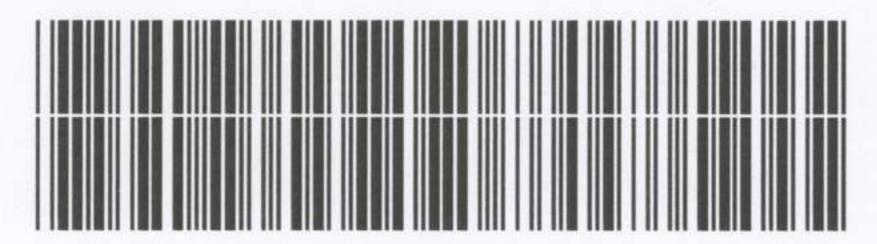
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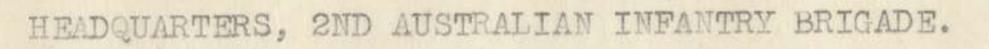
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918 Oct.			
COCQUEREL	lst		Showery. Training commenced.	
	2nd		Fine.	
	3rd		Fine. Draft of 4 officers and 77 other ranks leave for AUSTRALIA on six months' furlough.	
	4th		Fine.	
	5th		Dull and cold.	
	6th		Dull and cold. Staff Captain leaves for ENGLAND to attend Court of Enquiry and afterwards	
			14 days leave.	
	7th		Showery. Brigadier leaves to attend Tank School at FONTAIN BLEU. Lieut-Col. MITCHELL	
			assumes temporary command of the Brigade during his absence. Brigade Class of Instruction,	
			Intelligence Class and Signalling Class commence.	
	8th		Showery. General BIRDWOOD accompanied by Divisional Commander visits Brigade and Units.	
	9th		Fine during day; showery in evening.	
	10th		Fine.	
	11th		Dull and cold.	
	12th		1 ME	
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	Oct.			
OCQUEREL.	30th		Fine. Rifle shooting competitions.	
	31st		Dull. Rifle shooting competitions. 2 Officers 8 O'Ranks leave on Furlough to Australia	(ccx)
			Strength as at noon 31-10-18	App Cocks
			Schools attended during October	App (ccxi
		21	Reinforcements received during month of October	App Cccxi
			Syllabi of Training for month of October, 1918.	App (ccxi
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HEADQUARTERS, 2ND AUST. INFANTRY BDE.

OCTOBER, 1918.

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Subject. Brigade Parade.

Strength as at noon 31st October, 1918.

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- 9. The following will perude -

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Supress - Fighting Order (without S.D.R's or stool helmots), ground disots rolled and bate turned up on the left side.

Cffictrs will weer hats end open tunios.

Tounted Officers (G.O's End's in command, adjutants and transport officers only) will wear loggings or field boots, all other officers will wear puttoos.

- 4. One opplier pur unit, inculng the frontage required by his unit, will report to coptain marker on the parede ground at 0018.
- So The Exigade 111 be formed up in quarter column feeing West, Sth Dattalion on the right, then our Dattalion, 7th Battalion, Sth Dattalion on the right, then our Dattalion, 7th Battalion, Sth Dattalion occupanies and six pages interval between Dattalions. Limbers will be in two lines, distributed evenly ever the respective units, at 15 years distance from the rear same of the infantry and with 6 yards distance between lines. Fach limber will be accompanied by one brokesness, who will march in the rear centre of the vehicle with right glung.
- 6. On arrivel at the parade ground units will fix beyonets independently and officers will take posts in review order. Officers sized), other than the G.G., will be three paces in front of the front funktion of infuntry, with the and in domaind on the left, and the adjutant on the right. The G.G. will be 18 paces in front of the front runk of infuntry. Transport officer will remain stationery ten paces in front of the Transport.
- 7. Hessed bonds under the charge of Sgt. MATSON (5th Do.) will take up a position as indicated by Captain HALABY, and will play the general salute and march past.
- 8. All troops will be in position by 0980.
- O. The following programme will be carried out -
 - (a) on errivel of the General solute and nessed bands will play.
 - (b) The C.O.C. the Drigade, accompanied by the senior officer, will improve the parade.
 - (c) The Origode will march post the Soluting Point in column of companies.

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2nd AUSTRALIAN

RETURN. STRENGTH DAILY

31-10-1918

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5th Bn	22	452	474	53	2	5	7		AMC 1 Chap 1 Armr Pay Sgt Postal Interp
6th Bn	27	426	453	56	2	4	6		AMC 1 Chap 1 San Sec.
7th Bn	28	421	449	53	2	2	4		AMC 1 Chap 1 Pay Sgt Postal
8th Bn	25	467	490	54	2	4	6		AMC 1 Chap L Pay Sgt Postal Wardens
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2nd Bde Class 2 A. L. T. M. B.			4_						
5th Bn	1	41	42						
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Officers Other Ranks

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Total Horses 2217

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Captain, Staff Captain.

2nd Aust, Infantry Brigade.

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SCHOOLS ATTENDED DURING MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1918

	Offic	ers. O.Ranks	0	
Infantry	9	16		
Lewis Gun	1	3		
· Bombing	2	6		
Musketry	4	4		
Gas	1	3		
Intelligence		3		
P. and B.T.	1	4		
Stokes Mortar	-	5		
Cookery		3		
S.O.S.	1	3		
Signalling	1	3		
	Total 20	53		

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RETURN OF REINFORCEMENTS RECEIVED DURING MONTH ENDING 31st OCTOBER1918.

Unit.	Officers.	Other Ranks.	Remarks.
5th Battalion.	5	146	Lieut-Col J.C.M. Traill, D.S.O., M.C. 2/Lieut T.H. Robertson, D. Smith, M.C. E.W. Felton, R.M. Hoffman, M. M. Ba
6th Battalion.	4	1.01	Lieut S.W. Spark. Major A.R. Caughey. Lieut E.H. Christian M.C. 2/Lieut S. Cocking.
7th Battalion.	4	93	2/Lieut F.A.Burrows M.M., A.E.Joyce., R.Foster-Wood. Lieut T. B.Hanson.
8th Battalion.	3	148	Lieut.W.B.Bennett., Captain W.T. Yates, D.S.O. Lieut S.H.Beck.
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2nd Aust. Infantry Bde.

4th October, 1918.

APPENDIX CC X III

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING. Week 6th Oct. - 12th Oct.

Morning 0830 - 1130.

Afternoon 1400 - 1530.

6th Oct. Brigade Church Parade.

7th Oct. Plateon and Company drill,
to Guards and Sentries, Musketry,
12th Oct. Bayonet Fighting, Lewis Guns
and German M.G's, Bombs and
Rifle Grenades (especially No.36)
Plateon in attack. Route marches.

Recreational Training.

- 1. 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty. will carry out training as above substituting its own form of specialist training where pw infantry specialist work is laid down.
- 2. Two route marches, each of not less than 8 miles, will take place during the week. Full marching order will be worn. On one of these marches transport will accompany units. Strict march discipline must be observed, and in this respect attention is called to S.S.724, especially paras. 1 to 24 and 54 to 64. Units will notify this office of the routes selected by noon on the days prior to that on which the marches are to be held.
- 3. Special attention will be paid to Musketry. For the week ending 12th Oct. "A" and "B" ranges are allotted as under ("C" range is not available at present)

5th Battalion - 7th and 11th Oct.
6th do - 8th and 12th Oct.
7th do - 9th Oct.
8th do - 10th Oct.

On the days on which the ranges are allotted to Units, recreational training may, if C.Os do desire, be cut out and the whole day devoted to musketry.

4. Assault courses are allotted as under -

No.1.course - 8th Battalion.

Nos. 2 & 3 - 5th Battalion - 7th and 11th Oct.

courses - 6th Battalion - 8th and 12th Oct.

7th Battalion - 9th and 10th Oct.

- 5. At least once on each day Battalions will fall in as Units.
- 6. Units will submit their training programmes for the week ending 12th Oct. to reach this office not later than 8 p.m. 5th inst.

(SGD) H.F. WATSON. CAPT., Brigade Major, 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade. HEADQUARTERS, 2nd Aust. Infantry Bde. 11th October, 1918.

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- 2. One half holiday per week (in addition to Sunday afternoon) may be given at the discretion of C.O's.
- 3. Two route marches, each of not less than 8 miles, will take place during the week. Full marching order will be worn. On One of these marches transport will accompany units. Strict march discipline must be observed. Units will notify this office of routes selected by noon on the days prior to that on which the marches are to be held.
 - 4. Special attention will be paid to Musketry. Practice in the various events to take place at the Divisional Rifle Metting should be given with a view to selecting teams to compute in same.

For the week ending 19th October, ranges are allotted as under:-

14th Oct.) (Morning 200 yards - afternoon 300 yards) "A" 5th Bn., "B" 6th Bn., - "C" 7th Bn.

15th Oct. (Morning 200 yards - afternoon 300 yards) "A" 5th Bn., "B" 6th Bn., - "C" 8th Battalion.

16th Oct. (100 and 200 yards) "A" 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty. - "B" Bde.
Headquarters - "C" 7th Battalion.

17th Oct. (300 yards) "A" 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty. "B" 7th Bn. -

18th Oct. (400 yards) "A" 5th Bn., "B" 6th Bn., "C" 7th Bn., 19th Oct. (400 yards) "A" 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty. "B" 7th Bn., -

On the days on which the ranges are allotted to units, recreational training may, so fare as the company or companies using the ranges are concerned, be cut out and the whole day devoted to Musketry.

5. Assault courses are allotted as under:-

No.1. course - 8th B

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Nos.2 & 3 - 5th Bn.

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- 7th Bn. - 16th and 18th Oct.

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- 2. One half holiday per week (in addition to Sunday afternoon) may be given at the discretion of C.O's.
- 3. Platoon in attack will be practised daily.
- 4. On the morning of the 23rd instant a Brigade Parade will be held on the ground in rear of "A", "B" and "C" ranges. Particulars and time of parade will be notified later.
- 5. Eliminating trials to select the best companies, platoons and teams to compete in events Nos.1,2 & 3 at the Divisional Rifle Meeting, will be held during the week. The conditions laid down for those events will be strictly adhered to in these trials. The servixes of the Brigade Musketry Officer are available for judging and assisting, if required.

For the week ending 26th October, ranges are allotted as under:-

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21st Oct. "A", "B" & "C" Ranges - 5th Battalion.

22nd Oct. "A", "B" & "C" - 6th Battalion.

23rd Oct. "A" and "B" - 2nd Field Coy.

"C" - Bde.Headquarters.

24th Oct. "A", "B" & "C" " - 7th Battalion.

25th Oct. "A", "B" & "C" " - 8th Battalion.

The ranges will not at present be allotted for the 26th inst., but will be reserved for the use of any Battalion which may be prevented by reason of wet weather from practising on the date allotted to it above.

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7. One route march (in addition to that laid down for event No.1. in the Rifle Competition) of not less than 8 miles, will take place during the week. Full marching order will be worn and transport will accompany Units. Strict march discipline must be observed. Units will notify this office of routes selected, by noon on the days prior to those on which the marches are to be held.

8. Units will submit their training programmes in duplicate for the week ending 26th October, by 1800 on 19th instant.

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HEADQUARTERS, 2nd Aust. Infantry Bde. 25th October, 1918.

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- One half holiday per week (in addition to Sunday afternoon) may be given at the discretion of C.O's.
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- on the 30th and 31st instant the Divisional Rifle Meeting will be Men not competing in the various events at the meeting, will engage in training as usual.
- 5. For the week ending 2nd Nov., ranges are allotted as under:-

"A" 5th Bn. 28th Oct. "B" 6th Bn. Only teams competing at the Rifle "C" 7th Bn. Meeting should practice. Ranges at "A" 8th Bn. which firing will take place to be 29th Oct. mutually arranged. "B" 6th Bn.

"A" Bde.H.Q. 30th Oct. "B" 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty. "C" 2nd Field Coy.

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"A". "B" & "C" - 8th Bn. For tactical schemes. 1st Nov.

6. Assault courses are allotted as under:-

No.1. course - 8th Battalion.

Nos.2 & 3 - 5th Battalion - 28th and 30th Oct. courses - 6th Battalion - 29th and 31st Oct.

- 7th Battalion - 1st Nov.

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- 7. Tactical schemes, with and without troops, will be cerried out as frequently as possible. 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty. will co-operate in these schemes by attaching a sub-section to the troops engaged in the schemes. O.C. 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty. will make necessary arrangements.
- 8. With a view to brushing up for the Divisional Rewiew, a short perio will be devoted daily to ceremonial.
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