

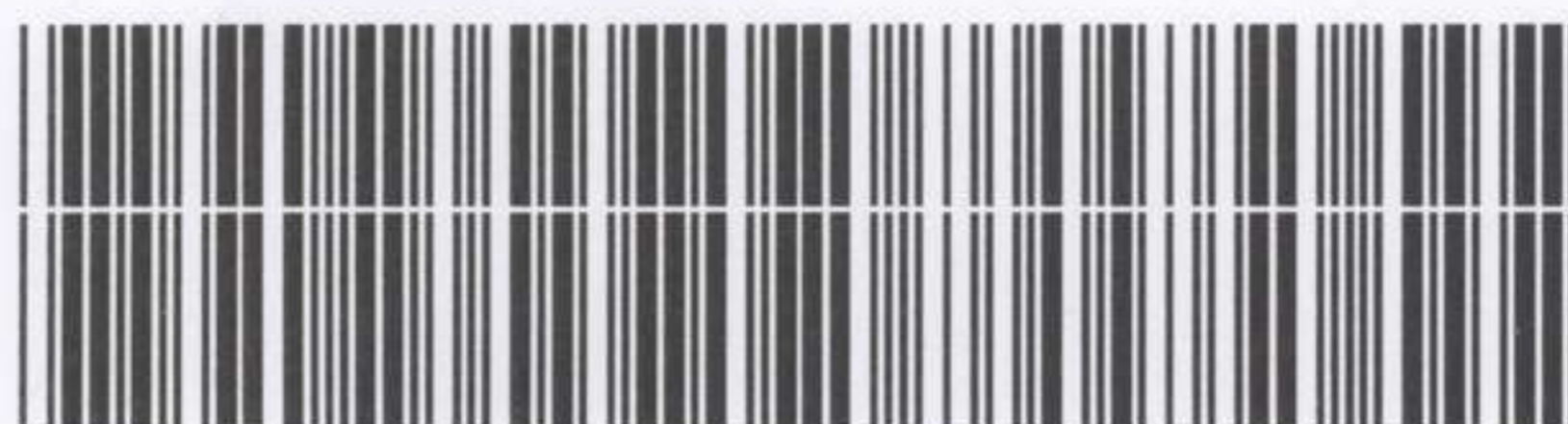
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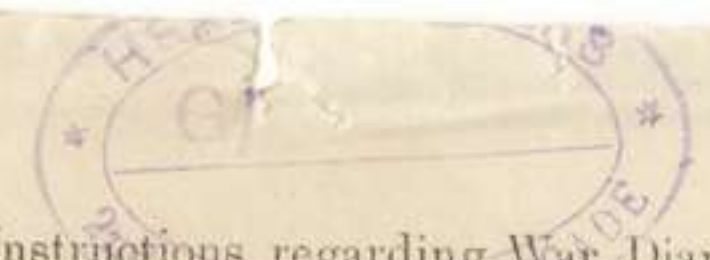
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Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LOCRE	1st	Feb.	Cold with thick fog all day. Training Continued.	
	2nd		Cold and fine	
	3rd		Fine. Church Parades held	
	4th		Fine and bright. Brig-Genl. HEANE returned from leave to United Kingdom	
	5th		Fine and Bright. Brigadier inspected troops training and visited Bde. Class of Instruction	
	6th		Fine. Brigadier and Brigade Major attended lecture by G.S.O.11, Tank Corps.	
	7th		6th Battalion relieved 7th Battalion as Duty Battalion (Bde. Order No 75) Wet day. Divisional Commander accompanied by Brigadier inspected Transport of Battalions.	(App. XIV)
	8th		Wet. Adjutants conference held by Staff Captain.	
	9th		Showery. Brig-Genl. HEANE left for M.G. School at CAMIERS, Lieut-Colonel D.A.LUXTON D.S.O. assumed Command of the Brigade during his absence.	
	10th		Dull but fine. Corps Commander presented Medals at conclusion of 8th Battalion Church Parade in Y.M.C.A. Hut. Captain BLES lectured 80 Officers and Other Ranks of the Brigade on Strategy of the War.	(App. XV)
	11th		Fine and Dull. Strong Winds making Musketry practice unpleasant uncomfortable. Brigade Major left on 30 days English Leave. Staff Captain Relieving Brigade Major Captain LAUGHLIN M.C. 6th Bn. (Staff Learner) relieving Staff Captain Brigade Commander and Staff and all C.O's and Adjutants attended Lecture by Major-Genl. C.B.B.WHITE C.B., D.S.O. Australian Corps on Staff Duties. Training continued as per Syllabus.	(App. XVI)
	12th		Fine weather. Lecture to 200 Officers and Other Ranks by Rev. ELLIOTT F.R.G.S. on Germans	

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*Capt a/13/16
2nd Aust Light Bde*

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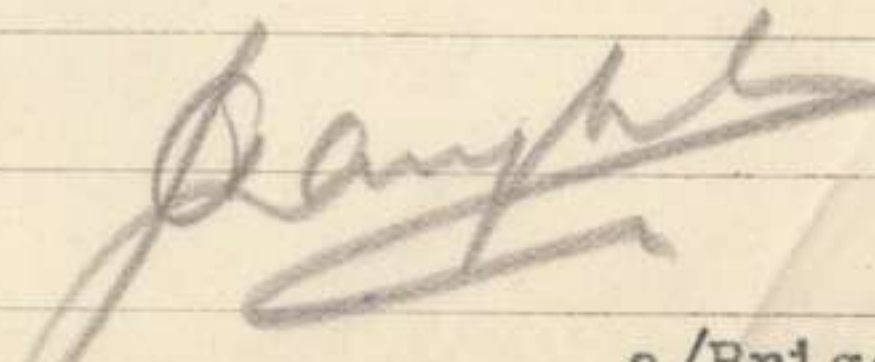
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LOCRE	22nd Feby.		Practice test carried out for occupying 3rd Zone LOCRE Defence Scheme - Criticism of exercise	(App. xx)
	23rd		Dull but fine. Health of the troops is good and men are in good spirits after their spell of Military and Recreational Training. There is a marked improvement in Musketry to which so much importance is now attached.	
	24th		30 Officers 600 Other Ranks moved by Train from BAILLEUL to TILQUES to undergo 10 days Special Musketry training. O.C. 2nd Brigade Party Major H.E. BASTIN M.C. 7th Bn. Instructions for move of party -	(App. xxi)
	25th		Fine. Training continued as per Syllabus	(App. xxii)
	26th		Fine, cold. A.A. & Q.M.G. and D.A.D.V.S. acted as judges for Transport Event in connection with Company Competition for Challenge Cup. Excellent turnout. Results - 1st 5th Bn., 240 points - 2nd 6th Bn., 239 points - 3rd 7th Bn., 235 points - 4th 8th Bn., 217 points. 8th Bn. Football team representing 2nd Brigade beat 1st Pioneer Battalion, thus winning the Divisional Championship.	
	27th		Showery day. Usual 1/2 holiday. Brigade Commander on G.C.M. all day as President.	
	28th		Showery and Cold. Brigade moved to DE ZON Area in Divisional Reserve. (Bde. Order No 78) Warning message received to be prepared for move forward at short notice. No move followed. Battalion Intelligence Officers and other officers reconnoitred routes to assembly positions.	(App. xxiii)
			Instructions for LOCRE Brigade of Support Division Strength returns as at noon on 28th February xxxx 1918	(App. xxiv)
			Casualty return for month	(App. xxv)
			Reinforcements received during month	(App. xxvi)
			Schools attended during month	(App. xxvii)
				(App. xxviii)


 CAPTAIN
 a/Brigade Major
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

18,000-12/17-872

WAR DIARY

OF

Head-Brig 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde

FOR

February 191*8*

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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2nd AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 75.

HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.,
4th Febr. 1918.

Reference Sheet 28, 1:40,000.

1. The 6th Battalion will relieve the 7th Battalion as Duty Battalion on the 6th February.
2. All working parties and duties now being found by the 7th Battalion will be taken over by the 6th Battalion from 6 a.m. on the morning of the 6th February.
3. In order to ensure that there is no break in the continuity of the work, advanced parties from the 6th Battalion will be attached for 24 hours prior to the relief to all working parties which are to be taken over from the 7th Battalion.
4. On relief the two companies of the 7th Battalion now quartered at LINDENHOEK Camp will rejoin their Unit at WAKFIELD Camp (N.29.c.8.8.)
5. Headquarters of 6th and 7th Battalions will not change.
6. Details of relief will be arranged mutually between C.O's concerned.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. F. Watson

Captain,
Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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1.	File.		
2/4.	War Diary.		
5	6th Battalion	12 (Noon)	D.R.
6	7th Battalion	"	"
7	1st Aust. Division	"	"
8	1st Pioneer Bn.	"	"
9	Brigade Major	"	"
10	Staff Captain	"	"
11	Bde. Intel. Off.	"	"
12/14	Spares.		

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Names of recipients of medals presented by Corps Commander
at the conclusion of 8th Battalion Church parade held at
Y.M.C.A. Hut, LOCRE at 10.30 a.m. 10/2/1918.

168	CSM	BRENT	F.T.	6th Bn.	D.C.M.
1919	Cpl.	CALLAHAN	P.V.	6th Bn.	D.C.M.
1345	CSM	BREEZE	J.	8th Bn.	D.C.M.
5026	Pte.	AINSWORTH	S.J.	2nd M.G.Coy.	D.C.M.
2935	Cpl. (Lt)	COLBORNE-VEEL	W.	2nd M.G.Coy.	D.C.M.
2509	Sgt.	HOFFMAN	E.M.	5th Bn.	Bar to M.M.
2188	Pte.	MILNE	G.N.	5th Bn.	Bar to M.M.
1322	Pte.	McPHERSON	A.E.	5th Bn.	Bar to M.M.
2222	Pte.	FARMER	P.H.	6th Bn.	Bar to M.M.
3484	Pte.	MAY	W.H.	5th Bn.	M.M.
3083	L/Cpl.	CONGUES	J.W.V.	5th Bn.	M.M.
6607	Pte.	DAY	J.J.	5th Bn.	M.M.
3463	Pte.	EVANS	R.W.	5th Bn.	M.M.
3464	Pte.	EZARD	S.T.C.	5th Bn.	M.M.
3829	Pte.	GOLDIE	L.	5th Bn.	M.M.
3481	Pte.	KING	H.E.	5th Bn.	M.M.
4850	L/Cpl.	LESLIE	J.G.	5th Bn.	M.M.
2188	Pte.	MILNE	G.N.	5th Bn.	M.M.
1322	Pte.	McPHERSON	A.E.	5th Bn.	M.M.
4298	Pte.	STEVENS	A.W.	5th Bn.	M.M.
3982	Pte.	WILSON	T.B.	5th Bn.	M.M.
3727	L/Cpl.	DOYLE	J.D.	6th Bn.	M.M.
5091	Pte.	FOORD	W.A.	6th Bn.	M.M.
2612	Pte.	FARRELL	J.H.	6th Bn.	M.M.
499	Sgt.	GAY	R.V.	6th Bn.	M.M.
6288	Pte.	JEWELL	A.E.L.	6th Bn.	M.M.
2818	L/Cpl.	NESS	W.O.	6th Bn.	M.M.
2855	Pte.	REEVE	E.	6th Bn.	M.M.
4317	Pte.	SIMPSON	J.R.	6th Bn.	M.M.
3939	Pte.	SHEPPARD	J.	6th Bn.	M.M.
3941	Pte.	SHERRAN	J.W.P.	6th Bn.	M.M.
1868	L/Cpl.	THORNING	T.	6th Bn.	M.M.
5215	Pte.	VERITY	R.A.	6th Bn.	M.M.
5242	Pte.	WRIGHT	T.S.	6th Bn.	M.M.
5473	L/Cpl.	BARNARD	V.A.	7th Bn.	M.M.
6729	Pte.	CROSHAW	H.G.	7th Bn.	M.M.
1642	Pte.	GLASSPOOL	W.N.	7th Bn.	M.M.
1573	Cpl.	MITCHELL	T.W.	7th Bn.	M.M.
1434	L/Cpl.	THORPE	H.	(A.A.M.C.) 7th Bn.	M.M.
20	L/Cpl.	WIGNELL	C.W.	7th Bn.	M.M.
6383	Pte.	ASKER	F.D.	8th Bn.	M.M.
5330	Pte.	ATTWOOD	A.	8th Bn.	M.M.
891	Pte.	GREENE	A.C.	8th Bn.	M.M.
3105	Cpl.	GILMOUR	E.L.	8th Bn.	M.M.
307	L/Cpl.	HOOLEY	R.H.	8th Bn.	M.M.
6526	Pte.	HADDEN	L.H.	8th Bn.	M.M.
575	Sgt.	JONES	E.E.	8th Bn.	M.M.
3831	Pte.	KETTLE	L.G.	8th Bn.	M.M.
4273	Pte.	MITCHELL	D.	8th Bn.	M.M.
4269	Pte.	MURRAY	J.R.	8th Bn.	M.M.
3582	Pte.	PEARCE	J.J.	8th Bn.	M.M.
3488	Pte.	TORMEY	J.C.	8th Bn.	M.M.
7061	Pte.	TODD	M.	8th Bn.	M.M.
2870	Pte.	PEARSE	S	2nd M.G.CoY.	M.M.
3143	Pte.	EAMES	R.W.	2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.	M.M.

HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Infantry Bde.

8th February, 1918.

2ND BRIGADE SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD

10th February - 16th February, 1918.

Date.	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Feb'y. 10th	CHURCH PARADES	-
11th	Physical training; route marches; platoon and company drill; musketry; rapid loading with dummies; bayonet fighting; Lewis guns; bombs and rifle grenades; open order drill; platoon attack on S.P.; gas drill.	Recreational Training.
12th	do	do
13th	do	do
14th	do	do
15th	do	do
16th	do	do

1. The 2nd A.M.G. Coy. and 2nd A.L.T.M. Bty. will base their training programmes on the above syllabus, substituting their own form of specialist training where purely infantry work occurs above.
2. The 7th Battalion training will be on the lines laid down in the Brigade syllabus for the period 3rd - 9th February.
3. Special attention will be paid to Musketry and rapid loading. The range at N.26.c.4.3. will be available to Units for practice and for holding the eliminating tests in connection with the Platoon Rifle Competition on the dates laid down in G/3767.
4. One route march of not less than 15 miles will be held during the period.
5. At least once on every day each Battalion will assemble as a Unit.
6. Towards the end of the present month a company test will be held to compete for the cup now held by the 5th Battalion. All four companies in each Battalion must compete in the eliminating tests to be held during the week ending 23rd February to decide which Company will represent its Battalion in the Brigade Test.

H.F. Watson
 Captain,
 Brigade Major,
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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BRIGADE ORDER No. 76.

APPENDIX 4

HEADQUARTERS
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
12th February 1918

Reference Sheet 28. 1:40,000

1. The 8th Battalion will relieve the 6th Battalion as Duty Battalion on the 14th February.
2. The two companies of the 6th Battalion each of 100, with proportion of Officers and N.C.Os now quartered at LINDENHOEK Camp will be relieved by two companies of 8th Battalion.
3. In order to ensure that there is no break in the continuity of the work, advanced parties from the 8th Battalion will be attached 24 hours prior to relief to all working parties to be taken over from the 6th Battalion.
4. On relief, the two companies of the 6th Battalion will rejoin their Unit at KEMMEL Shelters (N.19.d4.4.)
5. Headquarters of the 6th and 8th Battalions will not change.
6. Details of relief will be arranged mutually between C.O's concerned.
7. A C K N O W L E D G E.

L. L. Smith
Captain,

A/Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Copy No.	to whom	Time	Method
1	File	11.00 pm	
2/4	War Diary	"	
5	6th Battalion	"	D.R.
6	8th Battalion	"	"
7	1st Aust. Div.	"	"
8	1st Pioneer Bn.	"	"
9	Brigade Major	"	
10	Staff Captain	"	
11	Bde. Int. Officer	"	
12	Camp Commandant	"	
13/15	Spares.		

HEADQUARTERS
2nd Aust. Infantry Bde.,
15th FEBRUARY, 1918.

2nd BRIGADE SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD
17th February - 23rd February, 1918.

- 1. Sunday, Febry. 17th. CHURCH PARADES.
- 2. Wednesday, Febry. 20th. Half Holiday in afternoon.
- 3. The work for the week will be based on the following subjects.
For morning work :-

Physical training; Route marches; Company and Battalion drill; Musketry and Rapid loading; Bayonet fighting and assault training; Lewis Gun; Bombers and rifle grenades specialist training; Open order drill; Platoon in attack; Advancing in open warfare with patrols; Company in attack; Gas drill.

The afternoon work will consist of Recreational Training.

- 4. Specialist training will be cut down where possible in order to allow these men to take part in Battalion work, and Company work.
- 5. The 2nd A.M.G. Coy. and 2nd A.L.T.M. Bty. will base their training programmes on the above syllabus, substituting their own form of specialist training where purely Infantry work occurs above.
- 6. The 8th Battalion training will be on the lines laid down in the Brigade syllabus for the period 10th-16th February 1918.
- 7. Special attention will be paid to musketry and rapid loading.
- 8. One route march of not less than 15 miles will be held during the period.
- 9. At least once on every day each Battalion will assemble as a Unit.
- 10. Towards the end of the present month a Company test will be held to compete for the cup now held by the 5th Battalion. All four Companies in each Battalion must compete in the eliminating tests to be held during the week ending 23rd February to decide which Company will represent its Battalion in the Brigade test.

W. Roach Captain,
A/Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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2nd Aust. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 77

HEADQUARTERS
 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.,
 21st Febrv. 1918.

Reference Sheet 28, 1:40,000.

1. The 8th Battalion will be relieved as Duty Battalion on the 22nd February by 3 p.m. as follows.
 - (a) 5th Battalion will relieve the 200 men with proportionate number of Officers and N.C.Os working under 1st Pioneer Battalion.
 - (b) 6th Battalion will relieve the 30 men with proportionate number of Officers and N.C.Os at DRAMOUTRE working under C.P.C.
 - (c) Duties as set out in B.P.O. 24 of 29th Jan. 1918 will be relieved i. ii. iii. & iv. by 7th Battalion.
 v. by 5th Battalion.
 vi. remain supplied by 7th Battalion.
 - (d) 1 N.C.O. and 5 men on duty at LOCHE Laundry and 1 N.C.O. and 8 men on duty at Foden Lorry will be relieved by 2nd N.C. Coy.
2. In order to ensure that there is no break in the continuity of work in (a) and (b) above advanced parties will be attached to the 8th En. working parties to-day.
3. On relief the two companies of the 8th Battalion now billeted at LINDEBROEK will rejoin their unit at DONCASTER Huts (N.28.b.9.5.)
4. Headquarters of the 5th and 8th Battalions will not change.
5. Details of relief of party 1 (a) in this order will be arranged mutually between C.Os concerned.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

L.A. Roach
 Captain,
 A/Brigade Major,
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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1.	File		
2/4	War Diary		
5.	5th Battn.	12 (noon)	D.P.
6.	6th Battn.	"	"
7.	7th Battn.	"	"
8.	8th Battn.	"	"
9.	1st Aust Div.	"	"
10.	1st Pioneer En.	"	"
11.	Brigade Major	"	"
12.	Staff Captain	"	"
13.	Ede. Works Off.	"	"
14.	Ede. Intel. Off.	"	"
15.	2nd ... Coy.	"	"
16/18.	Spares.		

HEADQUARTERS,

2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

24th February, 1918.

NOTES ON PRACTICE OF THE BRIGADE

IN CARRYING OUT THE PRINCIPLES OF
THE LOCRE DEFENCE SCHEMES.

In studying the remarks it is necessary to watch the tabulated list of orders received by Battalions.

5th Bn. (a) Very slow in putting into operation the 1st Warning Order.

(b) No mounted officer sent to Brigade Headquarters. (The Adjutant should on no account leave the Battalion under the circumstances.)

(c) In consequence of not sending a mounted officer to Brigade Headquarters and in not getting in touch with Brigade Advanced Signal Station, no order was received to occupy the 3rd Zone.

(d) Battalion moved off 41 minutes after the order to prepare to move was received.

(e) Very few men had water in their water bottles or carried ground sheets, or mess tins.

Transport. At 9 a.m. no order had been received by them but order arrived between 9.5 and 9.10 a.m. At 9.30 a.m. horses were being harnessed. At 9.50 a.m. horses were harnessed but no feeds were arranged. rifles not placed on limbers; mobile reserve of S.A.A. and bombs were being loaded.

6th Bn. (a) A general shortage of S.A.A. was apparent. In a number of cases 20, 50 and 80 rounds only were carried.

(b) No Lewis Guns or ammunition carried by Lewis Gunners.

(c) Signallers carried flags only.

Transport. Warning order received 9.10 a.m. and reported correct at 9.20 a.m. Horses only were harnessed and no other preparations to move were made.

7th Bn. (a) A few men were without ground sheets and full water bottles.

(b) On arrival doubt existed on the right as to which trenches were to be occupied.

(c) In moving over the skyline towards the trenches, there appeared to be unnecessary exposure.

Transport. At 8.55 a.m. no order had been received but at 9 a.m. the warning order was received. At 9.40 a.m. an inspection showed everything correct.

8th Bn. (a) Battalion moved off 31 minutes after the order to move had been received.

(b) All companies were sent to the forward trenches and no reserve kept.

Transport. At 9.10 a.m. no warning order had been received but on inspection at 10 a.m. everything complete and ready

2nd M.G. Coy. Correct.

Transport. Ready at 9.15 a.m. but men with limbers carried no S.A.A.

GENERAL REMARKS. At the time the warning order was issued Battalions were falling in for parade, therefore the practice took place under the best conditions.

It would appear that Defence Schemes had not been carefully studied as delays occurred and instructions in some cases not complied with. C.O.'s will rectify discrepancies and make arrangements where By Battalions can move to required position with least possible delay. This can be carried out only when every officer and man knows exactly what is meant by "Warning order to prepare to move".

P.T.O.

Only the 8th Battalion notified Brigade Headquarters of the fact that it was moving from Camp.

On occupation of 3rd Zone apparently no arrangements were made to despatch patrols. Patrolling is a necessary precaution and, if possible, touch with the enemy must be gained. If this is carried out a threefold object is obtained, viz.

- (a) Information of the enemy is quickly received.
- (b) Before reaching our positions enemy formations are broken.
- (c) Stragglers and retiring troops can be directed to organised positions.

Immediately on arrival in 3rd Zone Positions, O.P.s should be established. 6th Bn. only appears to have done so.

Only 8th Bn. sent in sketch showing dispositions. Brigade was not kept fully informed of Unit's movements. This is very necessary.

The foregoing criticisms will be remembered and points borne in mind in taking over future Defence Schemes.

Reference Dress in G/3869 of 16-2-18.

Further information laying down dress more definitely will be sent out from Brigade Headquarters.

Appendices A and B attached.

Captain,
A/Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

6th Bn. (a) A general shortage of S.A.A. was apparent. In a number of cases 20, 30 and 30 rounds only were carried.

(b) No Lewis Gun or ammunition carried by Lewis Gunners.

(c) Signallers carried bags only.

Transport. Warning order received 9.10 a.m. and reported correct at 9.30 a.m. Horses only were harnessed and no other preparations to move were made.

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(b) On arrival doubt existed on the right as to which trenches were to be occupied.

(c) In moving over the skyline towards the trenches, there appeared to be unnecessary exposure.

Transport. At 8.35 a.m. no order had been received but at 9 a.m. the warning order was received. At 9.40 a.m. an inspection showed everything correct.

8th Bn. (a) Battalion moved off 31 minutes after the order to move had been received.

(b) All companies were sent to the forward trenches and no reserve kept.

Transport. At 9.10 a.m. no warning order had been received but on inspection at 10 a.m. everything complete and ready.

2nd Lt. G. Coy. Correct.

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APPENDIX

UNIT	Prepare to Move		Order to Move		Bns. Commenced to Move	Arr. position of readiness	Order to Occupy 3rd Zone		Started Trenches to enter trenches	Trenches occupied	Lateral Commun. estab.
	sent	Received	Sent	Received			Sent	Received			
5th Battn	8.35	8.40	8.45	8.50	9.21	9.55	None received		1 Coy only 10.9	1 Coy only 10.22	10.15 & 10.23
6th Battn.	8.35	8.59	8.45	8.59	9.10	9.30	9.35	9.40	9.40	10 am.	
7th Battn	8.35	8.45	8.45	8.53	9.41	9.51 moved straight on	9.45	10.5	10.35	10.15	
8th Battn	8.35	8.55	8.45	8.54	9.26	10.5	9.52		10.35		
2nd M.G. Coy.	8.35	8.52	8.45	8.56	9.5	9.55					

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APPENDIX "B" TO ACCOMPANY LETTER G/3944, 24-2-1918

During operations on 22nd instant visual communication was established between stations at the following times.

Between	Bde.	Fwd.	Visual	Station	and	Bde.H.Q.	
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	0830
"	"	"	"	"	"	5th Bn.	-
"	"	"	"	"	"	6th Bn.	1000
"	"	"	"	"	"	7th Bn.	1015
"	"	"	"	"	"	8th Bn.	1035

All Battalions were informed at 0845 that Brigade Forward Visual Station would be on Mount Kemmel. Communication with three battalions was established very soon after they had moved into position. The 5th Bn. however were not visible to Brigade Forward Station and did not move their signal station sufficiently to become so. A good lookout was kept for this Battalion until the end of the operation.

Operation Messages dealt with 22-2-18OUTWARD.

From Bde. to:	Senders No.	Timed by Sender.	Handed to Signals.	Reached Addressee.	Method	Remarks.
5th Bn.	AZB.410	0830	0835	0840	Phone)	
6th Bn.	"	"	"	0859	Runner)	
7th Bn.	"	"	"	0840	Phone)	Prepare to move.
8th Bn.	"	"	"	0840	Phone)	
M.G.Coy.	"	"	"	0850	Phone)	
5th Bn.	P.32	"	0830	0845	Phone)	
6th Bn.	"	"	"	0859	Runner	
7th Bn.	"	"	"	0845	Phone.	
8th Bn.	"	"	"	0845	Phone.	
5th Bn.	AZB.413	0835	0835	0855	Phone .)	Not to affect relief.
8th Bn.	"	"	"	0857	Phone .)	
5th Bn.	AZB.411	0845	0845	0854	Phone)	Move to position of readiness.
7th Bn.	"	"	"	0859	Runner)	
7th Bn.	"	"	"	0854	Phone)	Move to position of Readiness.
8th Bn.	"	"	"	0854	Phone)	
M.G.Coy.	"	"	"	0855	Phone)	
5th Bn.	AZB.412	0920	0925	-	Runner	unable to find.
6th Bn.	"	"	"	1030	Visual) Occupy 3rd Zone
7th Bn.	"	"	"	1100	Visual	
8th Bn.	"	"	"	1055	Visual) Of Defence.
2nd M.G.Coy.	"	"	"	-	Runner	

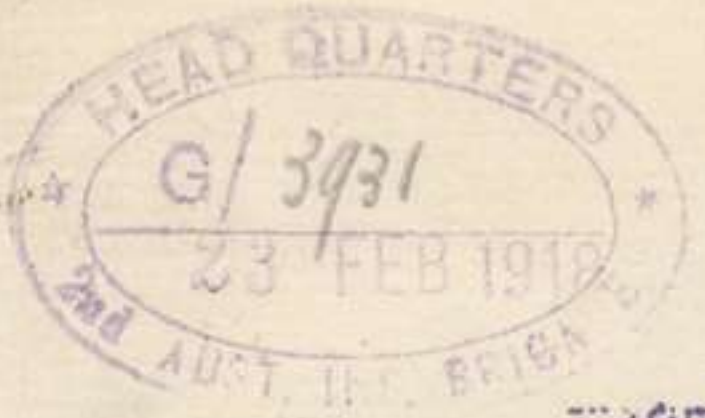
INWARD.

Sender	Senders No.	Time Sent	Reached	Addressee	Method.
5th Bn.	E.R.1.	1008	1109		Runner to Bde Fwd. stn. thence Visual.
6th Bn.	F.R.1.	0950	1033		Visual.
7th Bn.	G.R.14.	1035	1104		Visual.
8th Bn.	H.R.1.	1050	1057		Visual.
8th Bn.	H.R.28	0928	0930		Phone.
8th Bn.	H.R.34	1205	1212		Phone.

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HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

23rd February, 1918.

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APPENDIX 8



INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOVE OF
MUSKETRY PARTY TO TILQUES.

Reference Sheet 28, 1:40,000.

1. Personnel for Musketry Course will proceed to TILQUES on 24th February, 1918 and will be composed as under:-
7 Off. - 150 C.Rs. per Battalion.
Brigade Musketry Officer.
Brigade Bombing Officer.

The Representative Company for Brigade Company Competition being included in above numbers.
2. Officer in command of 2nd Brigade Party will be -
Major H.E. BASTIN, M.C., 7th Battalion.
3. The winning platoon (A.R.A. Competition) of the 3rd A.I. Brigade will proceed to TILQUES with the 2nd A.I. Brigade Musketry Party.
4. Special instructions regarding the Divisional Competition and also the Brigade Company Competitions will be issued to C.C. 2nd Brigade Party.
5. Each 2nd Brigade Battalion Party will be marched to 5th Battalion Parade Ground at M.29. at 7.0. the senior officer in each case reporting to C.C. Brigade Party at 11.45 a.m.
6. 2nd Brigade Party will proceed by march route to BAILLEUL Railway Station via M.28., M.34. and S.14. Starting from rendezvous at 12 noon. An officer will be sent on ahead to report to R.T.O. Distances of 100 yards between Battalion detachments will be observed.
7. Battalions will detail one cooker to accompany party to rendezvous and as far as BAILLEUL Railway Station in order to give the men a hot meal before entraining. 3rd Brigade Platoon will report to C.C. 2nd Brigade Party at BAILLEUL Railway Station at 1.45 p.m.
8. The Party will detrain at ST.OMER and proceed by march route to TILQUES, where they will be billeted. (Billeting Party has proceeded to make preliminary arrangements)
9. All blankets, valises (minimum weight) and cooking utensils of 2nd Brigade Battalions will be taken to Brigade Headquarters by 6.15 a.m. on 24th instant, one man per Battalion being detailed as guard and loading party. These men will travel on the lorries conveying baggage. 3rd Brigade baggage will be conveyed as per Div'l A.95 of 22nd inst.
10. Rations for consumption on 25th instant will be carried on the men. Rations for 2nd Brigade Party, 1st and 3rd Brigade Platoons and attached Officers will be drawn under arrangements by C.C. 2nd Brigade Party from C.C. Detail Issue Store ST.OMER. A lorry will be at the disposal of the C.C. for this purpose.
11. No horses will be taken.
12. Extra ammunition is being taken under Brigade arrangements.
13. Orders for return of Party will be issued later.
14. AGING LEDGE.

Ingham
Captain,
A/Brigade Major,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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1.	File.		
2/4	War Diary.		
5	5th Bn.	3 p.m.	D.R.
6	6th Bn.	"	"
7	7th Bn.	"	"
8	8th Bn.	"	"
9	1st Aus.Div.	"	"
10	3rd A.I.Bde.	"	"
11	Major H.E.BASTIN, L.C. (7th Bn.)		
12	No.3 Coy. A.A.S.C.		
13	S.O. Detail Issue Store ST.OLIER.		
14/15.	Spares.		

Special instructions regarding the Divisional Competition and also the Brigade Company Competitions will be issued to C.O. and Brigade Party.

Each Brigade Party will be required to be prepared to 5th Battalion Parade Ground at 11.45 a.m. The senior officer in each case reporting to C.O. Brigade Party at 11.45 a.m.

Brigade Party will proceed to march route to BULLHORN Railway Station via 11.45 a.m. and 11.45 a.m. Starting time 11.45 a.m. A senior officer will be sent on ahead to report to C.O. and Brigade Party at 11.45 a.m.

Brigade Party will detail one member to accompany party to rendezvous and on return to BULLHORN Railway Station in order to give the men a hot meal before starting.

Brigade Party will report to C.O. and Brigade Party at BULLHORN Railway Station at 1.45 p.m.

The Party will detail at 11.45 a.m. and proceed to march route to BULLHORN Railway Station via 11.45 a.m. and 11.45 a.m. (Brigade Party has proceeded to the preliminary arrangements)

All men are advised (including details) and cooking utensils of the Brigade Party will be taken to the headquarters by 5.15 a.m. on 14th instant. One or two Brigade Parties being detailed as usual and leaving party. These men will travel on the further conveyance and the details will be covered as per 14/10/44 of 11.45 a.m.

Brigade Party will proceed on 14th instant to 11.45 a.m. on the march. The march will be under the command of the senior officer and the details will be taken under a separate order by C.O. and Brigade Party from 11.45 a.m. Details leave from ST.OLIER. Party will be at the disposal of the C.O. for this purpose.

Brigade Party will be at 11.45 a.m.

Brigade Party will be at 11.45 a.m.

Orders for return of party will be issued later.

[Handwritten signature]
 Major,
 1st Australian Division.

H E A D Q U A R T E R S.
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

23rd February, 1918.

2ND BRIGADE SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR PERIOD

24th February - 2nd March, 1918.

1. Sunday, February 24th. CHURCH PARADES.
2. Wednesday, February 27th. Usual half holiday in afternoon.
3. The work for the week will be based on the following subjects and will be a more advanced form of previous weeks training. For morning work subjects will include:-

Physical training ; Route marching; Company and Battalion drill; Musketry and Rapid loading; Bayonet fighting and assault training; Open order drill; Platoon tactical exercises; Advancing in open warfare with patrols; Company in attack; gas drill; Training of patrols for purposes of offensive action and information, as per special Divisional and Brigade memos.

The afternoon work will consist of Recreational Training.
4. Special attention will be paid to musketry and rapid loading.
5. The 2nd M.G. Coy. and 2nd A.L.T.H. Bty. will base their training programmes on the above syllabus, substituting their own form of specialist training where purely Infantry work occurs above.
6. The 5th Battalion Training will be modified to suit number of men available for parade.
7. At least once every day each Battalion will assemble as a Unit.
8. The Company Competition for CUP now held by 5th Battalion will take place at TILQUES during the week under review. Signalling test will be held on a date to be notified on return of the Company to the Battalion. Judging of Transport will take place on Tuesday 26th instant.

A. H. Roach Captain,
A/Brigade Major
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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BRIGADE ORDER NO 78

APPENDIX 10

HEADQUARTERS
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade
26th FEBRUARY 1918

Reference Map Sheet 26
1:40,000

1. The 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade will relieve the 1st Inf. Brigade in the Divisional Reserve Area of 'C' or Northern Sector of the Corps Front on 28th February and move in accordance with March Table 'A'.
2. Advanced parties will be detailed to reconnoitre their respective camps, their positions of Assembly and routes thereto, before 28th inst.
3. (a) Receipts in duplicate for all Maps, Photographs, Defence Schemes and other Documents of value taken over, will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by last D.R. on 28th inst., also
(b) For all Defence Schemes etc. handed over in LOCRE Area.
4. A certificate, in duplicate, will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by noon on 1st prox. that Defence Schemes have been taken over, troops properly detailed to the Defences, and orders for action in accordance with respective Schemes have been promulgated to all concerned.
5. The following distances will be maintained on the march
100 yards between Companies, L.G. Coy. L.T. Bty. & B.H.
100 " " Transport of units and gaps of
25 yards between each group of 6
vehicles.
500 " " Battalions
6. Billets, camps, horse lines and vicinity for which units are responsible, will be left scrupulously clean, and certificates in duplicate in this respect, from Area Commandant, will be forwarded to Brigade Hqs. by last D.R. on 28th inst.
7. Orders for Brigade Class of Instruction, relief of working parties and Administrative instructions will be issued separately.
8. Brigade Headquarters will close at LOCRE on 28th inst. at 9pm and open at LA CLYFFE (N.7.C.7.8.) at same hour.
9. A C K N O W L E D G E.

W. Road
CAPTAIN
e/Brigade Major
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Copy No	To whom	Time	Method
1	File	11.30 a.m.	
2/4	War Diaries	"	
5	5th Battalion	"	D.R. 16 Ede. Int. Officer.
6	6th Battalion	"	" 17 Camp Commandant
7a	7th Battalion	"	" 18-22 Spares
8	2nd L.G. Coy. 8th Battn.	"	"
9	2A L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
10	1st Aust. Division	"	"
11	1st Aust. Inf. Ede.	"	"
12	3rd Coy. A.S.C.	"	"
13	Camp Commandant LOCRE	"	"
14	Brigade Major	"	"
15	Staff Captain	"	"

MARCH TABLE 'A'
(To accompany 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No 78)

Serial No	Unit	From	To	Starting Point Place	Time of Passing	Remarks
1	Bde. Hqrs.	LOGRE Area	LA CENTTE N.7.C.7.8.	Church LOGRE	1.30 p.m.	March Route via CANADA CORNER
2	5th Battn.	do	CURRAGH Camp N.17.C.2.9.	do	1.40 p.m.	do
3	6th Battn.	do	PARRET Camp N.17.a.1.7.	Road Junction N.20.d. Central	9.30 a.m.	Via LA POLKA
4	7th Battn.	do	MURRU BIDGEE Camp N.7.2.5.6.	Church LOGRE	9.30 a.m.	" CANADA CORNER
5	8th Battn.	do	DE ZON Camp M.12.D.2.4.	do	1.50 p.m.	do
6	2nd M.G. Coy.	do	BAROSSA Camp N.15.B.7.8.	do	2 p.m.	Via LA CLYTTE
7	2A L.T.M. Bty.	do	DEVON Camp N.7.C.8.3.	N.18.D.5.5.	2 p.m.	Via N.13. and Cross Roads N.7.d.

Brigade Transport Lines will be at N.17.a.1.9. Transport will move with respective units and will proceed direct to Transport Lines under Transport Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS,
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

SECRET.



16th February, 1918.

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APPENDIX II

- 5th Bn.
- 6th Bn.
- 7th Bn.
- 8th Bn.
- 2nd M.G. Coy.
- 2nd A.L.T. Bty.

instructions

1st Aust. Div

The following ~~will cancel those contained in this office G/3818 of 10th instant.~~

1. Whilst in the present area the Brigade will be known as the LOCRE Brigade of the support Division.
2. In the event of a hostile attack the Brigade may be employed:-
 - (a) to counter attack and regain any losses in the 1st Zone or follow up any successes against the enemy; or,
 - (b) to aid in the defence of the 2nd Zone; or,
 - (c) to hold the 3rd Zone in the case of an attack by the enemy which ~~may~~ may deny the opportunity of employing the Brigade in the 1st or 2nd Zone.
3. (a) In the event of a hostile attack on the Corps Front Units will, on receipt of the warning order, assemble on their respective parade grounds and will, when ordered, move to their Positions of Readiness in rear of the 3rd Zone as shown in Appendix II.
 - (b) Each Battalion will on the order to occupy positions of Readiness being given, immediately send 1 company into a portion of the line for which that Battalion is responsible. Battalions are responsible for portions of the 3rd Zone of Defence as in Appendix III.

At the same time the 2nd M.G. Coy will send forward 1 Machine Gun and 4 men to each of the positions shown in Appendix I.
 - (c) In event of the Brigade being employed in advance of the 3rd Zone each Battalion will withdraw the company referred to in (b) above, less 4 Lewis Gun sections which will remain as Nucleus Garrisons for the line.
 - (d) Dress for all Units will be as in S.S. 135 para XXXI, less one bomb.
 - (e) Immediately each Unit receives the warning order it will send a mounted Officer to Brigade Headquarters for orders.
 - (f) All Units will prepare and have ready schemes whereby the Unit may be turned out and ready to move 20 minutes after receipt of the warning order.
 - (g) Units will move to their positions of readiness in accordance with the March Table (Appendix II).
 - (h) In the event of the Brigade being required to hold the 3rd Zone as in para 2 (c) the defence will be organised in depth. Disposition of companies distributed in depth will be included in Unit Defence Schemes.
4. On receipt of the warning order, transport of Units will harness up and make ready to move, but will not hook in until ordered by the Brigade to do so.
5. Brigade Headquarters will remain at LOCRE M.23.c.4 .4.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

B. Bayly
 Captain,
 A/ Brigade Major,
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

APPENDIX I.

Nucleus Garrisons to be furnished by 2nd Machine Gun Company.

1.	Machine Gun and nucleus detachment	N.20.d.40.65.)	Covering KEMMEL
1.	" " " " "	N.20.d.72.35.)	from West.
1.	" " " " "	N.27.b.15.45.)	Covering KEMMEL
1.	" " " " "	N.27.a.9.2.)	from S.W.
1.	" " " " "	N.27.d.70.65.)	Covering LINDENHOEK-
1.	" " " " "	N.27.d.50.15.)	WYTSCHAETE ROAD.
1.	" " " " "	N.33.d.95.35.)	Covering Road from
1.	" " " " "	N.33.d.80.05.)	WULVERGHEM.

APPENDIX II.MARCH TABLE.

Zero hour for this Table is the hour at which the warning order is sent.

UNIT	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS.
6th Bn.	N.19.d.4.3.	N.20.d.7.9.	via GORDON RD.	Starting Point N.19.d.9.4.
5th Bn.	M.29.a.8.9.	N.19.b.4.0.	M.30.a & b.	S.P., M.30.b.2.7.
8th Bn.	M.28.b.9.5.	N.32.c.10.75.	via LOCRE- DRANOUTRE RD.	S.P., M.29.a.6.7.
7th Bn.	M.29.c.8.2.	N.33.a.2.6.	via LOCRE DRANOUTRE RD.	S.P., M.35.b.2.7.
2nd M.G.Coy.	M.23.c.3.5.	N.19 .d.7.4.	via LOCRE- GORDON RD.	S.P., M.23.c.35.60
2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.	M.18.d.43.10.	N.19 .d.40.35.	via GORDON RD.	M.24.b.5.2.

TIMES OF ARRIVAL AT POSITIONS OF READINESS.

6th Battalion	Zero plus 35 mins.
5th Battalion	Zero plus 55 mins.
8th Battalion	Zero plus 65 mins.
7th Battalion	Zero plus 70 mins.
2nd M.G.Coy.	Zero plus 40 mins.
2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.	Zero plus 45 mins.

APPENDIX III.APPENDIX II3rd Zone of Defence.

A Trench System, with belts of defensive wire, composing the 3rd Zone of Defence is located as follows:-

N.15.c.4.2.	-	N.21.a.0.5.	-	N.20.d.7.5.	-	N.20.d.4.2.
N.27.a.0.1.	-	N.27.c.7.9.	-	N.27.d.2.8.	-	N.27.d.3.0.
N.33.b.4.0.	-	N.33.d.8.5.	-	N.34.c.0.0.	-	T.3.b.7.0.

Battalion Boundaries are as follows.-

- 7th Bn. On the South, Brigade Southern Boundary, a straight line drawn from T.2.central to T.4.central.
On the North, a straight line drawn from N.32.central to N.34.central.
- 8th Bn. On the South, Northern Boundary of 7th Bn.
On the North, a straight line drawn from N.26.d.0.7. to N.28.b.0.6.
- 5th Bn. On the South, Northern Boundary of 8th Bn.
On the North, a straight line drawn from N.20.c.2.0. to N.22.b.0.4.
- 6th Bn. On the South, Northern Boundary of 5th Bn.
On the North, Brigade Northern Boundary, a straight line drawn from N.20.a.2.8. to N.16.d.0.4.

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APPENDIX I. TO DEFENCE SCHEME ISSUED UNDER G/3869 of 16-2-18.

Signal Communication.

1. Brigade Forward Station will be established at K.S. at N.25.b.8.1. Communication in the Brigade Area will be maintained at first by
 - (a) Fuller-phone or telephone
 - (b) Runners
 - (c) Visual
 and later on be supplemented by -
 - (d) Amplifier and Power Buzzer
 - (e) Pigeons

2. Fuller-phone or telephone will be used between Brigade and Brigade Forward Station on the existing route (overland route from Brigade to K.D.) thence buried cable to K.S.)
 Overland lines will be run by Brigade to all Battalions from K.S. as quickly as possible.

3. Runners. Runner relay posts will be established as follows -

N.19.c.6.1. (despatches for left two Battalions)

K.S. (despatches for right two Battalions)

4. Visual will only be used between Brigade and Brigade Forward Station should the overland or buried cable be broken. In such case the stations will be as follows.

Brigade M.23.c.5.6.

Bde.Fwd.Stn.N.26.a.2.5.

Visual will be used to supplement Battalion communication.

Brigade Stations will be as follows -

N.26.a.9.6. (to work with left two Battalions)

N.26.c.8.3. (to work with right two Battalions)

5. Amplifiers and Power Buzzers will be installed as early as possible, and a supply of pigeons will be asked and, if obtained, sent to Battalions.

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APPENDIX 12

RETURN No.1.

UNIT.	ESTABLISHMENT				ATTACHED				
	Off.	Ors.	TOTAL	HOSES	Off.	Ors.	TOTAL	HOSES	
2nd A.I. Bde H.Q.	7	29	36	20	4	67	71	2	5th Bn 1-10 6 8 7 2 14 8 1 11 DNO 1 Dentist 6 Baths 2 YMCA 6 Club 6 Indiv. 3 <hr/> 4 67
E.G. Coy.	15	184	199	50		2	2		
T.M. Ety.	3	62	65						
5th Bn.	60	907	967	52	2	3	5		AMC 1 Chap 1 Indiv. 1 Comm Sgt 1 AAPC 1 <hr/> 2-3
6th Bttn.	44	959	1003	55	2	5	7	2	AMC 1 1 Chap 1 1 AAPC 1 Interp 2 Comm Sgt 1 <hr/> 2-5
7th Bn.	52	888	940	55	2	3	5		AMC 1-4 Chap 1 AAPC 1 Indiv. 4 Comm Sgt 1 <hr/> 2-3
8th Bn.	48	992	1040	55	2	4	6		AMC 1-2 Chap 1 AOC 1 AAPC 1 <hr/> 2-4
No. 4. Sig. Section.	2	67	69	6					
	231	4088	4319	293	12	84	96	4	

Officers 243
 Other Ranks 4172
 TOTAL 4415
 Horses 297
 Date 28-2-18

Captain,
 Staff Captain,
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

2ND AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

RETURN NO. 3.

APPENDIX 12

U N I T.	<i>Actual</i>										<i>Actual</i>			
	Strength previous day.		Details previous day.		Officers.			Other Ranks			Strength this day.		Details this day.	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Cas.	Arr.	Sick.	Cas.	Arr.	Sick.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
2nd A.I.Bde.H.Q.	3	11									3	11		
2nd M.G.Coy.	12	148	3	37					1	1	12	148	3	37
2nd A.L.T.M.Bty.	3	45		17							3	44		18
5th Battalion.	31	480	29	428						4	29	508	31	396
6th Battalion.	24	582	22	379			+2			4	24	593	20	364
7th Battalion.	28	505	25	331			+1			4	28	519	24	315
8th Battalion.	31	588	20	412		# 1	1		2	6	31	628	19	368
	132	2359	99	1604		1	4		3	19	130	2451	97	1498

Date... 28-2-19.

* Lt J.M. Bristow to 27Bn
 " H.O. Sully " "
 + " H.H. Young " "
 + 2/Lt W.D. Hooper " "
 Lt R.G. Hutson taken off in error.

Captain,
 Staff Captain,
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX 13

CASUALTIES FOR MONTH ENDING 28th FEBRUARY 1918.

6th Battalion

1 O.R. Died of Illness.

Captain
Staff Captain.
2nd Aust Infantry Brigade¹

2nd AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.*Appendix (xxvii)*REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED DURING MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

APPENDIX 14

5th Battalion	23 Other Ranks
6th Battalion	46 Other Ranks
7th Battalion	52 Other Ranks
8th Battalion	10 Other Ranks

28/2/1918.

Captain.
Staff Captain.
2nd Aust. Infantry. Brigade.

2nd AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Schools attended during the month of February 1918

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Carrier Pigeon	9	38
Gas	6	15
Lewis Gun	2	14
Musketry	5	6
Infantry	5	3
Aeroplane Class	7	
Intelligence	5	
Bombing	1	8
Trench Mortar	1	3
Power Buzzer		4
Scouting, Sniping and Observation		4
P. & B.T.		1
Veterinary Duties		1
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	41	97
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