

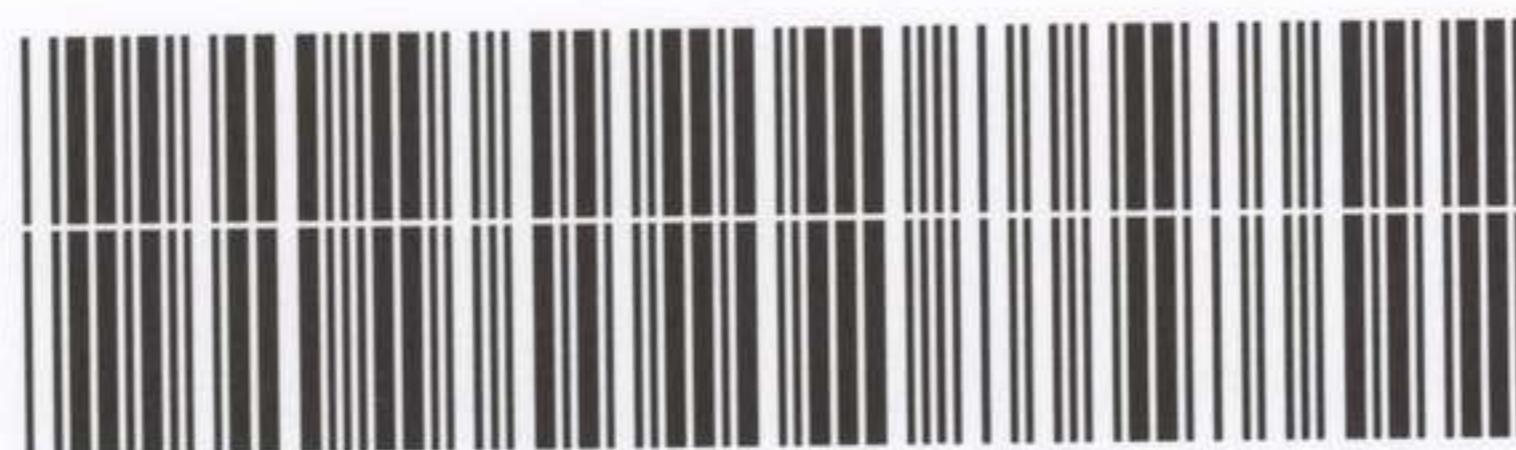
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7TH A.I. BRIGADE.

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WAR DIARY for December 1915

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. *RM*

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7th Div 15 Dec
2nd Div

Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MULE GULLY and RUSSELLS TOP	Dec 15 th	5 th	Weather generally warmer. Russells Top shelled with 6" shells 5 wounded. 74 gallons on several successive days only issued. This was insufficient and caused much inconvenience. Turbs heard working underground near L12 Tunnel. Work in this Tunnel was in consequence stopped.	
	6 th		Relief of 26 th Bn by 28 th Bn in Russells Top commenced one Coy 28 th returned, 1 Coy of 26 th went into bivouac at WELLINGTON PLATEAU one Coy 27 th from Wellington Plateau to HAPPY VALLEY	
	7 th		1 Coy 28 th and HQ to Russells Top. 26 th Bn 1 Coy HQ to Wellington Plateau. 1 Coy HQ 27 th Bn to HAPPY VALLEY. 27 th Bn ordered to take over beach fatigues	
	8 th		another Coy 28 th to Russells Top, 1 Coy 26 th to Wellington Plateau. 27 th Bn moves to beach area	
	9 th		Last Coy 28 th to Russells Top and last Coy 26 th Bn to Wellington Plateau.	
	11 th		7 th Bde less 26 th Bn ordered to embark on 12 th inst. 26 th Bn to take over the beach fatigues. 20 th Bn ordered to take over Russells Top from 28 th Bn by 12 noon on 12 th inst.	
	12 th		20 th Bn took over Russells Top. 28 th Bn returned to Happy Valley. Lt-Col Paton VD ordered to take over temporary command of 5 th Bde. 7 th Bde less 26 th Bn embarked during the night. Bde HQ and part of 26 th Bn on S.S. REDBREAST about 1900 and disembarked at North Pier. Muddy west at 1000. The remainder of 26 th - 27 th - 28 th Bns disembarked during the day and the Bde proceeded in detachments to SAFFORD Camp	Embarkation tables attached

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for DECEMBER 1915-2.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. *gma*
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SARPI Camp West MUDROS	12 th		Tents arrived just before dark. Most of baggage was left on board ship name not known owing to the fact it was not allowed to accompany units. This baggage had not been recovered by the end of the month, in consequence dresses were not available for cooking. Supplies were eventually received from ordnance.	
	13 th		Lt Colonel Ferguson of 26 th Bn took over Command of Bde on arrival at SARPI. Camp was pitched and further tents were issued on 13 th , following personnel were left behind at Anzac. Col Paton v.o. Capt Radford Bde machine gun officer - Major Davies 28 th Bn attached to 30 th Bn. Machine gunners of 28 th Bn and 26 th Bn complete.	
	14 th	1900	Major Davies 28 th Bn rejoined.	
	15 th		Bde ordered to move to 2 Valley Camp on 16 th most advanced parties were on 15 th . Camp visited by Bde Maj and Staff Capt. Major Davies 28 th Bn takes over command of 26 th Bn temporarily.	
	16 th		26 th 27 th 28 th moved to No 2 South Camp in 2 valley. Vacated Camp at Sarpi left standing. Fresh tents drawn and pitched.	
	17 th		Bus commence Squad drill and home bathing parties. Weather mild and sunny.	
	18 th		25 th Bn from beach fatigues at Anzac rejoin brigade 707 all ranks. Temporarily accommodated in tents pitched for 6 th Bde.	

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2 Valley MUDROS WEST	19 th 20 th		<p>A further party of 25th Bn arrived. 25th Bn pitch their own camp and occupy it. Col Paton's regiments also machine gunners of 25th and 20th Bns under Capt Bedford. All kits of the above were sent forth coming. Col Paton commanded the rear front, and was the last man to leave Anzac.</p> <p>It was impossible to get him as only the absolute necessities were issued.</p> <p>Training by battalions is continued. Squad drill - platoon and company units.</p> <p>Weather Conditions Good. Mild and sunny.</p>	
	25 th 30 th		<p>Xmas day. Church services taken by Capt Marchant - whole holiday.</p> <p>7th Bde went for a brigade route march under Col Paton to KONDIA. Artillery formations practised on the return journey.</p>	
	31 st		<p>Div commander Brigadier General Holmes inspected the 4 battalions of the Brigade in close order movements and movements under artillery fire. He expressed himself as quite satisfied with the progress which had been made.</p>	
	30 th		<p>Staff Captain Captain Bridges 4 officers and 30 other ranks embarked as an advance party. Destination thought to be ALEXANDRIA.</p>	

John Hamlin
Capt Bde
Adjutant Inf Bde.



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	7 th		1 Coy 28 th and HQ to Russell's Top. 26 th Bn 1 Coy 24 th to Wellington Station. 1 Coy & HQ 27 th Bn to HAPPY VALLEY. 27 th Bn ordered to take over head fatiguees	
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	14 th	1900	Major Davies 28 th Bn rejoined.	
	15 th		7 th Bde ordered to move to 2 valley Camp on 16 th and advanced parties move on 15 th . Camp visited by Bde Wg and Staff Capt. Major Davies 28 th Bn takes over command of 36 th Subbrigade.	
	16 th		26 th 25 th 20 th moved to No 2 South Camp in 2 valley. Vacated Camp at Sarpi left standing. Fresh tents drawn and pitched.	
	17 th		Bus commence Squad drill and home batteries exercises. Weather mild and sunny.	
	18 th		25 th Bn from beach at Anzac by on brigade for all ranks temporarily accommodated in tents pitched for 6 th Bde.	

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	31 st		<p>The commander Brigadier General Holmes inspected the 4 battalions of the Brigade in close order movements and movements under artillery fire. He expressed himself as quite satisfied with the progress which had been made.</p>	
	30 th		<p>Staff Captain Captain Bridges 4 officers and 30 other ranks embarked as an advance party destination thought to be ALEXANDRIA.</p>	<p>Shaw Capt Bde 7th Bde</p>

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Appendix I

Appendix No. 1

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM
by
Brigadier-General W. Holmes, D.S.O., V.D.,
Commanding 2nd Australian Division.

Divisional Headquarters,
11th December 1915.

- Movement** 1. In consequence of the policy of reducing the ANZAC Garrison to facilitate supply and reliefs during the winter, units as shown in the attached table, will be embarked on the night of 12th instant, and if not completed on that night, part on 13th instant.
- Ammunition and Rations** 2. Troops will march out with 150 rounds per man, One iron ration and the unexpended portion of the current day's ration and full water bottle will be carried on the man.
- Sick.** 3. Sick, who can walk, will remain with the unit.
- State** 4. A marching-out state will be furnished four hours before the time ordered for the move of the unit.
- Baggage.** 5. Officers' valises and men's kits only will accompany unit units. Surplus baggage may be stacked near the beach at places arranged by Captain P. J. Thorne, Divisional Headquarters, who will communicate direct with units. Guards will be provided by the units.
- Water Tins** 6. Water tins will be returned to Captain Littler, or his representative, at the tanks at MULE GULLY.
- Representative of Divl H.Q.** 7. Major H. Viney, acting D.A.A. & Q.M.G., will make arrangements for the arrival of the troops at their destination.

T. A. BLANEY, Lieut. Col.,
A.A. and Q.M.G.

T A B L E
OF STRENGTHS OF UNITS FOR EMBARKATION

Unit	Officers	Other ranks
Divisional Headquarters	5	36
Divisional Signal Company	1	16
13th Light Horse Regiment	1 [♠]	
Divisional Engineers	2	30
Divisional Train	3	39
6th Field Ambulance	3	123
7th Field Ambulance	5	116
5th Infantry Brigade - Headquarters and Signal Section		8
6th Infantry Brigade - Headquarters and Signal Section	1	9
7th Infantry Brigade - Headquarters and Signal Section	6	39
26th Battalion	21	697 [⊗]
27th Battalion	25	640 [⊗]
28th Battalion	24	644 [⊗]

NOTES -

- [♠] Chaplain
[⊗] Machine gun teams do not move.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

by
Brigadier-General W. Holmes, D.S.O., V.D.,
Commanding 2nd Australian Division.

Divisional Headquarters,
12th December 1915.

Move 1. With reference to Administrative Memorandum dated 11th December, movement will be carried out as shown in attached table.

Baggage 2. (a) Baggage not accompanying units will be stacked on the beach between the sea and road under unit guards not exceeding three men.

(b) A representative of each unit will report to Captain Thorne on the beach, near WILLIAMS PIER, between 1400 and 1600, with an approximate statement of the amount of baggage. He will be shown where the baggage is to be stacked.

(c) All baggage must be stacked by 1730.

(d) Baggage will go in the last lighter. The party of 28th Battalion will form a baggage party and will load and unload the baggage assisted by unit guards.

Guides 3. Eight guides from 28th Battalion will report at 3 p.m. at WILLIAMS PIER for instructions.

Roads 4. All roadways will be kept clear when troops form up.

T.A. BLAMEY, Lieut. Colonel,

A.A. and Q.M.G.

TABLE OF MOVEMENT - 7TH BRIGADE AND DETAILS

Lighter No	Unit	Strength		Total	Route to forming up place	Forming up place	Route to Pier	Time
		Off.	O.R.					
1	Div.H.Q.	5	36	41	Rest Gully and Reserve Gully	East of Ordnance Depot at mouth of Reserve Gully	Between Ordnance and Supply Depots through Supply Depot to and along tram line to pier.	To form up by 1800
	Div.Train	3	39	42				
	13th L.H.	1		1				
	Div.Egrs	3	72	75				
	6th F.Amb.	3	123	126				
	7th "	5	116	121				
				406				
2	Div.Sig.Jy	1	12	13	- do -	- do -	- do -	To form up by 1800 in rear of No.1 party
	HQ 5th Inf Bde & Sig Section		8	8				
	6th Bde -do-	1	9	10				
	7th Bde -do-	6	39	45				
	26th Bn.		320	320				
				396	Mule Gully	West end of Mule Gully	Along beach to pier	To form up by 1800
3	26th Bn.		400	400	Mule Gully	W.end of Mule Gully	Along beach to pier	To form up at 1900
4	27th Bn		400	400		East of Beach Ordnance Depot	As for No.1	To form up at 1900
	27th Bn		225)			- do -	- do -	To form up by 2000
5	28th Bn		175)	400	By Sap from Happy Valley	At mouth of sap in Mule Gully extending up sap if necessary	Along beach to pier	
6	28th Bn		400	400	- do -	- do -	Along - do -	To form up by 2100
7	28th Bn.		93)	123	- do -	- do -	- do -	To form up by 2100
	Baggage guards		30)					

T.A. BLAMEY Lt Col
R.A. & Q.M.G.

Appendix No. 1

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ROUTINE ORDER No. 144

By Col. J. Paton V. D.
Commanding.

4-12-15.

- Church Service. 1. PROTESTANT. Church service will be held in Mule Gully below Headquarters, 27th Battalion, at 9-45 a.m. on Sunday 5th inst. A short Communion Service will be held at 10-10 a.m. by Chaplain P. Bladen.
- Report 2. Machine Gun Officers will furnish a 24hourly report to their post commanders daily. How this report is required will be dictated by Garrison Commander. Anything of value in these reports will be included in Garrison Commanders report.
- Stand to 3. Attention is directed to Brigade Circular Letter regarding Stand to Arms issued herewith.
- Congratulatory 4. The Army Corps Commander wishes to thank 2/Lieut E.H. Frazer for his extremely valuable services and untiring labour in connection with the mining operations of the New Zealand and Australian Division, during October and November.
- Bombs and Grenades 5. Extract from Army Corps Routine Orders.
There is a practice amongst some units of the Army Corps of returning to the Ammunition Depot, Bombs and Grenades without any intimation being forwarded to the Officer i/c Ammunition. Once bombs and grenades are issued, they are not to be returned, unless previous advice is sent, together with a statement as to the reason of their return.
- Postal 6. All information obtainable regarding Anzac Mails, lost at Sea, through the foundering of the tug Gaby on 17th Nov., has been supplied to Field Post Offices at Divisional and Brigade Headquarters, and persons requiring particulars regarding letters, parcels etc included in this mail, should apply to the W.C.O. i/c F.P.O. of their respective Divisions or Units.
- Accidents with Bombs. 7. Extract from Divisional Orders No. 66
Accidents have occurred by bombers holding bombs too long before throwing, thinking that the fuse had not ignited. The experienced bomber, using the match-head bombs, thinking he can tell by the sound if the fuse is ignited or not, yet one of the most experienced bombers was killed just in this way. It is better to lose a bomb than a life. Orders are therefore to be issued to the effect that bombs, the ignition of which is doubtful, are to be thrown in the ordinary time, but may be thrown short so that the enemy may not get them.
- Boots 8. Hob nails are now available and will be obtained from Ordnance at a scale of 60 per pair of boots. All boots will be well nailed. (Authority Army Corps Q3593 of 2-12-15)
- Socks 9. The issue of a third pair of socks per man is authorised. Indents will be submitted in the usual manner and issues made as socks become available (Authority Army Corps Q3605 2-12-15)
- Orders 10. The following orders are issued herewith.
Army Routine Orders 30-11-15, General Routine Orders of 27-11-15 & 1-12-15, Special Army Corps Order 1-12-15, A.I.F. Orders 1-12-15, & Divisional Orders 3-12-15.

Sgd. G. Rowan Hamilton.
Captain.
Brigade Major.

257 Bn

1st AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ROUTINE ORDER No 144
By Col. J. Paton V. D.
Commanding.

415-15

27th Bn M. Whelan

1. Church Service. Church service will be held in the Gully below Headquarters, 27th Battalion, at 9.45 a.m. on Sunday 27th inst. A short Communion service will be held at 10.10 a.m. by Chaplain P. Haden.

2. Machine Gun Officers will furnish a 24-hourly report to their post commanders daily. How this report is required will be dictated by Garrison Commander. Anything of value in these reports will be included in Garrison Commanders report.

Report

3. Attention is directed to Brigade Circular Letter regarding Stand to Arms issued herewith.

Stand to

4. The Army Corps Commander wishes to thank 2/Lieut E.H. Fraser for his extremely valuable services and untiring labour in connection with the mining operations of the New Zealand and Australian Divisions, during October and November.

Complimentary

5. Extract from Army Corps Routine Orders. There is a practice amongst some units of the Army Corps of returning to the Ammunition Depot Bombs and Grenades without any intimation being forwarded to the Officer in Ammunition. Once bombs and grenades are issued, they are not to be returned, unless previous advice is sent, together with a statement as to the reason of their return.

Bombs and Grenades

6. All information obtainable regarding Ammunition, lost at sea, through the forwarding of the log copy on 14th Nov. has been supplied to Field Post Offices at Divisional and Brigade Headquarters, and persons requiring particulars regarding letters, parcels etc included in this mail, should apply to the N.C.O. in charge of their respective Divisions or Units.

Postal

7. Extract from Divisional Orders No. 66. Accidents have occurred by members holding bombs too long before throwing, thinking that the fuse had not ignited. The experienced member, using the water-head bombs, thinking he can tell by the sound if the fuse is ignited or not, yet one of the most experienced members was killed just in this way. It is better to lose a bomb than a life. Orders are therefore to be issued to the effect that bombs, the ignition of which is doubtful, are to be thrown in the ordinary time, but may be thrown short so that the enemy may not get them.

Accidents with Bombs

8. Web nails are now available and will be obtained from Ordnance at a scale of 60 per pair of boots. All boots will be well nailed. (Authority Army Corps 63893 of 2-12-15)

Boots

9. The issue of a third pair of socks per man is authorized. Indents will be submitted in the usual manner and issues made as socks become available. (Authority Army Corps 63893 of 2-12-15)

Socks

10. The following orders are issued herewith. Army Routine Orders 30-11-15, General Routine Orders of 27-11-15 & 1-12-15, Special Army Corps Order 1-12-15, A.I.F. Orders 1-12-15, & Divisional Orders 3-12-15.

Orders

Sgd. G. Rowan Hamilton,
Captain,
Brigade Major.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ROUTINE ORDER No. 145.

By Col. J. Paton V. D.
Commanding.

5-12-15.

Instruction of
Young Officers

1. The Brigadier considers that while Battalions are in reserve O. C. Battalions should arrange for further instruction of Young Officers (particularly regarding Notes from the Front) There will be two lectures a week at Brigade Headquarters at 1430 on Tuesdays and Thursdays and six officers from each Reserve Battalion will attend. The officers should be changed each week.

Loading and Un-
loading of Rifles.

2. Divisional Orders No. 53, para 238 is published for information.

Rifles of men actually on look out or sentry duty in the firing line will have magazines charged, cut-offs out, and a round in the chamber. If not actually in use safety catches will be back.

All other rifles will have 5 rounds in the magazine, cut-offs closed and chambers empty.

When men are ordered forward to reinforce, another 5 rounds will be put into the magazine, and the cut-off will again be closed over the last round, the chamber being kept empty until it is necessary to open fire.

The above system will be strictly adhered to unless definite local orders to the contrary are issued. Such orders should not be issued unless the local conditions demand it.

Before cleaning the rifle it should be "unloaded" and the magazine should be removed.

The rifles of men coming off duty will be inspected by an officer.

Relief of
26th Battn.

3. 28th Battn will relieve the 26th Battn in Russell's Top commencing on Monday the 6th inst. The relief will be gradual, and in accordance with scheme already arranged. One Company 26th Battn will move to Mule Gully and one company 27th Battn will move to Happy Valley on 6th inst. another company of each Battn will move on 7th and remainder on the 8th. Headquarters of Battalions will move at 1200 on Tuesday 7th inst.

To avoid unnecessary transportation Battns. will hand over to relieving units all stores - S.A.A. Bombs, grenades, timber, iron, petrol tins, water carriers, trench stores including trench maps & plans, electric torches, gum boots, surplus tools, Very pistols, flares, rockets, periscopes, periscope rifles, trench fittings (arm racks etc.) subsequently

Mutual adjustments being made, excess or shortage of S.A.A. reserve will be reported to Brigade Headquarters, corrected from Brigade Reserve. All miners and fatigues, machine gun detachments with guns, trench mortar detachments, Brigade Snipers will remain in Russell's Top Garrison for the present and will be attached to 28th Battalion from 1200 on 7th inst inclusive for rations and discipline. A classified list of these parties will be handed over to O. C. 28th Battalion.

O. C. 26th Battalion will also hand over a written statement giving the following information:- Scheme of Defence, extent and nature of posts, condition and progress of mining operations, works proposed and in course of construction, sketches showing location of supports and reserve, information about the enemy, arrangements for co-operation with artillery and units on flanks, use of rockets, scheme for combating gas attacks, methods of giving the alarm, list of reports to be rendered to Brigade Headquarters, Duties of Intelligence Officer. File of Trench memoranda issued from time to time from either 2nd Australian Division or 7th Brigade Headquarters.

ROUTINE ORDER No. 145 Contd.

The 28th Battalion will be responsible for maintenance and protection of Brigade ration reserve now on charge of 26th Battalion, and also Brigade Reserve ammunition. The duties of 26th Battalion Armourer Sergeant in this connection being carefully handed over. Duplicate receipts will be given and one copy forwarded to Brigade headquarters. Battalions will be careful to hand over any permanent duties they may have to find.

G. Rowan Hamilton

Sgd. G. Rowan Hamilton

Captain.

Brigade Major.

25th Bn. *H. C. Eaton (Lt)*
26th Bn. *Angell. Sgt*
27th Bn. *J. M. Whelan*
28th Bn. *H. Gibbins. Lt*

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Battalion.

Weekly return of Explosives Made up to 0700 Monday

To reach Bde. H. Qrs. by 0700 same Day.

Type	Official Name	In Hand	Expended during week	Estimated Requirements for following week
R.D. Impact	Hand No1			
Mexican	Hand No2			
Hales Rifle Gde.	Rifle No3			
Naval Gde	Rifle No4			
Mills Gde.	Hand No5			
H.L. Light Friction	Hand No6			
H.L. Heavy	Hand No7			
Dble. Cyl Light	Hand No8			
Dble. Cyl Heavy	Hand No9			
Pitcher	Hand No13			
Cricket Ball Malta	Hand A1			
Egypt	Hand A2			
(Ammonal) English	Hand A3			
T & F				
Hand Gdes				
Lotbiniere				
Garland Mtr.				
Japanese Mtr.				
Trench 3.7 Hr.				
Flares				
Rockets				
Very Pistol Cartridges				

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ROUTINE ORDER No ¹⁴⁶ 145
By Col. J. Paton V. D.
Commanding.

5-12-15

Returns

1. A return of bombs, grenades, flares rockets etc., on hand, and expended during the previous 7 days made up to 0700 on Monday will be rendered to reach Brigade Headquarters by 0700 every Monday. A pro forma of which the first column may be omitted is issued herewith for guidance.

Sgd. G. Rowan Hamilton.

Captain.

Brigade Major.

25th En. *A. C. Gordon*

26th En. *Douglas*

27th En. *M. Whelan*

28th En. *Chas. Keefe*

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ROUTINE ORDER No 147

By Col. J. Paten V. D.
Commanding.

7-12-15.

Water.

1. Battalions drawing water from the Mule Gully tanks should as far as their capacity for storing admits, draw their whole days ration before 1200 each day.

Casualties

2. The Brigadier regrets to announce the following casualties:-

25th Battalion.

2-12-15 No. 1000 I/C Taylor W. Wounded.

26th Battalion.

30-11-15	No. 1726	Pte Hallmark E.H.	Wounded
1-12-15	1234	Cpl Cook T.E.	Killed
"	145	Pte Powell A.	Wounded
"	1222	" Pregnall T.	"
"	1310	" Lunell B.J.	"
"	1076	" Clarke W.J.	"
"	1023	C.S.M Cherry P.H.	"
"	1090	Cpl Galligan O.M.	"
3-12-15	1928	Pte Butcher W.E.	"
4-12-15		MAJOR P. CURRIE	"
5-12-15	1314	Pte McHugo E.	"

27th Battalion.

2-12-15 No. 326 I/C Hughes W.J.M. Wounded
5-12-15 747 Pte Birrell W. "

28th Battalion.

3-12-15 No 861 Pte Hedder G. Killed.

Notes on Parapets

3. The attention of all concerned is drawn to Divisional Circular "Notes on Parapets" issued herewith.
Sufficient copies have been issued for each platoon.

Sgd. G. Rowan Hamilton

Captain.

25th Bn *R. Green*

Brigade Major.

26th Bn *R. L. Hughes* Sgt

27th Bn *M. D. Whelan*

28th Bn *H. A. B. Newman* Supt

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ROUTINE ORDERS No. 143

By Col. J. Paton V. D.
Commanding.

8-12-15.

Transfer

1. No. 947 Pte J. Naughton 25th Battalion is transferred from 25th Battalion to 7th Brigade Headquarters, to be assistant in Brigade Field Post Office. Dated 27-10-15.

G. Rowan Hamilton

Sgd. G. Rowan Hamilton.
Captain.

Brigade Major.

25th Battalion. *J. H. Airdie 2/Lt*

26th "

27th "

28th "

Regd. Serj.
J. M. Whelan
J. J. Withers 2/Lt

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ROUTINE ORDER No. 149
By Col. J. Paton V. D.
Commanding.

9-12-15.

War Office
Memorandum.

1. Attention is directed to B.R.O.134 para 1, and W.O. Circular 105/Gen No 2125 (A.G.3) issued therewith.
The Army Corps Commander wishes the attention of all officers to be called to War Office Memorandum 105/Gen No/2125 (A.G.3) dated 21st October 1915, and directs that questions relating to Military policy and operations are not to be discussed with other branches of His Majesty's Service without a direct order or express permission.
This does not of course apply to the discussion of purely local matters, such as those dealing with the co-operation of Naval gun fire with the Army.

War Diaries

2. In continuation of G.R.O.No 532 of 4-10-15 -
Instances have occurred in which War Diaries have been rendered to the D.A.G., 3rd Echelon, without the designation of the unit being stated, or the signature of the officer by whom the Diary was written, added.
In all cases these particulars must be furnished.

Cables
Private Messages

3. With reference to G.R.O.No.644 of 15th November 1915, when affairs of individuals are of such urgency that a private telegram from Malta or Alexandria will not meet the case, and the I.G.C. or the Army Commander is satisfied of the extreme urgency of the matter, messages may be conveyed through the War Office as official telegrams from the I.G.C., A.H.Q., or G.H.Q. (G.S./14).

Boots

4. The issue of a second pair of boots per man has been authorised (Authority Army Corps Headquarters No.3686 of 6.12.15). When submitting indents, units will in all cases ask for boots of larger sizes than are normally required. This will enable an extra pair of socks to be worn.

Replacing
Clothing.

5. When new clothing and necessaries are drawn to replace articles which have become unserviceable, the latter will be handed over to the Ordnance Conductor at Brigade Headquarters. Articles not returned within 7 days are liable to be made a charge against the unit. The unserviceable articles will be destroyed under the authority of the D.A.D.O.S.

Daily Reports

5. Reference Div. Order No.325 of 8-12-15 attention is directed to Div. Order No.136 of 23rd Sept.
Regarding operation and intelligence reports.
The following will be the hours of rendering these reports to Brigade Headquarters and must be strictly adhered to.
2. Operation report period 0700 to 0700 due Bde.H.Q. 0800
1. Telegraphic morning report covering period 1800 to 0700 due Bde. H.Q. 0710.
3. Intelligence Report period 0700 to 0700 due Bde.H.Q. 0930
4. Telegraphic Evening report period 0700 to 1830 due Bde H.Q. 1840
Reports on any event worthy of notice will be sent in as soon after occurrence as possible.

Temporarily
attached.

6. No. 2052 Pte. K. Sidwell 26th Battalion 3rd Reinf. is Temporarily attached to Brigade Headquarters, as postal assistant. Dated 8-12-15

Gas Helmets

7. Attention is directed to the copy of letter of O.C. Anti-Gas Depot issued with G.R.O. No.67.

Orders

- 8. The following Orders are issued herewith:-
- Divisional Orders No.67 dated 8-12-15.
- A.I.F. Orders dated 8-12-15
- Army Routine Orders dated 4-12-15
- A.& N.Z. Army Corps Orders dated 4-12-15
- G.R.O. dated 5-12-15

Sgd. G. Rowan Hamilton.

Captain.

9-12-15.

Brigade Major.

25th Battn. *J. H. Fairlie Lt*
 26th Battn *R. L. Hughes Sgt*
 27th Battn *M. Whelan*
 28th Battn. *A. Mullens*

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ROUTINE ORDER No.150
By Col. J. Paton V. D.
Commanding.

10-12-15.

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- Battalion Orders 1. A copy of all Battalion Orders will be sent to Brigade Headquarters daily in future.
- D.R.O. 2. Divisional Orders No 68 are issued herewith.

Sgd. G. Rowan Hamilton

Captain

Brigade Major.

25th Battalion.
26th "
27th "
28th "

W. Fairlie 2/Lt
R. L. Hughes Sgt
J. M. McPherson
V. J. Quinn

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ROUTINE ORDER No. 151

By Col. J. Paten V. D.
Commanding.

11-12-15.

Trench Maps

1. It is probable that another edition of Trench Maps 10 & 11 will be published. Officers are invited to forward any suggestions with regard to any alterations or additions which would render further editions of these maps clearer.

All maps in the possession of officers will be treated with the greatest care and should not be left lying about as the information contained therein would be of great use to the enemy.

Maps in the possession of officers should not be taken off the Peninsula.

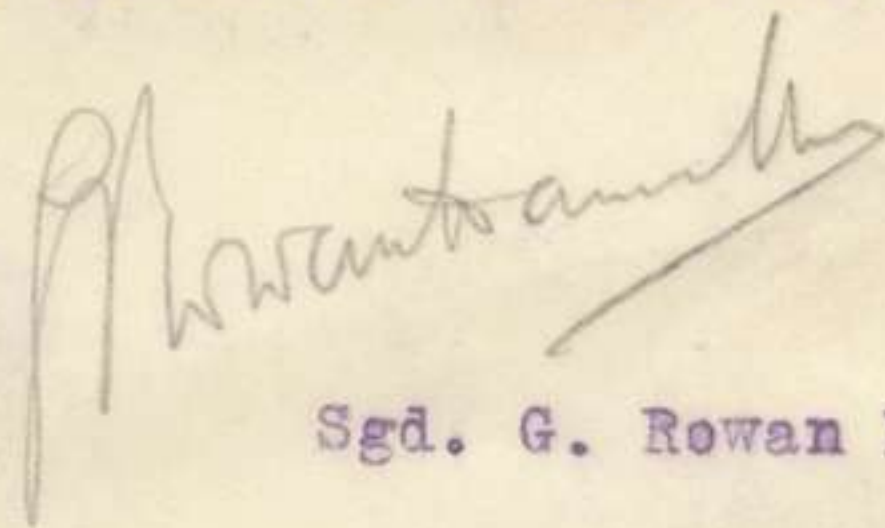
Maps of casualties should be collected from them before evacuation.

Promotion

2. No. 1668 Pte Collins A.B. Brigade Headquarters to be Corporal (temporary) Dated 14th November 1915.

Church Service

3. Church Service, by Chaplain Major the Rev S. McBain, in Mule Gully below Headquarters 26th Battalion at 0945, followed by a short Communion Service at 1015.



Sgd. G. Rowan Hamilton
Captain.

11-12-15.

Brigade Major.

25th Battalion.

26th "

27th "

28th "

at Hawke of Lt
A. B. Hayes
at M. W. Kelan
at M. W. Kelan

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ROUTINE ORDER No. 152.
By Col. J. Paton V. D.
Commanding.

12-12-15.

Movement

1. Attention is directed to Administrative Memorandum issued by Divisional Headquarters to-day.

Marching Out states will be rendered by 1500. Any subsequent alterations will be notified at once.

Nominal Rolls in duplicate of all men not leaving with the Brigade, giving Regt. No, rank, name when and by whom employed will be sent to Brigade Headquarters by 1500

Nominal Rolls of all ranks proceeding with Battalions should be prepared.

A Marching in State will be required as soon as possible on arrival at destination.

A Guard of 1 N.C.O. and ⁵ men will be detailed to look after surplus baggage of each Battalion which will be stacked on the beach. Lieut. Robinson 26th Battalion will be in charge of these guards.

Machine Guns and ammunition will be left behind and the personnel as detailed direct by Brigade Machine Gun Officer.

Battalion Reserve ammunition.

All reserve ammunition in Mule Gully and Happy Valley, will be brought over as soon as possible to the Brigade Dump and the amount notified to Brigade Headquarters at the same time. Grenades from Happy Valley will also be brought up.

Bivouacs to be left as clean as possible and incinerators to be left burning.

No papers are to be left lying about, and all unimportant correspondence a month old is to be burnt. Brigade and Divisional Memoranda should be taken away. A note of all correspondence destroyed should be taken.

Miners and mining fatigues with the exception of those working under Capt. Arnall will be returned to their units to-day.

Orders regarding embarkation will be issued later.

Sgd. G. Rowan Hamilton
Captain.

Brigade Major.

G. Rowan Hamilton

7th Australian Infantry Brigade
Routine Order N: 1/15
Libt Col G A Ferguson VD
Commanding
Suez Camp
14/12/15.

Return Battalions will render by 1800 today a list by Companies of members of the Jewish faith under their Command.

Orders A representative (NCO) ^{from each Battalion} will attend at Brigade Head Quarters daily at ~~1700~~ ¹⁷³⁰ for the purpose of copying orders until a better method of reproduction is available.

Standing Camp Orders. Camp Orders forwarded herewith will be copied and passed in the following order. 26th, 27th, 28th Bns. Brigade Headquarters

Discipline Letters. No ~~retires~~ ^{civilians} are to be allowed in camp. Mail must be rendered to Bde HQ by 1400 daily.

Inspection The Brigade will form the line commencing with 26th Bn at 1100. Men will be drawn up ^{in line} outside their tents facing west.

Drums for this inspection will be drill order with rifles.

Guard The Battalion supplying the Brigade Guard will also supply the Officer for turning it out by day & by night.

This Guard will be mounted daily at 0900
26th Bn will supply 1 sergt 1 corporal
& 4 men from 14th instant to
0900 15th instant

27th Bn will take over on 15th instant

Discipline There will be no talking between light out & reveille.

No bugle calls are to be blown in camp.

No washing in lines is allowed, only places specially marked for ablution purposes are to be used. Lines must be kept clean & tidy rubbish must not be left lying about.

Discipline Bedding will be rolled up & placed in rows outside tents except in inclement weather.

Co Co Bns will take steps to prevent tent pegs being used as fuel.

Co Bns will also arrange alarm posts for Bns.

All cooking will be done in rear of camp & not in the lines.

Tent bags & peg bags must be carefully preserved as they have to be handed in again.

14/12/18.

Sgt G. Howan Hamilton
Battalion Messrs 7th Inf Bde
for 7th Inf Bde

M. W. ...

7th Inf Bde.

ROUTINE ORDER NO 2.

Lt Col. G. A. Ferguson V.D.
Commanding

Supt.

15/12/15

Command

1. Lt Col. G. A. Ferguson V.D. took over temporary command of 7th Aust Inf Bde during absence of Col. J. Paton V.D. appointed to command 3rd Bde. temporarily.

Major C. H. Davies 28th Bn will take over temporary command of 24th Bn.

Routine

2. Coy B Battalions will use their discretion regarding the time at which tent flies may be unrolled. But at Bevelde they must be rolled up to cover the tent.

Removal

3. An advanced party of 1 sergeant 11 men per Company and one officer & the Bn Quartermaster per Bn will proceed to the new camping site at a time to be notified later in order to prepare it for occupation. Rations & full water bottles are to be carried & ~~will be taken~~ any food or stores not present in possession will be taken by the Bn advanced party. The Bn supplying dishes for the day will detail a further party of 1 sgt & 12 men to report to Capt Davis Bde HQ. On at time of departure.

Sgt G. Brown Hamilton

Capt

Brigade Major
7th Inf Bde.

G. A. Ferguson

7th Inf Bde.
Routine Order No 3.

By Lt Col J. Ferguson temporarily commanding

- Duties: (1) Water Guard: 27th Ptn will be responsible for ^{16/14/15} water tanks, pumps for guard on water tanks & well & also for the necessary pumping party.
- (2) Brigade Guard will be furnished by 26th Battalion daily of the following strength INCO 3 men. The party will be accommodated in Ptn Guard tent & sentry mounted on B.H.Q.s.
- (3) Fatigue Party: 28th Ptn will furnish a permanent fatigue party of 1 NCO & 8 men to report to B.H.Q. at 0830 daily.

Water All water must be either boiled or chlorinated before drinking. At 10 27th Ptn will arrange to have 2 tanks chlorinated remaining tanks will be available for water for cooking purposes. A cart will take water for cooking purposes to 28th Ptn 3 times per day.

Parade Ptns will arrange to select the Ptn parade ground. Grounds should be cleared of large stones as early as possible.

Training Syllabus of training as issued from this office will be commenced tomorrow.

Occupation During the present shortage of tents a bill of tents is supposed to accommodate 4 men.

Lt Col J. Rowan Hamilton, Capt
B.M. 7th Inf Bde.

16/14/15

Warrant Officer

7th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Routine Order No 4
by Col. G. A. Ferguson V.O.
Commanding

17/12/15

Ammunition 1. A Certificate to the effect that all ammunition has been withdrawn from troops, since arrival in this camp should reach Bde. Hqs by 1200 on 18th inst. Until further orders Ammunition will be kept in Regimental Stores.

Ablution 2. 1. No washing or ablution is to take place in places other than those set apart for that purpose by Bns. The places chosen by Bns. should be notified to Bde. Hqs by 1600 on 18th inst.

W. wells 2. No water for washing should be taken from the open well or tank, fed from it.

3. Attention is called to Camp Standing Order 4 D and immediate action in compliance should be taken.

Latrines 4. The system of latrines adopted is one of latrine pits & stone incinerals. These should be constructed in sufficient number & should be of the greatest possible depth in order to conserve ground. They should not be in proximity or too near of latrine houses.

Cooking 5. Men should not be allowed to light fires for cooking except in one place selected by C.O. Bns.

Water 6. All water will be drawn from Bde tanks & not direct from the drinking water well except for water carts.

Beer 7. The Brigadier has no objection to C.O. Bns arranging to draw beer from C. F. Ganteen for the men. Indents must be signed by a Field Officer. Transport arranged & payment made in advance by Bn Commanders. Cost of beer can be recovered from men under Bn arrangements.

Routine 8. Reveille will be at 0630 daily.

Training 9. C.O.'s are at liberty to have physical training paracycle before breakfast.

Pay 10. Indents for pay should reach Bde Hqs by noon on Saturdays (see Camp Standing Orders Para 15)

G. A. Ferguson

Sgd. G. A. Ferguson
B. Col. Com.

7th Aust. Inf Bde.

Routine Order No 4

by Lt. Col. Ferguson, V.D., G.D.
Commanding

18/12/15

Inspection 1. The Brigade Field Officer will accompany Div. Sanitary Officer Capt. Craig F.M.C. on his daily inspection of Brigade area. And will meet this Officer at office of F.D.M.S. at 1000 daily. Any suggestions made by the Sanitary Officer will be included in the Field Officer's report. Battalion Orderly Officer should go round Bn. area with this Officer.

The Brigadier will inspect the Brigade Lines at 1100 tomorrow, commencing with 96th Bn.

Mail 2. Mail leaves Madras West post Office at 2200 on Mondays & Thursdays, & Brigade H. Qrs. at 1400 same days.

Church Parade 3. A. Church Parade for 26th, 27th, & 28th Bns will be held at 1000 tomorrow North of the lines of 96th Bn. A parade state & two markers per Bn. should reach Bde. H. Qrs. by 0945.

Sgd. G. Rowan-Hamilton
Capt.
Brigade Major
7th Inf Bde.
G. Rowan-Hamilton
Capt.

7th Aust Inf Bde
Routine Order N° 6

by Col of Patens V.D. Commanding

Scrap N° 2 Camp
21/12/15

Orders	Attention is drawn to Divisional Orders of 20 th inst. Reference Para (2). The Pns furnishing the ^{Staff} Field Officer of the day will report the name of the officer to Bde HQs by 1600 on the previous day. When 7 th Bde is on duty the Brigade Field Officer will also perform the duties of Divisional Field Officer.
Field Officer of the Day.	
Routine.	Para (3) The hours laid down by Division will be adhered to. It should be possible to do one half hour's physical training ^{at} breakfast.
Half Holidays.	Para (4) Half holidays will be on Wednesdays Saturdays.
Buglers.	Para (5) Battalion on duty will detail 2 (two) buglers daily while Brigade is on duty for duty at Div HQs. 26 th Pn will arrange to have a bugler on duty with Pn guard who will perform the duty of Bde Bugler & will repeat all calls sounded by Div. Buglers.
Bounds.	Para (6) The villages of Gondia & Samandria are also out of bounds.
Gas Helmets	Gas Helmets will be collected inspected & stored under Pn arrangements. Shortage should be reported as soon as possible.
Pier Guards	Pier Guards will mount tomorrow similarly to today.
Parades.	The times laid down for the parades by Div HQs need not be strictly adhered to provided a corresponding amount of work is done. Breaks may also be arranged. If desired, COs of Pns could arrange for half an hour's physical training before breakfast. Pns. will advise Bde HQs by 1600 daily hours of parade for the following day.
Command	Col of Patens V.D. resumes command of 7 th Aust Bde vice Lt Col G.A. Ferguson V.D. who resumes command of 26 th Pn Major CR Davies relinquishes command of 26 th Pn & returns to duty with 28 th Pn Capt W.M. Davis 25 th Pn attached 7 th Aust Bde HQs returns to duty with 25 th Pn.
M/O for work	Brigade M/O for work ending 0900 26 th December Capt ^{Brown} Kelly R.M.O.
Duties	Duty Pn for Wednesday 22/12/15, 28 th Pn
Field Officer of the Day	Field Officer of the day for Wednesday Capt AS ISAAC 28 th Pn

Routine Orders No 6 (Contd)

Dealing.

Buying & selling of goods within the Brigade area except on such as may be authorized by C/Os. is prohibited

Returns

Returns of strength Forms C & D will be rendered daily & weekly respectively as usual made up to 1900 to reach the HQs at 1915 same day. First return due tonight.

Sgt Rowan Hamilton Capt.

Brigade Major J. M. G. G. G.
for etc.

J. M. G. G. G.
Capt.

Commanded by

Programme of Work for week ending

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Date	Time	Place	Nature of Instruction	Duration
Monday 24 th	0900	Parade ground <i>Example</i>	Drill, rifle exercises, platoon drill	2 1/2 hours
	1330	"	Drill - Company drill	1 1/4
	1500	Noybamp.	Judging distances + Marking training etc	1 hour

Saturday

1915

Signed

7th Inf Bde
Routine Order No 7
by Col J. H. Brown VD Commanding

South Camp
22/12/15

Divisional
Orderly
Buglers.

During the time that the 7th Brigade finds Div C duties, the duty Bns. will each day send to Div HQ two buglers to report at five minutes before the time for sounding.
Reveille
Retreat
First Post
Last Post
Lights Out.

Dress.

Reference Div Order No 6 of 20th Dec. Officers not in possession of tan Browne belts, should wear a belt of other type.

Refuse.

Arrangements have been made for a cart to take away incandescent refuse after treatment in incinerators, between 0900 & 1000 daily, Bns. will provide loading parties as required.

Duties.

Duty Bns for Thursday - 25th Bn.

Field Officer
of the Day.

Major W. H. Craies. 25th Bn.

Bounds.

Reference Div. Order No 16 B of 1st Dec. The duty Bn will be responsible for the cleanliness of "Z" Valley water conservancy area & picket the area in such a way as to effectively prevent any man not drawing water from the wells or incident from entering it for any purpose whatever.

Anzac "C"
Parties

Officers & men of the Brigade who formed part of the "C" parties during recent move from Anzac will parade at Bde HQ under Capt Radford at 11.15 tomorrow.

Dress: Drill Order (without haversacks, water bottles or packs) Great coats will not be carried unless weather is inclement.

Capt Radford will detail a marker to report on ground between Bde Camp and Kondia Road at 11.30

The GOC Anzac Corps will inspect parties at 12 noon.

Pier Guards

Guards on piers of 1 Officer 2 NCOs & 8 men as already detailed will remain continuously on duty and will be relieved under Bn. arrangements.

Programme of
Work

Of Bns will forward 2 copies of programme of work referred to in Bn Order No 11 of 21/12/15 by 1200 Saturday. This return should be made out in accordance with form issued with Brigade Order.

Sgd. Rowan Hamilton Capt.
R.M. 7th Inf Bde

7th Aust Inf Bde.

Routine Orders No 8

by Col J Paton VC Commanding.

South Camp
23/12/15

Church Services

The following church services have been arranged.

- (1) Church of England: A communion service at 0830 in the lines of 28th Bn on 25th Decr by Chaplain Bennet.
- (2) Protestant: On the parade ground of 26th Bn at 0930 on 25th Decr. and at 1000 on Sunday 26th Decr. by Chaplain Mc Bain.
- (3) Roman Catholic: To be held in lines of 6th Field Amb. by Father Malone

on 24th Decr at	7400	Mass
25	0700	"
25	0800	"
26	0700	"
26	1900	"

Duties.

Duty Bn for Sunday 26th Bn

Head Office of the Day.

Major L M Davis 26th Bn.

Div. Order by Coy. Leaders.

27th Bn will furnish two buglers to report to Div HQs at times set out in Para 1 of BROs of 21/12/15 on 24th, 25th & 26th instants.

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 Capt
 Sgt G Rowan Hamilton
 leapt.
 Brigade Major
 J. H. B.

7th Inf Bde
Route Orders No 9
Lt Col J Paton W commanding

South Camp
24/12/15

- Movement.** In view of approaching move of the Brigade attention of all ranks is directed to K R Paras 1381 - 1681 and G.S.R. Part 2 Chap. III Paras 34 to 44 in so far as they apply to the present conditions.
- Christmas Day.** Brigade church service will take place on 26th Bn parade ground at 0930. Bns will be equalized & ready tomorrow on their markers at 0920 at a signal from the Brigade Major. 25th & 28th Bns will march along the road and up to parade ground between 26th Bn HQs & 26th Bn Camp. Two markers (N 000) per Bn. will report to Brigade Major on 26th Bn. parade ground at 0910 bringing with them a state showing strength of Officers, supernumeraries, & files. Bns will send an officer to report to Brigade Major at 0915 to ascertain where Bns are to go. Bns will be formed up in a hollow square 2 Bns on one face and one Bn on each of the side faces. Bns will be in quarter column & will be closed up to 4 paces distance. Officers will take posts in review order. The senior Officer present will call the Bde to attention when the Brigadier comes on to parade. The Brigade HQ of the day will meet & escort the Chaplain onto parade after the arrival of the Brigadier. The 26th Bn will arrange for a table and a low platform for Chaplain to stand on. Table to be covered with white cloth & blanket. Tomorrow being Christmas Day will be observed as a holiday.
- Route March** The Bns will arrange to have a Bn. route march to practise march discipline as soon as convenient so that it may take place before departure of the Brigade.
- Meeting.** Brigade Major would like to see Adjutants of Bns at Bde HQs after Church Parade tomorrow.
- Bounds.** It is to be clearly impressed on all troops that Castro is out of bounds.

(sgd) G Rowan Hamilton
Capt.
B.M. 7th Inf Bde

7th Australian Infantry Brigade
Routine Order No 10.
by Col Paton V.D. Commanding

South Sea
27. XII. 15.

Duties

Duty for Tuesday 28th Dec. 26th Bn.
Field Officer of the Day - Captain W. Smith
Medical Officer for week ending 0900 30th January 1916
Captain R.M.F. Cameron 27th Bn.

Greetings.

The following message has been received from
Agent General London:-
I shall be glad if you will convey to Queensland
soldiers under your jurisdiction following
Christmas message which I have been asked
to send to Queensland Soldiers at front and
invalided. Queensland remembers with unbounded
affection and pride her young heroes who are
fighting so bravely for their Empire & for freedom
& sends them her warmest Christmas greetings.
It will be always their boast that in the
great conflict which liberty & civilization
are waging against organized barbarism
her sons have proved themselves worthy of
their race & by deeds of unsurpassed valor
have won for themselves an immortal place
in history.

Refuse

BRO No 7 of 22. XII. 15 Para 3 is hereby cancelled
& the following substituted:- The Battalions
on duty for the day will collect all uncombustible
refuse which has been treated in incinerators
and deposit it in the sea at the place hitherto
used for that purpose which is about 200 yards
South of "Z" Valley.

Blankets

With reference to G.O. No 474 & 682 blankets
will in future be regarded as personal
equipment for all troops of the Dardanelles Army.

Enquiry of
Enquiry

A Court of Enquiry composed as under will assemble at
1400 on 27th December to enquire into matters which
will be brought before it. Proceedings to be forwarded
to Mac & Ans. President Lt Col G.A. Ferguson V.D. 26th Bn.
Members: Major G.W. Davis 26th Bn.
Major T.R. Cunningham 27th Bn.

Routine Order N^o 10 (Continued)

(c) Postal.

The following A.N.Z. Army Corps Order is repeated for information.

With reference to G.H.C. N^o 346 dated 7 July '15 NCOs & men employed on postal duties will not be detailed by individuals to carry or deliver letters outside the offices in which they are employed.

Sgd G. Swan Hamilton
Capt.

Brigade Major
J. H. B. Bae

J. H. B. Bae
Capt.

7th Australian Infantry Brigade
Routine Order No 11
by Col J. Paton V.D. commanding.

South Camp.
28. XII. 15.

- Interpreters (1) B/O's Battalions will submit returns by 1800 31st December showing whether there are any NCOs or Men under their command who have such a knowledge of Turkish, Greek, Bulgarian or Slav languages as would qualify them for appointment as interpreters, in place of the Native interpreters now employed. It should be stated whether those qualified are desirous of such employment. Where none are qualified "nil" returns should be submitted.
- Duties (2) Duty Bn for Wednesday 29th Dec. 27th Bn
Field Officer of the Day. Captain L. Davies. 27th Bn
- Lectures (3) The Brigade Major will give a lecture in Reunions Cottage N. of 25th Bn at 1430 tomorrow. Company commanders will attend.

Subject: "The Early Stages of an Attack."

- Parades (4) Reference B/O's of 21. XII. 15 No 6 Para 8.
Now that weekly Training Programmes have been rendered, daily returns of parades may be discontinued. Advice, however, must be forwarded if any alteration in weekly programme is intended.

J. M.
Sgd G. Rowan Hamilton Capt
Brigade Major 7th Inf Bde.

7th Aust Inf Bde

Routine Order No 12

by Gen Paton Commanding.

South Camp.
29.XI.15.

- Operation Order 1) Operation Order No 1 is issued herewith.
- Duties 2) Duty Bn for Thursday 30th instant 28th Bn.
Field Officer of the Day Major AW Lane 28th Bn
- Returns 3) Return of strength in accordance with pro forma issued from this office today will, in future, be rendered weekly to reach Bde HQs by 1700 on Fridays.
- Water 4) (1) From tomorrow 30th instant water will be drawn from tanks & not from the wells in Z Valley.
(2) Tomorrow 30th instant water for breakfast will be drawn from the lower Z Valley well and water will not be drawn from the tanks until after 1000.
(3) It should be clearly understood that the Bn on duty for the day is responsible for the cleanliness of the Z Valley water conservancy area and the Bessie as well as the whole of the Brigade area not actually occupied by Bns. The Field Officer of the Day is required to inspect & report on the general cleanliness of this area.

(sgd) G Rowan Hamilton Capt.

Brigade Major 7th Aust Bde
for O/C

Hamilton

7th Australian Infantry Brigade
Operation Order N^o 1
by Col J. Paton VD Commanding

South Camp
30 30 KH 15

Routin Banca. The Brigade will march to Kondia and on the way back Artillery Formation will be practised.

2) Order of march will be as follows:-

Bde HQ Co.

26th Bn

27th Bn

28th Bn

28th Bn

Head of Column to pass starting point at 0930

3) Starting Point

Road junction of Kondia & Z Valley roads.

4) Guards, cooks and minimum necessary fatigues will be left in camp.

J. Paton

Captn.

Brigade Major

7th Inf Bde

Issued with Routine Order N^o 12

7th Infantry Brigade
Routine Orders No 13
by Col Platon VD
Commanding.

South Camp
30. XII. 15

Inspection (1) Divisional commander will inspect Bns as under:-

at 1000	28th Bn
1100	25th Bn
1400	27th Bn
1500	26th Bn

Special instructions have been issued to all concerned.

Water (2) All water for breakfasts will be drawn from lower well near 28th Bn.

Water from upper well will be pumped into tanks commencing at 0800⁴¹⁸⁹. This water will be chlorinated & will not be available for issue until 1000. Water will also be issued from time to time from water carts. Additional cart loads have been arranged for.

No water is to be drawn in Diggins from upper wells unless pumps are out of order. Water guards to be instructed accordingly.

Dea. Medical Officer for the week will be responsible for chlorinating the water tanks under orders from D.A.M.S.

Dress (3) Dismounted Officers of Bns will wear equipment & packs when men are in marching order.

March Discipline (4) Attention is directed to Para 5 of Circular Memorandum re March Discipline issued yesterday. This order was in some cases not carried out today, the appearance of battalions being in consequence spoilt.

Sanitization (5) Of 28th Bn file detail 50 rank & file to report to 29th Sanitary Detachment, Turk's Head, near South Pier, at 1330 tomorrow for the purpose of having a hot bath and their clothes sterilized. It is suggested these men should be ~~in tents~~ tents, so that all the occupants of a tent may be sterilized at the same time.

Bonds (6) Reports have been received that a thoroughfare is being made of 27th General Hospital Camp especially at night. Steps must be taken to prevent this & all ranks notified that hospital areas are out of bounds to all ~~the~~ except those on duty.

Parade (7) Care must be taken to prevent the interference with the exercising & watering of horses on the level piece of ground below the dismount camp through the passing of troops thereon.

Routine Orders No 13 (Continued)

Duties of Duty Battalion for Friday 31st Dec 25th Am
Field Officer of the Day: - Capt R Lewis 25th Am.

Sgd G Rowan Hamilton
Capt.

Major
7th Inf Bde

