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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ST MARIE CAPEL	1-3	July	Training much restricted owing to incessant rain.	
	4	"	Corps + Divisional Commanders visited the Brigade area.	
	7	"	Brigade Order No 43 for move of Brigade Group to DOULIEU area issued.	B.O. No 43 Appendix XXX
	8	"	Brigade Group marched to DOULIEU area	
DOULIEU	9	"	Training commenced in new area; training grounds very restricted.	
	10	"	1 <sup>st</sup> course of Brigade Class of Instruction ends. Inspection of same held.	
	13	"	2 <sup>nd</sup> course of Brigade Class of Instruction opens.	
		"	Col. MITCHELL (8 <sup>th</sup> Bn) goes on leave to England. Major ULRICH assumes temporary command.	
	16	"	The Corps Commander presents medals to members of the Division.	Special B.O. App. XXXIX
	22	"	Representative units of the Brigade marched past G.O.C. AIF	
	26	"	The Corps Commander attended Church parade + presented medals to members of the Division.	
		"	Brig-Gen HEANE left on leave to England. Col. T.A. BLAMEY assumes temporary command of the Brigade.	
		"	St. Col MITCHELL returned from leave.	
	27	"	A Brigade Class of Instruction for junior officers opened in DOULIEU	Special B.O. App. LXXX
	28	"	Representative units of the Brigade marched past G.O.C. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army.	
		"	H.F. Watson - Capt Bde Major 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aus Inf Bde	

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DOULIEU	31	July	<p>Throughout the month raining has been interfered with by frequent rain.</p> <p>Table showing strength as at noon 31/8/17</p> <p>" " reinforcements for August</p> <p>" " casualties</p> <p>" " personell attending schools during August</p> <p>" " raining syllabi for August</p> <p style="text-align: right;">H. F. Watkinson Capt Bde. Maj. 2nd Aus Inf Bde</p>	<p>of LXXXI</p> <p>" LXXXII</p> <p>" LXXXIII</p> <p>" LXXXIV</p> <p>" LXXXV</p>

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## HEADQUARTERS

2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.

7th August 1917.

Reference Maps. HAZEBROUCK 5A  
and 57 S.E.

1. The 2nd Brigade Group will move by march route from the St MARIE CAPPEL Area to the BERQUIN Area on the 8th inst.

2. Order of march as per margin.

5th Battalion  
8th Battalion  
Bde. Class of  
Instruction  
7th Battalion  
2nd M.G. Coy.  
Bde. Hqrs.  
6th Battalion  
2nd Field Coy. A.E.  
2nd Field Amb.  
2A L.T.M. Bty.  
3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.

3. Starting point Cross Roads V.2.D.8.3.

4. Head of Column will pass Starting Point at 0800.

5. (a) Route will be via Railway Crossing V.27.B.27 - HAZEBROUCK - LA MOTTE - VITUX BERQUIN - LE VERRIER.

(b) The route through HAZEBROUCK will be as shown on sketch 'A' attached.

(c) The main CASSEL - ST SYLVESTRE CAPPEL - HAZEBROUCK Road will not be used.

6. The following intervals will be maintained on the march -

200 yards between Battalions  
100 yards between Companies and other Units.

7. There will be a halt of 10 minutes duration when head of Column reaches V.21.D.4.2. and a second halt of 15 minutes at 0930. Thereafter halts of 10 minutes duration at 10 minutes to the clock hour.

8. The 6th Battalion will provide a Rear party of 1 officer and 8 other ranks to collect Stragglers.

9. Units will obtain certificates (in triplicate) from the Area Commandant that the billets vacated by them, have been left in a clean and Sanitary condition. Two copies of these certificates will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.

10. One Motor Lorry per Battalion, and 1 for Brigade Headquarters and 2A L.T.M. Battery, will be available. These lorries will make two trips each and will carry Blankets and surplus gear.

11. 2nd Field Ambulance will detail an Ambulance to follow in rear of Column to convey men who fall out on March.

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12. Brigade Hqrs will close at ST MARIE CAPPEL at 0800 and open at F 29 d 13 (sheet 36 a) at the same hour.
13. Units will notify Bde Hqrs of their arrival in billets in new area.
14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*H. H. H.*

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

Copy No.	To whom	Time	Method
1	Filo	2200	
2/4	War Diary	"	
5	1st Aust. Division	"	D.R.
6	5th Battalion	"	"
7	6th Battalion	"	"
8	7th Battalion	"	"
9	8th Battalion	"	"
10	2nd H.G. Coy.	"	"
11	2A L.T.M. Lty.	"	"
12	Bde. Class of Instruction	"	"
13	2nd Field Coy. A.E.	"	"
14	2nd Field Ambulance	"	"
15	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"
16	Area Commandant STAPLES	"	"
17	Area Commandant DOULIEU	"	"
18	No 4 Signal Section	"	"
19	Staff Captain	"	"
20	Bde. Major	"	"

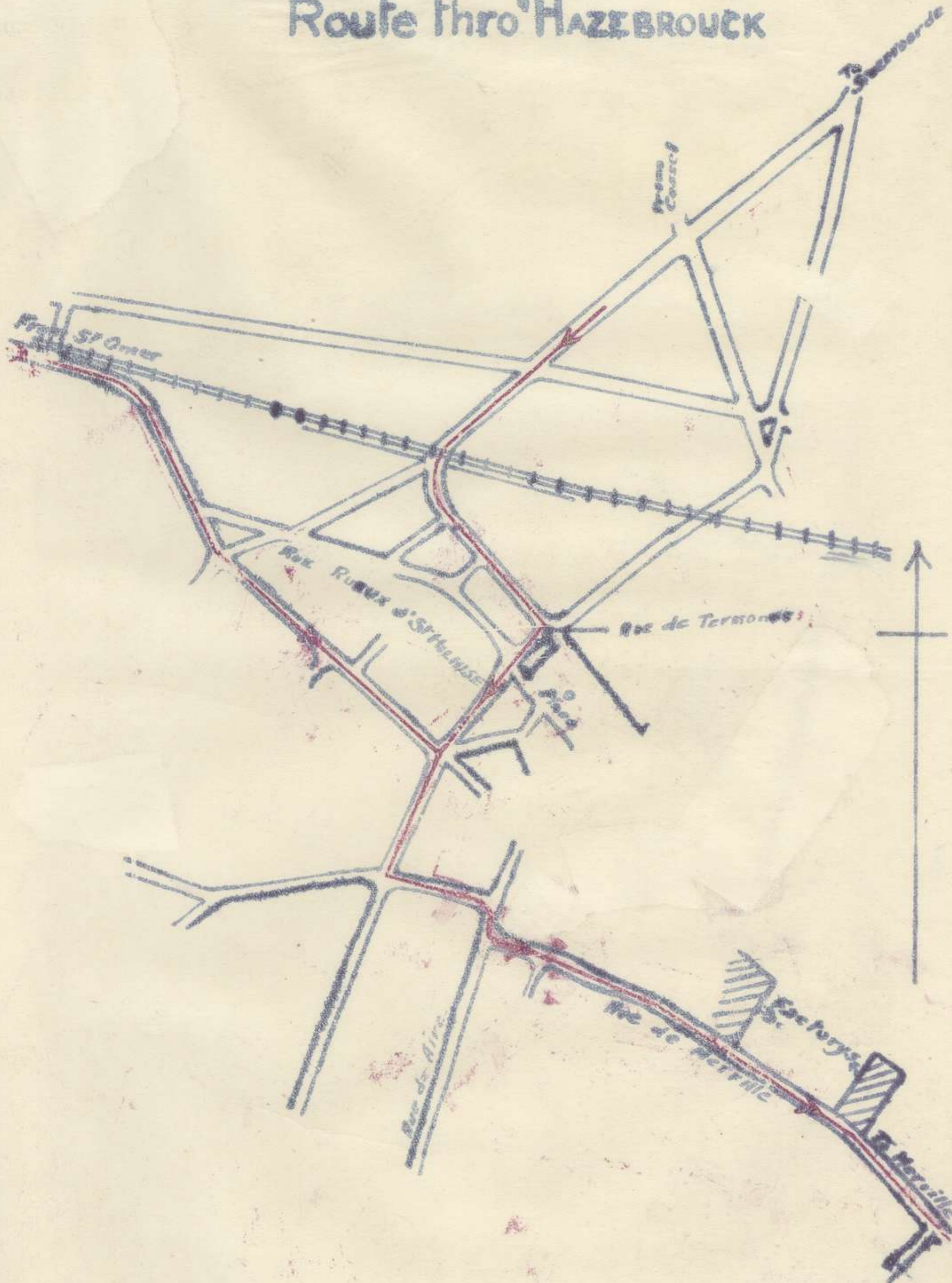
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# APPENDIX D. To accompany Bde. Order No. 43. Route thro' HAZEBROUCK



## SPECIAL BRIGADE ORDER

HEADQUARTERS

2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.

21st August 1917

Reference Map. Sheet 36A  
1/40,000.

1. Representative units of the Brigade will march past the G.O.C., A.I.F. on 22nd instant.
2. The Brigade Group will be represented by -  
5th Battalion with transport complete.  
1 Sect. 2nd M.G. Coy. with three wagons.  
1 Sect. 2nd L.T.M. Dty. without transport.  
1 Sect. 2nd Field Ambulance with five horse drawn vehicles.  
7 Baggage wagons of 3rd Coy. Div. Train
3. The Saluting point will be at the north-eastern corner of the cross roads at K.6.B.5.8. and the head of the Column will pass that point at 1050.
4. Order of march will be as in para 2.
5. Starting point - RUE PRUVOST L.8.B.5.8.
6. Head of Column will pass Starting point at 1000.
7. Route - RUE PRUVOST - L.13.B.2.7. - K.6.B.5.8. - F.26.D.1.9. - thence to quarters.
8. Distances will be as laid down in F.S.R. Sec. 25. Where complete units do not parade, sections of units will maintain a distance of ten yards in rear of the unit preceding each.
9. There will be no halts on the ESTAIRES - VIRUX BERQUIN Road. Rear of Column will be 500 yards clear of that road before halting.
10. The Brigade Band will march at the Head of the Column.
11. The G.O.C. 5th Battalion will detail an officer to march at the Head of the Column to check the pace and rate of march.
12. Not more than 10% of the total strength of units may be absent from the parade. Where complete units do not attend, sections representing them will be fully made up. Parade States will be handed to the Staff Captain at the Starting Point.
13. Dress - Drill order with hats, packs will not be carried.
14. Vehicles will march loaded. Special attention will be paid to neatness in loading and turn out.
15. Bicycles and Motor Ambulances will not parade.
16. All routes will be reconnoitred and times will be carefully maintained. Roads must not be blocked by troops forming up.
17. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*H. J. Coulson* CAPTAIN,  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade,

Copy.No	To whom	Time	Method
1	File	1100	
2/4	War Diary	"	
5	1st Aust. Division	"	D.R.
6	5th Battalion	"	"
7	2nd M.G.Coy.	"	"
8	2A L.T.M.Bty.	"	"
9	2nd Field Ambulance	"	"
10	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"
11	6th Bn. (for information)	"	"
12	7th Bn. (do)	"	"
13	8th Bn. (do)	"	"
14	Brigade Major	"	"
15	Staff Captain	"	"
16-18	Sparos.		



"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Reed. at.....m.
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Sent		Service.		Date.....
At.....m.				From.....
To.....				By.....
By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO { 2nd Aust. Bde

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G 742	21/18		

re. special div order  
 dated 20th brigade  
 commander will command  
 representative groups AAA  
 bands may march  
 direct past the turning  
 off corner to play  
 group past following  
 on in rear of group  
 AAA watches will be  
 synchronised with signal  
 Coy after 6pm today

From	1st Aust. Div
Place	
Time	1220

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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			To _____			By _____
			By _____			

TO {	2nd Lt.	Bde
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Sender's Number <u>*G. 747</u>	Day of Month <u>21</u>	In reply to Number <u>-</u>	<b>AAA</b>
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Ref.	Special parade tomorrow one staff officer per Bde will meet G.S.O. 1. at saluting point at 10 am		
From	1st Lt. H. A. Dixon		
Place			
Time			

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

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

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## SPECIAL BRIGADE ORDER

## HEADQUARTERS

2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.

27th August 1917

Reference Map. Sheet 36A  
1/40,000

1. Representative units of the Brigade will march past the G.O.C., 2nd Army on 28th inst.
2. The Brigade Group will be represented by -
  - 8th Bn. (less 2 Coys and transport) with 2 Coys. of 5th Battn. attached.
  - 6th Bn. (less 2 Coys) with transport complete and with 2 Coys. of 7th Bn. attached.
  - 1 Section 2nd M.G. Coy. with 3 wagons.
  - 2A L.T.M. Ety. without transport
  - 2 Sections 2nd Field Ambulance with 8 horse drawn vehicles.
  - 9 baggage wagons of 3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.
3. The Saluting point will be at the cross roads at K.6.B.5.8. and the head of the Column will pass that point at 1106.
4. Order of march will be as in para 2.
5. Starting point - RUE PRUVOST L.3.B.5.6.
6. Head of Column will pass Starting point at 1020.
7. In moving to the Starting point, the 8th Battalion and the 2 Coys. of the 5th Battalion will not use the main road from DOULIEU to L.3.C.4. and will be clear of Cross roads at L.3.C.6.4. by 1000.
8. Route - RUE PRUVOST - L.13.B.2.7. - K.6.B.5.8. - F.26.D.1.9. - thence to quarters.
9. Distances will be as laid down in F.S.R. Sec. 25. Where complete units do not parade, sections of units will maintain a distance of ten yards in rear of the unit preceding each.
10. There will be no halts on the ESTAIRES-VIEUX BERQUIN road. Rear of Column will be 500 yards clear of that road before halting.
11. The Battalion Band will march at the head of each Battalion. The band of the 8th Battalion after passing the Saluting Point will continue along the VIEUX BERQUIN - ESTAIRES Road for a distance of not less than thirty yards, and will then halt and play the Column past. The band of the 6th Battalion will cease playing 800 yards before reaching the Saluting Point. As soon as the rear of the Brigade Column has passed the Saluting Point, the Band of the 8th Battalion will cease to play and will follow in rear of the Column. No band will play again until it is 800 yards beyond the Saluting Point.
12. The G.O. 5th Battalion will detail an officer to march at the Head of the Column to check the pace and rate of march. Special attention will be paid to avoid checking the pace of the inside men when the Column is wheeling.

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13. Not more than 10% of the total strength of units may be absent from the parade. Where complete units do not attend, sections representing them will be fully made up. Parade States will be handed to the Staff Captain at the Starting Point.
14. Dress - Drill order with hats, Haversacks and entrenching tools will not be worn.
15. Vehicles will march loaded. Special attention will be paid to neatness in loading and turn out.
16. Bicycles and Motor Ambulances will not parade.
17. All routes will be reconnoitred and times will be carefully maintained. Roads must not be blocked by troops forming up.
18. A C K N O W L E D G E.

H. F. Watson

CAPTAIN.  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Copy No	To whom	Time	Method
1	Filo	1930	
2/4	War Diary	"	
5	1st Aust. Division	"	D.R.
6	5th Battalion	"	"
7	6th Battalion	"	"
8	7th Battalion	"	"
9	8th Battalion	"	"
10	2nd M.G. Coy.	"	"
11	2A L.T.M. Dty.	"	"
12	2nd Field Ambulance	"	"
13	Brigade Major	"	"
14	Staff Captain	"	"
15-18	Sparos 3rd Coy RAAC	"	"

2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Inf. Bde

Return No. 1.

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Unit	Establishment				attached				
	Off	ORS	Total	Horses	Off	ORS	Total	Horses	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust Inf. Bde Atqrs.	3	21	24	22	5	54	59		5Bn 1 - 12 6. 1 11 7. 2 14 8. 1 11 AAPC 1 1 ADOC 1 1 Inlight 3 DHQ 3 <hr/> 5 54
2 <sup>nd</sup> M G Coy	12	199	211	53	1	2	3		
2 ALZMR	5	80	85			1	1		
5 <sup>th</sup> Bn	52	1026	1078	54	2	8	10		AMC 1 - 5 Chap 1 Arm Spt 1 Inlgt 1 AAPC 1 <hr/> 2 8
6 <sup>th</sup> Bn	45	1211	1256	53	2	35	37		AMC 1 - 4 AAPC 1 Chap 1 Band 1 <hr/> 2 35
7 <sup>th</sup> Bn	56	1144	1200	52	3	8	11		AMC 1 - 5 Chap 1 Inlgt 1 24 Bn 1 Arm Spt 1 AAPC 1 <hr/> 3 8
8 <sup>th</sup> Bn	47	1214	1261	52	2	6	8		AMC 1 - 5 Chap 1 AAPC 1 <hr/> 2 - 6
4 <sup>th</sup> Sig. Sec.	1	63	64	6					
	221	4958	5179	292	15	114	129		

Officers 236  
Other Ranks 5072  
Total 5308  
Horses 292

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Captain  
 Staff Captain  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Inf. Bde

2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Inf Bde

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Return No 3.

Unit	Strength previous day		Details previous day		Officers			Other Ranks			Strength this day		Details this day	
	off	ORS	off	ORS	cos	an	Sick	bas	an	Sick	off	ORS	off	ORS
2 <sup>nd</sup> A.I. Bde Hq	3	11									3	11		
2 <sup>nd</sup> M G Coy	12	198	5	27							3	198	5	30
2 <sup>nd</sup> A.I. Bde Bly	5	80	2	14							5	80	2	15
5 <sup>th</sup> Bn.	52	1018	20	176							52	1018	21	180
6 <sup>th</sup> Bn.	45	1209	16	213							45	1209	18	221
7 <sup>th</sup> Bn.	56	1145	21	213					4	7	56	1142	22	209
8 <sup>th</sup> Bn.	47	1210	20	194					3	2	47	1211	20	185
	220	4871	74	837					7	9	221	4869	88	840

31-8-17

Captain  
Staff Captain  
2<sup>nd</sup> Aust Inf Bde

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Reinforcements received during Month of August 1917

Units	Officers	Other Ranks	Remarks
2nd A L I M Bty		20	
5th Battalion	2	1	2Lt Lucas L G 2Lt G B Booth
6th Battalion	3	6	2Lt W A McIntosh 2Lt M W Martin 2Lt J Simpson
7th Battalion	1	6	2Lt Barhile A H
8th Battalion	4	6	2Lt Clarke 2Lt McFayden 2Lt W B Hooper 2Lt J W Stubbs
	10	39	

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2nd AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
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Casualties for Month ending August 1917.

Unit	Officers			Other Ranks			Remarks.
	K	W	M	K	W	M	
No 2 M.G.Coy					1		No 285 Pte W.A.Corn accidentally wounded by Revolver Bullet.



SCHOOLS ATTENDED DURING MONTH  
OF AUGUST 1917.

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	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O'Ranks</u>
Infantry	11	13
Gadets		5
Musketry	4	4
Lewis Gun	3	8
Bombing	4	10
Intelligence & Scouting	2	4
Stokes Mortar	2	6
Gas		7
Transport Duties		17
Cookery		7
Veterinary		2
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TOTAL.	26	83
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Headquarters  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
28th July 1917



BRIGADE TRAINING MEMORANDUM.

During the ensuing week, training will be carried out on the following lines :-

1. Units will engage in Specialist training daily, working by platoons. The exercises will be short and severe.
2. Model Platoon demonstration will be carried out daily. Platoon Commanders weak in this work, will be specially coached.
3. Particular attention will be paid to bayonet fighting. The men must be brought up to the highest state of physical fitness.
4. Route marching will take place twice during the week, under Unit arrangements. Fighting order will be worn.
5. Training hours will be - Morning 0800 - 1030, Afternoon 1430 - 1630.
6. Platoon Commanders are to <sup>be</sup> specially instructed, to get to know the weak and strong points of their men, so that they will be able to act accordingly when the time arrives.
7. Short lectures and discussions for all officers will be held daily for at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour.
8. Particular attention is to be paid to smartness in dress and Saluting. Men must wear belts when out walking.

Sgd. H.F. WATSON.  
Captain  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade

Distribution :-

5th Battalion  
6th Battalion  
7th Battalion  
8th Battalion  
2nd M.G. Coy.  
2A L.T.M. Bty.  
2nd Bde. Class of Instruction  
1st Aust. Div. (for information)

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HEADQUARTERS  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
2nd August 1917

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TRAINING SYLLABUS.  
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Period 5th August to 11th August 1917 (inclusive)

Date	Description
5th August	C H U R C H P A R A D E S.
5th to 11th August 1917 (inclusive)	Saluting - Guards and Sentries - Rifle Exercises - Bayonet Fighting - Physical Training. Specialist Training Route Marches Model Platoon work Specialist Training for H.C. Coy. and T.H. Battery. Anti-gas drill.

1. Company or Battalion route marches will take place at the commencement of each day's work. Two of these marches will be Battalion marches of not less than 8 mile.
2. Dress will be Fighting Order for all training.
3. Lectures of not less than 30 minutes duration, may be given after Tea, in which cases the afternoon period of training may cease at 1600.
4. The Rifle range will be made available for the training of Lewis Gunners and Backward Shots at times to be notified later.
5. A Gorman Machine Gun will be issued to Units in turn, for Instructional purposes.
6. During Specialist Training, instruction in the use of Gorman Bombs will be given.
7. Special Attention will be paid to Bayonet Fighting and Physical Training, in order to maintain and improve the Physical fitness of the men.
8. Training periods will be -  
Forenoon 0800 to 1130  
Afternoon 1400 to 1630.
9. Battalion Programme will be submitted to this office.

*H. F. Lovatt*CAPTAIN,  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.

## HEADQUARTERS.

2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
9th AUGUST 1917

TRAINING SYLLABUS.  
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Period 12th August to 18th August (inclusive)  
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D a t e.	Description
12th August	C H U R C H P A R A D E S.
13th to 18th August 1917 (inclusive)	Platoon and Company drill - Guards and Sentries - Rifle Exercises - Bayonet Fighting - Physical Training.  Training on the lines laid down in G.S. Memo No 29.  Specialist Training  Route Marches.  Model Platoon work  Specialist Training for M.G. Coy., and T.M. Battery.  Anti-gas drill.

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1. Company or Battalion route marches will take place at the commencement of each day's work. Two of these marches will be Battalion marches of not less than 8 miles.
  2. Dress will be Fighting Order for all training.
  3. Lectures of not less than 30 minutes duration, may be given after Tea, in which cases the afternoon period of training may cease at 1600.
  4. A German Machine Gun will be issued to Units in turn, for instructional purposes.
  5. During Specialist Training, instruction in the use of German Bombs will be given.
  6. Special attention will be paid to Bayonet Fighting and Physical Training, in order to maintain and improve the Physical fitness of the men.
  7. Training periods will be -
 

Forenoon	0800 - 1130
Afternoon	1400 - 1630.
  10. Battalion Programme will be submitted to this Office.

*H. J. Lister*

CAPTAIN.  
Brigade Major  
2nd Australian Infantry Brigade.

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2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
16th August 1917

TRAINING SYLLABUS  
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Period 19th August to 25th August (inclusive)

Date	Description
19th August	CHURCH PARADES.
20th to 25th August 1917 (inclusive)	Platoon and Company drill - Musketry - Rifle Exercises - Bayonet fighting - Physical Training. Specialist Training Route Marches Model Platoon work daily. Specialist Training for M.C. Coy. and T.M. Bty. Anti-gas drill.

1. Musketry training will take place daily, special attention being given to rapid loading and firing with dummy cartridges, at least 5 charges being used.
2. Company or Battalion route marches will take place at the commencement of each day's work. Two of these marches will be Battalion marches of not less than 8 miles. During Company marches, frequent practice will be given in manning banks and hedges. Platoon and Section commanders will then indicate targets and fire control and discipline will be practiced.
3. Dress will be Fighting Order for all training.
4. Lectures of not less than 30 minutes duration may be given after Tea, in which cases the afternoon period of training may cease at 1600.
5. A German Machine Gun will be issued to Units in turn for instructional purposes.
6. During Specialist Training, instruction in the use of German Bombs will be given.
7. Special attention will be paid to Bayonet Fighting and Physical Training, in order to maintain and improve the physical fitness of the men and with this object, healthy vigorous games will be indulged in for about an hour each afternoon.
8. Training periods will be -  
 Forenoon 0800 - 1130  
 Afternoon 1400 - 1630
9. Frequent practice will be given to officers in coding and decoding messages and to Officers and N.C.O's in framing reports. Men will be practiced in passing verbal messages.
10. Battalion Programme will be submitted to this office.

*H. J. Curran*

CAPTAIN.

16th August 1917

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H E A D Q U A R T E R S.

2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade  
23rd AUGUST 1917

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TRAINING SYLLABUS  
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Period 26th August to 1st September 1917  
(inclusive)

Date	Description
26th August	C H U R C H P A R A D E S.
27th Aug. to 1st Sept. 17. (inclusive)	Platoon and Company drill - Musketry - Rifle Exercises Dayonet Fighting - Physical Training.  Specialist Training  Route Marches Model Platoon work Daily  Specialist Training for M.G. Coy. and T.H. Dty.  Anti-gas drill

- Musketry training will take place daily, special attention being given to rapid loading and firing with dummy cartridges, at least 5 charges being used. Ddo. Musketry officer will deliver lectures
- Company or Battalion route marches will take place daily. Two of these marches will be Battalion marches of not less than 8 miles. During Company marches, frequent practice will be given in manning banks and hedges. Platoon and Section commanders will then indicate targets and fire control and discipline will be practiced.
- Dress will be Fighting Order for all training.
- A lecture on Trench Mortar tactics will be given to officers during the week.
- A German Machine Gun will be issued to Units in turn for instructional purposes.
- During Specialist Training, instruction in the use of German Bombs will be given.
- Special attention will be paid to Dayonet Fighting and Physical Training, in order to maintain and improve the Physical fitness of the men and with this object, healthy vigorous games will be indulged in for about an hour each afternoon.
- Frequent practice will be given in rapid wiring.
- Frequent practice will be given to officers in coding and decoding messages and to Officers and N.C.O.'s in framing reports. Men will be practiced in passing verbal messages.
- Programme of Training for Intelligence sections is forwarded herewith.
- Training periods will be -  
Forenoon 0800 - 1130  
Afternoon 1400 - 1630
- Battalion Programmes will be submitted to this office by 1300 on 25th inst.

*H. F. Heath*  
CAPTAIN.  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Headquarters  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
23rd August 1917

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INTELLIGENCE TRAINING.  
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for week ending 1st September 1917  
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Monday Map reading - J.D. - Indication and Location of Targets  
Tuesday Compass - Protractor - and use with Map - Message Writing  
Wednesday Patrol duties and writing of report with sketch for illustration - Night patrol.  
Thursday Observation duties - establishing an O.P. - ~~writing~~ writing of an O.P. report.  
Friday Message writing - German Army for Organisation and Identification - Duties of Intelligence personnel in the line - Night work with compass.  
Saturday Revision of doubtful points.

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1. Intelligence sections will take part in Battalion route marches and Physical training with their units.
  2. Supervision. Battalion Intelligence Officers to halve the day between Hqrs. Sections and Coy men, alternating with Hqrs. and Coy. N.C.O's.

Sgd. H.F. WATSON Captain  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade



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BRIGADE TRAINING MEMORANDUM.

During the ensuing week, training will be carried out on the following lines :-

1. Units will engage in Specialist training daily, working by platoons. The exercises will be short and severe.
2. Model Platoon demonstration will be carried out daily. Platoon Commanders weak in this work, will be specially coached.
3. Particular attention will be paid to bayonet fighting. The men must be brought up to the highest state of physical fitness.
4. Route marching will take place twice during the week, under Unit arrangements. Fighting order will be worn.
5. Training hours will be - Morning 0800 - 1030, Afternoon 1430 - 1630.
6. Platoon Commanders are to <sup>be</sup> specially instructed, to get to know the weak and strong points of their men, so that they will be able to act accordingly when the time arrives.
7. Short lectures and discussions for all officers will be held daily for at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  an hour.
8. Particular attention is to be paid to smartness in dress and Saluting. Men must wear belts when out walking.

Sgd. H.F. WATSON.  
Captain  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade

Distribution :-

- 5th Battalion
- 6th Battalion
- 7th Battalion
- 8th Battalion
- 2nd M.G. Coy.
- 2A L.T.M. Bty.
- 2nd Bde. Class of Instruction
- 1st Aust. Div. (for information)



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SPECIAL DIVISIONAL ORDER.

Ref. Map 1/40,000. Sheet 36a.

Divisional Headquarters,  
20th August, 1917.

1. Representative units of the Division will march past the G.O.C., A.I.F. on 22nd inst.

The saluting point will be at the north-eastern corner of the cross roads at Sq. K.6.b.5.8.

2. The march will be carried out in four independent columns in accordance with the attached table.

3. There will be no halts on the ESTAIRES-VIEUX BERQUIN Road. Rear of Columns will be 500 yards clear of the road before halting.

4. A band will accompany each brigade column under arrangements to be made by G.O's.C. Brigades.

5. An Officer will be detailed to march at the head of each column to check the pace and rate of march.

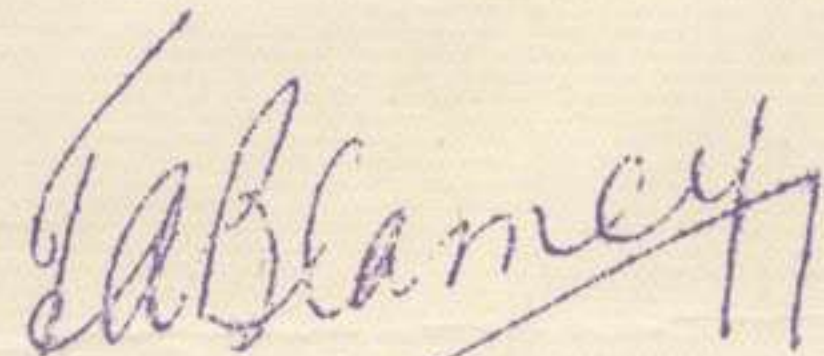
6. Distances will be as laid down in F.S.R. Sec. 25. Where complete units do not parade, sections of units will maintain a distance of ten yards in rear of the unit preceding each.

7. All routes will be reconnoitred and times will be carefully maintained. Roads are not to be blocked by troops forming up.

8. Not more than 10% of the total strength of units may be absent from the parade. Where complete units do not attend, sections representing them will be fully made up.

9. Dress - Drill order with hats, packs will not be carried.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Colonel.  
General Staff.  
First Australian Division.P.T.O.

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5.	Div. Signal Coy.	18.	D.A.D.O.S.
6.	Div. Train.	19.	21st H.G. Coy.
7.	S.S.O. 1st Aus. Div.	20.	Camp Comdnt.
8.	1st Aus. Inf. Bde.	21.	1st Aus. Div. San. Sect.
9.	2nd Aus. Inf. Bde.	22.	1st Aus. Div. Salv. Coy.
10.	3rd Aus. Inf. Bde.	23.	1st Aus. Div. Reinf. Camp.
11.	1st Pioneer Bn.	24.	File.
12.	A.D.S.	25. )	
13.	D.A.D.V.S.	26. )	War Diary.
14.	A.P.H.	27. )	
15.	Mob. Vet. Sect.		

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MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY SPECIAL DIVISIONAL ORDER.

Bde Group.	Representative units to attend parade.	Transport vehicles to parade. <u>Wagons etc.</u>	Hour head reaches saluting point.	Route.
1st Bde.	1 Inf. Btn. 1 Sec. M.G. Coy. 1 Sec. L.T.M. Bty. 1 Sec. Fld. Amb. 1 Sec. 21st M.G. Coy. Baggage wagons of Coy. of Div. Train.	Full Strength. 3 Nil. 5 3 7	10.30 a.m.	VIEUX-BERQUIN - Sq. K.6.b.5.7. -1e Cornet Perdu-Verte Rue- Sq. E.23.a.1.4. thence to quarters.
3rd Bde.	1 Inf. Btn. 1 Sec. M.G. Coy. 1 Sec. L.T.M. Bty. 1 Sec. Fld. Amb. Baggage wagons of Coy. of Div. Train.	Full Strength. 3. Nil. 5. 7.	10.40 a.m.	Bleu-F.26.d.1.9.-K.6.b.5.8.- 1a Couronne - BLEU thence to quarters.
2nd Bde.	1 Inf. Btn. 1 Sec. M.G. Coy. 1 Sec. L.T.M. Bty. 1 Sec. Fld. Amb. Baggage wagons of Coy. of Div. Train.	Full Strength. 3. Nil. 5. 7.	10.50 a.m.	Rue Pruvost- L.13.b.2.7.-K.6.b.5.8. -F.26.d.1.9. thence to quarters.
Engineers.	1 Section of Coy. from each Fld. Coy.		11 a.m.	Sq. L.7.a.3.7.- 1a Couronne BLEU thence to quarters.

Notes. 1. Motor Ambulances will not parade.  
2. Bicycles will not parade.

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Headquarters 5th. Battalion A.I.F.  
21/8/17.

SPECIAL BATTALION ORDER NO.2.  
BY LT. COL. D.A. LUXTON D.S.O. COMMANDING.

- PARADE. 1. The 5th. Battalion and other details <sup>representing</sup> of the 2nd. Brigade Group, will march past the G.O.C., A.I.F., tomorrow, 22nd. inst.
- SALUTING POINT. 2. North Eastern corner of cross roads at K.6.B.5.8, the head of column passing that point at 1050.
- ORDER OF MARCH. 3. Band, Intelligence, Signallers, Headquarters, "B", "C", "D", "A", Transport.
- STARTING POINT. 4. RUE PRUVOST L.8.B.5.6. Head of column will pass Starting Point at 1000. Coys. will be in position in above order. Head of column resting facing North at "B" Coy's. Headquarters at 0930.
- STARTING ROUTE. 5. Starting Point, L.13.B.2.7, K.6.B.5.8, F.26.D.1.9, Billets.
- DISTANCES. 6. As in Field Service Regulations.
- PACE. 7. Lieut. CUFF will march in front of Band to check pace and rate of march.
- HALTS. 8. Of 10 minutes twenty minutes after passing <sup>Saluting</sup> Starting Point.
- PARADE STATES. 9. Will be handed to Regimental Office by 0900. Company duties will cut down to a minimum and should not exceed 5% of strength, light duty men acting as billet guards.
- DRESS & TURNOUT. 10. Fighting order will be worn. Particular attention will be paid to turnout. Platoons will be sized and where strength of platoons varies greatly, they will be equalized.
- TRANSPORT. 11. As per instructions issued direct to Transport Officer.
- SYNCHRONIZATION. 12. Watches will be synchronized at 0830.
- 13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Signed) G.L. FINLAY,  
Lieut. & Adjutant.

Copy. No.	To Whom.	Method.
1.	C.O.	
2.	File.	
3.	Brigade.	Runner.
4.	O.C. "A" Coy.	"
5.	O.C. "B" Coy.	"
6.	O.C. "C" Coy.	"
7.	O.C. "D" Coy.	"
8.	Int. & Sig. Offrs.	"
9.	Q.M. & Transport Offrs.	"

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HEADQUARTERS  
1st AUSTRALIAN  
DIVISION.

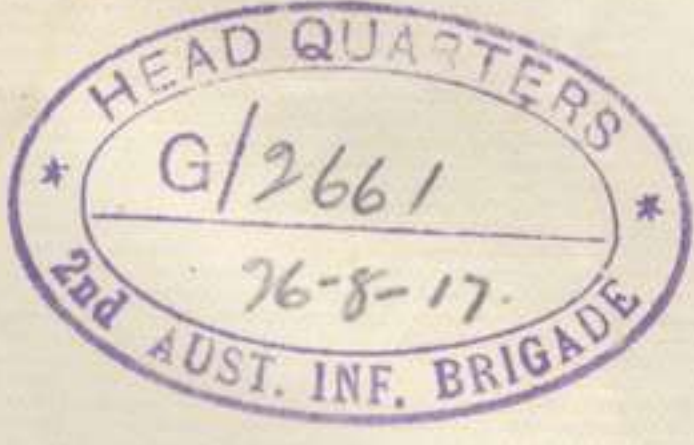
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

No. 97/37.

Divisional Headquarters,  
25th August, 1917.



- 1st Aus. Inf. Bde.
- 2nd do.
- 3rd do.
- C.R.E. 1st Aus. Div.
- 1st Aus. Div. Train.
- 1st Aus. Div. Sig. Coy.
- A.D.M.S.
- A.P.M.
- 21st M.G. Coy.
- "Q".

1. Representatives of the Division will march past the Army Commander on Monday 27th or Tuesday 28th inst.

Arrangements, routes, saluting points, etc., will be similar to those for the march past held on the 22nd inst.

Times and date decided on will be communicated later. Detailed orders will be issued, probably at short notice.

2. The composition of Brigade Groups will be as follows:-

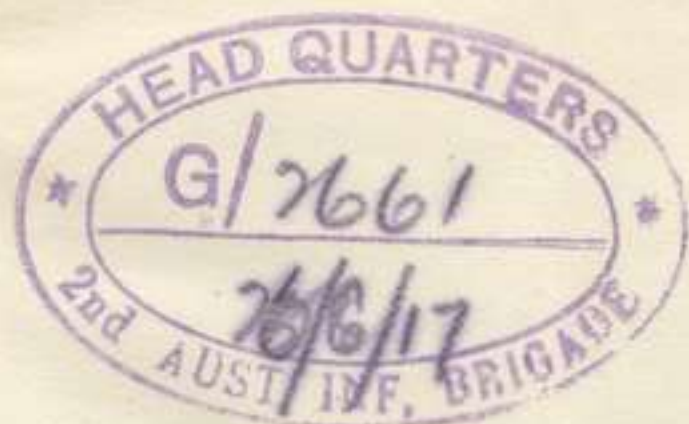
Bde. Group.	Representative units to attend parade.	Transport to parade. Wagons, etc.	
1st Bde.	2 Inf. Bns. 2 Sec <sup>ms</sup> 1st M.G. Coy. 2 Sec <sup>ms</sup> 21st M.G. Coy. 2 Sec <sup>ms</sup> L.T.M. Bty. 2 Sec <sup>ms</sup> Fld. Amb. Baggage wagons of Coy. of Div. Train.	Full strength. 6. 6. nil. 8. 9.	Inf. Bns. to be made up of Companies representing all 4 Battns. of the Bdes.  Bicycles of Inf. Bdes. and Motor Ambulances will not parade.
2nd Bde.	2 Inf. Bns. 2 Sec <sup>ms</sup> M.G. Coy. 2 Sec <sup>ms</sup> L.T.M. Bty. 2 Sec <sup>ms</sup> Fld. Amb. Baggage wagons of Coy. of Div. Train.	Full strength. 6. nil. 8. 9.	
3rd Bde.	2 Inf. Bns. 2 Sec <sup>ms</sup> M.G. Coy. 2 Sec <sup>ms</sup> L.T.M. Bty. 2 Sec <sup>ms</sup> Fld. Amb. Baggage wagons of Coy. of Div. Train.	Full strength. 6. nil. 8. 9.	
Engineers.	2 Sections from each Field Company.		

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General Staff.  
First Australian Division.

Headquarters  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
29th August 1917

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7th do  
8th do  
2nd M.G. Coy.  
2A L.T.M. Bty.  
2nd Field Ambulance  
3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.



1. Representatives of the Brigade Group will march past the Army Commander on Monday 27th or Tuesday 28th inst.

2. Arrangements, route, Saluting point etc. will be similar to those for the march past on the 28th inst. as laid down in Special Brigade Order of 21st instant.

3. Times and dates will be communicated later. Detailed orders will be issued, probably at short notice.

4. The composition of the Brigade Group and order of march will be as under. -

- 1 Bn. composed of 2 Coys. of 5th Bn., 2 Coys. of 8th Bn. and the whole of the transport of the 5th Bn. C.O. Lieut-Colonel LUXTON D.S.O.
- 1 Bn. composed of 2 Coys. of 6th Bn., 2 Coys. of 7th Bn. and the whole of the transport of the 6th Bn. C.O. Lieut-Colonel DALY D.S.O.
- 2 Sections of 2nd M.G. Coy. with six wagons
- 2 Sections of 2A L.T.M. Bty. without transport
- 2 Sections of 2nd Field Ambulance with 8 horse drawn vehicles.
- 9 Baggage wagons of 3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.

*H. F. Heath*

CAPTAIN.  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

SPECIAL DIVISIONAL ORDER.

Reference Map.  
1/40,000 Sheet 36a.

Divisional Headquarters,  
23th August, 1917.

1. Representative units of the Division will march past the G.A.C. 2nd Army on Tuesday 28th inst.

The saluting point will be at the cross roads  
Sq. K.6.b.5.8.

2. The march will be carried out in four independent columns in accordance with the attached table.

3. There will be no halts on the ESTAIRES-VIEUX BERQUIN Road. Rear of columns will be 500 yards clear of the road before halting.

4. Bands of all units of infantry <sup>the 3de</sup> brigades will attend and will be distributed throughout the brigade column. ~~Where it is desired that a band should halt to play the brigade column past, the band, after passing the Saluting Point, will continue along the VIEUX BERQUIN-ESTAIRES Road moving south in the case of 3rd Brigade and will halt not less than 30 yards from the Saluting Point. As soon as the rear of each~~ <sup>the</sup> brigade column has passed the Saluting Point the bands of the column will cease to play and follow in rear of the column. No band will play again 300 yards beyond the Saluting Point. (until it is)

5. An officer will be detailed to march at the head of each column to check the pace and rate of march.

6. Distances will be as laid down in F.S.R. Sec. 25. Where complete units do not parade, sections of units will maintain a distance of ten yards in rear of the unit preceding each.

7. All routes will be reconnoitred and times will be carefully maintained. Roads are not to be blocked by troops forming up.

8. Not more than 10% of the total strength of units may be absent from the parade. Where complete units do not attend, sections representing them will be fully made up.

9. Watches will be synchronised with the Signal Coy. after 6 p.m. on 27th and at 7 a.m. on 28th inst.

10. Bicycles of infantry units and Motor ambulance vehicles will not parade.

11. A.P.M. will arrange to close all roads debouching on to the VIEUX BERQUIN-ESTAIRES Road between Sq. E.17.d.9.0. and Sq. L.13.b.1.7. from 10 a.m. until 12 noon except to Staff cars.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*A. Lavarack Lt. Col.*  
for Colonel.  
General Staff.  
1st Australian Division.

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4.	C.R.E. 1st. Aust. Div.	10.	D.A.D.O.S.
5.	Div. Sig. Coy.	20.	21st. M.G. Coy.
6.	Div. Train.	21.	Camp Comdnt.
7.	S.S.O. 1st. Aust. Div.	22.	1st. Aust. San. Sect.
8.	1st. Aust. Inf. Bdc.	23.	1st. Aust. Salv. Coy.
9.	2nd. Aust. Inf. Bdc.	24.	1st. Aust. Div. Ref. Camp.
10.	3rd. Aust. Inf. Bdc.	25.	File.
11.	1st. Pioneer Btn.	26. )	War Diary.
12.	A.D.M.S.	27. )	
13.	D.A.D.V.S.	28. )	
14.	A.P.K.		
15.	Mob. Vet. Section.		

Issued at 7.30 P.M.



MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY SPECIAL DIVISIONAL ORDER.

Bdo. Group.	Representative units to attend parade.	Transport vehicles to parade.	Hour head reaches saluting point.	Route.
1st Bde.	2 Inf. Battalions. 2 Secs. M.G. Coy. L.T.M. Battery. 2 Secs. Fld. Amb. 2 Secs. 21st M.G. Coy. Baggage wagons of Coy. of Div. Train.	Full Strength. 6. Nil. 8. 6. 9	10.30 a.m.	VIEUX-BERQUIN - Sq. K.6.b.5.7. - la Cornet Perdu-Verte Rue- Sq. E.23.a.1.4. thence to quarters.
<del>2nd Bde.</del> 3rd Bde.	2 Inf. Battalions. 2 Secs. M.G. Coy. L.T.M. Bty. 2 Secs. Fld. Amb. Baggage wagons of Coy. of Div. Train.	Full strength. 6. Nil. 8. 9.	10.53 a.m.	Bleu-F.26.d.1.9.-K.6.b.5.8.- la Couronne - Bleu thence to quarters.
2nd Bde.	2 Inf. Battalions. 2 Secs. M.G. Coy. L.T.M. Bty. 2 Secs. Fld. Amb. Baggage wagons of Coy. of Div. Train.	Full strength. 6. Nil. 8. 9.	11.14 a.m.	Rue Pruvost - L.13-b.2.7. - K.6.b.5.8.- F.26.d.1.9. thence to quarters.
Engineers.	2 Sections of Coy. from each Fld. Coy.		11.36 a.m.	Sq. L.7.a.5.7. - la Couronne BLEU thence to quarters.

APPENDIX

"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121  
(In pads of 100)

No. of Message 60

Prefix.....	odg.....m.	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/b of:	Recd. at.....
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		To.....		By.....	
		By.....		(Signature of "Ranking Officer.")	

TO: 2nd Bde

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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 aad Engrs 11.24 am  
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Time	9.50 pm

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\* This line should be erased if not required.  
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