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In the Tuld	1 st		<p>The two sections and head-quarters situated in Beaulencourt attended Quene Lure at Brigade Head-quarters. Lieut. Coppin appointed secretary for canteen. Two limbers sent to Albert canteen to bring back goods. Lieut. Foster selected new positions in Beugny front line, with view to occupying them in case of an attack by the enemy on that part of the line. Preparations made for a possible move forward to meet any contingencies which may arise through the 14th Brigade's attack on Louvival and Doignes</p> <p>Casualties Nil. Reinforcements Nil.</p>	Appendix A
	2 nd		<p>The Coy. had breakfast at 5 A.M. and at 6 A.M. had fallen in, in full marching order, with limbers packed and everything ready to move off at a moment's notice. They were then dismissed with orders to fall in and be ready to march off ten minutes after being warned. Lieut. Foster has taken his section and is garrisoning the new Beugny front line Location to hand this afternoon</p> <p>Casualties Nil. Reinforcements Nil.</p>	Appendix A
	3 rd		<p>Lieut. Foster with No 2 section has occupied the new positions</p>	

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In the field	3rd Cont		front line. Location of these positions supplied to Brigade Head-quarters. No 4 section now garrisoning the intermediate line. Anti-aircraft machine guns are now mounted in Riencourt, Villers-au-Flor and Beaulencourt one Vickers Machine Gun drawn from D.A.D.O.S., Townsville Camp Sgt Yates reported to Coy. Head-Quarters on way to Albert on leave. Stables commenced. Casualties Nil Reinforcements Nil	
	4th		Lieut. Heathcote and 4 o/r report to 1st Anzac Reinforcement Camp, Bellvue Farm on way to anti-aircraft school FIENVILLERS. Lieut. Coppin with load of canteen stores from Albert. No working party supplied to Bde H Qrs. Bde order of g and provisional Defence Scheme received from Bde Hd Qrs. Instructions issued to Lieut Foster concerning his relief by 1st Machine Gun Coy. Casualties Nil Reinforcements Nil	appendix B,
	5th		No 3 section as it was not relieved. on the night of the 4th was relieved early this morning by the 1st Machine Gun Coy and moved back to Beaulencourt. Lieut. Button drew the money from Field Cashier to pay company this afternoon. Casualties Nil Reinforcements Nil	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field	6 th		<p>German Maxim Machine Gun collected from Bde H.Q. for the purpose of inducting Battalion Officers into the preliminary stages of training required to work these guns. Lieut. Smith detached for instructional duty to-day. Lieut. Hilton erected four Machine Guns for anti-aircraft work in the vicinity of the two observation balloons near Villen-Au-Flos. It is anticipated that a good opportunity will sooner or later present itself as the enemy has lately become very daring in attacking observation balloons. Lieut. Foster has also erected four gun positions for anti-aircraft work in the vicinity of the Bde Camp near Beaulencourt. Lieut. Ridgway evacuated sick casualties. Nil Reinforcements. Nil</p>	
	7 th		<p>Brigade class for instruction on German Maxim Machine Gun was commenced this morning under Lieut. Smith. As day is wet and windy very little work was done. A large quantity of corrugated iron was salvaged from old German benches. Preparations for Officers & Sergeants mess being made. Two limbers were sent to Albert Canten to carry</p>	<p>10TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY No. Date. 1918</p>

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In the Field	7th	Cont ^a	back stores for Coy Canteen Casualties Nil. Reinforcements Nil	
	8th		Lieut. Smith instructing Battalion Officers in use of captured German Maxim Machine Guns Received 5th Div. Staff Memo No 121 No 4 section under Lieut. Swan detailed for this work. Gun positions were selected and constructed and guns were in position by 2 p.m. No 2 section are at present also on anti-aircraft work near Miller-an-Alos under Lieut. Hutton C.R.E. approached on the matter of mountings for A.A. guns also weather proof accommodation for gun crews No 3 section under Lieut. Foster will be detached for garrison work on Miller-an-Alos - Bancourt line and will construct positions there Casualties Nil. Reinforcements Nil	appendix C.



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In the diary	9 th 10 th 11 th 12 th		<p>No 1 & 3 sections still at Beaulancourt in Reserve. No 4 section anti aircraft Guard at Dio HQ No 2 section a.a. Guard Yillers. Av. 2 hrs. Received order from Bde HQ to be prepared to move off at 10th Basualties Nil. Reinforcements Nil</p> <p>Received message from Bde HQ to recall Nos 2 & 4 sections and for company to be prepared to move by 5.30 am on 11th. Sections recalled, all ranks warned. Basualties Nil. Reinforcements Nil</p> <p>Company was ready to move at 5.30 am. Notified by Bde HQ that zero time for move would be 10.30, destination Beaunake. Company moved out at 10.30 am in column of Route. Lieut Hutton in charge of transport. We arrived at destination East of Beaunake 57° NW 1209-1 and occupied dugouts vacated by 12th M.G. Coy. A.A. guns were mounted, remainder of company held in readiness for immediate action. Capt Munson proceeded on, leaving 12th M.G. Coy. Lieut G. J. Fitzgerald assumed command. Basualties Nil. Reinforcements Nil</p> <p>Received Bde order 1297 to return to former camp at Beaulancourt, via Bapaume on 13th. Basualties Nil. Reinforcements Nil</p>	<p>appendix D</p> <p>appendix E</p>

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In the field	13 th		Company moved out at 9 am. via Bapaume to Beaulancourt. arriving 12 noon Casualties Nil Reinforcements 1 of R.	
	14 th		A.A. Guard mounted. Lt. Heathcote & party returned from anti aircraft school, Fienwillers. O.C. & section officers reconnoitred Intermediate line Villers-au-Blas Casualties Nil Reinforcement Nil	
	15.		6.45 am received orders from Bde H.Q. for 2 sections to occupy Intermediate line Villers au Blas. - enemy attacking on the left of Right Divisional front at Lagnicourt. No 4 section with 4 guns under Lt. Smith H.P.S. supporting left flank - 5 section - 59 th Battalion, in position 10 am. No 1 section - 4 guns under Lt Heathcote supporting 57 th Battalion - right sector, in position 10 am. Received orders 9.30 to withdraw section from Intermediate line. Nos 1 & 4 sections returned 12 noon. 4.40 pm received order from Bde H.Q. that company was detailed to assist 8 th Inf. Bde to hold Bungay-Yves line, & to report Bapaume immediately to G.O.C 8 th Inf. Bde for further instructions. O.C. proceeded in advance to Bapaume & reported	appendix F

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En 2nd Bde	15 th		<p>(Continued)</p> <p>to. G.O.C. 8th Inf Bde. Company moved out under Lt. Z at 5.15 pm, and were met along road at 6 pm by O.C. who had received instructions to return to camp to proceed to 2. remicourt next morning.</p> <p>6 casualties Nil</p> <p>Reinforcements 3.0/R.</p>	
En 2nd Bde	16 th		<p>Company moved out 9 am. & proceeded to 2 remicourt via Tillet. Arrived 11 am. Company HQ established at 2 remicourt. Received orders from 8th Inf Bde HQ to relieve 2nd Aust No 8. Coy - Benzy - after line. No 2 section - 4 guns under Lt. Hutton took over positions from 2nd company. 4 gun positions</p> <p>No 1. 57c. I 28A. 4-1 No 2 I 34B 29 No 3 50-6-6 No 4 50 Central, supporting 3.2. 2nd Bde.</p> <p>No 3 section under Lt. Zevans took over position from 2nd No 8 Coy. 4 gun positions</p> <p>No 1. 57c. I 80. 8 1/2 - 1 No 2 I 14D 4-5 No 3 I 20B 6 1/2 - 2 No 4 I 22C 4-5, left section supporting 29th Battalion.</p> <p>No 1 section under Lt. Heathcote in reserve at Naplinecourt.</p> <p>No 4 section under Lt. Smith N. in reserve 2 remicourt.</p> <p>All sections mounted a.c. guard by dog. Change over completed by 7.30 pm</p> <p>6 casualties Nil</p> <p>Reinforcements Nil</p>	<p>10th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>Date.</p>

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Luske Poles	17 th		Work commenced on improvement of gun position by No. 2 & 3 sections, all positions visited by O.C. who carried out reconnaissance with section officers. Casualties Nil Reinforcements Nil	appendix
	18 th		Works on gun positions continued Received 8 th Inf. Bde order No 92. 15 th Inf Bde order No 99. 1 of No proceeded on leave. Casualties Nil Reinforcements Nil	appendix G appendix H
	19 th		New anti-aircraft positions dug at Fremont by No. 4 Section. Received from 8 th Aust Inf. Bde. Supplementary to order No. 92. 15 th Inf Bde order No. 100. Message from HQs 8 th Aust Inf Bde. that G.O.C 8 th Bde will meet C.O.s at HQs at 10 am tomorrow 20 th inst. Casualties Nil Reinforcements Nil	appendix I
	20 th		Received from 8 th Aust Inf. Bde move order for 21.4.17. Visited Bengny-gheer line with 2 nd in command 33 rd Machine Gun Coy. 11 th Division, and issued instructions to section officers preparatory to changing over Casualties Nil Reinforcements Nil	appendix K

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In the field	21 st	1230	<p>Mr Copping + party sent to Mamety camp as advance party to clean out and prepare huts prior to occupation.</p> <p>Received message from C.O. 33rd Machine Gun Coy. that his coy was then passing through Bapanne.</p> <p>33rd Machine Gun Coy. arrived at Fremicourt at 2 P.M. Same dispositions were made by C.O. 33rd Machine Gun Coy.</p> <p>Section reliefs carried out and Nos 1, 2, & 3 sections returned to Fremicourt. Section officers reported all correct and relief was completed by 440 P.M.</p> <p>Coy fell in and marched from Fremicourt with transport at 450 P.M. Route followed - Bancourt - Beaulencourt - Guendcourt - Sters - Longueval to Mamety Camp. Camp reached at 11.30 P.M.</p> <p>Location of camp Map 62D N.E. F 4 29525</p> <p>Casualties Nil Reinforcements 7 of R.</p>	
	22 nd		<p>Coy attended Divine Service at 930 AM.</p> <p>Brigade Parade was held at 11 AM and units were addressed by GOC 16th Inf Bde. Ballot papers and other voting documents received from Brigade H.Q.</p>	

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In the field.	22 nd		Casualties Nil Reinforcements Nil	
	23 rd		Sites for Antiaircraft positions were selected and construction was commenced upon by No. 2 Section. Positions were completed by 5 PM. Map reference 62 DNE. F4a 8138 and F4a 9157 Transport was inspected by OC and limbers were worked and axles greased etc Tests were held to select men for Brigade Sports to be held on Anzac Day.	
	24 th		Casualties Nil Reinforcements Nil Antiaircraft guns mounted by No. 3 section. Limbers were thoroughly overhauled by sections and repacked. Pack saddlery was overhauled and well cleaned. Further tests were held with Engineers and Brigade H.Q.S to select representatives for Brigade Sports.	
	25 th		Casualties Nil Reinforcements Nil No. 4 Section relieved No. 3 section from Antiaircraft work. Nos. 1, 2 + 3 sections were marched to Trivout baths and had a bath and clean change	

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In the field	25 th		<p>Brigade Sports were held in afternoon commencing at 1.30 p.m. Coy fell in at 1 p.m. and were marched down to Sports Ground.</p> <p>Corps Commander was present and a march past was held on completion of sports meeting. 15th Machine Gun Coy was in rear of 60th Battalion.</p> <p>At 7 p.m. CC held a meeting of officers and a Syllabus of training to start on 26th inst. was drawn up and promulgated to all section and subsection officers.</p> <p>One NCO and 1 other rank proceeded on leave.</p> <p>Casualties Nil Reinforcements 1 O/R.</p>	
	26 th		<p>Syllabus of training commenced. Gun drill & elementary training.</p> <p>Mr. Coffin obtained canteen stores from Albert.</p> <p>Football match between N^o. 1 + N^o. 2 sections.</p> <p>One NCO sent to Machine Gun School, Camiers.</p> <p>Casualties Nil Reinforcements Nil</p>	
	27 th		<p>Training continued. Signalling and gun drill.</p> <p>Football match between N^o. 3 + 4 sections.</p> <p>Ballot papers opened by CO in presence of authorised witness Mr. HBL Smith.</p>	

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In the field	27 th		1 NCO sent to Gas School. Casualties Nil Reinforcements Nil	
	28 th		Training continued. Inspection of Brigade headquarters by GOC 15 th Aust Inf Bde. Pay was drawn by OC and Coy was paid at 2 PM. Casualties Nil Reinforcements Nil	
	29 th		Company attended Divine Service at 9.30 AM. Brigade inspection held at 11 AM by GOC 15 th Aust Inf Bde. Football matches held between Sers Nos 1+4 and Nos 2+3. Casualties Nil Reinforcements Nil	
	30 th		Training continued. Limbers cleaned and oiled. Capt Muirson returned from leave. Casualties Nil Reinforcements Nil	

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			<i>1st Div. W. Astage for month of April</i>												
			To Field Amb.		From Field Amb.		6 way. Div area.		Date	To Field Amb.		From Field Amb.		6 way. Div area.	
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RIGHT BRIGADE SECTOR - RIGHT DIVISION.

Provisional Defence Scheme.

Reference - 57 C.N.W.
C.S.W.

1st April 1917.

1. The main defensive line of the Division in Reserve conforms generally to the old German BEUGNY - YTRES line. An Intermediate line is under construction in front of the line VILLERS-AU-FLOS - HANCOURT.
2. The defensive area allotted to the Right Brigade falls within the following limits :-
 - FRONT LINE - O.5.B.3-0 to I.27.Central.
 - INTERMEDIATE LINE - O.8.D.6-2 to I.31.C.8-8.
 - RIGHT BOUNDARY - A line passing through O.5.Central and O.9.Central.
 - LEFT BOUNDARY - A line passing through I.27.Central and N.5.Central.
 - SUBSECTOR BOUNDARY - The old German light railway line passing through O.2.C.,D; O.3.A.,B; I.34.C.,D; I.35.A. divides the Brigade Area into a RIGHT and a LEFT Subsector.
3. GARRISONS - (a) The Front Line Garrison will consist of one Battalion with 4 Vickers Guns attached. The line will be divided into 4 Company frontages and each Company Commander will allot definite posts and frontages to his sections. Company sectors will be held by nucleus garrison furnished by troops quartered in HAPLINCOURT. All ranks of the garrison must know where they have to go and the quickest way to get there. No portion of this line will be given up. If the enemy gains a footing within the position a counter-attack will be launched by Reserve units under the orders of the Brigadier.

The front line has been sited to utilise, as far as possible, the old German wire. Between I.35.C.8-2 and O.5.B.2-0 it was found necessary to break through the wire and occupy the old German fire trench.

(b) The Intermediate Line garrison will consist of One Battalion with 4 Vickers Guns attached. The line will be divided into 4 Company Sectors and constructed as soon as possible by the Companies detailed as garrison. At first Strong points with support trench and C.T's will be dug in each Company Sector. Only nucleus garrisons will be maintained at present. The Battalion quartered in VILLERS-AU-FLOS will garrison the Intermediate Line.

When the Strong points are completed they will be connected by a continuous fire trench.

A reserve line will shortly be selected between VILLERS-AU-FLOS and REINCOURT and Reserve Battalions will be allotted as required.

Geoffrey...

MAJOR
BDE. MAJOR
15th AUS. INF. BRIGADE

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Early tomorrow morning the 14th Brigade is attacking LOUVERVAL and JOIGNIES as part of a large operation being carried out by the 57th Bn has gone forward and is occupying the BEAUMETZ sector of the outpost line and is ordered to be prepared to meet possible contingencies. Units will be prepared to move within 10 minutes any time after dawn. Complete breakfast must be over by dawn and the 60th Bn (+1 Sec Coy) will be prepared to fully garrison the new BEUGNY front line.

From	Place	Time	
	15th Bde	7 pm	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z) *[Signature]* MAJOR
18th AUS. INF. BRIGADE

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 94.

Reference - 57 C.N.W.
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2nd April 1917

1. The 1st Australian Division is to relieve the 5th Australian Division in the forward Area between 4th and 6th April.
2. The 15th Infantry Brigade will be withdrawn to the Second Line System, which is on the line VILLERS-AU-FLOS - BANCOURT. (now known as the Intermediate line).
3. The following moves will take place viz :-
4th April - The 60th Battalion, with one section 15th M.G. Coy. will be relieved by equivalent units of the 1st Infantry Brigade, and after the relief will proceed to tent accommodation at BEAULENCOURT.
6th April - The 57th and 58th Battalions will be relieved by Battalions of the 2nd Infantry Brigade and will move to tent accommodation near BEAULENCOURT.
 VILLERS-AU-FLOS to be clear by noon.
4. On 4th, 5th and 6th April the LONGUEVAL - FLERS - GURUDECOURT Road is reserved for transport of the 1st Australian Division between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.
5. The 58th Battalion, with one section 15th M.G. Coy. will construct and garrison Second Line. At present only nucleus garrisons need occupy the Company sub-sectors.
6. The 15th M.G. Coy. will supply anti-aircraft machine guns at each of the following places :-
 REINCOURT - 1.
 VILLERS-AU-FLOS - 1. (Remove to BEAULENCOURT on 6/4/17.)
 BEAULENCOURT - 1.
7. Brigade Headquarters will remain at W.24.D.1-9.

Geo. F. Wright

Major.
Brigade Major 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 8 p.m.

- No. 1. 57th Battalion
2. 58th Battalion
3. 59th Battalion
4. 60th Battalion
5. 15th M.G. Coy.
6. 15th A.L.T.M.B.
7. 15th Field Coy.
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10. Brigade H.Q.

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GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No.121

"ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE".

1. Cases have occurred recently of enemy aeroplanes flying low over the rear portion of the Corps area.
2. The following measure therefore will be put into force by 7.0 p.m. 8th April 1917:-
 - (a) Vickers or Lewis guns in groups of two will be mounted for the protection of camps in Infantry Brigade areas under the orders of G.O's.C. Infantry Brigades.
 - (b) where units are camped in widely separated areas, each camp will have its own anti-aircraft protection.
 - (c) Anti-aircraft protection for Divisional units will be provided as follows:-

Divisional Headquarters (N.11.central)	by 15th Infantry Brigade.
5th D.A.C. (N.4.d.)) by 8th Infantry Brigade.
Div. Ordnance Store (N.4.d))
3. The C.R.E. will assist Brigades in the provision of mountings, special sights, and weather-proof cover for gun crews.
4. Organized rifle fire will also be used by units, but only on the order and under the supervision of an officer.
5. BY DAY.
Once the identity of a hostile aeroplane is established there should be no hesitation in opening fire on it. Aeroplanes frequently come down low enough to be within easy range and such opportunities should be taken advantage of.
BY NIGHT.
No airships or aeroplanes will be fired on by night unless they unmistakably reveal their hostile identity by dropping bombs or by opening fire with machine guns.
6. A crew of not less than 1 N.C.C. and 2 men will be always on duty at each post (group of two guns) These crews will be relieved under Brigade arrangements. During the period crews are on duty they must remain alongside the guns and their accommodation will be so sited.

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7. Attention is directed to the following circulars:-
 "Notes on anti-aircraft work with Machine Guns" issued on
 14th March 1917 (5th Aust Div. G11/3782)

"Provisional notes on firing at aircraft with machine guns
 and other small arms" dated March 1917 (G.H.Q. S.S. 142)

W King Major for

Lieut-Colonel,
 General Staff,

5th Australian Division.

7th April 1917.

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 15th Infantry Brigade
 5th Pioneer Battalion
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15th Aust Infantry Brigade Order No 97

App 15

12th April 1917

Reference 570 $\frac{1}{40,000}$

1 The 15th Aust Infantry Brigade is being withdrawn from the Left Divisional Sector on 13th April and will return to former camp.

2 The following march arrangements are made -

- (a) Brigade H.Q. will march at 8.30 am
- (b) The 60th Bn with transport will march at 9 am
- (c) The 57th, 58th, 59th Bns less transport will march independently via BAUCOURT between 9 am & 10 am
- (d) The 15th M.G. Coy will march via BAPAUME at 9 am
- (e) Transport of units mentioned in (c) will march via BAPAUME and will pass H 17 a 7.3 at the following times -
 - 57th Bn - 9.30 am
 - 58th Bn - 9.40 am
 - 59th Bn - 9.50 am

All transport must be clear of BAPAUME by 11.45 am and 800 yds distance must be kept by units.

- 3 Baggage wagons will report early on 13th inst.
- 4 Brigade H.Q. will close at H 22 central at 8 am and will reopen at H 24 d 19 at same hour.
- 5 The 57th & 58th Bns will make arrangements for the whole of their units to be employed on Second Line Works on 14th April working to be commenced.

Issued at 4 pm -

No 1	57th Bn	5	15th M.G. Coy
2	58th Bn	6	15th A.T.M.C.
3	59th Bn	7	War Diary
4	60th Bn		

Robert Reid
 Brigade Major 15th Bde

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"A" Form. MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form G. 2121.

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			By			

TO *Broach* *APP F*

Sender's Number. *BM 2/27.* Day of Month *15th* In reply to Number *AAA*

*Your boy has been detailed to assist
 8th Aust Inf Bde. to hold BEUQNY-YRES
 line. All you will give necessary
 instructions to move 1604 to BAPAUME
 immediately. All move on yourself in
 advance and report to G.O.C. 8th
 Aust Inf Bde. at BAPAUME for further
 instructions.*

From
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 Time *4 30 PM.*

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8th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Order No. 92.

Reference -
Sheet 11, 1/100,000 map

18th April 1917.

Map G

1. The 8th Australian Infantry Brigade (less 8th Machine Gun Co., 8th L.T.M. Battery) and 15th Machine Gun Co. (attached) will be relieved in the BEUGNY Line and BAPAUME area by a Brigade of the 11th Division on 21st April.

2. The Brigade will be quartered in BERNAFAY, DARWIN and ALBURY Camps, with overflow in MAMETZ Camp, on relief. Detailed distribution of quarters will be made later. Brigade Headquarters will be in MAMETZ Camp.

3. Units will march via BEAULENCOURT - CUEDECOURT - FLERS - thence via duckwalk.

Transport will proceed by CUEDECOURT - FLERS - LONGUEVAL road.

March table will be issued later.

4. The 15th Machine Gun Co. will rejoin the 15th Brigade (quartered in MONTAUBAN, BENDIGO, and HOBART Camps) on arrival in the back area.

5. The 8th Machine Gun Co. and 8th L.T.M. Battery will rejoin the Brigade in the back area on ceasing to be attached to the 2nd Aust. Division.

6. The 8th Field Company will join the 8th Brigade Group and will be allotted quarters on their arrival in the back area on 22nd instant.

7 Acknowledge.

Larry W. Cummings
for Major,
Brigade Major 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 9 p.m. to -		
29th Battalion	Copy No.	1.
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31st "	"	3
32nd "	"	4
15th M. Gun Co.	"	5
Copies to :-		
5th Aust. Divn.	"	6
1st " "	"	7
8th M. Gun Co.	"	8
8th L.T.M. Bty	"	9
8th Field Co.	"	10
G.O.C.	"	11
War Diary	"	12
File	"	13

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 99.Reference Maps - 57 C.S.W.1/20000.
57 C.N.W.1/20000.

18th April 1917

- App H*
1. The defence of the Intermediate Line between O.S.D.8-2 and I.31.C.8-8 is allotted to the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.
 2. The nucleus garrison for this sector is :-
One Battalion and Two Sections of the M.G. Coy.
 3. The 57th Battalion is detailed as nucleus garrison for the Sector and will permanently occupy the strong points with a part of the garrison - 1 N.C.O. and 6 men for each strong point - and will be responsible for safeguarding the defensive works and keeping them in a state of repair.
The garrison must at all times be ready to man the line at short notice.
Note :- The Machine Gun Coy. are temporarily detached to the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade.
 4. The 57th, 58th and 60th Battalions will forward a sketch of the strong points under construction by them. This sketch is to reach Brigade Headquarters not later than 8 p.m. on the 18th inst.
 5. The Garrison Battalion will forward a sketch of the sector showing the strong points, the garrison which will man these posts in the event of an attack, and the position of reserves.
 6. The remaining three Battalions, M.G. Sections, and A.L.T.M.B. may be required to assist in the defence of the line or be held ready as a mobile force for a counter-stroke.
The ground must be studied and the routes from billets reconnoitred for this purpose so as to effect a rapid concentration at any point.
 7. The permanent garrison will be relieved every 12 hours so that all ranks will have an opportunity of gaining a thorough knowledge of the localities to be defended.

a/ *W. H. Wilson*
Major.
Brigade Major 15th Australian Infantry Brigade

Issued at

- No. 1. 57th Battalion
2. 58th Battalion
3. 59th Battalion
4. 60th Battalion.
5. 15th M.G. Coy.
6. 15th A.L.T.M.B.
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8th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Supplementary to Order No. 92

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Reference Sheet 11 1/100,000

19th April 1917

- 1. (a) The 8th Aust. Inf. Bde (less 8th M.G.Co. and 8th L.T.M.B.) and 15th M.G.Co. (attached) will on relief by the 33rd Inf. Bde, march to MONTAUBAN, BARWIN, ALBURY, BENDIGO and HOBART Camps in "J" Area, in accordance with attached march table.
- (b) Relief order for 8th M.G.Co. and 8th L.T.M.B. will be issued later.

2. Following intervals will be maintained on the march :-

- 300 yards between Battalions.
- 200 yards between Transport and other units.
- 100 yards between Companies.

3. (a) The Brigade Transport (less 8th F. Co.) will march to "J" Area by the BEAULENCOURT - GUEDECOURT - FLERS - LONGUEVAL route.

(b) Lieut. Searle, 31st Battalion will be in charge of the Bde Transport and will report to Bde H.Qrs at 10 a.m. 20th inst. for instructions.

(c) 8th Field Co. will use the main BAPAUME - ALBERT route.

4. Baggage sections of the 5th Divisional Train will report to units at 8 a.m. on the 21st instant.

5. For administrative instructions see attached.

6. Supply railhead on and after 21st instant will be at BAZENTIN.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Blayney W. Curving *Capl*
 for Major,
 Brigade Major 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.

8TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
 No. *48*
 Date *19-4-17*

Issued at 11.30 p.m.

to	29th Battalion	Copy No.1
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	31st "	" 3
	32nd "	" 4
	15th Machine Gun Co.	" 5

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5th Aust. Divn	"	6
1st Aust. Divn	"	7
8th Machine Gun Co.	"	8
8th L.T.M. Battery	"	9
8th Field Co. Engrs.	"	10
18th A.A.S.C.	"	11
G.O.C.	"	12
War Diary	"	13
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MARCH TABLE - issued in conjunction with 8th Ainst. Inf. Bde Order 92.

Date	Units in order of march	Starting Point		Route	Destination	Distribution	Remarks.	
		Place	Time of Starting					
21/4/17	de H.Q.	FREMICOURT I 45 b 5 6		BANCOURT-REINCOURT- BEAULENCOURT-GUEDE- COURT-FLERS-LONGUE- VAL, thence by duck- walks		Huts in front of Darwin Camp (S 21 b 7 8)		
21/4/17	30th Bn	BANCOURT		REINCOURT-BEAULEN- COURT, then as for Ede H.Q.	Following Camps in "J" Area - MONTAUBAN, DARWIN (S 21 b 7 8), ALBURY (S 21 b 5 5), BENDIGO (S 15 d 1 1) and HOBART (S 15 b 5 5)	ALBURY Camp (S 21 b 5 5) 22 Nissen Huts.		
21/4/17	31st Bn	BAPAUME	Will be communicated later.	BEAULENCOURT, then as for Ede H.Q.		MONTAUBAN Ede Camp, 72 Nissen Huts.		
21/4/17	52nd Bn	HAPLINCOURT		VILLERS au FLOS-BEAU- LENCOURT, then as for Ede H.Q.		DARWIN Camp (S 21 b 7 8) 20 Nissen Huts.		
21/4/17	29th Bn	FREMICOURT		As for Ede H.Qrs,		BENDIGO Camp (S 15 d 1 1) 28 Nissen Huts.		
21/4/17	15th M.G. Co.	FREMICOURT		As for Ede H.Qrs			Will rejoin 15th Inf. Ede on arrival in back area (WAZETZ Camps)	
21/4/17	(a) 8 Fld Co. H.Q. & 1 Sec	BAPAUME				FLERS-LONGUEVAL	BERNAFAY Camps.	Will be affili- ated to and ad- ministered by Ede Group on arrival at BERNAFAY Camp.
	(b) 3 secs	GUEDECOURT				To follow D.H.Q. Group		
21/4/17	Bde Tpt.	BEAULENCOURT		10 a.m.	As for units			

5th Pioneer Battalion on arrival in BERNAFAY Camp will be affiliated to and administered by 8th Ede Group.

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8th Australian Infantry Brigade.
Administrative Order
 Issued in conjunction with 8th Bde Order No. 92

1. SUPPLIES.

8th Aust. Inf. Brigade (less 8th H.Q. Co. and 8th L.T.L.B.) plus 15th H.Q. Co. will draw supplies at BAZENTIN on and after 21st instant.

8th H.Q. Co. and 8th L.T.L. Battery will draw from Supply Officer, Divisional Troops (Capt. Stevenson) BEAULINCOURT - SAFAUNE road, N 4 a 9 9.

2. AMMUNITION.

Units will hand over all S.A.A. Mobile Reserve to incoming unit. Hand and rifle grenades will be held for purpose of training in back area.

The 120 rounds of S.A.A. on the man will be carried.

List of all ammunition handed over will be forwarded to Bde H.Q. on completion of movement.

3. ACCOMODATION.

No trench shelters, tents, marquees will be moved out of "A" area by units. All accomodation now occupied by units will be handed over to 11th Division. Lists shewing number of tents and trench shelters handed over will be forwarded to Bde H.Q. on completion. This also applies to any baths that may have been established.

4. PACK SADDLERY.

No pack saddlery will be handed over to 11th Div. Pack Saddlery on charge surplus to establishment will be returned forthwith to D.A.B.O.S.

5. RATIONS IN SUPPORTING POINTS.

Any rations now in supporting points will be handed over to 11th Divn. Lists showing quantities handed over will be forwarded to Bde H.Q. on completion of relief.

6. EXTRA KIT and BLANKETS.

Motor transport will be provided for the transport of kits and blankets at a time to be notified later.

7. ADVANCE PARTIES.

1 Officer, 4 N.C.O.'s and 24 men from each Batta will proceed tomorrow morning to their respective camps for the purpose of taking over and cleaning up generally prior to units marching in.

The Officer in charge will arrange to send back 1 N.C.O. and 1 man per coy to act as guides. It will be necessary for these guides to meet their Batta on the road midway between JUEDECOURT and BEAULINCOURT.

Advance parties will take 48 hours rations and Battas to arrange transport of blankets for same.

8. Attention is drawn to previous correspondence forwarded to units in reference to overloading of vehicles.

9. Receipts for all stores, tents, shelters etc. handed over will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. not later than 10 a.m. on 22nd instant.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 100.

App. J
19th April 17

1. The 15th Brigade Group -
 15th Infantry Brigade (less 15th M.G. Coy. and 15th A.L.T.M.B.)
 and 15th Field Coy. Engineers - will be relieved in M area on the
 20th inst. by 32nd Infantry Brigade and 67th Field Coy. respectively.
 The relief of the 15th A.L.T.M.B. will be notified later.
 The 15th M.G. Coy. will be relieved on the 21st inst. under orders
 from the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade.
2. Units will march to MAMETZ Camps via BEAULENCOURT - GUEUDECOURT -
 FLERS - LONGUEVAL. Troops will march by duckwalks after 11.30 a.m.
 when relieved.
3. Moves will be carried out in accordance with attached table.
- 4.(a) All orders, instructions, maps, schemes, and plans of work relating
 to the Corps Second Line are to be handed over to relieving Units
 by Battalions.
 (b) All remaining anti-gas equipment held on charge as trench stores
 will be handed over to relieving Units.
 (c) Tools on the establishment of units will not be handed over.
5. The following intervals will be maintained on the march :-
 200 yards between Battalions.
 200 yards between transport and other units.
 100 yards between Companies.
6. The relief of nucleus garrison in the Corps Second Line will be
 reported to Brigade H.Q. N.24.Central.
7. Transport will move under Lieut. VARLEY, 60th Battalion in the
 following order :-
 15th Brigade Headquarters.
 15th Field Company.
 60th Battalion.
 59th Battalion.
 58th Battalion.
 57th Battalion.
 The head of the column will pass the starting point N.18.A.1-1 at
 11.30 a.m.
 Transport officers of Units will report to Lieut. VARLEY, 60th Battali
 N.24.Central at 7.30 p.m. this evening to arrange detail.
8. Baggage Sections of Divisional Train will report to Units at 8 a.m.
 on 20th inst.
9. Instructions regarding ammunition supplies and relief of working
 parties will be notified later.
10. Billeting Officers will report to the Staff Captain at MAMETZ Camp
 at 1 p.m. 20th inst.
11. Route to be followed by Units must be reconnoitred beforehand.
12. Watches will be synchronised at 9 a.m. 20th inst. with Brigade H.Q.
 Signal Office.

Major.
 Brigade Major 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

P.T.O.

Issued at

- No.1. 57th Battalion.
- 2. 58th Battalion.
- 3. 59th Battalion.
- 4. 60th Battalion.
- 5. 15th Field Coy. Engineers
- 6. 15th M.G. Coy.
- 7. 15th A.L.T.M.B.
- 8.) *Filed. 32nd Inf Brigade*
- 9.) *Filed*

- Copies to 10. 5th Aust. Division.
- 11. C.R.E. 5th Aust. Div.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

TABLE OF MOVES.

DATE	UNIT	TIME PASS STARTING POINT	ROUTE	DESTINATION	REMARKS.
		N. 13. 1. 1. N 17 6 9			
20th inst.	15th Brigade H.Q.	11.30 a.m.	BEAULENCOURT- GUEUDECOURT-PLERS- LONGUEVAL.	HANETZ Camp.	If Units are not relieved and ready to pass the starting point by the time they are tabled, they will immediately notify Brigade H.Q. When a Battalion is relieved it will stand by ready to move at a moments notice. As in case of one Unit not being ready another Unit will take its place.
"	15th Field Coy. Engineers	11.45 a.m.	" "	"	
"	60th Battalion.	12 noon	" "	"	
"	59th Battalion.	12.30 p.m.	" "	"	
"	58th Battalion.	1 p.m.	" "	"	
"	57th Battalion.	1.30 p.m.	" "	"	
	<i>15th Field Coy & Engineers</i>	<i>2 pm</i>			

APPENDIX '9'

SECRET.15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Administrative addendum to 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No. 100

1. SUPPLIES - 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade (less 15th M.G. Coy. and 15th A.L.T.N.B.) will draw at BAZENTIN on and after the 20th inst.
2. AMMUNITION - 120 rounds S.A.A. on men will be carried. Units will move out with ammunition echelons empty. All S.A.A., Grenades (with the exception of a small quantity of the latter for training purposes) in the possession of units to be handed over to relieving Battalions.
3. TRENCH STORES - Any trench stores in possession of units will be handed over to incoming Battalions.
4. ACCOMMODATION - No trench shelters, tents or marquees will be moved out of "M" area. All accommodation will be handed over to incoming units. Lists showing number of marquees, tents and trench covers handed over will be forwarded in triplicate to Brigade H.Q.
5. PACK SADDLERY - No pack saddlery will be handed over to the 11th Division. Saddlery on hand in excess of establishment will be returned forthwith to D.A.D.O.S.
6. Extra kit and blankets.
Two motor lorries are available for the transport of extra kit and blankets. One has been allotted to the 57th and 58th Battalions and will report at 9 a.m. at N.11.D.4-4 on the road opposite those Battalions' Camps to collect blankets which should be stacked there in bundles of 20 by that time. The other lorry will report at 59th Battalion H.Q. REINCOURT at 8.30 a.m. and when blankets of 59th Battalion are loaded will report to 60th Battalion H.Q. the SUCRERIE, and collect the blankets belonging to that unit.
7. RECEIPTS - Receipts for everything handed over to 11th Division will be rendered in triplicate to Brigade H.Q. before 6 p.m. 20th inst.

Norman Blount
Staff Captain 15th Australian Infantry Brigade. Captain.

8th Infantry Brigade Transport

APP K

Move order for the 21 4 1917

The Brigade Transport will move from their various billets on the 21st inst

Starting Point

Transport will rendezvous at their reference ALBERT N 17 B 49 at 1.15 PM and be ready to move off at 1.15 PM on the following

order -

29th Battalion Transport

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32 15th Machine Gun Coy
Brigade Headquarters

18th AFSC

Route

The route to be followed will be via
BEAULENCOURT - GUEUDCOURT - FLERS - LONGUEVAL

Quarters

The Brigade will be quartered at the following their reference ALBERT S 21 B 7 6
S 21 B 55 S 15 D 11 and S 15 B 55

All First Line Transport & baggage wagons will move into the reference given by

Brigade Headquarters

20 4 1917

W. T. Spenser

C. O. T. B. S. C. B. A. D. T. D.