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1914-18 War

Formation Headquarters

Item number: 1/3/1 Part 2

Title: Quartermaster General, General
Headquarters, British Expeditionary
Force

January 1917



AWM4-1/3/1PART2

SUPPLY.

FIRST ARMY

First Army Troops (A) LILLERS.
First Army Troops (B) AIRS.

I Corps H.Q. }
24th Divn. } NOELUX
8th Divn. }
21st Divn... BETHUNE.

XI Corps H.Q. } BETHUNE.
5th Divn. }
16th Divn. } LA GORGUE.
37th Divn. }

XVII Corps H.Q... LILLERS.

Canadian Corps H.Q. } BRUAY.
1st Can.Divn. }
2nd Can.Divn. } BARLIN.
Reserve Divl.Arty. }
4th Can.Divn. less Art. } AUBIGNY.
3rd Can.Divn. }

SECOND ARMY

Army Troops CAESTRE.

IX Corps H.Q. }
36th Divn. } STEENWERCK.
25th Divn. }
16th Div. ABBELE for WIPPENHOEK.

VIII Corps H.Q. } PROVEN.
30th Divn. }
30th Divn... PESSELHOEK.
36th Divn. POPERINGHE for EDWAARTS-
HOEK.

2nd Anzac Corps H.Q. LA GORGUE.
34th Divn. } LA GORGUE for
N.Z.Divn. } BAC ST. MAUR.
3rd Aus.Div. less Art. STEENWERCK.

X Corps H.Q. } ABBELE
37th Divn. } For
47th Divn. } RENINGHELST.
41st Divn. ABBELE for WIPPENHOEK.

THIRD ARMY

Third Army Troops (A) ST. POL.
Third Army Troops (B) PREVENT.

VII Corps H.Q. } SAULTY LARBRET.
30th Divn. }
49th Div. BOUQUERAISON.
46th Divn... WARLINGCOURT.

VI Corps H.Q. } PREVIN CAPELLE.
9th Divn. }
35th Div. less Art. ST. POL.
Div. Art. 12th Divn. } SAULTY LARBRET.
14th Divn. }
12th Div. less Art. } PREVENT.
Div. Art. 35th Divn. }

G.H.Q. (A)..... MONTREUIL.
G.H.Q. (B)..... HESDIN.
G.H.Q. Troops partly. MONTREUIL.
G.H.Q. Troops partly. HESDIN.
R.F.C. partly..... ST. OMER.
R.F.C. partly..... HESDIN.

* FOURTH ARMY

Fourth Army Troops (A) MERICOURT.
Fourth Army Troops (B) FRECHENCOURT

* III Corps H.Q. MERICOURT for ALBERT.
1st Divn. } ALBERT.
* 15th Divn. }
48th Divn.... FRECHENCOURT.
* 30th Divn..... BAZENTIN.

* XIV Corps H.Q. MERICOURT for PLATEAU.
29th Div. less Art. HANGEST-sur-SOMME.
* 20th Divn. } PLATEAU.
17th Divn. }
* Div. Art. 29th Div. MERICOURT.
Guards Divn... CORBIE.

* XV Corps H.Q. } BEL AIR.
* 4th Divn }
40th Divn. } BRAY-sur-SOMME.
* 8th Divn. }
33rd Divn. HANGEST-sur-SOMME.

1st Anzac Corps H.Q. MERICOURT.
* Div. Art. 4th Aus. Div. }
Div. Art. 5th Aus. Div. } ALBERT.
* 1st Austn. Divn. }
2nd Aus. Div. less Art. }
* 4th Aus. Div. less Art. } VIGNACCOURT.
Div. Art. 2nd Aus. Divn. }
* 5th Aus. Div. less Art.... EDGEHILL.

* FIFTH ARMY

Army Troops (A) BELLE EGLISE.
Army Troops (B) ST. RIQUIER.
Army Troops (C) DOULLENS.

* II Corps H.Q. } ST. RIQUIER.
* 18th Divn }
63rd R.N. Div. less Art. NOYELLES.
* 2nd Div. less Art. CONTEVILLE.
Div. Art. 2nd Divn. DOULLENS.
* Div. Art. 63rd R.N. Div. ST. RIQUIER.

* V Corps H.Q... DOULLENS.
32nd Div. less Art. ST. LEGER.
* 19th Div. less Art. CANAPLES.
Div. Art. 19th Div... BEAUSSART.
* Div. Art. 32nd Div.. DOULLENS.

* XIII Corps H.Q. } BELLE EGLISE.
31st Divn. }
* 3rd Divn. } BEAUSSART.
7th Divn. }

* IV Corps H.Q... BELLE EGLISE.
* 51st Divn. } AVELUY.
61st Divn. }
* 11th Divn... ACHEUX (B.G.).

* Cavalry Corps... MONTREUIL.
1st Cav. Divn.. SAMER.
* 2nd Cav. Divn... HESDIN.
3rd Cav. Div. less } MARESQUEL.
6th Cav. Brigade }
* 6th Cavalry Bde... MONTREUIL.
* 4th Cav. Divn. }
5th Cav. Divn. } WOINCOURT.

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AMMUNITION:

G.H.Q. TROOPS.....ETAPLES.

FIRST ARMY.....(ST. VENANT,
LAPUGNOY,
HOUDAIN,
SAVY BERLETTE.)

SECOND ARMY.....(STRAZEBLE,
ARBELE.)

THIRD ARMY.....(MONDICOURT,
SAVY BERLETTE,
AVESNES LE COMTE.)

FOURTH ARMY.....(MEULTE,
VIVIER MILL,
JONTAY,
PLATEAU.)

FIFTH ARMY.....(PUCHEVILLERS,
AUTHIEULE,
JONTAY.)

R. E. PARKS:

FIRST ARMY.....No. 4 LILLERS.
No. 8 SAVY BERLETTE.

SECOND ARMY.....No. 2 STRAZEBLE,
No. 3 ARBELE.

THIRD ARMY.....No. 5 MONDICOURT.
No. 12 ST. POL.

FOURTH ARMY.....No. 6 MERICOURT.

FIFTH ARMY.....No. 7 LEALVILLERS.

G. H. Q.

1/1/1917.

R.O. MAXWELL, Lieut-General,

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

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31/12/16.

S E C R E T.

DESTINATIONS OF UNITS WHICH ARE SHORTLY DUE TO ARRIVE IN FRANCE OR ARE UNDER ORDERS TO MOVE TO THE L.O.F. C.

U N I T.	PORT OF ARRIVAL.	DESTINATION.	ARMY TO WHICH ALLOTTED.
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Note:- The 215th, 240th and 251st Siege Art. Btys. are allotted to Fourth Army.

C. Penlan Capt
for Quartermaster General.

G.H.Q.
1/1/1917.

- Copy to:-
- All Armies.
 - D.G.T.
 - D.In.
 - All Directors.
 - G.C.C. L.O.F. C.
 - A.D.A. (2)
 - D.A.C. 2nd Echelon.
 - D.A.D.S. & T.
 - G.H.Q. Troops.
- Base Comds.
 - HEAVY.
 - Recon.
 - Boulogne.
- O.B.
 - A.A.
 - A.G.
 - Q.A. (1)
 - Q.L. (2)
 - Q.A. (3)
 - Q.P. (1)
 - Q.B. (2)
 - Q.P.
 - Q.O.S.

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SECRET



AMENDED ORDER OF BATTLE.

62nd (West Riding) Division.

185th Infantry Bde.

2/5th W.Yorks.Regt.
2/6th " "
2/7th " "
2/8th " "

185th T.M.Battery.

186th Infantry Bde.

2/4th W.Riding Regt.
2/5th " "
2/6th " "
2/7th " "

186th T.M.Battery.

187th Infantry Bde.

2/4th K.O.Y.L.I.
2/5th " "
2/4th Y. & L. Regt.
2/5th " " "

187th T.M.Battery.

DIVISIONAL TROOPS.

Headquarters 62nd (West Riding) Division.

310th Bde. R.F.A. (A. B. C. D. Batteries) (18 - 18-Pdrs.
(4 - 4.5" How).

311th Bde. R.F.A. (A. B. C. D. Batteries) (12 - 18-Pdrs.
(8 - 4.5" How).

312th Bde. R.F.A. (A. B. C. D. Batteries) (18 - 18-Pdrs.
(4 - 4.5" How).

X62 Trench Mortar Battery, R.A.

Y62 Trench Mortar Battery, R.A.

Z62 Trench Mortar Battery, R.A.

V62 Heavy Trench Mortar Battery.

62nd Divisional Ammunition Column.

3/1st, 1/3rd, 2/3rd West Riding F.Cos.R.E.

62nd Divisional Signal Company.

62nd Divisional Train.

2/1st, 2/2nd, 2/3rd West Riding Field Ambulances.

No. 62 Divisional Sanitary Section.

2/1st West Riding Mob. Vet. Section.

EXTRA DIVISIONAL UNITS.

No. 62 Ammunition Sub-Park.

No. 62 Divisional Supply Column.

2/1st Northumbrian Casualty Clearing Station.

Cyclist Company.

φ personnel only.

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RAILHEADS FOR 3rd JANUARY, 1917.
SUPPLY.

1930 (G.A.I.)

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FIRST ARMY

First Army Troops (A) LILLERS.
First Army Troops (B) AIRY.

I Corps H.Q. }
24th Divn. } NOEUX
6th Divn. }
21st Divn... PESTRUMS.

XI Corps H.Q. } DETHUNE.
5th Divn. }
38th Divn. }
37th Divn. } LA GORGUE.

XVII Corps H.Q. ... LILLERS.

Canadian Corps H.Q. } BRUAY.
1st Can.Divn. }
2nd Can.Divn. BARLIN.
Reserve Divl.Arty. }
4th Can.Divn. less Art. } AUBIGNY.
3rd Can.Divn. }

SECOND ARMY

Troops CAESTRE.

IX Corps H.Q. }
36th Divn. } STEENWERCK.
25th Divn. }
16th Div. ABEELE for WIPPENHOEK.

VIII Corps H.Q. } PROVEN.
38th Divn. }
39th Divn. ... PESELHOEK.
35th Divn. POPERINGHE for EDWAARTS-
HOEK.

2nd Anzac Corps H.Q. LA GORGUE.
34th Divn. LA GORGUE for
R.I.Z.Divn.) BAC ST. MAUR.
3rd Aus.Div. less Art. STEENWERCK.

X Corps H.Q. } ABEELE
23rd Divn. } for
47th Divn. } RENINGHELST.
41st Divn. ABEELE for WIPPENHOEK.

THIRD ARMY

Third Army Troops (A) ST. POL.
Third Army Troops (B) FREVENT.

VII Corps H.Q. } SAULTY LARBRET.
30th Divn. }
49th Div. BOUQUEMAISON.
46th Divn. ... WARLINCOURT.

VI Corps H.Q. } FREVIN CAPELLE.
9th Divn. }
35th Div. less Art. ST. POL.
Div. Art. 12th Divn. } SAULTY LARBRET.
14th Divn. }
12th Div. less Art. } FREVENT.
Div. Art. 35th Divn. }

G.H.Q. (A) ... MONTREUIL.
G.H.Q. (B) ... HESDIN.
G.H.Q. Troops partly MONTREUIL.
G.H.Q. Troops partly HESDIN.
R.F.C. partly ... ST. OMER.
R.F.C. partly ... HESDIN.

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* Fourth Army Troops (A) MERICOURT.
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1st Divn. } ALBERT.
* 15th Divn. }
48th Divn. ... FRECHENCOURT.
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29th Div. less Art. HANGEST-sur-SOMME.
* 20th Divn. } PLATEAU.
17th Divn. }
* Div. Art. 29th Div. MERICOURT.
Guards Divn. ... CORBIE.

* XV Corps H.Q. } BEL AIR.
4th Divn }
40th Divn. } BRAY-sur-SOMME.
* 8th Divn. }
33rd Divn. HANGEST-sur-SOMME.

* 1st Anzac Corps H.Q. MERICOURT.
Div. Art. 4th Aus. Div. }
* Div. Art. 5th Aus. Div. } ALBERT.
1st Austn. Divn. }
2nd Aus. Div. less Art. }
4th Aus. Div. less Art. } EDGEHILL.
Div. Art. 2nd Aus. Divn. } VIGNACOURT
5th Aus. Div. less Art. } VIGNACOURT

FIFTH ARMY.

* Army Troops (A) BELLE EGLISE.
* Army Troops (B) ST. RIQUIER.
* Army Troops (C) DOULLENS.

* II Corps H.Q. } ST. RIQUIER.
18th Div. less Art. }
* 63rd R.N. Div. less Art. NOYELLES.
2nd Div. less Art. CONTEVILLE.
Div. Art. 2nd Divn. DOULLENS.
Div. Art. 63rd R.N. Div. CONTEVILLE.
Div. Art. 18th Div. DOULLENS.

* V Corps H.Q. ... DOULLENS.
* 32nd Div. less Art. ST. LEGER.
* 19th Div. less Art. CANAPLES.
Div. Art. 19th Div. ... BEAUSSART.
Div. Art. 32nd Div. BELLE EGLISE.

* XIII Corps H.Q. } BELLE EGLISE.
31st Divn. }
* 3rd Divn. } BEAUSSART.
7th Divn. }

* IV Corps H.Q. ... BELLE EGLISE.
51st Divn. } AVELUY.
61st Divn. }
* 11th Divn. ... ACHEUX. (B.G.)

Cavalry Corps ... MONTREUIL.
1st Cav. Divn. ... SAMER.
2nd Cav. Divn. ... HESDIN.
3rd Cav. Div. less } WARESQUEL.
6th Cav. Brigade }
6th Cavalry Bde ... MONTREUIL.
4th Cav. Divn. } WOINGCOURT.
5th Cav. Divn. }

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AMMUNITION;

G. H. Q. TROOPS.....ETAPLES.

FIRST ARMY.....(ST. VENANT.
(LAPUGNOY.
(HOUDAIN.
(SAVY BERLETTE.

SECOND ARMY.....(STRAZEELE.
(APEELE.

THIRD ARMY.....(MONDICOURT.
(SAVY BERLETTE.
(AVESNES LE COMTE.

FOURTH ARMY.....(BEAULTE.
(VIVIER HILL.
(CONTAY.
(PLATEAU.

FIFTH ARMY.....(PUCHEVILLER.
(AUTHIEULE.
(CONTAY.

R. E. PARKS.

FIRST ARMY.....No. 4 LILLERS.
No. 8 SAVY BERLETTE.

SECOND ARMY.....No. 2 STRAZEELE.
No. 3 APEELE.

THIRD ARMY.....No. 5 MONDICOURT.
No. 12 ST. POL.

FOURTH ARMY.....No. 6 MERICOURT.

FIFTH ARMY.....No. 7 LEALVILLERS.

G. H. Q.
2/1/1917.

R.C. MAXWELL, Lieut-General,
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

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MOVEMENTS FROM AND TO BASES
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UNIT.

STRENGTH.

DATE.

FROM

TO.

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ARRIVALS.

AT.

247th Siege Arty. Bty.	(Personnel.)	31/12/16.	England.	HAVRE.
250th Siege Arty. Bty.	(Personnel.)	31/12/16.	England.	HAVRE.
H.Q. 1st Canadian H.A.G.		31/12/16.	England.	HAVRE.
213th Siege Arty. Bty.	(Personnel.)	31/12/16.	England.	HAVRE.
Adv. Party for 215th Siege Arty. Bty.)		1/1/17.	England.	HAVRE.
62nd Division.				
Advance Party No 1.		31/12/16.	England.	HAVRE.
Advance Party No 2.				
3rd Australian Divisional Arty.				
26th Bty. 7th Aust. F.A. Bde.	(Remainder.)	31/12/16.	England.	HAVRE.
107th Bty. 7th Aust. F.A. Bde.	(Remainder.)			
H.Q. 8th Australian F.A. Bde.				
29th Bty. 8th Aust. F.A. Bde.				
30th Bty. 8th Aust. F.A. Bde.				
31st Bty. 8th Aust. F.A. Bde.				
108th Bty. 8th Aust. F.A. Bde.				
H.Q. 9th Aust. F.A. Bde.				
33rd Bty. 9th Aust. F.A. Bde.	(Remainder.)			
35th Bty. 9th Aust. F.A. Bde.	(Half.)			
Supply Details.	(Complete.)			
109th Bty. 9th Aust. F.A. Bde.	(Part Personnel.)			
H.Q. 23rd Aust F.A. Bde.		1/1/17	England	HAVRE.
28th Bty. - do -	(Half.)			
3rd Australian Divl. Arty.				
Hqrs. Divl. Artillery.		31/12/16	England	HAVRE.

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ARRIVALS (contd).

UNIT.	STRENGTH.	DATE	FROM	AT
32nd Bty. 33rd Aus.F.A.Ldo. 36th Bty. -ditto- 118th.Bty. -ditto-		} 1/1/17	ENGLAND	HAVRE

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DEPARTURES.

			TO
R.M.L.I. Band.		31/12/16	ENGLAND.
32nd Division. Adv.Pty. No. 2. (By boat)	4 offrs. 3 O.R. 2 cars.	1/1/17.	Concentration Area.
3rd Australian Div.Arty. HQ. 7th Aus. F.A. Bdo. 25th Bty. 7th Aus.F.A.Ldo. 26th Bty. -ditto- 27th Bty. -ditto- 107th Bty. -ditto- 33rd Bty. 9th Aus. F.A. Ldo.		} 31/12/16	Concentration Area.
HQ. 8th Aus. F.A.Ldo. 29th Bty. 8th Aus.F.A.Ldo. 30th Bty. -ditto- 31st Bty. -ditto- 108th Bty. -ditto- HQ. Divl. Artillery. Supply Details.	2 offrs. 19 O.R. 4 horses 1 vehicle.	} 1/1/17	Concentration Area.

SECRET.

1/1/17.

DESTINATIONS OF UNITS WHICH ARE DUE TO ARRIVE IN FRANCE
OR ARE UNDER ORDERS TO MOVE TO THE L. of C.

UNIT.	PORT OF ARRIVAL.	DESTINATION.	Army etc. Allocated.
Adv. Parties 240th & 251st Sge. Arty. Btys.	HAVRE.	BRAY-sur-SOULE.	Fourth.
240th & 251st Sge. Arty. Btys.	HAVRE	MERICOURT l'ABBE.	Fourth.

General Headquarters,
2nd January, 1917.

C. E. H. Capt.
S. Quartermaster General.

Copy to: All Armies.
D.G.T.
D.Tn.
All Directors.
G.O.C. L. of C.
A.D.P.S. (S)
D.A.G. 3rd Echelon.
D.A.D.S. & T.
G.H.Q. Troops.

Base Comdts.
Havre.
Rouen.
Boalogue.

O.S.
A.A.
A.G.
Q.A. (1)
Q.A. (2)
Q.A. (3)
Q.B. (1)
Q.B. (2)
Q.P.
Q.O.S.

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First Army.
Second Army.
Third Army.
Fifth Army.

1. In consequence of the impending arrival of the 62nd Division, the following amendments will be made to para. II of O.B./1866 of the 21st December and O.B./1866 of the 25th Decr.

(i) The transfer of 1 Section 4.5-inch Howitzers from Fifth Army to First Army is cancelled. (para. II of O.B./1866 of 21st December).

(ii) The transfer of 1- 18-pdr. Battery from Fifth Army to Second Army is cancelled. (O.B./1866 of 25th December).

2. The present organisation of the Divisional Artillery of the 62nd Division is as follows :-

310th Brigade= 3 - 6-gun 18-pdr. batteries and
1 - 4-gun 4.5-inch Howitzer Battery.

311th Brigade= 2 - 6-gun 18-pdr. batteries and
2 - 4-gun 4.5-inch Howitzer Batteries.

312th Brigade= 3 - 6-gun 18-pdr. batteries and
1 - 4-gun 4.5-inch Howitzer Battery.

3. The Divisional Artillery of the 62nd Division will be brought on to the new organization by breaking up one 4.5-inch Howitzer Battery of the 311th Brigade and adding one Section to each of the 4.5-inch Howitzer Batteries of the 310th and 312th Brigades.

The remainder of the 311th Brigade will then be combined with the 18-pdr. Battery and Section of 4.5-inch Howitzers which will be surplus in the Fifth Army (vide Appendix I of O.B./1866 of 21st December) to form an Army Field Artillery Brigade of 3 - 6-gun 18-pdr. batteries and one 6-gun 4.5-inch Howitzer Battery.

4. The Army Field Artillery Brigades in the First, Second, Third and Fifth Armies will then be as follows :-

First Army (4 complete brigades.
(1 brigade less one Section 4.5" Howitzers.

Second Army (6 complete brigades.
(1 brigade less one 18-pdr. battery and one section 4.5" Howitzers.

Third Army. (4 Complete Brigades.
(1 Brigade less one Section 4.5" Howitzers.

Fifth Army. (8 Complete Brigades.

5. The incomplete Army Field Artillery Brigades will be completed under orders to be issued by G.H.Q. as and when more Field Artillery becomes available.

G. H. Q.
1/1/17.

(Signed) J. BURNETT STUART, B.G.,
for Lieut.-General,
C. G. S.

Copy to :-

Q. Staff and
Directors.

Copy to:

S. O. A.

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A. S.

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SECRET:

RAILHEADS FOR 4th JANUARY, 1917.

1230 (Q.A.1.)

SUPPLY.

FIRST ARMY

First Army Troops (A) LILLERS.
First Army Troops (B) AIRE.

I Corps H.Q.)
24th Divn.) NOUUX.
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1st Can.Divn.)
2nd Can.Divn. BARLIN.
Reserve Divl.Arty.)
4th Can.Divn. less Art.) AUBIGNY.
3rd Can.Divn.)

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3rd Aus.Divn. STEENWERCK.

Corps H.Q.) ABEELE
33rd Divn.) for
4th Divn.) RENINGHELST.
41st Divn. ABEELE for WIPPENHOEK.

THIRD ARMY

Third Army Troops (A) ST. POL.
Third Army Troops (B) PREVENT.

VII Corps H.Q.) SAULTY LARBRET.
30th Divn.)
49th Divn. BOUQUEMAISON.
46th Divn. WARLINCOURT.

VI Corps H.Q.) PREVIN CAPELLE.
9th Divn.)
35th Div. less Art. ST. POL.
Div. Art. 12th Div.) SAULTY LARBRET.
14th Divn.)
12th Div. less Art.) PREVENT.
Div. Art. 35th Div.)

G.H.Q. (A) MONTREUIL.
G.H.Q. (B) HESDIN.
G.H.Q. Troops partly MONTREUIL.
G.H.Q. Troops partly HESDIN.
R.F.C. partly ST. OMER.
R.F.C. partly HESDIN.

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Div. Art. 29th Div. MERICOURT.
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Div. Art. 5th Aus. Div.) ALBERT.
1st Austn. Divn.)
2nd Aus. Div. less Art.)
4th Aus. Div. less Art. EDGEHILL.
Div. Art. 2nd Aus. Div.) VIGNACOURT.
5th Aus. Div. less Art.)

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Army Troops (A) BELLE EGLISE.
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Army Troops (C) DOULLENS.

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2nd Div. less Art. CONTEVILLE.
Div. Art. 2nd Divn. AVELUY.
Div. Art. 63rd R.N. Div.) DOULLENS.
Div. Art. 18th Div.)

* V Corps H.Q. DOULLENS.
32nd Div. less Art. ST. LEGER.
19th Div. less Art. CANAPLES.
Div. Art. 19th Div. BEAUSSART.
Div. Art. 32nd Div. BELLE EGLISE.

* XIII Corps H.Q.) BELLE EGLISE.
31st Divn.)
3rd Divn.) BEAUSSART.
7th Divn.)

* IV Corps H.Q. BELLE EGLISE.
51st Divn.) AVELUY.
61st Divn.)
11th Divn. ACHEUX (B.G.).

* Cavalry Corps MONTREUIL.
1st Cav. Divn. SAMER.
2nd Cav. Divn. HESDIN.
3rd Cav. Divn. less) HARESQUEL.
6th Cav. Brigade.)
6th Cav. Brigade MONTREUIL.
4th Cav. Divn.) WOINCOURT.
5th Cav. Divn.)

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AMMUNITION:

G. H. Q. TROOPS.....	ETAPLES.
FIRST ARMY.....	(ST. VENANT. LAPUGNOY. HOUDAIN. SAVY BERLETTE.)
SECOND ARMY.....	(STRAZEELE. ABEELE.)
THIRD ARMY.....	(MONDICOURT. SAVY BERLETTE. AVESNES LE COMTE.)
FOURTH ARMY.....	(MEAULTE. VIVIER MILL. CONTAY. PLATEAU.)
FIFTH ARMY.....	(PUCHEVILLERS. AUTHIEULE. CONTAY.)

R. E. PARKS.

FIRST ARMY.....	No. 4 LILLERS. No. 8 SAVY BERLETTE.
SECOND ARMY.....	No. 3 STRAZEELE. No. 3 ABEELE.
THIRD ARMY.....	No. 5 MONDICOURT. No. 12 ST. POL.
FOURTH ARMY.....	No. 6 MERICOURT.
FIFTH ARMY.....	No. 7 LEALVILLERS.

G. H. Q.
3/1/1917.

R. C. MAXWELL, Lieut-General,
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

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MOVEMENTS FROM AND TO BASES.
ADVISED AS PROBABLY LEAVING.

2-1-17.

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N I T.	STRENGTH.	DATE.	FROM.	TO.
16th New Zealand Hws. Batty.	(with proportion of "A" & "B" Echelons D.A.C. without train transport.)	4-1-17.	England.	HAVRE.
Adv. Party 227th S.A. Bty.	(8 th Hws.) deficient of 1 smith gunner. With Officers, personnel & transport complete) but without equipment.	5-1-17.	"	HAVRE.
227th Siege Arty Bty.		7-1-17	"	HAVRE.
No. 33 Kite Balloon Section.		about 3-1-17	"	Port not known

ARRIVALS.

AT.

247th Siege Arty. Bty.	(M.T. Personnel)	2-1-17	England	HAVRE.
250th Siege Arty. Bty.	(M.T. Personnel)	"	"	HAVRE.
220th Siege Arty. Bty.	(M.T. Personnel)	"	"	HAVRE.
231st Siege Arty. Bty.	(M.T. Personnel)	"	"	HAVRE.
Canadian Forestry Corps (19th & 20th Cos)	12 Officers, 328 O.R.	"	"	HAVRE.
3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVL. ARTILLERY. 109th Bty. 9th Aus. F.A. Bde. 28th Bty. 23rd Aus. F.A. Bde.	(Remainder) (Remainder)	2-1-17 "	England. "	HAVRE. HAVRE.

DEPARTURES.

TO

H.Q. 1st Canadian H.A.G.	(By Road) 2 Officers, 2 O.R. 1 Car.	2-1-17.	Havre.	BARLIN via ABBEVILLE.
H.Q. 1st Canadian H.A.G. No. 212th Anti-Aircraft Secn.	2 Offrs. 36 O.R. 8 horses, 2 veh. 1 truck stores. 2 Offrs. 36 O.R. 2 - 3" 20-cwt. guns 2 trucks "	" "	" "	BARLIN. STEENWERCK.
62nd DIVISION. Adv. Party No. 2.	(By Road).	"	Abbeville.	ST. POL.
3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVL. ARTILLERY. 32nd Bty. 23rd Aus. F.A. Bde.		"	Havre.	Concentration Area.
34th Bty. 9th Aus. F.A. Bde.	(Part) 2 Offrs. 40 O.R. 41 horses, 6 vehs. 1 gun.	"	"	Concentration Area.

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DESTINATIONS OF UNITS WHICH ARE DUE TO ARRIVE IN FRANCE
OR ARE UNDER ORDERS TO MOVE TO THE L OF C.

U N I T.	PORT OF ARRIVAL.	DESTINATION.	ARMY Etc., allotted.
Adv. Party 215th Siege Arty Bty.	HAVRE.	ALBERT.	Fourth.
215th Siege Arty Bty.	HAVRE.	MERICOURT L'ABBE.	Fourth.
No. 33 Kite Balloon Section.	(HAVRE (ROUEN.)	Detrain WARLINCOURT for HENU.	Third.
213th Anti Aircraft Section.	HAVRE.	STEENWEROK.	Second.

NOTE:- The 213th Anti Aircraft Section which is due to arrive at Havre on 3rd instant will in the first instance join the Second Army for a course of training with No. 14 H.Q. Section and on completion is allotted to L of C.

No. 33 Kite Balloon Section will join the Third Army and will be attached for training to one of the existing Kite Balloon Sections now with Third Army.

J. E. Kaul
Quartermaster General.

General Headquarters,
3rd January, 1917.

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D.A.G. 3rd Echelon.
D.A.D.S.T.
G.H.Q. Troops.

Base Comdts.
Havre.
Rouen.
Boulogne.

O.B.
A.A.
A.G.
Q.A. (1).
Q.A. (2).
Q.A. (3).
Q.B. (1).
Q.P.
Q.O.S.

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PROGRAMME OF MOVES

BETWEEN FORMATIONS.

27. (i) The 111th Siege Battery arrived at SAVY BERLETTE from MERICOURT on 31/12/16.
- (ii) The 279th Railway Coy. R.E., arrived at TINCQUES from BAILLEUL on 30/12/16.
- (iii) The 210th A.A. Section, arrived at DANNES CAMIERS from STEENWERCK on 1/1/17. (Railway Movement Report).

28. The transfer of the following Heavy and Siege Batteries will be carried out :-

- (a) 14th and 139th Heavy Batteries (60-pdrs.) from Fifth Army to Third Army, by road.
- (b) 14th Siege Battery (6" How. 26-cwt.) from Fifth Army to First Army, by road.
- (c) 122nd Siege Battery (6" How. 26-cwt.) from Fifth Army to Third Army, by road. (3072/A/XV/3 (Q.A.1.))

29. One Special Company will be transferred on 3rd January 1917, by road to First Army for temporary duty. (3072/A/XV/4 (Q.A.1.))

30. No. 52 Motor Airline Section, less telegraph operators and maintenance party, now with the Fourth Army, will rejoin the First Army on the 7th instant. (3072/A/XV/5 (Q.A.1.))

31. The 110th Railway Company, R.E., arrived at DOULLENS from BUIRE on 31/12/16. (Railway Movement Report)

G. H. Q.

3/1/1917.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

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SUPPLY:

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FIRST ARMY

First Army Troops (A) LILLERS.
First Army Troops (B) AIRE.

I Corps H.Q.)
24th Divn.) NOEUX.
6th Divn.)
21st Divn.... BETHUNE.

XI Corps H.Q.)
56th Divn.) LA GORGUE.
37th Divn.)
5th Divn. BETHUNE.

XVII Corps H.Q.... LILLERS.

Canadian Corps H.Q.) BRUAY.
1st Can. Divn.)
2nd Can. Divn.... BARLIN.
Reserv Divl. Arty.)
4th Can. Div. less Art.) AUBIGNY.
3rd Can. Divn.)

SECOND ARMY

Army Troops..... CAESTRE.

X Corps H.Q.)
36th Divn.) STELNWERCK.
5th Divn.)
16th Div. ABEELE for WIPPENHOEK.

VII Corps H.Q.)
38th Divn.) PROVEN.
39th Divn... FESELHOEK.
55th Div. POPERINGHE for EDWAARTS-
HOEK.

2nd Anzac Corps H.Q. LA GORGUE.
34th Divn.) LA GORGUE for
M.Z. Divn.) BAC ST. MAUR.
3rd Aust. Divn... STEENWERCK.

X Corps H.Q.) ABEELE
23rd Divn.) for
47th Divn.) RENINGHELST.
1st Divn. ABEELE for WIPPENHOEK.

THIRD ARMY

Third Army Troops (A) ST. POL.
Third Army Troops (B) FREVENT.

VII Corps H.Q.) SAULTY LARBRET.
30th Divn.)
49th Divn... BOUQUEMAISON.
46th Divn... WARLICOURT.

VI Corps H.Q.) PREVIN CAPELLE.
9th Divn.)
35th Div. less Art. ST. POL.
Div. Art. 12th Div. ST. POL.
14th Divn. SAULTY LARBRET.
12th Div. less Art.) PREVENT.
Div. Art. 35th Div.)

G.H.Q. (A)..... MONTREUIL.
G.H.Q. (B)..... HESDIN.
G.H.Q. Troops partly.. MONTREUIL.
G.H.Q. Troops Partly.. HESDIN.
R.F.C. partly..... ST. OMER.
R.F.C. partly..... HESDIN.

* FOURTH ARMY

Fourth Army Troops (A) MERICOURT.
* Fourth Army Troops (B) FRECHENCOURT.

* III Corps H.Q. MERICOURT for ALBERT.
1st Divn.) ALBERT.
* 15th Divn.)
48th Divn.... FRECHENCOURT.
* 50th Divn.... BAZENTIN.

* XIV Corps H.Q. MERICOURT for PLATEAU.
29th Div. less Art. HANGEST-sur-SOMME.
* 20th Divn.) PLATEAU.
17th Divn.)
* Div. Art. 29th Div. MERICOURT.
Guards Divn.... CORBIE.

* XV Corps H.Q.) BEL AIR.
* 4th Divn.)
40th Divn.) BRAY-sur-SOMME.
* 8th Divn.)
33rd Divn... HANGEST-sur-SOMME.

* 1st Anzac Corps H.Q. MERICOURT.
* Div. Art. 4th Aus. Div.)
Div. Art. 5th Aus. Div.) ALBERT.
* 1st Aust. Divn.)
2nd Aus. Div. less Art.)
* 4th Aus. Div. less Art... EDGEHILL.
Div. Art. 2nd Aus. Div.) VIGNACOURT.
* 5th Aus. Div. less Art.)

* FIFTH ARMY

Army Troops (A) BELLE EGLISE.
* Army Troops (B) ST. RIQUIER.
Army Troops (C) FIENVILLERS CANDAS.

* II Corps H.Q.) ST. RIQUIER.
* 18th Div. less Art.)
63rd R.N. Div. less Art. NOVELLES.
* 2nd Div. less Art. CONTEVILLE.
Div. Art. 2nd Divn.. AVELUY.
* Div. Art. 63rd R.N. Div. FIENVILLERS
CANDAS.
* Div. Art. 18th Div. ACHEUX.

* V Corps H.Q. FIENVILLERS CANDAS.
32nd Div. less Art. ST. LEGER.
* 19th Div. less Art. CANAPLES.
Div. Art. 19th Div. BEAUSSART.
* Div. Art. 32nd Div. BELLE EGLISE.

* XIII Corps H.Q.) BELLE EGLISE.
31st Divn.)
* 3rd Divn.) BEAUSSART.
7th Divn.)

* IV Corps H.Q.... BELLE EGLISE.
* 31st Divn.) AVELUY.
61st Divn.)
* 11th Divn... ACHEUX (B.G.)

* Cavalry Corps..... MONTREUIL.
1st Cav. Divn. SAMER.
* 2nd Cav. Divn. HESDIN.
3rd Cav. Divn. less) MARESQUEL.
6th Cav. Brigade.)
* 6th Cav. Brigade.... MONTREUIL.
4th Cav. Divn.) WOINCOURT.
5th Cav. Divn.)

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AMMUNITION:

G. H. Q. TROOPS.....ETAPLES.

FIRST ARMY.....(ST. VENANT.
(LAPUGNOY.
(HOUDAIN.
(SAVY BERLETTE.

SECOND ARMY.....(STRAZEELE.
(ABEELE.

THIRD ARMY.....(MONDICOURT.
(SAVY BERLETTE.
(AVESNES LE COMTE.

FOURTH ARMY.....(MEULTE.
(VIVIER MILL.
(CONTAY.
(PLATEAU.

FIFTH ARMY.....(PUCHEVILLERS.
(AUTHIEULE.
(CONTAY.

R. E. PARKS.

FIRST ARMY.....No. 4 LILLERS.
No. 8 SAVY BERLETTE.

SECOND ARMY.....No. 2 STRAZEELE.
No. 3 ABEELE.

THIRD ARMY.....No. 5 MONDICOURT.
No. 12 ST. POL.

FOURTH ARMY.....No. 6 MERICOURT.

FIFTH ARMY.....No. 7 LEALVILLERS.

G. H. Q.
4/1/17.

R. C. MAXWELL, Lieut-General,
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

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DESTINATION REPORT .. NIL ..

NOTE:- The 227th Siege Arty. Bty (four 8 inch howitzers) which is due to arrive at Havre on 5th instant is allotted to Third Army.

The 16th New Zealand Howitzer Bty

will join Second Army for duty with the New Zealand Division.

G.H.Q.
4-1-17.

C. E. Kaul Capt.
Quartermaster General.

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G.H.Q. Troops.

Base Comdts.
Havre.
Rouen.
Boulogne.

O.B.
A.A.
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Q.A. (1).
Q.A. (2).
Q.A. (3).
Q.P. (1).
Q.P.
Q.P.S.
Q.B. (2).

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MOVEMENTS FROM AND TO BASES.
ADVISED & PROBABLY LEAVING.

3-1-17.

UNIT.

STRENGTH.

DATE

FROM

TO.

1st Canadian Labour Bn.
Adv. Party 224th Siege Arty Bty.
224th Siege Arty Bty.

Adv. Party 241st Siege Arty Bty.
241st Siege Arty Bty.

(6th Howrs.) deficient of 1 smith
gunner }

7-1-17. England.

HAVRE.

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HAVRE.

9-1-17.

HAVRE.

"

7-1-17.

HAVRE.

"

9-1-17.

HAVRE.

(6th Howrs.) deficient of 1 smith
gunner }

ARRIVALS.

AT.

- NIL -

DEPARTURES.

TO.

H.Q. 1st Canadian H.A.G. (By Road)

3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVL. ARTILLERY.
H.Q. 23rd Aust. F.A. Bde.
36th Bty. 23rd Aus. F.A. Bde.
118th Bty. 23rd Aus. F.A. Bde.
34th Bty. 9th Aus. F.A. Bde.
(Remainder).

7 O.R. 2 Lorries, 4 m.cycles.

3-1-17. Havre.

BARLIN via
ABBEVILLE.

2-1-17 Havre.

CONCENTRATION
AREA.

1 Officer, 44 O.R. 42 horses,
7 vehicles, 1 Gun.

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O.B./1890.

6115 (Q.A.L.).

THIRD ARMY:

In continuation of G.H.Q. letter No. O.B./1890 of the 2nd instant, the attached table shows the Corps Troops to be allotted to the XVIIIth Corps, the source from which they will be obtained, and the authority providing these Units.

Orders for the formation of the Corps Cavalry Regiment and Corps Cyclist Battalion will be issued in due course.

General Headquarters,
3rd January, 1917.

(Sd) J. BURNETT STUART, B.G.,
for Lieutenant-General,
C. G. S.

Copy to: G.S. O.A.
C.B.(R)
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R.F.C.
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CORPS TROOPS. XVIIIth CORPS.

<u>Units.</u>	<u>Source from which obtained.</u>	<u>Authority.</u>
<u>Corps Mounted Troops.</u>		
Corps Cavalry Regt.	Headquarters to be formed in France. 2 Squadrons South Irish Horse from Second Army. 1 Squadron 1/1 Herts Yeo.	To be formed under orders to be issued by G. H. Q.
Corps Cyclist Battn.	H.Q. to be formed in France. 2 Cos. surplus to establishment in France. 1 Coy. from England with 62nd Division.	To be formed under orders to be issued by G. H. Q.
<u>Artillery.</u>		
H.A. Group H.Q. Heavy and Siege Batteries.	By re-allotment from Units with Third Army.	Third Army.
<u>Engineers.</u>		
A.T. Cos., R.E.	By re-allotment from Units with Third Army.	Third Army.
<u>Signal Service.</u>		
Corps H.Q. Sig. Co.	"S" Army Corps Signal Company.	Third Army.
1 Airline Section.	No. 64 Airline Section.	G. H. Q.
Corps Wireless Sect.	To be formed in France.	G. H. Q.
Cable Sections Wireless Sub Sections	One Section per Division to accompany Divisions posted to the Corps.	G. H. Q.
<u>A. S. C.</u>		
H.Q. Corps Supply Col. Corps Troops Supply Column.	To be provided by G.H.Q.	G. H. Q.
H.Q. Corps Amn. Park. H.Q. Co. A.S.C. attached to Corps Art.		
Divl. Supply Cols. Ammunition Sub-Parks.	One per Division posted to XVIIIth Corps.	G. H. Q.
<u>A. C. D.</u>		
2 A.C.D. Mobile Workshops (Light).	Two for every three Divisions posted to XVIIIth Corps.	
1 A.C.D. Mobile Workshop (Medium.)	To be provided by G.H.Q.	G. H. Q.

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SUPPLY.

FIRST ARMY

First Army Troops (A) LILLERS.
First Army Troops (B) AIRE.

I Corps H.Q.)
24th Divn. } NOEUX.
6th Divn. }
21st Divn... BETHUNE.

XI Corps H.Q.)
56th Divn. } LA GORGUE.
37th Divn. }
5th Divn... BETHUNE.

XVII Corps H.Q.... LILLERS.

Canadian Corps H.Q. } BRUAY.
1st Can.Divn. }
2nd Can.Divn.... BARLIN.
Reserve Divl.Arty. }
4th Can.Div.less Art. } AUBIGNY.
3rd Can.Divn. }

SECOND ARMY

Army Troops CAESTR...

IX Corps H.Q.)
36th Divn. } STEENWERCK.
25th Divn. }
16th Divn. ABEELE for WIPPENHOEK.

VIII Corps H.Q. } PROVEN.
38th Divn. }
39th Divn... PESELHOEK.
55th Div. POPERINGHE for EDWAARTS-
HOEK.

2nd Anzac Corps H.Q. LA GORGUE.
34th Divn. } LA GORGUE for
E.Z.Divn. } BAC ST. MAUR.
3rd Austn.Divn... STEENWERCK.

X Corps H.Q.) ABEELE
23rd Divn. } for
47th Divn. } RENINGHELST.
41st Divn. ABEELE for WIPPENHOEK.

THIRD ARMY

Third Army Troops (A) ST. POL.
Third Army Troops (B) FREVENT

VII Corps H.Q.) SAULTY LARBRET.
30th Divn. }
49th Divn.. BOUOLEMAISON.
46th Divn.. WARLINCOURT.

VI Corps H.Q.) PREVIN CAPELLE.
9th Divn. }
35th Div.less Art... ST. POL.
Div.Art.12th Div... ST. POL.
14th Divn.. SAULTY LARBRET.
12th Div.less Art. }
Div.Art.35th Div. } FREVENT.

G.H.Q. (A)..... MONTREUIL.
G.H.Q. (B)..... HESDIN.
G.H.Q. Troops partly.. MONTREUIL.
G.H.Q. Troops partly.. HESDIN.
R.F.C. partly... ST. OMER.
R.F.C. partly... HESDIN.

* FOURTH ARMY

Fourth Army Troops (A) MERICOURT.
* Fourth Army Troops (B) FRECHENCOURT

* III Corps H.Q. MERICOURT for ALBERT.
1st Divn. } ALBERT.
* 15th Divn. }
48th Divn... FRECHENCOURT.
* 50th Divn... BAZENTIN.

* XIV Corps H.Q. MERICOURT for PLATEAU
29th Div.less Art. HANGEST-sur-SOMME
* 20th Divn. } PLATEAU.
17th Divn. }
* Div.Art.29th Div. MERICOURT.
Guards Div... CORBIE.

* XV Corps H.Q. } DELAIR.
* 4th Divn. }
40th Divn. } BRAY-sur-SOMME.
* 8th Divn. }
33rd Divn... HANGEST-sur-SOMME.

* 1st Anzac Corps H.Q. MERICOURT.
* Div.Art.4th Aus.Div. }
Div.Art.5th Aus.Div. } ALBERT.
* 1st Austn.Divn. }
2nd Aus.Div.less Art. }
* 4th Aus.Div.less Art... EDGEHILL.
Div.Art.2nd Aus.Div. } VIGNACOURT.
* 5th Aus.Div.less Art. }

* FIFTH ARMY

Army Troops (A) BELLE EGLISE.
* Army Troops (B) ST. RIQUEUR.
Army Troops (C) FIENVILLERS CANDAS

* II Corps H.Q. } ST. RIQUEUR.
* 18th Div.less Art. }
63rd R.N.Divn.less Art. NOYELLES.
* 2nd Div.less Art. CONTEVILLE.
Div.Art.3rd Divn.. AVELUY.
* Div.Art.63rd R.N.Div. ACHEUX (B.G.)
Div.Art.18th Divn.. AVELUY.

* V Corps H.Q. FIENVILLERS CANDAS.
* 32nd Div.less Art. ST. LEGER.
19th Div.less Art.. CANAPLES.
* Div.Art.19th Div. BEAUSSART.
Div.Art.32nd Div.. BELLE EGLISE.

* XIII Corps H.Q. } BELLE EGLISE.
* 31st Divn. }
3rd Divn. } BEAUSSART.
* 7th Divn. }

* IV Corps H.Q... BELLE EGLISE.
31st Divn. } AVELUY.
* 61st Divn. }
11th Divn... ACHEUX (B.G.).

* Cavalry Corps... MONTREUIL.
* 1st Cav.Divn... SAMER.
2nd Cav.Divn... HESDIN.
* 3rd Cav.Divn.loss }
6th Cav.Brigade. } MARESQUEL.
* 6th Cav.Brigade... MONTREUIL.
4th Cav.Divn.. }
* 5th Cav.Divn. } WOINCOURT.

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ASSIGNMENT:

G.H.Q. TROOPS.....	ETAPLES.
FIRST ARMY.....	(ST. VERANT. (LAPUGNOY. (HOUDAIN. (SAVY BARLETTE.
SECOND ARMY.....	(STRAZELLE. (ABEELE.
THIRD ARMY.....	(MONDICOURT. (SAVY D'ARLETTE. (AVESNES LE COMTE.
FOURTH ARMY.....	(BEAULTE. (VIVIER MILL. (CONTAY. (PLATEAU.
FIFTH ARMY.....	(PUCHEVILLER. (AUTHIEULE. (CONTAY.

R. E. PARKS.

FIRST ARMY.....	No. 4 LILLERS. No. 8 SAVY BARLETTE.
SECOND ARMY.....	No. 2 STRAZELLE. No. 3 ABEELE.
THIRD ARMY.....	No. 5 MONDICOURT. No. 12 ST. POL.
FOURTH ARMY.....	No. 6 MERICOURT.
FIFTH ARMY.....	No. 7 LEALVILLERS.

G. H. Q.
5/1/1917.

R.C. MAXWELL, Lieut-General,
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

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app. 1/17

SECRET.

MOVEMENTS FROM & TO BASES.
ADVISED AS PROBABLY LEAVING.

4/1/17.

UNIT.	STRENGTH.	DATE.	FROM	TO
18th Corps Troops Supp. Column. Mechanical Transport Coy. H.Q. 18th Corps. Mechanical Transport H.Q. 78th H. A. G.	(Loan personnel for Army Ordnance Services) (For 18th Corps Hvy. Artillery) (11 motor cars) (For Corps Arm. Park H.Q.)	6/1/17 9/1/17	ENGLAND ENGLAND	HAVRE HAVRE
NOTE: 16th New Zealand How. battery shown in return dated 2/1/17 will now embark on Jan. 8th instead of Jan. 4th.				

ARRIVALS.

IT

UNIT.	STRENGTH.	DATE.	FROM	TO
215th A. A. Section.		3/1/17	ENGLAND	HAVRE
Adv. Pty. 240th Sgo. Arty. Bty.		3/1/17	ENGLAND	HAVRE
Adv. Pty. 251st Sgo. Arty. Bty.		3/1/17	ENGLAND	HAVRE
215th Sgo. Arty. Bty.	(Personnel)	3/1/17	ENGLAND	HAVRE
301st Road Construction Coy.		3/1/17	ENGLAND	HAVRE
220th Sgo. Arty. Bty.	(Remainder)	4/1/17	ENGLAND	HAVRE
231st Sgo. Arty. Bty.	(Remainder)	4/1/17	ENGLAND	HAVRE

DEPARTURES.

TO

UNIT.	STRENGTH.	DATE.	FROM	TO
Adv. Pty. 215th Sgo. Arty. Bty.	1 offr. 14 OR.	4/1/17	HAVRE	ALBERT.
19th Canadian Forestry Coy	6 offrs. 164 O.R.	4/1/17	HAVRE	ARGENTAN.
20th Canadian Forestry Coy.	6 offrs. 164 O.R.	4/1/17	HAVRE	LA CHAPPELLE
3rd Australian Divl. Artillery.		3/1/17	HAVRE	Concentration Area.
28th Bty. 25th Aus. F.A. do.				
HQ. 9th Aus. F.A. do.				
109th Bty. 9th Aus. F.A. do.				
35th Bty. 9th Aus. F.A. do. (Part)	2 offrs. 34 O.R. 56 horses 4 vehicles			

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DESTINATIONS OF UNITS WHICH ARE SHORTLY DUE TO ARRIVE
IN FRANCE OR ARE UNDER ORDERS TO MOVE TO THE L. of C.

UNIT.	PORT OF ARRIVAL.	DESTINATION	ARMY Co. ALLOTTED.
501st Road Construction Company.	HAVRE.	EDGEHILL.	Under D.G.I.
Adv. Ptn. & 227th Sge. Artv. Battery.	HAVRE.	SAVI BERLETTE for HARARCO, reporting latter place to Town Major.	3rd.

J. E. Kau Capt
for Quartermaster General.

General Headquarters,
5th January, 1917.

Copy to: All Armies.
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 All Directors.
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 A.S.R.L. (S)
 D.A.G. 3rd Echelon.
 D.A.D.S & T.
 G.K.Q. Troops.

Base Conds.
 Havre,
 Rouen,
 Boulogne.

O.S.
 A.A.
 A.G.
 Q.A. (1)
 Q.A. (2)
 Q.A. (3)
 Q.S. (1)
 Q.S. (2)
 Q.P.
 Q.O.S.

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RAILROADS FOR 7th JANUARY, 1917.

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SUPPLY.

FIRST ARMY

First Army Troops (A) LILLERS.
First Army Troops (B) AIRS.

I Corps H.Q. }
24th Divn. } FOUUX.
6th Divn. }
21st Divn. } BETHUNE.

XI Corps H.Q. }
56th Divn. } LA GORGUE.
37th Divn. }
5th Divn. } BETHUNE.

XVII Corps H.Q. ... LILLERS.

Canadian Corps H.Q. } BRUAY.
1st Can.Divn. }
2nd Can.Divn. } BARLIN.
Reserve Divl. Art. }
4th Can.Divn. loss Art. } AUBIGNY.
3rd Can.Divn. }

SECOND ARMY

Army Troops ... CASSTRE.

IX Corps H.Q. }
26th Divn. } STEENWERCK.
25th Divn. }
16th Divn. } ABEELE for WIPPENHOEK.

VIII Corps H.Q. } PROVEN.
38th Divn. }
39th Divn. } PESZLHOEK.
55th Div. } POFERINGHE for EDWAARTS-
HOEK.

2nd Anzac Corps H.Q. LA GORGUE.
34th Divn. } LA GORGUE for
N.Z.Divn. } BAC ST. MAUR.
3rd Austn.Divn. } STEENWERCK.

X Corps H.Q. } ABEELE
23rd Divl. } for
47th Divn. } RENINGHELST.
41st Divn. } ABEELE for WIPPENHOEK.

THIRD ARMY

Third Army Troops (A) ST. POL.
Third Army Troops (B) PREVENT.

VII Corps H.Q. }
30th Div. loss Art. } SAULTY LARBRET.
49th Div. loss Art. }
Div. Art. 49th Div. } BOUQUEMAISON.
Div. Art. 30th Div. }
46th Divn. } WARLINCOURT.

VI Corps H.Q. } PREVIN CAPELLE.
9th Divn. }
35th Div. loss Art. } ST. POL.
Div. Art. 18th Divn. }
14th Divn. } SAULTY LARBRET.
12th Div. loss Art. }
Div. Art. 35th Div. } PREVENT.

G.H.Q. (A) ... MONTREUIL.
G.H.Q. (B) ... HESDIN.
G.H.Q. Troops partly. } MONTREUIL.
G.H.Q. Troops partly. } HESDIN.
R.F.C. partly. } ST. OMER.
R.F.C. partly. } HESDIN.

* FOURTH ARMY

* Fourth Army Troops (A) MERICOURT.
* Fourth Army Troops (B) FRECHENCOURT.

* III Corps H.Q. MERICOURT for ALBERT.
1st Divn. } ALBERT.
* 15th Divn. }
48th Divn. } FRECHENCOURT.
* 50th Divn. } BAZENTIN.

* XIV Corps H.Q. MERICOURT for PLATEAU.
29th Div. loss Art. } HANGEST-sur-SOMME.
* 20th Divn. } PLATEAU.
17th Divn. }
* Div. Art. 29th Div. } MERICOURT.
Guards Divn. } CORBIE.

* XV Corps H.Q. } BEL AIR.
* 4th Divn. }
40th Divn. } BRAY-sur-SOMME.
* 8th Divn. }
33rd Divn. } HANGEST-sur-SOMME.

* 1st Anzac Corps H.Q. MERICOURT.
* Div. Art. 4th Aus. Div. }
Div. Art. 5th Aus. Div. } ALBERT.
* Div. Art. 1st Aus. Div. }
2nd Aus. Div. loss Art. }
* 4th Aus. Div. loss Art. }
Div. Art. 2nd Aus. Div. } VIGNACCOURT.
* 5th Aus. Div. loss Art. }
1st Aus. Div. loss Art. } EDGEHILL.

* FIFTH ARMY

* Army Troops (A) BELLE EGLISE.
* Army Troops (B) ST. RIQUIER.
* Army Troops (C) FIENVILLERS CANDAS.

* II Corps H.Q. } ST. RIQUIER.
18th Div. loss Art. }
* 63rd R.N. Div. loss Art. } NOYELLES.
2nd Div. loss Art. } CONTEVILLE.
* Div. Art. 2nd Divn. } AVELUY.
Div. Art. 63rd R.N. Div. } ACHEUX (B.G.).
* Div. Art. 18th Divn. } AVELUY.

* V Corps H.Q. FIENVILLERS CANDAS.
19th Div. loss Art. } CANAPLES.
* Div. Art. 19th Div. } DEAUSSART.
32nd Divn. } BELLE EGLISE.

* XIII Corps H.Q. }
* 31st Div. loss Art. } BELLE EGLISE.
Div. Art. 7th Divn. }
* 3rd Divn. }
7th Div. loss Art. } BEAUSSART.
* Div. Art. 31st Div. }

* IV Corps H.Q. ... BELLE EGLISE.
51st Div. loss Art. } AVELUY.
* 61st Divn. }
11th Divn. } ACHEUX (B.G.).
* Div. Art. 51st Divn. } FIENVILLERS CANDAS.

* Cavalry Corps ... MONTREUIL.
1st Cav. Divn. } SAMER.
* 2nd Cav. Divn. } HESDIN.
3rd Cav. Divn. loss } MARESQUEL.
* 6th Cav. Brigade. }
6th Cav. Brigade. } MONTREUIL.
* 4th Cav. Divn. } WOINCOURT.
5th Cav. Divn. }

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AMMUNITION:
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C. I. O. TROOPS.....ETAPLES

FIRST ARMY.....(ST. VENANT.
(LAPUGNOY.
(HOUDAIN.
(SAVY PERLETTE.

SECOND ARMY.....(STRAZEELLE.
(ABEELE.

THIRD ARMY.....(MONDICOURT.
(SAVY BERLETTE.
(AVESNES LE COMTE.

FOURTH ARMY.....(BEAULTE.
(VIVIER HILL.
(CONTAY.
(PLATEAU.

FIFTH ARMY.....(PUCHEVILLERS.
(AUTHIEULE.
(CONTAY.

R. E. PARKS:
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FIRST ARMY.....No. 4 LILLERS.
No. 8 SAVY DERLETTE.

SECOND ARMY.....No. 2 STRAZEELLE.
No. 3 ABEELE.

THIRD ARMY.....No. 5 MONDICOURT.
No. 12 ST. POL.

FOURTH ARMY.....No. 6 MERICOURT.

FIFTH ARMY.....No. 7 LEALVILLERS.

G. H. Q.
6/1/1917:

R.C. MAXWELL, Lieut-General,
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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5-1-17.

DESTINATIONS OF UNITS WHICH ARE SHORTLY DUE TO ARRIVE
IN FRANCE OR ARE UNDER ORDERS TO MOVE TO THE L OF C.

UNIT.	PORT OF ARRIVAL.	DESTINATION.	ARMY Etc., ALLOTTED.
Adv. Party and 241st Siege Arty Bty.	HAVRE.	AUBIGNY To report to Town Major NOYELLETTE.	Third.

NOTE:-

The 224th Siege Battery (four 6" Hows.)
due to arrive at Havre on 10th inst is
allotted to First Army.

The H.Q. 78th Heavy Artillery Group
due to arrive at Havre on 10th inst is
allotted to Third Army.

J. E. Hau
Quartermaster General.

G.H.Q.
5-1-17.

- Copy to:-
- All Armies.
 - D.G.T.
 - D.Tn.
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 - D.A.D.S. & T.
 - G.H.Q. Troops.

- Base Cmdts.
- Havre.
- Rouen.
- Boulogne.

- O.B.
- A.A.
- A.G.
- Q.A. (1).
- Q.A. (2).
- Q.A. (3).
- Q.B. (1).
- Q.B. (2).
- Q.P.
- Q.O.S.

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MOVEMENTS FROM AND TO BASES.
ADVISED AS PROBABLY LEAVING.

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UNIT.

5-1-17.

UNIT.	STRENGTH.	DATE.	FROM.	TO.
	No. 33 Kite Balloon Section shown as advised as leaving on return dated 2-1-17 will embark as follows:- TRANSPORT 8-1-17. AVONMOUTH. PERSONNEL. 8-1-17. SOUTH LIPTON.			

ARRIVALS.

AT.

247th Siege Arty Bty.	{Remainder}	5-1-17.	England.	HAVRE.
250th Siege Arty Bty.	"	"	"	HAVRE.
240th Siege Arty Bty.	{Personnel}	"	"	HAVRE.
251st Siege Arty Bty.	"	"	"	HAVRE.

DEPARTURES.

TO

Adv. Party 240th Siege Arty Battery.	1 Officer, 14 O.R.	5-1-17	Havre.	BRAI-SUR-SOMME.
Adv. Party 251st Siege Arty Battery.	1 Officer, 14 O.R.	5-1-17	Havre.	BRAI-SUR-SOMME.

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Etat-Major

N O T E pour les A R M E E S.

1^{er} Bureau.

1^{er} 2442

Le G.Q.G. sera transféré par Echelons de CHANTILLY à BEAUVAIS à partir du 6 Janvier.

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Le premier échelon, comprenant le 3^e Bureau, fonctionnera à BEAUVAIS le Samedi 6 Janvier à Midi.

Les autres échelons rejoindront quelques jours après.

A partir du 6 Janvier midi, et jusqu'à nouvel ordre, les liaisons par courrier continueront à être effectuées par CHANTILLY, où sera fait le tri les plis à destination du 3^e Bureau.

Les liaisons téléphoniques avec le Cabinet du Général Commandant en Chef et le 3^e Bureau continueront à être demandées à CHANTILLY par toutes les Armées situées à l'Est de cette localité; les autres Armées Françaises et les Armées Anglaises pourront demander directement BEAUVAIS - ETAT-MAJOR.

Les télégrammes en clair ou chiffrés à l'adresse du Commandant en Chef (Cabinet) et du 3^e Bureau, porteront comme destination: Etat-Major, BEAUVAIS.

Les communications avec tous les autres services du G.Q.G., la P.A. et la P.C.F., se feront à CHANTILLY.

P.O. Le Major Général

(Sé) POYT

2657 E.M.

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P.O. (Sé) E. de JUVERVILLE

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TRANSLATION.

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Armies in the
North and
North East

G.H.Q., 3rd January 1917.

G. H. Q.

1st Office
No. 2442.

N O T E for A R M I E S.

The G.H.Q., French Armies, will be transferred by echelons from CHANTILLY to BEAUVAIS from the 6th January.

The 1st Echelon, including the 3rd Office, will be working at BEAUVAIS from Saturday January 6th at noon.

The other echelons will follow a few days later.

From the 6th January at noon & until further notice, the despatch-service will continue to be carried on via CHANTILLY where the sorting of the messages for the 3rd Office will be done.

Demands for telephone connections with the office of the G.O., C-in-C., French Armies, also the 3rd Office, will continue to be sent to CHANTILLY by all the Armies to the East of the said locality; the other French Armies as well as the British Armies may ask direct for: BEAUVAIS - ETAT-MAJOR.

Telegrams in clear or ciphered addressed to the G.O., C-in-C., French Armies (Cabinet) or to the 3rd Office, will bear as destination: Etat-major - BEAUVAIS.

Communications with all the other services of the G.H.Q., French Armies, the D.A. & D.C.F. will be given at CHANTILLY.

B.O. (3d) PONT.

Major-General.

No. 2657 E.M.

Copy for the General Staff,
British Armies.

B.O. (3d) E. de CUVERVILLE.

FIRST ARMY
 First Army Troops (A) LILLEBAS.
 First Army Troops (B) AIRB.
 I Corps H.Q.)
 24th Divn. } NOEUX.
 6th Divn. }
 21st Divn....BETHUNE.
 XI Corps H.Q.)
 56th Divn. } LA GORGUE.
 37th Divn. }
 5th Divn.....BETHUNE.
 XVII Corps H.Q....LILLEBAS.
 Canadian Corps H.Q.)
 1st Can. Divn. } FRUAY.
 2nd Can. Divn.....BARLIN.
 Reserve Divl. Arty. }
 4th Can. Div. less Art. } AUBIGNY.
 3rd Can. Div. }
 SECOND ARMY.
 Army Troops.....CAESTIDE.
 IX Corps H.Q.)
 16th Divn. } STEENWERCK.
 25th Divn. }
 18th Divn. ABBELE for WIPPENHOEK.
 VIII Corps H.Q.)
 38th Divn. } PROVEN.
 39th Divn....PESELHOEK.
 55th Div. POPERINGHE for EDWAARTS-
 HOEK.
 2nd Anzac Corps H.Q....LA GORGUE.
 34th Divn. } LA GORGUE for
 N.Z. Divn. } BAC ST. MAUR.
 3rd Aus. Divn. STEENWERCK.
 Corps H.Q.)
 23rd Divn. } ABBELE
 47th Divn. } for
 1st Divn. ABBELE for WIPPENHOEK.
 THIRD ARMY
 Third Army Troops (A) ST. POL.
 Third Army Troops (B) PREVENT.
 VII Corps H.Q.)
 30th Div. less Art. } SAULTY LARBRET.
 49th Div. less Art. }
 Div. Art. 49th Div. } BOUQUEMAISON.
 Div. Art. 30th Div. }
 46th Divn....WARLINCOURT.
 VI Corps H.Q.)
 9th Divn. } FREVIN CAPELLE.
 35th Div. less Art. }
 Div. Art. 12th Div. } ST. POL.
 14th Divn. SAULTY LARBRET.
 12th Div. less Art. }
 Div. Art. 35th Div. } PREVENT.
 G.H.Q. (A).....MONTREUIL.
 G.H.Q. (B).....HESDIN.
 G.H.Q. Troops partly..MONTREUIL.
 G.H.Q. Troops partly..HESDIN.
 R.F.C. partly.....ST. OMER.
 R.F.C. partly.....HESDIN.

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 FOURTH ARMY
 * Fourth Army Troops (A) MERICOURT.
 Fourth Army Troops (B) FRECHENCOU T.
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 * III Corps H.Q., MERICOURT for ALBERT.
 * 1st Divn. } ALBERT.
 15th Divn. }
 * Div. Art. 48th Div. FRECHENCOU T.
 50th Divn.....BAZEMIN.
 * 48th Div. less Art. HANGEST-sur-SOMME.
 * XIV Corps H.Q. MERICOURT FOR PLATEAU.
 20th Divn. } PLATEAU.
 * 17th Divn. }
 Div. Art. 29th Div....MERICOURT.
 * Guards Divn.....CORBIE.
 2nd Div. less Art...VIGNACOURT.
 * XV Corps H.Q. } BEL AIR.
 ** 4th Divn. }
 40th Divn. } BRAY-sur-SOMME.
 * 8th Divn. }
 33rd Divn....HANGEST-sur-SOMME.
 * 1st Anzac Corps H.Q. MERICOURT.
 * Div. Art. 4th Aus. Div. }
 Div. Art. 5th Aus. Div. } ALBERT.
 * Div. Art. 1st Aus. Div. }
 2nd Aus. Div. less Art. }
 * 4th Aus. Div. less Art. }
 Div. Art. 2nd Aus. Div. } VIGNACOURT.
 * 5th Aus. Div. less Art. }
 1st Aus. Div. less Art. EDGEHILL.
 * FIFTH ARMY
 * Army Troops (A) BELLE EGLISE.
 Army Troops (B) ST. RIQUIER.
 * Army Troops (C) FIENVILLERS CANDAS.
 * II Corps H.Q.)
 18th Div. less Art. } ST. RIQUIER.
 * 63rd R.N. Div. less Art. NOYELLES.
 2nd Div. less Art. CONTVILLE.
 * Div. Art. 2nd Divn.....AVELUY.
 Div. Art. 63rd R.N. Div. ACHEUX (B.G.)
 * Div. Art. 18th Divn.....AVELUY.
 * V Corps H.Q. FIENVILLERS CANDAS.
 19th Div. less Art.....CANAPLES.
 * Div. Art. 19th Div...BEAUSSART.
 32nd Divn....BELLE EGLISE.
 * XIII Corps H.Q.)
 * 31st Div. less Art. } BELLE EGLISE.
 Div. Art. 7th Divn. }
 * Div. Art. 3rd Divn. }
 7th Div. less Art. } BEAUSSART.
 * Div. Art. 31st Div. }
 3rd Div. less Art. ST. LEGER les DONAR
 * IV Corps H.Q.....BELLE EGLISE.
 * 51st Div. less Art. } AVELUY.
 61st Divn. }
 * 11th Divn.....ACHEUX (B.G.)
 Div. Art. 51st Div. FIENVILLERS CANDAS
 * Cavalry Corps.....MONTREUIL.
 1st Cav. Divn.....SAMER.
 * 2nd Cav. Divn.....HESDIN.
 3rd Cav. Divn. less)
 * 8th Cav. Brigade. } PARESQUEL.
 8th Cav. Brigade....MONTREUIL.

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ATTUNITION:

G. H. O. TROOPS.....ETAPLES

FIRST ARMY.....(ST. VENANT.
(LAPURGEY.
(HOUDAIL.
(SAVY BERLETTE.

SECOND ARMY.....(STRAZEELE.
(ABEELE.

THIRD ARMY.....(MONDICOURT.
(SAVY BERLETTE.
(AVESNES LE COMTE.

FOURTH ARMY.....(BEAULTE.
(VIVIER HILL.
(CONTAY.
(PLATEAU.

FIFTH ARMY.....(PUCHEVILLERS.
(AUTHIEULE.
(CONTAY.

R. E. PARKS:

FIRST ARMY.....No. 4 LILLERS.
No. 8 SAVY BERLETTE.

SECOND ARMY.....No. 2 STRAZEELE.
No. 3 ABEELE.

THIRD ARMY.....No. 5 MONDICOURT.
No. 12 ST. POL.

FOURTH ARMY.....No. 6 MERICOURT.

FIFTH ARMY.....No. 7 LEALVILLERS.

G. H. O.

7/1/1917.

R. C. MAXWELL, Lieut-General,

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

REPORT.

6/1/17.

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DESTINATIONS OF UNITS WHICH ARE SHORTLY DUE TO ARRIVE
IN FRANCE OR ARE UNDER ORDERS TO MOVE TO THE L. of C.

UNIT.	PORT OF ARRIVAL.	DESTINATION	ARMY CO. ALLOTTED.
Adv.Pty. 224th Sgo. Arty. Bty.	HAVRE.	Detrain SAVY JERLEFFE (reporting to I Com. Corps (ASC Co. attd. Heavv. Arty.)	1st.
224th Sgo. Arty. Bty.	HAVRE	Detrain SAVY JERLEFFE	1st.
Adv.Pty. 18th New Zealand Howitzer Bty.	HAVRE	BAILLY.	2nd.
Rail Party, 18th New Zealand Howr. Bty.	HAVRE	MERVILLE.	2nd.
Hq. Can. Forestry Corps (3 offrs. 4 O.R.)	HAVRE	CONCHES.	
Adv.Pty. 31st & 2nd Can. Forestry Coye. (3 offrs. 20 O.R)	HAVRE	LA JOUR.	

General Headquarters,
7th January, 1917.

C. E. Khan
Quartermaster General.

Copy to: All Armies
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D.Fn.
All Directors.
G.O.C. L. of C.
A.D.C. (S)
D.A.C. 3rd Echelon.
D.A.S. & T.
G.H.C. Troops.

Base Comdts
Havre.
Rouen.
Boulogne.
O.D.
A.A.
A.G.
Q.A. (1).
Q.A. (2).
Q.A. (3).
Q.S. (1).
Q.S. (2).
Q.P.
Q.O.S.

SECRET

MOVEMENTS FROM & TO BASES.
ADVISED AS PROBABLY LEAVING.

6/3/17

UNIT.	STRENGTH.	DATE	FROM	TO
Adv. Pty. 31st Szo. Arty. Bty.		9/1/17	ENGLAND	HAVRE
31st Szo. Arty. Bty.	(4 6-in. Howrs) deficient of 1 smith gunner.	11/1/17	ENGLAND	HAVRE
31st A. Aircraft Section	(2. 3-in. 20-cwt. guns)	11/1/17	ENGLAND	HAVRE
10. Can. Forestry Corps.	3 offrs. 4 O.R.	11/1/17	ENGLAND	HAVRE
Adv. Pty. 31st & 32nd Can. Forestry Coy.	8 " 20 "	11/1/17	ENGLAND	HAVRE
No. 10 A.A. Searchlight Sec.	(2. 30-cw. lights)	11/1/17	ENGLAND	HAVRE
1st 3rd Infantry Lab. Coy. P. Surrey Regt.		about		Not
2nd Infantry Labour Coy. Post Surrey Regt.		15/1/17	ENGLAND	known.
		15/1/17	ENGLAND	Not known.

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ARRIVALS.

UNIT.	STRENGTH.	DATE	FROM	TO
No. 48 A. Aircraft Secn.	2 offrs. 43 O.R.	3/1/17	DANES	ABBEVILLE (or Salignville)
2nd Division.				
Divl. Supply Column.		6/1/17	ENGLAND	ROUFFE.
2/5th Bat Yorks Regt.		6/1/17	ENGLAND	HAVRE
312th Brigade R.F.A.				
313th Bvy. Trench Mortar Bty.				
318th Bde. Trench Mortar Bty.				

DEPARTURES.

231st Szo. Arty. Bty. (By Road)	2 " 40 "	1 car. 17 lorries 7 m. cycles	6/1/17	HAVRE	TRIEVRE
301st Road Construction Co. R.M.	4 " 201 "	12 horses 5 veh. 2 m. cycles	6/1/17	HAVRE	ROUFFE.
220th Szo. Arty. Bty.	5 " 117 "	4. 6" 26-cwt. guns.	6/1/17	HAVRE	ROUFFE (or TRIEVRE)
224th Szo. Arty. Bty. (By Road)	2 " 44 "	1 car. 17 lorries 7 m. cycles	6/1/17	HAVRE	TRIEVRE.
231st Szo. Arty. Bty.	6 " 115 "	4. 6-in. 26-cwt. guns.	6/1/17	HAVRE	ROUFFE (or TRIEVRE)

I Corps H.Q. }
24th Divn. } HOUX.
3th Divn. }
21st Divn. ... BETHUNE.

VI Corps H.Q.)
56th Divn.) LA GORGUE.
37th Divn.)
5th Divn. ... BETHUNE.

Canadian Corps H.Q.) BRUY.
1st Can. Divn.)
2nd Can. Divn. ... BERLIN.
Reserve Divl. Art.)
4th Can. Div. less Art.) AUBIGNY.
3rd Can. Divn.)

SECOND ARMY
Army Troops ... MESTRE.

IX Corps H.Q.)
36th Divn.) STEINWERCK.
25th Divn.)
16th Divn. ABELLS for WIPPENHOEK.

XI Corps H.Q.)
38th Divn.) PROVEN.
39th Divn. ... PESSelhoek.
55th Div. POPRINGHEM for EDWAARTS-
HOEK.

2nd Anzac Corps H.Q. ... LA GORGUE.
34th Divn.) LA GORGUE for
H.7. Divn.) BAS ST. LAUR.
3rd Aus. Div. ... STEINWERCK.

XII Corps H.Q.) ABELLS
23rd Divn.) for
47th Divn.) REMINGHELST.
41st Divn. ABELLS for WIPPENHOEK.

THIRD ARMY
3rd Army Troops (A) ST. POL.
3rd Army Troops (B) PREVENT.

XVII Corps H.Q. ... AUBIGNY.

VII Corps H.Q.)
30th Div. less Art.) SAULTY LARBRET.
49th Div. less Art.)
Div. Art. 49th Div.)
Div. Art. 30th Div.) BOUQUEMAISON.
46th Divn. ... WARLINCOURT.
62nd Divn. ... BOUQUEMAISON.

VI Corps H.Q.) PREVIN CAPELLE.
9th Divn.)
35th Div. less Art.) ST. POL.
Div. Art. 12th Div.)
14th Divn. ... SAULTY LARBRET.
12th Div. less Art.)
Div. Art. 35th Div.) PREV MT.

G.H.Q. (A) ... MONTREUIL.
G.H.Q. (B) ... HESDIN.
G.H.Q. Troops partly ... MONTREUIL.
G.H.Q. Troops partly ... HESDIN.
R.F.C. partly ... ST. OMER.
R.F.C. partly ... HESDIN.

P.T.O.

* Fourth Army Troops (B) FRONCOURT.
* III Corps H.Q. ERICOURT for LBART.
1st Divn. } LBART. 61
15th Divn. }
Div. Art. 18th Div. FRONCOURT.
* 50th Divn. ... RAVENTIN.
48th Div. less Art. HANGEST-sur-SOMME.
* XIV Corps H.Q. ERICOURT for PLATEAU.
20th Divn. } PLATEAU.
17th Divn. }
* Div. Art. 29th Div. ... ERICOURT.
Guards Div. ... CORBIE.
* 29th Div. less Art. ... VIGNACOURT.
* XV Corps H.Q. } BEL AIR.
4th Divn. }
* 40th Divn. } BILLY-sur-SOMME.
8th Divn. }
* 33rd Divn. ... HANGEST-sur-SOMME.
* 1st Anzac Corps H.Q. ... ERICOURT.
Div. Art. 4th Aus. Div. }
Div. Art. 5th Aus. Div. }
Div. Art. 1st Aus. Div. } ALBERT.
* 2nd Aus. Div. less Art. }
4th Aus. Div. less Art. }
* Div. Art. 2nd Aus. Div. } VIGNACOURT.
5th Aus. Div. less Art. }
* 1st Aus. Div. less Art. ... EDGEHILL.
* FIFTH ARMY
Army Troops (A) BELLE EGLISE.
* Army Troops (B) ST. RIQUIER.
Army Troops (C) FIENVILLERS CANDAS.
* II Corps H.Q. } ST. RIQUIER.
18th Div. less Art.)
63rd R.N. Div. less Art. NOYELLES.
* 2nd Div. less Art. MONTEVILLE.
Div. Art. 2nd Divn. ... AVELUY.
* Div. Art. 63rd R.N. Div. ACHEUX (B.G.).
Div. Art. 18th Div. ... AVELUY.
* V Corps H.Q. FIENVILLERS CANDAS.
* 19th Div. less Art. ... CANAPLES.
Div. Art. 19th Div. ... BEAUSSART.
* 32nd Divn. ... BELLE EGLISE.
* XIII Corps H.Q.)
31st Div. less Art.) BELLE EGLISE.
* Div. Art. 7th Divn.)
Div. Art. 3rd Divn.)
* 7th Div. less Art.) BEAUSSART.
Div. Art. 31st Div.)
* 3rd Div. less Art. ST. LEGER les DONAR.
* IV Corps H.Q. ... BELLE EGLISE.
51st Div. less Art.) AVELUY.
* 61st Divn.)
11th Divn. ... ACHEUX (B.G.).
* Div. Art. 51st Div. ... ST. RIQUIER.
* Cavalry Corps ... MONTREUIL.
1st Cav. Divn. ... SAMER.
* 2nd Cav. Divn. ... HESDIN.
3rd Cav. Div. less Art. } MARESQUEL.
* 8th Cav. Brigade.)
8th Cav. Bde ... MONTREUIL.
* 4th Cav. Divn. } WOINCOURT.
5th Cav. Divn. }

ALPHABETICALLY:
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G. H. Q. TROOPS.....STAPLES.

FIRST ARMY.....(ST. VENANT.
(LAFUGNOY.
(HOUDAIN.
(SAVY BARLETTE.

SECOND ARMY.....(STRAZEELLE.
(ABBELE.

THIRD ARMY.....(MONDICOURT.
(SAVY BERLETTTE.
(AVESNES LE COMTE.

FOURTH ARMY.....(MEAULTE.
(VIVIER HILL.
(CONTAY.
(PLATEAU.

FIFTH ARMY.....(PUCHEVILLERS.
(AUTHIEULE.
(CONTAY.

R. E. PARKS:
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FIRST ARMY.....No. 4 LILLERS.
No. 8 S VY BERLETTTE.

SECOND ARMY.....No. 2 STRAZEELLE.
No. 3 ABBELE.

THIRD ARMY.....No. 5 MONDICOURT.
No. 12 ST. POL.

FOURTH ARMY.....No. 6 MERICOURT.

FIFTH ARMY.....No. 7 LEALVILLERS.

G. H. Q.

1/17.

R.C. MAXWELL, Lieut-General,
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

7/1/17.

DESTINATIONS OF UNITS WHICH ARE SHORTLY DUE TO ARRIVE
IN FRANCE OR ARE UNDER ORDERS TO MOVE TO THE L. of C.

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UNIT.	PORT OF ARRIVAL.	DESTINATION.	ALLIANCE ALLOTTED.
1st Canadian Labour Bn.	HAVRE	SAIGNEVILLE. (for work under D.G.T.)	
213th A. A. Section.	HAVRE	SAIGNEVILLE. (Detrain Abbeville; on completion of training with Second Army).	
H.Q. 78th H. A. G.	HAVRE	ARRAS. (To report to Hq. VI Corps Heavy Arty.)	

RE: No. 18 A.A. Searchlight Section, which is due to arrive at HAVRE on 12th instant, is allotted to L.of C. Area.

221st Sge. Arty. Bty. which is due to arrive at HAVRE on the 12th inst., is allotted to Third Army.

214th A.A. Section which is due to arrive at HAVRE on 12th inst, will join No. 14 Hq. Section for training. Orders as to posting will be issued later.

The "City of Sparta" and "Durham Castle" are now due at HAVRE about 9th instant, with 3rd and 4th parties SOUTH AFRICAN NATIVE LABOUR CORPS.

C. P. Khan, Capt.

for Quartermaster General.

General Headquarters,
8th January, 1917.

Copy to: All Armies.
D.G.T.
D.Tn.
All Directors.
G.O.C. L.of C.
A.D.A.I. (S)
D.A.G. 3rd Echelon.
D.A.D.S. & T.
G.H.Q. Troops.

Base Comdts.
Havre
Rouen
Boulogne.
O.S.
A.A.
A.G.
C.A. (1)
Q.A. (2)
Q.A. (3)
Q.B. (1)
Q.B. (2)
Q.P.
Q.O.S.

MOVEMENTS FROM AND TO BASES,
ADVISED AS PROBABLY LEAVING.

7-1-17.

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S E C R E T.

U N I T.

STRENGTH.

DATE.

FROM.

TO.

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A R R I V A L S.

AT.

Adv. Party 227th Siege Arty Bty.
215th Siege Arty Bty.
240th Siege Arty Bty.
251st Siege Arty Bty.

(Remainder)
(Remainder)
(Remainder)

6-1-17.

England.

HAVRE.

7-1-17.

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HAVRE.

62nd DIVISION.

3/6th West Yorks Regt.
511th Bde. R.F.A.
311th Mod. Trench Mortar Bty.
Cable Section.
R.Q. Divnl. R.A.

7-1-17

England.

HAVRE.

D E P A R T U R E S.

TO.

247th Siege Arty Bty. (By Road)
247th Siege Arty Bty.
250th Siege Arty Bty. (By Road)

4 Offrs. 33 O.R. 1 car. 13 lorries 7 m. ch.
4 " 116 " four 6" 26 cwt guns.
3 " 33 " 1 car. 13 lorries 7 motor
cycles.

7-1-17.

Havre.

AUBIGNY.

250th Siege Arty Bty.
Half Coy. 3rd Brit. West India Regt.
13th Anti Aircraft Section.

3 " 117 " four 6" 26 cwt guns,
2 " 100 " }
1 " 10 " (1 6pdr. gun)

5-1-17

Boulogne.

MARSEILLE.

Havre.

Abbeville.

62nd DIVISION.

Divisional Supply Column.

Hay & Ordnance Lorries proceeding
empty in advance of remainder
of lorries from port of disembarkation.

7-1-17

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NEUVILLETTE.

via

ABBEVILLE.

C. T. C.

S E C R E T.

DEPARTURES (Contd).

7-1-17.

U N I T.

STRENGTH.

DATE.

FROM.

TO.

62nd DIVISION (Contd).

"A" Bty. 312th Bde. R.F.A.

"B" Bty. 312th Bde. R.F.A.

"C" Bty. 312th Bde. R.F.A.

312th Mod. Trench Mortar Battery.

2/5th West Force Regt.

312th Bvy. Trench Mortar Bty.

31 offrs. 763 O.R. 64 horses 34 vehicles

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RAVAB

CONCENTRATION
AREA.

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PROGRAMME OF MOVES

BETWEEN FORMATIONS

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32. One Airline Section (less operators and maintenance party) (from G.H.Q. Signal Company), will be forthwith transferred temporarily to Fourth Army. (Q/3072/A/XV/6 (Q.A.1.))

33. 67th Siege Battery (8" Hows:) will be transferred by road from Fourth Army to Third Army between 9th and 14th January. (Q/3072/A/XV/7 (Q.A.1.))

34. One Special Company, R.E., will be transferred on 6th January, 1917, by road, to First Army for temporary duty. (Q/3072/A/XV/9 (Q.A.1.))

35. The following change in nomenclature of the Canadian Siege Batteries, has been sanctioned :-

<u>Present designation:</u>				<u>To become:</u>			
No. 97	(Canadian)	Siege	Battery.	No. 1	Canadian	Siege	Battery.
" 98	"	"	"	" 2	"	"	"
" 107	"	"	"	" 3	"	"	"
" 131	"	"	"	" 4	"	"	"
" 165	"	"	"	" 5	"	"	"
" 167	"	"	"	" 6	"	"	"
" 271	"	"	"	" 7	"	"	"
" 272	"	"	"	" 8	"	"	"
" 273	"	"	"	" 9	"	"	"

36. H.Q. Special Sections and four Special Sections R.E., will be transferred as early as possible from Fourth and Fifth Armies to G.H.Q. Troops Area, for training under the O.C., Special Brigade.

37. (i) The Secunderabad Pioneer Battalion arrived at LONGROY GARACHES from GROVETOWN on 3/1/17.

(ii) The 1/12th Lincs. (Pioneers) arrived at ABBEVILLE from DOULLENS on 5/1/17.

(iii) Sialkhot Pioneer Bn. arrived at DOULLENS from ALBERT on 5/1/17.

(Railway Movement Report)

38. No. 33 Heavy Artillery Group H.Q., will be transferred as early as possible from Second Army to Third Army.

39. (i) A Cavalry Pioneer Bn. arrived at LIGNY from MONTREUIL on 2/1/17.

(ii) A Cavalry Pioneer Bn. arrived at TINGQUELS from MONTREUIL on 3/1/17.

(iii) Amballa Pioneer Bn. arrived at GROVETOWN from MONTREUIL on 2/1/17.

(Railway Movement Report)

G. H. Q.

8/1/1917.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

Copies to:

- Directors,
- O.B., A.A., D.C.T., D:Tn.,
- D.A.D.S.C.T., G.H.Q.Troops.

Over diary

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(a) Roads and Railway Sleepers.

(b) Defence Timber and Scantlings.

The demands for delivery in January, February and March under these headings being almost equal.

(2) In France.

(a) Sleepers 6/7ths shall go to D.G.T.

1/7th to E-in-C.

(b) Scantlings. 1/7th to D.G.T.

6/7ths to E-in-C.

(c) Poles and Pitprops, all to E-in-C.

D. of W.

Says that E-in-C's supplies and those of Ordnance and Signals are consigned to him and D.G.T.'s to the Directorates under D.G.T.; it will therefore be necessary to ask the W.O. to send out the right quantities so that the priority agreed on may be arranged, the D.G.T. allotting priority within his own Directorates.

D.G.T.

Agrees to recommend this. At the last general meeting it was decided to write to the W.O. stating what arrears of timber already ordered but not yet provided are required to be made good in addition to the demands already put forward.

The D. of W. submitted a draft letter which has not been sent on because :

(a) The W.O. telegraphed stating that there was a shortage of shipping for present demands:

(b) We have assured the W.O. we can deal with a certain quantity and a certain quantity only in the Ports :

(c) If arrears and present demands were met the timber could not be handled.

Quantities demanded in back months which have not been delivered should be taken into consideration when

submitting.....

submitting new demands.

D.O.S. } Both state that their demands are for
 D.A.S. } particular classes and types of timber which
 must be met; if they are not met in full in the months
 ordered they cannot carry on and they urge that
 preference be given them.

Q.M.G.

Says that the amounts being so small he will ask W.O. to meet them if possible - this will not affect the general question of priority: compared with the great amounts demanded these are insignificant and will not affect the general position.

of W.

States the amounts demanded for delivery in April are 40,000 larger than in March. In November the deliveries were about 85% of the demands but after January he does not see how demands can be met - the War Timber Commission cannot find the material and estimate a shortage of up to 30,000 tons.

Q.M.G.

Says it will be necessary to assure the W.O. that these demands can be dealt with when they are met. In this connection he has received the "capacity of the Ports" from D.G.T., the capacity is divided between Directorates and they must each certify that they can and are prepared to deal with what they ask for. The capacity of the Ports in February was put at 224,000 tons weekly, in March it is 218,000 tons. D.G.T. will be asked to state if the April capacity will materially differ.

In regard to the D. of W's statement as to the amount that can be produced by the W.T.O. towards the total requirements the remedy lies in greater production from local Forests in France.

D. of W.

Says he can develop gradually and if he gets 1,000 men per month he can open up new resources and each 1,000 men...

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1,000 men means 5,000 tons increase per month. Very rapid development is not possible. The felling is but a tenth of the work, the hauling and sawing are the trouble, lines must be laid into the Forests, camps arranged, and plant and transport obtained. He will submit a detailed scheme of his requirements based on the greatest development possible. If the French will allot pine Forests, work can be carried on in the summer and if clear felling is allowed a considerable and immediate increase would result.

Q.M.G.

Will ask the D.T.N. to assist in the development.

D.E-in-C.

Says he has not included his special demand for pitprops for roads construction. He understands that the French are dealing with this and that special labour has been asked for.

D.Roads. }
D.Rys. }

Say that as far as they are concerned they guarantee that if their demands are met, the material can be dealt with.

Q.M.G.

Asks if there are any suggestions in regard to the War Office form. As the priority of demands will be stated in the covering letter it will not be necessary for Directors to complete Para. 5.

of W.

Says that the form is difficult to complete as it stands and does not show the real particulars required. He however submits a separate form giving particulars of the specifications of the timber.

D.Rys.

Says that he did not understand columns 6 and 7 but now is clear that the latter is the total of the various sub-divisions shown in the former.

(Intd.) B.C.M.

Q.M.G.

4/1/17.

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From:- The Quartermaster General,
British Armies in France.

To:- The Chief of the French Mission.

General Headquarters,

2nd January, 1917.

Sir,

On January 1916 permission was obtained from you for the Second Army to utilise the training area marked in blue on the attached map. Only two-thirds of this area, namely the strip lying to the eastward, has so far been used for training on. It is now desired to use the whole of the area with the exception of TOURNAIEN FOREST in the north-west corner.

It is also very necessary to take up the ground to the east, marked in green on the map, in order that when desired it may be put out of bounds to the inhabitants, this area being dangerous when firing is in progress on the ranges which have been constructed.

I understand that it will not be necessary to issue new Arrêtes for the area originally granted. Will you inform me if it is necessary to do so for the danger zone (green) and if this be the case will you kindly issue them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sd) C. J. Dawkins,

Major General

for Quartermaster General,
British Armies in France.

COPI OF CIPHER TELEGRAM.

To:- TROOPERS, LONDON.

Q.A. 2/1 1/1/17.

From a telephone message dated 27th December sent
by F.W. 5 it is understood that two Canadian Labour
Battalions have been raised AAA If ready for despatch
please send at once as labour is urgently wanted.

From:- CHIEF.

(sd) H.C.H. HUDSON, Capt.
for Q.M.G.

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For information.

G.H.Q.,

Quartermaster General.

/1/17.

Copy to :- G.S.
A.G.
D.A.G. Base.
G.O.C., L. of G.
D. Labour.

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From
The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief,
British Armies in France,

To
The Secretary,
WAR OFFICE.
LONDON.S.W. 69

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS.

1st January, 1917.

Sir:

I have the honour to request that authority may be given for the addition of another officer to the Establishment of the Claims Commission.

A number of cases in which the claimant is not satisfied with the award of the Commission are now being brought before the French Tribunals, and in many instances the French Minister of War is asking for special information and for evidence from the Commission. It is therefore most necessary that we should have an experienced officer who knows French well to attend to these important matters, and to make the necessary visits and examinations in conjunction with the French Officers deputed by the Minister of War.

In addition to this duty, the Officer would be available to make inspections of the Claims Commission Districts and examine the books and Imprest Accounts of the Rent Officers. These Imprest Accounts have largely increased and I consider that a regular inspection of the books and payments is most necessary.

I am informed that Major A.F. Owen Lewis, D.S.O., now employed at Headquarters, Irish Command, would be a

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suitable officer for the post, and if he can be spared
I recommend that he be appointed and graded for pay as
a D.A.Q.M.G.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(sd) R. C. MAXWELL.,

Lieut.-General,
for Commanding-in-Chief,
British Armies in France.

From
The Quartermaster General,
British Armies in France.

To
M.le General Raguseau, C.B.,
Aide-Major General,
Charge de la Direction de l'Arriere.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS,

January, 1917.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to a circular No. 6.935 issued by the French Ministre de la Guerre dated 3rd August 1916, authorising an addition of 20% to the price of stores and materials sold to the Allied Governments, to cover expenses which cannot be exactly determined, such as cost of purchasing commission, demurrage, administration charges, war losses etc.

At the beginning of the war, with a view to avoid any possibility of overcharge, the British Government gave very careful consideration to the departmental expenses which should be added to the price of stores supplied by them to the Allied Governments. Owing to the large scale on which purchases were made the rates current in peace were very considerably reduced, and the following scales were adopted to cover the cost of inspection, handling and storage :-

Supplies)	2%
Clothing &))	2 1/2%
Mech. Transport.))	
Ordnance Stores))	3 1/2%
& Munitions))	

except rifles and aviation stores for which rates of 2 1/2% and 5% respectively were fixed. No charge whatever is made for.....

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for the administrative service involved, or for war losses.

An all round addition of 3% is made for freight from the United Kingdom to France. Under present conditions it may be necessary to increase this rate, which is now under review.

In these circumstances I would suggest for your consideration that reciprocal treatment should be given to the British Government and that the increase of 20% to which I have referred, should be reduced to rates corresponding with those charged by the British Government for stores supplied to the French.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Quartermaster General,
British Armies in France.

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First Army.
Second Army.
Third Army.
Fourth Army.
Fifth Army.
G.H.Q. Troops.
R.F.C.
G.O.C., L. of C.
Cavalry Corps.

For information and guidance in continuation of the instructions contained in circular letter No. 3313/21 (Q.A.2) of 26/12/16.

A return on the 1st and 15th of each month with particulars of all timber requisitioned should be sent to this office.

G. H. Q.

5/1/1917.

Copies to:- Directors.
D.G.T.
E-in-C.
D. Works.
D.A.S.

T. Dawkins Major Genl

for

Quartermaster General.

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3313/21 (Q.A.2)

For information.

G. H. Q.

6/1/1917.

H. Hudson
Capt for
Quartermaster General.

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From
The Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief,
British Armies in France.

To
The Secretary,
WAR OFFICE,
LONDON. S.W.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS.

4th January 1917.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward for the information of the Army Council a memorandum containing a general review of the unskilled labour position in France, and the requirements for which provision is necessary.

2. The attached table shows the present numbers employed under the headings of:-

- (a) Docks.
- (b) Depots. (Ordnance, Ammunition, Supply, R.S., Transport, Stores, Tank Depots.)
- (c) Roads and Quarries.
- (d) Railways. (Construction of Broad Gauge.)
 - (d.1) Light Railways.
- (e) Labour employed by Armies. (Construction of Roads under S.E., Aeroplanes Grounds, Forestry, Workshops, Stores.)
- (f) Labour on Forests. (L. of C.)

3. It will be seen that the total additional requirements for unskilled labour amount to 96,550. They are required in January 45,000, February 15,450, and March 17,000 and subsequently 20,500.

Colonel Fritchard, the Director of Native Affairs in South Africa, estimates that Native Labour up to 100,000 men is available in South Africa. So far our experience of this labour is that it is excellent in quality and the health of the men is uniformly good. In

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urges that as much labour as possible may be immediately provided from this source.

In War Office letter 121/Overseas/3034 (A.G.1) dated 14/11/16, the Army Council asked whether Canadian Labour Battalions should be raised for employment in France, from those of all ranks of the Canadian Forces in England, who are unfitted for active service in the fighting line but capable of useful work. I informed you that such labour would be gladly received. As many Canadian Labour Companies as Canada can produce are required. It is considered probable that a number of Canadian Labour Companies could be rapidly organised in England and sent out to France at an early date.

4. There are at present no Australian or New Zealand Labour Units serving with this force. It is probable that there are similarly many Australians and New Zealanders who might be employed in France on Labour duties, and that Australian Labour Companies could be organised in England and sent out to France at an early date.

In War Office telegram 85891 cipher D.R.1 of the 30th November, I was informed that Portuguese Labour might be provided. In my telegram Q.R.257 of 5th December I requested that they should be formed into companies suitable for Roads, Quarries, Timber Cutting and General Labour. Any labour available from this source should be provided as soon as possible.

With reference to War Office letter No. 027/742 (A.G.1) of 30th December 1916 requesting that enquiry be made as to whether the French had any objection to the employment of Japanese Labour in France, I have the honour to inform you that provided the labour is subject to military discipline they offer no objection. The Japanese labour will presumably be under its own Officers and will not require European Officers and N.C.O.s., which will be an advantage as they are difficult to find.

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5. I am informed that it is probable that 3,000 men required for hutting and general labour on the Lines of Communication referred to in paragraph (c) of the schedule could be provided in MALTA where labour suitable for this purpose could be found.

I attach for the consideration of the Army Council a report on the possibilities of raising this labour by Major R. Jellicoe, R.E.

6. It would greatly facilitate the distribution and employment of labour generally if the men were selected and formed into Companies with a view to their working at any of the following duties:-

- Dock Labour.
- Forests.
- Hutting.
- Roads.
- Railway, and
- General Labour.

It is desirable that 10% reinforcements should be sent out and maintained for each unit. The establishment recommended in each case is being submitted in a separate letter.

7. The success or failure of the operations to be undertaken this year depended very largely on the working of the Maintenance Services, and I cannot too strongly urge that every available effort should be made to meet the labour requirements. I would request that I may be kept informed of the steps that the Army Council are able to take in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(sd) D. Haig,

Field Marshal,
Commanding-in-Chief,
British Armies in France.

MEMORANDUM
accompanying Q/8218/4 of 4th January, 1917.

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(a) Docks. The French have recently granted extensive facilities for the discharge of ships at DUNKERQUE and BOULOGNE. A greatly increased tonnage, mainly on account of D.G.T.'s requirements, has to be handled. The Director of Docks requires additional quay labour to the extent of 5,500, spread over the months indicated in the schedule. The Director of Inland Water Transport requires 1,500 men to handle stores from barges.

(b) Depots. Six new Ammunition Depots have been created on the Lines of Communication, and are in process of construction. New Supply Depots have been made at OUTREAU and CAMBROE, and other Supply Depots will be formed when these are completed, in order to free the Docks for transit work. The increase in the number of troops in France means increased labour in these Depots; and 8,000 men are required during the next two months. In Army Areas four Ammunition Depots have been made, and existing Depots greatly extended. The total additional labour required to work these new Depots so that fighting troops need not be called on is, in normal times 2,300 and in times of pressure 7,800. I estimate that 5,000 will be required for this latter purpose, any additional labour being released from other services during fighting. Field Supply Depots are in process of construction, and more will be necessary as the Army advances.

(c) Roads and Quarries. The D.G.T. is raising 27 Road Construction Companies. With this labour it is not anticipated that additional unskilled labour will be required at present beyond that shown on the schedule, which can be provided from Prisoners of War.

(d) Railways. The D.G.T. has undertaken an extensive programme.....

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programme of new construction, the completion of which is of paramount importance. It involves laying down over 200 miles of new track, the materials for which are commencing to arrive. He estimates that 28,800 men should be provided in January alone, and 38,800 men altogether within the next few months.

(d.1) Light Railways. The D.S.T. has made arrangements for the formation of skilled construction and operating Sections for Light Railways. They include 6,000 Chinese, specially selected for work on light railways. The additional unskilled labour required besides amounts to 7,000.

(e) Labour employed in Army Areas. Additional labour under this heading, will be required during March for the construction of roads during operations by C.E. of Armies.

(f) Labour on Forests. In order to economise shipping by further developing forests in France 10,500 additional unskilled labour is required. It is of great importance that before the Spring, reserve stocks of defence timber for the construction of sleeper roads and for operations shall be provided. This labour should be made available as soon as possible.

In view of the shortage of labour for Base services, I beg to suggest the employment of outside labour, viz: Maltese. I have had very considerable experience of handling these up to the end of October last both in regard to obtaining the labourers, selecting and working them, and should the suggestion be considered I could submit a scheme for the employment of Maltese labour, also providing officers with necessary language qualifications, speaking English, French and Maltese.

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Maltese. From 1,000 to 1,500 with necessary reinforcements to keep a labour corps up to strength could easily be obtained in Malta at British (R.E.) Army rates of pay, allowances and rations.

I have been offered the co-operation of some of the most influential officers in Malta should such a scheme be approved. The trades would consist mostly of Carpenters, Stone Masons, Blacksmiths, Building Trades, Quarrymen, Engine Drivers, Boatmen and Labourers, with the necessary personnel for clerks and interpreters. The average men have a fair knowledge of English and French.

These men could work in France practically all the year round. They could also be worked with British troops, provided that the unit was kept together for purposes of discipline.

Such a unit could be formed, equipped and landed in France in about two months.

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NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT.	NUMBERS, HOW EMPLOYED, AND COMPOSITION.	ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS JANUARY 1917.	ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FEBRUARY 1917.	ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS MARCH 1917.	EVENTUAL ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.	REMARKS ON PROVISION.
B.) LABOUR ON L.OF C. includes Quay Labour, all labour in depots on L.of C.	B.Military Lab. 23721 French Civ'ns. 100 Cape Boys. 862 TOTAL 24683	2900 Quay Lab. 4000 ^b	1000 Quay Lab. 2000	1600 Quay Lab. 2000	-	^b .2500 Kaffirs (arranged for).
I.W.T.	I.W.T.Personnel.	900	700			Coloured Lab.
CONSTRUCTION OF SUPPLY, ADVANCE, AMMUNITION, DEPOTS & CONSTRUCTION WORK IN DOCKS.	B.Military Lab. 2500	1000 ^a 900	250	500		^a 1000 Kaffirs have been provided for.
ROADS.	B.Military Lab. 14728 P.of W. 3258 Civilians. 3722 French infy. 755 TOTAL.....22463.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	7000	P.of W. will be provided from Army in France if available.
QUARRIES.	B.Military Lab. 68 P.of W. 1478 Civilians. 582 TOTAL..... 2128	500 ^a				^a Kaffirs (provided for).
QUARRIES,L.of C.	B.Military Lab. 640 P.of W. 870 TOTAL..... 1510	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	
D. OF RYS.	B.Military Lab. 10558 P.of W. 3232 Civilians. 55 TOTAL.....13845	28800	Nil.	Nil.	10000	(This labour (must be (available (for employ- (ment in (shelled (areas.)
D. OF LT.RYS.	No non-specialised labour.	1000	1000	1500	3500	^a .Kaffirs provided for.

		TOTAL.....13845					(available (for empl (ment in (shelled (areas.)
(D.1) D. OF LT.RYS.	No non-specialised labour.		1000	1000	1500	3500	
(E). WORKSHOPS & STORES IN ARMY AREAS.	B.Military Lab. 281 Civilians. 2126 P.of W. 950 Kaffirs. 1500 TOTAL.....4857	2500 ^a	2500	3500			a.Kaffirs provided
MISCELLANEOUS IN ARMY AREAS.	B.Military Lab. 6071 Civilians. 894 P.of W. 4989 TOTAL.....11754	Nil.	2000 ^b 1000	8000 ^b			by or const ion of roa under GE's Armies dur Operations isted by a ing Mil.La
(F). FORESTS L.of O.	Kaffirs. 2000 P.of W. 1300 B.Military Lab. 2144 TOTAL.....5444	3500 1500	5000	800 ^a			2500 P.of W from Army Frande.
CAMPS, HUTTING, ROADS, D.of Works.	B.Military Lab. 1450	2000	Nil.	Nil.			Maltese Lab suggested.
TOTALS.	GRAND TOTAL.....90830 Already provided for..... 8500 Kaffirs.	49500	15450	17600	30500	TOTAL...965	REQUIRED
	REQUIRE D:-	43000	15450	17600	30500		

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From:-

The Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief,
British Armies in France.

To:-

The Secretary,
War Office, London, S.W.

General Headquarters,
4th January, 1917.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of 4th ultimo, No.Q/3720,
I have the honour to report that the following quantities
of coal have been obtained from the French Mines during the
month of December, 1916:-

	<u>English Tons.</u>
4,713 tonnes @ 46.00 francs per tonne =	4,638.562
14,051 " @ 45.00 " " " =	13,829.078
3,750 " @ 43.50 " " " =	3,690.772
10,675 " @ 42.50 " " " =	10,506.399
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33,189 tonnes - the equivalent of	= 32,664.811
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It is estimated that approximately 26,500 tons of
coal will be required from this source during the month of
January.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Sgd. R.C. Maxwell,
Lieut-General,
for Field Marshal,
Commanding-in-Chief.
British Armies in France.

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General Botha.

Cape Town.

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Glad to be able to inform you that South African Native Labour Corps promises to be a great success.

Health of first draft both on voyage and since arrival excellent. Sick rate only 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Conduct good and work performed gives every satisfaction. Colonel Leary reports men very contented and take pride in co-operating with British Armies in Allied cause.

Second draft also arrived, health good and men settling down to work.

Recommendations of Colonel Pritchard and Colonel Stock the Medical Adviser as regards accommodation, clothing, food, hospitals, etc., have been most valuable.

DOUGLAS HAIG,

Commanding-in-Chief.

4/1/17.

First Army.
Second Army.
Third Army.
Fourth Army.
Fifth Army.
Cavalry Corps.
G.O.C., I. of C. Area.

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In future labour units will be divided into three categories:

- (a). Technical units such as railway companies, operating sections, repair units, etc.
- (b). Specialised units such as railway construction units, special road construction units, special quarry units.
- (c). Unskilled units comprising all units not included in (a) and (b).

Technical and specialised units will be administered and controlled in all respects by the Departments under which such units normally work.

For the control of unskilled units a Directorate of Labour has been established at G.H.Q. London, in anticipation of War Office approval.

This Directorate will be responsible for:-

- (a). The general administration, organisation, and standardisation of all unskilled military labour.
- (b). The allotment, under instructions from the G.H.Q., to Armies, I. of C., and Directorates of the necessary unskilled labour required by them to supplement such technical or specialised labour as may be provided from other sources. This includes unskilled labour required for railways, roads, quarries, forests, docks, and ammunition and other depots.
- (c). The co-ordination with the normal labour available of all labour derived from working parties of troops. Working parties specially detailed from the troops for work under a Department will not be removed until the work for which it was detailed is completed, unless the military situation requires that the men should rejoin their units, when due notice will be given to the Department concerned.

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P.B. personnel not forming part of the establishment of an authorised unit.

French and Belgian civilians.

W. H. Russell

G.H.Q.

Lieut-General,

5/1/17.

Quartermaster General.

Copies to:-

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| A.G. | D.G.T. |
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| E.-in-C. | "Tanks". |
| D. of W. | Base Commds. |
| F.A. | Directors. |

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For information.

W. H. Russell
Captn

G.H.Q.

Quartermaster General.

5/1/17.

All Armies.

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TIMBER FOR FORWARD ROADS.

The Engineer-in-Chief has brought to the notice of your Chief Engineer the need for special measures for the construction of forward roads, should an offensive be taken in the winter or early spring, when the ground is in a sodden condition, so as to permit of the progress of an advance over ground captured from the enemy on which the existing roads will have been more or less destroyed.

2. In such conditions it would generally be impracticable to provide a sufficient quantity of stone for the construction or reconstruction of metalled roads suitable for the passage of Heavy Artillery and other traffic. More time transport and labour would also be needed for such work than can reasonably be contemplated.

3. On many sections of the front it would be necessary, therefore, to resort to the construction of timber roads made of sleepers, planks or pitprops; and of these very large quantities would require to be accumulated preparatory to an advance.

Measures are being taken to increase the supplies of forest timber from the Base; but the shortage of trucks and transport difficulties generally will not permit of requirements for these roads being fully met in addition to the requirements for defence and other purposes.

4. It is therefore a matter of great importance that measures should be taken at once to exploit to the fullest extent possible all forests and woods in Army Areas.

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3. I would ask that the matter should be carefully investigated and that information may be obtained with the least possible delay regarding:-

- (1) The forests and woods in your Army Area which are suitable for the supply of this class of timber; and the method of clearance which should be adopted.
- (2) The additional labour and transport that would be required.
- (3) Additional railway facilities.
- (4) Subsidiary works such as camps for labour, water supply etc.
- (5) Plant and machinery.

If required the services of an expert officer can be arranged for, to assist in the investigation.

4. It cannot be definitely stated at this stage what will be the probable shortage of the supply of forest timber from the Base. But for the purpose of the preliminary investigation and discussion it may be assumed that it will be necessary to provide locally within 3 months one-half of the timber required for these forward roads.

5. It is intended to hold a Conference on the subject at G.H.Q. on or about the 10th instant at which it is requested that representatives of your G Staff and Chief Engineer should attend. The actual date and hour will be notified later, but it is important that the information asked for above should be available before the Conference is held.

(sd) G.T. Dawkins,
Major-General,
For Quartermaster General.

G.H.Q.
2/1/19.