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OF

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	1918 Sept.		<u>Reference Maps - Sheets 62 C. N.W., 62 C. N.E., 62 C. S.W., 1/20,000.</u>	
Line.	1.		7th A.I. Brigade in Support in trenches and bivouacs North of the SOMME in Squares I.13 and I.17, with Brigade Headquarters at H.15.a.3.2. Weather fine. In the evening it was decided that the 7th A.I. Brigade should attack the next morning, and G.O.C. returned from Conference at Divisional H.Q. at 22.45 to 7th A.I. Brigade H.Q. where verbal orders were issued to C.O.'s of all Units concerned. Battalion Commanders arrived back at their Battalions at 02.00 on 2nd October.	
	2.		7th A.I. Brigade attacked the AIZECOURT - MONT ST. QUENTIN SPUR. Brigade Order No. 220. In the afternoon, orders were issued for the consolidation of the ground won. Brigade Order No. 221. Reports on the operations of 2nd September 1918 - "The Capture of the MONT ST. QUENTIN - AIZECOURT SPUR and the villages of ALLAINES and HAUT ALLAINES" - Appendix 3.	App. 1. APP. 2. APP. 3.
	4.		On the night 4th/5th September, the 7th A.I. Brigade was relieved in the line partly by the 231st Infantry Brigade, 74th British Division, and by the 8th A.I. Brigade, 5th Australian Division. Brigade Order No. 222.	(a, b, c & d) App. 4.
CAPPY.	5.		7th A.I. Brigade moved by march route to CAPPY AREA, Sheet 62 C., 1/40,000. Brigade Order No. 223.	App. 5.
	6.		Units were given a week's rest.	
	12.		7th A.I. Brigade Sports.	App. 6.
	16.		2nd Australian Divisional Sports.	
	24.		Orders were received instructing that the 7th A.I. Brigade be re-organised on a three-Battalion basis forthwith, by the disbanding of the 25th Battalion.	
	25.		Battalions marched to HERLEVILLE, where they carried out a tactical exercise in co-operation with Tanks.	

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<u>CAPPY.</u>	26.		Orders re the disbanding of the 25th Battalion were postponed.	
	27/28		7th A.I. Brigade Group moved by march route to DOINGT AREA, and took over billets and bivouacs from 11th A.I. Brigade. Brigade Order No. 224.	App. 7.
<u>DOINGT.</u>	28/29		7th A.I. Brigade Group moved by march route to assembly areas in TEMPLEUX LA FOSSE AREA, and remained there until 1st October 1918. Brigade Order No. 225.	App. 8.
			Instructions Nos. 1 and 3. issued to units on 27th and 29th September respectively.	App. 9 (a. & b.)
			The operations during the month were conducted under semi-open warfare conditions, and in the MONT ST. QUENTIN - AIZECOURT operations, the individual initiative and dash of all ranks, especially of junior N.C.Os and men, was of an exceptionally high standard of excellence. The reports on these operations are full and cover all the ground. The excellent work done by the 7th A.I. Brigade Snipers is emphasized in a report by the G.O.C. 7th A.I. Brigade.	App. 10.
			During the period 5th to 26th September, the G.O.C. inspected all Units. The men had had a good rest and were looking remarkably fit. In the latter part of this period training was carried out, and the special features were route marches combined with advanced guard and other tactical schemes, whilst special attention was paid to visual signalling in tactical schemes.	App. 11.
			The move forward from CAPPY to the assembly areas was carried out by night marches, which were well done.	
			The last week of September was marked by a cold change in the weather.	
			Salvage Returns for month of September Appendix 12.	App. 12.
			Casualties for month of September " 13.	App. 13.
			Strength Return as at 30th September " 14.	APP. 14.

*Alce*  
Major, Brigade Major,  
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

# WAR DIARY

OF

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

FOR

SEPTEMBER

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 220.
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3.	Reports on Operations of 2nd September 1918. Brigade reference No. 262/104.
4.	7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 222.
5.	ditto No. 223!
6.	7th A.I. Brigade Sports Programme.
7.	7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 224.
8.	ditto No. 225.
9.	Instructions Nos. 1 & 3. Bde Reference 261/258, 261/260
10.	Report by G.O.C. on 7th A.I. Bde Sniping Section.
11.	Report on Inspections by G.O.C.
12.	Salvage Returns for September.
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14.	Strength Return as at 30th September 1918.

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Order No. 220.

Headquarters,  
September 2nd 1918.

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Reference Maps Sheets 62 C. N.W. }  
62 C. N.E. } 1/20,000

1. (a) The 7th A.I. Brigade will carry out an attack on the morning of September 2nd 1918, in conjunction with the 14th A.I. Brigade on the Right and the 229th Brigade on the left.  
(b) Zero hour is 5.50 a.m.  
(c) The 7th A.I. Brigade will form up on the start line already indicated, and pass through in its battle formations through the 6th A.I. Brigade.
2. (a) The objective of the 7th A.I. Brigade is a defensive flank, the line of which runs from I.13.a.2.2. - KOROS ALLEY - RUPPRECHT TRENCH - ST. DENIS-AZICOURT LA HAUTE Road to AZICOURT LA HAUTE inclusive.  
All ground between the southern boundary of the 229th Brigade and the line of the defensive flank will be mopped up by the 7th A.I. Brigade.  
(b) As the 14th A.I. Brigade advances to the grid line between I.23 and I.24, the 26th Battalion will swing its right flank in conformity with this advance.  
Zero hour of 14th A.I. Brigade will be 6 a.m.  
(c) Any subsequent opportunities will be exploited to the full.
3. (a) The southern boundary of the 7th A.I. Brigade is an east and west grid line between I.16 and I.22.  
(b) The northern boundary is an east and west line through C.28, central.  
(c) Interbattalion boundaries are :-  
Between 26th and 25th Battalions, an east and west grid line between I.10 and I.16.  
Between 25th and 27th Battalions, an east and west grid line to I.5, central.  
through
4. The attack will be made by three battalions, 26th Battalion on the Right, 25th Battalion in the Centre, 27th Battalion on the Left.  
28th Battalion will follow 1,000 yards behind the rear of the attacking battalions, two companies following the 26th Battalion, and two companies following 27th Battalion. These companies will form flank liaison forces, and also local reserves for the 26th and 27th Battalions.
5. The 22nd A.M.G. Coy will detail one section to be attached to each of the four battalions. Details to be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.  
The 5th A.M.G. Coy will remain in mobile reserve in vicinity of I.15, central.
6. Two mortars of the 7th A.L.T.M. Bty will be attached to each of the three attacking battalions, the remaining sub-section will be held in reserve at Battery Headquarters in vicinity of I.15, central.
7. The advance will be supported by six brigades of horse and field artillery firing on selected targets. The artillery start line will be as already indicated.  
Heavy artillery will co-operate.  
The initial barrage, which will be 100 yards in five minutes, will remain on the start line for ten minutes. It will then advance, being regulated by the rate of barrage of 74th Division on the Left.

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The artillery barrage for the 14th A.I. Brigade travels at the rate of 100 yards in three minutes. One artillery brigade will be held as a mobile brigade.

One section of artillery will advance behind each of the three attacking battalions.

8. The 7th Field Coy A.E. will co-operate, constructing foot bridges across the CANAL DU MORD, and detailing parties for inspection of wells and dugouts.
9. One troop of 15th Aust. Light Horse will be used for mounted orderly and escort work.
10. Aeroplane contact patrol will fly over the spur from MONT ST. QUENTIN to AZICOURT at 7.30 a.m. and 9 a.m. Flares will be lit and discs exposed on plane calling on Klaxon horn.
11. All necessary arrangements for the evacuation of casualties have been made.
12. Signalling arrangements. Brigade Forward Signal Station is established at I.15.central. A line will be laid forward to Cross Roads I.16.c.0.9. where a Relay Station will be established. A line will then be laid along road through I.16.a. & b, to main PERONNE - NURLU Road at Cross Roads I.12.a.central, where forward station will be established. Units will maintain communication by telephone visual, and mounted orderlies.
13. Mobile Echelon will be situated in vicinity of I.15.central.
14. Prisoners of war will be sent to mounted escort firstly, at Relay Station I.15.central, and afterwards to Relay Station at I.16.c.0.9. They will then be brought by mounted escort to Brigade H.Q.
15. Headquarters of 7th A.I. Bde will remain at H.16.a.2.4. Headquarters of battalions will move behind the attacking infantry, and will be established as soon as final objective is reached. Headquarters of 7th A.L.T.M. Bty will be at I.15.central. " Machine Gun Coys " " I.15.central.
16. Flank liaison will be maintained by all units.
17. Acknowledge.

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Major, Brigade Major,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Copies to :-

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|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1, 25th Bn.        | 13, 5th A.I. Bde.       | 22, G.O.C.        |
| 2, 26th Bn.        | 14, 6th "               | 23, B.M.          |
| 3, 27th Bn.        | 15, 2nd Aust. Div.      | 24, S.C.          |
| 4, 28th Bn.        | 16, 2nd Div. Arty       | 25, File.         |
| 5, 7th A.L.T.M. B. | 17/18, Liaison Officers | 26/28, War Diary. |
| 6, 22nd H.G. Coy   | 19, B.T.O.              |                   |
| 7, 5th H.G. Coy    | 20, Bde Sig. Officer.   |                   |
| 8, 7th Field Coy   | 21, R.I.O.              |                   |
| 9, 5th F. Amb.     |                         |                   |
| 10, 17th A.A.S.C.  |                         |                   |
| 11, 14th A.I. Bde. |                         |                   |
| 12, 14th Bde.      |                         |                   |

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Order No. 221.Headquarters,  
September 2nd 1918Reference Maps, Sheets 62 C. N.W. & N.E., 1/20,000.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade will consolidate for the night on line as follows :-  
 (a) 26th Battalion. From road at I.16.c.1.3., along KOROS ALLEY to I.17.a.30.65.  
 (b) 25th Battalion. From I.17.a.30.65. to I.11.c.25.20. along FUPPECHT TRENCH to where it joins road, thence to trench I.11.b.8.3., along trench to grid line at I.6.c.4.0.  
 (c) 27th Battalion. From I.6.c.4.0. through I.6.central to HEPA ALLEY at I.6.a.4.2. along trench to road about C.29.d.6.0., thence along road to boundary.
2. (a) 26th Battalion will establish a post at I.10.central.  
 (b) 25th Battalion will establish blocks in DARIESTADT TRENCH I.17.a.7.5. and I.17.a.80.65.  
 (c) 27th Battalion will retain post at C.30.c.5.0.  
 (d) 22nd Battalion will place two Companies in support in ~~BRUNN~~ TORTELLA TRENCH, with one Company in ROVERLA TRENCH in I.10.a.  
 (e) 27th Battalion will utilize any men of the Suffolk or Sussex Regiments to connect the left flank with the troops of the 74th Division.  
 (f) The remaining Company of the 22nd Battalion will remain in GOTT MIT UNS TRENCH.
3. (a) Battalion Commanders will dispose their Vickers Machine Guns for the defence of the line in their sectors.  
 (b) Eight guns of the 5th Machine Gun Coy will be disposed in positions to be selected by the Machine Gun Group Commander for the defence of the positions.
4. Headquarters of Battalions are :-  
 25th Bn. I.11.a.0.1.  
 26th Bn. I.16.b.3.6.  
 27th Bn. I.11.a.3.7.  
 28th Bn. I.11.a.1.4.  
 22nd Bn. I.8.d.5.0.  
 Brigade Forward Station I.16.b.4.2.  
 Brigade Relay Station I.13.central.
5. Acknowledge.

*M. G.*  
 Major, Brigade Major,  
 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 4.15 p.m.

Copies to :-

1. 25th Bn.	11. 6th A.I. Bde.
2. 26th Bn.	12. 2nd Aust. Div.
3. 27th Bn.	13. 22nd M.G. Coy,
4. 28th Bn.	14. War Diary,
5. 22nd Bn.	15/17. "
6. 7th T.L.B.	18. File.
7. 7th Field Coy	
8. 5th M.G. Coy	
9. 14th A.I. Bde.	
10. 229th Bde.	



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7TH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,  
September 8th 1918.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS SEPTEMBER 2nd 1918 :- "The capture of the  
MOUNT St QUENTIN - RIZECOURT SPUR and the Villages of ALLAINES &  
HAUTE ALLAINES.

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PART I

Reference Maps : Sheets 62° N.W.) 1/20,000.  
32° N.E.)

1. On the evening of September 1st/2nd 1918 the Brigade moved to the following positions from the vicinity of CLERY :-

25th Bn.	I.14.b. & d.
26th Bn.	I.20.a.
27th Bn.	I.8.c.
28th Bn.	I.14.a. & c.
7th T.M.Bty.	I.14.a.
32nd H.G.Coy.	I.14.a.
Bde. H.Q.,	was at H.13.a.2.4.

2. Late in the evening it was decided that the 7th A.I.Bde. would continue the attack on the morning of September 2nd in conjunction with Brigades on both flanks.

The G.O.C., Brigade returned from a Conference at Division about 10.45 p.m. and held a Conference at Brigade H.Q., at which all unit commanders attended as well as the C.R.A. and representatives from the various Artillery Brigades co-operating. Verbal instructions issued for the attack - written orders being issued later (see Bde. Order No. 220) The Battalion commanders arrived back at their units approx. at 2 a.m. September 2nd. Meanwhile the troops had been ordered by their unit commanders to have breakfast and to be ready to move at 5 a.m. to their forming up positions. Zero hour was 5.30 a.m. September 2nd.

3. The intention was that the 7th A.I.Bde. should form a defensive flank on the Right of the III Corps which was attacking at the same time, with the 229th Brigade 74th Div. on our immediate Left.

The defensive flank was a line running from I.16.a.2.2. - ROTOS ALLEY - RUPPRECHT trench - St DENIS - RIZECOURT to HAUTE road to RIZECOURT to HAUTE inclusive.

The Right flank of the Brigade was also to conform to the advance of the 14th A.I.Bde. which was attacking St DENIS at 6 a.m. the same morning.

4. It was decided that the whole brigade would be used on a three battalion frontage.

(a) The 26th Bn. on the Right - boundary between it and the 14th A.I.Bde. being the E. and W. grid between I.16. and I.22.

(b) The 25th Bn. in the Centre - boundary between it and the 26th Bn being the E. and W. grid between I.10. and I.16.

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(c) The 27th Bn. on the Left - boundary between it and 25th Bn. being the E. and W. line through I.5.central but including the Villages of ALLAINES and HAUT ALLAINES.

(d) The boundary between the 7th A.I.Bde. and the 229th Bde. was an E. and W. line through C.29.central.

(e) The 28th Bn. was used as follows :-

2 Coys in Support and Right flank liaison for the 26th Bn.

Bn. H.Qrs., and 2 Coys in Support and Left flank liaison for the 27th Bn.

5. The 6th A.I.Bde. had on September 1st recaptured FEUILLACOURT and the Village and Wood of MOUNT St QUENTIN. They were withdrawn slightly before Zero to enable the Artillery start line to run from I.16.central along TORTILLE trench thence West of ALLAINES. *to I.16 cent*

6. (a) The battalions jumped off from the line which ran along road I.15.d.1.0. through I.15.central to I.9.d.0.0. then along the MOUNT St QUENTIN - FEUILLACOURT Road to the Canal.

Immediately after our barrage opened the enemy put down a very heavy H.E. barrage mixed with Gas shells. The barrage was put down on a line along the canal from the North East as far as the N.W. corner of FEUILLACOURT along the road to MOUNT St QUENTIN and South W. of MOUNT St QUENTIN in I.15.c. & d. It was one of the heaviest barrages our troops have experienced being very intense and consisted of H.E. of all calibres up to 5.9 with a big mixture of Gas.

(b) The 23th Bn. attacked on a three Coy frontage with the Fourth Coy in Support. The jumping off line of the Left Coy was being heavily shelled as it formed up, so it moved forward to the road at I.15.d.7.7. Bn. H.Qrs., moved behind the Support Coy.

(c) The Right Bn. had a difficult job. It had to co-operate with the remainder of the Bde. on the Left which was jumping off at 5.50 a.m. and at the same time co-operate with the Bde. on the Right which was attacking at 6 a.m.

The C.O., 26th Bn. decided that the Left of his Bn. should attack the trench system on the high ground East of the village, taking full advantage of the barrage, and that thirty minutes later it should swing its flank round to effect a junction with the Right portion of the Battalion which would be then advancing.

(d) The Left half jumped off at 5.30 a.m. and had to pass through the very intense barrage already mentioned. Particularly heavy H.G. fire from the front and the Right flank opened at the same time. The numbers that actually reached the trench system in I.16.a.central was very limited. Two parties each under an officer continued the advance in face of severe machine gun fire, - One party moving down KOROS ALLEY, and the other down KURILLO ALLEY. Opposition was overcome as far South as KOROS ALLEY and as far East as N. and S. line through I.11.c.55.00. This trench system was at once consolidated.

The work of this Left Coy advancing as it did with a mere handful of men along two lines of trenches 1,000 yards in length and defended by at least thirty H.Gs. manned by very determined gunners was an extraordinary fine feat.

(e) The Right portion of the Bn., 1½ Coys, commenced to advance at 6 a.m. but was subjected to heavy H.G. fire which played across the low ground from distances up to 1,500 yards. This H.G. fire was very destructive, especially that from the vicinity of St DENIS and from the Quarry at the Copse in I.17.c. This Quarry on closer inspection had 10 H.G. positions with a splendid field of fire towards the West. Each position had at least 500 empties on it.

(f) As the 14th A.I.Bde. had not been able to advance, the Coy dug in when it reached a N. and S. line running through I.16.d.5.0. Throughout touch was maintained with the 25th Bn. on the Left, and touch was established with the 14th A.I.Bde. on the Right, after dusk. Two posts were left in I.16.d., one at I.16.d.5.5. and the other at I.16.d.2.8. Posts were eventually put in DUNSTANT trench as far South as I.17.c.60.70. and the Copse in I.17.c. cleared of the enemy.

7. (a) On the 25th Bn. Centre front the Bn. jumped off on a two Coy front, the third Coy being in close Support and the Fourth in Reserve. The jumping off line ran from I.15.b.1.9. to I.9.a.4.1.

(b) Owing to the narrow frontage at the jumping off line and the widening as the attack proceeded, the two front Coys made the initial attack. Then as the attack proceeded, the front line Coys automatically keeping liaison with battalions on flanks, a gap was caused in the centre which the Support Coy at once filled and so built up the front line.

(c) A platoon from each of the two front Coys advanced as a line of skirmishers 50 yards in front. The remainder of the battalion advanced in Artillery formation in sections in single file. Battalion H.Qrs., moved immediately in front of the Reserve Coy.

(d) Owing to the infantry being temporarily held up by the enemy H.G. fire, the barrage soon outpaced the infantry. Then the fight developed into an infantry attack against numerous and well sited H.G. positions, garrisoned by determined troops.

The section leaders showed great initiative, and individuals great dash in dealing with these H.Gs. The weaker enemy posts were selected to be attacked first. This was done, under mutual supporting fire from a flank, by small groups of men advancing in rushes and making use of any cover available until they were able to rush the post and either capture or kill the garrison. Stronger posts were similarly dealt with by the aid of Lewis Gun and Rifle fire from the flanks. These tactics were highly successful. Invariably the enemy finding that he was being fired at from a flank endeavoured to retire in small numbers to the next position in rear.

When the troops had advanced as far as I.10.central a party of the enemy about 100 in number were seen about 500 yards away advancing towards LUCOS trench in column of fours. They were suffering casualties from our Artillery barrage and when engaged by our Lewis Guns and Vickers Guns fled in disorder. One very strong position apparently a mine crater about I.10.d.6.5. was outflanked by a clever move of the Coy commander and yielded up 17 H.Gs. and 2 trench mortars. The garrison was either killed or taken prisoners.

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(c) The objective was reached at 7.20 a.m. Consolidation was at once proceeded with and touch established with units on either flanks.

8. (a) On the Left Bn., 27th Bn. front the attack was made on a three Coy frontage with the fourth Coy in support. Battalion H.Qrs., moved behind the fourth Coy. As the Bn. jumped off a heavy barrage came down in rear of it. As the Bn. passed over TORTILLE trench it came under extremely heavy H.G. fire from ALLAINES, HAUT ALLAINES - and BRUNN trench and also the Spur over which the 25th Bn. was advancing.

(b) All Coy officers except two quickly became casualties; nevertheless the Left Coy pushed right through ALLAINES and HAUT ALLAINES led by the n.c.os. who were left. The centre Coy advanced through HAUT ALLAINES as also did the Left of the Right Coy. About 40 prisoners were captured in these two villages while a very large number of enemy, estimated at a minimum of 600 men streamed across the plain towards C.50. and D.25.

(c) Meanwhile the Support Coy advanced with the Right Coy in BRUNN trench where an exceptionally stiff fight was put up. Sixty prisoners were captured here and about 55 enemy killed.

(d) At 7 a.m. the enemy was retiring in a N.E. direction from HAUT ALLAINES. The Support Coy commander, one of the two officers left, collected about 50 men and advanced from BRUNN trench following these 600 Germans across the plain engaging them with his Lewis Guns. When he reached a point I.6.a.6.5. a battery of 77 mm guns fired over the sights at him from the direction of D.25.a.central. He advanced to a point at C.50.c.5.0. and there found that his force was too depleted to advance any further, then he dug in. Meanwhile, the other officer collected about 25 men and advanced to HERA ALLEY. (not a casualty)

(e) About 9 a.m. 2 Coys Sussex Regiment arrived and were sent by the C.O., 27th Bn. to fill the gap to the Canal du Nord in C.29.c. and I.5.b. About 10.15 a.m. Battalion H.Qrs., and two Coys Sussex Regiment arrived and were put into BRUNN trench and Sunken Road in I.5.b.

(f) The enemy put up the stiffest fight in BRUNN trench. Though ALLAINES - HAUT ALLAINES was held by a great number of H.Gs. and about 700 infantry not much of a fight was put up there - two very weak coys were able to capture the villages with the assistance of two platoons of the 28th Bn. The position finally occupied by the Left Bn. supported by 2 Coys 28th Bn. ran from I.12.a.7.8. along ANTIGONE ALLEY to its junction with ATHENE trench, - Post at I.6.d.2.8. I.3.d.2.9. in HERA ALLEY along this trench to I.6.a.5.2. thence north to C.50.c.5.0., C.50.c.6.6., C.50.c.7.8. where it junctioned with the 229th Bde.

9. (a) The 23th Bn. which was used for Support followed 1,000 yards in rear, two Coys behind the 26th Bn., and two Coys behind the 27th Bn. Owing to the inability of the Right flank being able to advance across the flat north St DENIS, the two Coys of the 28th Bn. on the Right were used for consolidation of KUROK ALLEY.

- (b) The two Coys on the Left were extremely useful in mopping up. One platoon was sent to the Right to mop up two H.G. positions in I.10.c. and d. One platoon mopped up the Canal du Nord capturing a H.G. and its crew - 1 Off. and 10 other ranks - after a sharp fight. Two platoons mopped up ALLAINES. One Coy formed a defensive flank from I.5.central. north of HAUT ALLAINES to the Canal du Nord. Its position was afterwards taken over by the Sussex Regiment when it arrived and this Coy withdrawn to BRUNN trench.
10. (a) One Vickers H.G. section from the 22nd H.G. Coy was attached to each Battalion. They kept well up with the infantry and assisted admirably in engaging enemy infantry as they retreated.
- (b) The 5th A.H.G. Coy were in mobile reserve.
- (c) Later in the day the whole of the 22nd H.G. Coy plus eight guns of the 5th A.H.G. Coy were in very good defensive positions. The machine gunners also emplaced and used several German Machine Guns.
11. Two Mortars moved with each of the three battalions, mortars and ammunition being transported on pack mules. In the centre battalion front two mortars engaged a strong point which was holding up a portion of the infantry, thus allowing the infantry to advance. The Mortars took up a position when the objective had been reached.
12. (a) The rate of the Artillery fire which was a barrage on selected points was intended to conform on the Left to the 74 Div's. rate of 100 yards in 5 minutes and to 5th Aust. Div's. on Right - 100 yards in 3 minutes.
- (b) The Artillery barrage was thin and though well placed did not damage the wire nor the trenches very much. There were numerous dug-outs in the trench systems. The fire directed on ALLAINES and HAUT ALLAINES certainly had a demoralizing effect on the German garrison.
- (c) The battery attached to the Left battalion advanced very well to a position near a bank East of FEUILLACOURT and worked in close co-operation with the Left Battalion command.
- (d) If the F.O.Os. of these mobile Batteries had plenty of telephone wire at their disposal excellent targets could be engaged by these batteries. As it was, several good targets were missed owing to the inability of the F.O.Os. to get into quick communication with their batteries.
13. Signal Communication.
- (a) Bde. H.Q., remained at H.16.a.2.4.
- (b) A Relay Station was established at I.7.c.0.5. and at I.15.b.2.2. where there was an officer from Bde.H.Q. The Bde. Forward Station was established in Quarry at I.16.a.4.2. under an officer. The shell fire in the vicinity of MOUNT St QUENTIN was heavy throughout the day and rendered the upkeep of telephone lines a most difficult task.
- Mounted orderly was used by the centre battalion only, as the shell fire and H.G. fire was too intense for other units.

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(c) Headquarters of Battalions which advanced with units got into telephone communication as soon as possible with the Bde. Forward Signal Station as soon as the objective had been reached.

14. Our casualties were :-

	<u>Killed.</u>		<u>Wounded.</u>	
	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>
26th Bn. Light line	3	19	5	94
25th Bn. Centre.	1	29	8	106
27th Bn. Left line.	1	21	8	79
28th Bn. Support.	2	4	4	59
7th T.H.Bty.	-	1	-	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>343</b>

15. Enemy Killed :-

By 26th Bn.	85
" 25th Bn.	60
" 27th Bn.	85
" 28th Bn.	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>245</b>

16. Prisoners and Captured Trophies :-

	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>
By 26th Bn.	1	50
" 25th Bn.	-	60
" 27th Bn.	2	100
" 28th Bn.	1	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>200</b>

By 26th Bn.	1 trench Sig. Set.	50 M.Gs.	6 H.Ws
" 25th Bn.	(1 listening set.	42 M.Gs.	
	(5 A.T.Rifles.	2 H.Ws.	
" 27th Bn.	(1 5-ton lorry.	15 M.Gs.	
	(2 G.S.Wagons.		
" 28th Bn.	6 H.Gs.		

*Alec Major*

*Brigade Major*  
7th Aust. Infantry Brigade

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PART 11.NOTES.

1. The original intention was to resume the attack on the morning of the 5th September, thus giving a day for rest and preparation, and for bringing up more artillery. The sudden alteration therefore caught us somewhat by surprise. No reconnaissance had been possible, as the line held by the 6th Brigade was not far enough east to allow of observation over the ground to be attacked.

I received my orders at 9.50 p.m. from the Divisional Commander, and with the C.R.A. hurried back to my Headquarters, where, as arranged by phone, I met my Battalion Commanders and the Artillery Brigade Commanders. Verbal explanations and orders were then given, and the artillery co-operation arranged. The Battalion Commanders got back to their Headquarters about 2 a.m., and got their Company Commanders together, to whom verbal orders were given.

Zero time was 5.30 a.m. There was no time to explain the plan to junior officers and N.C.Os, as is invariably our custom; in fact Company Commanders had just time to get their Companies together and move to the jumping off line.

Under these circumstances it was all the more remarkable that the whole operation should have been carried out as it was - exactly as planned and ordered.

2. The barrage was a great difficulty, as we had to conform to the units on the flanks, and no time was available to co-ordinate the action. In the case of the 5th Division on our Right, their Zero hour was thirty minutes later than ours, and their rate 100 yards in three minutes. In the case of the 229th Brigade on our Left, although their Zero hour was the same, the rate was 100 yards in five minutes. An endeavour was made to adapt our barrage to these divergent circumstances, but it proved unsatisfactory, and the barrage got away from the infantry. As there were not enough guns to give an ordinary creeping barrage of any thickness, it was decided to work the barrage in lanes, the batteries allotted to each lane dealing with the most important obstacles such as trenches etc. within their lanes, at the rate of advance arranged in each case. This worked satisfactorily as far as accuracy and rate of fire were concerned, the only drawback being the thinness, and as before mentioned, the too great speed of advance.

The infantry work was excellent, the tasks being well planned and carried out.

3. The task set the Brigade was a difficult one, and although not realised at the time, a really stupendous one. It only needs a visit to the ground captured, and a survey of the enemy's position - it would appear an impossibility for any troops, even Australians, to storm such a position, held as it was, with such a small force, and for most of the way with practically no close artillery support. No words can describe the bravery, determination and skill of the infantry. At the very outset they were caught by a heavy enemy artillery barrage. This is one of the most demoralising things

which can happen to troops assembled in the dark for an assault. No sooner were they clear of this than they were met by a fierce machine gun fire from hundreds of guns which swept the slopes and flat ground over which they had to advance. In spite of this there was no hesitation, nor were there stragglers. Casualties were naturally heavy, especially among officers. The fight developed into an advance of groups of men, sometimes under an officer, but more often under an H.C.O. These groups while working independently, adhered admirably to the general plan, and were all the time under perfect control. The tactics of the groups were perfect in dealing with the machine gun posts, with which the enemy country abounded. The general principle that "Those who can get on, while those who can't get round" was instinctively carried out, resulting in the automatic exploiting of the weak spots in the enemy defence, and the turning of his strong points. These tactics were invariably successful.

4. The failure of the Brigades on our flanks to come up undoubtedly added greatly to the resistance encountered, as guns and strong points which would have been engaged by them, especially on our left, were left free to concentrate on us. In addition, this factor compelled us to form finally an extremely dangerous salient almost 'V' shaped, with the left log back on the lock just east of HAUT ALLAINES, and the apex at the junction of HERA ALLEY and ANTIGONE TRENCH - the right log being along the ridge and in KOROS ALLEY. This line we held until relieved 56 hours later. When it is realised that that line was 5,000 yards long measured on the map, and we mustered only about 800 bayonets, the magnitude of the task will be appreciated.

In my opinion the immediate effect of our success was to compel the abandonment of the enemy strong points at the SUGAR FACTORY and ST. DENIS, which stuck up the neighbouring Brigade, much sooner than otherwise would have been the case - and later, by our pressure in DANSTADT TRENCH, the withdrawal from that and SILESIA TRENCHES, and from a very formidable nest of ten machine guns in the Copse - in fact the whole of the ground North East of PERONNE was threatened by our position on the ridge.

5. To revert to the Artillery, although the plan of leaving the Commanders of the Sections closely supporting Battalions, free to engage targets and closely support the Infantry, worked better than that of tying them up to the Battalion Commanders, it was found that the artillery relied too much on the liaison officer attached to the Battalions, and many valuable targets were lost before communication could be established. It would soon be necessary for the Battery Commander to keep close enough up to observe the fight, and be able to direct his guns on to a target by signal. Again - an F.O.O. reported to the Battalion in one case, about two hours after the objective had been taken, without any telephone or wire, or any means of communicating with his guns. The Battalion Commander is to be excused if he did tell him to get to Hell out of it.



6. There was little Engineer work to be done during this operation, except the examination of dugouts and water, which duties were very thoroughly carried out by the Engineers.
7. The machine guns of the 5th and 22nd Machine Gun Companies under Captains HAMILTON and McLENNAN respectively were well handled. The latter supported the Infantry well during the fight, and the machine gun defence in depth on consolidation was well and rapidly done.
8. The Trench Mortars were well handled and proved very useful on more than one occasion.
9. The signalling arrangements were well planned and carried out, the work of all ranks under most difficult and trying circumstances being worthy of the highest praise. Unfortunately lines were frequently interrupted by the heavy shelling, especially in the vicinity of MONT ST. QUENTIN, and it is little short of marvellous that communication was maintained as well as it was. It was only the most indomitable pluck and determination on the part of the linesmen that enabled it to be so.
10. Although there was no opportunity of using the Light Horse tactically, they proved most useful in many ways. As mounted orderlies, they followed the fight most daringly, and enabled messages to reach Brigade Headquarters in remarkably short time during the period prior to the establishment of phone connection with Battalions. I felt it a great pity that these men hadn't greater scope, as from what I experienced, I am sure they would do their job well. I shall always be glad to have their valuable assistance.
11. In conclusion, I consider that the job was one of the toughest the Brigade has ever been up against, and was the most brilliant of all its successes. The team work was splendid, as was the morale and conduct of all concerned.

I cannot close without a word of praise for the Brigade Staff. Its work as usual was excellent.

I would mention especially Major J.E. LEE who was, as usual, untiring in his duties, and whose work is beyond all praise.

Captain HARRISON, whose work as Staff Captain, I cannot too highly praise.

Lieutenant G. HARRY, whose daring reconnaissances were of the utmost value.

The assistance of these officers was invaluable.

*Alan Dawson*

Brig. General,

Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,  
September 5th 1918.Reference Maps 62 C. N.W. 1/20,000  
62 C. N.E. 1/20,000.OBSERVATIONS ON THE OPERATIONS ON MONT ST. QUENTIN BY  
THE 7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE - SEPTEMBER 2nd 1918.

The intention was, on the 1st September, that the 7th A.I. Brigade should pass through the 6th A.I. Brigade and exploit the capture of the villages of MONT ST. QUENTIN and FEUILLACOURT by advancing on the AIZECOURT-lo-HAUT Ridge on September 3rd, and with this in view, a reconnaissance of the scene of our impending operations was attempted on the afternoon of September 1st. Owing however to the 6th A.I. Brigade not having advanced sufficiently along the ridge, it was impossible to observe much beyond the MONT ST. QUENTIN WOOD, and it was decided to leave the reconnaissance to early the next morning, when it was expected the situation would be cleared up.

In the meantime however it was decided by higher authorities that the 7th A.I. Brigade attack the following morning, September 2nd, at 5.30 a.m., its role being to maintain connection between the 14th A.I. Brigade on the right and the 74th Division on the left, and to conform to each by swinging a flank facing south east along the above mentioned ridge. This decision was apparently arrived at in view of reports received that the enemy was retreating on this front.

A close reconnaissance was therefore impossible, and at 5.30 a.m. the Brigade attacked on a three-battalion front from a line I.15.d.1.0. to I.3.c.2.1., and from the moment of jumping off, bitter opposition was met, first in the nature of a very heavy H.E. barrage (with a considerable proportion of gas) which had been incessant from the moment of the capture of the Hill, and later from machine gun fire which swept the ridge in great density; also from a direct firing .77 battery on the ridge in D.25.c. which commanded the MONT and the valley south east of the Canal.

Our troops were preceded by an artillery barrage, which was of necessity light owing to the broad frontage to be covered, and certainly was of no assistance to the infantry in negotiating the heavy wire which ran along PLEVNA TRENCH, and which lined the ridge on the north and south slopes. The latter ran, for the most part, in an easterly direction, but was nevertheless an obstacle owing to irregularities.

The rapidly advancing artillery barrage soon outpaced the infantry, and there ensued a deadly struggle with machine guns firing from trenches at close quarters. Over ground almost devoid of cover except in the immediate vicinity of the villages, trench after trench was overcome, and as the attack progressed, there occurred a concentration of fire from the flanks as the result of the non-success of the troops attacking on our right and left. When the tactical situation rendered it unsafe to proceed further, a halt was called, and consolidation ordered.

This operation is probably the most brilliant example of determination and initiative in the history of the brigade, hampered as it was by the following four main factors :-

- (1) The incorrect appreciation of the forces against it,
- (2) The ineffective counter-battery work due to the lack of time to discover the location of enemy batteries,
- (3) The non-success of units attacking on the flanks, and
- (4) The thinness of the artillery barrage.

The (3) factor resulted in the consolidation of a salient in the shape of a ' V ' with defensive flanks facing N.E. (2,000 yards) and S.E. (3,500 yards), with the apex at approximately I.6.central.

The situation as reviewed after the consolidation was eloquent: On the western parapets of the trenches could be seen machine gun positions with guns in position, and heaps of empty cartridge cases alongside - the crews invariably killed, either by rifle shots or bayonet.

All the trenches captured were lined with deep shafts, (semi-constructed dugouts) wherein the crews took cover from our barrage, and from whence they emerged with their guns to engage our advancing infantry. Each position inspected had a clear field of fire for not less than 200 yards, with even very few shell holes, much less other cover for attacking troops.

Captured trophies included 84 machine guns, in addition to those which had locks in them and were used against the enemy by our men. From this, and from the fact that identifications revealed that the enemy had twice the normal complement of machine guns, can be gathered some idea of the nature of his defence. Looking from the enemy positions, it would seem marvellous that any infantry could escape annihilation, and it speaks volumes for the pluck, determination, and skilful use of fire, and movement of the troops concerned, that the positions were won at all. In the opinion of the G.O.C., this fight is one of the most brilliant achievements of the Brigade.

Lieutenant,  
Intelligence Officer, 7th A.I. Brigade.

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7th A.L.T.M.Bty  
32nd M.G.Coy,  
2nd Aust. Division.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
September 5th 1918.

REPORT ON SNIPING OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT BY 7th A.I.  
BRIGADE SNIPING SECTION, during period 2nd to 4th September 1918.

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The minimum number of casualties caused to the enemy by the Brigade Sniping Section during the period under review, was 95 (ninety-five).

All the sniping was obtained in the early morning of the 2nd September and up till 12 noon on that date.

During the advance two of our snipers engaged an enemy machine gun which was firing from I.4.d.95.40., killing three of its crew. The remaining four or five Huns fled, leaving the gun inactive.

Two 'posts' of our snipers reached trench at I.17.a.5.8. and observed and engaged a machine gun and crew to their rear at I.16.b.8.8. Six casualties were inflicted, the remaining six or eight of the enemy surrendered to the 26th Battalion.

One of our posts at approximately I.17.a.3.9. obtained excellent sniping and accounted for a large number of the enemy while they were retreating along the old and shallow communication trenches. At I.17.a.35.80 one of our men shot between fifteen and twenty Huns, including the officer, who was urging his men to the rear. When the remainder saw that their officer was killed, they wheeled round and surrendered to the 25th Battalion.

About 100 yards forward of the above location, our men engaged an enemy machine gun, killing three Huns in succession who came up to work the gun. They eventually put the gun out of action.

Near the same locality several of the enemy were shot while retiring overland, including one Hun who was carrying a machine gun.

A large percentage of the sniping was carried out by our men during the actual advance, and numerous casualties were inflicted on parties of scattered and retiring Huns.

During the advance, three .77 guns were firing on the 25th and 27th Battalions from the top of ridge in front of them, but were subsequently hauled back.

Machine Guns were located at D.25.a., D.25.c.2.3. Also a large number in vicinity of J.1.a.2.3. and forward of MIDINETTES TRENCH, about D.25.d.

Some sniping was obtained at approximately D.25.c.2.1. on the 2nd instant, but during the 3rd and 4th instants, no enemy were seen under 1,500 yards.

On the 4th instant, several dumps were observed burning in rear of enemy lines.

*W. H. W. W. W.*  
Lieutenant,  
O.C., 7th A.I. Bde Sniping Section.

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2nd Aust. Div.  
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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,  
September 3rd 1918.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE 5 a.m. 2/9/18 to 5 a.m. 3/9/18.OUR OPERATIONS.

INFANTRY ACTION. At 5.30 a.m. the Brigade passed through the 6th A.I. Brigade on a three Battalion front to exploit the capture of MONT ST. QUENTIN. The 14th A.I. Brigade operated simultaneously on the right, and the 74th Division on the left. The jumping off line was from I.15.d.1.0. to the Canal at I.5.c.2.1.

Strong resistance was encountered immediately from enemy machine guns and direct firing .77 guns in addition to a very heavy barrage playing on MONT ST. QUENTIN and the assembly positions, and every yard gained by our men was vigorously contested.

Owing to the little progress made by the attacking units on our flanks, the right and left battalions were forced to form defensive flanks, and an acute salient was formed with the apex at I.6.central. It was decided to consolidate this line as the trenches occupied were good, and the position was suitable for defensive purposes.

ARTILLERY. A creeping barrage preceded our advance at the rate of 100 yards in  $1\frac{1}{2}$  minutes, and although light, was very effective. Counter-battery work by the heavies did not appear to be very effective, owing most probably to the lack of time allowed for registration.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were very active, and had almost complete mastery of the air.

MACHINE GUNS. One Section of 22nd M.G. Coy was attached to each Battalion and went forward with the attacking troops. The 5th M.G. Coy was disposed for defensive purposes on consolidation of the position.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Total number of prisoners captured was 6 Officers and 178 other ranks. Identifications were secured from :-

2nd Guards Division.

Alexander Franz & Augusta Regiments,  
2nd & 3rd Pioneer Coys  
2nd Field Artillery Regt.

38th Division.

94th I.R.  
96th I.R.

243rd Division.

122nd Fusilier Regt.  
478 I.R.

67th Machine Gun Detachment.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. During the whole period a constant barrage was playing on squares I.9, 15, 21 & 22 consisting of H.E. and shrapnel of all calibres. All the general traffic bridges across the SOMME and the approaches to the front line were also consistently bombarded. Hostile artillery was undoubtedly concentrated on MONT ST. QUENTIN and the area West and South of that village, as the fire came from widely diverging directions, the bulk being from the East. The direct firing .77 guns mentioned above were firing into squares I.9. & 10.a. from N.E. A very large percentage of the H.E. contained BLUE CROSS and Lachrymatory gasses.

P.T.O.

AIRCRAFT. Seldom in evidence but penetrated our Supports at low altitude twice during the absence of our planes.

MACHINE GUNS. Extremely active. From our experience, and the identifications gained, it appears that the enemy opposite has considerably more than the usual complement of machine gun units in the Division. The crews stuck to their guns with unusual tenacity, causing serious casualties to our troops.

ENEMY ATTITUDE. Stubborn and aggressive.

G. HARRY

Lieutenant,  
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Copy No.

Order No. 222.Headquarters,  
September 4th 1918.Reference Map Sheet<sup>s</sup> 62 C. N.W. & S.W. 1/20,000.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade will be relieved in the line on the night 4th/5th September 1918 as follows :-
  - (a) The 231st Infantry Brigade of the 74th Division is taking over the front as far South as the East and West grid line through I.12.a.0.0.
  - (b) The 8th A.I. Brigade is taking over the front as far North as the East and West grid line through I.12.a.0.0.
  - (c) Relief will be carried out in accordance with attached table.
2. The relief of Vickers Machine Guns within their respective brigade sectors will be made by 'D' Company 74th Machine Gun Battalion, and the 8th Aust. Machine Gun Coy
3. The mortars of the 7th A.L.T.L. Battery South of the East and West grid line through I.12.a.0.0. will be relieved by the 9th A.L.T.L. Battery under arrangements to be made between the Commanding Officers concerned.  
The mortars of the 7th A.L.T.L. Battery North of the above line will not be relieved by the 74th Div. T.L. Battery, but will move out from their present positions commencing at 9.30 p.m. tonight.
4. All masked maps, trench stores, information regarding the enemy front, will be handed over to incoming units. Troops will hand over all ammunition forward except 120 rounds per man. Remainder of ammunition and bombs will be collected into dumps and handed over.  
Copies of receipts for all trench stores etc. handed over, including S.O.S. rockets, will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters within 24 hours of relief.
5. (a) The relief will commence as soon after dusk as possible.  
(b) Details regarding guides will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
6. Troops will move out complete in equipment, carrying 120 rounds S.A.A. per man.
7. (a) Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Headquarters by sending the surname of the Unit Commander.  
(b) Arrival in new area will be notified to Brigade Headquarters.
8. Brigade Headquarters will remain at present location H.16.a.2.5.
9. The Brigade will move to the CAPPY area tomorrow afternoon.
10. A c k n o w l e d g e .

*W. Lee* Major, Brigade Major,  
7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 6.30 p.m.

For distribution P.T.O.

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| 3. 27th Bn.         | 15. Group Arty        |
| 4. 28th Bn.         | 16. 17th A.A.S.C.     |
| 5. 22nd Bn.         | 17. G.O.C.            |
| 6. 7th A.L.T.M.B.   | 18. B.M.              |
| 7. 22nd A.M.G.Coy   | 19. S.C.              |
| 8. 5th A.M.G.Coy    | 20. B.T.O.            |
| 9. 8th A.I. Bde.    | 21. Bde Sig. Officer. |
| 10. 15th A.I. Bde.  | 22. B.I.O.            |
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| 12. 230th Inf. Bde. | 24/26. War Diary.     |
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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

RELIEF TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 222.

Date	Unit	Relieved by	Move to	Remarks.
1918 September Night 4th/5th	25th Bn.	Partly by 32nd Bn. " " 25th Royal Welsh Fusiliers.	H.14.c.	
"	26th Bn.	32nd Bn.	H.16.b. Along Canal Bank	Troops will move in small parties East of the SOMME RIVER.
"	27th Bn.	10th Kings Shropshire Light Infantry.	H.20.a.	
"	28th Bn.	Troops attached to 26th and 27th Bns will be relieved as part of those Battalions, under orders of C.O's 26th & 27th Bns. Remainder of Bn. will move out at 10 p.m.	H.17.a. & b.  Along Canal Bank.	Advance parties from incoming units are reporting at Bn. H.Q. this afternoon.
"	7th A.L.T.M.B.	See para (3) of Order	H.13.b.	
"	Bn. 22nd	Coy N. of HAUT ALLAINES to move out at 11 p.m. Remainder of Bn. to move out at 9.50 p.m.	H.17.a. & 16. b.	
"	22nd M.G.Coy 5th M.G.Coy	See para (2) of Order) ditto	H.19.b. F.26. <i>et.</i>	

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SECRET.Copy No. *✓*7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Order No. 223.Headquarters,  
September 4th 1918.Reference Map Sheet 62 C. 1/40,000.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade will move to the CAPPY area by march route on September 5th 1918, in accordance with attached move table.
2. (a) The Brigade billeting area is between North and South grid line through G.22.a.0.0., and G.20.contral.  
(b) Units' areas are as shown to Units' billeting parties this afternoon by the Staff Captain.  
(c) Staff Captain will be at G.15.c.0.3. from 2 p.m. tomorrow 5th instant.
3. Units will move out complete.
4. Transport will move with the Unit.
5. Arrival of units in new area, and location of Headquarters will be notified to Brigade Headquarters.
6. On arrival in the new area, stops must be at once taken to secure protection from onomy bombing. Location of anti-aircraft Lewis Guns will be notified to Brigade Headquarters by 12 noon on 5th instant.
7. The Troop of 15th Aust. Light Horse will rejoin its regiment at CORBIE under arrangements to be made by O.C., Squadron.
8. Brigade H.Q. will close at H.16.a.2.3. at 2.30 p.m. September 5th, and open at the same hour at G.15.c.0.3.
9. A c k n o w l o d g e.

*W. Lee*Major, Brigade Major,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.Issued through Signals 11 p.m.  
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| 3. 27th Bn.                          |                   |
| 4. 28th Bn.                          |                   |
| 5. 7th A.L.T.M.B.                    |                   |
| 6. O.C. Troop, 13th A.L.H.           |                   |
| 7. 7th Field Coy.                    |                   |
| 8. 7th Field Ambulance.              |                   |
| 9. 5th " "                           |                   |
| 10. 2nd Aust. Division.              |                   |
| 11. 17th A.A.S.C.                    |                   |
| 12. O.C., 7A Nucleus Bn. (Div. Wing) |                   |
| 13. G.O.C.                           |                   |
| 14. B.M.                             |                   |
| 15. S.C.                             | 18. File.         |
| 16. B.T.O.                           | 19/21. War Diary. |
| 17. Bde Sig. Officer.                | 22/24. Spare.     |

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

MOVE TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No.223.

Date	Unit.	Leaves present position at	Moves to	Route	Remarks.
1918 Sept.5th.	25th Bn.	2 p.m.	G.14.d.	FRISE	
"	26th Bn.	2.30 p.m.	G.21.b.	-	Movement to be made by Companies, at not less than 200 yards distance.
"	27th Bn.	2.30 p.m.	G.15.c.	ECLUSIER	
"	28th Bn.	3 p.m.	G.21.a & c.		
"	7th A.L.T.M.B.	2.45 p.m.	G.20.b.		
"	7th A.I.Bdo H.Q.	2.30 p.m.	G.15.c.O.S.		

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*War Diary*7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.*APP 6*SPORTS PROGRAMME

Vicinity of ECLUSIER (Reference Sheet 62 C.1/40,000, G.22.a.4.1.

Thursday September 12th 1918.

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Time	Event.	Prize Awards. (Francs)		
		1st.	2nd.	3rd.
a.m.				
10.00	1st Heat 100 yards Championship.			
10.05	2nd " " " "			
10.10	3rd " " " "			
10.15	1st Heat Sack Race.			
10.20	2nd " " " "			
10.25	1st Heat Egg & Spoon Race.			
10.30	2nd " " " "			
10.35	1st Round Tug O'War.			
10.35	1st Heat 220 yards Championship			
10.40	2nd " " " "			
10.45	Horsoback Wrestling - heats.			
10.45	1st Heat Three-legged Race.			
10.50	2nd " " " "			
10.50	2nd Round Tug O'War.			
10.55	High Jump	60 fcs	25 fcs	15 fcs
11.10	880 yards Championship ) All Out )	85 "	30 "	15 "
11.15	Broad Jump (Running)	60 "	25 "	15 "
11.15	1st Heat 440 yards Championship.			
11.20	2nd " " " "			
11.25	Horses Flag Race - Heats.			
11.30	Hop, Stop & Jump.	60 "	25 "	15 "
11.35	FINAL - Sack Race.	40 "	20 "	
11.40	FINAL - Egg & Spoon Race	50 "	25 "	
11.45	1st Heat, 120 yards Hurdles.			
11.50	2nd " " " "			
11.55	3rd " " " "			

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Time	Event	Prize Awards (fcs)		
		1st.	2nd.	3rd.
P.m,				
2.00.	FINAL - Three Logged Race	70 fcs	30 fcs.	
2.00	Mulos 3 Furlong Flat Race	50 "	30 "	
2.15	FINAL - Tug O'War (Team 200 francs - 25 francs per man)			
2.25	1 Mile Relay " 160 "	20 "	" "	" "
2.35	Musical Chairs - Cycles.	50 fcs	25 fcs	
2.40	1st Heat Officers 100 yards Champ.			
2.45	2nd " " " " "			
2.50	3rd " " " " "			
2.50	Parade of Most Original Characters	50 fcs	25 fcs.	
2.50	3 Mile Cross Country (Team 120 fcs 20 fcs per man) also 110 fcs 45 fcs 25 fcs			
2.50	FINAL Horsoback Wrestling. (Team 200 fcs - 50 fcs per man)			
3.00	FINAL - 100 yards Champ.	100 fcs	40 fcs	20 fcs.
3 to 4	Judging of best Sustained Character }	50 "	25 "	
3.15	Officers 3 Furlong Flat Race.	Swoop Stakes	10 francs each.	
3.20	FINAL - 220 yards Champ.	85 fcs	30 fcs	15 fcs.
3.25	Hunters' Plate.	Swoopstakes	10 francs each.	
3.30	FINAL - Officers 100 x Champ.	"	5 francs	"
3.35	FINAL - 120 yards Hurdles	85 fcs	30 fcs	15 fcs
----- AFTERNOON TEA -----				
4.15	FINAL - 440 yards Champ.	85 fcs	30 fcs	15 fcs
4.20	1 Mile Trot	70 "	30 "	20 "
4.25	Obstacle Race 440 yards	60 "	25 "	15 "
4.30	Threadnoodle Race.	Swoop Stakes	10 francs each.	
4.40	FINAL - Horses Flag Race	60 fcs	25 fcs	15 fcs.

FIVE POUNDS TROPHY presented by the Y.M.C.A. to unit having highest aggregate in items mentioned in programme.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brig. General E.A. WISDOM, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding.  
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S P O R T S -- P R O G R A M M E.  
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12th September 1918.

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- COMMITTEE :-
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| Liout. R.J. HUSBAND,       | 25th Battalion.  |
| Chaplain Rev. F. HUMPHREY, | 26th Battalion.  |
| Liout. A.M. MOORE,         | 27th Battalion.  |
| Liout. J. TOZER,           | 28th Battalion.  |
| Liout. A.H. STEWART,       | 7th A.L.T.M.Bty. |

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE :- Captain C.H. HARRISON, M.C.,  
7th A.I. Bde H.Q.

SECRETARY :- Liout. D.A. DOWLING, 7th A.I. Bde H.Q.

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GROUND MARSHAL :- Lieut. W.J. DICKENS, M.C.,  
27th Battalion.

GROUND MARSHAL ASSISTANTS :-

Sgt. STODDART,	25th Bn.	Sgt. DUNCAN,	26th Bn.
Sgt. MOORE,	"	Sgt. GEYER,	"
RSM. COLMAN,	27th Bn.	Sgt. FORD,	28th Bn.
Sgt. CURTIN,	"	Sgt. PRICE,	"
L/Cpl. CRISP,	7th A.L.T.M. Battery.		

RECORDERS :- Athletic Events : (Capt. C.H. PUGH, 28th Bn.  
(Lieut. H.G. WEBB, 25th Bn.  
Horse Events : Lieut. W.R. RICHARDS, 25th Bn

STEWARDS :- Athletic Events : Capt. W.S. HOSKING, MC, 27th Bn  
Lt. G.L. CROMIE, DSO, 25th Bn  
Lt. S.R. HOCKINGS, 26th Bn.  
Horse Events : Capt. J.C. LITTLE, MC, B.T.O.  
Lieut. J. BROWN, MC, 28th Bn

STARTERS : Captain V.S. COOPER, D.S.O., 26th Bn.  
Captain F. BRAND, 7th A.L.T.M. Bty.

MARSHAL FOR HORSE EVENTS : Lieut. W.E. GROSE, 7th Bde H.Q.

BLACKBOARD STEWARD : Pte J. COLLEDGE, 28th Bn.

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ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS.

JUDGES :- Brig. General E.A. WISDOM, O.B., D.S.O.  
 Lieut. Colonel J.A. ROBINSON, D.S.O.  
 Lieut. Colonel P. CURRIE, D.S.O.  
 Lieut. Colonel W. DAVIS, M.C.  
 Major J.E. LEE, M.C.  
 Major P.C. RAPER,

1. 100 yards Championship. Six entries per Unit.
2. 120 yards Hurdles. ditto
3. 220 yards Championship. ditto
4. 440 yards Championship. ditto.
5. 880 yards Championship. ditto
6. 3 Miles Cross Country Unlimited Entries.
7. 1 Mile Relay Race. One team of 8 per Unit. Each man will run 220 yards.
8. Sack Race, 60 yards. Six entries per Unit. Sacks provided on the ground.
9. Three-legged Race, 100 yards. Six pairs per group. Two ties - one on ankle and one above the knees.

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H O R S E   E V E N T S .

JUDGES :- Brig. General E.A. WISDOM, C.B., D.S.O.  
 Lieut. Colonel J.M.A. DURRANT, C.M.G., D.S.O.  
 Lieut. Colonel C.H.E. MANNING, D.S.O.  
 Lieut. Colonel F.R. CHALMERS,  
 Major L.F.S. HORE, M.C.  
 Major W.J. WADDELL, M.C.

1. HUNTERS PLATE. For Officers. Six jumps in following order - Wall - 4 hurdles, and water jump
2. OFFICERS THREE FURLONG FLAT RACE.
3. MULE RACE. Two furlongs Open Entries
4. ONE MILE TROT. Open Entries.
5. WRESTLING ON HORSEBACK. (Bareback). Teams of 4 per Unit
6. THREAD-NEEDLE RACE. Officers only.
7. FLAG RACE. Open Entries.

Conditions of Horse Events :-

Military saddles to be used except in (3) and (5).  
 No check straps to be used in event (4)

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CYCLE EVENTS.

JUDGES :- Major S.E. WATSON, M.C.  
 Captain F.U.J. TINKLER, M.C.

1. EGG & SPOON RACE. 200 yards. 6 entries per unit.
2. MUSICAL CHAIRS. Conditions :- Military cycles to be used

MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS.

JUDGES :- Major P.J. THORN.  
 Captain J.L. FLETCHER, M.C.  
 Lieut. E.V. HARRINGTON.

1. BEST ORIGINAL CHARACTER.
2. BEST SUSTAINED CHARACTER.
3. OBSTACLE RACE. 400 yards. 6 entries per Unit.
4. HIGH JUMP. 6 entries per Unit.
5. BROAD JUMP (Running). 6 entries per Unit.
6. TUG O'WAR. 1 team per Unit. Best 2 out of 3 pulls.
7. HOP, STEP & JUMP. 6 entries per Unit.

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GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ALL EVENTS.

Prizes will be awarded for all events.

Three, two and one points will be awarded for first, second and third places respectively.

Competitions will be decided by heats at the discretion of the Committee. As far as possible, one representative from each Unit will be drawn in each heat. First Three places in each heat will compete in finals.

Competitors not on starting point at the time allotted for each event, will be disqualified.

Excepting where otherwise stated, competitors may wear approved athletic costumes.

Substitutes may be accepted for any event at the discretion of the Committee. Each substitute must however be a qualified competitor.

Any points in dispute and not provided for in these conditions will be decided by the Committee.

Protests, if any, to be in the hands of the Secretary within five minutes of completion of event.

ENTRIES close at 12 noon on Wednesday 11th inst.

WINNERS in all events will represent the Brigade in the Divisional Sports on Monday 16th September 1918.

CANTEENS will be run under Unit arrangements.

MUSIC :- 25th Battalion Regimental Band.  
 26th " " "  
 27th " " "  
 28th " " "

## 7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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## SPORTS PROGRAMME

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Thursday September 12th 1918.

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A.M.  
10.00 100 yards Championship.

1st Heat.		2nd Heat		3rd Heat.	
WHITKOPP	25th Bn	NORRIS	25th Bn	NEALE	25th Bn
TITLACK	26th Bn.	BIRCH	26th Bn	BRISCAL	26th Bn
MURPHY	27th Bn	HORWOOD	27th Bn	SLOCOMBE	27th Bn
DAVIES	28th Bn	HAMPSON	28th Bn	NEILSON	28th Bn

10.15. SACK RACE.

1st Hoat.		2nd Heat.	
BROPHY	25th Bn	WUOTT	25th Bn
FIELDING	"	RILEY	"
WINKS	"	HAROLD	"
FOSTER	26th Bn	THOMAS	26th Bn
BLACKLEY	"	RICHARDS	"
GORDON	"	COLLINS	"
EBBS	27th Bn	DOWNING	27th Bn
PETERS	"	ALDERSEY	"
EARL	"	BLACKLOCK	"
LAURENCE	28th Bn	HARDING	"
BATHGATE	"	HOLLAND	28th Bn
GULLEY	"	GATES	"
TOLLAND	Bde Sigs	FORREST	"
LEE	"	JAMES	Bdo Sigs.

10.25. EGG & SPOON RACE.

1st Heat.		2nd Heat.	
OLDHAM	25th Bn.	BARNES	25th Bn
WATSON	"	CULRAN	"
LEE	"	BRYANT	"
McMILLAN	26th Bn	ALDERSEY	27th Bn
EBBS	27th Bn	DUNK	T.M.Bty
ANDERSON	28th Bn	THOMAS	28th Bn
GATES	"	HUGHES	"
FORREST	"	FOSTER	"

10.35. TUG O'WAR - 1st Round. 25th Bn. V 28th Bn.  
26th Bn. V 27th Bn.10.35. 200 yards Championship.

1st Heat.		2nd Heat.	
WHITKOPP	25th Bn	PEALE	25th Bn
NEALE	"	BRISCAL	26th Bn
NICHOLSON	26th Bn	BIRCH	"
MURPHY	27th Bn	SLOCOMBE	27th Bn
WILLIS	28th Bn	DEGENDARDT	"
LEWIS	"	DAVIES	28th Bn

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10.45. HORSEBACK WRESTLING. 25th A V 27th }  
28th V 26th } Winners }  
25th B

10.45. THREE-LEGGED RACE.

<u>1st Heat.</u>		<u>2nd Hoat</u>	
BROPHY & NORRINGTON	25th Bn	CONNELL & SHAW	25th Bn
FLORENCE & JAMES	"	WINKS & NEILL	"
BOVEN & MANSBRIDGE	"	REYNOLDS & CLARKE	26th Bn
BLACKLEY & TILLACK	26th Bn	TAYLOR & GORDON	"
NICHOLSON & DILLON	"	THORNE & CLAIKE	"
LUCAS & THORLEY	"	BROWN & HICKS	27th Bn
SLOCOMBE & MURPHY	27th Bn	ANDERSON & SMITH	"
BLIGHT & EBBS	"	HARDING & BLACKLOCK	"
PETERS & EARL	"	HOLLAND & O'DEA	28th Bn
HUGHES & FORREST	28th Bn	BRIGGS & KING	"
THOMAS & NEILSEN	"	BAXTER & BEARDMAN	"
BANDY & RIGLEY	"		
JAMES & TOLLAND	Bdo Sigs.		

10.55. HIGH JUMP. WINKS 25th Bn  
FIELDING " TILLACK 26th Bn  
WHITKOPP " KELLY "  
BURROUS "  
Capt. NEWELL 27th Bn FOGARTY 28th Bn  
BRAND " RAYMOND "  
BELL " DOVELLE "

11.10. 880 yards Championship.

Elms	25th Bn	WILSON	27th Bn
McNAB	26th Bn	BLACKLOCK	"
BRIGGS	"	REMFREY	28th Bn
FOSTER	"	BEARDMAN	"
ALDERSON	27th Bn	DAVIES	"
NUNN	"	VILLIS	"
DAVEY	"	JAMES	Bdo Sigs.

11.15. BROAD JUMP. NORRIS 25th Bn MURPHY 27th Bn  
BUCHANAN " BLACKLOCK "  
RILEY " DOVELLE 28th Bn  
BLACKLEY 26th Bn FOGARTY "  
RITCHIE " LEWIS "  
HORWOOD 27th Bn TOLLAND Bdo Sigs.

11.15. 440 yards Championship.

<u>1st Heat</u>		<u>2nd Hoat</u>		11.20 a.m.
WHITKOPP	25th Bn	FIELDING	25th Bn	
SYMES	26th Bn	McNAB	26th Bn	
CLARKE	"	TILLACK	"	
FOSTER	"	LAMBERT	27th Bn	
BLACKLOCK	27th Bn	DAVEY	"	
HOOD	"	WILSON	"	
VILLIS	28th Bn	DAVIES	28th Bn	
CHIVERS	"	LEWIS	"	
HENDERSON	"			

A.M.  
11.25. HORSES FLAG RACE.

11.30. HOP, STEP & JUMP.

WATSON	25th Bn	HARMAN	27th Bn
BUCHANAN	"	LAMBERT	"
WHITKOPP	"	MURPHY	"
BLACKLEY	26th Bn	DOVELLE	28th Bn
McNAB	"	FOGARTY	"
TOLLAND	Bde Sigs	BRADBURY	"

11.35. FINAL - SACK RACE.

11.40. FINAL - EGG & SPOON RACE.

11.45. 120 yards HURDLES.

1st Heat		2nd Heat		3rd Heat	
FIELDING	25th Bn	KNOWLES	25th Bn	STEELE	25th Bn
MARSDEN	26th Bn	TILLACK	26th Bn		
HORWOOD	27th Bn	OSBORNE	27th Bn	BLACKLOCK	27th Bn
HAMPSON	28th Bn	KING	28th Bn	FOGGARTY	28th Bn
		LEE	Bde Sigs.	TOLLAND,	Bde Sigs

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P.M.

2.00. FINAL - Three Logged Race.

2.00. MULES 3 Furlong Flat Race. (On ground)

2.15. FINAL - TUG o'WAR.

2.25. 1 Mile Relay. Teams from 25th, 26th, 27th & 28th Bns.

2.35. MUSICAL CHAIRS - Cycles.

4 entries	25th Bn	McKENZIE	28th Bn
McMILLAN	26th Bn.	BINNS	"
EBBS	27th Bn	FORREST	"
ALDERSEY	"	THOMAS	"
DUNK	T.M.Bty		

2.40. OFFICERS 100 yards Championship. (On Field)

2.50. PARADE OF MOST ORIGINAL CHARACTERS.

2.50. 3 MILE CROSS COUNTRY. Teams from 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns

2.50. FINAL HORSEBACK WRESTLING.

3.00 FINAL 100 yards Championship.

3 to 4. JUDGING OF BEST SUSTAINED CHARACTER.

3.15. OFFICERS 3 FURLONG FLAT RACE.

Major J.E. LEE's	DOPEY
Capt. C.H. HARRISON's	TOMMY
Lieut. GREEN's	SUGARSTICK
Capt. TYMM's	M.O.
Lt. Col. CHALMERS'	BILL
Major MITCHELL's	NIGGER
Lt. Col. CURRIE's	TIMM
Lieut. BROWN's	SWEET NELL
Capt. PUGH's	SPOT
Lieut. BATTEN's	POLLY
Lieut. BURT's	KITTY

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P.M.  
3.20. FINAL - 220 yards Championship.

3.25. HUNTERS' PLATE.

Liout. GROSE's	CREAMY.	Liout. ARMSTRONG's	BLACK
Lt.Col. ROBINSON's	ROO.	Liout. HOCKING's	BILLY
Lt.Col. CHALMER's	BILL.	Liout. DICKEN's	BLOSS.
Lt.Col. CURRIE's	TIMM.	Major MITCHELL's	NIGGER.
Major MITCHELL's	BOB.	Liout. BROWN's	SWEET NELL.
Liout. WARD's	BALDY.	Liout. FERGUSON's	NELL.

3.30. FINAL - OFFICERS 100 yards Championship.

3.35. FINAL - 120 yards HURDLES.

### AFTERNOON TEA

4.15. FINAL - 440 yards Championship.

4.20. <u>1 MILE TROT.</u>	Sgt. MARSH's	DOLLY
	Sgt. PACEY's	OUTCAST.
	Liout. HOCKING's	BILLY.
	Pte. CHANDLER's	ELEANOR.
	Liout. WALSH's	TOMMY.

4.25. OBSTACLE RACE 440 yards.

Fielding	25th Bn	MURPHY	27th Bn
MYERS	"	JONES	"
BLACKLEY	26th Bn	HENDERSON	28th Bn
TAYLOR	"	BEARDMAN	"
RYAN	"	BATHGATE	"
BOYS	"	NEILSON	"
SURASKI	"	FORREST	"
LAMBERT	27th Bn	THOMAS	"
ALDERSON	"	TOLLAND	Bdo Sigs
EVERARD	"	LEE	"
HARDEN	"		

4.30. THREADNEEDLE RACE (On ground)

4.40. FINAL - HORSES FLAG RACE.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.SPORTS PROGRAMME - AMENDMENTS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS.  
-----ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS.

In events (1), (2) and (3) for "Six entries per unit" read "Three entries per Unit".

In event (2). Ten hurdles 3'6" high - 15 yards. clear at start and finish, and 10 yards between hurdles.

In event (6). For "Unlimited Entries" read - "One team of six per Unit". Prize awarded to first three individuals and also a team prize. For team prize, the numbers of finishing places of each member of teams to be totalled, and team with lowest aggregate wins.

Event 10. Officers 100 yards Championship. Entrance sweepstakes of 5 francs per officer.

Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 to count towards aggregate.

HORSE EVENTS.

Events 1, 2 & 6 to be entrance sweepstakes of 10 francs per entry.

Event 1, 1st Sandbag wall 3 feet high and 5 feet at base; then 4 hurdles 3 feet 6 inches high, then water jump - ditch 4 feet wide, with an earth sod hurdle on take off edge of ditch 2 feet high.

Event 7. Riders bareback. Course 130 yards. 50 yards between barrel and 1st flag, 40 yards between 1st and 2nd flags, 40 yards between 2nd and 3rd flags.

Events 5 & 7 to count towards aggregate.

MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS.

Events 4 & 7. For "6 Entries per unit" read "Three entries per Unit"

Event 4. Starts at 4 feet, rises of 3 inches up to 4 feet 6 inches, rises of 2 inches up to 5 feet, and then rises of 1 inch. Each man has three attempts. Two baulks count as one attempt.

Event 6. Clean pull of 6 feet over centre. No spikes to be used in shoes. No footholds to be dug, other than those made with boots.

Events 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 to count towards aggregate.

GENERAL CONDITIONS In "First three places in each heat will compete in finals" (line 7) read - "First two places etc"

*D. Dowling.* Lieutenant, Secretary,  
7th Aust. Inf. Brigade Sports Committee

10. 9. 18.



SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Order No. 224Headquarters,  
September 26th 18.Reference Map Sheet 62 C., 1/40,000.

1. (a) The 2nd Australian Division will move to the PERONNE and MESNIL area on the night September 27th/28th 1918.  
(b) The 7th A.I. Brigade Group which will be composed as under will move by march route to, and billet in the PERONNE area in accordance with attached table.  
(c) The 5th A.I. Brigade Group will move to the PERONNE area (sub-area now occupied by the 10th A.I. Brigade), and the 6th A.I. Brigade to the MESNIL area.
2. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will consist of -  
7th A.I. Brigade,  
7th Field Coy A.E.  
7th Field Ambulance,  
2nd Pioneer Battalion.
3. (a) Advance parties will report to their respective units of the 11th A.I. Brigade Group by 10 a.m. 27th inst.  
(b) Major F.H. BERRYMAN will represent 7th A.I. Brigade Headquarters at the 11th A.I. Brigade Headquarters from 10 a.m. 27th instant.
4. Transport will move with the unit.
5. Order of dress, Full marching order. Blankets will be transported by lorry.
6. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.
7. (a) Special attention will be paid to Fourth Army Routine Order No. 2039 dated 15th May 1918 on "March Discipline and Traffic Control".  
(b) Halts of ten minutes at ten minutes to the clock hour will be observed.
8. Brigade Headquarters will close at ECLUSIER at 7 p.m. 27th instant and open at the same hour at J.19.c.4.5.
9. A further move to assembly areas will be carried out on the night 28th/29th September 1918.
10. A c k n o w l e d g e.

*F. Lee*  
Major, Brigade Major,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 11.30 pm

For distribution P.T.O.

Copies to :-

1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th A.L.T.M.Bty
6. 7th Field Coy.
7. 7th Field Ambulance.
8. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
9. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
10. " " " 'A.Q'
11. 5th A.I. Bde.
12. 6th A.I. Bde.
13. 11th A.I. Bde.
14. Area Commandant, PERONNE.
15. G.O.C.
16. B.M.
17. S.C.
18. Major F.H. BERRYMAN.
19. B.T.O.
20. B.I.O.
21. Bde Musketry Officer
22. " Signal "
23. File.
- 24/26. War Diary
- 27/30. Spare.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

MOVE TABLE TO ACCOMPANY Brigade Order No. 224 dated 26th September 1918.

Date	Unit	Starting Point.	Passos Starting Point	Route	Takes over from	H.Q. at
1918 Night Sept. 27/28th.	7th A.I. Bde H.Q.	Cross Roads G.28.b.	7 p.m.	HERBECOURT - BIACHES - Bridge H.24.b.- HALLE - QUINCONCE - ST.DENIS - Cross Roads I.24.c.	11th A.I. Bde H.Q.	J.19.c.4.5.
"	7th Field Coy A.E.	"	7.5 p.m.	"	11th Field Coy A.E.	J.33.a.4.6.
"	27th Bn.	"	7.10 p.m.	"	43rd Bn.	J.32.a.6.1.
"	25th Bn.	"	7.20 p.m.	"	41st Bn.	I.30.b.5.6.
"	26th Bn.	"	7.30 p.m.	"	42nd Bn.	I.36.b.1.5.
"	28th Bn.	"	7.40 p.m.	"	44th Bn.	I.36.b.0.4.
"	7th A.L.T.H.Bty	"	7.50 p.m.	"	11th A.L.T.H.Bty	I.36.b.0.6.
"	7th Field Ambulance	X.Roads Herbecourt	<del>7.55</del> p.m.	"	11 Field Ambulance	I.24.d.3.2.
"	<del>2nd Pioneer Bn.</del>	"	8 p.m.	"	<del>3rd Pioneer Bn.</del>	<del>J.33.b.50.90</del>

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SECRET7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEHeadquarters,  
September 26/1918.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS to accompany Brigade Order No. 224.

1. The area to be vacated must be left in a thoroughly sanitary condition. Latrine covers will be collected into one dump in each Battalion area.
2. Advanced parties as under will report to the H.Q. of the Units they are to relieve, at 10 a.m. 27th instant.
 

Each Battalion	1	Officer	4	o/ranks.
T.M. Battery	1	"	1	"
7th Field Coy	1	"	1	"
7th Field Amb.	1	"	1	"
3. AMMUNITION - Full mobile echelon will be carried.
4. TRANSPORT will move with Units.  
The 26th and 27th Battalions will each detail 1 limber to move the 7th A.L.T.M.Bty. Limbers will report to H.Q., 7th A.L.T.M.Bty at 3 p.m. 27th instant.  
25th and 28th Battalions will each detail 1 limber to report to Brigade H.Q. at 3 p.m. 27th instant. These limbers will move with Brigade H.Q.
5. BAGGAGE WAGONS will report to Units during day 27th inst.
6. BLANKETS will be transported to new area by motor lorries. Lorries have been allotted as follows :-
 

25th Bn. and 7th Bde H.Q.	1	lorry
26th Bn. and T.M.Bty	1	"
27th Battalion	1	"
28th "	1	"

 Each unit will send a guide to report to Lieut. W.C.ARMSTRONG 28th Battalion, at CAPPY CHURCH at 3.45 p.m. 27th inst. to guide lorries to units.
7. DIVISIONAL REINFORCEMENT WING is at LA CHAPELLETTE. All Battalion bands, personnel due to proceed on leave on 29th and 30th inst. and 1914 men, will be sent to the Divisional Wing. All personnel proceeding to Divisional Reinforcement Wing will report at Transport Lines near Brigade H.Q. at 2.30 p.m. 27th inst. The senior Officer or N.C.O. in charge of each Unit's details will be in possession of a nominal roll. The senior Officer present will take charge of all Brigade Details and march them to the Divisional Wing. He will report to Brigade H.Q. before moving off.  
Officers' valises and the packs of bandsmen only, will be placed in a dump and a guard of two men mounted over it. This gear will be subsequently delivered by motor lorry to the Divisional Wing.
8. All area stores, shelters and tents will be taken over in new area.
9. WATER POINT for the Brigade is at DOINGT CHURCH.
10. SUPPLY arrangements will be as at present.

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Headquarters,  
September 26/1945

- 11. Receipts given and received for area stores will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters within 24 hours of relief.
- 12. All training ammunition on hand will be returned to salvage dump.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Lieutenant, A/Staff Captain,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to units concerned.

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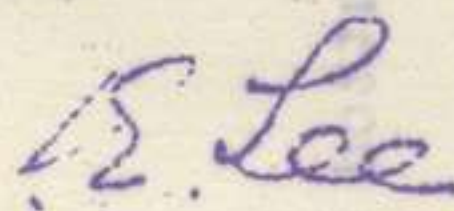
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SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Copy No. 26

ORDER No. 225.Headquarters,  
September 28th 1918.Reference Map Sheet 62 C. N.E. 1/20,000.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will move by march route to assembly areas as shown in attached table, tonight September 28th.
2. The Brigade Group will consist of -
  - 7th A.I. Brigade
  - 7th Field Coy A.E.
  - 7th Field Ambulance
  - 2nd Pioneer Battalion
  - 2nd Machine Gun Bn (less 5th & 6th M.G.Coys)
3. Transport will move with units.  
Brigade Mobile Echelon will move with Brigade H.Q.
4. Advance parties have gone forward this afternoon.
5. Units will report arrival in new area to Brigade H.Q. Also exact location of Headquarters.
6. After midday September 29th, the Brigade Group will be held in readiness to move at two hours' notice.
7. Brigade Headquarters will close at J.19.c.4.5. at 7.15 p.m. tonight and will open at J.4.b.3.6. at the same hour.
8. A c k n o w l e d g e.



Major, Brigade Major,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Brigade Signals at 5.15 p.m.

Copies to :-

1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. T.M.Bty
6. 7th Field Coy.
7. 7th Field Ambulance.
8. 2nd M.G.Bn.
9. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
10. 17th A.A.S.C.
11. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
12. " " " 'A.Q'
13. 5th A.I. Bde
14. 6th A.I. Bde
15. Area Commandant TINCOURT
16. G.O.C.
17. B.M.
18. S.C.
19. B.T.O.
20. B.I.O.
21. Bde Musketry Officer
22. Bde Signal Officer
23. File
- 24/26. War Diary.
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MOVE TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 225 dated September 28th 1918.

Date	Unit	Destination	Remarks.
1918			
Night			
Sept. 28/29th.	7th A.I. Bde H.Q.	TEMPLEUX la FOSSE J.4.b.3.6.	
"	25th Battalion	Hutted Camp J.17.b.9.8.	
"	26th "	Huts & bivouacs TEMPLEUX la FOSSE	Units will move from
"	27th "	D.29.c.5.8.	present camps at
"	28th "	Hutted Camp J.17.b.9.9.	7.30 p.m.
"	7th A.L.T. Bty	Huts - TEMPLEUX la FOSSE, J.4.b.3.5.	
"	7th Field Ambulance	ditto J.4.b.7.6.	
"	7th Field Coy A.E.	ditto J.4.b.3.9.	
"	2nd Pioneer Bn.	Hutted Camp J.17.b.9.7.	
"	2nd H.G. Bn.	Huts & Bivouacs AIZECOURT LES BAS	
		Bivouacs LONGAVESNES.	

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September 27th 1918.

HEADQUARTERS, 7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.	46
No. 261/258	
Copy No.	
Date	

INSTRUCTIONS No.1.

1. The Australian Corps with the 11 American Corps affiliated is to attack the enemy's positions in the HINDENBURG line in the Sector NAUROY - GOUY on a date and hour to be notified. Boundaries and objectives are shown on attached Map.
2. The attack is to be carried out in two main phases :-
  - (a) Phase 1. The 30th American Division on the right and the 27th American Division on the left are to attack with Tanks under a creeping artillery barrage and capture the GREEN line.  
As soon as the road situation permits, the Armoured Car Battalion with a proportion of Whippet Tanks attached is to be passed through the infantry and despatched on special missions with the object of disorganising the enemy's communications, headquarters, etc.
  - (b) Phase 11. The 5th Australian Division on the right and the 3rd Australian Division on the left, each with three brigades of Field Artillery and a proportion of Tanks, and organised in brigade groups, are to pass through the 30th and 27th American Divisions respectively in open warfare formations and attack and capture the RED line.  
The 30th and 27th American Divisions are to extend their operations to the South and North respectively with the object of seizing the objectives shown in RED.  
The 5th Cavalry Brigade is to be prepared to pass through the infantry after the latter have reached the RED line. Its role will be to seize and hold the line of high ground Map Sheets 57 B. S.W. and 62 B. N.W., HAMAGE FAFM - U.25.a. and c. - C.8.central - I.3.central - I.9.central - I.14.central - I.19.central until the arrival of the infantry. Should the enemy retreat, the 5th Cavalry Brigade is to maintain contact.
3. A preliminary operation is to be carried out by the 27th & 30th American Divisions on 27th September with the object of gaining the Infantry Forming Up Line for the main operation. This operation is being carried out with the assistance of Tanks and under a creeping artillery barrage.
4. Before the main operation there is to be a preliminary bombardment by all available artillery lasting for a considerable period.
5. Four main roads are to be developed for traffic under Corps arrangements. They are coloured BLACK, RED, YELLOW and BLUE on attached map. They will be respectively marked on the ground by sign boards painted in the same sequence of colours. Of these the RED and YELLOW roads will probably be developed into M.T. roads.
6. It may be anticipated that the 2nd Australian Division will be employed at a later date to exploit any success gained.
7. A liberal supply of maps and air photographs is being issued to all units.
8. A c k n o w l e d g e .

Copies to:-

25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.  
7th A.L.T.M.B.  
7th Field Coy A.E.  
7th Field Ambulance  
Spares (6)

*B. Leo* Major, Bde Major,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.



SECRET7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,  
September 29th 1918.Headquarters,  
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.  
7th A.L.T.M. Battery.

HE 7TH INFANTRY BRIGADE	231/230
Date.....	

INSTRUCTIONS No.3.1. INTELLIGENCE POLICE.

Battalions will be supplied with German Speakers as situation demands, the intention being to have one German Speaker with each Battalion in line. Each Battalion will detail two Searchers to work in conjunction with this Speaker.

(a) GERMAN SPEAKER.

- (i) To secure immediate identifications quickly so that identifications will reach Sde H.Q. as speedily as possible.
- (ii) To secure immediate information required by the Battalion Commander as regards enemy dispositions, assembly positions, orders re counter attack, etc.
- (iii) To be in charge of the two searchers and separate important documents, maps, etc. translate and convey information of importance to the Battalion Commander.

(b) SEARCHERS.

To systematically search the battle field, enemy positions suspected H.Q. for papers, documents etc., have them packed in bags and sent through usual channels to Sde H.Q.

2. DIV. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER.

Div. Intelligence Officer will be established at Advanced Div. Collecting Cage. Location of same will be notified later. Battalions will not detain prisoners longer than is necessary to obtain tactical information of immediate importance, except such prisoners as may be needed for examination as to enemy mines, dugouts, booby traps, etc.

3. SEARCHING OF PRISONERS.

- (i) Officers and N.C.Os will be searched as soon as possible after capture by a responsible officer or N.C.O., and all documents taken from them will be sent back with them to the Brigade Intelligence Officer.
- (ii) Battalions will hold back only such documents, maps etc. taken from prisoners that are of immediate tactical importance to them. When this is done, Brigade H.Q. will be informed at once of the points of immediate tactical importance which they contain. Immediately necessary extracts have been taken from them, the documents will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q.
- (iii) Privates will be searched on arrival at Corps Cage.
- (iv) Escort and guards will be warned to take special precautions to prevent prisoners from destroying papers.

4. SEPARATION OF OFFICERS, N.C.O's and MEN.

Care will be taken that officers, N.C.Os and privates are all separated from one another at once, and are not allowed to communicate one to another.

5. NOTIFICATION OF LOCALITY OF CAPTURE. It is essential that this be sent back with the prisoners. It is also useful to know which Battalion made the capture.

6. UNAUTHORISED persons will not converse with prisoners.

7. IDENTIFICATIONS.

The importance of passing all identifications on to Brigade H.Q. as speedily as possible cannot be too strongly impressed on all concerned. Special efforts should be made to wire at once any identifications made, and the locality in which obtained.

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8. ESCORT OF PRISONERS.

Battalions will be responsible for escorting prisoners back from front line as far as Brigade H.Q., at which place they will be taken over by the D.A.P.M.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.*Lee*

Major, Brigade Major,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

(S) War Diary.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

7th AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE

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No. ....

Date. ....

Headquarters,  
September 18th 1918.

O.C.,  
7th A.I. Brigade Sniping Section.

I was much gratified at the turnout of the Brigade Snipers this morning. The men were looking well and were smartly turned out. The whole parade was a credit to yourself, the N.C.Os, and the men themselves.

I want you to convey to all ranks my appreciation of, and hearty thanks for the most valuable work done during the recent operations, and particularly during the storming of MONT. ST. QUENTIN Ridge. I cannot suppose that any single body of men of similar strength has ever done more or as much to influence the success of an operation as was done by the Snipers that day. It shows what valuable work can be done by men of pluck and enterprise who are crack shots, and who proceed methodically to work to kill and disorganise the enemy. Your success is not to be gauged merely by the number of men you kill. As you know, one good sniper well posted, can keep down the heads of hundreds by fear of his accuracy, and can hamper necessary movement enormously - if not compel it to cease altogether by day.

I have brought the success of your Snipers before the Divisional and Corps Commanders, who are much pleased with your work and success.

(signed) E.A. WISDOM,  
Brig. General,  
Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Headquarters,  
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.  
7th I.M. Bty.

15th September 1918.

In connection with my recent inspection of the units of the Brigade, I wish to draw the attention of Unit Commanders and all Officers and N.C.Os. to the following points in which I consider improvement is necessary :-

(1) **ATTENDANCE :** In the cases of two of the Battalions this was not good. The inspection by the G.O.C., must be as nearly as possible a muster parade. Only those on most essential duties should be absent. Commanding Officers will ensure that in future this principle is strictly adhered to. In one case, the 25th Bn., there were 156 other ranks absent. Even allowing for Transport and Cooks, this appears excessive. In another case, the 27th Bn., there were 170 other ranks absent. This would seem unnecessary and to require correction.

(2) **INSPECTION BY N.C.Os. AND OFFICERS OF THE UNIT:** It would seem that it is not realized that it is a distinct slur on the Battalion Commander when an inspecting officer detects faults which the Bn. Commander should have detected on his preliminary inspection. It cannot be sufficiently impressed that there is a distinct chain of responsibility from the Section Commander upwards. Prior to an inspection by me, the men should have passed under the inspection of:-

- (a) The Section Sergeant.
- (b) The Platoon Commander.
- (c) The Company Commander.
- (d) The Battalion Commander.

each of whom should be held directly responsible by his immediate superior for the condition of the men, their Arms, Equipment and Clothing, and each of whom should remedy any defects which is within his power to remedy. If this is done properly it should be extremely rare for me to find defects such as I regret to say I have found in plenty on the recent inspection. The detection of these faults by me obviously mean that these N.C.Os. and Officers either

- (a) Do not inspect their men or
- (b) Do not know enough or
- (c) Have a low standard of efficiency or
- (d) Are careless and apathetic or
- (e) Suffer from a combination of all of above.

In that case it must be concluded that they are not fit to fill the positions they occupy and their retention will have to be considered.

(3) **CLOTHING :** There is a great improvement in the clothing of the men, but much remains to be done before we can consider the men to be clothed as an Australian soldier should be. The fitting of the clothing is bad and requires closer attention. It is remarkable that men can be decently fitted with clothing in England and even at the Bases in France, but cannot be so fitted at the front. Commanding Officers are invited to show why this is so, in order that representations may be made to the proper quarters and an improvement effected. I am aware of the difficulties of G.Os. in this connection, but we must not lie down under these difficulties, but must continue to fight to have the men decently clothed, if only to conserve the men's self respect. It is astonishing to note the

difference in a man well turned out and the same man in ragged dirty clothing. The difference in morale is enormous, and it is not only well worth while working hard to obtain that increase of morale, but it is a duty we owe to the man himself to see him respectably clad.

Something can be done by the Regimental Tailors, but as they are not numerous, that is a slow process. The main effort will have to be made in the direction of getting a good fit in the first instance.

C.Os. will take this matter up at once, and they may be assured of the strongest help and support from the Brigade Staff.

(4) EQUIPMENT : The equipment was good and very clean and well turned out, the men evidently having taken a great deal of pains to turn out well. This reflects great credit on the Officers, N.C.Os. and men themselves. The fitting of the equipment however, was bad, the whole thing in most cases being fastened on the man and not fitted at all. There is no difficulty about the proper fitting, but it is necessary that the equipment should at least approximately fit the man. If this is arranged there is enough adjustment allowed for the belt to be made sufficiently tight and still maintain the buckle and back straps in the proper positions. The whole fit depends in the first instance in the tight fitting of the belt, which should be so tight that it is difficult to get the finger between it and the body. When this is done if the belt is the right size the back straps should be equidistant from the middle line of the back and the buckle in the centre line in front with about 4 inches flap.

When the belt is properly fitted, it should be laid flat on the ground and the remainder of the equipment built on to it with the exception of the pack (in fighting kit the haversack) and the W.P. sheet. The kit should be then put on and the braces fitted tight over the shoulders, keeping the belt firmly in the proper place, the whole being thus tightly braced together. The equipment should then be laid on the ground and the pack (haversack in fighting order) etc., fitted on.

If this is properly done the whole kit should slip on or off like a well fitting waistcoat, and when the belt is tightened up, should set squarely and firmly on the body and not flopping about as is so often the case. The kit is all right - it is the fitting which is wrong. The influence of a properly fitted kit on movement must be realised. It is undoubtedly very gas great and so attention to this is not only a matter of smartness in appearance, but it is one of efficiency and must not be neglected.

(5) HAIRCUTTING : Throughout the Brigade haircutting required attention. Men should be made to understand that long hair is not only insanitary, but is a source of great danger and trouble in the case of head wounds however slight. It is also unsightly and slovenly.

The foregoing are the points which I think require close attention by Commanding Officers, and I am confident that they only require to be brought to their notice to ensure that the defects will be remedied at once.

With the exception of the above faults the turn out of the Brigade was highly satisfactory and very creditable.

I wish to congratulate all concerned on the excellent result of their efforts and to thank them for the keeness and energy displayed, especially so soon after the strenuous time in the line. I cannot say more than that it was no more than I expected from the 7th Brigade.

The men looked rested, fit and well and were very steady indeed on parade. The Arms, Ammunition and Equipment were all that could be desired as far as condition was concerned. The Clothing, as I have already said, was much improved. There was in fact a general air of efficiency which is most gratifying and speaks volumes for the hardness and endurance of the Australian.

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The Transport of the Brigade was very good indeed, the horses being well fed and cared for, fit and bright, and the harness and vehicles in excellent condition. The amount of constant work entailed in maintaining such a high state of efficiency is recognised, and great credit is due to the Officers, N.C.Os. and personnel of the Transport.

The 7th A.L.F.M.Bty was as usual very well turned out. The appearance of the men and their steadiness, drill and discipline showed care and thoroughness in training and evinced an interest in the welfare of the men by the Officers and N.C.Os.

I cannot close without a word as to the recent operation<sup>s</sup> in which the Brigade did its full share. Never during my long association with it has it had such strenuous fighting. Never has its morale been higher. Never has it shown its great fighting qualities and discipline better, and never has it fought harder and with greater courage and determination.

Since the not altogether satisfactory operations at FLERS in 1918 the Brigade has not looked back and has been unbeaten since then. It has fought and beaten some of the very best of the German troops, for instance, it has met and beaten the German Guards three times. It has a splendid record of 14 distinct battles, in every one of which we were victorious. Some of these and the hardest fought were done by the Brigade alone, as for instance, HALL TRENCH, LAMICOURT and the last, viz., MONTE ST QUENTIN RIDGE.

It is a great record and one of which we may all be very proud. I personally am intensely proud of it and of the Brigade, which by its great courage, fighting spirit and skill, has made such a record.

Of repeated congratulations grow stale, but nevertheless I do most sincerely congratulate every Officer, N.C.O. and man on, and thank them for the devotion and hard work which has resulted in these successes, and particularly the last, the hardest fought and most gloriously successful of the lot.

There is no doubt we have gained a moral and physical superiority over the enemy who is afraid of us, and we must seize no opportunity of maintaining this superiority until we have got, as we shall do, the Hun down and out.

*Juan Antonio Doum*

Brig. General.  
Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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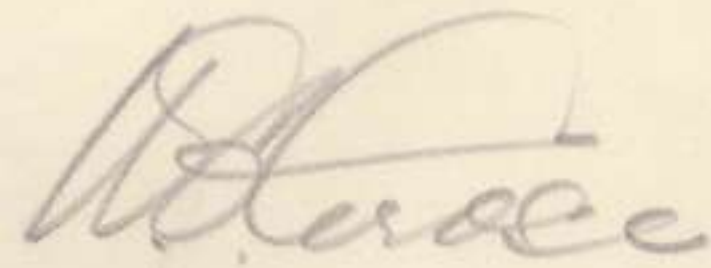
Headquarters,  
September 26th 1918.Headquarters,  
2nd Australian Division.  
Div. Salvage Officer.HEADQUARTERS,  
7th AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE.SALVAGE RETURN - week ending <sup>26</sup> 26/9/1918.

No. 17/107

Article	27th Bn.	28th Bn.
Rifles	4	
Packs, web	149	
Haversacks, web	2	
Water Bottle	1	
" " Carriers	6	
S.B. Respirators	3	
Braces, web	2	
Carriers, Helve	2	
" Head	2	
Frogs, Bayonet	14	
Bayonets	2	
Belts, web	8	
Supporting Straps	21	
Bicycle	1	
Woollens (Bags)	2	
18 pdr shell cases	550	13,125
18 pdr shells	1466	
Boxes Bombs	49	
Cases Fuse Caps	37	
13 pdr Shell Cases	-	800
.77 " "	-	275
.8 " "	-	220
.77 " "	-	78
4.5 Charge Cases	-	117
Clips, case (sandbags)	-	4

The following were handed to D.A.D.O.S. by 28th Battalion :-

Lewis Guns	3
Hotchkiss Gun	1.


Lieutenant, for G.O.C.,  
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

HEADQUARTERS,  
7th AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 17/106  
Headquarters,  
September 19th 1918.

Headquarters,  
2nd Australian Division.  
Div. Salvage Officer.

SALVAGE RETURN for period ending 17/9/18.

Handed in to Div. Salvage Coy.

Articles	25th Bn.	28th Bn.
Empty Packs	115	103
Cardigan Jackets	30	
Pack of Sundries	1	1 bag
Quantity of Woollen Goods		1 bag & 3 s/bgs
Rifles S.L.E.	-	20
S.A.A.	-	2 bx & 15 s/bgs
Limber	-	$\frac{1}{2}$
Brake	-	1

Lieut., A/Staff Captain,  
For G.O.C., 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.



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CASUALTIES DURING MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1918.

	Killed.		Wounded.		Missing.	
	Off.	o/r.	Off.	o/r.	Off.	o/r.
25th Battalion	1	29	8	120	-	-
26th "	3	19	7	116	-	1
27th "	2	22	8	83	-	5
28th "	2	4	4	66	-	-
7th A.L.T.M.Bty	-	-	-	5	-	-
<u>TOTAL</u>	8	74	27	390	-	6

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STRENGTH RETURN as at 30th September 1918.

	Off.	o/r
7th Bde H.Q.	11	29
7th A.L.T.M.B.	4	55
25th Battalion	36	614
26th "	34	562
27th "	31	537
28th "	29	626
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<u>Total</u>	145	2423
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