

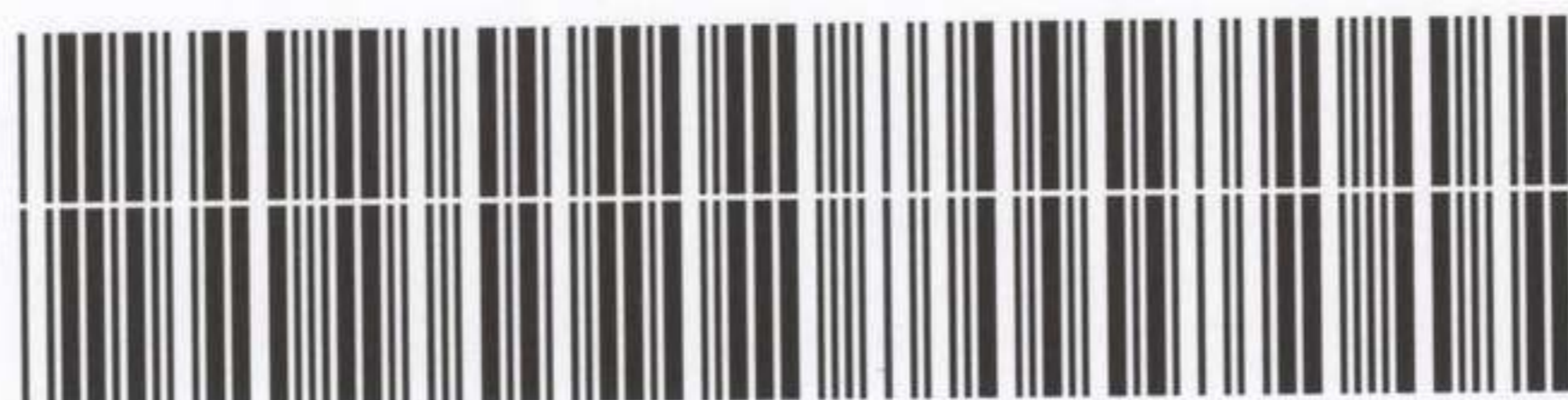
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION

FOR

FEBRUARY 1918.

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*W. H. ...*

Signature of Officer Commanding

*Clayton ...*

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Ref. Map - Sheet 28 1/40000.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918.			
LOCRE AREA.	Feb. 1st to 5th		Battalion supplies working parties. "C" and "D" Coys. at LINDENHOEK working on rear defences. "A" and "B" Coys. at LOCRE working on road maintenance. Weather dull and cold.	
do	5th Feb.		6th Battalion relieves during afternoon and "C" and "D" Coys. march from LINDENHOEK to WAKEFIELD CAMP, LOCRE. Battalion again complete. Weather dull and cold.	Corr.1.
do	6th Feb.		Battalion Resting.	
do	6th to 9th Feb.		Battalion allowed by Brigade to rest men as much as possible. Only formal parades held, and some smartening up work done. Weather fine.	
do	10th to 16th Feb.		Training as per syllabus. Nothing of note occurred. Weather very cold.	Corr.2.
do	17th to 21st Feb.		Training as per syllabus. Nothing of note occurred. Weather fine.	Corr.3
do	22nd Feb.		Carrying out of Defence Scheme practised. Bde. warning to prepare to move received at 8-45 a.m. Brigade order to move to position of readiness received at 8-55 a.m. Battalion moved off at 9-4 a.m. to position. Brigade order to occupy 3rd Zone received at 9-45 a.m. Battalion in position of readiness at 10-23 a.m.	

*J. H. ...*  
Lieut  
adj  
7 hrs 13n

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

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LOCRE AREA.	23rd Feb.		Training as per syllabus.	
do	24th Feb.		Church Parades, at 11 a.m. Brig.General J.HEANE attended Protestant Church Parade. "D" Coy. moved to TILQUES for Company Competitions. Weather fine.	Corr 4.
do	25th to 27th Feb.		Training as per syllabus. Nothing of note occurred.	
do	28th Feb.		Battalion moves by march route <del>from</del> WAKEFIELD CAMP, LOCRE AREA, to MURRUMBIDGEE CAMP, LA CLYTTE, N.7.A.central.	Corr.5.
			Changes in Officers - Corr 6. Honors and Awards - Corr.7.	
			Daily Changes in Strength - Corr.8. Return of Officers on Strength of Unit in Order of Seniority. ) Corr.9.	

*Have list adjt*

*Clairmont*

Major.  
T/Commanding 7th. Australian Battalion.

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## WAR DIARY

OF

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION

FOR

FEBRUARY 1918.

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Relief of "C" and "D" Coys. by 6th Bn. at LINDENHOEK.
2.	Training Syllabus.
3.	do
4.	do
5.	Move from LOCRE Area to MURRUMBIDGEE Camp.
6.	Changes in Officers.
7.	Honors and Awards.
8.	Daily Changes in Strength.
9.	Return of Officers on Strength of Unit in Order of Seniority.

*James* *lieut*  
*advt*

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2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 75.  
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HEADQUARTERS,  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.,  
4th Febr. 1918.

Reference Sheet 28, 1:40,000.

1. The 6th Battalion will relieve the 7th Battalion as Duty Battalion on the 6th February.
2. All working parties and duties now being found by the 7th Battalion will be taken over by the 6th Battalion from 6 a.m. on the morning of the 6th February.
3. In order to ensure that there is no break in the continuity of the work, advanced parties from the 6th Battalion will be attached for 24 hours prior to the relief to all working parties which are to be taken over from the 7th Battalion.
4. On relief the two companies of the 7th Battalion now quartered at LINDENHOEK Camp will rejoin their Unit at WAKFIELD Camp (N.29.c.8.8.)
5. Headquarters of 6th and 7th Battalions will not change.
6. Details of relief will be arranged mutually between C.O's concerned.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*H. F. Watson*

Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>To whom.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Method.</u>
1.	File.		
2/4.	War Diary.		
5	6th Battalion	12 (Noon)	D.R.
6	7th Battalion	"	"
7	1st Aust. Division	"	"
8	1st Pioneer Bn.	"	"
9	Brigade Major	"	"
10	Staff Captain	"	"
11	Bde. Intel. Off.	"	"
12/14	Spares,		

*OK*  
*W. J. ...*

Major Martin M.C.

Please advise if you have completed arrangements with 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Do not draw from Pioneer any rations on 3/2/18 as we will have the rations ready for distribution when your command marches in tomorrow night.

Also please advise number of animals you require to transport vehicles gear &c. The arrangements for the move of your command to the extent are left in your hands. Please send down an advance party from each Coy early tomorrow  
J. H. Owen  
Adj. Gen.

4/2/18

1. Detachment of 1st and 2nd Battalions will be...  
2. On relief the two companies of the 1st Battalion...  
3. Detachment of 1st and 2nd Battalions will be...  
4. On relief the two companies of the 1st Battalion...  
5. Detachment of 1st and 2nd Battalions will be...  
6. On relief the two companies of the 1st Battalion...

THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

7th AUST. BATTALION DETACHMENT ORDER No.2.

3/2/18.

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

1. MOVE The 7th. Aust. Bn. Detachment less the HYDE PARK CORNER party will be relieved on the 5th inst by 6th Aust. Bn. On relief ~~the~~ Detachment will move by march route to WAKEFIELD ~~CAMP~~ HUTS, LOCRE, and rejoin the 7th. Aust. Bn. there.
2. Starting Point:- Main entrance the Camp.
3. Time: of Starting:- 1430.
4. Order of March:- "C" Coy, "D" Coy, Transport. Usual intervals to be maintained between platoons and Companies on the march.
5. Route:- N.27.C.8.3 - DRANOUTRE.
6. Advance Parties:- "C" and "D" Coys. will each send forward 1 Off. and 4 N.C.O.'s., leaving here at 1000.
7. Rear Party:- 2/Lieut.R.ANDERSON and 1 N.C.O. and 4 men per Coy. will remain behind and hand over camp in a clean and sanitary condition. The Officer I/C rear party will obtain a certificate from incoming Unit that the Camp has been left in a clean and sanitary condition.
8. Kits etc.:- Mens' second blanket will be collected, rolled in bundles of ten, securely tied and legibly labelled. The above, with officers' kits, will be dumped in Coy. dumps near mens' cook house by 1350.
9. General:- Kits of all ranks will be clear of huts by 1400. Men with sore feet etc., will ~~be~~ proceed to LOCRE under the charge of the senior N.C.O. or private, leaving this Camp at 1000.
10. The HYDE PARK CORNER Party will move under the orders of the officer I/C at 1200 on 6th inst. direct to LOCRE. A G.S. Limbered Wagon will report at H.P. Corner to collect rations, kits etc. at 1600 on 6th inst.

(Signed) H.E.BASTIN Major.  
O.C. No.1 Detachment 7th Aus. Bn.

Distribution

Copy No.	1	File.
"	2	C.O.
"	3	"C" Coy.
"	4	"D" Coy.
5	5	Off. I/C. H.P.C. party.

*OK sent back  
adj*



8th February, 1918.

2ND BRIGADE SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD

10th February - 16th February, 1918.

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Date.	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Feb. 10th	CHURCH PARADES	-
11th	Physical training; route marches; platoon and company drill; musketry; rapid loading with dummies; bayonet fighting; Lewis guns; bombs and rifle grenades; open order drill; platoon attack on S.P.; gas drill.	Recreational Training.
12th	do	do
13th	do	Half Holiday.
14th	do	Recreational Training.
15th	do	do
16th	do	do

1. The 2nd A.M.G.Coy. and 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty. will base their training programmes on the above syllabus, substituting their own form of specialist training where purely infantry work occurs above.
2. The 7th Battalion training will be on the lines laid down in the Brigade syllabus for the period 3rd - 9th February.
3. Special attention will be paid to Musketry and rapid loading. The range at N.26.c.4.3. will be available to Units for practice and for holding the eliminating tests in connection with the Platoon Rifle Competition on the dates laid down in G/3767.
4. One route march of not less than 15 miles will be held during the period.
5. At least once on every day each Battalion will assemble as a Unit.
6. Towards the end of the present month a company test will be held to compete for the cup now held by the 5th Battalion. All four companies in each Battalion must compete in the eliminating tests to be held during the week ending 23rd February to decide which Company will represent its Battalion in the Brigade Test.

*H.F. Watson*  
 Captain,  
 Brigade Major,  
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

*Major  
 Lewis  
 idif*

TRAINING SYLLABUS APPENDIX 2

7th. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION

Period 10/2/18 - 16/2/18.

Training Hours -- 9 a.m. - 12-30 p.m.  
2 p.m. - 3-30 p.m.

Dress - Fighting Order.

MORNING

AFTERNOON

10/2/18 - Church Parade.

11/2/18 - Musketry practices (KEMMEL). Those Coys. not at KEMMEL to carry on with work as laid down for 15/2/18.

Recreational Training

12/2/18 - Gas lectures and demonstrations by Divl. Gas Officer. If lectures not delivered then work as for 15/2/18.

do

13/2/18.- As for 11/2/18.

Half Holiday.

14/2/18 - Musketry practices. Coy. elimination tests (KEMMEL). Those Coys. not at KEMMEL to carry on with work as for 15/2/18.

Recreational Training.

15/2/18 - 1/2 Hour P.T.  
1 " Squad and platoon drill, saluting, rifle exercises.  
1/2 " Gas drill and general instruction.  
1 1/2 " Specialist Training; musketry, rapid loading with dummies to be practiced. Bayonet fighting.

do

16/2/18 - Battalion Route March.

NOTES:- Specialist officers to assist Coy. Commanders as required in addition to training of Bn. Specialist sections. When weather conditions adverse suitable work to be carried on in mens' huts, and short lecturettes to be given. 10 minutes Smoke'0 at morning parade at hour suitable to Coy. Commanders, lectures to be given during Smoke'0.

*H. J. Wright* Lieut.  
For Adjutant 7th Australian Battalion.

*Have heart  
right*

HEADQUARTERS  
2nd Aust. Infantry Bde.,  
15th FEBRUARY, 1918.

2nd BRIGADE SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD  
17th February - 23rd February, 1918.

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1. Sunday, Febry. 17th. CHURCH PARADES.
2. Wednesday, Febry. 20th. Half Holiday in afternoon.
3. The work for the week will be based on the following subjects.  
For morning work :-

Physical training; Route marches; Company and Battalion drill; Musketry and Rapid loading; Bayonet fighting and assault training; Lewis Gun; Bombers and rifle grenades specialist training; Open order drill; Platoon in attack; Advancing in open warfare with patrols; Company in attack; Gas drill,

The afternoon work will consist of Recreational Training.

4. Specialist training will be cut down where possible in order to allow these men to take part in Battalion work, and Company work.
5. The 2nd A.M.G. Coy. and 2nd A.L.T.M. Bty. will base their training programmes on the above syllabus, substituting their own form of specialist training where purely Infantry work occurs above.
6. The 8th Battalion training will be on the lines laid down in the Brigade syllabus for the period 10th-16th February 1918.
7. Special attention will be paid to musketry and rapid loading.
8. One route march of not less than 15 miles will be held during the period.
9. At least once on every day each Battalion will assemble as a Unit.
10. Towards the end of the present month a Company test will be held to compete for the cup now held by the 5th Battalion. All four Companies in each Battalion must compete in the eliminating tests to be held during the week ending 23rd February to decide which Company will represent its Battalion in the Brigade test.

*I. H. L. O'Connell* Captain,  
A/Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

*W. H. L. O'Connell*  
Capt.

T R A I N I N G   S Y L L A B U S7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

Period -- 17/2/18 - 23/2/18.

Training Hours — 9 a.m. - 12-30 p.m.  
2 p.m. - 3-30 p.m.MORNING.AFTERNOON

- 17/2/18 - Church Parades.
- 18/2/18.-  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour Physical Training. Recreational Training.  
 1 " Company drill and general smartening up work.  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$  " Specialist training, covering musketry and rapid loading, bayonet fighting and assault training, Lewis Gun, Bombs, and rifle grenades.  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  " Gas drill and general instruction.
- 19/2/18 -  $\frac{1}{2}$  " Physical Training. Recreational Training.  
 1 " Platoon in attack.  
 1 " Gas drill and instruction on the lines laid down in 1st Division Circular 82/447 of 13/2/18 issued to Coys.  
 1 " Musketry and rapid loading, bayonet fighting and assault training.
- 20/2/18.- 2 " Coy. route march. Half Holiday.  
 "A" Coy. KEMMEL Area.  
 "B" Coy. WESTOUTRE Area.  
 "C" Coy. DRANOUTRE Area.  
 "D" Coy. BAILLEUL Area.  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  " Gas drill and general instruction.  
 1 " Advancing in open warfare with patrols. Open order drill.
- 21/2/18. As for 18/2/18. *Recreational Training*
- 22/2/18 - As for 19/2/18, but substituting Coy. in attack instead of platoon in attack. "
- 23/2/18 - Battalion Route March. "

Specialist Officers to assist Coy. Commanders as required in addition to training of Bn. Specialist Sections.  
 When weather conditions adverse, suitable work to be carried out in mens huts and short lecturettes to be given.  
 10 minutes Smoke'0 at morning parade at hour suitable to Coy. Commanders.  
 Lectures to be given during Smoke'0.  
 A daily allotment of grounds and musketry range will be issued.  
 If weather conditions suitable and ground available foregoing syllabus will be amended so as to include Battalion drill.

*[Signature]*  
 Lieut.  
 Adjutant 7th. Australian Battalion.

HEADQUARTERS,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

23rd February, 1918.

2ND BRIGADE SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD

24th February - 2nd March, 1918.  
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Sunday, February 24th. CHURCH PARADES.

Wednesday, February 27th. Usual half holiday in afternoon.

The work for the week will be based on the following subjects and will be a more advanced form of previous weeks training. For morning work subjects will include:-

Physical training ; Route marching; Company and Battalion drill; Musketry and Rapid loading; Bayonet fighting and assault training; Open order drill; Platoon tactical exercises; Advancing in open warfare with patrols; Company in attack; gas drill; Training of patrols for purposes of offensive action and information, as per special Divisional and Brigade memos.

The afternoon work will consist of Recreational Training.

4. Special attention will be paid to musketry and rapid loading.
5. The 2nd M.C.Coy. and 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty. will base their training programmes on the above syllabus, substituting their own form of specialist training where purely Infantry work occurs above.
6. The 5th Battalion Training will be modified to suit number of men available for parade.
7. At least once every day each Battalion will assemble as a Unit.
8. The Company Competition for CUP now held by 5th Battalion will take place at TILQUES during the week under review. Signalling test will be held on a date to be notified on return of the Company to the Battalion. Judging of Transport will take place on Tuesday 26th instant.

*J.H. Loach* Captain,  
A/Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

*W. ...*

HEADQUARTERS,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

23rd February, 1918.

APPENDIX 4



5th Bn.  
6th Bn.  
7th Bn.  
8th Bn.  
2nd M.G. Coy.  
2nd A.L.T.H. Bty.  
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TRAINING.

During the coming week and also up to going into the line C.Os will arrange to train special scouts and patrols as per S.S.195 in night scouting, patrolling and offensive work.

The training should be supervised by the I.Os and must be systematic and progressive.

Patrols are to be given set tasks and be taught to make their plans during the day, when they can observe the ground they are going to work over and then carry out those plans at night.

The use of Rifle Grenades for offensive action at night must be taught so as to carry out previous instructions contained in Brigade letter G/3452 dated 21-12-17 when we go into the line again.

Situations must be prepared so as to bring out the patrol leader's initiative and make him think.

Situations will also be prepared in which the Company Commander must act after the patrol has returned.

Company Commanders should be discouraged from detailing patrols haphazard, and without allowing the patrols to make proper arrangements as this method only means, no information of importance and often loss of life unnecessarily.

At least one special patrol of the above nature should be trained in each Company and, if possible, one in each Platoon.

*I. H. Roach*  
Captain,  
A/Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

*HR*

TRAINING SYLLABUS APPENDIX 4

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

Period -- 24/2/18 - 2/3/18.

Training Hours -- 9 a.m. - 12-30 p.m.  
2 p.m. - 3-30 p.m.

	<u>MORNING</u>	<u>AFTERNOON</u>	<u>EVENING.</u>
24/2/18 -	Church Parades.		
25/2/18 -	<p><math>\frac{1}{2}</math> hour Physical Training.</p> <p><math>\frac{1}{2}</math> " Company drill and general smartening up work.</p> <p><math>\frac{1}{2}</math> " Platoon tactical exercises.</p> <p><math>\frac{1}{2}</math> " Specialist Training, covering musketry, rapid loading, bayonet fighting and assault training, Lewis Gun, bombs, rifle grenades. Scouting and patrolling as per appendix attached, and plans made which will be carried out during the night so as patrols will work over ground at night that they have seen during the day.</p> <p><math>\frac{1}{2}</math> hour Gas drill and general instruction.</p>	Recreational Training.	Scouting and patrolling by patrols as per plans carried out during the morning. I.O. to supervise
26/2/18 -	<p><math>\frac{1}{2}</math> hour Physical Training.</p> <p>1 " Platoon in attack. Definite schemes to be practised. Scouting and patrolling to be carried out by patrol section as per appendix attached.</p> <p>1 " Gas drill and instruction on the lines laid down in 1st. Div. Circular 82/447 of 13/2/18 issued to Coys.</p> <p>1 " Musketry and rapid loading, bayonet fighting and assault drill.</p>	Recreational Training.	Carrying out the scouting and patrolling by patrols over ground worked on in the daylight. I.O. to supervise
27/2/18.-	<p>2 " Coy. Route March.</p> <p><math>\frac{1}{2}</math> " Gas drill and instruction.</p> <p>1 " Advancing in open warfare with patrols. Open order drill.</p>	Half. Holiday.	Carrying out plans made during the day over the ground which scouts & patrols have seen in daylight.
28/2/18 -	As for 25/2/18.	Recreational Training.	As for 25/2/18.
1/3/18.-	As for 26/2/18, but substituting Coy. in attack for platoon in attack.	do	As for 26/2/18.
2/3/18. -	Battalion Route March.	do.	

Specialists Officers to assist Coy. Commanders as required in addition to training of Bn. Specialist Sections.  
When weather conditions adverse, suitable work to be carried out in mens' huts and short lectures to be given.  
10 minutes Smoke 'O at morning parade at hour suitable to Coy. Commanders.  
Lectures to be given during Smoke 'O.  
Rapid loading must be practised daily, and every man must be able to reach the standard laid down.  
Coy. Commanders to set scheme for Platoon exercise and submit same to C.O.  
C.O. will set scheme for Company exercise.

*K. J. Farwell* 2/Lieut.

A/Adjutant 7th. Australian Battalion.

APPENDIX 4

Headquarters  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
23/2/18.

TRAINING

During the coming week and also up to going into the line C.Os. will arrange to train special scouts and patrols as per S.S.195 in night scouting, patrolling and offensive work.

The training should be supervised by the I.Os and must be systematic and progressive.

Patrols are to be given set tasks and be taught to make their plans during the day, when they can observe the ground they are going to work over and then carry out those plans at night.

The use of Rifle Grenades for offensive action at night must be taught so as to carry out previous instructions contained in Brigade letter G/3452 dated 21/12/17 when we go into the line again.

Situations must be prepared so as to bring out the patrol leader's initiative and make him think.

Situations will also be prepared in which the Company Commander must act after the patrol has returned.

Company Commanders should be discouraged from detailing patrols haphazard, and without allowing the patrols to make proper arrangements as this method only means no information of importance and often loss of life unnecessarily.

At least one special patrol of the above nature should be trained in each Company and, if possible, one in each Platoon.

(Signed) L.N.ROACH Captain.  
A/Brigade Major.  
2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde.



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BRIGADE ORDER NO 78

APPENDIX 5

HEADQUARTERS  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade  
26th FEBRUARY 1918

reference map Sheet 28  
1:40,000

1. The 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade will relieve the 1st Inf. Brigade in the Divisional Reserve Area of 'C' or Northern Sector of the Corps Front on 28th February and move in accordance with March Table 'A'.
2. Advanced parties will be detailed to reconnoitre their respective camps, their positions of Assembly and routes thereto, before 28th inst.
3. (a) Receipts in duplicate for all maps, Photographs, Defence Schemes and other Documents of value taken over, will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by 1st last D.R. on 28th inst., also  
(b) For all Defence Schemes etc. handed over in LOCRE Area.
4. A certificate, in duplicate, will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by noon on 1st prox. that Defence Schemes have been taken over, troops properly detailed to the Defences, and orders for action in accordance with respective Schemes have been promulgated to all concerned.
5. The following distances will be maintained on the march  
100 yards between Companies, L.G. Coy. L.T.M. Dty. & B.P.  
100 " " Transport of units and gaps of  
25 yards between each group of 6  
vehicles.  
500 " Battalions
6. Billets, camps, horse lines and vicinity for which units are responsible, will be left scrupulously clean, and certificates in duplicate in this respect, from Area Commandant, will be forwarded to Brigade Hqs. by 1st D.R. on 28th inst.
7. Orders for Brigade Class of Instruction, relief of working parties and Administrative instructions will be issued separately.
8. Brigade Headquarters will close at LOCRE on 28th inst. at 9pm and open at LA CLYFFE (N.7.C.7.8.) at same hour.
9. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*Officer in hand at!*

*SW*

*C. Road*  
CAPTAIN  
a/Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Copy No	To whom	Time	Method
1	File	11.0a.m.	
2/4	War Diary	"	
5	5th Battalion	"	D.R. 16 Ede. Int. Officer
6	6th Battalion	"	" 17 Camp Commandant
7a	7th Battalion	"	" 18-22 Spares
8	2nd L.G. Coy. 8th Battn.	"	"
9	2A L.T.M. Dty.	"	"
10	1st Aust. Division	"	"
11	1st Aust. Inf. Ede.	"	"
12	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"
13	Camp Commandant LOCRE	"	"
14	Brigade Major	"	"
15	Staff Captain	"	"

MARCH TABLE 'A'  
 (To accompany 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No 78)

Serial No	Unit	From	To	Starting Point Place	Time of Passing	Remarks
1	Bde. Hqrs.	LOCRE Area	LA CLYTTE N.7.C.7.3.	Church LOCRE	1.30 p.m.	March Route via CANADA CORNER
2	5th Battn.	do	CURRAGH Camp N.17.C.2.9.	do	1.40 p.m.	do
3	6th Battn.	do	PARRET Camp N.17.a.1.7.	Road Junction N.20.d. Central	9.30 a.m.	Via LA POLKA
4	7th Battn.	do	MURREBIDGEE Camp N.7.a.5.6.	Church LOCRE	9.30 a.m.	" CANADA CORNER
5	8th Battn.	do	DE ZON Camp N.12.D.2.4.	do	1.50 p.m.	do
6	2nd M.G. Coy.	do	BAROSSA Camp N.15.B.7.8.	do	2 p.m.	Via LA CLYTTE
7	2A L.T.M. Bty.	do	DEVON Camp N.7.C.8.3.	N.18.D.5.5.	2 p.m.	Via N.13. and Cross Roads N.7.d.

Brigade Transport Lines will be at N.17.a.1.9. Transport will move with respective units and will proceed direct to Transport Lines under Transport Officer.

16 APPENDIX 5

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7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION ORDER No.14.

Reference Map - Sheet 28, 1/40,000.

1. The 7th Aust. Bn. will relieve the 3rd Aust. Bn. in the Div. Reserve Area of "C" on Northern Sector of the Corps Front, and will occupy MURRUMBIDGEE CAMP, N.7.A.5.6, on 28th inst.
2. Bn. will move in following order:- H/Qrs., "A", "B", "C" Coys. Head of Column passing starting point, Lochre Church, at 9-30 a.m. 100 yards between Coys.  
Dress: Full marching order (less one blanket).  
Route: Via Canada Corner.
3. Extra blanket to be rolled in bundles of ten shortwise, clearly labelled, and will be dumped next to the guard room inside the main gate of the camp by 8 a.m. tomorrow. Officers' valises etc. to be ready and dumped at same time.
4. Huts, Horse Lines, and vicinity for which Coys. and Transport are responsible, will be left scrupulously clean, and certificate in this respect to be rendered to Bn. Office by 8-30 a.m. on morning of 28th inst.  
Lieut. K.G. BANKS, "B" Coy., will remain behind and hand over to next Unit to occupy WAKEFIELD CAMP. "B" Coy. will detail 1 N.C.O. and 6 men to remain behind. This party will report to Lieut. BANKS at 8-45 a.m.
5. Lieut. E.G. ROBB to proceed to MURRUMBIDGEE CAMP on morning of 28th inst and take over camp.
6. Reports on march to head of column. On arrival at MURRUMBIDGEE CAMP, all correct or otherwise within half an hour of arrival.

*K. Harvie*  
2/Lieut.  
A/Adjutant 7th. Aust. Battalion.

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No.	1	C.O.
"	2	2nd In Command.
"	3	Adjutant
"	4	"A" Coy.
"	5	"B" Coy.
"	6	"C" Coy.
"	7	Q.M.
"	8	T.O.
"	9	Specialists
"	10 to 12.	War Diary.

ANNEX No.1 to 7th. AUST. BATTALION ORDER No.14. APPENDIX 5

1. Transport will move 100 yards in rear of "C" Coy. An interval of 25 yards to be kept between each section of six vehicles. Transport after unloading at MURRUMBIDGEE CAMP will proceed to Brigade Lines at N.11.A.2.3.
2. Acknowledge.

*K. Jamie*

2/Lieut.  
A/Adjutant 7th. Aust. Battalion.

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALIONChanges in Officers

APPENDIX 6

Departures.

Lieut. C. R. ANDERSON to Hospital Sick. 8/2/18.  
 " W. E. LANE do do 24/2/18.  
 " H. H. YOUNG to 2nd Training Battalion, England. 27/2/18.

Arrivals.

Capt. A. N. HAMILTON from Hospital Sick. 1/2/18.  
 " R. I. HILLARD do do 3/2/18.  
 2/Lieut. K. R. JARVIE from Seconded Hospital Sick. 15/2/18.  
 Lieut. A. DEAN from Seconded Wounded. 26/2/18.  
 " F. J. SMEDLEY from Seconded 2nd Training Battalion, England. 8/2/18.

To Australia.

Lieut. F. S. WYETH, A.I.F. List 294 of 8/2/18.  
 " H. R. HAMBROOK do 300 of 22/2/18.

In the Field.  
 28/2/18.

*Major*  
*advt*  
*1/2*  
 Major.  
 T/Commanding 7th. Aust. Battalion.

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION  
LIST OF HONORS AND AWARDS  
for Month of February 1918.  
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APPENDIX *7*

The following have been awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre. (A.C.R.Os. dated 16/2/18.)

39 R.Q.M.S. (W.O.11) BROWN C.G.  
380 C.S.M. (W.O.11) CAREY J.L.  
2533 L/Cpl. HASEY R.E.

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In the Field.  
28/2/18.

*Officer in Charge*  
*28/2/18*  
Major.  
T/Commanding 7th. Aust. Battalion.

7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION

Statement of Daily Strength

*APPENDIX 8*

	Off.	O.R.	Total
Daily Strength as on 1st February 1918 -	53	777	830
Daily Strength as on 28th February 1918 -	54	841	895

Departures

Arrivals.

To Hospital	63
To Australia on Leave	1
To 2nd Training Battalion	4
Trans. to other Unit	1
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From Hospital	38
Reinforcements	49
From Tng. Bn. England	1
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*Howland  
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*In* Major.  
T/Commanding 7th. Aust. Battalion.

7th. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION

APPENDIX 9<sup>22</sup>

Return of Officers on Strength of Unit in Order of Seniority at 1800 on 1st February 1918.

Order of Senty.	Rank	Name		Remarks.
1.	Lieut.Col.	Herrod "D.S.O."	E.E.	Commanding.
3.	Major	Bastin "M.C."	H.E.	2nd. in Command.
5.	Captain	Bowtell-Harris "M.C."	J.F.	O.C. "C" Coy.
7.	Hon. Capt.	Hopkinson	A.	Q.M.
8.	Lieut.	O'Connor	T.P.	O.C. "A" Coy.
9.	"	Hill	E.W.	T/O.C. "D" Coy.
11.	"	Hamilton	W.E.	Transport Officer.
12.	"	Wright	H.J.	L.M.G. Officer.
18.	"	Jardine	T.A.	a/Transport Officer.
19.	"	Swallow	R.W.	Bombing Officer.
22.	"	Lane	W.E.	T/O.C. "B" Coy.
24.	"	O'Neill	H.F.	Signal Officer
26.	"	Graham	R.J.	
27.	"	Harris	O.J.E.	Adjutant.
28.	"	Edgoose	P.L.	
29.	"	Gaulton	F.B.	
30.	"	Purbrick	R.B.	
31.	"	Meyer	A.P.F.	
33.	"	Anderson	C.R.	
34.	"	Mackinnon	D.C.	
36.	"	Banks	K.G.	
37.	2/Lieut.	Hatfield	P.T.	
38.	"	Crowe	M,V,	
40.	"	Grant	T.R.	
42.	"	Clowe	C.P.	
43.	"	Russell	G.B.	
47.	"	Lyle	J.M.	
49.	"	Trotman	G.L.S.	
50.	"	Hamblett	J.H.	
51.	"	Anderson	Roy.	

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2.	Major	Swift	C.H.	Leave England.
4.	Captain	Hamilton	A.N.	Hospital Sick.
6.	"	Hillard "M.C."	R.I.	" "
10.	Lieut.	Young	H.H.	Leave England.
13.	"	Piercey	R.L.	2nd. Army School.
14.	"	Reynolds	O.G.	Att. Officers Club, Locre.
15.	"	Fowler	J.	3rd Bde. Staff Trainee.
16.	"	Gordon	J.H.G.	Leave England.
17.	"	Purbrick	K.M.	" "
20.	"	Nixon	H.	" "
21.	"	Dickinson	V.R.	Bde. Intelligence Officer.
23.	"	Robo	E.G.	Leave England.
25.	"	Anderson	A.G.	Duty. Eng. re Indian Army.
32.	"	Phillips "M.C."	D.G.	10th Corps School.
35.	"	Beech	A.E.	Bde. Gas Officer.
39.	2/Lieut.	Jarvie	K.R.	Hospital Sick.
41.	"	Hanson	T.B.	Aust. Corps School.
44.	"	Mackenzie	K.J.D.	Att. 2nd. Aust. Field Coy.
45.	"	Carne	P.R.	T/Div. Musketry Officer.
46.	"	Ross	T.J.	10th Corps School.
48.	"	Whalley	R.P.	Aust. Corps School.

In the Field.  
1/2/18.

(Signed) E.E.HERROD Lieut.Col.  
Commanding 7th. Australian Battalion.

*Officer  
Lieut  
Adj*



## 7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION

APPENDIX 923

Return of Officers on Strength of Unit in Order of Seniority  
at 1800 on 8th February 1918.

Order of Senty.	Rank	Name.		Remarks.
1.	Lieut. Col.	Herrod "D.S.O."	E.E.	Commanding.
3.	Major	Bastin "M.C."	H.E.	O.C. "D" Coy.
4.	Captain	Hamilton	A.N.	O.C. "A" Coy.
5.	"	Bowtell-Harris "M.C."	J.F.	O.C. "C" Coy.
7.	Hon. Capt.	Hopkinson	A.	Q.M.
8.	Lieut.	O'Connor	T.P.	
9.	"	Hill	E.W.	O.C. "B" Coy.
11.	"	Hamilton	W.E.	Transport Officer.
12.	"	Wright	H.J.	L.M.G. Officer.
17.	"	Smedley	F.J.	
19.	"	Jardine	T.A.	A/Transport Officer.
20.	"	Swallow	R.W.	Bombing Officer.
23.	"	Lane	W.E.	
27.	"	Graham	R.J.	
28.	"	Harris	O.J.E.	Adjutant.
31.	"	Purbrick	R.B.	
34.	"	Anderson	C.R.	
35.	"	Mackinnon	D.C.	
37.	"	Banks	K.G.	
38.	2/Lieut.	Hatfield	P.T.	
39.	"	Crowe	M.V.	
41.	"	Grant	T.R.	
43.	"	Clowe	C.P.	
45.	"	Mackenzie	K.J.D.	
48.	"	Lyle	J.M.	
51.	"	Hamblett	J.H.	
52.	"	Anderson	Roy.	
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2.	Major	Swift	C.H.	Leave England.
6.	Captain	Hillard "M.C."	R.I.	Hospital Sick.
10.	Lieut.	Young	H.H.	Leave England.
13.	"	Piercey	R.L.	" "
14.	"	Reynolds	O.G.	Att. Officers Club, LOCRE.
15.	"	Fowler	J.	3rd Bde. Staff Trainee.
16.	"	Gordon	J.H.G.	Leave England.
18.	"	Purbrick	K.M.	" "
21.	"	Nixon	H.	" "
22.	"	Dickinson	V.R.	Bde. Intelligence Officer.
24.	"	Robb	E.G.	Leave England.
25.	"	O'Neill	H.F.	" "
26.	"	Anderson	A.G.	Duty Eng. re Indian Army.
29.	"	Edgoose	P.L.	Gas School.
30.	"	Gaulton	F.B.	Leave Paris.
32.	"	Meyer	A.P.F.	4th Army Musketry School.
33.	"	Phillips "M.C."	D.G.	10th Corps School.
36.	"	Beech	A.E.	Bde. Gas Officer.
40.	2/Lieut.	Jarvie	K.R.	Hospital Sick.
42.	"	Hanson	T.B.	Aust. Corps School.
44.	"	Russell	G.B.	Divl. Intelligence School.
46.	"	Carne	P.R.	T/Divl. Musketry Officer.
47.	"	Ross	T.J.	10th Corps School.
49.	"	Whalley	R.P.	Aust. Corps School.
50.	"	Trotman	G.L.S.	Leave Paris.

in the Field.  
8/2/18.

(Signed) E.E. HERROD Lieut. Col.  
Commanding 7th. Aust. Battalion.

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## 7th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION

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Return of Officers on Strength of Unit in Order of Seniority  
at 1800 on 15th February 1918.

Order of Senty.	Rank.	Name.		Remarks.
1.	Lieut. Col.	Herrod D.S.O.	E.E.	Commanding.
2.	Major	Swift	C.H.	2nd In Command.
3.	"	Bastin M.C.	H.E.	O.C. "D" Coy.
4.	Captain	Hamilton	A.N.	O.C. "A" Coy.
5.	"	Bowtell-Harris "M.C."	J.F.	O.C. "C" Coy.
7.	Hon. Capt.	Hopkinson	A.	Q.M.
8.	Lieut.	O'Connor	T.P.	<del>O.C. "B" Coy.</del>
9.	"	Hill	E.W.	O.C. "B" Coy.
10.	"	Young	H.H.	
11.	"	Hamilton	W.E.	Transport Officer.
12.	"	Wright	H.J.	L.M.G. Officer.
17.	"	Smedley	F.J.	
19.	"	Jardine	T.A.	a/Transport Officer.
20.	"	Swallow	R.W.	a/Asst. Adjutant.
21.	"	Nixon	H.	
23.	"	Lane	W.E.	
24.	"	Robb	E.G.	Intelligence Officer.
28.	"	Harris	O.J.E.	Adjutant.
30.	"	Gaulton	F.B.	
31.	"	Purbrick	R.B.	
37.	"	Banks	K.G.	
38.	2/Lieut.	Hatfield	P.T.	
39.	"	Crowe	M.V.	
41.	"	Grant	T.R.	
44.	"	Russell	G.B.	
45.	"	Mackenzie	K.J.D.	
48.	"	Lyle	J.M.	
50.	"	Trotman	G.L.S.	
51.	"	Hamblett	J.H.	
52.	"	Anderson	Roy.	

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6.	Captain	Hillard M.C.	R.I.	Hospital Sick.
13.	Lieut.	Piercey	R.L.	Leave England.
14.	"	Reynolds	O.G.	Att. Officers Club, LOCRE.
15.	"	Fowler	J.	3rd Bde. Staff Trainee.
16.	"	Gordon	J.H.G.	Leave England.
18.	"	Purbrick	K.M.	" "
22.	"	Dickinson	V.R.	Bde. Intelligence Officer.
25.	"	O'Neill	H.F.	Leave England.
26.	"	Anderson	A.G.	Duty Eng. re Indian Army.
27.	"	Graham	R.J.	2nd Army School.
29.	"	Edgoose	P.L.	Leave England.
32.	"	Meyer	A.P.F.	4th Army Musketry School.
33.	"	Phillips "M.C."	D.G.	10th Corps School.
34.	"	Anderson	C.R.	Hospital Sick.
35.	"	Mackinnon	D.C.	4th Army School.
36.	"	Beech	A.E.	Bde. Gas Officer.
40.	2/Lieut.	Jarvie	K.R.	Hospital Sick.
42.	"	Hanson	T.B.	Aust. Corps School.
43.	"	Clowe	C.P.	Leave England.
46.	"	Carne	P.R.	T/Div. Musketry Officer.
47.	"	Ross	T.J.	10th Corps School.
49.	"	Whalley	R.P.	Aust. Corps School.

in the Field.

15/2/18.

*Harris Lieut  
adjt*

(Signed) E.E. HERROD Lieut. Col.  
Commanding 7th. Australian Battalion.

Return of Officers on Strength of Unit in Order of Seniority  
at 1800 on 22nd February 1918.

Order of Senty.	Rank.	Name.		Remarks.
1.	Lieut. Col.	Herrod "D.S.O."	H.E.	Commanding.
2.	Major	Swift	C.H.	2nd In Command.
3.	"	Bastin "M.C."	H.E.	O.C. "D" Coy.
4.	Captain	Hamilton	A.R.	O.C. "A" Coy.
5.	"	Bowtell-Harris "M.C."	J.F.	O.C. "C" Coy.
8.	Lieut.	O'Connor	T.P.	
9.	"	Hill	E.W.	O.C. "B" Coy.
10.	"	Young	H.H.	
11.	"	Hamilton	W.E.	Transport Officer.
12.	"	Wright	H.J.	L.M.G. Officer.
13.	"	Piercey	R.L.	
17.	"	Smedley	F.J.	
18.	"	Purbrick	K.M.	
19.	"	Jardine	T.A.	a/Transport Officer.
20.	"	Swallow	R.W.	Bomb Officer.
21.	"	Nixon	H.	
23.	"	Lane	W.E.	
24.	"	Robb	E.G.	Intelligence Officer.
25.	"	O'Neill	H.F.	Signal Officer.
30.	"	Gaulton	F.B.	
31.	"	Purbrick	R.B.	
37.	"	Banks	K.G.	
33.	2/Lieut.	Hatfield	P.T.	
39.	"	Crowe	M.V.	
40.	"	Jarvie	K.R.	a/Adjutant.
44.	"	Russell	G.B.	
47.	"	Ross	T.J.	
50.	"	Trotman	G.L.S.	
51.	"	Hamblett	J.H.	
52.	"	Anderson	Roy.	

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6.	Captain	Hillard	Mc	H.I.	Hospital Sick.
7.	Hon. Capt.	Hopkinson		A.	Leave Paris.
14.	Lieut.	Reynolds		O.G.	Att. Officers Club, LOCRE.
15.	"	Fowler		J.	3rd Bde. Staff Trainee.
16.	"	Gordon		J.H.G.	Aust. Corps Gas School.
22.	"	Dickinson		V.R.	Bde. Intelligence Officer.
26.	"	Anderson		A.G.	Duty Eng. re Indian Army.
27.	"	Graham		R.J.	2nd Army School.
28.	"	Harris		O.J.E.	Duty 3rd Echelon.
29.	"	Edgoose		P.L.	Leave England.
32.	"	Meyer		A.P.P.	4th Army Musketry School.
33.	"	Phillips "M.C."		D.G.	Leave England.
34.	"	Anderson		C.R.	Hospital Sick.
35.	"	Mackinnon		D.C.	4th Army School.
36.	"	Beech		A.E.	Bde. Gas Officer.
41.	2/Lieut.	Grant		T.R.	Leave Paris.
42.	"	Hanson		T.B.	Aust. Corps School.
43.	"	Clowe		C.P.	Leave England.
45.	"	Mackenzie		K.J.D.	Leave Amiens.
46.	"	Carne		P.R.	T/Divl. Musketry Officer.
48.	"	Lyle		J.M.	Leave Paris.
49.	"	Whalley		R.P.	Aust. Corps School.

In the Field.  
22/2/18.

*Harris Lieut  
adjt*

Lieut. Col.  
Commanding 7th. Australian Battalion.