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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BUIRE	1917 April 11		Sunday Church Parade followed by short route march.	Reference Map ALBERT Combined Sheet 1:40,000 and Sheet 57c 1:40,000
		2 08:30	G.O.C and B.M. visited forward area, beyond BAPAUME, VILLERS au FLOS, HAPLIN COURT	
		3	Very wet weather. Training cancelled for the day and inspection by Divisional Commander cancelled.	
		4	Weather again bad. Training cancelled. Preparations made for move forward.	
MONTAUBAN		5 08:30	Brigade moved by Route march. 8th Bn to OVILLERS en route to BAPAUME for transportation work. - remainder of Brigade to MONTAUBAN Brigade Camp. Staging to VILLERS au FLOS to Divisional Reserve. Headquarters POMMIERS REDOUBT. Brigade Order No. 19 of 3/4/17	Appendix <u>XXI</u> <u>XXX</u>
		6 08:30	6th Bn moved to VILLERS au FLOS. B.O. No 20 of 5/4/17	
		7 08:30	5th " " " " and through to HAPLIN COURT. 6th Bn moved to FREMICOURT. Brigade HQs personnel except G.O.C. B.M. Staff Capt. and office moved to OZAGS outside VILLERS au FLOS.	
VILLERS au FLOS		8 08:30	7 Bn No 2 MG Coy No 2 ALTM Bty Bde HQs moved to VILLERS au FLOS. B.O. 21 of 7/4/17	Appendix <u>XXXI</u>
		9	2 coys 5th Bn and 2 coys 6th Bn moved to garrison the BEUGNY-YTRES line. 5th and 6th Bns were employed in digging and garrison work on the BEUGNY YTRES line. 7th Bn, MG Coy & ALTM Bty were employed in repairing the roads in the area and in improving the accommodation in VILLERS au FLOS.	
		04:15	1st and 3rd Brigades had attacked and gained the villages of HERMIER, FREMICOURT, and BOURSIES. 2 coys 6th Bn were lent to 3rd Brigade for use as reserve. 7th Bn (less 2 coys detached for work at LESARS) moved to FREMICOURT to replace 2 coys 6th Bn.	
		10	No 2 MG Coy relieved No 21 MG Coy in the BEUGNY YTRES line.	
		11	8th Bn rejoined Brigade and pitched tents outside VILLERS au FLOS. 2 coys 7th from LESARS rejoined. 7th Bn concentrated in VILLERS au FLOS. 2 coys 6th Bn returned from 3rd Bde.	
		12	Day quite normal nothing to note. The Brigade is now complete in the BEUGNY YTRES line HAPLIN COURT - FREMICOURT and VILLERS au FLOS except for 6 YMGs, two each at CONTAY FLESSELLES and PUCHVILLERS, on A.A. duty, and some workshop parties.	

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VILLERS au FLOS	1917 April 13		C.O 8 th Bn. Lieut Col G Coulter D.S.O proceeded to England to command 1 st Training Battalion. Command passed to Major Mitchell. Nothing else of note.	Reference Maps 57 ^c 1:40,000 and 57 ^c NW and NE 1:20,000
		14	Nothing of note situation very quiet and weather fair.	
		15 05:11	D.H.Q. advised us verbally that the 3 rd Brigade were attacked, and ordered one Battalion to stand to 8 th Bn ordered to stand to	
		05:15	5 th + 6 th Bns ordered to stand to in the BEUGNY YTRES line.	
		05:45	5 th + 6 th Bns in BEUGNY YTRES line and 8 th Bn at VILLERS au FLOS standing to. D.H.Q. so advised.	
		06:40	C.O 8 th Bn ordered to report to G.O.C 3 rd Bde and his battalion to follow towards LAGNICOURT through BEUGNY to support 3 rd Brigade under G.O.C 3 rd Bde 7 th Bn ordered to move to FREMICOURT to support of 3 rd Bde but under orders of Divisional Commander.	
		07:20	8 th Bn on the move. 08:00 7 th Bn moved.	
		13:35	7 th Bn ordered to relieve a battalion of 2 nd Aust Div now attached to 1 st Bde and near BEAUMETZ Orders received to relieve 3 rd Brigade in left subsector of Divisional front.	
MORCHIES		16 12:30	Relief of 3 rd Brigade commenced. Nothing of note during the day	B.O. No 22 of 15 April 17 Appendix XXXII
		17 0:430	Relief of 3 rd Brigade complete and command of sector passed to G.O.C 2 nd Bde.	Appendix XXXIII
		18 0:145	Line held. was shortened on the left in accordance with B.O. No 23 of 17/4/17 The Brigade was disposed as follows 3 Battalions in the front line and one (1) Battalion in Reserve - Details as in Defence Release. From Right to Left 6 th , 7 th , 8 th Bns in line and 5 th Bn Reserve. During the night the 6 th Bn advanced its front line Posts to D22C30 - D28D77 - D29A45 - D29D08 - J5B38.	Appendix XXXIV
		18/19	Patrolling was active and one very large enemy patrol (60 strong) was met and dispersed During the night the 8 th Battalion advanced its line to D7C55:15 - D13B03 - D14C 7540.	
		19	The day was quite normal - enemy artillery shelling being distributed over the whole area	
		12:20	What appeared to be large relieving parties were observed N.E of QUEANT and shelled effectively by our artillery	
		19/20	Patrols were again active and met and fired on an enemy patrol killing four. Left Bn took over portion of the line from centre Battalion to the right as far as D20 central. The centre Batt 7 th advanced its line to conform with the flank Bns. The line taken up being D20D29 - D20D central - D20D74 - D21C34 - D21D54 - D21D62 - D22C13 - D22C84	

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MORCHIES	1917 April 20		Very little of note. Enemy artillery paid a lot of attention to roads in the area and much movement of small parties of the enemy was noticed by sniping and MG fire this was stopped	Reference Maps 57 ^c NE and NW 1:20000
"	"		Order no 24 of 20/4/17 issued. Later the operation was postponed from time to time till 23 rd April. (20.v.)	Appendix XXXV
"	21		Enemy artillery very quickly fired on all and any movement during the day. Brigade Order No 25 of 21/4/17 issued - wind conditions made it necessary to postpone this operation till the 27 th inst.	Appendix XXXVI
"	22	04:00	Nothing of note B.O No 26 of 21/4/17 issued	Appendix XXXVII
"		07:30	We attacked and captured an enemy S.P at D14 central after a sharp fight 19 enemy killed and 3 prisoners taken. Prisoners belonged to 15 th R.I.R 2 nd Guard Res Div - Report attached.	Appendix XXXVIII
"		12:55	till 0900 the front line and new post were subjected to intense bombardment - the post being well razed 15 13:15 enemy put a barrage over the centre and left Bns areas and concentrated extremely heavy fire on the new post - which we were allowed to evacuate - evacuation was completed at 14:20 when post had been almost completely destroyed.	
"			Aerial activity was above normal. The enemy planes flying all over our area and dropping down several of our planes and firing one of our balloons.	
"	23	00:47	Brigade Order No 27 of 22/4/17 issued. Relief of 8 th Bn by 5 th Bn as B.O 26 complete.	Appendix XXXIX
"	24	01:00	Comparative peace reigned throughout the day. Arrangements for relief were completed Relief of 6 th and 7 th Bns by units of 33 rd (Imp) Bde complete (as B.O 27).	
LAGNICOURT		16:00	Another very quiet day. Bde Hqrs moved to C 29 A 52 in new sector, and command of the old sector passed to G.O.C 33 rd (Imp) Bde, and G.O.C 2 nd A.S Bde assumed command of new sector. B. O No 28 of 24/4/17 issued.	Appendix XL

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LAGNICOURT	April 25	00:50	<p>Reliefs in accordance with B.O.s 27 and 28 completed, and at 09:00 Bde came under orders GOC 2nd Aust Div. Enemy activity throughout the day was normal - light shelling over garrison areas and continuous and heavier shelling of the village of LAGNICOURT. The Boundaries of the Brigade were as laid down in Orders 27 and 28. The front being along the line D14C10 to D7C52 Right Subsector and D7C52 to C12A27 Left Subsector. Two Battalions hold the front line and two Battalions are in Support and Garrisoning BEADMETZ - MORCHIES - VAULX line and providing Artillery escorts. The Role of the Brigade is to purely an active defence - to hold the present line until the 2nd Aust Div has carried out a projected operation.</p>	<p>Reference Maps 57° NE and NW 1:20,000</p>
		26	<p>Quite normal except around Bde Hqrs C29 Cent where enemy evidently suspects batteries and shelled this spot for two hours. Sunny weather has now prevailed for several days.</p>	
		27	<p>Nothing of special interest during the day. Intermittent shelling of our front line by 77. The only noticeable feature - at night 2 Coy R.E. fired gas projectors as in Order No 25 of 21st/4/17.</p>	
		28 03:00 23:27	<p>Heavy barrage placed on front line - remainder of day nothing to note. 6th Bn Relieved 8th Bn in the left subsector. Brigade Order No 29 of 27/4/17.</p>	Appendix <u>XL</u>
		29	<p>Fair sunny weather. Aerial activity of enemy above normal - at 16:00 three of our planes were forced to land - one in flames behind enemy line. Very heavy shelling of Brigade. otherwise day quiet.</p>	
		30	<p>Very quiet day - During the whole tour strong offensive patrols were sent out regularly each night and every effort made to get touch with and inflict loss on the enemy and prevent surprise attack.</p>	
General			<p>Strength as at noon April 30th Table of Casualties during month to noon 30th April " " Reinforcements received during month to noon 30th April Table of Personnel attending Schools during month ending noon 30th April Prisoners taken during month. (3) three other ranks 15th RIR. 2nd Guard Res Div.</p>	<p>Appendix <u>XLII</u> <u>XLIII</u> <u>XLIV</u> <u>XLV</u></p>

W. Ulrich Major
2nd Aust Inf Brigade

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BRIGADE ORDER NO 18

BY

Brig-General J. HEANE C.M.G., D.S.O. Commanding

Headquarters
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
1st April 1917Reference Map. 62D N.E.
1:20,000

1. An inspection of the Brigade by the Divisional Commander will be held on Tuesday 3rd inst. at 1000.
2. Parade will be held on the ground N.E. of BUIRE in E.19.C. near the hospital camp.
3. Dress - Drill Order.
4. Detail
 - (a) Four markers per Unit will report to the Staff Captain on the Ground at 0900.
 - (b) Units will move onto markers at 0930 and form up in Mass facing NORTH - bayonets will be fixed and Officers take post in Review Order. The order from Right to Left will be - 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, No 2 M.G. Coy., 2A L.T.M. Bty., No 21 M.G. Coy.
 - (c) Divisional Commander will be received with the General Salute.
 - (d) Divisional Commander will inspect Troops.
 - (e) March past, 5th Battalion leading, by Companies in close column of platoons at Company distance, straight off the ground to
 - (f) Private Parades
5. The orders given will be executed on the Brigade Commanders whistle.
6. Parades will be as strong as possible. All duties will be reduced to a minimum - Transport will not parade. Parade states to be handed in to Brigade Hqrs. before 0900.
7. Acknowledge

J. March
MAJOR.
Brigade Major
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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1	File	2200	
2/3	War Diary	"	
4	1st Aust. Division	"	D.R.
5	5th Battalion	"	"
6	6th Battalion	"	"
7	7th Battalion	"	"
8	8th Battalion	"	"
9	No 2 M.G. Coy.	"	"
10	2A L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
11	21st M.G. Coy.	"	"
12	Staff Captain	"	Ord.
13-15	Spares		

Cancelled

BRIGADE ORDER NO 19
BY
Brig-General J. HEANE C.M.G., D.S.O. Commanding

Headquarters
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
3rd April 1917

Reference Map. ALBERT Combined sheet
1:40,000

1. The Brigade will move on the 5th inst. by march route to MONTAUBAN Bde. Camp S.26.D. via DERNANCOURT - MEAULTE - FRICOURT.
2. Head of Column will pass starting point at 0830. No 4 Sig. Section will move with Bde. Hqrs. as one Unit.
3. Starting Point Cross roads ^D D.30.A.8.4.
4. The following distances will be maintained during the march -

100	yards	between	Companies
200	"	"	Battalions
200	"	"	Transport and troops or between Transport of different Units.
5. M. Gunners on A.A. Duty and working parties will not move
6. Advance parties of 1 officer and 2 N.C.O.'s per Bn., 1 officer and 1 N.C.O. of No 2 M.G. Coy., 1 officer 2A L.T.M. Bty. will report to the Staff Captain at Bde. Hqrs. at 0900 on the 4th inst. and move forward 24 hours in advance to take over MONTAUBAN Camp. Units will arrange transport.
7. All Billets will be left in a clean and Sanitary condition and each Unit will leave a rear party of 1 Officer and 12 O'Ranks, which will remain until a certificate to this effect is obtained from the Town Major and will then follow the Brigade moving as formed bodies.
Cleanliness certificates to be obtained in triplicate, two copies of which will be forwarded to Brigade Hqrs. on the day of the move.
8. Halts - of 10 minutes at 10 minutes to each clock hour.
9. Rear Guard. 8th Battalion will detail - Strength 1 officer and 1 section to move 200 yards in rear of Column.
Duties to collect and bring forward stragglers - arrival in Camp will be reported to Bde. Hqrs.
10. Supplies - Each Unit will arrange to have 1 man to take delivery of rations from A.S.C. at MONTAUBAN Bde. Camp at 1000 on 5th inst.
11. A C K N O W L E D G E.

2nd Bde. Hqrs. & 2.
No 4 Sig. Section
5th Battalion
6th Battalion
7th Battalion
8th Battalion
No 2 M.G. Coy. less
Sects. en A.A.
Duty
2A L.T.M. Bty.

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MAJOR.
Bde. Major
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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4	1st Aust. Division	"	D.R.
5	5th Battalion	"	"
6	6th Battalion	"	"
7	7th Battalion	"	"
8	8th Battalion	"	"
9	No 2 M.G. Coy.	"	"
10	2A L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
11	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"
12	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
13	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
14	Staff Captain	"	"
15	No 4 Sig. Section	"	"
16	Bde. Transport Officer	"	"
17	Town Major BUIRE	"	"
18	" " MONTAUBAN	"	"

BRIGADE ORDER NO 20

BY

Brig-General J. HEANE C.M.G., D.S.O, Commanding

Headquarters
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
5th April 1917Reference Map. ALBERT Combined Sheet
1:40,000

1. The 6th En. and Mining Platoons attached will move by March route to relieve the 58th En. via LONGUEVAL - FLERS - GUEUDECOURT - BEAULENCOURT to VILLERS AU FLOS tomorrow 6th inst., and the 5th En. on the 7th inst.
2. Starting Point, Road junction at S.27.0.7.4.
3. Head of Column will pass Starting Point at 0830.
4. Distances. The following will be maintained on the march :-
100 yards between Companies
200 " " Transport and Troops, and Transport of other Units.
5. Halts of 10 minutes duration at 10 minutes to each clock hour.
6. Transport - 5th En. will place Draught horses harnessed, with extension chains, at the disposal of the 6th En. on the 6th inst., and the 7th En. will act similarly by the 5th En. on the 7th inst.
7. Advance Parties - Mounted Officers will be sent forward ahead of Column to allot accomodation.
8. Arrival at VILLERS AU FLOS will be reported by wire to Bde. Hqrs.
9. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*W. H. H. H.*MAJOR.
Brigade Major
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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4	1st Aust. Division	"	D.R.
5	5th Battalion	"	"
6	6th Battalion	"	"
7	7th Battalion	"	"
8	8th Battalion	"	"
9	No 2 M.G. Coy.	"	"
10	2A L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
11	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"
12	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
13	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
14	4th Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"
15	Staff Captain	"	"
16	Camp Commandant	"	Ord.
17-20	Spares.		

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BRIGADE ORDER NO 21
BY

Brig-General J. H. F. C. F. G., D.S.O. Commanding,

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
7th April 1917.

Reference Map, Sheet 57C
1:40,000

1. The 7th Bn, No 2 M. Gun Coy, and No 2 A.L.T.M. Bty will move by march route via LONGUEVAL-FLERS-CHEUDENCOURT-LEAULENCOURT to VILLERS-AU-FLOS tomorrow, 8th inst, in two columns.

No 1 Column.

No 2 M. Gun Coy.

No 2 Column.

2. Starting Points. No 1 Column - nearest points to camp on line of march.
No 2 Column - junction of corduroy road at MONTAUBAN BDE CAMP and PONTIERS REDOUBT-MONTAUBAN Road.

7th Battn
(less 1 Coy).

3. Heads of columns to pass starting points at 0830.
4. Distances
50 yards between platoons.
100 yards between companies.
200 yards between transport and troops.
5. Transport (a) O.C No 2 M. Gun Coy to arrange with O.C No 2 A.L.T.M. Bty to assist in the haulage of handarts either by attaching them to limbers or by the loan of horses.
(b) O.C 5th Battn to place at the disposal of C.O 7th Battn - for the march - 4 draught horses harnessed with extension chains.
6. Advance Parties of 1 Officer and 1 N.C.O will be sent forward today to VILLERS-AU-FLOS.
7. Arrival at VILLERS-AU-FLOS will be wired to Brigade Headquarters.
8. Brigade Headquarters will close at PONTIERS REDOUBT at 0800/and open at VILLERS-AU-FLOS at same hour. on 8th inst

9. Acknowledge. *J. Ulrich* Major,
Brigade Major.,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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5	5th Aust. Battn	"	"
6	6th " "	"	"
7	7th " "	"	"
8	8th " "	"	"
9	No 2 M. Gun Coy.	"	"
10	No 2A. L. T.M. Bty	"	"
11	3rd Coy A.A.S.C.	"	"
12	4th " "	"	"
13	SStaff Captain	"	Ord.
14	Camp Comdnt.	"	"
15/17	Spares.		

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BRIGADE ORDER No. 22

By

Brig-general J. HEANE, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
18th April 1917.

Reference Map 57C
1 : 40,000.

1. The 2nd Brigade will relieve the 3rd Brigade in the Divisional left Sub-Sector on the 16th inst.
2. The 6th Bn. will relieve the Front Line on the right of the Sub-Sector.
The 7th Bn. " " " " " in the centre of the Sub-Sector.
The 8th Bn. " " " " " on the left of the Sub-Sector.
- No. 2 M.G. Coy. and No. 2 A.L.T.M. Bty. will relieve No. 3 M.G. Coy. and No. 3 A.L.T.M. Bty. respectively.
- 5th Bn. will relieve the Reserve Battalion.
2nd Bde. Hqrs. will relieve 3rd Bde. Hqrs.
3. Reliefs will be completed as far as possible by day - parties moving by covered ways.
4. Details will be arranged direct between C.Os. concerned.
5. All Maps, Air photos, Defence Schemes and information of value will be taken over.
6. Units will furnish before 0900 on 18th instant full details of dispositions and locations.
7. Time of commencement and completion of relief will be wired to Bde. Hqrs.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Heane

Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.

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6	6th Aust. Bn.	"	D.R.
7	7th Aust. Bn.	"	D.R.
8	8th Aust. Bn.	"	D.R.
9.	No. 2 M. Gun Coy.	"	D.R.
10	No. 2 A.L.T.M. Bty.	"	D.R.
11	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	D.R.
12	1st A.I. Bde.	"	D.R.
13	3rd A.I. Bde.	"	D.R.
14	Staff Captain	"	Ord.
15	Bde. Int. Officer	"	"
16	Camp Commandant	"	"
17	Bde. Transpt. Offr.	"	D.R.
18/19	Spares.		

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Appendix XXXIII

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By

Brig-General J. HANT, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding,

Map 57c N.W.2.
1:10000Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
17th April 1917.

1. The boundary between 1st and 2nd Divisions will be altered to read as follows :

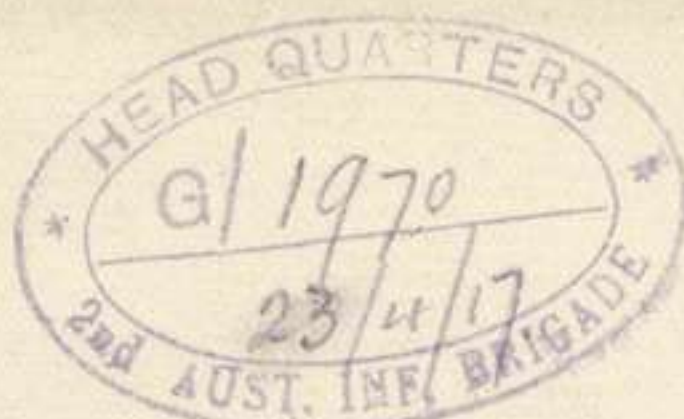
From S.V. to I.4. central as at present thence
along a line drawn through C.23.E.5.5. - C.18.C.8.3. -
C.18.B.5.0. - D.7. central.

2. The 8th Battalion will be relieved tonight of the defence of that country between the old and new boundaries by the 17th Battalion, and the 5th Bn. by the 19th Bn.
3. Relief will be completed by 5 a.m. on the 18th instant.
4. Ammunition in Posts will be handed over and receipts obtained in duplicate and one copy of receipt forwarded to Ide Hqs.
5. Further details of the relief will be arranged direct between the C.Os. concerned.
6. Completion of relief will be reported to Bde. Hqs.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. H. H. H. Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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5	5th Bn.	"	"
6	6th Bn.	"	"
7	7th Bn.	"	"
8	8th Bn.	"	"
9.	No. 2 H.Q. Coy	"	"
10	2 A.L.T.H. Ety.	"	"
11	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
12	5th Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
13	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
14	Staff-Captain	"	Ord.
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16/18	Spares.		

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DEFENCE SCHEME.

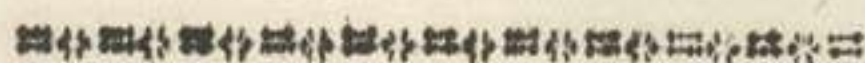
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LEFT - BRIGADE.
of 1st Australian Division

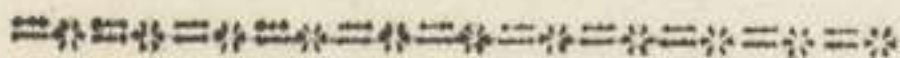
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Para 1.	DESCRIPTION OF AREA
2	INTENTIONS
3	SYSTEM OF DEFENCE
4	DIVISION OF THE AREA
5	DETAIL OF ORGANISATION
6.	ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK
7	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
8	S.A.A. AND BOMBS.
9.	ARTILLERY
10	RATIONS, WATER and COOKING ARRANGEMENTS.
11	MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.
12	SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.
13	GAS.



A p p e n d i c e s.

- A. DISPOSITION MAP
- B. MACHINE GUNS AND ARCS OF FIRE
- C. DUMPS
- D. MEDICAL LINES OF EVACUATION.
- E. SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.



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Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.

20/4/17.

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- 7 7th Battalion
- 8 8th Battalion
- 9 No. 2 M.G. Coy.
- 10 2 A.L.T. Bty.
- 11 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. - Right Bde.
- 12 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. - Left Bde.
- 13 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. - Div. Reserve.

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DEFENCE SCHEME
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LEFT BRIGADE -LAGNICOURT-HERMIES Sector1. DESCRIPTION OF AREA

- (a) The area to be defended includes 2 Forward villages LAGNICOURT and LOUVERVAL inclusive.
- (b) The ground is between and forward of these villages, consists of spurs running towards the enemy Lines. Our Observation Posts are on the forward slopes of these ridges.
- (c) The country is clear and is easily defended by Posts and concealed Machine Guns.
- (d) Good observation can be obtained over the enemy defences.
- (e) The enemy Lines are 750 to 1500 yards from our Picquet Lines.
- (f) Opposite our Left Front are the villages of QUEANT and PRONVILLE, and MOUVRES in front of the right.
- (g) The wire and trench system in front of these villages is very strong.
- (h) The enemy has good observation of the high ground, on which are our defences, and up the valleys which run from his positions very deeply into ours.
- (i) The enemy has a system of Night Outposts in front of his wire.
- (j) It is likely that the enemy will counter attack from time to time either by minor or major operations, according to how we press him.

2. INTENTION.

- (a) The Brigade from its present line of defence will push forward Posts (consolidating as it goes) until it is in a position to attack the HINDENBURG Line in its front.
- (b) Arrange its disposition so as to defeat any attempt at attack, either of a minor or major nature.

3. SYSTEM OF DEFENCE.

- The defence of the Brigade area will be organised in depth in three systems.
- (a) The advanced Line of Resistance. This will be the Picquet Line, which will be supported by organised Posts and localities in rear of it.
- (b) - Village Strong Posts - LAGNICOURT and LOUVERVAL.
- (c) The Brigade Reserve Line.

The Lines are at present held by a series of mutually supporting Strong Posts - unconnected - The system will be elaborated and perfected.

4. DIVISION OF AREA.

- (a) The Sector will be divided into three sub-sectors to be known as A., B., and C. from Right to Left, the dividing lines being - between A. and B. - line from J.2.D.0.0. to D.22.central, and between B. and C. line from D.19.C.0.0. to D.14.D.central.
- (b) One Battalion will be responsible for each of these Sectors in front of the Brigade Reserve Line.
- (c) One Battalion - The Reserve Battalion - will be responsible for the defence of the Reserve Line and the villages of LAGNICOURT and LOUVERVAL.

5. DETAIL OF ORGANISATION :

(a) Each Battalion Sector of the Advanced Line of Resistance is organised as follows :-

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|-------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| (i) Line of Sentry Groups | } | 3 Companies each with one or more
Platoons in the Supports. |
| (ii) Picquet Line (Line of
Resistance) | | |
| (iii) Supports | | |
| (iv) Reserves) | | 1 Company, |

(b) The Reserve Battalion provides for

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|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| (i) Defence of LAGNICOURT | 2 Platoons |
| (ii) " " LOUVERVAL | 2 Platoons |
| (iii) Posts between LAGNICOURT
and LOUVERVAL. | 4 Platoons |
| (iv) Reserves. | 2 Companies. |

(c) 10 guns of No. 2 M.G. Coy. are emplaced in the Brigade Reserve Line with alternative emplacements for

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|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| (a) Support of Units in front of the Line |
| (b) Day and Night Positions for defence of the Reserve Line. |
| (c) Anti-Aircraft work. |
| (d) Indirect fire on to enemy works. |

Close touch will be maintained between O.C., Machine Gun Coy. M.G. Section Commanders and advanced Line of Resistance (Appendix A -
2nd Commanders Dispositions Map)

6. ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK

- (a) - (i) The Picquet Line will be defended against all attacks
(ii) Supports will be used to strengthen or regain any portion of the Picquet Line likely to be endangered or lost.
(iii) Reserves will be used to Counter attack and regain any portion of the Picquet Line lost.

- (b) (1) The Reserve Battalion will construct the Brigade Reserve Line - This will consist of a series of S.Ps. along the LAGNICOURT-LOUVERVAL Road to Cross Roads J.3.A.40.20. to J.A.00.7
- to J.5.(4-0.6) Location of S.Ps. - Appendix A.

- (ii) Garrison the Brigade Reserve Line with 2 Companies.
(iii) Provide 2 Companies which may be used under the Orders of the G.O.C., Brigade.
(a) To support the Advanced Line of Resistance.
(b) To Counter attack.
(c) To support the Brigade Reserve Line.

L.T.M. Battery.

Dispositions. -

Headquarters and 3 Guns -	I.12.A.8.8.	} For defence of LOUVERVAL.
1 Gun	J.4.A.91.35.	
1 "	J.4.A.85.45.	} For defence of LAGNICOURT.
2 "	G.24.E.25.40)	
1 "	G.24.A.75.90)	

Stokes Ammunition Supply -

100 rounds per gun emplaced
200 " in reserve at MORCHIES.

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- (a) Battalion Commanders must site Picquet Posts so that the principle of mutual support is carried into effect
- (b) (i) Posts must be made to accommodate at least double the number of the Garrison.
 (ii) Must be wired all round and concealed passages made through the entanglement
 (iii) Must be made so as to allow of fire being brought to bear on the rear.
 (iv) Must be concealed by the earth being spread flat and covered with grass - stubble, etc.
 (v) Will be provided with S.O.S. Signals.
- (c) Lewis Machine guns will be largely used in the defence of the Picquet Line, both by direct and covering fire.
- (d) Officers and N.C.Os. in Supports and Reserves must know the most covered approaches up to the Picquet Line. These routes will be at once reconnoitred by day and by night.
- (e) Dispositions for the defence of the Front Line will be carefully considered with view of immediate Counter attack against the enemy, either to relieve the pressure on part of the Line or in the event of any part of the Line being penetrated.
- (f) The Battalion Commanders are responsible that offensive action must be taken against all enemy Patrols and Standing Posts on our side of his wire, taking action immediately, only notifying Brigade of their intention to do so.
- (g) The ground must be well Patrolled in front to enemy's wire, particularly for an hour before daylight -
 All Patrols going out at varying times and from different places.
 All ranks will stand to arms one hour before dawn.

S.A.A. AND BOMBS

The following supply will be kept up :

Adv. Line	Mills Bombs	Mills R.G.	S.O.S. Sots	Very 1" 1 1/2"	STOKES	S.A.A.	Dumps
Adv. Line { Picquet Line	1200	240	30	2 boxes		50000	Rt. In. C24D87.
Adv. Line { Reserve En.	1200	120	10	5 boxes		100000	Cent. En. D30077.
Edo. Res. Line { Line	1200	240	30	2 boxes		50000	Left En. J.4.C.3.5
Edo. Res. Line { En. Reserve	600	120	10	5 boxes		100000	C30D10.
Edo. Res. Dump.	6000	3,600	12	26 boxes	2000	200000	I25A87. I11056

ARTILLERY

9. DISTRIBUTION

6th F.A. Brigade supporting Right Battalion.

13th F.A. Brigade supporting Centre and Left Battalion.

Liason Officers are provided at each Battalion and at Brigade Headquarters.

Brigade Liason Officer is connected to Artillery Brigade Headquarters by telephone

Liason Officers with Battalions are connected direct to the Batteries by telephone and to Infantry Brigade Headquarters by Infantry Lines.

ACTION :

Owing to the extended front S.O.S. procedure consists of sweeping and searching valleys and likely places of assembly and engaging definite targets. The usual complete Barrage Lines are not used.

RATIONS, WATER, and COOKING ARRANGEMENTS

10. Rations - Refilling Point - H.30.A. - thence by transport to Battalion cookers.

Cooking - Battalion Cookers about ⁱⁿ thence man handled Hot Food Containers and dixies to the Line.

Water. - Water is brought from PREMIGOURT to Cookers by watercarts. Supply is ample.

Two hot meals per day are cooked and in addition there are a number of Tommy Cookers issued to the Forward Posts.

11. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS

The following is the scheme of evacuation of sick and wounded at present employed in the area occupied by the Brigade.

Eight Ambulance bearers (2 Carrying Squads) are posted with each R.M.O. in his R.A.P.

1	Right Battalion R.A.P.	J.4.C.5.2.
2	Centre Battalion R.A.P.	D.25.D.7.6.
3	Left Battalion R.A.P.	D.25.A.5.9.
4	Reserve Battalion R.A.P.	C.29.A.4.0.

Cases are carried from the various R.A.Ps. to the relay Posts shown in the accompanying diagram and thus to Motor Ambulance Wagon Loading Post on the MORCHIES Road, I.11.D.5.3, whence they are conveyed to M.D.S. at BFUGNY.

Cases coming from the 6th R.A.P., LOUVEPVAL are carried :

- (a) In daylight - to Wagon Loading Post, Horse Ambulance, at J.7.D.58.
 (b) After dark - to Horse Ambulance Post at J.9.B.3.5.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS (Continued)

This Brigade area is administered from Hqrs. in CHAUFOURS WOOD, where 2 Medical Officers and a Reserve of 30 bearers are stationed.

All requisitions for Medical Stores and Medical comforts and extra bearers in case of any stress, should be sent to M.O. i/c Bearer Post, CHAUFOURS WOOD, I.12.A.8.8. This Officer is responsible to Hqrs. 2nd Aust. Field Amb. LEBUCQUIERE.

Notification of any proposed operations will be sent to C.O. 2nd Field Ambulance, Hqrs. LEBUCQUIERE.

SIGNAL COMMUNICATION

12.

The THREE BATTALIONS IN THE LINE have direct Lines running to them from Brigade Hqrs. These Lines are "laddered" as owing to so much traffic it has been found difficult to maintain single Lines. These Lines connect up two main "legs" 20 yards apart with a cross wire every 20 yards.

The BATTALION IN RESERVE is tied off the direct Line running to the Left Battalion.

The Left Battalion is connected laterally to the centre Battalion - the Centre Battalion to the Right Battalion - and the Right Battalion to Left Battalion of Right Brigade. The Centre Battalion has also a direct Line running to the Support Battalion.

A direct Line runs from Brigade to the BATTALION OF THE RESERVE BRIGADE at MORCHIES, and from this Battalion a Line runs ~~from~~ to Machine Gun Company and also to Right Battalion Relay Station.

A Direct Line runs to LEFT BRIGADE and RIGHT BRIGADE is raised through Divisional Headquarters.

Direct Lines run to the 13th F.A. BRIGADE, 14th F.A. BRIGADE, 26th H.A.G., where the Line extends on to 23rd H.A.G.

A Direct Line runs to the RESERVE BRIGADE at FREMOCOURT.

Direct telephone and telegraph Lines run to DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS. The Coy. Hqrs. as shown on diagram are in telephone communication with their battalions.

Fullerphones are being installed at all Coy. Hqrs. in the Line.

A Brigade Lineman is stationed at each Battalion Hqrs. to patrol and maintain the Lines back to Brigade Hqrs.

A Wireless Plant is installed at Right Battalion Hqrs. and is in direct touch with the Wireless Stations at Brigade Headquarters and Right Brigade Headquarters.

Brigade Hqrs. is in touch by wireless with the following Stations in addition to the above - Directing Station at VAULX, and Right Brigade of Left Division.

An Amplifier is installed at Brigade Headquarters and which receives Signals direct from the Power Buzzor at Support Battalion Headquarters.

Despatches are carried direct to Left and Centre Battalions and to Support Battalion and Right Battalion Relay Station by Mounted D.Re. at dawn and dusk - The Runners at Right Battalion Relay Station carry despatches to and from Right Battalion Headquarters.

Three extra Horses are kept in Reserve at FREMOCOURT and arrangements are such that these horses can be brought up to Ede. Hqrs. on half an hour's notice.

13.

G A S

Fifth Army Standing Orders for Defence against Gas will be observed in all details.

Warning of actual gas attack will be given by the Signal Service and the Sounding of Strombed Horns.

Strombed Horns are located under guard at :

I.11. central - I.12.A.2.8. - C.29.A.5.1. - J.8.A. 6.0. - J.4.C.6.0.
C.24.D.8.5. - D.27.A.1.7. - D.29.C.2.1.

1 Horn and cylinder complete at each position.

BRIGADE ORDER No. 24.

By

Brig-General J. HEANEY, C.M.G. D.S.O.

Commanding

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Inf. Ede.
20th April 1917.

1. Gas projectors will be used against the enemy on the night 20/21st April should the wind be favourable. A South Westerly wind is required for the operation. The projectors will be fired from K.7.D. The objective will be the enemy's position about LOCK 6 Sq. K.3.A.
2. The discharge will be supplemented by a brief Artillery Gas Shell Bombardment on the enemy trenches in Sq.K.3.A. and K.3.C. commencing at Zero hour.
3. Zero hour will be 3 a.m.
4. Authority to discharge the projectors will be given by G.O.C. 1st Brigade at 2 a.m. on 21st instant by the following priority wire to O.R.A., O.C. "H" Coy. Special Brigade, D.H.Q., and C.Os. in Right Sector - "Gasses will be delivered". - If the wind is unfavourable the following priority wire will be sent to the same addresses - "No Action" - O.C. "H" Coy. Special Brigade will arrange to keep in touch with 1st Brigade Hqrs. through Headquarters 10th Battalion or Headquarters 4th Battalion.
5. All troops will be warned and those in the forward area East of a North and South Line through LOUVERVAL-DOIGNIES will wear Gas Helmets in the Alert position.
6. Hostile enemy Artillery fire is to be anticipated in retaliation.
7. Watches will be synchronised with Brigade Headquarters at 12 noon and 6 p.m. on 20th instant.
8. Acknowledge wire.

*J. Heaney*Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.

<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>To whom</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Method.</u>
1	File	1100	
2/3	War Diary	"	
4	1st Aust. Div.	"	D.R.
5	5th Bn.	"	"
6	6th Bn.	"	"
7	7th Bn.	"	"
8	8th Bn.	"	"
9	No. 2 M.G. Coy.	"	"
10	2 A.L.T. M. Bty.	"	"
11	1st Aust. Inf. Ede.	"	"
12	5th Aust. Inf. Ede.	"	"
13	3rd Aust. Inf. Ede.	"	"
14	Staff Captain	"	Ord.
15	Ede. Int. Offr.	"	"
16	Ede. Gas Officer	"	" R.
17/20	Spare.		

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Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
20th April 1917.

AMENDMENTS TO BRIGADE ORDER NO. 24 of 20/4/17.

- Para. 1 line 3 - After "South ^wWesterly" add to "North Westerly!"
Para. 2 - to last line after "hour" add "plus 7 minutes"

R. H. H. H. H.

Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Copy No.

BRIGADE ORDER NO. 25

BY

Brig-General J. HEANEY, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Commanding

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
21st April 1917.

Map 57 C.

1. Gas projectors will be used against the enemy on the night 21/22nd April should the wind be favourable. A South Westerly wind is required for the operation. The projectors will be fired from D.13.C.
2. Zero hour will be 0300 on 22nd inst.
3. C.O. 8th Battalion will arrange that the O.C. ³ Special Coy. R.E. has the use of Communications in Left Sub-Sector.
4. All troops will wear Gas Helmets in the Alert position from 1800 21st inst. to dawn 22nd inst.
5. C.O. 8th Battalion will arrange (a) to withdraw all troops from Posts in front of the projectors to the rear of the projectors from 0.255 till 0.305
(b) to cover these Posts during that time
(c) to reoccupy the Posts immediately afterwards.
6. Should conditions not be favourable for discharge of Gas a priority wire "NO ACTION" will be sent from Brigade to all Units.
7. Watches will be synchronised with Brigade Headquarters at 1200 and 1800 on the 21st.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

J. Heaney Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.

<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>To whom</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Method</u>
1	File	1000	
2/3	War Diary	"	
4	1st Aust. Div.	"	D.R.
5	5th Battalion.	"	"
6	6th Battalion.	"	"
7	7th Battalion.	"	"
8	8th Battalion	"	"
9	No. 2 H.G. Coy.	"	"
10	2 A.L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
11	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
12	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
13	5th Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
14	Staff Captain	"	Ord.
15	Ede. Gas Officer	"	D.R.
16	Ede. Int. Officer	"	Ord
17/20	Spare		

Appendix XXXVII
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BRIGADE ORDER No. 28

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By

Brigadier General J. HANE, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Commanding -

Reference Map :
Sheet 57 C.
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Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.,
21st April 1917.

1. The 5th Battalion will relieve the 8th Battalion in the left Sub-Sector of the Line on the night 22/23rd instant. 8th Battalion, on relief, will move to locations vacated by 5th Battalion.
2. Advance Parties including Intelligence Officer, representatives of Lewis gunners, Sigs., Bombers, Rifle Grenadiers and 1 N.C.O. per man per Post will be sent forward in advance.
3. All Maps, Airphotos, particulars of work in hand and proposed, and information of value will be handed over.
4. Relief wherever possible will be completed by day.
5. Trench Stores will be taken over and signed for by an Officer with the Advance Party. Copy of receipt to be forwarded to Bde. Hqrs. by first D.R. on 23rd instant.
6. All details not provided for will be arranged between C.Os. direct.
7. Completion of Relief will be wired in Code to Bde. Hqrs. *provisionally to later move.*
8. (1) C.O. 7th Battalion will arrange for a reconnaissance of the positions at present occupied by 5th Battalion and will make arrangements for his own guides to these locations.
(2) C.O. 6th Battalion will arrange to reconnoitre the area in C.17.B. & C. and C.23.A. & B.
(3) C.O. 8th Battalion will arrange for reconnaissance of the Line and Front area in Sq. C.12 and 18.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE

J. Hane
Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.

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1	File	2230	
2/3	War Diary	"	
4	1st Aust. Div.	"	D.R.
5.	5th Battalion	"	"
6.	6th Battalion	"	"
7.	7th Battalion	"	"
8.	8th Battalion	"	"
9.	No. 2 L.G. Coy.	"	"
10.	2 A.L.T.F. Lty.	"	"
11	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
12	5th Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
13	6th Bde. A.F.A.	"	"
14	13th Bde. A.F.A.	"	"
15	No. 4 Sig. Section.	"	Ord.
16	Art. Liason Officer	"	"
17	Staff Captain	"	"
18	Bde. Int. Offr.	"	"

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Report on Operations in connection
with taking of enemy Strong Post-
at D 14 C central.

Taking zero time as
0400 we attacked this morning
enemy strong post at D 14 C central
and occupied & consolidated
same.

Two platoons made the
attack which was met by about
60 Germans with bombs, rifle
fire & two machine guns.

Some sharp fighting
ensued, but our men forced
them away in with bombs &
the bayonet.

Nineteen Germans
were killed & 3 taken prisoner,
and a number of those that
got away were wounded.

We occupied &
consolidated the post which
contains good accommodation
including a deep dugout.

The enemy got away with
the MGs, but we captured

the iron stand of one of
the tripod of the other.

Our casualties in the
attack were 3 killed + 12
wounded (including two officers)
(Detailed report of the
operation following.)

R. Wallis
Capt. 4th
for 808121

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Hd. Qrs. 9th Inf. - Pde. 8th Bn. Hd. Qrs.

29/4/17

This morning at 0400 we attacked and captured an enemy strong post at D.W.C. 5.5. The attacking force met with some opposition, as the enemy were holding the position strongly, but our men taking the enemy by surprise from the rear and front were able to inflict good loss upon him, accounting for some 3 prisoners, 19 killed and a number wounded, the estimated strength of the enemy was between 50 and 60 men. Our strength was 4 Officers 40 O.Parkes. Our casualties up to two hours after occupation of Post were 1 killed 14 wounded. Immediately upon occupation the garrison established a block in the road and put the place in a state of defence. The position generally is a strong one, with wire almost all around it, and being upon a high commanding piece of ground, would, could it be held, an extremely useful position, as it overlooks the villages of QUEANT and PRONVILLE and the trench system between the two places. There were three fairly good dug-outs there, with entrances facing the enemy.

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The position was a good one until about 1100 when the OC. garrison Capt. W. T. YATES. phoned down to say that they had concentrated upon his position with heavy artillery a mine-thrower, and 4th and were also putting gas shells into it. The position was a hot one, and we endeavoured to get the heavy artillery to retaliate, both through liaison officer, and Bde Hd Qr. but without result, the heavies failed to respond and the garrison was rapidly decreasing. Our phone communication forward was generally good, but after waiting some twenty minutes to raise Bde Hd Qr. for orders, during which time the heavy fire was still concentrated, and failing to get them, I took the responsibility of ordering a retirement from the Strong Post to our former position, but had to send forward three officers to effect this as the previous ones were casualties. The evacuation was effected by Lt. Blackman and completed at 1420, bringing back all wounded, guns, etc. with him. The enemy placed a heavy barrage around the post and for some

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distance down the valley and kept it up for some time after our troops had left. The enemy was seen to re enter post about 30 minutes after our withdrawal, and was promptly stilled by our 18.PRS. but is still there.

I suggest that if his artillery can make it so warm for us surely we can do the same by him, and so prevent him from occupying the position.

Our casualties during the operation were 5 officers wounded, and approximately 50 O.R. killed and wounded.

22/4/17.

W. Mitchell Major
8th Bn A.I.F.

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BRIGADE ORDER No. 37

By

Brig-General J. HEANE, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Commanding -

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
22nd April 1917.

1. In accordance with the attached Table, on the night 23/24th the Right and Centre Battalions and part of the Machine Gun Company and T.M. Battery will be relieved and on the night 24/25th instant, the Reserve Battalion will relieve the Right Battalion of the 7th Brigade on our Left.
2. The Brigade Boundary at the conclusion of the Relief will be - on the Right H.23.D.50. - I.14.Cent. - I.9.D.O.O. - I.10.cent. - I.3.D.23. - C.30.cent. - D.19.D.5.O. D.15 E.1.9. Machine Guns and Trench Mortars EAST of this Line will be relieved.
3. No relief forward of the BEAUMETZ-MOROHIES Line will take place by day.
4. Parties will be sent to new locations in advance of Units to arrange details and accommodation.
5. All Airphotos, Maps, Defence Schemes, plans of projected operations and work and information of value will be handed over.
6. (i) All Trench Stores, Shelters and tents in position will be handed over to relieving units and receipt obtained. - A copy of receipt will be forwarded to Brigade Hqrs. by first D.R. after completion of reliefs.
(ii) New Trench Shelters have been issued to Units and these will be retained and made use of at new locations.
7. All reliefs will be completed by 0900 - 25th instant at which hour the Brigade will come under the Command of the G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Division.
8. Further details including guides for incoming Units will be arranged direct between the C.Os. concerned.
9. Completion of reliefs and moves will be wired in Code to Brigade Hqrs.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

*J. F. Ulrich*Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.

Copy No.	To whom	Time	Method.
1	Filo	1900	
2/3	War Diary	"	
4.	1st Aust. Div.	"	D.R.
5.	5th Bn.	"	"
6.	6th Bn.	"	"
7.	7th Bn.	"	"
8.	8th Bn.	"	"
9.	No. 2. M.G. Coy.	"	"
10.	2 A.L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
11.	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
12.	7th Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
13.	33rd Brigade	"	"
14.	6th Bde. A.F.A.	"	"
15.	13th Bde. A.F.A.	"	"
16.	21st M.G. Coy.	"	"
17.	Staff Captain.	"	Orderly.
18.	Ede. Int. Officer.	"	"
20/22	Spare.	"	"

Date	Unit	To be relieved by	To	Locality.
Night 23/24	6th Bn.	6th Lincolns	Reserve	Sunken Road in I.4. & 10.
23/24	7th Bn.	6th Borders	Reserve	Sunken Roads in C.29. & 30.
Night 24/25	8th Bn.	7th Bn.		8th Bn. to take over from 28th Bn
23/24	No. 2 M.G. Coy. No. 2 A.L.T.M. Bty.	Similar Units 33rd Brigade	Reserve	
		9th Shorwoods *		
24/25	Hqrs. 2nd A.I. Brigade	Hqrs. 33rd Bde.		C.29.A.4.2.

* Will move into Reserve about Sqs. D.25. and J.1.

C.Os. will make arrangements to bivouac their Units in and about their Localities given - making use of the new shelters issued.

BRIGADE ORDER No. 28.

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By

Brig-General J. HEANE, C.I.G., D.S.O.

Commanding,

Map :
Sheet 570.
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Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
24th April 1917.

1. On the night of the 24/25th April the Brigade will take over the area on the Left of the present boundary East of the Line Sq.C.C.5.3. to Sq.C.17.C.1.5. - Sq.C.28.central to I.4.C.5.5. which will then be the Left Boundary.
2. On the above night (24/25th) - In addition to moves previously ordered the following will be carried out -
 - (i) 2 Companies 6th Bn. will relieve 2 Coys. 17th Bn. in the Sunken Road in C.22.central and C.29.
 - (ii) 2 Platoons 6th Bn. will relieve 2 Platoons of 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. now on escort duty with Artillery Group in C.27 and 22. O.C., relieving escort will report to the Artillery Group Commander at C.22.central.
 - (iii) 6th Battalion less 2 Coys. and 2 Platoons will take over the LEAUMITZ-MORCHIES-VANUX Line between Sq.15.E.9.1. to C.28.central.
 - (iv) No. 2 M.G. Coy. will relieve the Vickers guns in the new Sector.
 - (v) 1 Sect. No.21 M.G. Coy. with guns emplaced round LAGNI-COURT is attached to the Brigade.
 - (vi) 2nd Lde. Hqrs. will move to C.29.A.3.2. at 1600 on 24th instant.
3. Trench shelters and stores in position and all information, photos, plans of projected operations and work in hand will be taken over and signed for; Copy of receipt and disposition report will be forwarded to Bde. Hqrs. by 1st D.R. on 25th inst.
4. Details of the relief of present Garrisons will be arranged between C.Os. direct and will be completed before 0900 on the 25th instant at which hour, the Brigade will come under the Orders of the G.O.C. of 2nd Aust. Inf. Division.
5. Completion of reliefs and moves will be wired in Code to E.H.Q.
6. A C H E N O W L E D G E

J. Heane

Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.

Copy.No.	To whom	Time	Method.
1.	File	0900	
2/3	War Diary	"	
4	1st Aust.Div.	"	D.R.
5	5th Bn.	"	"
6	6th Bn.	"	"
7.	7th Bn.	"	"
8.	8th Bn.	"	"
9	No.2 M.G.Coy.	"	"
10	2 A.L.T.H.Bty	"	"
11	1st A.I.Bde.	"	"
12	3rd A.I.Bde.	"	"
13	7th A.I.Bde.	"	"
14	33rd Bde.	"	"
15	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"
16.	21st M.G.Coy.	"	"
17.	13th F.A.Bde.	"	"
18	14th F.A.Bde.	"	Ord.
19.	Staff Captain	"	"
20	Lde. Int. Offr.	"	"
21	Camp Commandant	"	"
20/24	Spare.		

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BRIGADE ORDER NO 29

BY

BRIG-GENERAL J. HEANE, C.M.G., D.B.O.

Commanding -

Headquarters,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
27th April 1917.

- (.)
1. The 6th Bn. will relieve the 8th Bn. in the Left Sub-Sector of the Line on the night 28/29th April.
8th Bn. on relief will move into Supports and take over the location vacated by the 6th Bn.
(ii) Should the weather be wet, the relief will be postponed 24 hours.
 2. Advance Parties will be sent forward 24 hours ahead.
 3. All maps and ^{AIR}photos, particulars of work in hand and proposed and information of value will be handed over.
 4. Trench Stores will be handed over and receipts obtained. Copy of receipt will be forwarded to Ede. Hqrs. by first D.R. on 29th inst.
 5. Details not provided for will be arranged between C.Os. direct.
 6. Disposition report and sketch will be forwarded to reach Bde. Hqrs. before 1000 on 29th inst.
 7. Completion of relief will be wired in code to Ede. Hqrs.
 8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. Heane*Major,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.

Copy No.	To whom	Time	Method
1.	File	2330	
2/5	War Diary	"	
3	1st Aust. Div.	"	D.R.
5	5th Bn.	"	"
6	6th Bn.	"	"
7.	7th Bn.	"	"
8.	8th Bn.	"	"
9.	No. 2 M.G. Coy.	"	"
10.	2 A.L.T.H. Bty.	"	"
11	2nd Aust. Div.	"	"
12	7th A.I. Bde.	"	"
13.	33rd Bde.	"	"
14.	Staff-Captain.	"	Ord.
15	Ede. Int. Officer.	"	Ord.
16	Camp Commandant.	"	D.R.
17/20	Spare.	"	

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2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE

RETURN NO 1.

Unit.	On Establishment				Attached				Remarks.
	Off.	O'R.	Total	Horses	Off.	O'R.	Total	Horses	
Hqrs. 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade	7	21	28	20	6	97	103		5th Bn. Off 21 6th Bn. 2 20 7th Bn. 19 8th Bn. 1 17 9th Bn. 1 1 DAC 1 AASC 5 A.P.O.C. 1 Sigs. 4 Sig Off. Batman 1 Liason Off 1 1 Burial Party 6
No 2 M.G. Coy.	12	175	187	49	24	24			AMC 2 - Reserves 22
2A L.T. H. Bty.	4	52	56		22	22			Instructional purposes
5th Bn.	40	916	956	50	2	7	9		AMC 1 5 Chaplain 1 1 Interpreter 1 1 Armourer
6th Bn.	40	1089	1129	50	1	6	7		2 7 AMC 1 5 APC 1 1 6
7th Bn.	36	858	895	50	2	6	8		AMC 1 4 Chaplain 1 Armourer 1 Interpreter 1
8th Bn.	35	1044	1079	54	2	3	5		AMC 1 3 Chaplain 1 2 3
No 4 Sig. Section	1	47	48	8					
TOTAL	175	4293	4378	281	13	165	178		

OFFICERS.... 188..

OTHER RANKS... 4368.....

TOTAL... 4556.....

HORSES... 281.....

30/4/17. (Date)

R. Webster Lewis
CAPTAIN.
Staff Captain
for G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade

2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE

RETURN NO 3.

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U N I T.	Str. as Previous Day		Details as Previous Day		O f f i c e r s.			Other Ranks			Str. as this Day.		Details as this Day	
	Off.	O'R	Off	O'R	Casualties	Arrivals	Sick	Casualties	Arrivals	Sick.	Off. O'R		Off. O'R	
											Off.	O'R	Off.	O'R
Hqrs. 2nd A.I. Bde.	2	12		1							2	12		1
No 2 M.G. Coy	12	175	1	8					1	2	12	174	1	10
2A L.T.M. Bty	4	52		11							4	52		11
5th Battn.	40	920	5	150				7			40	913	5	152
6th Battn.	40	1095	11	151				8			40	1087	11	152
7th Battn.	36	857	9	130							36	857	9	130
8th Battn.	35	1041	11	208				1	1		35	1041	10	209
TOTAL	169	4154	37	659				16	2	2	169	4136	36	665

30//4/17.....(Date)

Robert Lunt
CAPTAIN.
Staff Captain

for G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Appendix XLIII

SECOND AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADECasualties - Month of April 1917.

	Killed		Wounded		Missing	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off	O.R.
5th Battalion		13	1	48		
6th "		5	3	29		
75 th "		9	2	40		
8th "		10	5	86		
No. 2 M.G. Coy.		2		2		
2 A.L.T.M. Bty.				1		
		39	11	206		

Lieut. W.D. McMINN

 Lt-Col .G.W.D. DALY)
 Lieut. H. LOUGHLIN)
 2/Lt. T.H. BOYD)

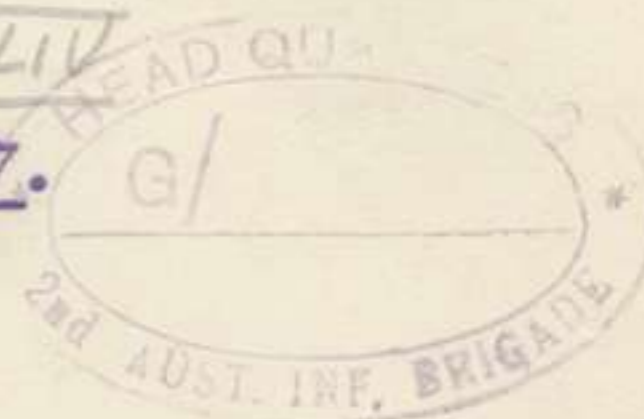
 2/Lieut. R. BUGGY)
 2/Lieut. G. HEATON)

 Lieut. CAMPBELL)
 Lieut. R. DILLOW)
 Capt. W.T. YATES)
 Lieut. R.S. MILES)
 2/Lieut. W.B. BENNETT)

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Reinforcements for month of April 1917.



	Off.	O.R.	
5th Battalion	4	73	2/Lieut. C.H. COPP 2/Lieut. TWAITS 2/Lieut. BARBER 2/Lieut. BURLEIGH
6th Battalion	1	131	Lieut. SANDERSON
7th Battalion	4	117	Capt. F.R. TUBE M.C. Capt. A.F. PHILLIPS Lieut. V.H. DICKENSON Lieut. H.F. O'NEILL -2/Lieut. J.T. MEADOWAM
8th Battalion	1	53	
No. 2 M.G.Coy.			
2 A.L.T.M.Bty.		7	
	10	381.	

Headquarters, 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.Schools attended during month of April 1917.

	Off.	O.R.
Infantry	13	38
Power Buzzer		3
Anti-Aircraft M.G. Fire	1	3
Lewis Gun	1	5
Sniping	3	5
Signalling		2
Musketry Instructors		2
Cookery		2
Machine Gun		2
Instructors.	2	6
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	20	68
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