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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1916 Sept. 1	FIEFFES	Cloudy & fine. Work of re-organising and re-equipping proceeded with. Orders for move & entrainment received from HQ.	
2	FIEFFES	Showery. Brigade resting.	
3	GEZAINCOURT	Cloudy & cool. Brigade marched to GEZAINCOURT, distance 6 miles. Marching good. 6 Fd Coys & 7 Fd Ambulance halted in LONGUEVILLE.	Operative Order #3
4	GEZAINCOURT	Showery. Orders for entrainment on 5 th issued. Bde resting.	Operative Order #4
5	YPRES (St LAWRENCE)	Wet. Bde entrained at St DOULLEYS in accordance with Bde Order #4	

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1916		<p>and detrained at PROVEN. Units marched independently and were accommodated in huts as under</p> <p>Bde HQ & 21st Bn - ST LAWRENCE</p> <p>Inf Co, TMB, 22nd Bn - ERIE</p> <p>23rd Bn - TORONTO</p> <p>24th Bn - WINNIPEG</p>	
Sept 6	ST. LAWRENCE (YPRES)	<p>March from station to Camp 7 miles clear & fine. All units settled in huts by 6 am. Bns paraded in afternoon, special attention being devoted to Gas Precautions.</p>	<p>E</p> <p>E</p>

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1916			
Sept 7	ST. LAWRENCE	Fine & cool. Bns proceed with training	E
8	ST. LAWRENCE	Fine. Training continued. Blankets used	E
9	-	Cloudy & fine. Sports held during afternoon and concert at YMCA this evening.	E
10	ST. LAWRENCE (YPPRES)	Fine & clear. Combined Church Parade held. Genl Birdwood was present and presented rebands and end of service. Visited by Genl Legge in afternoon.	E
11	ST. LAWRENCE	Cloudy. Special training in new small box respirator carried out	E
12	ST. LAWRENCE	Fine. Training with new respirators continued. GOC visited YPPRES.	

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Sept 13	ST. LAWRENCE	Orders received for the taking over of portion of the line. Thruway. 23 rd Bn and half W.S. Co. moved to reserve position in YPRES and came under orders of G.O.C. 5 th Aust Inf Bde on arrival. Movements by rail	Operative Order 45 & cancelled
14	ST. LAWRENCE	W.S. 22 nd Bn & half L. T. M. Battery moved by rail to YPRES occupying position vacated by 23 rd Bn who relieved 17 th Bn in trenches 64-74 these troops came under orders of G.O.C. 5 th Bde on arrival at YPRES	⊗

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Date. 1916	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
15 Sept	ST. LAWRENCE	Cool & fine. 21 st & 24 th Bns formed Divisional Reserve and were detailed at TORONTO & WINNIPEG respectively.	E
16 Sept	ST. LAWRENCE	Fine, cold night. Training of Reserve Bns continued. Casualties - 2 ORs. Killed 6 ORs. Wounded	E
17 Sept	ST. LAWRENCE	Fine with cold & mist night. Church parades held. Conditions normal Casualties - NIL -	E
18 Sept	ST. LAWRENCE	Wet. Lectures held in Bn time Situation unchanged Casualties - NIL -	E

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1916 Sept 19	ST. LAWRENCE	Cloudy & cool. Situation normal. Training continued Casualties - Nil -	E
20	ST. LAWRENCE	Wet & cold. 120 reinforcements arrived. Special instruction on gas precautions given. Casualties - Nil -	E
21	ST. LAWRENCE	Cloudy & cool. Inspection of 21 st Bn, 24 th Bn, 1/2 M.B.L., 1/2 M.B.L. by Genl. PLUMET. 22 nd Bn relieved 23 rd Bn in trenches 64-74 Casualties - Nil -	E

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1916 Sept 22	ST LAWRENCE	Fine and clear. Situation normal Training continued. G.O.C commences leave Casualties 2 O.Rs. Wounded.	E
23	ST LAWRENCE	Fine, misty until 9am. Situation unchanged. Sports in afternoon Casualties 1 O.R. Wounded.	E
24	ST LAWRENCE	Fine, misty early morning. Church services held. Conditions normal Casualties - Nil -	E
25	ST LAWRENCE	Fine & clear. Lt Col R.F. FITZGERALD took over tempy command of 24 Bn Casualties - Nil -	E

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1916 Sept 26	ST. LAWRENCE	Fine & hazy. Training of reserve Bns continued. Casualties - Nil -	E
- 27	ST. LAWRENCE	Fine, misty till noon. Conditions unchanged. Casualties - Nil -	E
- 28	ST. LAWRENCE	Fine & clear. Situation normal Casualties 1 OR. wounded	E
- 28	ST. LAWRENCE	23 rd - Bn relieved 22 nd Bn in front line, latter returning to YPRES	E
29	ST. LAWRENCE	Cloudy with showers at night. Lt-Capt Forbes returned from leave Casualties 1 OR wounded	E

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1916				
30 Sept	ST LAWRENCE		Fine situation unaltered Casualties - 1 OR. Wounded	P

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 43.

Ref. Map LENS 1/100,000

2nd September, 1916.

1. The 6th Infantry Brigade Group will proceed to GEZAINCOURT and LONGUEVILLE on the 3rd instant.
2. 6th Aus. Infantry Brigade will march as first column and will move into billets at GEZAINCOURT.

6th Field Co. Engineers, 16th A.A.S.C. and 7th Field Ambulance will form second column and march to LONGUEVILLE.
3. The 1st column will pass Starting Point, corner of BONNEVILLE and MONTRELET Roads, N.W. of H. in HALTE, at 8 a.m.

The 2nd column will pass Starting Point at 10 a.m.
4. Routes. 1st Column via CANDAS to GEZAINCOURT.
2nd " " CANDAS - LEVEL CROSSING - LONGUEVILLE.
5. Order of March:-
1st Column. Brigade Headquarters
 24th Battalion
 21st "
 23rd "
 M.G.Co. & T.M.Battery.
 22nd Battalion.

2nd Column 6th Field Co. Engineers
 7th Field Ambulance
 16th A.A.S.C.
6. Distances of 200 yards to be maintained between units.
7. Billeting parties to report to A/Staff Captain or representative at 8-30 a.m. at Church in respective villages.

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1. Filed
2. War Diary
3. 2nd Aust. Divn.
4. 21st Battalion
5. 22nd "
6. 23rd "
7. 24th "
8. 6th M.G.Co.
9. 6th T.M.Bty.
10. 6th Field Co. Engineers
11. 7th Field Ambulance
12. 16th A.A.S.C.
13. G.O.C.
14. Spare
15. "
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6th AUST^{ALIAN} INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 22.

Ref. Map. LENS 1/100,000.

4th September 1916.

1. The 6th Infantry Brigade Group will entrain on 5th & 6th inst. in accordance with attached timetable.
2. Units will move independently from billets to DOULLENS SOUTH Railway Station arriving at destination, personnel 1½ hours and transport 3 hours before time fixed for departure of train.
3. An Officer will precede each Unit to the Station and report to R.T.O. He will take a complete Marching Out State showing the number of Officers, O.R's, Horses, 4 & 2 wheeled vehicles, and bicycles, to enable R.T.O. to check accommodation before entrainment commences.
4. No troops or transport will enter S. DOULLENS yards until R.T.O. is ready to receive them. Unit Commanders will take steps to prevent congestion of vehicles in yard.
5. The 22nd Battalion will detail a loading party of 2 Officers and 100 O.R's to report to R.T.O. at DOULLENS S. at 3-30 a.m. on 5th instant. They will work in two shifts one half being billeted at the Station. They will carry 24 hours rations. R.T.O. will ration party for remainder of time and for the journey. They will proceed to destination by last troop train leaving DOULLENS S. at 4-19 p.m. on 6th inst. The 25rd Battalion will detail 2 Officers and 100 O.R's for unloading duties to proceed by 7.34 a.m. train to destination where they will report to R.T.O. on arrival. They will remain at this Station until last train is cleared when they will rejoin their Unit. 24 hours rations to be carried.
6. No personnel or stores will be allowed in brake-vans at each end of the train. Breast ropes for Horse trucks will be provided regimentally. Ropes for lashing vehicles will be found by Railway Authorities.
7. Units will entrain with Supplies as follows:-

On man	-	Iron ration.
On man or in)	-	Unexpended portion of
Cookers)		day's ration.
In supply)	-	One day's rations and forage.
Waggons)		
8. Drinking water is available for men at DOULLENS Station but not for animals. Horses will therefore be watered before arrival at Station.
9. Units will entrain with Mobile Echelons of ammunition full.
10. Orders for detrainment and billeting will be handed to O's/C. Trains shortly before or on arrival at destination.
11. O.C. each Train will detail piquet to prevent troops leaving the train without his permission.

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| 1. Filed | 9. 6th L.T.M.Bty. |
| 2. War Diary | 10. 16th A.A.S.C. |
| 3. 2nd Aust. Divn. | 11. 7th F.Amb. |
| 4. 21st Bn. | 12. 6th F.Coy.Engrs. |
| 5. 22nd " | 13. G.O.C. |
| 6. 23rd " | 14.) |
| 7. 24th " | 15.) Spare |
| 8. 6th M.G.Co. | 16.) |

[Signature]
 Major,
 Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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OF ENTRAINMENT, 6TH. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP
DOULLENS SOUTH RAILWAY STATION SEPTEMBER 5th & 6th 1916.

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No. of TRAIN	UNITS	DATE	TIME TRANSPORT TO ARRIVE AT STATION	TRAIN DEPARTS	OFFICER COM. TRAIN	REMARKS.
1.	Brigade H.Qrs., H.Qrs 6th M.G.Co. 16th A.A.S.C.	5th Sept.	4-34 a.m.	7-34 a.m.	Capt. L.F.S. HORE	Baggage & Supply waggons of A.A.S.C. accompanying Units. Unloading party 2 Off. 100 O.R.'s from 23rd Battalion.
2.	21st Battalion and 6th M.Gun Company	5th Sept.	7-4 a.m.	10-4 a.m.	Lieut. Col. F.FORBES	Personnel of M.Gun Coy. and transport of 1 Sec. only.
3.	22nd Battalion and 6th L.T.M.Bty.	5th Sept.	10-19 a.m.	1-19 p.m.	Lieut. Col. R.SMITH	Also transport 1 Section M.G.Coy.
4.	23rd Battalion	5th Sept.	1-19 p.m.	4-19 p.m.	Major W. BRAZENOR	Also transport 1 Section M.G.Coy.
5.	24th Battalion	5th Sept.	4-34 p.m.	7-34 p.m.	Major G.M. NICHOLAS	Also transport 1 Section M.G.Coy.
6.	6th Field Company Engineers	5th Sept.	7-19 p.m.	10-19 p.m.	Major N.C. Harris	-
7.	7th Field Ambulance	6th Sept.	1-34 a.m.	4-34 a.m.	Lieut. Col. R.B.HUXTABLE.	

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APPENDIX