

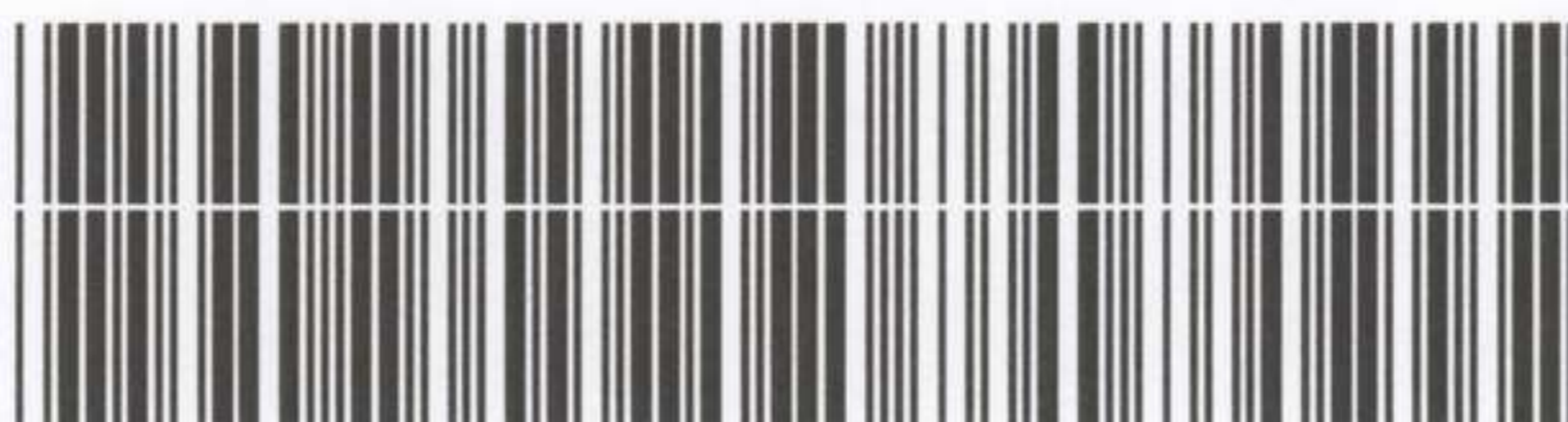
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DOCRE	1.12.17		Work for week shown in Appendix 1. The services of an Engineer NCO & Sapper were utilized by Lt Col Bde Sapping Officer in the siting and construction of Sapper posts. Instructions from the same Coy assist. Bns in Raked wiring and map reading. With the latter a Junior course is gone through prior to advanced lessons, this has proved to be most beneficial.	Appendix I Mj
	3/12/17		Lt Col Progenor & Lt Col with Major Staines 6 th Field Coy looked over Corps line which is badly sited and in bad repair.	Mj
	4/12/17		Work with the Racking Platons is continuing satisfactorily. Engineers are supplied with 100 men 22 nd Bn & 100 21 st for pipe laying. 21 st Bn details are billeted at WULVERGHEM to be nearer their job. This always brings about better work results and contentment in the ranks.	Mj Appendix II
	7/12/17		3 Officers were sent to be attached to the 3 rd Field Artillery for a week the reason being to bring Infantry & Artillery Officers into closer contact one with the other.	Mj
	8/12/17		Bde Sports were held today, the weather was fine, and ground in good condition and well laid out by Lieut Gullup 6 th Field Engrs. Teams competed from all units within the Bde, 2 nd Aust Pioneer Bn, & 6 th Field Engineers.	Mj Appendix III
			Results 23 rd Bn 46 1/2 22 nd " 22 1/2 6 th Bde 19 24 th Bn 16 1/2	
			Great credit is due to the winning Bns for the splendid organization and training of their respective teams.	Mj

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DOCRE (Belgium)	9		<p>Training programme for coming week attached</p> <p>Last week marked improvement was noticed in the training especially for Masking and training of Raiding Platoons</p> <p>We were asked today to nominate a successor to Capt. Bland M/C as Chief Instructor in the 1st Wing Corps School. Capt. Runney M/C 22nd Pw was nominated.</p> <p>Lt Col & P.M. looked over Corps line and selected points of readiness as shown in amendment to the appendix I</p> <p>Ppl Order 115 issued</p> <p>Lt Col looked over Corps line with Gen White Capt. Arzac Corp with view of selecting a line of defence</p> <p>22nd Pw Parly gave a demonstration at the school</p> <p>Conference of C.O's at 1300 hrs. Chief points raised were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① Policy of work in forward area ② Protection of troops from Bellis from Aircraft ③ Suppression of Officers ④ Working Parties. <p>23rd Pw played 2nd Pw Football team for Premiership Cup. The ground was wet & slippery but did not hinder a big attendance. This match created an immense amount of excitement as the 2nd has not as yet been beaten in France. The match was even throughout and within a minute of time the 2nd were leading by 4 points. The ball was passed smartly down the field by the 23rd & marked right on boundary at an extremely acute angle by a 23rd man who had his kick received a goal thus winning the match right at time. The 23rd Pw was both the club for Sports & Football a very creditable performance.</p>	<p>Appendix IV</p> <p>M</p>
		11 th		M
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices								
Loos	15 th		<p>addendum to Bde order 115 issued Bde moved from Loos Area to Reserve Bde Area Relief being complete by 2nd hour. Locations as follows. Sheet 28 1/40.000</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>RHQ's T20C53</td> <td>20th Bn T2645.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21st Bn U19.6</td> <td>6th AMB Coy T20d2.9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22nd Bn T26495</td> <td>6th ALTBty T20e42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23rd Bn T26050</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>While in Reserve the duties of this Bde is to lay out and form the Corps line of Defence</p>	RHQ's T20C53	20 th Bn T2645.6	21 st Bn U19.6	6 th AMB Coy T20d2.9	22 nd Bn T26495	6 th ALTBty T20e42	23 rd Bn T26050		<p>Appendix VII M</p>
RHQ's T20C53	20 th Bn T2645.6											
21 st Bn U19.6	6 th AMB Coy T20d2.9											
22 nd Bn T26495	6 th ALTBty T20e42											
23 rd Bn T26050												
"	16 th		<p>Bde shaking down into new Camp, and carrying out reconnaissance for 11th Bde Provisional Defence Scheme Brigadier + B.M. looked over places of Readiness</p>	<p>Appendix VIII M</p>								
"	18		<p>Col Clapham C.R.E. 3rd Div is attached to Bde as advisory Staff Officer in connection with Corps defences. C.O.C. B.M. C.R.E. Col Duggan 21st Bn Major Harris 6th Field Coy looked over area selected M Gun positions which will be marked on map.</p>	<p>M</p>								
"	19		<p>Draining Programme with Draining facilities forwarded to Div To facilitate work 21st Bn was moved forward to CASCOMBS</p>	<p>APPENDIX IX M</p>								
"	20		<p>L.S.O 2 and D.M.G.O with B.M. selected positions as follows for ickers Guns on Barrage work Guns are to be in Batteries of 4 FUSILIER FM. DEAD COW FARM. U14 a 6.0. HASTED HOUSE. Ref. Map PROESSTERT 1/20 000</p>	<p>M</p>								

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20 C 55	20 ⁰⁰		Plans for dispositions South of PUEGSTEERT Wood forwarded by Div. 2 Coys 23rd Bn are now on work on Southern edge of Wood. Plans bring them to and from their work daily.	Ms
	21 ⁰⁰		Working Program & focalities forwarded to Div. Scheme for disposition and work of 21st Bn North of Wood drawn up & forwarded to Div and 21st Bn	Ms Appendix XI
	22 ⁰⁰		23rd Bn relieve 21st Bn of Strong Points at ELGER HOUSE and PARK VILLA continuing work commenced by 21st Bn	Ms
	23 ⁰⁰		Administrative Memo issued by Staff Capt. Div approve of. Appendix I	Ms Appendix XII
	24		Provisional Scheme for Northern Sector issued. Complete Scheme for Southern Area received from Div	Ms Appendix XIII
	25		L O C B A & O C 6 th Field Coy look over Southern area with view of allotting work	Ms
	26		Tactical exercises for C O th sent out.	Ms Appendix XIV
	27		Provisional Scheme with allocation of work ^{S. of Wood} forwarded to Div	Ms Appendix XV Ms

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
T20 E5.5	Dec 28		Tactical Scheme in continuation of No 0001 issued to Coy Commander	Appx XVI
	29		Tactical Scheme for Platoon Commander issued	Appx XVII
	31		<p>Works report for period from Area to end of year attached</p> <p>The work has progressed most satisfactorily. The 6th Field Coy Engineers have handled parties and laid out work in a most satisfactory & helpful way. The men take a keen interest in the work resulting from</p> <p>(1) Working whole units on one job whether it be a Coy, Platoon or Section.</p> <p>(2) Working units on their own particular fighting area. They see the job grow & understand that they are responsible for their own safety in the event of an attack.</p> <p>To further the amusement side of Army life a Concert band is being formed.</p> <p>List of material saved attached.</p> <p>V. C. James, Lt. Col Genl Command 6 A I Bde</p>	<p>Appx XVIII</p> <p>Ky</p> <p>Appx XIX</p>

Syllabus of Training.

No.
Date. 29/11/17

	9.0 - 9.30	9.30 - 10.0	10.0 - 10.30	10.30 - 12.0	12.0 - 2.0	2.0 - 3.0	3.0 - 4.0
Monday	Physical Exercises	Running Exercises	Gas Drill	Bayonet Fighting Squad Drill Close Order Drill		Gun Drill + Recreational Training	
Tuesday		Route March			Dinner	do	do
Wednesday	Physical Exercises	Running Exercises	Gas Drill	Gun Drill		Football Match	
Thursday		Route March				Gun Drill + Dead Firing	
Friday	Physical Exercises + Inspection	Running Exercises	Gas Drill	Squad Drill		do	+ Recreational Training
Saturday		Route March					Football Match

J.P. Hogg Capt.
O.C. 6th Aust L.T.M Bty.

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APPENDIX. I
21st Aust Battalion

Training Syllabus for week ending 8-12-17

<u>Monday</u> 3 rd	8-30 am to 1-0 pm	1 Coy on Range
	9-0 " " 10-0 am	Inspection. Close Order Drill
	10-0 " " 11-0 "	Bombing
	11-0 " " 11-30 "	Gas Drill
	11-30 " " 12-0 noon	P.T. + Organised Games
	2-0 pm " 4-0 pm	Route March.
	8-30 pm	Bn Concert at "Barn Owls"

<u>Tuesday</u> 4 th	9-0 am to 10 am	Inspection
	10-0 am	Bn Sports.

<u>Wednesday</u> 5 th	8-30 am to 1-0 pm	1 Coy on Range
	9-0 " " 10-0 am	Inspection. Close Order Drill
	10-0 " " 11-0 "	Platoon Tactical Exercises
	11-0 " " 11-30 "	Bayonet Fighting
	11-30 " " 12-0 noon	P.T. + Organised Games
		Half Holiday

<u>Thursday</u> 6 th	8-30 am to 1-0 pm	1 Coy on Range
	9-0 " " 10-0 am	Inspection. Close Order Drill
	10-0 " " 11-0 "	Bombing
	11-0 " " 11-30 "	P.T. + Organised Games
	11-30 " " 12-0 noon	Gas Drill.
	2-0 pm " 4-0 pm	Route March

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<u>Friday</u>	8-30am to 1-0pm	1 Coy on Range
7 th	9-0 " " 10-0 am	Inspection. Close Order Drill
	10-0 " " 11-0 "	Patrols
	11-0 " " 11-30 "	B.F.
	11-30 " " 12-0 noon	P.T + Organised Games
	2-0 pm " 4-0 pm	Recreational Training + Route March.

<u>Saturday</u>	9-0 am to 10-0 am	Inspection
8 th	10-0 am	Bole Sports.

Specialist Training to be carried out by all companies.

N.C.O's classes will continue daily under R.S.M at 9.30am

D. Company will carry on Training of Raiding Platoons.

21st	
AUSTRALIAN	
INFANTRY BATTN.	
No.....	29 NOV 1917
Date.....	

B. Duggan Lt Col
Commanding 21st Battalion

DAY.	TIME.	"A" COMPANY.	"B" COMPANY.
MONDAY,			
3RD DECR.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m.	Inspection.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m. Inspection.
	9.30 - 12 noon.	Coy Tactical Exercises inc. Wood-fighting.	9.30 - 12 noon. Bombing under Bomb Off. on Bombing Grd.
TUESDAY,			
4TH DECR.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m.	Inspection.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m. Inspection.
	9.30 - 12 noon.	Bombing under Bomb Off. on Bombing Grd.	9.30 - 12 noon. Coy. Tactical Exercises, inc. Wood-fighting.
WEDNESDAY,			
5TH DECR.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m.	Inspection.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m. Inspection.
	9.30 - 12 noon.	1 Platoon Wiring. <u>Remainder</u>	9.30 - 12 noon. SHORT ROUTE MARCH.
	9.30 - 10.15.	P.T. & B.F.	
	10.15 - 10.30.	Gas Drill.	
	10.30 - 11.15.	Musketry.	
	11.15 - 12 noon.	Close Order Dr.	
THURSDAY,			
6TH DECR.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m.	Inspection.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m. Inspection.
	9.30 - 12 noon.	SHORT ROUTE MARCH, via KEMMEL.	9.30 - 10.15. Close Order Dr. 10.15 - 11 a.m. Assault Trg. 11 - 11.30 a.m. Musketry. 11.30 - 12 noon. Rifle Exercises
FRIDAY,			
7TH DECR.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m.	Inspection.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m. Inspection.
	9.30 - 12 noon.	1 Platoon rapid Wiring.	9.30 - 12 noon. Bombing under Bomb Officer on Bombing Ground.
	9.30 - 10.15.	<u>REMAINDER.</u> Close Order Dr.	
	10.15 - 11.	Assault Trg.	
	11 - 11.30 a.m.	Musketry.	
11.30 - 12 noon.	Rifle Exercises		
SATURDAY,			
8TH DECR.		BRIGADE SPORTS.	

22ND BATTALION A.I.F. - SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 8.12.17.

DAY.	TIME.	"C" COMPANY.	"B" COMPANY.
MONDAY, 3RD DECR.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m.	Inspection.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m. Inspection.
	9.30 - 12 noon.	1 Platoon Rapid firing.	9.30 - 10.15. P.T. & B.V. 10.15 - 10.30. Gas Drill.
	8.30 - 12 noon.	1 Platoon to Rifle Range.	10.30 - 11.15. Musketry. 11.15 - 12 noon. Close Order Drill.
	<u>REMAINING.</u>		
	9.30 - 12 noon.	Training as Raiding Platoon.	
TUESDAY, 4TH DECR.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m.	Inspection.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m. Inspection.
	8.30 - 12 noon.	1 Platoon to Rifle Range.	9.30 - 12 noon. 1 Platoon Rapid firing.
	<u>REMAINING.</u>		<u>REMAINING.</u>
	9.30 - 12 noon.	Training as Raiding Platoon.	9.30 - 12 noon. Coy Tactical Exercises etc. wood-fighting.
<i>Astor B Coy on Thursday.</i>			
WEDNESDAY, 5TH DECR.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m.	Inspection.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m. Inspection.
	9.30 - 12 noon.	Bombing under Bomb Officer on Bomb Crd.	8.30 - 12 noon. 1 Platoon to Rifle Range.
	<u>REMAINING.</u>		<u>REMAINING.</u>
			9.30 - 10.15. Close order Dr. 10.15 - 11 a.m. Assault Trg. 11 - 11.30 a.m. Musketry. 11.30 - 12 noon. Rifle Ex.
THURSDAY, 6TH DECR.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m.	Inspection.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m. Inspection.
	9.30 - 12 noon.	Coy. Tactical ex. including wood-fighting on slopes of ST. ANNE'S.	8.30 - 12 noon. 1 Platoon to Rifle Range.
	<u>REMAINING.</u>		<u>REMAINING.</u>
			9.30 - 12 noon. Bombing under Bomb Off. on Bombing Crd.
FRIDAY, 7TH DECR.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m.	Inspection.	9.15 - 9.30 a.m. Inspection.
	9.30 - 12 noon.	SHORT ORDER MARCH, via Kewell.	9.30 - 12 noon. Coy Tactical Ex. inc. wood- fighting on slopes of ST. ANNE'S.
	<u>REMAINING.</u>		
SATURDAY, 8TH DECR.	FRIGATE OPERATIONS.		

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22ND BATTALION A.I.F. - NOTES TO SYLLABUS OF TRG FOR WEEK ENDING 8.12.17.1. NIGHT PATROLLING.-

One complete Platoon of each Coy. will carry out training in Night Patrolling, Fighting Patrols, Cutting out Strong Posts, etc. as under, on the Bombing Ground from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.-

TUESDAY, 4th DECEM.	"A" COY.
WED., 5th "	"B" "
THURS. 6th "	"C" "
FRIDAY 7th "	"D" "

2. SPECIALISTS will report as under to Specialist Officers at 9.30 a.m. daily :-

MONDAY.	"B" COY	"D" COY.	
TUESDAY.	"A" "	"C" "	"D" COY.
WEDNESDAY.	"A" "	"B" "	"C" " "D" COY.
THURSDAY.	"A" "	"B" "	"C" "
FRIDAY.	"A" "	"B" "	"C" "

3. Classes of Instruction for N.C.O's will be held daily under Coy. Officers. O's C. Coys will forward Syllabus of Training by 6 p.m. 2nd prox.

4. DRESS for all Parades, except Coy. Tactical Exercises, Drill Order with Rifles. For Coy. Tactical Exercises, Fighting Order. Coys. on Bombing will wear Steel Helmets.



Capt. & A/Adjt.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE23rd Battalion - 6th Infantry Brigade.
-----BATTALION TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR WEEK ENDING 8.12.17.

Date	Time	"A" Coy.	"B" Coy.	"C" Coy.	"D" Coy.
3.12.17	9.00 a.m. to 9.15 a.m.	Battn.Parade	Battn.Parade	Battn.Parade	Battn.Parade
	9.15 am to 10.00 a.m.	Bayonet Fighting	Bayonet Fighting	Bayonet Fighting	Platoon Training
	10.10 am to 11.00 a.m.	Musketry Instruction	Close Order Drill	Skill at Arms	Platoon Training
	11.10 am to 12 NOON.	Route March	Musketry Instruction	Route March	Platoon Training
	Afternoon	R E C R E A T I O N A L T R A I N I N G.			

4.12.17	9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.	Platoon Training	Phy.Training 15 mins.Bayonet Fightg.	Phy.Training 15 mins.Bayonet Fightg.	Phy.Training 15 mins.Bayonet Fightg.
	10.10 am to 11.00 a.m.	Platoon Training	Skill at Arms	Close Order Drill	Musketry Instruction
	11.10 am to 12 NOON	Platoon Training	Route March	Musketry Instruction	Route March
	Afternoon	R E C R E A T I O N A L T R A I N I N G.			

5.12.17	9.00 a.m. to 9.15 a.m.	Battn.Parade	Battn.Parade	Battn.Parade	Battn.Parade
	9.15 am to 10.00 a.m.	Skill at Arms	Platoon Training	Phy.Training 30 mins.Organised Games	Phy.Training 30 mins.Organised Games
	10.10 am to 11.00 a.m.	Bayonet Fighting	Platoon Training	Bayonet Fighting	Bayonet Fighting
	11.10 am to 12 NOON	Close Order Drill	Platoon Training	Gas Drill 25 mins.Bomb throwing 25 mins.	Skill at Arms
	Afternoon.	H A L F H O L I D A Y			

Date	Time	"A" Coy.	"B" Coy.	"C" Coy.	"D" Coy.
6.12.17	9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.	Phy. Training 30 mins. Gas Drill 30 mns.	Phy. Training 30 mins. Gas Drill 30 mns	Platoon Training	Phy. Training 30 mins. Gas Drill 30 mns
	10.10 am to 11.00 a.m.	Lewis Gun Instruction	Lewis Gun Instruction	Platoon Training	Close Order Drill
	11.10 am to 12 NOON	Musketry Instruction	at Skill/Arms 30 mins. Bombing 30 mins.	Platoon Training	Musketry Instruction
Afternoon		R E C R E A T I O N A L T R A I N I N G.			
7.12.17	9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.	Phy. Traing. 15 mins. Bay- onet Figthg.	Phy. Training 15 mins. Bay- onet Fightg.	Phy. Training 15 mins. Bay- onet Fightg.	Phy. Training 15 mins. Bay- onet Fightg.
	10.10 am to 11.00 a.m.	Skill at Arms 30 mins. Bomb throwing.	Musketry Instruction	Lewis Gun Instruction	Lewis Gun Instruction
	11.10 am to 12 NOON	Close Order Drill	Close Order Drill	Skill at Arms	Skill at Arms 30 mns. Bomb throwg.
Afternoon		R E C R E A T I O N A L T R A I N I N G			
8.12.17	9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.	Battn. Parade and Inspectn	Battn. Parade and Inspectn	Battn. parade and Inspectn	Battn. parade and Inspectn
	10.30 am to 11.00 a.m.	Bayonet Fighting	Bayonet Fighting	Bayonet Fighting	Bayonet Fighting
	11.15 am to 12 NOON	Gas Drill & Dubbing pde.	Gas Drill & Dubbing pde.	Gas Drill & Dubbing pde.	Gas Drill & Dubbing pde.
Afternoon		H A L F H O L I D A Y.			

NOTES.

- 1.- All Lewis Gunners, Signallers, Scouts, Snipers and Observers will report to their respective Specialist Officers for the duration of the morning parade, but will take part in Recreational Training each afternoon.
- 2.- Coy. Stretcher Bearers will report to R.M.O. for Stretcher Drill and First Aid Instruction during Morning Parade on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY of each week.
- 3.- The Battalion B.O., M.O. and Gas N.C.O. will supervise all Bombing, Musketry and Gas Instruction.
- 4.- For the purpose of Route Marches H'Qrs. will be attached to "B" Coy.
- 5.- Raiding party will receive special training in Bombing, Blocking, Bayonet Fighting, Physical Training, Recreational Games, Reconnaissance, Scouting, Attacking Strong Points, Co-operating with Lewis Gun.
- 6.- N.C.O's, Class under Lieut. R.L. Lineker will carry out instruction in same. 6 N.C.O's. per Coy. reporting daily.
- 7.- Wiring will be carried out by each Coy. as detailed.
- 8.- Platoon Training.- Coy. Commanders will arrange small tactical exercises to be carried out by each platoon during training. Platoon Commanders will submit their Operation Orders to Battalion H'Qrs. by 5 p.m. the day previous to exercise.
- 9.- Musketry Instruction.- All men of "A" and "B" Coy. who have not done Musketry Course on 30 yards range will fire the Course on Monday. Coys. will advise by 12 NOON Saturday numbers to complete. "C" and "D" on Tuesday advising numbers by 12 NOON on Monday.
- 10.- Lewis Gun Instruction will be carried out by Coys. as specified. Lewis Gun Sections instructing their own platoons.

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Lieut.
A/Adjutant, 23rd Battalion.

29th November, 1917.

24th Australian Infantry Battalion 90
 Training Programme For week ending 10/12/17.

Date	Time	"A" Coy.	"B" Coy.	"C" Coy.	"D" Coy.	Remarks
Sunday	Morning.	Church Parade				
2 nd Dec.	Afternoon	Football Matches.				
Monday	9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.	Close Order Drill	B. Fighting	Close Order Drill	Platoon	One platoon will be detailed in Orders daily for (a) Musketry on Range. (b) Rapid firing, for each morning and afternoon.
	10.10 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	B. Fighting	Close Order Drill	B. Fighting	tactical exercises	
3 rd Dec.	11.10 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.	Musketry	Skill at arms	Musketry	Boy. route march	Specialist training on 3 rd & 5 th Dec. except for Coy. on tactical exercises.
	2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Skill at arms	Musketry	Skill at arms	4-6 miles.	
	3.10 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Organised Games	Organised Games	Organised Games	B. Fighting	
Tuesday	9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.	Platoon	B. Fighting	B. Fighting	B. Fighting	Specialist training on 3 rd & 5 th Dec. except for Coy. on tactical exercises.
	10.10 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	tactical exercises	Close Order Drill	Skill at arms	Close Order Drill	
4 th Dec.	11.10 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.		Musketry	Musketry	Musketry	Specialist training on 3 rd & 5 th Dec. except for Coy. on tactical exercises.
	2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Boy. route march	Skill at arms	Boy. route march	Skill at arms	
	3.10 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	4-6 miles	Organised Games	4-6 miles	Organised Games	
Wednesday	9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.	B. Fighting	Platoon	Musketry	B. Fighting	"D" Coy. will continue the training of the raiding platoon under Lt. Munro.
	10.10 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	Musketry	tactical exercises	B. Fighting	Musketry.	
5 th Dec.	11.10 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.	Skill at arms		Skill at arms	Skill at arms	under Lt. Munro.
	2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.		Battalion Sports.			
	3.10 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.					

Date	Time	"A" Coy.	"B" Coy.	"C" Coy.	"D" Coy.	Remarks
Thursday 6 th Dec ^r	9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.	Close Order Drill	B. Fighting	Platoon	Close Order Drill	Specialist
	10.10 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	B. Fighting	Close Order Drill	Tactical	B. Fighting	Training
	11.10 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.	Skill at arms	Skill at arms	exercises	Skill at arms	will be
	2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Musketry	Coy. route march	Musketry	Musketry	combined
	3.10 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Organised Games	4-6 miles	Organised Games	Organised Games	with
Friday 7 th Dec ^r	9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.	Musketry	Close Order Drill	B. Fighting	B. Fighting	Musketry
	10.10 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	Close Order Drill	B. Fighting	Close Order Drill	Close Order Drill	and
	11.10 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.	B. Fighting	Musketry	Skill at arms	Musketry	Bayonet
	2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Skill at arms	Skill at arms	Musketry	Skill at arms	Fighting.
	3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.	Organised Games	Organised Games	Organised Games	Organised Games	
Saturday 8 th Dec ^r	9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.	Company and Platoon Inspections.				
	10.10 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	Gas Drill &	Gas Drill &	Gas Drill &	Gas Drill &	
	11.10 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.	Lectures	Lectures	Lectures	Lectures.	
	2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.	Brigade Sports				
	3.10 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.					

Philip Henry Lt. Col.
C.O., 24th Battalion, A.I.F.

APPENDIX 1

Syllabus of Training

6th Aust Machine Gun Coy.

Week Ending Saturday 8th Dec. 1917.

DAY + DATE	A.M. 9-10	A.M. 10-11	A.M. 11-12	Lunch	P.M. 2-3	P.M. 3-4
Monday 3 rd	Squad Drill Rifle Exercises	Barrage Drill			Recreational Training.	
Tuesday 4 th	Revolver Exercises	Mechanism	Gas Drill		Do.	
Wednesday 5 th	Route March.				Half Holiday.	
Thursday 6 th	Squad Drill	Stoppages	Use of Compass		Recreational Training.	
Friday 7 th	Revolver Exercises	Gas Drill	Map Reading		Do.	
Saturday 8 th	Route March.				Half Holiday.	

Douglas Rae Capt.
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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

APPENDIX II

AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE No. 418 Date

Brigade Headquarters
6th December, 1917.

The following points were raised and discussed at the Conference at Divisional Headquarters, December 5th 1917 and are passed to you for information and guidance.-

1. The 2nd Aust. Divn. will probably relieve the 3rd Aust. Divn. in the line by 10 a.m. on 14th or 15th December.

2. DISTRIBUTION The 5th A.I.Bde. on the right will have 2 Bns. in the front line system, and 2 Bns. in support. It will be prepared to remain in the line without relief for one month.

The 7th A.I.Bde. on the left will have 2 Bns. in the front line system, and 2 Bns. in support. It may expect to be relieved before the month in the line expires - possibly after 2 or 3 weeks.

The 6th A.I.Bde. will be in Divisional Reserve.

3. ARTILLERY. The 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery may expect to go into the line about the 14th December.

4. DEFENCE POLICY. (a) An active defence policy will be carried out, and each brigade will prepare to make at least one raid during its tour in the line with the object of causing losses to the enemy and procuring identifications. The training of the raiding parties which is now being carried out should include small raid schemes drawn up by officers who have experience in raids, and which should bring out the importance of preparing for every one of the duties which raiders must carry out to make the operation a success. Apart from physical fitness and skill at arms, the following are some of the more important points to consider and prepare for.-

- (i) Reconnaissance - personal, scouts, aeroplane, etc.
- (ii) Formation of plan. Strength of party. Subdivision of duties and number to be employed in each. Detail of tasks. Action in case of unexpected failure anywhere. Co-operation of assisting troops, e.g. Artillery, L.T.M., Vickers or Lewis guns. Duties of Intelligence men, Signallers, Engineers (if any). Method of withdrawal, and removal of prisoners, captured material, or its destruction. Checking Party. Reporting result.
- (iii) Wire cutting, when to cut, where else to cut and when.?
- (iv) Deception of enemy as to place of raid.
- (v) Methods of effecting surprise.
- (vi) Rehearsal by raiders on prepared ground, by day and night.

(b) In holding the line no defensive post will be weaker than one section, and as far as possible will be of the strength of one platoon.

(c) We must always be ready to counter-attack. Schemes will be drawn up by Company and Battalion Commanders for attacking across the open and bombing along trenches.

5. CORPS LINE The Brigade in Divisional Reserve will provide nucleus garrisons and Vickers M.G's in the Corps Defensive Line. These M.G's will, on principle, be adaptable for anti-aircraft work.

6. ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERIES Vickers and Lewis Guns detailed for anti-aircraft duties will, as far as possible, be disposed in batteries with alternative positions, vide G26/448 dated 10th Novr. 1917 para 4 (iv). Reliefs will be in dugouts away from the M.G's.

7. ENGINEERS. In order to admit of splinter-proof cover being made for the front line posts, the accommodation in which will have to be increased, the C.R.E. will take steps to dump the necessary material, i.e. small elephant shelters, concrete blocks, timber props, duckboards-etc.

(Engineers Contd.)

APPENDIX 2

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Camouflage netting will be spread over work so as to admit of work by day and night where possible.

The construction and maintenance of communication trenches will be the special task of the Pioneer Bn.

8. CONCEALMENT. All officers and other ranks are to be warned that they are ~~to~~ not to needlessly expose themselves to view during daylight. Existing natural cover or communication trenches must be used on all occasions, even if this causes delay, except when the tactical situation demands movement in the open as in a counter-attack.

Stan Savage
Captain,
A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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EXTRACTS FROM
SECOND ARMY
Administrative Scheme1. Objects in view

- (a) The maintenance of the troops during the winter
- (b) The well-being, comfort, and recreation of the troops during the winter.
- (c) Preparations for the future.

2. Maintenance during winter

Assistance in railways and roads will be given by Army to the utmost possible extent. To enable this to be done, Corps must:-

- (a) Prevent damage to railway formations
- (b) Reduce repair and maintenance work on roads to lowest limits by:-
 - (1) Using Railways, tramways and horsed transport instead of M.T.
 - (11) Strict control of M.T. that has to be used.

These measures will release labour and material for the development of communications, which, again, will reduce the labour of men and animals in getting supplies of all natures up to the front line.

3. Well-being, Comfort and recreation

The A and Q Staff Officers of all formations should make it their business to see personally that everything possible is being done in this direction.

The well-being and comfort of the men will depend, during the winter, upon:-

- (a) Manmastership
- (b) Hot food and hot drinks, well prepared
- (c) Hot baths
- (d) An ample supply of clean clothing, and arrangements to ensure a change, as soon as possible, of dry service clothing whenever the men get wet through
- (e) Drying Rooms
- (f) Careful adherence to the Standing Orders on Trench feet.
- (g) Good cookery and variation of diet
- (h) Accommodation and sanitation
- (i) Rest Stations
- (j) Recreation and leave

4. As regards the points mentioned in para.3 above

- (a) Manmastership. See S.O.574.
- (b) Hot food and hot drinks - Soyer stoves should be used to the fullest extent. There is a regular issue of hot food containers, but additional containers can be provided if required.
- (c) Baths See S.Os. 63, 389, 401, 408, 664. Baths should be developed to the utmost extent. A blue print is attached showing the lines on which new baths should be arranged. Rose sprays sets are on R.E. supply, and demands should be submitted forthwith for all that are required.
Coffee stalls and haircutters' shops should be provided at baths, if possible.
- (d) Clean underclothing and dry service clothing.- See S.Os. 97, 401.

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There can be no excuse for any failure to supply men with a change of underclothing whenever they require it. The principle to be followed is that every man has with him at all times the authorised change of underclothing, so that he can change when wet, and that baths keep a sufficient supply to enable every man bathes to have a complete change of underclothing.

Arrangements should exist at all times for disinfecting and drying the service clothing of men while they bathe.

There is a very good de-lousing installation at L.5.d.2.6. Sheet 27, which might well be copied in other areas.

A description of an improvised steam disinfector which costs under £30 to construct can be supplied on application to SECOND ARMY "Q"

Half the sick wastage is caused by vermin. Baths and disinfection are therefore of the greatest value.

(e) Drying Rooms These can be operated by heat derived from incinerators.

(f) Trench feet.- See S.Os. 594-599

The preventive and curative treatment laid down in S.O.597 was tried throughout the Fourth Army on the Somme during the greater part of the severe winter of 1916-1917. In no single case, after the adoption of the treatment was amputation found necessary and the cases which occurred were cured far more rapidly than under former methods. Arrangements have been made to provide all the ingredients required and the supply of all of them is assured, with the exception of camphor. Special efforts are being made to obtain sufficient camphor and it is hoped that the supply of it will not fail.

Foot rubbing drills and making each man responsible for his comrade's feet have been found most useful in practice.

(g) Good cookery and variation in diet.- If the instructions given in Army Standing Orders 676-703 are followed monotony in diet can under most conditions be diminished.

A new pamphlet entitled "Cookery in the Field" a revised edition of "Fourth Army Catering Notes" is about to be issued by the Quartermaster General on the liberal scale of one copy to every 50 men. It is hoped that an issue will be made very soon, and that, when it is issued, all Officers concerned will see that it is issued, all Officers concerned will see that it is used by the cooks instead of being placed carefully in the Units' library. "Q" Officers should make it their business to ensure that real advantage is taken of the suggestions given in this very valuable publication, which also describes the construction of an excellent hot food container out of a pack, a petrol tin, and 5 lbs of hay.

Hot food in the line, stock pots for soup, and refreshment stations run by Soyer Stoves should be provided and developed to the extent possible.

Kitchens and Q.M. Stores should be close to a road.

The Army School of Cookery has been established to assist units to make the most of the ration, one of the Inspectors of Catering will always be available to give any assistance or advice, if application for his services is made to D.D.S. & T.

Vegetables

To provide green vegetables on as liberal a scale as possible arrangements should be made now to start vegetable gardens wherever it is possible to do so. Too many vegetables can hardly be grown.

- (h) Accommodation and Sanitation.- Ventilation is a matter of great importance in Nissen Huts, Dug-outs, etc.

Sandbag mattresses stuffed with newspapers rolled into a ball, or straw should be provided for the men as soon as possible. The issue for straw for bedding is at present restricted to billets, tents, etc., without wooden floors. (G.R.O.2840).

It is particularly desirable that the men should be made as comfortable as possible at Corps Reinforcement Camps which they reach at a time when they are very susceptible to impression.

All Officers down to Platoon Commanders should interest themselves in sanitation, and take energetic steps to obviate any danger of an epidemic when the winter gives place to spring. The experience that has been gained during the war is given in Standing Orders 600-663.

- (i) Rest Stations.- Six C.C.Ss. have been detailed to act as Corps Rest Stations, one to each Corps in the front line. Each C.C.S. will have at an early date accommodation for a 1000 patients. All cases of sickness likely to be fit for duty in fourteen days will be retained in the Corps Rest Stations.

It is hoped that Corps will make every effort to assist in making these institutions really comfortable for the men. A cinema at each Station might be provided and good recreation, dining rooms, and libraries established and also, if possible, a recreation ground.

Cheap suitable books, can be obtained from MUDIO's Library.

- (j) Recreation and Leave.- The men have been subjected to a severe strain and are now faced with the hardships inseparable from a winter in Flanders under war conditions. They have also to contend with pessimists; the thoughtless chatter of newspapers which reproduce the senseless speeches and bickerings of stupid and unpatriotic people; the accounts spread broadcast by newspapers about the state of Russia and enemy successes in other parts of the world; and with other influences which tend to depress them. When moreover, they do go home on leave, they find that high prices and scarcity of some of the necessities are causing difficulties among their relations and friends.

It is therefore, clear ~~an~~ that special efforts must be made to provide recreation and relaxation for the men, and to cheer them up. Every successful effort in this direction will be repaid a thousand fold by results.

What is required is an energetic and immediate mobilization of all the resources upon which we can draw. Among these may be put.-

- (i) The appointment of a suitable officer, as "master of the ceremonies", in every formation and unit. His duties would be to organise football ~~meesses~~ matches, boxing competitions etc.
- (ii) A liberal supply of cinemas. Films are obtainable from the Expeditionary Force Canteen, and the machines pay for themselves in a very short time.
- (iii) The use of bands and all kinds to full advantage. Tattoos, etc., in billets, have a very good influence.

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- (iv) The development of troupes and concert parties and the occasional exchange of performances with those of other formations, to obtain variety.
 - (v) An increase in the numbers of Y.M.C.A.'s and Church Huts. Application for the additional numbers required should be made by Corps to A.H.Q.
 - (vi) Music in Estaminets
 - (vii) The detailing of professional entertainers, of whom there are considerable scattered throughout the troops, to certain important centres, such as POPERINGHE, to work under the Town Major, as entertainers. They would enter Estaminets, billets, etc. as visitors, and start the ball rolling, by singing or other methods at which they are adept.
 - (viii) Tours by good speakers etc., etc.

The French and Belgian Authorities have now given permission for music in Estaminets, and everything possible should be done to induce estaminet keepers to provide musical instruments and contrivances where these do not already exist. Every Officer should make a point of talking to men who appear weary and dejected, to find out where the trouble lies, to help them at any rate with their sympathy and do their best to put straight anything wrong which can be remedied.

The feelings of the men towards their Officers are excellent; and they realise that their Officers have given their lives even more freely than they have, if that were possible; and they are consequently ready to be shown the road to cheeriness by their Officers. The latter must, however, be careful what they say, especially in their messes, because the gist of their conversation is communicated at once through their servants to the whole unit.

"The general state and efficiency of a regiment can be quickly gained by the tone and bearing of its Officers when in their mess. It is the duty of the Commanding Officer to first set the standard of life and then to insist on his Officers living up to that standard. The Commanding Officer who does so is correctly interpreting one of the many responsibilities that are his and his alone". ("Hints for Commanding Officers" - issued to students at the Senior Officers School, ALDERSHOT, 1917).

- (k) LEAVE Leave comes to a man after, perhaps, 18 months of hard campaigning under conditions which it is not necessary again to describe. It should be a holiday in every sense of the word, a period of rest, pleasure, and recuperation.

What often actually happens is, however, nothing short of a scandal. When going on leave, the man arrives at a station where there is no shelter or refreshments, and has to wait in the pouring rain, with a crowd of others, before the train comes in. When the train does arrive, it is probably windowless, unlit, unwarmed, and soon overcrowded. On arrival at a Base Port the conditions may be little better. On the return from leave, the same depressing process is repeated, and the soldier finds that the glorious event to which he has been looking forward for many months has been marred by discomforts which engender in him a feeling of bitter resentment.

Men returning from leave have been seen lying on cobbles or under hedges in pouring rain in the winter - nobody to meet them, nothing to convey them to their unit, no refreshment to be had.

The Army Commander is determined that such a state of affairs shall not exist in any part of the Army under his command, and directs that steps be taken immediately where they have not been taken to provide:-

- (i) A proper staff, at each station at which men entrain or detrain for and from leave, to provide hot drinks, sleeping accommodation, and meals for leave men.
- (ii) Conveyance, by bus, or lorry, if possible, for the men to their unit, or as far as they can be carried towards their unit.
- (iii) Covered and warmed waiting accommodation at each entraining and detraining station.
- (iv) Additional entraining and detraining stations.
- (v) Comfortable leave trains.

(i)-(iii) are matters for Corps.

(iv) and (v) are being taken up with Transportation. Corps have already been instructed to detail a Staff Officer to investigate conditions en route to and from the Bases, and at the Bases themselves.

5. The measures to be taken to make returning leave men comfortable apply equally to reinforcements.
6. The comfort of Officers must not be overlooked. Measures are being taken to make the rules about Officers' restaurants and hotels more elastic, in order to obtain more reasonable hours, etc. If there is a demand for an Officers' Club in any town or locality application should be made to A.H.Q. Every effort will then be made to induce the E.F.C. to open a club.

M E D I C A L

7. A mechanical dental centre for the repair of dentures and the provision of Artificial dentures is being established at No. 50 C.C.S. MONT-des-CATS.
This centre will deal with all mechanical dentistry of the British Units in the Second Army. The Australian and Canadian units are already provided for. It is hoped to save a considerable amount of wastage by this means.
8. Two C.C.Ss. are being detailed as centres for suspected dysentery and severe cases of diarrhoea.
A skilled bacteriologist will be attached to each centre for of early diagnoses.
9. An Ophthalmic Centre at No.50 C.C.S. is established for dealing with all defects of vision in the Army. This is inadequate at present, but the Staff and accommodation are being increased.
10. Scabies will be looked after at a Section of the Corps Rest Stations. The wastage in skin diseases have been heavy. In no circumstances will scabies cases be evacuated to the Base.
11. All Corps have been informed to which C.C.S. their wounded will be evacuated. To facilitate evacuation of sick and walking wounded from the front line, arrangements have been made to evacuate these cases by rail from the II, VIII, XIX, and II Anzac Corps.

H O R S E S

12. A heavy strain is always placed on horses during the winter months. Moreover, the remount situation demands that everything possible be done to reduce wastage. This can be achieved by.-

(a) Organization, i.e.,

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- (i) Pooling horses. All divisions should adopt the plan of giving brigade transport officers full powers to arrange the equal distribution of work amongst animals of the brigade.
At present it is not uncommon for a wagon to be sent from each of several units to an Ordnance or other dump to bring back stores which could easily have been carried in one wagon.
 - (ii) Arranging for reliefs by withdrawing weekly horses to rearward places where they can get a rest, after which they can be employed again when they have picked up sufficiently to relieve other tired animals.
 - (iii) Avoiding the working of weak horses with sound ones. This practice throws extra work on the latter and soon weakens them also.
 - (iv) Supervision by Officers of watering and of work in wagon lines. The standings at horse watering places require attention. They should be well policed.
- (b) Chaffing the fodder and mixing the corn food with the chaff. Chaff cutters should be used to the fullest extent.
 - (c) Saving hay by using hay nets.
 - (d) Throwing open the best roads for the use of loaded horses, instead of confining them to the worst.
 - (e) Reducing the danger of picked up nails by rigorously enforcing Army Standing Orders 746.
 - (f) Providing standings and overhead cover for animals wherever this is not already provided. Wagon Lines should be as near as possible to metalled roads.
 - (g) The erection of mud walls around horse lines as a protection against bombs.
 - (h) The prompt evacuation of debility cases. There is sometimes a tendency to limit the number of evacuations to the smallest possible number, so that wastage may not appear unduly high in the statistical return. This is bad economy and results in excessive wastage when the strain comes. The border line between animals in poor condition and those suffering from debility is often difficult to define.
 - (i) All horses may be clipped trace high.

13. Immediate steps should be taken that frost cogs are available, and that units demand from the Ordnance Officers concerned the taps and wrenches required to bring the numbers in possession up to the proper scale.

14. Remounts should always be put into light work to start with and gradually brought on. It is impossible to send up horses, especially draught horses, in bad condition.

15. Lectures to Officers and other ranks should be arranged by Corps horsemasters.

16. The attention of all concerned should be drawn to S.Os. 704 - 777.

MECHANICAL TRANSPORT

17. Advantage must be taken of the winter months to overhaul lorries and to get them ready to meet heavy demands next year. Both for this reason and for the sake of the roads, the use of M.T. must be rigidly limited.

Dead mileage should be reduced to a minimum by locating lorries near their work and by combining duties.

It is essential that loads should be reduced on bad roads and that M.T. personnel should, whenever possible, be given time each day to clean and inspect their vehicles and to carry out any adjustments which may be necessary. Neglect of those ordinary precautions have in the past led to very serious results.

ROADS AND ROAD TRAFFIC

18. The general policy regarding the use of roads will be.-
- (a) Traffic on roads which must be used for ammunition, supplies R.E.Stores and road material will be cut down to essential requirements.
 - (b) Wherever possible, horsed transport will be used in place of mechanical transport.
 - (c) The greatest possible care will be taken to ensure that orders regarding speed limits are generally known and strictly enforced. Cases of exceeding the speed limit should be dealt with severely. If more than one case against one mechanical transport unit in a week, that unit should be made to furnish an officers patrol for a week.
 - (d) The supply of road metal is insufficient to meet demands and the rigid enforcement of the above instructions is necessary in order to assist the road situation, which is one of difficulty.
19. Q is responsible for indicating the roads which are required for traffic and for regulating the traffic in such a way that it will be possible to repair them.
20. Mud is the worst enemy of the roads and must be tackled effectively by.-
- (a) Preventing vehicles of all natures from coming on to the roads from fields, except across corduroyed approaches which must be swept clean by parties told off for this purpose. These corduroyed portions will act as "doormats" and will prevent mud from being brought on to the road. Muddy side tracks leading into the main road must be dealt with in a similar manner.
 - (b) Removing mud from roads.
- Endeavours will be made to obtain carts suitable for removing liquid mud from villages, and Corps will state the number they require.

Return of Salved Ammunition and Empties.

34. The collection and examination of salved ammunition is an urgent matter, especially in the Northern Areas. The policy proposed is the formation in Corps Areas of ammunition Salvage Depots, at which ammunition will be thoroughly examined, and, if found serviceable, reissued to batteries, refilling point. If defective, it will be returned to the Base.

36. These Depots will be organised under Corps arrangement.

90^{36.} Ammunition Officers and a Staff of A.O.O. are being obtained for all Corps to assist the A.D.C.3. in this work. D.A.D.O.S. ammunition, Army, is always available for technical ~~service~~ advice and every assistance should be given him when visiting Corps Ammunition Dumps and Salvage Depots. The examination of gun and howitzer ammunition only will be undertaken at Corps Salvage Depots. Salvaged Trench Mortar Bombs, Grenades, S.A.A., etc., will be dealt with at Army Depots, where facilities for laboratory operations exist.

37. Salvaged ammunition will be taken to the Salvage Depots by Light Railway it will then be examined and.-
- (a) Returned to the Base by broad gauge or,
 - (b) Sent by railway to Group Stations or to Refilling Points for re-issue, or
 - (c) Sent to Army Depots for re-issue.

Winter Salvage Policy

46. There is at present a very large amount of ammunition on Corps charge in front of railhead. This ammunition is for the most part contained in scattered dumps covering a large area. It is important that all dumps not authorised under the new scheme should be abolished as soon as possible by the issue of the ammunition to the batteries. Transportation will offer every facility for clearing these dumps forward by a light railway. The Army Depots are also full (to over-flowing) of ammunition of all natures, some of which has been stored in them for several months.

In order to ensure that this Ammunition is turned over during the winter, current expenditure will, as far as possible, be met by issue from Army Depots by light railway, the Depots being refilled periodically, to the extent of their authorised establishment from the Base.

SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT

RUM

52. A Reserve of not less than 30,000 gallons will be maintained in the Army Area. This will be in addition to the quantities received on the pack trains as demanded by Divisions. Rum will be issued to Battalions on application while out of the line and daily while in trenches.

Solidified Paraffin

53. For each Division in the Army 7500 ozs. are received weekly. Issue is only to those Divisions which are in the line. This means that, under existing conditions, each Division in the line would receive about 12,000 ozs per week. In addition, there is a stock in the Army Area at the present time of about 650,000 ozs to meet any extra or sudden requirements.

PROVOST WORK

Discipline

59. A.P.Ms. must give special attention to this and to the enforcing of Army Standing Orders. Each week they should concentrate on one or more S.Os., and report to their formation the names of offenders. The slackness in saluting of junior officers needs constant attention, not only in regard to their quaint method of saluting their seniors but even more for their carelessness in returning the salutes of their subordinates. The smartness of junior officers must also be improved.

Liaisons

60. A.P.Ms. should have frequently personal conversations on the subject of discipline, roads, salvage and sanitation, etc. with the heads of departments concerned. They can contribute a great deal towards efficiency in this way by bringing to notice points of interest which come to their knowledge in the execution of their duty.

Lectures

61. Lectures should be given by Corps A.P.Ms. on Provost Duties at Corps Schools, so that young officers of different branches of the service may require knowledge of, and sympathy with, the duties of the Provost Branch.

Winter Courses of Instruction

62. Courses, lasting about 14 days, will be held at Army H.Q.. It is hoped that all Divisional M.M.Ps., will be able to attend a course during the winter months. At the same time A.P.Ms. will be expected to carry out lectures and short refresher courses, on the same lines, for their own M.M.Ps.

Field Punishment Cages

63. Cages, of a moderate size, should be formed at Corps H.Q. on uniform lines. The principle that prisoners should receive a thorough training in discipline will be strictly adhered to so that they may, at the end of their time, in addition to having been punished, be in every way better soldiers. Work of an arduous but useful nature can be carried out by arrangement with the C.R.E. Corps Troops, A.D.Signals, and Corps Roads Officer.

64. An Army Cage will be established to deal with offenders belonging to Army Troops.

Traffic Personnel

65. The Traffic Personnel, particularly in the forward area, must be relieved frequently. During the time they are in rest they should be comfortably housed and should be given:-
 (a) A short refresher course in traffic duties.
 (b) Employment on useful and healthy work, so as to keep them fit and cheery.
66. The reliefs will be arranged by Corps A.P.Ms. by:-
 (a) Pooling the traffic personnel
 (b) Training fresh men, in order to build up a reserve of at least, 40 men per Division.

Mens' Living Shelters

67. The shelters and dug-outs in which the traffic men live in the forward area must be improved and maintained in good condition.

TRAFFIC CONTROL

68. The orders on traffic are contained in S.Os. 254-283.

69. Each Control Post will be furnished with cards (copy attached which may prevent in the future the serious consequences which have resulted in the past of refusal of Officers to obey the orders of Control Post.

CORRESPONDENCE

77. Every effort must be made to reduce correspondence, so that Staff Officers may have more time to get about and look into things on the spot.

78. Correspondence will be reduced and much trouble saved if all concerned will read Standing Orders & "A" Notes".

REST FOR OFFICERS AND CLERKS

82. The Army Commander desires that the efficiency of Officers and Clerks shall not be impaired by late hours and by continuous hard work unrelieved by recreation. Their full working power and capacity will be fully taxed when active operations are resumed, and it is necessary that they should not start the strain in a tired condition.

The following are suggestions for the attainment of the object in view.-

- (a) That telephone calls (unless urgent) should not be made after 10 p.m.
 (b) That telegrams (unless urgent) should not be sent to Signals for transmission after 8.30 p.m.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
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APPENDIX
 III

Brigade Headquarters
 28th Nov., 1917.

GENERAL SPORTS MEETING
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GENERAL CONDITIONS:- The Sports will commence at 10 a.m. sharp on morning of the 8th inst. In the event of inclement weather a later date will be fixed.

At a General Committee Meeting it has been decided that any man attached to a unit on the date of to-day (28th) the unit may play that man in Football Teams and Sports.

The following Ground Committee has been appointed:-

Major H.J. SMITH	24th Bn.
Capt. S.G. SAVIGE	" "
" W.H. BUNNING	22nd "
Lieut. GILLESPIE	6th Field Engrs.

The Ground Committee is responsible for:-

- (1) The organising of the ground i.e. roping in of Ground courses etc.
- (2) To appoint Canteen Committee
- (3) To procure necessary materials for the ground.
- (4) To arrange Band music.

This Committee to meet at Brigade Headquarters at 11 a.m. on 30th instant.

FOOTBALL:- The following Football Fixtures were decided upon to be played on Saturday 1st December, 1917.

1.	Brigade Headquarters	V	21st Battalion
2.	24th Battalion	V	6th Field Engineers
3.	22nd "	V	22nd A.M.G. Company
4.	23rd "	V	2nd Pioneer Battalion

Semi-Finals to be played on Wednesday 5th instant.

Winners of 1 V Winners of 2.
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Final to be played on Wednesday 12th instant.

Ground for Semi-Finals and Final to be arranged later.

Umpires to be arranged mutually.

Each side will provide.-

- (a) One Goal Umpire to be an Officer
- (b) One Timekeeper " " " "
- (c) One Boundary Umpire Officer or O.R.

Matches to commence at 1.45 p.m. sharp and to consist of 4 Quarters of 20 minutes each.

In the event of a draw the match will be played again before the next round.

Re the Grouped Soccer it has been decided to allow opposing teams to arrange grounds mutually, matches to be played on or before Wednesday 12th instant.

Referees to be arranged mutually.

P. T. O.

PROGRAMME OF CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Events.-	No. of Entries	Prizes
1. RELAY RACE:- Circular Track. Each man to run 220 yards. Signal flag carried in the hand.	8 men per Unit	1st Gold Medal 2nd Silver Medal
2. HIGH JUMP Start at 4'6"	2 men per unit	1st Gold Medal 2nd Silver Medal
3. 100 YARDS FLAT RACE	2 men per unit	1st Gold Medal 2nd Silver Medal
4. 440 YARDS FLAT RACE	2 men per unit	1st Gold Medal 2nd Silver Medal
5. 880 YARDS FLAT RACE	2 men per unit	1st Gold Medal 2nd Silver Medal
6. 120 YARDS HURDLE RACE	2 men per unit	1st Gold Medal 2nd Silver Medal
7. CROSS COUNTRY 3½ Miles.	10 men per unit First 8 men to finish in each unit team to count.	1st Gold Medal 2nd Silver Medal 3rd Bronze " & Bronze Medal to each man of the winning team of 8.
8. TUG-OF-WAR	1 Team of 8 men & a Captain per unit.	Bronze Medal to each man in winning team.

The following are the conditions of the Tug-of-War.

- (1) The pull to be 6 feet each way.
- (2) A limit of 5 minutes to be imposed.
- (3) No cleats to be used, no stubbs or spikes in boots.
- (4) An anchor man is allowed.
- (5) To decide finals best two pulls out of three.

Heats of events numbered 2, 3, 5, & 6 to be run off during the morning.

Points will be allotted to the winners or winning teams in the above 8 events which are to count towards the Group Championship.

In addition to the above programme a programme of minor events has been decided upon as follows.-

Event.-	No. of Entries	Prizes
25 yards Sack Race (Oat sacks to be used those will be provided). & back	4 men per unit	Trophy.
25 yards four legged race, legs tied ankle & above knee, one man tied back to course	2 teams per unit	Trophy.
25 yards Wheelbarrow Race	4 teams per unit	Trophy
Obstacle Race	4 men per unit	Trophy
Best Sustained Character	(This event commences after Lunch)	Trophy
Musical Chairs on Bicycles	2 men per unit	Trophy
100 Yards Officers Race	2 Officers per unit	1st Gold Medal 2nd Silver "
Band Race. All members of all Bands will compete.		Trophy.

Frank R. [Signature]
Lieutenant,
Secretary.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
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Brigade Headquarters
6th Decr., 1917.

GENERAL SPORTS MEETING

It was decided at to-day's meeting to ask the following Officers to act as Judges, Referees, etc.

JUDGES OF TRACK EVENTS

Colonel MOSELEY
Lieut.-Col. WILTSHIRE, M.C.
" " JAMES
" " DUGGAN
Major CROWTHER, D.S.O.
Major N.C. HARRIS
Capt. WADE 13th L.H.
" RAE
" BAZELEY, M.C.

JUDGE OF TUG-OF-WAR

Lieut.-Col. MILES, D.S.O.

REFEREES

Capt. R. WERTHEIM
" A.G. BROWN, M.C.

RESULT STEWARDS.- One to be nominated by each Battalion & names forwarded to Secretary early.

STARTERS

Lieut. GORMAN
" BALL

CHECK STARTERS

Lieut. DEARDEN
" WEIR.

TRACK STEWARDS

* Each R.S.M. to act as a Track Steward.

ENTRIES.- The entries for the 100 yds. flat have been increased to 3 men per unit.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.- All competitors immediately on passing the tape must report to the Judges.

John A. ...
Lieutenant,
Secretary.

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APPENDIX. 3

6th A.I. BRIGADE GROUP

S P O R T S

To be held on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 1917.

The following is the allocation of points for Nos. Seventeen, Eighteen and Nineteen---Ten, Six, Four, and Two; and for Nos. Three, Four, Eight, Twelve, Fifteen---Five, Three, Two, One.

1. **TUG-OF-WAR**, (First Round), 10 a m.
2. **HUNDRED YARDS FLAT**--First heat 10.10 a m, second heat 10.15 a m, third heat 10.20 a m.
3. **HIGH JUMP**, 10.25 a m. Prizes, first, gold medal; second, silver medal.
4. **FLAT RACE**, 880yds, 10.40 a m. Prizes, first, gold medal; second, silver medal.
5. **HURDLE RACE**, 120yds.--First heat 10.45 a m, second heat 10.50 a m, third heat 10.55 a m.
6. **TUG-OF-WAR**, second round, 11 to 11.30 a m.
7. **WHEELBARROW RACE**, 25yds, 1 pm. Prize, trophy.
8. **FINAL**, 100yds Flat, 1.5 p m. Prizes, first, gold medal; second, silver medal.
9. **TUG-OF-WAR**, third round, 1.10 p m.
10. **OFFICERS' RACE**, 100yds, 1.30 p m. Prizes, first, gold medal; second, silver medal.
11. **MUSICAL CHAIRS ON BIKES**, 1.35 p.m. Prize, trophy.
12. **QUARTER-MILE**. 1.55 p.m. Prizes first, gold medal; second, silver medal.
13. **FOUR-LEGGED RACE**, 25 yds., 2 p.m. Prize, trophy.
14. **SACK RACE**, 25 yds., 2.10 p.m. Prize trophy.
15. **FINAL HURDLES**, 2.20 p.m. Prizes first gold medal; second, silver medal.
16. **OBSTACLE RACE**, 120 yds., 2.25 p.m. Prize, trophy.
17. **RELAY RACE**, 2.30 p.m. First prize gold medal; second, silver medal.
18. **TUG-OF-WAR** (Final), 2.40 p.m. Bronze medal to each man in winning team.
19. **CROSS COUNTRY RACE**, 2.55 p.m. 3 miles. First, gold medal; second, silver medal; third, bronze medal, and a bronze medal to each member of the winning team.
20. **BAND RACE**, 3.5 p.m. Trophy.
21. **JUDGING BEST SUSTAINED CHARACTER**, 3.15 p m.

GENERAL CONDITIONS---All competitors immediately on passing the tape must report to the Judges.

All competitors must be on the mark to time.

23rd Battalion Press.

Lieut. F. F. FERGUSSON, Secy.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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21st. Battalion Hqrs.
6th. December 1917.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 15th. December 1917.

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| Day.                    | Time.                                                                                                   | Particulars of Training.                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday<br>10th. Dec.    | 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.<br>9 a.m. to 10 a.m.<br>10 to 11<br>11.30 to 12<br>2 p.m. to 4 p.m.                 | One Company on Range.<br>Inspection, Close Order Drill<br>Patrols.<br>Bayonet Fighting.<br>P.T. and Organised Games.<br>Recreational Training, Route<br>March. |
| Tuesday<br>11th. Dec.   | 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.<br>9 a.m. to 10 a.m.<br>10 to 11<br>11, to 11.30<br>11.30 to 12<br>2 p.m. to 4 p.m. | One Company on Range.<br>Inspection, Close Order Drill<br>Bombing<br>P.T. and Organised Games.<br>Gas Drill.<br>Route March.                                   |
| Wednesday<br>12th. Dec. | 8.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.<br>9 a.m. to 10 a.m.<br>10 to 11<br>11 to 11.30<br>11.30 to 12                      | One company on Range.<br>Inspection Close Order Drill<br>Platoon Tactical Exercises.<br>Bayonet Fighting.<br>Organised Games.<br>Half Holiday.                 |
| Thursday<br>13th. Dec.  | 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.<br>9 a.m. to 10 a.m.<br>10 to 11<br>11 to 11.30<br>11.30 to 12<br>2 p.m. to 4 p.m.  | One Company on Range.<br>Inspection, Close Order Drill.<br>Bombing<br>Gas Drill.<br>Physical Training.<br>Route March & Games.                                 |
| Friday<br>14th. Dec.    | 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.<br>10 to 11<br>11 to 11.30<br>11.30 to 12<br>2 p.m. to 4 p.m.                         | Inspection, Close Order Drill.<br>Patrols.<br>Organised Games.<br>Route March.<br>Recreational Training and<br>Organised Games.                                |
| Saturday<br>15th. Dec.  | 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.<br>10 to 11<br>11 to 11.30<br>11.30 to 12                                             | Inspection, Close Order Drill<br>Lecture, Care of arms and<br>parts of rifle revision.<br>Bayonet Fighting.<br>P.T. and Organised Games.<br>Half Holiday.      |

Specialists Training to be carried out by all Companies.

N.C.Os. Classes will continue daily under the R.S.M. at 9.15 a.m.

"D" Company will carry on training of raiding platoon.

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(Signed) H.A. Crowther.  
Major.  
21st. Battalion A.I.F.

| DATE.                    | TIME.                           | "A" COMPANY.                                                            | TIME.             | "B" COMPANY.                                                                |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MONDAY,<br>10TH DECR.    | BATHS.                          | INSPECTION OF GAS APPLIANCES BY BRIGADE GAS N.C.O.                      |                   |                                                                             |
| TUESDAY,<br>11TH DECR.   | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.                | Inspection.                                                             | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.  | Inspection.                                                                 |
|                          | 9.30 - 12 noon.                 | 1 Platoon<br>Rapid Wiring.                                              | 9.30 - 12 noon.   | Short Route<br>March, via<br>KEMMEL.                                        |
|                          |                                 | <u>REMAINDER.</u>                                                       |                   | 1 Platoon                                                                   |
|                          | 9.30 - 10.15.                   | P.T. & B.F.                                                             |                   | Raiding.                                                                    |
|                          | 10.15 - 10.30.                  | Gas Drill.                                                              |                   |                                                                             |
|                          | 10.30 - 11.15.                  | Musketry.                                                               |                   |                                                                             |
|                          | 11.15 - 12 noon.                | Close Order<br>Drill.                                                   |                   |                                                                             |
| WEDNESDAY,<br>12TH DECR. | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.                | Inspection.                                                             | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.  | Inspection.                                                                 |
|                          | 9.30 - 12 noon.                 | Short Route<br>March, via<br>KEMMEL.                                    | 9.30 - 12 noon.   | 1 Platoon<br>Raiding.                                                       |
|                          |                                 |                                                                         | <u>REMAINDER.</u> |                                                                             |
|                          |                                 |                                                                         | 9.30 - 10.15.     | Close Ord. Dr.                                                              |
|                          |                                 |                                                                         | 10.15 - 11 a.m.   | Assault Trg.                                                                |
|                          |                                 |                                                                         | 11 - 11.30 a.m.   | Musketry.                                                                   |
|                          |                                 |                                                                         | 11.30 - 12 noon.  | Rifle Exercises                                                             |
| THURSDAY,<br>13TH DECR.  | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.                | Inspection.                                                             | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.  | Inspection.                                                                 |
|                          | 9.30 - 10.15                    | Close Order<br>Drill.                                                   | 9.30 - 12 noon.   | Bombing under<br>B.O. on Bombing<br>Ground. Steel<br>Helmets to be<br>worn. |
|                          | 10.15 - 11 a.m.                 | Assault Trg.                                                            |                   |                                                                             |
|                          | 11 - 11.30 a.m.                 | Musketry.                                                               |                   |                                                                             |
|                          | 11.30 - 12 noon.                | Rifle Exerc.                                                            |                   |                                                                             |
| FRIDAY,<br>14TH DECR.    | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.                | Inspection.                                                             | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.  | Inspection.                                                                 |
|                          | 9.30 - 12 noon.                 | Bombing under<br>B.O. on Bombg.<br>Grd. Steel<br>Helmets to be<br>worn. | 9.30 - 12 noon.   | 1 Platoon Rapid<br>wiring.                                                  |
|                          |                                 |                                                                         | <u>REMAINDER.</u> |                                                                             |
|                          |                                 |                                                                         | 9.30 - 12 noon.   | Raiding Platoon                                                             |
| SATURDAY,<br>15TH DECR.  | KIT INSPECTION - COMPANY DRILL. |                                                                         |                   |                                                                             |

22ND BATTALION A.I.F. - SYLLABUS OF TRAINING, WEEK ENDING 15.12.17.

| DATE.                    | TIME.                  | "C" COMP. NY.                                          | TIME.                  | "D" COMPANY.                          |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| MONDAY,<br>10TH DECR.    |                        | BATHS - INSPECTION OF GAS APPLIANCES BY BRIGADE N.C.O. |                        |                                       |
| TUESDAY,<br>11TH DECR.   | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.       | Inspection.                                            | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.       | Inspection.                           |
|                          | <u>8.30</u> - 12 noon. | 1 Platoon to Rifle Range.                              | 9.30 - 12 noon.        | Bombing under B.O. on Bombing Ground. |
|                          | 9.30 - 12 noon.        | Remainder Trg. as Raiding Platoon.                     |                        |                                       |
|                          | 1.30 - 4 p.m.          | 1 Platoon to Rifle Range.                              |                        |                                       |
| WEDNESDAY,<br>12TH DECR. | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.       | Inspection.                                            | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.       | Inspection.                           |
|                          | 9.30 - 12 noon.        | 1 Platoon Raiding.                                     | <u>8.30</u> - 12 noon. | 1 Platoon to Rifle Range.             |
|                          |                        | <u>REMAINDER.</u>                                      |                        | <u>REMAINDER.</u>                     |
|                          | 9.30 - 12 noon.        | Bombing under B.O. on Bombing Grd.                     | 9.30 - 12 noon.        | Rapid Wiring.                         |
|                          |                        |                                                        | 1.30 - 4 p.m.          | 1 Platoon to Rifle Range.             |
| THURSDAY,<br>13TH DECR.  | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.       | Inspection.                                            | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.       | Inspection.                           |
|                          | 9.30 - 12 noon.        | 1 Platoon Rapid Wiring.                                | <u>8.30</u> - 12 noon. | 1 Platoon to Rifle Range.             |
|                          |                        | <u>REMAINDER.</u>                                      |                        | <u>REMAINDER.</u>                     |
|                          | 9.30 - 12 noon.        | Trg. as Raidg Platoon.                                 | 9.30 - 12 noon.        | Short Route March, via KEMMEL.        |
|                          |                        |                                                        | 1.30 - 4 p.m.          | 1 Platoon to Rifle Range.             |
| FRIDAY,<br>14TH DECR.    | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.       | Inspection.                                            | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.       | Inspection.                           |
|                          | 9.30 - 12 noon.        | 1 Platoon Raiding.                                     | 9.30 - 10.15.          | P.T. & B.F.                           |
|                          |                        | <u>REMAINDER.</u>                                      | 10.15 - 10.30.         | Gas Drill.                            |
|                          | 9.30 - 12 noon.        | Short Route March, via KEMMEL.                         | 10.30 - 11.15.         | Musketry.                             |
|                          |                        |                                                        | 11.15 - 12 noon.       | Close Order Drill.                    |
| SATURDAY,<br>15TH DECR.  |                        | KIT INSPECTION - COMPANY DRILL.                        |                        |                                       |

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE23rd Battalion - 6th Infantry Brigade.  
-----BATTALION TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR WEEK ENDING 15.12.17.  
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| Date      | Time                    | "A" Coy.                                 | "B" Coy.                         | "C" Coy.                             | "D" Coy.                             |
|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 10.12.17  | 9.00 a.m. to 9.15 a.m.  | Battn.Parade                             | Battn.Parade                     | Battn.parade                         | Battn.Parade                         |
|           | 9.15 am to 10.00 a.m.   | Coy.Tactical Exercises.                  | Bayonet Fighting                 | Bayonet Fighting                     | Bayonet Fighting                     |
|           | 10.10 am to 11.00 a.m.  | Coy.Tactical Exercises                   | Musketry                         | Musketry Instruction                 | Close Order Drill                    |
|           | 11.10 am to 12 NOON     | Coy.Tactical Exercises                   | Route March                      | Close Order Drill                    | Skill at Arms                        |
|           | 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.  | R E C R E A T I O N A L T R A I N I N G. |                                  |                                      |                                      |
| 11.12.17  | 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. | Phy.Training 30 mins.Bayonet Fghtg.      | Coy.Tactical Exer.               | Phy.Training 30 mins.Bayonet Fightg. | Phy.Training 30 mins.Bayonet Fightg. |
|           | 10.10 am to 11.00 a.m.  | Close Order Drill                        | Coy.Tactical Exer.               | Skill at Arms                        | Bayonet Fighting.                    |
|           | 11.10 am to 12 NOON.    | Musketry Instruction                     | Coy.Tactical Exer.               | Route March                          | Musketry                             |
|           | 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.  | R E C R E A T I O N A L T R A I N I N G. |                                  |                                      |                                      |
| 12.12.17. | 9.00 a.m. to 9.15 a.m.  | Battn.Parade                             | Battn.Parade                     | Battn.parade                         | Battn.Parade                         |
|           | 9.15 am to 10.00 a.m.   | Skill at Arms                            | Gas Drill 20 mins.Bomb throwing. | Coy.Tactical Exer.                   | Gas Drill 20 mins.Bomb throwing      |
|           | 10.10 am to 11.00 a.m.  | Gas Drill 20 mins.Bomb throwing          | Close Order Drill                | Coy.Tactical Exer.                   | Skill at Arms                        |
|           | 11.10 am to 12 NOON.    | Bayonet Fighting                         | Bayonet Fighting                 | Coy.Tactical Exer.                   | Route March                          |
|           | 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.  | H A L F H O L I D A Y.                   |                                  |                                      |                                      |

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| Date     | Time                       | "A" Coy.                                                       | "B" Coy.                                                        | "C" Coy.                                                       | "D" Coy.                                                       |
|----------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 13.12.17 | 9.00 a.m. to<br>10.00 a.m. | Phy. Training<br>30 mins. Bay-<br>onet Fightg.                 | Phy. Training<br>30 mins. Bay-<br>onet Fightg.                  | Phy. Training<br>30 mins. Bay-<br>onet Fightg.                 | Coy. Tactical<br>Exer.                                         |
|          | 10.10 am to<br>11.00 a.m.  | Musketry                                                       | Close Order<br>Drill                                            | Skill at<br>Arms                                               | Coy. Tactical<br>Exer.                                         |
|          | 11.10 am to<br>12 NOON.    | Route<br>March                                                 | Musketry                                                        | Close Order<br>Drill                                           | Coy. Tactical<br>Exer.                                         |
|          | 1.30 p.m. to<br>3.30 p.m.  | R E C R E A T I O N A L T R A I N I N G.                       |                                                                 |                                                                |                                                                |
| 14.12.17 | 9.00 a.m. to<br>10.00 a.m. | Phy. Training<br>30 mins. Gas<br>Drill and<br>Inspection.      | Phy. Training<br>30 mins. Gas<br>Drill and<br>Inspection        | Phy. Training<br>30 mins. Gas<br>Drill and<br>Inspection       | Phy. Training<br>30 mins. Gas<br>Drill and<br>Inspection.      |
|          | 10.10 am to<br>11.00 a.m.  | Skill at<br>Arms                                               | Skill at<br>Arms                                                | Musketry                                                       | Bayonet<br>Fighting                                            |
|          | 11.10 am to<br>12 NOON     | Close Order<br>Drill                                           | Close Order<br>Drill                                            | Bayonet<br>Fighting                                            | Musketry                                                       |
|          | 1.30 p.m. to<br>3.30 p.m.  | R E C R E A T I O N A L T R A I N I N G.                       |                                                                 |                                                                |                                                                |
| 15.12.17 | 9.00 am to<br>10.30 a.m.   | Battn. parade<br>and Inspectn                                  | Battn. parade<br>and Inspectn                                   | Battn. parade<br>and Inspectn                                  | Battn. parade<br>and Inspectn                                  |
|          | 10.40 am to<br>11.00 a.m.  | Bayonet<br>Fighting                                            | Bayonet<br>Fighting                                             | Bayonet<br>Fighting                                            | Bayonet<br>Fighting                                            |
|          | 11.00 am to<br>12 NOON.    | Inspection<br>of Anti-Gas<br>appliances<br>Dubbing of<br>Boots | Inspection<br>of Anti-Gas<br>appliances<br>Dubbing of<br>Boots. | Inspection<br>of Anti-Gas<br>appliances<br>Dubbing of<br>Boots | Inspection<br>of Anti-Gas<br>appliances<br>Dubbing of<br>Boots |
|          | 1.30 pm to<br>3.30 p.m.    | H A L F H O L I D A Y.                                         |                                                                 |                                                                |                                                                |

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NOTES.

- 1.- All Lewis Gunners, Signallers, Scouts, Snipers and Observers will report to their respective Specialist officers for the duration of the Morning Parade, but will take part in Recreational Training each afternoon.  
Lewis Gun Sections will do Range work.
- 2.- Coy. Stretch Bearers will report to R.M.O. for Stretcher Drill and First Aid Instruction during Morning Parade on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY of each week.
- 3.- The Battalion B.O., M.O. and Gas N.C.O. will supervise all Bombing, Musketry and Gas Instruction.
- 4.- For the purpose of Route Marches Headquarters will be attached to "B" Coy.
- 5.- Raiding Party will receive special training in Bombing, Blocking, Bayonet Fighting, Physical Training, Recreational Games, Reconnaissance, Scouting, Attacking Strong Points, Co-operating with Lewis Gun.
- 6.- Wiring will be carried out by each Coy. as detailed.
- 7.- Coy. Training.- Coy. Commanders will arrange Tactical Exercises to be carried out during training. Operation Orders will be submitted to Battalion H'Qrs. by 5 p.m. the day previous.
- 8.- Map Reading and Compass Work.- Officers and N.C.O's. will receive instruction in Map Reading and Compass Work from 6th to 10th December.
- 9.- N.C.O's Class under Lieut. R.L. Lineker will carry out instruction. Same 6 N.C.O's. reporting daily from each Coy.

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*M. E. ...*  
 Lieut.  
 A/Adjutant, 23rd Battalion.

6th December, 1917.

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24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion A.I.F. 90  
 Training Programme For week ending 15/12/17.

| Date                  | Time                    | "A" Coy.          | "B" Coy.          | "C" Coy.          | "D" Coy.          | Remarks                                              |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday                | Morning                 | Church Parade     |                   |                   |                   | Specialist                                           |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec.  | Afternoon               | Football Matches  |                   |                   |                   | Training on                                          |
| Monday                | 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.  | Close Order Drill | Bayonet Fighting  | Platoon           | Boy route         | 10 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> |
|                       | 10.10 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. | Bayonet Fighting  | Close Order Drill | tactical          | march of          | Dec. camp                                            |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec. | 11.10 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. | Musketry          | Musketry          | exercises         | 5-6 miles         | for Coy. on T                                        |
|                       | 2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.   | Skill at arms     | Skill at arms     | Skill at arms     | Organised Games   | exercises.                                           |
|                       | 3.10 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.   | Organised Games   | Organised Games   | Organised Games   | Skill at arms     | "D" Coy. will                                        |
| Tuesday               | 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.  | Musketry          | Platoon           | Close Order Drill | Bayonet Fighting  | continue with                                        |
|                       | 10.10 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. | Bayonet Fighting  | tactical          | Musketry          | Close Order Drill | training of                                          |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec. | 11.10 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. | Close Order Drill | exercises.        | Bayonet Fighting  | Musketry          | Raiding platoon                                      |
|                       | 2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.   | Organised Games   | Boy route march   | Boy route march   | Organised Games   | under Lt Munro                                       |
|                       | 3.10 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.   | Skill at arms     | 4-6 miles         | 4-6 miles         | Skill at arms     | Sectional Musketry                                   |
| Wednesday             | 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.  | Boy route         | Bayonet Fighting  | Close Order Drill | Bayonet Fighting  | competitions                                         |
|                       | 10.10 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. | march of          | Close Order Drill | Bayonet Fighting  | Skill at arms     | will be arranged                                     |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec. | 11.10 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. | 5-6 miles         | Musketry          | Musketry          | Musketry          | in Pontine.                                          |
|                       | 2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.   | Football Matches. |                   |                   |                   | Orders and                                           |
|                       | 3.10 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.   |                   |                   |                   |                   | will be shot                                         |

APPENDIX 39



| Date                                          | Time                    | "A" Coy           | "B" Coy           | "C" Coy           | "D" Coy           | Remarks                                  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------|--|
| Thursday<br>13 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup> | 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.  | Platoon           | Bayonet Fighting  | Bayonet Fighting  | Platoon           | off on range                             |  |
|                                               | 10.10 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. | Tactical          | Musketry          | Close Order Drill | tactical          | as training                              |  |
|                                               | 11.10 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. | exercises         | Close Order Drill | Musketry          | exercises         | permits.                                 |  |
|                                               | 2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.   | Coy route march   | Organised Games   | Organised Games   | Coy route march   | Junior Officers                          |  |
|                                               | 3.10 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.   | 4-6 miles         | Kill at arms      | Kill at arms      | 4-6 miles         | and N.C.Os.                              |  |
| Friday<br>14 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>   | 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.  | Bayonet Fighting  | Platoon           | Platoon           | Close Order Drill | will continue                            |  |
|                                               | 10.10 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. | Close Order Drill | Tactical          | Tactical          | Bayonet Fighting  | the course of                            |  |
|                                               | 11.10 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. | Musketry          | exercises         | exercises         | Musketry          | Topography                               |  |
|                                               | 2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.   | Organised Games   | Organised Games   | Organised Games   | Organised Games   | under Lt. Davies                         |  |
|                                               | 3.10 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.   | Kill at arms      | Kill at arms      | Kill at arms      | Kill at arms      | of 6 <sup>th</sup> Engineers             |  |
| Saturday                                      | 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.  | Coy. and Platoon  |                   |                   | Inspections.      | on 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup>   |  |
|                                               | 10.10 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. | Gas drill &       | Gas Drill &       | Gas Drill &       | Gas Drill &       | 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> will |  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>             | 11.10 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. | Lectures          | Lectures          | Lectures          | Lectures          |                                          |  |
|                                               | 2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.   | Football          |                   |                   |                   | Matches                                  |  |
|                                               | 3.10 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                                          |  |

W. B. James Lt. Col.  
C.O. 24<sup>th</sup> Battalion, A.I.F.

APPENDIX 4

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Syllabus of Training.

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|            | 9.0 - 9.30         | 9.30 - 10.0           | 10.0 - 10.30 | 10.30 - 12.0      | 12.0 - 2.0 | 2.0 - 3.0                         | 3.0 - 4.0      |
|------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Monday.    | Physical Exercises | Funning Exercises     | Gun Drill    | Bayonet Exercises | Dinner     | Gun Drill & Recreational Training |                |
| Tuesday.   | House Match.       |                       | Gas Drill.   |                   |            | - Do                              | - Do           |
| Wednesday. | Physical Exercises | Funning Exercises     | Musketry.    |                   |            | Football Match.                   |                |
| Thursday.  | Bayonet Exercises  | House Match.          |              |                   |            | Gun Drill & Dud Firing            |                |
| Friday.    | Physical Exercises | Recreational Training | Squad Drill. |                   |            | House Match.                      |                |
| Saturday.  | Physical Exercises | Gun Drill.            |              |                   |            |                                   | Football Match |

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For O.C. 6<sup>th</sup> A.L.T. Coy.

# Syllabus of Training

6th Machine Gun Coy.

W.E. Saturday 15th Dec 1917

| Day + Date     | 9-10                                                                                   | 10-11        | 11-12                                                               | Lunch<br>12-2 | 2-3                                        | 3-4 |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------|-----|
| Monday 10th    | Squad Drill<br>Physical Training                                                       | Barage Drill |                                                                     |               | Recreational Training                      |     |
| Tuesday 11th   | N <sup>o</sup> 1 & 2 sections Route March to Range<br>Squad Drill<br>Physical Training | Stoppages    | Range firing and<br>Map Reading<br>Finding exact<br>position on map |               | Revolver Practice<br>Recreational Training |     |
| Wednesday 12th | Squad Drill<br>Physical Training                                                       | Gas Drill    | Mechanism                                                           |               | Half Holiday                               |     |
| Thursday 13th  | N <sup>o</sup> 3 & 4 sections Route March to Range<br>Squad Drill<br>Physical Training | Stoppages    | Range firing and<br>Map Reading<br>Finding exact<br>position on map |               | Revolver Practice<br>Recreational Training |     |
| Friday 14th    | Squad Drill<br>Physical Training                                                       | Barage Drill |                                                                     |               | Recreational Training                      |     |
| Saturday 15th  |                                                                                        | Route March  |                                                                     |               | Half Holiday                               |     |

- (A) N.C.O.'s at an Infantry class of Instruction
- (B) Attached men bearing elementary & technical work of war

F.W. Duncan, Lieut. per Capt. J.P.

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APPENDIX V

SECRET

COPY No. 2

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.115

Ref. Map, Sheet 28, 1/40,000

11th December, 1917

1. The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. and 22nd A.M.G.Coy. will move to Reserve Brigade Area in accordance with attached table.
2. On the march the following minimum distances will be maintained:-
 

|                           |       |       |           |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Between Companies         | ..... | ..... | 100 yards |
| " Units and its Transport | ..... | ..... | 100 "     |
| " Battalions              | ..... | ..... | 500 "     |

Clock halts will be observed.
3. Dress:- Full Marching Order.
4. Defence Schemes, works policy, maps and all available information concerning the Reserve Brigade position will be taken over on relief.
5. Units will notify Bde. Hdqrs. on completion of relief.
6. Administrative instructions will be issued separately.
7. Bde. Hdqrs. will close at LOCRE, 11.45 a.m. and re-open at T.20.c.5.5., 2 p.m. 15th December.

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

Issued to Signals at .....

Distribution.-

1. G.O.C.
2. War Diary
3. " "
4. Filo
5. Bde. I.O.
6. 21st Bn.
7. 22nd "
8. 23rd "
9. 24th "
10. 6th A.M.G.Coy.
11. 6th A.L.T.M.Bty.
12. 22nd A.M.G.Coy.
13. 2nd Aust. Divn.
14. 5th A.I.Bde.
15. 7th A.I.Bde.
16. 11th A.I.Bde.
17. Area Commdt. LOCRE.

*Stan Savage* Captain,  
A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

) For information.

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MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER NO.115

| Date.-   | Unit                 | From.- | To.-                           | In relief of.-  | Route.-                                | Pass DRANOUTRE Church at.- | Transport Lines.-              | Remarks.-                           |
|----------|----------------------|--------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dec.15th | 6th B.H.Q.           | LOCRE  | T.20.c.5.5.                    | 11th A.I.Bde.   | DRANOUTRE -<br>NEUVE EGLISE<br>- CAMP. | 12.05 p.m.                 |                                | Relief to be completed by 3.30 p.m. |
|          | 22nd A.M.G. Coy.     | -do-   |                                | 23rd A.M.G.Coy. | -do-                                   | 12.10 p.m.                 |                                |                                     |
|          | 23rd Bn.             | -do-   | CANTEEN CORNER<br>T.26.c.4.3.  | 43rd Bn.        | -do-                                   | 12.15 p.m.                 | T.26.c.4.3.                    |                                     |
|          | 21st Bn.             | -do-   | BULFORD CAMP<br>T.20.c.5.1.    | 44th Bn.        | -do-                                   | 12.30 p.m.                 | PENZANCE LINES<br>T.20.d.20.95 |                                     |
|          | 6th A.L.T.M. Battery | -do-   | -do-                           | -               | -do-                                   | 12.45 p.m.                 | -                              |                                     |
|          | 6th A.M.G. Company.  | -do-   | PENZANCE LINES<br>T.20.d.20.95 | -               | -do-                                   | 12.50 p.m.                 | -do-                           |                                     |
|          | 22nd Bn.             | -do-   | KORTEPYP No.2<br>T.20.b.8.3.   | 42nd Bn.        | -do-                                   | 1.00 p.m.                  | -do-                           |                                     |
|          | 24th Bn.             | -do-   | KORTEPYP No.1<br>T.20.b.4.5.   | 41st Bn.        | -do-                                   | 1.15 p.m.                  | -do-                           |                                     |

APPENDIX. 5

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE



Brigade Headquarters  
6th Decr., 1917.

Map Ref. Sheet 28, 1/10,000  
Edition 5.

1. In the event of an attack by the Enemy on ANZAC Corps Front the following is the distribution of Troops of the 2nd Aust. Divn.
2. The 2nd Aust. Divn. is responsible for the defence of the 3rd or Army Defensive System. The general principles will be that the 7th A.I.Bde. will be in position of readiness WEST OF NEUVE ECLISE Heights and the 8th A.I.Bde. in positions of readiness WEST OF KEMME Heights. The 5th A.I.Bde. has two Battalions told off to support the 38th Division the remaining two Battalions will be ready to reinforce either these two or reinforce the 7th or 8th A.I.Bdes.
3. On the alarm being given units of the 6th A.I.Bde. will immediately "Stand to".
4. On receipt of Bde. Orders units will take up positions of readiness follows and there await further instructions.-
 

|                  |      |             |
|------------------|------|-------------|
| 22nd Battalion   | .... | N.19.c.9.2. |
| 24th "           | .... | N.19.b.6.1. |
| 21st "           | .... | N.19.d.5.1. |
| 23rd "           | .... | N.25.a.8.6. |
| 6th A.M.G.Coy.   | .... | N.19.d.5.1. |
| 6th A.L.T.M.Bty. | .... | N.19.d.5.1. |

 Wheeled Echelon & Cookers will accompany units.
5. DRESS.- Fighting Order  
48 hours rations plus emergency rations will be carried  
Water Bottles filled.
6. Further detailed plans of the defence of the Army Defence Line will be issued later.
7. Advanced Bde. Hdqrs. will be at present 22nd Bn. Hdqrs. N.19.c.9.2.

Copies to.-

1. Filed
2. War Diary
3. " "
4. 2nd Aust. Divn.
5. 21st Bn.
6. 22nd "
7. 23rd "
8. 24th "
9. 6th M.G.Coy.
10. 6th L.T.M.Bty.

*Stan Savage*  
Captain,  
A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

## APPENDIX VII

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COPY NO. 7

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 115

## ADDENDUM "A"

Ref. Maps Sheet 28, S.W. 1/20,000  
Sheet 36, N.W. 1/20,000

14th December, 1917.

1. The 21st Battalion will take over the following positions <sup>shown in Appendix A</sup> from 44th Aust. Inf. Battalion. No's 1 and 6 (in Appendix "A") will be relieved on the night of December 14th/15th the remainder on the 15th.
2. Mutual arrangements concerning relief will be made by the C.O's concerned.
3. The two Coys. of the 21st Bn. and 16 L.M.G's will move into Camp occupied by the 44th Bn. before 3 p.m. on the 14th inst. where they will be billeted prior to moving forward. Cookers will accompany Coys. to 44th Bn. Camp.
4. Completion of relief will be notified to B.H.Q. by wiro.

## Distribution.-

1. G.O.C.
2. War Diary
3. " "
4. File
5. Bde. I.O.
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7. 22nd "
8. 23rd "
9. 24th "
10. 6th A.M.G. Coy.
11. 6th A.L.T.M. Bty.
13. 2nd Aust. Divn. )
14. 5th A.I. Bde. )
15. 7th A.I. Bde. ) For information
16. 11th A.I. Bde. )

*Stan Davidge Capt*  
A.B.M. 61191 Bde

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APPENDIX "A"1. DISTRIBUTION OF NUCLEOUS GARRISON(a) RIGHT BRIGADE AREA,

Company Headquarters:- GRAND RABEQUE Fm. C.8.c.80.95

| <u>Platoon No</u> | <u>Locality</u>                   | <u>Strength</u>                                        |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.                | LA FLENCQUE Fm.<br>C.14.d.9.9.    | 1 Officer 25 Other Ranks.                              |
| 2.                | GRAND RABEQUE Fm.<br>C.8.c.80.95. | 1 Officer 25 Other Ranks<br>plus Company Headquarters. |
| 3.                | DELENELLE Fm.<br>C.1.d.35.12.     | 1 Officer 25 Other Ranks                               |
| 4.                | SUPPORT Fm.<br>C.1.c.75.40.       | 1 Officer 25 Other Ranks                               |

(b) LEFT BRIGADE AREA

Company Headquarters:- ST YVES TUNNELS U.15.c.75.55.

|    |                                        |                                                       |
|----|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 5. | DEAD HORSE CORNER<br>U.21.a.27.95.     | 1 Officer 25 Other Ranks                              |
| 6. | ST YVES TUNNELS<br>U.15.c.75.55.       | 1 Officer 25 Other Ranks<br>plus Company Headquarters |
| 7. | PROWSE POINT TUNNELS<br>U.14.d.9.8.    | 1 Officer 25 Other Ranks                              |
| 8. | WEST OF BARRICADE AVENUE<br>U.9.c.0.5. | 1 Officer 25 Other Ranks.                             |

2. LOCATION OF STRONG POINTS

Strength of each Strong Point is 2 N.C.O's, 12 men and 2 Lewis Guns

(a) RIGHT BRIGADE AREA.

| <u>NO.</u> | <u>LOCATION</u>              | <u>Supervised by Platoon No.</u> |
|------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1.         | AID POST<br>C.9.c.10.15      | 1.                               |
| 2.         | GUNNERS FARM<br>C.2.d.25.17. | 2.                               |
| 3.         | U.27.c.2.8.                  | 3.                               |
| 4.         | U.27.b.00.65.                | 4.                               |

(b) LEFT BRIGADE AREA

|    |              |    |
|----|--------------|----|
| 5. | U.21.d.45.50 | 5. |
| 6. | U.21.b.5.8.  | 6. |
| 7. | U.9.d.75.10. | 7. |
| 8. | U.9.d.87.95. | 8. |

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
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Brigade Headquarters  
13th Decr., 1917.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

(Issued in conjunction with Bde. Order No.115)

SUPPLIES;- December 14th No issue.  
December 15th Supplies for consumption on 16th instant will be issued at 2 p.m. Refilling Point B.4.c.6.1. (Sheet 36) and Supply wagons will deliver to units.  
December 16th Supplies for consumption on 17th instant will be drawn at 9 a.m. and for consumption on 18th at 2 p.m., Train Supply Wagons delivering the latter issue direct to units.

BILLETING:- Advance Parties will meet Staff Captain at new Bde. Hdqrs. (T.20.c.5.5.) 11 a.m. on 15th instant.

MOBILE ECHELON:- Units will move with Mobile Echelon complete.

1st LINE TRANSPORT:- Will move independently via DRANOUTRE - CLAPHAM ROAD - CRUCIFIX CORNER - ROAD JUNCTION S.17.b.8.1. - WATERLOO ROAD after breaking off from their units in the column on arriving at DRANOUTRE.

DUTIES & WORKING PARTIES:-

- (a) 1 N.C.O. & 10 O.R.'s detailed by 23rd Bn. to report daily to Town Major, DRANOUTRE will cease work after 14th inst.
- (b) Parties of 4 Officers & 100 O.R.'s from 23rd & 24th Bns. working with 184th Tunnelling Company will cease work at 4 p.m. 15th inst. and report direct to units at new Camp.
- (c) LOCRE BATHS Personnel will be relieved on 15th inst. and rejoin units on the evening of that day.
- (d) 6th A.M.G.Coy. will detail 2 Limbers and 1 N.C.O. & 3 men as usual for Sanitary work on 15th inst. and will report to new camp on completion of duty.

BAGGAGE WAGONS:- Train Baggage Wagons will report to units Lines on evening of 14th instant.

LORRIES:- Units will send guides to LOCRE CHURCH at 9.30 a.m. on 15th inst. to guide Lorries to present camps for conveyance of Blankets and extra gear.

Each lorry will make two trips and are allotted as follows:-

|                              |      |      |           |          |
|------------------------------|------|------|-----------|----------|
| Each Battalion               | .... | .... | 1 Lorry = | 4        |
| 6th A.M.G.Coy. & 6th T.M.Bty | .... | 1    | " =       | 1        |
|                              |      |      |           | <u>5</u> |

SANITATION:- O.C.'s. will forward to Bde. Hdqrs. within 24 hours of moving a certificate that camps are left in a clean and sanitary condition.

AREA STORES:- All Area Stores including Heating & Soyer Stoves, Braziers, etc., will be handed over to incoming Units and receipts obtained a duplicate copy to be forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs.

A list of Area Stores taken over in the new area will be supplied to Bde. Hdqrs. by 9 p.m. on 16th instant.

DENTAL:- No.4 Dental Unit will open at WESTHOFF D.R.S. for treatment of 6th Brigade.

AMBULANCES:- 6th Field Ambulance will evacuate Sick as usual prior to units moving and 2 Ambulances will follow column on the march.

Distribution  
As for Bde. Order.

*[Signature]*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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APPENDIX VIII

APPENDIX 8

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE



Brigade Headquarters  
15th Dec., 1917.

Ref. Map:-  
Sheet 28 1/40000  
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DEFENCE POLICY AND SCHEMES

1. The Brigades in the line will be responsible for the Outpost line and Front or Main System.  
The Reserve Brigade will be responsible for the second or Corps System.

2. The second or Corps defensive system will be organised in depth and will comprise three series of defended localities and Machine Gun nests and positions forming respectively firing line, support and reserve systems.

The following are the approximate lines of the three series, of defended localities in the right divisional sector:-

FIRING LINE. G.18.d.4.8. - MAISON 1878 (U.28.c.6.4.) - LANGASHIRE SUPPORT FARM - PALK VILLA - Crater at U.18.c.0.7. - along GREY TRENCH to U.18.a.0.6.

SUPPORT SYSTEM. LA FLENOQUE FARM, MOTOR CAR CORNER - TOUCHEZ BERRIS - ST YVES - LA DOUVE FARM.

RESERVE SYSTEM. LE BIZET - PLOESSTERT - BASTED HOUSE - ADVANCE ESTABLISHMENT - FUSILIER FARM - BONNINGTON.

Note:- In the support and Reserve Systems it is not intended to hold any posts in PLOESSTERT WOOD.

Each line or system of works will be protected by defensive and tactical wire.

3. The completion of work on the front or main system of defence will remain as the first necessity. Work on the second system will however proceed concurrently.

The work to be done on the second system will be:-

- (i) Wiring.
- (ii) Construction of machine gun nests and emplacements.
- (iii) Construction of strong points.

The work will be done in the above order.

4. The C.R.E. of the Support Division will be at the disposal of the Right Divisional Commander for work on the second system.

5. Further details will be issued later.

*Stan Savage* Captain,  
A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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  - 10. 6th L.T.M. Bty.

## 6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

APPENDIX LB

Brigade Headquarters  
21st Decr., 1917.Headquarters  
2nd Aust. Divn.

The following are the details re Training facilities in this Area.-

RANGES.- T.27.a.1.3. 30 yd. Range in good condition holding 6 targets. 20 ft. Sandbag butts and protecting wall each side. Red Flags.  
T.26.c.6.1. (CANTEEN CORNER) Two 30 yd. ranges near Camp. In fair repair will hold 4 targets each. Red flags.  
T.26.a.4.8. 30 yd. range holding 7 targets. Good condition. Red flags.  
T.26.b.85.80. holding 6 targets. Good condition, Sandbag butts. Red flags.

ASSAULT COURSES.- T.26.b.85.80. Fair condition.  
T.26.c.6.1. Bad condition  
T.26.a.80.55. Fair condition.

BOMBING GROUNDS.- T.27.a.1.3. (N.W. of Camp) small. At present there are only facilities for hand throwing and for limited number of Rifle Grenadiers. Red flags.  
T.26.c.6.1. Fair condition.  
T.26.a.80.55. Can also be used for Trench Mortar "dud" firing practices.

PARADE GROUNDS:- T.27.a.1.3. 200 yds. square.  
B.2.b.central. Fair.  
B.2.a.5.3. Big ground in fair condition.  
T.26.b.5.5. Fair.  
T.26.a.3.5. Fair.  
T.26.b.2.7. Fair.

These can be used for Football grounds.

Area Commandant.- Lieut. GILMOUR, T.20.c.5.5.  
Rents Officer.- Capt. PIERPONT, POPERINGHE.

Material for making facilities - where it can be obtained.-  
6th Field Company Engineers.

LA  
Brig.-General,  
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
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Brigade Headquarters  
 21st Decr., 1917.

Headquarters

2nd Aust. Divn.

Forwarded herewith Training Programmes for week  
 ending 29th December, 1917.

*[Signature]*  
 Brig.-General,  
 Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

*BVA*

22ND BATTALION A.I.F. - SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 29.12.17.

| DATE.                    | TIME.            | "A" COMPANY.                 | TIME.                  | "B" COMPANY.             |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| MONDAY,<br>24TH DECR.    | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m. | Inspection.                  | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.       | Inspection.              |
|                          | 9.30 - 10.15.    | Games & P.T.                 | 9.30 - 12 noon.        | 1 Pltn Bombing.          |
|                          |                  | Wearing Box                  |                        | " Raiding.               |
|                          |                  | Respirators.                 |                        | REMAINDER.               |
|                          | 10.15 - 10.45.   | Platn Drill.                 | 9.30 - 10.15.          | Games & P.T.             |
|                          | 10.45 - 11 a.m.  | Smoke.                       |                        | Wearing Box              |
|                          | 11 - 12 noon.    | Coy. Drill.                  |                        | Respirators.             |
|                          |                  | LEWIS GUNNERS to fire on     | 10.15 - 10.45.         | Platoon Drill.           |
|                          |                  | miniature Range.             | 10.45 - 11 a.m.        | Smoke.                   |
|                          |                  |                              | 11 a.m. - 12 noon.     | Coy. Drill.              |
|                          | AFTERNOON.       |                              | AFTERNOON.             |                          |
|                          | 2 - 3.30 p.m.    | Specialist                   |                        | LEWIS GUNNERS to fire on |
|                          |                  | Training.                    |                        | miniature Range.         |
|                          |                  |                              | 2 - 3.30 p.m.          | 1 Pltn Bombing           |
|                          |                  |                              |                        | REMAINDER.               |
|                          |                  |                              | 2 - 2.30 p.m.          | P.T. & B.F.              |
|                          |                  |                              | 2.30 - 3 p.m.          | Close Ord. Drl.          |
|                          |                  |                              | 3 - 3.30 p.m.          | Games.                   |
| TUESDAY,<br>25TH DECR.   |                  | XMAS DAY -                   | CHURCH PARADE, 10 a.m. |                          |
| WEDNESDAY,<br>26TH DECR. | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m. | Inspection.                  | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.       | Inspection.              |
|                          | 9.30 - 12 noon.  | Specialist                   | 9.30 - 12 noon.        | Trg. of Raiding          |
|                          |                  | Training.                    |                        | Platoon.                 |
|                          |                  |                              |                        | REMAINDER.               |
|                          |                  |                              |                        | Bombing.                 |
|                          |                  |                              |                        | HALF-HOLIDAY.            |
| THURSDAY,<br>27TH DECR.  | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m. | Inspection.                  | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.       | Inspection.              |
|                          | 9.30 - 12 noon.  | As for MONDAY,<br>24th Decr. | 9.30 - 12 noon.        | Coy & Platoon            |
|                          |                  | Specialist                   |                        | Tactical Ex.             |
|                          | 2 - 3.30 p.m.    | Specialist                   | 2 - 3.30 p.m.          | Route March.             |
|                          |                  | Training.                    |                        |                          |
| FRIDAY,<br>28TH DECR.    | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m. | Inspection.                  | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m.       | Inspection.              |
|                          | 9.30 - 12 noon.  | Specialist                   | 9.30 - 10.15.          | Games & P.T.             |
|                          |                  | Training.                    |                        | wearing Box              |
|                          |                  |                              |                        | Respirators.             |
|                          |                  |                              | 10.15 - 11 a.m.        | Plata Drill.             |
|                          |                  |                              | 11 - 11.30 a.m.        | Coy. Drill.              |
|                          |                  |                              | 11.30 - 12 noon.       | Bayonet Fightg.          |
|                          | 2 - 3.30 p.m.    | Specialist                   | 2 - 2.30 p.m.          | Musketry.                |
|                          |                  | Training.                    | 2.30 - 3.30.           | Close Ord. Dr.           |
|                          |                  |                              |                        | Platoon & Coy.           |
|                          |                  |                              |                        | Drill.                   |
| SATURDAY,<br>29TH DECR.  | 9.15 - 9.45 a.m. | KIT INSPECTION.              |                        |                          |
|                          | 9.45 - 10.15.    | Gas Drill.                   |                        | LEWIS GUNNERS to fire on |
|                          | 10.15 - 10.45.   | P.T. & B.F.                  |                        | miniature Range.         |
|                          | 10.45 - 11 a.m.  | Smoke.                       |                        | REMAINDER.               |
|                          | 11 - 12 noon.    | Coy & Platn.                 | 9.45 - 10.15.          | Gas Drill.               |
|                          |                  | Drill.                       | 10.15 - 10.45.         | P.T. & B.F.              |
|                          |                  |                              | 10.45 - 11 a.m.        | Smoke.                   |
|                          |                  |                              | 11 - 12 noon.          | Coy & Platn.             |
|                          |                  |                              |                        | Drill.                   |

22ND BATTALION A.I.F. - SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 29.12.17.

| DATE.                    | TIME.            | "C" COMPANY.                                                    | TIME.            | "D" COMPANY.                                                                                             |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MONDAY,<br>24TH DECR.    | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m. | Inspection.                                                     | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m. | Inspection.                                                                                              |
|                          | 9.30 - 10.15.    | Games & P.T.<br>wearing B.R.                                    | 9.30 - 10.15.    | Games & P.T.<br>wearing Box Res                                                                          |
|                          | 10.15 - 10.45.   | Platn Drill.                                                    | 10.15 - 10.45.   | Platn Drill.                                                                                             |
|                          | 10.45 - 11 a.m.  | Smoke.                                                          | 10.45 - 11 a.m.  | Smoke.                                                                                                   |
|                          | 11 - 12 noon.    | Coy. Drill.                                                     | 11 - 12 noon.    | Coy. Drill.                                                                                              |
|                          | 2 - 3.30 p.m.    | Coy Tactical Exercises.                                         | 2 - 3.30 p.m.    | Route March.                                                                                             |
| TUESDAY,<br>25TH DECR.   |                  | XMAS DAY - CHURCH PARADE, 10 a.m.                               |                  |                                                                                                          |
| WEDNESDAY,<br>26TH DECR. | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m. | Inspection.                                                     | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m. | Inspection.                                                                                              |
|                          | 9.30 - 12 noon.  | Route March.                                                    | 9.30 - 12 noon.  | Tactical Ex.                                                                                             |
|                          |                  | AFTERNOON - HALF HOLIDAY.                                       |                  |                                                                                                          |
| THURSDAY,<br>27TH DECR.  | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m. | Inspection.                                                     | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m. | Inspection.                                                                                              |
|                          | 9.30 - 12 noon.  | 1 Platn Bombg<br>1 " Range.                                     | 9.30 - 12 noon.  | As for "A" Coy<br>on MONDAY 24th<br>Decr.                                                                |
|                          | 2 - 3.30 p.m.    | As for morning.                                                 | 2 - 2.30 p.m.    | Musketry.                                                                                                |
|                          |                  |                                                                 | 2.30 - 3 p.m.    | P.T. & B.F.                                                                                              |
|                          |                  |                                                                 | 3 - 3.30 p.m.    | Close Ord Drill.                                                                                         |
| FRIDAY,<br>28TH DECR.    | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m. | Inspection.                                                     | 9.15 - 9.30 a.m. | Inspection.                                                                                              |
|                          | 9.30 - 12 noon.  | Specialist Trg.<br>LEWIS GUNNERS to fire on<br>Miniature Range. | 9.30 - 12 noon.  | 1 Pltn Bombg.<br>REMAINDER as for "B"<br>Coy, 28th Decr.                                                 |
|                          | 2 - 3.30 p.m.    | Route March.                                                    | 2 - 3.30 p.m.    | 1 Pltn Bombg.<br>LEWIS GUNNERS to fire on<br>Miniature Range.<br>REMAINDER as for "B"<br>Coy, 28th Decr. |
| SATURDAY,<br>29TH DECR.  | 9.15 - 9.45 a.m. | KIT INSPECTION.                                                 |                  |                                                                                                          |
|                          | 9.45 - 12 noon.  | Specialist Training.                                            | 9.45 - 12 noon.  | 1 Pltn Bombing.<br>REMAINDER AS FOR "A"<br>Coy, 29th Decr.                                               |

## AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

23rd Battalion - 6th Infantry Brigade.

*Duplicate*

## BATTALION TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR WEEK ENDING 29.12.17.

| Date     | Time                    | "A" Coy.                                                                                                   | "B" Coy.                                                                                                   | "C" Coy.                                                                                                   | "D" Coy.                                                                                        |
|----------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 24.12.17 | 9.00 a.m. to 9.15 a.m.  | Battn. Parade                                                                                              | Battn. Parade                                                                                              | Battn. Parade                                                                                              | Battn. Parade                                                                                   |
|          | 9.15 am to 10.00 a.m.   | Bayonet Fighting                                                                                           | Bomb Throwing                                                                                              | Platoon Drill & Rifle Exer.                                                                                | Bayonet Fighting                                                                                |
|          | 10.10 am to 11.00 a.m.  | Rifle Grenade Ptce. 40 mins. Phy. Exer. 10 mins                                                            | Platoon Drill & Rifle Exercises                                                                            | Bayonet Fighting                                                                                           | Route March                                                                                     |
|          | 11.10 am to 12 NOON.    | Platoon Drill and Rifle Exercises                                                                          | Bayonet Fighting                                                                                           | Rifle Grenade Practice                                                                                     | Musketry                                                                                        |
|          | 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.  | RECREATIONAL TRAINING.                                                                                     |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                 |
| 25.12.17 | 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. | Phy. Training 15 mins. Bomb throwing.                                                                      | Phy. Training 15 mins. Bayonet Fightg.                                                                     | Phy. Training 15 mins. Musketry.                                                                           | Phy. Training 15 mins. Platoon Drill.                                                           |
|          | 10.10 am to 11.00 a.m.  | Bayonet Fighting                                                                                           | Musketry                                                                                                   | Route March                                                                                                | Rifle Grenade Ptce. & Bombing.                                                                  |
|          | 11.10 am to 12 NOON.    | <del>Gas Drill 15 mins. Rifle Exercises.</del><br><i>Inspection of Anti Gas Appliances &amp; Gas Drill</i> | <del>Gas Drill 15 mins. Rifle Exercises.</del><br><i>Inspection of Anti Gas Appliances &amp; Gas Drill</i> | <del>Gas Drill 15 mins. Rifle Exercises.</del><br><i>Inspection of Anti Gas Appliances &amp; Gas Drill</i> | Gas Drill 15 mins. Rifle Exercises<br><i>Inspection of Anti Gas Appliances &amp; Gas Drill.</i> |
|          | 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.  | RECREATIONAL TRAINING.                                                                                     |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                 |
| 26.12.17 | 9.00 a.m. to 9.15 a.m.  | Battn. Parade                                                                                              | Battn. Parade                                                                                              | Battn. Parade                                                                                              | Battn. Parade                                                                                   |
|          | 9.15 am to 10.00 a.m.   | Bayonet Fighting                                                                                           | Rifle Grenade Ptce.                                                                                        | Musketry                                                                                                   | Platoon Drill.                                                                                  |
|          | 10.10 am to 11.00 a.m.  | Rifle Grenade Practice & Bombing                                                                           | Route March                                                                                                | Platoon Drill and Rifle Exer.                                                                              | Musketry.                                                                                       |
|          | 11.10 am to 12 NOON.    | Musketry                                                                                                   | Platoon Drill and Rifle Exercises.                                                                         | Rifle Grenade Ptce. & Bombing.                                                                             | Bayonet Fighting                                                                                |
|          | 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.  | HALF HOLIDAY.                                                                                              |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                 |

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| Date     | Time                       | "A" Coy.                                      | "B" Coy.                                       | "C" Coy.                                                      | "D" Coy.                                                |
|----------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 27.12.17 | 9.00 a.m. to<br>10.00 a.m. | Phy. Training<br>15 mins.<br>Musketry.        | Phy. Training<br>15 mins. Bay-<br>onet Fightg. | Phy. Training<br>15 mins. Pla-<br>toon Drill &<br>Rifle Exer. | Phy. Training<br>15 mins. &<br>Rifle Gren-<br>ade Ptce. |
|          | 10.10 am to<br>11.00 a.m.  | Route<br>March                                | Musketry                                       | Bayonet<br>Fighting                                           | Platoon<br>Drill and<br>Rifle Exer.                     |
|          | 11.10 am to<br>12 NOON     | Bayonet<br>Fighting                           | Rifle Gren-<br>ade Ptce. &<br>Bombing.         | Musketry                                                      | Bayonet<br>Fighting                                     |
|          | 1.30 p.m. to<br>3.30 p.m.  | R E C R E A T I O N A L   T R A I N I N G .   |                                                |                                                               |                                                         |
| 28.12.17 | 9.00 a.m. to<br>10.00 a.m. | Bayonet<br>Fighting                           | Rifle Gren-<br>ade Ptce. &<br>Bombing          | Bayonet<br>Fighting                                           | Musketry                                                |
|          | 10.10 am to<br>11.00 a.m.  | Musketry                                      | Coy. Drill &<br>Rifle Exer.                    | Coy. Drill &<br>Rifle Exer.                                   | Coy. Drill &<br>Rifle Exer.                             |
|          | 11.10 am to<br>12 NOON.    | Coy. Drill &<br>Rifle Exer.                   | Bayonet<br>Fighting                            | Musketry                                                      | Rifle Gren-<br>ade Ptce. &<br>Bombing.                  |
|          | 1.30 p.m. to<br>3.30 p.m.  | R E C R E A T I O N A L   T R A I N I N G .   |                                                |                                                               |                                                         |
| 29.12.17 | 9.00 a.m. to<br>10.30 a.m. | Battn. Parade<br>and Inspect-<br>ion          | Battn. Parade<br>and Inspect-<br>ion           | Battn. Parade<br>and Inspect-<br>ion                          | Battn. Parade<br>and Inspect-<br>ion                    |
|          | 10.40 am to<br>11.00 a.m.  | Bayonet<br>Fighting                           | Bayonet<br>Fighting                            | Bayonet<br>Fighting                                           | Bayonet<br>Fighting                                     |
|          | 11.00 am to<br>12 NOON.    | Inspection<br>of Feet.<br>Dubbing of<br>Boots | Inspection<br>of Feet.<br>Dubbing of<br>Boots  | Inspection<br>of Feet.<br>Dubbing of<br>Boots                 | Inspection<br>of Feet.<br>Dubbing of<br>Boots           |
|          | 1.30 p.m. to<br>3.30 p.m.  | H A L F   H O L I D A Y .                     |                                                |                                                               |                                                         |



- 1.- All Lewis Gunners, Signallers, Scouts, Snipers and Observers will report to their respective Specialist Officers for the duration of the Morning Parade, but will take part in Recreational Training each afternoon.  
Lewis Gun Sections will carry out 30 yards range work during the week under Lieut. H. Dodgshun.
- 2.- Coy. Stretcher Bearers will report to R.M.O. for Stretcher Drill and First Aid Instruction during Morning Parade on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY of each week.
- 3.- The Battalion B.O., M.O. and Gas N.C.O. will supervise all Bombing, Musketry and Gas Instruction.
- 4.- For the purpose of Route Marches Headquarters will be attached to "B" Coy.
- 5.- Raiding Parties from each Company will carry out raiding practices at trenches situated close to QUARRY Road, and will receive special training in Bombing, Blocking, Bayonet Fighting, Physical Training, Recreational Games, Reconnaissance, Scouting, Attacking Strong Points, Co-operating with Lewis Gun.
- 6.- Patrols will receive training under Lieut. M. Weir.
- 7.- N.C.O's. Class under Lieut. R.L. Lineker will carry out instruction, same 6 N.C.O's. reporting daily from each Coy.

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Capt.  
Adjutant, 23rd Battalion.

20th December, 1917.

# 24<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Battalion

## Training Programme for week ending 31/12/17.

| Date                                           | Time                    | "A" Coy                         | "B" Coy                         | "C" Coy                         | "D" Coy                         | Remarks                                    |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Monday<br>24 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>    | 9.00 - 10.00 a.m.       | Short Coy.                      | Dummy Bombing                   | B. Fighting                     | Close Order Drill at the double | "D" Coy's raiding platoon will             |
|                                                | 10.10 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. | route march                     | Close Order Drill at the double | Dummy Bombing                   | Musketry                        | complete its training.                     |
|                                                | 11.10 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. | 4-6 miles                       | Musketry                        | Musketry                        | Dummy Bombing                   | "A" Coy's raiding platoon will             |
| Tuesday<br>25 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>   | 2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.   | Close Order Drill at the double | Short Coy route                 | Close Order Drill at the double | B. Fighting                     | carry out a syllabus of training on the    |
|                                                | 3.10 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.   | Dummy Bombing                   | march 4-6 miles                 | Gas Drill                       | Platoon Drill                   | assault course                             |
|                                                | 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.  | Platoon                         | B. Fighting                     | B. Fighting                     | Musketry                        | under C.S.M. Padden.                       |
| Wednesday<br>26 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup> | 10.10 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. | Tactical exercises              | Gas Drill                       | Musketry                        | B. Fighting                     | Men who failed to qualify in Musketry will |
|                                                | 11.10 a.m. - 12.00 noon | exercises                       | Musketry                        | Gas Drill                       | Close Order Drill at the double | continue practice on the range.            |
|                                                | 2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.   | Bayonet Fighting                | Platoon tactical exercises      | Close Order Drill at the double | Gas Drill                       | Bn. Snipers will                           |
| Thursday<br>27 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>  | 3.10 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.   | Musketry                        | Recreational Ing.               | Recreational Ing.               | Recreational Ing.               | train under the Brigade Sniping Officer    |
|                                                | 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.  | Platoon Drill                   | Musketry                        | Platoon                         | Recreational Ing.               |                                            |
|                                                | 10.10 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. | Musketry                        | Platoon Drill                   | Tactical exercises              | Musketry                        |                                            |
| Friday<br>28 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>    | 11.10 a.m. - 12.00 noon | Recreational Ing.               | Recreational Ing.               | exercises                       | Platoon Drill                   |                                            |
|                                                | 2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.   | Leaf. Holiday & Football        | Leaf. Holiday & Football        | Leaf. Holiday & Football        | Leaf. Holiday & Football        |                                            |
|                                                | 3.10 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.   | Leaf. Holiday & Football        | Leaf. Holiday & Football        | Leaf. Holiday & Football        | Leaf. Holiday & Football        |                                            |
| Saturday<br>29 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>  | 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.  | Bayonet Fighting                | Platoon Drill                   | Short Coy.                      | Dummy Rifle Exercises           |                                            |
|                                                | 10.10 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. | Dummy Rifle Exercises           | B. Fighting                     | route march                     | B. Fighting                     |                                            |
|                                                | 11.10 a.m. - 12.00 noon | Musketry                        | Dummy Rifle Exercises           | 4-6 miles                       | Musketry                        |                                            |
| Sunday<br>30 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>    | 2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.   | Gas Drill                       | Organised Games                 | Platoon Drill                   | Short Coy route                 |                                            |
|                                                | 3.10 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.   | Platoon Drill                   | Gas Drill                       | Dummy Rifle Exercises           | march 4-6 miles                 |                                            |

APPENDIX 9

| Date                                          | Time                  | "A" Coy.                                 | "B" Coy.          | "C" Coy.          | "D" Coy.          | Remarks                                              |  |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Friday<br>28 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>   | 9.00 - 10.00 a.m.     | B. Fighting                              | Platoon drill     | Musketry          | Platoon           | Specialist                                           |  |
|                                               | 10.10 - 11.00 a.m.    | Musketry                                 | B. Fighting       | Gas Drill         | tactical          | Training will                                        |  |
|                                               | 11.10 - 12.00 noon    | Gas Drill                                | Musketry          | B. Fighting       | exercises         | take place                                           |  |
| Saturday<br>29 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup> | 2.00 - 3.00 p.m.      | Platoon Drill                            | Gas Drill         | Platoon Drill     | Gas Drill         | on the 24 <sup>th</sup>                              |  |
|                                               | 3.10 - 4.00 p.m.      | Recreational Ing.                        | Recreational Ing. | Recreational Ing. | Recreational Ing. | 26 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup> |  |
|                                               | 9.00 - 10.00 a.m.     | Platoon and Company Inspections          |                   |                   |                   |                                                      |  |
|                                               | 10.10 - 11.00 a.m.    | Company Drill                            |                   |                   |                   |                                                      |  |
|                                               | 11.10 - 12.00 noon    |                                          |                   |                   |                   |                                                      |  |
| Sunday<br>30 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>   | 2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. | Football Matches & Recreational Training |                   |                   |                   |                                                      |  |
|                                               | 3.10 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. | Church Parade and Recreational Training  |                   |                   |                   |                                                      |  |

APPENDIX 9

Placed Under for 2<sup>nd</sup> Col.  
C.O., 24<sup>th</sup> Battalion, A.I.F.

Syllabus of Training

6th Aust Machine Gun Co

W E Saty 29th Dec 1917

| DAY-DATE       | 9-10 AM                                             | 10-11 AM             | 11-12 AM                                                         | 12-1  | 2-3 PM                | 3-4 PM                         |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Monday 24th    | Squad Drill<br>Rifle exercises                      | Barrage Drill        | Lecture<br>Map Reading<br>Conventional<br>Signs                  | Lunch | Recreational Training |                                |
| Tuesday 25th   | Squad Drill<br>Physical Training                    | Revolver<br>Practice | Stoppages                                                        |       | Gas Drill             | Use of cover<br>in<br>advance. |
| Wednesday 26th | Route March                                         |                      |                                                                  |       | Half                  | Holiday                        |
| Thursday 27th  | Squad Drill<br>Physical Training                    | Mechanism            | Lecture.<br>Duties of Gun<br>Numbers                             |       | Gas Drill             | Revolver Practice              |
| Friday 28th    | Squad Drill<br>Rifle Exercises<br>Physical Training | Barrage Drill        | Lecture, Map Reading<br>Resections locating<br>a position on map |       | Recreational Training |                                |
| Saturday 29th  | Route March                                         |                      |                                                                  |       | Half                  | Holiday                        |

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APPENDIX 9

Syllabus of Training

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date. 20<sup>th</sup> / 17

|           | 9.0 — 9.30                    | 9.30 — 10.0           | 10.0 — 10.30 | 10.30 — 12.0            | 12.0 — 2.0 | 2.0 — 3.0                           | 3.0 — 4.0 |
|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Monday    | Physical Exercises            | Running Exercises     | Gun Drill    | Bayonet Exercises       |            | Gun Drill & Recreational Training   |           |
| Tuesday   | Tactical Scheme & Live Firing |                       |              |                         | Dinner     | Route March & Recreational Training |           |
| Wednesday | Physical Exercises            | Running Exercises     | Musketry.    | Football Match          |            |                                     |           |
| Thursday  | Bayonet Exercises             | Route March           |              | Gun Drill & Live Firing |            |                                     |           |
| Friday    | Physical Exercises            | Recreational Training | Squad Drill  | Route March             |            |                                     |           |
| Saturday  | Physical Exercises            | Gun Drill             |              | Football Match.         |            |                                     |           |

The Battery will be taken on short Route March during the hard frost, but as soon as the thaw comes, live firing instead of dead firing will be proceeded with -

H. W. King Capt  
C.C. 6<sup>th</sup> Aust. L. T. M. Bty

APPENDIX.



APPENDIX X

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SECRET

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

PROVISIONAL

Brigade Headquarters  
19th Decr., 1917.SECOND OR CORPS SYSTEM OF DEFENCE

1. The outstanding features of the Defence of this system are:-  
 (a) The strong defensible position of HILL 63.  
 (b) The natural obstacle presented by PLOEGSTEERT WOOD
2. The Scheme of Defence embodied in the 2nd Aust. Div. Memo. of 18th Dec. G.32/231 and map attached thereto provides for 3 lines of fire North and South of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD, the partial wiring of the latter and the construction of two Strong Points on the Eastern side of the wood (U.21.b.3.6. and PALK VILLA U.21.d.5.6.)
3. The siting of the various lines of Defence, M.G. positions, Strong Points, positions for wire entanglements were made on the 18th inst. and work is already proceeding in the following order:-
- (a) Salving of wire and material for Entanglements and carrying it and new Material forward.
  - (b) Cleaning out of Pill Boxes and provision of other accommodation adjacent to the work to be performed.
  - (c) Wire Entanglements. A sketch of each Company's task will be prepared. The wire will be so laid as to provide for lanes for advance of troops through it in event of a counter-attack.
  - (d) Machine Gun Emplacements. The positions have been selected for 15 Vickers Guns as follows:-
    1. PALK VILLA U.21.d.5.6.
    2. U.21.b.3.6.
    3. CRATER U.15.d.9.7.
    4. CRATER U.15.d.9.8.
    5. CRATER U.15.a.8.7.
    6. CRATER U.15.a.8.8.
    7. AVENUE FM. U.9.c.3.8.
    8. U.26.a.50.15.
    9. U.26.b.9.2.
    10. U.14.c.2.1. (approx.)
    11. U.14.c.8.5.
    12. U.14.c.75.85.
    13. U.14.a.7.3.
    14. U.14.a.7.7.
    15. U.8.c.4.8.

These are independent of V.Guns already in position on Subsidiary Line and the Schemo also provides for Batteries of V.Guns at LA HUTTE and on the N.E. slope of HILL 63.
  - (e) Strong Points:- Strong Points have been selected at:-
    1. PALK VILLA U.21.d.5.6.
    2. U.21.b.3.6.
    3. CRATER U.15.d.9.7.
    4. CRATER U.15.a.8.8.

The Crater at U.15.d.9.7. is now occupied by the Brigade in the line who also occupy all the available accommodation on the Subsidiary Line North of it.
4. The order of precedence of work will be:-  
 (a) Entanglements.  
 (b) Machine Gun Emplacements  
 (c) Strong Points (to include certain concreted works).

5. Remainder of the 21st Bn. will move from present Camp to CATACCMBS near HYDE PARK CORNER on the 20th inst. move to be complete by 12 noon.  
Battalion will be engaged on works North and to the East of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD. Details as regards tasks will be arranged by C.O., 21st Bn. with O.C., 6th Field Coy. Engrs.  
21st Battalion will also be responsible for the nucleus garrisons in Strong Points as follows:-

(a) RIGHT BRIGADE AREA

Company Headquarters:- GRAND RABEQUE FME C.8.c.80.95

| <u>Platoon No.-</u> | <u>Locality.</u>                 | <u>Strength</u>                           |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1. ...              | LA FLENCQUE FM.<br>C.14.d.9.9.   | 1 Officer 25 O.R's                        |
| 2. ...              | GRAND RABEQUE FM<br>C.8.c.80.95. | 1 Officer 25 O.R's<br>Plus Company Hdqrs. |
| 3. ...              | DELENELLE FM<br>C.1.d.35.12.     | 1 Officer 25 O.R's                        |
| 4. ...              | SUPPORT FM.<br>C.1.c.75.40.      | 1 Officer 25 O.R's.                       |

(b) LEFT BRIGADE AREA

Company Headquarters:- ST. YVES TUNNELS U.15.c.75.55.

|        |                                        |                                           |
|--------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 5. ... | PALK VILLA<br>U.21.d.5.6.              | 1 Officer 25 O.R's                        |
| 6. ... | CRATER<br>U.15.d.9.7.                  | 1 Officer 25 O.R's<br>Plus Company Hdqrs. |
| 7. ... | ELGIN HO<br>U.21.b.3.6.                | 1 Officer 25 O.R's                        |
| 8. ... | West of BARRICADE AVENUE<br>U.9.c.0.5. | 1 Officer 25 O.R's                        |

The garrisons will be engaged on work consolidating their respective positions and the provision of suitable accommodation.  
The garrison West of BARRICADE AV. U.9.c.0.5. will also be engaged on clearing out Pill Boxes in old Gorman line in vicinity of Crater U.15.a.

6. The 23rd Battalion will detail one Company for work South of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD. They will be taken to and from their present Camp on the Light Railways entraining at T.26.c.central at 8 a.m. and entraining at U.25.d. at 3 p.m. daily.  
Details as regards tasks will be made by C.O., 23rd Bn. with O.C., 6th Field Coy. Engineers.  
The Officers of Coy. detailed will meet Engineer Officer at U.25.d.5.7. at 10.30 a.m. on the 20th for particulars of work.  
The number of men to be employed in this work, will be increased in accordance with arrangements to be made between O.C., 6th Fld. Coy. Engrs. and C.O., 23rd Bn.

Distribution.-

1. G.O.C.
2. War Diary
3. " "
4. File
5. 21st Bn.
6. 23rd "
7. 2nd Aust. Divn.
8. 22nd Bn.
9. 24th "
10. 6th M.G. Coy.
11. 6th T.M. Bty.
12. 5th A.I. Bde.
13. 7th A.I. Bde.
14. 6th Fld. Coy. Engrs
15. B.M.
16. Staff Captain

*Stan Savige* Captain,  
A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

For information.

SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

21/12/17

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WORKS REPORT

Allocation of Garrison North of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD

| DEFENCE LINE    | LOCALITY                    | COMPANY  | ULTIMATE PLATOON | GARRISON Attd. L.G. | PRESENT Platoon | GARRISON Attd. L.G. of Platoons | BILLETTS     | WORK OF GARRISON    |     | WORKING COMPANY |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----|-----------------|
|                 |                             |          |                  |                     |                 |                                 |              | 1st                 | 2nd |                 |
| Firing Line     | ULTIMO CRATER               | "K" No 1 | 1                | 1                   | -               | 2                               | ST YVES      | Shelters, Wire      |     | Digging         |
|                 | ULTIMO AVE to WARNTON TRACK | "        | 1                | -                   | -               | -                               | CATACOMBS    | Wire, Shelters      |     | Firing Line     |
|                 | WARNTON TRACK to DOUVE      | "        | 1                | -                   | -               | -                               | CATACOMBS    | Wire, Shelters      |     |                 |
| Support Line    |                             |          | WORKING PLATOON  |                     |                 |                                 | CATACOMBS    | Trucking & CARRYING |     | C.T's back      |
|                 | ST YVES                     | "L" No 2 | 1                | 1                   | 1               | 1                               | ST YVES      | Wire                |     | S.P's           |
|                 | ASH CRATER                  | "        | 1                | 1                   | -               | 1                               | PROWSE POINT | Shelters            |     |                 |
|                 | AVENUE FARM                 | "        | 1                | 1                   | -               | 1                               | CATACOMBS    | Wire                |     | C.T's back      |
| SUBSIDIARY LINE |                             |          | WORKING PLATOON  |                     |                 |                                 | CATACOMBS    | Salving Pill Boxes  |     |                 |
|                 | LA HUTTE                    | "M" No 3 | 1                | 1                   | -               | 1                               | CATACOMBS    | Wire                |     | S.P's           |
|                 | BAKERY                      | "        | 1                | 1                   | 1               | -                               | IN AREA      | Shelters            |     |                 |
|                 | DONNINGTON                  | "        | 1                | 1                   | -               | 1                               | CATACOMBS    | Shelters, Wire      |     |                 |
|                 |                             |          | WORKING PLATOON  |                     |                 |                                 | CATACOMBS    | Wire.               |     |                 |

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
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PROVISIONAL

Map. Ref. PLOEGSTEERT WOOD S.W.4, 1/10,000

SECOND OR CORPS LINE SYSTEM OF DEFENCE

ADMINISTRATIVE

In the event of the 6th A.I.Bdo. being called upon to move up to either points of assembly the following Administrative arrangements will come into operation.

ECHELON.- Units will maintain their Mobile Echelon of S.A.A. and tools complete and will issue prior to moving an extra 100 rounds & 1 bomb per man - that portion of S.A.A. for use of Lewis Guns being carried forward under unit arrangements - any surplus will form the nucleus of Bn. dumps.

DRESS.- Fighting Order, W.P. Sheet, Greatcoat, 2 pairs of socks, Iron Ration and 24 hours ration on the man.

AMMUNITION.- Brigade Dumps will be established as follows.-

|        |       |               |
|--------|-------|---------------|
| Right  | ....  | C.8.a.2.6.    |
| Centre | ....  | U.25.d.5.6.   |
| Left   | ..... | U.19.b.70.95. |

These dumps will be formed and kept filled by Brigade per Railway and from D.A.C. Wagons which will deliver from Divisional Bomb Dump at B.5.c.3.7.

Lieut. F.F. FERGUSON Attd. 6th Brigade will act as Dump Officer and 24th Bn. will supply 2 Cpls. to report to him on receipt of order for units to occupy Corps Line.

SUPPLIES.- Supplies will be drawn as usual from present refilling point and distributed by 1st line Transport under unit arrangements.

|                 |              |      |      |             |
|-----------------|--------------|------|------|-------------|
| <u>WATER.</u> - | <u>Right</u> | .... | Tank | B.10.a.7.6. |
|                 |              |      | "    | B.7.d.8.5.  |
| <u>Left</u>     | ....         | .... | Well | U.27.c.3.8. |
|                 |              |      | "    | U.27.c.5.8. |
|                 |              |      | Tank | T.18.d.8.3. |
|                 |              |      | "    | T.27.b.8.2. |
|                 |              |      | "    | T.22.d.3.3. |

|                     |              |      |                   |               |
|---------------------|--------------|------|-------------------|---------------|
| <u>R.E. DUMP.</u> - | <u>Right</u> | .... | DELONNELLE FARM   | C.1.d.6.1.    |
|                     |              |      | NOTOR CAR CORNER  | C.14.a.8.9.   |
| <u>Left</u>         | ....         | .... | DEAD HORSE CORNER | U.21.a.0.8.   |
|                     |              |      | TOR SIDING        | U.19.b.25.70. |
|                     |              |      | RACINE            | U.20.b.5.8.   |

|                   |              |                                         |               |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------|
| <u>MEDICAL.</u> - | <u>Right</u> | Advanced Dressing Station               | C.1.d.00.30   |
|                   | <u>Left.</u> | R.A.P.                                  | U.15.d.90.65  |
|                   |              | Relay Points.                           | U.21.a.80.75. |
|                   |              | "                                       | U.20.a.40.80. |
|                   |              | "                                       | U.19.b.75.40  |
|                   |              | Adv. Dressing Station RED LODGE         | T.18.d.60.90. |
|                   |              | Main Dressing Station PONT de ACHELLES. |               |

CATACOMBS.- Lieut. W.A.L. AGNEW is appointed Area Commandant and units requiring accommodation will arrange direct with him.

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

*R. G. Brown*

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

P.T.O.

5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Distribution

- 1. G.O.C.
- 2. War Diary
- 3. " "
- 4. File
- 5. Bdc. Major
- 6. Staff Captain
- 7. 21st Bn.
- 8. 22nd " "
- 9. 23rd " "
- 10. 24th " "
- 11. 6th M.G.Coy.
- 12. 6th L.T.M.Bty.
- 13. 2nd Aust. Divn
- 14. " " " "
- 15. 5th A.I.Bde.
- 16. 7th A.I.Bde.
- 17. Lieut. AGNEW.
- 18. " FERGUSON
- 19. 6th Fld. Coy. Engrs.
- 20 - 22. Spare

AMMUNITION - Brigade Dumps will be established as follows -

Right ... C.8.a.3.8.  
 Centre ... U.22.d.1.8.  
 Left ... U.19.d.1.8.

These dumps will be formed and kept filled by Brigade per  
 Railway and from B.A.C. Wagons which will deliver from Divisional Dump  
 Dump at B.2.c.2.7.  
 Lieut. F.R. FERGUSON A.I.D. 6th Brigade will act as Dump  
 Officer and 24th Bn. will supply 2 Gps. to report to him on receipt  
 of order for units to occupy Corps line.

SUPPLIES - Supplies will be drawn as usual from present holding  
 point and distributed by lat line Transport under unit arrangements.

WATER -  
 Right ... Tank B.10.a.7.8.  
 " " B.7.d.8.5.  
 Left ... Well U.27.c.2.8.  
 " " U.27.c.2.8.  
 " " Tank T.18.d.8.2.  
 " " T.27.d.8.2.  
 " " T.22.d.2.2.

R.E. DUMP -  
 Right ... BELDONVILLE FARM C.1.d.8.1.  
 " " MOTOR CAR CORNER C.14.a.8.9.  
 Left ... DEAR HORSE CORNER U.21.a.0.8.  
 " " TOR RIDING U.19.d.28.0.  
 " " RACINE U.20.d.2.8.

MEDICAL -  
 Right ... Advanced Dressing Station C.1.d.00.20  
 " " R.A.P. U.15.d.90.88  
 Left ... Relay Points U.21.a.60.75  
 " " U.20.a.40.80  
 " " U.19.d.75.40  
 Adv. Dressing Station RHD LODGE T.18.d.80.90.  
 Main Dressing Station POINT DE ACHILLE.

CATERING - Lieut. W.A.L. AGNEW is appointed Area Commandant and units  
 requiring accommodation will arrange direct with him.

Acknowledged -

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

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8th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
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8th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Ref. Map PLOEGSTEERT, 1/10,000

24th Decr., 1917.

For the Defence of the Corps Line System it has been decided to allot that area within the Divisional boundaries NORTH of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD to "D" Bn.

That to the East of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD and South to the Divisional Boundary to "C" Bn.

In the Northern Area Strong Points have been selected and Machine Gun Positions sited and attached table shows disposition of "D" Bn. in the event of an attack by the Enemy.

Nucleus Garrisons will be detailed from Coys. and allotted to their areas which will be taken over at once No.1 Coy. supplying the nucleus garrison for No.1 area. No.2 Coy. for No.2 area and No.3 Coy. for No.3 area.

Coy. and Platoon Commanders as well as N.C.O's will reconnoitre all tracks and approaches leading to their respective positions, so as to be able to guide troops to their allotted fighting positions at night if so necessary.

Headquarters for Coy. and Platoon Commanders will be selected forthwith (if not already done) and location forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs.

"D" Bn. will submit at the earliest a scheme showing Signal communications.

"C" Bn. will take over those parts<sup>E</sup> of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD from "D" Bn. continuing work commenced in those localities. Arrangements to be made mutually between C.O's concerned.

Schemes pertaining to works etc. SOUTH of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD will be issued later.

"A" and "B" Bns. will each detail 1 Coy. for work on <sup>Reserve Area</sup> No.3 Zone NORTH of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD, "A" Bn. being responsible for all work North of the BAKERY and "B" Bn. all SOUTH of BAKERY.

Details and transport of men to work will be notified by wire.

*Acknowledge*

Distribution.-

- 1. Filo
- 2. War Diary
- 3. " "
- 4. 21st Bn.
- 5. 23rd "
- 6. Bde. Major
- 7. Staff Captain
- 8. 2nd Aust. Divn. )
- 9. 22nd Bn. )
- 10. 24th " )
- 11. 5th A.I.Bde. )
- 12. 7th A.I.Bde. )
- 13. 6th. Fld.Coy.Engrs. )

For information.

*Stuart Savage* Capt.  
*A Bde Major*  
*6th A.I.Bde*

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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ALLOCATION OF GARRISON NORTH OF PLOEGSTEERT WOOD

| Area.-                   | Locality.-                  | Coy.   | HdQRS.                       | Ultimate Garrison |           | Present Garrison |           | Billets        | Inter Coy Boundary            | Remarks                                                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|                          |                             |        |                              | Platoon           | Attd.L.G. | Platoon          | Attd.L.G. |                |                               |                                                               |
| Firing & Support System. | ULTIMO CRATER               | No. 1  | ST YVES                      | 1                 | 1         | -                | 2         | ULTIMO CRATER  | Southern Inter Bde. Boundary. |                                                               |
|                          | ULTIMO AVENUE to ASH AVENUE | "      | " "                          | 1                 | -         | -                | -         | U.16.a. 05.20. | Northern Ash Avenue           | <i>To move from Catacombs when accommodation is provided.</i> |
|                          | ST YVES                     | "      | " "                          | 1                 | 1         | 1                | 1         | ST YVES        |                               |                                                               |
|                          | PROWSE POINT                | "      | " "                          | 1                 | -         | -                | -         | PROWSE PT.     |                               | Reserve Platoon                                               |
| Firing & Support Systems | WARNTON AVE. to DOUVE       | No. 2. | PILL BOX U.9.c.5.1 (Approx.) | 1                 | -         | -                | -         | CATACOMBS      | SOUTHERN ASH AV.              | To move forward when accommodation is provided                |
|                          | ASH CRATER AVENUE FME.      | "      | " "                          | 1                 | 1         | -                | 2         | ASH CRATER     |                               |                                                               |
|                          | U.9.c.5.3.                  | "      | " "                          | 1                 | -         | -                | -         | CATACOMBS      | Northern Divnl. Boundary      | Reserve Platoon                                               |
| Reserve System           | LA HUTTE BAKERY             | No. 3  | BAKERY                       | 1                 | 1         | -                | 1         | CATACOMBS      |                               | To move from CATACOMBS when accommodation is provided.        |
|                          | DONNINGTON HALL             | "      | " "                          | 1                 | 1         | -                | 1         | CATACOMBS      |                               |                                                               |
|                          | BACK EST.                   | "      | " "                          | 1                 | -         | -                | -         | CATACOMBS      |                               | Reserve Platoon                                               |
| Reserve Coy.             | CATACOMBS                   | No. 4  | CATACOMBS                    | -                 | -         | -                | -         | CATACOMBS      |                               |                                                               |

WORK.- Nos. 1 and 2 Coys. will be engaged on work in their respective Fighting Positions continuing in order as laid down.  
 Nos. 3 and 4 Coys. will be engaged on work within the 1st and 2nd Zones at discretion of O.C., 6th Field Coy. Engineers.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

PRACTICE COUNTER ATTACK SCHEME NO.001

Ref. Map PLOMSTERT, Sheet 28 S.W.4, 1/10,000

26th Decr., 1917

GENERAL IDEA

At 4 p.m. to-day the Enemy attacked on the 1st ANZAC Front and now holds line U.22.c.8.8. - U.10.d.7.8.

Judging from his Artillery fire he appears to have a hazy idea as to the exact position of his forward troops.

We hold the line E. edge of PLOMSTERT WOOD - FACTORY FNE. - CRATER - GREY FNE.

Strong posts are established at intervals about 300 yds. forward of line.

The present Garrison are unable to hold line and at same time deliver a counter-attack.

The 6th A.I.Bde. have 1 Bn. distributed in depth on Corps Line of Defences North of PLOMSTERT WOOD.

"A", "B" and "C" Bns. are in Reserve in vicinity of REDLODE.

The 8th A.I.Bde. are in our right and 3rd A.I.Bde. on our left. The situation on the right is obscure but apparently satisfactory.

The 3rd Bde. occupy a line on MESSINES RIDGE running in continuation of ours.

HYDE PARK CORNER, CROSS ROADS LA HUTTE, CROSS ROADS at ADVANCED EST. and Road running West are being heavily shelled.

Our Artillery have placed a Barrage across our present Front in addition to original Barrage Lines.

SPECIAL IDEA

1. ACTION.- The 6th A.I.Bde. less "D" Coy. will counter-attack through present line, capture and re-establish line U.23.a.1.8. - U.11.b.3.6. The 2nd A.I.Bde. are to attack on our left simultaneously.

2. BOUNDARIES.- Inter-Brigade:- Right U.23.a.5.9. - U.23.a.8.8.  
Left LA DOUVE R.

Inter-Battalion:- ULTIMO TRENCH  
ASH AVENUE.

3. Artillery Action:- 18 pdrs.  
At Zero 18 pdrs. will open barrage fire on lines along GRID Line through 10.16. and 22 central remaining on that line for two minutes, then advancing at the rate of 100 yds. every two minutes until 1st Trench Line is reached where it remains for 4 minutes then creeping forward at the rate of 100 yds. every 3 minutes resting for 5 minutes on objective then moving from there to protective barrage line 300 yds. ahead of objective.

4.5 Hows.- At Zero 4.5 Hows. will play on 1st and 2nd Trenches of Objective and C.T's leading thereto, moving forward with creeping barrage.

4. MACHINE GUNS.-  
(a) The 7th A.I.Bde. are placing 3 batteries of 4 guns each in the following positions.- U.15.b.8.6.  
U.9.d.8.4.  
U.9.b.35.00.

At Zero they will fire on barrage lines 200 yds ahead of, and creeping with Artillery barrage until protective barrage line is reached when they will switch on to their protective barrage line U.18.a.2.0. - U.11.b.9.6.

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(b) 2 batteries of 4 guns each of 6th A.M.G. Coy. remain in positions at DEAD COW FARM and LA HUTTE. The remainder will be distributed as follows:-

|         |     |        |
|---------|-----|--------|
| "A" Bn. | ... | 2 guns |
| "B" "   | ... | 3 "    |
| "C" "   | ... | 3 "    |

5. TRENCH MORTARS.- Stokes Mortars are allotted as follows.-

|         |     |        |
|---------|-----|--------|
| "A" Bn. | ... | 1 gun  |
| "B" "   | ... | 3 guns |
| "C" "   | ... | 2 "    |

Remainder in Reserve ST YVES.

6. J.O.T.- Line of ditches and hedges S. of DOUVE 50 yds. to 150 yds. forward of present fire trench. A tape will be laid to the South on same alignment.

7. Zero hour 6 a.m.

8. Bde. Hdqrs. will be at ST YVES.

Write Orders for "B" Bn. showing method of bringing troops on to J.O.T. - Your means of communication forward and liaison with flank Bns.

Select one or two objectives as considered necessary.  
Site Dumps etc.

*Stan Savage*  
Captain,  
A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

6<sup>th</sup> Battalion of Bae

Bae dt Ors

26/12/17

Practice Counters, Attack Scheme No. 001

Requisitioning; -

Para 4 Machine Guns

for U1568.6 read U146.73

" U9284 " U8d9.0

" U9635.00 " U8d.84

Alan S. Hawye Capt  
A.B.W.

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*Diary*

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 No. 108/17

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

DEFENCE OF SECOND ZONE

PROVISIONAL SOUTHERN AREA

Ref. Map ARMENTIERS 1/10,000  
" " PLOEGSTEERT 1/10,000

*Confirmed towards  
to Ans attached doc*

3rd January, 1918.

1. "C" Bn. is responsible for the Nucleus Garrisons and work in that Area East of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD and South to Divisional Boundary.
2. The attached Table shows Coy. frontages and Boundaries, Coy. Hdqrs., Strong Posts, distribution of Nucleus Garrisons, and positions of Machine Guns.
3. "C" Bn. will arrange for Officers and Senior N.C.O's to reconnoitre all Tracks and Approaches leading to their respective positions so as to be able to guide troops to allotted Fighting Positions at night if so necessary.
4. Platoon Hdqrs. will be selected forthwith and locations forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs.
5. "C" Bn. will submit at the earliest a scheme showing Signal communications.
6. All obsolete Notice boards within the area will be taken down and dumped at some central place. Lists will be prepared for new ones and forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs.

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

Distribution

1. File
2. War Diary
3. " "
4. Bde. Major
5. Staff Capt.
6. 23rd Bn.
7. 2nd Aust. Divn. )
8. 5th A.I. Bde. )
9. 7th A.I. Bde. )
10. 21st Bn. )
11. 22nd " )
12. 24th " )
13. 6th Fld. Engrs. )

For information.

*Stan Lavigne*  
 Captain,  
 A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.



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ALLOCATION OF GARRISON E. AND SOUTH OF PLOEGSTEERT WOOD

| Area.-       | Locality:-                | Coy. | Hdgrs.                                  | Ultimate Garrison Platoon | Attd.L.G. | Nucleus Garrison Platoon | Attd.L.G. | Billets             | Inter Coy. Boundary          | Remarks.-                                           |
|--------------|---------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Firing Line  | MOTOR CAR CR.             | No.1 | LE BIZET<br>C.13.d.3.8<br>(Approx)      | 1                         | 1         | -                        | 2         | CANTEEN CORNER      | Div. Bdry.                   | 1 L.G. at S.P.<br>1 " C.14.b.6.6.                   |
|              | C.8.d.6.6.                | "    | "                                       | 1                         | -         | 1                        | 1         | GRAND REBECQUE FARM | to                           | 2 Guns at Post Location to be fwd. to B.H.Q.        |
| Support Line | C.8.d.0.9.-<br>C.8.a.0.3. | "    | "                                       | 1                         | -         | -                        | -         | CANTEEN CORNER      | NICHOLSON AVENUE - GASOMETER |                                                     |
|              | LE BIZET                  | "    | "                                       | 1                         | 1         | -                        | -         | "                   |                              | Reserve Platoon<br>1 L.G. to go to S.P. C.13.c.9.3. |
| Firing Line  | SALFORD                   | No.2 | DELENNELLE FARM                         | 1                         | 1         | -                        | 2         | CANTEEN CORNER      | NICHOLSON AVENUE - GASOMETER |                                                     |
|              | C.2.b.0.5.                | "    | "                                       | 1                         | -         | -                        | 1         | DELENNELLE FARM     | to                           |                                                     |
| Support Line | MAISON 1875               | "    | "                                       | 1                         | -         | -                        | 1         | CANTEEN CR.         | LA WARNAVE RIVER             |                                                     |
|              | DELENNELLE FARM           | "    | "                                       | 1                         | -         | -                        | -         | -do-                |                              | Reserve Platoon                                     |
| Firing Line  | LAWRENCE FM.              | No.3 | PLOEGSTEERT<br>U.25.c.9.6.<br>(Approx.) | 1                         | 1         | -                        | 1         | PLOEGSTEERT         | LA WARNAVE RIVER             | Gun at RED HOUSE                                    |
|              | READING TR.               | "    | Advanced Co.<br>H.Q.                    | 1                         | 1         | 1                        | 1         | READING TR.         | to                           | Gun positions to be fwd. to B.H.Q.                  |
|              | PALK VILLA                | "    | TOUQUET BETH                            | 1                         | -         | 1                        | -         | E. edge of WOOD     | VANCOUVER TRAMWAY            | Gun at Post.                                        |
|              | ELGER HOUSE               | "    | -do-                                    | 1                         | -         | 1                        | -         |                     |                              | -do-                                                |
| Support      | CRESLOW                   | No.4 | PLOEGSTEERT<br>(to be selected)         | 1                         | -         | -                        | -         | CANTEEN CR.         |                              | Reserve Coy.                                        |
|              | U.25.d.9.4.<br>- b.4.1.   | "    | "                                       | 1                         | -         | -                        | -         | -do-                |                              |                                                     |
| Reserve      | PLOEGSTEERT               | "    | "                                       | 2                         | -         | -                        | -do-      |                     |                              |                                                     |

- NOTES.
1. Areas allotted to Coys. No.1 and 2 will be taken over by one Coy. only with H.Q. at GRAND REBECQUE FARM.
  2. To facilitate work 1 Coy. occupy the Positions of No.3 Coy.
  3. Work will proceed as laid down in Bde. Memo. 897/17 of Dec.27th.

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COUNTER ATTACK SCHEME NO.001

Map Ref. PLOEGSTEERT, 1/10,000

• 28th Decr. 1917.

You are O.C., "A" Coy (Right Coy "B" Bn.) and following message timed 8 a.m. is received by you at 8.15 a.m.

"B" Bn. holds the whole of the 1st Objective and second from Bn. boundary South to SUNKEN AVENUE AAA Battalion on Right holds all 1st Objective and second North to Southern switch of VANCOUVER AVENUE AAA TROIS TILLEUIS FARM and SUNKEN ROAD U.17.a.1.5. are held by the enemy AAA Confer with Os.C. Coys. on your right and left for co-operation in clearing Strong Posts and the occupation of the whole of 2nd Objective."

Show in writing methods used in the accomplishment of above task.

You have 112 Rifles and 4 Lewis Guns.

Mortar. Coy. on Right has 120 Rifles, 3 Lewis Guns and 1 Stokes

Mortar. Coy. on Left has 118 Rifles, 3 Lewis Guns and 1 Stokes

SUNKEN AVENUE is not yet occupied by our Troops. You have a block in C.T. at U.16.b.9.4.

*Man E. Lavigne*  
Captain,  
A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

*Dear Colonel*

*Strenuous support*

## 6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

*Appendix XVIII*

Brigade Headquarters  
29th Decr., 1917.

C.O.,

Schemes for Junior Officers

Please instruct your Platoon Commanders to look over ground and forward to Bde. Hdqrs. their method of holding the following positions. Special attention will be paid to Cover, Field of fire, Flanking Support, Emplacement and sweep of their Lewis Guns and command of any roads or depressions.

Sketches will be attached.

|                         |                                                                                                 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>21st Battalion.-</u> | ASH CRATER<br>AVENUE FARM<br>BAKERY<br>DOWNINGTON HALL                                          |
| <u>22nd Battalion.-</u> | ULTIMO CRATER<br>ST YVES<br>LA HUTTE S.P.<br>GRESLOW<br>U.25.b.8.1.                             |
| <u>23rd Battalion.-</u> | ELGER HOUSE S.P.<br>PALK VILLA<br>READING TRENCH<br>RED HOUSE<br>MAISON 1875 S.P.<br>C.2.b.1.6. |
| <u>24th Battalion.-</u> | C.14.b.5.5.<br>C.14.b.5.7.<br>C.8.d.7.7.<br>Trenches GUNNER FARM.                               |

Papers will be forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs. by first D.R. on the 31st inst.

*Stan Gowan*  
Captain,  
A/Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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*Appendix XVIII*

Brigade Headquarters  
1st January, 1918.

Headquarters  
2nd Aust. Divn.

WORKS REPORT

SECOND ZONE

For period ending 31st December 1917

1. The Scheme for the Defence of the Northern Area of the Second Zone, outlined in Div. Memo.G.32/231 of 18th Decr. was the basis upon which work was commenced.  
Strong Posts were sited and Machine Gun Positions selected, details of which are embodied in Bde. Memo's 688 of 19th Decr., and 824/17 of 24th December.
2. To facilitate work.--
  - (a) The 21st Bn. moved from BULFORD CAMP to the CATACOMBS on 20th Decr. being responsible for all work in Second Zone North of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD.
  - (b) "C" Coy. 23rd Bn. took over all that work on the Southern edge of the Wood on same date leaving and returning to Camp by train daily.
  - (c) On Decr. 22nd "D" Coy. 23rd Bn. took over work at CRESLOW and TOUQUET BERTHE leaving and returning to Camp daily.
  - (d) "B" Coy. 23rd Bn. relieved Coy. of 21st Bn. supplying Nucleus Garrison in the Southern Area on Decr. 26th continuing work commenced by Coy. of 21st Bn. who on relief moved to the CATACOMBS and were henceforth employed on work in Northern Area.
  - (e) On 25th Decr. 22nd Bn. supplied one Coy. for work on Reserve Line in Northern Area.
  - (f) On Dec. 26th inst. Coy. of 24th Bn. commenced work on wiring STATION AVENUE.  
Both these Coys. leave and return to their respective Camps by train daily.
  - (g) On Dec. 27th "A" Coy. 23rd Bn. moved forward and occupied shelters on East edge of Wood taking over all work in that and READING TRENCH localities.
3. Detailed Programmes of work have already been forwarded.
4. During the period under review approx. 700 men were employed on works elsewhere detailed by Division.
5. The following is the amount of work completed to date.--

6. NORTH OF PLOEGSTEERT WOOD

FIRING LINE

WIRE.--

Double row of B.W.E. from U.16.c.2.5. to U.10.a.2.4. - 2000 yards.

Single row extension South to U.21.b.6.9. 400 yds.

Accommodation.--

Salvaging Pill Box and providing sleeping accommodation for 10 men at U.15.b.8.0.

13 Shelters at U.9.d.7.9. provided

Erecting fire step from U.16.a.15.00. to U.16.a.1.3.

30 yards C.T. 4'6" deep and 3' wide from Pill Box at

ULTIMO CRATER - Accommodation 70 men.

Shelters in trench for 28 men at U.9.d.9.7. made bomb proof.

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Accommodation (Contd.)

C.T. at U.15.d.8.5. drained and laying of duckboards commenced.  
 U.15.d.9.6. clearing out C.T. and construction of fire bays in south lip of Crater.  
 U.15.b.8.1. salving Pill Box and baling out half completed.

SUPPORT LINE.-Wire

Double row 2000 yds. long from 7.21.d.4.7. to U.9.a.5.3.  
 Single row from U.9.d.05.10. to U.9.a.9.4. - 700 yds.  
 60 Coils of wire erected between stumps in DOUVE VALLEY in U.9.c.

Accommodation

11 shelters at U.9.c.7.7. accommodating 44 men.  
 Cellar at AVENUE FARM pumped out and cleared accommodating 40 men bunking proceeding.  
 5 Pill Boxes in U.9.c. pumped out. - Accom. 20 men.  
 2 Pill Boxes at U.15.a.6.8. cleared and dried accommodating 8 men.  
 Excavations for 12 shelters in ASH CRATER (U.15.a.7.7.) completed and shelters erected for 24 men.

RESERVE LINE.-Wire

1800 yds. from U.14.d.2.0. to U.8.a.5.2.  
 Extra row from U.8.c.65.85. to U.8.a.55.20. - 250 yds.  
 900 yds. from U.20.a.6.3. to U.14.d.10.55.

Accommodation.-

4 shelters accommodating 17 men cleared at U.14.a.70.75.  
 1 Cupola bomb proof shelter provided at U.14.a.55.60.  
 5 shelters cleared at U.8.c.5.7. accommodating 15 men.  
 5 shelters cleared at U.8.c.4.8. accommodating 15 men.  
 Dugout at IRISH FARM (U.7.d.55.75.) cleared out and bunked. accommodating 22 men.  
 30 yds trench cleared and drained at U.14.a.7.7.  
 Trench drained near shelter at U.8.c.5.7.  
 Entrance to Dugout (U.14.a.55.60) repaired accommodating 10 men.  
 Raising floor of dugout at U.14.a.70.75. clearing and draining trench and bunking commenced.  
 Revetting trench near shelter at U.8.c.5.8.

EAST OF PLOEGSTEERT WOODELGAR HOUSE.-Wire.

200 yds. facing S.E.

PALK VILLA.-Wire.

250 yds. facing East and S.W.

SOUTH OF PLOEGSTEERT WOODREADING TRENCH  
AREA

1800 yds. from U.27.c.70.15. to U.21.d.3.3. including double row from U.27.b.2.4. to U.27.b.05.80. - 250 yds.

Accommodation.-

Trench accommodation for 65 men provided from U.27.a.9.7. to U.27.b.2.0.  
 Trench cleared from U.27.b.3.1. to U.27.a.9.7. - 400 yds.

Demolition.-

70 yds material salvaged from U.27.b.2.2. to U.27.a.8.7.

LANCASHIRE COTTAGE  
AREAWire

1000 yds. from U.27.c.70.55. to U.20.d.7.0.

LANCASHIRE COTTAGE AREA (Contd.)

Accommodation  
2 shelters 8 feet by 8 feet at U.27.c.1.8. provided accommodating 12 men.

Demolition.-  
150 yds material salvaged from breastwork U.26.b.2.4. to U.26.b.0.2.  
200 yds material salvaged and 50 yds of breastwork demolished U.26.b.7.7. to U.27.a.1.8.

MAISON 1875 - GUNNER FARM AREA

Wire  
1800 yds. from C.2.d.3.3. to U.26.a.50.05. including double row from U.26.d.1.0. to U.26.a.50.05 600 yds.

Accommodation  
1300 yds trench repaired from GUNNER FARM to U.26.a.45.00.  
Dugout cleared at U.26.c.8.3. accommodation provided for 55 men from U.26.c.5.9. to U.26.c.8.3.  
150 yds. fire step set at U.26.c.8.2., 40 brackets made.

Demolition  
U.26.c.8.0. to U.26.b.1.1.  
55 yds material salvaged from breastwork at U.26.c.5.7.

STATION AVENUE AREA

Wire  
4250 yds from C.13.d.0.2. to C.9.d.40.05. including switches from C.14.a.9.3. to C.13.b.55.50., C.14.b.7.7. to C.8.d.0.1., C.14.b.8.6. to C.8.d.3.3.

NICHOLSON AVENUE SWITCH

Wire  
1400 yds. from C.13.b.86. to C.8.b.10.85.

GRAND REBEQUE FARM

Wire  
1000 yds. around Farm from C.8.a.3.2. to C.8.c.8.1.

Accommodation  
2 Concrete dugouts at C.8.b.6.2. pumped out and rendered habitable. Accom. 8 men.

DELENNELLE FARM

Wire  
300 yds. from C.1.d.90.45. to C.1.d.5.7.

CRESLOW FARM

Wire  
2200 yds. from U.26.c.2.1. to U.19.b.3.2. and U.19.d.0.8. to U.19.b.2.4.

MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENTS

Constructed at C.13.d.85.75., C.14.a.4.2., C.14.a.85.50., C.7.b.95.45., C.8.a.35.50., C.8.a.6.3., C.2.d.05.05., C.1.d.7.1., C.1.d.7.3., C.1.d.55.45. (Alternative positions with exception of latter two).  
At HASTED HOUSE (Accom. 20 men) for 4 guns at U.14.c.8.6.  
at DEAD COW FARM (Accom.24 men) for 4 guns at U.13.b.7.4.  
At FUSILIER FARM (U.8.c.) 4 guns at U.7.d.95.15. (Accom. at Guns for 16 men)  
Splinter proof cover completed for all M.G. crews at above positions.

GENERAL

(a) Prior to commencement of work on the 23rd ultimo salvage work was carried out as follows.-  
Wire barbed ... 77 coils  
" French ... 6 "  
Angle Iron pickets ... 1100

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Screw Pickets       | 373                      |
| Shovels             | 50                       |
| Picks               | 34                       |
| Pumps               | 6                        |
| Hosing              | 40 feet with connections |
| Iron (Galv.)        | 35 sheets                |
| Arched Iron (Galv.) | 3 "                      |

In addition material has been salvaged from old trenches as set out above.

(b) Barricading of Hutments in Bde. Area has proceeded the services of Batmen, Orderlies and Bandsmen being employed.

(c) Tracks of approach to posts North of PLOEGSTEERT have been prepared as set out in attached map.

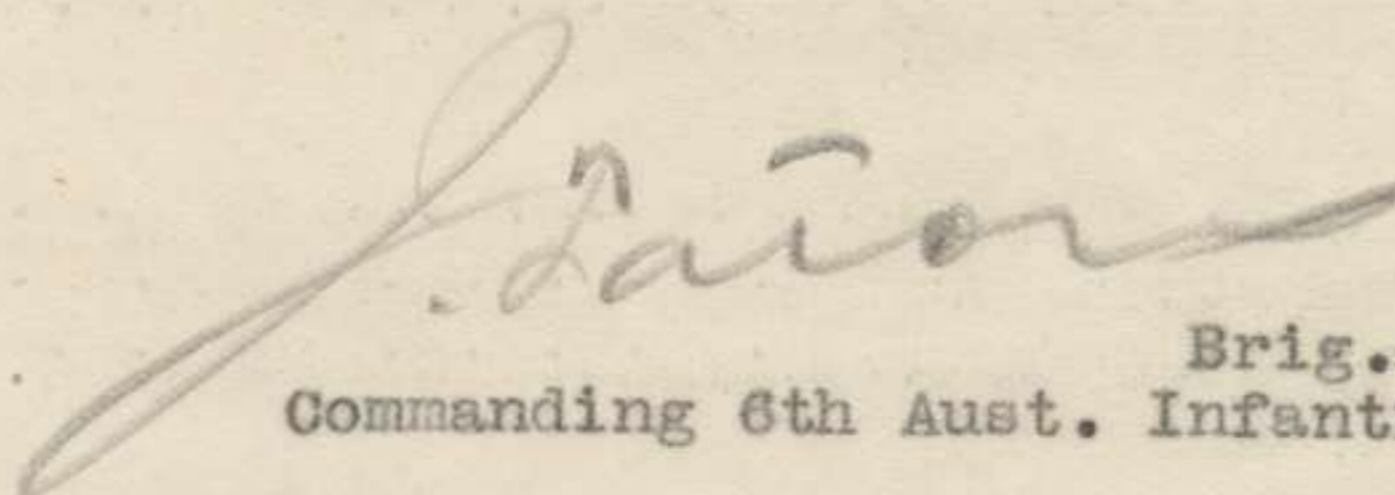
7. Work in progress.

In addition to completing work already commenced work is in progress on.-

- (i) Cleaning and reclaiming the ONLY WAY by 21st Bn.
- (ii) Wiring Northern edge of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD by 1 Coy, 22nd Bn.

8. Proposed work.

1. Wiring of PLOEGSTEERT WOOD
2. Clearing HUNTERS AV. and wiring eastern side.
3. Wiring SEAFORTH FARM.
4. Wiring ANTONS FARM
5. Filling in with wire all derelict trenches
6. Wiring all Hedges.
7. Renovating all lines of communication i.e., C.T's and duckboard tracks. - re-establishment of dumps.
8. Construction of Pill Boxes.
9. Salvage.



Brig.-General,  
Commanding 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade



**LEGEND**  
 New Wire                    XXXXX  
 Trenches cleaned        ---  
 Deploy Tracks            ---  
 New overland Tracks    ---  
 SCALE 1:50,000  
 WORK EXECUTED TO 31<sup>ST</sup> DEC 1917

Office of C. I. E.  
 1st Army Division  
 Drawn by Major F. Thompson



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Diary

APP-XIX

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Brigade Headquarters  
29th Decr., 1917.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO

SALVAGE

Attention is drawn to the necessity for greater efforts in collecting salvage, especially in the area between the present Camps and the Corps Line.

It is of the most vital importance at the present time to economise by salvaging every article of equipment, clothing, ammunition etc. and special attention is drawn to A.I.F. Order No.1021.

The following scheme will come into operation on 30th December, 1917.

1. 2 men from Salvage Coy. will be attached to each Battalion and will assist units in every way and will be in charge of Bn. dumps - Every assistance will be rendered to them by O.C.'s units.

2. Each Battalion and the M.G. Company will form a Salvage Dump and from there it will be carted by First Line Transport to the Brigade Dump situated at Brigade Transport Lines at T.20.c.5.3. where 1 N.C.O. & 2 men will be in charge.

3. Every man possible must be detailed for this work and Brass Bands will be detailed for this duty at least several days weekly.

The T.M. Battery will detail 1 Officer, 2 N.C.O.'s and 25 men daily and will dump all salvage on the nearest Battalion Dump.

4. Weekly salvage returns will continue to be sent to this office by noon Wednesdays. This will also include all salvaged material used for defence and improvement purposes.

The value of salvage collected will be published from time to time in Brigade Routine Orders and it is hoped that a spirit of rivalry and competition will be created within the Brigade units.

5. Forward Working parties will make every effort to collect salvage and the Officers in charge will see that all such men do not return to camp empty handed.

Rifles, unserviceable ammunition, etc. must not be left lying in small dumps but returned to Battalion dumps.

6. The areas are allotted as per attached table.

Distribution.-

1. G.O.C.
2. War Diary.
3. " "
4. File.
5. Bde. Major
6. Staff Captain
7. 21st Bn.
8. 22nd "
9. 23rd "
10. 24th "
11. 6th M.G. Coy.
12. 6th L.T.M. Bty.
13. O.C., Salvage Coy.
14. 2nd Aust. Divn.
15. 5th A.I. Bde.
16. 7th A.I. Bde.

*A. R. Brown*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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TABLE OF SALVAGE AREAS

| Unit.-                          | North Boundary                                                   | South Boundary                                                                                                     | West Boundary                    | East Boundary                                            |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 21st Battalion<br>(No.1 Area)   | RIVER DOUVE                                                      | North side of<br>PLOEGSTEERT WOOD                                                                                  | Grid Line dividing<br>T. and U.  | Corps Line running<br>through T.9.b.&.d.-<br>T.15.b.&.d. |
| 22nd Battalion<br>(No.2 Area)   | North side of<br>PLOEGSTEERT WOOD                                | Road through P. Village<br>T.26.central - 27.a.                                                                    | Grid line dividing<br>T. and U.  | Corps line running<br>through T.21.b.&.d. -<br>T.27.b.   |
| 23rd Battalion<br>(No.3 Area)   | Grid line dividing<br>C.1, 2, 3, with<br>C.7, E.                 | River LYS - LE BIZET<br>Road C.13.d.- C.14.a.<br>STATION AVENUE.                                                   | Grid line dividing<br>T. and U.  | Corps Line U.8.b.&.d.-<br>U.15.a.&.d.                    |
| 24th Battalion<br>(No.4 Area)   | Road through P. Village<br>T.26.central - 27.a.                  | Grid line dividing<br>C.1, 2, 3, with C.7, 8.<br>then continuing along<br>NICHOLSONS AVENUE<br>C.2,d. and 3.c.&.d. | Grid line dividing<br>T. and U.  | Corps Line running<br>through U.27.central<br>& C.3.b.   |
| 6th M.G. Company<br>(No.5 Area) | Grid line dividing<br>T.15, 16, 17, 18 with<br>T.20, 21, 23, 24. | Grid line dividing<br>T. and B.                                                                                    | NEUVE EGLISE -<br>DE SUELE ROAD  | Grid line dividing<br>T. and U.                          |
| 6th L.T.M. Bty.<br>(No.6 Area)  | Grid line dividing<br>T. and B.                                  | Road DE SUELE - PONT<br>de NIEPPE - River LYS.                                                                     | NEUVE EGLISE -<br>DE SUELE Road. | Grid line dividing<br>B. and C.                          |

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