

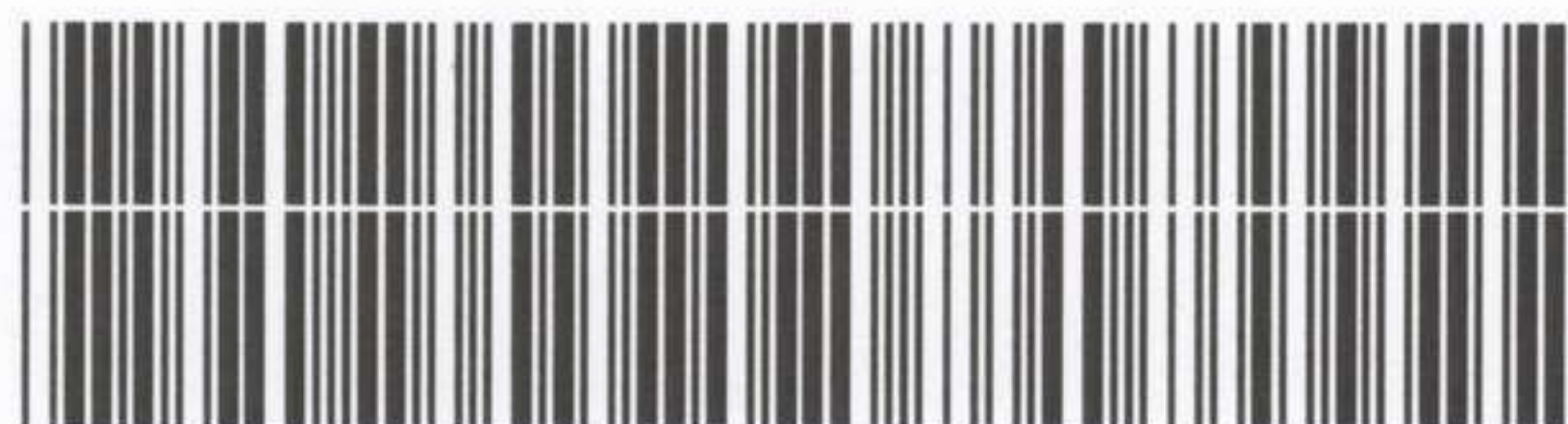
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WATERLOT FME	1917 Jan			
	1		Clear & cold. Situation unchanged. New area reconnoitred by Brigadier & Btl. C.O. 22 nd Bn & Co. officers, of 2 nd Bn, of 1st Bn, conferred with opposite numbers of 51 st Bde re arranging relief. Div. Order received from HQ to take over new sector on night 2/3 Jan. 22 nd Bn relieved 23 rd Bn in NEEDLE TRENCH. Casualties 3 killed.	Bde Order 59
WATERLOT FME	2		Clear & cold with mist night. Artillery very active on both sides otherwise situation unaltered. 22 nd Bn relieved 21 st Bn in SPRING TRENCH and 6 Donets on right to N 35 C 66. 5 th A.I. Bde took over left Co. front in ZENITH. New Bde front now extends from N 28 D 55 to N 35 C 66. 6 th Mts & 2 nd M Battery relieved 51 st Mts & 1 st Bn.	
WATERLOT FME	3		Dull and misty. Artillery fire much below normal on both sides. Situation unchanged. 24 th Bn relieved 21 st Bn in NEEDLE TRENCH. Casualties 1 killed, 4 wounded, 1 missing.	
WATERLOT FME	4		Mild and showery with clear moonlight evening. Situation unaltered. Bde HQ shelled with 4 th H.E. no damage. Casualties 2 wounded.	

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WATERLOT FNE	5 Jan		Clear and mild. Artillery active. Situation normal. 24 th Bn. relieved 22 nd Bn in front line. Casualties 2 wounded.	
WATERLOT FNE	6		Dull and cold. Observation good in morning. Bde. HQ. shelled, no damage. 23 rd Bn. relieved 22 nd Bn in NEEDLE TRENCH. Situation normal. Casualties 3 killed 6 wounded.	
WATERLOT FNE	7		Wet and misty. Situation unchanged. Minor operation carried out against strong point opposite SUMMER TRENCH. Stokes mortars very successful, being fired from new bed enabling guns to be used on soft surfaces. Casualties 2 wounded.	
WATERLOT FNE	8		Cold and gusty with rain squalls in evening. Demonstration by 5 th Bde for sending SOS signals by means of Strambus Horns a failure. Situation normal. 23 rd Bn. relieved 24 th Bn in front line. Lt Col Fitzgerald resumed duty with 24 th Bn after having been wounded at FLEPPS. Casualties 1 killed 3 wounded.	
WATERLOT FNE	9		Cold and wet. Situation normal. 21 st Bn. relieved 24 th in NEEDLE TRENCH. Casualties: 1 wounded.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WATERLOT FME	10		Cold & foggy. Shelling light, situation unchanged. General improvement of the position continued. Casualties 1 killed	
WATERLOT FME	11		Cold and dull, snow falling lightly during day & heavily at night. 21 st Bn relieved 23 rd Bn in front line. Enemy artillery active. Situation normal. Casualties 3 killed 8 wounded	
WATERLOT FME	12		Cold and squally, visibility good at times, thaw setting in. No aerial activity. Situation unaltered. Small operation with Stokes Mortars and Machine Guns carried out against strong post opposite SUMMER TRENCH with no satisfactory results. Owing to dampness of fuzes several bombs failed to detonate. 22 nd Bn relieved 23 rd Bn for NEEDLE TRENCH. Casualties 2 wounded	
WATERLOT FME	13		Cold, poor visibility with light fall of snow in evening. Active patrolling and Stokes Mortar operations continued. Artillery active, all available howitzers and heavy guns shelled N & S A & B. Retaliation light. Order regarding relief received from D.H.Q. Casualties Nil	Operation Order No 60

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WATERLOOT FME	14		Cold and frosty. Situation unchanged. 22 nd Bn relieved 21 st Bn in front line. Work progressing satisfactorily. 23 rd Bn to RIBEMONT Casualties 2 Wounded	
WATERLOOT FME	15		Cold and misty. Artillery active owing to suspected relief. Prisoner captured by 22 nd Bn belonging to 361 Regt. Situation normal. 24 th Bn to RIBEMONT Casualties wounded 1 officer 5 others	
WATERLOOT FME	16		Cold and frosty. Artillery active, Bde HQ shelled, no damage. 31 st Bn, 8 th & 9 th Bde relieved 21 st Bn in NEEDLE TRENCH. Casualties 1 wounded	
WATERLOOT FME	17		Cold, snowing lightly all day. Visibility poor. Situation unaltered. 22 nd Bn relieved by 31 st Bn in front line. 31 st Bn relieved by 32 nd Bn in NEEDLE TRENCH. 6 th M Gun Co, 6 th L. M. Batty relieved by 18 th M Co & 8 th L. M. Batty. Casualties Nil. 21 st Bn to RIBEMONT	
WATERLOOT FME	18		Cold, snow still falling. 6 th Bde HQ relieved by 8 th Bde HQ at 8 am. Bde HQ, M Gun Co, L M Batty & 22 nd Bn entrained at QUARRY for RIBEMONT where Bde concentrated.	

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RIBEMONT	19		Cold & fine. Work of re-equipping and training commenced. Genl BIRDWOOD visited all Bn commanders.	
RIBEMONT	20		Cold & fine. Training continued everything normal. Half holiday.	
RIBEMONT	21		Cold & fine. Church parade for all units attended by GOC. Division. Capt R. H. Norman resumed duty as Staff Capt. Bde. Canteen opened.	
RIBEMONT	22		Cold & fine. Training continued.	
RIBEMONT	23		Cold & fine. GOC. Division inspected Bde by units. 23 rd & 24 th Bns in morning, 21 st , 22 nd , 23 rd & 24 th Batts in afternoon. 250 men from 21 st Bn moved to MANETZ & FRICOUPET on road construction work.	
RIBEMONT	24		Cold and fine. Bathing and training continued.	
RIBEMONT	25		Very cold & fine. 22 nd & 24 th Bns organised for attack and practised in afternoon.	
RIBEMONT	26		Very cold & fine. 22 nd & 24 th Bns practised attack moving in waves. Remainder of day washing & drilling. Div. Order 83 re. next move received.	
RIBEMONT	27		Very cold. GOC. Division inspected 22 nd and 24 th Bns in the attack. S.O.S. Operational Order 61. Rocket demonstration carried out.	
RIBEMONT	28		Very cold with biting east wind. Church parade under Bde arrangements for all units.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RIBEMONT	1917 Jan 29		Fine & cold. Bde marched to BECOURT CAMP arriving at 3 pm. Distance 6 miles, marching good. 6 th Mts supplied anti-aircraft detachments at RIBEMONT, 2 guns, BVIRE 2 guns, DERNANCOURT, 3 guns.	
BECOURT	30		Snowing and cold. Specialists in training. Brig-Gen. GELLIBRAND D.S.O. assumed command of the Bde. Lt Col Forbes returned to 21 st Bn	
BECOURT	31		Fine and bright, cold. Advanced Camp reconnected	

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 59

COPY NO. 2

Ref. Map. 1/20,000, Sheet 5/c S.W.


1st January 1917.

1. The 22nd Bn. A.I.F. will take over from the 51st Brigade (British) the front now occupied by the 6th Dorset Regiment as far as N.35.c.6.6 and front occupied by right Company 21st Bn. SPRING TRENCH on the night 2nd/3rd January 1917. Relief to be completed by 7 a.m. on 3rd.

The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will take over front from present left flank to N.28.d.5.5 on the night 2nd/3rd January 1917 completing relief by 7 a.m. on 3rd instant.
6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will then extend from N.28.d.5.5. to N.35.c.6.6
2. The 6th Aust. M.G. Company and 6th Aust. L.T.M. Battery will be relieved in the sector being taken over by 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. and will in turn relieve the 51st M.G. Company and 51st L.T.M. Battery, respectively, occupying their positions.
3. Officers commanding units concerned will arrange mutually the details of the reliefs, including guides.
4. The left Company of 21st Bn. and Company in ROSE TRENCH on relief by 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will withdraw to NEEDLE TRENCH.
5. All trench stores, maps, air photos, log books, ammunition or other dumps, and documents relating to attack or defence schemes in the area being transferred will be handed over and receipts obtained.
Serviceable Stokes Guns may be handed over in situ in exchange for a similar number.
6. Regimental Aid Post of 22nd Bn. will move to N.34.c.2.8.
7. Completion of relief to be reported to Brigade Headquarters by code.
8. Acknowledge.

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1. Filed
2. 2nd Aust. Divn.
3. War Diary
4. 21st Bn.
5. 22nd "
6. 23rd "
7. 24th "
8. 6th M.G. Co.
9. 6th L.T.M. Bty.
10. 5th Aus. Inf. Bde.
11. 51st Brigade
12. Spare.

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

APPENDIX

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6th AUSTRALIAN L.

MADE ORDER NO. 60

Ref. Map, Sheets 57d S.E.) 57c S.W.) 1/20,000

13th January, 1917.

1. 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be relieved by the 8th Aust. Inf. Bde. in the Right Brigade Sector between 14th and 18th January in accordance with attached table, completing same by 8 a.m. on 18th inst. The Brigade will on relief be concentrated at RIBEMONT.
2. All trench stores, maps, air photographs, log-books, gum boots, rifle covers, ammunition dumps and documents likely to be of value will be handed over to incoming troops and receipts obtained. These receipts to be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters 24 hours after relief is effected. Primus Stoves taken over from the 15th Bde. will be handed over to 8th Brigade, others since issued will be brought out as regimental equipment.
- Details of Reliefs not referred to in this order will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned. The completion of the relief of each unit will be reported to Brigade Headquarters.
4. Personnel of 6th Brigade will proceed by rail from QUARRY STATION to MEAULTE or MERICOURT at times to be notified later, and then by road to RIBEMONT.
An Officer and 2 N.C.O.'s per unit to entrain will report to a Staff Officer of the Division at the Office of Major WATERS, Railhead Comdt., QUARRY, 45 minutes before the time of departure of train. Troops will be at QUARRY, S.22.c.2.7., ready to entrain 30 minutes before starting time.
5. (a) Troops moving by road east of FRICOURT will march in file.
(b) The following intervals will be maintained on the road:-
200 yards between Battalions
200 " " Transport of each Unit.
100 " " Companies.
6. (a) 23rd Battalion will detail 1 N.C.O. & 4 men to establish a Straggler Post at "B" Camp, and will proceed with any details collected by train on the 18th inst. from QUARRY STATION
(b) Men on duty at Soup Kitchen and Drying Sheds will be relieved on night 17th/18th and will proceed to destination on 18th inst. under command of Lieut. Reynolds
7. Billeting parties will proceed one day in advance of their units, and will report to A/Staff Captain, at Town Major's Office on arrival at RIBEMONT.
8. Supply arrangements.- 14th January - As usual, excepting the 23rd Battalion, who will draw rations for 18th inst. on the 15th at RIBEMONT CHURCH.
15th January - As usual, excepting that 23rd and 24th Bns. will draw rations for 17th on 16th inst. at RIBEMONT CHURCH.
16th January - No rations will be drawn by Bde. H.Q., 21st and 22nd Bns., M.G. Company and L.T.M. Battery.
17th January - Rations for B.H.Q., M.G.Co., 22nd Bn., will be drawn at MONTAUBAN for consumption on 18th inst. 21st Bn. draw rations at RIBEMONT CHURCH.
18th January & onwards - All Units draw rations at RIBEMONT CHURCH.

9. A C K N O W L E D G E.
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| 1. Filed | 7. M.G.Co. |
| 2. War Diary | 8. L.T.M.Bty. |
| 3. D.H.Q. | 9. A.I.Bde. |
| 4. 21st Bn. | 10. 7th A.I.Bde |
| 5. 22nd " | 11. 8th A.I.Bde. |
| 6. 23rd " | 12. 24th Bn. |

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

PROVISIONAL DEFENCE SCHEMERIGHT BRIGADE SECTOR.

Ref. Map 57c. S.W. 1/20,000

15.1.17

1. Frontage. The Right Brigade will hold the line from N.28.d.5.5 to N.35.c.6.6, and is subdivided into four sub-sectors,-
No. 1 extends from N.35.c.6.6. to N.35.c.2.9.
" 2 " " N.35.c.2.9. to N.34.b.7.3.
" 3 " " N.34.b.7.3. to N.34.b.8.8.
" 4 " " N.34.b.8.8. to N.28.d.5.5.
2. Dispositions.- The Right Brigade is composed of 4 Bns., 1 M.G.Coy., and 1 L.T.M.Battery.
Brigade Headquarters at S.18.d.5.2.
(a) The front line system, consisting of defended localities is held by one Bn., each subsector by one Company, supported by 5 Vickers Machine Guns and 5 Stokes Mortars, and a further three Vickers in THISTLE TRENCH.
(b) Intermediate line is held by one Battalion, and runs from T.3.a. to T.3.d. along NEEDLE, COW, WINDMILL and BLIGHTY Trenches, supported by 2 Vickers Machine Guns.
(c) Two Vickers Guns are emplaced in FLERS Trench.
(d) One Battalion in Reserve, "C" Camp.
(e) One Battalion in Reserve, "B" Camp.
(f) 4 Vickers and 3 Stokes in Reserve at "B" Camp.
3. Brigade Boundaries.- Right Boundary - N.35.c.6.6 - N.34.d.5.4. - T.3.b.8.1. - T.9.c.3.3. - T.14.a.4.2.
Left Boundary - N.28.d.5.5 - N.34.a.1.8. - N.32.d.9.1. - T.7.a.5.0.
4. Organisation for Defence.-
 1. (a) Front line system is composed of a continuous trench, which is only habitable in places as marked on attached sketch. It is not possible to move along the whole length of the trench, which comprises FALL, SUMMER, ZENITH and SPRING Trenches.
(b) Support - SPECTRUM, DEWDROP and AUTUMN Trenches.
(c) Reserve - THISTLE Trench.
 2. Intermediate Line. NEEDLE and COW Trenches.
 3. Switch Line - T.8.a., T.8.b., is in a bad state and forms the third line which is not garrisoned except for 2 Vickers Machine Guns and crews.
5. Machine Guns.-

<u>Front line</u>	1 FALL Trench
	1 SUMMER "
	1 ZENITH "
	2 SPRING "
<u>Reserve line</u>	3 THISTLE Trench
<u>Intermediate line</u>	2 NEEDLE Trench
<u>Switch line</u>	2
<u>"B" Camp -</u>	4 in Bde. Reserve.

The Vickers M. Guns in front line are not in emplacements and have good fields of fire. The guns are so sited that the arcs cover each other ensuring that the whole front is doubly protected. There are ten Lewis Guns distributed along the front in addition.

The Guns in THISTLE Trench have good fields of fire, and are also employed for indirect fire.

One gun in NEEDLE, one in THISTLE and one in SWITCH Trenches are available for use against hostile aircraft.

6. Light Trench Mortars.-

5 Stokes Mortars are emplaced in Front system with new special beds enabling them to fire accurately under all conditions.

2 in AUTUMN Trench

2 in SPECTRUM "

1 in OLD ENDLESS ALLEY.

These Mortars are able to reach all points of the enemy's front trench and establish barrages where required.

7. Principles of Defence.-

(a) The front will be held as thinly as is consistent with security. The defended localities should be arranged to permit of flank defence and close continuity of observation of ground between posts.

(b) Should the enemy break through at any point troops will not fall back from one line to another, but all points will be defended whether their flanks are turned or not. The holding of such will greatly assist the counter-attack, which will immediately follow such action on the part of the enemy, who would then be caught in a "pocket".

(c) Should the enemy penetrate our front line, bombing attacks will be made immediately by the troops on the flanks of the trench entered with a view of cutting him off. The success of these counter-attacks will depend on the rapidity with which they are carried out and will be made immediately on the initiative of the Officer or N.C.O. on the spot without reference to Bn. H.Q. It is essential that no time be given to the enemy to enable him to consolidate any local success gained.

All Officers and N.C.O's are to know what steps they would take under these circumstances, and Bn. and Co. Commanders will periodically catechise all ranks to ensure that sound action is contemplated, and that everyone is aware of what is required of him. Front line Bn. Commanders will have a scheme prepared which must be understood by all concerned.

(d) Three kinds of attack must be guarded against, viz.-

(i) A Raid

(ii) An attack on a minor scale under cover of a bombardment.

(iii) A general attack preceded by an intense bombardment.

Vigilance and active patrolling combined with a good system of listening posts will provide protection against (i).

In the case of (ii) a local counter-attack will be delivered by all available troops in the vicinity of the place entered, Machine Guns and Stokes Mortars co-operating.

As regards (iii), a general attack on the whole front would hardly come as a surprise owing to the prolonged bombardment, which would enable suitable dispositions to be made. In such cases it would not be advisable to reinforce the front line.

(e) Action in event of attack on flank Brigades, Vickers and Lewis Guns in front line where ground permits will direct fire against the hostile lines opposite the points threatened. Vickers Guns in THISTLE and NEEDLE Trenches will employ indirect fire to establish a barrage behind the attacking troops.

Our front line will not be vacated. Troops holding same will stand to and render assistance by means of flanking fire. The Bn. Commander of Intermediate Line will make one company available to reinforce either flank and will be prepared to deliver immediate local counter-attacks against the enemy flank should they succeed in obtaining a footing.

Bn. Commanders of Front and Intermediate Battalions will keep touch with their neighbouring Battalions and arrange plans of action to meet possible situations under various circumstances.

Liaison barrages will be opened by Artillery on receipt of calls from either flank and will fire on "S.O.S." lines as follows.-
 Brigade on right being attacked N.35.d.2.6 to N.36.c.6.2

" " left " " N.29.a.0.2 to N.29.c.4.6 to
 N.35.d.2.6.

8. Artillery.- The Brigade front is covered by "M" and "Q" Groups,

Artillery, with H.Q. at T.8.c.1.0. and T.19.c.8.5.

Battalions in Front and Intermediate lines are in direct telephonic communication with Group H.Q.

8. Artillery (Continued)

In the event of assistance by Heavy Artillery or Counter-Battery work being required, Bde. will be informed who will make application to D.H.Q.

An Artillery Liaison Officer is attached to Bde. H.Q.

One F.O.O. from each group will visit Bn. and Co. Commanders daily, and will enquire as to result of patrolling work, whether any particular points need bombardment, location of any suspected Machine Guns, Trench Mortars, etc., and will report results to their Group Commanders.

9. "S.O.S." Signals.-

The "S.O.S." Signal will be ~~two reds and one white~~ rockets fired in quick succession. This will be supplemented by Very Lights and Telephone. *Note by AWRB. for alteration see page 13*

A Chain of Observers will be maintained from front trench with stations at.-

DEWDROP	N.34.d.7.8
Bn. H.Q.	N.34.a.3.0
Bn. H.Q.	N.33.c.2.0
O.P.	T. 8.a.3.6

This signal will not be made or sent unless the enemy is actually leaving his trenches to attack. On receipt of the signal, Artillery will open an intense fire forming a barrage on their "S.O.S." lines in rear of the hostile front trenches, which is to last for ten minutes. The rate will then be reduced but fire will continue until the Infantry report that it is not required.

10. Gas Attack.- Strombus Horns are established in front line, DEWDROP, Forward Bn. H.Q., Intermediate Bn. H.Q., Bde. O.P., Bde. H.Q. and "B" Camp. On the approach of a gas cloud the alarm will sound and "Gas" messages will be telephoned by all Operators to all concerned. Respirators will be donned and a slow steady fire opened on enemy trenches by Infantry, Lewis & Vickers Machine Guns. Artillery are to open fire, 18 pounders on NO MAN'S LAND and 4.5" Howitzers on the enemy trenches.

11. Brigade Reserves.- The troops in "B" & "C" Camps will be prepared to move to SWITCH Line at half-an-hour's notice. Each Unit will immediately send an Officer to Bde. H.Q. for instructions on receipt of order to turn out.

12. Infantry Tasks.- All Infantry Working Parties in advance of NEEDLE and COW Trenches will be at the disposal of the Forward Bn. Commander. Officers in charge of large parties will at once establish communication with this Officer when working in his area, will notify him of their positions and length of time they will be working, and ascertain the Bn. Commander's wishes in case of attack.

Infantry Working Parties employed between NEEDLE and COW Trenches and SWITCH LINE will be at the disposal of the Bn. Commander of the Intermediate Line and will take similar action.

13. Dumps.- Bn. Commanders, O.C., M.G.Coy., and O.C., L.T.M.Battery, will be responsible for keeping an adequate supply of S.A.A., Bombs and "S.O.S." Signals in the forward area, drawing when necessary from Bde. S.A.A. & Bomb Dump at.-

NEEDLE Trench	- T. 2.b.9.9
COW	- T. 3.c.9.8
SERPENTINE	- T. 8.a.3.4
THISTLE	- N.34.c.4.4½.

Bde. Engineer Dumps at -

ESQUIMO Dump	- S.18.d.3.0
RAILHEAD	" - T. 8.c.4.2
NEEDLE	" - T. 2.b.9.9
COW	" - T. 3.c.9.8
THISTLE	" - N.34.c.4.4½.

14. Medical.- Regimental Aid Posts -

N.34.c.3.8
N.33.c.3.1

Forward collecting stations at T.2.a.4.9 & T.8.c.8.8. from these points to CONDUROY RD. where ambulance meets patients.

15. Appendices.-

(1) A sketch is attached showing area held by Right Brigade.
Marked thereon are :-

Dispositions of Front Bn.

Lewis Guns

Vickers Guns

Trench Mortars

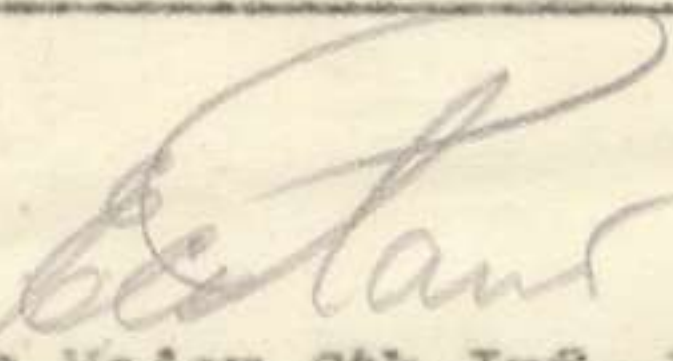
Artillery "S.O.S." Lines Regtl. Aid Posts

Duckboard tracks (overland) Deep Dugouts

Bde. Dumps.

Decauville Railway.

(ii) Right Div. Artillery Order No.10.


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

9. "S.O.S." Signal will be a special rifle grenade fired perpendicularly to the ground and bursting into, TWO GREEN and TWO RED stars at the top of its flight.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 61

Ref. Map ALBERT combd. Sheet 1/40,000

27th January, 1917.

1. The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve 151st Inf. Bde. on 29th inst. at BECOURT.
2. Orders for relief of Machine Gun Section on Anti-aircraft duty will be issued later.
3. Starting Point - CLAPHAM JUNCTION, N.27.b.3.1
4. Route.- BUIRE - DERNANCOURT - MEAULT - F.7.c.9.2 - BECOURT.
5. Order of March.- Bde. Hdqrs.
24th Battalion.
23rd "
6th M.G.Co.
6th L.T.M.Bty.
22nd Battalion
21st "
6. Head of column will reach starting point at 11 a.m.
7. Halt for one hour after clearing DERNANCOURT.
8. The following distances will be maintained on the road.-
200 yards between Battalions
200 " " Transport and Units.
100 " " Companies.
East of the line ALBERT - LE CARCAILLON troops will march in file.
9. No stores or kits will be dumped in RIBEMONT. All such stores including Lewis Gun Handcarts and T.M.Carts will be taken forward and dumped in ALBERT at places to be allotted. Palliasses are to be retained by Units.
10. Supplies.- Rations will be drawn at BECORDEL on 29th inst. for consumption on 30th, and on 30th for consumption on 31st and 1st proximo.
11. Transport.- Baggage wagons will report to units on evening of 28th inst. Motor transport will be provided to carry extra blanket and palliasses per man.
12. Usual billeting parties will report to A/Staff Captain at Office of Area Commandant, BECOURT CAMP at noon on 28th inst. to take over camp. Instructions in D.R.O. to be strictly complied with.
13. Acknowledge.

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| 1. Filled | 9. 6th T.M.Bty. | Major,
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F. |
| 2. War Diary | 10. 151st Bde. | |
| 3. D.H.Q. | 11. 5th Bde. | |
| 4. 21st Bn. | 12. 7th " | |
| 5. 22nd " | 13. Area Comdt. BECOURT. | |
| 6. 23rd " | 14. G.O.C. | |
| 7. 24th " | 15. Spare | |
| 8. 6th M.G.Co. | | |



Brigade Headquarters
31st January, 1917.

C.O.,

1. The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the 1st February, 1917 in the undermentioned Camps.-

Bde. Hdqrs. & 6th M.G.Co.	Map location	.. X.21.d.9.9
22nd Battalion	" "	.. X.21.d.8.7
23rd "	" "	.. X.21.b.9.4
24th "	" "	.. X.21.b.7.1
21st "	" "	.. S.15.a.1.7

2. Units will move direct by route march leaving their present Camps as under.-

21st Battalion	... 2.00 p.m.
Bde. Hdqrs. & M.G.Co.	... 3.45 p.m.
22nd Battalion	... 4.00 p.m.
23rd "	... 4.20 p.m.
24th "	... 4.50 p.m.

3. As already verbally instructed Transport Lines for the Brigade are situated at CHAPES SPUR X.19.d. and the Quarter Masters of the Brigade are at X.14.c. LA BOISELLE.

K.H. Wimmer
Captain,
A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Copies to.-

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22nd "
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24th "
6th M.G.Co.
5th Aus. Inf. Bde.

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