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OF

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

FOR

OCTOBER 1918



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7th Aust. Infantry Brigade

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Reference Map : Sheet WIANCOURT 1/20,000.	
	1st.		7th A.I.Bde. in TEMPLEUX - LA - FOSSE Area. Weather fairly fine with cold wind.	
			The 7th A.I.Bde. moved by march route to Assembly Area West of HARGICOURT as per Order No. 226.	App. 1.
	Night 1/2nd		7th A.I.Bde. moved to Left Brigade Support Area as per Order No. 227.	App. 2.
	3rd	0650	7th A.I.Bde. in conjunction with 5th A.I.Bde. on the right attacked the BEAUREVOIR LINE as per Order No. 228.	App. 3.
	Night 3/4th		7th British Infantry Brigade relieved the 7th A.I.Bde. in the line and 7th A.I. ^{Brigade} Battalions moved to NAUROY - ESTREES Area, as per Order No. 229.	App. 4.
			Report on operations of 7th A.I.Bde. on October 3rd 1918 attached.	App. 4.a
			Notes on operations of 7th A.I.Bde. on October 3rd 1918 attached.	App. 5.
	5th		6th A.I.Bde. attacked MONTBREHAIN and 27th Battalion, 7th A.I.Bde. was at the disposal of G.O.C., 6th A.I.Bde. See Order No. 230.	App. 5.
			28th Battalion moved to BEAUREVOIR Line East of ESTREES and came under the orders of G.O.C., 6th A.I.Bde. at 4 p.m.	
	5th.		2nd Aust. Division (less Artillery) were relieved in the line by 30th American Division on night 5th/6th. For particulars re 7th A.I.Bde. see Warning Order 251/50 and 261/263.	App. 6.
	6th.		7th A.I.Bde. in Area West of HARGICOURT.	
	7th.		7th A.I.Bde. moved from HARGICOURT Area to YZEUX Area by train and march route as per Order No. 231.	App. 7.

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	8/31st		7th A.I.Bde. in St OUVEN - BERTEAUCOURT Area.	
	11th		Orders for the Administration of 7th A.I.Bde. Group issued.	App. 8.
	12th		Special Order by Brig. General E.A. WISDOM, C.B., D.S.O., G.O.C., 7th A.I.Bde. was issued, ordering the re-organization of 7th A.I.Bde., by absorbing the 25th Battalion into the 26th Battalion.	App. 9.
	15th		7th Field Coy A.Es. started a class in Map Reading and Field Sketching. 12 N.C.Os. from the Brigade attended, and most of them did well in the course, which lasted a fortnight.	
	19th		Brigade Signal School was started under the supervision of the Bde. Signal Officer. A Brigade N.C.Os. School under Captain E.W. CLEARY, 26th Battalion, assembled at HALLOY. Allotment was one N.C.O. or aspirant N.C.O. for each Platoon in the Brigade.	
	21st		Lieut. S. GARRETT, Aust. Flying Corps, lectured to Officers and senior N.C.Os. of the Brigade on the A.F.C., its work and co-operation with infantry and other arms. Brig. General E.A. WISDOM, C.B., D.S.O., G.O.C. 7th A.I.Bde. proceeded on 14 days English Leave. Lieut. Colonel F.R. CHALMERS, D.S.O., 27th Battalion, reported to Bde. H.Qrs., to command during the G.O.Cs. absence.	
	22nd		A refresher course of instruction for Battalion P.T. & B.F. Instructors commenced and lasted one week.	
	26th		The Divisional Intelligence Officer gave an interesting lecture on "Intelligence" to Officers and senior N.C.Os. of the Brigade.	
	28th		The Divisional Intelligence Officer gave an interesting lecture on "German Army" to Officers and senior N.C.Os. of the Brigade.	

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			<p><u>TRAINING.</u></p> <p>The Brigade arrived in the St OUEN - BERTEAUCOURT Area on the 9th October, and for the rest of that week the troops were re-fitted and rested.</p> <p>During the week ending 19th October, training was carried out for two hours per day on the Bull Ring System with the object of refreshing the troops in all subjects and smartening them up quickly.</p> <p>For week ending October 26th, training was continued on the Bull Ring System, whilst during the remaining days of the month, Musketry, Lewis Gun, Visual Signalling and Platoon Tactical schemes were carried out. Open Warfare methods formed the basis of all training.</p> <p><u>TRAINING FACILITIES.</u></p> <p>On arrival in the area there were no training facilities and Battalions got to work quickly and constructed their own 30 yd ranges and Bayonet and Assault courses, whilst a Brigade Field Firing range was built at Q.32.b.9.1. South of PERNOIS.</p> <p><u>SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENTS.</u></p> <p>The Brigade Concert Party opened up at the "Blue Diamond" Hall, BERTEAUCOURT on the 12th October and gave performances nightly for the troops. The orchestra has attained a high standard of efficiency and forms the backbone of the Blue Diamond Concert Party. All performances were well attended by the troops who greatly appreciate the Concerts.</p> <p>Australian, Rugby and Soccer Football competitions were formed and aroused much keen competition between the units competing.</p> <p><u>TRANSPORT.</u></p> <p>The Transport of Brigade units moved brigaded under Captain J.C. LITTLE, M.C., Bde Transport Officer, from the TEMPLEUX -LA- FOSSE Area by road to St OUEN Area on the 7th instant, staging at CAPPY and DAOURS en route. Arriving in St OUEN Area on</p>	

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			<p><u>TRANSPORT.</u></p> <p>the 9th October it remained brigaded until the 11th instant when the transport of the 26th, 27th and 28th Battalions rejoined its Battalion, and that of the 25th Battalion was handed over to 2nd Aust. Div. Train, in accordance with the arrangements for the disbandment of the 25th Battalion.</p> <p>The horses of the Brigade on arrival in St OUEEN Area were beginning to lose condition due chiefly to the great shortage of water in the forward area from which they had come. However, since arrival in the St OUEEN Area they have picked up and are now in excellent condition. All animals are under cover in good standings. Green feed is plentiful. The limbers have been maintained in good order and have been repainted.</p> <p><u>HEALTH.</u></p> <p>The general health of the troops has been good. A slight epidemic of influenza prevailed for about a week, but owing to the early preventative measures taken, has been checked, and only very few cases now exist in the Brigade.</p> <p><u>SALVAGE.</u></p> <p>During the 9 days of the month while the Brigade was in the forward area, salvage work was continued with excellent results. Good results have been maintained in the salvage of paper, cardboard, cartons, solder etc.,</p> <p><u>DISCIPLINE.</u></p> <p>A high standard of discipline has been maintained, and since arrival in the St OUEEN Area the Brigade has been congratulated in a letter from the Maire, on the highly satisfactory behaviour of the troops.</p> <p>SALVAGE RETURN October 1918. STRENGTH RETURN " 31st 1918. CASUALTIES Month of October 1918.</p>	<p>App. 10. " 11. " 12.</p>

WAR DIARY

OF

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

FOR

OCTOBER 1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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5.	Notes " " " 3.10.18.
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6.	7th A.I.Bde. Warning Order 251/50 & 261/263.
7.	7th A.I.Bde. Order No. 231.
8.	7th A.I.Bde. Administrative Orders.
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SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Copy No.

Order No. 225.Headquarters,
October 1st 1918.Reference Map Sheet 62 C. N.E. 1/20,000.

In continuation of Brigade Warning Order of 30th September 1918 -

1. (a) The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will move to assembly areas in vicinity of TEMPLEUX-LE-GERARD on October 1st 1918, in accordance with attached table.
(b) The 5th A.I. Brigade Group is moving to the vicinity of HARGICOURT, and the 6th A.I. Brigade Group to South West of VILLERET.
2. Bivouac areas are being reconnoitred by an Officer from Brigade Headquarters this morning, and will be notified to Units as soon as possible.
3. Transport will accompany Units. Mobile Echelon will move with Brigade Headquarters.
4. Normal distances will be maintained. Wherever possible, dry weather tracks alongside the main road will be used.
5. Units will report arrival and location of H.Q. to Brigade Headquarters.
6. Brigade Headquarters will close at present location at 11 a.m. October 1st, and open at the same hour at new Headquarters (to be notified).
7. A c k n o w l e d g e.
8. Advance parties will meet Major F.H. BERRYMAN, 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery (Attached 7th A.I. Bde H.Q.) at western edge of TEMPLEUX-le-GERARD, at L.2.c.64. at 9 a.m. this morning.
Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 7 a.m.

Copies to :-

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

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

MOVE TABLE to accompany Brigade Order No. 226.

Date	Unit	Starting Point.	Time of passing Starting Point.	Route
1918 Oct. 1st.	7th Field Coy A.E.	Cross Roads J.18.c.7.1.	10.5 a.m.	HAMEL - ROISEL - thence via RED Road.
"	25th Battalion	"	10.15 a.m.	ditto
"	27th Battalion	"	10.30 a.m.	ditto
"	28th Battalion	Cross Roads J.4.d.6.5.	10.30 a.m.	J.18.c.7.1 - HAMEL - ROISEL - RED Road.
"	26th Battalion	" "	10.45 a.m.	ditto
"	7th Field Ambulance.	" "	11 a.m.	ditto
"	7th A.L.T.M.Bty	" "	11.10 a.m.	ditto
"	7th A.I. Bde H.Q.	" "	11.15 a.m.	ditto
"	2nd Pioneer Bn.	Cross Roads D.23.b.8.6.	11.15 a.m.	LONGAVESNES - ROISEL - RED Road.
"	2nd M.Gun Bn.	Cross Roads LONGAVESNES.	11 ⁵ a.m.	ROISEL - RED Road.

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APPENDIX I

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Order No. 227.Headquarters,
October 1st 1918.Reference Map Sheet WIANCOURT - 1/20,000.

1. In confirmation of verbal orders already issued, the 7th A.I. Brigade will move to Left Support Brigade area tonight October 1st/2nd 1918.
2. (a) The 2nd Australian Division is taking over the front from the 5th Australian Division tonight.
The front line at 4 p.m. was as follows (approx) - JONCOURT (inclusive) - ESTREES (inclusive) - B.25.central - A.30.central - A.23.central.
(b) The 5th A.I. Brigade will take over the front line tonight with four Battalions in the line.
(c) The 6th A.I. Brigade will be Right Support Brigade, and the 7th A.I. Brigade will be the Left Support Brigade.
3. The southern divisional boundary is - SWISS COTTAGE (exclusive) H.10.b. - H.15.a.3.6. - G.24.central - thence West along grid line.
The northern divisional boundary is - MUSHROOM QUARRY B.20.a. - MINT COPSE A.24.d. - CABARET COPSE - G.3.central - thence West along grid line.
4. The 25th Battalion will move to trench system in G.6.b. and H.1.a., and will be at the disposal of the G.O.C. 5th A.I. Brigade for counter-attack purposes.
The 26th, 27th and 28th Battalions will move to the CATELET - NAUROY line.
The 26th Battalion will hold from NAUROY (inclusive) to G.11.b.6.2.
The 27th Battalion will hold from G.11.b.6.2. to G.5.d.5.7.
The 28th Battalion will hold from G.5.d.5.7. to A.29.c.3.2.
5. The remainder of the Brigade Group will remain in present positions until further orders.
6. (a) Units will use the BLACK Road only.
(b) Units will report arrival and location of new Headquarters to Brigade H.Q.
7. Brigade reserve of ammunition will remain at Brigade H.Q.
8. (a) 5th A.I. Brigade H.Q. is established at southern end of Tunnel, approximately at G.10.c.8.0.
(b) Brigade Headquarters will remain at L.10.a.4.5. for the present.
(c) Brigade Forward ^{Signal} Station will be established at G.4.b.central.
9. A c k n o w l e d g e.

H. Lee Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Brigade Signals at 8.30 p.m.
For distribution P.T.O.

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APPENDIX 2

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1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th A.L.T.M.Bty.
6. 7th Field Coy A.E.
7. 7th Field Ambulance.
8. 2nd M.G. Bn.
9. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
10. 2nd Aust. Division.
11. 2nd Div. Arty.
12. 5th A.I. Brigade
13. 6th A.I. Brigade.
14. 17th A.A.S.C.
15. G.O.C.
16. B.L.
17. S.C.
18. B.T.O.
19. B.I.O.
20. Bde Bomb Officer.
21. Bde Musketry Officer
22. 2nd Div. Reinf. Camp.
23. File
- 24/26. War Diary.
- 27/28. Sporo.
29. 7th M.G. Coy

THE AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
Major, Brigade Major

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SECRET.

Copy No. 78

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEOrder No. 228Headquarters,
October 2nd 1918Reference Map Sheet WIANCOURT, 1/20,000.

1. (a) The 2nd Australian Division will carry out an attack on the morning of October 3rd 1918. ZERO hour is 6.5 a.m.
(b) The 32nd Division is attacking on the Right at the same time.
(c) The 50th Division which is on the Left is attacking tomorrow morning, at the same time. The 3th Inniskilling Regt., (151st Bde) are on our Left.
2. (a) The 5th A.I. Brigade is attacking on the Right, and its objective includes BEAUREVOIR.
(b) The 7th A.I. Brigade will attack on the Left, and its final objective is the line B.4.a.4.2. - T.27.d.0.1. - GUISAN-COURT FARM (inclusive) - T.26.d.3.4. and then South West along the trench system MASNIERES - BEAUREVOIR line.
(c) A Left defensive flank will be formed along the Left inter-divisional boundary which is also the Brigade's Left boundary. This line runs from A.18.c.0.0. through GRANDCOURT to B.13.b.4.9. to T.26.d.5.4.
(d) The boundary between the 5th and 7th A.I. Brigades will run - B.25.d.1.4. - B.20.b.00.25. - B.15.a.3.5. - B.4.a.4.2.
3. (a) The 25th Battalion will take over the front from the 20th Battalion from B.25.d.5.9. to MINT COPSE (inclusive) by 2 a.m. October 3rd under arrangements to be made mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
(b) The 54th Battalion (14th A.I. Brigade) is holding the remainder of the front to the new Left inter-divisional boundary.
4. The 25th Battalion will form up along the line from B.25.d.5.9 along road to tram line at B.25.b.0.2. and then along tram line to A.24.b.8.0.
The 27th Battalion will form up as near to the tram line from A.24.b.8.0. to A.18.c.6.3. as possible.
The 26th Battalion will form up as close behind the 25th Battalion as possible.
The 28th Battalion will form up as close behind the 27th Battalion as possible.
The 25th and 27th Battalions will be on the forming up line by ZERO minus 1 hour, the 26th and 28th Battalions by ZERO minus 45 minutes.
5. The 25th Battalion will attack and capture the trench system from the Canal at B.20.b.1.7. - LORMISSET (inclusive) to B.13.b.4.9.
After the 26th Battalion has passed through, the 25th Battalion will re-assemble in vicinity of MUSHROOM QUARRY and will be held as Brigade Reserve.
6. The 27th Battalion will jump off at the same time as the 25th Battalion and will mop up between 25th Battalion and Left Brigade boundary, & form a defensive flank from B.13.b.4.9 to GRANDCOURT.
The 27th Battalion will exploit WOOD in direction of A.18. central, and will form a defensive flank from GRANDCOURT to B.13.b.4.9.
7. The 26th Battalion will pass through the 25th Battalion and capture the MASNIERES - BEAUREVOIR line in B.7.d, B.8, B.2, B.26.d - GUISAN-COURT FARM, and the final objective.
(incl)

The 26th Battalion will consolidate on the line B.4.a.4.2 - GUISAN COURT FARM (inclusive) to Communication Trench at B.2.b.1.4.

The 26th Battalion will exploit towards Orchard in T.27.d. and trench system in T.26.b.

8. The 28th Battalion will follow the 27th Battalion to LORMISSET and then the 26th Battalion, and take over from 26th Battalion and consolidate in the trench system from B.2.b.2.4. to B.13.b.4.9.

The 28th Battalion will exploit towards PROSPECT HILL, on which they will endeavour to establish a post to deny observation to the enemy.

9. Four Vickers machine guns of the 7th A.M.G. Coy will be attached to each of the 26th, 27th and 28th Battalions, under mutual arrangements to be made between Commanding Officers concerned. The remainder of the 7th A.M.G. Coy will remain in Brigade Reserve in G.9.a.

10. Two mortars of the 7th A.L.T. Battery will be attached to each of the 26th, 27th and 28th Battalions under mutual arrangements to be made between Commanding Officers concerned. The remainder of the Battery will remain in Brigade Reserve in G.3.c.

11. The attack will be supported by Field and Heavy Artillery. The barrage start line is B.26.central - B.19.central - B.18.central.

The barrage will remain on the start line from ZERO till ZERO plus 6 minutes.

It will be a creeping barrage to Road running East from LORMISSET to B.15.a.4.6. After that it will be a barrage on selected points, o.g. trench systems, farms, strong points, etc.

The rate of the barrage will be 100 yards in 4 minutes.

12. The attack will be supported by 8 Tanks of the 8th Tank Battalion. 5 Tanks will support the attack of the 26th Battalion, and 3 that of the 27th Battalion.

The 8 Tanks after the first objective has been passed, will proceed to the final objective of the 26th Battalion.

Details have been arranged between Tank Commanders and Battalion Commanders.

13. The Brigade Forward Signal Station will be established at MUSHROOM QUARRY B.20.a.5.9.

Relay telephone stations will be established at G.6.d.1.6 and G.4.central.

Visual Stations will be established at G.6.d.5.3. and G.4.b.central.

14. Instructions regarding Success Signals, S.O.S. Signals, and signalling to contact patrol aeroplanes have already been issued.

15. Prisoners of War will be sent to CABARET WOOD FARM or MUSHROOM QUARRY where they will be taken over by the 13th Australian Light Horse escort, who will escort them back to Brigade Headquarters, where they will be taken over by Mounted Military Police.

16. Watches will be synchronised at 12 midnight tonight, with a watch sent round from Brigade Headquarters to Headquarters of Units of the Brigade.

- 17. The 7th Field Company A.E. will arrange for early reconnaissance of wells, dugouts, and necessary bridging within captured territory.
- 18. Brigade Reserve of ammunition will move forward from its present position to vicinity of G.11.b.8.2. when the situation permits.
- 19. Administrative and Medical arrangements have been made.
- 20. Acknowledge.

21. *Brigade HQ will remain at G.3.c.9.2*

R. Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 8.30 p.m.
Also issued to Unit Commanders verbally at 4 p.m.

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- 2. 26th Bn.
- 3. 27th Bn.
- 4. 28th Bn.
- 5. 7th A.L.T.M.Bty.
- 6. 7th M.G.Coy.
- 7. 7th Field Coy
- 8. 7th Field Ambulance.
- 9. 6th Field Ambulance.
- 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. 14th A.I. Bde.
- 16. 54th Bn.
- 17. 151st Bde.
- 18. G.O.C.
- 19. B.M.
- 20. S.C.
- 21. Bde Sig. Officer
- 22. B.T.O.
- 23. B.I.O.
- 24. Bde Musketry Officer
- 25. Bde Bomb Officer
- 26. File
- 27/29. War Diary
- 30/32. Spares

SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEHeadquarters,
October 2nd 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS to accompany Brigade Order No. 228.

1. AMMUNITION. 2nd Aust. Divisional Bomb Dump is located at VILLERET. The Divisional Bomb Officer with S.A.A. Section D.A.C. will move forward in conformity with the Division.

Brigade Mobile Reserve, consisting of -

Ammunition :-

S.A.A. (Bandoliers)	126,000 rounds
" (r.G.)	107,000 "
Bombs No.23.	933
" No.36.	792
S.O.S.	20
Success Signal Lockets	20
Ground Flares (Red)	100

Tools:-

1 Limber and 2 G.S. Wagons with picks & shovels will be located at G.11.b.9.2 when the situation

Two mounted orderlies will be with the Brigade Mobile Reserve to convey demands for refilling to S.A.A. Section D.A.C., and two mounted orderlies will remain at Brigade H.Q. to convey demands to Brigade Mobile Reserve.

When Mobile Res. has moved to G.11.b.9.2 - Units will send all demands for ammunition there ~~Brigade Mobile Reserve~~ direct. The messenger who conveys the demand will guide the limbers back to Battalion H.Q. All demands will be confirmed by wire to Brigade H.Q. In the meantime all demands will be sent to B.H.Q. 24 Pack animals will be kept with the Brigade Mobile Reserve.

2. WATER. Each man will carry two full water bottles. A reserve of water consisting of 1 water cart and 2 G.S. wagons (300 gallons each) will be kept with the Brigade Mobile Reserve Ammunition. In addition one water motor lorry will be in Reserve at Div. H.Q.

Wells in the captured area will, as far as possible, be tested by units, and marked as fit or unfit for drinking purposes.

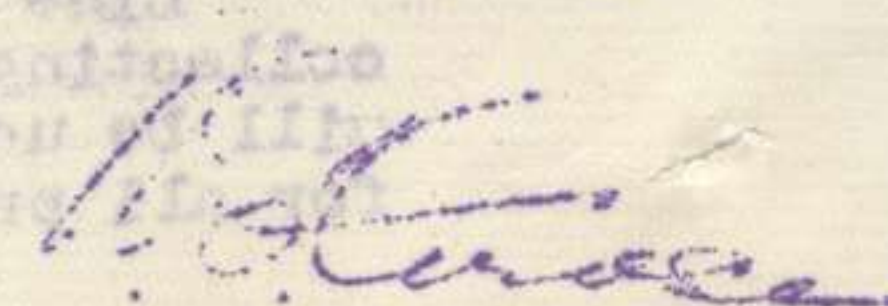
3. SUPPLIES. The iron rations and the unconsumed portion of the day's rations will be carried. A.S.C. wagons will deliver to Unit Q.M.'s stores.

4. PRISONERS OF WAR CAGE is located at F.27.c.8.4. (Sheet 32.C.) near 2nd Aust. Div. H.Q.

Prisoner of War collecting post will be located at CABARET WOOD F.A. A.29.c.8.3. where units will hand over all prisoners of war to Aust. Light Horse escorts. As the operation progresses, the Collecting Post will be pushed forward to MUSHROOM QUARTERS at B.20.a.5.9. Prisoners will be sent under Light Horse escort from collecting posts to Brigade H.Q., where after interrogation, they will be handed over to Mounted Military Police and escorted to P.O.W. Cage.

Line men must not escort prisoners beyond collecting post. Walking wounded, who are able to, will be used as escorts. Units will obtain receipts for all prisoners handed over at Collecting Posts.

5. BLANKETS. Units excepting 25th Battalion will dump their blankets near BLACK ROAD at G.11.b.5.3. and mount a guard of one man (unfit if possible) over them.
6. CAPTURED TROPHIES. No captured trophies will be removed from positions where captured, but will be clearly marked by Units responsible for capture. These will be collected after the operation.
7. TRANSPORT & Q.M. STORES of Units, will as far as possible, be kept together and will not change location without first informing Brigade H.Q.
8. SALVAGE. Units will, when possible, collect salvage into dumps near roads, and notify location to Brigade H.Q.
9. BURIALS. Burials will as far as possible be made in Cemeteries (locations already advised), care being taken to keep complete records of all such burials. The Brigade Burial N.C.O. will, where possible, supervise burials.
10. D.A.D.O.S. Ordnance is located at Sheet 62 C., I.36.a.central.
11. BATTLE STORES. In addition to battle stores already issued, the following are held in reserve by D.A.D.O.S. for issue to the Division :-
 50 Pack Saddles
 50 Carriers, Water Tin.
 50 Wirecutters,
 100 Hot Food Containers.
 Should any of these be required, units will advise Bde H.Q.
12. VETERINARY. H.V.S. J.27.d.6.6. (Sheet 62 C). Animal casualties will be evacuated to H.V.S.
13. REMOUNTS. Units urgently requiring animals to replace casualties will advise Brigade H.Q. at once the number and type required, together with particulars of casualties, viz. killed, wounded and evacuated, and evacuated for other reasons.
14. MEDICAL. A.D.S. is located at G.16.d.6.0. (in QUARRY). A Report Centre will be established at G.6.d.35.35., where a representative of the 3th Field Ambulance will be stationed. F.M.O's will send runners with location of R.A.P's to this centre, also all requirements for transport and supplies of medical stores.
 The Bearer Sections attached to R.M.O's from Field Ambulances will be used as runners between R.A.P's and "Report Centre" when necessary.
 Evacuations from R.A.P's will tend through NAUROY to A.D.S.
 Where possible, horse ambulances will be used to convey wounded to Motor Loading Posts. Locations of Loading Posts will be notified to R.M.O's by Field Ambulance representative at Report Centre.
 Walking wounded will be collected and conveyed in busses from Cross Roads at G.18.a.


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

Issued to Units concerned.

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Copy No. 24

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEOrder No. 229.Headquarters,
October 3rd 1918.Reference Map Sheet WIANCOURT 1/20,000.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade will be relieved by the 7th British Infantry Brigade tonight October 3rd/4th 1918.
2. On relief, the Battalions will move to the positions occupied on night October 1st in the NAUROY - ESTREES area -

The 25th Battalion	to	G.6.b.& d.
26th	"	" G.11.b.& d.
27th	"	" G.11.b.
28th	"	" G.6.a b. & d.
The 7th A.L.T. Battery	will move to	G.3.d.
7th A.H.G. Coy	"	" G.9.a.
3. Units will report relief and arrival to Brigade H.Q.
4. Guides for relief and notification of relieving units will be arranged later.
5. Location of Brigade H.Q. will be notified later.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E.

H. Lee Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 6.15 p.m.

Copies to :-

1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th T. Bty
6. 7th H.G. Coy.
7. 7th Field Coy.
8. 2nd Aust. Div.
9. 5th A.I. Brigade.
10. 6th " "
11. 2nd M.G. Bn.
12. 7th Field Amb.
13. 7th British Inf. Brigade.
14. 17th A.A.S.C.
15. G.O.C.
16. B.H.
17. S.C.
18. B.T.O.
19. Bde Sig. Officer
20. Bde Musketry Officer.
21. File.
- 22/24. War Diary.
- 25/26. Spare.

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HEADQUARTERS
7th AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE
Copy No. 16
Date 26/11/18

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Headquarters,
October 5th 1918.

Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division.

REPORT ON OPERATION ON OCTOBER 3rd 1918

The Capture of LORMISSET and the MASNIERES - BEAUREVOIR Line.

1. The G.O.C. received orders on the morning of October 2nd that the 7th A.I. Brigade would take part in an attack on the morning of October 3rd 1918, in conjunction with the 5th A.I. Brigade.

Verbal orders were issued to Unit Commanders on the afternoon of October 2nd. Written orders were issued later that night - See Brigade Order No. 228.

2. The 25th Battalion relieved the 20th Battalion in the line from B.25.d.6.8. to MINT COPSE on night October 2nd/3rd, relief being completed by 1.15 a.m. on the 3rd.

The 26th, 27th and 28th Battalions were in support in LE CATELET - NAUROY Line West of NAUROY on night October 2nd/3rd.

3. The 25th Battalion had the job of capturing the BEAUREVOIR Line from the right boundary to LORMISSET inclusive. It jumped off from the line B.25.d.6.8. to A.24.b.8.0. The attack was carried out on a three-Company frontage. Each Company had two platoons in the front wave and one platoon (moppers up) in the second wave. The frontage was about 1,400 yards.

At ZERO the battalion moved forward as close as possible to the barrage. No enemy resistance was met for the first 500 yards of the advance. Enemy posts echeloned across the front, back to the BEAUREVOIR Line were then encountered. The garrisons of these posts surrendered fairly freely.

The BEAUREVOIR Line was very strongly held. Here the enemy put up a stiff fight, being well supported by his machine guns.

The advance was checked here for a few minutes, but the dash and initiative displayed by all ranks - Officers, N.C.Os and men - succeeded in surrounding and overcoming all resistance. While this fight was in progress, two Tanks caught up the Infantry, and with their assistance, the BEAUREVOIR Line was rushed and captured.

A large number of machine guns, and a very large number of prisoners were taken here.

The Battalion then continued its advance, meeting with, but overcoming considerable resistance, until its objective including LORMISSET was reached and captured. This was done by 7.15 a.m.

At one strong post alone - at B.13.b.6.0. - 50 prisoners including a Medical Officer and an Adjutant, and 8 machine guns were captured.

3. The 27th Battalion jumped off at ZERO on the line A.24.b.8.0. to A.18.c.7.0. The Battalion moved as close as/

/as possible to the barrage.

The Battalion role was to form a left defensive flank S.W. from LORMISSET to GRANDCOURT.

One Company swung its right flank forward to A.18.d.9.8. The other Company swung its right flank forward to B.13.b.3.6.

No resistance was met with until TORRENS CANAL was reached, where some fighting took place and some prisoners captured.

In B.13.b. one Company in its advance encountered about 100 Germans lining a bank and firing at the advancing troops of the 151st Brigade on the Left. Prompt Lewis Gun action killed 40 Germans, and the remaining 60 Germans surrendered.

The third Company in support at first occupied TORRENS CANAL and then moved to trench in B.13.b. Later it helped with another Company to form a right defensive in B.14.c.

4. The 26th Battalion formed up behind and followed the 25th Battalion to the first objective, where it passed through the 25th Battalion. The Left Company assisted in the capture of LORMISSET, where it captured some prisoners.

The Right Company assisted in the capture of MUSHROOM QUARRY.

Machine Gun fire from the FAIRHOUSE rendered the advance difficult - nevertheless the line was pushed forward through BELLEVUE FARM where the dugouts were cleared, and two .77 mm guns captured.

A post was established in GUISAN COURT FARM.

.77 mm guns were firing over the sights at our advanced troops, and the enemy machine gun fire from both flanks and the front was fairly steady and destructive.

Owing to the 5th A.I. Brigade not advancing on the Right, and the pressure of the enemy advancing from BEAUREVOIR, the Right flank was withdrawn to the rear of BELLEVUE FARM. The Left flank automatically conformed.

5. The 28th Battalion formed up behind the 27th Battalion and followed it as far as the vicinity of LORMISSET in artillery formation. It advanced on a two-Company front, the third Company being in support. Its role was to occupy the BEAUREVOIR Line from LORMISSET to GUISAN COURT FARM after its capture by the 26th Battalion. Owing to the 26th Battalion advance being delayed by the enemy resistance from the direction of BEAUREVOIR, and by the fact that the 5th A.I. Brigade were unable to advance beyond the TORRENS CANAL, the 28th Battalion advanced up the BEAUREVOIR Line as far as B.2.c.6.4. in co-operation with the 26th Battalion. Later it pushed up as far as B.2.c.2.4. It advanced by platoons. In its advance it mopped up several prisoners in B.13.a. It met no opposition until B.8.a. was reached, where 3 machine guns and 35 prisoners were captured.

At 9.30 a.m. one platoon attempted to advance through B.8.a. towards PROSPECT HILL while another platoon tried to do the same through B.2.a. This advance was held up by heavy machine gun fire from PROSPECT HILL in front and BEAUREVOIR direction in rear; also field guns were firing over open sights from the direction of B.3.central and GUISAN COURT FARM.

During the day posts were pushed forward with the intention of gaining the Brigade's original objective.

6. One Section of the 7th A.M.G. Company and two mortars of the 7th A.L.T.M. Battery were attached to each of the /

/the 26th, 27th and 28th Battalions. These advanced with the Infantry and took up defensive positions. The remainder of the Machine Gun Company and Trench Mortar Battery were held in Brigade Reserve near Brigade Headquarters at G.3.c.9.2. The 7th Machine Gun Company suffered some casualties, one gun being blown out and 4 o/r killed and 1 Officer 18 o/r wounded.

7. The Brigade had 8 Tanks of the 8th Battalion Tank Corps attached to it for the operation, but all these did not succeed in taking part. The 4 Mark V Tanks did not start. Two Tanks only caught the 25th Battalion up at BEAUREVOIR Line and assisted materially in mopping it up. One of these capsized and caught on fire at about B.14.a.8.9. The other reached BELLEVUE FARM, but owing to the gunners fainting from exhaustion, it went back to MUSHROOM QUARRY, and under instructions from the 25th Battalion, was sent to assist the advance of the 5th A.I. Brigade. As its crew was very exhausted, its machine guns were manned by 25th and 26th Battalion Lewis Gunners.

A couple of machine guns from about B.15.c.3.1. were causing the 5th A.I. Brigade trouble, and were also shooting in the backs of our men. The Tank started off to mop up the post, but a direct hit from a .77 mm gun completely placed it out of action, the driver being killed.

The work of these two Tanks was of the greatest assistance, and the Tank Company Commander and the Tank crews were most anxious to help the Infantry as much as possible.

8. The Brigade Sniping Section was used with great effect in the advance. They moved off with the Infantry on independent sniping missions, working in pairs. The Section claims 146 direct hits, of which 111 are claimed to be killed. Five enemy machine guns were put out of action by it and three German Officers - one a Captain, were killed. It reluctantly captured 5 Germans. A .77 mm Battery firing from B.3.central at 500 yards range was engaged and silenced for prolonged periods.

9. The 7th Field Company A.E. assisted materially in reconnoitring and forwarding early information regarding wells, the TORRENS CANAL, roads, dugouts, and in rendering the TORRENS CANAL crossable by Artillery.

10. Our barrage was thick but ragged, and there were several guns firing short, which caused a considerable number of casualties amongst our own men.

The artillery action was very prompt and effective when the enemy counter-attacked from BEAUREVOIR in the morning; also when the enemy attempted to counter-attack towards BELLEVUE FARM in the afternoon.

It was very effective in engaging enemy batteries reported by our Infantry and also in dispersing enemy Infantry.

11. Communications throughout the day were most excellently maintained. By 7.45 a.m. the Brigade Forward Station was established at MUSHROOM QUARRY, and telephonic communication established. A Relay Station and Visual Stations were established. Visual signalling proved useful and showed a marked improvement.

Battalions were in telephonic communication all day. In view of the situation, this proved invaluable, and enabled the situation to be promptly dealt with by the aid of Artillery.

Brigade Headquarters was situated at G.3.c.9.2.

12. The enemy barrage came down about ZERO plus 6 minutes. It came down across our front line, being mostly 4.2 and .77 mm with some 5.9 with some gas. The enemy used shrapnel freely but not very effectively. He used incendiary shells which scattered a shower of burning phosphorous over a considerable area. The barrage lifted to B.13.a.&d. later, but did not do much damage. He had a battery at L.3.central and also at

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L.27.d. central which proved destructive - firing over open sights at our men. Two .77 mm guns were captured in BELLEVUE FARM. A Minenwerfer was firing from GUISANCOURT FARM buildings.

13. Enemy resistance up to the BEAUREVOIR Line was not serious, but he put up a good fight there. However, when he saw that the attack was being pushed with determination and initiative, he surrendered. His machine gunners as usual, fought better than his Infantry.

When our Right flank passed BELLEVUE FARM it became endangered by an attack from BEAUREVOIR, which the 5th A.I. Brigade had not reached. This caused the Right flank to fall back just S.W. of the FARM.

The enemy morale apparently was very mixed; a large proportion did not relish close fighting. On the other hand our men used their bayonets with very good result.

14. Our casualties, (including 7th A.M.G. Coy) were :-

	Officers		o/r.		Unaccounted for.
	K.	W.	K.	W.	
25th Battalion	-	1	17	66	11
26th "	2	7	17	74	19
27th "	-	1	10	53	-
28th "	3	4	11	58	7
7th A.L.T.M. Bty	-	-	-	-	-
7th A.M.G. Coy	-	1	4	18	-
7th Brigade Snipers	-	-	2	2	-
TOTAL	5	14	61	271	37

15. Estimated enemy casualties - killed 500.

This estimate is corroborated by reliable officers. It of course includes those killed by our barrage.

16. Prisoners captured :-

	Officers	o/r.
By 25th Battalion	9	410
26th "	3	125
27th "	3	100
28th "	-	50
7th Brigade Snipers	-	5
TOTAL	15	690

This number does not include wounded Germans who were stretcher cases. The estimates of Unit Commanders exceed the above by 140 (including wounded).

17. Captured material :-

By 25th Battalion :-	45 Machine Guns, 2 Bicycles, 1 Telephone, 8 Pigeons, 1 Piano
26th " :-	12 Machine Guns, (2 .77 mm guns recaptured by the enemy).
27th " :-	12 Machine Guns, 1 Telephone Sot.
28th " :-	6 Machine Guns.

18. The final line held by this Brigade ran as follows :-

26th Battalion held the line on the Right from B.15.a.4.5. where it junctioned with the 24th Battalion, to B.9.d.0.6, B.8.d.8.6, B.2.d.1.3, where it junctioned with 28th Battalion, who also had a post at B.8.b.8.8.

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The 28th Battalion line ran - Post at B.2.b.6.3., B.2.b.2.4, B.2.c.7.4. and down along BEAUVEVOIR Line to LORMISSET.

The 25th Battalion was finally disposed in close support on the Right in B.14.c. & d. in touch with the 5th A.I. Brigade at B.20.b.2.7.

The 27th Battalion was in support in B.14.c. with one Company on the Left flank from LORMISSET to GRANDCOURT.

On the evening of the 3rd instant, the 26th Battalion sent out a patrol up the Sunken Road and established touch with the 24th Battalion at the WINDMILL, B.15.b.4.7. Patrols sent out by 26th Battalion located the enemy in trench in B.3.c.

28th Battalion patrol located enemy in GUISANCOURT FARM and one patrol went all around PROSPECT HILL and located the British line there.

On the night October 3rd/4th, the 7th British Infantry Brigade relieved us, and the Brigade moved back to the NAUROY area.

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S. H. Major
Brig. General,
Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

HEADQUARTERS,
7TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
October 6th 1918.

Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division.

NOTES ON THE OPERATION carried out by 7th A.I. Brigade
on October 3rd 1918.

1. There being some doubt as to the nature of the operations to be carried out by the Brigade on our Left, it was necessary to take measures to adequately protect our Left flank. This was done by the 27th and 28th Battalions which successively attacked and formed along that flank, thus protecting the 26th Battalion. Later when we were counter-attacked from BEAUREVOIR, the 25th Battalion was sent to stiffen the Right flank and the 27th Battalion took its place in reserve. This enabled the 26th and 28th Battalions to restore a portion of the ground lost and to close in on BELLEVUE FARM. The uncertainty on the Left compelled the employment of troops which otherwise could have been used to assist the 5th A.I. Brigade.

Operations of this nature should be based in future on the seizure of tactical points (once the enemy's organized line is captured) with moppers up close behind, or in line where a barrage is being followed, to deal with intervening country.

2. THE ATTACK. The attack was carried out by all units exactly according to plan, there being remarkably little disorganization. Had the flank been able to come up, there is no doubt that we would have gained all our objectives and would have been able to do considerable exploitation. There was nothing to stop us at the time of the attack. The delay however caused by the Right Brigade being unable to get on, enabled the enemy to organize counter-attacks, of which no less than four were launched. At one time counter-attacks were launched almost simultaneously on our Right from BEAUREVOIR, from the direction of GUISSANCOURT FARM, and on the Brigade on our Left from S.50. central approx. As the troops of this Brigade had been seen withdrawing from PROSPECT HILL and an enemy machine gun was firing from the top, it was impossible to withdraw men from our left flank, and we were compelled to act on the defensive. At this moment, our position was precarious, there being considerable danger of at least two of my Battalions being completely cut off. In view however of the state of the morale of the enemy, I decided to hold on and to counter-attack with two Companies of the 27th Battalion which I had in readiness if the position became critical. The counter-attacks on our Right were beaten off by the Artillery, the enemy who had reached BELLEVUE FARM being contained by our rifle and machine gun fire from shell hole positions. I may say it was my intention to attack MILL HILL but was informed that the 5th A.I. Brigade had arranged to do so at 14.30. This attack however did not develop until 18.30.

3. ARTILLERY. The artillery barrage was thick, but the shooting was not good. There seemed to be a distinct echelon in the barrage, the left half being about 300 yards ahead of the right. On two occasions our men had to come back owing to the barrage shortening. In addition to the above, single guns or sections were firing short, and the smoke was very erratic. I mention this particularly as I am afraid there is an impression that the methods/

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mainly theoretical, by which accuracy is obtained, are quite effective, and I am sure the Artillery themselves are the last to desire to live in a fools' paradise.

Later, and particularly during the enemy counter-attacks, the work of the Artillery in response to our calls was splendid, as was also the work done by the sections of the advanced Brigade (Lieut. Colonel RIGAL). Owing to the perfection of the Signal Service, the excellent observation obtained by Battalion Commanders, and the splendid response of the gunners, I was able to place fire at any point within a few minutes of the target being observed. It was more like battleship fire control than anything I have yet experienced. Much of the success of this was due to the invaluable co-operation of Lieut. Colonel LLOYD, 12th Army Brigade, who commanded my Group and was with me all the time.

The detached sections had numerous targets, and more than once fired the last round they had. The ammunition supply was remarkably efficient, and saved much anxiety as to my power to maintain sufficient fire.

4. TANKS. The Tanks were rather disappointing; out of eight allotted to me, only four started, and I can only find evidence of two having actually got into action. Those two were late, but did excellent work and helped largely in taking the BEAUREVOIR Line. One of these went on to BELLEVUE FARM but had to return owing to the exhaustion of the crew. It was however manned by Lewis gunners of the 25th and 26th Battalions, and with the Officer and driver went over to assist the 5th Brigade at MOAT FARM. It however got knocked out by shell fire before reaching its objective, the driver being killed. At least three of the four Tanks got knocked out. Nothing could exceed the keenness of the crews of these Tanks. They did everything humanly possible to help, and it was real bad luck which prevented their full force being employed.

5. SIGNALS. The Signal Service was the most efficient I have yet experienced, due to the skill, courage, energy and training of the personnel. Every stage had been carefully worked out by Lieut. J.C. PRICE and his staff beforehand, and the co-operation of the Battalion staffs arranged for. As a result our Forward Station was established in MUSHROOM QUARRY by 07.45 and held all day. Shortly after, all units were connected with remarkably few interruptions. The complete system from Brigade to Companies held all the time, and we were able to turn it over in perfect shape to the 7th British Brigade on relief.

The work of Lieut. C.G. HOLLOWAY, 26th Battalion, who had charge of the Forward Station, and who was responsible for running out the line to MUSHROOM QUARRY in remarkably quick time, is well worthy of special mention.

6. SNIPERS. The Snipers again did marvellous work in keeping down enemy machine guns and snipers. The value of this Section in attack has been fully shown by the records in this and previous stunts. One can hardly estimate the value of their work from the bare figures supplied - 146 hits, 111 sure kills, 5 machine guns knocked out. It should be realized that these men are trained to pick only the targets which are of most danger to our men, and do not waste time on bunches of Huns retiring. A most valuable demonstration was given of the effectiveness of their fire against direct firing .77 mm guns. At 500 yards range one of these was silenced for long periods and the crew disorganised. This is worth remembering.

7. MOBILE ECHELON. The work of the echelon was very good indeed. Demands came from two Battalions for ammunition and Lewis Gun panniers - this was promptly dashed forward in limbers, going right up to MUSHROOM QUARRY. In addition 30,000 rounds of S.A.A. was sent up and handed over to the 7th British Brigade on relief.

8. ENGINEERS. The work of the 7th Field Company was as usual, excellent. Complete arrangements were made to meet any engineering contingency. Reconnaissance of the Canal, water supply, and examination of dugouts etc. was concurrent with the assault, and early reports were rendered. The crossing of the Canal by guns and transport was arranged for well in advance of requirements. Captain NOEL, as far as I was able to judge, amply demonstrated his capabilities as a Commander of a Field Company.

9. MACHINE GUNS. The machine gunners of the 7th Company again showed enterprise, skill and initiative in support of the Infantry to which they were attached. Their task was a difficult one, and they were very frequently under heavy and special fire, the enemy evidently paying special attention to them. In consequence they were rather severely handled.

10. TRENCH MORTARS. The work of the 7th A.L.T.M. Battery was as usual excellent, although they were not required to open fire. In spite of great transport difficulties, they with one exception reached their positions with what was, under the circumstances, a good supply of ammunition. Unfortunately the infantry could not spare men for carrying.

[Signature]
Brig. General,

Commanding 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Copy No. 11

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Order No. 230.Headquarters,
October 4th 1918.Reference Map Sheet WIANCOURT 1/20,000.

1. The 6th A.I. Brigade is carrying out an operation on the morning of October 5th 1918. The objective includes the village of MONTBIEHAIN. Zero hour is 6.5 a.m.
2. The 27th Battalion is placed at the disposal of the G.O.C. 6th A.I. Brigade for counter-attack purposes.
The 27th Battalion will move to trenches in B.28.a.3 b. prior to Zero hour tomorrow morning. Headquarters will be established at present 24th Battalion Headquarters, at B.27.c.8.2.
3. Remainder of 7th A.I. Brigade will not move from present position.
4. 6th A.I. Brigade Headquarters are at H.17.b.6.6.
5. A c k n o w l e d g e .

*Rlee*Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 9.30 p.m.

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 2. 26th Bn.
 3. 27th Bn.
 4. 28th Bn.
 5. 7th A.L.T.M.Bty.
 6. 6th A.I. Bde.
 7. 7th Field Coy
 8. 2nd Aust. Div.
 9. File.
 - 10/12. War Diary.
 - 13/14. Spare.

SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Copy No. 9

WARNING ORDER

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Headquarters,
October 5th 1918.Reference Maps 62B NW and 62C NE. 1/20,000.

1. The Second Australian Division (less Artillery) will be relieved in the line on the night 5th/6th October by the 30th American Division. The following is a forecast of moves.
2. The 118th American Infantry Regt. and 114th American M.G. Battalion will move to forward area by bus on morning of 5th October. Column will debus at F.21.c.4.8. about 1100 and move by RED and BLACK routes to areas G.16.b. and d., G.17, G.23.a. and b. 5th A.I. Bde will detail a mounted guide to meet column at debussing point and guide them to above area.
3. The 117th American Infantry Regt. will move to forward area by bus on afternoon of 5th October. Column will debus at F.21.c.4.8. about 1330 and move by RED and BLACK routes to area at present occupied by 25th, 26th, and 28th Bns., and the position vacated by 27th Bn. West of NAUROY. Each of the 25th, 26th and 28th Bns will send an officer mounted to meet column at debussing point and guide them to above area.
4. On relief, the 7th A.I. Bde group will move by march route to area recently vacated by them West of HARGICOURT.
5. On night 5th/6th October, 6th A.I. Bde Group and 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will be relieved in the line by 118th American Infantry Regt. and 114th American M.G. Bn. under arrangements to be made between G.O's C. concerned. On relief 6th A.I. Bde will move to area vacated by these American formations.
6. On morning 6th October, Brigade Groups will move by march route to HERVILLY area. Details of billeting will be supplied to Staff Captains by "Q" Branch on 5th October. 2nd Aust. Division H.Q. will move to DOINGT.
7. On 7th October the 2nd Aust. Div. will ontrain at ROISEL and move by rail to the YZEUX area. Transport will move by road commencing 7th October.
8. Special attention is directed to 2nd Aust. Div. Administrative Instructions No.15. sent units 5th October.
9. Acknowledge.

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

Issued through Signals at 0800

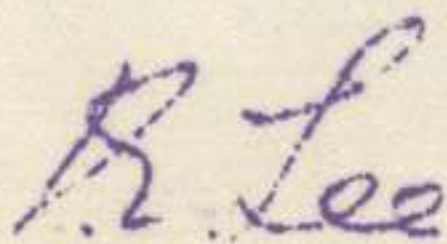
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 - 9/11. War Diary.
 - 12/18. Spare.

SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
 Headquarters,
 October 5th 1918.

 Headquarters,
 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Battalions,
 7th A.L.T.K. Battery.
 7th Field Coy A.E.
 7th M.G. Coy.
 7th Field Ambulance.

Reference Brigade Order No. 230 and Warning Order for Move.

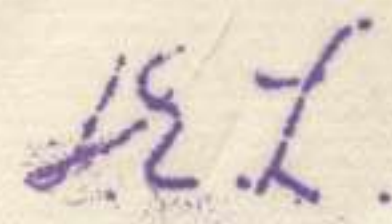
1. The 27th Battalion has been placed under the command of G.O.C. 6th A.I. Brigade to be used if necessary. When 27th Battalion moves forward, the 28th Battalion will move forward to take the place of 27th Battalion in B.28. The 28th Battalion will get in touch with the 27th Battalion (See this office B.M. 72 of oven date).
2. Reference B.M. 70 sent to 27th Battalion and 6th A.I. Bde. If 27th Battalion moves forward today from B.28, it will be relieved tonight when the 6th A.I. Bde is relieved by the Americans.
 If the 27th Battalion remains in its present position in B.28, it will be relieved by the American Battalion which the 28th Battalion is guiding to the present 28th Battalion area in G.5.a. The 27th Battalion will send guides to the 28th Battalion for this purpose by 4 p.m. today.
 The 27th Battalion in either case will move back to the vicinity of Brigade H.Q., South West of HARGICOURT.
3. The Brigade Group (less 27th Battalion and 28th Battalion) will be held at two hours' notice to be used in support of the 6th A.I. Bde, if necessary.
4. Units when moving back to the area South West of HARGICOURT will use the BLACK road.
5. 6th A.I. Bde H.Q. are at G.17.b.6.6.



 Major, Brigade Major,
 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

 Copies to -- 6th A.I. Bde.
 2nd Aust. Div.

N.B. Owing to the 28th Battalion having been ordered to move forward to trenches in B.27.c. this morning, the American Battalion mentioned in para 2 above will relieve the 28th Battalion in its new position, and not the 27th Battalion.



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Copy No. 38

Order No. 231.Headquarters,
October 7th 1918.Reference Maps : Sheet 62 C. N.E. 1/20,000.

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1. (a) The 2nd Australian Division (less Artillery) will move to the YZEUX area by train and march route on October 7th 1918.
- (b) The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will move to the ST. OUEN sub-area in accordance with attached move table and appendix 'D' of attached Administrative Instructions.
- (c) The 5th A.I. Brigade Group is moving to VIGNACOURT sub-area.
- (d) The 6th A.I. Brigade Group is moving to the YZEUX area.
2. For the move by train and road, the 7th A.I. Brigade Group will be composed as follows :-
- 7th A.I. Brigade
 - 7th Field Coy A.E.
 - 7th Field Ambulance
 - 17th A.A.S.C.
 - 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion.
 - No. 1.A. Sanitary Section.
3. Entraining Stations will be :-
- (a) Personnel of 5th A.I. Bde Group - TINCOURT.
 - 6th A.I. Bde " - ROISEL.
 - 7th A.I. Bde " - ROISEL.
- (b) Transport - TINCOURT.
- (c) Detraining Station for personnel train -
- ST. ROCH AMIENS, and for Transport - VIGNACOURT.
4. (a) Major F.H. BERRYMAN, 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery, attached 7th A.I. Brigade H.Q. will be Brigade Entraining Officer.
- (b) Each unit of the Brigade Group will detail an officer as Unit Entraining and Detraining Officer to report to Major BERRYMAN at the Entraining Point two hours before scheduled departure of train. He will be provided with an exact entraining state of his Unit.
- (c) Lieut. W.E. GROSE, 28th Battalion (Attached 7th Bde H.Q) will be Brigade Detraining Officer.
5. Such Transport as cannot be accommodated on Omnibus Train (See Appendix 'C' of Administrative Instructions, will move by road. See Appendix 'D' of same instructions.
6. Blankets will be carried on the man.
7. (a) Headquarters will be located as follows in the YZEUX area :-
- Divisional H.Q. - BELLOY.
 - 5th A.I. Bde - VIGNACOURT
 - 6th A.I. Bde - YZEUX
 - 7th A.I. Bde - ST. OUEN.

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Oct. 7th (b) 7th A.I. Brigade H.Q. will close at L.10.a.4.5. at 09.30 and move with Brigade H.Q. personnel, opening at ST. OUEM on arrival.

Acknowledge.

K. Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 1 a.m.

Copies to :-

- 1. 25th Bn.
- 2. 26th Bn.
- 3. 27th Bn.
- 4. 28th Bn.
- 5. 7th T.M.Bty.
- 6. 7th Field Coy.
- 7. 7th Field Amb.
- 8. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
- 9. 17th A.A.S.C.
- 10. No. 1 A. Sanitary Sectn.
- 11. 2nd M.G. Bn.
- 12. 5th Field Coy Engineers
- 13. 6th " " "
- 14. 7th M.G. Coy
- 15. 5th A.I. Bde.
- 16. 6th A.I. Bde.
- 17. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
- 18. " " " - 'A.Q'
- 19. G.O.C.
- 20. B.M.
- 21. S.C.
- 22. Major F.H. BERRYMAN
- 23. B.T.O.
- 24. Bde Signal Officer.
- 25. Bde Musketry Officer.
- 26. Bde Bomb Officer.
- 27. Bde Intelligence Officer.
- 28. Area Commandant, ST. OUEM.
- 29. " " HERVILLY.
- 30. " " CAPPY.
- 31. " " DAOURS.
- 32. R.T.O., ST. ROCH.
- 33. " " TINCOURT.
- 34. " " ROISEL.
- 35. File.
- 36/38. War Diary.
- 39/42. Spares.

Units destinations are :-

- 7th A.I. Bde H.Q. ST. OUEM
- 7th A.L.T.M. Bty " "
- 7th Field Coy " "
- 7th Field Amb. " "
- 25th, 26th, 27th, 28 Bns BERTEAUCOURT.
- 5th & 6th Field Coy - BERTHEN-COURT.
- 2nd M.G. Bn. St. LEGER
- 2nd Pioneer Bn. PERNOIS.

(a) Headquarters will be located as follows in the YXXIX area :-

7th A.I. Bde	ST. OUEM.
6th A.I. Bde	YXXIX
5th A.I. Bde	VIGNACOURT
Divisional H.Q.	BELLOY.

MOVE TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 231 dated 7/10/1918.

Date	Unit	Arrive ROISEL Station.	Depart at	Arrive ST. ROCH at	Remarks
1918 Oct. 7th.	25th Bn.	1000	1st Train 1130	1530	On the march, normal distances will be maintained.
"	26th Bn.	1005	ditto	"	
"	27th Bn.	1010	ditto	"	
"	28th Bn.	1020	ditto	"	En route to ROISEL the BLACK road and dry weather track will be used where possible.
"	7th A.L.T.M.B.	1030	ditto	"	
"	7th A.I. Bde H.Q.	1035	2nd Train 1200	1600	Guides from advance parties will meet units at ST. ROCH.
"	7th Field Coy	1040	ditto	"	
"	2nd Pioneer Bn.	1045	ditto	"	Destination in ST. QUEN area will be notified to units.
"	7th Field Ambulance	1055	ditto	"	
"	No. 1. San. Sec.	1058	ditto	"	
"	17th A.A.S.C.	1100	ditto	"	Route from ST. ROCH - LONGPRE-ST. VAAST en CHAUSSEE-to billets.

No coaches will be available on personnel train. Each train will consist of 40 open and closed trucks.

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October 7th 1918.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS to accompany Brigade Order No. 231.

Reference Maps - Sheets 62 N.E. 1/20,000.
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1. BILLETING. Billeting parties have been sent on ahead. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will be billeted in the ST. OUEM sub-area. The constitution of 7th A.I. Brigade Group for billeting purposes is as per Appendix 'A'.
2. TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS. The Brigade Group for purposes of move by rail and road is as per Appendix 'B'
 - (a) Personnel Train for 7th A.I. Bde Group departs from ROISEL, and goes to ST. ROCH. Time of departure will be notified later.
 - (b) Omnibus Train - Attached Appendix 'C' gives transport per unit to be taken on Omnibus Train. The following time is fixed for Omnibus Train - 7th A.I. Brigade Group - Departs 19.40 on 7/10/18. Entraining Station VIGNACOURT, arriving at 2400. Detraining Station TINCOURT. Lieut. BROWN, Transport Officer 28th Bn. will be in charge of Omnibus Train, and Units will hand in entraining states to him on arrival at TINCOURT. Transport for Omnibus Train will assemble in J.24.b.10.90. three hours prior to time fixed for departure. 25th Bn. will supply a party of 3 Officers and 100 other ranks for loading and unloading purposes. This party will report to Lieut. BROWN, 28th Bn. at 1600 on 7/10/18 at TINCOURT Station. On detrainment, transport will proceed in column under Lieut. BROWN and break off when their billeting areas are reached. All Cyclists will move by Omnibus Train.
3. TRANSPORT. Units' Transport - less portion mentioned in Appendix 'C' will move by road as per Appendix 'D' attached. Captain J. WALKER, 17th A.A.S.C. will be in Command of the Transport of the Brigade Group. Captain J.C. LITTLE will command the 7th A.I. Bde Transport. Lieut. H.G. WEBB, Transport Officer, 25th Bn. and one man per Unit will go on ahead and arrange billeting. This party will be the permanent billeting party for the march to ST. OUEM sub-area. FULL ECHELON will be carried.

reporting to Area Comndt CAPPY at 10 am 7/10/18 & guide transport to their 4. billets.

4. SUPPLIES. See para 3 of 2nd Aust. Div. Admin. Memo No. 229 of October 6th, issued to units. Each unit will take delivery of supply wagons for Omnibus Train at K.17.a. this morning in sufficient time to join convoy moving to entraining station.

- 5. PACKS & SURPLUS EQUIPMENT. Arrangements are being made by 2nd Aust. Division to transport all baggage in Kit Store, PERONNE, for delivery to Brigade Groups in new area. Details will be notified later.
- 6. REINFORCEMENTS. See para 6 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
- 7. F.P. COMPOUND. See para 8 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
- 8. SANITARY SECTION. See para 10 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
- 9. R.E. DUMP. See para 11 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
- 10. ORDNANCE. See para 13 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
- 11. CANTEENS. See para 14 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
- 12. BATHS. See para 15 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
- 13. TRENCH SHELTERS. All trench shelters will be returned to R.Q.M.S. SUMMERS at 7th A.I. Brigade H.Q. by 0900 on 7th instant.

F.H. BERRYMAN, Major,
for Staff Captain, 7th A.I. Brigade.

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APPENDICES to 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 231.Appendix 'A'

For Billoting purposes the 7th A.I. Brigade Group will be composed as follows :-

Brigade Headquarters,
7th A.L.T.M. Battery,
No.4. Signal Section.
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Battalions.
2nd Machine Gun Battalion.
2nd Pioneer Battalion.
5th, 6th and 7th Field Coys A.E.
7th Field Ambulance.

Appendix 'B'

The Brigade Group for purpose of move by road and rail will be composed as follows :-

Brigade Headquarters,
7th A.L.T.M. Battery,
No.4. Signal Section
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.
7th Field Coy A.E.
2nd Pioneer Battalion.
One Coy A.A.S.C.
7th Field Ambulance,
No.1. Sanitary Section.

Appendix 'C' Omnibus Train. Transport and Horses.

Train comprises 17 flat trucks, 67 axles and 30 covered wagons for Horses, Baggage and Personnel.

Unit	Vehicles	Axles	Horses		
			Rides	L.D.	H.D.
Bde H.Q.	1 G.S. Lim.Wag.	2	-	-	2
	1 G.S. Wagon	2	6	-	2
4 Bns each	2 Cookers	16			
	1 G.S. Wag.Supply	8			
	1 Water Cart	4			
	1 Mess Cart	4	6	-	9
Field Coy	1 Water Cart				
	1 G.S.Lim.Supply	3	2	-	4
Pioneer Bn.	3 Cookers				
	1 G.S. Wag.Supply				
	1 Water Cart				
Field Amb.	1 Mess Cart	10	6	-	11
	1 Water Cart				
	1 Mess Cart				
Sig.Sectn	1 G.S. Wag.Supply	4	2	-	5
	1 Signal Cart	2	-	2	-
	Mess Cart				

Cyclists of all units will proceed by Omnibus Train. A loading party of 100 men will be provided by Brigade for loading and off-loading Omnibus Train.

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APPENDIX 'D' to Brigade Order No.231 (Administrative Instructions).

Date	Bdo Group	From	To	Starting Point	To pass S.P. at	Route	Billets from Area Comndt at
1918 Oct. 7th.	7th A.I. Bdo Group	HERVILLY AREA	ECLUSIER	L.3.a.0.0. (62.c.NE)	08.00	TEMPLEUX-le GERARD-ROISEL- HAMEL-Fbg de BRETAGNE-HALLE- Bridge H.24.b. HERBECOURT-	CAPPY
Oct. 8th	ditto	ECLUSIER	DAOURS	Cometary on Road on N. edge CAPPY.	08.00	CAPPY - BRAY - CORBIE - La NEUVILLE.	DAOURS.
Oct. 9th.	ditto	DAOURS	YZEUX	Road junc- tion $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N.E. Pt.CAMON	08.00	ALLONVILLE - POULAINVILLE- VAUX & thence to billets.	

Order of March :- 17th Coy A.A.S.C.
25th Bn., Bde Signal Section & Bdo H.Q., 2 G.S. limbered wagons of 7th A.L.T.N.Bty
26th Battalion
27th Battalion
28th Battalion
2nd Pioneer Battalion.
7th Field Coy A.E.
7th Field Ambulance & 1st Sanitary Section.

Distances as laid down in Fourth Army R.O. No.2039 dated 15th May 1918 will be maintained.

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Headquarters,
October 11th 1918.ORDERS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE 7th A.I. BRIGADE GROUP AREA.1. BRIGADE GROUP. The following Units comprise the 7th A.I. Brigade Group:-

7th A.I. Brigade Headquarters,
7th A.L.T.M. Battery,
No. 4. Signal Section,
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Battalions,
2nd Aust. Machine Gun Battalion,
2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion,
5th, 6th and 7th Field Companies A.E.
7th Field Ambulance.

2. BOUNDARIES. The Brigade Group boundaries are :-

Western boundary - The DOMART - FLIXECOURT Road via ST. OUEN between DOMART and FLIXECOURT, both villages exclusive, but the road inclusive.

Southern boundary - The FLIXECOURT - VIGNACOURT Road inclusive, but the villages of FLIXECOURT and VIGNACOURT exclusive.

Eastern boundary - A direct line between HALLOY and VIGNACOURT, both villages exclusive.

Northern boundary - A direct line between DOMART and HALLOY, both villages exclusive.

The villages of DOMART, VILLE-le-MARCLET, FLIXECOURT, VIGNACOURT and HALLOY are outside the Brigade Group boundaries.

3. AREA COMMANDANTS. The Area Commandant for the villages of ST. OUEN and BETHENCOURT is located at ST. OUEN, and for the villages of ST. LEGER, BERTEAUCOURT, and PERNOIS, at ST. LEGER.4. ADMINISTRATION. The Brigade Group Area is administered by the G.O.C. 7th A.I. Brigade.

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5. DUTIES. A Duty Unit will be detailed for a week's duties in each village of the Brigade Group Area, and will perform the duties enumerated in this Order, and also any other duties required from time to time, in the following rotation, commencing 14th instant :-

BETHENCOURT. 6th Field Company A.E.
5th Field Company A.E.

ST. OUEN. 7th Field Company A.E.
7th A.L.T.M. Battery.

ST. LEGER. 2nd Aust. Machine Gun Bn.
(Continuously)

BERTEAUCOURT. 26th Battalion
27th Battalion
28th Battalion

PERNOIS. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
(Continuously)

Picquets will be detailed by the Duty Unit as follows :-

BETHENCOURT. Disciplinary Picquet 1 Officer 15 o/r
Fire Picquet 1 Officer 15 o/r.

ST. OUEN. Disciplinary Picquet 1 Officer 15 o/r
Fire Picquet 1 Officer 15 o/r.

ST. LEGER. Disciplinary Picquet 1 Officer 25 o/r
Fire Picquet 1 Officer 25 o/r.

BERTEAUCOURT. Disciplinary Picquet 1 Officer 30 o/r
Fire Picquet 1 Officer 30 o/r.

PERNOIS. Disciplinary Picquet 1 Officer 20 o/r
Fire Picquet 1 Officer 20 o/r.

The DISCIPLINARY PICQUET will, in the villages of ST. OUEN, BERTEAUCOURT and ST. LEGER, report to the respective Area Commandants, and in the villages of BETHENCOURT, and PERNOIS, to their respective Unit Headquarters, at 18.00 nightly. The duty of the picquets will be to patrol systematically the village for which they are responsible, and generally maintain discipline. It will also be responsible for clearing all estaminets at the proper hour and for seeing that the streets are clear of all troops not on duty by 21.30.

The greatest care must be used in throwing away matches or cigarette ends, knocking out pipes or handling lighted candles. It is the duty of every man to realise the danger to life and property caused by carelessness in such matters.

Bombs, explosives or ammunition are not to be stored in billets occupied by troops.

Every unit will frame and issue its own orders as regards Fire Pickets and Fire Alarm. These will be read out on parade, and will be posted up together with the precautions set out above.

The above precautions are only those of general application. Other precautions may be required in special localities. It is the duty of all officers concerned to see that all the precautions against fire, which are in their opinion necessary, are properly carried out.

Fire orders will include :-

(a) Precautions to be taken to prevent fires
(b) Measures to be taken to cope with fires if they do occur. Water projected from fire buckets by means of a hand pump is more effective than water thrown from buckets. The bucket in which the pump is working must be replenished as fast as the pump can work.

(c) The action to be taken to safeguard billets in the event of a gas or other alarm, when men hurriedly turned out at night, strike matches and light candles &c and leave the lights burning in the billets.

FIREPLACES. Officers will be specially responsible for seeing that there is no indiscriminate lighting of fires likely to prove dangerous. This practice has proved a fertile source of danger in the past, and the following precautions will be observed :-

(a) No stove will be brought into use in any hut or billet unless it has been inspected and pronounced safe by an officer. It will be at least 3 feet clear of the wall, and care is to be taken that no part of the metal flue touches any woodwork. Where the flue passes through a wooden wall or roof, it should be carried through an external pipe, preferably of earthenware. The space between the flue and the outer pipe should be filled with non-inflammable packing. The external pipe should also be kept from contact with any wood by protecting the wood with tin or metal covering.

(b) Flues must be regularly swept.

(c) A daily inspection of all woodwork near stoves and flues should be made to ascertain that there is no charring of wood in progress.

(d) Receptacles for water will be placed in all huts and will invariably be kept full.

The FIRE PIQUET will be detailed for 24 hours tour of duty and will remain in the immediate vicinity of its billets during that time. It will be prepared to proceed to any fires in its area, immediately on receiving warning, and will be at the disposal of the local authorities. The location of the piquet will be notified to Area Commandants and all Units occupying the village. Information concerning fire appliances will be obtained from Area Commandants.

6. ESTAMINETS. Estaminets are open to British troops when not on duty, from 10.30 to 13.30 and from 17.30 to 21.00. Troops found inside estaminets at other hours will be arrested and the premises placed "Out of Bounds".

Only beer, wine, and non-intoxicating liquors may be sold in estaminets.

7. PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE. Particular care must be taken with regard to fires. O.C. Units are responsible that proper precautions are taken, and that all ranks are fully acquainted with fire orders as laid down in Fourth Army Standing Orders Nos. 77 to 89.

Fires, stoves, braziers, naked lights and smoking are forbidden in any room or barn which contains hay, straw or other inflammable material.

Where stoves and braziers are allowed in billets or huts, they must be placed on sheet iron or on an earth or brick floor, and definite precautions must be taken to prevent ashes or bits of burning coal from falling out of the stove or brazier.

No open lighted brazier or naked light is to be left unattended in any hut or billet.

Cookhouses, field cookers, forges, and incinerators will not be placed against the walls of any buildings or in the vicinity of ricks or stacks of inflammable materials, or in places where it is possible for sparks to start fires in thatched roofs. Their precise position will be fixed by an officer.

Tent lanterns, when available, will always be used in billets, huts or tents; when these are not available and candles are used, the candles must be fixed in an empty tin to protect them on three sides and at top and bottom, and placed as far as possible from any canvas or tarred material in the billet.

Petrol must not be used in any heating or cooking stove. Petrol, paraffin, oil and candles must not be stored near any stove, brazier, fireplace or lamp.

Buckets or tins containing water, sand or dry earth will be kept ready to hand in every billet or hut or tent for use in case of fire.

(e) Special attention will be paid to the strict observance of "Lights Out", and fires will be put out and not banked at "Lights Out" or earlier.

(f) No lining in huts, canvas or other inflammable material will be placed within 2 feet of the stove or pipe.

(g) The use of tar on stove pipes or portions of huts which become heated by proximity to stoves or stove pipes is forbidden.

(h) When a unit occupies a billet with a fireplace which is defective in construction and likely to prove dangerous, the O.C. Unit will arrange for its use as a fireplace to be rendered impossible.

8. SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS. Fly-proof latrines will be provided in the vicinity of all billets on the basis of 5% seating accommodation. Units are responsible that their billets and surroundings are kept clean. Refuse and rubbish must be removed daily to dumps and burned. Manure must not be allowed to accumulate in stables or standings, but is to be taken to a dump in the fields outside the village, and closely packed. (See Fourth Army S.O. No.949). On departure units should obtain a certificate that they have left their billets clean and in good order.

9. REMOVAL OF MATERIAL. Bricks, wood, straw, or other such articles must not be removed from billets without the permission of the owner or the Area Commandant.

10. CLAIMS. Any claims by the inhabitants for damage must be settled before leaving the area.
G.R.O.'s No.1028 and No.1090 re Grazing and Trees are republished herewith for guidance :-

G.R.O. No.1028. (as amended by G.R.O. 2083).

1. The grazing of horses is a matter which should always be arranged amicably with the farmers concerned.

2. The amount to be paid will be the subject of agreement between the Officer Commanding the Unit and the farmer.

3. Payment will be made by the Officer Command-

ing the Unit through his Imprest Account.

4. The agreement must state the area of the pasture and condition prior to occupation, the number of horses to be grazed, and the first date of occupation.

When the area is vacated, a joint inspection will be made with the farmer by an officer on behalf of the Officer Commanding the Unit.

5. In no case is payment for grazing to be charged against the public except in lieu of green forage, carrots etc. which are authorised to be purchased to supplement the quantity of hay drawn daily from hailhead.

6. Grazing is not to be requisitioned.

7. Copies of the agreement will be forwarded to the Brigade or Divisional Troops Supply Officer, and the President, Claims Commission, as a safeguard against duplicate payment".

G.R.O. 1090.- Damage to Trees. When the occupation of orchards etc. by mounted troops is necessary, horses will on no account be tied to trees; and care must be taken to tether them whenever possible, out of reach of any trees.

Cases have occurred where the trunks of trees have been barked all round by horses being tied to them or by the horses themselves eating the bark, with the result that the trees perish.

To protect them from such injury, sacking or some similar material will invariably be wrapped round the trunks."

11. LEAVE. Men are not to go beyond the Brigade Group boundaries without a pass. There is no necessity to limit the movements of men who wish to visit neighbouring units or places of interest, but they must be provided with passes, otherwise they are liable to arrest by the M.P. of adjacent areas. C.O's of Units are authorised to grant such passes freely to areas not out of bounds to men of good conduct. This authority will not extend beyond ABBEVILLE. The town of AMIENS is out of bounds.

Leave to ABBEVILLE may be granted by C.O's in accordance with G.R.O. No. 4071 which reads as follows -

G.R.O. 4071 - Bounds - ABBEVILLE. With reference to G.R.O. 3702, a limited number of passes valid for entering the town of ABBEVILLE when not on duty between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. may be given by the Commanding Officers of Units billeted in the immediate neighbourhood to Officers, N.C.Os and men serving under them. The number of passes issued in each unit, including those granted to officers, must not exceed 10% of the strength of the Unit."

12. BILLETING. Units requiring billets must report to the Area Commandant. No billets are to be taken without his permission, and any change of billets or departure from same must be reported. Billeting Certificates should be rendered to the Maire and the B.R.O. before departure, and weekly by units stationed in the towns. All units must send in to the Area Commandant as soon as possible after arrival, a complete list of the billets they occupy, stating messes, offices, and stores occupied, and giving the name of owner and the number and street of billet, and number of officers and men in each.
- Each unit will furnish the Area Commandants of their respective areas with a copy of the weekly billeting state.
13. CAMPING AND TRAINING GROUNDS. Camping or Training Grounds must not be used without permission of the Area Commandant or MAIRE. Care must be taken to avoid damage to crops and pastureland. Horses must not be picketed within reach of trees. Particulars of all grounds obtained by units for Training or Sports will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters immediately arranged.
14. AREA STORES. Area stores must not be removed from the villages or camps. Receipts for same must be given and obtained when taking or handing over.
15. WATER POINTS, INCINERATORS, MANURE & REFUSE DUMPS. Information concerning these will be obtained from Area Commandants direct.
16. DRESS. Men must at all times be correctly dressed. When 'walking out' men will, after 14.30 wear Webb waist belts. Should greatcoats be worn, the belts will be worn over them and coats buttoned up. All men on leave must at all times wear waist belts. Men whose authorised equipment is of leather, will wear leather waist belts.

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- 17. BATHS. Baths will be located in BERTEAUCOURT and ST.OUEN, and units given allotments when they are in working order.
- 18. ABLUTION. Ablution benches will, when material becomes available, be erected near billets.
- 19. TATTOO. All men must be in billets by 21.30 unless on duty.
- 20. PROMULGATION. These Orders are to be promulgated to all ranks forthwith and periodically while in this area.



Lieutenant,
A/Staff Captain, 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.No. 260/51
Date.....SPECIAL ORDER by Brig. General E.A. WISDOM, C.B., D.S.O., Commanding.
-----Headquarters,
October 11th 1918.

1. The re-organization of the 7th A.I. Brigade in accordance with instructions received from Higher Authority, into three Battalions, will be carried into effect on the 12th instant.

2. The 25th Battalion will be absorbed into the 26th Battalion.

3. The 25th and 26th Battalions will be organised into two Companies, each, before transfer.

4. Lieut. Colonel W.A. DAVIS, M.C. will Command the 26th Battalion temporarily.

The two Companies of the 25th Battalion on transfer will be Commanded by officers of that Battalion, and the two Companies of the 26th Battalion by Officers of that Battalion.

5. The following copies of memos dealing with the re-organization are attached for information and any necessary action.

- (a) Australian Corps letter 156/367 of 24/9/1918.
- (b) Statement of circumstances necessitating re-organization.
- (c) Australian Corps letter 136/364 dated 23/9/1918.

The return mentioned in Australian Corps memo para 7 must be signed by the Commanding Officer, 25th Battalion.

6. The C.O. 25th Battalion will on completion of the re-organization render through Brigade Headquarters to Divisional Headquarters a report dealing with each of the subjects mentioned in Appendix 'A'.

7. When the re-organization has been effected, the designation "25th Battalion" will apply to the Training Battalion in England of the 7th A.I. Brigade.

8. The 25th Battalion Headquarters Orderly Room Staff will be sent to report to Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in U.K. for duty with the 25th Battalion on its re-organization as a Training Unit.

9. The Transport of the 25th Battalion will be kept intact for the present, and until otherwise disposed of, will be handed over to the 2nd Aust. Divisional Train for administration and discipline. The personnel will be transferred to the 26th Battalion, but will remain detached with the 2nd Australian Divisional Train for the present.

10. The remaining personnel of the 25th Battalion will be transferred in accordance with Appendices 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E' and 'G' to the 26th Battalion, and will be shown on the A.F. B.213 of the 26th Battalion rendered on the 19th instant accordingly.

11. Posting of Officers of 25th Battalion.

(a) Officers absent sick or wounded, whether on the Regimental Seconded List or not, will be transferred to the 26th Battalion in accordance with Appendix 'C'.

(b) Officers on the Supernumerary List will not be transferred, but will remain thereon until otherwise disposed of.

(c) Officers now seconded for duty with the Training Battalion will be transferred to the 26th Battalion in accordance with Appendix 'D', and will thence be seconded for duty with the 25th Battalion (which has now become the Training Battalion of the Brigade)

Officers of other Battalions of the Brigade now seconded for duty with the Training Battalion (other than those on the Training Battalion Headquarters) will be shown in the next Seniority and Regimental List as being seconded for duty with the 25th Battalion.

(d) Officers reported as "Missing" will remain on the 25th Battalion list until struck off after the expiration of three months from the date of being reported "Missing" - or until otherwise disposed of.

(e) Officers now seconded on other employment will be transferred to 26th Battalion in accordance with Appendix 'E', and remain seconded.

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(f) The Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster of the 25th Battalion will be sent to England for a tour of duty with the Training Battalion, thus relieving two Officers for return to duty in the Field. (See Appendix 'F')

(g) The Officer holding the appointment of Adjutant, 25th Battalion, will automatically relinquish such appointment.

(h) The R.M.O. will be re-allotted to another Unit by the A.D.M.S.

The Divisional Commander may recommend the transfer of any Officer seconded, to any Battalion of the Division.

12. Disposal of Other Ranks of 25th Battalion.

(a) Personnel in hospital will not be transferred. Those who are discharged from hospitals to Command Depots will remain members of their original Unit, which will still be in existence as a "Training Battalion, until they are either :-

- (i) Returned to Australia, or
- (ii) Transferred to Overseas Training Brigade.

In the case of (i) they will be returned as members of their original Unit.

In the case of (ii) they will be transferred by the G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom, as reinforcements for the Battalion of their own Brigade from their own State, which is most in need of men, from time to time. (See Australian Corps Memo 136/367 herewith)

13. Mobilisation Stores. All Mobilisation Stores - except Transport and Transport Equipment - will be returned to D.A.D.O.S. accompanied by detailed lists in triplicate marked "On Repayment". Original and duplicate lists will be signed by D.A.D.O.S. - one for preservation with Battalion records, and one for submission to A.D.O.S. Australian Corps. On completion of return of stores, a return in the following pro forma will be rendered through Brigade Headquarters to A.D.O.S. Australian Corps :-

Mob. Estab.	Stores	Returned	Surplus.	Deficiency.	Explanation of Deficiency
AFG 1098/110.	on	to	Estab. D.A.D.O.S.		

14. The records of the 25th Battalion will be written up to date and sent to the Officer in Charge, Australian War Records Section.

15. The Regimental Funds of the 25th Battalion will be audited at once by a Board appointed by the C.O., and after audit, handed over to the C.O. 26th Battalion.

16. All returns, reports, etc. required to be submitted by the C.O. 25th Battalion in connection with the re-organization will be transmitted through Brigade Headquarters.

17. A return will be rendered to D.A.G., A.I.F. Fourth Army 'A' and Australian Corps Headquarters showing :-

(a) Number of other ranks of 25th Battalion transferred to 26th Battalion.

(b) Posting of Officers of 25th Battalion to 26th Battalion.

This return will be supplied to Brigade Headquarters by the 19th Inst. and will then be forwarded as required above.

18. Personnel of Aust. Postal Corps and Aust. Pay Corps will be disposed of by D.A.D.P.S. and Divisional Paymaster respectively.

Adrian
Lieutenant,
A/Staff Captain, 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Copies to :-
25th, 26th Battalions.
27th, 28th Battalions (for information)
2nd Australian Division.
G.O.C.
B.M.
S.C.
War Diary (3)
Spare (4)

APPENDIX 'A'

LIST OF SUBJECTS TO BE DEALT WITH BY COMMANDING OFFICER

25th BATTALION.

The following information will be supplied to 26th Battalion:-

- (a) Nominal roll of all ranks being transferred to 26th Battalion showing personnel present and detached. One copy to be sent to 26th Battalion and one copy to Brigade H.Q.
- (b) All records concerning Officers shown on Appendices 'B', 'C', 'D' & 'E' to be sent to 26th Battalion.
- (c) Particulars and description of men now Absent Without Leave.
- (d) Particulars of men reported "Missing" and statement as to whether they have been declared as such by Court of Enquiry or not. If a Court of Enquiry has been held, a copy of the Proceedings to be forwarded to 26th Battalion.
- (e) Outstanding F.G.C.M. papers to be sent either to 26th Battalion or to Brigade H.Q. Those not affecting 26th Battalion to be sent to Brigade H.Q.
- (f) Officers and other ranks recommended for decorations, but to whom no award has yet been made. Particulars to be furnished to Brigade H.Q. and to 26th Battalion.
- (g) Officers and other ranks who have been awarded decorations, specifying whether medal or ribbon has been awarded. To be furnished to Brigade H.Q. and also 26th Battalion.
- (h) Particulars of
 - (i) All men undergoing suspended sentence,
 - (ii) All men undergoing imprisonment and field punishment.
 To be furnished to 26th Battalion and Brigade H.Q.
- (i) All paybooks are to be completed. Pay Sergeant 25th Battalion will notify the Divisional Paymaster of all changes in the case of men who have signed the necessary declaration of loss of paybook.
- (j) Officers and Sergeants' Messes will be closed and accounts audited.
- (k) A.F's B.122 to be completed and forwarded to 26th Bn.
- (l) Particulars of Schools attended by (i) Officers, (ii) N.C.Os, (iii) men, and results obtained; to be forwarded to 26th Battalion.
- (m) Regimental Trust Funds Account to be audited and handed over to 26th Battalion.
- (n) Mobilisation Stores.

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(o) War Diary to be completed to 12th instant and forwarded to Brigade Headquarters for transmission to Aust. War Records Section.

(p) Inventories of personal effects of deceased and wounded men to be forwarded to Base Records.

(q) List showing dates of all ranks last leave to England or last date in England, for purposes of compiling leave roster - to be furnished 26th Battalion.

(r) Despatching souvenirs of Battalion to War Museum, Australian War Records Section.

(s) Packing for despatch to London Records, all books, documents etc. held at Battalion Headquarters which are required for record purposes.

(t) Particulars of all reported deaths to be forwarded to Base Records as soon as possible, a copy of the report to be forwarded to 26th Battalion.

(u) Outstanding B.M. reports to be sent either to the Battalion or to Brigade B.M. Those not closing 30th instant to be sent to Brigade B.M.

(v) Officers and other ranks recommended for decorations, but to whom no award has yet been made, particulars to be furnished to Brigade B.M. and to 26th Battalion.

(w) Officers and other ranks who have been awarded decorations, medals or other awards, particulars to be furnished to Brigade B.M. and to 26th Battalion.

(x) Particulars of all honours and awards to be forwarded to Base Records.

(y) All honours and awards to be forwarded to Base Records.

(z) All honours and awards to be forwarded to Base Records.

(aa) Officers and other ranks recommended for decorations, but to whom no award has yet been made, particulars to be furnished to Brigade B.M. and to 26th Battalion.

(ab) Officers and other ranks who have been awarded decorations, medals or other awards, particulars to be furnished to Brigade B.M. and to 26th Battalion.

(ac) Particulars of all honours and awards to be forwarded to Base Records.

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(am) Particulars of all honours and awards to be forwarded to Base Records.

APPENDIX "B"

OFFICERS PRESENT WITH 25th BATTALION, INCLUDING
DETACHED, AT SCHOOLS, AND ON LEAVE.

Tempy Major	FLETCHER,	J.L.	M.C.
Captain	LENNON,	A.	M.C.
"	CARROLL,	G.	M.C.
"	BIRD,	W.R.	
T/Captain	McSKIMMING,	J.	
"	CLEARY,	E.W.	
Lieut.	DUNKERTON,	H.M.	
"	SHEPHERD,	H.F.	
"	RICHARDS,	W.R.	
"	NORTON-SMITH,	E.	
"	BARLOW,	F.H.	
"	PAYNE,	T.W.	
"	FERGUSON,	R.N.	
"	BEDSOR,	G.	
"	HUSBAND,	R.J.	
"	KIRK,	L.A.	
"	NEWMAN,	P.	
"	BERTRAM,	C.S.	
"	McCOMB,	F.	
"	BIDEN,	H.E.	
"	SMITH,	S.J.	M.C.
"	TODD,	E.C.	
"	EATHER,	R.C.	M.C., M.M.
"	WEBB,	H.G.	
2/Lieut.	GRENFELL,	F.G.	
"	HART,	P.L.	
"	ROSS,	W.R.	
"	STEWART,	C.	
"	STUBBS,	G.A.	
"	DIX	E.A.	
"	CADZOW	J.H.	
"	WARD,	C.H.	
"	STEUART-WELCH,	E.	
"	BATTEN,	R.H.	

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APPENDIX 'C'OFFICERS ABSENT SICK OR WOUNDED.

Major	PAGE,	H.H.	M.C.	Wounded.
Captain	CROSS,	H.	M.C.	"
"	FOXTON,	H.C.		"
Lieut.	HARRISON,	W.	M.C., M.M.	"
"	FAIRLIE,	E.W.		"
"	ADAIR,	A.P.H.		"
"	ROSENSKJAR,	F.S.		Sick.
"	HANSFORD,	G.E.		Wounded.
"	ANNAT,	J.W.	M.M.	"
"	WORN,	D.C.	M.M.	"
"	KENNEDY,	W.N.		"
"	RENDEN,	P.H.		"
2/Lieut.	NORMAN,	F.B.		"
"	HOGG,	J.K.		"
"	GOOCH,	P.V.		"
"	PAINE,	G.K.		"
"	GRAHAM,	J.I.		"
"	MCLAUGHLIN,	C.L.		"

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APPENDIX 'D'OFFICERS SECONDED FOR DUTY WITH TRAINING BATTALION.

Lieutenant Colonel E.C. NORRIE, D.S.O.
Lieutenant A.M. LILBURNE.

APPENDIX 'E'OFFICERS SECONDED ON OTHER EMPLOYMENT.

Major W.F.N. BRIDGES, D.S.O.	Brigade Major, 6th A.I.Bde.
Captain F.R. CORNEY, M.C.	Staff Trainee, 5th A.I. Bde.
Lieutenant W.T. BARNES.	No.1. Command Depot, HAVRE.
Lieutenant G.J. RODGER,	7th A.L.T.M.Battery.
Lieutenant W.L. MILLER,	7th A.L.T.M.Battery.

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APPENDIX 'F'

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER 25th BATTALION to
PROCEED TO TRAINING BATTALION - ENGLAND.

Assistant Adjutant. 2/Lieut. R.T. St. G. CAULFIELD.

Quartermaster - Nil.

APPENDIX 'G'

NUMBER OF WARRANT OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, LANCE
CORPORALS and PRIVATES TRANSFERRED TO 26th BATTALION
INCLUDING THOSE DETACHED.

R.S.M.	1	(Temporary)
R.Q.M.S.	2	
C.Q.M.S.	4	
C.S.M.	2	
Sergoants	25	
Corporals	36	
Privates	412	

	482	
Privates A.W.L.	19	
F.P. COMPOUND	16	
Missing (not yet de- clared by Court of Enquiry	14	

	49	<u>GRAND TOTAL 531 o/r.</u>

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

136/364

Headquarters,
23rd September 1918.

- G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division.
 - G.O.C. 3rd Australian Division.
 - G.O.C. 4th Australian Division.
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Instructions have been received from Higher Authority that the 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 14th and 15th Australian Infantry Brigades are to be at once re-organised on a three Battalion basis, in conformity with the re-organization of the whole British Army which has recently been effected.

The re-organisation of the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade is temporarily postponed.

A statement is enclosed herewith explaining the circumstances which have led to this decision and extracts from this statement or the whole of it may be communicated to the Unit concerned - if so desired.

After careful consideration, in the light of all information available as to reinforcements and their territorial distribution, it has been decided that the following Battalions shall be merged into the remaining Battalions of their Brigades :-

- 19th, 21st, 25th, 37th, 42nd, 54th and 60th Battalions.

The above re-organisation must be completed not later than the 23th instant in order to re-organise the Divisions for battle operations at an early date.

The usual detailed instructions will be issued in each case

(signed) JOHN MONASH,
Lieut. General,
Commanding Australian Corps.

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Statement of Circumstances Necessitating Re-Organization.

During the past twelve months the organization of the British Army has been converted so as to bring all Infantry Brigades to a 3-Battalion basis - This has been completed throughout the Army, partly on account of the man-power situation, but partly also on account of tactical considerations, on the analogy of the French, American and German Regiments.

Upwards of six months ago the War Office urged the Australian Government to follow suit in this re-organisation, and convert all Brigades of the A.I.F. to a 3-Battalion basis. The Australian Government and the A.I.F. Authorities were however, very loth to do this, on account of the fine traditions which had been won by every one of our Infantry Battalions - particularly those which had made such a name for themselves on GALLIPOLI. It was therefore agreed to allow the Australian Imperial Force to postpone any such re-organisation until towards the end of this year's fighting period, and until the man-power situation as regards Australian Reinforcements became more acute.

In spite of this, it was found necessary in May last to bring the 9th, 12th and 13th Brigades of the A.I.F. down to a 3-Battalion basis, because there was no longer any prospect of maintaining these Brigades on a 4th Battalion basis, having regard to the available reinforcements.

The time has now arrived when the necessity for action has arisen. The War Office has pressed for an immediate carrying out of the same re-organisation in the remaining Brigades, in order to secure uniformity throughout the Army. The A.I.F. Authorities are still disposed to delay to the last possible moment the reduction in the number of the Battalions throughout all Brigades; but in view of the inadequacy of the available reinforcements to maintain the present 57 Battalions, it has become essential at once to reduce to not more than 50 Battalions - ultimately coming down to the normal organisation of 9 Battalions per Division.

The strongest possible representations have already been made and fully discussed in order to obviate this disagreeable course. For example, it has been suggested to put all the Companies on a 3-Platoon basis, and this has in fact been done in practice, if not in theory. A proposal has also been made that the Battalions should be re-organised on a 3-Company basis, but this, after careful consideration, has been definitely turned down for good tactical reasons. It

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has also been proposed that we should break up one, if not two whole Divisions ; but this has been rejected because it would mean the scrapping of a vast amount of valuable Artillery, Engineers, Pioneer, Medical and Supply Units, and would seriously impair the fighting value of the Australian Army.

Not only is the problem of deciding which Battalions are to go, a very difficult and invidious one, but also it is desired to do everything that is possible to maintain the traditions and history of those Battalions.

The selection of the Battalions which are to go depends on a careful study of the resources available in the depots in England and in Hospitals, on a territorial basis as well as upon other considerations, and can only be decided by those in supreme authority. Naturally every Battalion in the A.I.F. rightly considers itself to be the best Battalion, with the finest history, and every Battalion naturally considers that some other Battalion should be selected. It is however, possible to ensure that at least all ranks may be retained in their own Brigade, and this is a substantial concession, because after all, it is the Brigade and not the Battalion which is the fighting unit. No Battalion ever fights by itself, but only as part of its Brigade, and the question involved is really the large one as to whether it is better to employ a given number of soldiers available for each Brigade in three-Battalion groups or in four-Battalion groups.

As the men of every Battalion owe loyalty to their Brigade next only to the loyalty which they owe to their Battalion, it is a substantial concession to the men to do everything possible to ensure that no man is moved from his own Brigade.

In addition to this, it must not be forgotten that nothing that can happen can destroy the place in history of the Battalion, even although it may cease to exist as a separate unit, for the remainder of this campaign. Its number as a Battalion will continue to be represented in its training cadres in ENGLAND, and will also be definitely preserved in the re-organisation after the war of the Commonwealth Military Forces in Australia.

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Moreover, as far as possible, men will be transferred in complete Company units or Platoon units, so that comradeship will be preserved, and doubtless also, in many cases, concessions can be made in the matter of wearing colour patches. Moreover, efforts will be made (although this cannot be absolutely guaranteed) to reassemble the Officers and men of these Battalions during the re-mobilisation period, so that the original Battalion, with its original number, may return to Australia as a separate unit.

The real and urgent question at the moment is to carry on the war, with the available number of men, to the best possible tactical advantage, and to achieve victory over the enemy in the speediest time possible. This cannot be done with Brigades having only four weak battalions, as the fighting power of four weak battalions is, for tactical reasons, not to be compared with the fighting power of three strong battalions.

It is expected therefore, for the sake of the prestige and renown of the Australian Imperial Force, that every man affected by the present re-organisation will be prepared loyally to accept the situation and to do his best, in companionship with the other men of his own Brigade, to continue, until the end of the war, our glorious victories.

If on the contrary, the men concerned were to raise difficulties based on sentimental grounds, while, on the one hand they would be powerless to alter the decision of the War Office and the A.I.F. Authorities, they would on the other hand, incur, by a refusal to obey orders, the danger of a scandal which would cast a deplorable slur upon the great reputation and prestige of the Australian Corps. This is a result which no man in the Corps would willingly bring about.

Headquarters,
2nd Australian Division
Div. Salvage Companyz

October 9th, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS,
7TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No.
Date... *10/10*

SALVAGE RETURN - period ending 9/10/18.

Article	27th Bn.	28th Bn.	Bde H.Q.
Rifles	13		6
Stage Property,			quantity.
Cases Stokes T.M. Amm.	315		
" Mills Bombs	172		
" Rifle Grenades	9		
" " " Rods	1		
" Smoke Bombs	106		
" M.G. Ammunition	61		
" S.A.A.	29	& 87,000 rds	
" S.O.S. Signals	1		
" Hales Rifle Grenades	48		
4.5 Shells	36		
" Charge Containers	21		
Food Container	1		
Shovels	115		
Pick	1		
German Rifle	1		
Coil Copper Wire	1		
5.9 German Shell Cases	109		
Web Equipment	1		
Lamp S.D.	1		
L.G. Magazines	34		
Pick Heads	15		
Coils Telephone Wire	2		
Empty S.A.A. Boxes	4		
Saddle	1		
German M.G.	1		
Oil Drums	2		
Pole Bar	1		
Rifle	1		
German M.G. Barrels	2		
Assorted Harness, small bag	1		
8" Shell Cases		44	
13 pdr Gun Springs		3	
" Shell cases		720	
Case Clips, s'bags		3	

W. H. ...
Lieutenant, A/Staff Captain
For G.O.C., 7th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX APP II

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.STRENGTH AS AT 31st OCTOBER 1918.

	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>
26th Battalion.	64	997
27th Battalion.	36	516
23rd Battalion.	29	668
7th ALTM Bty.	5	64
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	134	2245
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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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CASUALTIES - OCTOBER 1918.

	<u>Killed.</u>		<u>Wounded.</u>		<u>Missing.</u>	
	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>
25th Battalion.	-	13	1	73	-	3
26th Battalion.	2	17	3	92	-	7
27th Battalion.	-	13	1	57	-	1
28th Battalion.	2	10	5	63	-	1
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	4	- 53	15	- 290	-	12
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