

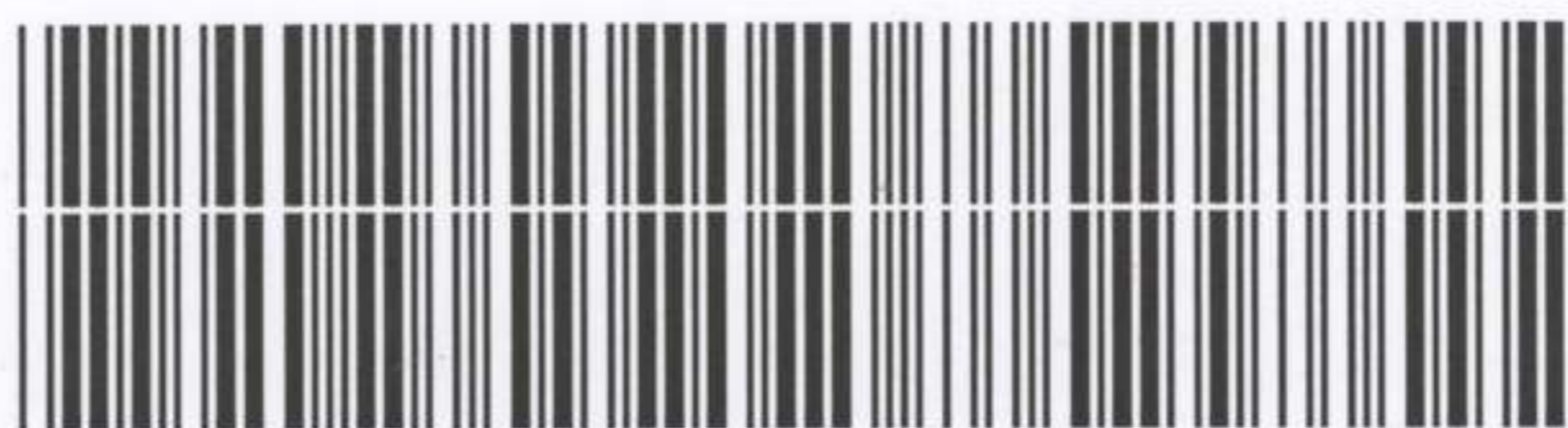
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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915			
Nov ^{6th}	PORT MELBOURNE -	12.45 pm. Embarked & sailed with strength. 30 Officers 961 Other Ranks.	
		1 st Reinforcements 1 " do 100 " "	
		X H.M.T. #62 "WANDILLA."	
Nov ^{6th}	FREEMANTLE.		
		11 am. Arrived Fremantle	
" 16.	"	12 Noon Departed do.	
		Disembarked at Fremantle to	
		Hospital - officer 1 other ranks	
		Deserted at Fremantle 5 " of Battalion	
		" " " 1 " 1 st Redf ^s	
		Remainder of month ship's routine.	
		Fred W. Toel Steel	
		C/o 31 st Battr.	

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES
(3rd Military District)

BATTALION ORDERS No. 73

by
Lieut. Col. F.W. Toll V.D. Commanding 31st Battalion

Broadmeadows Camp,
VICTORIA 1.11.1915

Part 1.

- DUTIES (1) Orderly Officer. Lieut. Aland
Reg. Ord. Sergt. To be detailed by O/C "D" Co.
" " Corpl " " " D Co.
" " Bugler " " " Sergt. Drummer.
- PIQUETS (2) Camp piquet. 4 men to be furnished from "D" Co.
Inlying piquet. 1 N.C.O. and 8 men to be furnished
from "D" Co.
- REGIMENTAL GUARD (3) 1, N.C.O. and 4 men to be furnished from "D" Co.
- FATIGUES (4) 6 men to report to Q.M. at 6.30 a.m. from "D" Co.
- VACANCIES (5) Two vacancies have occurred in the M.G. Section, and
M.G. SECTION applications are called from members of the Battalion
desirous of transfer to this section.
- MUSKETRY (6) The Brigade Commander desires that before embarkation
O/C's Units will submit a brief return showing:-
(a) Number of men exercised in the New Musketry Course
(1) In Part 1 shewing number of men who failed
to qualify on repetition.
(11) In Part 11
(111) In Part 111 shewing class classification as
Marksmen 1st Class
2nd Class
3rd Class
(b) Number of men who have carried out:-
Any individual field practices
Any collective field practices
and average number of rounds fired by those who
took part in these field practices.
(c) Number of men who have also carried out the Old
Musketry course laid down in C.G.S. Circ. No. 345
of August 1915, and number who failed to reach the
standard laid down for that course.
- Machine Gunners
1. The number of all ranks who have fired the
complete Machine Gun Course, Table CM Regs.
part 1, shewing whether:-
(a) All in the M.G. Section have fired, and
(b) Reserve section or men.
 2. The number who have partially fired Table C only.
 3. The general average result of the practices and of
the ability of the men as Machine Gunners.
 4. Whether the men have all passed the tests.
- PARADE (7) The forenoon parade will assemble at 8.30 a.m. instead
of 9.30 a.m. O/Cs Companies to arrange for early
breakfast as per verbal instructions.
- CUP DAY (8) Broadmeadows Station will be out of bounds to-morrow
(Cup Day) until 5 p.m. except for troops marched there
in formed bodies under the command of Officers,
should any relaxation of this order be desired
personal application must be made to Camp Headquarters
accompanied by the usual pass for special endorsement.

Battalion Orders No. 73 (Contd)

NOMINAL ROLLS & (9) O/Cs Companies and Units will furnish Nominal
PAY SHEETS Roll and completed pay sheets of men proceeding
per H.M. Transport "Bakara". This includes,
Transport Section
Drivers
M.G. Section
Companies (4 per Company)
A.M.C.
Head Quarters Staff (groom)
D Co. 1 Officer, 1 Sergeant and
11 men.

DOCUMENTS

(10) Attention is drawn to the necessity of having
all documents completed.
Conduct sheets, single copies only required
attached to the original on Attestation Papers

Part 2

TRANSFERS

(1) Pte. S.C. Jamieson is transferred from H.Q.
Staff (Batman) to "B" Co. 31st Battn.

Pte. H.E. Wonnacott from 21st Depot Battn. to
Head Quarters Staff, 31st Battn.

(Signed) D. P. Walker, 2nd Lieut. &
Act. Adjutant,
31st Battalion A.I.F.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES
(3rd Military District)

BATTALION ORDERS No. 74

By
Lieut. Col. F.W. Toll V.D. Commanding 31st Battalion.

Broadmeadows Camp,
Victoria 2.11.1915

Part 1

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|--------------------|-----|---|---|
| DUTIES | (1) | Orderly Officer
Reg. Ord. Sergt.
" " Corporal
" " Bugler | Lieut.
To be detailed by O/C 1/31st.
" " " " 1/31st
" " " Sergt. Drummer |
| REGIMENTAL GUARDS | (2) | 1 N.C.O. and 4 men to be furnished by 1/31st. | |
| PIQUETS | (3) | Camp piquet. 4 men to be furnished by 1/31st.
Inlying piquet. 1. N.C.O. and 3 men to be furnished from 1/31st. | |
| FATIGUES | (4) | 6 men to report to Q.M. at 8.30 a.m. from 1/31st. | |
| ALLOTMENTS | (5) | O/C Units, except C & D Coys) will at once prepare fresh allotments and Statutory Declarations, for all members of their Commands. This matter is urgent. | |
| RETURNS | (6) | A return is to be furnished by O.C. each Unit to reach Battalion Head Quarters before 12 noon on to-morrow (Wednesday 3rd inst) The return will deal with A.I.F. Officers and other ranks only, and will indicate the following as at 8 a.m. 3/11/15. | |
| | (a) | Actual fighting strength | Officers O.R. Total |
| | (b) | Employed on duties which would be necessary to keep up the continuity of the Camp e.g. Military Police, Clerks, Pioneers, Orderlies, Sanitary Squads etc. | |
| | (c) | Absent on final leave, special leave, or any leave exceeding 24 hours duration. | |
| | (d) | Sick in Hospitals, or otherwise medically unfit for duty. | |
| | (e) | Chronic Absentees, Deserters, "paper" men etc. | |
| | (f) | Total strength of Unit A.I.F. | |
| REFERENDUM
1915 | (7) | In re B.O. 72 para 7. For Thursday and Friday, read Wednesday Nov. 3rd., and Thursday Nov. 4th. | |

Part 2

Part 2

- TRANSPORT DRIVERS (1) The following have been appointed Transport Drivers in "D" Co. 31st Batt., to date from 1.11.1915:-
- Pte. Allinson F.C.
" Keogh F.L.
~~xxxxxxx~~ Pte. Thornley M.P.
Pte. Westcott C.

(Signed) D.P. Walker, 2nd Lieut. &
Act. Adjutant,
31st Battalion A.I.F.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES
3rd Military District

BATTALION ORDERS No. 75

by
Lieut. Colonel F.W. Toll, V.D. Commanding 31st Battalion

Broadmeadows Camp,
Victoria 3.11.1915.

Part 1

- DUTIES (1) Orderly Officer. Lieut. Corney
Reg. Ord. Sergt. To be detailed by O/C "A" Coy.
" " Corpl " " " " A Coy
" " Bugler " " " " Sergt. Bugler
- REGIMENTAL GUARD (2) 1 N.C.O. and 4 men to be furnished by "A" Coy.
- PIQUETS (3) Camp Piquet. 4 men to be furnished by "A" Coy.
Inlying piquet. 1 N.O.O. and 8 men to be furnished
by "A" Coy.
- FATIGUES (4) 6 men to report to Q.M. at 8.30 a.m. from "A" Coy.
- GRENADIERS (5) O/Cs Coys. are to enquire that the Grenadiers of their
Companies are not to be detailed for Guards or
Fatigues which will affect their training as
Grenadiers.
- BOARD OF ENQUIRY (6) A Board of Enquiry will assemble at Head Quarters
31st Battalion to investigate the cause of fire,
and amount of damage, in "C" Coys lines on the
night of the 2nd November, comprising as follows:-
Major Hockley President
Lieut. Murphy Member
Lieut. Hibbs Member
President will arrange time and forward proceedings
to C/O 31st Battalion.
- OFFICERS LEAVE (7) Officers on leave or duty leaving Camp are to
sign book at Head Quarters (Battalion). Officers
are required to have leave before leaving camp.
The Adjutant will initial the leave book, signifying
O/C's approval.
- APPLICATIONS FOR COMMISSION (8) If not already completed, Officers are to furnish
C.M. Form A 22 immediately.
- REFERENDUM 1915 (9) O/C Companies and Units attention is drawn to
Battalion Order No. 74 para 7.
- PARADE (10) The Brigade will march through Melbourne on
Friday next, 5th inst.
- RAIL ARRANGEMENTS (11) The troops in Broadmeadows Camp will proceed to
Spencer Street Station by rail in four trains, the
first of which will leave Broadmeadows at 10.25 a.m.
the others following at short intervals.

First and) Brigade Headquarters
Second trains) No. 3 Section 3rd Signal
Coy.
29th Battalion

Third and) 31st Battalion
Fourth trains) 18th Co.A.S.C.
- LUNCH (12) Troops will carry a haversack lunch with them,
which will be eaten in the Royal Park Camp, after
the march through the city. The Camp Commandant
there has undertaken to provide tea for the
men on this occasion.

Battalion Orders. No. 75 (Contd)

- RETURN (13) After lunch the troops will march back to Broadmeadows.
- FORMING UP (14) From Spencer Street Station the troops will form up in column of route in Collins Street in the following order:-

Brigade Headquarters
No. 3 Section 3rd Signal Company
29th Battalion
31st Battalion
18th Company A.S.C.
8th Field Ambulance

- PARADE STATES (15) Marching out States to be rendered on 9.30 parade

- ROUTE (16) The route to be followed will be:-
Collins Street
Spring Street
Lonsdale Street
Exhibition Street
Bourke Street
Elizabeth Street to Royal Park.

- DRESS (17) Marching Order, without packs or rifles. Caps to be worn. Men must be instructed in folding the great coat and fitting it in the pack so that, should there be heavy rain on Friday and should the order to carry greatcoats in packs be issued, they may be able to do so, keeping the packs neat and in the proper place on the shoulders and not low down the back.

Officers - Brigade and Battalion or Unit Staff.
Drill order, with Sam Brown belts and swords.
All other Officers, as for their men.

The Brigade Commander desires Unit Commanders to explain to their men that the public, as well as the Government of Australia, are bound to form an opinion of the efficiency of the 8th Infantry Brigade by what they see on Friday. The men should be reminded that during the march through the streets of the city and whilst forming up they are "at attention" and should march or stand steadily and correctly in their places without talking.

This march is a test of, and practice in, March Discipline. There must be no opening out. Correct distances and correct positions must be maintained. Orders must be passed as necessary.

Every man, as well as each of the Section, Platoon, and Company and other Officers should remember that the good name of the Brigade rests in his hands.

- EQUIPMENT (18) Every effort must be made to ensure that all stores, equipment, clothing etc. is complete and ready for embarkation in good time, and that everything is correctly marked. If you cannot obtain the stores etc. which you should receive, you should report the main deficiencies at once to Brigade Headquarters in order that the matter may be brought before the Military Board immediately.

- A.I.F. ORDERS (19) O/Cs Units should personally ascertain that orders laid down in A.I.F. Orders which require action before embarkation have been fully carried out:-

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES
(3rd Military District)

BATTALION ORDERS No. 76
by
Lieut. Col. F.W. Toll V.D. Commanding 31st Battalion

Part 1.

Broadmeadows Camp,
Victoria. 4.11.1915

- DUTIES (1) Orderly Officer. Lieut. R.S. McLeod
Reg. Ord. Sergt. To be detailed by O/C "B" Coy
" " Corpl " " " " "B" Coy.
" " Bugler " " " " Sergt. Drummer
- REGIMENTAL GUARD (2) 1 N.C.O. and 4 men to be furnished by "B" Coy.
- PIQUETS (3) Camp piquet. 4 men to be furnished by "B" Coy.
Inlying piquet. 1 N.C.O. and 4 men to be furnished
by "B" Coy.
- FATIGUES (4) 6 men to report to Q.M. at 8.30 a.m. from "B" Coy.
- MUSEMERY (5) Members of the 1st Reinf. 31st Batt. without equipment
will parade at 7.10 a.m. on Friday morning (Nov. 5th)
to be in readiness to entrain at Broadmeadows at
8.00 a.m. for North Williamstown. Returning by the
4.30 p.m. train from Williamstown.
Lieut. Still will command the party, and will
have the assistance of two Staff Sergeant Majors to
be detailed by the Regimental Sergeant Major.
O/C 1/31st. will detail 20 men to act as markers.
- MEALS (6) An early Breakfast is to be prepared by 6.30 a.m.
Midday meal will be carried. Hot evening meal to be
prepared on return from North Williamstown.
- RIFLES (7) One rifle per Member to be secured from the Q.M.

Part 2

- CORRIGENDUM (1) In re B.Cs. No. 69 para 5, appointments. The words
"and to be Lance Serjants" in this order are to be
deleted.
- APPOINTMENTS (2) The following appointments are approved. Dated
November 4th 1915:-

To be Lance Corporals (prov)

A/Lce. Cpl.	Tinsley J.
" "	Furlonger J.W.
" "	Chadburn K.
" "	Chalmers F.
" "	Church P.C.
" "	Draper E.C.
" "	Garvin J.
" "	Keen E.J.
" "	Mitchell R.
" "	Linton A.

Battalion Orders No. 76 (Continued)

BATTALION GRADUATED (3) The Battalion Graduated list of Officers
LIST OF OFFICERS is as follows:-

Lt. Col. F.W.Toll, V.D.	Commanding Officer
Major Eckersley	Senior Major
" R.R.Hockley	"A" Coy.
" C.E.Clements	"C" Coy.
Capt. R.P.Blundell	"B" Coy.
" A. McAllister	"B" Coy.
" C. Mills	"D" Coy.
" L.J.Kimber	Adjutant.
Lieut. E.S.Walker	Transport
" J.H.Crombie	Machine Gun
" G.G.Robertson	Signallers
" F.R.Corney	"C" Coy.
" W.Sharp	"D" Coy.
" S.K.Fisher	"A" Coy.
" W. Macpherson	"C" Coy.
" E. Murphy	"B" Coy.
" A.E.Halstead	"B" Coy.
2/Lieut. V.D.Bernard	"A" Coy.
" R.C.Aland	"A" Coy.
" D.P.Walker	"C" Coy.
" F.Drayton	"C" Coy.
" R.K.Hibbs	"D" Coy.
" H.Goldsmith	"C" Coy.
" A.D.Ellis	"D" Coy.
" H.E.McLennan	"A" Coy.
" G.A.Still	1/31st.
" P.C.Eckersley	"A" Coy.
" E.W.Spreadborough	"B" Coy.
" V.L.Morrissett	"B" Coy.
" J.R.S.McLeod	"D" Coy.
" B.C.Lewis	"D" Coy.
Hon. Lieut. T.F.C.Faine	Quartermaster.

(Signed) D.P.Walker, 2nd Lieut
Act Adjutant,
31st Battalion A.I.F.

NOTICE : A wristlet watch has been found. Owner can have same by applying at Battalion Head Quarters, and giving description.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES
(3rd Military District)

BATTALION ORDERS No. 77

by
Lieut. Col. F.W. Toll V.D. Commanding 31st Battalion A.I.F.

Broadmeadows Camp,
Victoria 5.11.1915

Part 1

- DUTIES (1) Orderly Officer. Lieut. Lewis.
Reg. Ord. Serjt. To be detailed by O/C "C" Co.
" " Corpl " " " " "C" Co.
" " Bugler " " " " " Serjt. Drusser
- REGIMENTAL GUARD (2) 1 N.C.O. and 4 men to be furnished by O/C "C" Co.
- PIQUETS (3) Camp piquet. 4 men to be furnished by "C" Co.
Inbying piquet. 1 N.C.O. and 8 men to be furnished by "C" Coy.
- FATIGUES (4) 6 men to report to Q.M. at 6.30 a.m. from "C" Co.
- DISCIPLINE (5) Attention is drawn to the habit of throwing empty bottles, and other rubbish out of train windows. This is strictly against orders, and highly dangerous.
Men are to be warned that they must not throw anything out of windows likely to cause injuries.

Part 2

- TRANSFER (1) Pte. C.G. Davey from 29th Battalion, to "C" Coy. 31st Battalion. Dated 4/11/1915

(Signed) D.P. Walker, 2nd Lieut.
Act. Adjutant, 31st Batta.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES
3rd Military District

EMBARKATION ORDER No. 2

by
Lieut. Col. F.W. Toll V.D. Commanding 31st Battalion

Broadmeadows Camp,
Victoria 6.11.1915

The Transport Section, under Lieut E.S.Walker, together with all drivers (Company Drivers, Machine Gun Section drivers, H.Q. Staff drivers); and ~~an~~ a section consisting of eleven men under a Sergeant from "D" Coy. will embark on board H.M. Troopship "Bakara" on Monday 8th instant at Port Melbourne.

Lieut W. Sharp of "D" Coy. will also embark.

The total strength of party to embark:-

- 2 Officers
- 2 Sergeants
- 48 Other ranks

BAGGAGE. Heavy baggage to be at Battalion Head Quarters by 8 a.m. on Sunday 7th for Transport by road.

HORSES Horses to be at ships side 8.00 a.m. Monday. Move Orders as verbally arranged with Transport Officer.

PERSONNEL. The Personnel will parade at 6.00 a.m. on Monday and entrain at Broadmeadows Railway Station by the 6.46 a.m. train, to Port Melbourne, changing trains at Essendon and Flinders Street...

C/C Companies and Units will arrange for early meal at 5.30 a.m.

(Signed) D.P. Walker, 2nd Lieut.
Act. Adjutant,
31st Battalion A.I.F.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES
3RD Military District

EMBARKATION ORDERS No. -5

by
 Lieut. Col. F.W. Toll, V.D. Commanding 31st Battalion A.I.F.

Broadmeadows Camp,
 Victoria 6.11.1915

The Battalion will embark at Town Pier, of Port Melbourne
 per H.M.T. WANDILLA, on Tuesday morning 9th November 1915

- ADVANCE PARTY. comprising three Officers and 150 other ranks ~~from~~
 of "D" Coy., will proceed by special train from
 Broadmeadows at 8.10 a.m. Monday 8th November 1915,
 to furnish the following details and duties,
 Acting Adjutant, Acting Q.M., Acting S.M., Acting
 Q.M.S. Guards and Sentries.
- KITS AND BAGGAGE.)This Company's Kit and Baggage will remain with
 including Officers) the balance of Company for transport by road.
 The whole baggage should be properly stacked at
 road end of lines with a baggage party in charge.
 Care must be taken that the N.C.O. or man
 in charge of baggage party has a list giving
 number of kits and packages which will be
 checked on arrival at Wharf.
- ~~XXXX~~
- BAGGAGE GUARD. Each Company will furnish a baggage Guard of 7 men
 The whole under the Command of the Armourer Sergeant.
- COMMAND. The Advance Party will be under the command of
 Major Eckersley, who will make all necessary arrange-
 ments for early breakfast, and move. ~~XXXX~~
 Every man must have his water bottle full of
 water and rations for the day in case of emergency.
- SEA KIT BAGS. The advance Party will take their own Sea Kit bags
 with them and accomodation will be arranged on
 board ship by O/C
- REPORTING The O/C will report on arrival at Wharf to the
 Embarkation Staff Officer, and will make all
 dispositions necessary as requested by that Officer.
- TEMPORARY ROLL The O/C of the Advance Party will have a roll of all
 rank under his Command, and will be responsible that
 no member of his party leaves his duty unless under
 very exceptional circumstances.
 The roll will be called as usual and on arrival
 of the main body a report will be furnished the
 Commanding Officer, that every member is present or
 otherwise.
- FATIGUES Each Company will detail sufficient men to assist
 in loading the baggage at the Camp end.
- TRANSPORT Motor transport will be available at the lines at
 10 a.m. when baggage will be loaded without delay.
 The Orderly Officer will supervise the loading and
 report any Unit not complying with these orders and
 instructions.
- UNLOADING AT WHARF. The O/C Advance Party will arrange necessary
 assistance for unloading the lorries on arrival

(2)

REPORT The O/C Advance Party will communicate with the C/O by special messenger if necessary, on any matters of urgency or special reasons for any alterations in Embarkation Orders, by which the efficient carrying out of embarkation might be assisted.

Sympathetic, but firm measures must be taken to prevent the public from interfering with duty of the men.

SANITATION The strictest observance of all orders regarding Sanitary arrangements must be enforced. This should have personal attention of Officers.

TROOPSHIP The attention of all ranks is drawn to Troopship
STANDING ORDERS Standing Orders, which must be read out at least twice before embarking, and then posted in a conspicuous place on each Troop deck, and place of assembly.

(Signed) D.P.Walker, 2nd Lieut.
Act. Adjutant,
31st Battalion A.I.F.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES
(3rd Military District.)

EMBARKATION ORDERS No. 4

by
Lieut. Col. F.W. Toll, V.D. Commanding 31st Battalion

Broadmeadows,
Nov. 7th 1915

31st Battalion A.I.F. per H.M.T. WANDILLA,
embarking a.m. 9th November 1915.

The Battalion less 2 Officers and 48 other ranks (embarked per "BAKARA"), and 4 Officers and 150 other ranks Advance Party for "Wandilla" loading etc. will move from Broadmeadows by rail as follows:

FIRST TRAIN M. G. Section
7.24 a.m. "A" Company
 "B" Company
 1st Reinforcements
 M.O.

SECOND TRAIN "C" Coy
7.38 a.m. Balance of "D" Coy.
 All details of F.A. Brigade, as under:-
 1 Officer and 204 other ranks
 Signallers and details
 Details Casualty clearing station
 Details Naval Bridging Train

Chaplain

COMMAND The C/O will travel with No. 1 Troop Train.
 Major Clements will command No. 2 Troop Train.

ASSEMBLY The Battalion will fall in at 6.45 a.m. Companies
 must arrange for Breakfast at 6 a.m.
 See Routine Orders for details.

See Notes on movements of Troops, page 11. Embarkation of troops

(i) All clothing and necessaries required by the men for use on the voyage must be packed in the sea kit-bags previous to leaving concentration camps. All the remainder of the men's kit should be packed in the valise (if in possession) and kit-bags.

(ii) Sea kit-bags will be taken in the Railway carriages with the men and not in the luggage van.

(v) On arrival at the trooping shed, perfect silence is to be observed, and the Commanding Officer, with his Adjutant, sergeant-major, and bugler will get out first. A marker from each Company is to be ready to step out of the train when the bugle sounds. Company Officers to stand by their company carriages; no men to leave the carriages until ordered to do so.

The embarkation will proceed under instructions from the embarkation Staff Officer.

MESSES V111. The men will be told off to messes under the supervision of the Embarking Staff Officer. A subaltern officer will proceed, on board with the first mess of his company,

Embarkation Orders No. 4 (Contd)

MESSES (Contd) and see that the men stow away their sea-kits in the proper place, the Captain following with the last mess of his Company, and no Officer will leave the troop deck until everything is in order.

(ix) The orders of railway and embarkation staff Officers are paramount; and are to be considered as emanating from the Military Board.

(x) Instructions for non-commissioned officers in charge of troop decks are posted up on the bulk-head of each troop deck, and company Officers are to instruct their non-commissioned officers to carry out the routine.

(xi) Names of all persons failing to embark should be notified to the embarkation staff officer, for communication to the Secretary, Defence Department.

(xii) Units can help the work materially by strict compliance with the directions of the Embarking Staff, by the avoiding of any straggling, and the maintenance of silence.

EMBARKING (c) As each mess is told off, they will be led by a guide from the Advance Party to stow their sea kit bags.
Note. Nothing is to be hung on the hammock hooks.

(d) On the stowage of kits etc. the men will sit down in their messes and keep silence until the final inspection of the ship has been completed.

(f) O.C Companies will see that their men are divided into messes, allotted to berths, and instructed in the proper method of rolling bedding and slinging hammocks; that their packs, kit bags and sea kit bags, arms, accoutrements, and ammunition (if any) are properly disposed of, and that their necessaries, hammocks, and bedding, when served out, are marked.

(h) No smoking is allowed in the docks or on board until orders have been issued to regulate places and times for smoking.

(i) Hammocks will be issued immediately after the ship has sailed.

(j) The captain of the day (or in his absence the subaltern of the day) as well as the acting quartermaster, will attend all issues of rations and forage.

SPECIAL NOTICE: After embarkation no member of the A.I.F. is to be allowed to leave the ship without special permission ~~from~~ from O/C Troops.

All Officers are required to be conversant with Kings Regs. governing Embarkation of Troops.

(Signed) D.P. Walker, 2nd Lieut.,
Act. Adjutant 31st Battn.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES
(3rd Military District)

BATTALION ORDERS No. 81

by
Lieut. Col. F.W. Toll V.D. Commanding 31st Battalion A.I.F.

Part 1.

Breadmeadows Camp,
Vicotira 8.11.1915

DEXX

FATIGUES (1) "A" Company will supply all fatigues necessary to-morrow.

DAILY ROUTINE (2) Reveille will be sounded at 5 a.m. to-morrow (November 9th). Breakfast will be at 5.30 a.m. Parade at 6.30 a.m.

O/C Companies are to see that their lines are thoroughly cleaned before the time for 6.30 a.m. parade.

BLANKETS, TENTS ETC. (3) Attention is directed to B.O's 79, paras 5, 6, & 7.
This is most important.

GALLEY UTENSILS (4) These are to be thoroughly cleaned, and ready for the O.M. to check at Companies galleys by 6.30 a.m. to-morrow (Tuesday November 8th 1915)

ENTRAINING (5) In reference to personnel of Troop trains, Embarkation Order No. 4. Cancel same and read in place thereof:-

1st Train 7.24 a.m.
"A" Company
"B" Company
M.G. Section
H.Q. Office Staff.

2nd Troop Train 7.38 a.m.
"C" Company
Balance of "D" Coy.
1st Reinforcements
Signallers
Details H.Q.

Part 2.

TRANSFERS (1) Sergeant Langley from "C" Co. 31st Battn. to 2nd Reinf. 31st Battn. Dated 8/9/1915
Private Creek from "C" Co. 31st Battn. to 2nd Reinf. 31st Battn. Dated 8/9/1915

DISCHARGE (2) Pte. G.A. Teesdale, H.Q. Details (S.E.) 31st Battn. is struck off the strength of the A.I.F.

D.P.W. Secy, 3/Lieut.
Adj. Adjutant,
31st Battalion

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APPOINTMENTS (3) Pte. A. Moore 1/31st Battn. to be Acting Corporal
Dated 9/11/1915.
Pte. F.H.Larkins 1/31st Battn. to be Acting
Corporal. Dated 9/11/1915.
L/Corpl, J. Tinsley "B" Co. 31st Battn. to be
Corporal (prov) Dated 8/11/1915
Pte. A.Falconer "B" Co. 31st Battn to be Lance
Corpl. Dated 8/11/1915.

NOT TO EMBARK (4) The undermentioned N.C.O. and man are not to
be allowed to embark:-

L.Cpl. C.J.Charlton "A" Coy. 31st Battn.
Pte. James Buller "A" Coy. 31st Battn.

(Signed) D.P.Walker, 2nd Lieut.
A/Adjt. 31st Battn. A.I.F.