared to be firing his flares from behind his wire and moving from shell-hole to shell-hole each time he fired. No other sign of the enemy was seen. No Mans Land is very muddy opposite our left posts. Patrol returned at 0215.

(d) Machine Guns Harassing fire on tracks etc. throughout the night.

(e) Trench Mortars Hostile M.G. at 0.36.c.20.15 ^{temporarily} ~~temporarily~~ silenced by our L.T.M.

(f) Our Aircraft Nil.

2. Identification Nil.

3. Enemy Shelling. No enemy shelling on forward area. A few shells could be heard going well over toward the rear.

4. Enemy Attitude Very quiet.

5. Enemy Defences

- (a) Machine Guns.:- Enemy M.G.'s. still active from 0.36.20.15. Very little M.G. fire from other points.
- (b) Trench Mortars::- A few Granatenwerfer bombs fell between right Coy. front and support line. Direction could not be definitely stated, but thought to be from KIWI FM.

6. Hostile Aerial Activity Nil.

7. Enemy Movement Owing to poor visability no enemy movement could be seen during the day.

- 8. Miscellaneous (a) Right Coy. report less flares fired from enemy line than usual.
- (b) The enemy ammunition dump reported blown up in ~~Int.~~ Bn. summary No.2 is situated in the vicinity of COWES FM. near P.26 central.

(Signed) E.G.ROBB Lieut.
I.O. 7th. Australian Battalion.

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Intelligence Summary No.4.

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Ref. Map - Sheet 28.

From 0600 18/1/18 to 0600 19/1/18.

1. Operations.

- (a) Artillery Our 18 pdrs. active on tracks and enemy positions during the hours from 1400 to 1630. Very active on 0.29.d.
- (b) Patrols In addition to flanking patrols the following protective patrols worked on Bn. front.
(a) A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 2 men left our lines at 2300 by 0.35.d.72.10 to locate enemy M.G., which is enfilading part of S.P. 1.0.35. Patrol was seen by enemy and fired on and had to return to our lines, coming in at 0.35.d.55.40.
(b) A patrol of 1 officer and 6 O.Ranks left our lines at 2430 by 0.25.c.6.9 to keep No Mans Land clear of enemy. No enemy were encountered, but flares were fired from 0.35.b.5.4. and 0.34.b.4.1. Rifle fire was observed from 0.35.b.6.4. Patrol returned to our lines at 0145 by 0.35.a.7.5.
- (c) Machine Guns Occasional bursts of harassing fire on tracks etc. in rear of enemy lines.
- (d) Trench Mortars Nil.
- (e) Aircraft Our planes very active during the day, flying low over enemy lines. Engaged by hostile A.A. and M.G. fire.

2. Identification Nil.

3. Enemy Shelling Quiet generally. From 1600 to 1630, 100 rounds of 4'2 fired on 0.28.c and d.

4. Enemy Attitude Watchful. M.G's. and T.M's. active.

5. Enemy Defences KIWI FM. appears to be a very strong position.
(a) M.G. ~~fire~~ from 0.36.c.20.15 and others from positions in rear active on our forward posts and tracks.
(b) Trench Mortars Between 2000 and 2400 about 150 Granatenwerfer were thrown on to our forward area, most of which fell about 35.d.5.1. These were fired from KIWI FM. At one time three mortars could be seen firing at once from this spot. No damage was done.

6. Hostile Aerial Activity A few high flying enemy planes appeared over his own lines, but were driven off by our fighting planes and A.A. guns.

7. Enemy Movement At 0835 three enemy seen walking about 0.29.d. central. At 0845 three enemy seen running at same place, disappearing behind a hedge at 0.35.b.5.8. At 1145 a party of enemy (about 10) seen working in a trench at BOW FM. Reported to artillery officer.

9. Miscellaneous At 0740 a flash lamp observed signalling in vicinity of ESPERANCE CABT. Very few letters could be read. A.B., a succession of dots, B., is all that could be read. At 1620 enemy seen using flash lamp at same place.

(Signed) E.G.ROBB Lieut.
I.O. 7th. Australian Battalion.

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Intelligence Summary No. 5.

Ref. Map - Sheet 28.

From 0600 19/1/18 to 0600 20/1/18.

1. Operations

(a) Relief - An inter-Company took place last last night. The relief was completed without incident by 2130. Location of H/qrs. are now as follows:-

Bn. H/qrs. (0.34.b.20.15
"A" Coy. (Reserve)	0.32.d.40.60.
"B" " (Support)	0.34.b.15.20.
"C" " (Line Left)	0.35.a.55.25.
"D" Coy. (Line Right)	0.35.d.15.10.

(b) Artillery Harassing fire on tracks and known occupied localities. Good shooting on KIWI FM. was observed during the night.

(c) Patrols Patrols visited Bns. on Right and Left at intervals during the night. Our wire was also patrolled, but no enemy movement was seen.

(d) Machine Guns Harassing indirect fire on enemy roads and positions in rear.

(e) Trench Mortars Nil.

(f) Aircraft Our aircraft very active yesterday, frequently some distance over enemy lines. If flying toward the NORTH EAST they were seldom fired on by the enemy, but if they attempted to approach COMINES, were hotly engaged by enemy A.A. guns.

2. Identification Nil.

3. Enemy Shelling Very few enemy shells have fallen on the sector during the last 24 hours. A few 4'2 were seen bursting near the BLAVWEN MELEN.

4. Enemy Attitude Very quiet.

5. Enemy Defences (a) M.G. Occasional bursts of indirect fire on our communications. (b) T.M. A few Granatenwerfers fired indiscriminately on to our forward area.

6. Hostile Aerial Activity Considerable activity of highflying enemy planes yesterday, but our A.A. guns prevented them crossing our lines.

7. Enemy Movement Considerable enemy movement observed throughout the day, in 0.30.B and D. Artillery have been informed and will fire on centre of activity. Train movement observed as follows:-
1. 0935 train travelling N.W. in direction of KERENTJE.
2. 1350 train shunting in vicinity of KERENTJE.

8. Miscellaneous 1. At 1245 one of our observation balloons disappeared over the enemy lines travelling EAST. Fired on by our A.A. guns.
2. Signalling At 1623 four flares bursting into double reds were fired ~~xx~~ up in quick succession from vicinity of SQUARE FM. No further action followed.

(Signed) E.G. ROBB Lieut.
I.O. 7th. Aust. Battalion.

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Reference Map - Sheet 28

From 0600 20/1/18 to 0600 21/1/18.

1. Operations

(a) Patrols A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men left our lines at 2030 by 0.35.d.4.7 to reconnoitre hedge running from that location towards enemy position and to examine enemy wire. Enemy wire was found to be very strong. Enemy could be heard working at 0.35.d.8.9. Patrol moved to the right along our wire which was found to be intact, but weak, and returned to our lines at 0130 by 0.35.d.5.5.

(2) At 2300 a patrol of 1 officer and 7 O/Ranks left our lines at 0.35.d.7.3 for the purpose of locating enemy post in the vicinity of 0.35.b.6.5, and attacking enemy patrols or isolated posts. Patrol moved to 0.35.b.5.4, where it was stopped by hostile M.G. fire from 0.35.b.6.4. Strength of enemy post could not be ascertained. No enemy patrols were met with. No other enemy posts were located. Enemy wire poor in ~~part~~ front of post located. Patrol returned to our lines at point of departure at 0035.

(3) A patrol of 1 officer and 7 O/Ranks left our lines at 1815 from 0.35.d.7.4 to locate and estimate strength of enemy post at 0.35.b.9.5. Patrol proceeded to 0.35.b.3.3 and from there the patrol leader with one man proceeded to road at 0.35.b.2.5. No sign of enemy could be seen here, so the patrol leader rejoined the patrol at 0.35.b.3.3. The patrol was then fired on by a M.G. from a position approximately 0.35.b.6.5. Patrol returned to our lines at point of departure at 1940.

(b) Artillery Our artillery was very active during the day and early part of the night. SALMON FARM, KIWI FARM, WHALE FARM, and ANGLE FARM were all heavily shelled. A large ammunition dump in the vicinity of MALLET FARM was blown up at 1220 and burnt for several hours. The area was heavily bombarded for a considerable period.

2. IDENTIFICATION Nil.

3. Enemy Shelling Light indiscriminate shelling of forward areas during the day. At 1200 about thirty 77s. fell on the BLAUNWENMELEN from the direction of COMINES. At 0720 10 shots 4 1/2 fell in 0.34.a. from HOUTHEM. At 0735 2 small shells fell near CANNON CORNER. Gun flash 45 deg. true from 0.34.b.20.15. 4 seconds between flash and shell burst.

4. Enemy Attitude quiet.

5. Enemy defences M.G. slight activity. T.M. active from KIWI FARM. During the last 24 hours about 150 Granatenwerfers have been fired from this position. No damage done by them. They have not been concentrated on any area but fell all over the forward area.

6. Hostile Aerial Activity Nil.

7. Enemy Movement A few small parties of the enemy observed in 0.30.b & d.

8. Miscellaneous 1900 signalling. A lamp signalling from the direction of ESPERANCE CABT. The letters could not be read.

(Signed) E.G. ROBB Lieut.
I.O. 7th. Aust. Battalion.

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Ref. map - Sheet 28. RE

From 0600 21/1/18 to 0600 22/1/18.

i. Operations

- (a) Artillery Our artillery has been active on enemy tracks and S.P's. DATUM HOUSE, ESPERANCE CABT., and KIWI FARM were intermittently shelled by 18 pdrs. and 4'5. Our heavies shelled WERVICQ and COMINES.
- (b) patrols A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men left our lines from 0.35.d.3.9 at 2400 for the purpose of engaging enemy patrols. Enemy were heard talking and working in ~~his~~ their post at 0.35.d.7.9. No enemy were seen and patrol returned to our lines at 0.35.d.5.5 at 0130. Liason patrols maintained touch between posts and with flank Battalions throughout the night.
- (c) Machine Guns Our V.M.G's. active throughout the night.
- (d) Trench Mortars Nil.
- (e) Aircraft Our planes were active over our and the enemy lines during the day. Fired on by A.A. guns and M.G's.

2. Identification Nil.

3. Enemy Shelling Very Light. From 0930 to 1000, 30 rounds of 4'2 and 4'77 fell in 0.33.d and c from MAI CORNET.

4. Enemy Attitude Very quiet.

5. Enemy Defences (a) M.G. An enemy machine gun at SALMON FARM - 0.30.d.00.55, fires on our planes from behind a pill box.

6. Trench Mortars Enemy T.M. firing from DATUM HOUSE. Burst of shells high in the air above CANNON CORNER - 0.35.a.4.7.1.

6. Hostile Aerial Activity Nil.

7. Enemy Movement From 0730 to 0800 considerable movement was noticed. A number of the enemy moved back through his wire into posts and pill boxes from 0.30.c.7.0 to 0.30.d.0.5.

8. Miscellaneous There appears to be a new enemy post at approx. 0.29.b.9.2

(Signed) E.G.ROBB Lieut.
I.O. 7th. Australian Battalion.

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Ref. Map - Sheet 28 S.E.

From 0600 22/1/18 to 0600 23/1/18.

1. Operations

- (a) Artillery Our artillery has been very active throughout day and night. DATUM HOUSE, KIWI FARM, KINGS CLARE, and enemy positions in vicinity of these places being heavily shelled by our 18 pdrs. and 4'5s. COMINES was shelled by our heavies. A prearranged shoot by artillery, 18 pdrs., and 4'5s, M.T.M. 6 in., and Vickers Guns, was carried out at 1615 on KIWI FARM, DATUM HOUSE, and the intervening ground, the object being to silence troublesome T.M's. from this area. The artillery fired about 150 rounds of shrapnel, H.E. and Gas, and the M.T.M. about 15 shells. The V.M.G's. kept up a heavy fire for about 15 minutes. All the shooting was very good and effectively silenced enemy T.M.
- (b) Patrols At 2330 a patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 5 men left our lines at 0.35.d.5.5 to engage enemy patrols if met with. Moved to point in hedge at 0.35.d.6.9 and lay in wait for enemy patrol. No enemy appeared. A few bursts of M.G. fire along hedge from 0.35.d.9.9. Patrol returned to our lines at 0030 by 0.35.d.4.8.
- (c) Machine Guns Active on enemy positions.
- (d) Trench Mortars Only active during arranged shoot.
- (e) Aircraft Very active throughout the day, flying well over enemy lines. Heavily fired on by enemy A.A. and M.G's.

2. Identification Nil.

3. Enemy Activity (a) General attitude - Increased artillery activity, otherwise quiet. (b) Artillery - Intermittent shelling by '77 4.2 and 5'9 on 0.33.c and d and 0.34.c and b. All from the direction of COMINES. At 2150 the enemy put a heavy barrage 200 yards behind our front line from 0.35.d.1.1 along (approx) the line of the HIRONDELLE RD. to CANNON CORNER. '77, 4.2, and 5'9 were fired from direction of COMINES. The number of shells estimated at about 250. Barrage lasted 10 minutes.
- (c) Machine Guns - Not particularly active.
- (d) Trench Mortars - Few minenwerfers from KIWI FARM at 1655.
- (e) Aircraft - At 1130 enemy planes appeared, but were driven off by our planes.
- (f) Miscellaneous - Nil.

(Signed) E.G.ROBB Lieut.
I.O. 7th. Australian Battalion.

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From 0600 23/1/18 to 1800 23/1/18.

1. Operations

(a) Artillery Our artillery active on positions in rear during the day. At 1200 our guns put 12 rounds shrapnel on P.25.a. M.G and T.M. Activity - Nil.

Our Aircraft - Very active over enemy lines at following times during the day:- 0720, 2 planes very low. 0745, 2 planes very low. 1210, from behind enemy lines fired on by A.A. guns. 1425, 2 planes fired on by M.G. 1430, 1 plane not fired on. 1445, 3 planes not fired on.

Enemy Activity Artillery - Quiet. From 1430 to 1630 enemy shelled 0.38.d. with small shells with low detonation, probably gas shells.

Trench Mortars At 0740 enemy put over about 12 rounds Granatenwerfers from KIWI FARM on to our support line.

Enemy Movement At 0725 eight men disappeared ~~down the road~~ into a trench at ANGLE FARM. At 0930 a motor vehicle disappeared down the road running EAST from ESPERANCE CABT, travelling rapidly. AT 0540 enemy digging and carrying timber in 0.30.C.

Miscellaneous (1) 0720 train travelling from WERVICQ to COMINES. (2) 0840 smoke rising from COD FARM.

(Signed) E.G.ROBB Lieut.
I.O. 7th. Australian Battalion.

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Departures.

Lieut. W. E. SCOTT wounded (gassed) 31/12/17.
 2/Lieut. A. E. BEECH att. 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde., Gass Officer. 4/1/18.
 Lieut. A. G. ANDERSON to England, duty re Indian Army. 5/1/18.
 Lieut. A. DEAN wounded (gassed) 5/1/18.
 Lieut. A. B. HARRISON wounded (gassed) 5/1/18.
 Lieut. P. L. EDGOOSE att. 1st. Aust. Field Coy. 6/1/18.
 Capt. A. N. HAMILTON to Hospital Sick 22/1/18.
 Capt. R. I. HILLARD M.C. " " "
 Major H. E. BASTIN M.C. att. 11th. Aust. Inf. Bde. 23/1/18.
 2/Lieut. K. R. JARVIE to Hospital Sick. 24/1/18.
 Lieut. O. G. REYNOLDS att. Officers Club, LOCRE, 30/1/18.
 Capt. J. W. HOPKINS M.C. to 2nd. Training Bn. Eng. 30/1/18.

Arrivals.

Lieut. E. W. HILL from wounded (gassed) 1/1/18.
 Lieut. T. A. JARDINE from Hospital Sick (Supy. List) 10/1/18.
 Lieut. C. R. ANDERSON from Supy. List (wounded) 11/1/18.
 2/Lieut. Roy ANDERSON from Rft. Cadet Battalion 11/1/18.
 Lieut. R. B. PURBRICK from Seconded List 11/1/18.
 Lieut. W. E. LANE from Seconded List (2nd Tng. Bn.) 11/1/18.
 Lieut. P. L. EDGOOSE from att. 1st. Aust. Field Coy. 14/1/18.
 Lieut. K. G. BANKS from Supy. List (wounded) 23/1/18.
 Lieut. T. P. O'CONNOR from Supy. List (wounded) 24/1/18.
 Major H. E. BASTIN M.C. from att. 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. 27/1/18.

To Australia

Capt. W. B. CAMPBELL List 285 of 18/1/18.
 Lieut. A. L. SALTHOUSE " " " "
 Lieut. A. D. HOLLYHOKE LIST 278 of 1/1/18.
 Capt. F. R. THOM M.C. " " " "

Promotions.

2/Lieut. D. C. MACKINNON to be Lieutenant dated 1/1/18.
 " A. E. BEECH do do do
 " A. W. MALLET do do do
 " K. G. BANKS do do do
 " W. L. TUCKER do do do

In the Field.
 31/1/18.

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 Lieut. Col.
 Commanding 7th. Australian Battalion.

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LIST OF HONORS AND AWARDS
for Month of January 1918.

Lieut.Col.E.E.HERROD awarded Distinguished Service Order (A.I.F. List
No.278)

Capt.R.I.HILLARD awarded Military Cross (A.I.F. List No.278).

No.20 L/Cpl.C.W.WIGNELL M.M. awarded Bar to Military Medal (A.R.O's. of
15/12/17)

No.2334 Sgt.M.J.CHARVILLE awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal
(A.R.O's. of 18/1/18.)

Mentioned in Despatches of 7/11/17.

Lieut.Col.E.E.HERROD
Capt. W.B.CAMPBELL
Lieut.J.FOWLER
R.Q.M.S. C.G.BROWN
C.S.M. F.McDONALD D.C.M.

E.E. Herrod
Lieut.Col.
Commanding 7th. Australian Battalion.

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Statement of Baily Strength

	Off.	O.R.	Total.
Daily Strength as on 1st January 1918 -	49	844	893
Daily Strength as on 31st. January 1918 -	51	777	828

<u>Departures</u>		<u>Arrivals</u>	
Hospital Sick.	142	From Hospital	118
Wounded (gassed)	32	Reinforcements	20
Acc, Injured	2	From Training Battalion, Eng.	4
Wounded	4	Transfers from other Units	3
Killed in Action	1		
To Training Battalion, Eng.	4		
Transfers to other Units	3		
Total	188	Total	145

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Lieut. Col.
Commanding 7th. Australian Battalion.

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Return of Officers on Strength of Unit in Order of Seniority
at 1800 on 4th. January 1918.

Order of Seny.	Rank	Name		Remarks.
2.	Major	Swift	C.H.	T/Commanding.
3.	"	Bastin (M.C.)	H.E.	2nd. I/C.
4.	Captain	Hamilton	A.N.	O.C. A.Coy.
5.	"	Hopkins (M.C.)	J.V.	O.C. B.Coy.
6.	"	Bowtell-Harris (M.C.)	J.V.	O.C. C.Coy.
8.	Hon. Capt.	Hopkinson	A.	C.M.
10.	Lieut	Hill	H.W.	A/O.C. B.Coy.
11.	"	Young	H.H.	2nd. I/C. C.Coy.
12.	"	Hamilton	V.E.	Transport Officer.
15.	"	Reynolds	G.G.	
17.	"	Gorden	J.H.G.	
18.	"	Purbrick	K.M.	
23.	"	Robb	E.G.	Intelligence Officer.
24.	"	O'Reilly	H.P.	Signal Officer.
28.	"	Graham	R.J.	
28.	"	Dean	A.	
30.	"	Edgoose	P.L.	
31.	"	Gaulton	F.B.	
32.	"	Meyer	A.P.F.	
33.	"	Phillips (M.C.)	D.G.	
34.	2/Lieut.	Mackinnon	D.G.	
35.	"	Hatfield	P.T.	
36.	"	Beech	A.B.	
37.	"	Crowe	H.V.	
38.	"	Jarvie	K.R.	A/Adjutant.
40.	"	Hanson	T.B.	
41.	"	Clowe	C.P.	
42.	"	Russell	G.B.	
45.	"	Ross	L.J.	
46.	"	Lyle	J.M.	
47.	"	Whalley	H.P.	
48.	"	Trotman	G.L.S.	
49.	"	Hamblett	J.H.	

A B S E N T

1.	Lieut. Col.	Herrod	R.E.	Leave England.
7.	Captain	Hilliard	H.I.	2nd. Bde. Class. Instructor.
9.	Lieut.	Harrison	A.B.	Gas School.
13.	"	Wright	H.J.	Leave England.
14.	"	Piercey	R.L.	2nd. Army School.
16.	"	Fowler	J.	3rd. Bde. Staff Trainee.
19.	"	Jardine	T.A.	Hospital sick.
20.	"	Swallow	R.W.	Leave England.
21.	"	Nixon	H.	2nd. Bde. Musketry School.
22.	"	Dickenson	V.R.	Bde. Intelligence Officer.
25.	"	Anderson	G.	4th. Army Musketry School.
27.	"	Harris	O.J.E.	Leave England.
29.	"	Scott	V.E.	Hospital sick.
39.	2/Lieut.	Grant	T.R.	Bde. Signalling School.
43.	"	Mackenzie	K.J.D.	Att. 2nd. Aus. Field Coy.
44.	"	Carne	P.R.	T/Divl. Musketry Officer.

In the Field.
4/1/18.

J. Harris
Major.
T/Commanding 7th. Aus. Battalion.

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Return of Officers on Strength of Unit in Order of Seniority
at 1800 on 11th. January 1918.

Order of Senty.	Rank	Name		Remarks.
2	Major	Swift	C.H.	T/Commanding.
3.	"	Bastin (.M-.C.)	H.E.	2nd. I/C.
4.	Captain	Hamilton	A.N.	O.C. "A" Coy.
5.	"	Hopkins (M.C.)	J.W.	O.C. "B" Coy.
6.	"	Bowtell-Harris (M.C.)	J.F.	O.C. "C" Coy.
8.	Hon.Capt.	Hopkinson	A.	Q.M.
11.	Lieut.	Young	H.H.	T/O.C. "D" Coy.
12.	"	Hamilton	W.E.	Transport Officer.
13.	"	Wright	H.J.	L.M.G. Officer
15.	"	Reynolds	O.G.	
18.	"	Purbrick	K.M.	
19.	"	Jardine	T.A.	Asst. Transport Officer.
23.	"	Robb	E.G.	Intelligence Officer.
24.	"	O'Neill	H.F.	Signal Officer.
26.	"	Graham	R.J.	
31.	"	Gaulton	F.B.	
32.	"	Meyer	A.P.F.	
33.	"	Phillips (M.C.)	D.G.	
34.	"	Anderson	C.R.	
36.	2/Lieut.	Hatfield	P.T.	
38.	"	Crowe	M.V.	
41.	"	Hanson	T.B.	
46.	"	Ross	L.J.	
48.	"	Whalley	R.P.	
49.	"	Trotman	G.L.S.	
50.	"	Hamblett	J.H.	
39.	"	Jarvie	K.R.	A/Adjutant.

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1.	Lieut.Col.	Herrod	E.E.	Leave England.
7.	Captain	Hillard (M.C.)	R.I.	2nd. Bde. Class Instructor.
9.	Lieut.	Harrison	A.B.	Hospital Sick.
10.	"	Hill	E.W.	Leave England.
14.	"	Piercey	R.L.	2nd. Army School.
16.	"	Fowler	J.	3rd. Bde. Staff Trainee.
17.	"	Gordon	J.H.G.	Leave Paris.
20.	"	Swallow	R.W.	Leave England.
21.	"	Nixon	H.	2nd. Bde. Musketry School.
22.	"	Dickenson	V.R.	Bde. Intelligence Officer.
25.	"	Anderson	G.	Duty England re Indian Army.
27.	"	Harris	O.J.E.	Leave England.
28.	"	Dean	A.	Hospital Sick.
29.	"	Scott	W.E.	Hospital Sick.
30.	"	Edgoose	P.L.	Att. 1st. Field Coy.
35.	2/Lieut.	Mackinnon	D.C.	Aust. Corps School.
37.	"	Beech	A.E.	Bde. Gas Officer.
40.	"	Grant	T.R.	Bde. Signalling School.
42.	"	Clowe	C.P.	Leave Paris.
43.	"	Russell	G.B.	Leave England.
44.	"	Mackenzie	K.J.D.	Att. 2nd. Field Coy.
45.	"	Carne	P.R.	T/Div. Musketry Officer.
47.	"	Lyle	J.M.	Leave England.

In the Field.
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(Sgt) C.H. SWIFT Major.
T/Commanding 7th. Aust. Battalion.

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at 1800 on 18th. January 1918.

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Order of Senty.	Rank	Name		Remarks.
2.	Major	Swift	C.H.	T/Commanding
3.	"	Bastin (M.C.)	H.E.	2nd. I/C.
4.	Captain	Hamilton	A.N.	O.C. "A" Coy.
5.	"	Hopkins (M.C.)	J.W.	O.C. "B" Coy.
6.	"	Bowtell-Harris (M.C.)	J.F.	O.C. "C" Coy.
8.	Hon. Capt.	Hopkinson	A.	Q.M.
10.	Lieut.	Young	H.H.	T/O.C. "D" Coy.
11.	"	Hamilton	W.E.	Transport Officer.
12.	"	Wright	H.J.	L.M.G. Officer.
14.	"	Reynolds	O.G.	
20.	"	Nixon	H.	
22.	"	Lane	W.E.	
23.	"	Robb	E.G.	Intelligence Officer.
24.	"	O'Neill	H.F.	Signal Officer.
26.	"	Graham	R.J.	
29.	"	Edgoose	P.L.	
30.	"	Gaulton	F.B.	
31.	"	Purbrick	R.B.	
32.	"	Meyer	A.P.F.	
34.	"	Anderson	C.R.	
36.	2/Lieut.	Hatfield	P.T.	
38.	"	Crowe	M.V.	
39.	"	Jarvie	K.R.	a/Adjutant.
40.	"	Grant.	T.R.	
49.	"	Trotman	G.L.S.	
51.	"	Anderson	Roy	

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1.	Lieut. Col.	Herrod	E.E.	Leave England.
7.	Captain	Hillard (M.C.)	R.I.	2nd. Bde. Class Instructor
9.	Lieut.	Hill	E.W.	Leave England.
13.	"	Piercey	R.L.	2nd. Army School.
15.	"	Fowler	J.	3rd. Bde. Staff Trainee.
16.	"	Gordon	J.H.G.	Leave Paris.
17.	"	Purbrick	K.M.	Bde. Gun Boot Store.
18.	"	Jardine	T.A.	Aust. Corps Gas School.
19.	"	Swallow	R.W.	Leave England.
21.	"	Bickenson	V.R.	Bde. Intelligence Officer.
25.	"	Anderson	A.G.	Duty England re Indian Army
27.	"	Harris	O.J.E.	Leave England.
28.	"	Scott	W.E.	Hospital Sick.
33.	"	Phillips (M.C.)	D.G.	X Corps School.
35.	2/Lieut.	Mackinnon	D.C.	Aust. Corps School.
37.	"	Beech	A.E.	Bde. Gas Officer.
41.	"	Hanson	T.B.	Aust. Corps School.
42.	"	Clowe	C.P.	Leave Paris.
43.	"	Russell	G.B.	Leave England.
44.	"	Mackenzie	K.J.D.	Att. 2nd. Aust. Field Coy.
45.	"	Carne	P.R.	T/Div. Musketry Officer.
46.	"	Ross	L.J.	X Corps School.
47.	"	Lyle	J.M.	Leave England.
48.	"	Shalley	R.P.	Aust. Corps School.
50.	"	Hambiett	J.H.	X Corps School.

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[Signature] Major.
T/Commanding 7th. Aust. Battalion.

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Return of Officers on Strength of Unit in order of Seniority
at 1800 on 25th. January 1913.

Order of Seny.	Rank	Name		Remarks.
2.	Major	Swift	C.H.	T/Commanding.
3.	"	Bastin "M.C."	H.E.	2nd. I/C.
5.	Captain	Hopkins "M.C."	J.W.	O.C. "B" Coy.
6.	"	Bowtell-Harris "M.C."	J.P.	O.C. "C" Coy.
8.	Hon.Capt.	Hopkinson	A.	Q.M.
10.	Lieut.	O'Connor	T.P.	O.C. "A" Coy.
10.	"	Hill	H.W.	T/O.C. "D" Coy.
11.	"	Young	H.H.	
12.	"	Hamilton	W.E.	Transport Officer.
13.	"	Wright	H.J.	L.M.C. Officer.
15.	"	Reynolds	O.C.	
17.	"	Gordon	J.H.G.	
18.	"	Purbrick	K.M.	
19.	"	Jardine	T.A.	a/Transport Officer.
20.	"	Swallow	R.W.	
23.	"	Lane	W.E.	
24.	"	Rebb	H.O.	Intelligence Officer.
25.	"	O'Neill	H.P.	Signal Officer.
27.	"	Graham	R.J.	
28.	"	Harris	O.J.H.	Adjutant
30.	"	Edgoose	P.L.	
31.	"	Gaulton	P.B.	
32.	"	Purbrick	R.B.	
33.	"	Meyer	A.P.F.	
35.	"	Anderson	C.R.	
36.	"	Mackinnon	D.C.	
38.	"	Banks	K.G.	
39.	2/Lieut.	Hatfield	P.T.	
42.	"	Grant	T.H.	
44.	"	Glowe	C.P.	
45.	"	Russell	G.B.	
51.	"	Trotman	O.L.S.	
53.	"	Anderson	Roy.	

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1.	Lieut.Col.	Herrad DSO	H.E.	Leave England.
4.	Captain	Hamilton	A.W.	Hospital Sick.
7.	"	Hillard "M.C."	R.I.	"
14.	Lieut.	Piercey	R.L.	2nd. Army School.
16.	"	Fowler	J.	3rd. Bde. Staff Trainee.
21.	"	Nixon	H.	Leave England.
22.	"	Dickenson	V.R.	Bde. Intelligence Officer.
26.	"	Anderson	A.G.	Duty Eng. re Indian Army.
29.	"	Scott	W.E.	Hospital Sick.
34.	"	Phillips "M.C."	D.C.	10th. Corps School.
37.	"	Beech	A.H.	Bde. Gas Officer.
40.	2/Lieut.	Grove	H.V.	Pigeon School.
41.	"	Jarvis	K.H.	Hospital Sick.
43.	"	Hanson	T.B.	Aust. Corps School.
46.	"	Mackenzie	K.J.D.	Att. 2nd. Aust. Field Coy.
47.	"	Carne	P.R.	T/Div. Musketry Officer.
48.	"	Ross	L.J.	10th. Corps School.
49.	"	Lyle	J.H.	Leave England.
50.	"	Whalley	R.P.	Aust. Corps School.
52.	"	Hamblett	J.H.	10th. Corps School.
53.	"			

In the Field.
25/1/13.

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Major.
T/Commanding 7th. Aust. Battalion.