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Item number: 24/20/17

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Company

July 1917



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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15th Machine Gun Coy.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the field	July 1st		Company attended Divine Service 9.15 am. No. 728 Sgt. Hanna proceeds to M.G. Cadet School England: 2 of. to M.G. School, Camiers. Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	
	July 2nd		Company attended lecture on "Venereal Disease" given by Andrewson Ward, in the morning. Organised sport was carried out in afternoon. Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	
	July 3rd		Range practice was carried out during whole day. Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: 4 of.	
	July 4th		Work as per Company training syllabus was carried out: "mechanism + stoppage", "Coys. Drill", lecture by Section officers on "Indirect fire". In afternoon company marched to Hamcourt Wood where Dis. assault at arms was carried out. Returned 6 pm. Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	Appx. "A"
	July 5th		Work as per syllabus embracing practical instruction on German Maxim Gun, Semaphore Signalling + Lecture on "Tactical handling of M.G. in open warfare". Capt. FitzGerald proceeded to Rouen for purpose of inspecting Coy. records. Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	
	July 6th		Work as per syllabus. Lecture + instruction on anti-aircraft work by M. Guns: promulgation of instruction re identification of service planes. Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	Reinforcements to: <i>[Signature]</i>



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	1917			
	July 7 th		work on the field work on the syllabus embracing: overhead - covering fire & "barrage fire with three lifts".	Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.
	July 8 th		Company attended Church Parade 9.15 am. followed by inspection of billets & transport by C. C.	Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.
	July 9 th		Kit inspection: routine training. afternoon: organised sports. Afternoon & evening lectures to P.C.O.s. by company officers upon "map reading" "use of compass, protractor etc", commenced.	Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.
	July 10 th		Overhauling gun gear & sectional equipment & preparation of new load charts for limbers. afternoon: organised sport.	Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.
	July 11 th		Company field day embracing training of range finders & scouts, going into and out of action by gun teams, use & control of limbers.	Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.
	July 12 th		Morning: Bathing parade. Checking of ammunition & inspection of gas helmets. afternoon: Coy. attended H.M. the King's review at H.M. court wood when transport was awarded 1 st prize.	Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.
	July 13 th		Coy. Route march from 8 am. until 12 noon. afternoon: organised sport.	Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.
	July 14 th		Morning: Coy. drill & rifle exercises, lecture by section officers "fire control" semaphore signalling. afternoon: organised sport.	Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.

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In the field	July 15 th		Church Parade at Henricourt & presentation of decorations by Lt. General Birdwood. Capt. K. B. Minton & 2/Lt H. Trevan received military Cross. Casualties nil. Reinforcements nil.	
	July 16 th		overhauling guns etc. for Behencourt Range practice. Lt. H. B. L. Smith arranged & posted picnic on Coy. billets at Mailly. afternoon organized sport. Casualties nil. Reinforcements nil.	
	July 17 th		morning: Re-calibration of target on miniature target, Wainlay. Preparation for moving out. Casualties nil. Reinforcements nil.	
	July 18 th		Bathing parade. Lecture by section officers on methods of fire to be practiced at artillery Range Behencourt. Casualties nil. Reinforcements nil.	
	July 19 th		Marched out of Comtoy, halted en route for lecture by Capt. M. G. officer, arrived Corbie in afternoon, crossed pontoon bridges there, billeted there. Casualties nil. Reinforcements nil.	appendices B, C, D, E attached
	July 20 th		Marched out of Corbie to billets at Mailly - arrived afternoon. Casualties nil. Reinforcements 9 of.	appendix F attached
	July 21 st		morning: Limbers & harness cleaned: Troops resting after route march. Casualties nil. Reinforcements nil.	R. B. Jones

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field	July 22 nd		Church Parade 9.15 am. Battalion parade in afternoon. Casualties nil. Reinforcements nil.	
	July 23 rd		Company took part in Bde. advanced guard scheme. Casualties nil. Reinforcements nil.	Appendix "H" " " " " " " " "
	July 24 th		Company drill: Kit inspection: Lecture by section officers "Baroque Fire" afternoon organised sport. Casualties nil. Reinforcements nil.	
	July 25 th		Divisional scheme by D.C. - conference of Coy. officers held in evening when D.C. gave lecture upon operations, followed by a general discussion. Revision of Range-finders + scouts according to ability. Gun drill: Lecture by section officers on "Care + cleaning + first aid."	Appendix "I."
	July 26 th		Lt Coppin + 1 of. proceeded to new area to arrange billets. Company training syllabus embracing "stoppages", lecture by section officers upon use of "auxiliary aiming mark." afternoon: organised sport. Casualties nil. Reinforcements nil.	Appendix "I."
	July 27 th		Company Route march 8.30 am until 12 noon. afternoon: Battalion Parade. Movement order no: 111 received from Brigade. Casualties nil. Reinforcements nil.	Appendix "K" R. B. [Signature]

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In the field	July 28 th		Overhauling of gun gear & re-packing of limbers for movement: full marching out order parade & inspection of biscuits. arrangements in connection with movement were completed. Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	
	July 29 th		Church parade at 9.30 am. Marched out of Mailly Wood camp at 2.15 pm. & entrained at Belle Eglise. Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	
	July 30 th		arrived at Steenbecque and marched to biscuits in Serous area, where Company was accommodated in Biscuits. Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	
	July 31 st		morning: unloading of gun limbers, checking of company equipment & overhauling of gear & cleaning & re-packing same. afternoon: O.C. held a conference of all officers when last movement was criticised by O.C. Pay drawn & company paid. Standing orders for company got new area were issued. Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.	Capt. <i>R. B. [Signature]</i>

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APPENDIX A

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Programme of work for week ending 7th July 1917.

DATE	Forenoon Parade (8.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m)	Evening Lecture (6.15 pm. to 6.45 pm)
2nd July.	As many Officers as possible will visit THIEPVAL. Training of patrols. Patrols to be sent out on definite missions over an easily observed course; men to be divided into "fours" for purpose of criticism and later selected "fours" will be sent to demonstrate their views.	Advanced Guards.
3rd July.	57th Bn. - Company in Advanced Guard. CONTAY-HARPONVILLE. 58th Bn. - Range Practices, J.D., Control of fire advancing under covering fire - WARLOY Range. 59th Bn. - Company in Advanced Guard, RUBEMPRE- T.30. 60th Bn. - Range Practices, J.D. Control of fire Advancing under covering fire - T.22.	Scouting and Patrols.
4th July.	Divisional Sports.	
5th July.	As for 3rd July.	Organisation of fire.
6th July.	57th & 58th Bns. change over programme. 59th & 60th Bns. change over programme.	Delaying tactics of Small parties.
7th July.	As for 6th July.	

NOTES - In Advanced Guard Schemes small parties of men representing hostile patrols and scouts are to be used.

Ceo. J. Wicks

29th June 1917.

Brigade Major 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Major.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 108.

Reference - Sheet 57 D.

14th July 1917.

1. The 15th Infantry Brigade has been ordered to exchange billeting and training areas with the 14th Infantry Brigade (MAILLY Area) on 16th July.
2. The Units of the 15th Infantry Brigade will exchange billets as under:-

Brigade H.Q.	RUBEMPRE	14th Brigade H.Q.	MAILLY.
57th Battalion.	HERISSART	54th Battalion.	BEAUSSART.
58th Battalion.	do-	53rd Battalion.	BOLTON CAMP (P.17.B)
59th Battalion.	RUBEMPRE	56th Battalion.	LYTHAM CAMP (P.17.A)
60th Battalion.	do-	55th Battalion.	P.18.D.
15th M.G. Coy.	CONTAY	14th M.G. Coy.	P.18.B.
15th A.L.T.M.B.	do-	14th A.L.T.M.B.	LIVRE CAMP (P.11.D)
3. The Brigade will march at 7 a.m. in three columns, as under :-

<u>No.1 Column.</u>	O.C. Column - Lt.Col.MASON. Brigade H.Q. 59th Battalion. 60th Battalion.	Starting point T.13.B.9-9. Route - HERISSART - TOUTENCOURT - VARENNES.
<u>No.2 Column.</u>	O.C. Column - Lt.Cpl. STEWART, D.S.O. 57th Battalion. 58th Battalion.	Starting point T.10.A.9-8. Route as for No.1 Column.
<u>No.3 Column.</u>	C.O. Column - Capt. MUIRSON, M.C. 15th M.G. Company. 15th A.L.T.M.B.	Starting point U.21.C.8-3. Route - via VARENNES.
4. Halts will be made at 10 minutes to each clock hour.
5. One officer and one cyclist per unit will proceed on Sunday for the purpose of taking over huts, stores, etc. If any stores are taken over lists will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. within 24 hours.
6. All billets must be handed over scrupulously clean and certificates to that effect will be obtained and submitted to Brigade H.Q. within 24 hours.
7. S.A.A. wagons will be used for carrying blankets. The baggage wagons of the A.A.S.C. will not report until later in the day therefore loads should be formed into dumps and baggage guards left. No motor lorries are available.
8. Brigade H.Q. will close at RUBEMPRE at 8 a.m. and re-open at Q.7.C.2-8 at 9 a.m.

Geo. F. West

Major.

Brigade Major 15th Australian Infantry Brigade

- Issued - 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. 29th A.A.S.C.
 8. 15th Field Amb.
 9. Brigade Q.M.
 10. Staff Captain.
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 12. Bdo. H.Q. file.
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Headquarters,
 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.
 14th July 1917.

- 57th Battalion.
- 58th Battalion.
- 59th Battalion.
- 60th Battalion.
- 15th M.G. Coy.
- 15th A.L.T.H.B.
- Capt. Taylor.

Supply arrangements for move of the 14th and 15th Inf. Brigades will be as follows :-

14th Brigade will draw from S.O. 29th A.A.S.C. from Church, GONTAY from the 16th inst. inclusive.

(28th)
 15th Brigade will draw from S.O. 29th A.A.S.C. on the ALBERT - BOULLENS Road, between HEDAVILLE and BOUZINCOURT from 16th inst. inclusive.

There will be no issue for the moving Brigades on the 15th inst. Two days supplies will be drawn on 16th inst.

A.B's 55 to be forwarded to Supply Officers as soon as possible. All other units draw as usual.

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Staff Captain 15th Australian Inf. Brigade. Captain.

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8th Infantry Brigade.
14th Infantry Brigade.
15th Infantry Brigade.

Please refer to this office letter No. G1/2829 dated 27th June 1917.

Brigade Machine Gun Companies will proceed to the BEHENCOURT Artillery range for machine gun practice as under:-

8th Machine Gun Company march in and billet BAVELINCOURT on 16th - practice 17th - leave 18th.

14th Machine Gun Company march in and billet as above on 17th - practice 18th - leave 19th.

15th Machine Gun Company march in and billet as above on 18th - practice 19th - leave 20th.

If Brigade Commanders desire it, Companies may march in and out the same day. The Company however, must be on the firing point at 7.30 a.m. and the C.M.G.O. notified of the change.

BAVELINCOURT CHATEAU is available for officers; the village is empty and will hold two Companies. Company Commanders can make their own arrangements, but if they require assistance, apply to Town Major BEHENCOURT, who has an interpreter.

Appendix "D"
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The programme will be :-

Long range barrage fire with lifts.
Fall in on firing point at 7.30 a.m.
Practice to start at 8.30 a.m. Finish 12 noon.
Ammunition required - 600 rounds S.A.A. per gun.
All accessories, clinometers, signalling apparatus etc. to be brought, also calibration targets.



The C.M.G.O. will lecture at 6.0 p.m. unless the Company is returning the same day, in which case he will lecture at 2.0 p.m.



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15th July 1917.

[Signature]
Major,
General Staff,
5th Australian Division.

Copy to:

"Q"
Divisional Train. *For necessary action. Make your own arrangements but you will join the Brigade at CORBIE*
on 19/7/17
15/7/17

MAJOR
BDE. MAJOR
15th AUS INF

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Circular Memorandum No.21.

18th July 1917.

March Discipline.

- (1) It was very unsatisfactory to find on the march to-day that the march discipline of the Brigade should at this stage of our training still leave so much to be desired.
- (2) Battalion Commanders cannot escape their responsibility in this direction and I regret that I must again emphasise this point.
- (3) Section and Platoon leaders and Company Commanders must be compelled to accept their responsibility in this respect and in every case where men in a section, platoon or Company fell out without leave, the Section and Platoon leaders must take all men who fell out whether with or without leave for a march of at least 6 miles in full marching order in the afternoon until further notice. When manoeuvres extend after 1 p.m. this will not apply. In future Company Commanders will in the event of a recurrence of number of men falling out without leave also be detailed to accompany such defaulters in extra marching drill.
- (4) Battalion Commanders must ensure that Cooks and Cookers as well as other transport and all Sanitary men are ready in time to march with their units. Severe punishments must be meted out to all who fail to obey such instructions.
- (5) Distances lost on the march can only be made up at the first long halt. Trotting, doubling, stepping out or marching in during the short halts is absolutely forbidden.
- (6) In two Battalions it was noted that the junior officers and N.C.O's made no attempt to check men trampling on crops, until a Senior officer appeared on the scene. Battalion Commanders are requested to choose a Platoon or Section leader who fails to promptly anticipate and take steps to stop such wanton damage and send him for Court Martial. This section is to be read to every officer before the next route march.
- (7) The fact that in the case of one Battalion two Companies took a wrong turning shows gross carelessness of the Company Commanders concerned or gross neglect of the Battalion Staff in the issue of orders giving the route. If there is any chance of such an error guides must be left to point out the way.
- (8) Orders issued to govern a march must not be departed from, particularly as to times and formations without reference to the O.C. Column.
- (9) On service it is the duty of all leaders to take charge of stragglers or men who have lost touch with their own leaders. More especially should rear-guards make every effort to collect men for return to their proper units.

M. G. Coy did not participate in this march.

*Appendix E
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BRIG. GENERAL
COMMANDING 15th AUS. INF. BDE.

15th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.	
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SECRET.



Copy No. 5

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 110.

Ref: LENS 1/100000
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19th July 1917.

1. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will march to MAILLY AREA on 20th inst. in accordance with attached march table.
2. First line transport will accompany units.
3. Regulation distances will be observed and halts will be made at 10 minutes to every clock hour. There will be no long midday halt.
4. Felt hats will be worn and steel helmets carried on the man.
5. Brigade H.Q. will close at CORBIE at 6.30 a.m. and reopen at MAILLY at 2 p.m.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

S. Steer

A/Brigade Major 15th Australian Infantry Brigade. Captain.

Issued at

To.	Copy No.
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58th Battalion.	2
59th Battalion.	3
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15th A.L.T.M.B.	6
15th Field Amb.	7
Bde. Sig.officer.	8

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MARCH TABLE TO
ACCOMPANY 15th A. I. BRIGADE ORDER NO. 110.

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TROOPS IN ORDER OF MARCH	STARTING POINT.		ROUTE	DESTINATION	REMARKS.
	PLACE	TIME			
15th Brigade H.Q.	Road Junction $\frac{1}{8}$ mile N of Y in LA NEUVILLE.	7.30 a.m.	LA HOUSSEYK - FRANVILLERS- BAISIEUX - WANLOY - HEBAUVILLE.	MAILLY.	
87th Battalion.	ditto-	7.31 a.m.	ditto-	BEAUSSART	
88th Battalion.	ditto-	7.37 a.m.	ditto-	BOLTON CAMP	
89th Battalion.	ditto-	7.42 a.m.	ditto-	LYTHAM CAMP.	
89th Battalion.	ditto-	7.48 a.m.	ditto-	MAILLY WOOD CAMP.	
15th M.G. Coy.	ditto-	8.4 a.m.	ditto-	ditto-	
15th A.L.F.M.S.	ditto-	8.7 a.m.	ditto-	LIVRE CAMP.	
15th Field Amb.	ditto-	8.8 a.m.	LA HOUSSEYK - FRANVILLERS- BAISIEUX - WANLOY.	CONTAY	To leave column at WANLOY and proceed independently to CONTAY.

FRANVILLERS

Appendix "G"
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15th
AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN COY.

No. *RR*

Date

APPENDIX G

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 117.

1. Programmes of work for the week ending 28th July will be framed so as to give the following:-
 - 2 days battalion training.
 - 2 days brigade training.
 - 1 day divisional training.
2. The divisional training day will be 25th instant, when a scheme, either with or without troops as will be notified later, will be carried out.
3. On 24th instant, a Signal scheme will be carried out by Divisional Signal Company and 14th Infantry Brigade units, which will be attended by officers of other units to be detailed later.
4. The fullest use possible will be made of the existing ranges to complete the musketry programmes adopted in all units. Casual squads should be made up from any men not yet exercised, under brigade arrangements.
5. Hand grenade throwing has been rather neglected during the present training period. Battalions should give refresher courses to trained bombers, and train others to bring numbers up to establishment.

Eastman
 Lieut-Colonel
 General Staff
 5th Australian Division

29th July 1917.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
Training programme for week ending 28th July 1917.



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DATE	TRAINING ETC.	REMARKS.
21st July.	All Units resting after march from CORBIE and being bathed at MAILLY BATHS.	H(1)
22nd July.	CHURCH PARADES and completion of bathing.	<i>Appendix H.R. 2/11/17</i>
23rd July.	Brigade Advanced Guard Scheme.	The scheme set down for 18th inst. but postponed on account of rain will be carried out. All previous arrangements hold good. Separate instructions will be issued for 15th M.G. Coy.
24th July.	A. Field Firing Practice at THIEPVAL for 57th and 58th Bns. B. Signal scheme for 59th Bn. - 60th Bn. and Brigade Signal section.	A. 57th Bn. will proceed to PIONEER CAMP (W.10.A.3-0) on the night 23/24th inst. and use the range from 7.30 a.m. till 12 noon. 58th Bn. will use the range from 12.15 p.m. till 4.45 p.m. B. Details later.
25th July.	Divisional Scheme.	Details later.
26th July.	A. Field Firing Practice at THIEPVAL for 59th and 60th Bns. B. 57th Bn. and 58th Bn. will each carry out a Trench to Trench attack.	A. The 59th Bn. will proceed to PIONEER CAMP (W.10.A.3-0) on the night 25/26th inst. and use the range from 7.30 a.m. till 12 noon. The 60th Bn. will use the range from 12.15 p.m. till 4.45 p.m.



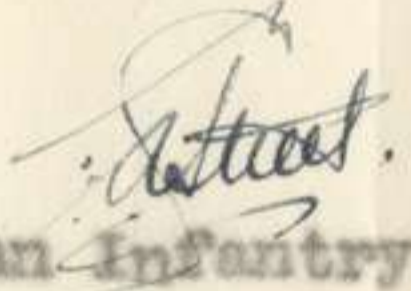
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DATE	TRAINING ETC.	REMARKS.
27th July.	<p>A. 59th Bn. and 60th Bn. will each carry out a Trench to Trench attack.</p> <p>B. Signal scheme for 57th Bn., 58th Bn., and Brigade Signal Section.</p>	B. Details later.
28th July.	Brigade Scheme. (Trench to Trench attack)	Details later.

The Machine Gun Company and Light Trench Mortar Battery will participate in all Brigade schemes and will be at the disposal of their respective Commanding Officers on other days.


 A/Brigade Major 15th Australian Infantry Brigade. Captain.

APPENDIX HQ

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Copy No.

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Advanced Guard Order No.X.

by

Brig-General H.E. ELLIOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O.

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Ref: FRANCE

Sheet 57 D. 1/40000.

22nd July 1917.

1. (A) Our outposts, established on the line AUCHONVILLERS - Sunken Road - THE SUGAR FACTORY - COLINCAMPS, report they have been in touch with enemy patrols along their front. It is believed that the enemy contemplate continuing his retirement to-day.

(B) The 10th Division (British) are at SAILLY-AU-BOIS and will continue to advance to-day on HEBUTERNE. The 11th Division (British) are at MESNIL and will advance to-day to GRANDCOURT.

2. Our advance will be continued to-day.

3. The Advanced Guard of the 5th Australian Division will advance by the MAILLY-SERRE-PUISIEUX ROAD covering the ground NORTH of a line drawn from Q.10.A.0-1 to L.27.B.7-8 on the right and SOUTH of a line drawn from K.25.D.0-6 to L.7.Central on the left.

VAN GUARD.
(O/C Lt-Colonel J.C. STEWART, D.S.O.)
57th Bn. and 1 sect)
15th M.G. Coy.

4. The Main Guard will pass the starting point, road junction at Q.7.A.3-4, at 9.0 a.m.

MAIN GUARD.
(IN ORDER OF MARCH)
15th Bde. H.Q.
15th A.L.T.M.B.
58th Battalion.
60th Battalion.
3 sections 15th M.G. Coy.

5. The enemy, if met with, is to be vigorously engaged.

6. First line transport will be brigaded and march in rear of the Main Guard under Lieut. VARLEY, 60th Battalion, Brigade transport officer.

7. Reports to the head of the Main Guard.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
Captain.

A/Brigade Major 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.

Issued at 6 a.m.

- 1p.
- G.O.C. 15th A.I. Bde.
- 57th Battalion.
- 58th Battalion.
- 59th Battalion.
- 60th Battalion.
- 15th A.L.T.M.B.
- 15th M.G. Coy.

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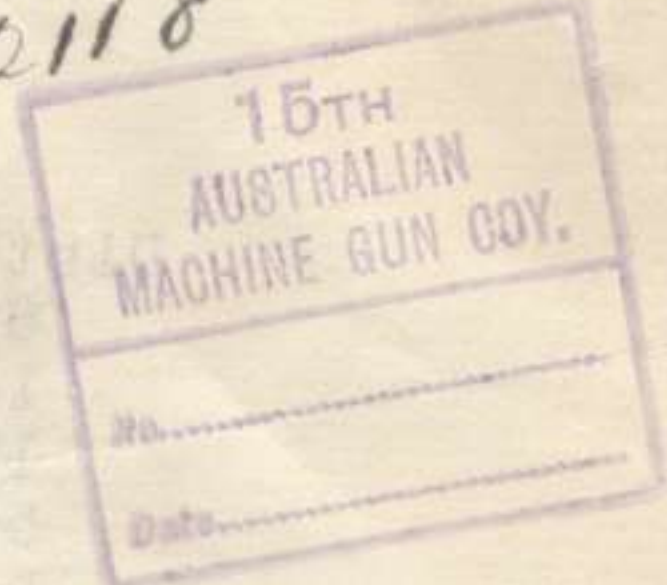
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15th M.G. Co



5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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TRAINING MEMORANDUM No. 118.

1. With reference to Training Memorandum No. 117 para. 2 an exercise without troops will be held on 25th instant. General and special ideas are attached hereto.
2. The following will be the directing staff for the exercise:-
 - Director The Divisional Commander.
 - Assistant Directors (G.S.O. I
(G.S.O. II (with Khaki force)
(D.A.A.G.
(A.D.M.S.
(O.C. Divisional Signal Co.

B.G.C. 14th Infantry Brigade will act as Director Khaki force until contact is established.
3. The following will take part in the exercise:-
 - White Force. Brigadier General Commanding,)
Brigade Majors,) of 8th
Staff Captains,)
Signal Officers,) and 15th
Battalion Commanders,)
Seconds-in-Command,) Bdes.
Adjutants, and)
O's.C. M.G.Cos.)
2 officers from each of 8th and 15th
Field Ambulances.
G.S.O. III and 1 signal officer
from D.H.C.
 - Khaki Force. Brigadier General Commanding,)
Brigade Major,)
Staff Captain,)
Signal Officer,) of
Battalion Commanders)
(less 54th Bn.)) 14th
Seconds-in-Command,)
Adjutants, and) Bde.
O.C. M.G.Co.)
2 officers from 14th Field Ambulance.
4. All Officers will parade mounted. One horse-holder per 2 or 3 officers will be brought. Officers should bring their lunch and feed for horses.
5. First conferences will be held as follows:-
 - White Force. Point 89 on HEDAUVILLE - MAILLY-MAILLET Road P.23.d.8.8. at 9.30 a.m.
 - Khaki Force. Railway crossing at O.23.c.central at 9.30 a.m.
6. Second situations and tasks will be given out at the first conferences, and times and places for next conferences will be notified at the same time.

W. King Major for
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th Australian Division.

22nd July 1917.

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15th Infantry Brigade	10
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Divisional Train	1
A.D.M.S.	4

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DIVISIONAL EXERCISE - JULY 25th.

GENERAL IDEA.

An Eastern (White) Force based on BAPAUME is operating against a western (Khaki) Force based on AMIENS.

EASTERN FORCE has one Division disposed in BUCQUOY - PUISIEUX - MIRAUMONT with outposts on line SERRE - BEAUCOURT.

WESTERN FORCE has one Brigade distributed - 1 battalion VARENNES - remainder brigade with one brigade Artillery HERRISSART. Small outposts occupy HEDAUVILLE and ACHEUX,

VARENNES is a railhead for the Western Force, and stores are being collected there with a view to an advance against the EASTERN Force.

R. B. S.

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DIVISIONAL EXERCISE - 25th JULY 1917.

WHITE - EASTERN FORCE.

SPECIAL IDEA.

1. The 5th White Division is disposed as follows:-

505th Brigade (imaginary)	BUCQUOY
15th Brigade	PUISIEUX-AU-MONT
8th Brigade	MIRAUMONT
14th F.A. Brigade	ABLAINZEVILLE
13th F.A. Brigade	ACHIET LE PETIT

15th and 8th Infantry Brigades each have 2 companies or outposts on the line SERRE - BEAUCOURT. The dividing line between brigades passes through PENDANT COPSE (inclusive to 15th Bde).

2. At midnight on July 24/25th all units of the Division receive orders to be ready to march southwest for an offensive operation at 6.0 a.m. on 25th.
3. At 5.30 a.m. on 25th the attached divisional order is received by brigades and units.
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PRELIMINARY TASKS. To be handed in at 9.30 a.m.

From Brigade Headquarters and Battalion Commanders:-

1. A criticism of the Divisional Order as regards the method adopted of raiding VARENNES.

From Brigade Headquarters:

2. Orders for the march of their Brigade group - issued in compliance with the Divisional Order.
3. A sketch shewing the position of all units of the Brigade column at 9 a.m.

From Battalion Commanders:

4. A statement of all measures taken to comply with the order to be ready to move.
5. Battalion orders issued on receipt of Brigade orders.
- [Handwritten signature]*

5th (WHITE) DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 101.

Headquarters
25th July 1917.

Sheet 57.D. 1/40,000.

1. (a) Orders have been received to capture and destroy the enemy's stores at VARENNES Station (P.25.A & B.) The Division is to return to present positions on completion of the task.
- (b) The enemy force at VARENNES is reported to be one battalion, which has outposts at about HEDAUVILLE and ACHEUX.
No defences or wire appear on recent air photographs of VARENNES.
- (c) The 2nd (White) Division is moving today from BAPAUME to support us, and to secure our communications.
2. (a) The 5th (White) Division (less 505th Brigade in reserve) will move in the first instance to the line BEAUSSART - MARTINSART in two columns, as detailed below.
The dividing line between columns will be PENDANT COPSE - AUCHONVILLERS Church - point 89 (P.23.D.8-8).
- (b) The ultimate intention is to attack VARENNES from the line ACHEUX - FORCEVILLE - high ground V.S.A.central.
3. Right Column.
Commander.
Brig-Gen. H. E. ELLIOTT CMG., DSO.
15th Infantry Brigade
14th F.A. Brigade
15th Field Ambulance.
- (a) The Right Column will move via SERRE & MAILLY-MAILLET on FORCEVILLE. Head of main body to leave PUISIEUX at 8.30 a.m.
- Left Column.
Commander.
Brig-Gen. E. TIXEY CB., DSO.
8th Infantry Brigade
13th F.A. Brigade
8th Field Ambulance.
- (b) The left column will move via BEAUCOURT - BEAUMONT HAMEL AUCHONVILLERS - ENGEL BELMIER on to HEDAUVILLE. Head of main body will leave MIRAUMONT at 8.30 a.m.
4. The Divisional Artillery (less D.A.C. and T.M. Batteries) will march in the columns shown above. Brigades will each send two officers to meet G.R.A. at Cross Roads P.17.A.F-2. G.R.A. marches with main guard of Right Column. G.R.A. will issue orders regarding action against the main objective.
5. Reserve.
Commander Brig-Gen. A.B.
505th Brigade
25th Div. M.G.Co.
5th Pioneer Battalion
Divisional Engineers.
(all imaginary)
- A reserve Column as shown above will move from BUGQUOY at 10 a.m. and concentrate on the line COLINCAMPS - SUGAR FACTORY (K.33.D) using the SERRE Road.

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6. An Ammunition dump (Artillery and S.A.A.) will be formed at MAILLY-MAILLET (Q.7.b.) at 12 noon. Lorries will use road MIRAUMONT - BEAUCOURT - AUCHONVILLERS. D.A.C. will take post where ordered by G.R.A.
7. A Main Dressing Station will be formed at 12 noon by 505th Field Ambulance in MAILLY-MAILLET (Q.7.A.) Evacuation will be carried out via SERRE.
8. Reports to Divisional Headquarters with head of main body Right Column.

sd/ D.M. KING Major for
Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
5th (White) Division.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP ORDER NO. 80.

FRANCE

25th July 1917.

Ref : Sheet 57 D. 1/40000.

1. (a) The 5th White Division has received orders to capture and destroy the enemy's stores at VARENNES Station (P.25.A & B.)
The Division is to return to present positions on completion of the task.
- (b) The enemy force at VARENNES is reported to be one battalion, which has outposts at about HEDAUVILLE and AGHEUX.
No defences or wires appear on recent air photographs of VARENNES.
- (c) The 2nd White Division is moving to day from Bapaume to support us, and to secure our communications.
2. (a) The 5th White Division (less 505th Brigade in reserve) will move in the first instance to the line BEAUSSART - MARTINSART in two columns.
The dividing line between columns will be PENDANT COPSE - AUCHONVILLERS Church - Point 89 (P.23.D.8-8)
- (b) The ultimate intention is to attack VARENNES from the line AGHEUX - FORCEVILLE - high ground V.2.A.central.
3. (a) The Right Column will consist of the 15th Infantry Brigade - 14th F.A. Brigade and 15th Field Ambulance under the command of the B.G.C. 15th A.I. Brigade and will move in accordance with attached march table.
- (b) The left Column will consist of similar troops under the command of Brig-General E. TIVEY, C.B., D.S.O. and will march via BEAUCOURT - BEAUMONT HAMEL - AUCHONVILLERS - ENGELBELMER on to HEDAUVILLE.
Head of main body leaving MIRAUMONT at 8.30 a.m.
- (c) A reserve Column is moving from HUCQUOY at 10 a.m. and concentrating on line COLLEGEMPS - SUGAR FACTORY (K.33.D) using the SERRE Road.
4. The outposts at present found by the 60th Battalion will form up on the SERRE Road immediately the scouts of the Advanced Guard have passed through the outpost line and will join their Battalion as it passes.
5. An ammunition dump will be formed at MAILLY - MAILLET (Q.7.5) at 12 noon consisting of Artillery and S.A. Ammunition.
6. A Main Dressing Station is being established in MAILLY - MAILLET at Q.7.A. at 12 noon.
7. Reports will be sent to the head of the Main Body.

[Signature]
Captain.
Brigade Major.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 6.10 a.m.

To.	Copy No.	Copies to -	No.
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58th Battalion.	2	Left Column	10
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14th F.A. Brigade	7		
15th Field Amb.	8		

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MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP ORDER NO.80.

TROOPS.	STARTING POINT.		ROUTE	REMARKS.
	PLACE	TIME		
<u>ADVANCED GUARD.</u>				
Commander - Lt-Col. C.C. MASON, 59th Bn. 59th Battalion. 1 Section 15th M.G.Coy. 1 sub-section 15th L.T.M.B.	L.19.D.5-6.	As arranged by O/C Advanced Guard.	SERRE - MAILLY-MAILLET on to FORGEVILLE.	will receive orders direct from Lieut-Col. C.C. MASON.
<u>MAIN BODY</u> (IN ORDER OF MARCH)				
15th A.I.Bde.Hd.Qrs.		8.30 a.m.		
15th A.L.T.M.B. (less 1 Sub-section)		8.31 a.m.		
57th Battalion.	ditto-	8.31 a.m.	ditto-	
1 Battery 14th F.A.Bde.		8.37 a.m.		
58th Battalion.		8.42 a.m.		
60th Battalion.		8.46 a.m.		
15th M.G.Coy. (less 1 section)		8.52 a.m.		
14th F.A.Bde. (less 1 Battery)		8.55 a.m.		
15th Field Ambulance.		9.10 a.m.		

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL EXERCISE

WHITE - EASTERN FORCE.

First Conference - P.23.d.8.8 at 9.30 a.m.

DISCUSSION OF PRELIMINARY TASKS.

At 9.50 a.m. Fresh situation will be issued as under. A new Divisional Order will be given out. Second set of tasks will be distributed.

SITUATION, 9.45 a.m.

White scouts are in touch with small enemy parties in ACHEUX and HEDAUVILLE. Enemy parties are not fighting and are retiring towards VARENNES. Mainwards of white have made good the line BEAUSSART - ENGELBELMER. Heads of main bodies have reached Q.1.d.central and Q.4.d.central respectively. Aeroplane reports, 7.45 a.m. Column of infantry and artillery moving N.E. through TOUTENCOURT. No movement visible VARENNES.

DIVISIONAL ORDER ISSUED 9.50 a.m.
See attached message.

SECOND TASKS.

For Brigade Headquarters:

- 1. Orders issued regarding change of direction and preparations for deployment.
- 2. Reconnaissance of new lines of approach.
- 3. Arrangements for issue of orders, seeing that the orders reach the most advanced troops.

For Battalion Commanders and O's.C. M.G.Cos:-

- 4. Orders issued on receipt of Brigade Orders.
- 5. Dispositions of their commands at 11.0 a.m.
- 6. Description of formations adopted in moving forward of line BEAUSSART - ENGELBELMER.

For Seconds-in-Commands (To be set by Battalion Commanders):

Reconnaissance of the line ACHEUX - HEDAUVILLE as a line for deployment for attack on VARENNES.

(Note) No officers will proceed at this stage beyond the line ACHEUX - FORCEVILLE - P 33 central.

The second conference will be held at P.27.central at 11.30 a.m.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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	15th Inf. Bde.	A.D.M.S.
	505th Bde.	
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* GOO1	25th	AAA

Our scouts are approaching ACHEUX and HEADU-VILLE from w hich enemy parties are retiring AAA Right and Left columns will move forward into positions of readiness for attack on VARENNES as follows AAA 15th Bde to Wood P.14. central AAA 8th Bde. less 1 battalion and M.G. Co. to S.E. end of FORCEVILLE AAA 1 battalion and 8th M.G. Co. to HEDAVILLE AAA C.R.A. will distribute Artillery under special instructions AAA 14th F.A. Bde. will rendezvous BEAUSSART AAA 13th F.A. Bde will rendezvous ENGELBELMER forthwith AAA Reprts to P.23d.8.8 AAA Addressed three infantry Brigades C.R.A. and A.D.M.S.

From	5th White Division
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL EXERCISE.

WHITE - EASTERN FORCE

Second Conference - P.27.central. 11.30 a.m.

SHORT DISCUSSION OF MOVEMENTS UP TO 11.30 a.m.

SITUATION, 12 noon.

Scouts and aeroplanes have established fact that KHAKI force are holding a position round VARENNES village and Station P.25.b. Artillery appears to be in action north and south of CLAIRFAYE.

Two WHITE brigades are assembled ready for deployment for attack on the line ACHEUX - FORCEVILLE - P.33 - V.2.b. WHITE artillery are in action against the outskirts of VARENNES and the enemy's artillery. The attached order for an attack is issued.

THIRD TASKS.

For Brigade Headquarters:

1. Issue ~~for~~ of orders for the actual attack.
2. Narrative of attack.

For Battalion Commanders and M.G.Co.

3. Narrative of attack as regards units.

For Seconds-in-Command:-

4. Ammunition supply during attack.

Final conference will be held at VARENNES Station at 2.30 p.m.

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505th Inf Bde

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* G.002	25th		

Enemy holds line P.25.a.1.8 AAA P.25.b.6.6 AAA
P.26.c.4.0 AAA P.31.b.8.0 AAA This line will be
attacked as detailed below AAA attacking infantry
will move forward of the line P.14.c.4.6 (CHIMNEY) AA
P.27.b.1.7 AAA P.33.central AAA V.2.b.5.8 at
1.30 p.m. AAA 15th Bde will attack on main front
1200 yards with centre on road P.14.c.3.9 to
P.25.b.5.6 AAA Objective VARENNES Station AAA 8th Bde
less 29th Bn and M.G.Co will attack on front of
600 yards with centre on a line P.27.b.0.6 to
VARENNES Church AAA 29th Bn will make a demonstration
from hill in V.2.b on a front of 800 yards AAA 8th
M.G.Co will enfilade front attacked by 15th and 8th
Bdes till 2.30 p.m. when fire will be switched to
form a barrage 500 yards west of western edge of
VARENNES Village AA 505th Bde will move up to

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MAILLY WOOD P.17.d AAA 14th F.A.Bde will support
attack of 15th Bde from positions about P.22.b AAA
13th F.A.Bde will support attack of 8th Bde from
positions about V.4.d AAA 13th F.A.Bde will not
fire north of a line V..4.central P.25.central AAA
On attaining objectives 8th Bde will push 2 bns
through VARENNES and hold the western edge AAA
15th Bde will destroy stores at VARENNES with 2
bns and use 2 battalions as a protection on right
flank AAA Reports to SPINNEY P.22.d.central AAA
ACKNOWLEDGE AAA Addressed 8th 15th and 505th Inf
Bdes, C.R.A. and A.D.M.S.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NO. 10.

The Brigade Group will move to the BLARENGHEM AREA, Second Army, from Third Army on the 30th and 31st inst.

An advance party constituted as follows will entrain at PUCHEVILLERS at 5 p.m. on the 25th inst.

	Off. Interpreters	O.R.	TOTAL	
			Off. Interpreters	O.R.
Brigade H.Q.	1	2	1	2
Each Inf. Battalion.	4	-	16	-
Machine Gun Coy.	1	-	1	1
L.T.M. Battery.	-	-	1	1
TOTAL:			18	2

Bicycles will be taken by all ranks and 48 hours' rations will be carried.

Movement Orders on the R.T.O. will be issued for the Brigade party by this H.Q.

Party will assemble at Brigade H.Q. at *12 noon* on the 25th inst.

The detraining station will be HAZEBROUCK

Interpreters before leaving present areas must have all certificates prepared and full instructions given to remaining interpreters for the completion of same.

If possible officers will bring HAZEBROUCK maps with them.

H. Caldwell Smith
Captain.
Staff Captain 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

- Issued at
- To.
- 57th Battalion.
- 58th Battalion.
- 59th Battalion.
- 60th Battalion.
- 15th M.G. Coy.
- 15th A.L.T.M.B.
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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 111.

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Ref: Sheets 57 D. 38 A. 27
1/40,000.15th
AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN COY.

28th July 1917.

1. (a) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Group, plus Headquarters and three companies 5th Pioneer Battalion, No. 23 Dental Unit and 5th Mobile Veterinary Section will move by rail to Second Army area on 29/30th inst.
- (b) The entraining station will be BELLE ECLISE and the detraining station STENNEBOURG.
- (c) On arrival in Second Army area the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Group will be billeted in the SERGUS Area.
2. Units will proceed independently to the Station. The times of departure will be notified later but the composition of trains and order of departure will be as under -

TRAIN NUMBER.	SERIAL NUMBER.	TROOPS.
2	30	15th Brigade Headquarters.
	31 A.	3 Officers and 100 other ranks 57th Battalion.
	35	No. 4 Signal Section.
	36	15th M.G. Coy.
	37	15th L.T.M.B.
5	31	57th Battalion with transport less 31A and 31B.
6	32	58th Battalion with transport less 32A.
11	33	59th Battalion with transport less 33A.
14	34	60th Battalion with transport less 34A.
17	04	Headquarters and 3 Companies Pioneer Bn. with transport
20	32A	1 Company 1 Cooker and team 58th Battalion
	00	29th A.A.S.C.
	88	15th Field Company A.E.
23	33A	1 Company, 1 Cooker and team 59th Battalion
	34A	1 Company, 1 Cooker and team 60th Battalion.
	93	15th Field Ambulance and No. 23 Dental Unit.
	95	5th Mobile Veterinary Section.
	31B	3 Officers, 150 other ranks, 1 cooker and team 57th Battalion.

3. The Company of the 57th Battalion that is split up and travelling on the first and last trains will provide loading and unloading parties as under.
 - (a) The party proceeding by first train (i.e. 3 officers and 100 other ranks) will act as unloading party at the detraining station under the R.T.O. and will remain at the detraining station until the whole of the Brigade Group plus attached have been detrained. They will then proceed to join their units. Sufficient cooking utensils should be taken and supplies for 48 hours after day of entrainment.
 - (b) The party proceeding by the last train (i.e. 3 officers and 150 other ranks plus 1 Field Cooker and team) will act as entraining party under the R.T.O. at BELLE ECLISE for the whole of the Brigade

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group plus attached. 48 hours rations plus unexpired portion must be in possession of this party before the departure of the first train. This party will march to rejoin its Unit on arrival at the detraining station.

- 4. No extra transport beyond the baggage wagons, which will report to units 24 hours before departure for entraining station, will be provided for the move. Any material and stores which cannot be carried in transport on day of entrainment will be taken to the entraining station on the day prior to the move and placed under a guard. It will be loaded on train by which the unit is travelling and when unloaded again will be immediately loaded into motor transport provided for the purpose.
- 5. No supplies will be drawn from supply dumps on 29th inst. but will be drawn from improvised supply dumps at BELLE ECLISE Station. The supplies will be loaded on to the train when the unit entrains. Quartermasters must be at the station at 9 a.m. on the 29th inst. to draw these supplies. No supplies will be drawn on 30th inst. in SENLIS area, but will be dumped and drawn on arrival at the Church at SEROUS.
- 6. No Area stores will be taken from the present area. Lists showing the stores are given in 1st Anzac Corps Routine Order No. 473 d/- 25/11/1916. Units and all attached troops will, prior to leaving the area, return all tents other than those included in mobilization table G 1098, also Chaff cutters to O.C. Army Troops, No. 1 Rue De BAPAUME, ALBERT, and will render a return to Brigade H.Q. showing all stores handed over.
- 7. Units will forthwith reconnoitre route to BELLE ECLISE Station and ascertain what watering arrangements are available also interview R.T.O.'s regarding dumping of stores at the Station prior to entrainment.
- 8. On arrival in the new area the following leave train arrangements will come into force. No other stations are to be used by parties proceeding on leave. Officers, R.C.O.'s and men must report to the R.T.O. 1 hour before departure of trains.

<u>TO BOULOGNE</u>	<u>TIMINGS</u>	<u>FROM BOULOGNE</u>	<u>TIMINGS.</u>
HAZEBROUCK	Dep. 15.55	BOULOGNE	dep. 5.54
EBBLINGHEM	dep. 16.15	ST OMER	arr. 6.55
ST OMER	dep. 16.45	EBBLINGHEM	arr. 7.30
BOULOGNE	arr. 19.30	HAZEBROUCK	arr. 7.45.

- 9. Watering places in the new area are as follows -
 - (a) A.23.D.8-8 (four troughs and 800 horses per hour)
 - (b) A.24.B.6-5 (two troughs and 400 horses per hour)
 - (c) B.22.B.9-2 (two troughs and 400 horses per hour)
 - (d) B.12.B.5-2 (two troughs and 400 horses per hour)
 - (e) C.5.D.6-8 (two troughs and 200 horses per hour)
 - (f) C.17.D.1-5 (One trough and 200 horses per hour)
 - (g) T.24.A.3-9 (two troughs and 400 horses per hour)

At all except (e) horses can be watered from both sides.
- 10. The party of 1 officer and 12 other ranks from 15th M.G. Coy. on anti-aircraft duty at ACHREUX will remain on duty until immediately prior to the departure of the last train of the Brigade Group by which it will travel.

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11. (a) 2/Lieut. R.M. ROLLAND will assist the R.T.O. BELLE BELISE during the entrainment and will travel by the last train.
- (b) Captain W. KEEN will assist the R.T.O. STENDECQUE during the detrainment and will remain with him until the last train is unloaded.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. Keen, Captain.
 Brigade Major.
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX

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ADDENDUM TO 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 111.

- 1. (a) With reference to para 2 of the above mentioned order. The train numbers should read 3-6-9- etc to 2A instead of 2-5-8 etc to 23.
- (b) The Composition of the trains as given in Order No.111 will not be changed but the Serial Numbers of the following units have been changed as under :-

29th A.A.S.C.	from	90	to	78
15th Field Co.A.R.	from	86	to	83
15th Field Amb.	from	93	to	88
5th Mob. Vet. Section.	from	95	to	90.

- (c) The first train departs at 8.25 p.m. on 29th inst., and thereafter trains leave every four hours, the last train thus leaving at 12.25 a.m. on the 31st inst. The order of departure will be as given in para. 2 of Order No.111.

- 2. Each train consists of 1 Officer's carriage, 30 box trucks and 17 flat trucks holding the following :-

Officers carriage	36 Officers.
Box truck	40 Men or 6 H.D. or 8 L.D. Horses.
Flat truck	4 Axles.

- 3. (a) Personnel of Infantry Battalions will arrive at the station $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours before the time of departure of the train and the transport 3 hours.
- (b) All other units will arrive complete 3 hours before the time of departure of the train.
- (c) The entrainment must be completed $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before the time of departure of the train.

- 4. Units must provide breast-ropes for horse trucks but ropes etc., for securing vehicles on flat trucks will be provided by the R.O.D. and the work done by that service.

- 5. A complete marching out state of each unit showing officers, other ranks, horses (specifying L.D, H.D. etc) vehicles and bicycles must be sent down with the transport. On these states G.S.Limbered Waggon will be shown as two two-wheeled vehicles.

- 6. No personnel or stores will be allowed in the Brake Vans at each end of the train, or on the roofs of trucks. All baggage should be placed in the flat, and not the covered trucks.

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