

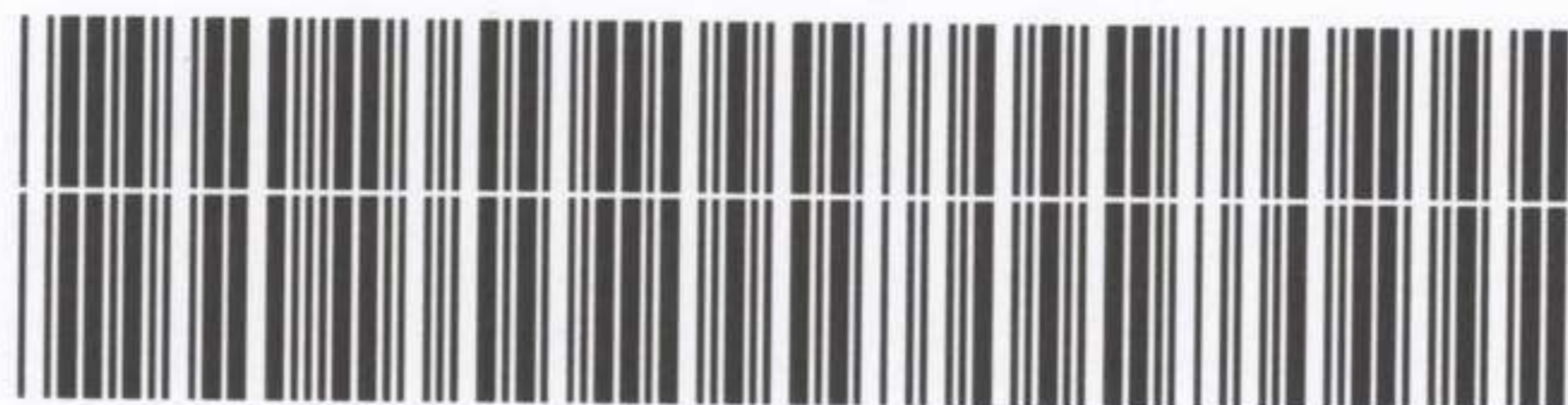
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# War Diary

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of

15<sup>TH.</sup> M. G. Coy.

Vol.

from Nov. 1<sup>ST.</sup> to 30<sup>TH.</sup> 17



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Prepared by

Capt. S. J. Fitz-Serald.

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WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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George F. Fitzgerald Capt



Sheet 1.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Belgium G Sheet 28, 35 C. 9. 7.	1917. Novr. 1 <sup>st</sup>		<p>Company in reserve area. Training as per syllabus. Draining + constructional work carried on. O.C. Capt. K.B. Minson received orders to report to Hqs. London for examination etc. for appointment to Indian Army, and proceeded to England. Capt. G. F. Fitzgerald took over command of the Company. Bathing parade.</p> <p>Weather: dull Reinfnts. nil. Casualties. nil.</p>	<p>appx. 1.</p> <p>appx. 2.</p>
	"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<p>Training as per syllabus - Inter-section football match. Weather - cloudy. Reinfnts. nil. Casualties. nil.</p>	
	"	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<p>Training as per syllabus. Weather - cloudy. Reinfnts. nil. Casualties. nil.</p>	
	"	4 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Training as per syllabus. Orders received for mounting of anti-aircraft guns. Guns mounted - Robson dump, Lt. H. F. Ridgway - Granville + Cordova dumps, Lt. H. Trevanion. Weather: Fine. Reinfnts. nil. Casualties. nil.</p>	<p>appx. 3.</p> <p>1</p>

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# WAR DIARY

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Sheet 2

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Belgium Sheet 28.G. 35.C.9.7.	1917 Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Training as per syllabus. Special parade - washing + cleaning transport vehicles.</p> <p>No. 3339 Sergt Harrop, J. G. and No. 5222 Corp. Turner, W. were decorated with D.C.M. and M.M. (respectively) by G.O.C., a.i. 7.</p> <p>Clipping of horses completed.</p> <p>Weather: cloudy but fine. Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.</p>	
"	6 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Training as per syllabus. Inspection of transport by O.C.</p> <p>Weather: wet + windy. Reinforcements: nil. Casualties: nil.</p>	
"	7 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Training as per syllabus.</p> <p>Weather: stormy. Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: nil.</p>	
"	8 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Training as per syllabus.</p> <p>Warning order for projected move received.</p> <p>Enemy plane flying at low altitude over our position hit by a.a. guns + subsequently brought down.</p> <p>Weather: fine. Reinforcements: nil. Casualties: nil.</p>	appx 4.

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MACHINE GUN COY.  
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Date.....

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Sheet 3

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Belgium Sheet 28 35. C. 9. 7.	1917	9 <sup>th</sup>	Training as per syllabus. Orders for move and relief of 30 <sup>th</sup> + 33 <sup>rd</sup> Divisions by 5 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Division received. Weather: fine. Casualties: nil. Reinforcements: 5 Coy.	Appx. 5.
		10 <sup>th</sup>	Training as per syllabus. Orders for move to Loene area received, also table of moves. Lt. E.D. Hudson rejoined Coy. from Hospital (wounded). Weather: wet. Reinforcements: nil. Casualties: nil.	Appx. 6.
		11 <sup>th</sup>	Preparation made for move on 12 <sup>th</sup> inst. Billeting party went forward. P.M. orders issued. Orders for anti-aircraft guns received issued. Company orders issued. O.C. went over Wytsehaete front line system inspecting reporting on M.G. disposition. Weather: heavy showers. Reinforcements: nil. Casualties: nil.	Appx. 7. Appx. 8. Appx. 9.
Belgium Sheet 28 1/40,000.		12 <sup>th</sup>	Company less a.a. guard moved to camp at Loene in accordance with orders. Brigade orders for relief received. Company " " " issued. Weather: fine. Reinforcements: nil. Casualties: nil.	Appx. 10. " 11.

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No. 4. Sheet 4.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Belgium Sheet 28 1/40,000.	1917	Nov. 12	Company parade + inspection of gun gear etc. OC at Kemmel - final arrangements for relief completed. Officers reconnoitred new front + Nos. 1. stayed overnight at gun positions being taken over. Officers + men of a-a. guard received Coy. at 9 pm. Weather: fine Reinforcements. nil. Casualties. nil.	
		14 <sup>th</sup>	Company moved to Kemmel (N. 21. d. 5. 4.) arriving at 11 am. Detail as per Coy. order moved off at 1 pm. - relief of 89 <sup>th</sup> + 90 <sup>th</sup> M. G. Coy. completed by 5 pm. Brigade order received. Weather: fine-misty. Reinforcements. nil. Casualties. nil.	app. 12
		15 <sup>th</sup>	Front very quiet - very little enemy shelling - S.O.S. not called for - all guns engaged on harassing fire on enemy communications + positions. Weather: fine. Reinforcements. nil. Casualties. nil.	
		16 <sup>th</sup>	Machine Gun orders received. S.O.S. not called for - artillery both sides active - guns engaged in harassing fire. Gun positions improved. Weather: fine. Reinforcements. nil. Casualties. nil.	app. 13.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Belgium Sheet 28 1/40,000.	Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Front quiet - visibility, not good. S.O.S. not called for. A systematic fire was kept up on enemy roads + tram tracks for 2 hours at dusk and again in early morning.</p> <p>A substantial program of constructional work was commenced at Rear Headquarters. Lt N.C. Heathcote returned from English leave.</p> <p>Weather: fine Reinforcements: nil. Casualties: 1 aft.</p>	
"	18 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Visibility bad - enemy less active - guns fired on enemy tracks - O.B.D. - P.1.C. - P.7A - P.7B.</p> <p>Orders affecting relief of Coy. by 25<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Coy. issued.</p> <p>Company relieved in front line by 25<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Coy. + returned to Rear Hqrs. Kennel at 8 pm.</p> <p>Weather: fine Reinforcements: nil. Casualties: nil.</p>	Appx. 14.
"	19 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Raining as per syllabus. Company orders issued Instructional class commenced. Pay parade.</p> <p>Weather: fine. Reinforcements: nil. Casualties: nil.</p>	Appx. 15. " 16

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Belgium, Sheet 28 1/40,000.	1917 Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>		Training as per syllabus. Inspection of horses by A.D.V.S. Weather: fine Reinforcements: nil. Casualties nil.	
	21 <sup>st</sup>		Training as per syllabus. Lt. Hutton to 3 days' course with A.F.C. at Bailleul. Inspection of transport by G.O.C. 15 <sup>th</sup> Brigade when G.O.C. commended transport & said transport was in better condition than any he had seen during that week's inspection. Weather: showery. Reinforcements: nil. Casualties nil.	appx. 17.
	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Training as per syllabus. Weather: fine. Reinforcements: nil. Casualties: nil.	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Training as per syllabus. Weather: fine Reinforcements: nil. Casualties nil.	
	24 <sup>th</sup>		Training as per syllabus. Bathing parade. Weather: fine Reinforcements: nil Casualties nil M. S. Orders received.	appx. 18.

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Sheet 7

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Belgium Sheet 28 1/40,000.	1917 Nov. 25		Training as per syllabus. Machine Gun Orders received. Weather: fine Rainfalls. nil. Casualties nil.	19 appx 20.
	" 26		Training as per syllabus. Lt. H. Trewan left Company for A. F. C. duty in England. Weather: fine Rainfalls. nil. Casualties nil.	" 20.
	" 27		Training as per syllabus. Orders for relief of 14 <sup>th</sup> Brigade received. Company orders for relief etc. issued Weather: wet. Rainfalls. nil. Casualties nil.	appx 20. " 22
	" 28		Company less transport moved to N. 29. E. 1. 9.	
	" 29		and subsequently relieved 14 <sup>th</sup> M. G. Coy. in front line - relief completed, 8 pm. Weather: fine Rainfalls. nil. Casualties. nil.	
	" 30		S. G. not called for - harassing fire carried on on enemy positions by all guns. Orders for Madras. Camp issued. Weather: fine Rainfalls. nil. Casualties. nil.	appx 23.

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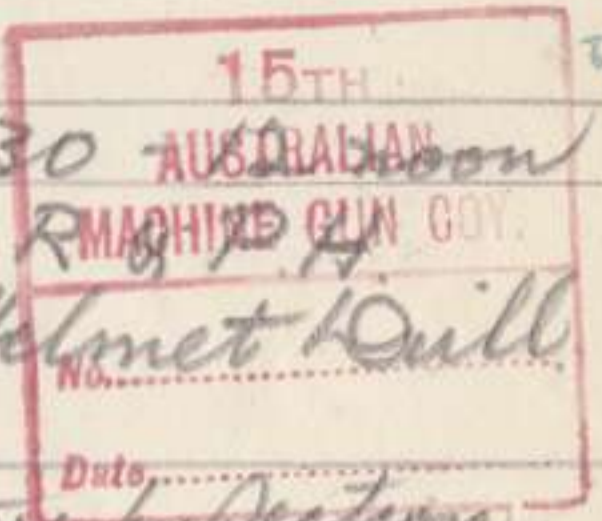
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- 8 Instructions to A.A. Guards re their relief.
- 9 Company Routine Order No. 1.
- 10 15th A.I. Brigade Order No. 131.
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A. F. C.
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- 21 15th A.I. Bde Administrative Memo. No. 12. (5th Aust. Div. O. No. 133)
- 22 Company Routine Order No. 4.
- 23 Company Standing Orders.
- 24 Miscellaneous - 8 sheets.
- 25 Machine Gun Map.

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 15th A.I. Brigade Intelligence Summary - 2 sheets  
 15th A.I. Brigade Routine Orders - 32 sheets.  
 5th Aust. Division Intelligence Summary - 25 sheets.  
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15th M. G. Coy.

Syllabus of Training for Period 1st Nov to 10th Nov 1917



1917  
 Nov 1st Thursday  
 Nov 2nd Friday  
 Nov 3rd Saturday  
 Nov 4th Sunday  
 Nov 5th Monday  
 Nov 6th Tuesday  
 Nov 7th Wednesday  
 Nov 8th Thursday  
 Nov 9th Friday  
 Nov 10th Saturday

9-9.15	9.15-9.45	9.45-10.30	10.30-10.45	10.45-11.30	11.30
Inspection of arms & accoutrements by Section Officers.	Inspection by O.C.	Mechanism	Rest	Gun Drill	SB R Machine Gun Coy. Helmet Drill
Inspection of arms & accoutrements by Section Officers	Inspection by O.C.	Barrage Fire Drill	Rest.	Squad Drill & Rifle Exercises	Lecture by Section Officers - Methods Indirect Fire.
Inspection of arms & accoutrements by Section Officers	Inspection by O.C.	Mechanism & Stoppages	Rest	Lecture by Section Officers on Principle of Barrage Fire	Gun Drill
Inspection of Company & Transport by O.C.					
Inspection of arms & accoutrements by Section Officers	Inspection by O.C.	Overhauling & cleaning up of gear.			
Inspection of arms & accoutrements by Section Officers	Inspection by O.C.	Barrage Fire Drill	Rest	Squad Drill & Rifle Exercise	Gun Drill
Inspection of arms & accoutrements by Section Officers	Inspection by O.C.	SBR Drill by Mr. Bell filling wearing masks to show	Rest.	Lecture by Section Officers on points to be observed in B.D. & A Fire.	Semaphore Signalling
Inspection of arms & accoutrements by Section Officers	Inspection by O.C.	Stoppages	Rest.	Test in Elementary work & 1/2 hr SBR Drill	Barrage Fire Drill
Inspection of arms & accoutrements by Section Officers	Inspection by O.C.	Gun Drill & 1/2 hr SBR Drill	Rest.	Semaphore Signalling	Squad Drill & Rifle Exercises
Inspection of arms & accoutrements by Section Officers	Inspection by O.C.	Kit Inspection by O.C.	Cleaning & overhauling Gun Gear, etc.		

NOTE: Afternoons devoted to sports by <sup>organised</sup> Orderly Officers of the day.

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Headquarters,  
15th Australian Inf. Brigade.  
30th October 1917

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



BATHING.

The following arrangements have been made for bathing Units of Brigade at RENINGHEIST BATHS on the dates and times as hereunder mentioned:-

1st November.

- 10 a.m. to 12 noon = 60th Bn.
- 12 noon to 12.30 p.m. = 15th A.L.T.M.B.
- 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. = 58th Bn.
- 3.50 p.m. to 4 p.m. = 15th M.G. Coy.

2nd November.

- 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. = 57th Bn.
- 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. = 59th Bn. and Bde.H.Q.

Units will arrange to draw from Brigade Headquarters with 1st Line Transport, 50 minutes before proceeding to Baths, sufficient clean clothing for those about to attend the bathing parade. An equal amount of soiled clothing must be returned to Brigade Headquarters immediately on completion of parade.

Each Unit will detail an officer to proceed to Baths in advance and complete necessary arrangements, also to supervise bathing.

Men to be despatched to Baths in parties of 100 at intervals of 45 minutes.

*J.R. Gallen*

Staff Captain 15th Australian Infantry Brigade. Captain.

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15TH  
AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN COY.

No. ....

Date .....

PREFIX	CODE	WORDS	
XM	CBPM	HO	283
(Key runner from Co. Bath) TO. 15 <sup>th</sup> M G Coy G/12/4006 H <sup>th</sup>			RECEIVED AT 3:30p FROM P/40 BY [Signature] 4-11-17
Arrange take over TONIGHT from 8 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> M G Coy M.F. Guns at ROBSON-CORDO + GRANNVILLE DUMPS. aaa VF Location these dumps sent you previously aaa Report completion [Signature]			AAAA Was [Signature] asst.
FROM	15 <sup>th</sup>	F. 1. Bde	15 <sup>TH</sup> AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY. No. .... Date ..

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By			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By	

TO

*15th MG Coy*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	<b>AAA</b>
<i>* 613/3966</i>	<i>1/11/17</i>		

*Following AA guns to be mounted  
by 6.30 am 2nd inst. at G RANVILLE  
DUMP H13 central and CORDOVA  
DUMP G22 D43 three guns in all  
+ take over from 8th MG Coy and two  
guns at ROBSON DUMP G22 D08  
taking over from 25th MG Coy and  
Report completed.*

From <i>15th AA Bde</i>	
Place	
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. **(Z)**  
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<i>(By message from AAA)</i>			To		By <i>[Signature]</i>	
By			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By	

TO

*15th MG Coy*

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<i>* 613/3892</i>	<i>1/11/17</i>		

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*(265)*

From <i>15th AA Bde</i>	
Place	
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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

4th November, 1917

H. Q.  
15th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

With reference to your wire G.12/4006 of  
4-10-17.

I have to report that 2 guns have been mounted  
at ROBSON DUMP.

GRANVILLE & CORDOVA DUMPS. The 8th M. Gun  
Coy state they have received no instructions regarding  
a relief, and therefore will not hand over. Orders  
have been sent to our Gun Teams to return to Camp.

*F. Fitzgerald* Captain,  
O.C., 15th M. Gun Coy.



15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.	
No.	11215
Date	4/10/17



15 M.G. Co

5<sup>th</sup> M.G. Co have now been ordered to hand over. Please arrange to take over these guns by 8.0 A.M. tomorrow 5<sup>th</sup> Bde



Street Major  
Battalion Major

15<sup>th</sup> A.T. Bde



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5<sup>th</sup> Bde report their guns relieved  
relieve 15 M.G. Co guns at ROBSON  
H. 13. Central by 8.0 A.M. ACKNOWLEDGE

Headquarters,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade,  
8th November, 1917.

- 57th Battalion,
- 58th Battalion,
- 59th Battalion,
- 60th Battalion,
- 15th M.G. Company,
- 15th A.L.T.M.B.,
- 29th A.A.S.C.,
- 15th Field Company A.E.
- 15th Field Ambulance,



Warning Order.

The 15th Infantry Brigade Group will move to the  
LOCRE AREA on the 12th inst. by march route.

The march is to be completed by 12 noon and the  
route to be followed via WESTOUTRE.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Major,  
 Brigade Major,  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
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MASSIVE GUN COY.  
 No. ....  
 Date .....

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APPENDIX. 5

SECRET.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 130.

Ref.-BELGIUM  
Sheet 28 1/40,000

9th November, 1917.

1. (a) The 5th Australian Division is relieving the 33rd Division and the 30th Division in the line from LA DOUVE River to O.21.A.1-7, (HOLLEBEKE) on the nights 13th/14th and 14th/15th November, 1917.  
(b) The boundary between the 33rd Division and the 30th Division is the BLAUWEPPOORTBEEK.
2. The 8th and 14th Australian Infantry Brigades are relieving the 100th Infantry Brigade (33rd Division) and the 21st (right) Infantry Brigade (30th Division) on the night 14th/15th and 13th/14th November respectively.
3. (a) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade is relieving the 89th (left) Infantry Brigade of the 30th Division on the night 14th/15th November.  
(b) The inter-Brigade boundary of the 30th Division is the HOOZEBEEK and this is being maintained during the relief pending readjustment of frontages.
4. Moves of the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Group will take place in accordance with attached tables (A & B).
5. Separate Instructions have been issued to the 15th Machine Gun Company regarding Anti-Aircraft Defences.
6. Detailed Orders for the relief will be issued later.
7. Administrative arrangements will be issued separately.
8. Supplies will continue to be drawn as at present until 11.11.17. No supplies will be drawn on 12.11.17. Units will draw from Brigade Supply Officer at H.31.C. Central on 13.11.17.
9. Brigade Headquarters will close at its present location at 9.0 a.m. on the 12th November and reopen at LOCRE on arrival.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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app. 5.*

*Wheat*

Major,  
Brigade Major,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at .....

To

- 57th Battalion
- 58th Battalion
- 59th Battalion
- 60th Battalion
- 15th L.T.M.B.
- 15th M.G. Company
- 15th Field Ambulance
- 29th A.A.S.C.
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- 5th Aust. Division

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7.	Area Commandant	
8.	LOCRE AREA	
9.	A.P.M.	
	Staff Captain	
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T A B L E " A " .

TO ACCOMPANY 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 130.

DATE	TROOPS IN ORDER OF MARCH	STARTING POINT. PLACE	TIME	ROUTE	REMARKS.
12th November	60th Battalion	Road junction G.34.C.2-1.	8.30 a.m.	WESTOUTRE - Road Junction M.17.C.6-4. - LOCRE.	(a) The following distances will be maintained between Units on the march :- Companies - 100 yards Troops and Transport - 100 yards Battalions - 500 yards  (b) The usual 10 minute halts at 10 minutes before each clock hour will be observed. (c) The usual precautions will be taken against enemy aircraft.
-do-	Brigade H.Q. & 57th Battalion	X roads G.22.B.5-4.	8.5 a.m.	X roads G.29.B.5-5 - RENINGHELST - Thence as for 60th Battalion.	
-do-	58th Battalion	-do-	8.17 a.m.	-do-	
-do-	59th Battalion 15th L.T.M.B.	-do-	8.29 a.m.	-do-	
-do-	15th M.G. Company	X roads G.34.D.2-9.	9.22 a.m.	As for 60th Battalion	
-do-	29th I.A.S.C.	X roads G.22.B.5-4.	9.0 a.m.	As for 57th Battalion	
-do-	15th Field Amb.	-do-	9.10 a.m.	-do-	

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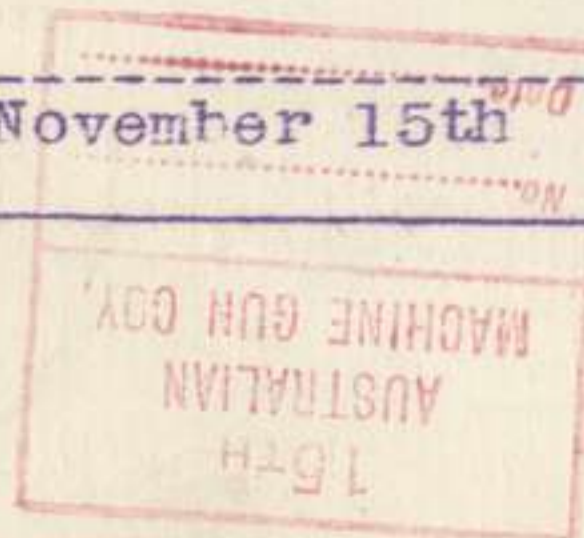


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TO ACCOMPANY 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 130.

DATE	UNIT	FROM	TO	REMARKS.
13th November (morning)	58th Battalion	LOCRE AREA	RAMILLES CAMP (N.27.A.)	(a) Move on morning of 13th November to be complete by 12 noon.
-do-	59th Battalion	-do-	-do-	(b) Not to move on afternoon of 13th November before 4.0 p.m.
-do-	60th Battalion & No's 1 H. Gunners	-do-	CHINESE WALL (N.23.B.)	(c) Details as to routes and times later.
13th November (Afternoon)	60th Battalion less 2 Companies	CHINESE WALL (N.23.B.)	SUPPORT POSITIONS Bn. H.Q. - DENYS WOOD (O.2.D.) 1 coy. - ROSE WOOD (O.16.A.) 1 coy. - GOUDEZEUNE Fme. (O.15.B.) Nos. 1 H. Gunners to LINE.	
14th November	Brigade H.Qrs.	LOCRE AREA	GRAND BOIS (N.18.B.)	
14th November and night 14th/ 15th November.	60th Battalion (less 2 coys.)	SUPPORT POSITIONS	One Coy. LINE Left Ede Sector of 13th Division. One Coy. RAVINE O.10.D.	
-do-	Remaining two coys. 60th Battalion.	CHINESE WALL	One coy. ROSE WOOD One coy. GOUDEZEUNE Fme.	
November 15th	57th Battalion	LOCRE AREA	CHINESE WALL	



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Administrative Instructions to accompany 15th Infantry  
Brigade Order No.130 dated 9.11.17.

Reference Belgium  
Sheet 28 1/40,000.

10.11.17.

1. The 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. is moving to LOCRE AREA on 12th Nov. 1917.
2. Billeting Areas will be as follows and as detailed on the accompanying billeting sketch:
  - Bde H.Q. = LOCRE, M.25.C.3.7.
  - 15th A.L.T.M.B. = LOCREHOF HUTS and FARM, M.29.D.2.3.
  - 15th M.G. Coy. = YORK HUTS and PASTEUR LINES, M.23.U.4.0.
  - 57th Bn. } DONCASTER HUTS, M.29.A.2.0.
  - 59th Bn. (less 1 Co.) }
  - 60th Bn. } BIRR BARRACKS, M.29.A.7.9.
  - 1 Co. 59th Bn. }
  - 58th Bn. = WAKEFIELD HUTS, M.29.C.8.8.
  - 29th A.A.S.C. = TRIANGLE CAMP LOCREHOF LINES, M.29.C.8.8.
  - 15th Field Amb. = LURGAN CAMP, M.35.d.8.9.

3. Units will detail parties to reconnoitre areas on 11th inst. These parties will meet Staff Captain at Area Commandant's Office, LOCRE at 2.30 p.m. on that date, to make any adjustments necessary.
4. A lorry will leave Brigade Headquarters, LOCRE, at 3 p.m. on 12.11.17 to take advance parties forward to Areas to be occupied on 13th inst.
5. The following motor transport will be available at present Brigade Headquarters at 7.30 a.m. on 12th inst.:-
  - Bde. H.Q. - 1 Lorry.
  - Battalions - 2 Lorries.
  - Machine Gun Co. - 1 Lorry.
  - A.L.T.M.B. - 1 Lorry.
6. Baggage waggons will report to units at 3 p.m. tomorrow, 11th inst.
7. There will be two issues of supplies tomorrow:
  - 9 a.m. by 1st Line transport.
  - 1.30 p.m. by 2nd Line transport (second line then to remain with units).
8. Supply Dump on and after 13th inst. will be No. 31 (ARTILLERY ROAD).
9. On and after tomorrow the RAILHEAD will be HATGERDORNE.

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Headquarters,  
15th Australian Inf. Brigade.  
11th November 1917



- 57th Battalion
- 58th Battalion
- 59th Battalion
- 60th Battalion
- 15th M.G. Coy.
- 15th A.T.T.M.B.

All sick for clearance tomorrow to be at  
Brigade Headquarters at 7.30 a.m.

Reference lorry for Advance Parties leaving  
Brigade Headquarters LOCRE tomorrow. This lorry will now  
leave at 12 noon, and not 3 p.m. as previously intimated.

These parties may return to LOCRE some night  
with lorry or may remain in new areas, whichever may be most  
convenient.

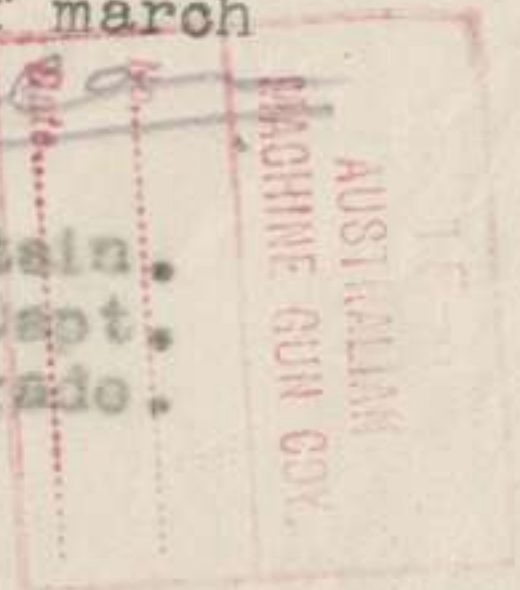
End Line Transport will remain with units  
until 16th inst. when it will return to 29th A.A.S.C. at  
M.35.C.9.9.

Felt hats may be worn on the line of march  
tomorrow.

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*J.H. Gale*

Captain.  
Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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APPENDIX. 8



Headquarters,  
15th Australian Inf. Brigade.  
11th November 1917

15th M.G. Coy.  
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Reference your 1/1389 in the event of Anti-Aircraft-  
Posts not being relieved to time the remainder of your Company  
will move off in accordance with Brigade Order 130, leaving  
Instructions to unrelieved personnel to follow as soon as  
relieved.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Major.  
Brigade Major.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.  
Recd 7.15p  
Date 11/11/17

*[Handwritten initials]*

15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.  
Date.....  
No.....

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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.

11-10-17.

Lieut. H. G. Hackworthy.

Orders have been issued for this Coy to march out from present camp at 9 a.m. tomorrow 12-10-17. In the event of your not being relieved by then, you will, immediately relief is completed, proceed to Loche, and join the Company there. Should you not be relieved by the time the Company moves from present position, arrangements will be made for you to be rationed up till midnight Tuesday, 13th.

(Sgd) F. Whelpton, Lt.  
For O.C., 15th M.G. Coy.

Billeting area 15th M.G. Coy - M 23.c.4.9. York huts & Pasteur Lines, Loche. Sheet 28 - 1/40,000.

Date.....	No.....	AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.
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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

11th November, 1917.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 1 by CAPTAIN G F FITZGERALD, O. C.  
Ref. Sheet 28: 1/40,000.

1. 15th M. Gun Coy will move from present Camp (G35.a.9.6.) to billets at Locre Area (York Huts & Pastuer Lines, (M.23.c.4.9.) in accordance with 15th A. Inf. Bde. Order No. 130 of 9-11-17.

2. Lieut. Hutton will inspect proposed route and billets today.  
Lieut. Richards will act as T.O. until further orders.

3. Time Table for 12th instant:

Reveille	6.30 a m.
Breakfast	7 a m.
Sick Parade	7.30 a m.
Fall In	8.30 a m.
O.C's Inspection	8.45 a m.
Move Out	9 a m.

4. Anti-Aircraft Guards:

- a. Present guards remain until they are relieved.
- b. Lieut. N.F. Ridgway will take charge of all guards for purposes of relief, etc.
- c. Three limbers will remain at present Camp as transport for gun gear, etc.

*G.F. Fitzgerald*  
Captain,  
O.C., 15th M. Gun Coy.

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15TH
AUSTRALIAN
MACHINE GUN COY.
No. ....
Date.....

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15<sup>th</sup> M. G. Coy. APPENDIX. 9  
Order to accompany R.O. No. 1.  
11-11-17.

Lt Hutton & Transport Sgt.  
will inspect Coy. bivouacs &  
Transport lines at M. 23. C. 4. 9.  
(York Huts & Posters Lines) as  
per attached plan & will  
subsequently report to  
Staff Captain at Area  
Commandant's Office, Leere,  
at 2.30 pm today, when  
any necessary adjustments  
will be made.

Lt Hutton will take  
following route: from  
X road G. 34. D. 2. 9. via  
Westoutre - road junction  
M. 17. C. 6. 4 - Leere, & will  
report back to present  
Camp this evening.

George Hutton Capt.

E.C. 15<sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy

Lt Hutton:



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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.131.

Ref. BELGIUM  
Sheet 28 1/40,000

12th November, 1917.

1. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade is relieving the 8th Infantry Brigade on the left sector of the 30th Division front on 14th and night 14th/15th November, 1917.
2. Reliefs and preliminary moves will take place in accordance with attached table.....
3. (a) All details of reliefs not provided for in this order will be arranged mutually between commanding officers concerned.  
(b) The relief of the Light Trench Mortar Battery will be arranged independently between Battery commanders.  
(c) Machine Gun Instructions have been issued separately.
4. All trench stores, maps etc. will be taken over and receipts exchanged. Copies of these receipts will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters on the 15th November.
5. The 60th Battalion will take over the two Anti-Aircraft Lewis Guns at O.13.B.65-85 (1 N.C.O. and 3 men per gun) from the 20th KINGS (LIVERPOOL) REGIMENT on the morning of the 13th November.
6. The 57th Battalion will take over the following working parties at dusk on the 14th November :-  
(a) One Officer and 60 Other Ranks at ENGELBRIEN PARK (O.9.D.9-8).  
(b) One Officer and 30 Other Ranks at IN DE STERTE CABARET (O.15.A.3-2).  
These parties will be working under the 177th Tunnelling Company R.E.
7. Administrative arrangements will be issued separately.
8. Brigade Headquarters will close at LOCRE at 8.0 a.m. on 15th November and reopen at GRAND BOIS (N.18.B.9-5) at 10.0 a.m. when the command of the sector will pass to the B.G.C. 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 8.75 p.m.  
to

- 57th Battalion
- 58th Battalion
- 59th Battalion
- 60th Battalion
- 15th L.T.M.B.
- No. 4 Signal Section
- Copies to :-
- B.G.C. 15th A.I. Brigade
- 15th M.G. Company
- 5th Aust. Div.
- 89th Infantry Brigade

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| 4.       | 15th Field Company A.I. | 14.    |
| 5.       | 20th M.A.S.C.           | 15.    |
| 6.       | Area Commandant         |        |
|          | LOCRE AREA              | 16.    |
| 7.       | Staff Captain           | 17.    |
| 8.       | War Diary               | 18-20. |
| 9.       | File                    | 21.    |
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MACHINE GUN COY

T A B L E .  
to  
ACCOMPANY 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.131.

15th  
AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN COY.

DATE.	UNIT.	FROM.	TO	IN RELIEF OF	REMARKS.
November 13th (morning)	59th Battalion and 15th A.I.T.M.B.	LOCRE AREA	CHINESE WALL (N.23.B.)	20th King's (LIVERPOOL) REGT.	ORDER OF MARCH. 59th Battalion - 60th Battalion - 58th Battalion & 15th L.M.B.  STARTING POINT. M.23.D.5.8. at 8.30 a.m.
do.	60th Battalion.	-do-	RAVILLES CAMP (N.27.A.)	17th King's (LIVERPOOL) REGT.	ROUTE. DE BRULOOZE OABt. - KEMMEL X ROADS-  DISTANCES. 100 yards between Companies.
do.	58th Battalion.	-do-	-do-	-do-	100 yards between troops and transport. 500 yards between Battalions.
<del>GUIDES. Guides will meet 59th Battalion at KEMMEL X ROADS at 10.30 a.m.</del>					
13th (afternoon)	59th Battalion (less 2 Companies)	CHINESE WALL	Bn H.Q. DENYS WOOD (O.9.D) 1 Coy. ROSE WOOD (O.16.A) 1 Coy. GOUDEZEUNE FARM (O.15.B)	2nd BEDFORDSHIRE REGT. (2 Companies)	(a) Eleven guides from 2nd BEDFORDSHIRE REGIMENT will be at CHINESE WALL at 4.0 p.m. (b) Not to move before 4.0 p.m.  (c) One guide will report at CHINESE WALL at 1.0 p.m. for advanced party.
14th and night 14th/15th.	59th Battalion (less 2 Companies)	DENYS WOOD - ROSE WOOD - GOUDEZEUNE FARM	1 Coy. LINE 1 Coy. RAVINE (O.10.D) Bn H.Q. RAVINE	-do-	The company at ROSE WOOD will move to the LINE, eleven guides reporting at the Company Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.
-do-	Remaining 2 Companies 59th Battalion.	CHINESE WALL	1 Co. ROSE WOOD 1 Co. GOUDEZEUNE FARM.	--	Guides to be provided by 59th Battalion.
-15th	57th Battalion.	LOCRE AREA	CHINESE WALL	--	Move to be complete by 2.0 p.m.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

to accompany

15th Infantry Brigade Order No.131

dated 12.11.17.

Ref. Belgium  
Sheet 28 1/40,000

12.11.17

1. The 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade is relieving the 89th Trif. Brigade on the left subsector of 30th Div. on 14th and night 14/15th.

2. Transport Lines in forward area will be located as follows:

- Brigade Headquarters = KEMMEL.
- 57th Battalion = N.21. Central.
- 58th " = N.33.A.0.8.
- 59th " = N.21.D.0.8.
- 60th " = N.21.d.1.9.
- 15th A.L.T.M.B. = KEMMEL.

3. All Gum Boots, trench stores, and rations in supporting points, will be taken over. The greatest care will be taken of receipts. One copy will be sent to Brigade H.Q. 12 hours after transaction.

4. Rations <sup>and</sup> will be drawn from N.31.C. Central at 7 am., tomorrow 13th inst. until further orders. Rations for front line and Support Battalions are taken up by limber to Battalion Headquarters via KEMMEL - WYTSCHAETE - ESTAMINET CORNER - IN-DE-STERKE CABARET - ROSE WOOD. Water is taken forward with rations in petrol tins. Carrying parties take forward from ROSE WOOD.

5. Rear Brigade Headquarters will be established at KEMMEL.

6. Bands of Battalions going to front line and Support will be billeted in KEMMEL and will come under orders of Assistant Staff Captain for work, but will continue to be rationed by units. Bands of reserve Battalions will remain with units.

7. Locations :

- D.A.D.O.S. - M.36.C.2.8.
- Div. Concert Party - LA POLKA FARM, KEMMEL.
- Y.M.C.A. - N.18.b.8.4.
- Soup Kitchen - O.10.d.2.5.

8. Daily Trench feet return will be <sup>again</sup> rendered by all units as from 13 inst.

*[Signature]*  
Captain.  
Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to all  
Recipients of Brigade  
Order No.131.



15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 131.

Ref.- BELGIUM  
Sheet 28 1/10,000

14th November, 1917.

- The portion of the line held by the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade is being taken over by the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade on the night 15th/16th November, 1917.
- Reliefs and moves will take place as under, the new Brigade Area being the Reserve Brigade Area.

UNIT	FROM	TO	REMARKS
57th Bn.	TOUR AREA	ROSSIGNAL CAMP	(a) Move of 57th Bn. to be completed by 1.0 p.m. on 15th November.
58th Bn.	DO	NOT MOVE.	
60th Bn.	DO	NOT MOVE	(b) The 59th Bn. is being relieved by the 56th Bn.
59th Bn.	LINE	JINDENHOLK Camp.	
15th I.T.B.	LINE	RAVILLES CAMP	(c) Trench mortar relief to be arranged independently.

- All maps, trench stores, etc. will be handed over and receipts exchanged. Copies of these receipts to be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by noon on the 16th November.
- Subject to the terms of this order all details of reliefs will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
- The 59th Battalion will report completion of relief in code to Brigade Headquarters, the command of the sector then passing to the B.G.C. 14th Australian Infantry Brigade.
- On and after the 17th November, Supplies are to be drawn by 1st line transport from N.31.C. Central.
- Brigade Headquarters will close at GRAND BOIS on completion of relief and reopen at KEMMEL CHATEAU on arrival.
- ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 7.45 p.m.,

To.

57th Battalion  
58th Battalion  
59th Battalion  
60th Battalion  
15th I.T.B.  
No. 1 Signal Section  
Copies to :-  
B.G.C. 15th I. Brigade  
15th M.G. Company.

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19TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 2, BY CAPTAIN G. F. FITZGERALD, O. C.  
Sheet 28, 1/45,000. 14th November, 1917.

1. 19th Aust. M. Gun Coy will relieve 89th & 90th M. G. Coys in accordance with 19th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 130 of 9-11-17.
2. DISPOSITION: Guns. - Group A 4 guns at positions 23, 24, 26 & 27 to be taken over by Lieut. H. B. Linton Smith, Group H.Q. O. 10. a. 95. 25.  
Group B 4 guns at positions 21, 22, 25 & 28 to be taken over by Lieut. H. E. Ridgway, Group H.Q. O. 15. b. 9. 7.  
Group C 4 guns at positions 17, 18, 19 & 20 to be taken over by Lieut. H. Trevan, Group H.Q. O. 15. b. 9. 7.  
Advanced Hqrs. O. C., Capt. G. F. FitzGerald at O. 10. a. 95. 25.  
Section Hqrs. O. 15. b. 9. 7.  
Rear Coy Hqrs. H. 21. d. 45. 40.  
Transport Lines H. 21. d. 45. 40.
3. Belt boxes, belts & ammunition will be exchanged.
4. DETAILS OF PERSONNEL:  
Sections: Nos 1, 3 & 4 Sections (Lieut. H. E. Ridgway, H. Trevan & H. B. Linton Smith) will take over; No. 2 Section remaining at Rear Coy Hqrs.  
Teams: 1 M. G. C. 4 gunners & 1 Inf. Attached per gun.  
Drivers: 2 at Adv. Hqrs, and 2 at Section Hqrs.  
Wagon Party, etc. Sgt. Bailey, Cpl. Wigley, 6 men & 1 Officers' Cook at Adv. Hqrs.
5. Officers taking over will reconnoitre and inspect respective groups of guns etc., on morning of 13th inst. Nos. 1 of gun teams will be taken to positions on 13th and will remain with gun teams they are relieving over night, until completion of relief.
6. T.O. will go over front line transport routes on 13th inst.
7. Company will move out from M. 23. c. 4. 9. en route for H. 21. d. 45. 40 at 9.30 a.m. on 14th inst. Reveille 6.30 a.m.; Breakfast 7 a.m.; Sick Parade 7.30 a.m.; Fall in 9 a.m.; O.C.'s Inspection 9.15 a.m.; Move Off 9.30 a.m.
8. Relief will move forward from Road Hqrs at 1.30 p.m. on 14th inst. Rations - 48 hours. 4 emergency guides will go with this party & after relief will return to Rear Hqrs. Nos. 1 will be at Denys Farm Ration Dump at 3 p.m. on 14th inst. & will meet and guide their respective gun teams to gun positions.
9. Separate orders have been issued to Lieut. Mackworth in charge of anti-aircraft guard at Penninghelst area, not yet relieved.

(Sgd) G. F. FITZGERALD, Captain,  
O. C., 19th M. Gun Coy.

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LOCATIONS

Group A: 4 guns at positions 23, 24, 26 & 27 taken over by Lieut. H. B. Linton Smith.

Group Hqrs - O. 10. a. 95. 25.

Group B: 4 guns at positions 21, 22, 25 & 28 taken over by Lieut. N. F. Ridgway.

Group Hqrs. O. 15. b. 9. 7.

Group C: 4 guns at positions 17, 18, 19 & 20 taken over by Lieut. H. Trevan.

Group Hqrs O. 15. b. 9. 7.

Adv. Hqrs: O. C. Cap. G. E. FitzGerald at O. 10. a. 95. 25.

Section Hqrs: O. 15. b. 9. 7.

Rear. Coy Hqrs: N. 21. d. 45. 40.

Transport Lines: N. 21. d. 45. 40.



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14th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 120.

REFERENCE:

Sheet 28. 1/40,000.

14th. November, 1917.

1. The 14th. Australian Infantry Brigade will take over the portion of the line held by the 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade during the night 15th/16th. November.
2. (a). The 56th. Bn. of 14th. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 59th. Bn., 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade. Frontages and dispositions will be taken over as they stand. Subsequent redispersions will be carried out under orders from Brigade Headquarters.
- (b). The 15th. Machine Gun Company will remain in the line under instructions from 5th. Australian Division.
- (c). The 14th. L.T.M. Battery will arrange to take over Gun positions in the line occupied by the 15th. A.L.T.M. Battery.
3. Details of relief will be arranged between Commanding Officers concerned.
4. All Trench stores, ammunition, gum-boots, maps, and defence schemes, etc. will be taken over and receipts given, copies being forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by 3 p.m. on 15th. instant.
5. All Lewis Gun anti-aircraft defence positions will be taken over from 15th. Brigade.
6. Completion of relief will be reported to Brigade Headquarters at REGENT STREET Dug-outs, N.29.c.4.4, by code.
7. Command of sector will pass to Brigadier-General Commanding 14th. Australian Infantry Brigade on completion of relief.
8. Complete disposition reports, with sketch map, will be rendered to Brigade Headquarters as soon after the relief as possible.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. J. Winton*  
 Captain  
 Acting Brigade Major  
 14th. AUST. INF. BRIGADE.

Issued through Signals at	to:-	
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15th. Aust. Inf. Brigade	9.	

*W. J. Winton*  
 15th. AUST. INF. BRIGADE  
 MACHINE GUN COY.  
 15th. AUST. INF. BRIGADE  
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## MACHINE GUN DEFENCE.

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1. As far as possible the machine gun defence of the sector will be carried out by not more than two machine gun companies (32 guns) so that regular reliefs may be provided.
2. (a) The 8th Infantry Brigade will arrange to carry out the machine gun defence of the right sector and provide reliefs with the 8th Machine Gun Co.  
 (b) The 25th Machine Gun Co. is ~~reallocated~~ allotted to the left Brigade from the 17th November and will remain in the line during the tour of duty of the Division. The G.O.C. Left Brigade will therefore arrange for this Company to be employed so that it can provide its own reliefs, i.e. not more than 8 guns should be employed at one time.  
 (c) The Machine Gun Co. of the Left Brigade (14th) will be relieved on the day after the Brigade is relieved.
3. In addition the guns- crews will be ~~reduced~~ reduced to a working minimum so that the number of men available for carrying out reliefs will be increased.
4. The adjustments and reliefs necessary to carry out the above policy will be completed by the 18th inst. and a notification to this effect sent to Divisional Headquarters

(Signed) J. H. Peck, Lieut Colonel  
 General Staff  
 5th Australian Division.

16th November 1917.

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Section officers:-

On the night of 18/19<sup>th</sup> inst. you  
will be relieved by 23<sup>rd</sup> Coy. G. Coy.  
Inventory of French stores etc. is  
to be made out in duplicate  
& a copy handed into C.H.Q. at  
KEMMEL. All positions are to  
be handed over to relieving Coy.  
& receipts obtained for same.  
The following Gun positions will  
be occupied by 23<sup>rd</sup> Coy. 23. 26. 27.  
24 (Left Group) 25. 22 (Centre Group)  
17. 18 (Right Group) at these positions  
belt boxes & tripods will be handed  
over & the remaining belt boxes  
& tripods will be taken back  
to DENNY'S FARM. All to be  
left there in charge of Sgt.  
Bailey.

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You will have a Guide from  
each Gun Position at Denny's  
farm at 3.15 p.m. on 18<sup>th</sup> inst. &  
they will guide the respective  
Gun teams to their positions.  
All Gun gear etc. will be left  
at Denny's farm in charge of  
Sgt. Bailey until called for by  
ambulances. Officers horses will be  
at ESTAMINET CORNER at  
5 P.M. Early relief expected  
if weather is suitable.  
Details later

15/11/17.

George J. Fitzgerald Capt  
G.C. 15<sup>th</sup> Coy.

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Headquarters,  
15th Australian Inf. Brigade.  
18th November 1917

57th Battalion  
58th Battalion  
59th Battalion  
60th Battalion  
15th M.F. Co.  
15th A.L.T.M.S.  
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It is notified for information that the  
5th Australian Divisional Gas Centre has been established at  
the 14th Australian Field Ambulance.

Major  
Street  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

15TH  
AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN COY.  
No.....  
Date.....

15TH  
AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN COY.

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First ANZAC Corps.

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GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO.101.

1.- With reference to S.S.193 - "Standing Orders for Defence against Gas" (O.B./492), the western boundaries of the zones in Second Army area will be as follows :-

ALERT ZONE - PONT DE NIEPPE - PETIT PONT - WULVERGHEM - SPANBROEKMOLEN - VOORMEZEELE - TROIS ROIS - YPRES ECOLE - WIELTJE - PILCKEM - (all inclusive).

READY ZONE - ESTAIRES - STEENWERCK - LA CRECHE - DRANOUTRE - LOCRE - LA GLYTTE - DICKEBUSCH - BRIELEN - ELVERDINGHE (all inclusive).

PRECAUTIONARY ZONE) STEENBECQUE - MORBECQUE - PRADELLES - FLETRE - GODEWAERSVELDE - ABEELE - WATOU (all inclusive).

2.- The system of warning will be as laid down in para.5(v).

3.- Notice boards will be put up as soon as possible in accordance with Section 1. All existing boards indicating "WIND SAFE (DANGEROUS)" or "GAS ALERT ON (OFF)" etc., will be destroyed.

*Wm. Pauline*  
for Brigadier-General,  
General Staff,  
First ANZAC Corps.

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  - D.A.D.L.             "
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Headquarters,  
15th Australian Inf. Brigade.  
16th November 1917

15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.  
No. ....  
Date. ....

LOCATION LIST No.2.

Brigade H.Q.(Officers Club)	N.21.C.9.5.
57th Bn.(Remilles)	N.27.A.9.4.
58th Bn.(Billets.Kemmel)	N.21.C.9.6.
59th Bn.(Lindenhoek)	N.33.A.8.3.
60th Bn.(Remilles)	N.27.A.9.4.
15th A.I.T.M.B.(Billets Kemmel)	N.21.C.9.2.
15th M.G.Co.(La Polka)	N.21.d.6.6.
29th A.A.S.C.(Buller)	M.24.b.2.0.
Baths, Lindenhoek	N.27.Central.
F.P. Compound, Asylum	BAILLEUL.
Railhead	HAEGEDORNE.
Supply Dump	N.31.C.Central.
D.A.D.C.S.	M.36.C.2.8
Div.Bomb Dump	N.21.d.7.3.

R.E. Dumps:

Parma Dump	N.18.A.5.9.
Lindenhoek	N.27.C.8.7.
Rosewood	O.16.A.4.8.

Water Points.

Lindenhoek	N.27.C.7.7.
York Road	N.22.A.3.4.

Training Grounds.

N.22.d.  
N.23.C.  
Rifle Range:- N.27.B.1.0  
Bayonet Fighting Course:- N.21.A.3.3.

*[Signature]*  
Captain.  
Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

ALL PREVIOUS LISTS ARE HEREBY CANCELLED.



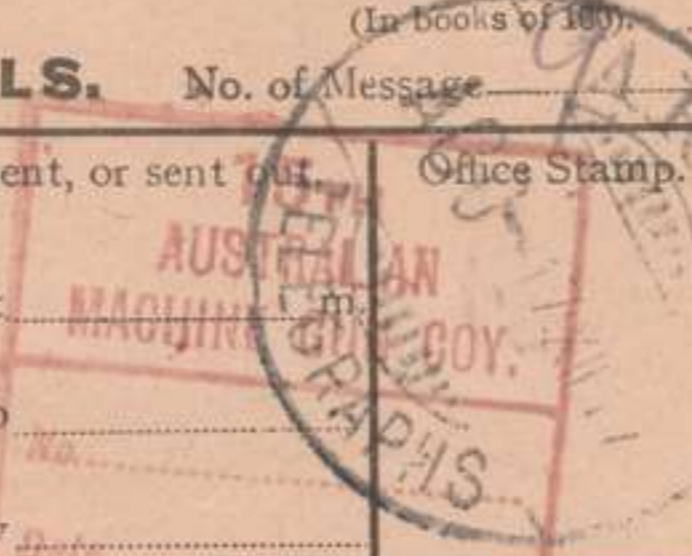
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Army Form C. 2123.  
(In books of 100)

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

No. of Message \_\_\_\_\_

Prefix _____	Code _____	Words _____ £    s.    d.	Received. From _____ By _____	Sent, or sent out. At _____ To _____ By _____	Office Stamp. 
Charges to collect _____			Service Instructions _____		

Handed in at also Office \_\_\_\_\_ m. Received 17 m.

TO \_\_\_\_\_  
15<sup>th</sup> M.S. Coy

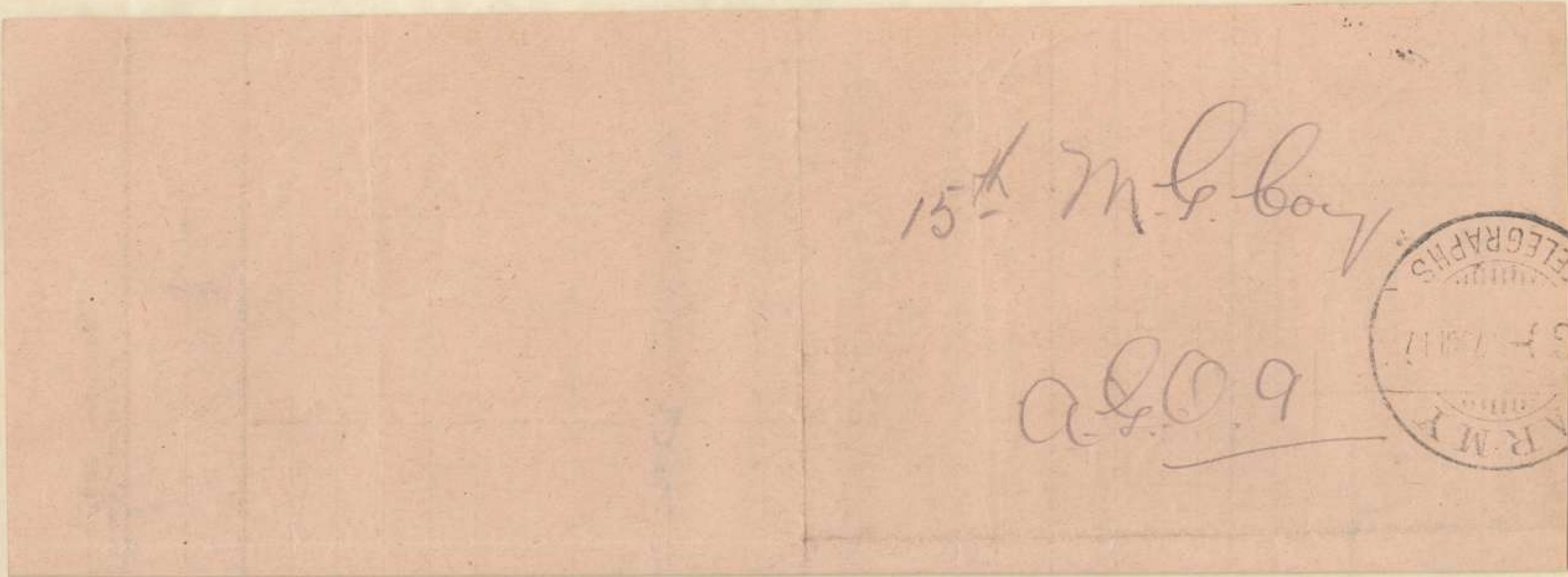
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Amend location\* list No. 2  
as follows aaa Bde HQ now  
KEMMEL CHAU N 21 D 3-6  
57<sup>th</sup> Bn. Rassignal Camp  
N 22 A 1-4

FROM _____	15 <sup>th</sup> Lt Bde
PLACE & TIME _____	12.45pm

\* This line should be erased if not required.  
(6334). Wt. W7496/M857. 500,000 rads. 10/16. D. D. & L. (E 489). Forms C/2123/3.

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15<sup>th</sup> May

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15TH  
AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN COY.

Headquarters,  
5th Australian Division,  
17th November, 1917.

PREVENTABLE CASUALTIES.

It is the bounden duty of all Commanders to avoid casualties that can be avoided without in any way adversely affecting the offensive spirit or efficiency of our Troops.

There is no question that many of our men, and indeed officers as well, especially in a quiet area such as we now occupy, become careless and forgetful, expose themselves unduly to the enemy's view, and often draw fire from which innocent men suffer as well as the guilty.

Our policy, for the present at all events, is to prevent any movement that can be seen by the enemy during the day. All works, (except of the most urgent nature), carrying etc., must be done during the hours of darkness or fog unless the Officer responsible is quite certain the work or party is screened from enemy view.

All new work must be carefully camouflaged during and after construction.

Officers and other ranks whose duty it is to move about the area inspecting or on reconnaissance duties during the day, must exercise the utmost caution to keep out of the enemy's view.

Tracks where movement by day must take place should be properly screened, and where tracks or areas are liable to be shelled or come under machine gun or sniper's fire, warning notice boards must be immediately erected; likewise notice boards should be erected to warn "passers by" where the enemy may be able to observe movement on roads or tracks.

Drivers of vehicles are on no account, unless specially authorized by Divisional Headquarters or the Brigadier commanding the area, to take horses or vehicles beyond the danger points, and as far as possible these points are to be policed by the officer controlling the area.

Unauthorized persons, either officers or other ranks, are not allowed to roam over the front areas East of the MESSINES - WYTSCHAETE Ridge, unless in possession of a pass from Divisional Headquarters or higher authority, and are liable to arrest if found in the forbidden area.

When officers or other ranks who are not thoroughly acquainted with the area are sent to the Forward Area, especially the frontal system, the officer responsible will satisfy himself that there is no fear of them straying into the enemy lines through their ignorance of the locality - guides if necessary are to be provided. All ranks should be specially warned that although a guard wire is being erected to prevent men straying into NO MAN'S LAND, they must exercise the greatest care as to their location when they approach the "frontal system".

Snipers posts should be established clear of Observation Posts, Strong Points and other defensive works, and must be occupied before daylight and not vacated until after dark if there is the slightest risk of movement being seen.

The greatest risk however, is the carelessness, indifference to danger, and neglect of orders of the nature herein mentioned by our men who must be compelled to obey orders and regulations in this respect as much as in any other, and any breach is to be severely dealt with.

Officers who themselves are guilty of neglect, or allow their men to neglect these orders and instructions, will be subject to severe disciplinary action. I consider an officer who allows a man to become a casualty through such neglect deserves to be most severely punished, and if a man is killed he is morally guilty of manslaughter.

In the past we have paid so often too dearly while holding the line. Casualties have frequently been incurred that might with forethought and care have been avoided.

I appeal to you all, and I am sure you are with me, to prevent a continuation of such losses in the future.

*J. J. Hobbs.*

Major-General.,  
Commanding 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SECRET

15th Infantry Brigade

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO No.11.

18th NOVEMBER 1917

"Medical Arrangements".

Following are the Medical arrangements for  
left Brigade Sector:

Casualty Clearing Stations:

2nd Aust. Casualty C. Station TROIS ARBERES.

No. 53 C.C.S. BAILLEUL. inc. Infect. &amp; X Ray cases.

D.R.S. & Amb. Headquarters.

8th Aust. Fld. Ambulance M.D.S. at H.29.a.2.6.

14th Aust. Fld. Ambulance D.R.S. & GAS CENTRE. LOCRE.  
No. 32 Dental Unit.Evacuation.

1. From DENYS WOOD to ADS BROKEN LAMP by light railway trolley or hand carried to HOLTS POST.
2. From VERNE RD. post to WYTSCHAETE by wheel stretcher, then hand carried to A.D.S. BROKEN LAMP.
3. From CABIN HILL to WHIZZ BANG hand carried, thence to WYTSCHAETE wheel stretcher, & hand carried to A.D.S. BROKEN LAMP.

A.D.S. & Collect Stations.

O.19.d.2.8. A.D.S. BROKEN LAMP.

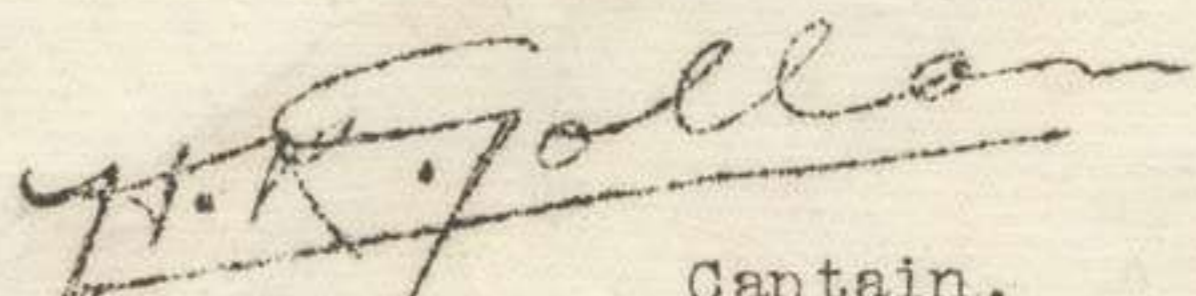
N.27. c.9.6. Sick Collect. post LINDENHOEK. (No. 2 Dental Unit.)

Bearer Relay & Amb. posts.

DENYS WOOD	0.9.d.6.5.
CABARET	0.15.a.9.1.
HOLTS POST	0.4.b.10.0
OHNRAET FARM	0.14.c.5.8.
WYTSCHAETE	0.19.b.9.0 & 0.19.d.9.9.
WHIZZ BANG	0.27.c.3.0.
LUMM FARM	0.26.d.2.8.

R.A.P's.

RAVINE WOOD	0.12.c.2.5.
VERNE ROAD	0.21. Central.
CABIN HILL	0.33.b.1.9.



Captain.  
Staff Capts.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

## 15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

ROUTINE ORDERS NO. 3

by

CAPTAIN G F FITZGERALD, O.C.

15TH  
AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN COY.

Ref. Sheet 28 1/40,000.

19th November, 1917.

1. Time Table:
- |                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Reveille          | 7.30 a.m.  |
| Breakfast         | 8 a.m.     |
| Sick Parade       | 8.30 a.m.  |
| Fall In           | 9.30 a.m.  |
| O.C.'s Inspection | 10.30 a.m. |
| Dinner            | 12 noon    |
| Parade            | 2 p.m.     |
| Tea               | 4 p.m.     |
| Tattoo            | 8.30 p.m.  |
| Lights Out        | 9 p.m.     |
2. Orderly Sections in rotation, commencing with No. 1 Section on 20th instant.
3. It is noticed that recent reinforcements are not up to the necessary standard of efficiency as gunners. Lieut. Hackworthy will supervise an Instructional Class, members of which will be handed over by Orderly Officer after preliminaries of first parade are completed. Section Officers will supply by 6 p.m. this evening a nominal roll of members of their sections whom they wish to attend this class. Infantry attached are to be included.
4. Orderly Officer will, upon taking over his duties, report to Second in Command for orders, concerning the following day's duties.
5. Orderly Officer will particularly see that orders re concealment of lights are carried out in the whole of the Company Camp Area.
6. Syllabus of work for week is attached; also syllabus for Instructional Class.

*George Fitzgerald* Captain,  
O.C., 15th M. Gun Coy.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 24-11-17.

15TH  
AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN COY.  
Date

Date	9.30 to 10 am.	10-11 am	11-11.30 am.	11.30 to 12 noon.	2 to 3 p.m.
TUESDAY 20th.	Inspection arms & accoutrements by S.Os & O.C.	Physical Exercises & Recreational training.	Gun Drill	Inspection S.B.R & P.H. Helmets by Gas N.C.O.	Overhauling & cleaning gun gear.
WEDNESDAY 21st.	Inspection arms & accoutrements by S.Os & O.C.	Physical Exercises & Recreational Training.	Semaphore Signalling	Brush up in stoppages.	Lecture by S.Os Ca-re Guns & Equipment during frosty weather.
THURSDAY 22nd.	Inspection arms & accoutrements S.Os. & O.C.	Physical Exercises & Recreational Training.	Elementary Training Mechanis.,	Lecture by S.Os-Points to be observed BD&A firing.	Gun Drill.
FRIDAY 23rd.	Inspection arms & accoutrements S.Os. & O.C.	Physical Exercises & Recreational Training.	Squad Drill 1/4 hour Rifle Exercises 1/4 hr. Barrage Fire Drill.	S.B.R. Drill 1/4 hr. Gun Drill wearing S.B.R. 1/4 hr. Brush up in elementary work.	Recreational training. Overhauling, cleaning and packing of gun gear.
SATURDAY 24th.	Inspection arms & accoutrements by S.Os. & O.C.	Physical Training & Recreational Exercises.			

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR INSTRUCTIONAL CLASS.

Date	11 - 11.30am.	11.30-12noon.	2 - 3 p m.	3 - 3.30 p. m.
TUESDAY 20th.	Description	Mechanism	½ hour gun drill.	Lecture by Class Officer - Care of Guns in frosty weather.
"			½ hour stoppages.	
WEDNESDAY 21st.	Stripping & Assembling of gun.	Stoppages	½ hour gun drill	Belt Filling.
"			½ hour mechanism.	
THURSDAY 22nd	Mechanism	Stoppages	Stripping, cleaning & Assembling of gun.	Lecture on Overhead Fire.
FRIDAY 23rd.	Lecture on Characteristics etc.	Gun drill.	Mechanism Stoppages.	Belt filling.
SATURDAY 24th.	Lecture - Points to be observed B.D. & A. firing	Gun Drill		Tests in elementary work.

15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN C. Y.

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NOMINAL ROLL OF MEN FOR INSTRUCTIONAL CLASS.

1780	Pte	Tarpy	J
505	"	Chandler	W
568	"	Watson	R
4777	"	Eccles	W
3472	"	Mason	C M
1673	"	Morgan	A J
3124	"	Coles	T
3002	Pte	Weale	F
2024	"	Ware	E G
1315	"	Thwaites	J S
3108	"	Murphy	M F
6600	"	Patterson	R R
2867	"	Petrett	G F
605	"	Rees	J R
252	"	Reeves	H H
3138	"	Ruggles	H J
479	"	Power	J J
4792	"	Davenport	R A
2834	"	Yeates	W H
3116	Pte	McMaster	B J
3069	"	Granari	J
312	"	Wells	G
4319	"	Rice	G
608	"	Talbot	R
2213	"	Jensen	N A
3246	"	Echan	P L
2030	"	Wright	E W
1697	"	Elliott	C C
3090	Pte	Knight	T
3247	"	Mills	A A
3211	"	Mills	H J
196	"	Scott	J H
1576	"	Hough	A
2335	"	Bray	J J
4612	"	Hillier	J
607	"	Venn	M F
555	"	Hamer	J C E
5200	"	Schumacher	J T
2524	"	Yarwood	B H
893	"	Graham	S

INSTRUCTORS:

14 33	Sgt.	Bryant	L
467	"	Power	A T
3116	"	O'Donogue	M J
1707	Cpl	Duncan	G

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"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code..... 145	Words..... 79	Charge.....	This message is on a/c of:	Reed. at..... m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions: 6 addrs.		Sent			Service.....
AGO		At..... m.		From.....	
		To.....		By.....	
		By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO } 15th A/Bde

Sender's Number. * 5075	Day of Month. 20th	In reply to Number. AAA
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all units less 55th  
Bn will detail 1 senior  
officer for a three days  
course with AFC squadron  
at 514 B.C.8. BAILLEN.  
commencing 10 AM tomorrow  
21st a/c 58th Bn will detail  
2 senior officers a/c.  
batmen will be sent only  
from 57th 58th & 60th Bns a/c  
Valises to be at 60th Bn Hq  
at 8.30 AM tomorrow this Bn  
providing timber a/c  
no other transport supplied  
a/c addressed all units

From } 15th A/Bde.  
Place }  
Time } 9.40 PM

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

Censor..... Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

\* This line should be erased if not required.  
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ORDERS 10 COMPANY (HEADQUARTERS) RUNNERS.

15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.  
No.....  
Date.....

- 1. Runners will be on duty for four (4) hours at a time and shall, when off duty, be liable to be called on to do any extra runs.
- 2. Runners must report for duty clean shaven and correctly dressed and wearing the runner's distinguishing badge on the left upper arm. Puttees must be worn tapes uppermost. Felt hats to be turned up at the side.
- 3. When on duty runners will wear Small Box Respirator.

4. Time Table:

Date.	7.30 to 11.30 am.	11.30-3.30.	3.30-7.30.	7.30-9.30pm
Nov. 22	Barry	Williams	Bowbridge	Barry
23	Williams	Bowbridge	Barry	Williams
24	Bowbridge	Barry	Williams	Bowbridge
25	Barry	Williams	Bowbridge	Barry
26	Williams	Bowbridge	Barry	Williams
27	Bowbridge	Barry	Williams	Bowbridge
28	Barry	Williams	Bowbridge	Barry
29	Williams	Bowbridge	Barry	Williams
30	Bowbridge	Barry	Williams	Bowbridge

G. F. Fitzgerald, Captain,  
O. C., 15th M. Gun Coy.

21-11-17.

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ANTI AIRCRAFT DEFENCES.

Bde. No. G11/4906.

1. The arrangements for the Anti Aircraft Defences of the Divisional Area are as follows:-
  - a. In the forward training area, which comprises main and second defensive systems, and Brigade camps and billets, machine gun protection will be provided at such places as Brigade Commanders deem necessary from Brigade resources.
2. The Divisional Artillery ammunition refilling point at LA POLKA will be protected by Reserve Brigades.
3. Anti-aircraft defences at or about all camps and quarters in the area will be arranged at the discretion of Brigade Commanders.
4. A statement of these arrangements will be forwarded to this office not later than last D.P. 26th instant.
5. Relief of machine guns found from Brigade sources will be made automatically when inter-Brigade reliefs are carried out.
6. All anti-aircraft detachments will be provided with written orders as to their duties, etc.

(Sgd) Poy Marsden, Major, for  
 Lieut. Col. General Staff  
 5th Aust. Division.

November, 24th 1917.

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## MACHINE GUN INSTRUCTIONS

ISSUED WITH 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 183.

Ref. Sheet 28. S.7. 1.  
and S.W. 2. 1/10,000.Headquarters,  
25th November 1917.

1. (a) The 15th Machine Gun Company will relieve the 14th Machine Gun Company in the line during 29th November and night 29th/30th November 1917.  
(b) The 14th Machine Gun Company on completion of relief will become part of Divisional Reserve.
2. The 25th Machine Gun Company will come under the command of O.C. 15th Infantry Brigade on completion of Brigade relief.
3. All maps, Battle orders etc. specially relating to the Sector will be handed over; together with statement of work proposed or in hand.
4. The 14th Machine Gun Company on relief will move to camp at present occupied by 15th Machine Gun Company at LA POLKA. 15th Machine Company will take over 14th Machine Gun Company Headquarters at N.29.c.1.9. Transports will remain at present location.
5. Subject to the terms of this order all details of relief will be arranged between Company Commanders concerned.
6. Completion of relief to be notified to D.M.G.O.
7. Please acknowledge.

*Hubert ...*  
Major,  
D.M.G.O. 5th Australian Division.

Issued at 9 a.m. to:-  
14th Machine Gun Co.  
15th Machine Gun Co.  
8th Machine Gun Co.  
25th Machine Gun Co.

Copies to:-  
8th Infantry Brigade  
14th Infantry Brigade  
15th Infantry Brigade  
D.M.G.O. 3rd Aust. Division.

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## APPENDIX 20

## 15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

## TRAINING SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER 1917.

	9-10 am.	10-11 am.	11-11.30am.	11.30-12noon.	Afternoon
SUNDAY 25th.	Company Parade to Baths.				Recreational Training - Football Match
MONDAY 26th	Inspection arms & accoutrements S.Os & O.C.	Barrage Fire Drill.	Brush up in Elementary Work.	Overhauling gun gear & packing limbers.	Recreational Training.
TUESDAY 27th	Inspection arms & accoutrements S.Os & O.C.	FootBaths Massage supervised by AMC Cpl.	Gun Drill	Belt Filling	Recreational Training.
WEDNESDAY 28th	Inspection arms & accoutrements S.Os & O.C.	Physical Training.	Stoppages	Lecture by S.Os - Care of Feet, Prevention Trench Feet during winter.	Recreational Training.
THURSDAY 29th	Inspection arms & accoutrements S.Os & O.C.	Physical Training	Barrage Fire Drill.	Lecture by S.Os <del>on</del>	Recreational Training
FRIDAY 30th	Inspection arms & accoutrements S.Os & O.C.	Inspection Gas Equipment by Gas NCO.	Squad Drill $\frac{1}{4}$ hour. Rifle Exercise $\frac{1}{4}$ hour.	Physical Training.	Recreational Training.

Final Training  
Appx.



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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

15TH  
AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN COY.  
No. ....

20th November, 1917.

Section Officers.

Preparatory to an inspection by the O.C., of all Sectional gun gear & equipment, in rotation of sections, it is considered advisable that each Section has its gun gear and spare parts boxes overhauled and checked by the Armourer. Nothing in the way of extras will be taken from the spare parts boxes and wallets, without the sanction of Section Officers.

As far as possible, any deficiency in spare parts will be made up by the Armourer.

On the completion of the overhauling, the Armourer will supply Section Officers with a list of accessories with which he issued the Sections, also a list shewing the deficiencies.

Overhauling will take place as follows :-

No. 1	Section,	Morning	21-11-17.
2	"	Afternoon	"
3	"	Morning	22-11-17.
4	"	Afternoon	"

G. F. FitzGerald, Captain,

O.C., 15th M. Gun Coy.

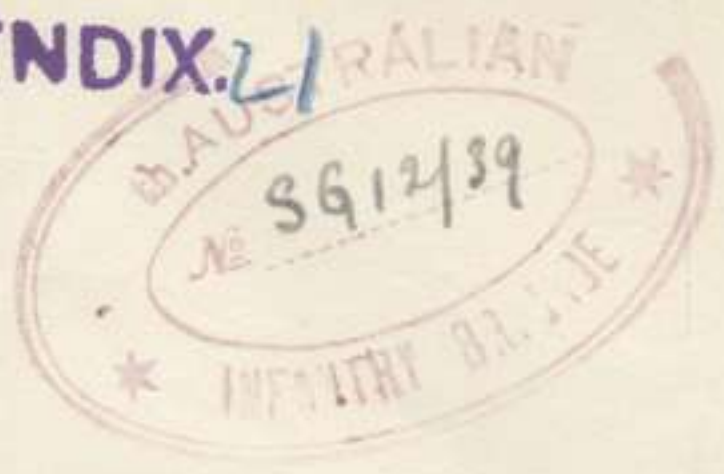
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Headquarters,  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade,  
 22nd November, 1917.

- 57th Battalion,
- 58th Battalion,
- 59th Battalion,
- 60th Battalion,
- 15th M.S. Company, ✓
- 15th L.T.M.S.
- No. 4 Signal Section,

WARNING ORDER.

The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will probably take over the left sector of the Divisional Front about the 28th or 29th inst.

Battalions will take over the line (right to left) as follows :-

59th Bn. - 60th Bn. - 58th Bn. - 57th Bn.

The front is at present held by the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade with 4 Battalions (right to left 55th Bn. - 53rd Bn. - 54th Bn. - 56th Bn.) each with one Company in the line.

*[Signature]*  
 Major,  
 Brigade Major,  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Copies to :-

- 14th Australian Infantry Brigade.
- War Diary (3).





15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 133.

APPENDIX 21

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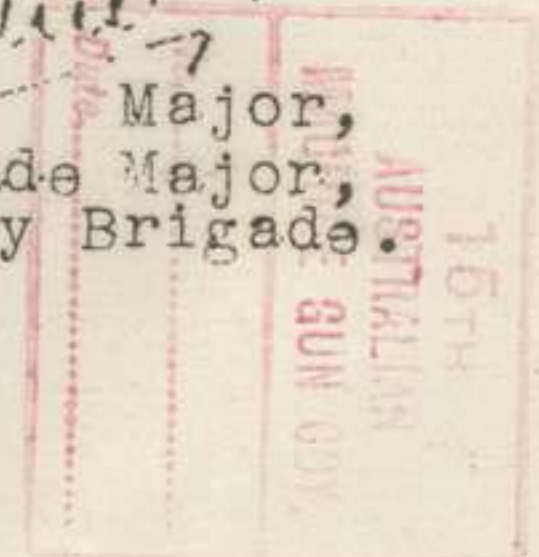
26th November, 1917.

- The 15th Infantry Brigade is taking over the left sector of the Divisional Front between the 28th and 30th November, 1917.
- Reliefs will take place as under :-

DATE	UNIT	FROM	TO	IN RELIEF OF.
28th/29th	59th Bn.	LINDENHOEK CAMP	LINE RIGHT	55th Bn.
28th/29th	60th Bn.	RAMILLES CAMP	LINE RIGHT CENTRE	53rd Bn.
29th/30th	58th Bn.	KEMMEL	LINE LEFT CENTRE	54th Bn.
29th/30th	57th Bn.	ROSSIGNOL CAMP	LINE LEFT	56th Bn.
29th/30th	15th L.T.M.B.	KEMMEL	LINE	14th L.T.M.B.

- Subject to the terms of this order all details of reliefs will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
- (a) Each Battalion will arrange to send into the line 50% of specialists and a nucleus of Officers, M.C.O's and men for the forward shell hole posts 24 hours before relief.  
(b) No troops are to move East of the MESSINES - WYTSCHAETE ridge before 5.0 p.m.
- All maps, trench stores, aeroplane photographs etc relating to the sector will be taken over and receipts exchanged.
- (a) Instructions for the 15th Machine Gun Company to relieve the 14th Machine Gun Company on the night 29th/30th November have been issued by the D.M.G.O.  
(b) The 25th Machine Gun Company is to come under the orders of the O.C. 15th Infantry Brigade on completion of relief.
- Administrative instructions and Tactical Working Party Table No. 3 in connection with the relief are issued herewith.
- Completion of reliefs will be reported in code to 14th Infantry Brigade and repeated to 15th Infantry Brigade.
- (a) Brigade Headquarters will close at RAMILLIES CAMP at 6.0 p.m. and reopen at REGENT DUGOUTS (N.29.C.4-4) at 7.0 p.m. on 29th November.  
(b) The Command of the Sector will pass to the O.C. 15th Infantry Brigade on completion of relief.
- ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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5.30pm

Issued at	
<u>To</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>
57th Battalion	1
58th Battalion	2
59th Battalion	3
60th Battalion	4
15th A.L.T.M.B.	5
No.4 Signal Section	6

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Headquarters,  
15th Australian Inf. Brigade.  
25th November 1917

- 57th Battalion
- 58th Battalion
- 59th Battalion
- 60th Battalion
- 15th M.G. Coy.
- 15th A.L.P.M.B.



In continuance of this office 623/4839 dated 24th inst. the following additional calls for S.O.S. will be taken into use at once on this divisional front:-

- Left Centre Bn. Left Brigade. - S.O.S. HOLLEBEKE Right.
  - Left Bn. Left Brigade. - S.O.S. HOLLEBEKE Left.
  - Right Bn. Left Brigade. - S.O.S. OOSTAVERNE Right.
  - Right Centre Bn. Left Brigade. - S.O.S. OOSTAVERNE Left.
- for whole Left Brigade front S.O.S. HOLLEBEKE and OOSTAVERNE.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade



15th Infantry Brigade Tactical Working Party Table No.3.  
to accompany Brigade Order No.133. dated 26.11.17.

15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.

A. Brigade Serial No.	B. Unit.	C. Strength			D. To whom report.	E. Date.	F. Place	G. Time	H. Nature of Work.	Remarks.
		Officers	N.C.O's	Others						
1.	57th Bn.	-	-	2	Party to be relieved.	29.11.17	O.9.d.2.3.	11 a.m.	Water point Duties.	Rationed by unit.
2.	-do-	-	-	2	S.C. 14th Inf.Bde.	-do-	H.Q. 14th Inf.Bde. N.29.c.4.4.	-do-	Pumping from dugouts.	-do-
3.	58th Bn.	-	-	2	Party to be relieved.	-do-	VERNE DUMP O.21.Central	-do-	Guard on Dump.	-do-
4.	-do-	-	-	2	-do-	-do-	Traffic Control Post WYTSCHAETE	-do-	Traffic Control.	-do-
5.	59th Bn.	-	-	2	-do-	-do-	O.25.A.4.8.	-do-	Water Point Duties.	-do-
6.	-do-	-	-	2	-do-	-do-	HOW FARM O.27.A.4.2.	-do-	Guard on Dump.	-do-
7.	-do-	1 Chaplain	-	2	-do-	-do-	Soup Kitchen LAMP POST CORNER.	-do-	Soup Kitchen.	-do-
8.	60th Bn.	1	2	30	177th Tunneling Co. R.E.	28.11.17	IN DE STERKTE CABARET O.15.A.3.2.	4.30 p.m.	Carrying Party.	To report 4.30 p.m. daily.
9.	-do-	-	-	2	Party to be relieved.	29.11.17	Railway Dump. O.20.c.2.3.	11 a.m.	Traffic Control	Rationed by unit.

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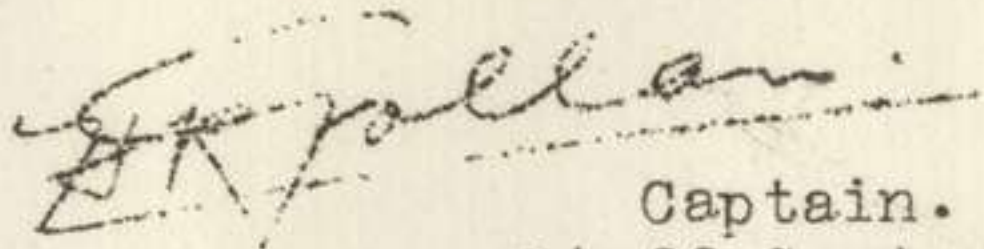
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AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN COY.**

Rationed by unit.

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10.	15th A.L.T.M.B.	-	-	2	Party to be relieved.	29.11.17	PICK HO 11 a.m. - 0.26.A.4.6.	Guard on Dump.	Rationed by unit.
11.	17th Bn.	1	-	6	-do-	28.11.17	LEFT SECTOR 3 p.m. GUM BOOT STORE	Work with Gum Boot Store.	-do-
12.	58th Bn.	1	-	6	-do-	-do-	LEGG COPSE -do-	-do-	-do-
13.	59th Battalion	1	-	6	-do-	-do-	ULSTER HOUSE -do-	-do-	-do-
14.	57th Bn.	1	-	90	177th Tun.Co. R.E.	26.11.17	T.9.A.4.0, 8 a.m.	Work on dugouts.	48 hours rations: Rationed and quartered from 28th inst by 177th Tunnelling Co.

SERIAL Nos. 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12 on TABLE 2 REMAIN AT DUTY.

  
 Captain.  
 Staff Capt.  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.  
to accompany  
15th INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.133.  
dated 26.11.17.

26.11.17.

1. The 15th Infantry Brigade is relieving 14th Infantry Brigade in front line system on nights 28/29 and 29/30 November 1917.

2. Each unit will leave behind a nucleus in proportion to strength and according to requirements in forward area. Nucleus of units will be located as follows:

CHINESE WALL: N.23.b.5.4.  
15th A.L.T.M.B.  
57th Battalion.  
58th Battalion.

IRISH HOUSE N.23.c.9.6.  
59th Battalion.  
60th Battalion.

Lieut. E.K. Keys, 57th Battalion, will be Brigade Headquarters representative at Nucleus Camp and will detail working parties as may be required.

Advance parties of 59th and 60th Battalions will report to this officer at 1 p.m. on 28th inst. Nucleus to report before 3 p.m. The same procedure will be adopted for 57th and 58th Battalions on 29th inst.

3. Band of 59th Battalion will be rationed and quartered with Brigade Headquarters at N.29.c.4.4. and will report there at 3 p.m. on 29th inst.

4. Quartermasters Stores and Transport lines will remain in their present positions. No details of any description will remain in present areas.

5. Strictest attention will be paid to measures for prevention of trench foot. Foot powder and soap will be drawn from Brigade Quartermaster.

6. Gum Boot Stores will be taken over at 3 p.m. on 28th inst. Units mentioned hereunder will detail one officer and 6 O/R to take over:

- ULSTER HOUSE = 59th Bn. from 55th Bn.
- LEGG COPSE = 58th Bn. from 54th Bn.
- LEFT SECTOR = 57th Bn. from 56th Bn.

All gum boots will be carefully checked before taking over and receipts sent to Brigade Headquarters.

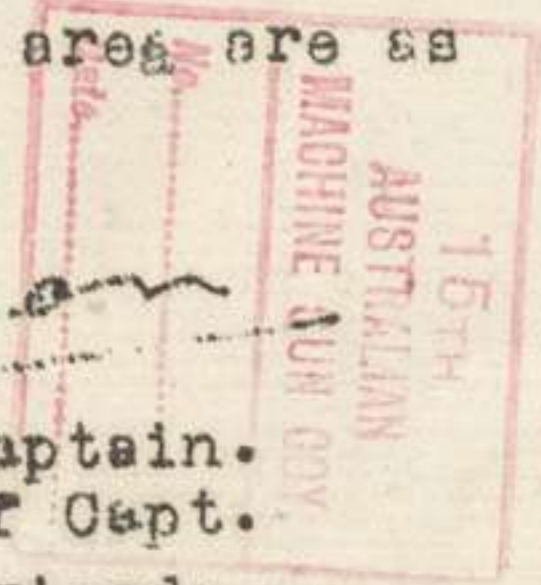
58th and 60th Battalions both draw gum boots from LEGG COPSE.

7. The need for giving receipts will be impressed on all Company Officers. Copies of receipts for all stores and ammunition taken over must be lodged at Brigade Headquarters at latest 12 hours after the completion of transaction.

The duties to be taken over in forward area are as outlined in Tactical Working Party Table No.3.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Captain.  
Staff Capt.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No.12.

Ref. Sheet 28 (This cancels Administrative Memo-  
(randum No.11.)

27th Nov.1917

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Following are the Medical Arrangements for left  
Brigade Sector:-

R.A.P's.

CABIN HILL 0.33.b.1.9. VERNE RD. post 0.21.central  
RAVINE WOOD 0.10.c.2.5.

Bearer Relay and Amb. Posts.

WHIZZBANG 0.27.c.3.0. LUMM FARM 0.26.d.2.8.  
CABARET 0.15.a.9.1. OHNRAET FARM 0.14.c.5.8.

A.D.S. and Collecting Station.

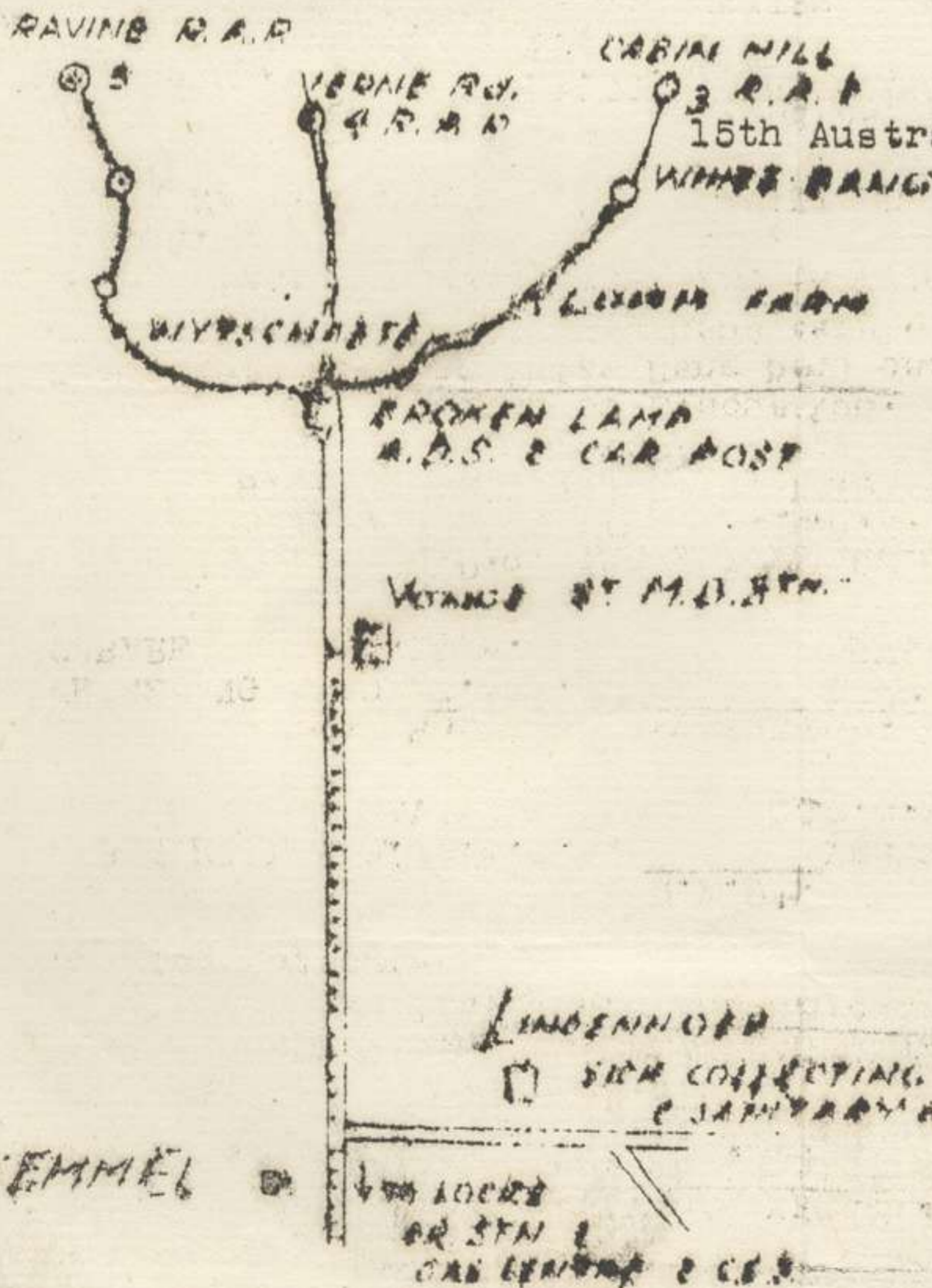
A.D.S. BROKEN LAMP 0.19.d.2.8.  
SICK COLLECTING. POST, LINDENHOEK. N.27.c.9.6.

Routes of Evacuation.

From CABIN HILL to Whizz Bang hand carried, then wheel  
stretcher to WYTSCHAETE & hand carried to A.D.S. BROKEN LAMP.  
Wheel stretcher from VERNE RD. to WYTSCHAETE, then hand carried  
to A.D.S.  
Light Railway trolley from RAVINE WD. to A.D.S.

H.Q. of Div. Medical Units.

8th Field Amb. M.D.S. N.29.a.2.6. Transport Lines. N.33.d.1.6.  
No.2. Dental Unit. T.6.c.7.8.  
14th Field Amb. D.R.S. & GAS CENTRE. LOGRE M.29.b.5.9. Transport  
Lines, M.29.b.5.9. & No.32 Dental Unit.  
15th Field Amb. DRANOUTRE, M.36.c.3.2. Transport Lines M.36.a9.4.  
No.23 Dental Unit, M.35.d.8.4.  
5th Sanitary Section. N.27.c.9.6.



*W. Gallam*  
Captain.  
Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

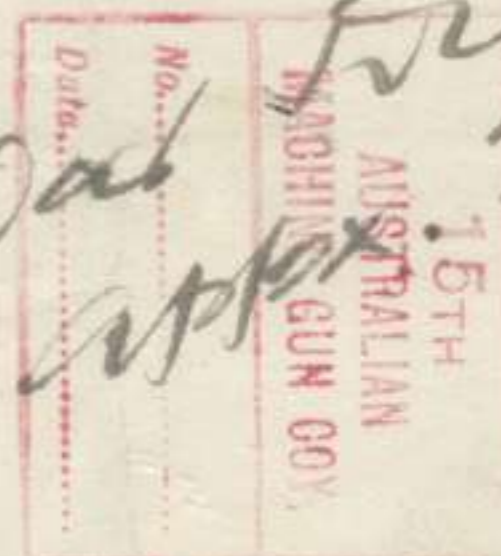
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15th AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN COY.

ROUTINE ORDERS NO. 4 by CAPTAIN G. F. FITZGERALD, O.C.  
 Ref. Sheet 28 S.W.1 & S.W.2 1/10,000. 27th November, 1917.

1. 15th M. Gun Coy will relieve 14th M. Gun Coy in the line and will move from present Hqrs at La Polka, taking over 14th M. G. Coy's Hqrs at N. 29. c. 1. 9. in compliance with D. M. G. O's Order accompanying 5th Division Order No. 183.
2. Whole Company, less Transport, will move out from La Polka Hqrs at 9 a.m. on 28th inst. T.O. will arrange for transport. Transport Section will remain at present location.
- a. TIME TABLE, etc. for 28th inst.
- |  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Reveille                                     | 6.30 a.m. |
| Breakfast                                    | 7 a.m.    |
| Blankets rolled & Equipment<br>etc. laid out | 7.30 a.m. |
| Cleaning up                                  | 7.30 a.m. |
| Company Fall In                              | 8.45 a.m. |
| Move Off                                     | 9 a.m.    |
- b. Blankets will be rolled in 3 bundles per Section.
- c. Lieut. Smith will remain behind to hand over to 14th M. G. Coy. He will take charge of a cleaning up party of 1 N. C. O. & 10 men, who will remain with him.
- d. Lieut. Smith will obtain a receipt for stores etc. handed over and a certificate from Area Commandant that vacant billets & Camp Area were left in a clean and sanitary condition.
3. Anti-Aircraft Guards will not move off until relieved.
4. LINE RELIEF: (a) 4 Sections, 1 per group of guns.
- | (b) Group.            | Officer in Charge.   | Present Ration Dump |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Positions 1, 2, 3 & 4 | Lt. E. D. Hutton     | O. 27. d. 5. 9.     |
| 5, 6 & 8              | Lt. C. A. Richards   | O. 28. c. 1. 9.     |
| 9, 10 & 16            | Lt. N. F. Ridgway    | O. 27. a. 9. 7.     |
| 11, 12, 13 & 14       | Lt. H. G. Hackworthy | O. 21. c. 3. 8.     |
- (c) Reserve Guns: 7 & 15 (1 team from each of Nos. 1 & 4 Sections) to remain under charge of Lieut. Ridgway.
- (d) One N. C. O. & 3 gunners per team, 1 runner with each Officer, 2 runners & 2 signallers at Adv. Hqrs.
- (e) Blankets will be sent up the line from Hqrs after relief.
- (f) 24 hours rations will be taken.
- (g) Above Officers will leave Company Hqrs at 10 a.m. for purpose of inspection of gun positions etc.
- (h) Section Officers will arrange for Nos. 1 of gun teams to move up with 14th M. G. Coy ration limbers on evening of 28th inst. to respective gun positions, where they will stay over night, getting necessary information. These Nos. 1 will be at respective ration dumps at night of 29th at time to be arranged later and will act as guides.
4. Section Officers will take steps necessary to their complying with following Circular Instructions:
- (a) Prevention of Trench Feet.
- (b) Care of Machine Guns in Cold Weather; Prevention of Freezing etc.
- a. Disposition of Company on and after 28th instant will be :-

Advanced Hqrs.	(O. C. Capt. G. F. FitzGerald)	O. 20. b. 6. 5.
Rear Hqrs		N. 29. c. 1. 9.
Transport		N. 21. c. 8. 8.

Captain,  
 O. C., 15th M. Gun Company.





## 15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

STANDING ORDERS

by

CAPTAIN G F FITZGERALD, O. C.

29-11-17.

1. PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ENEMY AIRCRAFT:

(a) On the approach of hostile aircraft, either by day or night, the recognised warning will be given by the sentry on duty, i.e. 3 blasts on the whistle.

(b) On the approach of enemy aircraft by day all troops must immediately take cover.

(c) On the alarm being sounded by night all lights and ~~xx~~ fires must be immediately extinguished.

Special Precautions. It is absolutely forbidden to show any naked ~~xxx~~ lights or fires during the hours of dusk and darkness. Offenders of the above shall be severely dealt with.

2. DEFENCE AGAINST GAS:

Upon the alarm being sounded all men shall be awakened. They shall immediately put on their gas helmets and stand to. The helmets shall not be removed until instructions are received from an Officer or Senior N.C.O. to the effect that all is clear.

3. - Gambling within the Camp Area is strictly forbidden.

4. A high standard of cleanliness of Camp and Camp Area must be maintained. All ranks must at all times be neatly dressed and move about in a soldierly manner.

Special attention is to be paid to saluting.

5. No man is to leave the Camp Area without a pass signed by an Officer. Any men leaving Camp with passes shall wear a belt and small Box Respirator.

6. ROUTINE:

Reveille	7.30 a.m.
Breakfast	8 a.m.
Six Parade	8.30 a.m.
Mounting & Dismounting of Guards	9.15 a.m.
Parade	9.30 a.m.
Dinner	12.15 p.m.
Parade	2 p.m.
Tea	4 p.m.
Tatto Report	8.30 p.m.
Lights Out	9 p.m.

7. GUARDS: A Quarter Guard of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men to mount at 9 a.m. daily, they shall act also as Gas Guard.

8. Sanitary Fatigues: 3 men to be detailed from No. 3 Section as permanent Sanitary Fatigues; these men to report to A.M.C. Corporal at 8.45 a.m. daily.

9. INSPECTIONS: Arms and accoutrements will be inspected daily at 9.30 a.m. parade.

Tents, billets and Camp Area will be inspected daily at 11 a.m.

10. DRESS FOR PARADES: Drill Order wearing Small Box Respirators. Pattes must be worn tapes uppermost.

11. PROPOSED WORKS: Whilst in occupation of present Camp it is proposed to carry out a system of general improvements, embracing the following:

Duck-boarding the whole camp.  
Wiring of duck boards.  
Draining the Camp.  
Revetting of tents.  
Building of horse shelters.  
Erection of drying room.

adjt. *[Signature]*  
15th M. Gun Coy.

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Headquarters,  
15th Australian Inf. Brigade.  
30th November 1917

15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.	
No.	.....
Date	.....

57th Battalion  
58th Battalion  
59th Battalion  
60th Battalion  
15th M.G. Coy.  
15th A.L.T.M.B.  
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The following points are to be brought  
to the notice of all concerned:-

- (a) Any unnecessary movement by day is absolutely forbidden in the forward area.
- (b) In the event of hostile raids, identifications, etc., it is of the utmost importance that information is sent back at once to Brigade Headquarters,
- (c) It has been found that the enemy invariably shells places where there is excessive smoke (e.g. DERRY HOUSE on 28.11.17) and therefore precautions will be taken against this.

15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.	
No.	4 pm
Date	20/11/17

*[Signature]*  
Major.  
Brigade Major.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.	
No.....	.....
Date.....	.....

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Headquarters,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade,  
30th November, 1917.

57th Battalion,  
58th Battalion,  
59th Battalion,  
60th Battalion,  
15th M.G. Company,  
15th A.L.T.M.B.,



The 10th Australian Infantry Brigade is raiding the enemy's trenches twice on the night 30th November/1st December 1917. as follows:-

The limits of the raid are from U.11.D.90-95 to U.11.D.97-98 and penetrating to U.12.C.25-70. The first raid is being carried out at 5.15 p.m. on 30th November and the second raid at 1.0 a.m. on 1st December.

The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery is creating a diversion at each of these times in the form of a bombardment of the enemy's works and wire in GUARD FARM and area O.29.D.

Raiders are wearing white arm bands on the left arm.

The necessary precautions will be taken by all concerned against retaliation.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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15TH  
AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN COY.

No. ....  
Date 30/11/18.

15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.  
NOMINAL ROLL OF PERSONNEL IN THE FORWARD AREA

NO. 1 SECTION:

1433	Sgt. Bryant	L	5222	Cpl Turner	W
292	Pte Behun	C A	389	Pte Bowden	G W
3643	" Willson	L R	614	" Edwards	J S
4548	" Ronald	A F	508	" Cusack	E T S
400	Cpl Anderson	A S	2812	Sgt. Moyna	P J
3472	Pte Burgess	R H	3024	Pte Fegan	D
3126	" Mackinlay	D J	2885a	" Semmler	W J
3858	" Nugent	G	387	" Kehoe	T
			1673	Pte Morgan	A. J.

NO 2 SECTION:

4629	Cpl Wigley	G C	1707	Cpl Duncan	G S
248	Pte McCarthy	M	240	Pte Foster	B
510	" Fraser	D J	2552	" Allen	E A
233	" Densley	T H	432	" Trenery	P O
2697	Sgt Whelan	F R	2779	Cpl Ashton	E
4637	Pte Woolley	H E	235	Pte Edwards	A
479	" Power	J J	252	" Reeves	H H
3138	" Ruggles	H J	605	" Rees	J R
			2024	Pte Ware	E. G.

NO 3 SECTION:

467	Sgt. Power	A T	236	Cpl Maher	W A
4193	Pte Sawyers	C T	3693	Pte Blight	P L
1156	" Beck	G M	290	" Roper	H R
3116	" McMaster	R J	687	" Hellephy	J R
3339	Sgt Harrop	J G	3122	Cpl Dunn	E M
3333	Pte Arkell	F H	2899	Pte Milne	G J
247	" Bayley	A	3220	" Rault	C
4319	" Rice	G A	606	" Rodgers	F E
			2030	Pte Wright	E. W.

NO 4 SECTION:

3116	Sgt. O'Donohue	M J	253	Cpl Perry	J
326	Pte Dyson	J B	1778	Pte Middleton	W
4645	" Willis	N G	1516	" Hough	A
312	" Wells	G	893	" Graham	S
			332	Cpl McIntosh	J W
3188	Sgt Milburn	J J	476	Pte Williams	P A
4925	Pte Thomas	J H	3109	" Gillis	A
327	" Hall	W H	533	" Hamer	J C
4519	" Hopkins	V J M	5200	Pte Schumacher	J T.

HEADQUARTERS:

2780	Sgt Bruce	D D
3545	Sig Henry	R P
1692	Pte DeForest	J J
566	" Richards	A J
522	" Barry	P J
4529	" Ketts	H M
3349	" Bowbridge	A
4645	" Yandall	A C
5092	" Henwood	W G

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# SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

By  
FIELD-MARSHAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG,

K.T., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.I.E.,

Commander-in-Chief, British Armies in France.

15TH AUSTRALIAN TRENCH BATTALION  
No. ....  
Date .....

The capture of the important Bourlon position yesterday crowns a most successful operation, and opens the way to a further exploitation of the advantages already gained.

In the operations of the Third Army during the past four days, the troops engaged were called on to advance under conditions different to anything ever attempted before. The manner in which they adapted themselves to the new conditions was in all respects admirable, and the results already gained by their efforts are of far reaching importance. Although practically all the divisions employed have already been engaged in severe and prolonged fighting this year, all Arms and Services have met these fresh calls on them in a manner worthy of the highest traditions of the British Army.

In this battle the Tanks have for the first time been afforded an opportunity of working in large numbers, and of showing their special value under conditions suitable to them. Without them the complete surprise gained would not have been possible and could not even have been attempted. Their performances have entirely justified the trust placed in them.

Infantry, artillery and aircraft have co-operated with the efficiency and complete devotion to duty in which they never fail.

The cavalry has co-operated with the other arms with excellent results.

The Royal Engineers, Signal Services, Transportation Services, and the Army Service Corps and various administrative services concerned, have each in their several spheres performed most valuable work, both in the rapid preparation for the attack, and the concentration of troops and material, and also in the maintenance of communication, the development, extension and repair of roads and railways, and the regular supply of food, ammunition and stores of all kinds throughout our subsequent advance.

To General Sir Julian Byng and his Staff, to the Commanders and Staffs under him, and to all Arms and Services engaged in these operations my thanks and warmest congratulations are due for the manner in which they have prepared and carried through these operations and on the splendid results achieved.

I desire also to take this opportunity of expressing my obligation to the Staffs and Services of all ranks at General Headquarters of the Armies in France, for the success with which they have met the severe strain imposed by the arrangements for these operations in addition to the sudden movement of troops to Italy, the operations on the Flanders front, and the many other movements and reliefs which have had to be carried out simultaneously.

The operations on the Third Army front would in all probability have miscarried if the enemy had gained timely warning of our intentions, and a most satisfactory feature to note in connection with these operations is the complete secrecy which was maintained. For this my thanks are due to all ranks concerned.

Commander-in-Chief,  
British Armies in France.

General Headquarters,  
24th November, 1917.

83rd. Bn.  
 84th. Bn.  
 85th. Bn.  
 86th. Bn.  
 14th. M.G. Coy.  
 15th. M.G. Coy. ✓  
 14th. L.T.M.B.

APPENDIX 24  
 14TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
 15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.  
 No. 23/643  
 Date 16 NOV 1917

The following from 5th. Australian Division begins:-

"Owing to carelessness of individuals  
 "in unnecessarily exposing themselves shelling  
 "on our front is on increase AAA Divisional  
 "Commander directs that area be policed and  
 "offenders severely punished AAA Sightseers  
 "without passes or other authority to visit  
 "area will be arrested AAA Please inform all  
 "ranks forthwith."

Battalion Commanders will have their areas  
 policed to prevent any unnecessary movement.  
 Offenders will be severely dealt with.

*J. J. [Signature]*

Captain  
 Acting Brigade Major  
 14th. AUST. INF. BRIGADE

16th. Nov. 17.

15TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COY.  
 No. Reed 11/17  
 Date 16/11/17

14th. Field Coy. A.S.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No. 41.

Headquarters,  
28th November 1917.

## RE-ORGANISATION OF DIVISIONAL AREA.

The Divisional Area has been re-organised in four areas as follows :-

## 1. BEAVER AREA.

That part of the Divisional Area on the West of a line running South along the Beek from N.15.d.7.7. crossing roads at N.21.c.6.9. and N.21.c.3.5. to grid line at N.21.c.0.2. thence along grid line South to road at N.27.a.0.8. thence South west along road to cross roads at N.26.c.5.5. thence South east along road to cross roads at N.32.b.7.5. thence South east to Beek at N.33.a.2.0. thence Southerly along Beek to Southern Divisional boundary.

## 2. KEMMEL AREA.

That part of the Divisional Area bounded on the west by the eastern boundary of BEAVER Area and on the east by a line running South along road from N.16.b.7.7. to road at N.16.d.3.4. thence South east along road to N.22.b.7.6. thence South west along road to road at N.22.b.0.3. thence South to Beek at N.22.d.0.9. thence along Beek Southerly to grid line N.28.a.0.6. thence South along grid line to Divisional Southern boundary.

## 3. RED CHATEAU AREA.

That part of the Divisional Area bounded in the west by the eastern boundary of the KEMMEL Area, and on the South by the road from KEMMEL to WYTSCHAETE.

## 4. WULVERGHEM AREA.

That part of the Divisional Area bounded on the West by the Eastern boundary of KEMMEL Area and on the north by the road from KEMMEL to WYTSCHAETE.

Area Commandants have been appointed as follows :-

KEMMEL Area	Lieut.-Col. M. McPHEE	located in DIANOUTRE.
BEAVER Area.	Capt. A. T. TRETHERAY	" near Hospice. N.30.a.8.8.
RED CHATEAU Area.	2/Lt. R. G. THOMPSON	" Doctor's House KEMMEL N.21.d.6.5.
WULVERGHEM Area.	To be detailed by 8th Inf. Bde..	

The Area Commandant, RED CHATEAU Area, will administer KEMMEL village under the direction of Lieut-Col. McPHEE in addition to his own Area.

The Area Commandants of WULVERGHEM and RED CHATEAU Areas will be appointed by the Division for time-being in occupation of the present Divisional Area.

Repairs to camps, painting or tarring of huts, will be effected by the units in occupation; necessary material being obtained from C.E.E..

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Stoves, brooms, lamps and other area stores will be obtained from the Area Commandants who will obtain same on indent from O.O., Corps Troops.

All tented camps in the Area will be struck and stored by the Area Commandants, and units near such camps will provide necessary parties and transport to carry out this work.

Dugouts and other accommodation now in existence and unoccupied will be maintained. No material will be removed from any unoccupied accommodation without the permission of the Area Commandant.

The unit for the time-being occupying ROSSIGNOL Camp will supply parties required by the Area Commandant to repair and pump Bde. and Bn. Headquarters dugouts constructed at N.22.a.3.2., N.22.a.8.5. and N.16.d.8.9.

Area Commandants will submit to Divisional Headquarters on Saturday of each week returns as per attached pro-formae of (a) accommodation and (b) area stores.

*Chapman*

Captain.  
D.A.A.G., 5th Australian Division.

## Distribution :-

Area Commandants, KEMBEL Area.  
" " ELAVER Area.  
" " RED CHATEAU Area.  
" " MULVAGHEM Area.

1st ANZAC Corps.  
A.D.C. to G.O.C..  
"G".  
8th Inf. Bde.  
14th Inf. Bde.  
15th Inf. Bde.  
25th A.M.G.Co.  
5th Pioneer Bn.  
C.R.A..  
C.R.L..  
5th Div. Train.  
A.D.M.S..  
D.A.D.V.S..  
D.A.D.O.S..  
5th Div. Sanitary Section.  
5th Div. Salvage Co.  
War Diary.  
File.  
5th Div. Signal Co.

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*Confidential*

Headquarters,  
15th Australian Inf. Brigade,  
7th November 1917

15TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE	
No. ....	.....
Date. ....	.....



57th Battalion  
 58th Battalion  
 59th Battalion  
 60th Battalion  
 15th M.G.Coy.  
 15th A.L.T.M.B.  
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Reference 5th Div. Secret Memo. herewith:

The Brigadier directs that this Circular receive the attention of all Commanding Officers. It will be circulated (confidentially) to Os.C. Companies and every effort must be made to cope with the matter, which is certainly serious.

Please forward as soon as possible, list of names as asked for in para 4, confidentially to this office.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Captain.  
 Staff Captain 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
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Headquarters,  
6.11.17.

The Divisional Commander desires that the attention of all Officers be drawn to the increase, since the commencement of the recent operations in which the Division has been engaged, in the number of cases of desertion and Absence Without Leave bordering on desertion.

The commonest cases are where men absent themselves just prior to the unit proceeding to the line and subsequently report themselves either to the Nucleus Camp or Transport Lines.

Unless prompt action is taken to prevent the increase of this offence the good discipline that has previously existed in the Division will be seriously undermined and the value of the Division as a fighting unit deteriorated.

It has been stated that in some cases men have boasted that they will not go into the line. Such men should be marked down and their names forwarded under confidential memo through the usual channels to Divisional Headquarters.

In many cases where a charge of desertion comes before a F.G.C.M. it is found difficult to prove the essential fact that the accused was warned that the unit was about to proceed to the line. In order that this fact may be more easily proved men about whom a suspicion exists should be personally warned as soon as convenient by an Officer that, in the event of any subsequent absence a charge of desertion will be preferred. At the same time the soldier should be instructed in the duties required of him and influenced towards a better soldierly spirit.

If at the time of arrest the man's unit is still in the line arrangements should be made for the absentee to be sent forward and rejoin.

Each Commanding Officer should instruct the Officers under his command in the serious results that will ensue if there is any increase in the number of such absentees, and special individual attention must be paid to the instruction and development of the soldierly spirit of those about whom any doubt exists.

These men should be informed that a conviction for such an offence not only brings disgrace upon the whole of the Australian Forces but is reflected also upon their relatives and friends. It is probable that the names of men convicted of desertion will be the subject of special publication throughout Australia.

*W. J. Murray*  
bapt  
DaaB  
Major-General,  
Commanding 5th Australian Division.

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15th Infantry Brigade.

The following is a copy of an order by the  
2nd Brigade R.F.C., for your information:-

- "1. O.C. 2nd Wing will detail two R.E. 8<sup>s</sup> from each Corps Squadron to patrol their respective Corps front line at a low altitude from dusk to dark every day weather permitting.
- "2. O.C. ~~II~~ Wing will advance the starting hour of his first patrols (North and South) so as to enable pilots to reach our front line at dawn, or as soon after as the type of machine used permits. Our front line will be patrolled at a low altitude until it is fully light. Patrols will then proceed to a rendezvous well within our lines, gain a sufficient height and continue their normal patrol. The last patrols of the day will gradually descend and close on our front line as light falls. They will quit the line in sufficient time to land by daylight.
- "3. Duties of all the above are:-
  - "(a) To attack any E.A. approaching our lines at a low altitude.
  - "(b) To attack with M.G. Fire and bombs (R.E. 8<sup>s</sup> only to carry bombs) the enemy front line garrison.

Sd/ K.A. GOODLAND Lieut.  
for Lieut. Col.  
General Staff,  
5th Australian Division.

23th October 1917.

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First ANZAC Corps.

1st November 1917.

Now that the cold and wet season is approaching, and in view of the fact that we must look forward to some months of this climate, it is absolutely essential that the question of proper attention to trench feet should, if possible, be gone into even more carefully than we have done before.

It is very probable that the fact of a man having been affected with even a slight attack of trench feet last year will make him more susceptible in this respect to adverse climatic influences this winter, which makes the care of trench feet all the more important. From our previous experiences we all of us know how possible it is to do a very great deal towards preventing men getting trench feet, but we must also realise that there may be occasions when the very greatest forethought and care cannot altogether eliminate an outbreak of this trouble.

While nothing will absolve regimental and medical officers if they do not take every care and precaution in the matter, yet it must be fully understood that the fact of getting trench feet is not a crime, and there must be no attempt towards not evacuating men once symptoms have developed. I think that last year some were inclined to see cases of trench feet held up, when the men should have been immediately evacuated, with the result that cases which might have been cured in a very short time became of a more serious nature, causing prolonged absence, and even perhaps permanent loss of service of the men concerned.

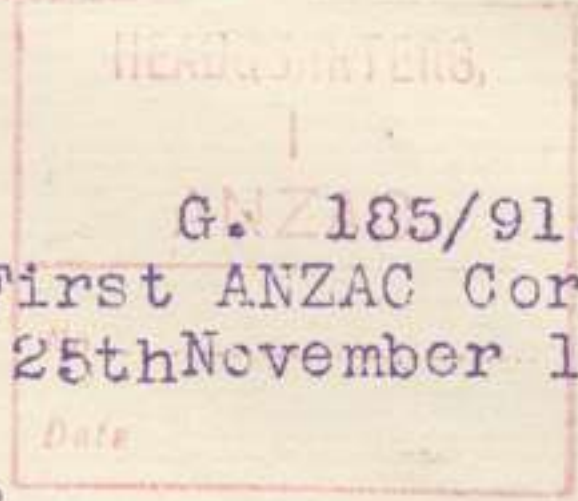
I am quite sure that divisional and brigade commanders, and all regimental and medical officers, will give this matter their fullest attention to ensure both the efficiency of the force and the well-being of the men.

*H. B. Bidwood.*

Lieutenant-General,  
 Commanding First ANZAC Corps.

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GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 112.

SUBJECT:- Protection of quarters against Enemy aircraft.

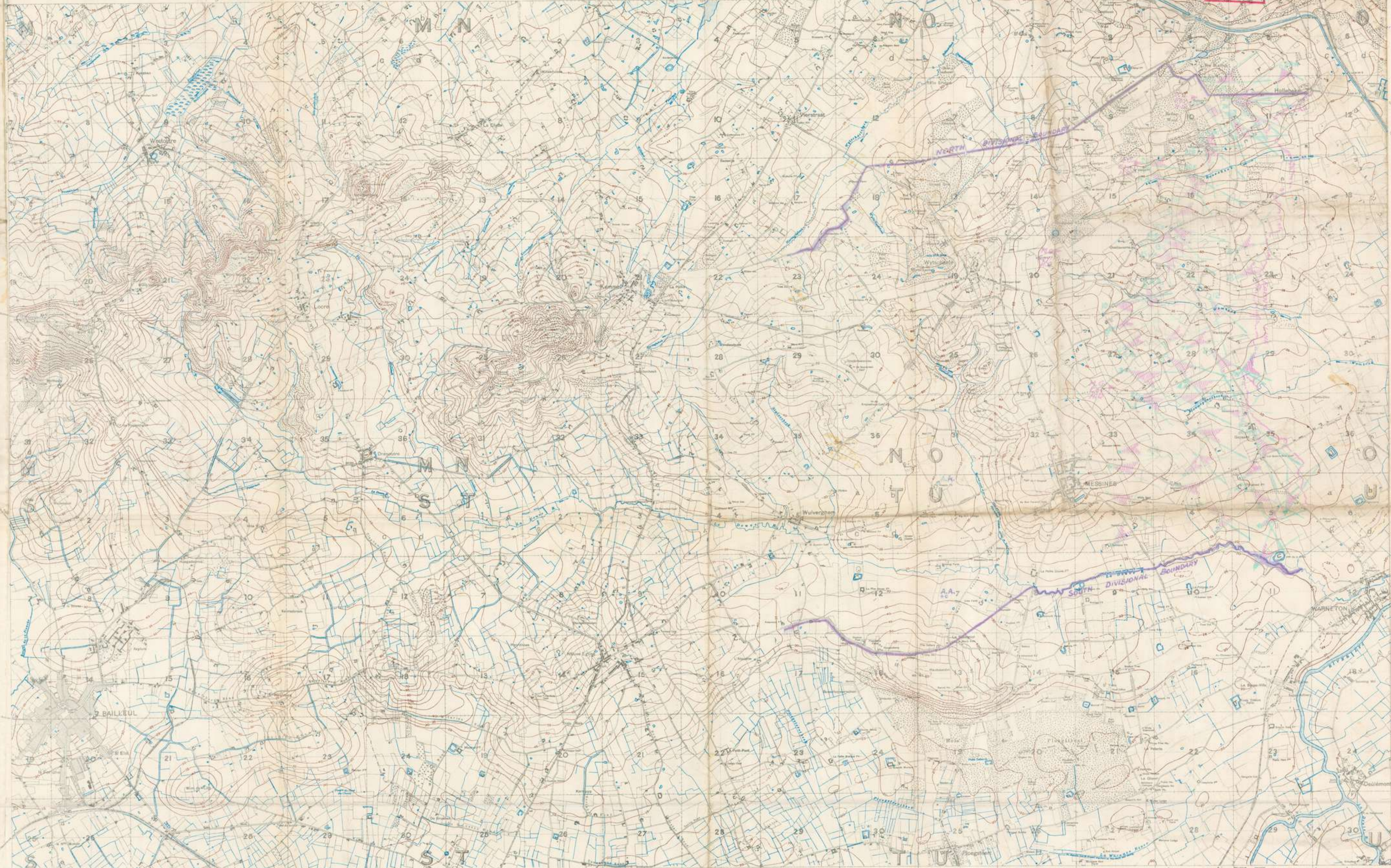
The following instructions regarding the protection of quarters against enemy aircraft are issued in substitution of the orders contained in A.C.R.O's 353, 409, and 491, which are cancelled:-

- (i) All huts and tents in permanent camps east of the line bounded by the THIENNE - WALLON CAPPEL - CASSEL (exclusive) - WORMHOUDT - BERGUES road will be protected against aeroplane bombs by building low walls round them. These walls will be at least 3' 6" high and 2' 6" thick. Earth walls should be used in preference to sandbags, the inside being revetted by sods or by small mesh expanded metal and pickets.
- (ii) A diagram showing a type of wall for tents, which affords good protection and at the same time increases the head room inside, is being issued shortly.
- (iii) Immediate steps will be taken to build protective walls in all camps where they do not already exist. (Authority, Second Army G.O.S. 59, d/ 23.11.17.)

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Brigadier-General,  
General Staff,  
First ANZAC Corps.



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REFERENCE

- Any trench apparently organized for fire
- Enemy Trenches
- Other Trenches
- British Trenches
- Wire Entanglement or Other Obstacle
- Barbed Wire or Cable
- Alfons
- Supply Dumps
- Ammunition
- Earthworks
- Dug-outs
- Gun Emplacements
- Machine Gun
- Trench Mortar
- Hutments
- Observation Posts
- Listening Posts
- Mine Outlets
- Fortified
- Hedge, Fence or Ditch
- Ditch with Permanent Water
- Communication Points
- Houses
- Railways
- Permanent
- Temporary
- Normal Gauge, Double
- Single
- Light
- Trench Tramways
- Metre Gauge Railway

INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THE USE OF THE SQUARES.

1. The large rectangles on the map, lettered M, N, O, etc., are divided into squares of 1,000 yards side, which are numbered 1, 2, 3, etc. Each of these squares is subdivided into four minor squares of 500 yards side. These minor squares are considered as lettered a, b, c, d. (See Square No. 6 in each rectangle).

2. To locate a point within a small square, consider the sides divided into tenths, and define the point by taking as many tenths from W to E, along Southern side, and as many from S to N, along Western side; the S.W. corner always being taken as origin, and the distance along the Southern side being always given by the first figure. Thus the point Z would be 61, i.e. 6 divisions East and 1 division North from origin.

3. When more accurate definition is wanted for the 1:20,000 or 1:10,000 scales use exactly the same method, but divide sides into 100 parts and use four figures instead of two. Thus 2647 denotes 06 parts East and 47 parts North of origin (see point X).

4. Use 0 but not 10; use either two or four figures; do not use fractions (e.g. 4.5), etc.

DIAGRAM



TABLE FOR CONVERTING METRES TO FEET.

Metres	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	0	3.3	6.6	9.9	13.1	16.4	19.7	22.9	26.2	29.5
10	32.8	36.1	39.4	42.7	45.9	49.2	52.5	55.8	59.1	62.4
20	65.6	68.9	72.2	75.4	78.7	82.0	85.3	88.6	91.8	95.1
30	98.4	101.7	105.0	108.3	111.5	114.8	118.1	121.4	124.7	127.9
40	131.2	134.5	137.8	141.0	144.3	147.6	150.9	154.1	157.4	160.7
50	164.0	167.3	170.6	173.9	177.1	180.4	183.7	187.0	190.2	193.5
60	196.8	200.1	203.4	206.7	209.9	213.2	216.5	219.8	223.1	226.4
70	229.2	232.5	235.8	239.1	242.3	245.6	248.9	252.2	255.5	258.8
80	261.7	265.0	268.3	271.6	274.9	278.2	281.5	284.8	288.1	291.4
90	294.3	297.6	300.9	304.2	307.5	310.8	314.1	317.4	320.7	324.0
100	326.8	330.1	333.4	336.7	340.0	343.3	346.6	349.9	353.2	356.5

Contour Interval 5 Metres



NOTE—The fact that a contour line is shown on the map does not necessarily mean that there is any stream. It is shown only to indicate the position of the contour line.

On special maps the average height of the ground is shown by the contour lines, which are printed in the blue and blue-green colors of the sheet. Distances should always be measured along the contour lines.

Grid bearings are given in degrees, minutes and seconds, and are measured from the grid north, which is the true north, to the direction of the contour line. The difference between the direction of the contour line and the direction of the true north is the grid bearing. The grid bearing is given in degrees, minutes and seconds, and is measured from the grid north to the direction of the contour line.

On the map the contour interval is 5 metres, but on the special maps it is 10 metres. The contour interval of a map is the vertical distance between two adjacent contour lines.

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SICK WASTAGE REPORT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1917.

Date.	To Field Ambulance	From Field Ambulance	Evac. Div. Area
1917 November	Off. O/R.	Off. O/R.	Off. O/R.
1	-	-	-
2	-	-	-
3	-	-	-
4	-	-	-
5	-	-	-
6	-	1	-
7	-	1	-
8	-	1	-
9	-	-	1
10	-	-	1
11	-	-	-
12	-	-	-
13	-	-	-
14	-	-	-
15	-	-	-
16	-	1(1)	-
17	-	1(1)	-
18	-	-	2
19	-	-	-
20	-	-	1
21	-	2	-
22	-	-	-
23	-	-	-
24	-	-	2
25	-	1	-
26	-	-	-
27	-	-	-
28	-	-	-
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

From 6 a.m. 26th November - to - 6 a.m. 27th November 1917.

NOTE. Not to be taken into front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS. Artillery. Bombardments of occupied positions were continued, registration checked, and harassing fire maintained on centres of activity. During the night targets in the sector were actively searched, particular attention being paid on the Left Brigade front to tracks used by reliefs. Searching barrages were put down on OTIRA and ONELETTE opposite centre group between 6 and 8 p.m. creeping back in short lifts to GRID LINE Front. Line 0.18.c.0.0. - 0.30.c.0.0. These were repeated at irregular intervals during the night. Between 4.30 and 6 a.m. Cross Roads at V.1.d.54.35 were swept with bursts of fire. Hostile M.G. and T.M. positions were engaged and several direct hits obtained at 11.45 a.m. Patrols. Our front line was actively patrolled during the night. Reports are as follows :-
- (a) With the exception of a few of the enemy (in ones or twos) seen near enemy lines in early part of night, no sign of enemy could be found in NO MAN'S LAND.
  - (b) ROOZEBEEK in 0.17.a. found to be difficult to cross, but ground in neighbourhood still in fair condition.
  - (c) A patrol proceeded down the WAMBEEK to about 0.23.c.7.2, where they were fired on by a M.G. from BEEK FARM. They were able to observe the effect of our L.T.M. fire which soon silenced this M.G.
  - (d) Several direct hits by our artillery on RIFLE FARM are reported by a patrol which watched our fire.
- MACHINE GUNS. Harassing fire carried on known targets and "movement" areas. The increased volume of our fire is having a noticeable effect on the enemy's fire which has been growing less the last few nights. 21,500 rounds expended. 6" T.M. 6" Newton Trench Mortars fired on KIWI FARM and registered on DATUM HOUSE during the morning and at noon bombarded enemy trench between 0.36.a.15.15 and 0.36.a.25.35. L.T.M.'s. 120 rounds were fired on M.G.'s. at 0.29.d.2.9 and 0.29.b.15.90 (BEEK FARM) - track from 0.23.d.25.95 to 55.95 and FLY BUILDINGS 0.23.b.6.9. A M.G. at 0.29.d.2.7 was silenced with three rounds at 2 a.m. Enemy works at 0.35.d.8.9 and 0.56.a.05.25 were fired on, about 50 rounds used. M.G. firing from approximately 0.35.b.45.35 was silenced at 11.30 p.m. by 7 rounds at 2 a.m.; it again opened and was stopped for the night by 6 rounds. Another M.G. firing from 0.36.c.2.4 silenced. Snipers. Quiet - few targets.
2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 1 Prisoner (wounded). A Sergeant of 10th Coy. 3rd Bn. 102nd Regiment, 32nd Division was brought in at about 0.35.a.6.5 (normal). Prisoner lost his way during a battalion relief and was shot by one of our posts when approaching our line.
3. ENEMY SHELLING. From 9.15 a.m. throughout the day 0.33.c was shelled with 5.9". Approximately 300 rounds fired. U.4.c. and trenches in U.5.c were lightly shelled with 4.2"; 0.32.b with 5.9".



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At 7.5 a.m. a few gas shells fell in vicinity BETHLEHEM FARM (U.3.d).  
WYTSCHAETE and Roads in vicinity lightly shelled from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
FORRET FARM and NEAR FARM (O.11), THE RAVINE and OLIVE TRENCH in O.10 and O.11, DENYS WOOD (O.9), O.15.a and b., MAHIEU FARM (O.21.d), GON FARM (O.27.a), and O.27. and O.28 were all shelled during the day. Attention was also paid to COSTTAVERNE and VERNE ROAD (O.21).

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Patrols. None seen.  
Machine Guns. Fired on NO MAN'S LAND and forward posts and tracks, but were on the whole quieter than usual.
5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Machine Guns firing from THE TWINS (O.11.d); BEEK FARM (O.29.b); (patrols), O.36.c.2.4.  
Work is being done on N.G. position at U.5.d.7.3.  
Batteries. Flashes observed on T.B. 54° and 56° from O.35.d.5.9; 72° and 78° from O.34.b.0.1; 94° from U.4.c.9.0, 111° and 116° from O.21.c.95.45.  
Suspected battery position from P.14.b.5.5 to P.14.b.45.00.  
Minenwerfer fired 20 rounds from KIWI FARM between 9 and 10 p.m.  
Trenches etc. There appears to be a gap manned by snipers at U.11.b.95.60.  
New work is going on at O.36.c.1.3.  
O.P.'s. Work being done on Church Tower at P.34.d.3.5.
6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy aircraft were over our sector 5 times during the day.

7. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. A good deal of movement about ANGLE FARM (O.36.a).  
Train movement.
- | Time.      | Train seen.   |
|------------|---|
| 9.25 a.m.  | Between KORTEWILDE and TENRRIELEN.                                  |
| 11.5 a.m.  | At P.30.b.8.1 - WERVICQ to MENIN.                                   |
| 11.20 a.m. | Leaving WERVICQ for MENIN - heavily loaded - engine front and rear. |
| 11.24 a.m. | MENIN to WERVICQ.   |
| 11.30 a.m. | Going N. on railway E. of ZANDVOORDE-COMINES ROAD.                  |
| 11.42 a.m. | From MENIN to HALLUIN.  |
| 12.40 p.m. | Shunting in COMINES in P.35.c and d.                                |
| 1.30 p.m.  | Entering COMINES from WERVICQ.                                      |

8. SIGNALLING. At 4 p.m. two pigeon bombs fell short in enemy front line; immediately a flare bursting into two greens was fired from one of his posts.  
At 4.10 p.m. a row of three small white parachute flares were sent up. Enemy A.A. guns immediately opened on one of our planes.
9. MISCELLANEOUS. (a) M.W. at O.36.a.85.65 has not fired since engaged by our L.T.M. two days ago.  
(b) When prisoner was brought in at 7.55 p.m. it was ascertained that enemy was carrying out a relief. M.G. and Rifle Grenade fire on his front system was increased and artillery opened on tracks in rear of enemy's line.

Correction for Annexe of Prisoner's Evidence in yesterday's Summary 26th Novr. 1917- in para. 9 Field Kitchens, read " 3 a.m. for "5 p.m."

K. A. Goodland  
for Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Date. ANNEXE TO 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY, 27/11/17.  
Date. ....

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Examination of wounded sergeant of 10th Co. 102 I.R.,  
32nd Division, captured at 28, O.35.a.6.5, at  
9 p.m. 26th November 1917.  
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1. IDENTIFICATION. The sergeant was in command of the 2nd platoon 10th Co., 102 I.R. He came from BAUTZEN in SAXONY, was 26 years old and had been a regular N.C.O. since 1912. Intelligent and reliable.
2. MILITARY HISTORY. Prisoner had served since the beginning of the war. He received the Iron Cross, 2nd class, before RHEIMS and also held the Frederick-Augustus Medal. Wounded in the SOMME 4th July 1916; he had returned to Germany and was detained there as Instructor in ZITTAU. His regiment having applied three times for him, he was sent back on the 10th instant. The journey lasted 4 days, from ZITTAU via LEIPZIG, LILLE, COURTRAI, where he arrived on 14th marching thence for two hours to BOUSBECQUE. He came into front line on 21st with the 10th Co.
3. METHOD OF CAPTURE. The 3rd Battalion was relieved last night in the front line by the 1st. Prisoner sent back his platoon in charge of a corporal, and attempted to find his way back alone. In doing so he wandered on to our wire, was wounded twice and made prisoner.
4. ORDER OF BATTLE N. TO S. 72 I.R. (8th Div.), 102 I.R., 177 I.R. 103 I.R. (32nd Div). Normal.
5. REGIMENTAL SECTOR OF 102 I.R. Apparently its Northern flank rested on the WAMBEKE in O.30.c.
6. DISPOSITIONS. One battalion forward with all four companies in line, one in support, one in rest. After the battalion relief last night, the order is: 1st Bn. in front, 2nd in support, 3rd in rest.
7. ENEMY DEFENCES. The 10th Co. was disposed as follows: One platoon in the outpost line of shell holes (no pill boxes); one platoon in the main defence line (no trench or pill boxes in this company sector owing to wet condition of the ground, but position was wired); and one platoon in close support. The wire stated to be 20 m. across. The support battalion are in dugouts and scattered positions about 30 minutes behind front. Some shelters are only of wood and not deep down. There were about four concrete shelters for each company. The rest battalion is in WERVICQ but prisoner had no personal knowledge of its accommodation.  
T.M's. Used to shoot <sup>from</sup> left flank and rear of prisoner's position.  
Exact location unknown.  
Battalion Headquarters in a pill-box 20 minutes behind front line.
8. RELIEFS. So far Battalion reliefs had occurred every five days. Support battalion relieves front, rest battalion comes into support, front battalion goes into rest. The front line battalion began to move out last night about 8.30 p.m. System of relief is, however, to be altered and the period increased perhaps to 10 days.
9. LIGHT M.G.'s. Three per company and three more expected shortly.
10. COMPANY STRENGTH. About 120, including 1 officer, 3 sergeants, and 3 corporals, not counting those detached for special duty.

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11. OFFICERS' NAMES. 102 I.R. Lieut-Col. SCHLICK  
 3rd Bn. Capt. SIEDLER  
 10th Co. Lieut. BAHR

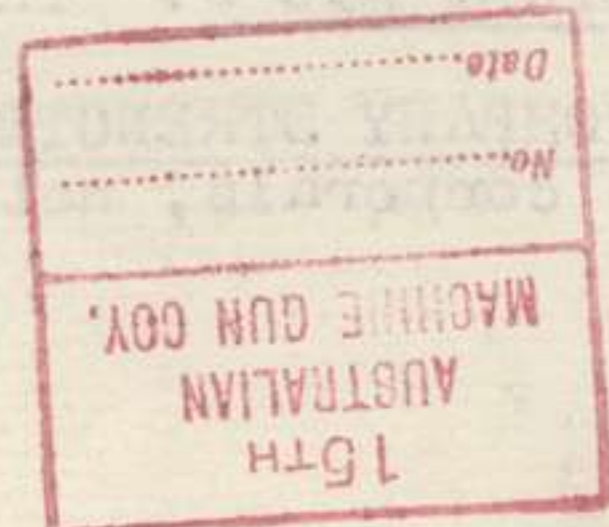
12. DRAFTS. Prisoner was one of a draft of 22 for the 102 I.R. This number included 10 aspirant officers. All had been wounded and had volunteered for field service, as they did not want to be detailed to odd jobs or units away from their old regiment.

13. CASUALTIES. Not many.

14. HEADQUARTERS. 102 I.R. at BOUSBECQUE; 177 I.R. probably also there.

15. MORAL. In prisoner's own words, moral was still good and men worked not against their will. They were well satisfied with rations at present (750 gms bread daily), but if the present intention of reducing the ration to 500 gms was carried out, he was sure there would be trouble.

16. ENEMY INTENTIONS. Nothing known or expected of a German offensive on any front.



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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

From 6 a.m. 28th November - to - 6 a.m. 29th November 1917.

NOTE. Not to be taken into front line trenches.

1. OPERATIONS. Artillery. During the period searching and sweeping fire was directed on frequented tracks and areas, strong points and M.G. positions in accordance with bombardment programmes. Between 4.30 and 6 a.m. UNBENT and OTIRA TRENCHES and ground to Eastward was swept and strong points and areas bombarded. At 5.15 a.m. and to 6.25 a.m. tracks in O.18.d. and P.13.b. were searched by 4.5" Hows. and 18-pr. shrapnel. SQUARE FARM at O.30.b.5.2 was shelled at intervals throughout the day and a working party at this point was dispersed at 8.55 a.m. Between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. a 77mm. battery in action at P.20.a.0.0 and P.19.b.9.6. was successfully bombarded. Battery was silenced. HOUTHEM CHURCH was shelled by 4.5" Hows. between 3 and 4 p.m. and during the period ending 6.15 p.m. many known targets and occupied areas were shelled. FORT BUILDINGS COPSE, SPUD and PAT FARMS, also tracks in O.18.a. and b. were included in these operations. UNBENT TRENCH in U.12.a and UNABLE TRENCH in U.6.a and M.G.'s. therein were also included. At 4.8 p.m. a T.M. emplacement in KINGSCLERE vicinity was bombarded by 4.5" How. During the night roads and ration tracks in O.24.c and d., P.19.c. and d. were systematically searched and swept and cross roads and gathering points bombarded. Machine Guns. Harassing fire on positions and tracks. A large amount of firing was also done on E.A. which crossed our line. 28,500 rounds were expended. L.T.M.'s. 30 rounds were fired in retaliation on the following targets :- KIWI FARM- U.6.a.4.6- O.35.d.8.9- and P.36.a.1.1. At 3.45 p.m. an E.A. flew low over our lines. He was turned by first Stokes shell. A snipers post near FLY BUILDINGS was demolished. A M.G. firing from approximately O.35.b.7.2 was silenced by 3 rounds. A wiring party at WAM FARM was dispersed. Patrols. Patrols report as follows :- (a) No signs of enemy in NO MAN'S LAND. (b) Old trench at O.23.c.8.2 found waterlogged. Sniping. One German was shot by a L.G. while walking from about O.35.d.9.9 to KIWI FARM.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. 153rd Regiment 8th Division. Identified from papers on enemy killed in front of one of our posts in O.17.b. at 6 a.m. 29/11/17.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. For the whole period the enemy artillery fire was less than usual. O.34.b. and c. , O.35.a. and d. were lightly shelled during the day MESSINES received about 20/5.9" at 11 a.m. and 15 at 10.30 p.m. HOLLEBEKE Road in O.11, THE RAVINE (O.10), ROSE WOOD (O.16.a) NEAR FARM (O.11.c) and OOSTTAVERNE were shelled intermittently during the day. DERRY HOUSE (O.27.a) was shelled consistently from 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. with 5.9" from COMINES Direction. O.26.b. was also shelled from same direction.

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4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Patrols. Nil.

Machine Guns. Active during the early part of the night.  
Min nw rfrs etc. About 10.15 a.m. a number of pineapples  
 fell on picquet line in 0.23.a and 0.17.a. suspected to be  
 firing from FLY BUILDINGS (0.23.b).  
 Pineapples were also fired in front of our posts in 0.11.b  
 from THE GIANT (0.12.c).

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Battery of 4.2" suspected on or near road between  
 P.14.b.6.5 and P.14.b.45.00.

Battery of 77 mm. suspected between P.13.b.7.0 and P.13.b.5.3.  
Wire. New wire has been put out in front WAM FARM (0.23.d).  
Work going on at SQUARE FARM (0.30.b).  
O.P. The Church Tower TENBRIELEN is being used as an O.P.  
Machine Guns very active from KINGSCLERE U.6.b.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes made attempts at 11.45 a.m.  
 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to cross our lines. One E.A. flew low  
 over our front system at 12 noon, and another flying very  
 high at 12.30 p.m.7. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Movement  
 seen :-

- (a) At WAM FARM (0.23.d) (patrol).
- (b) A small carrying party at 0.36.c.2.5 (dispersed by our  
 L.G. fire).
- (c) Two enemy seen to get into a hole about 15 yards from his  
 wire at about 0.35.d.7.4.

Train Movement.

<u>Time.</u>	<u>Train seen.</u>
10.40 a.m.	At a stand still at P.5.b.5.6.
10.45 a.m.	Going S. in V.11.a.
10.55 a.m.	At WERVICQ Station (arrived from MENIN).
11 a.m.	At V.23.b. going South.
11.20 a.m.	At V.10.b. going South.
11.20 a.m.	Shunting at V.5.b.
11.50 a.m.	Going S. in V.5.b.
12 noon	Going S. at V.29.a.
12 noon	Going N. at V.23.a.
12.35 p.m.	Going S. at V.5.b.
12.55 p.m.	Going S. at P.35.b.
12.55 p.m.	Going N. at V.23.c.
3 p.m.	Shunting at COMINES. (P.35.c)

8. SIGNALLING. Signalling with a red lamp was observed from direction  
 COMINES.

A white light was seen signalling from P.14.b.4.2.  
 Upon the firing of two yellow clusters shelling was opened on  
 WALL FARM (0.23.a) and ceased on two red flares being fired.  
 Fire opened again after two yellow clusters.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. One of our observation balloons broke loose at  
 2.20 p.m. and floated over the enemy lines.

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