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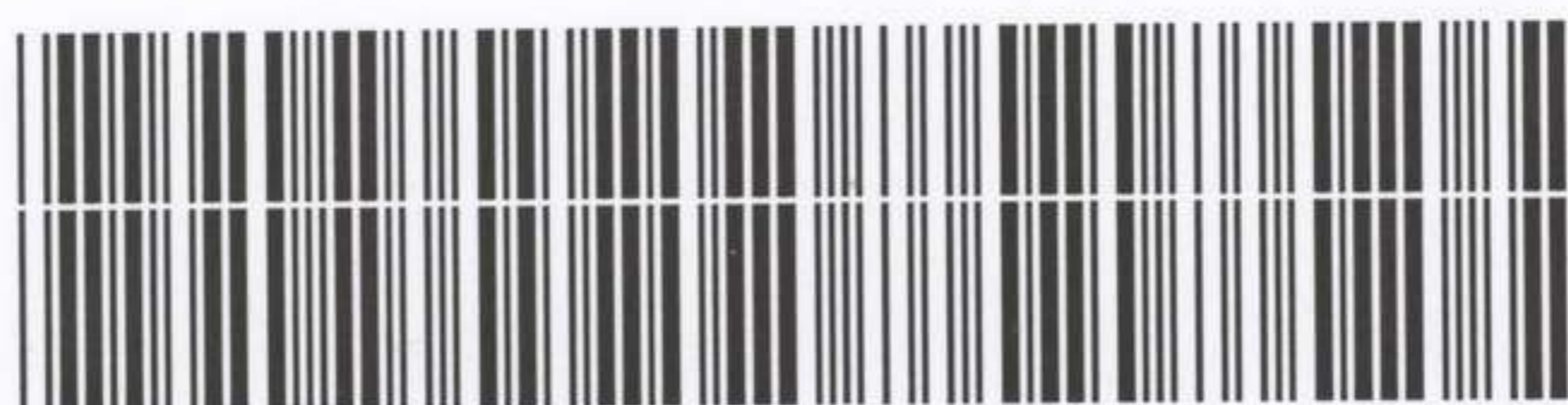
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*28<sup>th</sup> Battalion A.I.F.*

FOR

*October* 1918



H.Q., 28TH BATTALION, AUSTRALIAN I.F.
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*I. L. Lieut. Col.,  
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TEMPLEUX	11/10/18		Weather - Showery during morning - afternoon fine	
LE FOSSE			Movements - Battalion had been held in readiness to move at short notice, and during orders were received to be prepared to march out by 8 am.	
TEMPLEUX			At 9.15 am the order to proceed was given and the Battalion marched to TEMPLEUX LE GUERARD arriving at 1.30 pm. The position allotted us had not previously been occupied by troops, it was necessary, therefore, to make bivouacs for the night, and this was complete by 5 pm. and all ranks settled down.	
LE GUERARD			At 7.30 pm. Major A Brown, D.S.O., M.C., who had taken over command of the Battalion temporarily, received a call to attend a conference of Battalion Commanders at Brigade Headquarters and returned an hour later with orders for a move into the line at once. All Company Commanders were called to Battalion Headquarters where orders were dictated to them.	

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TEMPLEUX	1/10/18.		<p>Move. - At 10 p.m. the Battalion left the starting point I.10.a.3.7 thence to cross Roads in I.15. b. 7.0. thence in a north easterly direction, South of Villers, along SENTINEL RIDGE through BELLICOURT to trenches - LECATELET NAUROY LINE - in G.5. and <del>A.22.2</del>. Battalion Headquarters situated in Augoult G.5.a.7.2. Owing to the darkness of the night, rain, and very heavy traffic the journey proved very strenuous. The new position was reached by 3 a.m. 1/10/18. Casualties en route (shell fire) 1 O.R. Killed 2 O.R. wounded.</p>	<p>Reference Map. WIANCOURT 12000</p>
LE GUERARD			<p>Officers - Lieut-Col P. Currie D.S.O. Commanding Officer, proceeded to Div Reinforcement Wing, near PERONNE.</p>	

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Support	7/10/18		Weather - Fine & cool	
Line			Artillery - Fairly active. Enemy paying particular attention to roads approaching BELLICOURT with H.V. guns	
			Aircraft - Very active during night many bombs dropped by E.A. in the vicinity and on BELLICOURT	
			General - During the day all ranks were rested as much as possible in view of the attacks to take place tomorrow morning	

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Support Line	3/10/18		<p>Weather - Very Fine</p> <p>The attack - a start was made in the very early morning to prepare for the attack, long before day break all ranks were "on deck". a dump was made of all surplus gear at Batter. Road, in order that men could go forward with as little kit as possible. a hot meal was prepared by the cooks and brought forward to the Battalion at 4 am. The morning was crisp and fine, slightly misty in the valleys. Everything was unusually quiet on the whole front. Fritz was evidently not aware of what awaited him.</p> <p>At 5 am. all arrangements were completed and the move forward to the "jumping off" tape commenced. The Battalion formed up at ZERO minus 15 minutes, its right flank resting on BANK Copse at A.30. b.6.7. and left flank at B.24. Central</p>	<p>Ref Map Sheet WIANCOURT 120000</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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	2/10/18		<p>Order of Battle was as follows -</p> <p>"D" Company on the Right under Capt. L. H. G. McIntyre</p> <p>"C" Company on the Left under Lieut. R. J. R. Foster M.M.</p> <p>"A" Company in Support under Capt. C. R. Bught.</p> <p>Initially at 6.5 am. the barrage from our artillery was put down, and the advance commenced in artillery formation moving in a north easterly direction, everything went well and according to plan. On reaching Lovens Canal (now dry) it was necessary to call a halt for some time in order to allow the barrage to rest on and clear up COPSE in B.13.C. Enemy artillery was now replying vigorously. The barrage lifted and advance proceeded until reaching road behind LORMISSET. in B.13. b &amp; d. MASNIERES - BEAUREVOIR LINE was now entered and the advance continued up the trench. Some prisoners were captured in B.13. b. with very little opposition. Advance proceeded well until reaching B.8. a</p>	

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	2/10/18		<p>where 3 enemy machine guns were encountered, these held up the advance temporarily, but were soon overcome and captured, together with 30 or 40 prisoners. By 9.15 am. the whole trench system up to B.2. Central was cleared of the enemy (many of whom had been sent under escort to the rear) and consolidation proceeded with. The role of the Battalion was to form a defensive flank facing PROSPECT HILL. A post was pushed up as far as B.2. b.3.5, and three posts were established in B.7. b.</p> <p>The tanks which was to have accompanied the Battalion was put out of action at B.13. d.4.9.</p> <p>Battalion headquarters was situated in Hill Box B.13. b.4.7. Lieut J. D. Keilov M.C. + BAR, Battalion Intelligence <sup>officer</sup>, Lieut J. C. Barb M.C. and Lieut G. E. Batterell were killed during the attack. Lieut W. B. Dozer M.C., Lieut W. L. Smiley M.C., Lieut B. J. Spencer, and Lieut S. G. Scott were wounded.</p>	

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	3/10/18		<p>Total casualties Killed 3 Officers 11 Other Ranks                      Wounded 14 Officers 66 Other Ranks                      Captives 50 Prisoners                      6 German Machine Guns                      1 77 mm. Gun Sight                      1 Signalling Set Complete.</p>	
			<p>Officers. Lieut. W. Davies proceeded to 4<sup>th</sup> Army School for course of instruction - Company Commanders' course.</p>	
			<p>Major A. Mitchell (attached to 13<sup>th</sup> Light Horse) proceeded on leave to Paris.</p>	
			<p>Lieut. J. E. Brown m.c. rejoined from English leave.</p>	

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BEAUVOIR LINE	4/10/18		<p>Weather - cloudy &amp; inclined to rain.</p> <p>Relief - Battalion relieved in front line by 9<sup>th</sup> Devond at 2am 7/10/18. and came back to line previously occupied in B. 5. (LE CATELET NAUROY LINE) A hot meal had been prepared and was awaiting the Battalion immediately. new position was reached.</p>	
	7/10/18		<p>The 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion was placed under the Command of G.O.C. 6<sup>th</sup> Inf Brigade and at 4 pm. orders were received to move forward to BEAUREVOIR LINE in front of ESTREES. occupying line from road B. 27. <del>65</del> 65. 78. to B. 27. a. 0. 4. (Battalion Headquarters situated at B. 27. c. 5. 8). in support of 6<sup>th</sup> A.I. Brigade who had advanced during the morning.</p>	<p><i>Hastings</i></p>

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<p><u>Weekly Fighting Strength</u> — <u>4<sup>th</sup> October 1918</u></p>														
			A		B		C		D					
			Fighting strength in accordance with Army Instructions.		Included in 'A' but not actually with unit		Actual Fighting Strength		Explanation of any discrepancy between this and previous return					
			O	O.R.	O	O.R.	O	O.R.	Arrivals	O	O.R.	Deaths	O	O.R.
			21	426	8	194	18	329	Sicks	2		Sicks	4	
			8	194					Wounded	7		O.D.B.	1	-
									Reinfts	2		Killed		2
									Inv Offences	1		Wounded		5
									Transfer	1		Injured		1
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SUPPORT.	5/10/18.		<p>Weather - Fair -</p> <p>Relief - At 11 pm. the Battalion were relieved in support line by the 3rd Battalion 118th Regiment Americans and marched to Rear position near TEMPLEUX LE GUERARD arriving at about 2.30 am. a hot meal was prepared and everyone after the strenuous happenings of the past few days gladly welcomed a good night's rest.</p>	

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TEMPLEUX.	6/10/18.		Weather - cool & clear.	
LE GUERARD			<p>General - all ranks were allowed to rest during the day</p> <p>Officers - Lieut Col P. Currie LDO rejoined the Battalion from                      New Reinforcements Wing</p> <p>Lieut Col McKee rejoined from Paris leave.</p> <p>Lieut J. L. Reid &amp; Lieut W. C. King joined the Battalion                      from reinforcements.</p>	
			<p>Move - Preliminary orders were received for a move                      to rest area. Lieut A. F. Walters and 2 NCOs                      proceeded by Motor Bus at 8 am as relieving                      party to new area.</p>	

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TEMPLEUX	7/10/18		<p>Weather - Very Fine</p> <p>Move - In view of a move back the camp was awake at an early hour. Everyone was in the best of spirits, and the general routine of shifting and cleaning up the camp was done with the best of feeling and speed. The fact that our long looked for "rest" had at last come seemed to gladden the hearts of all.</p>	
LE GUERRARD			<p>Punctually at 9 am. the Battalion marched off en route for the entraining point ROISEL, arriving at 10.30 am. owing to a mishap the train was late and as the cooks were available a midday meal was prepared. after lunch the troops engage in sports, cards etc, until 4 pm. when the train arrived and at 4.30 pm. we were steaming out on the way to a rest area.</p>	
			<p>Great interest was shown in the surrounding country which had been rescued from the enemy of only a week</p>	<p>Pascal</p>

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	7/10/19		<p>or two previously. A certain sadness presents itself at this moment. Thoughts return to the scene of many hard fights, and to our best and bravest comrades, who, in the many long &amp; strenuous battles of the past few months, have fallen and now lie at rest in the grounds so dearly won.</p> <p>at 10.30 pm the detrainning station (ST. ROCH. AMIENS) was reached and within 30 minutes we had commenced to march to our billets - some 25 kilos - The march proved fairly strenuous but in spite of this very few fell out and on reaching our destination - BERTEAUCOURT -</p>	
<del>BERT</del>	8/10/19		<p>at 6 am the majority were still going strong. Guides immediately directed troops to their billets and very soon the camp "slept".</p> <p>At noon there was plenty of movement and the remainder of the day was spent in cleaning up</p>	
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BERTEAUCOURT	8/10/18		and looking around the village and surroundings. BERTEAUCOURT is a very nice village, much cleaner than those we have been accustomed to billet in. The inhabitants are most amiable and treat us well. Officers Spent A Emory having completed course at 4 <sup>th</sup> Army L.O.S. School rejoined Spent J.L. Davis rejoined after tour of duty with Overseas Training Brigade, England.	

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Arteaucourt	9/10/18		Weather - Showery.	
			Parades - Parades were held during the morning for the purpose of cleaning up clothing and equipment, and taking note of shortages.	
			Pay Day - Pay was drawn (20000 francs) Men were given the opportunity of drawing £5 to enable them to purchase Christmas presents.	
			Honour awards - The award of Distinguished Conduct Medal to Pte H. V. EMERY, for services during attack on 8 August last, was published.	

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			Weekly Fighting Strength 11 <sup>th</sup> October 1918.											
			A		B		C		II.					
			Fighting Strength in accordance with Army Instructions		Included in 'A' but not actually with unit		Actual Fighting Strength.		Explanation of any discrepancy between this & previous return					
			O	OR	O	OR	O	OR	Annals	O	OR	Deaths	O	OR
			21	416	4	136	18	227	Wounded	6	6	Killed	3	10
			4	136					Sicks	6	1	Wounded	4	66
									Prisoners	1	1	Sicks		8
									Injured	2	2	Prisoners		1
									Rempts	1	-			
									Promoted	1	-			
			26	552					O. I. B.	3	17		7	85

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Berkeaucowid	10/10/14		<p>Weather. Splendid.</p> <p>Sports. During the afternoon a football match (Australian Rules) was played between a team from 27<sup>th</sup> Batt and our team. The teams have played against each other since arriving in France, the matches have always been keenly contested and given a good display of football. The 27<sup>th</sup> Team prior to this match had one match to its favor, and by winning added a second. Scores were 27<sup>th</sup> Battalion 5 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion 2.</p> <p>The game was good, clean and very fast, if anything we had a little better of the game but the 27<sup>th</sup> had a very much heavier team and had the advantage in kicking.</p>	

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			Weekly Fighting Strengths. 18 <sup>th</sup> October 1918											
			A		B		C		D.					
			Fighting Strength in accordance with Army Instructions		Included in 'A' but not actually with unit		Actual Fighting Strength		Explanation of any discrepancy between this and previous returns.					
			O	OR	O	OR.	O	OR	Arrivals	O	OR	Deaths	O	OR.
			21	514.	7	120.	18	423.	Sick	1	9	Sick		26
			7	120.					Wounded	1	11	Transfers		5
									Ampts	1	74	Wounded		1
									Injured		1	Prison		5
									Prison		1			
									Q2B	1	-			
			28	624.						3	96.		-	14

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Berkeaucourt	19/10/18		<p>Weather - Splendid.</p> <p>Sports - Battalion's sports were held - At 10 am. Companies fell in and marched to the grounds and sports commenced promptly to time. The day was good and many visitors were present. All events were <del>consequently</del> keenly contested, and the programme was made very interesting.</p> <p>During the afternoon Brig. Gen. E. A. Wisdom <sup>CP. I.S.O.</sup> (Brigade Commander) was present. A very pleasant afternoon was spent.</p> <p>Sgt. A. Brown I.S.O. m.c. + Lieut. G. B. McKee attended a meeting of Brigade Sports Committee at Brigade Headquarters at 10 am.</p>	

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Berleaucourt	24/10/18		<p><u>Weather</u> - Showery.</p> <p><u>Officers</u> - Capt R. M. G. McIntyre evacuated sick                  sent W. A. Reid proceeds for course of instruction to                  Corps Bombing School.</p>	

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Berkeaucourt	25/10/18		<p><u>Weather</u>- Dull Morning - Fine Afternoon</p> <p><u>Corps</u> <u>Guard</u> The Battalion was called upon to supply a Guard of one officer and 20 other ranks for Australian Corps Headquarters.</p> <p>The guard was inspected by the Commanding Officer at 11.30 and proceeded under Lieut. A. Emery by rail at 1300.</p> <p><u>Officers</u>. Lieut A. W. G. Bardwick rejoined unit from hospital sick.</p>	

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			Weekly Fighting Strength. 25 <sup>th</sup> October 1918											
			A		B		C		D					
			Fighting strength in accordance with Army Instructions.		Included in 'A' but not actually with Unit.		Actual Fighting strength		Explanation of any discrepancy between this and previous return					
			0	OR	0	OR	0	OR	Arrivals	0	OR	Deaths	0	OR
			17	812			14	430.	Prisoners			21	injured	1
			12	150.	12	150.			Deaths			7	Deaths	4
									Sick			3	O.C.B.	1
									Injured	1				
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Buteaucourt	6/10/18		<p><u>Weather</u> - Fine</p> <p><u>Sports</u> - During the afternoon the Battalion Football Team (Australian Rules) played the 2nd Pioneer Battalion Team. - Result - won for the 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion.</p> <p>The Soccer Football Team played the 26<sup>th</sup> Battalion Soccer Team and also had a win.</p> <p><u>Officers</u> - Lieut J. Lunnors rejoined from English leave</p> <p><u>General</u> - The Battalion has had printed a supply of Christmas Cards of its own design. These are on sale at the canteen at half a franc each. (Sample attached).</p>	

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Berleauscourt	27/10/18		<p><u>Weather</u> - crisp &amp; clear.</p> <p><u>Divine Services</u> - Church Parades were held as under -                      Protestant Denominations at 10.15 - Chap Rev J. Humphrey.                      Roman Catholic at 0900. - Chap. The Very Rev. Sean Brennan.</p> <p><u>Officers</u> - Lieut R. W. McKenzie proceeded for Course of Instructions to Divisional Signal School.</p>	

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Verteancourt	28/10/18		<p><u>Weather</u> - Splendid.</p> <p><u>General</u> - Battalion to be Brigade Duty Battalion for the week                      Following duties to be performed daily:-                      Disciplinary Picquet of 1 Officer &amp; 30 Other Ranks                      Fire Picquet of 1 Officer &amp; 30 Other Ranks.                      Messicourt Picquet of 1 Officer 2 Sergeants &amp; 10 Other Ranks                      to reside for the week at Town Major's office Messicourt</p> <p><u>Honors &amp; Awards.</u> Official notifications received that the following awards have been made to members of the Battalion:-  <u>V.C.</u> (Posthumous) Lieut A.E. Gaby.  <u>D.S.O.</u> - Lieutants J. Shorrocks  <u>M.C.</u> - Lieut B. J. B. Tozer M.M.                      Lieut B. G. McKee                      Capt J. B. Harper (R.M.O. attached)  <u>D.C.O.</u> - Sergeant Jabonolly M.M.                      Sergeant A.E. Castles.</p> <p><u>Officers</u> - Lieut E.R. Anderson proceed for Course of Instructions at Corps Intelligence School.</p>	

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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Berleancourt	29/10/18.		<p>Weather - Fine</p> <p>Promotions - The following promotions were published.</p> <p>Lieut (<del>2</del> Capt) J. E. Dunkley to be Captain as from 21/10/18.</p> <p>Lieut (<del>2</del> Capt) N. H. G. McIntyre do do.</p> <p>Lieut (<del>2</del> Capt) L. G. Allen M.C. do do.</p> <p>Lieut W. E. Cross to be Temp Captain do.</p> <p>Officers Major A. Mitchell attached for Infantry experience from 13<sup>th</sup> Aust Light Horse Regiment rejoined from Fourth Army School Commanding Officers Course and proceeded to rejoin his own unit.</p>	

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Berkeancourt	3 <sup>rd</sup> /10/18		<p><u>Weather</u> - Fine crisp</p> <p><u>Sports</u> - During the afternoon the Battalion Soccer Team played a match with 2<sup>nd</sup> Machine Gun Battalion Team our team won comfortably.</p> <p><u>Competitions</u> <u>A.R.A.</u> Battalion Basketball officer under instructions from Brigade Headquarters proceeded to Divisional Headquarters for Conference in connection with a proposed A.R.A. competition</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Berleaucourt	5/10/18		<p>Weather - Neb</p> <p>Sports - Major A Brown D.S.O., M.C., of this Battalion has been selected Brigade Sports representative. A meeting of all representatives from Battalions in the Brigade was held at Battalion Headquarters for the purpose of making final arrangements for Bd Sports.</p> <p>Officers - Chaplain The Very Rev Dean Brennan proceeded on leave to U.K.</p> <p>Lieut A F Walters (Battalion Signal Officer) has been selected to proceed for course of instruction to Chestnut College Cambridge in connection with the A.I.F. Educational Services. Lieut W C Piggott M.M. takes over duties as Signal Officer.</p>	

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War Diary.

APPENDIX

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Original.

Battalion Routine Orders

October

H.Q.,	
28TH BATTALION,	
AUSTRALIAN I.F.	
No.....	.....
Date.....	.....

No. 475.	Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup> .
476.	" 10 <sup>th</sup> .
477.	" 11 <sup>th</sup> .
478.	" 12 <sup>th</sup> .
479.	" 14 <sup>th</sup> .
480.	" 16 <sup>th</sup> .
481.	" 17 <sup>th</sup> .
482.	" 19 <sup>th</sup> .
483.	" 21 <sup>st</sup> .
484.	" 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
485.	" 24 <sup>th</sup> .
486.	" 26 <sup>th</sup> .
487.	" 27 <sup>th</sup> .
488.	" 28 <sup>th</sup> .

By Lieut-Col P. CURRIE DSO

Commanding 48th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

9.10.18.

- Duties. 1. Battalion Orderly Officer S/Lieut F.C. King.  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt Reilly H.L.  
Duty Company "C" Company.
- Reversions 2. No 6106 Cpl (Temp) LEAHY J.J. reverts to L/Cpl  
on evacuating Wounded 3.10.18 128088.  
No 314 Sgt (Temp) JONES H.S. reverts to Cpl on  
evacuating Wounded 3.10.18 98178  
No 5798 Cpl (Temp) ANNEAR R.W. reverts to L/Cpl  
on evacuating Wounded 3.10.18. 127855
- Schools 3. The following results were obtained by members of  
of this Unit who attended schools.  
Lieut H.J. SPENCER P. & B.T Good.  
No 687 Cpl Roberts W.H. Army Musk'ty V.G.  
No 6657 L/Cpl Young F.W. Corps L.G. V.G.  
No 6394 L/Cpl Riley D.J. Corps Bomb'g Good.
- Honours & Awards. 4. The Distinguished Conduct Medal has been awarded  
to the undermentioned. In publishing the name the  
Commanding Officer desires to congratulate the  
recipient.  
No 1702 Pte H.V. EMERY.
- Parade. 5. Companies will parade on Battalion Parade Ground  
situated approximately, ~~Sheet~~ LENS Sheet (11)  
1/100,000 B6.85.60, at 9 a.m.
- Sick Parade. 6. Sick Parade will be held at 9 a.m.

No 475, 9.10.18.

(Signed) L.G. ALLEN Capt.  
Adjutant.

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LORD JOHN G. G. (1871-1918)

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By Lieut-Col P. CURRIE DSO

Commanding 96th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field

October 19th 1918

- Duties. 1. Duty Company "A" Company.  
Duty Company will supply Orderly Officer and Orderly Sergeant.
- School. 2. The following attended a course of instruction at Aust. Corps Signal School and has qualified to act as an Assistant Instructor of Signalling.  
No 4368 L/Cpl HEAPS C.N.
- Dress 3. Men "walking out" must be correctly dressed, and after 14.30 must wear webb equipment waist belts. When great-coats are worn, the waist belt will be worn on the outside of the great-coat. This order is to be promulgated at once, and disciplinary action taken in all cases of disobedience of it, thereafter.
- Estaminets. 4. Men found inside estaminets at other than the authorised hours will be arrested. Instructions have been issued to estaminets that the sale of liquor is prohibited except in the specified hours. Estaminets offending will be placed out of bounds.
- Parade. 5. Companies will parade independently on the Battalion Parade Ground at 9.30 a.m.

No 476, 19.10.18.

(Signed) L.G. ALLEN Captain  
Adjutant.

By Lieut-Col. P. CURRIE DSO Commanding 90th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

11.10.16.

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- Duties. 1. Battalion Orderly Officer S/Lieut J. SHORROCK  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant S/Sgt L.E. Collett  
Duty Company "B" Company.
- Promotion. 2. No. 1148 Cpl H.K. KAHAN, to be Battalion Orderly  
Room Sergeant, Records Section, vice No. 1163  
S/Sgt Collett L.E. resumed Regimental duties  
7.10.16.
- Transfers. 3. No. 4710 Pte CRISPIN A.B. from C Company to  
Sigs.  
No. 6808 Pte LANGE L.J.B. do  
No. 4481 Pte Harrington L. do
- Routine. 3. Companies will parade independently on Parade  
Ground at 9.0 a.m. - a close inspection will be  
carried out. Particular attention being paid to  
Hair cutting.

(Signed) L.S. ALLEN Captain.  
Adjutant.

NOTICE.

One N.C.O. Sports Representative, from each Coy  
and Hqrs will meet Major A. BROWN DSO, MC. at B.O.R.  
at 9.0 a.m. tomorrow.

FOOTBALL MATCH. - at 8.30 p.m. tomorrow on Batta  
Sports Ground.

Representative team from Transport and "B" Coy

versus

Representative team from Hqrs, "A" and "C" Coys.

Teams will be selected by Sports representatives

APPENDIX

By Lieut-Col P. CURRIE DSO

Commanding 88th Battalion A.

In the Field.

18.10.18.

- Duties. 1. Battalion Orderly Officer, S/Lieut C.T. BRITT.  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant, Sgt Pacey B.E.  
Duty Company "C" Company.
- Promotions 2. Dated 11.10.18  
No 4368 Sgt (Temp) EDGAR H.D. to be Sgt. 26510  
No 2148 Sgt (Temp) FOX J.A. to be Sgt. 26448  
No 4657 Cpl (Temp) JOHNSTON T. to be Cpl. 26358.  
No 2549 Cpl (Temp) BLACKHAM F. McR to be Cpl. 26160
- Crimes,  
Punishments 3. Dated 11.10.18  
No 2549 Cpl Charles W. - Admonished.  
A.W.L. from 10.10.18 (8.30 p.m.) until 7.30 a.m.  
11.10.18. Forfeiture - 1 Day  
No 2566 Pte Keane P.J. - 90 days F.P. No 8.  
25.9.18. London. A.W.L. from 7 a.m. 25.9.18  
until Arrested 8 p.m. 3.10.18.  
Total Forfeiture 35 days.  
No 2935 Pte Hamilton J.H. Sentence of 2 years I.M.  
suspended on 13.9.18 Authority A.C., G.H.Q. A.C.  
12/P.S. 13.9.18.  
No 2664 Pte Taylor H. 30 days F.P. No 8 9.10.18  
27.9.18. A.W.L. from 7.30 a.m. 27.9.18 until  
8.30 p.m. 30.9.18 Forfeiture 30 days.  
No 4008 Pte Bouron A. - 30 days F.P. No 8. 9.10.18  
27.9.18. A.W.L. from 7.30 a.m. 27.9.18 until  
8.30 p.m. 30.9.18 Forfeiture 30 days.
- Church  
Parade 4. PROTESTANT. Parade for 85th, 86th, 87th, and 88th  
Battalions on the 88th Battalion Parade Ground at  
9.30 a.m. tomorrow. Companies will pass starting  
point, "C" Company's Headquarters at 9.15 a.m. sharp,  
in the following order: Hqs, A, B, and C Companies.  
Lieut Anderson will be in charge of the Parade and  
will form up the Parade on the Battalion Parade  
Ground.  
Duty Company will detail One N.C.O. to act as Batt-  
alion Marker. He will report to Mr Anderson on the  
Ground at 9.15 a.m.  
PARADE STARTS to R.S.H. at B.O.R. at 9.30 a.m.  
ROMAN CATHOLIC. BERESBAUCOURT Church 9 a.m.  
Parade will form up at B.O.R. at 8.45 a.m.  
DRIBB for both Parades - Belts and Side Arms.

No 478, 18.10.18

(Signed) L.G. ALLEN Capt.  
ADJUTANT

NOTICE. All ranks are notified that a specially  
designed Battalion Christmas Card, at present in the hands of the  
printers will be available at the Battalion Canteen within the  
next fortnight.



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By Lieut-Col P. CURRIE DSO

Commanding 88th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

October 14th 1918.

## Duties

1. Battalion Orderly Officer, Lieut K.W. McKenzie.  
 Battalion Orderly Sergeant, Sgt Collett  
 Battalion Orderly Corporal, Cpl Goff  
 Duty Company "B" Company.

## Transfers.

2. The following transfers have been effected.  
 No 1871 Sgt Parnell C. from "A" Coy to Hqs Coy  
 No 6577A Pte Hill W.S. " " "C" Coy to 88th Batta.  
 No 5156A " Clarke W. " " " "  
 No 4592A " Cunningham C.E. " " "  
 No 6553A " Dignace J.R. " " 87 Batta.

Crimes,  
Punishments,  
etc.

3. 14.10.18.

No 3799 Pte BLAKESB S.F. - 31 days P.P. No 8  
 28.9.18-A.W.L. from 11 a.m. 28.9.18 until 8 p.m.  
 8.10.18 Forfeiture 30 days 283130.

No 6158 Pte SAUNDERS J. - 30 days P.P. No 8  
 28.9.18 A.W.L. from 11 a.m. 28.9.18 until 8 p.m.  
 8.10.18 Forfeiture 30 days 188128

In the Field

14.10.18.

(Signed) L.G. ALLEN Capt.  
Adjutant.

By Lieut-Col F. CURRIE DSO

Commanding 88th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

16.10.16.

- Duties.** 1. Battalion Orderly Officer, S/Lieut A. Emery.  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant, Sgt Harris A.  
Battalion Orderly Corporal, Cpl Baker W.  
Duty Company, "A" Company.
- Crimes, Punishments.** 2. No 1715A Pte KRAKOWSKI L.H. - 30 days F.P. No 2.  
18.9.16. A.W.L. from 8.30 p.m. 18.9.16 until Arrested  
5.10 p.m. 18.9.16. Forfeiture 30 days.
- Corrigendum.** 3. Reference R.O. 479 Para 5 - No 3780 Pte HICKERS S.G.  
30 days F.P. No 2 AMEND to read 30 days F.P. No 2.
- Promotions, Reversions, etc.** 4. No 3145 C.S.M. (Temp) BERRY J.W. to be C.S.M. and W.O.  
Class 5 vice No 4186 C.S.M. GUNNOR J. Sick 21.10.17.  
(See R.O. 653 of 16.10.16) 103916
- No 4187 Dvr HORNBY B.E. reverts to Private on return of  
No 561 Dvr Ball F. 10.10.16
- No 4187 Pte HORNBY B.E. to be Driver (Temp) (A.I.F.  
Order 785) vice No 928 Dvr Flanagan W.E. promoted.  
to date from 16.10.16. 28837.
- Dated 16.10.16.
- No 6408 Cpl THOMAS A.G. to be L/Sgt to complete  
Establishment. 21346.
- No 6308 L/Cpl JOWETT H.S. to be Corporal (Temp) vice  
No 314 Cpl Jones H.S. Wounded 3.10.16 21344.
- No 5958A Pte THOMAS D. to be L/Cpl 127888.
- No 6307 Pte Cameron D. to be L/Cpl 213620
- No 4288 L/Sgt ELFVBERGSON W.H. to be Sgt (Temp) vice  
No 3028 Sgt Wollnough F.H. to C.S.M. 21.7.16 100841
- No 6376 Cpl RAFFERTY T. to be Sgt (Temp) vice No 408  
Sgt Christie J.R. Killed in Action 3.10.16 41837.
- No 4788 L/Cpl JARVIS D. to be Cpl (Temp) vice No 6376  
Cpl Rafferty T. promoted 16.10.16 28342.
- No 6364 L/Cpl RILEY D.I. to be Cpl (Temp) vice No 1001  
Cpl Wright I.R. Killed in Action 3.4.16 213637.
- No 6026 L/Cpl MAUSER F.A. to be Cpl (Temp) vice No 6319  
Cpl Hime J. Sick 2.8.16 20141
- No 3144 L/Cpl BODGENS V.B. to be Cpl (Temp) vice No 6308  
Cpl Petersen W.H. Wounded 2.8.16 20617
- No 6308 L/Cpl ELLIOTT-SMITH J. to be Cpl (Temp) vice  
No 4288 L/Sgt Elfverson W.H. promoted 16.10.16 28288.

ROUTINE ORDER No 481.

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By Lieut-Col P. GIBBIE DSO.

Commanding 20th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

17.10.18.

- Duties.** 1. Battalion Orderly Officer, S/Lieut W.C. Figgott.  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant, Sgt Thomas A.J.  
Battalion Orderly Corporal, Cpl Cope H.J.
- Ammunition.** 2. Company Commanders will ensure that the ammunition on the man is kept up to establishment of 150 rounds per man.  
All shortages will be charged up to the man deficient at the rate of 5d per round unless a satisfactory explanation is forthcoming.
- School.** 3. The following attended a course of instruction at the Fourth Army Signal School and obtained an Assistant Instructor's Certificate.  
No 5349 Cpl Blackham F.M.K.
- A.P.'s 100.** 4. In order that the conduct sheets of every man in the Battalion may be checked and brought up to date with Records Section, Company Commanders will ensure that a duplicate copy is made of all A.P.'s 100 in their possession. A list of all sheets required to complete will be forwarded to B.C.R as soon as possible.
- Transfer.** 5. No. 53084 Pte Bromley F is transferred from "B" Company to "C" Company as from to-day.

(Signed) L.G. ALLEN Captain.  
Adjutant.

No. 481 17. 10. 18.

UNITED STATES ARMY

By Lieut-Col P. CURRIE A.S.C. Commanding 28th Bn A.I.F.

In the Field. 19.10.18.

1. Battalion Orderly Officer Lieut H. L. ...  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt W. ...  
Battalion Orderly Corporal Sgt ...

Appointments to the following positions have been approved  
dated 17.10.18.

1. 1st Lt (Map) G. ...  
Sergeant

2. 2nd Lt ...  
Sergeant

Church Services.  
Services of ...  
at 10.30 a.m.  
at 6.45 a.m.

Services of ...  
at 10.30 a.m.

Services of ...  
at 6.45 a.m.

Services of ...  
at 10.30 a.m.

Services of ...  
at 6.45 a.m.

Signed, ...  
Adjutant,

19.10.18.

By Lieut-Col. P. CURRIE DSO. Commanding 28th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

21.10.18.

DUTIES.

1. Battalion Orderly Officer S/Lieut W.A. ELLIS  
 Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt Elfverson W.H.  
 Battalion Orderly Corporal Cpl Hodgson V.B.  
 Duty Company "C" Company.

Crimes

Punishments.  
 etc.

2. No. 5488 Pte O'Donnell P.J. - 3 yrs P.S.  
 Suspended on 9.10.18. AS.18/P.S. 9.10.18.

F.O.C.M.

No. 5361 Pte James T.W.D. - 3 years P.S. 18.10.18.  
 DESTRUCTION. - A.W.L. from 6.15 p.m. 27.9.18 until  
 8.45 a.m. 21.9.18.

No. 5181 Pte Whiteside H. - 90 days F.P. No. 2  
 A.W.L. from 8 a.m. 11.9.18 until 4.15 p.m. 7.9.18.

No. 537 Sgt Thomas. A.B. - 3 years I.N.L. 18.10.18  
 A.W.L. from 7.30 p.m. 1.10.18 until 7.30 p.m. 10.10.18

The following punishments were awarded 21.10.18.

No. 517 Pte IRVING W. Admonished.  
 A.W.L. from 7.35 a.m. 14.10.18 until 6.0 a.m. 15.10.18  
 Total Forfeiture 5 days.

No. 7978 Pte JUDGE A - Admonished  
 No. 3780 " Blakers G.S. "  
 No. 59380 " Farrell G.S. "  
 No. 3994 " Urquhart S. "

conduct to prejudice of Good Order and Milit any  
 Discipline in that they absented themselves from  
 Church Parade. on 20.10.18.

No. 5316 Pte ELLIOTT G.G. - 90 days F.P. No. 2  
 A.W.L. from 11 a.m. 28.9.18 until 7 p.m. 9.10.18.  
 Forfeiture 33 days.

No. 5188 Pte Halls E.G. - 90 days F.P. No. 2  
 A.W.L. from 11 a.m. 28.9.18 until 7 p.m. 9.10.18.  
 Forfeiture 33 days.

No. 4598A Pte Laid H.J.H. - 94 days F.P. No. 2  
 A.W.L. from 7.35 a.m. 7.10.18 until 6 a.m. 16.10.18  
 Total Forfeiture 36 days.

No. 5355 Pte Anderson C. - 3 years I.N.L. 9.10.18  
 Suspended 10.10.18. A.S. 18/P.S. of 1.10.18.

(Signed) L.G. ALLEN Captain.  
 Adjutant.

In the Field.

21.10.18.

No. 483.

By Lieut Col P. CURRIE DSO

Commanding 28th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

23.10.18.

- Duties** 1. Battalion Orderly Officer, 2/Lieut W.C. Piggott  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant, Sgt Steddy J.  
Battalion Orderly Corporal, Cpl Loudon J.M.  
Duty Company, "B" Company.
- Reversion.** 2. No 4299 Dvr Collins J.M. reverts to Pte on return of  
No 4378 L/C Dvr Biddle, Dated 19.10.18 505607.  
P.J.
- Lost Property.** 3. The following particulars regarding a civilian bicycle  
which was stolen at ST OVEN on the 20th inst. Any  
information regarding same to be reported to Batta HQ.  
"Description:- Large type painted blue, front wheel  
twisted and painted ~~black~~ green. Small size tyre and  
inner tube No 28. Bent handle bar, race type- brake  
on the right hand side of handle bar. Light brown han-  
dles, mud guards painted black fixed up with wire-  
leather case fastened with string. 1 bolt nut at the  
back wheel bigger than the other. Saddle marked BAURIA  
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- Promotions** 4. Dated 23.10.18.  
No 58001 Pte Enderby G.W. to be L/Cpl 592594  
No. 58111 Pte Thyer S.M. to be L/Cpl 592743  
No 58150 Pte Grace E.B.P. to be L/Cpl 593646
- Dated 21.10.18.  
No 3664 Cpl (Temp) Whitham F.R. to be Cpl 28896  
No 4279 Pte James J. to be L/Cpl 167247  
No 1704 Cpl Firth A. to be Sgt (Temp) vice No 1116  
Sgt Blampey T. Promoted 632 4.6.18 96629  
No 3047A L/Cpl Bradbury T. to Cpl (Temp) vice No 2678  
Hitchcock A.F. Promoted 37.9.18 85526  
No 6086 L/Cpl Gibson W.N. to be Cpl (Temp) vice No  
6329A L/Sgt Stephenson R. Wounded 9.7.18  
128089  
No 2373 L/Cpl Elliott W. to be Cpl (Temp) No 4652  
Cpl Hynes F. Sick 11.7.18 44440  
No 5421 Pte Price A.W. to be L/Cpl 303748.  
No 5892 Pte Maher E.F. to be L/Cpl 128170

In the Field  
23.10.18.(Signed) J.V. Pascoe 2/Lieut.  
A/Adjutant.

**NOTICE** The Commanding Officer and Officers of the 2nd  
A.M.G. Bn request the pleasure of the attendance of the  
Commanding Officer and Officers of the 28th Batta  
at their Sports. Saturday 26th inst. at 2 p.m.  
Sports Grounds. P.23.c.9.5. ST. LEGER.

By Lieut-Col P. CURRIE M.B. Commanding 45th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field

15th October 1918.

Notice . 1. Battalion Orderly Officer Lieut P.C. CURRIE  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt P. Chamberlain.  
1st Company 1st Company.

1. Sick Parade will be at 9.30 a.m.

2. Church Services tomorrow 17th inst, will be held as  
under:-  
All Protestant denominations.  
In the Mess Hall, BARRACKS, at  
11.15 (Rev. Rev. B. HARRISON).  
Services will parade in front of "G" Coy Camp at  
09.45 in following order,  
Nos. A, B, C, D.

3. Services at BARRACKS at 09.00.  
Company details will parade in front of B.C. 1 at  
08.30.

4. Dress for all parades - Belts and Side Arms.  
Parade starts to R.C. 1 at 09.00.

5. Holy Communion will be held in the Mess Hall  
after close of evening service.

Evening service - Mess Hall Barracks 10.15.

(Signed) P. CURRIE M.B.  
A/Adjutant.

M. C. L.  
15.10.18.





By Lieut-Col P. CURRIE DSO Commanding 10th Battalion A.I.F

In the Field

21.10.18.

Duties

- 1. Battalion orderly Officer  
Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt E. Rafferty  
Duty Company 4th Company.

Brigade duties tomorrow will be performed as  
before:-

4th Company. Disciplinary platoon of one officer  
and thirty men (as detailed in B.O. 487)

4th Company. Fire Platoon of one officer and  
thirty 6/8s (as detailed in B.O. 487)

Lieut W.A. HILL will act in the capacity  
of officer in charge platoon for the  
ensuing week

DUTY COMPANY will detail four men to report  
for duty at the HOSPITALS BARRACKS at 7.0 each  
each morning this week.

TRANSPORT will detail one water cart to supply  
water to Brigade B.C.O's School for the ensuing  
week.

Honours &  
Awards

- 2. His Majesty the King has awarded the VICTORIA  
CROSS to the late Lieut A.B. GAIN.

Under authority granted by His Majesty the King  
the Field Marshal G in C has awarded the follow-  
ing decorations.

The Army, Corps, Division and Brigade Commanders  
and the commanding officer wish to congratulate the  
recipients.

MEMBERS CROSS,

Lieut H.J. BROWN VC

Lieut R.C. HARRIS

Capt J.C. DE WINTER

Distinguished Conduct Medal

No. 2555 Sgt Connolly J.A. VC

No. 1508 Sgt Castle A.E.

MEMBERS SERVICE ORDER

Lieut J. HARRISON

Discipline

- 3. The wearing of unauthorised Revolvers is  
strictly forbidden. Offenders will be severely  
dealt with.

(Signed) J.V. PARSONS  
A/Adjutant

Programme of Work

Date	Hour	A Coy.	B Coy.	C Coy.
14-10-18	9 am 9.15 - 10 am 10. - 10.30 am 10.30 - 11.30 am	Inspection Sentry Drill Physical Training	Inspection Physical Training Sentry Drill	Inspection Rifle Exercises Physical Training
Organised Games.				
15-10-18	9 am 9.15 - 10 am 10 - 10.30 am 10.30 - 11.30 am	Inspection Physical Training Sentry Drill	Inspection Sentry Drill Physical Drill	Inspection Physical Training Sentry Drill
Organised Games.				
16-10-18	9 am 9.15 - 10 10. - 10.30 10.30 - 11.30	Inspection Physical Training Rifle Exercises	Inspection Physical Training Rifle Exercises	Inspection Sentry Drill Rifle Exercises
Elementary Musketry				
17-10-18	9 am 9.15 - 10 10. - 10.30 10.30 - 11.30	Inspection Platoon Drill Physical Training	Inspection Sentry Drill Physical Training	Inspection Platoon Drill Physical Training
Organised Games.				
18-10-18	9 am 9.15 - 10 10. - 10.30 10.30 - 11.30	Inspection Physical Training Sentry Drill	Inspection Platoon Drill Physical Training	Inspection Platoon Drill Physical Training
ORGANISED GAMES.				
19-10-18	BATTALION SPORTS.			

NOTES: ① The training of Specialists will be carried out separately under Specialist Officers  
 ② Musketry Instruction will be progressive  
 ③ "Smoke-obs" will be from ten minutes before, to each block hour.

13/10/18.

*[Signature]* Captain  
 Adjutant

Programme of Work		We 26. 10. 18		
Date	Time	A Coy	B. Coy	C Coy
Oct 21	9 - 9.15	Inspection	Inspection	Inspection
	9.15-10.0	Physical Inq	Physical Inq	Physical Inq
	10.0-10.30	Rifle Exercises	Gas Inspection	Platoon Drill <del>Gas Inspection</del>
	10.30-11.0	Platoon Drill	Rifle Exercises	Gas Inspections
	11.0-11.30	Organised games.		
	2.0-3.0	Musketry	Muscle Exercises	
	3.0-4.0	Bayonet	Fighting	
22	9. 9.15	Inspection	Inspection	Inspection
	9.15-10.0	Physical Inq	Physical Inq	Physical Inq
	10.0-10.30	Gas Drill	Sentry Drill	Rifle Exercises
	10.30-11.0	Rifle Exercises	Platoon Drill	Guards & Sentries
	11.0-11.30	Guards & Sentries	Rifle Exercises	Platoon Drill
	2- 3.0	Musketry	Bayonet Itg	Musketry
	3- 4.0	Bayonet Itg	Musketry	Bayonet Itg.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	9- 9.15	Inspection	Inspection	Inspection
	9.15-10.0	Physical Inq	Physical Inq	Physical Inq
	10. -11.0	Platoon Drill	Sentry Drill	Disposal of Platoon
	11. -11.30	Organised games		
	2- 3	- Half Holiday -		
	3- 4			
24	9. 9.15	Inspection	Inspection	Inspection
	9.15-10.0	Physical Inq	Physical Inq	Physical Inq
	10.0-11.0	Disposal Plat. Com <sup>d</sup> .	Platoon Drill	Sentry Drill
	11. 11.30	Organised Games.		
	2- 3	Bayonet Itg	Musketry	Bayonet Itg
	3- 4	Musketry	Bayonet Itg	Musketry
25	9- 9.15	Inspection	Inspection	Inspection
	9.15-10.0	Physical Inq	Physical Inq	Physical Inq
	10- 10.30	Rifle Exercises	Gas Drill	Rifle Exercises
	10.30-11	Platoon Drill	Rifle Exercises	Gas Drill
	11. -11.30	Organised Games		
	2- 3	Musketry	Bayonet Itg	Musketry
	3- 4	Bayonet Itg	Musketry	Bayonet Itg
26.	9- 9.15	Inspection	Inspection	Inspection
	9.15-10	Physical Inq	Physical Inq	Physical Inq
	10- 11	Gas Drill	Disposal of	Sentry Drill
	11- 11.30	Organised Games	Platoon Com <sup>d</sup>	Platoon Drill
		Half Holiday		
<p>Training of Specialists will be carried out separately under Specialist Officers. Elementary Musketry Instruction will be progressive. Miniature Rifle Range will all through week Coy Commanders will be notified number of details to be sent, who will report to Musketry Instructor on Range.</p> <p>Half Holidays will be Wednesday &amp; Saturday afternoons.</p> <p>Smokes from 10 mins to each clock hour Lectures for Officers &amp; NCO's are held three times a week (Appendix A)</p>				

Appendix A.Training of Officers

Date	Time	Subject	Lecturer
22 <sup>nd</sup>	1615	Communications in the Field	Lieut A J Walters.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	1615	Co operations between Infantry & Tanks in Attack	Capt K M G Mc Intyre
25.	1615	Lessons to be learned from Downfall of Russia as a Military Power	Lieut J J Blair.

Notes. The lecturer is allowed 10 minutes in which to deal with his subject. A general discussion follows in which any officer may be called upon to take part. The lecture & discussion are then reviewed by C. O.

Training of N. C. O.s.

Date	Time	Subject	Lecturer
22	11-12	The Writing of Messages	Lieut A J Walters
24	"	Co operation between Infantry & Tanks in Attack	Capt K M G Mc Intyre
25	"	Lessons to be learned from Downfall of Russia as a Military Power	Lieut J J Blair

In the Field

15.10.18

Lieut Col.  
Commanding  
28<sup>th</sup> Battalion

28. 10. 18	9.0 a.m. 9.15 10.0 10.30 / 11.30 2.0 p.m. 3.0 / 4.0	Inspection Physical Training Sentry Drill Organized Games Musketry Instruction Bayonet Fighting	Gas Drill	Sentry Drill	Gas Drill
29th	9.0 9.15 10.0 10.30 2.0 p.m. 3.0	Inspection Physical Training Gas Drill Organized Games Musketry Instruction Bayonet Fighting	Sentry Drill	Gas Drill	Sentry Drill
30th	9.0 a.m. 9.15 10.0 10.30	Inspection Physical Training Company Drill Organized Games	Sentry Drill	Company Drill	Sentry Drill
HALF HOLIDAY					
31st	9.0 a.m. 9.15 10.0 10.30 2.0 p.m. 3.0	Inspection Physical Training Sentry Drill Organized Games Musketry Instruction Bayonet Fighting	Company Drill	Sentry Drill	Company Drill
1st Nov.	9.0 a.m. 9.15 10.0 10.30 2.0 p.m. 3.0	Inspection Physical Training Sentry Drill Organized Games Musketry Instruction Bayonet Fighting	Gas Drill	Sentry Drill	Gas Drill
2nd	9.0 a.m. 9.15 10.00 10.30	Inspection Physical Training <del>Organized Games</del> <i>Gas Drill</i> Organized Games	Sentry Drill	Gas Drill	Sentry Drill
HALF HOLIDAY					

NOTES.

The Training of Signallers, Scouts and Observers Stretcher Bearers is carried out separately under Specialist Officers.

Musketry Instruction will be progressive and will include Fire Positions, Loading, Trigger Pressing, Aiming, Firing, Muske Exercises and Fire Orders and Indication of Targets

The Ministure Range is open daily for Rifle and Lewis gun Firing. Musketry Officer will arrange with Company Commanders as to the number to be sent.

Smokes will be from 10 minutes to the clock hour.

Each of "A" and "B" Companies will carry out a Platoon Scheme on Field Firing Range on the

31.10.18, Prior to commencing its firing, the range being allotted to "A" Coy in the morning and to "B" Coy in the afternoon.

A Course of Instruction for N.C.O's in MAP READING is held daily from 10.0 -11.30 a.m. Lectures for Officers and N.C.O's are held three times per week.

OFFICERS

29th October	4.15 p.m.	Aerial Photography	Major WEBB MC
31st "	"	Company Organisation	Lieut J.T. BLAIR
1st November	"	Minor Tactics	Major A. BROWN DSO. MC
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N.C.O's.			
29th October	10.30 - 11.30 a.m.	Fire Orders ad Fire Control	Lieut K.W. MCKENZIE
31st "	do	demolition	Lieut FIDLER MC
1st November	do	Minor Tactics	Major A. BROWN DSO MC.

In the Field  
23.10.18.

..... Lieut-col.  
Commanding 28th Battalion A.I.F.

7<sup>th</sup> Bgde H.Q.

4/10/18.

Report on Operations of 28<sup>th</sup> Bn  
on the 3/10/18

The Bn formed up on J.O.L. at  
Zero - 45 min. with Right flank  
resting on Bank Copse at A 30 B 67.  
Left flank on B 24 Central.

B Coy. was on right. C Coy. on left.  
A Coy. in support. All in Artillery  
formation.

1 M G Section attached. joined the  
Bn on J.O.L. 2 guns were attached.  
to B Coy & 2 guns to C Coy.

The A L T M. Battery attached did  
not join Bn until about 4 pm.  
C Coy objective was trench line from  
B 2 B 25. To ~~B 13 B 35~~. To  
B 8 a 35.

B Coy objective B 8 a 35 To junction with  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bn at B 13 B 34.

A Coy to man in support to trenches  
on B & B & C. To be used later

for capture of Prospect Hill  
The Bn went straight to 25<sup>th</sup> Bn  
objective where it stopped. while  
Coy. went up objective by

platoons.

The Tank which was to assist  
in reflecting along trench north  
of ~~Prospect~~ Prospect Hill. did  
not get to objective.

The Bn mopped up several prisoners  
in B 13 a. But no opposition was  
offered until C Coy reached B 8 a  
where 3 M G's and 30-40 prisoners  
were taken.

Final objective was reached about  
9-15.

At ~~9:30~~ 9:30 am. A Coy. endeavored  
to advance to Prospect Hill.  
1 Pl. advancing through B 8 a & one  
through B 2 a. but were held up  
by heavy M G fire.

Total Casualties

3 077.	Killed
4 "	Wounded.
11 0 R.	Killed.
66 0 R.	Wounded or unaccounted for.

Total Captures. 6 M G's.

1 Sig set complete.  
1 75 M.M. Gun sight.  
Approx 50 prisoners 30 of  
which we hold receipt for

Headquarters

7th A.I. Lde.

English troops on left have been withdrawn from Prospect Hill and are now holding a line approx.

B. 7. a. 8. 3. to B. 7. a. 1. 3.

20th Batts are holding line along Dunker Rd running through B. 9. a. 2. 6. where we join 26th Batts on western edge of Bellvue farm. Also holding line from B. 9. a. 3. 3. to B. 13. b. 5. 5 where we join 27th Batts.

We also have a post in B. 2. c. 7. 3.

26th are on our right in B. 2. d.

Situation on both flanks does not seem at all clear. Likewise with English troops on left <sup>(approx. 150)</sup> movements of enemy troops <sup>seen</sup> 200' south of Iniganemurri farm. Enemy artillery is also being drawn into position on ridge at approx. T. 27. c. 2. d.

S.A.A. required urgently.

Casualties as far as can be ascertained amount to approx 30%.

May Comm be carried forward to the Hq. Hq. Pill Box at B. 13. 9. 9.

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B. 3. 6. 2.

B. 9. a. 8. 4.

from both of these positions

Enemy firing from open sights causing a lot of trouble.

He had just brought in two guns into form of battery position at B. 3. 6. 2.



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Headquarters,  
October 5th 1918.Headquarters,  
2nd Australian Division.- REPORT ON OPERATION ON OCTOBER 3rd 1918 -

The Capture of LORMISSET and the MASNIERES - BEAUREVOIR Line.

1. The G.O.C. received orders on the morning of October 2nd that the 7th A.I. Brigade would take part in an attack on the morning of October 3rd 1918, in conjunction with the 5th A.I. Brigade.

Verbal orders were issued to Unit Commanders on the afternoon of October 2nd. Written orders were issued later that night - See Brigade Order No. 228.

2. The 25th Battalion relieved the 20th Battalion in the line from B.25.d.6.8. to MINT COPSE on night October 2nd/3rd, relief being completed by 1.15 a.m. on the 3rd.

The 26th, 27th and 28th Battalions were in support in LE GATELET - NAUROY Line West of NAUROY on night October 2nd/3rd.

3. The 25th Battalion had the job of capturing the BEAUREVOIR Line from the right boundary to LORMISSET inclusive. It jumped off from the line B.25.d.6.8. to A.24.b.8.0.

The attack was carried out on a three-Company frontage. Each Company had two platoons in the front wave and one platoon (moppers up) in the second wave. The frontage was about 1,400 yards.

At ZERO the battalion moved forward as close as possible to the barrage. No enemy resistance was met for the first 500 yards of the advance. Enemy posts echeloned across the front, back to the BEAUREVOIR Line were then encountered. The garrisons of these posts surrendered fairly freely.

The BEAUREVOIR Line was very strongly held. Here the enemy put up a stiff fight, being well supported by his machine guns.

The advance was checked here for a few minutes, but the dash and initiative displayed by all ranks - Officers, N.C.Os and men - succeeded in surrounding and overcoming all resistance. While this fight was in progress, two Tanks caught up the Infantry, and with their assistance, the BEAUREVOIR Line was rushed and captured.

A large number of machine guns, and a very large number of prisoners were taken here.

The Battalion then continued its advance, meeting with, but overcoming considerable resistance, until its objective including LORMISSET was reached and captured. This was done by 7.15 a.m.

At one strong post alone - at B.13.b.6.0. - 50 prisoners including a Medical Officer and an Adjutant, and 8 machine guns were captured.

3. The 27th Battalion jumped off at ZERO on the line A.24.b.8.0. to A.18.c.7.0. The Battalion moved as close as/

/as possible to the barrage.

The Battalion role was to form a left defensive flank S.W. from LORMISSET to GRANDCOURT.

One Company swung its right flank forward to A.18.d.9.g. The other Company swung its right flank forward to B.13.b.3.6.

No resistance was met with until TORRENS CANAL was reached, where some fighting took place and some prisoners captured.

In B.13.b. one Company in its advance encountered about 100 Germans lining a bank and firing at the advancing troops of the 151st Brigade on the Left. Prompt Lewis Gun action killed 40 Germans, and the remaining 60 Germans surrendered.

The third Company in support at first occupied TORRENS CANAL and then moved to trench in B.13.b. Later it helped with another Company to form a right defensive in B.14.c.

4. The 26th Battalion formed up behind and followed the 25th Battalion to the first objective, where it passed through the 25th Battalion. The Left Company assisted in the capture of LORMISSET, where it captured some prisoners.

The Right Company assisted in the capture of MUSHROOM QUARRY.

Machine Gun fire from the FARMHOUSE rendered the advance difficult - nevertheless the line was pushed forward through BELLEVUE FARM where the dugouts were cleared, and two .77 mm guns captured.

A post was established in GUISAN COURT FARM.

.77 mm guns were firing over the sights at our advanced troops, and the enemy machine gun fire from both flanks and the front was fairly steady and destructive.

Owing to the 5th A.I. Brigade not advancing on the Right, and the pressure of the enemy advancing from BEAUREVOIR, the Right flank was withdrawn to the rear of BELLEVUE FARM. The Left flank automatically conformed.

5. The 28th Battalion formed up behind the 27th Battalion and followed it as far as the vicinity of LORMISSET in artillery formation. It advanced on a two-Company front, the third Company being in support. Its role was to occupy the BEAUREVOIR Line from LORMISSET to GUISAN COURT FARM after its capture by the 26th Battalion. Owing to the 26th Battalion advance being delayed by the enemy resistance from the direction of BEAUREVOIR, and by the fact that the 5th A.I. Brigade were unable to advance beyond the TORRENS CANAL, the 28th Battalion advanced up the BEAUREVOIR Line as far as B.2.c.6.4. in co-operation with the 26th Battalion. Later it pushed up as far as B.2.c.2.4. It advanced by platoons. In its advance it mopped up several prisoners in B.15.a. It met no opposition until B.8.a. was reached, where 3 machine guns and 35 prisoners were captured.

At 9.30 a.m. one platoon attempted to advance through B.8.a. towards PROSPECT HILL while another platoon tried to do the same through B.2.a. This advance was held up by heavy machine gun fire from PROSPECT HILL in front and BEAUREVOIR direction in rear; also field guns were firing over open sights from the direction of B.3.central and GUISAN COURT FARM.

During the day posts were pushed forward with the intention of gaining the Brigade's original objective.

6. One Section of the 7th A.M.G. Company and two mortars of the 7th A.L.T.M. Battery were attached to each of the /

/the 26th, 27th and 28th Battalions. These advanced with the Infantry and took up defensive positions. The remainder of the Machine Gun Company and Trench Mortar Battery were held in Brigade Reserve near Brigade Headquarters at G.3.c.9.2. The 7th Machine Gun Company suffered some casualties, one gun being blown out and 4 o/r killed and 1 Officer 18 o/r wounded.

7. The Brigade had 8 Tanks of the 8th Battalion Tank Corps attached to it for the operation, but all these did not succeed in taking part. The 4 Mark V Tanks did not start. Two Tanks only caught the 25th Battalion up at BEAUREVOIR Line and assisted materially in mopping it up. One of these capsized and caught on fire at about B.14.a.6.9. The other reached BELLEVUE FARM, but owing to the gunners fainting from exhaustion, it went back to MUSHROOM QUARRY, and under instructions from the 25th Battalion, was sent to assist the advance of the 5th A.I. Brigade. As its crew was very exhausted, its machine guns were manned by 25th and 26th Battalion Lewis Gunners.

A couple of machine guns from about B.15.c.3.1. were causing the 5th A.I. Brigade trouble, and were also shooting in the backs of our men. The Tank started off to mop up the post, but a direct hit from a .77 mm gun completely placed it out of action, the driver being killed.

The work of these two Tanks was of the greatest assistance, and the Tank Company Commander and the Tank crews were most anxious to help the Infantry as much as possible.

8. The Brigade Sniping Section was used with great effect in the advance. They moved off with the Infantry on independent sniping missions, working in pairs. The Section claims 146 direct hits, of which 111 are claimed to be killed. Five enemy machine guns were put out of action by it and three German Officers - one a Captain, were killed. It reluctantly captured 5 Germans. A .77 mm Battery firing from B.3.central at 500 yards range was engaged and silenced for prolonged periods.

9. The 7th Field Company A.E. assisted materially in reconnoitring and forwarding early information regarding wells, the TORRENS CANAL, roads, dugouts, and in rendering the TORRENS CANAL crossable by Artillery.

10. Our barrage was thick but ragged, and there were several guns firing short, which caused a considerable number of casualties amongst our own men.

The artillery action was very prompt and effective when the enemy counter-attacked from BEAUREVOIR in the morning; also when the enemy attempted to counter-attack towards BELLEVUE FARM in the afternoon.

It was very effective in engaging enemy batteries reported by our Infantry and also in dispersing enemy Infantry.

11. Communications throughout the day were most excellently maintained. By 7.45 a.m. the Brigade Forward Station was established at MUSHROOM QUARRY, and telephonic communication established. A Relay Station and Visual Stations were established. Visual signalling proved useful and showed a marked improvement.

Battalions were in telephonic communication all day. In view of the situation, this proved invaluable, and enabled the situation to be promptly dealt with by the aid of Artillery.

Brigade Headquarters was situated at G.3.c.9.2.

12. The enemy barrage came down about ZERO plus 6 minutes. It came down across our front line, being mostly 4.2 and .77 mm with some 5.9 with some gas. The enemy used shrapnel freely but not very effectively. He used incendiary shells which scattered a shower of burning phosphorous over a considerable area. The barrage lifted to B.13.a.2 d. later, but did not do much damage. He had a battery at L.3.central and also at

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L.27.d. central which proved destructive - firing over open sights at our men. Two .77 mm guns were captured in BELLEVUE FARM. A Minenwerfer was firing from GUISAN COURT FARM buildings.

15. Enemy resistance up to the BEAUREVOIR Line was not serious, but he put up a good fight there. However, when he saw that the attack was being pushed with determination and initiative, he surrendered. His machine gunners as usual, fought better than his Infantry.

When our Right flank passed BELLEVUE FARM it became endangered by an attack from BEAUREVOIR, which the 5th A.I. Brigade had not reached. This caused the Right flank to fall back just S.W. of the FARM.

The enemy morale apparently was very mixed; a large proportion did not relish close fighting. On the other hand our men used their bayonets with very good result.

14. Our casualties, (including 7th A.M.G. Coy) were :-

	Officers		o/r.		o/r. Unaccounted for.
	K.	W.	K.	W.	
25th Battalion	-	1	17	66	11
26th "	2	7	17	74	19
27th "	-	1	10	53	-
28th "	3	4	11	58	7
7th A.L.T.M.Bty	-	-	-	-	-
7th A.M.G. Coy	-	1	4	18	-
7th Brigade Snipers	-	-	2	2	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>37</b>

15. Estimated enemy casualties - killed 500. This estimate is corroborated by reliable officers. It of course includes those killed by our barrage.

16. Prisoners captured :-

	Officers	o/r.
By 25th Battalion	9	410
26th "	3	125
27th "	3	100
28th "	-	50
7th Brigade Snipers	-	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>690</b>

This number does not include wounded Germans who were stretcher cases. The estimates of Unit Commanders exceed the above by 140 (including wounded).

17. Captured material :-

- By 25th Battalion :- 45 Machine Guns, 2 Bicycles, 1 Telephone, 8 Pigeons, 1 Piano
- 26th " :- 12 Machine Guns, (2 .77 mm guns recaptured by the enemy).
- 27th " :- 12 Machine Guns, 1 Telephone Sot.
- 28th " :- 6 Machine Guns.

18. The final line held by this Brigade ran as follows :- 26th Battalion held the line on the Right from B.15.a.4.5. where it junctioned with the 24th Battalion, to B.9.d.0.6, B.8.d.8.6, B.2.d.1.3, where it junctioned with 28th Battalion, who also had a post at B.8.b.8.8.

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The 23rd Battalion line ran - Post at B.2.b.6.3., B.2.b.2.4, B.2.c.7.4. and down along BEAUREVOIR Line to LORMISSET.

The 25th Battalion was finally disposed in close support on the Right in B.14.c. & d. in touch with the 5th A.I. Brigade at B.20.b.2.7.

The 27th Battalion was in support in B.14.c. with one Company on the Left flank from LORMISSET to GRANDCOURT.

On the evening of the 3rd instant, the 26th Battalion sent out a patrol up the Sunken Road and established touch with the 24th Battalion at the WINDMILL, B.15.b.4.7. Patrols sent out by 26th Battalion located the enemy in trench in B.3.e.

28th Battalion patrol located enemy in GUISAN COURT FARM and one patrol went all around PROSPECT HILL and located the British line there.

On the night October 3rd/4th, the 7th British Infantry Brigade relieved us, and the Brigade moved back to the NAUROY area.

*S. Lee Major*  
*Brig. General,*  
 Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.



7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
October 6th 1918.

Headquarters,  
2nd Australian Division.

NOTES ON THE OPERATION carried out by 7th A.I. Brigade  
on October 3rd 1918.

1. There being some doubt as to the nature of the operations to be carried out by the Brigade on our Left, it was necessary to take measures to adequately protect our Left flank. This was done by the 27th and 28th Battalions which successively attacked and formed along that flank, thus protecting the 26th Battalion. Later when we were counter-attacked from BEAUREVOIR, the 25th Battalion was sent to stiffen the Right flank and the 27th Battalion took its place in reserve. This enabled the 26th and 28th Battalions to restore a portion of the ground lost and to close in on BELLEVUE FARM. The uncertainty on the Left compelled the employment of troops which otherwise could have been used to assist the 5th A.I. Brigade.

Operations of this nature should be based in future on the seizure of tactical points (once the enemy's organized line is captured) with moppers up close behind, or in line where a barrage is being followed, to deal with intervening country.

2. THE ATTACK. The attack was carried out by all units exactly according to plan, there being remarkably little disorganization. Had the flank been able to come up, there is no doubt that we would have gained all our objectives and would have been able to do considerable exploitation. There was nothing to stop us at the time of the attack. The delay however caused by the Right Brigade being unable to get on, enabled the enemy to organize counter-attacks, of which no less than four were launched. At one time counter-attacks were launched almost simultaneously on our Right from BEAUREVOIR, from the direction of GUISSANCOURT FARM, and on the Brigade on our Left from S.30. central approx. As the troops of this Brigade had been seen withdrawing from PROSPECT HILL and an enemy machine gun was firing from the top, it was impossible to withdraw men from our left flank, and we were compelled to act on the defensive. At this moment, our position was precarious, there being considerable danger of at least two of my Battalions being completely cut off. In view however of the state of the morale of the enemy, I decided to hold on and to counter-attack with two Companies of the 27th Battalion which I had in readiness if the position became critical. The counter-attacks on our Right were beaten off by the Artillery, the enemy who had reached BELLEVUE FARM being contained by our rifle and machine gun fire from shell hole positions. I may say it was my intention to attack MILL HILL but was informed that the 5th A.I. Brigade had arranged to do so at 14.30. This attack however did not develop until 18.30.

3. ARTILLERY. The artillery barrage was thick, but the shooting was not good. There seemed to be a distinct echelon in the barrage, the left half being about 500 yards ahead of the right. On two occasions our men had to come back owing to the barrage shortening. In addition to the above, single guns or sections were firing short, and the smoke was very erratic. I mention this particularly as I am afraid there is an impression that the methods/

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mainly theoretical, by which accuracy is obtained, are quite effective, and I am sure the Artillery themselves are the last to desire to live in a fools' paradise.

Later, and particularly during the enemy counter-attacks, the work of the Artillery in response to our calls was splendid, as was also the work done by the sections of the advanced Brigade (Lieut. Colonel RIGAL). Owing to the perfection of the Signal Service, the excellent observation obtained by Battalion Commanders, and the splendid response of the gunners, I was able to place fire at any point within a few minutes of the target being observed. It was more like battleship fire control than anything I have yet experienced. Much of the success of this was due to the invaluable co-operation of Lieut. Colonel LLOYD, 12th Army Brigade, who commanded my Group and was with me all the time.

The detached sections had numerous targets, and more than once fired the last round they had. The ammunition supply was remarkably efficient, and saved much anxiety as to my power to maintain sufficient fire.

4. TANKS. The Tanks were rather disappointing; out of eight allotted to me, only four started, and I can only find evidence of two having actually got into action. Those two were late, but did excellent work and helped largely in taking the BEAUREVOIR Line. One of these went on to BELLEVUE FARM but had to return owing to the exhaustion of the crew. It was however manned by Lewis gunners of the 25th and 26th Battalions, and with the Officer and driver went over to assist the 5th Brigade at MORT FARM. It however got knocked out by shell fire before reaching its objective, the driver being killed. At least three of the four Tanks got knocked out. Nothing could exceed the keenness of the crews of these Tanks. They did everything humanly possible to help, and it was real bad luck which prevented their full force being employed.

5. SIGNALS. The Signal Service was the most efficient I have yet experienced, due to the skill, courage, energy and training of the personnel. Every stage had been carefully worked out by Lieut. J.C. PRICE and his staff beforehand, and the co-operation of the Battalion staffs arranged for. As a result our Forward Station was established in MUSHROOM QUARRY by 07.45 and held all day. Shortly after, all units were connected with remarkably few interruptions. The complete system from Brigade to Companies held all the time, and we were able to turn it over in perfect shape to the 7th British Brigade on relief.

The work of Lieut. C.G. HOLLOWAY, 26th Battalion, who had charge of the Forward Station, and who was responsible for running out the line to MUSHROOM QUARRY in remarkably quick time, is well worthy of special mention.

6. SNIPERS. The Snipers again did marvellous work in keeping down enemy machine guns and snipers. The value of this Section in attack has been fully shown by the records in this and previous stunts. One can hardly estimate the value of their work from the bare figures supplied - 146 hits, 111 sure kills, 5 machine guns knocked out. It should be realized that these men are trained to pick only the targets which are of most danger to our men, and do not waste time on bunches of Huns retiring. A most valuable demonstration was given of the effectiveness of their fire against direct firing .77 mm guns. At 500 yards range one of these was silenced for long periods and the crew disorganised. This is worth remembering.

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7. MOBILE ECHELON. The work of the echelon was very good indeed. Demands came from two Battalions for ammunition and Lewis Gun panniers - this was promptly dashed forward in limbers, going right up to MUSHROOM QUARRY. In addition 30,000 rounds of S.A.A. was sent up and handed over to the 7th British Brigade on relief.

8. ENGINEERS. The work of the 7th Field Company was as usual, excellent. Complete arrangements were made to meet any engineering contingency. Reconnaissance of the Canal, water supply, and examination of dugouts etc. was concurrent with the assault, and early reports were rendered. The crossing of the Canal by guns and transport was arranged for well in advance of requirements. Captain NOEL, as far as I was able to judge, amply demonstrated his capabilities as a Commander of a Field Company.

9. MACHINE GUNS. The machine gunners of the 7th Company again showed enterprise, skill and initiative in support of the Infantry to which they were attached. Their task was a difficult one, and they were very frequently under heavy and special fire, the enemy evidently paying special attention to them. In consequence they were rather severely handled.

10. TRENCH MORTARS. The work of the 7th A.L.T.M. Battery was as usual excellent, although they were not required to open fire. In spite of great transport difficulties, they with one exception reached their positions with what was, under the circumstances, a good supply of ammunition. Unfortunately the infantry could not spare men for carrying.

Brig. General,  
Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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SECRET.

Copy No. 4

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEOrder No. 229.Headquarters,  
October 3rd 1918.Reference Map Sheet WIANCOURT 1/20,000.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade will be relieved by the 7th British Infantry Brigade tonight October 3rd/4th 1918.
2. On relief, the Battalions will move to the positions occupied on night October 1st in the NAUROY - ESTREES area -

The 25th Battalion to G.6.b.& d.  
 26th " " G.11.b.& d.  
 27th " " G.11.b.  
 28th " " G.6. b. + d  
 The 7th A.L.T. Battery will move to G.3.d.  
 7th A.M.G. Coy " " G.9.a.

3. Units will report relief and arrival to Brigade H.Q.
4. Guides for relief and notification of relieving units will be arranged later.
5. Location of Brigade H.Q. will be notified later.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*H. Lee* Major, Brigade Major,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 6.15 p.m.

Copies to :-

1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th T. Bty
6. 7th M.G. Coy.
7. 7th Field Coy.
8. 2nd Aust. Div.
9. 5th A.I. Brigade.
10. 6th " "
11. 2nd M.G. Bn.
12. 7th Field Amb.
13. 7th British Inf. Brigade.
14. 17th A.A.S.C.
15. G.O.C.
16. B.H.
17. S.C.
18. B.T.O.
19. Bde Sig. Officer
20. Bde Musketry Officer.
21. File.
- 22/24. War Diary.
- 25/26. Spare.



OMNIBUS TRAIN.

TRANSPORT AND HORSES.

Appendix 'C'

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

Unit.	Vehicles.	Axles.	H o r s e s .			
			Rides.	ldD.	H.D.	
99 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	

## APPENDIX

SECRET.

Copy No. 4

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Order No. 230.Headquarters,  
October 4th 1918.Reference Map Sheet WIANCOULT 1/20,000.

1. The 6th A.I. Brigade is carrying out an operation on the morning of October 5th 1918. The objective includes the village of MONTBIEHAIN. Zero hour is 6.5 a.m.
2. The 27th Battalion is placed at the disposal of the G.O.C. 6th A.I. Brigade for counter-attack purposes.  
The 27th Battalion will move to trenches in B.28.a.c. b. prior to Zero hour tomorrow morning. Headquarters will be established at present 24th Battalion Headquarters, at B.27.c.8.2.
3. Remainder of 7th A.I. Brigade will not move from present position.
4. 6th A.I. Brigade Headquarters are at H.17.b.6.6.
5. Acknowledge. *done*

*Qle*Major, Brigade Major,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 9.30 p.m.

- Copies to :-
1. 25th Bn.
  2. 26th Bn.
  3. 27th Bn.
  4. 28th Bn.
  5. 7th A.L.T.M.Bty.
  6. 6th A.I. Bde.
  7. 7th Field Coy.
  8. 2nd Aust. Div.
  9. File.
  - 10/12. War Diary.
  - 13/14. Spare.

SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

APPENDIX

Headquarters,  
October 5th 1918.

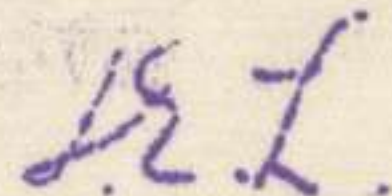
Headquarters,  
25th, 23th, 27th, 28th Battalions,  
7th A.L.T.K. Battery.  
7th Field Coy A.E.  
7th M.G. Coy.  
7th Field Ambulance.

Reference Brigade Order No. 230 and Warning Order for Move.

1. The 27th Battalion has been placed under the command of G.O.C. 6th A.I. Brigade to be used if necessary. When 27th Battalion moves forward, the 28th Battalion will move forward to take the place of 27th Battalion in B.28. The 28th Battalion will get in touch with the 27th Battalion (See this office B.M. 72 of oven date).
2. Reference B.M.70 sent to 27th Battalion and 6th A.I. Bde. If 27th Battalion moves forward today from B.28, it will be relieved tonight when the 6th A.I. Bde is relieved by the Americans.  
If the 27th Battalion remains in its present position in B.28, it will be relieved by the American Battalion which the 28th Battalion is guiding to the present 28th Battalion area in G.5.a. The 27th Battalion will send guides to the 28th Battalion for this purpose by 4 p.m. today.  
The 27th Battalion in either case will move back to the vicinity of Brigade H.Q., South West of HARGICOURT.
3. The Brigade Group (less 27th Battalion and 28th Battalion) will be held at two hours' notice to be used in support of the 6th A.I. Bde, if necessary.
4. Units when moving back to the area South West of HARGICOURT will use the BLACK road.
5. 6th A.I. Bde H.Q. are at G.17.b.6.6.


Major, Brigade Major,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.Copies to -- 8th A.I. Bde.  
2nd Aust. Div.

N.B. Owing to the 28th Battalion having been ordered to move forward to trenches in B.27.c. this morning, the American Battalion mentioned in para 2 above will relieve the 28th Battalion in its new position, and not the 27th Battalion.



SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Copy No. 4

WARNING ORDER

251/50

Headquarters,  
October 5th 1918.Reference Maps 62B NW and 62C NE. 1/20,000.

1. The Second Australian Division (less Artillery) will be relieved in the line on the night 5th/6th October by the 30th American Division. The following is a forecast of moves.
2. The 118th American Infantry Regt. and 114th American M.G. Battalion will move to forward area by bus on morning of 5th October. Column will debus at F.21.c.4.8. about 1100 and move by RED and BLACK routes to areas G.16.b. and d., G.17, G.23.a. and b. 5th A.I. Bde will detail a mounted guide to meet column at debussing point and guide them to above area.
3. The 117th American Infantry Regt. will move to forward area by bus on afternoon of 5th October. Column will debus at F.21.c.4.8. about 1330 and move by RED and BLACK routes to area at present occupied by 25th, 26th, and 28th Bns., and the position vacated by 27th Bn. West of NAUROY. Each of the 25th, 26th and 28th Bns will send an officer mounted to meet column at debussing point and guide them to above area.
4. On relief, the 7th A.I. Bde group will move by march route to area recently vacated by them West of HARGICOURT.
5. On night 5th/6th October, 6th A.I. Bde Group and 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will be relieved in the line by 118th American Infantry Regt. and 114th American M.G. Bn. under arrangements to be made between G.O's concerned. On relief 6th A.I. Bde will move to area vacated by these American formations.
6. On morning 6th October, Brigade Groups will move by march route to HERVILLY area. Details of billeting will be supplied to Staff Captains by "Q" Branch on 5th October. 2nd Aust. Division H.Q. will move to DOINGT.
7. On 7th October the 2nd Aust. Div. will entrain at ROISEL and move by rail to the YZEUX area. Transport will move by road commencing 7th October.
8. Special attention is directed to 2nd Aust. Div. Administrative Instructions No.15. sent units 5th October.
9. Acknowledge. *done*

*A. Lee*  
Major, Brigade Major,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 0800

- Copies to :-
1. 25th Bn.
  2. 26th Bn.
  3. 27th Bn.
  4. 28th Bn.
  5. 7th T.M.B.
  6. 7th M.G. Coy
  7. 7th Field Coy
  8. File
  - 9/11. War Diary.
  - 12/18. Spare.

SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADECopy No. *H*Order No. 231.Headquarters,  
October 7th 1918.

Reference Maps : Sheet 62 C. N.E. 1/20,000.  
AMIENS, 1/100,000  
LENS, 1/100,000.

1. (a) The 2nd Australian Division (less Artillery) will move to the YZEUX area by train and march route on October 7th 1918.  
(b) The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will move to the ST. OUEN sub-area in accordance with attached move table and appendix 'D' of attached Administrative Instructions.  
(c) The 5th A.I. Brigade Group is moving to VIGNACOURT sub-area.  
(d) The 6th A.I. Brigade Group is moving to the YZEUX area.
2. For the move by train and road, the 7th A.I. Brigade Group will be composed as follows :-  
7th A.I. Brigade  
7th Field Coy A.E.  
7th Field Ambulance  
17th A.A.S.C.  
2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion.  
No. 1.A. Sanitary Section.
3. Entraining Stations will be :-  
(a) Personnel of 5th A.I. Bde Group - TINCOURT.  
6th A.I. Bde " - ROISEL.  
7th A.I. Bde " - ROISEL.  
(b) Transport - TINCOURT.  
(c) Detraining Station for personnel train -  
- ST. ROCH - AMIENS, and for Transport - VIGNACOURT.
4. (a) Major F.H. BERRYMAN, 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery, attached 7th A.I. Brigade H.Q. will be Brigade Entraining Officer.  
(b) Each unit of the Brigade Group will detail an officer as Unit Entraining and Detraining Officer to report to Major BERRYMAN at the Entraining Point two hours before scheduled departure of train. He will be provided with an exact entraining state of his Unit.  
(c) Lieut. W.E. GROSE, 28th Battalion (Attached 7th Bde H.Q) will be Brigade Detraining Officer.
5. Such Transport as cannot be accommodated on Omnibus Train (See Appendix 'G' of Administrative Instructions, will move by road. See Appendix 'D' of same instructions.
6. Blankets will be carried on the map.
7. (a) Headquarters will be located as follows in the YZEUX area :-  
Divisional H.Q. - BELLOY.  
5th A.I. Bde - VIGNACOURT  
6th A.I. Bde - YZEUX  
7th A.I. Bde - ST. OUEN.

Oct. 7th (b) 7th A.I. Brigade H.Q. will close at L.10.a.4.5. at 09.  
personnel, opening at ST. OUEM on arrival. and move with Brigade H.Q.

8. Acknowledge.

*K. Lee*

Major, Brigade Major,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 1 a.m.

Copies to :-

- 1. 25th Bn.
- 2. 26th Bn.
- 3. 27th Bn.
- 4. 28th Bn.
- 5. 7th T.M.Bty.
- 6. 7th Field Coy.
- 7. 7th Field Amb.
- 8. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
- 9. 17th A.A.S.C.
- 10. No.1.A. Sanitary Sectn.
- 11. 2nd M.G. Bn.
- 12. 5th Field Coy Engineers
- 13. 6th " " "
- 14. 7th M.G. Coy
- 15. 5th A.I. Bde.
- 16. 6th A.I. Bde.
- 17. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
- 18. " " " 'A.Q'
- 19. G.O.C.
- 20. B.M.
- 21. S.C.
- 22. Major F.H. BERRYMAN
- 23. B.T.O.
- 24. Bde Signal Officer.
- 25. Bde Musketry Officer.
- 26. Bde Bomb Officer.
- 27. Bde Intelligence Officer.
- 28. Area Commandant, ST. OUEM.
- 29. " " " HERVILLY.
- 30. " " " CAPPY.
- 31. " " " DAOURS.
- 32. R.T.O., ST. ROCH.
- 33. " " " TINCOURT.
- 34. " " " ROISEL.
- 35. File.
- 36/38. War Diary.
- 39/42. Sparos.

Units destinations are :-

- 7th A.I. Bde H.Q. ST. OUEM
- 7th A.L.T.M. Bty. "
- 7th Field Coy "
- 7th Field Amb. "
- 25th, 26th, 27th, 28 Bns BERTEAUCOURT.
- 5th & 6th Field Coys - BERTHEN-COURT.
- 2nd M.G. Bn. St. LEGER
- 2nd Pioneer Bn. PERNOIS.



7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

October 7th 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS to accompany Brigade Order No. 231.

Reference Maps - Sheets 62 N.E. 1/20,000.  
 AMIENS, 1/100,000.  
 LENS, 1/100,000.

1. BILLETING. Billeting parties have been sent on ahead. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will be billeted in the ST. OUEN sub-area. The constitution of 7th A.I. Brigade Group for billeting purposes is as per Appendix 'A'.
2. TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS. The Brigade Group for purposes of move by rail and road is as per Appendix 'B'.
  - (a) Personnel Train for 7th A.I. Bde Group departs from ROISEL, and goes to ST. ROCH. Time of departure will be notified later.
  - (b) Omnibus Train - Attached Appendix 'C' gives transport per unit to be taken on Omnibus Train. The following time is fixed for Omnibus Train - 7th A.I. Brigade Group - Departs 19.40 on 7/10/18. Entraining Station VIGNACOURT, Detraining Station TINCOURT. Lieut. BROWN, Transport Officer 28th Bn. will be in charge of Omnibus Train, and Units will hand in entraining states to him on arrival at TINCOURT. Transport for Omnibus Train will assemble in J.24.b.10.90. three hours prior to time fixed for departure. 25th Bn. will supply a party of 3 Officers and 100 other ranks for loading and unloading purposes. This party will report to Lieut. BROWN, 28th Bn. at 1600 on 7/10/18 at TINCOURT Station. On detrainment, transport will proceed in column under Lieut. BROWN and break off when their billeting areas are reached. All Cyclists will move by Omnibus Train.
3. TRANSPORT. Units' Transport - less portion mentioned in Appendix 'C' will move by road as per Appendix 'D' attached.
 

Captain J. WALKER, 17th A.A.S.C. will be in Command of the Transport of the Brigade Group.

Captain J.C. LITTLE will command the 7th A.I. Bde Transport.

Lieut. H.G. WEBB, Transport Officer, 25th Bn. and one man per Unit will

reporting to Area Comndt CAPPY at 10 am 7/10/18 & guide transport to their billets.

← billeting party for the march to ST. OUEN sub-area. FULL ECHELON will be carried.

go on ahead and arrange billeting party for the march to ST. OUEN sub-area. FULL ECHELON will be carried.

4. SUPPLIES. See para 3 of 2nd Aust. Div. Admin. Memo No. 229 of October 6th, issued to units. Each unit will take delivery of supply wagons for Omnibus Train at K.17.a. this morning in sufficient time to join convoy moving to entraining station.

7th Australian Infantry Brigade

5. PACKS & SURPLUS EQUIPMENT. Arrangements are being made by 2nd Aust. Division to transport all baggage in Kit Store, PERONNE, for delivery to Brigade Groups in new area. Details will be notified later.
6. REINFORCEMENTS. See para 6 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
7. F.P. COMPOUND. See para 8 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
8. SANITARY SECTION. See para 10 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
9. R.E. DUMP. See para 11 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
10. ORDNANCE. See para 13 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
11. CANTEENS. See para 14 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
12. BATHS. See para 15 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
13. TRENCH SHELTERS. All trench shelters will be returned to R.Q.M.S. SUMMERS at 7th A.I. Brigade H.Q. by 0900 on 7th instant.

F.H. BERRYMAN, Major,  
for Staff Captain, 7th A.I. Brigade,

will be in charge of transport train and units  
 will hand in instructions to the  
 arrival of transport train will be  
 in 4.30 p.m. 10.30. This hour prior to time  
 fixed for departure.  
 will supply a party of 3 officers  
 and 100 other ranks for loading and unloading  
 purposes. This party will report to Major  
 BERRYMAN on 7/10/18 at  
 transport station.  
 on departure, transport will proceed  
 in column under Major BERRYMAN and break off  
 when their billeting places are reached.  
 All cyclists will move by transport train.

3. TRANSPORT. Units, transport - see position mentioned in  
 Appendix 'C' will move by road as per Appendix 'D'  
 attached.  
 Captain J. WILSON, 7th A.I. Bde, will be in  
 command of the transport of the Brigade Group.  
 Captain J.C. WILSON will command the 7th A.I. Bde  
 transport.  
 A transport officer will be  
 and one man per unit will  
 go on ahead and arrange  
 billeting. This party will be the permanent billeting  
 party for the march to ST. QUIN. The  
 transport will be  
 SUPPLIED. See para 8 of 1st Div. Admin. Memo No. 229  
 of transport units based on units. Each unit will take  
 delivery of supply wagons for transport train at 11.30.  
 The morning in advance of the transport train moving  
 on to the new area.

APPENDICES to 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 231.Appendix 'A'.

For Billeting purposes the 7th A.I. Brigade Group will be composed as follows :-

Brigade Headquarters,  
7th A.L.T.M. Battery,  
No.4. Signal Section.  
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Battalions.  
2nd Machine Gun Battalion.  
2nd Pioneer Battalion.  
5th, 6th and 7th Field Coys A.E.  
7th Field Ambulance.

Appendix 'B'

The Brigade Group for purpose of move by road and rail will be composed as follows :-

Brigade Headquarters,  
7th A.L.T.M. Battery,  
No.4. Signal Section  
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.  
7th Field Coy A.E.  
2nd Pioneer Battalion.  
One Coy A.A.S.C.  
7th Field Ambulance,  
No.1. Sanitary Section.

Appendix 'C' Omnibus Train. Transport and Horses.

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

Unit	Vehicles	Axles	Horses		
			Rides	L.D.	H.D.
Bde H.Q.	1 GS Lim.Wag.	2	-	-	2
	1 G.S. Wagon	2	6	-	2
4 Bns each	2 Cookers	16			
	1 G.S. Wag.Supply	8			
	1 Water Cart	4			
	1 Mess Cart	4	6	-	9
Field Coy	1 Water Cart				
	1 G.S.Lim.Supply	3	2	-	4
Pioneer Bn.	3 Cookers				
	1 G.S. Wag.Supply				
	1 Water Cart				
	1 Moss Cart	10	6	-	11
Field Amb.	1 Water Cart				
	1 Moss Cart				
	1 G.S. Wag.Supply	4	2	-	5
Sig.Sectn	1 Signal Cart	2	-	2	-
	Moss Cart				

Cyclists of all units will proceed by Omnibus Train. A loading party of 100 men will be provided by Brigade for loading and off-loading Omnibus Train.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

APPENDIX 'D' to Brigade Order No.231 (Administrative Instructions).

Date	Bdo Group	From	To	Starting Point	To pass S.P. at	Route	Billets from Area Comndt at
1918 Oct. 7th.	7th A.I. Bdo Group	HERVILLY AREA	ECLUSTIER	L.S.a.O.O. (62.c.NE)	08.00	TEMPLEUX-1c GERARD-ROISEL- HAMEL-Fdg do BIETAGNE-HALLE- Bridge H.24.b. HERBECOURT-	CAPPY
Oct. 8th	ditto	ECLUSTIER	DAOURS	Comotory on Road on N. odgo CAPPY.	08.00	CAPPY - BLAY - CORBIE - La NEUVILLE.	DAOURS.
Oct. 9th.	ditto	DAOURS	YZEUX	Road junc- tion $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N.E. Pt.CAMON	08.00	ALLONVILLE - POULAINVILLE- VAUX & thence to billets.	

Order of March :-

- 17th Coy A.A.S.C.
- 25th Bn., Bdo Signal Section & Bdo H.Q., 2 G.S. limbered wagons of 7th A.L.T.Bty
- 26th Battalion
- 27th Battalion
- 28th Battalion
- 2nd Pioneer Battalion.
- 7th Field Coy A.E.
- 7th Field Ambulance & 1st Sanitary Section.

Distances as laid down in Fourth Army R.O. No.2039 dated 15th May 1918 will be maintained.

MOVE TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 231 dated 7/10/1918.

Date	Unit	Arrive ROISEL Station.	Depart at	Arrive ST&ROCH at	Remarks
1918 Oct. 7th.	25th Bn.	1000	1st Train 1130	1530	
"	26th Bn.	1005	ditto	"	On the march, normal distances will be maintained.
"	27th Bn.	1010	ditto	"	
"	28th Bn.	1020	ditto	"	En route to ROISEL the BLACK road and dry weather track will be used where possible.
"	7th A.L.T.M.B.	1030	ditto	"	
"	7th A.I. Bde H.Q.	1035	2nd Train 1200	1600	
"	7th Field Coy	1040	ditto	"	Guides from advance parties will meet units at ST&ROCH.
"	2nd Pioneer Bn.	1045	ditto	"	
"	7th Field Ambulance	1055	ditto	"	Destination in ST&ROCH area will be notified to units.
"	No.1. San. Sec.	1058	ditto	"	
"	17th A.A.S.C.	1100	ditto	"	Route from ST. ROCH - LONGPRE-ST.VAAST en CHAUSSEE-to billets.

No coaches will be available on personnel train. Each train will consist of 40 open and closed trucks.

APPENDIX

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
-----Divisional Headquarters.  
4th October 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No. 15.1. BURIALS.A Military Cemetery has been opened at CARRIERE Sheet 62B.  
G.16.d.7.1.2. MOBILE VET. SECTION.

Location as from 4 p.m. 4th inst. Sheet 62C. F.26.a.3.5.

3. CRDNANCE.

On withdrawal from the line Brigades will arrange to collect and return all battle stores to D.A.D.O.S.

4. BLANKETS.

Units will retain the one blanket to be distributed to the men on relief from the line. Surplus blankets may be returned to D.A.D.O.S.

5. TRENCH SHELTERS.

All trench shelters on hand will be returned to the Area Commandant, HERVILLY, when finished with and receipts obtained. Copy of receipt to be forwarded to D.H.Q.

6. AMMUNITION.Full echelon will be carried.  
Units will arrange to hand over to relieving Units the extra ammunition in Bandoliers, also the two bombs per man.7. EQUIPMENT.

Units will as far as possible complete any shortages in equipment prior to moving from the Area.

8. WORKING PARTIES.

Details at present detached will be withdrawn prior to entrainment and will move with their Units.

9. PACKS AND SURPLUS KIT.

Will be collected from PERONNE and reissued to Units prior to entrainment. Packs and blankets will be carried on the man during the move to rest area.

10. WATER.

The reserve water vehicles attached to Brigades for use during operations will be returned to the Div. Bomb Dump, prior to Units leaving the forward area.

11. NUCLEUS AND REINFORCEMENTS.

All Nucleus and Reinforcements at the Div. Wing Reinforcement Camp will be sent forward by Light Railway from PERONNE on the morning of the 6th inst. and will rejoin their Units on arrival in the HERVILLY area.

*J. M. M. M.*  
Lieut-Colonel.  
A.A. & Q.M.G.

Second Australian Division.

WAR DIARY FOR MONTH ending 31st October 1918

C.O.'s Appreciation.

- Health The General Health of the Battalion has been very good indeed.
- Clothing & Equipment Very Good. I have never seen the Battalion better clothed or equipped than it is at present.
- Discipline Very Good. The Conduct of the men both on and off Parade is exemplary.
- General The Battalion suffered a very severe loss by the deaths of Lieuts Keillor, Birt, and Cotterell. The news of their deaths cast quite a gloom over the whole Unit.

In the Field  
31.10.1918.

*[Signature]* Lieut-Col  
Commanding 28th Battalion A.I.F.

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WAR DIARY for Month Ending October 31st 1918  
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-----Q.M's Report.

Rations For month rations generally have been very good.

Ordnance. Supplies regular. A good supply of Australian Pattern Clothing available.

I regret to record the death from Bronco Pneumonia of No 3132A Pte CLAXTON G.H., one of my staff, lately transferred from 51st Battalion, A.I.F.

(Signed) S. JONES Lieut  
- Quartermaster.

31.10.18



28th Battalion A.I.F

WAR DIARY Month ending 31.10.18.  
REPORT by Transport Officer.  
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Establishment. As Per previous report.

One horse was killed and one horse severely  
wounded by enemy aircraft.  
One man was wounded.

The Battalion moved back to Rest area and  
owing to grazing and good stabling the  
condition of the horses is improving.

(signed) J.E.BROWN Lieut  
Transport Officer.

28th Battalion A.I.F

R.M.O'S Report for Month ending 31.10.18.

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During the period from 1st to 5th during which time the Battalion was in the Forward area three bearer squads from 7th F.Amb. were attached to R.M.O.

Whilst the Battalion was in reserve in Le CATELET - NAUROY Line R.A.P was situated in Dig out in B.5.a.5.4 and cases were evacuated to Loading Post near BELLECOURT. During the attack East of LE CATELET on Oct 3rd our R.A.P was situated at B.13.b.24. near LORMISSET and cases were evacuated to Motor Loading Post near NAUROY in B.6.d. with one intermediate Relay. Evacuation of wounded was rendered difficult because of the long carries for Ambulance Stretcher Bearers.

Total Casualties for the Battalion during the attack were 75.

During the greatest part of the Month the Battalion has been in rest Area at BERTEAUCOURT.

The health of the troops has been very good on the whole.

There has been a slight outbreak of Influenza but so far this has not caused much trouble.

Under the New A.I.F. Regulation Battalion Water Details were replaced by men from the Field Ambulance with exception of N.C.O who transferred to Ambulance Strength.

Training of Stretcher Bearers has been carried out regularly.

(Signed) J.C.M.HARPER R.M.O  
28th Battalion A.I.F