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APPENDIX 18

Divisional Headquarters.
6th October 1918.21st
AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BATTN.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 229

The Second Australian Division (less Artillery) will move to the YZEUX Area in accordance with orders issued by General Staff Warning Order.

1. BILLETING.

Billeting Parties will report in advance to the Area Commandants under arrangements to be made by Brigades.

One Lorry for each Brigade Group will report to Divisional Headquarters at 8 a.m. on the 6th inst., to convey advanced billeting parties to the new area.

Brigade Billeting Areas are :-

5th A.I. Brigade Group - VIGNACOURT.

6th A.I. Brigade Group - YZEUX.

7th A.I. Brigade Group - ST. OUEN.

Brigade Groups for billeting purposes as per Appendix "A".

2. TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

Brigade grouping for purpose of move as per Appendix "B"
Train arrangements will be notified later.

3. SUPPLIES.

Division less Artillery will draw from ROISEL for the last time on the 7th. Railhead on and from the 8th inst., will be AILLY-SUR-SOMME.

Rations for consumption 7th inst., on cookers.

" " " 8th " on supply wagons.

" " " 9th " - in bulk - on train.

In the new area Railhead will be cleared by Train Wagons to refilling point and from refilling point to Unit by first line transport. The S.S.O. through Brigade Supply Officer will notify Units location of refilling points selected and time of refilling.

Supplies for personnel marching by road as follows :-

Rations for 7th inst., on man and horse.

Rations for 8th inst., on Supply Wagon.

Rations for 9th inst., to be refilled at DAOURS night of 6th inst.

4. PACKS AND SUPERFLUOUS EQUIPMENT.

Arrangements are being made to transport all baggage in Kit Store, PEPONNE, for delivery to Brigade Groups in the new Area. Details of arrangements will be notified later.

5. CANVAS.

All tents and trench shelters will be returned to Area Commandants and receipts obtained prior to leaving the Area.

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6. REINFORCEMENTS.

All Nucleus and Reinforcements at the Reinforcement Camp have been ordered forward to rejoin units of the Division, reporting to Area Commandant, HERVILLY Area. Guides will be provided to take these details to Unit lines.

Divisional Wing of Corps Reinforcement Camp will close on the morning of the 7th inst., and will move with the Division to the new Area.

Arrangements have been made for the Corps Depot to handle any Details coming forward after the Divisional Wing has been closed.

Reinforcement Railhead for the new Area will be AILLY-SUR-SOMME, on and after the 8th inst.

Divisional Wing Reinforcement Camp will be located at ST. SAVEUR.

7. TRAFFIC CONTROL.

Arrangements will be made mutually by the D.A.P.M. with the 30th American Division for the relief of Traffic Control in the forward area. On relief Traffic Control personnel will be attached to and move with the 6th A.I. Bde Group. Rationing to be arranged by the D.A.P.M. Four M.M.P.'s will be attached to each Brigade for the move and will be rationed by Brigades.

8. FIELD PUNISHMENT COMPOUND.

Prisoners awaiting trial and placed with the Field Punishment Compound for safe custody will be moved under Corps arrangements and will be handed over on arrival in the new Area.

9. AREA ORGANISATION.

Brigades will appoint an Officer in each village occupied by them in the XEUX Area to act as Town Major under the Sub-Area Commandant. The names of Officers appointed will be reported to the Area Commandant and repeated to "Q" Division.

10. SANITARY SECTION.

No. 1 Sanitary Section will move with the Division and will be attached to the 7th Field Ambulance.

11. R.E. DUMP.

A dump of R.E. material is established at VILLIE, LE ARCELET near FLIXECOURT. Indents for material required will be countersigned by C.R.E.

12. ECHELON.

Full echelon will be

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13. ORDNANCE.

D.A.D.O.S. will move to ST. SAVEUR and open on the 8th inst. Arrangements will be made to refill to units at a central point in each Brigade Area on alternate days. Details of refilling points and time of refilling later.

14. CANTEEN.

The Divisional Canteen will open at BELLOY on the 9th inst. Arrangements can be made for regular daily supplies of Beer. Units will notify the Divisional Canteen Officer approximate quantity required.

15. BATHS.

Baths exist at BELLOY-SUR-SOMME and VIGNACOURT. The Division has in addition three portable sets which will be erected at suitable locations. Sites selected will be notified Units later.

H. W. W. Major
for Lieut-Colonel.
A.A. & Q.M.G.
Second Australian Division.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
6th. October, 1918.1st. ADDENDUM TO ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NO. 229.TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

The attached Appendix C gives the minimum transport per unit to be carried on the Omnibus Trains. Brigades will arrange for any accommodation vacant to be filled as required.

The following are times fixed for Omnibus Trains :-

Serial	A	depart	12.25	7. 10. 18
"	B	"	16.25	"
"	C	"	20.25	"
	Entraining Station		- -	TINCOURT
	Detraining Station		- -	S t. ROCHE (AMIENS)

TRANSPORT.

Will report to R.T.O. at entraining station 3 hours prior to time fixed for departure.

A party of 100 men will be provided by Brigades for loading and off-loading their Omnibus Trains.

Transport will be marshalled before moving into entraining station.

On completion of detraining transport will proceed in column under the Senior Transport Officer and break off when their billeting areas are reached.

W. J. Lawrence
 for
 Lieut. Colonel,
 A.A. & Q.M.G.
 Second Australian Division.

OMNIBUS TRAIN.

TRANSPORT AND HORSES.

Appendix 'C'

Train comprises 17 flat trucks - 67 axles and 30 covered wagons for Horses, Baggage and Personnel.

Unit.	Vehicles.	Axles.	Horses.			
			Rides.	LdD.	H.D.	
Brigade H.Q.	1 G.S.Wagon.	2	6	-	2	Cyclists of all Units will proceed by Omnibus Train. A loading party of 100 men will be provided by Brigades for loading and off-loading their Omnibus Trains.
4 Bns. each	2 Cookers.	16				
	1 G.S.Wagon (supply)	8				
	1 Water Cart	4				
	1 Mess Cart	4	6	-	9	
Field Coy, Engrs.	1 Water Cart					
	1 G.S. Limber (supply)	3	2	-	4	
M.G.Bn.	4 Cookers.					
	1 G.S.Wagon (Supply)					
	1 Water Cart					
	1 Mess Cart	12	7	-	13	
Pnr. Bn.	3 Cookers.					
	1 G.S.Wagon (Supply)					
	1 Water Cart					
	1 Mess Cart	10	6	-	11	
Field Ambulance.	1 Water Cart.					
	1 Mess Cart					
	1 G.S.Wagon (supply)	4	2	-	5	
Div. Train H.Q.	1 G.S.Wagon	2	-	-	2	
D.H.Q.	1 G.S. Wagon (supply)					
	1 G.S. Limber					
	1 Water Cart	5	-	-	6	
D.E.H.Q.	1 G.S. Limber (supply)	2	-	-	2	

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BRIGADE GROUPS FOR PURPOSE OF MOVE BY RAIL AND ROAD.

5th Brigade. Brigade Headquarters, Trench Mortar Battery, Signals, 4 Battalions, Field Coy, Train Headquarters and one Company A.A.S.C. Field Ambulance, Machine Gun Battalion, S.A.A. Section D.A.C.,

6th Brigade. Brigade Headquarters, Trench Mortar Battery, Signals, 4 Battalions, Field Coy, one Coy A.A.S.C., Field Ambulance, Divisional Headquarters, D.A.P.M., Mobile Veterinary Section, Salvage Company.

7th Brigade. Brigade Headquarters, Trench Mortar Battery, Signals, 4 Battalions, Field Coy, Pioneer Battalion, one Coy A.A.S.C., Field Ambulance, Sanitary Section.

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BRIGADE GROUPS FOR PURPOSE OF BILLETING.

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BELLOY.

Divisional Headquarters.

Divisional Headquarters, Divisional Signal Company, Divisional Salvage Company, Mobile Veterinary Section, Divisional Canteen.

St. SAVEUR.

Divisional Headquarters.

2nd Divisional Wing Reinforcement Camp, D.A.D.O.S., S.A.A. Section, D.A.C.

YZEUX. (Sub-area).

6th Brigade Group.

Brigade Headquarters, Trench Mortar Battery, and Signals. 4 Battalions, Field Ambulance.

VIGNACOURT. (Sub-area).

5th Brigade Group.

Brigade Headquarters, Trench Mortar Battery, and Signals. 4 Battalions, Train Headquarters and 3 Companies A.A.S.C., Field Ambulance.

St OUEN.

7th Brigade Group.

Brigade Headquarters, Trench Mortar Battery, and Signals. 4 Battalions, 2nd Machine Gun Battalion, 2nd Pioneer Battalion, 5th, 6th and 7th Companies Field Engineers, Field Ambulance.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SECRET.Divisional Headquarters
6th October 1918SECOND ADDENDUM TO ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 229TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

The following are times for Personnel trains on 7th inst:-

Serial.	Bde. Group.	Railhead.	Departure Time.	Detraining Station.	Arrival Time.
A	1	TINCOURT	10.30	St. ROCHE.	14.15
B	"	"	11.00	"	14.45
B	"	ROISEL	10.30	"	14.30
	"	"	11.00	"	15.00
C	"	ROISEL	11.30	"	15.30
	"	"	12.00	"	16.00

OMNIBUS TRAINS.

Cancel instructions issued under this heading in 1st Addendum to Administrative Memo. No. 229.

The following are amended times for omnibus trains on 7th inst:-

Serial No.	Bde. Group	Railhead.	Departure Time.	Detraining Station.	Arrival Times.
A	1	TINCOURT	11.40	VIGNACOURT.	16.00
B	"	"	15.40	"	20.00
C	2	"	19.40	"	24.00

Two trains comprising 40 trucks per train have been allotted each Brigade Group, trucks accommodating up to 40 other ranks per truck. Personnel will report to R.T.O. at entraining station 1 hour prior to fixed hour of departure. Transport will report to R.T.O. at least 3 hours prior to hour of departure.

Composition of Omnibus Train together with minimum transport per unit to be carried remains unaltered.

The trains for personnel will be made up from returning supply trains consisting of closed and open trucks. No coaches will be available but one will be provided on the omnibus train.

PACKS AND SURPLUS EQUIPMENT.

The following transport of the 4th Aust. Div. Train has been made available for carriage of surplus equipment and packs to the new area:-

5th Brigade. - 17 G.S. Wagons.
6th Brigade. - 17 "
7th Brigade - 22 "

The above transport will move in accordance with loading and will report to Brigade Transport Officers of the respective Brigades on the evening of the 7th inst., in the CAPPY Area, when they will be attached to and move with the Brigade Groups.

Lorries will report to Kit Stores for the removal of the Concert Party gear to the New Area.

W. W. W. W.
Lieut.-Colonel.

For A.A. & Q.M.G.
Second Australian Division.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

21st AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTN.
No.
Date..... C.A.O.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No. 1041
Date.....

Brigade Headquarters
6th October, 1918.

21st Bn.

The French Croix de Guerre has been awarded the following Officer and Other Rank. Please convey the Corps, Divisional and Brigade Commanders' congratulations to the recipients.

CROIX DE GUERRE avec ETOILE d'ARGENT

Captain M.B. KELLY, 21st Battalion

CROIX DE GUERRE avec de BRONZE

No.4288, Sgt. J.M. COLLERY, M.M., 24th Battalion

M. Brown

Captain,
Staff Captain 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 187

Ref. Maps 62.C. 1/40,000
AMIENS 1/100,000

6th October, 1918

1. The 2nd Aust. Divn. (less Artillery) is moving by train and March Route on 7th October to YZEUX Area.
2. The 6th A.I. Bde. Group consisting of:-
 - H.Q., 6th A.I. Bde.
 - 6th A.L.T.M. Battery
 - 21st Battalion
 - 22nd " "
 - 23rd " "
 - 24th " "
 - 6th Fld. Coy. A.E.
 - 6th Aust. Fld. Ambulance
 - 16th Coy. A.A.S.C.
 - 2nd Aust. Divn. H.Q.
 - D.A.P.M.
 - 2nd Aust. Mobile Vet. Section
 - 2nd Aust. Divn. Salvage Coy.
 will move by train and road in accordance with attached tables "A", "B", and "C" and following instructions.
3. (a) Entraining Stations will be:-

Personnel	....	ROISEL
Transport	....	(Less portion moving by road) - TINCOURT.

 (b) Detraining Station will be:- ST ROCH *for personnel*
4. Such transport not accommodated on Omnibus Train move by road in accordance with attached Table "B"
5. Bde. T.O. (Lieut. C.H. MILLER, D.C.M. 21st Bn.) will be in charge of Transport of Brigade Group moving by road.

(b) 1 N.C.O. from each unit shown on Table "B", under an Officer detailed by Brigade T.O., will report in advance, to Area Commandants CAPPY and DAOURS on 7th and 8th inst. to arrange accommodation.
6. The following Officers are detailed for duty as shown:-
 - (a) O.C. Personnel Train .. Lt.-Col. A.R.L. WILTSHIRE, D.S.O., M.C., 22nd Battalion.
 - (b) O.C. Omnibus Train .. Lieut. C.B. HISLOP 6th A.I. Bde. H.Q.
 - (c) Entraining Officer ROISEL .. Major W.H. ELLWOOD, M.C. 24th Bn.
 - Entraining Officer TINCOURT .. Lieut. C.B. HISLOP, 6th B.H.Q.
 - (d) Detraining Officers ST ROCH .. (i) Capt. A.R. MACNEIL, M.C. 21st Battalion
 - Personnel Train .. (ii) Omnibus Train Lieut. C.B. HISLOP, 6th A.I. Bde. H.Q.
7. OMNIBUS TRAIN leaves TINCOURT at 16.25 7th October. Transport vide Table "C" attached will report to R.T.O. TINCOURT at 16.25 7th October. Loading and unloading parties for Omnibus Train will be made up as follows:-

Each Battalion	...	4 N.C.O.'s and 25 O.R.'s	1200
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 These parties will report to Entraining Officer TINCOURT at 13.00 7th October carrying unexpired portion plus 24 hours rations.
8. Each unit shown on Table "A" attached will detail an Officer to report to Bde. Entraining Officer ROISEL with Entraining States one hour prior to time his unit is due to arrive at Station.

- 9. **DISCIPLINE.**- Strict Discipline must be maintained during the move.
 - (a) The opening of carriage doors whilst the train is in motion and riding on steps is forbidden.
 - (b) No troops will entrain or detrain without orders from Brigade Entraining or Detraining Officers.
 - (c) Troops and Transport will not enter Entraining Station Yards till permission has been obtained from R.T.O.
- 10. **Railhead from 8th October AILLY-SUR-SOMME.**
 - (a) Supplies for personnel proceeding by train:-

Rations for consumption	7th inst.	On the man
"	"	"
"	"	"
"	8th	On Supply Wagons.
"	"	"
"	9th	In bulk on Train.
 - (b) Supplies for personnel marching by Road:-

Rations for	7th October	on Men and Horses.
"	"	8th
"	"	9th

 to be refilled at DAOURS night of 8th October.
 - (c) In the new area Railhead will be cleared by Train Wagons to Refilling Point thence to unit by 1st Line Transport.
- 11. **Packs and Surplus Equipment.**
 Arrangements are being made to transport all baggage in Kit Store PERONNE to Brigade Units in new area.
- 12. **Trench Shelters.** All Trench Shelters drawn in the HERVILLY Area will be returned to Area Commandant prior to entrainment
- 13. **Div. Wing Reinforcement Camp.**- ST SAUVEUR.
- 14. Full Echelon will be carried. Water Bottles will be filled before entraining.
- 15. **AREA ORGANIZATION.** Units as shown will detail Officers to act as Town Majors of undermentioned villages under the Sub-Area Commandant. These Officers will report to him at BELLOY for duty 10 a.m. 9th October.
 Names of those selected to reach Bde. Hdqrs. by 6 p.m. 8th October.

21st Battalion	....	BOURDON
22nd	"	ST VAST
23rd	"	YZEUX
24th	"	LA CHAUSSEE.
- 16. (a) On completion of move 6th A.I.Bde. Hdqrs. will be established at CHATEAU YZEUX.
 (b) Units of 6th A.I.Bde. will report completion of move and location of unit Hdqrs. to Brigade Headquarters.
- 17a. 2 Personnel Trains for this Bde. Group will leave ROISEL at 11.00 and 11.30 respectively on 7th October. Units of Bde. Group will entrain in accordance with Table "A" attached.

A c k n o w l e d g e .-

Issued through Signals at 01.00 7th inst.


 Major,
 Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

TABLE "A" TO ACCOMPANY 6th A.I. EDE. ORDER No. 127

Serial No.	UNIT--	Route to Entrain- ing Station	Time due to arrive ROISEL Stn.	No. of Train	Time due to arrive at ST ROCH	On detrainment move to--	Route after Detrain- ment.
1.	21st Bn.	HESBECOURT - HERVILLY - ROISEL	09.30	1.	14.30	LA CHAUSSEE	AILLY-SUR-SOMME - ST. SAUVEUR - LA CHAUSSEE
2.	24th "	-do-	09.35	1.	14.30	-do-	-do-
3.	2nd A.Div. Salvage Coy.	ROISEL	09.40	1	14.30	YZEUX	AILLY-SUR-SOMME - ST SAUVEUR - LA CHAUSSEE BELLOY - YZEUX
4.	6th Fld. Coy. A.E.	HESBECOURT - HERVILLY-ROISEL	09.45	1	14.30	ST OUBE Sub-Area	As selected by O.C.
5.	2nd Aust. Mob. Vet. Section	TEMPLEUX - ROISEL	09.50	1	14.30	Billets already allotted	-do-
6.	23rd Bn.	HESBECOURT - HERVILLY-ROISEL	10.00	2	15.00	ST VAST- CHAUSSEE	AILLY-SUR-SOMME - ST. SAUVEUR - S ^m VAST.
7.	22nd Bn.	-do-	10.05	2	15.00	-do-	-do-
8.	6th A.Fld. Ambulance	-do-	10.10	2	15.00	BOURDON	AILLY-SUR-SOMME - ST SAUVEUR - LA CHAUSSEE - BELLOY - YZEUX - BOURDON
9.	6th B.H.Q. 6th T.M.Bty.	HESBECOURT- HERVILLY-ROISEL	10.15	2	15.00	Billets already allotted	As selected by O.C.
10.	2nd A.Divn. H.Q. D.A.P.M. 2nd Div.Sig Coy.	As selected by O.C.	10.15	2	15.00	BELLOY	As selected by O.C.

TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 6th A. I. BDE. ORDER No. 187

Date	Unit.--	From.--	To.--	Starting Point	To pass S. Point	Route.--	Billets from Area Commdt. at.--
7.10.18	23rd Battalion	HERVILLY AREA	ECLUSIER	CROSS ROADS L.14.c.7.8.(62.C.)	07.00	HERBECOURT-ROISEL-HAMEL FBG.de.BRETAGNE -HALLE Bridge in H.24.b. - HERBECOURT	CAPPY
-do-	22nd Battalion	-do-	-do-	-do-	07.10	-do-	-do-
-do-	24th Battalion	-do-	-do-	-do-	07.20	-do-	-do-
-do-	21st Battalion	-do-	-do-	-do-	07.30	-do-	-do-
-do-	6th A.I.Bde.H.Q.	-do-	-do-	-do-	07.40	-do-	-do-
-do-	6th A.L.f.M.Bty.	-do-	-do-	-do-	-	-do-	-do-
-do-	6th Fld.Coy.A.L.	-do-	-do-	-do-	07.45	-do-	-do-
-do-	6th Fld. Amb.	-do-	-do-	-do-	07.55	-do-	-do-
-do-	16th A.A.S.C.	ROISEL	-do-	Join rear of 6th A.I.Bde.Group Tpt. as it enters ROISEL	-	As for mobile Vet. Section.	-do-
-do-	2nd A.Mob. Vet. Section	F.26.a.5.5.	-do-	-do-	-	HAMEL-FBG.de.BRETAGNE HALLE - Bridge in H.24.b. - HERBECOURT	-do-
-do-	2nd Aust.Div.H.Q. D.A.F.M.	DOINGT	-do-	To join rear 6th A.I.Bde. Group Tpt. as it enters FBG.de.BRETAGNE	-	HALLE - Bridge in H.24.b.- HERBECOURT	-do-
8.10.18	6th A.I.Bde Group Transport	ECLUSIER	DAOURS	CEMETRY on Road on North Edge CAPPY	07.00	CAPPY - BRAY- CORBIE- LA NEUVILLE	DAOURS
9.10.18	-do-	DAOURS	YZEUX	ROAD JUNCTION $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile N.E. of PETIT CAMON	07.00	ALLONVILLE - POULAINVILLE - VAUX thence to Unit Billets	-

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T A B L E "C"

To accompany 6th A.I. Bde. Order No. 187

OMNIBUS TRAIN - TRANSPORT AND HORSES

Unit -	Vehicles -	Horses Rides	L. and H.D.
6th A.I. Bde. H.Q.	2 G.S. Wagons	9	4
6th A.L.T.M. Bty.	1 G.S. Limber	-	2
Each Battalion	1 G.S. Wagon (Supply) 1 G.S. Wagon (Baggage) 2 Cookers 1 Water Cart 1 Mess Cart 1 Maltese Cart	6	12
6th Fld. Coy. A.S.	1 G.S. Limber (Supply) 1 Water Cart 2 G.S. Limbers (Baggage)	4	6
6th A. Fld. Amb.	1 Water Cart 1 Mess Cart 1 G.S. Wagon (Supply)	4	5
2nd Aust. Divn. H.Q. D.A.P.M.	1 G.S. Wagon (Supply) 1 G.S. Limber 1 Water Cart	-	6
2nd Aust. Divn. Salvage Coy.	1 G.S. Limber	-	2

Cyclists of all Units will proceed by Omnibus Train.

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APPENDIX 16

21st AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER No. 173.
 Ref. Map Sheet 62C.1/40,000. & AMIENS 1/100,000. 6th October 1918.

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APPENDIX

21ST AUSTRALIAN
BATTALION

No.

Date.....

1. MOVE. The Battalion, less portion of Transport, is moving by train on 7th inst. to YZEUX Area.
2. STATIONS. Entraining - Personnel - ROISEL.
 Transport, less road portion, - TINCOURT.
 Detraining - Personnel - ST ROCH. Transport - VIGNACOURT.
3. TRANSPORT. Transport not accommodated on Omnibus Train move as under.-
 7.10.18. From present location to ECLUSIER. Starting Point-Cross Rds
 L.14.c.7.8.(62C). to pass starting point at 0730.
 8.10.18. From ECLUSIER to DAOURS.
 9.10.18. From DAOURS to Units' Billets in New Area.
4. TRAIN TRANSPORT. Transport as under will proceed on Omnibus train.- 1 G.S. Wagon
 Supply, 1 G.S. Wagon Baggage, 2 Cookers, 1 Water Cart, 1 Mess Cart,
 1 Maltese Cart. Horses - Rides 6, H. & L.D. - 12.
 Omnibus train leaves TINCOURT 1540 on 7.10.18. Transport as per
 this para. will report to R.T.O. TINCOURT 1240. 7.10.18.
 "D" Company will supply loading and unloading party of 4 N.C.O.s and
 25 O.R.s, to report to Entraining Officer, TINCOURT, at 1200. 7.10.18.
 carrying unexpired portion plus 24 Hours rations.
5. CYCLISTS. All Cyclists to proceed on Omnibus train. Sig. Officer to arrange accordingly.
6. PERSONNEL STATION. 21st Bn will entrain at ROISEL Stn and travel on No. 1. Train. Route
 to Station - HESBECOURT HERVILLY ROISEL. Bn to arrive at ROISEL
 at 0930 and at ST ROCH 1430. On detraining Bn will move to LA
 CHAUSSEE. Route - AILLY SUR SOMME, ST SAVEUR, to Billets. Coys & Hqrs
 will be ready to move from present location at 7.45 a.m. 7.10.18.
7. DISCIPLINE. Strictest train discipline will be observed.-
 The opening of carriage doors whilst the train is in motion, and
 riding on steps is forbidden. No troops will entrain or detrain with-
 out orders from Bde Entraining or Detraining Officers.
 Troops and Transport will enter Entraining Yard after permission has
 been obtained from the R.T.O.
8. TRENCH SHELTERS. Q.M. will arrange to return Trench Shelters to Area Commandant. These
 will be at Q.M. Store by 6-3 0630 sharp.
9. ENTRAINING OFFICER. Lt. S.E. Roberts M.M. will assist Bde Entraining Officer, and will
 report to Major W.H. Elwood M.C. at ROISEL STATION 0830. 7.10.18.

BN ORDER No. 173.-

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10. VALISES. These must be at Bn Q.M. Store by 0645. 7.10.18.
11. COOKS. One cook will accompany each cooker proceeding as per Para. 3.
12. DRESS. Fighting Order. Blanket & Great Coat to be carried on the man.

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

Issued by Runner at 0300. 7.10.18.
 Distribution.-

(Signed.) J. L. WATT,
 Lieutenant & Adjutant,
 21st Battalion A.I.F.

1. File
 2. War Diary.
 3. Companies
 4. Hqrs.
 5. C.O.
 6. Q.M.
 7. T.O.
 8. Orderly Officer.

21st Battalion Headquarters,
10th October 1918.

COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT ON
RECENT OPERATIONS.-
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

21st
AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BATTN.

No.
Date

P A R T I.

Period 06.00. 2.10.18. to 22.30. 3.10.18.

At 06.00 on 2nd October the Battalion was in a trench system at G.17.b. just South of NAUROY.
At 11.45 orders were received to move at once to a trench system at B.25.c. The C.O. was also informed that the Unit would then come under the orders of the G.O.C., 7th A.I. Brigade.
After a hasty lunch the Battalion moved off at 12.15 and was disposed in the trench system at B.27.c.
This area was spasmodically shelled and at times an amount of "blue cross" gas shells were fired which necessitated the wearing of S.B. Respirators by troops in the vicinity.

Casualties.- Nil.
Captures.- Nil.
Enemy casualties.- Nil.

P A R T II.

Period 22.30 3.10.18. to 03.00. 3.10.18.

At 22.30 on 3rd inst., the Battalion moved from trenches at B.27.c. - where it had been supporting the 7th A.I. Brigade - to the BEAUREVOIR Line at B.27. The night was exceptionally dark, and, owing to the lateness in the arrival of orders, it was impossible to make a daylight reconnaissance.
Lieut. A. PECK and 1 N.C.O. per Company and Bn Hqrs left an hour previously to arrange billeting. The route taken was via SOLEMPRISE FARM, thence by compass bearing across country to the trenches allotted.
This movement was successfully accomplished without casualties although the outskirts of the Village near which we passed were subjected to continuous heavy shelling.
On arrival the troops were placed in shelters in the trenches and Bn Hqrs were established in a dugout near by. Telephone communication was established with Brigade at **NAUROY**. A guide was sent to the cookers and a hot meal was brought up to the troops at 4 a.m.
The Battalion remained here until 03.00 on 5th inst. Although the position was shelled frequently, we sustained only two casualties - 2 O.R. being evacuated wounded.
At a conference held at Bde Hqrs at 15.00 on 4th inst., instructions were received for an attack to be made, in conjunction with the 24th A.I. Bn and the 2nd Pioneer Bn, assisted by Tanks and the necessary artillery. The objective was to capture and secure the Village of MONTERECHAIN. The capture of the Village was entrusted to the 21st & 24th Bns, while the 2nd Pioneer Bn were ordered to establish themselves on the Right Flank facing South.
On the night of 4th/5th October the 2nd Pioneer Bn took over the line from the English troops and at 3 a.m. the 21st Bn moved from its position in the trenches at B.27.a.&c. to an assembly position in trenches at H.10.d., arriving there at 04.15.
At 04.30. the Companies moved from the assembly position on to the J.O.T. where they arrived and were in position without casualties by 05.30.
All the surrounding valleys were continually being shelled with gas although the concentration was not sufficient to warrant the wearing of the S.B.R., the use of which, on account of the darkness, would have seriously hampered the move.
The J.O.T. had been laid by the 6th Field Company, Australian Engineers, earlier in the night. Two guides per Company with the Intelligence Officer had reconnoitred the J.O.T. and one guide per Company remained there while the other met his Company at the Assembly Position and guided the troops into position on the J.O.T. The assembly position had been similarly reconnoitred and a guide had met each Company before moving from B.27.a.&c.

The 2nd Pioneer Bn was withdrawn behind the J.O.T. 15 minutes before Zero. Bn Hqrs was established at B.10.a.1.3. and a forward Report Centre at H.6.c.2.2. on the J.O.T. before Zero. This was moved to the Railway Cutting as soon as possible after Zero.

The R.A.P. was established at SWISS COTTAGE, but on account of the distance from the front the R.M.O. moved forward about two kilometres and established his Post in the Railway Cutting where he did exceptionally fine work, though continually under heavy enemy artillery fire, for over ten hours.

At Zero (06.05) the barrage opened rather weakly and as soon as its fringe was discerned the troops moved up to it, taking cover behind a Railway Embankment.

While here the barrage increased considerably and came down on our own troops, causing considerable casualties.

The enemy barrage came down very quickly and was fairly heavy. This is accounted for by the statement of a prisoner who stated that an attack was expected and extra artillery had been brought up especially to deal with it.

The attack was made by "A" Company, plus 1 Platoon of "D" Company, on the Right, and "B" Company, plus 1 Platoon of "D" Company, on the Left. "D" Company, less 2 Platoons, occupied the old front line as soon as possible after Zero.

For the first time in the experience of the Battalion the enemy barrage shortened, as our attack progressed, irrespective of where his own troops were. This continued until our men were well into the Village, when the barrage again lengthened to the old front line, which, until 15.17.00, was subjected to continual bombardment with 5.9 and 4.2 shells.

Exceptionally strong enemy machine gun fire was encountered from the Village, but this ceased when our men entered the western outskirts. From then onwards the opposition gradually weakened.

The tanks allotted to the Battalion were late in getting on to the J.O.T. and one, as it advanced behind our men, inflicted a number of casualties with its fire. Another, moving through the Village, fired into houses that had been mopped up and in some cases were occupied by our men. The tanks seemed unable to catch up to the barrage and were of no assistance in the attack.

On emerging from the Village, the troops could see the enemy running away over the high ground, but, when he realised that the advance had stopped and we were in such few numbers, he apparently reorganised and returned in formed parties to get in touch with our outposts.

Considerable machine gun fire was directed on our right flank troops from DOON HILL and on our left flank from a Northerly direction.

Also a Field Gun fired point blank at a distance of 500 Yards until silenced by our artillery and machine gun fire.

A battery of 77 mm fired from BRANCOURT at a distance of approximately 1000 Yards on to the Posts of the Centre Company.

A Line of posts was established clear of the village. - "A" Company, under Lt. W. McConochie, established four posts on the South of the BRANCOURT - MONTBREHAIN Road. C.S.M. Trevascus, with a mixed party of 21st & 24th Bns, established three posts on the Left of "A" Company. "B" Company established two posts on the North East edge of the Village. This Company pushed out a post into a sunken road about 300 Yards past the Village at C.26.a.5.6. This post and one at C.25.d.9.7. were under heavy machine gun fire. The former being in danger of being cut off was withdrawn into the Village. Another Post seeing this one coming in also withdrew, but both were reorganised, and, having salvaged a quantity of ammunition, again established a post in the sunken road covering the North-Eastern edge of the Village.

As the position on our immediate left was rather obscure the 2 Platoons of "D" Coy in support were ordered to clear it up and establish posts securing the North-Eastern edge of the Village.

Two posts were established near the Cemetery, and, in conjunction with the 24th Bn, a line of posts securing the Village from attack on the North side were established.

At 10.35 the C.O., 21st Bn, was advised by telephone from Brigade that two Companies of the 18th Bn were in trenches at H.10.b. and at his disposal. On account of the thinness of the front the C.O. decided to send both these Companies forward. The two Company Commanders were sent for and at 10.55 they were given verbal orders where to take their Companies and what they were required to do. One Company was to reinforce the line astride the MONTBREHAIN - BRANCOURT Road, the other to move up through the Village and to establish connection between the post at I.2.a.0.6. and the Cross Roads at C.25.d.9.7. Each Company was to carry up extra bandoliers and S.A.A. from the dump at the Railway Cutting in H.6.c.4.4.

These Coys were met at the Railway Cutting by Lt. W.E. Hardwick M.C. who gave them their locality and direction.

At 12.40 Lt. Hardwick reported that Lt. F. Gawler M.C. had established four posts on the North side of the Cemetery in B.30.d. extending to I.1. a.5.9. and was under heavy machine gun fire; that Lt. W.H. Roberts was digging in on the Cross Roads on his Right.

Lt. Roberts eventually established these posts (two) on the Cross Roads at C.25.d.6.7. to C.25.d.9.7.

The two Companies of the 18th Bn were in position at about 15.00.

The enemy throughout the day was advancing in organised parties over the high ground that surrounded the village - evidently with the intention of establishing a line as close as he could to us.

Though he never launched an organised counter-attack he at one time almost cut off a post that was established early in the sunken road at C.26.c.5.6. Our Lewis Gun caused great slaughter amongst these parties, continually dispersing them and inflicting heavy casualties. One post at about I.2.c.5.8. and another at H.6.b.9.9. each claim 100 casualties to the enemy.

The section of the 2nd M.G. Bn attached to this Unit were blown out at the start. Another section was sent up and did very good shooting.

The section of the 6th A.L.T.M.B. had no targets but endeavoured to fire on DOON MILL. They had only fired two rounds when they came under heavy artillery fire and the Officer was wounded. Being put out of range they returned to the quarry at H.12.b. with their gun and ammunition.

Of the four tanks attached to the Battalion only two have been reported on as being in their allotted area and their action was unsatisfactory.

Our artillery was very thick during the barrage but the fringe was extremely ragged and after the first few minutes the fire suddenly increased twofold.

The troops had moved forward as usual at Zero as close to the barrage as safety permitted and, whilst waiting in the shelter of a bank for it to lift, the increased fire came down on them, causing heavy casualties. One Coy Commander was killed and another was wounded.

As the advance continued the irregular fringe was responsible for many more casualties and I estimate that 40% to 50% of our casualties were caused by our own Artillery Fire.

As in all previous battles, once more the liaison between the Infantry and Artillery was very weak, and, though want of time may be put forward as an excuse, there should be no excuse for not having a responsible senior Officer with Bn Hqrs, who could, by runner or 'phone, pass on information direct to the Battery or Group, especially as in a case like the last battle where the ground was undulating a P.O.C. with a wire to Group or the Officer at Bn Hqrs would be able to direct the Artillery fire instead of having to depend upon the observation of an Artillery Officer in the Firing Line, and on the Infantry communications to get the news to Bn Hqrs. Even then the Bn Commander has to send the message on to his Brigade on the Infantry Line. The sending of a junior Artillery Officer to a joint Bn Hqrs from which operations are being directed, and, he having to depend on Infantry Communications to get and despatch his information, is wasting the time of this Officer.

Casualties were quickly cleared. The R.M.O. (Capt. R. Mendelsohn) showed great initiative in establishing his R.A.P. in advance of the J.O.T. as soon as circumstances permitted, and also the manner in which he collected and used the prisoners as stretcher bearers was the means of getting the battlefield cleared, and the early rendering of first aid and prompt despatch of wounded to the rear by prisoners was a very meritorious performance and responsible for the saving of several lives.

At about 15.00 on the 5th inst., verbal instructions were received that the 118th Regiment of the American Army would relieve the Brigade Group. The C.O., 21st Bn., was requested to take charge of relief and arrange for the whole front.

On the arrival of the American parties in advance the front was divided between their 2nd & 3rd Bns. The 1st Bn went into trenches in support at H.10. The necessary guides were provided by the 20th A.I. Bn.

Having halved the front by an approximate line East and West, each Bn Area was divided into three parts - one for each Coy of the incoming Unit. The fourth Company in each case being kept in support in the Railway Cutting and Sunken Road.

Instructions were then sent to Lt. W.E. Hardwick M.C. at the Railway Cutting, & Lt. R.H. Farndon at the quarry at H.12.b.9.9. Lt. J. Horsburgh D.C.M., M.M. was sent with a short order, and map marked in areas, forward to arrange for the relief with the above mentioned Officers. These were the only Officers with whom the C.O. was in touch at the time. They were instructed to see the senior Officer in each area, show him the map, and give him a copy of the order. Each Officer was held responsible in his own area for the guiding in of the Americans and the handing over to them of their particular area.

Each area sent out five guides who reported to Lt. Horsburgh at SWISS COTTAGE at 19.00. and, on the arrival of the Americans, they were led in by the area guides. The relief went well and would have been completed before midnight had not the guides from one area got lost. This party did not reach their proper position until after midnight. Relief was complete by 02.35. 6.10.13. The Battalion moved out in small parties to the Cookers which were located near NAUROY. Traffic men were posted on the various corners to direct the men as they came out. Bn Hqs arrived last at 03.30.

<u>Casualties.-</u>	<u>Killed.</u>	<u>Wounded.</u>	<u>Missing.</u>
Officers.	3	5	-
Other Ranks.	21	93	6

Captures.- Prisoners. It is not possible to state the number captured as, on account of the few men in the line, the prisoners were usually sent out with stretchers and became mixed with the prisoners of other Units. It is estimated that 150 Prisoners were sent back.

Material. It is also impossible to give an accurate list of material captured but at least 50 machine guns, 6 trench mortars, and a large dump of ammunition and engineers' material fell into our hands.

Enemy Casualties.- It is estimated that 100 enemy were killed in the attack. Two Companies report that after consolidation they each caused over 100 casualties throughout the day. Our artillery also on several occasions dispersed parties of the enemy with great slaughter.

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.....Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding 21st Battalion A.I.F.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE APPENDIX

Brigade Headquarters
12th October, 1918.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF 6th AUST. INF. BRIGADE
FOR PERIOD 2nd OCTOBER TO 6th OCTOBER, 1918

Ref. Maps 62.C. & 62.B. 1/40,000
62.B. N.W. 1/20,000

MOVE OF 6th A.I. BDE. GROUP TO FORWARD AREA 27th Sept., 1918

On the 27th September the 6th A.I. Bde. Group consisting of:-
6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
6th Aust. Fld. Coy. Engrs.
6th Aust. M.G. Company
6th Aust. Fld. Ambulance

moved by march route at 7 p.m. from the CAPPY Area to LE MESNIL Area, move being complete by 3 a.m. 28th Sept. 6th A.I. Bde. H.Q. was established at 62.C. - 0.4.b.4.2. (near LA CHAPELLETTE).

28th Sept. 1918

At 7.30 p.m. 28th Sept. the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Group moved forward to the TINCOURT - MARQUAIX - ROISEL Area. Bde. H.Q. being established at 62.C. - J.18.a.1.5. (near TINCOURT).

30th Sept. 1918

At 8.40 p.m. 30th Sept. a phone message from 2nd Aust. Divn. was received to the effect that the Brigade Group would in all probability be required to move at 9 a.m. 1st October to the neighbourhood of VILLERET. From there the Brigade might be required to move into the front line during the night 1st/2nd October.

1st Oct., 1918

At 9 a.m. 1st October the Brigade Group moved by march route to an area East and S.E. of VILLERET move being complete by 3 p.m. and Brigade H.Q. established at 62.C. L.18.a.2.2. near VILLERET. The only accommodation available was the old trench systems in the neighbourhood. At 5.15 p.m. G.S.O.I arrived at Brigade H.Q. and stated that the 6th A.I. Bde. were taking over the front line then held by the 5th Aust. Divn. just East of JONCOURT - ESTREES during the night 1st/2nd October. The 6th & 7th A.I. Bdes. were at once to move up into support of the 5th A.I. Bde., each Bde. placing one Battalion at the disposal of the G.O.C. 5th A.I. Bde. for use in the event of hostile counter-attacks. This Bn. of the 6th A.I. Bde. would move into the area 62.B. - H.13.a.&c. where it would come under the orders of the G.O.C. 5th A.I. Bde. The other 3 Bns. of the Brigade were to move into the area South and S.W. of NAUROY East of the ST QUENTIN CANAL.

Fortunately wires had been run out to all Bns. during the afternoon and at 5.30 p.m. all Bns. were rung up in turn and the following verbal instructions, later confirmed in writing, were given:-

- "23rd Bn. to move at once to the area H.13.a.&c. where it would come under the orders of the G.O.C. 5th A.I. Bde. C.O. 23rd Bn. to report to 5th A.I. Bde. H.Q. as early as possible. 21st Bn. to move at once to Trenches in G.18.c. and G.17.b.&d.,
- 22nd Bn. to move at once to Trenches in G.24.a. and G.23.b.
- 24th Bn. to move at once into Trenches East of the ST QUENTIN CANAL in G.16.b.&d., G.22.b. G.17.c. and G.23.a.
- 6th A.M.G. Coy., 6th Aust. Fld. Coy. Engrs., 6th Aust. Fld. Amb., 6th A.L.T.M. Bty. and 6th A.I. Bde. H.Q. remain in present locations and move forward to areas to be indicated later on morning of 2nd October."

At 2 a.m. on the 2nd October Battalions reported the move complete. The march though not long had been over very difficult ground, only a portion of which had been reconnoitred in daylight, to an area of which nothing was known. To add to these difficulties the night was extremely dark.

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2nd Oct., 1918. At 11 a.m. on the 2nd October 6th A.I.Bde. H.Q. was established in the cellar of a house at the Southern end of NAUROY. Headquarters of Units of the Brigade Group were as follows:-

21st Battalion	....	G.18.a.2.2.
22nd "	....	G.24.a.8.9.
23rd "	....	H.13.c.7.9.
24th "	....	H.16.b.6.4.
6th A.M.G.Coy.	....	G.16.b.3.4.
6th A.Fld.Coy.Engrs.	....	G.16.d.4.0.
6th A.L.T.M.Bty.	....	G.17.c.3.6.

6th Aust. Fld. Amb. returned to the command of A.D.M.S. and ceased to form part of 6th A.I.Bde. Group.

At 12 noon a conference of Brigadiers was held at D.H.Q. where the plan of operations for 3rd October was outlined.

At 3.30 p.m. a conference of C.O's was held at 6th A.I. Bde. H.Q. It was explained that at 6.5 a.m. 3rd Oct. the 5th A.I.Bde. on the right and 7th A.I.Bde. on the left were to attack and capture the BEAUREVOIR TRENCH SYSTEM from WIANCOURT on the south to the eastern end of PROSPECT HILL in B.2.central. After the capture of this line the advance was to proceed for another 3,000 or 4,000 yards and BEAUREVOIR was to be captured. The 6th A.I.Bde. would be in Divisional Reserve during this operation with, however, the 23rd Bn. detached under the 5th A.I.Bde. It was explained to C.O's that the Bde. might be required to operate anywhere on the Div. front on the 3rd inst. in the event of operations not going according to plan. In any case it was extremely probable that the 6th A.I.Bde. would be required to relieve the 5th A.I.Bde. in portion of their front during the night 3rd/4th October.

Arrangements were made for the attachment of 1 L.Trench Mortar with a double crew to each Infantry Bn. to work directly under the orders of the Bn. Commander.

3rd Oct., 1918 The 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes attacked at 6 a.m. and captured the BEAUREVOIR TRENCH SYSTEM but were unable to advance more than approximately 1,000 yards east of this line.

At 11.35 a.m. a message was received from 2nd Aust. Divn. instructing us to move one Bn. to the vicinity of FOLEMPRISE FARM in B.25.c. where it would come under the orders of the G.O.C. 7th A.I.Bde. When the 23rd Bn. moved forward under the orders of 5th A.I.Bde. another Bn. was to be sent up to take its place.

At 11.45 a.m. 21st Bn. was instructed to move at once to the vicinity of FOLEMPRISE FARM where it would come under the orders of the 7th A.I.Bde.

At 12.10 p.m. 22nd Bn. was instructed to move up into area H.13.a.&c. to positions vacated by 23rd Bn. On arrival there the Bn. would come under the orders of the 5th A.I.Bde.

At 12.35 p.m. a message was received from 2nd Aust. Divn. stating that the 23rd Bn. was to be employed by 5th A.I. Bde. to close the gap between the 20th and 17th Bns.

The 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes. were then to establish the line B.30.a.5.5., B.22.central, B.15.central, B.8.central. The remaining 2 Bns. of the 6th A.I.Bde. (22nd & 24th) were placed under the orders of the 5th A.I.Bde.

The 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. was to be concentrated South of NAUROY as Divnl. Reserve under the 6th A.I.Bde.

22nd & 24th Bns. was then instructed to get in touch with 5th A.I.Bde. under whose orders they were now placed.

At 1 p.m. the only troops this Bde. had at its disposal was a portion of the 6th A.L.T.M.Bty. The Pioneer Bn. was scattered over the forward area and could not possibly be concentrated before 4 p.m.

At 3 p.m. we were informed that at 4 p.m. the 23rd 22nd and 24th Bns. in that order from right to left under the 5th A.I.Bde. were to attack and secure the high ground in B.30.central, B.22.central, B.15.central.

The 21st Bn. would remain in Reserve to 7th A.I.Bde. As soon as possible after dark the 22nd and 24th Bns. were to be relieved by British troops - present location unknown - The 6th A.I.Bde. was then during the night

3rd/4th October to relieve the 139th British Inf. Bde., reported to be holding a line somewhere east of MONTBREHAIN. This order was apparently originated without any regard to actual conditions then existing in the forward area and was practically impossible to carry out considering the situation and the time it would take to relieve the 22nd and 24th Bns. then under the command of another Bde. and move them round to the new Sector in the dark over country they had never seen before and take over that same night a front, the position of which even the 139th British Inf. Bde. could not inform us.

At 3.40 p.m. the B.M. went down to H.Q. 139th British Inf. Bde. at MAGNY-LA-FOSSE to try and make arrangements for the relief. The 139th Bde. knew nothing of the contemplated relief, and could not say definitely where their line Bn. Hdqrs. were located, where their front line ran, except that they did not hold MONTBREHAIN

At 4.10 p.m. however, G.S.O.I informed the Brigade that the arrangements for the reliefs had been cancelled. After the 22nd, 23rd and 24th Bns. attacked at 4 p.m. the 6th A.I.Bde. would take over the Command of the battle front from B.30.a.5.5. to BEAUREVOIR MILL at B.15.b.3.8. The 5th A.I.Bde. would then be withdrawn into Divnl. Reserve and the 7th Bde. and 24th Bn. would be relieved that night by British troops as far south as TORRENS CANAL at B.15.d.8.0.

At 5.20 p.m. we were informed by 5th A.I.Bde. that the 4 p.m. attack had been postponed till 6.30 p.m. At 6 p.m. it was decided that, all being well, after the 6.30 p.m. attack the 23rd Bn. would remain in the line on the right and 22nd Bn. in the line on the left. 24th Bn. when relieved would be withdrawn to positions in LA MOTTE VALLEY in support of 22nd and 23rd Bns. and the 21st Bn. moved into trenches in B.27.c.&d. and held in Bde. reserve.

At 7.25 p.m. permission was obtained to move the 21st Bn. at once from H.8.b. to Trenches in B.27.c.&d. By 7.50 p.m. the 23rd, 22nd and 24th Bns. had reached their objective - a line running B.30.a.5.5., Copse in B.23.c., along Trench in B.22.b. to B.15.d.9.1. to and including the MILL at B.15.b.3.7.-with relatively few casualties. The 23rd and 24th Bns. encountered little Infantry opposition but the 22nd Bn. had some stiff fighting.

The casualties for this operation were.-

Killed	...	2 Offrs.	7 O.R's
Wounded	...	1 "	18 "
Missing	...		
Total.-		3 Offrs.	25 O.R's

Captures.-

(a)	3 Officers	137 O.R's
(b)	1 5.9" Howitzer	
	5 77 c.m. Guns	
	1 3" Minenwerfer	
	18 Heavy Machine Guns	
	20 Light "	
	4 Messenger Pigeons	

At 9.30 p.m. all Bns. were notified that the 24th Bn. would be relieved by 20th Manchester Regt. during the night 3rd/4th Oct. After relief 24th Bn. was to take up positions in B.28.a.&b. in support to 22nd & 23rd Bns.

At 9.45 p.m. a telephone message was received from 2nd Aust. Divn. to the effect that at 6 a.m. 4th October the 6th A.I.Bde. would carry out an operation in conjunction with the British troops on our left.

The objective of this Bde. would be the General Line B.30.a.5.5., Trench System in B.24.c., CROSS ROADS B.18.a.2.2. inclusive. The 7th British Inf. Bde. on our left would capture PONCHAUX and BEAUREVOIR.

At 10 p.m. a message was sent to all Bns. notifying them of the attack in the morning. 22nd and 23rd Bns. were detailed to carry out the attack, 23rd Bn. on the right and 22nd Bn. on the left, the inter Bn. Boundary being a line from the Copse at B.23.c.3.7. to B.18.c.0.0. thence due east along the Grid Line between B.18 and B.24.

At 10.30 p.m. G.O.C. 6th A.I.Bde. assumed command of the Battle front from G.O.C. 5th A.I.Bde.

At 11.45 p.m. a Liaison Officer from Right Group Artillery reported for duty and arrangements were made through him for the necessary Artillery support for the attack by 22nd and 23rd Bns. Owing however to our not being able to obtain any definite and accurate information regarding the No. of Guns available for the Barrage, and the time the Barrage was to rest on START LINE, it was not till 3.10 a.m. 4th October that the 2 attacking Bns. were finally given, over the phone, all details of the Artillery programme, re Start Line, length of time barrage would dwell on Start Line, Barrage lifts and times and the position of the final protective Artillery barrage line. All that valuable time had been wasted, and vital information had to be withheld from the attacking Bns. till only a few hours before Zero. Bns. then had to pass on this information to their front line troops and this took up fully another 45 to 60 minutes.

4th Oct., 1918

At 1 a.m. 4th October the Inter Bde. Boundary between us and the 7th British Inf. Bde. was arranged as follows and communicated to 22nd Bn. - CROSS ROADS at B.18.a.2.2. inclusive to 22nd Bn. - B.17.central - B.16.d.0.0. - B.16.c.0.0.

At 3 a.m. 23rd Bn. reported that they had attacked and captured an enemy M.G. post at B.30.c.7.9. and had located a post of 139th British Inf. Bde. at B.29.d.9.4. This post stated that they had orders to retire. 139th British Inf. Bde. were informed of this and asked to push out and link up with our now dangerously exposed right flank in B.30.c.

At 4.25 a.m. 24th Bn. reported relief by 20th Manchester Regt. complete.

At 6 a.m. the Artillery barrage came down and rested on Start Line for 25 minutes and then moved forward at the rate of 100 yards every 4 minutes.

At 7.35 a.m. information was received that the right Coy. 23rd Bn. had gained its objective and was occupying the system of trenches in B.24.c.

The left Coy. 23rd Bn. and the 22nd Bn. were temporarily hung up by enemy M.G. fire from GENEVE, Buildings in B.17.d. B.24.a.&.b. The advance however was maintained and after vigorous enemy opposition had been overcome our line by 8.30 a.m. ran B.30.a.5.5., trench system in B.24.c., along road in B.24.c.&.a., B.23.b. thence along 3rd Class road in B.17.d.&.c. to B.17.a.7.0. The enemy were still holding GENEVE and PONCHAUX and no information could be obtained about the British on our left. Our left flank was dangerously exposed so a Company of the 22nd Bn. pushed forward and gained the line of the road B.17.d.7.7. thence refusing the flank back to B.17.central.

* Sunken Roads in

About 10.30 a.m. touch was gained with elements of the 7th British Inf. Bde. at B.17.c.60.95., beyond which point they had been able to advance though about 10 a.m. a message received from 2nd Aust. Divn. stated that the British held PONCHAUX.

Throughout the day we were unable to obtain any information whatever from the 7th British Inf. Bde. The casualties for this operation were.-

Killed	1 Officer	22 O.R's
Wounded	3 "	88 "
Missing	-	2
Total.	<u>-4 Officers 112 O.R's</u>	

Captures.-

(a) 21 O.R's
(b) 11 Heavy M.Guns
13 Light M. "

At 9.30 a.m. a telephone message was received from 2nd Aust. Divn. to the effect that the 6th A.I.Bde. would probably be required to take over the front then held by the 138th British Inf. Bde. South of us, during the night 4th/5th October and would then attack on the morning of 5th October and capture the village of MONTBREHAIN.

At 10.35 a.m. a message was sent to 21st & 24th Bns. stating that they would probably be required to relieve the 138th British Inf. Bde. during the night 4th/5th Oct. and attack - 21st Bn. on the right and 24th Bn. on the left - at about 6 a.m. 5th October and capture MONTBREHAIN.

At 11.35 a.m. the Div. Commander visited Bde. H.Q. to discuss tomorrow's operation and stated the 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. would be at the disposal of 6th A.I.Bde. for the operation. A Tank Coy. would also be available to assist in the operation. He also stated that during the night 5th/6th October the Brigade would be relieved by American troops.

At 1 p.m. the C.R.A. and Tank Bn. Commander arrived at Bde. H.Q. to discuss Artillery and Tank co-operation with the attacking Infantry. The Infantry J.O.T. was fixed to run from H.12.central to H.5.b.0.6. The line was to be taped out by 6th Field Coy. A.E. not later than 4 a.m. 5th October. Zero hour was fixed at 6.5 a.m. 5th October.

It was arranged that the Artillery Start Line would be 300 yards east of the J.O.T. The barrage would rest on this line for 4 minutes and then advance at the rate of 100 yds. every 4 minutes on to the FINAL PROTECTIVE BARRAGE LINE about 500 yards beyond the Inf. Objective line which was fixed to run.- H.18.a.5.9. - I.7.central - I.2.d.0.0. - I.2.a.5.2. - C.25.d.9.9. - C.25.a.3.6. - B.30.a.9.9.

It was arranged that 12 Tanks if possible and at least 8 would assist in the attack. 4 Tanks with each 21st and 24th Bns.

At 2 p.m. a Conference of C.O's 21st, 24th and 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bns. was held at Bde. H.Q. It was arranged that the Pioneer Bn. would relieve the troops of the 138th British Inf. Bde. holding the line H.18.a.7.7. - H.12.b.2.2. - Station at H.6.c.4.3. - along railway to road crossing at H.5.b.9.6. - B.29.c.9.0. during the night 4th/5th October. At this time the right flank post of the 23rd Bn. was at B.30.a.5.5. A defensive flank was thrown back from that post to join the British at B.29.c.9.0.

The 21st and 24th Bns. - 21st on right, 24th on left - would form up on the J.O.T. behind the Pioneer Bn. at least 1 hour before Zero. At Zero minus 15 minutes the Pioneer Bn. would withdraw behind the 21st and 24th Bns.

At Zero under cover of the Artillery Barrage the 21st and 24th Bns. were to advance through the Village of MONTBREHAIN and establish themselves on the high ground to the North and east of the village. The Pioneer Bn. was to follow up and gradually form a defensive flank on the South side of the village facing S.E. along the general line H.18.a.5.9. - I.7.central - I.2.d.0.0.

At this latter point connection was to be obtained and maintained with the 21st Bn., the Boundary between the 21st and 24th Bns. was fixed to run - H.8.c.4.3. - H.6.d.8.7. thence along main road through MONTBREHAIN up to C.25.d.6.8. Main road inclusive to 21st Bn. Headquarters of the 3 Bns. were to be established at H.10.b.8.2. and lines were to be run from there to Bde. H.Q. during the afternoon of 4th Oct. Later however it was decided to establish the combined Bn. H.Q. at H.10.a.1.3. and lines were accordingly run to this spot from Bde. H.Q. which remained at NAUROY throughout these operations.

The 18th and 27th Bns. were placed under the command of the 6th A.I.Bde. to be used offensively if necessary for the maintenance of our new line after the attack. The 18th Bn. was instructed to take up positions in H.10.b. and 27th Bn. in B.28.a.&.b. Both Bns. to be in position by Zero hour.

At 4 p.m. 22nd Bn. reported that they had obtained touch with the British on their left who were holding a line from B.17.a.7.1. to B.17.a.1.6.

Throughout the afternoon enemy artillery had been active shelling our forward areas and considerable movement of troops on our front and to the north had been observed.

At 4.30 p.m. 6th A.I.Bde. Order No.183 - Relief of 138th British Inf. Bde. by 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. was issued and at 7.45 p.m. 6th A.I.Bde. Order No.184 - Attack on MONTBREHAIN - was issued.

At 9.15 p.m. C.O. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. reported that he had established his H.Q. at H.10.a.1.3. and that his Coys. were moving up without trouble. He also reported that the 6th Field Coy. A.E. had successfully laid the J.O.T. from H.12.central to H.5.b.0.8. without trouble. Officers and N.C.O.'s from each of the 21st and 24th Bns. had reconnoitred the J.O.T. and were available to act as guides for their Bns. later on when they moved up into position prior to attacking.

At 11.15 p.m. the 23rd Bn. rang up and reported that they had established a post at B.30.c.8.9. and that they had located an enemy post at B.29.d.8.3. This they intended to blow out with Stokes Mortars.

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At 1.50 a.m. on 5th C.O. 23rd Bn. reported that the Railway Line running through B.30.c. was occupied by the enemy in two places.

The Artillery was asked to arrange for the barrage at 6.5 a.m. to be extended northwards to include this Railway line. The 24th Bn. was advised of the situation and made arrangements for the mopping up of the Railway Line as they advanced.

At 2.30 a.m. news was received from 2nd Aust. Divn. that the British troops on our right were attacking in the morning and were pushing out strong patrols under an Artillery barrage to occupy the roads in I.14.a.&.c. A further party was then to follow them out and occupy MANNEQUIN HILL. Action as above by the British would result in covering our exposed Right flank when we established ourselves on the Eastern side of MONTBREHAIN. Subsequent events proved however that the British were unable to secure their objectives and in consequence the enemy holding MANNEQUIN HILL all day was able to bring enfilading and reverse fire on to our troops holding MONTBREHAIN and only the fact that the 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. held their position South of the Village throughout the day in face of very heavy artillery and M.G. fire, the 21st & 24th Bns. would probably have been enveloped by an enemy advance from the south up into the village.

At 2.40 a.m. a message was received from 2nd Aust. Divn. that advance parties of the 59th American Infantry Bde. would reach 6th Bde. H.Q. at 11 a.m. The 59th American Infantry Bde. would relieve 6th A.I.Bde. in the line during the night 5th/6th October.

At 2.55 a.m. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. reported that the relief of the 139th British Infantry Brigade by them was complete.

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At 5.20 a.m. the Pioneer Bn., 21st and 24th Bns. all reported situation quiet.

At 5.25 a.m. C.O. 21st Bn. reported that at 4.30 a.m. his Bn. was getting into position on the J.O.T. satisfactorily.

At 6 a.m. the 25th Division on our left advanced under an Artillery barrage with the object of capturing BEAUREVOIR and PONCHAUX.

At 6.5 a.m. the Artillery barrage for our attack came down. At 6.20 a.m. Pioneer Bn. reported that everything seemed to be going well. The C.O., 21st Bn. reported that everything appeared to start off satisfactorily. He had a telephone line up to his forward report centre which was in the Cemetery on the RAMICOURT - MONTBREHAIN Road. Our barrage brought down light enemy artillery retaliation on the left and somewhat heavier retaliation on the right of our line. At 6.25 a.m. 18th & 27th Bns. reported themselves in position in H.10 and B.28.a. respectively.

The 21st & 24th Bns. advanced under cover of the Artillery barrage without any Tanks which were late in coming up. As our troops advanced the enemy barrage shortened irrespective of where his own troops were. This barrage continued until our men were well into the Village when the barrage was then brought back to our old Front Line which until 5 p.m. was subjected to continual bombardment with 5.9's and 4.2's. Exceptionally strong enemy M.G. fire was encountered from the village on the 21st Bn. front but this ceased when our men entered the western outskirts. From then onwards the opposition in the village opposite the 21st Bn. gradually weakened.

The 24th Bn. had scarcely passed the Railway Cutting in H.6.a. when four enemy Strong Posts at about H.6.a.9.9. were encountered. Resistance was also encountered from the Trench System in H.6.a.&b. An enemy strong post at H.6.b.1.6. contained numerous M.G.'s and 42 Germans. This post put up a desperate resistance. The enemy fought fiercely until our troops were within 3 yards of their guns. They were eventually overcome and the garrison killed to a man. At the same time two Minenwerfers and a M.G. were silenced and captured in a Strong Post at H.6.b.2.6.

A Tank now appeared on the Right of the 24th Bn. front and did excellent work in reducing a series of four enemy Strong Posts at about H.6.a.6.6. The advance continued but the Centre Company of the 24th Bn. ran against a series of organised groups of riflemen sheltering in shell holes. The opposition here was overcome and this Company pushed on as far as the QUARRY at H.6.b.2.9. which the enemy had occupied as a Strong Point. It was afterwards ascertained that this QUARRY held 40 M.G.'s and considerable more than 100 Germans. After very fierce fighting this Strong Point was captured and over 60 prisoners taken. At B.30.d.1.1. another enemy M.G. post of four guns was encountered but these were also captured. Another post at the corner of the Cemetery at H.6.b.70.95. was also dealt with.

By this time the Centre Company of the 24th Bn. had become isolated and in face of very heavy M.G. fire established a line of posts from B.30.d.0.3. to B.30.d.7.0. and attempted to regain touch with the Companies on their flanks. The enemy placed a heavy barrage along the line H.6.central - C.25.central which in addition to inflicting heavy casualties effectively prevented any communications between the Right and Centre Companies of this Battalion.

The left Company of the 24th Bn. had meanwhile reached a line running from B.30.c.4.5. - B.30.c.9.0. from where they came under heavy M.G. fire from B.30.b.&d. and C.19.c. A Tank came to their assistance but it was quickly put out of action. All Officers of this Company had meanwhile been either killed or wounded so the senior N.C.O. in charge of the Coy. decided to dig in on the line they were holding.

The Centre Company obtained touch with them and later on touch was obtained with the 23rd Bn. on the left. Meanwhile the 21st Bn. in conjunction with the Right Coy. of the 24th Bn. had continued their advance through the Village mopping up a number of M.G. posts and strong points. On emerging from the village the enemy were seen running away over the high ground but when he realised that our advance had stopped and that we were in such few numbers he apparently reorganised and advanced in formed parties to get in touch with our outposts. Considerable M.G. fire was directed on our right flank troops from DOON MILL and on our Left Flank from a Northerly direction. A line of posts was established clear of the village - 4 posts to the south of the BRANCOURT - MONTBREHAIN Road, three posts North of the road and two posts on the N.E. side of the Village with other posts at C.26.a.5.6., C.25.d.9.7., C.25.b.7.2. These advanced posts were subjected to very heavy Artillery and M.G. fire and the garrisons sustained very heavy casualties. Meanwhile owing to the gap existing between the right and centre Companies of the 24th Bn. the enemy had worked his way down to about C.25.c.4.0. The advanced posts in C.25.b. and C.26.a. were accordingly withdrawn and re-established in the Sunken Road in C.25.d. Casualties had by this time been very heavy in both Bns. and two Coys. of the 18th Bn. were placed at the disposal of the C.O. 21st Bn. and one Company at the disposal of the C.O. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. The 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. had advanced in rear of the 21st and 24th Bns. according to plan, the right Coy. of the Bn. taking up a position from H.18.a.7.7. to I.7.c.0.8. consolidating on a very good line and placed five captured German M.G.'s in position. The second Coy. in advancing and swinging to the S.E. onto its objective line had encountered considerable opposition particularly from the Sunken Road, QUARRIES and Railway Line in H.12.b. and I.7.a. The fighting was very severe at many points but the troops succeeded in establishing themselves on their objective, capturing over 40 Germans in one post. The third Coy. of this Bn. had moved forward behind the 21st Bn. but came under very heavy M.G. fire from the Copse on the Railway near I.7.a.3.g., from the Railway at about I.7.a.5.5. and from another post at I.7.a.4.2. These posts however with the aid of two Tanks were soon silenced. The advance was continued and a line established running from approximately I.8.a.5.7. to I.2.central where touch was obtained with the right of the 23rd Bn. Our troops along this line were subjected to withering M.G. fire from DOON MILL and in consequence the line was withdrawn about 100 yards to just behind the crest of the hill when the men started digging in. A gap of some 300 yards in extent now existed between the left and centre Coys of the Pioneer Bn. South of the village. Lewis Gun posts however were established at I.7.b.8.6. and I.7.b.8.9. in the centre of the gap. Meanwhile the Left Coy. of the Pioneer Bn. which was to advance behind the 24th Bn. and then swing down through the village in rear of the 21st Bn. completing the mopping up of the village, and then come into support at about H.12.b.8.8. came under heavy M.G. fire from some of the same posts which had delayed the advance of the left and centre Coys. of the 24th Bn. One enemy M.G. Post consisting of 8 guns was attacked and captured with the assistance of a Tank. This Coy. moved right up through the village and captured one 4.2 Howitzer en route. The Coy. was returning according to orders when they came under very heavy shell fire and sustained a number of casualties. The Coy. Commander seeing that the 24th Bn. were being hardly pushed took up a position along the line H.6.b.3.5. to B.30.c.9.3. The Coy. of 18th Bn. placed at the disposal of the Pioneer Bn. had been put in to reinforce their posts S. of the village and had also established a post at I.2.a.4.3.

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and the two Companies of the 18th Bn. placed at the disposal of the C.O. 21st Bn. were sent forward, one Coy. to reinforce the line astride the MONTBREHAIN - BRANCOURT ROAD, the other Coy. to move through the village and establish communication between posts at I.2.a.0.6. and the CROSS ROADS at C.25.d.9.7.

In the meantime the 24th Bn. casualties had been very heavy and two Coys. of the 27th Bn. were placed at their disposal. Working in conjunction with the 21st Bn. posts were established at H.6.b.2.9., B.30.d.6.0., B.30.d.8.0., I.1.a.4.7., I.1.a.7.7., C.25.d.0.0., C.25.d.3.4., and C.25.d.9.7. By 4 p.m. our line ran approximately H.18.a.7.7. along the railway to NEVILLES CROSS in I.7.a. to I.7.b.7.7. to I.2.d.0.0. to I.2.a.5.2. - I.2.a.0.7. C.25.d.9.7., C.25.d.8.8., C.25.d.6.4., I.1.a.8.8., I.1.a.4.5., I.1.a.1.9., B.30.d.9.0., B.30.d.8.4. - B.30.d.2.0. B.30.d.0.2. - B.30.c.8.3.

Instructions were issued that the gap then existing between the right of the 23rd and the left of the 24th Bns. was to be closed as early as possible, the 23rd Bn. being ordered to work as far south as the level crossing at B.30.c.7.9. * With the addition of 2 posts at B.30.c.4.7. and B.30.c.7.4. the above line was the one handed over to the 59th American Infantry Bde.

At about 12 noon instructions had been received from 2nd Aust. Divn. that the 20th and 28th Bns. had been placed under the orders of the 6th A.I.Bde. These Bns. were moved forward to positions - 20th Bn. in H.10. and 28th Bn. to B.27.a.8.c. The services of these Bns, however, were not required and they were released about 8 p.m. along with the 27th Bn. Two Companies of this latter Bn. had been placed at the disposal of the 24th Bn. but beyond assisting in the consolidation of some posts and carrying up some ammunition they had not been actively involved in the fighting. Their presence, however, amongst the sorely tired men of the 24th Bn. was a great incentive for further efforts.

The whole of the 18th Bn. had been put into the line and rendered invaluable assistance in closing several very dangerous gaps and strengthening some of our forward posts. It is gratifying to note that this Battalion though scattered along the whole line around MONTBREHAIN and subjected to heavy Artillery and M.G. fire came out of the line without a single casualty.

Though the enemy never launched an organised counter attack during the day he many times attempted to cut off our advanced posts especially those established during the early part of the morning in the Sunken Roads in C.25.d.

As soon as the enemy saw that we had no intention of advancing far beyond the village, he was very persistent in his efforts to deny us the high ground just outside the village. Many of his guns fired throughout the day over open sights at ranges varying from 1,500 to 3,000 yards and this shooting was most accurate.

His M.G.'s were handled very expertly and courageously and pushed far forward while his very heavy losses did not in any way deter him in his efforts to reach and wipe out our posts.

It is impossible to accurately estimate the number of enemy killed in this operation but all ranks say that they have never seen so many enemy dead in such a small area. Our advanced troops repeatedly ran out of S.A.A. for M.G.'s Rifles and Revolvers and additional supplies had to be pushed forward. Many captured German M.G.'s were used and this saved a considerable amount of our own ammunition. The 21st Bn. estimate that during the attack they killed about 100 Germans in front of and in the village. Two Companies of this Bn. report that after consolidation they each inflicted over 100 casualties on the enemy during the remainder of the day.

* This they did at about 8 p.m.

One Coy. of the 24th Bn. claims to have killed 200 Germans during the day.

In addition the Vickers M.Guns and Artillery inflicted very heavy casualties on the enemy on the high ground round the village.

A conservative estimate of the number of enemy dead to the west of and actually in the village is 400. Besides these some 100's were killed by Artillery and M.G. fire far beyond the village.

Over 600 prisoners were captured unwounded during the course of the day and the credit of capturing at least 8 Officers and 327 O.R's of these belongs to the 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. Prior to the attack 2 Vickers M.G's from the 6th A.M.G.Coy. were attached to each of the 21st, 24th and 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bns. The half section with the 21st Bn. was put out of action very early and another 2 guns were sent up to replace them. Throughout the day these attached guns, the remaining guns of the Coy. and 4 guns from the 7th A.M.G.Coy. rendered invaluable assistance and inflicted very heavy losses on the enemy.

One M.G. post at I.2.c.5.8. and another at H.6.b.9.9. each claim 100 enemy casualties as a result of their fire, this claim is born out by the Infantry in the neighbourhood. All ranks are unanimous in their praise of the work done by the Vickers M.Guns.

The L.T.Mortar attached to each Bn. had very little opportunity for doing good work, being engaged at once by enemy artillery at short range whenever they attempted to come into action against an enemy strong post.

Both 21st and 24th Bns. report that at Zero our barrage was very ragged, scattered and thin. At Zero plus 2 minutes the volume of fire increased fully 50% many of the shells falling short. The ragged fringe of the barrage made it very difficult for our troops to move up close to it and in consequence we suffered many casualties from the enemy barrage which was mainly an enfilade one from the South East and kept pace with our troops as they moved forward.

In spite of this the Artillery rendered valuable assistance in engaging large parties of the enemy moving up towards MONTBREHAIN evidently with the intention of launching counter attacks and in covering the consolidation of our posts. They fired almost continuously throughout the day and the Infantry report inflicted extremely heavy casualties on the enemy on the ridges around the village.

To assist in the Infantry attack 8 Brigades of Field Artillery were available. This represented a total of 144 18 pdr. guns, 4.8 4.5 Howitzers giving approximately 1 gun to every 14 yards of front during the barrage. After reaching the protective barrage line 3 Bdes. of Artillery ceased fire and stood by ready to engage emergency targets.

Throughout these operations the Signal communications between Bn. and Bde. H.Q. were extremely good.

Great difficulty was experienced in keeping the lines intact but the linemen were always prompt in locating and repairing any break and communication with Bns. was never lost for more than a few minutes at a time.

During the operations of the 5th October Bde. H.Q. was at all times able to speak to the C.O's of the attacking Bns. in consequence was kept fully informed of the changing situation. Lucas Lamp Stations were established between Bde. H.Q. and advanced Bde. report centre and between Relay posts and Bn. H.Q. Messages were frequently sent by this means when the lines were temporarily out of order.

Communication was established between Bde. H.Q. and Div. and flank Bdes and Bde. Advanced report centre by Wireless.

Mounted D.R's and runners proved invaluable. The operations were of such a nature that a large number of very long important messages had to be sent over the wires and the rapidity and accuracy with which these messages were transmitted reflects great credit on all concerned.

The credit of the success of the operation on the 5th Oct. is largely due to the 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. This Bn. which was hurriedly concentrated in the FAUROY area on the 3rd Oct. had never before been actively engaged in front line operations. They were called upon to carry out a most difficult relief - the relief of a complete Bde. of Infantry holding a very vague sort of line with troops inextricably mixed up all along the line. They had very little time available for preliminary reconnaissances of the routes forward and of the actual line they were to take over. The relief was carried out in pitch darkness and rapidity with which it was completed reflects great credit on all ranks of the 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.

This Bn. had to cover the forming up of the 21st and 24th Bns. and then withdraw through them just prior to Zero, reform and follow the attacking Bns. forward, mop up behind them and gradually establish a defensive flank, a very difficult and complicated manoeuvre. The fact that all this was done according to plan, that they attacked and captured many enemy strong posts, work which they were then doing for the first time, and then hung on to their positions all day in the face of extremely heavy Artillery and M.G. fire stamps them as soldiers of the finest quality. The number of prisoners and M.Guns captured by this Bn. during the day is the best indication of the splendid work performed by them.

Casualties during operation of 5th October.-

6th A.I. Bde.	Killed	7 Officers	61 O.R's
	Wounded	10 "	168 "
	Missing	-	14 "
	Total	17 Offrs.	243 O.R's

2nd Pioneer Bn.	Killed	- Officers	22 O.R's
	Wounded	6 "	82 "
	Missing	1 "	2 "
	Total	7 Offrs.	106 O.R's

5th A.M.G. Coy.	Killed	2 Officers	1 O.R's
	Wounded	3 "	21 "
	Missing	-	-
	Total	5 Officers	22 O.R's

Grand total of casualties for 6th A.I. Bde. Group for operations of 5th October.-

	Killed	9 Officers	84 O.R's
	Wounded	19 "	271 "
	Missing	1 "	16 "
	Total	29 Officers	371 O.R's

Captures during operation of 5th October.-

(a) Prisoners	..	12 Officers	594 O.R's
(b) Material	..	150 M.Guns	
		8 Minenwerfer	
		1 4.2" Howitzer	
		1 7.7 c.m. gun	

A large Ammunition and Engineer Dump.

Total casualties sustained by 6th A.I. Bde. Group during period 3rd - 6th October inclusive.-

	Killed	12 Officers	115 O.R's
	Wounded	24 "	384 "
	Missing	1 "	25 "
	Grand Total	37 Officers	424 O.R's

Captures by 6th A.I. Bde. Group for period 3rd to 6th Oct. inclusive.-

(a) Prisoners	..	15 Officers	752 O.R's
(b) Material	..	1 5.9" How.	
		1 4.2" "	
		6 7.7 c.m. Guns	
		9 Minenwerfer	
		100 Heavy M.Guns	
		112 Light M.Guns	
		4 Messenger Pigeons	

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There is no doubt that at MONTBREHAIN the enemy suffered a severe defeat. The enemy according to statements fully expected our attack and in anticipation had brought up fresh troops into the village and strongly reinforced his Artillery. Judging from the numbers of prisoners and the known enemy casualties he must have had as many as 1,500 troops in front of and in the village of MONTBREHAIN at the time of our attack. That these troops did not put up a better fight in the village itself speaks well for the courage and dash of our own men and for the effectiveness of the Artillery barrage. Prisoners from 10 different Regiments were captured during the day indicating the great confusion of units on the enemy side on such a small sector of the front. — a very good index of the general confusion in his ranks all along the battle front. The fact that during the night 5th/6th October the enemy was exceptionally quiet and unaggressive and that he made no effort that night or next morning to retake MONTBREHAIN indicates clearly the disorganization prevailing amongst his troops and his desire to be left in peace and quietness whilst he reorganised his battle front.

The great success of the operations a few days later by American troops was due to a large extent to the severe defeats suffered by the enemy during the period 3rd to 6th October.

During the course of the afternoon of 5th Oct. advanced parties of the 59th American Infantry Brigade were sent up to arrange details of the relief which was to take place that night. It was arranged that the 118th American Inf. Regt. should relieve the 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn., 21st and 24th Bns., putting two Bns. in the line and keeping the third in Reserve. The 117th American Infantry Regt. was to relieve the 22nd & 23rd Bns. putting one Bn. in the line, one in Support, and one in Reserve. The whole relief went off very smoothly and was complete by 2.20 a.m. 6th October. 6th A.I.Bde. Group moved back to the area South and South West of NAUROY after completion of the relief. From this area during the morning of the 6th October the Bde. Group moved by march route to the HERVILLY Area. From this area the 6th A.I.Bde. moved by train on the 7th October to the YZEUX Rest Area. 6th A.I.Bde. H.Q. being established at YZEUX, 21st and 24th Battalions going to LA CHAUSSEE and 22nd and 23rd Bns. going to ST VAST.

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 - 22nd " .. " " A.R.L. WILTSHIRE, D.S.O., M.C.
 - 23rd " .. Major D. BEITH
 - 24th " .. Lt.-Col. F.E. JAMES, D.S.O.
 - 2nd A.Pioneer Bn. .. " " F.W.T. ANNAND, D.S.O., VD
 - 18th Battalion .. Major W.R.C. ROBERTSON, M.C.
 - 27th " .. Lt.-Col. F.R. CHALMERS, D.S.O.
 - 6th A.H.G.Coy. .. Capt. J.H. DRUMMOND, M.C.

J.P. Robertson

Brigadier-General,
Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade

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21st AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTN.
No.....
Date.....

21st Battalion Headquarters,
10th October 1918.

The G.O.C.,
6th A.I. Brigade.

Sir,
I have the honour to bring before your notice the attached names of Officers and Other Ranks for good and gallant services rendered during recent operations East of PERONNE.

.....Lieut. -Colonel,
Commanding 21st Battalion A.I.F.

J/15.

Second Lieutenant Charles William STEWART.

During the operations at MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the morning of 5th October 1918, this Officer led his Platoon with great dash and bravery. He was always well ahead of the foremost of his men, and, when opposition was encountered from an enemy machine-gun Post, without waiting for his command to rally, he attacked this post. He repeated this performance on six separate occasions, and in every case the garrisons were either killed or taken prisoners. On reaching the objective he disposed his men to the best advantage, and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy when they attempted to reorganise. Again under heavy machine gun fire he went forward with a party and outflanked an enemy machine gun, dispersing the crew. Whilst returning to the line he was wounded in the thigh by enemy shell fire, but remained with his men until he had made certain that the situation was secure.

(Recommended for Military Cross.)

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Lieutenant Reginald Howard FARNDON.

During the attack on MONTBREMHAÏN, East of PERONNE, on 5th October 1918, Lt. FARNDON, as Signalling Officer, established communication forward to the J.O.F. at Zero. Afterwards he personally reconnoitred a route and laid wires right up to the forward line of posts. He then established two report centres and, by the effective communication thus obtained and maintained, was the means of sending back information of the utmost importance to his Commanding Officer. Throughout the twelve hours, subsequent to Zero, Lt. FARNDON supervised the maintenance of communications, and broken wires were repaired with such celerity that, for not more than ten minutes at any one time, were Battalion Headquarters out of touch by telephone with the forward Companies. He personally manned the forward Report Centre, which was situated in a quarry subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire, and through which the forward line ran, and for a period of eight hours this officer collected and despatched all available information reference operations. Owing to the number of posts to be manned and the scarcity of men, due to casualties, Lt. FARNDON, on several occasions, went out himself and personally repaired broken lines. His work, throughout the tour of duty in the line, was of a very high order, and the energy and zeal he displayed in the execution of his duties were of the utmost assistance in administration.

(Recommended for Military Cross.).

Lieutenant Willie McCONNOCHIE.

(Mentioned in Despatches. A.I.F. List 279.1.1.18.).

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During the attack on MONTBREMHAÏN, East of PERONNE, on the morning of 5th October, this Officer was a Platoon Commander. On the Company Commander becoming a casualty soon after Zero Lt. McCONNOCHIE immediately took command and led the Company forward.

Seeing that an enemy machine gun post was holding up the advance this Officer immediately rushed it, bayoneted the Officer, and took the crew prisoners.

On arrival at the objective he made a reconnaissance and then skilfully deployed his men and established posts. He then visited the Units on either flank, to obtain complete liaison, under heavy enemy fire of all descriptions. Having collected a quantity of captured enemy guns and Lewis Guns dropped by casualties Lt. McCONNOCHIE placed these in advantageous positions in his posts, where they were used with great effect on the enemy. An enemy field gun which was firing at our troops at point blank range at a distance of seven hundred yards was successfully silenced, and, later, enemy machine gun fire from DOON HILL was successfully neutralised. Throughout the operation the foresight, tactical skill, energy, and bravery of this Officer were of the highest order.

(Recommended for Military Cross.).

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Captain Harris MENDELSON.

(5th Field Ambulance, A.A.F.C., Attached 21st A.I.Bn.).

During operations in the vicinity of MONTBRICHAIN, East of PERONNE, on 5th October 1918, this officer acted in the capacity of Regimental Medical Officer.

Soon after the attack had been launched, Capt. Mendelsohn perceived that his Aid Post was not far enough forward for the efficient evacuation of casualties. He therefore immediately pushed forward, under heavy enemy shell fire, and established his post in advance of the J.O.T. at a position two kilometres forward of any other Aid Post. By this prompt and gallant action, he was able to give immediate attention to wounded men, both from his own and other units. Stretcher cases were saved a long and tiring carry before being dressed and, in more than one case, this meant the saving of life.

Throughout the day Capt. MENDELSON worked unceasingly, under heavy shell fire at all times.

Though the majority of casualties passed through his hands, he efficiently attended to them all, organising stretcher parties from prisoners, and despatching them to the rear without delay.

At no time was there any congestion at his Aid Post.

(Recommended for Military Cross.).

1742 Corporal George William TORNEY D.C.M.

(D.C.M. awarded A.C.R.O. 210. No. 40. 31.7.18.).

Subsequent to the successful attack on MONTBRICHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the afternoon of 5th October 1918, support platoons were sent forward to reinforce the new forward outpost line on the Northern edge of the village.

This Non-Commissioned Officer led his section forward over ground exposed to heavy direct machine gun fire, undeterred by this, he pressed forward until close contact with the enemy machine gun posts had been obtained, and then engaged them.

His aggressive action caused the enemy to evacuate their forward posts and, whilst they were withdrawing, he brought machine gun fire to bear on them causing many casualties. Cpl TORNEY personally accounted for twenty of the enemy at close range, whilst his vigorous attack was responsible for the establishing of superiority of fire over the enemy, and for proper liaison between on the posts on his right and left being obtained.

(Recommended for Bar to Distinguished)
(Conduct Medal.).

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3915 Private Richard Nicholas ROBINSON.

Near MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the morning of 5th October 1918, shortly after leaving the J.O.F., the centre of the advance of the Company to which this man belonged was held up by machine gun fire from a quarry in front of the village.

Armed with a Lewis Gun, which he fired from his hip, ROBINSON rushed forward alone towards the post. He jumped down into the post, and, single handed, killed the garrison of eight; thus allowing the advance to continue. Later he took the captured gun forward and mounted it in an advantageous position where the line was thinly held. Here he used it with telling effect on the enemy and inflicted many casualties.

(Recommended for Distinguished)
(Conduct Medal.).

310 Company Sergeant Major (W.O. Class II) William Charles TREVASCUS.

During the operations near MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the 5th October 1918, this Non-Commissioned Officer displayed great resource and initiative. He led his Company forward with great skill, and, on the objective, collected a party of men who had become disorganised and took command of them. Here he established two posts near the BRANCOURT - MONTBREHAIN ROAD with his party which was composed of men of several Units. He personally supervised their consolidation on the best position obtainable, and later, when the enemy attempted to counter-attack, moved backwards and forwards continually between these posts giving orders and directing operations. All this was performed under heavy enemy fire of all descriptions.

Later C.S.M. TREVASCUS led a party which rushed an enemy machine gun post and was the first to enter it, capturing a machine gun and six prisoners. Throughout the day, utterly regardless of his personal safety, he moved about giving orders and controlling operations. His work was invaluable and cannot be too highly praised.

(Recommended for Distinguished)
(Conduct Medal.).

3934 Private Albert Christian Nance WASHUSIN.

During the operations at MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the morning of 5th October 1918, this man was most conspicuous for the fine soldierly qualities he displayed in the most advanced positions.

As a rifleman he was always in the van of the attack sniping at the retreating enemy.

Later he volunteered to carry a message back to Headquarters through a heavy machine-gun and artillery barrage over open country. The successful performance of this duty was responsible for the capture of at least thirty of the enemy.

Having rejoined his section, he went forward alone, and took up a position in front of the post advanced posts. From here, with accurate sniping fire, he dispersed two parties of the enemy who were attempting to reorganise preparatory to counter-attacking.

Throughout the day he maintained such an accurate fire on enemy targets that he established complete superiority of fire and prevented the enemy from reorganising in this vicinity.

He personally accounted for twenty Germans.

(Recommended for Distinguished)
(Conduct Medal.).

5406 Private (Lance Corporal) Ernest George SAVIGE M.M.
(Awarded M.M. for work on 8.9.18. Authority. --)
(Awarded Bar to M.M. for work on 1.9.18. Auth. --)

North of MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the afternoon of 5th October 1918, this Non-Commissioned Officer went forward with a support Platoon to reinforce the outpost line. Under heavy enemy fire he pressed forward until within sixty yards of their line, at which point he engaged a machine gun which was sweeping our forward positions and interfering with communications. He successfully silenced this gun as well as several snipers and caused the enemy to withdraw from his forward positions. During their retreat he inflicted many casualties on them, completely silencing their fire, and enabling our posts to be pushed further forward still. His courage and initiative were of the highest order.

(Recommended for Second Bar to Military Medal.)

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2417 Sergeant Thomas Bell TAYLOR M.M.
(Awarded M.M. A.I.F. List. 202.10.7.17.)

During the attack on MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on 5th October 1918, this Non-Commissioned Officer led his men with great dash and bravery. Whilst his men were consolidating on the objective he personally patrolled the ground in front and on both flanks. On the right flank he discovered that our posts had been forced to withdraw. He immediately collected a number of men, and, having organised them into a storming party, led them forward under heavy rifle and machine gun fire. He personally killed six of the enemy, and having driven them from the vicinity, re-established the posts. On the enemy attempting to establish a new line he again accounted for many of his troops by his skillful fire.

(Recommended for Bar to Military Medal.)

4595 Corporal Daniel GORMAN M.M.
(Awarded M.M. A.I.F. List 367.9.8.18.)

At MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the 5th October 1918, this Non-Commissioned Officer displayed great coolness, initiative and bravery during the advance. On the Platoon Sergeant becoming a casualty, GORMAN took charge of the Platoon and led them forward to their objective. On arrival there he patrolled No Man's Land, and, having obtained information of importance, he established a forward post of great tactical strength. In an encounter with the enemy he took ten of them prisoners and, later, by his skilful direction of the fire of his men, dispersed the enemy time and again as they attempted to reform. By his capable organisation the men of his post were enabled to successfully rout the enemy when they attempted to counter-attack, and to inflict heavy casualties on them as they withdrew.

(Recommended for Bar to Military Medal.)

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3833 Private (Lance Corporal) William Luke MILES M.M.
(Awarded M.M. A.C.R.O.210.No.40. 31.7.18.).

At MONTBERRHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the 5th October 1918, this Non-Commissioned Officer led his section forward with great dash to their objective on the Eastern side of the Village. Here on several occasions he carried important messages back to the Forward Report Centre across heavy ground under close machine gun fire.

His action enabled complete liaison to be maintained, and the services he rendered were of the greatest importance in connection with subsequent movements.

The Signallers working under his direction all speak in glowing terms of his coolness and courage which were of a very high order.

(Recommended for Bar to Military Medal.).

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788 Sergeant William Leslie Victor ANDERSON.

At MONTBERRHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the morning of 5th October 1918, this Non-Commissioned Officer took charge of his Platoon on the J.O.T., when his Platoon Officer became a casualty.

He displayed great skill during the advance, in handling his men, and in taking advantage of all possible cover, so that casualties were greatly minimised.

On the objective heavy enemy machine gun fire was encountered. Undeterred by this he selected a sound tactical position for his post and, whilst his men were consolidating, made a reconnaissance of the vicinity.

During an enemy counter-attack his capable command and well-directed fire succeeded in dispersing the enemy with great slaughter before they had reached our line. The skill and judgment he displayed are worthy of high commendation.

(Recommended for Military Medal.).

994 Private (Lance Corporal) Ernest Alfred WATSON.

During the attack on MONTBERRHAIN, East of PERONNE on the morning of 5th October 1918, this Non-Commissioned Officer established a Section Post of Riflemen.

Seeing that the posts on his left were having trouble in consolidation, L/Cpl WATSON went out, and, having recovered a Lewis Gun from a casualty, used it to great advantage on the enemy, thus giving the necessary covering fire, which enabled the posts on the left to consolidate on a general line. This was done under intense enemy machine gun fire.

With his gun he effectively silenced three enemy machine guns which were causing us considerable casualties.

He remained in this forward position with his section until the line in rear had been thoroughly consolidated, when he withdrew to his place in the new line.

By the skilful handling of his weapon L/Cpl WATSON succeeded in dispersing several parties of the enemy, and killed at least twelve of them.

His timely action at a critical juncture was of great assistance to his Company.

(Recommended for Military Medal.).

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2024 Sergeant Robert Walter HAYES.

During the attack on MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the 5th October 1918, this Non-Commissioned Officer had charge of a Platoon.

At all times he handled his men in a masterful manner, and, overcoming all resistance met with on the way, led his men to their objective.

Here, after a reconnaissance of the ground in front, he established a strong Lewis Gun Post in a very advanced position.

When the enemy attempted to pierce our newly-formed line on his right flank, he controlled the fire of his men with telling effect, and himself inflicted many casualties with his Lewis Gun.

The assistance given in this manner by Sgt HAYES' post was invaluable to the defenders in repelling the attack. Throughout the action he performed the work of an Officer and his determined course of action, and fearless gallantry were a source of continual inspiration to his men.

(Recommended for Military Medal.).

6836a Private Otto Ernest LESSING.

At MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the 5th October 1918, this man handled his Lewis Gun in a most effective manner. When a post established by the enemy in the Northern corner of the Village was causing considerable trouble and holding up the advance, Pte LESSING led the party that rushed it. He was one of the first to jump down into the trench, and captured one machine gun and five prisoners. Throughout the day his excellent work as a gunner had a great effect on the enemy, whom he killed in considerable numbers.

(Recommended for Military Medal.).

4095 Private William Henry DIXON.

At MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on 5th October 1918, this man volunteered to carry messages between two posts which were in an exposed position.

The ground he had to cross was devoid of cover and swept by machine gun fire.

Pte DIXON crossed this ground time and again with messages, and by this means communication was maintained.

His example was a great incentive to his comrades, whilst the courage and coolness he at all times displayed were of the highest order.

(Recommended for Military Medal.).

6835a Private Charles William LUKINS.

During the operations near MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the morning of the 5th October, after the objective had been reached this soldier, on his own initiative, occupied an exposed position and did some extremely effective sniping.

When an organised body of the enemy attempted to counter-attack our newly-won position, Pte LUKINS, by well-directed rifle fire, threw their ranks into confusion, and when the remainder of his party opened fire on them, they wavered and fled.

His prompt action at this critical juncture was most commendable.

(Recommended for Military Medal.).

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1709 Corporal Thomas Haxton McNEILLY.

On the Morning of 5th October, during the operations near MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, this Non-Commissioned Officer fought his way forward with great gallantry. He and another N.C.O. went through the Village alone, firing at the retreating enemy as they advanced. When the objective was reached he gathered his section together and established a strong snipers' Post. He then patrolled the front and the flanks and obtained communication with the neighbouring posts. Later in the day when the enemy, having reorganised, were attempting to counter-attack, Cpl McNEILLY broke up their formation completely with the skilfully organised fire from his post. He personally accounted for seven of the enemy.

(Recommended for the Military Medal.).

2569 Corporal Leslie Neal BLISS.

During the attack on MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the morning of 5th October 1918, this Non-Commissioned Officer led his section with great daring and skill. During the advance several enemy machine gun posts were encountered, but Cpl BLISS, having deployed his men, dealt with all these in a most successful manner. His party captured four machine guns and fifty prisoners. Having reached his objective, whilst his men were consolidating, he personally patrolled the vicinity, and maintained liaison with the flanks. Throughout the day the tactical skill, coolness, and bravery he displayed were of the highest order.

(Recommended for Military Medal.).

4381 Private David Thomas CAMERON.

At MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the 5th October 1918, this man caused great execution with his Lewis Gun. On reaching the objective he went out alone into No Man's Land, and, having obtained information of importance, he returned and communicated it to his Officer. Later he selected a most advantageous post for his Lewis Machine Gun Section, and, from here, brought effective fire to bear on a party of the enemy who were attempting to turn our flank. By his timely action he broke the enemy formation and forced them to withdraw, after suffering heavy casualties.

(Recommended for Military Medal.).

4661 Private William Henry BACK.

During the attack on MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the morning of 5th October 1918, this soldier secured an enemy sniper's rifle during the advance. On reaching the objective he worked forward alone and took up a post from which he could enfilade the enemy right flank. He remained here throughout the day at great personal risk and under heavy fire of all descriptions. From this position he inflicted many casualties on the enemy and threw their line into confusion. The determination, powers of decision, daring, and coolness displayed were of the highest order.

(Recommended for Military Medal.).

5022 Private Percy Pitt GOULLET.

During the operations against MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the 5th October 1918, this soldier displayed great courage and daring. He was the first to volunteer for any enterprise of a dangerous character.

On arrival at the objective his section dug in in an exposed position. Pte GOULLET promised to bring aid, and set off over open country, under close machine gun fire.

He delivered an important message to his Company Commander, and, whilst returning, gathered a party together to attend to the wounded. Having seen that all the casualties in his vicinity had been disposed of, he again set out to obtain liaison with the flanks.

By his daring act he thus established communication between all parts of his Company, and was able to deliver messages of extreme importance.

At all times he was subject to heavy enemy fire of all descriptions.

(Recommended for Military Medal.).

5652 Private (Lance Corporal) Herbert Albert MEYERS.

During the attack on MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the 5th October 1918, this Non-Commissioned Officer led his Lewis Machine Gun Section forward with dash and skill. Taking advantage of all protection offered, he was able to greatly minimise casualties.

On arrival at his objective he found that an enemy strong post was barring the way. With his gun he brought effective fire to bear on this post, and killed their gun crew. Continuing his advance he again successfully dealt with determined enemy resistance, and took twenty four prisoners. Having established his post, he obtained liaison with the troops on both flanks, and then, throughout the day, maintained effective fire on enemy targets, inflicting many casualties.

(Recommended for the Military Medal.).

No. 358 Private (Temp. Cpl) Walter Sydney COOPER.

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Near MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the morning of 5th October 1918, this Non-Commissioned Officer set a splendid example of gallantry and devotion to duty. For twelve hours, under heavy and continuous shell-fire, he carried out his allotted work of dressing and attending to the wounded.

The celerity and skill he displayed were of great assistance to the Regimental Medical Officer in the rapid evacuation of casualties.

His example stimulated the men working under him with very good results, whilst his cheerful demeanour under all conditions greatly enheartened the wounded under his care.

(Recommended for Military Medal.).

922 Private William Vincent BRAKIN.

During the attack on MONTBREHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the morning of 5th October 1918, this soldier, having reached the North-Eastern outskirts of the Village, went forward alone with his Lewis Gun and successfully engaged enemy machine guns in front.

His timely action afforded the necessary covering fire to his section, which took up a position in a sunken road. Continuing his work, whilst consolidation was in progress, he accounted for three known enemy guns and several snipers. It was entirely due to his efforts that it was possible to make this forward position secure. Later he rejoined his section in the sunken road, still engaging the enemy with his gun, until the gun was destroyed by enemy enfilade fire.

(Recommended for Military Medal.).

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21st Battalion Headquarters,
10th October 1918.

The C.O.,
2nd Pioneer Bn.,
A. I. F.

Sgt R. McNAIR.

The above-mentioned N.C.O. has been brought to my notice for conspicuous gallantry and good services during recent operations. I forward herewith a recommendation for Sgt McNair.

.....Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding 21st Battalion A.I.F.

J/10.

No. - Sergeant R. McNAIR. (2nd Pioneer Bn.).

During the operations in the vicinity of MONTREKHAIN, East of PERONNE, on the 5th October 1918 this Non-Commissioned Officer carried out valuable patrol and liaison work. He established communication with a Company of this Battalion and displayed judgment and powers of organisation above the ordinary. When the enemy attempted to outflank his Company on the right he gathered a few men together and led them forward to a commanding position, thus forestalling the enemy plans and making his Company secure. Sgt McNAIR'S party sent back about twenty prisoners, and he himself accounted for four of the enemy.

(Recommended for Military Medal.).

.....Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding 21st Battalion A.I.F.

9th October 1918.

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21st Battalion Headquart rs,
12th October 1918.

The G.O.C.,
6th A.I. Brigade.

Sir,

Adverting to my memo of recent date reference
recommendations for Honours and Rewards, I desire to bring
the following additional names before your notice as
worthy of consideration.

- 5123 Sergeant Samuel HOYLE.
- 615 Corporal (L/Sgt) Victor James EDWARDS.

.....Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding 21st Battalion A.I.F.

J/20.



5123 Sergeant Samuel HOYLE.

During the operations at MONTBERRAIN, East of PERONNE, on the 5th October 1918, this Non-Commissioned Officer took a most prominent part in the attack.

On reaching the ridge facing the final objective the Platoon to which Sgt HOYLE belonged was held up by heavy enemy enfilade machine-gun fire.

Sgt HOYLE, with four others, immediately worked his way forward along a sunken road, in the face of strong opposition, and, having succeeded in outflanking these guns, he effectively neutralised their fire.

Three of his party became casualties during this operation, and this N.C.O. carried them to a place of shelter.

Though almost virtually surrounded by the enemy, he refused to evacuate his position throughout the day, even after his wounded comrades had been taken to the rear by Stretcher Bearers.

His work in the establishment of this advanced post was of an exceptionally fine order, as from this forward position he was able to inflict heavy casualties on the enemy and to prevent them from reorganising.

(Recommended for Distinguished)
(Conduct Medal.).

615 Corporal (Lance Sergeant) Victor James EDWARDS.

At MONTBERRAIN, East of PERONNE, on the 5th October 1918, this Non-Commissioned Officer led an assault party of eleven against an enemy post which was very strongly placed in the Village.

This post had been causing considerable trouble to our men and had, for the time, separated the flanks.

After determined fighting L/Sgt EDWARDS was the first to jump down into the post where he killed many of the enemy. After the capture had been completed there were thirty enemy dead.

This action resulted in complete liaison being again restored and enabled the attack to advance with regularity. Throughout the operations this N.C.O.'s work was of a consistently high standard.

(Recommended for Military Medal.).



APPENDIX NO. XXV. CONFIDENTIAL21st
AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BATTN.

Date.....

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
-----****-----Brigade Headquarters
10th Oct., 1918.

Commanding Officers	
21st Battalion	—
22nd	"
23rd	"
24th	"

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No. 1118
Date

The G.O.C. directs that the 22nd and 23rd Bns. be each reorganized into 4 Company Battalions in accordance with G.H.Q. Pamphlet O.B./1919 of September 1918.

The 21st and 24th Bns. on account of their present strengths will each be reorganized into 2 Company Battalions.

The above reorganization will be put in hand at once and must be completed not later than 6 p.m. 12th inst.

Compliance with these instructions will be reported to Bde. Hdqrs.

J. H. M. Lane
Major,
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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21st
 AUSTRALIAN
 INFANTRY BATTN.

No.....
 Date.....

APPENDIX NO. XXVI.

AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY FORCE

1st Battalion Headquarters,
 11th October, 1918.

6th A.I. Brigade.

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Re. 1029. 9.10.18.
FOREIGN DECORATIONS.

Herewith recommendations for Belgian Croix de Guerre in the case of the following Other Ranks, as required by your above-mentioned memo.

2921 Cpl W.J. MOORE.
 384 R.S.M. J.W. GREEN.

.....Lieut.-Colonel,
 Commanding 21st Battalion A.I.F.

J/18.

2921 Corporal Walter John MOORE.

During the operations near HERLEVILLE, East of AMIENS, on the 18th August 1918, this Non-Commissioned Officer patrolled a large gap which had been left during the attack, being constantly under heavy enemy fire. He brought back information of the highest value and, by means of it, we were enabled to establish posts in most advantageous and advanced positions. Later he went forward alone to an advanced post and, by skilful sniping, accounted for at least six of the enemy, thus helping to keep them in a disorganized state.

384 Regimental Sergeant Major John Willoughby GREEN.

During recent operations East of AMIENS, at VILLERS-BRETONNEUX, HERLEVILLE, and MONTHERMILAIN, from August 8th to September 6th 1918, the work of this Warrant Officer has been of great value both in administration and organisation. His untiring energy in the performance of his duties has greatly assisted his Commanding Officer during this period of exceptional stress. In the forward area R.S.M. GREEN's work when in charge of ammunition, water, and other supplies has left nothing to be desired. Often under heavy enemy fire, he has controlled and supervised the maintenance of these supplies, and, at great personal risk, has always ensured the ~~same~~ regular transport forward of stores to the points where they were required.

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21st AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTN.
No.....
Date.....

AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE



Brigade Headquarters
12th Oct., 1918.

- 21st Bn.
- 22nd "
- 23rd "
- 24th "

1. With reference to 6th A.I.Bde. Special Order dated 24th Sept., 1918 the transfer of personnel of 21st Bn. to other Bns. of this Bde. will take place at 10 a.m. 13th October, 1918.
2. It has been arranged that, with certain exceptions which will be notified later, the personnel of 21st Bn. will be transferred to the 24th Bn.
3. On completion of the transfer Major W.H. ELLWOOD, M.C. 24th Bn. will be in command of the 24th Bn.
4. At 10 a.m. 15th Sept., 1918. Lieut.-Col. B.O.C. DUGGAN, D.S.O. will assume Command temporarily of 24th Bn. vice Lieut.-Col. W.E. JAMES, D.S.O. evacuated. On return to duty of Lieut.-Col. W.E. JAMES, Lieut.-Col. DUGGAN will automatically relinquish command of 24th Bn.

A c k n o w l e d g e --

J.L. Lawrence
Major,

Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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Brig.-Genl. J.C. Robertson, C.M.G., D.S.O. Commanding 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
24th September, 1918.

1. Instructions have been received for the withdrawal forthwith of the 21st Battalion.
(Authority D.A.G./A.I.F. T.448 of 20.9.18)
2. Hereafter the designation "21st Bn." will apply to the training unit of the 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
3. Battalion H.Q.'s Orderly Room Staff will be sent to report to H.Q., A.I.F. Depots in U.K. for duty with the 21st Bn. on its reorganization as a training unit.
The remaining personnel of 21st Bn. will be distributed today 24th September, 1918 amongst the other Battalions of the 6th A.I.Bde. in accordance with Tables A, B, C, D, E. and F. attached.
4. Officers absent sick or wounded whether on the--
 - (a) Regimental Seconded List or not will be transferred to other Bns. of the Brigade in accordance with Table B. attached. If on the Regimental Seconded List of the 21st Bn. they will be transferred to the Regimental Seconded List of the new Battalion to which they are re-allotted.
 - (b) Officers on the Supernumerary List of the 21st Bn. will not be transferred. They will remain thereon until otherwise disposed of under orders to be issued by D.A.G., A.I.F.
 - (c) Officers of the 21st Bn. now seconded for duty with the Training Bn. will be transferred to other Bns. of the Brigade in accordance with Table C. attached - and will thence be seconded for duty with the 21st Bn. (which has now become the training unit of this Bde.) Officers of other Battalions of this Brigade now seconded for duty with the Training Bn. (other than on the Training Bn. H.Q.) are being shown in the next "S. and R. List" as being seconded for duty with the "21st Bn."
 - (d) Officers of 21st Bn. reported as "Missing" will remain on the 21st Bn. List until struck off after the expiration of 3 months from the date of being reported "Missing" - or until otherwise disposed of
 - (e) Officers of 21st Bn. now seconded on other employment will be transferred to other Battalions of the Brigade in accordance with Table D. attached and to remain seconded.
 - (f) The Asst. Adjutant and Q.M. will be sent to England for a tour of duty with the Training Bn. - thus relieving two other Officers for return to duty in the Field.
 - (g) The Officer holding the appointment of Adjutant 21st Bn. will automatically relinquish such appointment unless allotted to a similar appointment in the Bn. to which he is transferred.
 - (h) The M.O. will be reposted under orders to be issued by the A.D.M.S.
5. (a) There will be no necessity to provide for any transfers of personnel in Hospitals. Those who are discharged from Hospitals to Command Depots will remain members of the 21st Bn. which will still be in existence as a Training Battalion - until they are either:-

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- (i) Returned to Australia, or
(ii) Transferred to Overseas Training Bde.
- In case of (i) they will be returned to Australia as members of the 21st Bn.
In the case of (ii) they will be transferred by the G.O.C. A.I.F. Depots in U.K. as reinforcements for other Bns. of the 6th A.I.Bde.
6. The 21st Bn. Transport will be kept intact pending further instructions and will be available for work under Bde. H.Q.
 7. All mobilization stores - except Transport and Transport equipment - will be returned to D.A.D.O.S. accompanied by detailed lists in triplicate marked "ON REPAYMENT". Original and duplicate lists will be signed by D.A.D.O.S. and returned to 21st Bn. the triplicate being retained by D.A.D.O.S. The original list will be placed in the Bn. records and the duplicate copy sent to A.D.O.S. AUST. CORPS through Bde. H.Q.
 8. On handing over the 21st Bn. will submit to A.D.O.S. AUST. Corps through Bde. H.Q. a return showing.-
 - (a) Stores of an Inf. Bn. as laid down in G.1098/110 (Mobilization Stores Table.)
 - (b) Stores returned to D.A.D.O.S.
 - (c) Explanation of deficiencies (if any) as per pro forma below.-

Stores	As per Mob. Store Table	Returned to D.A.D.O.S.	Deficiency	Explanation of Deficiency

9. The 21st Bn. records will be written up to date and sent to the I/C. Officer I/c. Aust. War Records Section - Administrative H.Q., A.I.F. London.
10. Instructions as to the disposal of Postal Corporal and Pay Sergeant will be issued separately.
11. 21st Bn. will provide 22nd, 23rd, & 24th Bns. with complete lists by 6 p.m. 24th Sept. showing names, ranks (and Regimental numbers where necessary) of all officers and O.R's transferred in accordance with this order.

J. J. M. Coles
Major,
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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D i s t r i b u t i o n .

Issued to.- 21st Bn.
 22nd "
 23rd "
 24th "
 6th A.L.T.M.Bty.

Copies to.- Bde. Sig. Section
 Bde. Post. Office
 16th Coy. A.A.S.C.
 2nd Aust. Divn. "G"
 " " " "A.Q."
 Paymaster, 2nd Aust. Divn.
 D.A.D.O.S. " " "
 Aust. Sect. 3rd Echelon G.H.Q.
 A.D.O.S., AUST. CORPS.
 D.A.G., A.I.F.
 Aust. War Records Sect. LONDON.
 " Records Admin. H.Q. A.I.F. LONDON
 5th A.I.Bde.
 7th A.I.Bde.
 6th Fld. Coy. A.E.
 6th Fld. Ambulance
 War Diary
 " "
 G.O.C.
 Bde. Major
 Staff Captain.
 I.O.
 File
 Spares.

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(To accompany 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Special Order)

Officers present with 21st Battalion in FRANCE

O f f i c e r . -

Unit to which transferred.-

Officer	Unit to which transferred
Capt. O.V. HOAD	22nd Bn. A.I.F.
T/Capt. J. SULLIVAN, M.C., M.M.	" " "
Lieut. E.B. MASON, M.C. & Bar	" " "
" S.J. BENNIE	" " "
" T.L. BRETT	" " "
" R.R. NEAL	" " "
" J.L. WATT, M.C.	" " "
" R.A. GIBSON	" " "
" J. HORSEBURGH, D.C.M., M.M.	" " "
" H. EDWARDS, M.C., D.C.M., M.M.	" " "
2/Lieut. F.H. KEAN, M.M.	" " "
" A. MALONE	" " "
" E.F.B. GRENNES	" " "
" A. HARDIE M.M.	" " "
" C.W. STEWART	" " "

Chaplain J.L. BUCKLEY is posted to 22nd Battalion

Officer	Unit to which transferred
Capt. A.R. MACNEIL, M.C. & Bar	23rd Bn. A.I.F.
" C.V. DUNCAN	" " "
Lieut. E.J. QUIRK	" " "
" W.B.F. MCKIERNAN	" " "
" A.E. REILLY, M.M.	" " "
" J.A. GRAY, M.C.	" " "
" W.H. ROBERTS	" " "
" W. McCONNOCHIE	" " "
2/Lieut. W. WHITBREAD	" " "

Officer	Unit to which transferred
Major A.E. REED, D.S.O.	24th Bn. A.I.F.
Capt. M.B. KELLY	" " "
Lieut. R.K. BAZLEY, M.C. & Bar	" " "
" F. GAWLER, M.C. & Bar	" " "
" H. SMITHERAM	" " "
" W.E. HARDWICK, M.C.	" " "
" A. PECK	" " "
" C.H. MILLER, D.C.M.	" " "
" C.J.A. BUCHANAN	" " "
2/Lieut. F.W. BLENCOWE, M.M.	" " "
" W.J. EATON, M.M.	" " "

Lieut.-Col. B.O.C. DUGGAN, D.S.O. To England

Lieut. R.H. FARNDON A/Adjnt. " "

Q.M. & Hon. Capt. L.R. BROOKES " "

T A B L E "B"

(To accompany 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Special Order)

Officers of 21st Battalion absent sick or wounded.

O f f i c e r .-	Unit to which transferred.-
Capt. J.P.W. HOGG, M.C.	23rd Bn. A.I.F.
Lieut. M. MCGREGOR	22nd " "
" W.H. TAYLOR, M.M.	24th " "
" G. BAILEY	22nd " "
" W. POWER	22nd " "
" R.A. BALL	23rd " "
" S.E. ROBERTS, M.M.	23rd " "
" W.O. SILVERLOCK	23rd " "
2/Lieut. W.R. FINLAYSON	23rd " "

T A B L E "C"

(To accompany 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Special Order)

Officers of 21st Bn. now seconded for duty with Training Bn.

O f f i c e r .-	Unit to which transferred.-
Lieut. R.B. HOGG	22nd Bn. A.I.F.
" H.N. GARTON, M.C.	23rd " "
" S.H. CHAPMAN	24th " "

T A B L E "D"

(To accompany 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Special Order)

Officers now seconded on other employment.

O f f i c e r	Unit to which Seconded.-	Unit to which trsf'd. and to remain seconded.-
Capt. F. SALE, M.C. and Bar	B.M. Trainee 6th A.I. Bde.	24th Bn. A.I.F.
" A.G. BROWN, M.C.	Staff Captain 6th A.I. Bde.	24th Bn. "
Lieut. A.M. BOOTHMAN	Adj't. & Q.M. Corps Depot Aust. Reinfct. Camp.	23rd Bn. "
" T.H. SCHOLFIELD M.M.	6th A.L.T.M. Bty.	22nd Bn. "
2/Lieut. C.W.B. TIMS	6th A.L.T.M. Bty.	22nd Bn. "

(To accompany 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Special Order)

Allotment of 21st Bn. Headquarters Details.

Personnel	Allotment.-
1. Sergeant Major	23rd Bn. A.I.F.
2. Quartermaster Sergt.	22nd " "
3. 2 Q.M's Storemen	1 O.R. to 22nd Bn.
	1 " " 23rd "
4. Orderly Room Sergeant	) England
" " Clerk) "
5. Sergt. Drummer (Band Sgt.)	22nd Bn. 9 O.R's 22nd Bn.
28 O.R's	9 " 23rd "
	10 " 24th "
6. Scout Sergeant	23rd Bn. A.I.F.
7. Signal Sergeant	23rd Bn. "
" Corporal	24th Bn. "
15 O.R's	6 O.R's 22nd Bn.
	4 " 23rd "
	5 " 24th "
8. 2 Lewis Gun Sergts.	1 23rd Bn. A.I.F.
	1 24th " "
9. 1 Bombing & Rifle Bombing Sergeant	24th Bn. A.I.F.
10. Stretcher Bearers (3 O.R's)	22nd Bn.
11. Pioneer Sergt.	22nd Bn. 1 Sgt. 2 Carpenters
8 O.R's.	1 Painter
	23rd Bn. 1 Carpenter 1 O.R.
	24th " 2 " 1 Painter
12. Sergeant Cook	23rd Bn. A.I.F.
2 Cooks	24th " "
13. 2 Transport Sergts	1 to 22nd Bn. A.I.F.
	1 " 24th " "
1 Transport Corporal	23rd Bn. A.I.F.
Drivers 1st Line Transport including spares	9 Drivers each to 22nd and 24th Bns.
	8 Drivers to 23rd Bn.
14. Water Duties 5 O.R's	3 O.R's to 22nd Bn.
	2 " " 24th "
15. Sanitary Duties 1 Cpl.	22nd Bn. A.I.F.
2 O.R's	22nd " "
16. Shoemakers 1 Sgt.	24th Bn. A.I.F. (Attd. B.H.Q.)
4 O.R's	2 O.R's 22nd Bn. (D.A.D.O.S.)
	1 " 23rd Bn.
	1 " 24th "
17. Tailors 1 Cpl.	23rd Bn. (Attd. B.H.Q.)
1 O.R.	22nd Bn.
18. 1 Butcher	24th Bn. A.I.F.
19. 1 Postman	23rd Bn. (Attd. B.H.Q.)
20. 1 Asst. Armourer	24th Bn. A.I.F.
21. 1 Pay Asst.	22nd Bn. (Attd. B.H.Q.)

T A B L E "F"

(To accompany 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Special Order)

Number of W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Privates from Companies of 21st
Bn. A.I.F. transferred to other Battalions of Brigade. (These
figures include personnel detached for duty.)

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To 22nd Battalion

C.S.M. (W.O. Class II)	2.
C.Q.M.S.	1.
Sergeants	12.
Corporals	12.
L/Corporals	14.
Privates	159.

To 23rd Battalion

C.S.M. (W.O. Class II)	1.
Sergeants	10.
L/Sergeants	2.
Corporals	14.
L/Corporals	7.
Privates	137.

To 24th Battalion

C.S.M. (W.O. Class II)	1.
C.Q.M.S.	1.
Sergeants	11.
L/Sergeants ...	2.
Corporals	14.
L/Corporals ...	16.
Privates	162.

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ADDENDUM No.1 to 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Special Order
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1. The following Nominal Rolls and returns concerning transferred personnel will be forwarded by the 21st Bn. to the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th Battalions.-
 - (a) All ranks marching out from unit.
 - (b) All personnel now on detached duties.
 - (c) All records concerning Officers as shown on Tables A, B, C, and D. attached to Bde. Special Order.
 - (d) Particulars and descriptions of men now A.W.L.
 - (e) Outstanding F.G.C.M. papers.
NOTE Any papers not effecting a Bn. will be forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs.
 - (f) A.F.B.161
 - (g) (1) Officers at Schools
(2) N.C.O's at Schools
(3) Privates at Schools
 - (h) Officers and O.R's recommended for decorations but to whom no award has been made.
 - (i) Officers and O.R's who have been awarded decorations specifying whether Medal or ribband has been presented.
 - (j) Particulars of all men.-
 - (1) Undergoing suspended sentence.
 - (2) Undergoing F.P. or imprisonment.
2. A Court of Enquiry on Missing personnel (Battle casualties) will be convened under instructions from Australian Section 3rd Echelon G.H.Q.
3. Inventories of the personal effects of deceased and wounded men will be forwarded to Australian Section 3rd Echelon.
4. All pay books are to be completed. The Pay Sergt. of 21st Bn. will notify the Divisional Paymaster of all changes of unit in the case of men who have signed the necessary declaration of loss of pay book.
5. The Regimental Trust account, before being distributed under orders from the Divisional Commander, will be audited by a board of auditors appointed by C.O., 21st Bn. A.I.F.
6. Officers and Sergeants Messes will be closed and accounts audited.

J.P. Sellick
Captain,
A/Staff Captain 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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Brigade Headquarters
22nd Sept., 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES ON THE DISBANDMENT
OF AN INFANTRY BATTALION

1. The personnel of the Battalion Staff i.e. C.O., Adjutant or Asst. Adjutant and Quartermaster with records proceed to Divisional Reinforcement Wing thence to A.I.F. Depots, ENGLAND to become the Training Battalion for the Brigade.
2. Regimental funds will be allotted as directed by the Divisional Commander.
3. The Battalion records will be written up to date and despatched to Records Office, Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London.
4. Mobilization stores will be returned to D.A.D.O.S. with a detailed list in triplicate. Two copies will be signed by D.A.D.O.S. and returned to the Unit, the third being retained by D.A.D.O.S. The unit will place one copy in the Battalion records sending the second copy to A.D.O.S., Corps, through Bde. Hdqrs.
5. The return of transport and stores must be covered by receipts. Vouchers for receipts will be marked "ON REPAYMENT".
6. On handing over, the unit will submit a return to A.D.O.S. Corps through Bde. Hdqrs. showing.-
 - (a) Stores of an Infantry Battalion as laid down in G.1098/110.
 - (b) Stores returned to D.A.D.O.S.
 - (c) Explanation of deficiencies as per pro forma below.

Stores	As per Mob. Store Table	Returned to D.A.D.O.S.	Deficiency	Explanation of Deficiency

J.P. Miller
Captain,
A/Staff Captain 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

COPY No.

21st AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION SPECIAL ORDER.

All Coys.
Hqrs.
Q.M.
F.O.

21st
AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTN.
No.....
Date.....

BY

12th October 1918.

Lieut.-Colonel B.O.C. DUGGAN D.S.O.
Commanding.

1. With reference to Battalion Special Order dated 23.9.18. the transfer of personnel of 21st Bn to other Units of this Brigade will take place at 10.00 13th October 1918.
2. It has been arranged that, with certain exceptions, which will be notified later, the personnel of this Battalion will be transferred to the 24th Australian Infantry Battalion.
3. On completion of the transfer Major W.H. MILWOOD M.C., 24th Bn., will be in charge of 24th A.I.Bn.
4. At 10 a.m. 13.10.18. Lieut.-Colonel B.O.C. Duggan D.S.O. will assume command temporarily of the 24th Bn, vice Lt.-Col. W.H. James, evacuated, until the return of Lt.-Col. W.H. James for duty.

(Signed.) J.J. WATT,
Lieutenant and Adjutant,
21st Battalion A.I.F.

--- AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE. ---
 21st H.Q. Personnel on transfer to 24th Bn.H.Q.

NOMINAL ROLL.

384	R.S.M.	Green J.W.	With Band at No.3.A.G.H.
255.	Sgt	O'Neill D.	Band Sgt.(Eng.Leave).
755	"	Whitaker J.	Sig.Sgt.
1534	Cpl	Earey G.	Sig.Cpl.
358	"	Cooper W.S.	Water Duty.
1759	L/Cpl	Craigie J.J.,M.M.	Signaller.
1581	"	Finnis H.C.	"
263	"	Parker F.V.	"
1586	"	Locke H.A.,M.M.	R.M.O.'s orderly.
456	"	Neate W.	Runner.
3903	Pte	O'Connor D.	"
6748	"	Dunstan A.T.	"
4177	"	McCarthy T.H.	"
5554	"	Bainbridge E.	Pioneer(Carpenter).
5546	"	Barker H.J.	Batman.Lt.Parndon.
5976	"	Bartlett J.F.	Bootmaker.
4425	"	Goodfellow A.	" (Leave.).
871	"	Hetheron T.	Batman.Lt-Col.Duggan.
1004	"	Whyte A.	Groom.Lt-Col.Duggan.
4983	"	Browning G.V.	Signaller.
5727	"	Gummersall A.R.	"
5538	"	Kean L.M.	"
5114	"	Rollason E.H.	"
6100	"	Russell P.J.	Tailer.

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 21st Bn TRANSPORT SECTION - TO - 24th BATTALION.

17	Sgt	Connell D.W.	
690	Dvr	Ball V.J.	
793	Pte Dvr	Barnard G.	
340	Dvr.	Bell T.	
1658	"	Britton W.	
640	"	Butler T.E.	
1888	"	Barty J.J.	
5140	"	Barry W.	
13	"	Columbini J.K.	
832	"	Cooper N.J.	
5327	"	Edwards E.	Leave.Eng.
24	"	Everard S.C.	Eng.Leave.
5330	"	Franz J.H.A.W.	
1543	"	Goodman F.J.	Eng.Leave.
401	"	Irwin R.A.	
178	"	Jeffrey L.H.	
40	"	Kell J.C.	
39	"	Kerwin R.	
47	"	Matthews W.	
54	"	Sparks T.	
2809	"	Stammers H.	
131	"	Topping J.	Eng.Leave.
1740	"	Tieman W.	
2439	"	Wilson A.C.	
56	"	Sargent B.	
1016	"	Perkins R.H.	
57	"	Sheather B.C.	
27	Pte	Geissler F.	

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"C"COMPANY, 24th BATTALION. --- 12th OCTOBER 1918.

N O M I N A L R O L L .

NO. RANK. NAME. REMARKS.

O F F I C E R S .

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Captain	F.SALE M.C.
Captain	C.V.DUNCAN.
Lieutenant.	W.H.ROBERTS.
Lieutenant.	E.J.QUIRK.
Lieutenant.	F.GAWLER M.C.
Lieutenant.	R.A.GIBSON.
Lieutenant.	F.W.BLENCOWE M.M.
2/Lieutenant.	E.H.KEAN M.M.
2/Lieutenant.	A.MALONE.

"C"COMPANY.24th BATTALION -- 12th OCTOBER 1918.

NO. RANK. NAME. REMARKS.

310	C.S.M.	Trevascus W.	
6765	C.Q.M.S.	Fisher E., D.C.M.	
5568	Cpl	Christian D.A.	Coy.Clerk.

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No. 9. PLATOON.

"C" COMPANY, 24th BATTALION. - 12th OCTOBER 1918.

NO.	RANK.	NAME.	REMARKS.
788	Sgt	Anderson W.L.V.	
633	"	Watt J.C.	
1310a	"	Bowen W.E.B.	Leave.
2857	"	Allen T.J.	
2260	Cpl	Stevenson J.F.	
1076	"	Turner A.E.	
1953	"	Jochinke P.	
5396	"	Purkiss W.W.	
4803	"	Stevens T.	Ede Dump.
3863	L/Cpl	Miles W.L., M.M.	
6831	"	Hibbins C.	
456	"	Neate W.	Bn Hqrs Runner.
4815	Pte	Watkins R.H.M.	
5136	"	Ryan D.G.	
5897	"	Phillips S.R.	
710a	"	Holt J.	
4802	"	Steuart O.H.	
359	"	Dow T.G.	
6835	"	Lukins C.W.	
5663	"	McVitty W.J.	
6790a	"	Elliott G.W.	
724a	"	Young J.H.	
5940	"	Fitzgerald H.A.	
1744	"	Trezise F.H.	
5460	"	Bees A.R.	
5836a	"	Lessing O.E.	
6895	"	Skinner H.	
50068	"	Helson H.J.	
50074	"	Jeffress N.	
6770	"	Chapman R.H.	
6900	"	Teasdale A.L.	

No. 9. Platoon.

"C" COMPANY, 24th BATTALION - 12th OCTOBER 1918.

NO.	RANK.	NAME.	REMARKS.
511	Pte	Smith A.E.F.	Cook.
6436	"	McMillan D.	Pioneer.
543	"	Willet W.J.	Leave.
7328	"	Todd W.	Leave.
6767a	"	Leckman C.R.	Detention.
6036	"	Cox C.H.	A.W.L.
4579	"	Christian G.	Detention.
3117	"	Hanley G.A.	Detention.
417	"	Lacey G.	R.Q.M. Store (Leave)
428	"	Miles G.C., M.M.	Bde. (Leave).
6071	"	Nolan F.W.	Detention.
6873a	"	Pounsett A.J.	Div. Train. A.A.S.C.
6096a	"	Penman W.R.	Band.
6097	"	Pearman D.L.	Band.
7360	"	Tieman C.G.	Transport.
5962	"	Weston W.	Detention.

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No. 10. PLATOON. - 5 -
 "C" COMPANY - 24th BATTALION. - 12th OCTOBER 1918.

522	Sgt	Turnbull H.W., M.M.	
425	"	Mortimer P., M.M.	
450	"	McMahon J.C.	
5876	Cpl	Gawielesan Murray R.M.	
1689	"	Hemel W.	
460	"	Olgaiti T.	
4493	"	McLean G.R.	Leave.
6026	L/Cpl	Aitchison L.G.	
6938	Pte	Reed W.	
50094	"	Hatches E.B.	
547a	"	Carpenter W.R.	
5845	"	Merritt W.F.	
6797a	"	Faust R.	
6854	"	Mann H.F.	
6420	"	Wyatt R.J.P.	
5639	"	Law W.T.	
397	"	Hannan C.W.	
6067	"	Mitchell E.A.	
1602	"	Donohue J.T.	
6440	"	Sandeman F.C.	
4366	"	Bennett C.	Leave.
6902	"	Hubbard E.S.	Sanitary.
4816	"	Webb F.E.W.	Leave.
6109	"	Rees R.	Leave.
2139	"	Cunningham L.A.	Cook.
1901	"	Muter J.	Cook.
6919	"	Patterson E.J.	Cook.
503	"	Stephens W.G.	School.
6885	"	Silk H.A.	School.
6905	"	Waldorff L.A.	School.
4992	"	Bizley H.	Bde Police.

No. 10. PLATOON. - 6 -
 "C" COMPANY - 24th BATTALION. - 12th OCTOBER 1918.

6276	Pte	XXXXXXXXXX Barber A.L.	6th A.L.T.H.B.
6926	Pte	Cutler E.T.	Band.
2137	"	Cooper C.T.	Band.
110	"	Swager Cocking J.	Band.
356	"	Clemens C.W.	Band.
7218	"	Davidson H.	Hospital.
5836	"	Fitzgerald C.J.	Detention.
5842	"	Gilder F.	Reg. Police.
5610	"	Jorgensen H.J.H.	Band.
5945	"	Murphy J.D.	Transport (Leave)
6931	"	McInerney T.	Band.
2213	"	McNaughton J.A.	Y.M.C.A.
479	"	Page A.L.	2nd Div. Sig. Coy.
489	"	Reeves F.J.	Detention.
5977	"	Terme J.H.	A.W.L.

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2023	Sgt	Dakin A.	
625	L/Sgt	Edwards V.J.	
5487	"	Smith H.F.	
5318	Cpl	Creighton D.J.	
3958	"	Wilmott S.M.,M.M.	School.
4247	"	Wight J.	"
4266	L/Cpl	Peak W.C.	
736	"	Spong W.M.	
6915	Pte	Austin J.	
3767	"	Brook C.W.	Leave.Eng.
5562	"	Chalmers J.A.	Hospital.
50044	"	Deegan J.C. G.J.	
50047	"	Delaney T.	
707	"	Dobson G.E.	
5829	"	Evans W.G.	
50050	"	Flint O.P.	
6413	"	Gilmore A.	
3819	"	Green A.	
6824a	"	Hughes J.R.	
6924	"	Hutchins H.	
6947	"	Jenkins B.C.	
4455	"	Knight R.	
7257	"	Login W.S.	
4260	"	Lalor T.	
4152	"	Laws A.J.K.	A.W.L.
1968	"	Manuell W.H.	Eng.Leave.
7296	"	Needham W.	
4266	" 7298	Rabling W.T.	English Leave.
3690	"	Sharpley H.S.	
7311	"	Silver L.A.	Eng.Leave.
4518	"	Sinclair W.A.	
6890a	"	Shaw R.A.	
1127	"	Smith W.N.	Eng.Leave.

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5710	Pte	Toohy J.P.	
5788	"	Buchanan D.J.	Transport.
5330	"	Franz J.A.A.	"
4714	"	Fraser D.	"
4427	"	Heiron F.M.	"
5646	"	Lawrence A.T.	"
698	"	McDonald D.G.	"
2387	"	Smith C.W.	"
2453	"	Zerbe E.H.	"
2364	"	Mullins W.R.	6th A.L.T.M.B.
772	"	Muldoon W.	"
5380	"	Murphy R.P.	2nd Div.Train.ASC.

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 "C"COMPANY. 24th BATTALION. - 12th OCTOBER 1918.

NO.	RANK.	NAME.	REMARKS.
2417	Sgt	Taylor T.B.,M.M.	
3951	"	Ward L.R.,M.M.	
659	"	Kennedy L.M.	Bde Burial N.C.O.
719	"	Pleydell C.J.	Canteen.(Leave).
2024	"	Hayes R.W.	L.G.Sgt.
1221	L/Sgt	Caudwell E.J.,M.M.	Eng.Leave.
5592	Cpl	Elliott T.F.	
5958	"	Trewhitt N.J.	
4569	"	White E.J.	School.
1709	"	McNeilly T.H.	Clerk.
2443	L/Cpl	Winnett G.B.	
2256	"	Spragg J.	
6297	"	Crawford A.E.	Eng.Leave.
5618	"	Gummersall A.J.,M.M.	Signaller.
724	Pte	Robins W.	Signaller.
3925	"	Shapir R.	"
830a	"	Donaghy J.	S.B. (A.W.L.).
4417	"	Fleming W.J.	S.B.
6841	"	Nahoney J.J.	"
4407	"	Dunstan S.J.	" (Eng.Leave).
4355	"	Anderson G.	
4660	"	Armstrong R.J.	
7209	"	Campbell J.B.	Hospital.
6301	"	Dalby T.	
50046	"	Drew R.E.	
6311	"	Ewell T.C.	
6789a	"	English E.	
7246	"	Mzery A.	"
6318	"	Fitzgerald P.M.	
6803a	"	Greys J.	
562a	"	Hibbert J.	Eng.Leave.
6825	"	Hogan A.R.	
3827	"	Halbert L.M.	Eng.Leave.

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 "C"COMPANY. 24th BATTALION. - 12th OCTOBER 1918.

NO.	RANK.	NAME.	REMARKS.
6839	Pte	Kenny B.	
4751	"	Lowe J.	
6846	"	Lyons C.	
6847a	"	Miller W.B.	
6929	"	McCormick E.J.	
6847	"	Osborne J.	A.W.L.
5690	"	Rankin W.D.	
2375	"	Rebecca C.F.	
5887	"	Read J.W.	Detention.
2444	"	Waddell A.E.	
5434	"	Wilson F.T.	
2424	"	Woods J.	Off.Mess.
4654	"	Andrews R.E.	Band.
813	"	Campbell P.S.C.	"
4459	"	Fletcher R.	"
5670	"	Neylan J.F.	"
5597	"	Parkhill W.J.	"
4795	"	Sly S.P.	"
5055	"	Streeter F.T.	"
5123	"	Barry C.	A.C.F.P.Cpd.
2425	"	Wells F.W.	Div.Batman.
4156	"	Lander H.E.	Bde Pigeoneer.

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NO.	RANK.	NAME.	REMARKS.
4987	Pte	Hall C.A.	Futcher.
346	"	Corrigan T.H.	Pioneer.
4103	Sgt	Boyle C.J.	Sgt. Pioneer.
5819	"	Donaldson A.J.	Bombing Sgt.
5821	Pte	Belglish J.	Batman, Transport Officer.
5332,	"	Gay H.J.	Reg. Police.
405	"	James F.C.	Stretcher Bearer.
662	"	King H.J.B.	Signaller.
3891	"	Maher P.H.	Batman. Chap. Buckley.
2033	"	Pegg H.	Reg. Police.
2274	Sgt	Trehella J.T.	L.V.G. Sgt.
2411	"	Trotter G.R.	Sgt Bootmaker (Brigade).
2436	Cpl	Williams R.A.	Sanitary Cpl.
5925	L/Cpl	Wiltshire H.J.	Storeman.
3961	Pte	Young H.	Pioneer.
3887	"	Henderson R.	Bootmaker (D.A.D.O.S.).
1032	"	Smith H.	Signaller (Bde).
3835	"	Bell R.G.	" "

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NO.	RANK.	NAME.	PARTICULARS.
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OFFICERS.

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Captain.	A.R. MACHNIE M.C.
Captain.	M.B. KELLY.
Lieutenant.	R.K. BAZLEY W.C.
Lieutenant.	W. MCCONNOCHIE.
Lieutenant.	A. PECK.
Lieutenant.	A.R. REILLY M.M.
Lieutenant.	S.K. ROBERTS M.M.
2/Lieutenant.	W.J. RAYON M.M.

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NO.	RANK.	NAME.	PARTICULARS.
185	C.S.M.	Irwin J.W.	
2159	C.Q.M.S.	Duffy H.J.	
4251	Cpl	Walters F.B.	Coy Clerk.

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NO.	RANK.	NAME.	REMARKS.
13 PLATOON.			
7408	Sgt	Biblett R.H.	
3213	"	O'Hanlon T.	
2921a	Cpl	Moore W.J.	
211	"	Ludlow P.	
4543	"	Vine W.R.	
4595	"	Gorman D.	School.
5626	L/Cpl	Meyer H.A.	
172	"	Rumpf A.J.	Reg. Police.
5022	Pte	Coullett P.P.	
7231	"	Dickson D.G.	
138	"	Deans P.	
8342	"	Muller P.F.	
48	"	O'Neil J.	
1901	"	Cannington P.H.	
6782	"	Clark B.	
3915	"	Robinson R.N.	
6442	"	Winter T.	
5082	"	Hollis A.M.	
6834	"	Lawler J.W.	
4095	"	Nixon W.H.	
4361	"	Cameron D.T.	
6345	"	Lowe A.H.	
6284	"	7342 Wilson T.R.	Eng. Leave.
6371	"	Woolnough B.G.	"
4661	"	Back W.H.	"
5861	"	Johnson A.	Batman School.
2931	"	Turnbull T.W.	Bde Sig. Duty.
3611a	"	Brown G.G.	Bde Clerical Duty.
2721	"	Rose C.F.	Canteen.

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13 PLATOON.			
NO.	RANK.	NAME.	REMARKS.
6127	Pte	Shaw T.F.	A.W.L.I. 5.16 91
249	"	Moyes W., W.M.	Transport.
2853	"	Hutchinson R.	"
179	"	Hutchinson S.	"
5954	"	Field T.F.	"
7631	"	Connell V.	"
86	"	Halderston J.	P.O. Asst. (Eng.).
5137	"	Bourne W.H.	Guard Room.
5807	"	Clark J.F.	Bde Observer.
5136	"	X Ryan D.G.	

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No. 14. PLATOON. - 5 -
 "D" COMPANY - 24th BATTALION - 12th OCTOBER 1918.

NO.	RANK.	NAME.	REMARKS.
2816a	Sgt	Holt J.W.	
3123	"	Hoyle S.	Eng. Leave.
2522	Sgt	Knox	
252	Sgt	Neilson I.F., M.M.	School.
2563	Cpl	Christie J.	
2913a	"	Muckle W.	
5629	L/Cpl	Hogan J.P.	
5801a	"	Gates G.B.F.	
314	Pte	Snell A.	Div. Guard.
285	"	Chadwick H.	Div. Train A.S.C.
5812	"	Field E.D.	Bn Runner.
6037	"	Canean T.J.	" (Hoop).
7355	"	Heard W.J.	A.W.L. 3.10.18.
3899	"	Nash T.D.	Band.
4730	"	Hill W.J.	"
899	"	Lawrence H.	"
5393	"	Thomas L.W.	"
1788	"	Loughnan P.B.	" (Leave.).
3820	"	Gedber H.	"
4106	"	Dench F.W.	"
5879	"	Woodward G.W.R.	"
6927	"	Haisman W.J.	"
4852	"	Kennedy C.	R.Q.M. Store. (Leave).
6397	"	Wall A.W.	Batman. T.M. BOURDON.
5892	"	Salmon C.G.	
1667	"	Dunn V.	
6080	"	Potter R.C.	
5850	"	Matthews W.E.	
6120	"	Sutherland J.H.	

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 "D" COMPANY - 24th BATTALION - 12th OCTOBER 1918.

NO.	RANK.	NAME.	REMARKS.
5850	Pte	Burns R.B.	
6870	"	Powell C.H.	
2725	"	Jones R.A.	
4357	"	Arthur J., M.M.	
1881	"	Balderston B.	
5099	"	Warren R.J.	
1898	"	Cooke W.C.	
3793	"	Conkey W.H.	
2895	"	Betrick J.	
2813	"	Sturgess W.	
1721	"	Briggs R.C.	Eng. Leave.
7205	"	Beasy J.R.	"
21912	"	Hilliard A.	"
2197a	"	Biblett J.M.	School (Batman).
5540	"	Luke A.J.	School.
1800		Whitworth PF	Sig

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6955	Pte	...	
6870	"	Powell C.H.	
2725	"	Jones R.A.	
4357	"	Arthur J., M.M.	
1881	"	Balderston B.	
5099	"	Warren R.J.	
1898	"	Cooke W.C.	
3793	"	Conkey W.H.	

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15 PLATOON.- - 7 -
 "D" COMPANY - 24th BATTALION - 12th OCTOBER 1918.

NO.	RANK.	NAME.	REMARKS.
1756	Sgt	Anderson A.O., M.M.	
1738a	"	Thompson L.W.	
6375	Cpl	Reynolds M.W.	
1742	"	Torney G.	Eng. Leave.
4401	L/Cpl	Delahunty F.	
885	"	Johnson G.A.P.	School.
953	"	Murray F.A., M.M.	Hosp.
3571	"	McIndoe R.H.	
911	"	McLaren J.J.C.	
5405	"	Savige H.G., M.M.	
2005	"	Smith G.	
5428	"	Watson J.	
994	"	Watson R.A.	
922	Pte	Meakin W.V.	
6849	"	Martinsen J.H.	
3896	"	Hewbold C.	
2778	"	Oliver P.	
6084	"	Page W.	
6875a	"	Phillips R.W.	
2785	"	Richardson V.S.	A.W.I. 3.8.18.
965	"	Scott P.	
5410	"	Shields H.	School (Batman).
5080	"	Smallbridge W.	
5445	"	Stone A.E.	Pioneer.
964	"	Scott A.R.	Eng. Leave.
5125	"	Tuck J.	
6911	"	Welsh B.T.	

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NO.	RANK.	NAME.	REMARKS.
6910a	"	Weston J.	
2857	"	Wemyss D.E.	Eng. Leave.
4061	"	Andrews J.	
6286	"	Burns R.A.W.	
6031	"	Beckman J. <i>Benton J</i>	
6302	"	Davenport T.	
6040	"	Dowling C.	
5007	"	Dunlop S.	
6319	"	Fitzpatrick C.J.	
5602	"	Folwell J.	
6238a	"	Griffiths A.G.	
2866	"	Heffernan W.	
2715	"	Hudson G.	Eng. Leave.
2732	"	Knowles G.J.	"
896	"	Krause D.J.	
900	"	Leonard L.	Eng. Leave.
7253a	"	Lalor A.	
5659	"	Meyer H.J.	
916	"	Manger J.R.	
6855	"	Miller W.	

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No.16.PLATOON.-- 9 -
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1885	Sgt	Barlow E.P.	Escort Duty.
1515	"	Barker H.V.	
2569	Cpl	Bliss L.N.	
2864	"	Gorey W.E.	
865	"	Hayden F.E.,M.M.	Corps School.
4263	L/Cpl	Hughes A.E.H.	
5125	"	Puttock J.	
993	"	Warburton H.J.,M.M.	Bn Canteen.
6281	Pte	Bennett R.J.G.	
2722	"	J Jessop B.T.	
6441	"	Vickery R.	
3934	"	Washusen A.C.N.	
5551	"	Bedson R.T.	Area Comdt.2nd Divn.
6774	"	Burton J.C.	Coy Sig.
6752	"	Davey S.	"
860	"	Halford S.G.	"
5523	"	Pyke W.J.	"
881	"	Hyland L.G.	S.B.
1573	"	Knight A.	"
3384	"	McAulay A.R.D.	"
2018	"	Whitson W.D.	"
4974	"	Anderson W.C.	Coy Runner,
2755	"	McIntosh R.	"
812	"	Campbell C.J.	Cook.
6059	"	Lambert W.	"
6888a2*	"	Thorp W.	"
4793	"	Sleightholme J.	"
1546	"	Leonard A.	"
7232	"	Goodall A.	Detention.
970	"	Sheard J.	"

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6076	Pte	Plunkett T.	Corps Cpd.
547	"	X Carpenter W.R.	Bahan.
838	"	Dusting H.J.	Transport.
2043	"	Sparks E.W.,M.M.	"
3909	"	Powell A.D.	Reg.Police.
6944a	"	Gazzard N.J.	Band.
6928	"	Horsburgh N.	"
5969	"	Stove W.J.	"
6943a	"	Letts W.A.	"
6929a	"	King C.J.W.	"
3792	"	Chapman E.	2nd Div.Train.ASC,
4225	"	Shillete T.A.	Corps R.E.Workshop.
2700	"	Henderson J.	Bde Pigeonner,
6055	"	Kilbourne W.	Bde Observer,
1504	"	McLachlan W.D.	Bde Cook.
937	"	Myerscough E.	Bde Groom.(Leave).
950	"	Polonelli L.	Bde Tcpt.
979	"	Steele E.C.	Bde Runner.
4505		Porter F.S.	Sgt B.

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NO.	RANK.	NAME.	REMARKS.
3539	Pte	Andriessen A.B.	Pioneer.
3753	"	Alder J.J., N.M.	Water Duty.
1889	"	Brown H.	Reg. Police.
2152	"	Cronan W.P.	Footmaker.
20	"	Deegan J.	Cook.
4406	"	Doonan P.C.	Water Duty.
149	Sgt	Everett E.	Scout Sgt.
2165	Pte	Evans J.E.	Cook.
3607	"	Galbreith H.	Sanitary Duty.
7364	"	Gaylard G.S.A.	Batman.
7233	"	Goeling F.	S.B.
3824	Cpl	Harris P.	Cpl Tailor. (Ede).
3832	Pte	Hamilton W.M.	S.B.
3033	"	Holmes T.J.	Ass't. Postal Gr.
6787	"	Hussey W.P.	Signaller.
6344	"	Loh T.H.	S.B.
235	Sgt	McFarlane H.	L.M.C. Sgt.
934	Pte	Moule W.R.	Armourer's Ass't.
5381	"	Myers C.D.	Reg. Police.
49	Sgt	Penglase A.W.	Sgt Cook. (School).
1029	Pte	Penglase A.E.	Pioneer.
6112	"	Richard C.A.	Pay Sgt's Ass't.
275	"	Reynolds A.	Pioneer.
296	Sgt	Semple S.H.	Provost Sgt.
2060	Pte	Shrubsole H.F.	Storeman.
4321	"	Shorrocks R.C.	Off. Mess Cook.
4227	"	Scott R., N.M.	Pioneer.
1134	"	Wharton E.J.	Sanitary.
5346	"	Hall L.	Runner.
267	"	Parr H.A.	Reg. Police.

1st Battalion Headquarters,
13th October 1918.

LIST OF OFFICERS IN SENIORITY.-

No.....
Date.....

RANK.-	NAME.-	REASON FOR ABSENCE.-	DATE OF RANK.-
Lieut.-Colonel.-	B. C. C. DUGGAN D.S.O.		15.6.17.
Major.-	A. E. REED D.S.O.	Sen. Off. School. Eng.	1.1.18.
Captains.-	O. V. ROAD.	Wounded.	1.6.15.
	A. R. MACNEIL M.C.		23.7.16.
	P. SALE M.C.		12.8.16.
	A. G. BROWN M.C.	Sec. 6th A.I. Bde Duty.	11.12.16.
	M. B. KELLY.	Army Inf. School.	25.5.17.
	J. P. W. HOGG M.C.	Sec. Acc. Injured.	25.5.17.
	A. E. RICHARDS.	Sec. Aust. Flying Corps.	10.6.17.
	C. V. DUNCAN.	Army Mus'try School.	22.6.17.
Lieutenants.-	W. H. ROBERTS.		7.7.16.
	M. MCGREGOR.	Sec. Invalided.	11.12.16.
	R. K. BAZLEY M.C.	English Leave.	11.12.16.
	E. J. QUIRK.		1.1.17.
	J. L. WATT M.C.	(Adjutant).	7.1.17.
	C. H. MILLER D.C.M.		21.4.17.
	R. B. HOGG.	Sec. 5th Tng Bn.	17.5.17.
	W. McCONNOCHIE.		17.5.17.
	H. N. GARTON M.C.	Sec. 5th Tng Bn.	21.7.17.
	F. GAWLER M.C.		12.9.17.
	W. H. TAYLOR M.M.	Sec. Wounded.	12.9.17.
	H. B. MASON M.C.	wounded.	12.9.17.
	G. H. CHAMMAN.	Sec. 5th Tng Bn.	19.10.17.
	T. H. SCHOFIELD M.M.	Sec. 6th A.L.T.M.B.	19.10.17.
	R. R. NEAL.	2nd Tng Bde.	19.10.17.
	G. BAILEY.	Sec. Wounded.	19.10.17.
	W. POWER.	Sec. Wounded.	2.1.18.
	A. PECK.		2.1.18.
	J. HORSBURN D.C.M., M.M.		31.1.18.
	R. H. FARNDON.	(Asst Adjt.).	1.2.18.
	R. A. GIBSON.		2.2.18.
	W. C. TOMKIN M.C.	Sec. 6th A.L.T.M.B.	2.2.18.
	R. A. BALL.	Sec. Wounded.	4.2.18.
	L. J. A. BUCHANAN.	Invalided.	4.2.18.
	T. L. BRETT.	Corps School.	5.2.18.
	W. B. F. McKERRIKEN.	Wounded.	5.2.18.
	H. EDWARDS M.C., D.C.M., M.M. (Trans. Off.).		1.4.18.
	A. E. REILLY M.M.	English Leave.	15.5.18.
	B. E. ROBERTS M.M.	Town Major. BOURDON.	18.5.18.
	W. O. SILVERLOCK.	Sec. Wounded.	1.8.18.
	W. R. FINLAYSON.	Sec. Wounded.	1.9.18.
	F. W. BLENCOWE M.M.	English Leave.	1.9.18.
	C. W. B. TINS.	Wounded.	1.9.18.
2/Lieutenants.-	W. WHITREAD.	Corps School.	1.6.18.
	A. HARDIE M.M.	Invalided.	19.7.18.
	W. J. EATON M.M.		19.7.18.
	H. H. KRAN M.M.		1.8.18.
	A. MALONE.	Corps Gas School.	1.8.18.
	G. F. V. GREENESS.	Wounded.	29.8.18.
	C. W. STEWART.	Wounded.	29.8.18.
Q.M. & Non.Captain.	A. M. BOOTHMAN.	Sec. Adj't & Q.M. Corps Depot. A.C. RPCT CAMP.	3.8.18.
Q.M. & Non.Captain.	L. R. BROOKES.		5.8.18.
R.M.O. (Att'd). Capt.	H. WHEBELSOHN.		4.12.16.
Chap. (Class IV).	S. L. BUCKLEY.	English Leave.	18.1.17.
SUPER NUMERARY LIST.			
Captain.	H. F. WELLINGTON.	List 393.	Date of Rank. 26.8.15.
Captain.	H. C. A. SANDFORD.	393.	11.12.16.
Lieutenant.	S. S. GORDON.	349.	1.7.15.
Lieutenant.	A. L. BUTTRESS.	205.	19.8.16.
Lieutenant.	B. HENKES.	376.	27.8.17.
Lieutenant.	F. W. WINSTANLEY M.M.	376.	16.5.18.

APPENDIX NO. XXXI.

21st AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
No.
Date.....

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21st Battalion Headquarters,
13th October 1918.

The G.O.C.,
6th A.I. Brigade.

Sir,

I have to inform you that Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3
of 6th A.I. Brigade No. 1148, dated 12th October 1918, have been complied
with.

.....Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding 21st Battalion A.I.F.

11.30 a.m.
13.10.18.

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