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37th BATTALION AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

WAR DIARY      SEPTEMBER 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
H.6.b. 70.50.	1918 Sept 1st		<p>Battalion Headquarters at H.6.b.70.50. East of CLERY. On the Battalions-38th, 39th, and 40th- being relieved in the forward positions in advance of CLERY, the 37th Battalion moved from its support position to CURLU- G.6.b.- arriving about dawn. The men had a hot meal which was awaiting them and immediately retired to the billets which had been prepared. The men were very tired after the previous days continuous fighting. Baths were allotted to the Battalion; half the battalion bathed and had a clean change of underclothing issued. Occasionally the enemy shelled the area at almost extreme range- with his 4-2-inch high velocity gun. The men began to settle down and make themselves as comfortable as possible. Arrangements were made by Battalion headquarters to get the Battalion Canteen forward. Blankets were issued. Enemy aircraft were active during the night. The weather continued to remain fine.</p>	
G.6.b. 60-60-	Sept 2nd		<p>B.H.Q. at CURLU G.6.b.60.60. The other half of the Battalion bathed and clean underclothing was issued. The companies which were very weak were reorganised. The men were in good spirits but they still needed rest. There remained the signs of the strenuous times they had passed through recently. Those who formed the Battalion Nucleus arrived from Echelon. The weather remained fine. The enemy's bombing planes were active in this vicinity during the night.</p>	
G.6.b. 60.60.	Sept 3rd		<p>Battalion Headquarters at CURLU. G.6.b.60.60. The men rested during the day as well as at night. The period which they would remain in this locality was uncertain and it was accordingly ordered that the men would rest the whole period. The Q.M. issued new tunics, breeches, etc. wherever required. Enemy bombing planes were still very active during the night. The men were in splendid spirits, though they were not keen for the line again. Arrangements by the Battalion staff for their comfort were excellent. Usual bombing activity in the vicinity at night. The weather still remained fine.</p>	

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G.6.b. 60.60	1918 Sept 4th		B.H.Q. at CURLU G.6.b.60.60 The men were still resting. Their short absence from the line so far had greatly improved them. C.O. attended in conference with G.O.C., Division at Brigade. Swimming in the Canal (Somme) was permitted and many availed themselves of the opportunity. The absence of artillery fire was noticeable though the Hun still sent his bombing planes over during the night. They caused no casualties. The weather was still fine.	<i>al</i>
	Sept 5th		B.H.Q. at CURLU and later at CLERY. The men were still resting at CURLU when orders came from Brigade to be ready to move forward at short notice. The Battalion moved from CURLU at 6 p.m., arriving about 9.30 p.m. after a difficult march in the rain. The men were very wet on arrival at Clery where there was practically no cover or accommodation. The conditions were very uncomfortable for the night. During the day the weather was fine but very heavy showers fell during the night.	<i>al</i>
I.1.b.60. 30.	Sept 6th		B.H.Q. at CLERY, I.1.b.60.30. The Chaplain, Capt Goller, with others searched for members of the battalion who were missing from the 29/30th August operations and buried those bodies which were found. Men were able to rest under more favourable circumstances, having since their arrival had time to improve their conditions. Weather improved and was very fine. Officers and N.C.Os reconnoitred localities around PERONNE in anticipation of an early move forward to follow the retreating enemy.	<i>al</i>
	Sept 7th		B.H.Q. at CLERY I.1.b.60.30 and TINCOURT K.24.d.40550. The Battalion moved forward at 9 a.m. moving overland to avoid the heavy traffic on the roads. Passing over Mt. St. QUENTIN and through the outskirts of PERONNE, battalion pushed forward and halted for dinner and a rest, moving forward again at about 5.30 p.m. to TINCOURT, where they arrived at about 8 p.m. Comfortable positions were found for the Transport and the men rested while a reconnoitring party went forward. There was scattered shell fire and Capt Towl was dangerously wounded while reconnoitring the right flank. On return of this party at about 11.30 p.m. the companies moved forward to new positions. Enemy planes were active during the night. The weather was fine but threatening.	<i>al</i>

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	1918			
K.24.d. 40.50	Sept 8th		B.H.Q. at K.24.d.40.50. C.O. visited forward posts of 37th and 38th Battalions. Men were very tired in the new positions which posts they had to complete. Relief of 11th Brigade was complete at about 2 a.m. Enemy's heavy artillery and aircraft were very active. The battalion advanced their posts about 1500 yards as per order no 116. Weather wet and dull. Battalion H.Q. moved to K.21.d.30.60.	
K.21.d. 30.60	Sept 9th		Battalion dug in and completed new positions. B and D Companies were in the front line and A and C Companies were in support. Enemy's artillery and machine guns were very active. Enemy's aircraft were active in the early morning. 30 planes appeared over our lines at dawn. During the night his planes bombed back areas. C Company had 1 Officer and 15 O.Rs casualties from gas shelling. Weather was dull and wintry. Advance parties came into the line from the 22nd Battalion preparatory to taking over as per order No. 117.	
K.21.d. 30.60	Sept 10th		Weather was very wet making observation difficult and the new positions were not at all comfortable. Enemy's artillery fire increased with heavies mostly. His M.G. fire was fairly consistent. 2nd Battalion completed their relief about 9 p.m, and the men moved to BOUCLY where they had a hot meal prior to continuing their march to BUSSU where they arrived about midnight. The weather was very wet and the march to BUSSU was consequently very hard on the men.	
J.13.a. 30.50	Sept 11th		<del>Aerial</del> Men are very tired and will rest while here. <del>Enemy</del> activity on the part of the enemy was marked. He bombed back areas. The weather was very wet.	
J.13.a. 30.50.	Sept 12th		Men still resting. Efforts were made to make the men as comfortable as possible. The village of BUSSU is very much destroyed. In the cemetery the vaults <del>here-evidenee</del> have been opened and the coffins robbed of the lead by the enemy. Two traps were found in one of the dugouts in the village. The men are feeling much brighter. Weather continued to be very wet.	

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J. 13.a.	1918 Sept	30.40 13th	Portion of the Battalion paraded for hot baths. The intimation that the Battalion would be disbanded caused a great deal of uneasiness. Major W.F.H. Robertson took over command of the Battalion. The weather was very fine. Usual bombing activity on the part of enemy planes during the night.	<i>U.S.</i>
J. 13.a.	Sept	30.40 14th	All ranks are very upset on hearing of the news of the possibility of the Battalion being disbanded. The Battalion again sent men for hot baths. During the evening the enemy planes crossed our lines and bombed back areas. The searchlights worked splendidly and in consequence two planes were seen to be brought down by our planes. The weather continues to remain fine. The enemy planes were busy bombing the back areas during the night.	<i>U.S.</i>
J. 13.a.	Sept	30.40 15th	Church parades were held for all denominations. In the afternoon men took part in games to await the Prime Minister (Mr. W.M. Hughes) who it was reported was in the Divisional area. Mr. Hughes however did not visit the Battalion. The acting Brigadier (Lt-Col J.G.C. Lord) D.S.O. accompanied by the editor of the Daily Mail visited this battalion. Men are still very upset at the possibility of the Battalion being disbanded. The weather was very fine.	<i>U.S.</i>
J. 13.a.	Sept	30.40 16th	Training as per attached syllabus commenced. Men are feeling very bright again and are greatly improved. The day was very quiet but enemy planes crossed our lines and bomber back areas during the early evening. Towards midnight rain fell very heavily. During the day the weather was fairly warm.	<i>U.S.</i>
J. 13.a.	Sept	30.40 17th	Training continued under excellent weather. During the night it rained heavily. The acting Brigadier (Lt-Col J.E.C. Lord D.S.O.) visited the Battalion today. The 2nd in command and Company commanders attended a conference to discuss with Lt-Col C.H. Jess D.S.O. matters connected with the recent offensive. Enemy aeroplanes were again actively engaged in bombing back areas during the night. Capt J.H. Collins D.S.O., the R.M.O. went on leave.	<i>U.S.</i>

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	1918			
J.13.a. 30.40.	Sept 18th		Continuance of Training. Portion of Battalion paraded for hot baths as per allotment. Decrease of activity on the part of the enemy's bombing planes at night. Weather continues to remain fine. The acting C.O., Major W.F.H. Robertson, was called to Brigade Headquarters and notified that the Battalion would be disbanded.	<i>W.F.H.</i>
J.13.a. 30.40	Sept 19th		Training continued as per syllabus. About 20 men rejoined from hospital and rejoined the Battalion. Men are beginning to look very fit again. Weather was very hot.	<i>W.F.H.</i>
J.13.a. 30.40.	Sept 20th		Training continued. Day extremely quiet and absence of excitement. The S.O.C. (Brigadier General W. Ramsay McNicoll) addressed the Battalion concerning the reorganisation of the Brigade Order was issued allotting the personnel among the remaining battalions of the Brigade. Weather was very fine and the night exceedingly clear.	<i>W.F.H.</i>
J.13.a. 30.30	Sept 21st		Orders for the disbandment of the Battalion were not carried out. The G.O.C., with Brigade, again addressed the Battalion. The day and night were very quiet. During the afternoon rain fell heavily.	<i>W.F.H.</i>
J.13.a. 30.30.	Sept 22nd		Church parades were held during the morning for all ranks. The G.O.C., Division, visited the Battalion and invited delegates (4) to meet him and discuss reasons and grievances connected with the disbandment of the Battalion. The weather was fine. Slight aerial activity on the part of the enemy during the night.	<i>W.F.H.</i>
J.13.a. 30.30.	Sept 23rd		Orders for the disbandment of the Battalion were held over pending consideration of the grievances put forward. Training was continued. Proportion of the Battalion had hot baths and clean clothing. Weather was very fine.	<i>W.F.H.</i>

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J.13.a. 30.30.	1918 Sept 24th		Training was continued. Battalion had a route march in the morning. Twelve delegates from the Battalion attended at Division to discuss with the G.O.C., Corps, the matter of the disbandment of the Battalion. The weather continued to remain fine and the day and night were very quiet.																																											
J.13.a. 30.30.	Sept 25th		Major Robertson addressed the Battalion in the morning regarding the reorganisation of the Brigade. During the afternoon a decision was come to regarding the matter. Orders were received to delay the disbandment of the Battalion until the forthcoming operation was resumed. The day and night were very fine. The enemy's bombing planes were fairly active during the night.																																											
J.13.a. 30.30.	Sept 26th		Personnel were returned from 37th, 38th, 39th, and 40th Battalions. The Battalion was paid. There was a concert at night by members of the 3rd A.D.M.T., members of Battalion and of the Bandicoots. There were signs of impending offensive action in the amount and nature of the transport moving forward. The day was fine but there was some rain during the night.																																											
I.13.a. 30.30.	Sept 27th		<p>The G.O. (Major Robertson) attended a conference at Brigade and called a conference of all officers on his return. He outlined the impending action. Lt. Gibson was sent on to reconnoitre the route to the Ronsoy area. The Nucleus moved off for Divisional wing at Peronne at 6 p.m. The Battalion moved off from the Battalion parade ground at 7.15 p.m. en route to ST. MILIE where we were to bivouac until 2 day. The order of march was D Company, Lt. Kellway in charge; C Company, Capt. Cooper in charge; A Company, Lt. Bean in charge; B Company, Lt. Smith M.C. in charge; and H.Q. Details at 50 yards. The strength of the Battalion was as follows:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>A. Company,</td> <td>3</td> <td>Officers,</td> <td>51</td> <td>Other ranks,</td> <td>Total</td> <td>54</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B. Company,</td> <td>3</td> <td>do</td> <td>64</td> <td>do</td> <td>do</td> <td>67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C. Company,</td> <td>3</td> <td>do</td> <td>57</td> <td>do</td> <td>do</td> <td>60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D. Company,</td> <td>3</td> <td>do</td> <td>75</td> <td>do</td> <td>do</td> <td>78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H.Q.</td> <td>6</td> <td>do</td> <td>38</td> <td>do</td> <td>do</td> <td>44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>18</td> <td>do</td> <td>285</td> <td>do</td> <td>do</td> <td>303</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Officers include 1 M.C. and Chaplain.</p>	A. Company,	3	Officers,	51	Other ranks,	Total	54	B. Company,	3	do	64	do	do	67	C. Company,	3	do	57	do	do	60	D. Company,	3	do	75	do	do	78	H.Q.	6	do	38	do	do	44	Total	18	do	285	do	do	303	
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	1918 Sept 27th		The men were soon settled in their bivouacs and spent a quiet night.	
F.19.a. 1.6.	Sept 28th		There was slight rain on the morning of the 28th. The men breakfasted before daylight. Major Robertson attended a conference of C.Os. at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. called the Company Commanders together and gave them final instructions. Lieut P. Wilkinson (B Company) was sent forward with one N.C.O. per company to reconnoitre the route to the BROWN LINE. Ammunition, Bombs, picks and shovels, flares, etc were distributed during the afternoon, and watches were synchronised at 8 p.m. A quiet night was passed.	
F.19.a.1. 6., F.23.a. 5.8., and F.18.b.0.3.	Sept 29th		<p>The morning dawned fine with a slight mist. The Battalion moved off at 7.15 a.m. in artillery formation keeping about 400 yards south of the BLUE ROAD. We were soon amongst the heavy batteries and the advance proceeded without interruption until F.23.a. was reached, when it was found that the 38th Battalion were being held up, and the Battalion was spread out in cover of shell holes. Battalion Headquarters was established at F.23.a.5.8. At 1.p.m. information was received from the 38th Battalion that their A Company had been sent forward to endeavour to mop up the machine gun nests which were holding them up. It was soon evident that the American troops on this sector had not attained their objectives. Scattered groups of American stragglers spoke of heavy casualties and had no idea of the present position of their units. The Rev A.E. Goller was killed by a stray M.G. bullet at 2.15.p.m. At 2.45. instructions were received that the advance would be proceeded with at 3 p.m. but that the objective named would be the GREEN LINE. Detail instructions were given to Company Commanders and the Bn. moved forward in artillery information. 2/Lt. Wright was wounded at 4 p.m. Lt. A.W. Smith who had been sent forward to keep the Battalion informed of progress sent back word that the 38th Bn. was unable to advance owing to the heavy M.G. and shell fire.</p> <p>B and C Companies were then spread out in DUNCAN AVENUE, A. and D. in shell holes in rear and Battalion Headquarters was established at DUNCAN AVENUE. Touch was kept throughout the night with the 38th Battalion. There was continual shelling and Lt. Gibson (D Coy) was killed by a gas shell. Lt. Kellway gassed and there were in all about 50 casualties caused by the shell fire. A runner was despatched to the Transport lines at 6 p.m. to direct them to the position with the rations. On the way up the transport was held up by shell fire and Lt. Wilkinson, Lt. Chapman, and the guide (Pte J.J. Murphy) came forward on foot with the intention of getting in touch with B.H.Q. A gas shell landed amongst them, killing Lt Wilkinson (A.C.) and wounding Lt. Chapman and Pte Murphy</p>	

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F.17.b. 6.6.	1918 Sept 30		<p style="text-align: center;">NORTH</p> <p>At 4 a.m. Instructions were received to proceed <del>with</del> and establish Headquarters at DOLEFUL POST. The 9th and 11th Brigades were in conjunction, and with assistance of a barrage, the area between the Brown and Green Lines had to be mopped up. The 10th Brigade were to strengthen the left flank and to endeavour to clean up the position there, which was rather obscure, by getting into touch with the English troops on the left, and locating the position of the enemy. Battalion Headquarters was established at DOLEFUL POST at 7 a.m. B and C Companies were on the left of the 40th Bn. in WILLOW TRENCH, D Company in support in POMONIUS LANE and A Company in reserve in DUNCAN AVENUE in F.11.d. At 8.30 a.m. Lt. R.J. Smith M.C. in charge of B Company pushed forward and occupied KNOLL TRENCH thus ensuring our possession of the Knoll. C Company under Capt Cooper moved forward on B Company's left and from this position patrols were sent out under 2/Lt. Bool and Sgt Gilmore which succeeded in getting touch with the enemy who at this time occupied VENDHUILLE and had isolated M.G. posts on the other side of the Hindenburg line. We were in touch with the 6th Northampton Regiment, 8th East Surreys and Royal Fusiliers. At 6.45 p.m. our patrols reported that VENDHUILLE was occupied by R. Fusiliers but that they had not crossed the canal. This area was considerably shelled during the night.</p>	

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SUMMARY FOR MONTH.

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>O. RANKS</u>
SICK	1	52
	<del>6</del>	<del>104</del>
WOUNDED	6	104
KILLED	3	7
DIED OF WOUNDS	1	1
TRANSFERRED	1	4
FROM HOSPITAL	6	102
FROM REINFORCEMENTS	2	4
MISSING		2
INJURED		3

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PC Coy & HQ Details.

Warning Order

As the evening is retiring on  
a Company. It is necessary for  
Support and reserve units to move  
forward.

Under these conditions the  
Battalion will hold itself in readiness  
to move the situation.

All blankets to be rolled in  
bundles ten and together with  
great coats, packs & valises  
will be dumped at B.H.Q. at 4pm.  
Ammunition to be completed.  
Water bottles filled.

Coy to report when all in  
readiness.

J. H. [Signature]  
Capt.



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37<sup>th</sup> Bn Order No. 1160. 8-9-18.

1. The advance against the enemy will be continued during 8/9<sup>th</sup> inst.
2. The advance from BLUE LINE will be on E a N-S line through 13 Central - 31 Central
3. B-D Coy 37<sup>th</sup> Bn on Right will occupy the high ground at R 1 B 1.4. (Cross roads inclusion) to L 31 b. 1.4. A composite post with 5<sup>th</sup> Bn will be established at R 1 a. 3.3.
4. 39<sup>th</sup> Bn will occupy high ground from L 25 central to L 19 central  
40<sup>th</sup> Bn will occupy trench system from L 13. C. 8.0 to L 7. central
4. Present front line Coy will occupy objective with standing patrols during dusk or darkness of 8<sup>th</sup> inst. The remainder of the front line moving up as soon afterwards as possible, and consolidate.
5. A.I.G.s - Stokes now attached to Coy will

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move with Coy E which attached

40<sup>th</sup> Bn remainder of 10<sup>th</sup> A.I.G. Coy will move on to BLUE LINE

6. Operation to be completed by 7 am 9<sup>th</sup> inst. Should opposition be met during night
4. Horse patrols will cover the advance in the morning.
7. C Coy will furnish 5 guides to meet 39<sup>th</sup> Bn at Railway Crossing in BOUGLEY (J 20 central) at 8.15 pm 8<sup>th</sup> inst. and guide them to D Coy H.Q. (29 central) via ration truck track.
8. A & C Coys will move forward at dusk and occupy positions vacated by B-D Coys respectively.
9. R.A.P. will be at 29 d. 9.5.50.
10. B Coy will establish visual communication from high ground approx L 31 b central to present Bn Visual Station at K 27 d. 1.9. A & C Coys will maintain the station taken over from B & D Coys.



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Information

On the left of this book are about  
2000 yds ahead of Blue line. On the  
right are about 4000 yds ahead  
L. Force have reached TEMPLEUX  
and penetrated between on left of  
HESBECOURT and passed  
HERVILLY WOOD. E.M. Guns are  
reported to be in rear of two latter  
places and in sunken road running  
S.E. through L. Force bed.

12. Morning rations will arrive at  
Railway crossing K35 D.G. 2. at  
4.30 am.

Wheeler - Capt.  
adpt 37<sup>th</sup> B. AIF



10/9/21

37<sup>th</sup> Bn A.I.F.

10-9-18

A.C. Coy

By Air Order No 117

1. Daily Coy will move to transport line when landing unit will be secured. Then then proceed to collecting area at BUSSO. by following route. By crossing at 24 central - Rd. junction 16.16.4 - road junction 21.9.7 - road junction 13.1.4. when units will be met.

2. A.C. Coy will dump grenades 50 rd. pack & petrol & stoves at the ration dump. Gas being taken that some number of bottles dumped on the ground from transport. Any debris to be made up from salvage.

3. Arrangements being made for drying things. Caravan - hot water on account of bottles.

(4) Lumber will pick up L. G. from the ration dump. All petrol bins food containers to be dumped at some place. *Stretcher Coy*

37<sup>th</sup> Bn A.I.F. Order No. 117 Copy No. 1

9-9-18

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn A.I.F. will relieve 37<sup>th</sup> and help 39<sup>th</sup> Bn on night 10/11 Sept.

2. 'C' Coy 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn will relieve B & D Coys 37<sup>th</sup> Bn A & C Coys 37<sup>th</sup> will move out as soon as relieving relief of front line commences.

3. An advance party of one officer and 4 N. Co. will move in on night 9/10<sup>th</sup> Sept. and will act as guides for incoming unit.

4. After relief Coys will move independently to area to be allotted later W. of BUIRE-DRIENCOURT Road

5. Completing relief to be notified by code word PARIS  
Acknowledge.

S. S. Sellins Capt.

advt 37<sup>th</sup> Bn A.I.F.

**"C" Form.**  
**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

Army Form C 2123.  
(In books of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix <i>SM</i>	Code <i>MDP</i>	Words <i>35</i>	Received.
Charges to Collect			From <i>RUGA</i>
Service Instructions.			At.....m. <i>Dowo</i>
			To.....
			By.....

Handed in at *RUGA* Office *1220P* m. Received *12.45 P* m

TO *DOWO*

*Sender's Number <i>BM 59</i>	Day of Month <i>9<sup>th</sup></i>	In reply to Number	<b>AAA</b>
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Advance Parties of 1 <sup>st</sup> will go night and night of 10/11 40 <sup>th</sup> Bn Inscr Batt. L19d00 due east 37 <sup>th</sup> Bn 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn Relief so west Road	Parties of 1 <sup>st</sup> go into line for Relief completed on night of 10/11 40 <sup>th</sup> Bn and part of 39 <sup>th</sup> Bn Boundary K24d00 L21Cent. L16d00 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn and part of 39 <sup>th</sup> Bn relieves 38 <sup>th</sup> Bn will occupy 1435 05 after Relief 10 <sup>th</sup> of areas west of BUIRE DRIENCOURT	A.I. Bde line for 40 <sup>th</sup> Bn Relieves 39 <sup>th</sup> Bn and part of 39 <sup>th</sup> Bn relieves 38 <sup>th</sup> Bn after 05 will move later	
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FROM *10<sup>th</sup> A I Bde*

TIME & PLACE

\*This line should be erased if not required.

G. & R. 7500. Wt. W14832/M1823 100,000 8/17. (E939). Form C/2123.

Battalion Headquarters  
12th Sept. 1918

Os/C. Coys and Hqrs

Commencing from 13th inst. the following will be the daily routine and instructions:-

1. XXXXXXXX ROUTINE.

REVEILLE	7 A.M.
BREAKFAST	8 A.M.
DINNER	12-30 P.M.
TEA	5 P.M.
RETREAT	6 P.M.
FIRST POST	9 P.M.
LAST POST	9-30 P.M.
LIGHTS OUT	9-45 P.M.
  
2. SICK PARADE will be at R.A.P. at 11 A.M. Daily
  
3. GUARD and DUTIES The following duties will mount at Orderly Room at 6 P.M. Daily:-  
 Orderly Officer  
 Orderly Sergeant  
 Guard, 1 Sgt., 1 Cpl., 9 Men, 1 Bugler.  
 Duties will be detailed by Company duly warned.
  
4. KIT INSPECTION. Os/C. Companies will arrange for and hold a thorough inspection of all necessary fighting equipment and report shortages by 6 P.M., 13th inst.
  
5. MOBILE STORES. The undermentioned officers will inspect and report on state of respective Mobile Stores by 6 P.M. 13th inst.
 

Lewis Gun Officer	Lewis Guns and Equipment
Quartermaster	General Mobeil Stores
Transport Officer	Transport Stores
Signal Sergeant	Signal Stores
Lt. J.A.Simpson	Bombs, S.A.A.
  
6. S.A.A. Companies will inspect S.A.A. of men and Lewis Gunners and will complete all deficiencies. Indents to be handed to R.S.M. by 6 P.M., 13th inst., and certificate that above has been complied with.
  
7. BOX RESPIRATORS. Theses will be tested and reported on as per separate instructions issued. Entries must be made on cards attached to Respirator showing time used .
  
8. BOOTS. Os/C. Companies will send C.Q.M.Ss. to Quartermaster to arrange for repairs and issues of boots and clothing. Care must be taken to pick out most deserving cases.

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*E. Wood* Lieut.  
A/Adjut 37th Battalion.

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37th BATTALION A.I.F.

Battalion Headquarters  
15th Sept. 1918

Os/C. Companies

Syllabus of Training for 16th and 17th Sept. 1918

9.30-10 a.m.	10.10-30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.-noon	2-4 p.m.
Platoon inspection. Lecture on Locality, names of places	Squad Drill	Lewis Gun Training	Map Race (go as you please)

Note On 16th inst. A and B Companies will carry out range practice (German rifles and ammunition) from 10 a.m. <sup>to</sup> 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12 noon respectively. On 17th inst. C. and D. Coys will carry out range practice from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 12 noon respectively.

The above syllabus cancels all previous instructions re range practices

*S. S. S.* T/Capt

Adj. 37th Bn. A.I.F.

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37th Battalion A.I.F. Routine Order No. 343

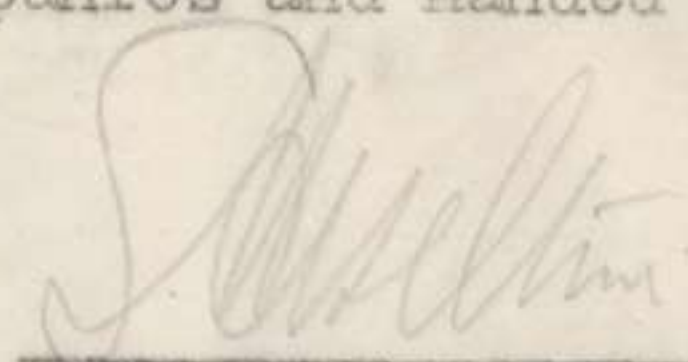
Ref. 37th Bn. P9/129 of 20th Sept 1918

20-9-18

1. The Battalion, less Nucleus, Transport, and Personnel, details to remain temporarily in present locality, will fall in on parade ground W of BUSSU at 10 a.m. 21/9/18. Markers from each company and from each party of Headquarters details report to R.S.M. at 9.45 a.m.
2. Dress . Full marching order with blankets and W.P. Sheets
3. ~~All personnel~~ personnel attached to Battalion Headquarters will parade with their respective Companies
4. Battalion Headquarters will fall in in three parties, (a) those detailed to proceed to 38th Bn. (b) those to 39th Bn. (c) those to 40th Bn. Lieut. A. Smith will take charge of 38th Bn party, Lieut Anderson J.C. of 39th Bn. party and Sgt C. Powell will take charge of 40th Bn. party. The band will parade with the 38th and 39th Bn. parties of H.Q. Detail according to unit to which they are allotted.
5. On receipt of orders to move A and C Coys (as one Coy) will march to 38th Bn., B and D Coys (as one coy) to 39th Bn. H.Q. Details to 38th, 39th and 40th Bns as previously detailed. 38th Bn. are located at J 13a4.6., 39th Bn at J 20a3.1., and 40th Bn at J 15c9.8.
6. Dry rations for midday meal will be carried. Evening meal will be set up on Cookers. Coy Cocks will remain behind to prepare the meal and will report to their respective battalions at 8 p.m. 21st inst. Party for 40th Bn. will carry midday and evening meal.
7. Officers valises will be dumped at Q.M. Store by 9 a.m.
8. All stores on charge to Companies and headquarters except fighting equipment carried by troops will be returned to Q.M. Stores by 8 p.m. 20th inst.
9. Men serving Field Punishment with the Battalion will be taken over by guards furnished by their respective companies and handed over on arrival at battalions.

Distribution

1. O.C. A Coy
2. O.C. B Coy
3. O.C. C Coy
4. O.C. D Coy
5. O.C. Hqrs
6. C.O. 38th Bn.
7. C.O. 39th Bn
8. C.O. 40th Bn
9. 10th A.I. Bde
10. Q.M.
11. Transport Offr
12. File
13. War Diary



T/Capt

Adj. 37th Bn. A.I. F.

War Diary

27th BATTALION A.I.F.

APPENDIX 8

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Battalion Headquarters  
27th Sept 1942

Orders and Instructions

1. The 27th Australian Infantry Brigade is being reconstituted on a 3 battalion basis. The withdrawal of the 27th Battalion will take effect from 20th September 1942. Authority A.I.F. A.I.F. 239 of 14-9-42.
2. The withdrawal will be carried out as follows:-
  - (a) HQ, Headquarters less Assistant Adjutant, Quartermaster and orderly room staff will be transferred to 28th, 29th, and 30th Bns in accordance with attached list "A".
  - (b) A and C Companies will be transferred to 28th Battalion  
B and D Companies will be transferred to 29th Battalion
  - (c) Battalion band will be transferred to 28th and 29th Battalions as detailed in list "B".
  - (d) Officers will be transferred to 28th and 29th Bns as detailed in attached list "C".
3. Hereafter the designation "27th Battalion" will apply to the training unit of the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade.
4. The Battalion Transport will be handed over complete with equipment and personnel to G.O. 2nd Australian Divisional Train for administrative control and discipline. Personnel will be transferred to 28th and 29th Bns. in accordance with list "D" and will remain attached with 2nd Australian Divisional Train.
5. Equipment All mobilisation stores except transport equipment will be retained to A.I.F. A.I.F., vide instructions issued to Quartermaster.
6. Records The Battalion records will be written up to date and sent to Officer I/O Records Section, Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London.
7. Personal Effects Will be distributed pro rata to the Battalions which the personnel are divided

*S. M. Seltman* 7/Sept  
Adj. 27th Bn. A.I.F.

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Distribution of Copies as at rear(see over)

Distribution

- 38th Battalion
  - 39th Battalion
  - 40th Battalion
  - 10th A.I. Bde
  - O.C. A.Coy
  - O.C. B.Coy
  - O.C. C.Coy
  - O.C. D.Coy
  - O.C. H.Q.D.
  - Quartermaster
  - Transport Officer
  - War Diary
  - File
- } for information*

Distribution of copies as at rear (see over)

List "A" referred to in P9/189 of 29/5/18

Nominal Roll of N.S.B. showing allotment to 38th Bn. on reorganisation

802	Pte	MENAT	J.	Regimental Police
8060	Pte	PARSONS	R.L.	do
2108	Sgt	MCIVOR	J.F.	Scout Sgt
306	Pte	AMBROSE	G.A.	Signaller
3171	Pte	GOLVIN	G.W.	do
11470	T/Cpl	BERGOMBS	H.L.	Stretcher Bearer
1174	Pte	DUNNION	C.E.	do
3501	L/Cpl	GOLLINS	L.H.	M.O. Orderly
418	Pte	TAYLOR	A.D.	Cook
858	Pte	PRICE	G.G.	Cook
897	Cpl	DYSON	H.J.B.	Sanitary
1911	Pte	SHANAHAN	J.	do
838	Pte	MULLEN	V.S.R.	Runner
844	Pte	MURPHY	J.J.	do
30	Cpl	YOUNG	J.J.	Water Detail ( <i>English leave</i> )
1234	Pte	SING	D.C.	Shoemaker
863	Pte	PHILLIPS	H.J.	Groom
3043	Pte	CRAM	H.R.	do
1118	Sgt	GLOVER	R.L.	Husketry Instructor
891	Pte	DUFFY	C.H.L.	A.A.L.C. Section
8054	Pte	HISCOB	F.R.J.	do
785A	Pte	MADDER	H.W.J.	do
831	Pte	PAWSEY	R.	do
992	Pte	SANVARIKIN	J.C.	do
338	Pte	BANTON	T.F.	Batman
2632	40	MATHESON HALLAND	M.A. S.D.	Carpenter

Allotment to 38th Battalion

2597	Pte	SMITH	A.P.W.	Regimental Police
82	Pte	BIRD	A.	do
387	Cpl	QUIN	G.A.W.	Scout Cpl
84	L/Cpl	FRASER	J.H.	Signaller
87	Cpl	HILL (N.S.)	J.C.	do
897	Pte	JEPSON	R.J.	do
819	Pte	<del>842</del> SALONINEN	R.A.	do
7137	Pte	QUINTON	H.D.	do
2839	Pte	RICHARDSON	H.S.	do
2842	Pte	RIDGE	V.F.	do
8411	Pte	STEPHEN	D.	do
3273	Pte	SIMMONDS	A.R.	do
80	Cpl	TAYLOR	H.	do
3781	Pte	THOMPSON	P.H.	do
1010	L/Cpl	TURNER	G.H.	do
1319	Pte	HALLAGE	F.F.	do
2409	Pte	WILSTEIN	A.E.	do
82	L/Cpl	WILSON	H.	do
3451	Pte	BILL	A.H.	do <i>English leave</i>
1948	Pte	GALLAGHAN	G.	Stretcher Bearer
1980	Pte	MITCHELL	H.O.	do
2043	Pte	CAMPBELL	W.J.	M.O. Orderly
332	Pte	GREEN	W.J.	Runner
1161	Pte	GRANIER	W.J.	Water Detail
3117	Pte	PASCOE	G.H.	do
2699	Sgt	NEWTON	H.	P.T. and B.P. Instructor
110	Sgt	VICKS	H.S.	L.S. Instructor
838	Sgt	CLAVES	H.L.	Sgt Cook

Allotment to 40th Battalion

1304	Pte	BROWN	W.	Sanitary
1717	Pte	McINNES	W.H.	Runner
3928	Pte	BARNETT	E.W.	do <i>English leave</i>
11489	Pte	HENRY	R.C.	Water Detail
1300	Pte	BOHNER	H.	do
1004	Pte	HOLMES	D.C.	Shoemaker
17	Sgt	YOUNG	J.H.	Shoemaker Sgt
713	Sgt	WHITE	G.	L.S. Instructor



List "A" Referred to in P 9/129 of 20/9/18 (contd)

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Allotment to 40th Bn.

2560	Sgt.	<del>XXXXX</del> LUCAS	G.	Regimental Police
48	Sgt	POWELL (M.M.)	C.	Signaller
444	Sgt	COLE	H.R.	do
3018	Pte	BEBBE	A.J.	do
49	Pte	AITKEN	W.G.	do
5970	Pte	AMOSE	A.	Groom
663	Pte	PHILLIPS	H.J.	Groom
205	Pte	ANDERSON	W.	Q.M. Storeman
810	Sgt	ATTENBOROUGH	A.E.	Bombing Sgt
530	Pte	BANNISTER	H.G.	Shoemaker on detachment to 3rd Aust
1177	Pte	DAYMOND	J.F.	Signaller
588	Pte	GLASSON	R.H.	Permt att. 3rd Aust Div Sig Coy
895	Sgt	HILL	G.M.C.	Gas Sgt
6946	Pte	JOHANNSEN	H.N.	Tailor
<del>WUWU</del>				
2725	Pte	McEWAN	J.A.	Tailor
6083	Pte	SEVERINO (M.M.)	J.T.	Groom
44	Pte	SHARAH	E.L.	Pioneer
45	Pte	SILVA	P.H.	Pioneer <i>English leave</i>
<del>2432</del>	<del>Pte</del>	<del>MATHERSON</del>	<del>H.A.</del>	<del>Pioneer</del>
39	T/Sgt	HANDCOCK	G.	Pioneer
<del>40</del>	<del>Pte</del>	<del>HOLLAND</del>	<del>A.G.</del>	<del>Pioneer</del>
2085	Pte	HUGHES	H.W.	Pioneer
628	Pte	LACY	H.M.	Bootmaker
81	Pte	PATERSON	D.	Batman
389	Pte	RICKARD	E.W.	Batman
978	Pte	Ridgeway RIDGWAY	W.A.	Batman
1658	Pte	ROBINSON	J.	Batman
711	Pte	WATERS	E.H.	Batman
1666	R.Q.M.S.	STEVENSON	J.S.	
377	Cpl	PROUDFOOT	J.G.	Tailor
729	Pte	Gibbs	E.E.	Policeman
1846	"	Handcock	W.H.	Pioneer
7034	"	Missen	J.	Signaller

List B Referred to in P9/129 of 20/9/18

To 38th Bn.

14	Sgt McLACHLAN	J.
892	Pte HAYHOW	W.
78	Pte WATTS	A.V.
2023	Pte CALDWELL	D.J.
75	Pte THEWLIS	L.O.
2164	Pte RICHMOND	R.J.
3292	Pte MOAKES	O.F.A.
848	Pte COE	J.T.
79	Pte WOODHOUSE (M.M.)	A
6562	Pte POTTS	J.
71	Pte Potts	W.R.
15087	Pte RICHMOND	G.A.
68	Pte JOHNSON	R.F.

To 39th Bn

2372	L/Cpl McINTOSH	A.J.
73	Pte SMITH	W
2777	Pte BRADLEY	J.J.
<del>2164</del>	<del>Pte RICHMOND</del>	<del>W.J.</del>
65	Cpl ANDERSON	A.W.
72	Pte ROCK	W.L.
70	Pte PASSALAGUA	A.P.
888	Pte GOSS	W.H.
73	Pte WHITECHURCH	J.L.O.
1787	Pte AMY	A.J.
2042	Cpl BURNS	L.J.
2350	Pte FANNER	G.W.
775A	Pte HAZELL	P.G.

List G. Referred to in P 9/129 of 20/9/18Present with unit to 39th Bn. Headquarters Officers

Major W.F.H. Robertson  
 Lieut A.W. Smith  
 Lieut W.J. Boyland (to be attached temporarily to 3rd Div Train)

Present with Unit to 39th Bn. Headquarters Officers

Lieut G.V. KILLWAY  
 Lieut J.C. ANDERSON

A Company Officers to 39th Bn.

Capt. W.L. ALLEN  
 Lt. H.E. BRAN  
 Lt. J.H. CHAPMAN  
 Lt. F.R. KINLEY  
 2/Lt. F.P. HARRIS  
 3/Lt. F.S. Fyfe

B Company Officers to 39th Bn

Capt. F.G. HIBBLE M.C.  
 Lt. T.A. HEADER  
 Lt. L.J. BRUNER  
 Lt. P. WILKINSON  
 Lt. P.L. ISHERWOOD  
 Lt. W.H.W. GROVE

C Coys Officers to 39th Bn

Capt F.H.V. COOPER  
 Lt. A.H. MURDOCK (M.C.) attached  
 3rd Div Hqrs  
 S/Lt. J.H. WRIGHT  
 S/Lt. A.L. BOOL

D Company Officers to 39th Bn

Lt. P.L. AITKEN  
 Lt. M.R. STOKES  
 Lt. J.A. SIMPSON  
 Lt. A.J. GIBSON  
 Lt. K. McH. DAVIDSON

Seconded or absent from unit to 39th Battalion

Capt J.A. CLARKE	Wounded
Capt F. DOG. HAIN	Sick
Lt. J.G. TODD (M.C.)	Seconded Adjut 9th T.B.
Lt. W. HUNTER (M.C.)	Sick
Lt. W.S. PHILIP (M.C.)	Seconded as I.O. 10th A.I. Bde
Lt. L.P. LITTLE (M.C.)	Seconded to Flying Corps
Lt. H.C. McNICOL (M.C.)	Wounded
Lt. G.J. TAYLOR (D.O.M.)	Seconded as S.O. 10th A.I. Bde.
Lt. H.J. SMITH (M.C.)	Wounded
Lt. V.N.K. CLACK	Wounded
Lt. R. HADLEY	Sick
Lt. L. ORRIDGE	Injured
Lt. W. BRYNE	Seconded 10th A.I. T.M. Bty
Lt. A. STENARY	Wounded
2/Lt. J.A. SPALDING	Wounded

Seconded or absent to 39th Battalion

Capt J.A. BARBOUR	Seconded to C.T. Bde
Lt. S.A. MITCHELL (M.C.)	do
Lt. R.K. McQUINN	Wounded
Lt. G.P. HAIN	9th Training Bde
Lt. S.R. LONG	Wounded
Lt. G.H. COLLIS	2nd Training Bde
Lt. A.F. WELLS	Seconded Flying Corps
Lt. L.J. ROBERTSON	Wounded
Lt. H.A. BARBOUR	Wounded
Lt. J.A. McQUEEN	Wounded
Lt. T.A. CHALMERS	Sick
Lt. H.J. G. DEER	Wounded
Lt. J.V. MALLAGHER	Wounded
Lt. A.B. AYERS (M.C.)	Wounded

List D referred to in ~~EXHIBIT~~ 9/120 of 20/9/18

Transport Personnel will be transferred to Bns as under

<u>58th Bn.</u>				<u>59th Bn.</u>			
No. 20	Sgt	BARRIDGE	R.L. (CadetScl)	No. 21	L/Opl	BORTHWICK	H
23	L/Opl	HAMBROOK	W.F.J.	24	L/Opl	DEVEREUX	T.O.
41	Dr	MATTHEWS	J.R. (leave)	25	Dr	DEVEREUX	G.
30	Dr	SIRRAY	L.S.	1202	Dr	HOLMES	A.J.
28	Dr	McDONALD	H. (Leave)	232	Dr	BOON	J.
743	Dr	KELLY	W.	307 397	Dr	KYNE	H.
699	Dr.	VALENTINE	A.W.	1050	Dr	KYNE	F. A.P.
589	Dr.	GRAY	D.J. (leave)	872	Dr.	GENT	H.V.
1007	Dr.	WATSON	J.	1327	Dr.	McLAUGHLAN	G.G.
1205	Dr.	HENRY	G.E.			(leave)	
1803	Dr.	CAMPBELL	A.J.	109	Dr	THOMAS	E.A.
525	Dr.	WATERS	G.A.	1954	Dr.	FERGUSON	G.J.
1314	Dr.	WILSON	G.P.	8004	Dr	DOWDEN	H.L.
1171	Dr	DODD	G.P.	2081	Dr.	MAROTTE	G.H.
				1890	Dr	PARISH	G.D.

37<sup>th</sup> Div Order No 119 Copy AB  
27.9.19

1. All the will move to service area near  
RONESAY on night 27/28 Sept.
2. Stalling point. Road junction J.G.C. Centre
3. On Road. Bussan St. TEMPLEUX & FOSSE  
- Diggs - D.S.C. road. St. LONGVESHES.
4. A will move in following order A, B, C, D  
A, B, C, D <sup>at 7.45 pm</sup> will drop <sup>at 7.45 pm</sup> <sup>at 7.45 pm</sup>
5. Follow on 3rd road ground team
6. Movement will be in four 500m  
between 500m and between 1000m and  
to transport
7. Own fighting order will be kept  
and W.P. status
8. Fire and movement in business must  
be reduced to a minimum
9. Weather will be synchronised at 1.15  
pm. at 1.30 p.
10. nucleus is detailed with para at P.H.Q.  
at 6 pm and will proceed to Division  
Wing near LA CHAPELLE
11. All movement in night must be  
possible by light road.

J.G.H.  
S. [Signature] [Signature]  
at 1.15

sent 37<sup>th</sup> Bn AIF order No 120 Copy No. 6

Ref Maps

28-9-18

Special WEAANCOURT 1/20000

Sheet 62 C. N.E. 1/20000.

1. At a day and a time to be known as Z day and zero hour the 27<sup>th</sup> American Div. will attack the HINDENBERG line and will capture enemy territory up to GREEN LINE on maps issued. On completion the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Aus. Divs will exploit success up to RED LINE. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Aus. Div. attack, with assistance of tanks, will be carried out by 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> AIBdes, 10<sup>th</sup> on Right, 10<sup>th</sup> on Left, with 9<sup>th</sup> AIBdes in Reserve.
2. 10<sup>th</sup> AIBdes will attack with 3 Bns, 38<sup>th</sup> on Right, 39<sup>th</sup> in Centre and 40<sup>th</sup> Bn on Left, with 37<sup>th</sup> Bn in reserve.
3. Units will move from bivouac area in sufficient time to reach the BROWN LINE by 9 am and will occupy positions as follows: 38<sup>th</sup> Bn. BONY AV. - BERWANTrench, 39<sup>th</sup> Bn BERWANTrench - to road in A.8C. O.I. 40<sup>th</sup> Bn thence to A7a.8.2. 37<sup>th</sup> Bn will move in rear of 38<sup>th</sup> Bn.
4. 37<sup>th</sup> Bn will move in artillery formation in two lines of Cys. Front-line: - B Coy on Right C Coy on Left, D Coy behind B Coy and A Coy behind C Coy. Intervals and distances approximately 200 yds to be maintained.
5. Route. Parallel to road through E 19a & b, 21a & b thence to 22a Central - BASSE BOULOGNE SOUTH thence parallel to ~~road~~ GILLEMONT Road to positions to be selected later in F.18. Roads will NOT be used.
6. The move will be continued so that the GREEN LINE is reached at 11 am. The 37<sup>th</sup> Bn moving to a position readiness in A 12b.

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7. Aircraft. Particulars of co-operation with aircraft are as detailed in Coy. Comd's Conference.
  8. Tanks and armoured cars will be marked WHITE, RED, WHITE. Returning tanks will display a Red, white & blue flag. Broken down tanks a diagonal, yellow & red flag.
  9. Synchronisation of watches will be made by an officer from each Coy, calling at Ben A. Q's at 8.30 pm 28<sup>th</sup> inst.

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