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LINE. MT. ST QUENTIN SECTOR. BDE HQ. H15C33. Ref Sheet. 620 1/40,000	Sept. 1.		<p>The Bde passed thro the 5th A1 Bde at 6 am to attack MONT ST QUENTIN. The 5th A1 Bde had attacked the same position the previous morning, had had heavy casualties and although some elements had penetrated to the eastern edge of the village, they were apparently quickly dealt with and forced to evacuate in the face of superior forces. Some difficulties must have been experienced by the 5th A1 Bde in locating their front line, because when the 6th A1 Bde formed up to pass thro' to 5th A1 Bde, they encountered enemy infantry in strength fully 500+ west of the point anticipated. Only very small parties of 5th A1 Bde were found on the line given as their front line. They had been entirely surrounded. The above fact combined with the heavy and continuous hostile shelling including gas, considerably hampered our forward progress and caused some casualties. The attack was launched with</p>	

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<p>LIVE MT ST QUENTIN SECTOR Bd No H15 C33 Ref map Sheet 620/4500</p>	<p>Sept 1st</p>		<p>The 23rd Bn on the right and the 24th Bn on the left, the 21st Bn in support and the 22nd Bn in 1st Reserve. The attack got away to time and immediately heavy opposition was encountered. Very little progress was made by the 23rd Bn who sustained heavy casualties. The 24th Bn were more fortunate and succeeded in pushing forward and penetrating FEVILLAU COURT. They then endeavoured to enter MT ST QUENTIN from the north, but their depleted forces could not make progress over the open spaces against a hail of bullets from an enemy in considerable strength, with many MGs, established in a very strongly fortified and commanding tactical position. The 10th Bde of the 3rd Aust Div who had attacked at 5.30 am had made good progress and were in touch on our left. The 14th Bde of the 5th Aust Div which attacked South East simultaneously with this Bde also met very heavy opposition and made but</p>	

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LITVE MT ST QUENTIN SECTOR BDE, HQ HISC 33 Rth of sheet 620 1/40,000.	Sept 1st		<p>little progress. The whole operation was now brought to a standstill and at 8 am the GOC after telephone conversation with Lt Col WB Brazner of the 23rd Bn decided to renew the attack at 1/30 pm after a heavy and concentrated bombardment which was preceded all the morning by vigorous harassing fire with all Calibres of guns available. The second attack was launched at 1/30 pm by a organised force as under. The 23rd Bn on the right the 21st Bn in the centre. The 24th Bn on the left. The 22nd Bn were moved up into vicinity of GOTTLEIB and GOTT MIT UNS TRONCHOS in close support. After extremely heavy fighting the attack succeeded and a line was established on the eastern outskirts of the village. Attempts to exploit further with a view to establishing our original objective did not mature owing to our heavy casualties and the heavy nature of the fighting. It was ^{then} decided to consolidate ^{our} ^{line} ^{again}.</p>	

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LINE. BMT. ST. QUENTIN SECTOR BOE HQ HISC 33 Reg Map Sheet 620 1/4000	1st 2nd		<p>For full and detailed report of these operations see Report wired, and attached as Appendix to War Report ^{Report} of August. This includes order issued, causing ^{causing} capture of other arms etc. Very dark night some drizzling rain in early morning but followed by fine sunny day with good visibility.</p> <p>Artillery very active on both sides. Some green cross gas shell used by the enemy.</p> <p>at 5/30 am the 7th Bde passed the Bde in its battle positions to continue the advance and form a defensive flank facing South East.</p> <p>The 2nd Bde came under tactical command of 7th Bde at 9 am and moved to position on their left flank in support of 14C.</p> <p>The 3rd Bde on our left flank has been squeezed out and we have now the 5th Div who attacked at same time on 7th Bde. They captured NOISEMAKS but were counterattacked out of it.</p> <p>The 6th Bde is now in support.</p> <p>Dark night with fine sunny day and good visibility following</p>	<p>(App XL of August)</p> <p>4</p>

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SUPPORT MT. ST. QUENTIN 3rd SECTOR BDE HQ HISC 33 Ref Map Sheet 62 O 440000	Sept		<p>fairly quiet night. The enemy has apparently accepted his defeat as no attempts at counter attacks have been made.</p> <p>Dwnl commander (Major Genl Rosenthal) held conference at Bde HQ with all Brigadiers of Div at 10 am. The situation generally was discussed and he informed SO Col. this Bde that if possible we may expect relief tomorrow night. We received confirmation of this by phone at 1 pm.</p> <p>Nothing of incident happened during the day and there is no change in the situation.</p> <p>WOC goes to Dwnl HQ at 4/15 pm to meet party of Ausln Pressmen, who are visiting the front.</p> <p>Dark cloudy night. Fine sunny day good visibility.</p>	
" "	47.		<p>The Bde is to be withdrawn tonight and where possible this afternoon per order NO. 180</p> <p>The new billeting area is CAPPY. Bde HQ goes to G 32 a 29. At 22.00 pm, still attached to 1st Bde moves out with teams and reports to</p>	App I

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SUPPORT. MT ST QUENTIN SECTOR. BDE HQ HISL 33 Ref map sheet 620 1/40000	Sept 4 th		Bde tomorrow in new beltting area. It is anticipated the Bde will begin a fortnight's rest. There is to be a parade before the Commanding Officer about a week's time. Last night was quiet in the forward area but the enemy aeroplane did a few amount of bombing. Fine weather continues.	
CAPPY AREA Bde HQ G32 a 29 Ref map sheet 620 1/40000	5 th		The withdrawal of the Bde to new area accomplished without incident. The day spent resting, as the men are very heavy and did not reach this area until late this morning. Fine sunny morning and in early afternoon heavy thunderstorm at 4pm which lasted till 6pm, then fine again.	

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CAPPY	6-9-18	10am 2pm	<p>Major J. L. M. Case GSO 3 2nd Aust Div reported for duty as Bde Major 6th A. I. Bde vice Major W. F. N. BRIDGES to England wounded.</p> <p>Conference of Commanding Officers at Bde HQ. G.O.C. read over draft of Bde report on recent operations in order that COs might be able to mention any points or incidents not included in Bde draft report and suggest any alterations and amendments.</p> <p>All COs were of the opinion that during operations similar to those of the last 2 weeks no more than 1 Stokes mortar should be attached to an Inf. Bn. The question of ammunition supply rendered the employment of more than 1 mortar nearly impossible.</p> <p>G.O.C. impressed on COs the importance of smartening the men up especially in the matter of saluting which at the present time was very bad in the Bde.</p> <p>Bde memo no 632 sent to 2nd Aust Div - Casualties for period 31st Aug - 3rd Sept 1918 inclusive.</p>	Appendix no III
"	7-9-18		<p>weather during day very fine and sunny.</p> <p>2nd Aust Div order G.O. 1/977 Received - <u>Action of Aust Corps.</u></p> <p>fine warm sunny day. All units resting and refitting.</p> <p>G.O.C. visited Divisional Commander in afternoon.</p> <p>Report on Operations 6th A. I. Bde for period 25th August to 4th Sept 1918 forwarded 2nd A. Div.</p>	Appendix IV
"	8-9-18		<p>G.O.C. attended Combined Church Parade of all Bde units at CAPPY at 10.30am and addressed the men for a few minutes after parade. March past of units had to be postponed owing to rain which continued off and on during the remainder of the day.</p>	

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CAPPY	11.9.18	1p 2pm 4.30p	<p>2nd Aust Div Order G.1/979 Received. - Readjustment of Australian Corps front and new objectives allotted the Corps.</p> <p>During the last 4 days arrangements have been made to organize a Bde sports meeting to be held on FRIDAY 13th Sept. 1918 at CAPPY. The winners of events will subsequently represent the Bde at the Divisional sports to be held on Monday 16th Sept. A copy of Bde sports programme is <u>attached</u>.</p> <p>G.O.C visited Div. Hq.</p> <p>Secret letter no 108/137 Received from 2nd Aust Div forwarding letter from Corps Commander to G.O.C 2nd Aust Div re proposed disbandment of one Bn in the 6th A. Bde in view of the fact that there is no prospect of maintaining all 4 Bns up to reasonable strength. A recommendation is to be sent in as early as possible as to which Bn should be disbanded.</p> <p>Bde Commander called a conference of Bn Commanders at Bde Hq and read read over to them the letter from Aust Corps re reduction of Bns in the Bde. Co's were instructed not to mention the matter to anyone for the present. In the meantime the Bde Commander would arrive at a decision as to which Bn should be recommended for disbandment.</p> <p>Rain off and on throughout the remainder of the afternoon and night.</p>	<p>Miscellaneous Appendices.</p> <p>Appendix VII</p>

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CAPPY	12.9.18	9am	<p>Intermittent showers throughout the night and early morning.</p> <p>Parade of 23rd and 24th Bns for inspection by G.O.C. cancelled owing to the rain. 21st and 23rd Bns being billeted in huts and hoppers have not been greatly inconvenienced by the wet weather of the last few days. The 22nd and 24th Bns however, living in dugouts and lean-tos along the Canal bank north of CAPPY have had a considerable amount of difficulty in keeping the men dry and comfortable. Extra bench sheets have been sent them to improve existing accommodation.</p>	
		9am	<p>Congratulatory message from General Sir H.R. Blandford G.O.C. A.I.F. received by General Robertson.</p>	Appendix VIII
		2pm	<p>Gen. accompanied by P.M. and S.C. visited Aust. boys HQ near BARLEUX.</p>	
		7pm	<p>Gen. " " " " attended concert at Div HQ.</p>	
			<p>Continuous showers of rain during afternoon and night</p>	
"	13.9.18	9am	<p>Owing to the almost continuous rain of the last 3 days having rendered the ground too muddy and soft and the threat of further rain the Bde Sports due to commence at 10am at CAPPY were postponed till 14th inst.</p>	
		9am	<p>Draft of 2nd Aust Bn report on operations for period 26th August to 5th Sept. 1918</p>	
			<p>forwarded for any corrections or comments which the G.O.C. might consider necessary.</p>	

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CAPPY	13.9.18	2pm	<p>G.O.C. visited D.H.Q. to meet W.M. HUGHES Premier of Australia. Weather cleared up considerably during the afternoon. A strong wind springing up helped materially in drying the ground. Bde memo No 749 sent 2nd Aust. Div. — Amended list of prisoners and War Material captured by 6th A Bde during the period 26th August to 2nd Sept 1918. Report received from 4th A.T.A. Bde on operations of the Bde for period 29th August to 3rd Sept. 1918.</p>	<p>Appendix IX.</p>
"	14.9.18	9am	<p>Fine night. No rain. Bde. sports commenced 10am and finished at 6pm. Weather fine throughout and sports went off very successfully 23rd Bn winning Bde Championship Cup with 28 points 22nd Bn coming second with 18 points. Winners of Bde. events will represent the Bde at the Divisional sports to be held on 16th Inst weather permitting. G.O.C. accompanied by Bn visited Div H.Q.</p>	<p>11</p>

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CAPPY	14.9.18		<p>6pm. Brig Genl. Robertson relinquished command of 2nd Aust Div on return to duty of major Genl. Rosenthal.</p> <p>fine afternoon no rain but cloudy.</p> <p>Balance sheet for 6th A.I. Bde nucleus canteen issued.</p>	<p>Miscellaneous appendices.</p>
"	15.9.18	8am	<p>fine warm sunny morning later in the day becoming hot.</p>	
		10am	<p>G.O.C. visited Div HQ for conference with Divisional Commander re disbandment of one Bn of 6th A.I. Bde.</p>	
			<p>6th A.I. Bde letter no 778 sent 2nd Aust. Div. recommending that if a Bn of the Bde has to be disbanded that it should be the 21st Bn. The decision was arrived at on quite minor reasons as the Bns are maintain an evenness of quality throughout and all 4 Bn Commanders are thoroughly competent. The reasons given for recommending the disbandment of the 21st Bn are set out in Bde letter no 778 attached</p>	<p>Appendix X</p>
		9pm	<p>Conference at D. HQ attended by G.O.C. 5th + 6th A.I. Bdes + officers of Both Bde who took part in the recent fighting at MT. ST. QUENTIN in order to obtain a report on the operations which would be just to both Bdes. concerned. At the</p>	<p>13</p>

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CAPPY	15.9.18		Conference it was decided that the wording on several sentences in the 6 th A.D. Bde report should be altered in deference to the 5 th A.D. Bde. This was accordingly done.	
"	16.9.18	7am	Fine warm sunny morning.	
			All units of Bde and G.O.C and Staff attended Divisional Sports meeting held near CAPPY.	
		10am	Bde Memo N ^o 784 issued to units and copy sent to 2 nd Aust. Div. Memo sets out the lines on which training is to be conducted during the coming week.	Appendix <u>XI</u>
		6pm	Fine weather lasted throughout the day.	
"	17.9.18	1am	Violent thunderstorm lasting for about an hour. Some damage done to Bn billets and hooonacs as a result of the storm.	
		10am	G.O.C and P.M inspected Bns at training work.	
		2pm	G.O.C visited MONT. ST. QUENTIN during afternoon.	
		2.15pm	2 nd Aust Div order G 1/980 received - giving objectives of Aust. Corps in an attack to be delivered on a day and at a time to be notified later.	

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CAPPY	17-9-18		<p>Total strength of Bde Units as at 12 midnight 16th/17th Sept.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>21st Bn.</td> <td>37 officers</td> <td>584 other ranks.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22nd Bn.</td> <td>29 "</td> <td>611 " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23rd Bn.</td> <td>35 "</td> <td>670 " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24th Bn.</td> <td>39 "</td> <td>584 " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6th A.L. T.M.S. Coy.</td> <td>3 "</td> <td>46 " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6th A.9 Bde HQ</td> <td>5 "</td> <td>22 " "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>148 Officers</td> <td>2517 other Ranks.</td> </tr> </table> <p>A.9.7. War Establishment for an Inf Bde.:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td>187 officers</td> <td>3671 other ranks.</td> </tr> </table> <p>6th A.9 Bde is therefore under strength to the extent of:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td>39 officers</td> <td>1154 other ranks.</td> </tr> </table> <p>7th B.M. Visited HQ 5th Aust. Div.</p>	21 st Bn.	37 officers	584 other ranks.	22 nd Bn.	29 "	611 " "	23 rd Bn.	35 "	670 " "	24 th Bn.	39 "	584 " "	6 th A.L. T.M.S. Coy.	3 "	46 " "	6 th A.9 Bde HQ	5 "	22 " "	Total	148 Officers	2517 other Ranks.		187 officers	3671 other ranks.		39 officers	1154 other ranks.	
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CAPPY	18.9.19	8am	Some rain during night.	
		10am	G.O.C and B.M. accompanied by G.S.O.1 Inspected 22 nd 23 rd and 24 th Bns at Training.	
		12noon	Report from 2 nd Aust Div that attack by 1 st & 4 th Aust Divs this morning had been successful, troops appearing to be in occupation of final objective which was bench line about 1 mile west of the main HINDENBERG LINE opposite BELLENGUISE and BELLICOURT.	
		2p	Fine morning but hot and muggy.	
		4p	B.M. visited 22 nd and 23 rd Bns.	
CAPPY.	19.9.18	8am	Fine morning but overcast.	
		10am	G.O.C accompanied by B.M. inspected 21 st Bn and later visited A.H.Q.	
		11am	Some rain which however did not last long.	
		2p	G.O.C. visited 7 th A.I. Bde.	
		6pm	Fine day, warm but still threatening rain.	
			Bde memo Issued re Daily Parade of Bde HQ personnel.	

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CAPPY	19.9.19.		<p>Memo received from H.Q. AIF through 2nd Aust Div notifying appointment of Major J.J.L. McCall as Bde Major 6th A.I. Bde vice Major W.F.H. Bridges to England to date 13.9.19.</p> <p>Memo received from 2nd Aust Div instructing Brigadiers etc to attend a conference at B.H.Q. at 10 am 20th Inst.</p> <p>Memo sent to units forwarding a letter received from the Corps Commander outlining a scheme for the treatment of Cases of NCOs and men who have been sentenced for desertion or a.w.L and where it has been clearly proved that such NCOs or men did not desert through ill will but entirely on account of the stress and strain of war after long and good service.</p>	
CAPPY.	20.9.18.	8 am	Fine warm sunny morning but chilly.	
		10 am	GOC attended attended conference at B.H.Q.	
		12 noon	<p>Conference of C.O's at Bde H.Q. At this Conference the G.O.C informed C.O's that he had recommended that the 21st Bn should be disbanded in view of present strengths and lack of reinforcements. He directed that the C.O 21st Bn begin all preliminary arrangements for the disbandment of the Bn and the transfer of personnel thus set free to the remaining 3 Bns of the Bde.</p>	

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CAPPY	20-9-18		<p>The G.O.C stated that he did not intend to state why he had selected the 21st Bn for disbandment as the reasons were, in themselves, so slight as to hardly warrant the 21st Bn being selected. He further stated that he considered the 21st Bn as second to none as regards fighting qualities. The selection had to be made.</p> <p>Definite Definite orders had not yet been received for the disbandment of the 21st Bn but all preliminary arrangements were to be made, so that when the time came the necessary transfers could be effected without loss of time.</p>	
		3pm	<p>A Party of English journalists and newspaper proprietors visited Bde HQ and the Pns of the Bde during the afternoon.</p>	
		5pm	<p>Conference of all C.O's at Bde. HQ. G.O.C stated that probably within 12 or 14 days the Aust. Corps would be required to attack again. The object was to break through the HINDENBERG LINE with the 3rd and 5th Aust. Divs. British troops would cooperate on the flanks of the Corps. Immediately after breaking through the HINDENBERG LINE the 2nd Aust. Div would be hurled up from CAPPY area as far forward as possible and would continue the advance to at least a depth of 10 miles. The Division would probably advance on a 6000 yards front and would be supported by 3 Bdes of field arty. A Regiment of Cavalry and a number of Armoured Cars and WHIPPET TRACKS.</p>	

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CAPPY.	20.9.18		<p>It had not yet been definitely decided which sector of the HINDENBERG LINE was to be broken by the Aust Corps. Also it had not yet been decided how many Bdes of the 2nd Aust Div would be put in on the Div front.</p> <p>As far as was known at present no troops would cooperate on the flanks of the 2nd Aust Div but arrangements would be made by both 3rd and 5th Aust Divs to protect as flanker as we advanced.</p> <p>It was not anticipated that if once the main HINDENBERG LINE was broken that the enemy would be able to offer very much resistance for quite some time.</p> <p>The operation would call for great physical endurance from the men and in the meantime the G.O.C. directed they were to be given route marches every alternate day to harden their feet and all men were to be encouraged to take part in organized games, sports etc.</p> <p>The fitting of the mens boots was to be carefully looked into and arrangements made for at once breaking in new boots which might be issued.</p> <p>Bde Routine orders Issued.</p>	Miscellaneous appendices

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CAPPY.	21.9.18	8am 10am 3pm 8pm	<p>Fine warm sunny morning.</p> <p>G.O.C. accompanied by B.M. visited 21st Bn H.Q. G.O.C. explained to representative officers and NCOs of the Bn the necessity for disbanding one Bn of the Bde. He said that if possible he would try and arrange that the disbandment should not take place till after the next operation. He urged on officers and NCOs their duty to loyally assist Higher Authority in the action they had taken regarding the 21st Bn and to do everything possible to keep the men under control in case any of the wilder spirits amongst them began an agitation against the disbandment of the Bn. The G.O.C. stated that none requested the necessity for disbanding the 21st Bn more than he did himself. It had to be and it was now the duty of all ranks to see that the orders issued by higher command were loyally carried out.</p> <p>G.O.C. visited Corps Commander and conferred with him re the disbandment of the 21st Bn. The Corps Comdr stated that the reinforcements were coming forward so slowly that it was impossible to maintain 57 Bns in the field and that some must go. He further stated that G.H.Q. had directed that in view of the shortage of men B Australian Inf. Bns must gradually be reduced from 4 Bns to 3 Bns each.</p> <p>C.O. 21st Bn visited Bde H.Q. and the allotment of officers of 21st Bn to the remaining Bns of the Bde was fixed subject to confirmation by higher authority.</p>	

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CAPPY	21-9-18		<p>Bde. memo No 886 Issued. — Disbandment of Bde Sniping Section.</p> <p>G.O.C. 6th A.I. Bde assumed command of 2nd Aust. Div. during temporary absence of Major Genl Rosenthal.</p> <p>6th A.I. Bde strength Return as at 12 noon 21-9-18 sent to 2nd Aust Div.</p>	<p>Appendix <u>XIII</u></p>
CAPPY.	22-9-18	<p>8am</p> <p>2pm</p> <p>2:30pm</p>	<p>Warm Sunny morning. Prospect of rain later in day. Pms resting.</p> <p>G.O.C. visited D.H.Q.</p> <p>24th Bn. Band which came up to play at Bde H.Q. during the course of the afternoon were obliged to cancel the visit owing to very heavy rain which commenced about 3pm and lasted with a few clear intervals late into the evening.</p> <p>Bde Memo No 893 Issued to units. — Training programme for week ending Saturday 28th Sept.</p>	<p>Appendix <u>XIV</u></p> <p>Appendix <u>XV</u></p> <p>Appendix <u>XVI</u></p>
CAPPY	23-9-18	8am	<p>Very bed night. Fine Clear morning.</p> <p>B.M. & S.C. visited C.O. 21st Bn to make final arrangements for transfer of personnel of 21st Bn to the remaining Bns of the Bde when direct orders for the disbandment of the 21st Bn have been received.</p>	<p>Appendix <u>XVI</u></p>

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CAPPY.	23 23.9.18	9am	Bns training in accordance with Bde memo no 893. 2.30p GOC accompanied by BSM rode over to HERLEVILLE and went over the ground fought over and captured ^{there} by 6 th A.G. Bde during the period 14 th August to 19 th August. 3p Thunder storm which quickly passed over.	
CAPPY	24 9.18	8am	Cold night. Fine warm sunny morning. G.O.C 6 th A.G. Bde relinquished command of 2 nd Aust Div on return to duty of Genl. Rosenthal. 2 noon Genl. Rosenthal interviewed representative officers, NCOs and men of 21 st Bn and at their request in order that he might hear their case against the proposed disbandment of the 21 st Bn. He stated the reasons for the disbandment of the Bn and read out a letter just received from the Corps Commander stating that "by the 26 th Sept all Inf. Bdes of the A.G.F. with the exception of 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th A.G. Bdes were to be reorganized on a 3 Bn basis." He stated how sorry he was that this reduction had to take place but as it was definitely ordered by higher authority all ranks must do their utmost to see that these orders were loyally carried out.	

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CAPPY	24.9.18.	4pm	<p>Divisional Commander at a full parade of 21st Bn explained the reasons and necessity for the disbandment of the 21st Bn. He promised however that the Regimental Band would be kept intact, that he would recommend to the Corps a suggestion that the 21st Bn personnel transferred to other Bns should be allowed to retain their old colour patches in miniature on their new Bn colour patches. He also stated that it was the intention that the Headquarters of the 21st Bn should proceed to England where they would retain their number and Colours and become the training Bn for the 6th Aust. Inf Bde. He also stated that the A. I. F. authorities had promised, if the situation permitted, that after peace had been declared, the 21st Bn would be reconstituted and proceed back to Australia as part and parcel of the 6th Aust. Inf Bde.</p>	
		9pm	<p>6th Aust Inf Bde Special order issued. — Disbandment of 21st Bn to take place at once, personnel set free being transferred to 22nd, 23rd and 24th Bns in accordance with instructions contained in the Special order.</p>	
			<p>Instructions received from 2nd Aust Div for Bns of the Bde to attend a practice at HERLEVILLE on 26th Inst working with TANKS in a semi-open warfare attack.</p>	<p>appendix XVII.</p>

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CAPPY	24 9 18	9pm	1 st addendum to 6 th A. I. Bde special order issued.	Appendix XVII (attached to special order)
		9:15pm	2 nd Aust Div memo no 108/137 received. — Definite instructions for the immediate disbandment of 21 st Bn in 6 th A. I. Bde, 19 th Bn in 5 th A. I. Bde and 25 th Bn in 7 th A. I. Bde. — All transfers etc to be completed by 26 th Inst. Copy of letter from Corps Commander also attached stating Bns of the A. I. F. which are to be disbanded forthwith also a "Statement of the Circumstances which have necessitated the reorganization in the A. I. F. of Infantry Bns on a 3 Bn. Basis." and 941	appendix XVIII
		10pm	6 th A. I. Bde Memos 916 ^A issued to 22 nd 23 rd + 24 th Bns and 6 th A. I. T.M. Bty re TANK practices to be carried out at HERLEVILLE on 26 th Inst.	appendix XIX
		10:30pm	6 th A. I. Bde memo no 928 — List of subjects to be dealt with by CO's of disbanded Bns — Sent to C.O. 21 st Bn.	appendix XX
		11pm	6 th A. I. Bde memo no 929 sent to Commanding Officers 21 st 22 nd 23 rd 24 th Bns. — Fact to be exercised by CO's in the actual carrying out of the instructions contained in 6 th A. I. Bde "special order" issued today.	appendix XXI JMO

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CAPPY.	24.9.18	8.30pm	<p>C.O. 21st Bn reported to G.O.C. that from what he could hear and had seen he anticipated that the NCOs and men of the 21st Bn would in the morning refuse to move off to their new Bns.</p> <p>GOC and C.O. 21st Bn conferred with Divisional Commander re the matter and decided that nothing could be done at the time. The men were to be instructed to fall in at 10am 26th Inst in full marching order ready to move off to their new Bns. Their conduct on that parade would determine the action to be taken by higher authority if ^{such} action was necessary at all.</p>	
CAPPY.	25.9.18	8a	<p>Time Sunny morning.</p> <p>At 11am C.O. 21st Bn reported that his Coy Commanders had reported at 9.30 am that their men had refused to fall in on parade in 'full marching order' preparatory to marching to join their new Bns but stated that they would fall in in 'drill order' and carry out the normal syllabus of training. They were therefore ordered to fall in in drill order at 10am on this parade the C.O. himself addressed the men and in their hearing instructed Coy Comdr. to get their men into marching order and move off to their new Bns at once.</p> <p>At 11am each Coy. Comdr. reported that none of their</p>	

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CAPPY	25/9/15	11am	men had fallen in as ordered. All officers were then given orders to report at once to their new Pns leaving the men without any officers.	
			Rations were drawn in the usual manner during the morning from the ASC but except for distributing and allotting the rations for the officers who had moved out for any detached parties, the Regimental G.O.'s staff refused to handle the remainder of the rations, unless to issue them to the men.	
		11:30am	G.O.C. informed Div Comdr. of the situation. CO 21 st Bn was instructed to take no notice of the men. The work of the Bde would proceed as if nothing abnormal had occurred.	
		1pm	After lunch the 21 st Bn formed up under the NCO's and headed by the band marched to the sports ground where a football match was played. Their conduct was exemplary.	
		5pm	At 5pm a note was received from the 21 st Bn signed by one of the NCO's stating that as their officers had left, they had in the interests of law and order appointed one NCO to act in the capacity of CO 21 st Bn and another as adjutant.	Appendix XXII
		5:30pm	G.O.C. attended a conference at DMQ at which Div Comdr. stated that orders had been received from Corps that in view of impending operations	25 D.P.

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CAPPY	25.9.18		<p>it had been decided that the question of the disbandment of Inf Bns would be temporarily left in abeyance.</p> <p>6.30pm The above decision was made known to C.O. 21st Bn at 6.30pm.</p> <p>7pm 6th A.I. Bde memo no 947 issued - "Instructions contained in Bde special order of 24th inst re disbandment of 21st Bn to remain in abeyance. Officers of 21st Bn to rejoin their Bn at once. All Bns to reorganize on a 3 Coy Basis at once.</p> <p>8pm 6th A.I. Bde memo no 951 issued - "Bde sick returns for period 23.8.18 to 20.9.18 far higher than those of other Bdes of the Div. G.O.C. desires C.O's to go into this matter very carefully with their R.M.O's.</p>	<p>appendix <u>XXIII</u></p> <p>appendix <u>XXIV</u></p>
CAPPY	26.9.18	8am	<p>Very fine warm sunny morning. —</p> <p>All Bns and T.M. Bty marched over to HERLEVILLE to take part in Tank practice. The practice consisted in an attack by 1 Bn of Inf assisted by 3 Bns on a series of strong points and a definite trench system in rear of the strong points. Each Bn profited by observing the mistakes made by the Bn doing the exercise before it.</p>	<p>26</p>

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CAPPY	26.9.18	4 1/2	Phone message from R.H.Q. that the whole division would move forward east of the SOMME on the night 27 th /28 th Sept - 6 th A.D. Bde to billet in the LE MESNIL - BRUNTEL area. Staff Capt. went forward to reconnoitre billeting area.	
		5.15	6 th A.D. Bde warning order (memo no 957) sent out to all units. - move of Bde on night 27 th /28 th Sept to LE MESNIL area.	move of appendix <u>XXV</u>
		5.45	2 nd Aust. Div. order no 219 received. Move of Division into the PERONNE and MESNIL areas during night 27 th /28 th Sept. A move to assembly areas would take place on night 28 th /29 th Sept. For the move 6 th A.D. Bde group to consist of 6 th Aust. Inf. Bde 6 th Aust. Field Amb. 6 th Aust. Field Coy Engrs 6 th Aust. Sig. Coy.	
		8 pm	Amendment to 2 nd Aust. Div. order no 219 received. - M. G. Coy would move as a Bn and not in Bde groups.	
		11.50 pm	6 th A.D. Bde order no 181 and Administrative orders in connection with same issued to all units of 6 th A.D. Bde group.	Appendix <u>XXVI</u>

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CAPPY	27.9.18	8am	<p>fine morning. Preliminary reports of allied offensive on southern portion of western front in France received also very good news from PALESTINE and MACEDONIAN fronts. On latter front BULGARIA after 48 hours armistice asked for peace which was refused.</p>	
		9am	<p>5th and 7th A I Bde orders for move forward received.</p>	
		10am	<p>23rd and 24th Bn " " " "</p>	
			<p>2nd Aust Div - Instructions of 'Series E' received along with maps. - Action of Aust. Corps on a date to be notified later. "Aust Corps with the 11 American Corps affiliated to attack the HINDENBERG LINE in the sector NAUROY - GOUY. Attack to be carried out in two main phases: -</p>	
			<p>Phase I. Attack by 27th and 30th American Divisions.</p>	
			<p>Phase II. 31st & 5th Aust Divs to pass through the American Divs in open warfare formation and to press the attack home.</p>	
			<p>It is to be anticipated that at a later period the 2nd Aust Div will pass through the 31st and 5th Aust Divs and exploit the successes gained by them.</p>	

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CAPPY	27.9.18	12 noon	Bde mobile Echelon reformed under Lieut HICLOP - Bde Bomb Officer. 2nd Aust Div order no 91/984 received - Instructions as to security to be maintained regarding forthcoming operations. Copies sent to Pms. 6th A. I. Bde Memo no 972 issued to units - re use of telephones before actual open warfare conditions exist. 3pm Bde routine orders issued. - miscellaneous Appendices - 4pm Fine warm Sunny day. 6pm 6th A. I. Bde HQ closed at CAPPY at 6pm. Staff Capt resumed Bde from Pms.	appendix <u>XXVII</u>
62C O4B42 LACHAPLETTE	"	7.30pm	6th A. I. Bde HQ opened at 62C O4B42 near LA CHAPELLETTE at 7.30pm.	
O4B42	28.9.18	3am	Move of 6th A. I. Bde Group completed at 3am and all units located as in 6th A. I. Bde order no 181. 2nd Aust Div informed by wire. 6am Rain commenced to fall. 7.30am 2nd Aust Div order no 221 Received - Instructions for Bde groups to move night 28th/29th sept to TINCOURT - MARGUAX - ROISEL Area. 9.45am 6th A. I. Bde - B.M.3 - Sent all units of Bde group warning them of move. Representatives from each unit to report at Bde HQ at 12 noon for instructions.	Appendix <u>XXVIII</u>

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62C 04B42	28/9/18	9am	As nothing was known of the accommodation facilities in the new area the S/C went forward to reconnoitre.	
		10am	G.O.C. visited all units of Bde.	
		11am	Still raining very heavily.	
		12 noon	Staff Capt returned and indicated to each unit representative his own particular unit billeting area in the new area.	
		12.45pm	B.M. dictated 6 th A. Bde order no 182 to Unit representatives.	
			Bde kit store was established at PERONNE and men's packs and all surplus stores dumped there during day. Each man was allowed to retain 1 blanket in addition to his great coat and water proof sheet.	
		3.30pm	Rations for Bde group were drawn at LE MESNIL during morning. Regimental Bde order no 182 issued to units - move to TINCOURT-MARQUAIX-ROISEL area during night 28 th /29 th Sept.	XXIX
			Arrangements were made for 12 stretcher bearers to be attached to each Inf Bn from the 6 th fld Ambulance for work under the respective R.M.O's during the coming operations.	Appendix
		6pm	G.O.C + B.M. left 04B42 for new Bde HQ 518A15 arriving there 7.30pm	
62C 518A15 near TINCOURT		9pm	6 th A. Bde HQ established at 518A15 (NORTH OF TINCOURT) at 9pm + message to that effect sent off to 2nd Aust. Div.	30

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62c SIBRAIS near TINCOURT	29.9.18	9pm	Fine clear starry night but no moon making moves of units rather difficult. Very little accommodation in area for men. A certain number of trench shelters were obtained from the Area Commandant TINCOURT who and others helped the units out considerably.	
"	30.9.18	1.35am	Move of 6 th & 9 th Bde groups completed at 1am. Message ^{BIM 5} to that effect sent to 2 nd Amtr. Div also location of Unit Hdqrs.	Appendix <u>XXX</u>
		8am	Very cold night. Fine sunny morning. Attack on Corps front commenced early this morning. Everything believed to be going well.	
		9am	Div Comdr + G.S.O.1 visited Bde HQ but could give no idea as to when we should have to move forward again.	
		10.30am	G.O.C. visited all Bde units during morning.	
			Rations drawn at COURCELLES for Bde groups.	
			Intermittent rain throughout day.	
		6p	Information to hand points to the fact that while the right attacking Division (of the Corps / 30 th American Div) secured the general line of their objective, the left Division (27 th American Division) though reaching their	31 <i>[Signature]</i>

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62C J18A15 near TINCOURT	30.9.18		<p>Objective failed to mop up many strong enemy posts, benches, dugouts etc. The enemy came out of these positions and attacked the the Americans in rear and also attacked the 5th and 3rd Aust Div troops who had moved up preparatory to passing through the Americans and pushing home the attack.</p> <p>The net result of the days operations was that at 8pm the 3rd + 5th Aust Div assumed command of the battle front with the 8th + 15th A.D. Bde on the ^{on the night} line together with elements of the 30th American Div holding holding the line gained by the Americans during the morning. The 10th + 11th A.D. Bdes on the left Div front with elements of the 27th Am. Div were in touch with the 5th Aust Div but were otherwise holding about the line from which the Americans jumped off in the morning.</p> <p>This situation completely altered the plans for the operations by the 2nd Aust Div.</p> <p>" 9pm Phone message from 2nd Aust Div that we would not have to move during the night and probably not during the morning of the 30th inst.</p>	

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62C JIBA15 near TINCOURT	30.9.18	8am	Very Cold stormy night Intermittent rain storms and heavy wind.	
		10am	Btl visited 21 st and 22 nd Bns.	
		12noon	No rain during morning but overcast and very cold.	
		2.30pm	G.S.O.I. visited Bde Hq and stated that during the night 30 th Sept/1 st Oct. the 3 rd & 5 th Aust Divs were to attack and secure the line JONCOURT - ESTREES	
			MONT - ST. MARTIN or then try and push out on to their objective line of the previous day. In the event of their success the Bde of the 2 nd Aust Div would move further forward during the 1 st Oct - & be prepared to take over the front either on the night 1 st /2 nd Oct or on a later date. Memo to that effect sent to all units of 6 th Aust. Bde Group.	
		4pm	News of unconditional surrender of BULGARIA received.	
		4pm	Intermittent showers throughout afternoon.	
		8.20pm	Phone message from 2 nd Aust Div to be prepared to move off at 9 am 1 st October to an area south of VILLERET. From there the Bde might be required to move into the line on the night 1 st /2 nd October or might remain in the VILLERET area night 1 st /2 nd October and move further forward during the 2 nd October.	

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62C 518A15 near TINCOURT	30.9.18	9.15pm	6th A. G. Bde. memo at 1008 issued to all units of Bde group warning them to be prepared to move off at 9 am in order to VILLERET area. appendix detailed orders to follow.	XXXI
		10pm	Heavy rain still still falling.	

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✓ XXI	Tact required in disbandment.
✓ XXII	Memo ref. N.C.O.'s acting as C.O. & Adjutant 21st Bn.
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✓ XXIV	Memo re Brigade Sick Returns
✓ XXV	Warning Order re Move.
✓ XXVI	Order No.181 - Move from CAPPY to MESNIL Area.
✓ XXVII	Secrecy required re coming Operations.
✓ XXVIII	Warning Order.
✓ XXVIV	Order 182 - Move from MESNIL to TINCOURT Area.
✓ XXX	Disposition Report.
✓ XXXI	Warning Order

Miscellaneous Orders, Maps etc.

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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 180.

Brigade Headquarters,
4th September, 1918.

Ref. Map Sheet 62.C. 1/40,000.

1. The 6th A.I.Bde. less 22nd Bn. will move by march route from its present position in Divisional Support to the CAPPY AREA today in the following order. It will not be relieved.
2. The 21st Bn. will move at 4 p.m.
The 23rd " " " " 5 p.m.
The 24th " " " " 6 p.m.
3. M.G. Sections and T.M. Sections attached will move with Units and will reassemble in _____ area under orders of O.C.'s of Units. *billeting*
4. Route will be via CLERY across footbridge across canal in H.15.b.95.85. and concentrate in H.13. Movement to concentration area will be by parties of 4 at 200 yards distance. Movement West of concentration area will be by Companies at 200 yards distance and will be done under Unit arrangements. Guides, which are being arranged by Bde. H.Q. will meet Units at Cross Roads at G.28.b.4.4. and conduct them to billeting area.
5. The 22nd Bn. will remain under the Command of the G.O.C., 7th A.I.Bde. and on relief will stage with 7th A.I.Bde. units in H.16.a.&c. until morning of 5th inst. It will then revert to command of G.O.C., 6th A.I.Bde. and move to CAPPY AREA meeting guides at G.28.b.4.4. for billeting.
6. Any portion of Units which cannot move in daylight will remain in present positions until dark before coming out. Units will make own arrangements as to billeting such portions.
7. Administrative Memo will be issued separately.
8. Brigade Headquarters will close at present position at 5 p.m. and reopen at new area on arrival, - location to be notified.
9. Completion of move to be notified to Brigade Headquarters.

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

Redmond G. Sala

Captain.

A/Brigade Major, 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued to Signals at 2.p.m.

Distribution.

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. 21st Bn. | 11. 7th A.I.Bde. |
| 2. 22nd Bn. | 12. 5th A.I.Bde. |
| 3. 23rd Bn. | 13. 74th Divn. |
| 4. 24th Bn. | 14. 15th A.I.Bde. |
| 5. 6th T.M.Bty. | 15. 2nd Aust. Divn. |
| 6. 7th M.G.Coy. | 16. War Diary. |
| 7. 6th Field Ambulance | 17. " " |
| 8. 5th " " | 18. File. |
| 9. 6th Fld. Coy. A.E. | 19-25 Spares. |
| 10. 16th A.A.S.C. | |

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121 (In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of :Service.	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			Date.....
	At.....m.			From.....
	To.....			By.....
	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer")		

TO: *The Muster Down*

Sender's Number. <i>FS 331</i>	Day of Month. <i>5/9</i>	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Locations	at	at	hours
<i>6th unit</i>	<i>1 Bed</i>	<i>49+</i>	<i>G32a 29</i>
<i>21st Bn</i>	<i>G25b 55</i>	<i>22nd Bn</i>	<i>G20a 27</i>
<i>23rd Bn</i>	<i>G20c 57</i>	<i>24th Bn</i>	<i>G20a 13</i>
<i>6th ATM 1st</i>	<i>G26c 46</i>		

Appendix III

From *6th ATM 1st*

Place *.....*

Time *2/45 pm*

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name *Sub Capt [Signature]*

* This line should be erased if not required.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

APPENDIX

2nd Aust. Divn.

Brigade Headquarters,
6th September, 1918.

Following is a corrected statement of Casualties of this Brigade during operations extending over period 31st August - 3rd September, 1918, inclusive :-

Unit.	KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING.	
	Offr.	O.R's.	Offr.	O.R's.	Offr.	O.R's.
21st Bn.	4	19	2	*82	-	1
22nd Bn.	-	6	3	54	-	2
23rd Bn.	X 2	34	*9	102	-	2
24th Bn.	X 5	43	3	88	-	1 believed wounded.
T.M.Bty.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	11	102	17	306	-	6

X 1 Officer 4 Other Ranks 23rd Bn. D. O. W.
1 " 24th Bn. D. O. W.

* 8 Other Ranks 21st Bn. W. at Duty.
3 Officers 2 " " 23rd Bn. W. at Duty.

OFFICERS CASUALTIES.

<u>KILLED.</u>	Lieutenant	N.R.HOLT,	21st Battalion	1. 9. 18.
	Lieutenant	A.L.COPE,	" "	"
	2/Lieutenant	A.J.SENNITT	" "	"
	2/Lieutenant	S.R.DICKSON	" "	"
	Lieutenant	W.J.CLAYDEN	23rd Battalion	"
	2/Lieutenant	C.H.LEDWARD	" "	wounded 1.9.18. D.O.W. 4.9.18.
	Lieutenant	E.M.MARTIN	24th Battalion	31. 8. 18.
	2/Lieutenant	C.J.R.NEWTON	" "	"
	2/Lieutenant	P.W.SALMON	" "	1. 9. 18.
	2/Lieutenant	A.G.GILCHRIST	" "	"
	2/Lieutenant	P.T.McCARTY	" "	D.O.W. "
<u>WOUNDED.</u>	Lieutenant	R.A.BALL,	21st Battalion	1. 9. 18.
	2/Lieutenant	E.H.KEAN, M.M.	" "	2. 9. 18.
	Lt.(T/Capt).	H.J.KING	22nd	1. 9. 18.
	Lieutenant	E.THEWLIS	" "	"
	Lieutenant	A.W.SMITH	" "	"
	Lieutenant	H.G.FIELD	23rd	31. 8. 18.
	Captain	R.G.MOSS, M.C.	" "	1. 9. 18.
	Lieutenant	W.R.F.LOVE	" "	"
	Lieutenant	M.J.O'CONNELL	" "	"
	Lieutenant	G.W.GRIFFIN	" "	"
	2/Lieutenant	A.F.H.GABRIEL, M.M.	" "	"
	Captain	G.J.BOWDEN	24th	"
	Lieutenant	W.B.GOW	" "	"
	Lieutenant	W. GRAHAM M.C.	" "	31.8.18.
<u>WOUNDED.</u> (at duty)	Lieutenant	L.G.ADDISON	23rd	31.8.18.
	Lieutenant	O.M.ELLIOTT	" "	1.9.18
	Lieutenant	H.C.HOLLAND	" "	"

Brigadier-General.

Commanding 6th A.I. Brigade.

Appendix III

The Left Bn. had for its J.O.F. the Northern part of GOTTLEIB TRENCH - it moved off to time and immediately came under intense machine gun fire from MT. ST. QUENTIN and FEVILLACOURT. Notwithstanding heavy casualties, the Companies pushed on and reached a line along the bank of the road from I.15.a.9.9. to I.9.d.1.8. when the severity of the machine gun fire compelled a halt. The enemy was cunningly ensconced in the high ground about I.9.d.3.2. in a bank about 400 yards in length. Behind this bank there were numbers of machine guns which fired, not over the top, but through apertures made for this purpose at the foot of the bank. The Left Coy. skirted the village of FEVILLACOURT and reached the road from I.9.b.3.0. to I.8.d.3.0. where it was held up by Machine Guns in PLEVNA TRENCH and CANAL DU NORD. The Support Coy. of the Bn. then moved up into a line of shell holes in immediate support.

The right Bn. (23rd) on attempting to move into GOTTLEIB and SAVE Trenches, which had been reported clear and were to be used as a J.O.F., met with strong opposition at the southern extremity of GOTTLEIB TRENCH in I.14.d. and it was found that the enemy had also penetrated into the southern end KESSEN TRENCH. The situation had to be cleared by bombing attacks and it was only just completed at ZERO HOUR.

These trenches were heavily wired and every preparation had been made by the enemy to resist to the utmost. The smothering M.G. fire that opened as soon as the men went over the top broke up our formations and the advance had to be made in rushes - casualties were heavy in two Companies, all the Officers were lost, and in one of these Companies all Sergeants except one. Although subjected to very heavy machine gun fire from the direction of ANVIL WOOD and ST DENIS and artillery fire, the leading men with magnificent grit and determination made use of GALATZ and AGRAN ALLEYS as approaches, eventually reaching ELISA TRENCH just W. of the village of MT. ST. QUENTIN. Here a detached portion of the 5th A.I. Bde. was found still bravely holding on.

The 14th Brigade on the Right were unable to progress at this point although three times portions gallantly attempted to advance.

At this stage the whole line was held up and after consultation with my Bn. Commanders a halt was called and the further assistance of the artillery secured, fire being brought to bear immediately on the enemy's points of resistance.

At 1 p.m. this was increased to drum fire chiefly on MT. ST. QUENTIN, every available gun and howitzer including heavies being turned on. The 21st Bn. was pushed up to reinforce and at 1.30 p.m. the Artillery lifted to trenches and valleys in rear, and the village was rushed.

Two Companies of the 21st Bn. took the Northern half of the village and the 23rd worked through the Southern half, while, simultaneously the 24th Bn. advanced on the Northern outskirts and one Company of the 21st on the Southern edge. Intense fighting took place, the defenders were picked troops and fought to the death, very few prisoners being taken, and the enemy dead were strewn over the whole area.

After clearing up the village the push was continued to the wood and a defensive line established some 600 yards East of the Village. The Left of the 24th Bn. pushed down PLEVNA and KOVERLA Trenches and established blocks. The Right Flank consolidated in KENOS ALLEY.

The casualties were heavy and the intense fighting had weakened the men to such an extent that it was considered inadvisable to continue the advance further. The defence was strengthened by disposing the Vickers guns in commanding positions and the Reserve Bn., 22nd, was brought up into immediate support with one Company detached on the right flank in GOTT MIT UNS TRENCH.

Appendix IV
 J.P.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

6th
 AUSTRALIAN
 INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. *6195*

Date.....

Brigade Headquarters,
 9th September, 1918.

21st Bn.
 22nd Bn.
 23rd Bn.
 24th Bn.
 6th T.M.Bty.

The Brigade Gas Officer will inspect and report on
 small Box Respirators on charge to Units as under :-

21st Bn. ...	at 10 a.m.	10th inst.
22nd Bn. ...	at 2 p.m.	10th inst.
23rd Bn. ...	at 10 a.m.	11th inst.
24th Bn. ...	at 2 p.m.	11th inst.
6th T.M.Bty.	at 2 p.m.	9th inst.

All further details will be arranged direct with
 C. O's. by Brigade Gas Officer.

J. H. G. Cairns
 Major.
 Brigade Major, 6th A.I. Brigade

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 Staff Captain
 Bde. Gas Officer

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

21 st Bn.
22nd Bn.
23rd Bn.
24th Bn.
6th T.M.Bty.



Brigade Headquarters,
9th September, 1918.

The G.O.C. will inspect units of the Brigade as under :-

23rd Bn. at 10 a.m., 10th instant.
24th Bn. at 11 a.m., 10th instant.
21st Bn. at 10 a.m., 11th instant.
22nd Bn. at 11 a.m., 11th instant.

Brigade H.Q. details and 6th A.L.T.M.Bty at G.32.a.2.6. 11th inst. at a time to be notified later.

Bns. will be drawn up in mass with Transport in rear.

As many men as possible are to be on parade.

DRESS. Drill order with hats. S.B.Rs. and steel hats will not be carried.

Battalions will notify Brigade Headquarters of location of selected parade grounds by 6 p.m. 9th instant.

J. H. M. Case
Major.
Brigade Major, 6th A.I. Brigade.

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Brigade Sig. Officer.
Brigade Musketry Offr.

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APPENDIX VII

AUSTRALIAN CORPSCorps Headquarters
10th September, 1918.G. O. C.
2nd Australian Division

An investigation of the present strengths of the 57 Infantry Battalions of the Corps, of the available reinforcements in the depots, and of all other sources of replenishment, shows that the greatest numerical shortage, both actual and prospective, occurs in Victorian and New South Wales Battalions, and that there is no definite prospect of being able to continue to maintain 18 Victorian and 18 New South Wales Battalions at present in the Corps.

Under these circumstances I propose to recommend to the G.O.C., A.I.F., the disbandment of 2 Victorian Battalions and 1 New South Wales Battalion, so that the personnel thus released may be transferred to the remaining Battalions of the Brigade concerned, and, further, that reinforcements earmarked for such disbanded Battalions may be "switched" for the maintenance of the remaining 16 Victorian and 17 New South Wales Battalions.

I propose that these reductions should take place as follows; viz.--

3rd Australian Division	..	1 Bn. of 10th Bde.	(Victorian)
5th "	"	.. 1 " "	14th " (N.S.Wales)
2nd "	"	.. 1 " "	6th " (Victorian)

I shall be glad if the Divisional Commanders will take this matter into immediate consideration and will, after consultation with Brigadiers concerned and in view of all the circumstances, submit to me, as soon as possible, their recommendations as to which Battalion should, in their opinion, be disbanded.

(Signed) JOHN MONASH
Lieut.-General
COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

*War Diary
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JMM*

Mark Dray

Headquarters,
Australian Imperial Force
B.E.F., France.

My dear Robertson.

9th September, 1918.

I have been very remiss in not writing before now to send you my personal and heartiest congratulations on the really good work done by your brigade in the attack on Mont St Quentin. I feel that the work done then is just about as good as any that the A.I.F. has ever put in, and you must indeed be proud of your men - as I am sure they are of their commander.

I have just been seeing something of the divisions, and had hoped to be able to get round the brigades, but distances were so great and roads so bad, that I had no time.

The best of good wishes to you, and again such hearty congratulations and many thanks for all your good work.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sgd) W. R. BIRDWOOD.

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Dray



Brigade Headquarters
 13th Sept., 1918.

End Aust. Divn.

Hereunder please find amended list of Prisoners of War and Material captured by this Brigade during the period 26th August to 2nd September, 1918.

3 Officers 443 Other Ranks
 37 Light Machine Guns
 41 Heavy " "
 4 Medium Minenwerfers
 1 Light Minenwerfer
 1 Anti-Tank Rifle
 2 77 mm. Field Guns and Limbers complete
 A large number of rifles.
 A considerable amount of enemy equipment
 and Engineer Stores.

J. H. Becken
 Brigadier-General,
 Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
15th Sept., 1918.2nd Aust. Divn.Ref. your 108/137 concerning disbandment of
one of the Battalions of this Brigade.

I have carefully considered this matter and though such action is much to be regretted and will cause great heartburnings still all recognise the futility of attempting to carry on under present conditions.

The Battalions of this Brigade maintain an evenness of quality throughout, what perhaps is lacking in some is made up by other redeeming features.

Of the Battalion Commanders one and all are thoroughly competent and the reasons given for the selection are so minor in comparison as hardly to warrant a decision, however the selection has to be made and I would recommend that the 21st Bn. be disbanded and incorporated in the other Battalions of this unit.

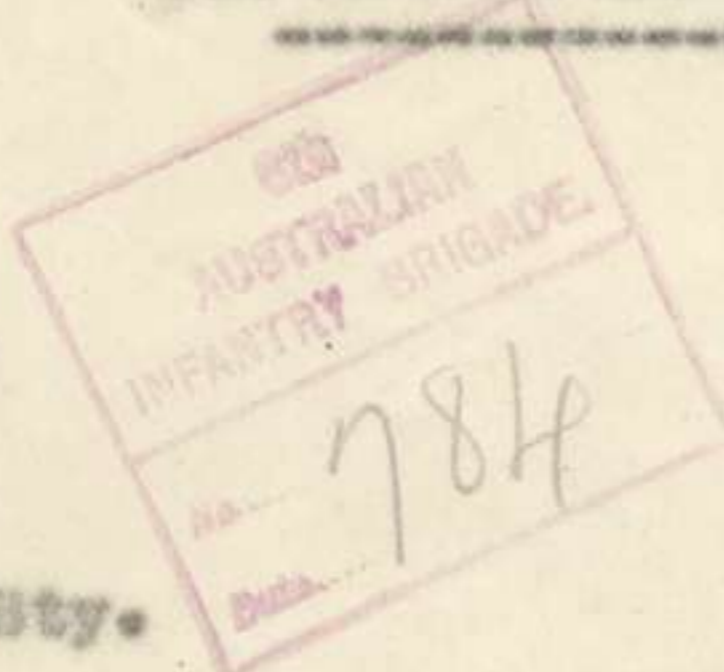
My reasons are as follows.-

- (1) The 21st Battalion is the weakest in the Brigade.
- (2) The Bn. Staff of 21st Bn. is not in my opinion so efficient as that of the 24th Bn. which Bn. I have also considered in the matter of disbandment.
- (3) The Espirit de Corps of the 21st Bn. is not of such a high standard as that of the other Bns. of the Brigade.
- (4) The Crime recorded in this unit for the period Jan. 1st to August 31st is highest in the Brigade and 25% higher than the next highest unit.

I would like to record the fact that the 21st Bn. has a splendid fighting history and in the recent advance followed by the MONT ST.QUENTIN attack its work was excellent.

J. Robertson
Brigadier-General,
Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade

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J.M.



1st Bn.
2nd " "
3rd " "
4th " "
6th T.M. Bty.

Brigade Headquarters
16th Sept., 1918.

TRAINING

As the Brigade has now had a weeks complete rest the G.O.C. directs that training be re-commenced as from Tuesday 17th inst.

For the present, parade hours will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon daily, every afternoon and Sundays will be free for Sports etc. For the first week C.O.'s will organise and run special classes for the training of Lewis Gunners, Snipers, Rifle Bombers and Signallers. These classes will last two hours daily and as many men as possible will be put through as many different classes as time will allow.

The 3rd hour of each morning the men will be handed over to their Platoon Commanders for instruction in saluting, rifle exercises, musketry, close and extended order drill, physical and bayonet training, and anti-gas drill.

If the Brigade remains in the present area over the week Coy. and Sn. training will be commenced and will be carried out in accordance with a syllabus which will be issued by Sde. Hdqrs.

The G.O.C. desires that each unit, before commencing work of a morning, be paraded as a whole and inspected by the G.O. The G.O.C. will take the opportunity of being present at some of these parades and will himself inspect the units concerned.

During training every effort must be made to get and keep the men interested in their work. Training must be interesting as well as instructive. This will only be possible if the necessity for training and the need for each particular exercise or drill is carefully explained to the men before-hand. Let the men know that each item will only last a short time and that it is up to them to pay attention to their work and think out what they are doing. When they do anything well they should be told so. If they do not do it well it should be explained to them how they could have done it better, and they should then be put at it again. Do not make any scheme too long - stop as soon as the men have got the hang of it - then go on with something fresh. In this way the men's interest in their work is maintained and they do not become bored and tired. Once their interest has been aroused the rest becomes easy.

W. Zethers

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

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.	
No.	
Date.	

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
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Brigade Headquarters
19th Sept., 1918.

DAILY PARADE OF BRIGADE HDQRS. PERSONNEL

Personnel of Brigade Headquarters (all N.C.O's, Clerks, Batmen, Grooms, Drivers, Cooks, General duty men etc.) will, while the Brigade is out of the line, parade at Bde. Hdqrs. at 10 a.m. daily for inspection and general training under Lieuts. HISLOP and BASTOW.

DRESS.— Drill Order with rifles.

Clerks and a proportion of the Grooms and Cooks will be dismissed after 10 to 15 minutes drill in order that there may be no interference with their ordinary daily duties.

J. H. M. Carr
Major,
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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" BASTOW
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5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.	
No.	886
Date	

Brigade Headquarters
21st Sept., 1918.

1st Bn.
2nd " "
3rd " "
4th " "

The Brigade Sniping Section will be disbanded forthwith and the personnel returned to their respective units.

As these men have all received special training as observers and are good shots it is suggested that they be attached to existing Sn. Intelligence Sections and work under the Battalion I.O.

J. H. Taylor

Major,
Brigade Major 5th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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Lieut. SMAR (Bde. Sniping Officer)
Bde. Intelligence Officer
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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

STRENGTH RETURN AS AT NOON 21. 9. 1918

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1. Unit --	2. Actually with Unit.--		3. Sick in Div. Area.--		4. On command leave detached etc.		5. Total Strength		6. War Estab.		7. Required to complete		8. Excess Over Estab.	
	Offrs.	O.R's	Offrs.	O.R.	Offrs.	O.R's	Offrs.	O.R's	Off.	O.R's	Offrs.	O.R's	Offrs.	O.R's
Bde. H.Q.	7	14	-	-	2	12	9	26	11	29	2	3	-	-
6th I.M.Bty.	2	42	-	1	1	3	3	46	4	46	1	-	-	-
21st Bn.	28	497	-	1	9	86	37	584	44	901	7	317	-	-
22nd Bn.	20	502	-	3	8	119	28	624	44	901	16	277	-	-
23rd Bn.	18	537	-	-	17	140	35	677	44	901	9	224	-	-
24th Bn.	28	498	-	4	12	93	40	595	44	901	4	306	-	-
TOTAL	103	2090	-	9	49	453	152	2552	191	3679	39	1124	-	-

..... 21. 9. 1918.

Captain,
Staff Captain for G.O.C. 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade

Bde H.Q. Estab.
Reconciliation
4 Captns. + 4 Bdrms
1 A.A.I.C.
3 Supply Offrs.
4 Offrs. 8 O.R's

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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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FIGHTING STRENGTH RETURN MADE UP TO NOON ... 21.9.1918

Unit.-	(i) Strength for previous Week		(ii) Increase		(iii) Totals from (i) & (ii)		(iv) Decrease		"A" Strength Excluding Attached		"B" Not present with unit & not at the disposal of C.O. included in Col. "A"		"C" "A" minus "B" Available Fighting Strength inc. Personnel of Bn. Tpt. and Q.M.		"D" F.S. Excluding personnel at Transport and Q.M. Stores	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
21st Bn.	35	579	1	23	36	602	-	19	36	583	9	95	27	488	26	430
22nd Bn.	28	607	-	24	28	631	1	10	27	621	8	122	19	499	17	418
23rd Bn.	34	667	-	22	34	689	-	14	34	675	17	140	17	535	15	435
24th Bn.	38	582	1	22	39	604	-	9	39	595	12	97	27	498	25	435
Total.-	135	2435	2	91	137	2526	1	52	136	2474	46	454	90	2020	83	435

..... 20.9.1918

a/ Staff Captain for G.O.C. 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F. Captain,

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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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ATTACHMENT TO FIGHTING STRENGTH RETURN WEEK ENDING... 21.9.1918

Unit.	Arrivals.		Departures.		Explanation of Column "B"		
	Officers	O.R's	Officers	O.R's			
21st Bn.	1 from Base 1 offer.	19 from Base 2 " Prison 1 " 4th A.C. Coy 1 " 2nd M.G. Bn 23 ORs	-	6 vac C.G.P. 4 to A.I.B.D. 2 Illegal Absentees. 4 to A.C.F.P. Cpd (Safe Bus) 2 " " (F.P.) 1 taken on strength in error 19 ORs	(a) Leave (b) Field Amb. (c) Schools (d) Specific duties with other units during active operations (e) Extra Regtl. Employment.	21 - 18 4 3	142 7 50 125 130
22nd Bn.	-	18 from Hosp. 4 " Base 1 left 23rd Bn 1 from A.W.L. 24 ORs.	1 from Hosp. 1 off	2 from A.I.B.D. 1 " 24th Bn 1 " Mil Prison 6 " Hosp 10 ORs.			
23rd Bn.	-	19 from Hosp. 2 " Ill Absence 1 left from Prov Corps 22 ORs		8 to Hosp 1 furlough to Aust 1 Cadet Bn. Eng. 1 left Gas Service 1 " 22nd Bn 1 " Aust Corps Hdqrs 1 " D.H.Q. 14 ORs.			
24th Bn.	1 from Seconded list. 1 offer.	21 from 2nd A.I.B.D. 1 " 22nd Bn 22 ORs.		3 vac C.G.P. 2 Absentees 2 Leave to Aust 1 to Aust Corps Hdqrs 1 left Base 9 ORs.			
Total.						46	454
					A.W.L. & in F.P. Compound (included in Cols. "A" & "D").		
							O.R's
					21st Bn.	...	
					22nd "	...	
					23rd "	...	
					24th "	...	

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21st Bn.
22nd "
23rd "
24th "
6th T.M.Bty.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.	
No.	893
Date	

Brigade Headquarters
22nd Sept., 1918.

Training Programme for week ending Saturday 28th Sept.

1. C.O's will arrange to carry out route marches every alternate day gradually increasing the distance.
During these marches troops should be practised in opening out rapidly into Artillery formation from Column of route and later closing to Column of Route again.
The fitting and condition of boots will be carefully considered and if new boots have been or are issued they must be broken in without delay.
2. Every afternoon will be devoted to recreational training, games etc. in which all men must be encouraged to take part.
3. The training of Lewis Gunners, Rifle Bombers and Bombers will be continued under Battalion arrangements.
4. Signal sections will be brought up to strength. Regimental and Coy. signallers working under the Regimental Sig. Officer will devote the greater portion of the time available to Visual Signalling work (Flag, Lamp and Shutter).
5. Officers and N.C.O's are to be practised in writing messages and reports.
6. As many N.C.O's as possible will be practised in Map Reading.
7. Short open warfare exercises and schemes will be carried out towards the latter end of the week e.g. Advanced and Flank Guards, Outposts etc.
During all these exercises the importance of the local Commander keeping a small reserve in his hands ready for any emergency, should be impressed on all Officers and N.C.O's.
8. The L.T.M. Battery will practice carrying Mortars and Ammunition on Pack Mules and coming into action quickly while on the march.

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

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SPECIAL ORDER

BY



Brig.-Genl. J.C. Robertson, C.M.G., D.S.O. Commanding 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
24th September, 1918.

1. Instructions have been received for the withdrawal forthwith of the 21st Battalion.
(Authority D.A.G./A.I.F. T.448 of 20.9.18)
2. Hereafter the designation "21st Bn." will apply to the training unit of the 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
3. Battalion H.Q.'s Orderly Room Staff will be sent to report to H.Q., A.I.F. Depots in U.K. for duty with the 21st Bn. on its reorganization as a training unit.
The remaining personnel of 21st Bn. will be distributed today 24th September, 1918 amongst the other Battalions of the 6th A.I.Bde. in accordance with Tables A, B, C, D, E. and F. attached.
4. Officers absent sick or wounded whether on the.-
 - (a) Regimental Seconded List or not will be transferred to other Bns. of the Brigade in accordance with Table B. attached. If on the Regimental Seconded List of the 21st Bn. they will be transferred to the Regimental Seconded List of the new Battalion to which they are re-allotted.
 - (b) Officers on the Supernumerary List of the 21st Bn. will not be transferred. They will remain thereon until otherwise disposed of under orders to be issued by D.A.G., A.I.F.
 - (c) Officers of the 21st Bn. now seconded for duty with the Training Bn. will be transferred to other Bns. of the Brigade in accordance with Table C. attached - and will thence be seconded for duty with the 21st Bn. (which has now become the training unit of this Bde.) Officers of other Battalions of this Brigade now seconded for duty with the Training Bn. (other than on the Training Bn. H.Q.) are being shown in the next "S. and R. List" as being seconded for duty with the "21st Bn."
 - (d) Officers of 21st Bn. reported as "Missing" will remain on the 21st Bn. List until struck off after the expiration of 3 months from the date of being reported "Missing" - or until otherwise disposed of
 - (e) Officers of 21st Bn. now seconded on other employment will be transferred to other Battalions of the Brigade in accordance with Table D. attached and to remain seconded.
 - (f) The Asst. Adjutant and Q.M. will be sent to England for a tour of duty with the Training Bn. - thus relieving two other Officers for return to duty in the Field.
 - (g) The Officer holding the appointment of Adjutant 21st Bn. will automatically relinquish such appointment unless allotted to a similar appointment in the Bn. to which he is transferred.
 - (h) The M.O. will be reposted under orders to be issued by the A.D.M.S.
5. (a) There will be no necessity to provide for any transfers of personnel in Hospitals. Those who are discharged from Hospitals to Command Depots will remain members of the 21st Bn. which will still be in existence as a Training Battalion - until they are either:-

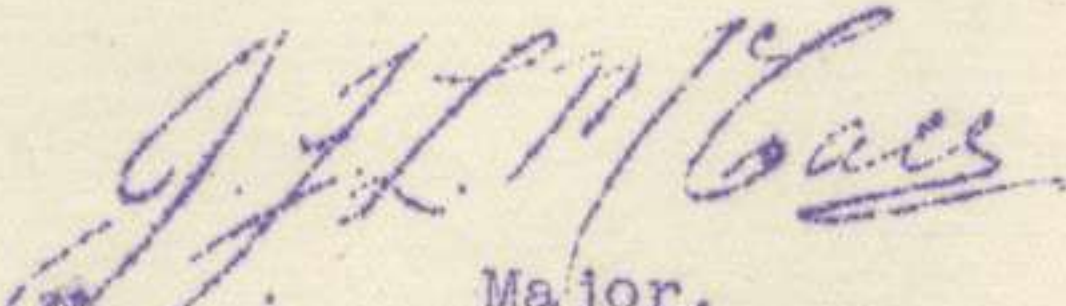
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- (i) Returned to Australia, or
(ii) Transferred to Overseas Training Bde.
- In case of (i) they will be returned to Australia as members of the 21st Bn.
In the case of (ii) they will be transferred by the G.O.C. A.I.F. Depots in U.K. as reinforcements for other Bns. of the 6th A.I. Bde.
6. The 21st Bn. Transport will be kept intact pending further instructions and will be available for work under Bde. H.Q.
 7. All mobilization stores - except Transport and Transport equipment - will be returned to D.A.D.O.S. accompanied by detailed lists in triplicate marked "ON REPAYMENT". Original and duplicate lists will be signed by D.A.D.O.S. and returned to 21st Bn. the triplicate being retained by D.A.D.O.S. The original list will be placed in the Bn. records and the duplicate copy sent to A.D.O.S. AUST. CORPS through Bde. H.Q.
 8. On handing over the 21st Bn. will submit to A.D.O.S. AUST. Corps through Bde. H.Q. a return showing.-
 - (a) Stores of an Inf. Bn. as laid down in G.1098/110 (Mobilization Stores Table.)
 - (b) Stores returned to D.A.D.O.S.
 - (c) Explanation of deficiencies (if any) as per pro forma below.-

Stores	As per Mob. Store Table	Returned to D.A.D.O.S.	Deficiency	Explanation of Deficiency

9. The 21st Bn. records will be written up to date and sent to the I/C. Officer I/c. Aust. War Records Section - Administrative H.Q., A.I.F. London.
10. Instructions as to the disposal of Postal Corporal and Pay Sergeant will be issued separately.
11. 21st Bn. will provide 22nd, 23rd, & 24th Bns. with complete lists by 6 p.m. 24th Sept. showing names, ranks (and Regimental numbers where necessary) of all officers and O.R's transferred in accordance with this order.


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

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 22nd "
 23rd "
 24th "
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 Bde. Major
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APPENDIX XVII

T A B L E "A"

(To accompany 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Special Order)

Officers present with 21st Battalion in FRANCE

 Officer.- Unit to which transferred.-

Capt.	O.V. HOAD	22nd Bn. A.I.F.
T/Capt.	J. SULLIVAN, M.C., M.M.	" " "
Lieut.	E.B. MASON, M.C. & Bar	" " "
"	S.J. BENNIE	" " "
"	T.L. BRETT	" " "
"	R.R. NEAL	" " "
"	J.L. WATT, M.C.	" " "
"	R.A. GIBSON	" " "
"	J. HORSEBURGH, D.C.M., M.M.	" " "
"	H. EDWARDS, M.C., D.C.M., M.M.	" " "
2/Lieut.	E.H. KEAN, M.M.	" " "
"	A. MALONE	" " "
"	E.F.B. GRENNES	" " "
"	A. HARDIE M.M.	" " "
"	C.W. STEWART	" " "

Chaplain J.L. BUCKLEY is posted to 22nd Battalion

Capt.	A.R. MACNEIL, M.C. & Bar	23rd Bn. A.I.F.
"	C.V. DUNCAN	" " "
Lieut.	E.J. QUIRK	" " "
"	W.B.F. MCKIERNAN	" " "
"	A.E. REILLY, M.M.	" " "
"	J.A. GRAY, M.C.	" " "
"	W.H. ROBERTS	" " "
"	W. McCONNOCHIE	" " "
2/Lieut.	W. WHITBREAD	" " "

Major	A.E. REED, D.S.O.	24th Bn. A.I.F.
Capt.	M.B. KELLY	" " "
Lieut.	R.K. BAZLEY, M.C. & Bar	" " "
"	F. GAWLER, M.C. & Bar	" " "
"	H. SMITHERAM	" " "
"	W.E. HARDWICK, M.C.	" " "
"	A. PECK	" " "
"	C.H. MILLER, D.C.M.	" " "
"	C.J.A. BUCHANAN	" " "
2/Lieut.	F.W. BLENCOWE, M.M.	" " "
"	W.J. EATON, M.M.	" " "

 Lieut.-Col. B.O.C. DUGGAN, D.S.O. To England

Lieut. R.E. FARNDON A/Adjnt. " "

Q.M. & Hon. Capt. L.R. BROOKES " "

T A B L E "B"

(To accompany 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Special Order)

Officers of 21st Battalion absent sick or wounded.

O f f i c e r .-	Unit to which transferred.-
Capt. J.P.W. HOGG, M.C.	23rd Bn. A.I.F.
Lieut. M. MCGREGOR	22nd " "
" W.H. TAYLOR, M.M.	24th " "
" G. BAILEY	22nd " "
" W. POWER	22nd " "
" R.A. BALL	23rd " "
" S.E. ROBERTS, M.M.	23rd " "
" W.O. SILVERLOCK	23rd " "
2/Lieut. W.R. FINLAYSON	23rd " "

T A B L E "C"

(To accompany 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Special Order)

Officers of 21st Bn. now seconded for duty with Training Bn.

O f f i c e r .-	Unit to which transferred.-
Lieut. R.B. HOGG	22nd Bn. A.I.F.
" H.N. GARTON, M.C.	23rd " "
" S.H. CHAPMAN	24th " "

T A B L E "D"

(To accompany 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Special Order)

Officers now seconded on other employment.

O f f i c e r	Unit to which Seconded.-	Unit to which trsf'd. and to remain seconded.-
Capt. F. SALE, M.C. and Bar	B.M. Trainee 6th A.I. Bde.	24th Bn. A.I.F.
" A.G. BROWN, M.C.	Staff Captain 6th A.I. Bde.	24th Bn. "
Lieut. A.M. BOOTHMAN	Adj. & Q.M. Corps Depot Aust. Reinfct. Camp.	23rd Bn. "
" T.H. SCHOLFIELD M.M.	6th A.L.T.M. Bty.	22nd Bn. "
2/Lieut. C.W.B. TIMS	6th A.L.T.M. Bty.	22nd Bn. "

(To accompany 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Special Order)

Allotment of 21st Bn. Headquarters Details.

Personnel	Allotment -
1. Sergeant Major	23rd Bn. A.I.F.
2. Quartermaster Sergt.	22nd " "
3. 2 Q.M's Storemen	1 O.R. to 22nd Bn. 1 " " 23rd "
4. Orderly Room Sergeant	) England
" " Clerk) "
5. Sergt. Drummer (Band Sgt.)	22nd Bn. 9 O.R's 22nd Bn.
28 O.R's	9 " 23rd "
	10 " 24th "
6. Scout Sergeant	23rd Bn. A.I.F.
7. Signal Sergeant	23rd Bn. "
" Corporal	24th Bn. "
15 O.R's	6 O.R's 22nd Bn. 4 " 23rd " 5 " 24th "
8. 2 Lewis Gun Sergts.	1 23rd Bn. A.I.F. 1 24th " "
9. 1 Bombing & Rifle Bombing Sergeant	24th Bn. A.I.F.
10. Stretcher Bearers (3 O.R's)	22nd Bn.
11. Pioneer Sergt.	22nd Bn. 1 Sgt. 2 Carpenters 1 Painter
8 O.R's.	23rd Bn. 1 Carpenter 1 O.R. 24th " 2 " 1 Painter
12. Sergeant Cook	23rd Bn. A.I.F.
2 Cooks	24th " "
13. 2 Transport Sergts	1 to 22nd Bn. A.I.F. 1 " 24th " "
1 Transport Corporal	23rd Bn. A.I.F.
Drivers 1st Line Transport including spares	9 Drivers each to 22nd and 24th Bns. 8 Drivers to 23rd Bn. 3 O.R's to 22nd Bn. 2 " " 24th "
14. Water Duties 5 O.R's	22nd Bn. A.I.F. 22nd " "
15. Sanitary Duties 1 Cpl. 2 O.R's	24th Bn. A.I.F. (Attd. B.H.Q.) 2 O.R's 22nd Bn. (D.A.D.O.S.) 1 " 23rd Bn. 1 " 24th "
16. Shoemakers 1 Sgt. 4 O.R's	23rd Bn. (Attd. B.H.Q.) 22nd Bn. 24th Bn. A.I.F. 23rd Bn. (Attd. B.H.Q.) 24th Bn. A.I.F. 22nd Bn. (Attd. B.H.Q.)
17. Tailors 1 Cpl. 1 O.R.	
18. 1 Butcher	
19. 1 Postman	
20. 1 Asst. Armourer	
21. 1 Pay Asst.	

T A B L E "F"

(To accompany 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Special Order)

Number of W.O's, N.C.O's and Privates from Companies of 21st Bn. A.I.F. transferred to other Battalions of Brigade. (These figures include personnel detached for duty.)

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To 22nd Battalion

C.S.M. (W.O. Class II)		2.
C.Q.M.S.	1.
Sergeants	12.
Corporals	12.
L/Corporals	14.
Privates	....	159.

To 23rd Battalion

C.S.M. (W.O. Class II)		1.
Sergeants	....	10.
L/Sergeants	....	2.
Corporals	....	14.
L/Corporals	....	7.
Privates	....	137.

To 24th Battalion

C.S.M. (W.O. Class II)		1.
C.Q.M.S.	1.
Sergeants	11.
L/Sergeants	...	2.
Corporals	14.
L/Corporals	...	16.
Privates	162.

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ADDENDUM No.1 to 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Special Order

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1. The following Nominal Rolls and returns concerning transferred personnel will be forwarded by the 21st Bn. to the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th Battalions.-
 - (a) All ranks marching out from unit.
 - (b) All personnel now on detached duties.
 - (c) All records concerning Officers as shown on Tables A, B, C, and D. attached to Bde. Special Order.
 - (d) Particulars and descriptions of men now A.W.L.
 - (e) Outstanding F.G.C.M. papers.
 NOTE Any papers not effecting a Bn. will be forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs.
 - (f) A.F.B.161
 - (g)
 - (1) Officers at Schools
 - (2) N.C.O's at Schools
 - (3) Privates at Schools
 - (h) Officers and O.R's recommended for decorations but to whom no award has been made.
 - (i) Officers and O.R's who have been awarded decorations specifying whether Medal or ribband has been presented.
 - (j) Particulars of all men.-
 - (1) Undergoing suspended sentence.
 - (2) Undergoing F.P. or imprisonment.
2. A Court of Enquiry on Missing personnel (Battle casualties) will be convened under instructions from Australian Section 3rd Echelon G.H.Q.
3. Inventories of the personal effects of deceased and wounded men will be forwarded to Australian Section 3rd Echelon.
4. All pay books are to be completed. The Pay Sergt. of 21st Bn. will notify the Divisional Paymaster of all changes of unit in the case of men who have signed the necessary declaration of loss of pay book.
5. The Regimental Trust account, before being distributed under orders from the Divisional Commander, will be audited by a board of auditors appointed by C.O., 21st Bn. A.I.F.
6. Officers and Sergeants Messes will be closed and accounts audited.

J.P. Sellick

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

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AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE
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APPENDIX VIII 61
23rd Sept., 1918

During the past twelve months the organization of the British Army has been converted so as to bring all Infantry Brigades to a 3 Bn. basis. This has been completed throughout the Army, partly on account of the man power situation, but partly also on account of tactical considerations, on the analogy of the French, American and German regiments.

Upwards of six months ago the War Office urged the Australian Government to follow suit in this re-organization, and convert all Brigades of the A.I.F. to a three Bns. basis. The Australian Government and the A.I.F. authorities were, however, very loth to do this, on account of the fine traditions which had been won by every one of our Infantry Bns. - particularly those which had made such a name for themselves on GALLIPOLI. It was therefore agreed to allow the Australian Imperial Force to postpone any such re-organization until towards the end of this year's fighting period, and until the man power situation as regards Australian reinforcements became more acute.

In spite of this, it was found necessary in May last to bring the 9th, 18th and 15th Brigades of the A.I.F. down to a three Bn. basis, because there was no longer any prospect of maintaining these Bdes. on a four Bn. basis, having regard to the available reinforcements.

The time has now arrived when the necessity for action has arisen. The War Office has pressed for an immediate carrying out of the same re-organization in the remaining Bdes., in order to secure uniformity throughout the Army. The A.I.F. authorities are still disposed to delay to the last possible moment the reduction in the number of the Bns. throughout all Brigades; but, in view of the inadequacy of the available reinforcements to maintain the present 57 Bns., it has become essential at once to reduce to not more than 50 Bns. - Ultimately coming down to the normal organization of 9 Bns. per Division.

The strongest possible representations have already been made and fully discussed in order to obviate this disagreeable course. For example it has been suggested to put all the Companies on a three platoon basis, and this has in fact been done in practice, if not in theory. A proposal has also been made that the Bns. should be re-organised on a three Coy. basis, but this, after careful consideration, has been definitely turned down for good tactical reasons. It has also been proposed that we should break up one, if not two whole Divisions; but this has been rejected because it would mean the scrapping of a vast amount of valuable Artillery, Engineers, Pioneers, Medical and Supply units, and would seriously impair the fighting value of the Australian Army.

Not only is the problem of deciding which Bns. are to go, a very difficult and invidious one, but also it is desired to do everything that is possible to maintain the traditions and history of these Bns.

The selection of the Bns. which are to go depends on a careful study of the resources available in the Depots in England and in Hospitals, on a territorial basis as well as upon other considerations, and can only be decided by those in supreme authority. Naturally, every Bn. in the A.I.F. rightly considers itself to be the best Bn., with the finest history, and every Bn. naturally considers that some other Bn. should be selected. It is, however, possible to ensure that at least all ranks may be retained in their own Bdes. and this is a substantial concession, because, after all, it is the Brigade and not the Battalion which is the fighting unit. No Battalion ever fights by itself, but only as part of its Brigade, and the question involved is really the large one as to whether it is better to employ a given number of soldiers, available for each Bde. in three Bn. groups or in four Bn. Groups.

As the men of every Bn. owe loyalty to their Bde. next only to the loyalty which they owe to their Bn., it is a substantial concession to the men to do everything possible to ensure that no man is moved from his own Brigade.

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In addition to this, it must not be forgotten that nothing that can happen and destroy the place in history of the Bn. even although it may cease to exist as a separate unit, for the remainder of this campaign. Its number as a Bn. will continue to be represented in its training cadres in ENGLAND, and will also definitely preserve in the reorganization after the War of the Commonwealth Military Forces in Australia.

Moreover, as far as possible, men will be transferred in complete Coy. units or platoon units, so that comradeship will be preserved, and doubtless also, in many cases, concessions can be made in the matter of wearing colour patches. Moreover, efforts will be made (although this cannot be absolutely guaranteed) to reassemble the officers and men of these Bns. during the demobilisation period, so that the original Bn. with its original number may return to Australia as a separate unit.

The real and urgent question, at the moment, is to carry on the war, with the available number of men, to the best possible tactical advantage, and to achieve victory over the enemy in the speediest time possible. This cannot be done with Bdes. having only four weak Bns., as the fighting power of four weak Bns. is for tactical reasons not to be compared with the fighting power of three strong Bns.

It is expected, therefore, for the sake of the prestige and renown of the Australian Imperial Force, that every man affected by the present reorganization will be prepared loyally to accept the situation, and to do his best, in companionship with the other men of his own Bde., to continue until the end of the war, our glorious victories.

If on the contrary, the men concerned were to raise difficulties, based on sentimental grounds, while, on the one hand, they would be powerless to alter the decision of the War Office and the A.I.F. authorities they would on the other hand incur, by a refusal to obey orders, the danger of a scandal which would cast a deplorable slur upon the great reputation and prestige of the Australian Corps. This is a result which no man in the Corps would willingly bring about.

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22nd Bn.
23rd "
24th "
6th T.M.Bty.

6th
AUSTRALIA
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. *916*
Date.

Brigade Headquarters
24th Sept., 1918.

1. Practice with TANKS in a semi open warfare attack will be carried out at TANK PARK, HERLEVILLE (62.C. S.1.b.&d.) on 26th Sept. in accordance with Table below.-

Date.-	Unit.-	Time due at Tank Park.-	Practice to commence at.-
26th Sept.	22nd Bn.	10.30 a.m.	11.30 a.m.
	23rd "	1.00 p.m.	1.30 p.m.
	24th "	1.30 "	2.30 "
	6th A.L.T. M.Bty.	1.30 "	-

2. 22nd Bn. will witness at 10.30 a.m. a practice carried out by a Battalion of the 5th A.I.Bde.
23rd Bn. will witness at 1 p.m. a demonstration practice by Demonstration Coy. of 15th A.I.Bde.
24th Bn. and 6th A.L.T.M.Bty. will witness at 1.30 p.m. the practice by 23rd Bn.
3. Practices will be carried out by one complete Battalion at a time. Each Battalion will bring 6 No.27 Rifle Grenades to ground for signal purposes.
4. Battalions will arrange for an Officer to reconnoitre the practice ground and report to Capt. ELLIOTT, D.S.O., O.C. TANK DEMONSTRATION Coy. on 26th inst. This Officer will guide his unit to exact location for the demonstration on 26th inst.
5. Practices will be carried out under supervision of Capt. ELLIOTT, D.S.O. O.C. TANK DEMONSTRATION COY.
Attention is directed to S.S.214 "Tanks and their employment in co-operation with other Arms".
6. The march to and from the practice ground will be treated as a route march under active service conditions, correct times for halts being observed and distances of at least 200 yards being maintained between Companies. Field Cookers will accompany their respective Companies.
7. DRESS.- Officers and O.R's - Fighting Order. S.B.R's and Steel Helmets need not be carried.
8. Notwithstanding para.6 above, it is suggested that while either moving to ~~and~~ back from HERLEVILLE, C.O's should take the opportunity of practising their units in opening out quickly from Column of route into Artillery formation etc.

J. H. M. Case
Major,
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Exercises in co-operation between Infantry and tanks as carried out by a demonstration Company at HERLEVILLE.

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

1. Strong points and Machine Gun posts are indicated by RED Flags.
2. Signals employed between infantry and tanks.-
 - (a) Tanks to Infantry.
 GREEN and WHITE Flag denotes "Come on".
 RED and YELLOW Flag denotes "Out of Action".
 Tri-colour flag denotes "Coming back".
 - (b) Infantry to Tanks
 Helmets raised on rifles indicates "Tank assistance required."
 Phosphorous smoke grenades No.27 fired or thrown into a strong point gives direction to Tanks.
3. An Infantryman from the company working with the tanks rides inside and observes from the apertures in rear. He is responsible for keeping touch with his own unit, and watching for, and replying to, signals.
4. Platoons of infantry are organised in three sections, two rifle sections and 1 Lewis Gun section (2 guns).
5. In each exercise it is assumed that the flanks are adequately protected by troops operating on either side.
6. First exercise - attack on trench system.
 - (a) Four tanks are employed, three with first wave, one with second. The attack is a "straight through" operation, carried out by one company of infantry.
 - (b) Creeping barrage is employed, shrapnel only, with H.E. doing counter-battery work. Tank can travel right up under shrapnel.
 - (c) Successive lifts, denoted by lines of flags are as follows:-

Time	On front line	Lift 100 yards
Zero to zero plus 4 minutes	"	"
" plus 4 minutes	"	"
" " 6 "	"	"
" " 9 "	"	"
" " 12 "	"	"
" " 15 "	"	"
" " 18 "	"	"
" " 21 "	"	"
" " 24 "	"	"
 - (d) Contact aeroplane works when available.
 - (e) Capture of each trench system is indicated by firing a Very light.
7. Second exercise - attack on fortified building.
 - (a) Narrative - The enemy is retreating in an easterly direction. Yesterday afternoon he was driven from the village of HERLEVILLE and retired to the high ground on a line in vicinity of FOUCAUCOURT.- VERMANDOVIERS leaving a series of strongly fortified posts to check our advance. A company of our Infantry several times during the evening attempted to debouch from EASTERN edge of village but were driven back each time by heavy machine gun fire by a strong point 100 yards from the edge of the village and from a fortified building about 500 yards beyond. The artillery were not yet in a position to assist. It was decided to wait until dawn and attack the position with the help of Tanks. Three have worked their way up through the village during the night and together with one company of infantry launch the attack at dawn. No fire has been directed from points other than those mentioned and it is presumed that the Company will not meet trouble from other parts during the attack.
8. As a knowledge of our methods of co-operation between Infantry and Tanks would be of great service to the enemy, it is essential that the greatest care be taken to prevent a copy of these exercises falling into the enemy hands.

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FIRST EXERCISE - ATTACK ON TRENCH SYSTEMS

Stages

No.	DESCRIPTION	POINTS TO NOTE
1.	Assembly Formation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is just light enough for Tank drivers to see when the barrage falls. The barrage remains on the front line for four minutes. 2. Each wave is disposed in Lines of Sections in single file (S.S.135 Sec.XVI). 3. Rifle sections of second wave do mopping up. 4. The tanks are in position in the rear under cover.
2.	Advance of 1st Echelon of Tanks and of 1st wave.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Tanks cross the wire, each flattening two narrow paths. The Tanks do not cross at distance apart less than 50 yards (S.S.204 Sec.IV para.15) 2. Tanks move along between the wire and trench then cross the trench. 3. Infantry push forward, L.G. sections on the flanks (S.S.197 Sec.IV A.) 4. The sections cover each other by fire to assist in the passage through defiles made in the wire. 5. The sections do not crowd on the tail of the Tank during the passage through the wire, but double forward when the Tank is clear. 6. The Infantry step over the crushed wire (S.S.204 Sec.IV para.15) 7. Men detailed beforehand, widen gaps in wire to facilitate advance of those in rear. (S.S.204 Sec.IV para.10)
3.	Capturing first line of Trench.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tanks zig-zag across the front giving covering fire. 2. Tanks search for strong points and deal with them by fire or by crushing. 3. The Infantry send Lewis Gun sections over parapets to form protective screen while rifle sections clear and mop up the trenches and make stops where necessary.
4.	Moving on to second trench signalling to Tank for help.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Infantry cannot advance in places. Signal with helmet on rifle to attract Tank. Fire a No.27 Grenade at the Strong Point holding them up. The Tank deals with the Strong Point. 2. The Infantry take immediate advantage of the Tank masking fire of Strong Point and make progress. Tank flies GREEN and WHITE Signal "COME ON". The Infantry lose no time in taking over the Strong Point from the Tank. 3. In action, flag waving may be impracticable so Infantry must watch closely the action of the Tank, and must themselves judge the moment when the Tank has made it possible for them to advance. 4. The Infantry must not regard themselves as relieved from responsibility of covering with fire their own advance. It is not advisable to always call on Tanks to help when held up, as this may delay the Tanks and the protection of the creeping barrage may be lost. (S.S.135 Sec.XVI para.10)
5.	First System captured Second Echelons moving.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The first wave of Tanks and Infantry keep as close as possible to the creeping barrage. 2. Infantry of Second Wave take over captured system. 3. Role of 2nd Echelon of Tanks is to assist in mopping up the area captured to cover the work of the Infantry, and to replace casualties in the 1st Echelon of Tanks. 4. Capture of First System is notified by firing Very Light.
6.	Attack on Second Objective.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Platoons on RIGHT again held up - they signal to Tanks for assistance.

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FIRST EXERCISE - ATTACK ON TRENCH SYSTEMS (Contd.)

2. Platoons on LEFT make progress, sections giving mutual help, and Tanks always assisting.
7. Pursuit by fire
Consolidation.
Reinforcing
1. The Infantry send out protective screens.
 2. Sections of Rifle men (moppers up) take over the captured strong point.
 3. Capture of second system indicated by firing Very light.
 4. At the conclusion of the attack, the troops holding captured area are distributed in depth.
 5. Tanks withdraw flying the Tricolour as signal "COMING BACK" - If required by Infantry, tanks patrol in front of captured position and return when consolidation has been completed.
 6. Contact aeroplanes flies over and sounds horn. Infantry working in Front Line are wearing white strips on back of the neck. They light ground flares in response to call and display metal discs.
- All stages.
1. If a Tank breaks down in the first Echelon it flies RED and YELLOW flag. The infantry go on without it, as their security depends on their so doing. (S.S.204 Sec.IV para.14).
 2. The Infantry may at times outstrip the Tanks but normally the Tanks resume the lead.

SECOND EXERCISE - ATTACK ON FORTIFIED BUILDING

STAGES	POINTS TO NOTE .-
No. DESCRIPTION	POINTS TO NOTE .-
1. Tanks appear.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One Tank makes direct for the Strong Point which has been preventing the Infantry from debouching from the village. 2. Garrison of Strong Point flees. Section of Infantry, prompt to take advantage of opportunity created by Tank, dash out and engage the fleeing target (S.S.204 Sec iii). 3. Two other Tanks make for fortified building.
2. Attackers moving (S.S.204 Sec.vi).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scouts advance from village: section of attackers in single file with E.G's between follow the scouts. 2. A concealed machine gun, overlooked by the advancing Tanks, appears & fires on the attackers. 3. Infantry call back a Tank to assist.
3. Tanks mask the fortified building. (S.S.204 Sec.vi).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One Tank moves to rear of building to cut off retreat of garrison; another Tank halts in front drives the garrison into cellars and dugouts, & holds them there till the attackers come up. 2. Attackers move forward to the building.
4. Consolidators follow on. (S.S.204 Sec.vi)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sections in single file emerge from the village and follow the attackers. 2. Two sections hold a position in front of the Village to cover a possible retirement.
5. Capturing the building. (S.S.204 Sec.vi)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Certain sections previously detailed attack the garrison and capture the position, the remaining attackers go beyond and form a protective outpost. 2. Consolidators arrive and take over the position; attackers move out to strengthen outpost line. 3. Tanks move to the flanks to give protection to the outposts.

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LIST OF SUBJECTS TO BE DEALT WITH BY COMMANDING OFFICERS OF
DISBANDED BATTALIONS

<u>Subject to be dealt with</u>	<u>To whom sent</u>
1. Nominal Roll of Personnel	Bde. H.Q. and Bns. receiving drafts.
2. Completion of A.F's.B.122 (Conduct Sheets).	Bns. receiving drafts
3. Completion of Pay books	
4. Regimental Trust Funds account	
5. (a) Officers Mess Account (b) Sergeants " "	
6. Mobilization Stores	
7. Court of Enquiry re Missing personnel (Battle casualties, at request of 3rd Echelon, G.H.Q.)	Bde. H.Q. and Aust. Section 3rd Echelon.
8. War Diary	Bde. H.Q. for transmission to London.
9. List showing particulars of Officers Records who march out to other units. Also those posted to other units who remain seconded.	Bde. H.Q. and Bns. receiving drafts.
10. Particulars and description of all men A.W.L.	Bde. H.Q. and D.A.P.M., Snd Aust. Divn.
11. Documents in connection with all F.C.C.M. cases outstanding.	Bde. H.Q. and Bns. receiving drafts.
12. Lists of men on detached duties (to enable Bdes. to allot them to Bns.)	Bde. H.Q.
13. Lists giving particulars.- (a) Schools attended by Officers (b) " " " " H.C.O's (c) " " " " and Men not allotted owing to absence through sickness or wounds.	Bde. H.Q. and Bns. receiving drafts.
14. Nominal Rolls of Officers and O.R's recommended for decorations up-to but to whom no awards have yet been made.	Bns. receiving drafts.
15. Nominal Roll of men allotted to units who have been awarded decorations specifying whether Medal or Medal Ribband has been presented.	-do- -do-
16. Particulars of all men.- (a) Undergoing suspended sentence (b) " " F.P. or Imprisonment.	Bde. H.Q.
17. Inventories of personnel effects of deceased and wounded men	Base records.
18. Packing for despatch to London Records - all books, documents etc., held at Bn. H.Q. which are required for record purposes.	
19. Despatching souvenirs of Bn. to War Museums, Aust. Section	
20. List showing dates of all ranks last leave to England or last date in England for purpose of compiling leave roster.	Bns. receiving drafts.

This memo amplifies instructions contained in Addendum No.1 of 6th A.I.Bde. Special Order.

The Commanding Officer, 31st Bn. will, on completion of the re-organization render a report through Bde. H.Q. to Divnl. H.Q. dealing with each of the subjects abovementioned.

J.P. Miller
Captain,
A/Staff Captain 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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No.	929
Date.	

Brigade Headquarters
24th Sept., 1918.

Commanding Officers.-
22nd Battalion
23rd "
24th "

The G.O.C. desires Commanding Officers to exercise great tact in the actual carrying out of the Instructions contained in 6th A.I.Bde. "Special Order" issued today.

It is quite possible that there may be some hitch in the actual transfer of Coys. of the 21st Bn. to their new Battalions tomorrow and it is desired that as little as possible of this trouble should come to the notice of members of the 22nd Bn., 23rd Bn. and 24th Bn.

For this reason C.O.'s should before sending Regimental Bands to 21st Bn. billets tomorrow to play the 21st Bn. Companies into their new Bns., send up an Officer to ascertain if everything is going well with the 21st Battalion.

It is considered, however, that if the men are handled with tact combined with firmness, where necessary and if the Junior Officers and N.C.O.'s carry out their orders loyally, nothing will happen which would spoil the splendid record of this Brigade.

J. H. M. Law

Major,

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

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21st Battalion Headquarters
25th September, 1918.

6th A.I. Brigade.

Owing to the withdrawal of the Officers from this unit on their reporting to their respective Battalions it was considered necessary, by a representative meeting of Other Ranks of the 21st Battalion, that certain N.C.O.'s should, for the time being, be given certain powers for the maintenance of order.

Acting in the capacity of C.O. - 310 C.S.M. TREVASCUS W.C.

Acting in the capacity of Adjutant - 929 Sgt. MONTGOMERY W.

(Signed) W. MONTGOMERY, Sergeant,
21st Battalion A. I. F.

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Brigade Headquarters
25th Sept., 1918.

21st Bn.
22nd "
23rd "
24th "
6th T.M.Bty.

1. The Instructions contained in 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade "Special Order" dated 24th September, 1918 will remain in abeyance till further orders.
2. Officers of 21st Battalion transferred to other Battalions of the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will rejoin 21st Battalion at once.
3. All Battalions of the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be reorganized on a "Three Company Basis" forthwith. This organization will be retained till further orders.
4. 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th Battalions to Acknowledge.

Major,

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

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Bde. Post Office
16th Coy. A.A.S.C.
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" " " "A.Q."
Paymaster, 2nd Aust. Div.
D.A.D.O.S., 2nd Aust. Div.
Aust. Section 3rd Echelon G.H.Q.
A.D.O.S., Aust. Corps
D.A.G., A.I.F.
Aust. War Records Section LONDON
" Records Admin. H.Q., A.I.F. LONDON
5th A.I.Bde.
7th A.I.Bde.
6th Fld. Coy. A.E.
6th Fld. Ambulance
War Diary
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G.O.C.
Bde. Major
Staff Captain
I.O.
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6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Brigade Headquarters
25th Sept., 1918.21st Bn.
22nd "
23rd "
24th "

The G.O.C. regrets that the Brigade Sick Returns for period 23. 8. 18 to 20. 9. 18 are out of all proportion to those of the 5th and 7th A.I.Bdes.

He particularly wishes Commanding Officers to go into this matter with their R.M.O's and ascertain why the numbers are so large. Is it that our R.M.O's are more sympathetic than those of other Bdes. or are our Platoon Commanders not so careful of the health and welfare of the members of their units as they might be ?

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

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21st 22nd 23rd 24th P.M.
6th A.I.T. M.B.H.

Warning Order



6th A.I. Bde will move during
night 27th/28th Sept. from present
area to billets in vicinity

of LE MESNIL - BRUTTEL

4000 yards South of PERONNE.

Detailed orders later.

Acknowledge.

J. L. M. [Signature]
Bde Major
6th A.I. Bde

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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 181

Ref. Map Sheet 62.C. 1/40,000 . 26th Sept., 1918.

1. The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Group consisting of:-
 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
 6th Aust. Field Coy. Engrs.
 6th Aust. Field Ambulance
 will move to the MESNIL Area on the night 27th/28th Sept. in accordance with attached table.
2. Battalions will move with distances of 200 yards between Coys. and 200 yds. between the tail of each rear Coy. and head of Battalion Transport.
 Similar distances will be observed by Field Coy. and Field Ambulance.
3. Regulation halts from 10 minutes to the clock hour to clock hour will be observed throughout the march.
4. Unit billeting areas in the MESNIL Area are shown on attached sketch.
5. DRESS:- Full marching order plus Greatcoats and W.P. Sheets.
 Blankets will be carried on lorries.
 Each man will carry 120 rds. S.A.A. and no bombs.
 Water bottles will be filled before starting.
6. A further move to assembly areas will be carried out on the night 28th/29th Sept. in accordance with orders to be issued later.
7. Administrative Instructions are being issued separately.
8. Acknowledge.-

Issued to Signals at Midnight.

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1. 21st Bn.
2. 22nd "
3. 23rd "
4. 24th "
5. 6th T.M.Bty.
6. 6th Fld. Coy. A.E.
7. 6th Aust. Fld. Amb.
8. Bde. Sig. Offr.
9. Bde. Transport Offr.
10. Bde. Bomb Officer
11. G.O.C.
12. Bde. Major
13. Staff Capt.
14. Bde. I.O.
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19. 2nd Aust. Div. "G"
20. " " " " "Q"
21. A.D.M.S.
22. C.R.E.
23. 2nd A.M.G.Bn.
24. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
25. 5th A.I.Bde.
26. 7th A.I.Bde.
27. D.A.D.C.S.
28. Area Commdt. CAPPY

J. J. M. Call
 Major,
 Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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28. Area Commdt. MESNIL
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33. Spares " "
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To accompany 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No.181

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Serial No.	Unit.-	From.-	To.-	Route.-		Starting Point and time head of unit due to pass.-
1.	6th A.I.Bde H.Q.	CAPPY	O.4.b.4.2.	CAPPY - Rd. Junction at G.26.b.8.4. - DOMPIERRE - ASSEVILLERS - BARLEUX - FME LAMIRE - MESNIL.		S.P. Rd. Junction G.26.b.8.4. Time 6.45 p.m.
2.	6th A.L.T.M. Bty.	"	O.4.b.4.2.	-do-	-do-	S.P. Rd. Junction G.26.b.8.4. Time 6.50 p.m.
3.	21st Bn.	"	I.36.c.7.7.	-do-	-do-	S.P. G.26.b.8.4. Time 7 p.m.
4.	22nd Bn.	"	O.5.a.3.2.	-do-	-do-	S.P. G.26.b.8.4. Time 7.15 p.m.
5.	23rd Bn.	"	P.7.a.4.8.	-do-	-do-	S.P. G.26.b.8.4. Time 7.30 p.m.
6.	24th Bn.	"	P.7.c.6.9.	-do-	-do-	S.P. G.26.b.8.4. Time 7.45 p.m.
7.	6th Fld. Amb.	"	P.21.a.3.6.	-do-	-do-	S.P. G.26.b.8.4. Time 8.00 p.m.
8.	6th Fld.Coy. A.E.	ECLUSIER	P.15.c.0.0.	-do-	-do-	S.P. G.34.d.3.8. Time 8.30 p.m.

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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
26th Sept., 1918

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO
(To accompany 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 181)

Ref. Map 62.C. 1/40,000

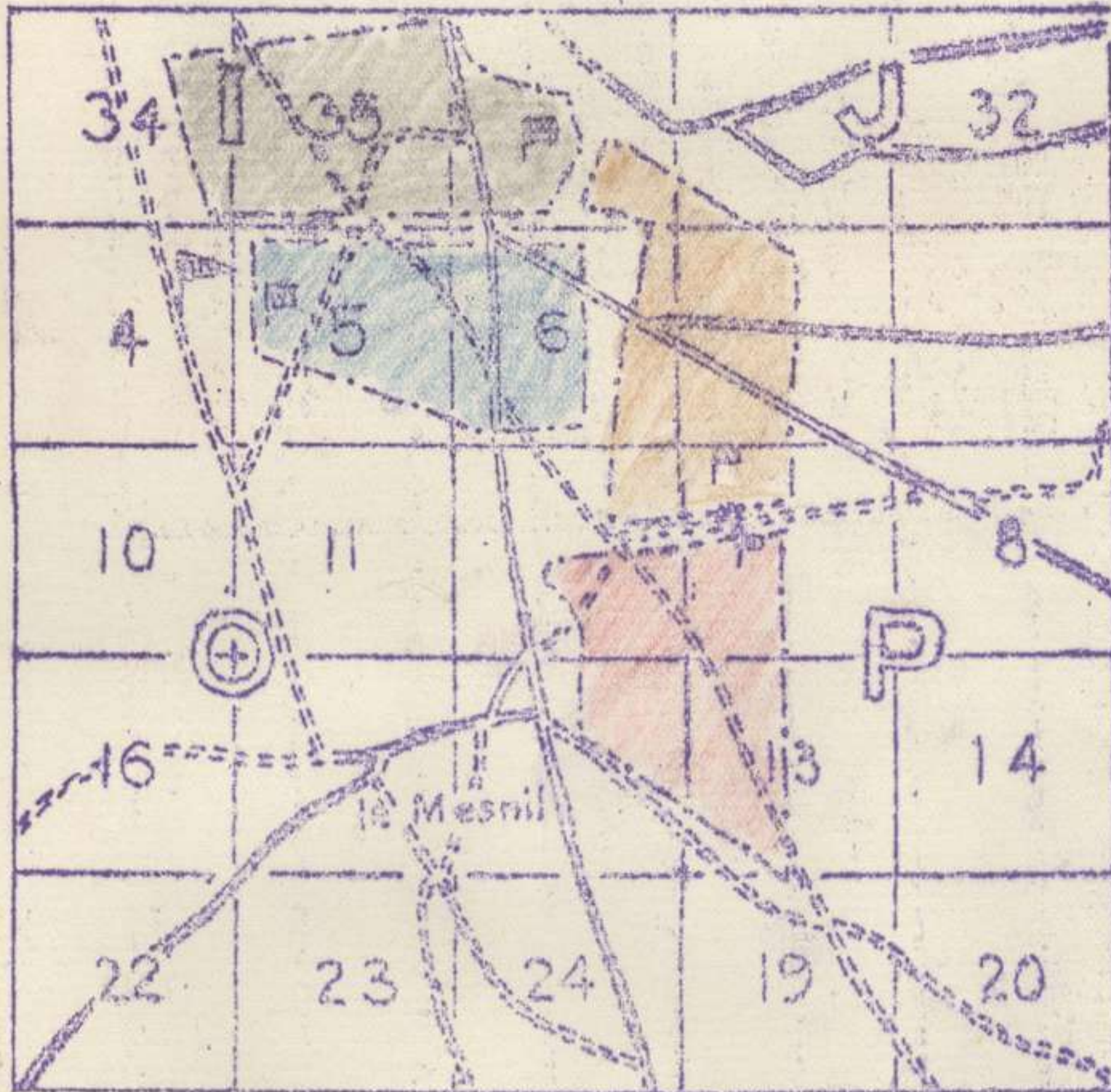
1. SUB-AREA COMMDT. LE MESNIL. Lieut. GLEADOW, 24th Bn. will take over the duties of Sub-Area Commdt. at Area Commandant's Office LE MESNIL, O.17.b.3.1. at 10 a.m. 27th inst.
2. BILLETING Billeting parties of 1 Officer and 6 N.C.O's per Bn. (including one Transport N.C.O.) and representatives from other units of Bde. Group will meet Lieut. GLEADOW at Area Commandant's Office LE MESNIL, O.17.b.3.1., at 12 noon 27th inst. A further party of guides should make their way to the new area to be available on arrival of Battalion. 21st Bn. will render usual Billeting Certificates to Area Commdt. CAPPY, prior to moving out.
3. AREA STORES All area stores will be handed over to Area Commdt. CAPPY. Area stores in the new area should be carefully checked. In each case receipts in duplicate and summarised statement will be rendered to Bde. Hdqrs. by 12 noon 28th instant.
4. BLANKETS 1 Motor Lorry per Bn. and one for remainder of Bde. Group have been allotted for the transport of blankets only. Each Bn. will detail one guide to meet Motor Lorries at CAPPY CHURCH at 4 p.m. 27th inst. After loading lorry will proceed direct to Area Commdts. Office LE MESNIL, where unit billeting N.C.O. should await as guide to new camp.
5. BAGGAGE WAGONS. Two Baggage Wagons per Bn. will report to Bns. at an hour to be notified later.
6. RATIONS A.S.C. arrangements will be notified later.
7. MOBILE ECHELON Three limbers per Bn. (two S.A.A. and one of bombs) will report to Bde. Bomb Officer at Bde. Hdqrs. at 2 p.m. 27th inst. The additional half limber of bombs in Echelon per Bn. is to be built up from bombs now held. 3 C.R.'s per Bn. with a knowledge of bombs will accompany limbers and be attached to echelon.
8. TRANSPORT LINES. With units in new area.
9. EMERGENCY RATIONS. All men are to be complete with emergency rations prior to moving off.
10. 1914 PERSONNEL. Attention is drawn to 2nd Aust. Div. Memo. 114/464 of 26th inst. (Bde. 962). All 1914 personnel will, after move to new area, report to 2nd Aust. Div. Reinft. Wing LA CHAPELETTE at 12 noon 28th inst. Duplicate nominal roll will be forwarded to Bde. Hdqrs.
11. WATER. DOINGT STANDPIPE .. I.36.a.5.6.
Two sterilizing lorries I.36.a.4.2.
LE MESNIL Standpipe O.17.b.5.3.
12. KITS. Kits will be dumped in the new area under arrangements to be notified later.

Distribution as per
Bde. Order No. 181

K. P. ...

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

— REFERENCE :- SHEET 62^e 1/40000. —



LEGEND: BDE H.Q. BN. H.Q.

21st Battalion Billeting Area coloured BLACK
 22nd " " " " BLUE
 23rd " " " " BROWN
 24th " " " " RED

6th L.T.M. Bty. Billeting Area around Bde. H.Q.
 6th Fld. Coy. A.E. Billeting Area around P.15.c.0.0.
 6th Fld. Ambulance Billeting Area around P.21.a.3.6.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
27th Sept., 1918.

- 21st Bn.
- 22nd "
- 23rd "
- 24th "
- 6th T.M.Bty.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.	
No.	972
Date	

Reference 2nd Aust. Div. 91/924 of even date

No orders will be given or reference made to the forthcoming operations on any telephone line until open warfare conditions exist.

J. J. L. Cairns

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

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Brigade Headquarters
28th Sept., 1918.

- 21st Bn.
- 22nd "
- 23rd "
- 24th "
- 6th T.M.Sty.
- 6th Fld. Coy. A.S.
- 6th Aust. Fld. Amb.
- 6th A.M.G.Coy.



March will be resumed to-night to TINCOURT - MARQUAIX - ROISEL Area. No move before 7.30 p.m.

An Officer from each unit will report at 6th A.I.Bde. H.Q. O.4.b.4.S. at 12 noon to-day when he will be shown his own unit billeting area. Units will then send off billeting parties.

Acknowledge.

Addressed all units 6th A.I.Bde. repeated 6th Aust. Field Coy., M.G.Coy. and 6th Field Ambulance.

J.P.M. Law

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

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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 182

Ref. Map Sheet 62.C. 1/40,000
62.C. N.E. 1/20,000

28th September, 1918.

1. The 6th Aust. Infantry Brigade Group consisting of:-
 - 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade
 - 6th Aust. Field Coy. Engrs.
 - 6th Aust. M.G. Coy.
 - 6th Aust. Field Ambulance.
 will move during the night 28th/29th Sept. from the MESNIL Area to the TINCOURT - MARQUAIX - ROISEL Area in accordance with attached table and following instructions.
2. Unit Billeting Areas have been indicated to Unit Representatives.
3. No movement forward, either of personnel or transport, is to take place before 7.30 p.m. and all moves are to be completed by 3 a.m.
4. Distances on the march.-

Between Infantry Coys	.....	.....	50 yards
" Unit and its Transport	.....	.....	100 "
" each section of 6 vehicles	.....	.....	25 "
5. 1st Line Transport will accompany units.
6. Packs and surplus kit will be dumped to-day at Brigade Kit Store PERONNE under instructions to be issued by the Staff Captain.
7. DRESS.- Fighting Order.
Greatcoats and W.P. sheets will be carried on the man.
8. Close Billeting must be resorted to so as to ensure that troops can turn out rapidly if required.
9. After midday on the 29th Sept. all units of Brigade Group will hold themselves in readiness to move off at 1½ hours notice.
10. Completion of move and location of unit Hdqrs., will be immediately notified to Brigade Headquarters.
11. 6th A.I. Bde. H.Q. will close at O.4.b.4.2. (62.C.) at 7 p.m. and re-open at J.18.a.0.5. at 9 p.m.
12. All trench shelters will be returned to Area Commdt. LE MESNIL before moving off tonight.
13. A c k n o w l e d g e .-

Dictated to Unit representatives at 12.45 p.m.

Distribution:- Through Signals at 3.30 p.m.
As for 6th A.I. Bde. Order
No. 181 plus 6th A.M.G. Coy.

J. L. W. Bay
Major,
Brigade Major 6th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 6th AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER NO. 182

Serial No.	Unit	Starting Point	Pass S.P. at	Route	Remarks
1.	6th A.I. Bde. H.Q.	Road Junction O.6.a.3.9.	7.20 p.m.	Road Junction O.6.b.8.2. - CARTIGNY - BRUSLE - BOUCLY - TINCOURT.	Billets at J.18.a.0.5.
2.	6th A.L.T.M. Bty.	-do-	7.25 p.m.	-do- -do-	Billets at MARQUAIX
3.	21st Bn.	-do-	7.30 p.m.	Road Junction O.6.b.8.2. - CARTIGNY - BRUSLE - BOUCLY - HAMEL - MARQUAIX.	Billets in Area K.14.a.&.b., K.15.a. &.c., K.16.a.
4.	22nd Bn.	-do-	7.45 p.m.	-do- -do-	Billets in Area K.2., K.8.a.&.b., K.9.a.
5.	23rd Bn.	Cross Roads P.8.a.5.4.	8.05 p.m.	CATELET - CARTIGNY - BRUSLE - BOUCLY - HAMEL.	Billets in Area K.1.d. K.7., K.13.a.
6.	24th Bn.	Cross Roads P.8.a.5.4.	8.20 p.m.	CATELET - CARTIGNY - BRUSLE - BOUCLY - TINCOURT.	Billets in Area J.18.a.&.c., J.17.d.
7.	6th Fld. Coy. A.E.	FME de BIAS	7.30 p.m.	BIAS - CARTIGNY - BRUSLE - BOUCLY.	Chateau TINCOURT.
8.	6th Aust. Fld. Ambulance	FME de BIAS	8.40 p.m.	BIAS - CARTIGNY - BRUSLE - BOUCLY - TINCOURT - HAMEL - MARQUAIX.	Billets in MARQUAIX.
9.	6th A.M.G. Coy.	Cross Roads J.27.b.9.0.	7.30 p.m.	TINCOURT - HAMEL.	Billets in HAMEL.

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APPENDIX XIX

"A" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			Date.....
	At.....m.		Service.	From.....
	To.....			By.....
	By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	

TO { 2nd AUST DIV

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 Bm 5 29th/9

Move Completed 1 am aaa 6th A 9 Bde
 HQ J 18 A 15 aaa 6th A LTM By HQ
 K 14 D 56 aaa 6th A Ld By A E HQ J 24 D 36
 aaa 6th A m g By HQ K 13 C 10 aaa 6th A mt
 Fed Amb HQ MARQUAIX aaa 21st Bn
 HQ K 16 A 51 aaa 22nd Bn HQ K 8 B 51
 aaa 23rd Bn HQ J 18 C 88 aaa 24th Bn
 HQ J 18 C 89

From 6th A 9 Bde
 Place
 Time 1.35 am
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

APPENDIX

Brigade Headquarters
30th Sept., 1918

21st Bn.
22nd "
23rd "
24th "
6th T.M.Bty.
6th A.M.G.Coy.
6th Fld. Coy. A.E.
6th Fld. Ambulance

W A R N I N G O R D E R

Ref. Map 62.C. 1/40,000

1. All units 6th A.I.Bde. Group will be prepared to move at 9 a.m. 1st October to an area South of VILLERET.
2. It is quite possible that the Brigade may have to take over portion of the front line on night 1st/2nd October.
3. Order of March:-
 - 21st Battalion
 - 22nd "
 - 6th Aust. Fld. Ambulance
 - 6th A.L.T.M.Bty.
 - 6th A.M.G.Coy.
 - 23rd Battalion
 - 24th "
 - 6th Aust. Fld. Coy. A.E.
 - 6th A.I.Bde. H.Q.
4. Distances 100 yards between Companies
At least 500 yards between units.
200 yards between Unit and its First line transport.
5. Blankets will be carried.
6. Detailed Orders later.
7. A c k n o w l e d g e .-

Issued through Signals at 9.15 p.m.

Copies to.-

War Diary
File
G.O.C.
Bde. Major
Staff Captain

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

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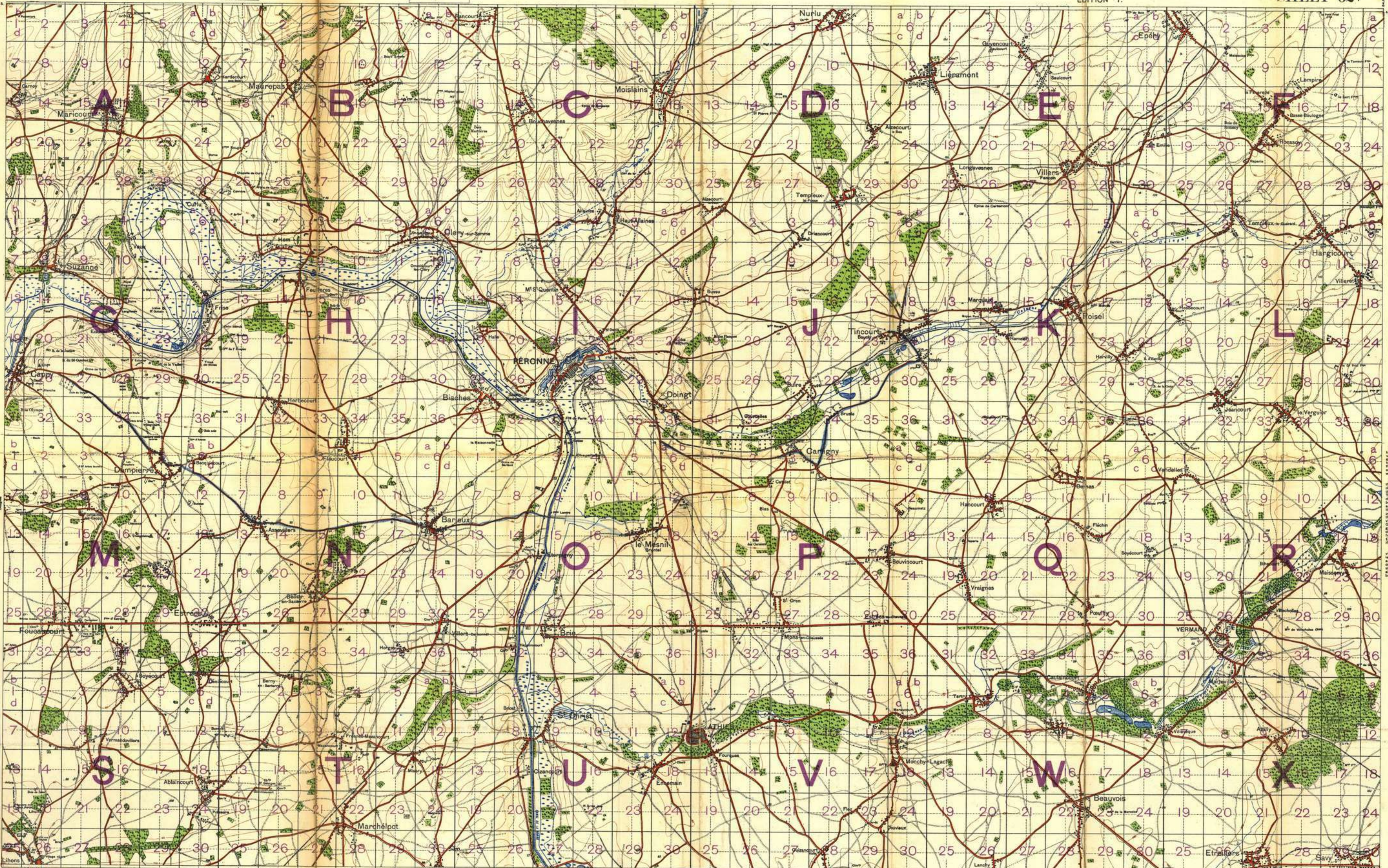
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57°	57'	57"
62°	52'	62"
66°	56'	66"

EDITION 1.

SHEET 62c



On several maps all bearings should be given with reference to the vertical grid lines which are marked on the map and which are always to be preferred to bearings from the true meridian.

Grid bearings are less correct than true bearings, the difference being called the declination. To find out what this difference is, take a compass bearing in a distant point, and true bearings in the same point. The difference between the two bearings is the declination of that point from true north. To obtain the grid bearing of any point from the declination must be subtracted from the compass bearing (adding 90° in the latter if necessary).

On this sheet the mean declination of a normal compass is 12° 10' but the declination of each compass should be noted and described above, and the declination should be repeated in each locality.

REFERENCE

Height, Fence or Ditch	—
Ditch with Permanent Water	—
Contiguous Points	—
Obvious Point in Centre of Area	—
Point in Centre of Irregularity Field	—
Permanent Railway	—
Light	—
Main Roads	—

INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE USE OF THE SQUARES.

1. The large rectangles on the map, lettered A, B, C, etc., are divided into squares of 1,000 yards side, which are numbered 1, 2, 3, etc. Each of these squares is further divided into four minor squares of 500 yards side. These minor squares are numbered a, b, c, d. (See Square No. 6 in west margin.)

2. A point may thus be described as being within Square B, 6, 2, 3, etc. To locate a point within a small square, consider the side divided into halves, and draw the point by halving the length from the top, the distance being taken as origin, and the distance along the Southern side being always given by the figures. Thus the point Z would be 62 1/2 of distance East and 3 1/2 distance North from origin.

3. When such approximate definition is wanted (on the 1:50,000 or 1:100,000 scales) use the same method but divide sides into 100 parts and use four figures instead of three. Thus 0847 denotes the point East and 47 parts North of origin (see point X). Point Y is 8006.

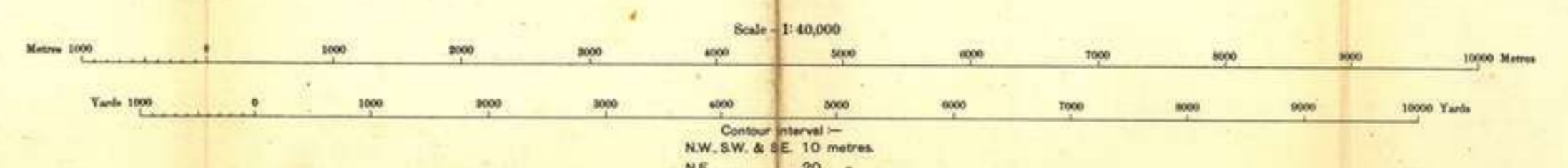
Use 2 to locate 10, use either two or four figures; do not use fractions (05, 4), etc.



ALL HEIGHTS IN METRES

TABLE FOR CONVERTING METRES TO FEET.

Meters	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
Feet	0	33	66	99	132	165	198	231	264	297	330
Meters	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200	210
Feet	363	394	425	456	487	518	549	580	611	642	673
Meters	220	230	240	250	260	270	280	290	300	310	320
Feet	723	754	785	816	847	878	909	940	971	1002	1033
Meters	330	340	350	360	370	380	390	400	410	420	430
Feet	1083	1114	1145	1176	1207	1238	1269	1300	1331	1362	1393
Meters	440	450	460	470	480	490	500	510	520	530	540
Feet	1443	1474	1505	1536	1567	1598	1629	1660	1691	1722	1753
Meters	550	560	570	580	590	600	610	620	630	640	650
Feet	1803	1834	1865	1896	1927	1958	1989	2020	2051	2082	2113
Meters	660	670	680	690	700	710	720	730	740	750	760
Feet	2163	2194	2225	2256	2287	2318	2349	2380	2411	2442	2473
Meters	770	780	790	800	810	820	830	840	850	860	870
Feet	2523	2554	2585	2616	2647	2678	2709	2740	2771	2802	2833
Meters	880	890	900	910	920	930	940	950	960	970	980
Feet	2883	2914	2945	2976	3007	3038	3069	3100	3131	3162	3193
Meters	990	1000	1010	1020	1030	1040	1050	1060	1070	1080	1090
Feet	3243	3274	3305	3336	3367	3398	3429	3460	3491	3522	3553



GLOSSARY APPENDIX

Abbaye, Abbr - Abbey.
 Abouoir, Ab - Watering place.
 Abri de douanes - Customs-shelter.
 Acacia - Steel works.
 Acacias - Points (Ry.)
 Aloué - Alley, Narrow road.
 Ancien - ne, Am - Old.
 Aqueduc - Aqueduct.
 Arbre - Tree.
 " éventail - " fan-shaped.
 " décharné - " bare.
 " fourchu - " forked.
 " isolé - " isolated.
 " poudré - " leached.
 Arbrisseau - Small tree.
 Arc - Slate quarry.
 Ardoisiers, Ard - Halt.
 Arrêt - Asylum.
 " des allués - Lomate sylvum.
 " de charité - Asylum.
 " des pauvres - Asylum.
 " de refuge - Asylum.
 Auberge, Aub - Inn.
 Aune - Alder-tree.
 Bœc - Ferry.
 " à truelle - Balsa.
 Bains - Bathing place.
 Place aux bains - Bains, Besson.
 Balise - Sand-bank.
 Banc de sable - Sand-bank.
 " vase - Mud-bank.
 Baraque - Hut.
 Barrage - Dam.
 Barrière - Chain, Stake.
 (Machine à) Bascule - Weigh-bridge.
 Bassin - Dock, Flood.
 " d'échouage - Tidal dock.

Bassin de radoub - Dry dock.
 Bateau phare - Light-ship.
 Blanchisserie - Laundry.
 B.M. (borne militaire) - Mile stone.
 B.V. (borne kilométrique) - Mile stone.
 Boulonnerie - Bolt factory.
 Fabr' de boules - Ball mill.
 Boiserie - Customs-shelter.
 Brasserie, Brass - Brewery.
 Bréqueterie, Brig - Breakfield.
 Brise-lames - Breakwater.
 Bureau de poste - Post office.
 " de douane - Customs house.
 Butte - Butt, Mound.
 Cabane - Hut.
 Cabaret, Cab - Inn.
 Câble sous-marin - Submarine cable.
 Calvaire, Calv - Calvary.
 Canal de - désechement - Drainage canal.
 " d'irrigation - Irrigation canal.
 Fabr' de caoutchouc - Rubber factory.
 Carrière, Carr - Quarry.
 " de gravier - Gravel-pit.
 Caserne - Barracks.
 Champ de courses - Race course.
 " manoeuvres - Drill-ground.
 " tir - Rifle range.
 Chantier - Building yard.
 " de produits chimiques - Chemical works.
 " de construction - Ship-way.
 Chapelle, Ch - Chapel.
 Charbonnage - Colliery.
 Château d'eau - Water tower.
 Chaussée - Causeway.
 " de fer - Railway.
 Cheminée, Ch - Chimney.
 " de bois - Oak tree.
 Cimetières, Cim - Cemetery.
 Clocher - Belfry.
 Clouterie - Nail factory.
 Colombier - Dove-cot.

Coron - Workmen's dwellings.
 Cour aux | marches - Goods yard.
 " | diées - Court.
 Couvent - Convent.
 Crasier - Slag heap.
 Croix - Cross.
 Darse - Inner dock.
 Démoli - e - Destroyed.
 Glaçière - Ice factory.
 Grue - Crane.
 Dégrenoir - Ford.
 Digues - Dyke, causeway.
 Distillerie, Dist - Distillery.
 Douane - Customs-house.
 Bureau de douane - Customs warehouse.
 Entrepôt de douane - Dynamite magazine.
 Dynamitère, Dynam - Dynamite factory.
 Ecluse - Sluice, Lock.
 Ecluse, Ecl - Sluice.
 Ecole - School.
 Ecurie - Stable.
 Eglise - Church.
 Enallerie - Enamel works.
 Embarras, Emb - Landing-place.
 Entamé, Estam - In.
 Etang - Pond.
 Fabrigo, Fab - Factory.
 Fabr' de saie - Chemical works.
 " chimiques - Pottery.
 Faissonerie - Farm.
 Ferme, Fm - Spinning mill.
 Filature, Fil - Foundry.
 Fonderie, Fond - Spring, fountain.
 Fontaine, Font - Forest.
 Forêt - Dry dock.
 Forne de radoub - Forge.
 Fosse - Mine, Pit.
 Fosse - Mast, Dock.
 Four - Kiln.
 " à chaux - Lime-kiln.

Four à coke - Coke oven.
 Gaterie - Glove factory.
 Gare - Station.
 Garosse - Warren.
 Garnison - Garrison.
 Gasconière - Gasconier.
 Glaçerie - Ice factory.
 Fabr' de glace - Ice factory.
 Glaçière - Ice factory.
 Grue - Crane.
 Ford - Ford.
 Gouffre - Scaur, box, Turret.
 " à signaux - Signal-box (Ry.)
 Halle - Hall.
 Hangar - Shed, Hangar.
 Hôpital - Hospital.
 Hôtel-de-Ville - Town hall.
 Houillère - Colliery.
 Huilerie - Oil factory.
 Imprimerie, Imp - Printing works.
 Jette - Pier.
 Laminerie - Rolling mill.
 Ligne | de haute - High water mark.
 " | basse - Low water mark.
 Ligne | morte - High water mark.
 " | de basse marte - Low water mark.
 Maïson Forestière - Forester's house.
 M - M.
 Malterie - Malthouse.
 Marbrerie - Marble works.
 Marais - Marsh.
 Marais salant - Salt marsh.
 Marché - Market.
 Mare - Pool.
 Meule - Mill.
 Mine - Mine.
 Minère - Mine.
 Monastère - Monastery.
 Moulin, M - Mill.
 " à vapeur - Steam mill.
 Mur - Wall.
 " crénelé - Loop-holed wall.

Nacelle - Ferry.
 Orme - Elm.
 Orphelinat - Orphanage.
 Ouvrière - Outer-beds.
 Ouvrage - Fort.
 Ouvrages hydrauliques - Water works.
 Papeterie - Paper-mill.
 Parc - Park, yard.
 " aéronautique - Aviation ground.
 " à charbon - Coal yard.
 " à pétrole - Petrol store.
 Passage à niveau P.N. - Level crossing.
 Passerelle, Pass - Foot-bridge.
 Pépinière - Nursery-garden.
 Populier - Poplar tree.
 Place - Light-house.
 Piler, Pil - Post.
 Plaine d'exercice - Drill ground.
 Pompe - Pump.
 Ponceau - Culvert.
 Pont - Bridge.
 " levé - Draw-bridge.
 " de garde - Coast-guard station.
 Poste - Post.
 " de gare - Post station.
 Poteau - Post.
 Poterie - Pottery.
 Poudrière, Poud - Powder magazine.
 Magnésit - Magnesia.
 Puits d'eau - Water supply.
 Puits - Pit-head, Shaft, Well.
 " artésien - Artesian well.
 " d'aérage - Ventilating shaft.
 " ventilateur - Boring.
 Quai - Quay, Platform.
 " aux bestiaux - Cattle platform.
 " aux marchandises - Goods platform.
 " des diées - Mine.
 Raccordement - Junction.
 Raffinerie - Refinery.
 " de sucre - Sugar refinery.
 Réfectoire - Rest-room factory.

Rembai - Embankment.
 Remise (des Machines) - Engine shed.
 Réservoir, Rés - Reservoir.
 Route cavalière - Bridle road.
 Rubannerie - Ribbon factory.
 Ruine - Ruin.
 Ruines - Ruins.
 Ruine - e - Ruin.
 Sablière - Sand-pit.
 Sablonnière, Sablon - Fir tree.
 Sapia - Willow tree.
 Saule - Willow tree.
 Saunerie - Salt works.
 Scierie, Sc - Saw-mill.
 Sondage - Boring.
 Source - Spring.
 Sucrerie, Suc - Sugar factory.
 Tannerie - Tannery.
 Tir à la cible - Rifle range.
 Tissage - Weaving mill.
 Tôlerie - Rolling mill.
 Tombeau - Tomb.
 Tour - Tower.
 Tourbière - Peat-bog, Peat-bed.
 Tourrelle - Small tower.
 Tuilerie - Tile works.
 Usine à gaz - Gas works.
 " électrique - Electricity works.
 " d'électricité - Electricity works.
 " métallurgique - Metal works.
 " à agglomération - Briquette factory.
 Verrerie, Verr - Glass works.
 Vado - Viaduct.
 Viver - Fish Pond.
 Voie de chargement - Siding.
 " d'évacuation - Siding.
 " de formation - Siding.
 " manoeuvres - Siding.
 Zingarie - Zinc works.

FRANCE.

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SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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SPORTS

FRIDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER, 1918.

Held at G20, A. (Sh. 62 C), commencing at 10 a.m.

OFFICIALS.

President: Brig.-Gen. J. C. Robertson, C.M.G., D.S.O.
 Committee: Major A. E. Reed, D.S.O., (Chairman)
 21st Battn.; Lt. A. Peck, 21st Battn.; Lt. G. C.
 Hughes, M.M., 22nd Battn.; Lt. P. L. J. Foley,
 23rd Battn.; Lt. H. J. Cunningham, 24th Battn.

Referees: Lt.-Col. A. R. Wiltshire, D.S.O., M.C., 22nd
 Battn.; Lt.-Col. W. E. James, D.S.O., 24th Battn.

Judges: Championship Flat Races—Lt.-Col. B. O. C.
 Duggan, D.S.O., 21st Battn.; Lt. H. C. Holland,
 23rd Battn.; Lt. C. D. Fethers, M.C., Bgde. Hdqrs.
 Mounted Events—Lt. C. H. Miller, D.C.M., 21st;
 Sgt. J. R. Parker, 24th Battn; Sgt. C. Wright, 23rd
 Battn. Miscellaneous Events—Lt. L. W. Harricks,
 M.C., 22nd Battn; Lt. R. K. Bazley, M.C., 21st Bn.
 Jumping—Capt. J. Sullivan, M.M., 21st Battn.;
 Lieut. F. J. Jenkins, M.C., M.M., 23rd Battn.
 Tug of War—Major D. Beith, 23rd Battn; Lt. J.
 Horsburgh, D.C.M., M.M.

Starters: Championship Flat Races—Lt. E. J. Quirk,
 21st Battn; Lt. T. H. Schofield, M.M., 6th
 A.L.T.M.B. Mounted Events—Lt. G. T. Burrage,
 22nd Battn. Miscellaneous Events—Lt. A. Stuart,
 24th Battn.

Clerk of Course—R.S.M. J. Osborn, D.C.M., 23rd
 Battn.

Stewards: Ground Stewards—Lt. H. Baxter, 24th
 Battn; R.S.M. R. L. Williams, D.C.M., 24th Battn;
 C.S.M. J. Irwin, 21st Battn; C.S.M. F. R. Castle-
 dine, 22nd Battn; Sgt. A. J. Porter, 23rd Battn.
 Dressing Room Stewards—C.S.M. A. L. Burke,
 24th Battn; Sgt. L. A. Roadknight, 22nd Battn.

Recorder: Cpl. G. A. Bowman, 21st Battn.

C. B. HISLOP, Lieutenant,
 Hon. Sec. Brigade Sports Committee.

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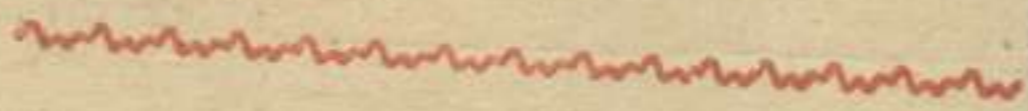
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- PROGRAMME. -

Event No.	Distance.	Points.	Time.	Prizes.		
				1st.	2nd.	3rd.
1	100yds. Race, Heats	... 3, 2, 1	10 a.m.	50	20	10
2	Tug of War, Heats	... 6, 4, 2	10.5	160	0	0
3	440 Flat Race	... 3, 2, 1	10.15	50	20	10
4	50yds. Sack Race, Heats	... ---	10.20	20	0	0
5	Hop, Step and Jump	... 3, 2, 1	10.30	50	20	10
6	Officers' Race, 100yds. 5frs. post entry	...	10.35	One Prize.		
7	Obstacle Race	...	10.45	30	0	0
8	120 Hurdle, Heats	... 3, 2, 1	11	50	20	10
9	Cycle Egg and Spoon Race, 50yds	...	11.15	20	0	0
10	Long Jump	... 3, 2, 1	11.30	50	20	10
11	Semi-Finals Tug of War	...	11.45			
13	Three Legged Race, Heats	...	12.15	30	0	0
12	220yds. Flat Race, Heats	... 3, 2, 1	12 noon	50	20	10
14	Sack Race, Finals	...	12.30			
Luncheon Interval till 2 p.m.						
15	Musical Flags, Cycles	...	2 p.m.	20	0	0
16	880yds. Flat Race	... 3, 2, 1	2.15	50	20	10
17	High Jump, start 4ft.	... 3, 2, 1	2.30	50	20	10
18	Finals, Three-Legged Race	...	2.45			
19	Relay Race	... 6, 4, 2	3	160	0	0
20	Wrestling on Horseback. No Saddles	...	3.15	80	0	0
21	Mule Race, 2-fur. Flat. All ranks. Saddles	...	3.30	30	0	0
22	Flag Race, mounted. No Saddles, 4 flags	...	3.45	30	0	0
23	Final Hurdles	...	4			
Tea Interval, during which Best Sustained Character and Most Original Character will be judged by Brigadier-General J. C. Robertson, C.M.G., D.S.O.						
24	Finals, 100yds	...	4.30			
25	Band Race, with Instruments	...	4.45	20	0	0
26	Final, 220yds. Flat Race	...	5			
27	Three Mile Flat Race	... 3, 2, 1	5.15	50	20	10
28	Finals, Tug of War	...	5.20			

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APPENDIX



NOTICES.

Spiked Shoes are forbidden in any event in this programme.

First, Second and Third in all events will be requested to represent this Brigade at the Second Australian Division Sports, on Monday, September 16th.

Events in which points are allotted are Championship Events. Unit gaining highest aggregate points wins Brigade Trophy.

Band Programme will be issued separately.

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No. 5.6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.S E C R E T.

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Brigade Headquarters,
3rd September, 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE FROM 4.30. p.m. 2.9.18. to 9 a.m. 3.9.18.

1. OUR OPERATIONS:-
 - (a) Artillery :- Very active.
 - (b) Aerial Activity:- Very active, many large flights passing over the enemy lines and strongly engaged by the enemy A.A.
2. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY:- Very active all day, all calibres being used. H.E. and BLUE CROSS gas shells were freely used.
3. ENEMY DEFENCES:- Machine guns very active.
4. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY :- Two large flights crossed over our line and made reconnaissance of our rear area flying very low. They were driven back by M.G. and A.A. fire.
5. MOVEMENT BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Much movement EAST OF DARMSTADT TRENCH, in I.17.d. and at I.24.d.2.3. Effectively dealt with by Artillery.
6. MISCELLANEOUS:- Balloons at 73° and 111° T.B. from I.13.a.8.4.

J. S. Milligan Lt

for Brigadier-General.
Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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8. MISCELLANEOUS (Contd.) :-

and FLORINA TRENCH JUNCTION. Corporal with this man was shot near post.

Mine exploded at approximately I.15.d.

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for Brigadier-General.
Commanding 6th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Brigade Headquarters,

2nd September, 1918.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE FROM 4.30 p.m. to 9 a.m. 1st/2nd September.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.- At 6 a.m. on 1st Instant 6th Brigade passed through 5th Brigade in an attack on Mt. St. QUENTIN and objectives East of Village. From the outset very strong opposition was met and after severe fighting our line was established approximately from the CANAL DU NORD at I.3.c.5.2., I.9.central, I.9.c.9.0., I.15.central, I.15.d.6.5. to Junction of roads at I.15.d.3.0.

At 1.30 p.m. the attack on the village was renewed. Extremely strong resistance was met with and after severe fighting the village was taken by our troops, our line then approximately running from Junction of PLEVINA and TORTILLE TRENCHES at I.4.c.2.2. down PLEVINA TR. to I.9.d.5.2. to I.10.c.2.2. to Junction with KURILO ALLEY at I.16.a.6.4. down KAROS ALLEY into GOTT MIT UNS TRENCH at I.15.d.4.0.

(a) **Artillery.** During the initial attack at 6 a.m. artillery co-operated carrying out advancing area shoots. In the renewed attack artillery area shoots were carried out for 30 minutes on MT. ST. QUENTIN village. At 1.30 p.m. artillery put down an intense bombardment for 30 minutes. Shooting was good and succeeded in dispersing enemy moving back from positions, many enemy dead being found in the village.

(b) **T.Ms.:-** 125 rds. were fired on targets in I.16.a. and I.15.b.

(c) **M.Gs.:-** Co-operated in the advance.

(d) **AERIAL ACTIVITY:-** Active all day, and were frequently engaged by enemy A.A. fire.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS:- By prisoners ---

25th I. R. (Bav.)	14th Div.
65th I.R.)
23th R.I.R.	) 185th Div.
3rd Sect. 8th Bty. 402nd T.M. Coy))
161st I.R.)
94th I.R.)
95th I.R.	) 38th Div.
96th I.R.)
102nd Pnr. Bn.)
2nd Bty. Fld. Arty.	) 2nd Guards Div.
1st Alexander G.G., I.R.)
4th Augusta G.G., I.R.)
447th I.R.	232nd Div.
221st Artillery, 4th Bty. Army Reserve.	
10th Pioneer Bn. 18th Army Pioneers.	

TOTAL PRISONERS..... 2 Officers 369 O.Rs.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY:- Extremely active over whole sector. Feullaucourt, Mt. ST. QUENTIN and trenches East and West of Mt. ST. Quentin being intermittently shelled, all calibres being used.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE:- Determined and stubborn resistance.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES:- (a) **M.G's:-** Resistance met with was chiefly in the form of M.G. fire chiefly from HAUT ALLAINES, TORTILLE TR., COPSE in I.20.b.5.8. and particularly from MT. ST. QUENTIN. It is reported that there are at least 100 M.Gs. left by the enemy which were used in defence of the village.

(b) **Flares:-** At 5 a.m. (1st) S.C.S. Signals were observed on the Left of our Brigade Sector and in response heavy enemy shoots on areas took place.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Inactive. Balloons on T.B. 30° - 71° - 60° - 53° - 66° from I.13.a.8.4.

MOVEMENT BEHIND ENEMY LINES:- After attack much movement of troops, transport and artillery East from HAUT ALLAINES also in I.9. and I.10.

MISCELLANEOUS:- British prisoner of war returned through our lines near

LADEGONDE

BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

Brigadier-General, J.C. ROBERTSON, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 6th A.I. Bde.

2nd September, 1918.

SALVAGE. 603 (a) The following statement of Salvage collected by this Bde. for period Jan.-July, 1918, (inclusive) is published for information :-

SALVAGE.

21st Bn.	£ 11,116. 7. 9.
22nd Bn.	8,053. 13. 4.
23rd Bn.	23,032. 15. 10.
24th Bn.	3,128. 5. 2.

F A T.

21st Bn.	1798 lbs.
22nd Bn.	961 "
23rd Bn.	1101 "
24th Bn.	163 "

Unit.	Paper	Cardboard	Cartons.
21st Bn.	82 bgs. = 5628 lbs	50 bgs. = 1658 lbs	5144
22nd Bn.	287 " = 14715 "	79 " = 3790 "	5384
23rd Bn.	131 " = 4620 "	24 " = 875 "	3729
24th Bn.	71 " = 2211 "	14 " = 584 "	4243

(b) Valuation of Salvage collected for week ending 22.8.18 :-

21st Bn.	£ 1,005. 19. 9.
22nd Bn.	560. 1. 7.
23rd Bn.	373. 5. 1.
24th Bn.	542. 6. 0.
T.M.Bty.	78 .11. 6.
Bde. H.Q.	269. 11. 0.
Total	£ 2,829. 14. 11.

(c) Paper, Cardboard, Cartons, etc., collected for week ending 22.8.18:-

Unit.	Paper	Cardboard	Cartons.
21st Bn.	2 bgs. = 180 lbs.	1 bg. = 47 lbs.	-
22nd Bn.	1 " = 55 "	1 " = 30 "	430
23rd Bn.	5 " = 184 "	5 " = 108 "	206
24th Bn.	8 " = 370 "	- " = 1540 "	161
Bde. H.Q.	1 " = 20 "	1 " = 25 "	38
T.M.Bty.	-	...	28
Total	17 bgs. = 769 lbs.	8 bgs. = 1750 lbs.	865

ORDERS. 604 Attention is directed to following Routine Orders :-

		<u>D. R. O's.</u>	
1817	26.8.18.	Trench Shelters.
1818	" "	Corps F.P. Compound etc.

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Brigade Routine Orders 2.9.18. Page 2.ORDERS. 604.AUST. CORPS R.O's.

(Contd.)

217	10.8.18.	Slackness in guards & Sentries.
228	25.8.18.	Leakage of information through prisoners of War.
231	25.8.18.	Clothing.

4th ARMY R.O's.

2424	19.8.18.	Destruction of Rly. Property.
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G. R. O's.

4765	14.8.18.	Limber Hooks.
4775	15.8.18.	Photography.
4779	15.8.18.	3 rd Stokes Mortar Brushes - wire.
4791	....	17.8.18.	....	Leakage of information through prisoners of war.
4809	....	19.8.18.	....	Transport & care of metal work.
4818	....	21.8.18.	....	Combined Leave and Rly. Wts.
4819	....	"	....	Leave in France, Food tickets.
4831	....	"	....	Lewis Gun Magazines.
4844	....	22.8.18.	....	1914 Pattern Snipers Rifles.

A. I. F. O's.

1295	...	12.7.18.	.....	Forfeitures of Pay & Allowances.
1315	...	26.7.18.	.....	Illegal Absence.
1324	...	2.8.18.	.....	Estab. A.A.P.C.

(SGD) A. G. BROWN Captain.
Staff Captain.

BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS APPENDIX

BY
Brigadier-General J.C. ROBERTSON, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 6th A.I. Bde.

10th September, 1918.

DISCIPLINE. 606 It is brought to notice that men have been found washing their Dixies in the SOMME CANAL.
Steps will be ~~at once~~ taken by all Units to at once stop this practice.

PROMOTION. 607. G.O.C. 6th A.I. Brigade approves of following promotion:-
21st Bn. S/CSM. J.W. IRWIN to be Coy. Sgt. Major (W.O. Class II) vice 153 C.S.M. G. HUNT killed in action - dating from 1.9.18.

SALVAGE. 608 (i) Valuation of salvage for weeks ending 29.8.18. and 5.9.18. as follows:-

Unit.	W.E. 29.8.18.	W.E. 5.9.18.
21st Bn.	-	-
22nd Bn.	£ 552. 3. 10.	-
23rd Bn.	93. 1. 0.	£ 124. 1. 0.
24th Bn.	411. 7. 9.	-
T.M. Bty.	-	-
Total	£1056. 12. 7.	£ 124. 1. 0.

(ii) Paper, Cardboard and Cartons salvaged :-

Unit.	W. E. 29. 8. 18.		
	Paper.	Cardboard.	Cartons.
21st Bn.	-	26 bgs. = 3707 lbs.	-
22nd Bn.	3 bgs. = 115 lbs.	2 " = 50 "	476
23rd Bn.	18 " = 907 "	3 " = 105 "	310
24th Bn.	5 " = 190 "	5 " = 100 "	180
Total	26 bgs. = 1212 lbs.	34 bgs. = 3960 lbs.	966

Unit.	W. E. 5. 9. 18.		
	Paper	Cardboard	Cartons
21st Bn.	-	-	-
22nd Bn.	2 bgs. = 120 lbs.	2 bgs. = 45 lbs.	160
23rd Bn.	-	1 " = 20 "	-
24th Bn.	2 " = 70 "	2 " = 35 "	-
Total	4 bgs. = 190 lbs.	5 bgs. = 120 lbs.	160

ORDERS. 609. Attention is directed to the following Routine Orders:

- D. R. O's.
1822 7.9.18. Leave in Italy.
- A. C. R. O's.
235 30.8.18. Censoring of letters.
- 4th Army R.O's.
2427 20.8.18. Sanitation.
2445 29.8.18. Damage to Crops.
- E. R. O's.
4847 23.8.18. Damage to Crops.
4942 4.9.18. Guns Lewis .303 " - Rods, Piston.
- A. I. F. O.
1389 20.8.18. Deserters - Publication of names in Press in Aust.,

(SGD) A.G. BROWN Captain
Staff Captain

By
Brig.-Genl. J. C. Robertson, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
20th September, 1918.

EXEMPLARY CONDUCT
OF BRITISH PRISONERS
OF WAR .--

610 Special attention is directed to G.R. 5049 of 17. 9. 18 which should be circulated to all ranks.

(Signed) J. J. L. McCall, MAJOR,
BRIGADE MAJOR, 6th AUST. INF. BDE.

FIELD GENERAL
COURT MARTIAL.--

611 Detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at 21st Bn. H.Q. at 10 a.m. on Saturday 21st Sept. 1918 for the purpose of trying by Field General Court Martial.--

No. 6076, Pte.	T. PLUNKETT	21st Bn. A.I.F.
" 687a, "	O.H. SODERHOLM	22nd " "
" 7065, "	A.J. WARDLE	23rd " "
" 4366, "	L. BRAKENWAGON	" " "
" 1683, "	W. CHURCH	" " "
" 6814, "	W. GRAY	" " "
" 6728, "	R. CUNNINGHAM	" " "
" 6200a, "	L.S. GARR	" " "
" 272, "	A.H. WHITE	" " "
" 633, Cpl.	C.H. FALICK	24th Bn. "
" 4551, Pte.	P.W. REYNOLDS	23rd " "
" 1766, "	W.C. ROBERTS	24th " "

and such other person or persons as may be brought before them.--

President

Major A. E. Reed, D.S.O. 21st Bn. A.I.F.

Members

Capt. H.B. Kelly 21st Bn. A.I.F.
Lieut. H. Baxter 24th " "
" G. Fielding 2nd Aust. Div. C.M.G.

The accused will be warned and all witnesses required to attend.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Bde. H.Q. Necessary accommodation will be provided and all other arrangements made by C.O., 21st Bn. for holding this Court.

PROMOTION

612 C.O.C. approves of following promotion, 24th Bn. No. 2419, G.R. Sgt. G. HAMILTON to be Temp. Coy. Sgt. Mjr. (W.O. Class II) vice G.S.M. W. LOVE killed in action, to date from 15. 9. 18.

REVERSION

613 21st Bn. No. 522, T/C.S.M. H.W. TURNBULL reverts to rank of Sergeant on return to duty of No. 510, G.S.M. TREVASCUS, dating from 17. 9. 18.

SALVAGE

614 Valuation of salvage collected during week ended 12. 9. 18 as follows.--

21st Battalion	...	£ 734. 4. 3
22nd "	...	80. 0. 0
23rd "	...	427. 12. 0
24th "	...	1720. 5. 0
Total.--		<u>£2962. 1. 3</u>

CANTEEN SUPPLIES

615 It would appear from the heavy demands that are being made on the Divisional Canteen for supplies of towels and tooth-brushes that men are replenishing these articles by private purchase. It is pointed out that both articles represent part of the man's equipment and that supplies to replace wear and tear and losses owing to the exigencies of the service may be replaced by indent through D.A.D.O.S.

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ORDERS.-

616 Attention is directed to following Routine Orders.-

Divisional Routine Orders.

1828 .. 8. 9. 18 .. German Traps
 1829 .. 11. 9. 18 .. Water
 1830 .. " .. German Traps
 1835 .. 15. 9. 18 .. Absentees in France

Australian Corps Routine Orders

240 .. 7. 9. 18 .. Damage to Crops
 241 .. " .. Handling of German Grenades, etc.

4th Army Routine Orders

2480 .. 2. 9. 18 .. Firing of captured Very Lights etc.
 2489 .. 12. 9. 18 .. 3" Stokes Mortar Mtgs.

General Routine Orders

5006 .. 12. 9. 18 .. Disposal of effects etc.
 5012 .. 13. 9. 18 .. Collapsible jam cases - return of.

(Signed) F. P. SHLECK, CAPTAIN,
 A/STAFF CAPTAIN.

N O T I C E

A service for soldiers of Jewish Faith will be conducted by Chaplain J. DANLOW near his tent at 2nd Aust. Divn. H.Q. on Sunday 22nd inst. at 2.30 p.m.

Brigade Headquarters
15th Sept., 1918

REPORT ON 6th AUST. INF. BRIGADE SPORTS
HELD AT CAPPY-SUR-SOMME 14th SEPT. 1918

A meeting of 1 Officer per unit was called at 2nd Aust. Divn. H.Q. on 7th Sept., 1918 to arrange a Divisional Sports Day.

At that meeting it was decided to form Brigades into Groups for the purpose of allotting points and limiting entries.

The 6th A.I. Brigade decided to hold Sports on Friday 13th September and a Committee was formed.

With the assistance of the 6th Field Coy. Aust. Engineers the grounds was taped off and prepared and Refreshment Marquees erected for the convenience of Officers, N.C.O's and men.

In addition we secured 14 barrels of Beer which was sold to the men at canteen prices at Huts erected for the purpose.

Each Battalion had its own canteen and each was controlled by a Sergeant under the supervision of the Secretary.

Rain fell heavily during the night 12th/13th and the Committee decided to postpone the sports until 10 a.m. 14th as the ground was unfit for the athletic events.

On the 14th the weather was all that could be desired. Punctually to time the sports started and the programme (attached) was run off before a large number of visitors and members of the 6th Brigade.

The events were very keenly contested by good performers and 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each event are to be nominated to represent this Brigade at the 2nd Aust. Div. Sports on Monday 16th September.

The prizes were in money and were paid at the conclusion of each event and receipts (on form attached) obtained.

The Brigade Trophy was a solid Silver Cup and was won by and presented to the 23rd Battalion for gaining highest number of points.

The Mounted events were a success and amply justified the trouble incurred in laying out special courses for the events.

The Y.M.C.A. provided Cocoa and biscuits in their large Marquee which was erected on the grounds.

The Officials worked hard and the time table was started, maintained, and finished to time thus closing a very enjoyable day.

The Balance Sheet (attached) was submitted, audited by Captain A.G. BROWN, M.C. and Lieut. C.D. FETHERS and adopted by the Committee.

Lieutenant,
Hon. Secretary 6th Aust. Infantry Bde. Sports

War diary

SIXTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
17th Sept., 1918.

6th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
No. 823
Date.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE A/C. IN CONNECTION
WITH 6th A.I. BRIGADE SPORTS HELD ON FRIDAY 14th SEPT.

Receipts.-	Francs	Expenditure.-	Francs
Subscriptions from Battalions 4 Battalions each 350 francs	1,400	By Prize Money as per Programme attached	1360.00
Subscription Bde. H.Q.	50	" Brigade Trophy	192.50
" 6th A.L.T.M.Bty.	50	" Breakages of Crockery	
Profits Sergeants Mess	70	12 glasses @ 2.50)	
" Officers "	36	5 " @ 2.00)	40.00
		Balance handed to 23rd Bn. for engraving of Brigade Trophy.	13.50
Total.-	1,606	Total.-	1606.00

Audited and found correct.-

H. Brown Capt
C. J. Gettier Lt.

17th September, 1918.

C. Bishop

Lieutenant,
Hon. Secretary 6th A. I. Brigade Sports

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BALANCE SHEET 6th A. I. BRIGADE NUGGEUS CANTEN.

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Item.	Francs.	Cents	Item	Francs.	Cents.
Advanced from Bns. 21st Bn. ...	350		Purchases 28th May to 16th June	8,126	40
22nd Bn. ...	350		Expenses " " " " "	73	75
23rd Bn. ...	350		Entertainment " " " "	39	00
24th Bn. ...	350		Purchase vegetables 28.5.18 - 16.6.18.	72	00
	1,400	00			
Cash Sales - 28th May to 16th June.	8798	15	Refund to Bns. 21st Bn. ..	200	
1st July to 24th July.	12,099	95	22nd Bn. ..	200	
25th July to 18th August	16,149	00	23rd Bn. ..	200	
			24th Bn. ..	200	
				8,000	00
			Purchases 1st July to 24th July	12,327	15
			25th July to 18th Aug.	14,285	00
			Paid to Units 21st Bn. ...	250	
			22nd Bn. ...	250	
			23rd Bn. ...	250	
			24th Bn. ...	250	
			T.M.Bty. ...	60	
			B.H.Q. ...	60	
				1,120	00
			10% on Nett Profit paid to Paymaster		
			2nd Aust. Divn. for credit of A.I.F.		
			Emergency Fund.	223	50
			Cash on hand	1,380	30
				38,447	10
	38,447	10			

W.D.

Miscellaneous Appendix

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Captain.
Staff Captain, 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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