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Ribemont	1st JAN. 1917		<p>Day dull and cold but no rain. By the permission of G.O.B. at allzac. the day was considered a holiday but the necessary arrangements for tomorrow's move were proceeded with. A dump has been formed here at which we leave all kit and mobilisation table stores not likely to be required when in the training area. This will permit of both blankets being carried on the first line transport and baggage wagons. We were able to obtain a loan of 9 two hosed teams as the lack of animals would have rendered the battalion transports unusable.</p> <p>Reinforcements 57th Bn 26 OR. 58th Bn 20 OR. 59th Bn 14 OR. 60th Bn 88 OR. 15th M.G. Coy 2 OR. About 10% of these men are returned casualties. The 15th M.G. Coy men are trained reinforcements from CAMIERS.</p> <p>Syllabus of work for T area issued (appendix 77)</p>	Appendix 77
RAINNEVILLE	2nd Jan.		<p>Day dull and cool but no rain. An excellent day for marching. The march from RIBEMOINT was most successful. Reports of all correct were received at 6:30pm. This included the rear guard which was about 2 hours behind all units. The idea of leaving lame men with the rear guard to proceed at a very slow pace proved excellent. There were about 110 of these men of these one was evacuated en route 22 were put into a motor lorry following in rear and the remainder completed the 14 mile march. The column itself marched very well. Good pace and spacing and good march discipline. Only three men fell out and these were brought on by the rear guard. The men are in fairly comfortable billets. A hot meal</p>	

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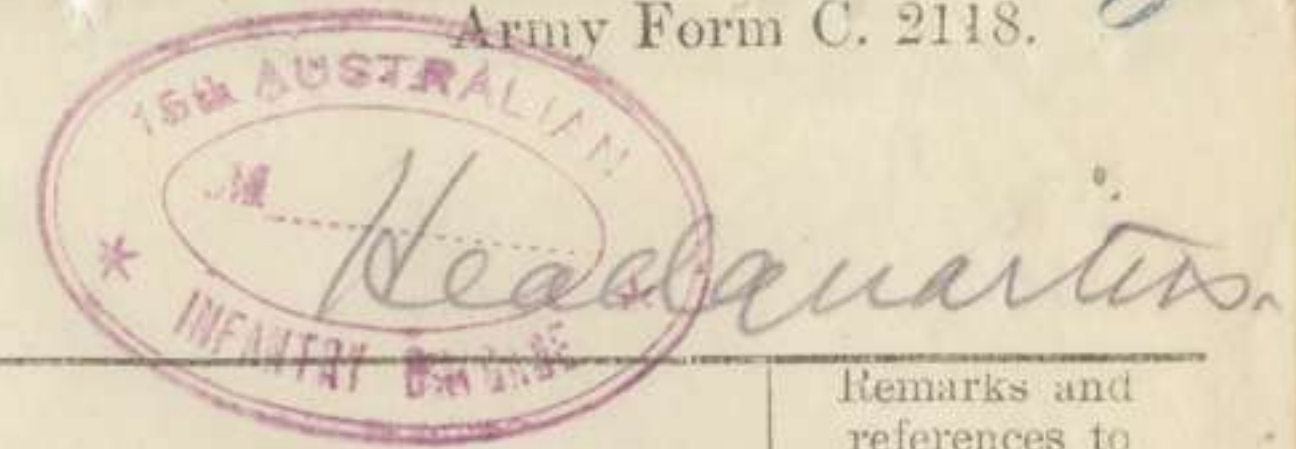
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RAINNEVILLE (Continued)	2nd JAN (Continued)		<p>(Continued) was provided by the cooks at the midday halt and another soon after arrival. Supply depot was established here before arrival and rations were drawn and distributed by Amc who had come on ahead.</p> <p>Billetting parties left again for A district T area at 5 pm. ^(Appendix 78) Brigade order No 74 issued for the move to A district</p>	Appendix 78.
VIGNACOURT.	3rd		<p>Day dull and cool, no rain, but a heavy westerly wind. All moves were made in accordance with Order 74. The marching and march discipline was even better than yesterday. The pace was quicker for the first 5 miles but the head wind was very strong and very tiring. The column for VIGNACOURT was all in by 1.30 pm. Both other columns (the 57th Bn to La CHAUSSEE and the 58th Bn for ST VAST) reported move complete before 2 pm.</p> <p>A party of one off. 75 OR. was sent by 58th Bn from CARDONNETTE to the ARMY SCHOOL on work.</p> <p>The party of 10 off. 78 OR. 57th Bn for the MUSKETRY COURSE at PONTREMY were attached to the 58th Bn at ST VAST instead of going on to La CHAUSSEE</p>	
do.	4th		<p>Day dull and cool with occasional showers. Troops have settled down into billets & cleaned up. The billets were in very bad condition and very dirty. This afternoon spent in a little smartening up drill, close order.</p> <p>3 officers & 300 men from the Brigade left this morning for the 4th Army Musketry School for a five days course. They</p>	

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do.		5 th
do.		6 th

were chiefly made up of men who had not done a musketry course since being with this brigade.
Reinforcements. 57th Bn. 29 on. 58th Bn. 42 on. 59th Bn. 82 on. 60th Bn. 18 on. These were all new men. no returned casualties.
Divisional H.Q. moved to VIGNACOURT Today.

Day dull and cool no rain. Training was continued as in 6th day of syllabus of training for "R" area. Major Bateman 58th Bn. is being transferred to the 2nd Division. Major Grillo 59th Bn. is in command of the 58th Bn. pending the return of Col. Dinehy. Major Marshall, in command of the 57th Bn. during the absence of Col. Stewart on leave, left for a 4 months school of instruction in England on the 4th inst. Capt Hutchison is temporarily in command. The T.M. Battery as a whole is to go to the 4th Army school for a refresher course.

Day dull and cool with occasional bright patches. Training was continued as in Training syllabus for R area 7th day. The 57th Bn. have obtained the use of the 4th Div. Training School grounds. The 59th and 60th Bns. have been practically confined to specialist training owing to lack of men. The 59th Bn. are supplying all the Divisional fatigues and working parties. It is proposed to set on foot a ^{training} competition to end up in the Championship of the Division. The contests to take place in the Hall in VIGNACOURT.

Reinforcements 57th 22 on. 58th 7 on. 59th 15 on. 60th 26 on.
Strength return for 6th inst attached (Appendix 79)

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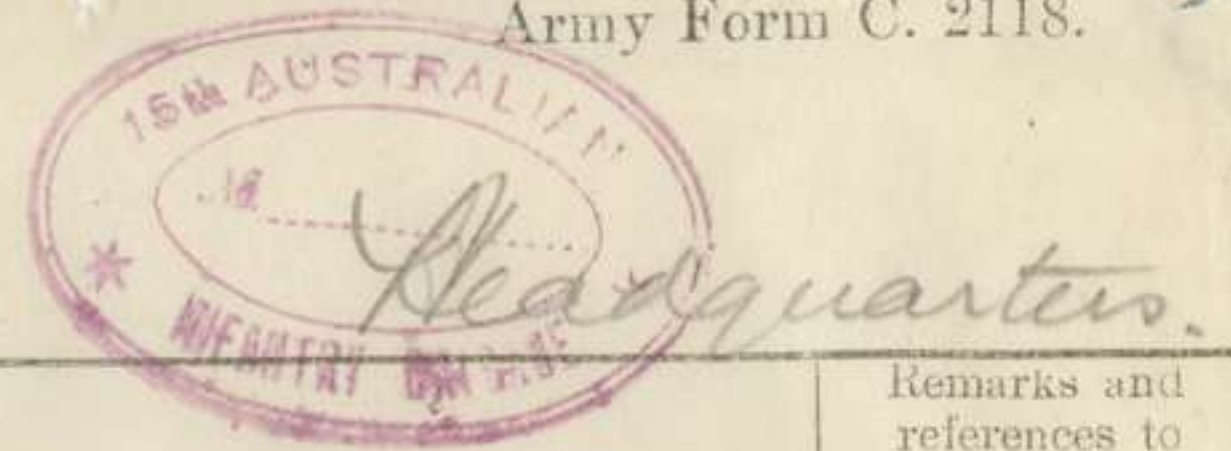
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VIGNACOURT.	7-1-17.		<p>Day bright but cool with showers in late afternoon and rain during the night. Church services for R.C.s held in all villages but no bag & a Protestant chaplain was available for other church parades. No training was done during the day.</p> <p>The C.O. 5th Aust. Div. called a conference of Brigade Commanders and Brigade Majors to discuss the question of training and reequipment and intimated that the period in T area was likely to be considerably curtailed.</p> <p>Reinforcements 57th Bde 4 OR. 58th Bde 5 OR. 59th Bde 5 OR. 60th Bde 8 OR.</p> <p>The 15th A.S.T.M.B. left the Brigade Group to go to the 4th Army T. M. School for a refresher course.</p>	
do-	8/1/17		<p>Day slightly showery - snowing at night. Major Wright returned from leave resumed duty as Brigade Major. The C.O. attended a Conference at 5 pm in connection with the aircraft liaison scheme.</p> <p>Div. Order N^o 101 received (Appendix 80) Instructions issued to Det. 60th Bn (App. 80a)</p> <p>Training as per Syllabus day.</p> <p>Reinforcements - 2nd. Casualties - 2nd.</p> <p>The Div. Commander inspected the billets of the 59th Bn and found everything satisfactory.</p>	<p>Appendix 80 " 80a</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VIGNACOURT	9/1/17		Dull with slight showers. Owing to duties, Schools and Specialist training our Syllabus was not adhered to. We are training 60 rifle grenadiers per Battalion. Nothing of interest occurred. <u>Reinforcement</u> - Nil <u>Casualties</u> - Nil	
-do-	10/1/17		Dull but fine. Sixty waggons returned for December 1916 attached (Appendix 81) An aircraft liaison scheme arranged for the afternoon was not successful so far as the aeroplane was concerned. Specialist training proceeded as usual. The trucking party returned at midnight. crew sent to rejoin their own units. 5th Div Order No 102 received (Appendix 82) Bde Order 75 issued (Appendix 82a) <u>Reinforcements</u> - Nil <u>Casualties</u> - Nil	Appendix 81 Appendix 82 " 82a
do-	11/1/17		Snowing throughout the day. Specialist training as usual. All baths were kept going so that crew could change their underclothing before moving back to the line. <u>Reinforcements</u> - 3 Off. 26 O.R. <u>Casualties</u> - Nil	
do-	12/1/17		Cloudy with light showers. - cold. The transport moved off in accordance with Bde Order No 75. Vehicles were left behind owing to the deficiencies in animals. These will go on tomorrow by means of the 28 draught mules we are to draw tonight - harness and drivers have been kept back to provide for this. In addition to the details showing as "detached" vide Strength Return the Brigade	CID

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Ribemont	13/1/17		<p>has been supplying about 200 men daily for fatigue duty. 5th Div order 111-103 received (Appendix 82 b) Code Order 111-76 issued (Appendix 82 c) <u>Reinforcements - 16 O.R.</u> <u>Casualties - Nil</u> Dull with snow slight showers. The reinforcements only arrived at 3 am. so it was impossible for the parked wagons to proceed - they will proceed on 14th. The transport billeted at FRATVILLERS reached RIBEMONT at 10.30 am. The Brigade moved as per Order 111-75. All were in billets by 2 pm. These billets are the cleanest we have so far taken over from troops. The 2 boys of the 6th Bn en route from QUARRY were stopped at BUIRE ^{where} and they will join us tomorrow. Capt R. P. Legge (Staff Captain) went to England on sick leave. We are arranging to leave the 2nd blanket, felt hats, bicycles & a quantity of mobilisation stores in a store, under guard, at RIBEMONT. No fuel was supplied for tomorrow. Supplies for 15th were issued to us today but owing to the fact that our usual supply ^{waggon} are not with us the carriage is a matter of difficulty. New box respirators were issued throughout the Brigade on 11th inst. We will not have time to test these before going into the line. <u>Reinforcements - 18 O.R.</u> <u>Casualties - Nil</u></p>	<p>Appendix 82 b 82 c</p> <p>Boj</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRICOURT FARM	14/1/17		<p>Snowing - very cold at night. We obtained the assistance of 5 motor lorries in moving our supplies and baggage. The Brigade moved successfully to destinations given in Bde Order N° 103 - the march was well carried out. Sydney Camp (FRICOURT) was found to be well appointed and comfortable. Adelaide Camp (MONTAUBAN) was also fairly comfortable. Bde H.Q. was camp at FRICOURT FARM but the quarters were not good. The transport left at VIGNACOURT reached RIBEMONT by 5 pm - the mules caused a good deal of delay en route. The night was extremely cold.</p>	
do-	15/1/17		<p>2nd Div Order N° 82 received. (Appendix 82d) <u>Reinforcements - Nil</u> Fine but cold and frosty. The transport billeted at RIBEMONT last night rejoined the Brigade at 11 am. The 57th Bn left FRICOURT at 11 am en route for DELVILLE WOOD. The 55th Bn left FRICOURT at 11.15 am en route for E Camp (Remafay Wood) The G.O.C. Division visited Bde H.Q. at 11.30 am. The transport will again be brigaded and a camp has been selected at MONTAUBAN. The 57th Bn moved to Bxc Camp during the afternoon and then to NEEDLE Trench.</p>	<p>appendix 82d.</p>
S 12 6 6-6	16/1/17		<p>Dull and frosty. <u>Reinforcements - Casualties -</u> Brigade H.Q., at the request of the 7th Bde and with the authority of 2nd Div. H.Q., moved to the Left Sector H.Q. during the afternoon. The 60th Bn moved to E Camp. The 15th Mclay relieved the 7th Mclay by 9 pm. The 57th Bn relieved the 25th Bn by 1 am next morning. We took over the Sector at 1.5 am. There is a shortage of gun boots and units in NEEDLE Trench cannot be supplied with them. <u>Reinforcements - Casualties -</u></p>	<p><u>and</u></p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
S1266-6	17/1/17		<p>Heavy fall of snow - 6 inches deep by 10 am - making movement very difficult. Drums are full of snow and parties are told off to shovel this out before a thaw comes. The 15th A.L.T.M.B. arrived at BELLEVUE FARM during the day and moved up to E Camp. Enemy activity was slight: only a few shells on Needle Trench at mid-day and Strength Return for 13th January is attached (Appendix 83). It was found that since our last occupation of this Area the front line has been slightly improved but other lines and communication trenches has been neglected & are consequently very wet and full of slush. Deep dug outs have made headway. A new s.o.s. to be fired from a rifle has been introduced and is a vast improvement on the old pattern. A private of the 2nd Bn ERSATZ Pioneers surrendered to the 57th Pw at 7:30 am - he said starvation forced him in. The 15th A.L.T.M.B. reposted up on return from the 4th Army School and is now quartered in E Camp. Our Vickers Guns accounted for 3 or 4 casualties in enemy working parties. Generally the day was quiet.</p> <p><u>Reinforcements</u> 3 Off 90 O.R. <u>Casualties</u> 1 O.R. <u>W</u></p>	Appendix 83
do-	18/1/17		<p>Snowing and much colder. C.O.'s units were called to a Pde Conference at 10 am. Our artillery were active at night otherwise there was little activity. Our snipers killed two Germans in their ^(Communication) front line trench. Owing to the snow, very little work could be done. The 15th Artillery carried out a relief of the detachments in the front line. The 15th Field Coy Engineers arrived in the Sector and commenced to draw up a list of proposals for the general improvement of the Sector defences.</p> <p><u>Reinforcements</u> - Nil <u>Casualties</u> - Nil</p>	<p>AW</p>

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S 1266.6	19/1/17		<p>Freezing. Observation improved. Our Heavy Artillery bombarded MOLTEN Drench for one hour - the fire was accurate and apparently effective. There is nothing of consequence to report. The 58th Bn relieved the 57th Bn in the front line by 9:30 pm.</p> <p>Reinforcements - Nil Casualties - 1 O.R. <u>K</u> 1 O.R. <u>+</u> 3 O.R. <u>W</u></p>	
do-	20/1/17		<p>Freezing. Observation fair. At noon the enemy artillery hotly shelled our NEEDLE Drench but ceased when our "heavies" retaliated. Generally speaking the hostile guns were much more active. The 15th M.S. Coy. carried out a front line relief. The 59th Bn moved to NEEDLE Drench and the 57th Bn moved to E Camp. The both Bns took over the Pioneer Camp, thus leaving Delville Wood Camp empty. Our Animals (less those of M.G. Coy) have all been accommodated under tarpaulin shelter at MONTAUBAN and they are now fairly comfortable. Today we drew 2 platform for Stokes mortars and will soon have them in position at SHIVE Drench. There is a shortage of gum boots and those in hand cannot be dried quickly enough - we are building a new drying-room similar to the one we constructed at WATERLOT Farm. General Staff Memorandum No 81 received (Appendix 84) It is decided to reserve the 57th Bn for an attack and consequently a fresh relief table is issued (Appendix 85)</p> <p>Reinforcements - Nil Casualties - 2 O.R. <u>K</u> 4 O.R. <u>W</u></p>	<p>Appendix 84 Appendix 85 AW</p>

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S 1266.6	Jan 21st		<p>Freezing hard. Visibility fairly good. Mutual artillery activity on rear of lines was pronounced.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander visited Brigade Headquarters at noon. The men in the front line find the continued freeze (which more satisfactory than the rain and thaw); they are emphatic that they can stand the cold much better than the wet.</p> <p><u>Reinforcements</u> - 2 officers + 49 O.R. <u>Casualties</u> - 3 O.R. <u>W</u></p>	
do	22nd		<p>Still freezing. At 1 pm snow began to fall afresh. Visibility was poor. Our Artillery was very active and the hostile guns retaliated fairly heavily.</p> <p>Orders were received to construct wire in front of the NEEDLE and SWITCH trenches and the work was marked out on the ground.</p> <p>The Corps Commander visited B.H.Q. at 2 pm.</p> <p>Otherwise there was little of interest.</p> <p>The 59th Bn relieved the 58th Bn by 10 pm and the latter returned to the NEEDLE line. The 15th M Coy. carried out a section relief.</p> <p><u>Reinforcements</u> - Nil <u>Casualties</u> - 2 O.R. <u>K</u> 3 O.R. <u>W</u></p>	<p>AW</p>

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S 12. to 6. 6	23/1/17		<p>Freezing hard - quite the coldest day we have so far experienced. Artillery on both sides were active - otherwise normal. The 57th Bn moved to Delville wood Camp and the 60th Bn from B Camp changed over with the 58th Bn in the NEEDLE-SWITCH trenches. Reinforcements - 1 Off 137 O.R. Casualties - 5 O.R. W</p> <p>Strengths Return for 21/1/17 attached (Appendix 86)</p>	Appendix 86
do-	24/1/17		<p>Freezing hard. Observation rather better. NEEDLE & ROSE trenches were heavily shelled at different times with 5.9 H.E. Our Vickers Guns caused enemy 12 casualties in his day parties. Our Stokes guns engaged an enemy M.G. position but effect could not be seen. Over 400 men were engaged at night carrying material to the front line from Bde H.Q. Owing to the order to increase the number of Officers per Battalion to 38 we are endeavouring to obtain suitable candidates from P.M.C., Engineers, Artillery &c. our own supply is used up - altogether we have names of about 40 men. There are about 30 vacancies to be filled.</p> <p>Reinforcements - Nil Casualties - 1 O.R. K 3 O.R. W</p>	
do-	25/1/17		<p>Freezing hard. The ground is now frozen to a depth of 6 inches and the pick makes practically no impression on it, so that digging is practically out of the question. A pay Sergeant reported yesterday for attachment to Brigade Headquarters.</p>	

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	25th Oct.		<p>The 59th Bn was relieved in the front line system at 9.30 pm and moved back to the intermediate lines. Vickers Guns caused enemy 8 casualties.</p> <p>The 15th M.A. Coy carried out a sectional relief.</p> <p>Our working parties commenced wiring the SWITCH line. (Capt REID, 15th Field Coy supervising.)</p> <p>Our new drying shed was completed - furnaces and pipes were installed by the C.S.M of the 15th Field Coy.</p> <p>Reinforcements - Nil Casualties - 1 off 41 O.R. W</p>	
S 12 to 6.6	26/1/17		<p>Still freezing hard. Becoming cloudy.</p> <p>Our Stokes Guns and rifle grenades gave enemy a lot of trouble, the former fired 60 rounds. Owing to the activity of our aircraft, hostile shelling was less than usual. 400 yards of wire was erected by the 57th Bn at SWITCH Trench.</p> <p>Reinforcements - Nil Casualties - 4 O.R. W 10 O.R. W</p> <p>5th H.Q. order N° 106 received (Appendix 87). Code order N° 77 issued (Appendix 87a)</p> <p>Work Policy issued (Appendix 88)</p> <p>5th H.Q. order N° 107 received (Appendix 87b)</p> <p>The line was held as ordered by machine guns. ^{Coy} Owing to the accurate shooting of the Heavy Artillery there was ^{no} real need for the precaution - one man who was looking on was hit by a fragment, otherwise there was no casualty. We commenced a gap to connect with the left Division in GREASE Trench. ^{and our parapet and our boundary post was demolished - this was expected as there was only 100 yards clearance}</p>	<p>Appendix 87</p> <p>" 87a</p> <p>" 87b</p> <p>" 88</p>

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S126 6.6	27/1/17		<p>Fine day - Sunshine but still below freezing point. We have established Kitchens with Skyles stones in a quarry about 800 yards from the firing line and thus save a long carry of 2000 yds - the net result is that with his labours we have increased the supply of hot food by 100% - and food can be got to the firing line in daylight.</p> <p>The Artillery operation was carried out. The "heavies" caused a lot of damage to enemy's SUMRAY trench but they also damaged our front line and bomb post somewhat. We suffered no casualties from our own fire but hostile fire accounted for more than usual. The enemy's retaliation was heavy.</p> <p>Our Vickers Guns caused 21 observed casualties. Our Stokes guns fired 20 rounds on enemy's position at H 21 d.</p> <p>Captain LEGG E (Staff Captain) returned from sick leave.</p> <p>Another epidemic of Influenza seems to have set in - The Brigadier is again confined to his bed.</p>	
do-	28/1/17		<p><u>Reinforcements</u> - 2 Officers <u>Casualties</u> - 2 O.R. K 10 O.R. W</p> <p>Freezing hard. Fine day with good visibility.</p> <p>Our two Vickers Guns were most active and during the day alone caused the enemy 40 casualties. Enemy's fire has slackened down again.</p> <p>The 4th Inf Bde are to carry out a minor operation opposite our left flank in which we expect to co-operate (Copy of plan attached (Appendix 89))</p> <p>Our patrols are unable to move about during these moonlight nights - they can be seen against the snow for a great distance.</p> <p><u>Reinforcements</u> - 53 O.R. <u>Casualties</u> - 2 O.R. K 1 O.R. W</p>	Appendix 89

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S 12 66.6	29/1/17		<p>Freezing hard. Fine day with good visibility. The 24 hours were very quiet. The enemy appears to be more careful. In order to ensure continuity of work and economy of man power a new policy of work control was instituted (Copy attached Appendix 88a). Strength Return for 27th Jan attached (Appendix 90). Owing to further changes in relief a new table operating from 26/1/17 was issued on that day (Appendix 85a). The 57th P.W. are not required for the attack. The 15th M.S. Coy. caused enemy 6 casualties in his day fatigue parties. Reinforcements - 28 O.R. Casualties - 1 O.R. K 3 O.R. W</p>	<p>Appendix 88a " 90 " 85a</p>
do-	30/1/17		<p>Freezing hard. Snowing at intervals. Very quiet day. Brigadier still confined to bed. Our working parties were very busy. Our Stokes guns fired 200 rounds on to the trench to be assaulted on 1st Feb and did great damage to trench and wire. The other L.T.M.B. and the two M.T. mortars engaged were very ineffective. Reinforcements - 15 O.R. Casualties - 1 O.R. W</p>	
do-	31/1/17		<p>Freezing hard after one inch fall of snow. Visibility was excellent and our working fatigue parties were heavily shelled. The German guns fired at parties of only two. 5th Div Order No. 108 received (Appendix 91) our line was cleared in accordance with these instructions.</p>	<p>Appendix 91 14</p>

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13 to 6.6	31/1/17	Cms	<p>4th Inf. Brigade Order received (Appendix 92) 15th Bde order 77 issued (Appendix 92a) although we have adopted the system of 4 day tours of duty in the front line it is considered that in view of the operation tomorrow night it will be advisable to relieve the Company in the left sector tonight - accordingly, the 58th Bn will relieve this Company just before daylight. We gave over our front line trench as far as 12203.15 to 4th Bde Assaulting party.</p> <p>Sick wastage returns for month of January is attached (Appendix 93). It will be seen that there was only an average of 13 per day admitted to Field Ambulance ^{while Bde was up the line.} The battle casualties for the same period averaged 3.75 per day - that is a total wastage of 16.75 daily. Reinforcements during the same period averaged 23.75 daily leaving us a daily surplus of 7. Trench feet cases were not common - certainly not more than 3 or 4 daily - and the improvement in this direction is attributed to a better appreciation by the men of the dangers and difficulties as well as to the fact that there has been no rain.</p> <p><u>Reinforcements</u> - 1 Officer <u>Casualties</u> - 1 O.R. W</p>	<p>Appendix 92 " 92a</p> <p>Appendix 93</p> <p>AW</p>

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 BDE. MAJOR
 15th AUS. INF. BRIGADE

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR "T" AREA (VIGNACOURT).

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DAY.	7.15 a.m. to 7.45 a.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.	9.30 a.m. to 12 noon	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	LECTURE 6 p.m.
9th Day.	See	Syllabus	for "A" Area.	58th Battalion see Syllabus for "R" Area. 59th & 60th Bn's Company in attack. 57th Bn, Field exercise without troops, as in Div. Training Memorandum No. ut. 75 ⊕	Co-operation with Aircraft.
10th Day.	See	Syllabus	for "R" Area	57th Bn. see syllabus for "R" area. 59th & 60th Bn's advancing under barrage fire. 58th Bn. Field exercises without troops, as in Div. Training Memorandum No. ut 75. ⊕	How to consolidate captured trenches.
1st Day.	Physical Training and running	Foot inspection	Care of arms - 1/2 hour Musketry Instr. - 1 hr Fire Control - 1 hour.	Company Route March. 59th Bn. scheme without troops as in Div. Training Memorandum No. ut 75. ⊕	March Discipline.
2nd Day.	Bayonet Fighting	Foot inspection.	Musketry Instr. - 1 hr Visual Training } 1 1/2 Hrs. Fire Control }	Company Drill. 58th Bn. Scheme without troops as in Div. Training Memorandum No. 75. ⊕	Comparative advantages of drill open and close order and general discussion of the day's work.
3rd Day.	Foot inspection and rubbing.		Musketry Instruction, Fire Control and extended order work.	Company Drill *	
D I V I S I O N A L E X E R C I S E W I T H O U T T R O O P S .					

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Day	7.15 a.m. to 7.45 a.m.	9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.	9.30 a.m. to 12 noon	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	LECTURE 6 p.m.
4th Day.	Physical Training and running.	Foot inspection. 57th Bn. 8 a.m. to 12 noon scheme with troops.	58, 59 and 60th Battalions Fire Control - 1 hour. Extended Order - 1½ hours.	Company Drill	Divisional Staff.
5th Day.	Bayonet Fighting.	Foot inspection 58th Bn. 8 a.m. to 12 noon scheme with troops.	57th, 58th and 60th Battalions Extended Order - 1 hour. Company in attack - 1½ hours.	Battalion Drill.	Care of feet when on the march or in the trenches.
6th Day.	Foot inspection	D I V I S I O N A L E X E R C I S E S.			
7th Day.	Physical Training and running.	Foot inspection 59th Bn. 8 a.m. to 12 noon scheme with troops	58th, 59th and 60th Battalions- Company in attack.	Battalion Brick Route March.	5 p.m. Lecture Div. Staff.
8th Day.	Bayonet Fighting.	Foot inspection 60th Bn. 8 a.m. to 12 noon scheme with troops.	57th, 58th and 59th Battalions- Advance Guards and Patrols.	Battalion Drill.	

- * This to be carried out by N.C.O's under the supervision of one officer per Company.
- ⊕ N.C.O's and men to carry on with work under Battalion arrangements.



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BRIGADE ORDER No. 74.

by

Brigadier General H.E. ELLIOTT C.M.G.
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

REPORTS - Officers will follow the route laid down for Bde. H.Q. column and pick up.

Reference Map AMIENS 17 1/100,000
Map LENS 11 1/100,000

RAINNEVILLE
2nd Jan. 1917.

- 15th Bde. H.Q.
- 15th M.G.Coy.
- 15th A.L.T.M.B.
- 57th Battalion,
- 58th Battalion,
- 59th Battalion,
- 60th Battalion,
- "A" section 14th
- Field Amb.



(1) The 15th Brigade Group as per margin will move from "C" district "T" area to "A" district "T" area on 3rd January.

(2) A. Units of the Brigade Group will be distributed as follows in "A" district.

- | | |
|-------------|------------------|
| VIGNACOURT | 15th Bde H.Q. |
| | 15th M.G.Coy. |
| | 15th A.L.T.M.B. |
| | 59th Battalion |
| | 60th Battalion |
| | "A" Section 14th |
| | Field Amb. |
| ST. VAST | 58th Battalion |
| LA CHAUSSEE | 57th Battalion |

B. ROUTE. The 57th Battalion will move from COISY via BERTANGLES - South of VAUX en AMIENOIS thence South West to ST. SAUVEUR thence to LA CHAUSSEE.

The 58th Battalion will move via COISY BERTANGLES South of VAUX South West of main ST. VAST - AMIENS Road thence to ST VAST.

The units bound for VIGNACOURT will move via COISY - BERTANGLES to the AMIENS - FLESSELLES Road to FLESSELLES thence to VIGNACOURT
TIME The 57th Battalion will clear COISY by 8.45 a.m.

The 15th Brigade H.Q. and units for VIGNACOURT will pass the Road Junction 1/4 mile North of the "A" in CARDONNETTE at 8.30 a.m. in order as under:-

- 15th Bde H.Q.
- 60th Battalion
- 59th Battalion

The 15th M.G.Coy will join the VIGNACOURT column at COISY at about 9-15 a.m. and take the lead of the column.

The 14th Field Amb. will join column behind the 15th M.G.Coy. at COISY.

The order of march will then be:-

- 15th M.G.Coy. (and L.T.M.B.)
- "A" Section 14th Field Amb.
- 15th Bde H.Q.
- 60th Battalion
- 59th Battalion.

The first halt for this column will be at 9 a.m..

The 58th Battalion will not enter COISY before 9.30 a.m. .

Columns will move under same march arrangements and distances as today. A motor lorry will follow in rear of each column.

(3) The 57th Battalion will leave at COISY the 1 Off. 75 O.R. detailed for Musketry Course. These will be picked up by 58th Battalion and taken to ST. VAST where they will billet the night and move with the 58th party under orders from Brigade next day.

(4) Parties for each unit of the sick men must report to COISY in time to join their various units as per march order above.

(5) Watches to be synchronized with Bde. H.Q. per
orderly at 7 a.m. 3rd inst. 1.3

(6) REPORTS--Orderlies will follow the route laid down
for Bde. H.Q. column and pick up.

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Reference map AMIENS 17 1,100,000

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Map Lens 11 1,100,000

R.G. Lewis

Staff Captain, 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.

15th Bde. H.Q.
 15th M.G. Coy.
 15th A.L.T.M.B.
 7th Battalion
 8th Battalion
 9th Battalion
 10th Battalion
 "A" section 14th
 Field Amb.

(7) A Unit of the Brigade Group will be distrib-

- Copies to No. 1 War Diary, ✓
- No. 2/3 Bde H.Q.
- 57th Battalion
- 58th Battalion
- 59th Battalion
- 60th Battalion
- 15th M.G. Coy.
- 15th A.L.T.M.B.
- 14th Field Amb.
- 15th Aust. Div.



B. ROUTE. via BERTANGLES - South of VAUX en ANTOIS
thence South West to ST. SAUVEUR thence to LA
CHAUSSEE.

The 58th Battalion will move via GOISY
BERTANGLES South of VAUX South West of main
ST. VAST - ANIENS Road thence to ST. VAST.

The unit bound for VIGNACOURT will
move via GOISY - BERTANGLES to the ANIENS -
VIGNACOURT Road to WILBERSHEIM thence to VIGNACOURT
TIME The 57th Battalion will clear GOISY by 8.45
a.m.

The 15th Brigade H.Q. and units for VIGNACOURT
will pass the Road Junction 3/4 mile North of the "A"
in GARDONNETTE at 8.50 a.m. in order as under:-

- 15th Bde H.Q.
- 80th Battalion
- 59th Battalion
- The 15th M.G. Coy will join the VIGNACOURT
- column at GOISY at about 9.15 a.m. and take the
- lead of the column.
- The 14th Field Amb. will join column behind
- the 15th M.G. Coy. at GOISY.

The order of march will then be:-
15th M.G. Coy. (and 14th Field Amb.)
"A" section 14th Field Amb.
15th Bde H.Q.
80th Battalion
59th Battalion

The first part for this column will be at
9 a.m.

The 58th Battalion will not enter GOISY
before 9.30 a.m.

(3) Columns will move under same march arrange-
ments and distances as today. A motor lorry will
follow in rear of each column.
The 57th Battalion will leave at GOISY the
10.15 a.m. detailed for Maresbury Course.

(4) These will be picked up by 58th Battalion and
taken to ST. VAST where they will fill the
night and move with the 58th party under orders
from Brigade next day.
Parties for each unit of the 15th must
report to GOISY in time to join their various
units as per march order above.

Daily Strength

15 Aust Inf Brigade

6th January 1917



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Unit	Actually with unit			In Hqs			Detached			M Effective Strength			Remarks
	Off	OR	Total	Off	OR	Total	Off	OR	Total	Off	OR	Total	
15. B.H.Q.	5	19	24	1		1	2	2	4	8	21	29	
15. A.L.I.M.B.	2	33	35	1	9	10	1	4	5	4	46	50	
15 M.G. Coy	6	124	130	1	6	7	4	40	44	11	170	181	Excludes 2 OR.AMG attached
57. Bn.	21	629	650	2	14	16	13	146	159	36	789	825	Excludes 5 OR.AMG attached 1 unattached "
58. Bn	15	661	676	6	16	22	10	147	157	31	824	855	Excludes 6 OR.AMG attached
59. Bn	22	545	567	4	40	44	10	132	142	36	717	753	Excludes 5 OR.AMG attached 1 unattached "
60. Bn	11	212	223	3	32	35	13	372	385	27	616	643	Excludes 5 OR.AMG attached
Total	82	2223	2305	18	117	125	53	843	896	153	3183	3336	

Details of Detached

15 M.G. Coy	0 OR	57 th Bn.	0 OR	58 Bn	0 OR	59 th Bn	0 OR	60 th Bn	0 OR
Id not yet joined (Capt BARKER. H.A)	1	A.G.'s office.	1	Gym Staff Cooks	1	5 Div Grenade School	3	29. A.S.C.	2
Guard Ribemont (Aerial Defense) (Lt. WHELDTON. F.D)	1 33	D.H.Q. cooks	2	D.H.Q. off mess.	2	5 Div Police	1	Div Salvage Coy	2
D.A.D.O.S.	1	Div Salvage Coy	2	Div Salvage Coy	1	5 Div Salvage Coy	14	Div Armouries shop	1
29. A.S.C.	1	Div Bomb School (Lt. DAVIS)	1	Div Armouries shop	1	29. A.S.C.	1	Grenade Dumps	1
Sig School	1	Div Schools	2	Div Ordnance Stores	2	A.G.'s office	1	Rly. Fitters	3
On leave (Lt. KERRAN & FOSTER)	2 4	Inst Lewis Gun Schools	1	A.G.'s office	1	8. B.H.Q. (Capt. J.J. SCANLON)	1	Traffic Control (2/Lt. STILLMAN)	1 2
		Etaples. Sig Sch. (Capt. MORGAN)	1	29. A.S.C.	2	On leave	2 24	Sig School	1
		29. A.S.C.	2	A.P.M. 5 th Div (Lt. W.J. GRAZE)	1	5 Div Inf School	2 5	Quarry Siding (Lt. J. 5 238)	5 238
		Div Police.	1	Lewis Gun School (Lt. C.R. GOLE)	1 2	2/Lt. A.J. BECK	2	Div Inf School	2 3
		Div Draughtman	1	Leave. { Lt. Col. O.A. DENEHEV Capt. W. OLOSE Lt. L.S. DAVIS }	3 26	2/Lt. H.K. RAWSON	2	School of Inst. Killing (Capt. DOYLE. D.B)	1 2
		Div. P.O.	1	Div Bomb Dumps	2	Lt. F. BURSEY Lt. W.E. HAMMOND	1	Ribemont Guard	2
		Leave. { Lt. Col. STEWART Lt. GORNEY Lt. SNOWBALL 2/Lt. DICKINSON FOR REST FALCONER }	6 34	Bds Blanket Store	1	Sig School	1	Musketry School	64
		Corps Light Rly	1	Corps Baths	7	4 th Army School	2 3	Leave (MAT. TRICKY Lt. DIAMOND Lt. GLEESON 2/Lt. WALKER)	4 27
		A.W.L.	1	15. Inf. Bn (2/Lt. F.J. WEIR)	1	Sig School	1	A.G.'s office	1
		Genemia	4	A.W.L.	3	Det School	1	Etaples.	1
		Cookery School	1	Div Inf School (2/Lt. R. KIDD)	1 3	4 th Army School	2 3	Divl. Trpt	2
		Div Inf School (2/Lt. MUTER)	1 3	Rly fitters	3	Sig School	1		
		Rly. Fitters.	2	8. B.H.Q.	1	Musketry School	1 78		
		Pigeon Cochs	3	D.A.D.O.S.	1				
		Sig School	1	Detachment 5 th Div	2				
		Lewis Gun School	1	Sig School	1				
		4 th Army School. (Lt. DUFFY)	1 1	School of Inst (Lt. N.G. PELTON)	1 3				
		Guard. RIBEMONT	2	Bds Store Ribemont	2				
		School ALPERSHOT (MAT. MARSH)	1	Musk Course. (2/Lt. S.J. FARMER)	1 79				
		Musk School (2/Lt. MUTER)	1 76	6 th Inf Bde (MAT. W.J. BATEMAN)	1 1				
		15. Inf Bn (Capt. ARAM)	1						
Total	2 2	Total	13 146	Total	10 147	Total	10 132	Total	13 372

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5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 101.



Reference-Map AMIENS 17-1:100,000
62d.N.W. 1:20,000
62d.N.E. 1:20,000

1. The G.O.C. 8th. A.I. Brigade will detail the 29th Battalion to move by march route to relieve the 30th. Battalion at present on Corps works in accordance with the attached table of moves.
2. The G.O.C. 14th. A.I. Brigade will detail two (2) Companies to move by march route to relieve two Companies of 60th. Battalion 15th. A.I. Brigade now at Colored Labor Camp, QUARRY SIDING, in accordance with the attached table.
3. Details of handing over to be arranged mutually between the G.O.C. 29th. and 30th. Battalions and the Senior Company Commanders of 14th. A.I. Brigade and 15th. A.I. Brigade Companies.
4. It must be distinctly understood that no break in the continuity of the work nor reduction in the strength of the exchanging Battalions and Companies is permitted.

. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

R. Wellington Captain.
Gen: Staff, 5th. Australian Division.

Issued at 8.30 p.m. to:-	Copy No.
8th. A.I. Brigade	1.
14th. A.I. Brigade	2.
15th. A.I. Brigade	3.
5th. Liv. Train	4.
S. S. O.	5.

Copies to:-	
1st. Anzac	6.
C.R.A. 5th. Australian Division	7.
1st. Australian Division	8.
2nd. Australian Division	9.
4th. Australian Division	10.
Div. Signal Co.	11.
A. D. M. S.	12.
A. D. V. S.	13.
C. R. E.	14.
5th. Pioneer Battalion	15.
A. P. M.	16.
D. A. D. O. S.	17.
Camp Commandant	18.
"G"	19.
"Q"	20.
A. D. C. to G.O.C.	21.
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TABLE OF MOVES TO ACCOMPANY 5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO.101.

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Date	Unit.	From	To.	Route	Quarterming.	Supply Arrangements.
Jan. 10.	29th. Bn.	COISY	BUIRE	Via QUERRIEU Pt.D.17.a.1.1	Commdt.Y Area	By 4th.Aust.Div.on 11th. inst.for consumption on 12th.S.S.C.4th.Aust. Div.will arrange to deliver rations at FRICOURT on evening of 11th.
	2 Cos. 14th.Bde.	MESSELLES	FRANVILLERS	Via VILLERS-BOCAGE MOLLIENS-BEHENCOURT Not to reach MOLLIENS before 11.30 a.m.	Town Major.	do.
Jan. 11.	29th. Bn.	BUIRE	FRICOURT Bde. Camp.	Via MAULTE.	Commdt.S1 Area	-
	2 Cos. 14th.Bde.	FRANVILLERS	FRICOURT Bde. Camp.	Via MEAULTE.	Commdt.S1 Area	
Jan. 12	29th. Bn.	FRICOURT	MONTAUBAN Bde. Camp	Via ROSE COTTAGE- MAMETZ CIRCUS.	Commdt.S3 Area.	En.will draw from MONTAUBAN RAILHEAD.
	2 Cos. 14th.Bde.	FRICOURT	C.L.C. QUARRY	Via ROSE COTTAGE MAMETZ CIRCUS.	C.R.E. Circuit	do.
	30th. Bn.	QUARRY	BUIRE	Vy rail leaving QUARRY 12.45 to FILE FACTORY-MEAULTE N.	Commdt.Y Area	By 5th.Aust.Div. on 12th.for consumption on 13th.S.S.C.5th. Aust.Div.will arrange to bump. at BUIRE on evening 12th.inst.and at COISY on evening of 13th.inst.except for 2 Cos.remaining at BUIRE with whom procedure will be same as on 12th.



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Date	Unit	From	To	Route	Quarterming	Supply Arrangements
Jan.12	2 Cos. 15th Bde	QUARRY	BUIRE	By rail leaving QUARRY 12.45 to FILE FACTORY - MEAULTE NORTH.	Comdt. Y.Area.	By 5th Aust.Div on 12th for consumption on 13th S.S.O. 5th Aust.Div will arrange to dump at BUIRE on evening 12th inst.
Jan.13	30th Bn.	BUIRE	COISY	via Pt. D.20.b.5.4 - QUERRIEU	Comdt. C.Area	
Jan.14	2 Cos. 15th Bde	BUIRE	RIBEMONT	-	Comdt. X Area	



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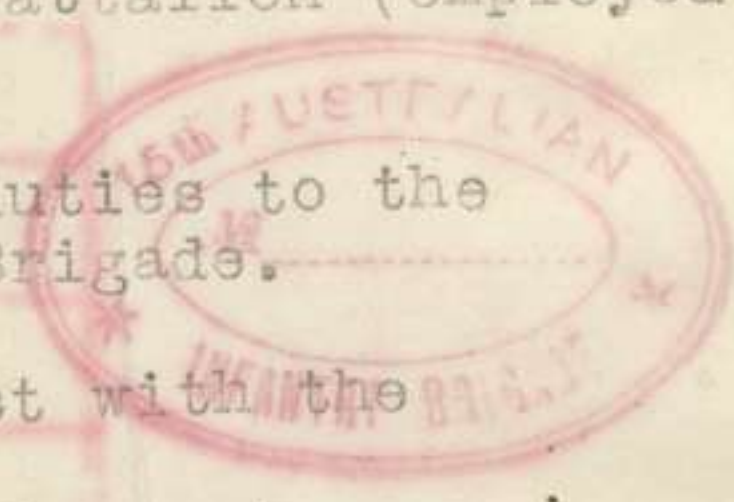
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VIGNACOURT
9/1/17.



Instructions issued to the O.C. detachment 60th Battalion (employed on works under C.R.E.Circuit.)

1. On the 12th January you will hand over your duties to the senior officer of two companies of the 14th Brigade.
2. You will arrange the exchange of duties direct with the abovementioned officer.
There must be no break in the continuity of the work.
3. You will obtain receipts for billets and any stores it may be necessary to hand over. Copies of these receipts will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters on your arrival at RIBEMONT.
4. Your command will entrain at the QUARRY by 12.45 p.m. on the 12th inst. and proceed by rail to FILE FACTORY - MEAULTE NORTH, marching thence to BUIRE.
The Commandant "Y" area will allot billets but you must send an officer 24 hours in advance to make the necessary arrangements.
5. On 14th January your command will march to RIBEMONT where the Commandant "X" area will allot billets.
6. The Senior Supply Officer 5th Aust. Div. will arrange a ration dump in BUIRE and rations for the 13th will be drawn from there.
7. Arrangements are being made for a vehicle (motor or horse) to be at the level crossing MEAULTE at 1.45 p.m. on 12th inst. for the carriage of officers kits &c. It will necessary for a representative to meet this vehicle.
8. It is anticipated that your detachment will rejoin the battalion on the 14th inst.

Geo. Z. Wick

Major,
Brigade Major, 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.

- Issued to - No.1 Filed.
- 2 Captain KERR, 60th Bn.
 - 3 60th Bn.
 - 4 Bde. H.Q.



15th Australian Infantry Brigade
Sick Wastage for Month of December 1916

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 th	31 st	
15 th Bde. H. Q.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
57 th Battalion	30	2	4	-	13	2	2	3	-	-	1	4	7	4	-	-	2	-	3	7	4	4	-	-	-	1	2	4	6	3	3	
58 th Battalion	4	18	-	4	3	2	2	-	-	1	11	3	5	22	-	13	-	8	-	-	-	-	4	2	1	-	4	2	5	-	2	
59 th Battalion	1	2	2	1	2	-	1	8	14	14	6	14	35	-	42	4	6	9	2	-	-	2	3	2	2	-	8	4	6	8	-	
60 th Battalion	76	36	2	15	7	6	13	1	4	1	6	3	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	
15 th M. G. Coy	3	4	2	1	3	-	3	4	4	6	-	1	1	3	6	0	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-
15 th A.L.I. M.P.	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Total.	115	62	10	22	28	10	21	16	22	24	24	25	53	31	52	19	10	18	9	10	5	6	7	7	7	1	15	10	19	13	6	

* In front or intermediate line.
† Average of 50 men on duty in Area
‡ Average of 12 on duty in Area

Geo. J. White
MAJOR
BDE. MAJOR
15th AUS. INF. BRIGADE

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 102.



References: Map AMIENS 17,1/100,000
LENS 11,1/100,000.
62 D.N.E. 1/20,000

Headquarters,
10th January 1917.

1. The 5th Australian Division (less artillery and units detached to 1st Anzac) will move to "R" Area on the 12th, 13th, and 14th instant, in accordance with move table attached.
2. (a) The 14th and 15th Infantry Brigades will move by tactical trains in accordance with time table and instructions to be issued by "C" of this Division.
(b) The 8th Infantry Brigade, and transport of of 14th and 15th Infantry Brigades will move by march route.
3. The following intervals will be maintained en route:-
200 yards between Battalions;
200 yards between transport and marching troops.
100 yards between Companies.
4. The section of the 14th Machine Gun Company at present on anti-aircraft duty at FLEESSELLES will remain on duty until further orders for its relief are issued.
5. Headquarters, 5th Australian Division will open at RIBEMONT at 12 noon on the 14th instant.
6. Separate instructions re supplies will be issued by "C" of this Division.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

W. Wellington Capt

Lieutenant Colonel,
General Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 5 p.m. to:-

	Copy No.		
8th Infantry Brigade	1	Town Major,	
14th Infantry Brigade	2	VIGNACOURT	24
15th Infantry Brigade	3	Town Major,	
C.A.C. 5th Aust. Div.	4	DERNAFCOURT	25
5th Aust. Div. Sig. Co.	5	Town Major,	
5th Aust. Divisional Train	6	RIBEMONT	26
J.S.C.	7	Town Major,	
A.D.M.S.	8	BUIAE	27.
A.D.V.S.	9		
D.A.D.O.C.	10		
A.P.M.	11		
Camp Commandant	12		

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MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 102

Date	Unit	From	To	Remarks
Jan 12	Transport 11th A.I. Bde	VIGNACOURT	FRANVILLERS	Via VILLERS BOGAGE - MOLLIENS.
Jan 13	11th A.I. Bde	VIGNACOURT	RIBEMONT	By tactical trains under arrangements to be made by "Q" of Division.
	Transport 15th A.I. Bde	FRANVILLERS	RIBEMONT	(1) Via HEILLY (2) To cross ALBERT - AMIENS Road at 9 a.m. (Not to enter RIBEMONT until 1st A.I. Bde has marched out.)
	8th A.I. Bde	RAINNEVILLE COISY CARDONNETTE	BONNAY LA HOUSSOYE LA NEUVILLE	via QUERRIEU.
	Transport 14th A.I. Bde	FLESSELLES	RAINNEVILLE	
Jan 14	14th A.I. Bde	FLESSELLES	BUIRE	By tactical trains under arrangements to be made by "Q" of Division.
	Transport 14th A.I. Bde	RAINNEVILLE	BUIRE	(1) Via QUERRIEU - HEILLY (2) To reach RIBEMONT until 1 p.m.
	8th A.I. Bde	BONNAY LA HOUSSOYE LA NEUVILLE	DERNANCOURT	(1) All via BONNAY - HEILLY. (2) To reach BUIRE by 12 noon.
	Headquarters 5th Aust. Div	VIGNACOURT	RIBEMONT	Via FLESSELLES - AMIENS - QUERRIEU - LA HOUSSOYE - D.20.b.9.0. (Dismounted personnel by train with 14th Brigade.)



Appendix No. 82

ADMINISTRATIVE ADDENDUM TO
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 102



MOVE:

1. 15th Infantry Brigade will move by train in two Echelons at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. from 13th inst. Troops will be at station one hour before departure of train.

Train timings for 14th Infantry Brigade will be issued later.

SUPPLIES:

2. Railhead will change to EDGEHILL on 14th inst.

15th Infantry Brigade will carry unexpired portion of days rations. Supplies for 14th inst. will be drawn at RIBEMONT.

8th Infantry Brigade will carry 24 hours rations. Supplies for the 15th inst. will be drawn at Dernancourt on 14th inst.

14th Infantry Brigade will carry unexpired portion of day's rations. Supplies for 15th will be drawn at BUIRE on 14th inst.

ADVANCE PARTIES:

3. Advance parties will proceed 24 hours in advance of their units.

BILLETTS

4. Officers will be told off to inspect billets and report on the condition before the troops march off and a record will be kept so that if a report is received that a certain billet has been left in an insanitary state the offenders can be traced. An Officer will be detailed to accompany an Officer of the incoming Brigade on an inspection of the billets, and they will report to the G.O.C. on the state of the billets. He will also inspect the billets with the Town Major and any damage or deficiencies of Government Stores will be recorded and reported by the Officer to the C.O. of his Unit.

POLICE ARRANGEMENTS:

5. The A.P.M. will arrange for the policing of the roads taken by parties proceeding by march route.

SURPLUS STORES:

6. Surplus Stores will not be dumped in "T" area but taken forward to "R" area now and ultimately to FRICOURT CAMP.

R.P. Varwell Major

COLONEL,
A.A. & C.M.G. 5th Australian Division.

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Copy No. 11

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.75.

Reference Map AMIENS 17 1/100,000
LENS 11 1/100,000

12th January, 1917.



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1. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade (less detachments to 1st ANZAC) will move to "R" Area (RIBEMONT) on 12th and 13th January.
2. (a) Units (less detachments to 1st ANZAC and Transport) will move by tactical trains in accordance with Time Table attached.
(b) Transport and Riding horses will proceed by Road as under:-
12th Jan. From "T" area to FRANVILLERS via VILLERS BOGAGE and MOLLIEUS.
(a) Transport of Units billeted in VIGNACOURT will pass the Church at 8.30 a.m.

O.C. Column.- Lieut. McCallum 57th Bn.
59th Bn.
60th Bn.
15th M.G. Coy., and 15th Bde. H.Q.
"A" Section 14th Field Amb.

(b) Transport of the 57th and 58th Bn's., marching independently via BERTANGLES will join the main column (in rear) at VILLERS BOGAGE at 11.30 a.m.
13th Jan.- The combined Column will cross the AMIENS road at 9 a.m. and march via HEILLY to RIBEMONT but will not enter the latter village until the 1st A.I. Brigade has marched out.
3. The following Road Distances will be observed:-
200 yards between Battalions.
200 yards between Transport and marching Troops.
100 yards ^{between} Companies or Unit Transport.
4. No Stores or personnel will be left in the "T" area.
5. Billets will be left scrupulously clean and inspection certificates forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by 6 p.m. on 13th inst..
6. Advanced Parties will proceed to RIBEMONT by Bus from Brigade Headquarters at 9 a.m. on 12th inst..
7. Supplies for 13th inst. will be drawn on 11th inst.. Supplies for 14th inst. will be drawn on arrival at RIBEMONT.
8. One motor lorry per Battalion will be available to carry surplus loading and will report on 12th inst..

Geo. J. Wreedy Major,
Brigade Major, 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.

- Copies to - No.
- 1 57th Bn.
 - 2 58th Bn.
 - 3 59th Bn.
 - 4 60th Bn.
 - 5 15th M.G. Coy.
 - 6 "A" Section 14th Field Amb.
 - 7 Staff Captain.
 - 8 Lieut. McCallum 57th Bn.
 - 9& 10 Brigade Headquarters.
 - 11 War Diary.
 - 12 5th Aust. Div.



***** TIME TABLE *****

TO ACCOMPANY 15th INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.75.

UNITS.	TIME OF		STATION		PERSONNEL		ACCOMODATION			REMARKS.
	ENTRAINMENT	DEPARTURE.	ENTRAIN	DETRAIN.	OFFICERS	O.R.	1st CLASS	3rd CLASS	FLATS	
57th Bn.	8 a.m.	9 a.m.	VIGNACOURT	MERICOURT	21	650	1	21	1	Unit representatives will report to the Brigade Major at the Railway Station at 7.45 a.m. and 9.45 a.m. respectively. ----- Bicycles can be packed in brake vans. -----
59th Bn.	- do -	- do -	- do -	- do -	20	575	1	21	1	
15th Bde. HQ.	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	- do -	- do -	6	70)		2		
58th Bn.	- do -	- do -	- do -	- do -	12	675)	1	21	1	
60th Bn.	- do -	- do -	- do -	- do -	10	270)		13	1	
15th M.G. Coy.	- do -	- do -	- do -	- do -	5	125)	1	5	-	
14th A.M.C. "A" Section.	- do -	- do -	- do -	- do -	3	33)		1		

In accordance with ~~the~~ 4th Army Order 390 each Unit will leave as rear party 1 Officer and 6 O.R. These will rejoin at RIBEMONT. (after complying with all the requirements of the aforementioned order) either by bicycle or by train. In the latter case Units will provide their parties with the necessary authority to travel.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 103.

Headquarters,
12th January 1917.



1. The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery and units detached to the Corps) will relieve the 2nd Australian Division (less Artillery and units detached to the Corps) in the Right Divisional Sector of the Corps front between the 15th and 18th January.
2. The units of the 5th Australian Division will be put into the line under the orders of the G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division. Units will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division on passing East of FRICOURT. The G.O.C. 5th Australian Division will assume command of the sector at 11 a.m. on 18th inst. Headquarters will be at BERNARBY WOOD.
3. Brigades of the 5th Australian Division will occupy the line as follows:-

Right Brigade Sector.	8th Brigade (less 29th Battalion) with 54th Battalion attached. H.Q. WATERLOT FARM.
Left Brigade Sector	15th Brigade. H.Q. S.12.b.
Reserve Brigade	14th Brigade, less 1 1/2 Battalions. H.Q. S.22.d.
4. The 54th Battalion will come under the orders of G.O.C. 8th Brigade at 4 p.m. on 14th inst.
5. (i) Moves and locations of infantry will be in accordance with the attached Table "X", subject to any amendments issued later by H.Q. 2nd Australian Division.
 (ii) The 57th Battalion, 15th Brigade, will entrain at MEAULTE for Quarry Station on 14th inst, under orders to be issued by "Q".
6. (i) Troops moving forward from "R" Area will march via MEAULTE - F.7.c.8.3 - crossroads at F.1.d.9.0, and will be clear of F.7.c.8.3 by 11.30 a.m. daily.
 (ii) Troops marching on roads east of FRICOURT will march in file.
 (iii) The following intervals will be maintained on the roads. These will not be closed up:-
 200 yards between Battalions.
 200 yards between transport of each unit.
 100 yards between Companies
7. The C.R.C. 5th Australian Division will take over from the C.R.C. 2nd Australian Division at 11 a.m. on 19th inst.
8. Two sections of the 25th Tunnelling Company at present in the Right Divisional Sector will remain in that sector, and will become attached to the 5th Australian Division on completion of the relief.
9. Instructions regarding the move of medical personnel will be issued by A.D.M.S., under instructions from B.D.M.S. Corps Headquarters.

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10. Moves of Engineer and Pioneer units will be made in accordance with attached table "Y".

11. Separate instructions regarding supplies and location of echelons will be issued by "Q" of the Division.

12. Headquarters, 5th Australian Division will be at BIREMONT from 14th to 18th January.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE

Cumwagstaff

Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 6 p.m. to:-

	Copy No.
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5th Aust. Div. Sig. Co.	7
5th Aust. Div. Train	8
S.S.O. 5th Aust. Div.	9
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TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 103.

TABLE "X"

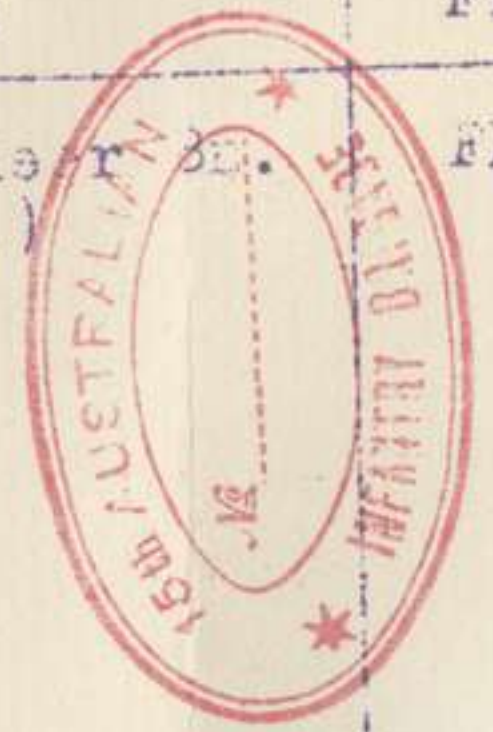
DATE	RIBEMONT	BUIRE	DERAINCOURT	ERICOURT	Reserve Bde. Camps			ADELAIDE (Montauban)	WORKS CAMP Montauban	THOMES WOOD "B" Camp	BERNAFAY "E" Camp	DELLVILLE WOOD	NEEDLE RIGHT	NEEDLE LEFT	LINE RIGHT	LINE LEFT	
					MIMETZ	MONTAUBAN	MONTAUBAN										
Jan 13	15th Bde	2nd Bde	3rd Bde	30th	A 5	B 5	C 5	D 6	29	A 6	D 5	A 7	B 6	B 7	C 6	C 7	
Jan 14	1st	1st Bde	31 32	53, 59 60, 30	A 5	B 5	C 5	57	29	A 6	D 5	A 7	B 6	B 7	C 6	C 7	
Jan 15	D 6	A 6	53, 55 56	A 7	D 5	60, 30 54, 32	A 5	B 5	C 5	31	29	-	58	59	-	-	C 7
Night 15/16	AD 6	53 55, 56	A 7	D 5	60, 30 54, 32	A 5	B 5	C 5	31	29	B 7	58	59	B 6	57	C 6	C 7
Jan 16	AD 6	A 7	B 7	ABCD 5	53, 55 56, 54	-	30	32	-	29	-	60	59	-	-	-	C 7
Night 16/17	AD 6	AB 7	5th Bde	53, 55 56, 54	-	30	32	B 6	29	C 7	60	59	31	58	C 6	57	
Jan 17	ABD 6	ABC 7	5th Bde	55	53	30	56	54	29	-	60	59	31	58	-	57	
Night 17/16	ABD 6	ABC 7	5th Bde	55	53	30	56	-	29	C 6	60	59	32	58	31	57	
Jan 18	ABCD 6	ABC 7	5th Bde	-	53	30	56	55	29	54	60	59	32	58	31	57	

Appendix No. 2

TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 103

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Date	Unit	From	To	Route and times	Quarters allotted by
Jan. 16.	5th Pioneer Bn. (2 Cos.)	FRANVILLERS	WATERLOT FARM	ALBERT - AMIENS Road - D.12.d.7.7 - DERNANCOURT to File Factory MAULTE N. To arrive by 4 p.m. and entrain - leaving 4.52 p.m. arriving Quarry 6 p.m.	2nd Aust. Div.
Jan. 17	5th Pioneer Bn. (2 Cos.)	Line	FRANVILLERS	By rail from Quarry leaving 12.45 p.m. to File Factory MAULTE N. Thence by march route via DERNANCOURT - D.12. d.7.7 and ALBERT - AMIENS Road.	Town Major FRANVILLERS.
Jan. 17	15th Field Co. Engineers	RIBEMONT	ERICOURT	-	-
Jan. 18	8th Field Co. Engineers		Line - Right Sector	-	C.R.E.
	14th Field Co. Engineers	C.R.E. Circuit	LONGUEVAL - relieving 8th Field Co.	-	C.R.E.
	15th Field Co. Engineers	ERICOURT	Line - Right Sector	-	C.R.E.



Appendix No. 8283

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Reference Albert 1/40,000

Copy No. 7

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 76.

- (1) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 7th Infantry Brigade in the Left Brigade Sector of the Right Division area on 16th and 17th January.
- (2) Moves and locations will be in accordance with the Moves Table attached.
- (3) A. The 15th Brigade (less 57th Bn. and 15th M.G. Coy.) will route march to FRICOURT via MEAULTE, P.7.C.8-3., crossroads at P.1.D.9-0. and will be clear of P.7.C.8-3. by 11.30 a.m. Units will pass the starting point - the church - as under--

58th Bn.	8.0 a.m.
59th Bn.	8.15 a.m.
60th Bn.	8.30 a.m.
Bde. H.Q.	8.45 a.m.
57th Bn. and M.G.	
Coy. Transport	8.50 a.m.
- B. The 57th Bn. and 15th M.G. Coy. (both less transports) will route march to MEAULTE and will then entrain for QUARRY SIDING. Times for march and entrainment will be notified later.
- (4) East of FRICOURT troops will march in File.
- (5) The following intervals will be maintained on the roads and must on no account be closed up, viz:-
 - 200 yards Between Battalions.
 - 200 yards between Transport and Infantry.
 - 100 yards between Companies.
- (6) Medical and Supply arrangements will be notified later.
- (7) Units East of FRICOURT will be under the Orders of the G.O.C. 7th Brigade until 10 a.m. 17th January, when the G.O.C. 15th Brigade assumes command of the Sector.
- (8) Previous instructions regarding taking over of Billets trenches, stores etc. will be strictly observed.
- (9) Brigade Headquarters will move to Dug-out in S.12.B. at 10 a.m. on 17th January.



Robert W. ...

Major,
Brigade Major, 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Copies to - No. 1 57th Bn.
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 3 59th Bn.
 4 60th Bn.
 5 15th M.G. Coy.
 6 15th A.L.T.M.B.
 7 War Diary.
 8 5th Aust. Div.
 9 Staff Capt.
 10)
 11) Bde H.Q.
 12)



***** MOVES TABLE *****

(Issued with 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No.75.)

DATE.	ERICOURT.	ADELAIDE (MONTAUBAN)	"E" CAMP.	DELVILLE WOOD	NEEDLE LEFT.	FRONT LINE.	S.12.B.
am. 14th	15th Bde. H.Q. 58th Bn. 59th Bn. 60th Bn. 30th Bn.	57th Bn. 15th M.G.Coy.	20th Bn.	25th Bn.	26th Bn.	27th Bn.	7th Bde H.Q.
am 15th	15th Bde H.Q. 60th Bn. 30th Bn. 32nd Bn. 54th Bn.	31st Bn.	58th Bn.	59th Bn.	57th Bn.	27th Bn.	7th Bde H.Q.
am 16th	15th Bde H.Q. 53rd Bn. 54th Bn. 55th Bn. 56th Bn.	---	60th Bn.	59th Bn.	58th Bn.	57th Bn. 15th M.G.Coy.	7th Bde H.Q.
am 17th	55th Bn.	54th Bn.	60th Bn.	59th Bn.	58th Bn.	57th Bn.	15th Bde H.Q.

Units will invariably send representatives ahead to take over and become acquainted with billets, trenches, etc.

Appendix No. 228

2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO 82.

Divisional Headquarters.
13th January 1917.



Reference ALBERT combined Sheet.

1. (1) With reference to 2nd Australian Divisional Order No 81, dated 12th January 1917, the following will be the location of Brigade Headquarters during, and on completion of, the relief.

Location	Night 14/15.	15/16.	16/17.	17/18	morning 18th.
S.22.d.9.4.	5th Bde.	5th Bde.	15th Bde.	14th Bde.	14th Bde
S.16.d.5.2.	6th Bde.	6th Bde.	6th Bde	6th Bde.	8th Bde
S.12.b.6.6.	7th Bde.	7th Bde.	7th Bde.	15th Bde.	15th Bde
DERNANCOURT.	8th Bde	8th Bde.	5th Bde.	5th Bde.	5th Bde
BUIRE.	14th Bde.	14th Bde.	-	7th Bde.	7th Bde
RIBEMONT.	15th Bde.	-	-	-	6th Bde
FRICOURT.	-	15th Bde.	14th Bde.	-	-
MONTAUBAN.	-	-	8th Bde.	8th Bde	-

(11) All moves will be completed by 12 noon daily. Establishment of Headquarters in new location will be reported by wire to 2nd Aust Div Headquarters.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 10 p.m.

W. Arthur ...
Lieut Colonel.
General Staff.

DISTRIBUTION.-

- 1 5th Aust Inf Bde.
- 2 6th -do-
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- 4 8th -do-
- 5 14th -do-
- 6 15th -do-
- 7 C.R.A. 2nd Aust Div
- 8 C.R.E. do
- 9 2nd A.Pioneer Bn.
- 10 O.C. Div Sig Coy
- 11 O.C.Div Train.
- 12 "A.Q".
- 13 A.D.M.S.
- 14 A.D.V.S.
- 15 D.A.D.O.S.
- 16 A.P.M.
- 17 C.Comdt.
- 18 1st Anzac. G.
- 19 1st Anzac Q
- 20 5th Aust Div.
- 21 4th do
- 22 29th Div.
- 23 Anzac Heavy Art.
- 24 War Diary.
- 25 G.O.C.
- 26)
- 27) file.
- 28-30 spare.

Note - 15th Bde moved direct to S12 b 6-6 on 16th and to S22 d 9-4

Daily Strength.

15 Aust Inf Bde



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13th January 1917.

Appendix 83

Unit	Actually with unit			In Htl			Detached			Hl Effective Strength			Remarks
	Off	OR	Total	Off	OR	Total	Off	OR	Total	Off	OR	Total	
15. BHQ	6	19	25	1		1	1	2	3	8	21	29	
15. ALIMB	3	32	35	1	8	9	1	5	6	5	45	50	
15. M.G. Coy	7	169	176	1	1	2	3	11	14	11	181	192	Decrease 1. OR to Htl Excludes 2. OR. AMC. attached.
57 th Bn.	24	695	719	1	29	30	10	75	85	35	799	834	Decrease 6. OR to Htl Excludes 3. OR. AMC attached 1. unattached "
58 th Bn	13	712	725	6	16	22	12	95	107	31	823	854	Increase 3. OR from Htl Decrease 5. OR to Htl Excludes 6. OR AMC attached
59 Bn.	22	628	650	2	35	37	12	65	77	36	728	764	Increase 3. OR from Htl Excludes 4. OR AMC attached 1. unattached "
60. Bn.	14	330	344	3	37	40	11	289	300	28	656	684	Increase 18. OR Htl Excludes 6. OR. AMC. attached
TOTAL	89	2585	2674	15	126	141	50	542	592	154	3253	3407	

Appendix No. 83

Details Detached

15 M.G. Coy		57 th BN		58 th BN		59 th BN		60 th BN	
O	OR	O	OR	O	OR	O	OR	O	OR
1			1		1		3		
joined (Capt BARKER)		AS's office		Byron staff cook		5 Div Grenade School		29. A.S.C.	
On leave	2	Div HQ	2	D.H.Q. mess	2	5 Div Police	1	Div Salvage Coy	2
{ Lt. KERR, MG } { FOSTER, F }	7	Div Salvage Coy	2	Div Salvage Coy	1	5 Div Salvage Coy	14	Armourer shop	1
D.A. DOS	1	Div Bomb School (Lt. DAVIS, C.H.)	1	Div Armourer's Shop	1	29. A.S.C.	1	Grenade Dump	1
Div Sig Sch	2	Div School	2	Div Ordnance Store	1	A.S.'s office	1	Rly Const	3
29. A.S.C.	1	Inst. L.S. School	1	A.S.'s office	1	8 B.H.Q. (Capt. BOANLAN, J.C.)	1	Traffic Control	1
TOTAL	3	Establs	1	29. A.S.C.	2	On leave	3	Sig School (2/Lt. STILLMAN)	5
15 ALTMB		(Capt. MORGAN, R.)	1	APM. 5 Div (Lt. W.J. GRAZE)	1	5 Div Inf School	2	Sig School (2/Lt. LEGGATT)	1
On leave (Lt. FREEMAN, W.)	3	29. ASC	2	Lewis Gun School (Lt. CR. COLE)	19	15. Jig Bn. (Lt. T.F. BURSEY) (W.E. HAMMOND)	2	Capt. KERR'S Party BUIRE	3
School of Inst	1	Div Police	1	Leave	5	5. Div Sig School	4	Div Inf School	2
A.W.L.	1	Div Draughtsmen	1	Div Bomb Dump	2	Vel School ABBEVILLE	1	{ 2/Lt. BEAVER } { COOKSON }	3
TOTAL	1	Div PO.	1	Body Blanket store	1	4 Army School (Capt. K.G. McDONALD) (Lt. G.R. STOCKFELD)	2	School of Inst (Capt. DOYLE, D.)	2
15 BHQ		Leave	5	Corps Baths	7	Med Board LONDON (Lt. R.M. LIVING)	1	A.S.'s office	1
On leave (Capt. STATT, G.)	2	Coin light Rly	1	15. Jig Bn (2/Lt. F.J. WZIB)	1	Scribes School (Lt. GANNON)	2	Musteky School	1
		Cinema	4	A.W.L.	3	5. Div Concert Party	2	Establs (Pay Sgt)	2
		Cookery School	1	Div School (2/Lt. KIDD, R.)	3	4 Army Sig School	2	A.I.F. Hqs (Lt. A. ROBERTSON)	1
		Div Inf School (Lt. MUTER, R.)	1	Argas Light Rlys	9	Argas Light Rlys	6	Leave (Lt. GLEESON) (2/Lt. WALKER)	2
		Rly fitters	2	8 th B.H.Q.	1	OR PO & Hqs ORG	1	Establs	1
		Pigeon Corps	3	D.A.D.S.	1			A.W.L. total	2
		Sig School	1	Deception 5 Div	2				
		Lewis Gun school	1	Sig School	1				
		4 Army school (Lt. DUFFY, J.S.)	2	Sig School GONTAY (2/Lt. F.B. MOWHANNELL)	1				
		School ALDRSHOT (Maj. MARSHALL)	1	School of Inst (Lt. HIGDELTON)	3				
		4 Army Gas school	1	Body Store	2				
		Region school	2	G. BHQ (MAT. BATEMAN)	1				
		Pay Sgt Establs	1	Jig School	1				
		ANZAC Concert Party	1		1				
TOTAL	1	TOTAL	10	TOTAL	12	TOTAL	12	TOTAL	11
	2		75		95		65		289

Appendix No. 8319A

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SECRET.

GENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 81.



1. The right divisional sector will be held until further orders with two infantry brigades in front line, and one brigade in reserve.
2. Brigades in front line will probably be relieved alternately every ten or eleven days; thus brigades will do about 21 days in line and about 10 days in reserve. The first relief, of the 8th Brigade by the 14th Brigade, will take place about 28th January.
3. Brigades in line will be distributed in depth as follows:-

Front line system	1 battalion
Intermediate line	1 battalion
TRONES WOOD Area	1 battalion
MONTAUBAN Area	1 battalion.

The rear battalion should be rested and refitted, and not used on works in the forward area.
4. The Reserve Brigade, less details required for divisional duties, will be quartered chiefly in the ERICOURT Area, and will put in as much Company, Battalion, and Specialist training as can be done in that neighbourhood.
5. Supply railhead for the division will shortly be changed from MONTAUBAN to BERNAFAY.
6. In view of the above factors, a re-distribution of the available hut and shelter accommodation is necessary. Camps will therefore be allotted as shown in the attached Table "A". These locations will be taken up on 23rd January.
7. "E" Camp near BERNAFAY is allotted for the permanent depots of all three brigades; these depots will not be changed as brigades move in relief.

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Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

19th January 1917.

- Issued to:-
- 8th Infantry Brigade
 - 14th Infantry Brigade
 - 15th Infantry Brigade
 - 5th Pioneer Battalion
 - C.R.A.
 - C.R.E.

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 - File
 - "G"
 - War Diary
 - A.D.C. to G.O.C.

TABLE "A"
ALLOTMENT OF CAMPS &c. RIGHT DIVISION.

Camp	Accommodation	Allotted to	Remarks
Front line right NEEDLE and CO. right. "C" (TRONES'OOD) MONTAUBAN "A"	1 battalion 1 battalion 1 battalion 1 battalion	) ) ) Right Brigade)	
Front line left NEEDLE and SWITCH left "B" (TRONES'OOD)(a) MONTAUBAN "B"	1 battalion 1 battalion $\frac{3}{4}$ battalion 1 battalion	) ) ) Left Brigade)	(a) DELVILLER'S 'OOD may be used till full accom- modation is built.
"D" Camp	10 huts	Cable burying party.	
MONTAUBAN "C"	1 battalion	Battalion on Corps work	Now 29th Battalion.
MONTAUBAN "D" ERICOURT "A" ERICOURT "B" ERICOURT "C"	1 battalion 1 battalion 1 battalion 1 battalion	(b)) Reserve Brigade) (including M.G.) Co. and T.M.) Battery.	(b) The batt- alion find- ing the divisional duties
ERICOURT "D"	1 battalion	At disposal of Division for details	
"E" Camp (BERNAFAY) and Pioneer huts.	2 battalions	Depots of all 3 Brigades.	Detailed allotment to be made by "C".



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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Amended Table of Reliefs and locations during occupation of Left Brigade Sector (From 23/1/17 inclusive).



DATE	PIONEER CAMP & DELVILLE WOOD.	"B" CAMP TRONES WOOD.	NEEDLE & SWITCH	FRONT LINE.
Jan. 23rd	58th Bn.	57th Bn.	60th Bn.	59th Bn.
24th.	58th Bn.	57th Bn.	60th Bn.	59th Bn.
25th.	58th Bn.	57th Bn.	59th Bn.	60th Bn.
26th.	59th Bn.	57th Bn.	58th Bn.	60th Bn.
27th.	59th Bn.	57th Bn.	58th Bn.	60th Bn.
28th.	59th Bn.	57th Bn.	60th Bn.	58th Bn.
29th.	60th Bn.	57th Bn.	59th Bn.	58th Bn.
30th.	60th Bn.	57th Bn.	59th Bn.	58th Bn.
31st.	60th Bn.	57th Bn.	58th Bn.	59th Bn.
Feb. 1st.	58th Bn.	57th Bn.	60th Bn.	59th Bn.
2nd.	58th Bn.	57th Bn.	60th Bn.	59th Bn.
3rd.	58th Bn.	57th Bn.	59th Bn.	60th Bn.
4th.	59th Bn.	57th Bn.	58th Bn.	60th Bn.
5th.				
6th.				
7th.				

"E" Camp near BERNAFAY is allotted for the permanent depots of all three Brigades, the depots will not be changed as Brigade moves. Supply railhead will shortly be changed from MONTAUBAN to BERNAFAY. The Battalion in "B" Camp will not be used for works but will be tested and refitted.

Geo. J. Street

Major.
Brigade Major. 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

TABLE OF RELIEFS AND LOCATIONS.
(From 26/1/17 inclusive)



DATE	"B" CAMP	DELVILLE WOOD	NEEDLE AND SWITCH LINE	FRONT LINE SYSTEM.
Jan. 26th.	59th Bn.	58th Bn.	57th Bn.	60th Bn.
27th.	59th Bn.	58th Bn.	57th Bn.	60th Bn.
28th.	59th Bn.	58th Bn.	60th Bn.	57th Bn.
29th.	60th Bn.	59th Bn.	58th Bn.	57th Bn.
30th.	60th Bn.	59th Bn.	58th Bn.	57th Bn.
31st.	60th Bn.	59th Bn.	58th Bn.	57th Bn.
Jan. 1st. <i>Feb</i>	60th Bn.	59th Bn.	57th Bn.	58th Bn.
2nd.	57th Bn.	60th Bn.	59th Bn.	58th Bn.
3rd.	57th Bn.	60th Bn.	59th Bn.	58th Bn.
4th.	57th Bn.	60th Bn.	59th Bn.	58th Bn.
5th.	57th Bn.	60th Bn.	58th Bn.	59th Bn.
6th.	58th Bn.	57th Bn.	60th Bn.	59th Bn.
7th.	58th Bn.	57th Bn.	60th Bn.	59th Bn.
8th.				59th Bn.

The 15th M.G. Company and 15th A.L.T.M.B. will carry out section reliefs as required.

- Issued - No.1. 57th Battalion.
- No.2. 58th "
- No.3. 59th "
- No.4. 60th "
- No.5. 15th M.G.Coy.
- No.6. 15th A.L.T.M.B.
- No.7. Brigade Q.M.
- No.8. Staff Captain.
- No.9. Brigade H.Q.
- No.10. War Diary.
- No.11. Right Brigade.
- No.12. Left Brigade.

Geo. F. Weeks

Major.
Brigade Major 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.

Daily Strength Return

15th Aust Inf Brigade



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20th January 1917

Unit	Actually with Unit			In Hospital			Detached			M. Effective Strength			Remarks
	Off	OR	Total	Off	OR	Total	Off	OR	Total	Off	OR	Total	
15 th B.H.Q.	5	19	24	1	.	1	2	1	3	8	20	28	
15 th A.L. T.M.B.	3	26	29	2	10	12	.	9	9	5	45	50	
15 th M.G. Coy	8	156	164	2	5	7	.	17	17	10	178	188	Decrease 1 OR wounded Excludes 2 OR AMC attached
57 th Bn	22	685	707	1	13	14	12	99	111	35	797	832	Decrease 3 OR Casualties Excludes 3 OR AMC attached 1 Interpreter
58 th Bn	14	695	709	5	20	25	11	118	129	30	833	863	Decrease 7 OR / FT WEIR to 15 th TN Bn (Sec) Lieut DARDIER L.H. wounded Excludes 6 OR AMC attached 1 Interpreter
59 th Bn	25	629	654	2	9	11	9	70	79	36	708	744	Decrease 41 OR to hospital Excludes 3 OR AMC attached 1 Interpreter
60 th Bn	20	554	574	.	14	14	6	61	67	26	629	655	Decrease 43 OR to hospital 2 off Secured { Lieut ARTER J.H. RICHARDS H.N. Excludes 6 OR AMC attached
TOTAL	97	2764	2861	15	71	84	40	375	415	150	3210	3360	

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Details Detached



15 th Bn Coy		57 th Bn		58 th Bn		59 th Bn		60 th Bn	
O	OR	O	OR	O	OR	O	OR	O	OR
On Leave	13	A. G's Office	1	19. H Q	3	5 th Div Grenade School	3	29 th A.S.C.	2
D.O. D.O.P. 5 th Div	1	D.O. B. Cooks	2	Div Salvage Coy	1	" Police	12	Div Salvage Coy	2
Div Sig School	2	Div Salvage Coy	2	" Armourers Shop	1	Salvage Coy	1	Grenade Dump	1
29 th A.S.C.	1	Div Bomb School	1	" Ordnance Store	1	29 th A.S.C.	1	Railway Fitters	3
		(LIEUT DAVIS)	1	A. G's Office	2	A. G's Office	1	Traffic Control	2
		Div School	2	29 th A.S.C.	1	8 th Bde H.Q. (Capt SCANLAN)	1	(LIEUT. STILLMAN)	1
		Inst Lewis Gun Sch	1	A.P.M. 5 th Aust Div	1	Leave	18	Sigs School	5
		(Etaples) CAPT MORGAN	1	Lewis Gun School	1	(LIEUT J.W. FRANCIS	3	(LIEUT LEGGATT)	1
		29 th A.S.C.	2	Leave	6	" W.F. McIVER	25	Div Inf School	6
TOTAL	17	Div Police	1	(LIEUT L.S. DAVIS.	32	" F.J. GANNON	4	(LIEUT THORNBURN	2
		Div Draughtman	1	CAPT W. CLOSE	2	" H.K. RAWSON	3	Officers School	2
		Div P.O.	1	LIEUT F.C. DAWSON	1	5 th Div Inf School	4	(CAPT. DOYLE D)	1
		Leave	5	LIEUT S.J. TOPP	1	6 th Div Sig School	3	Musketry School	1
		Capt McDonald	56	Div Bomb Dump	1	Detinerary School	1	A. G's Office	1
		" ELLIOTT		Bde B. Baker Store	7	4 th Army Inf School	3	Div Camp Wardens	8
		2/Lieut FALCONER		Corps Baths	4	(Capt. K.G. McDonald		Wireless Course	2
		" SHRODER		A.W.L.	6	Lieut G.R. Stockfield		Cooking School	1
		" DICKINSON		Div Inf School	9	Medical Board (London)	1	Pay Sergeant (ETAPLES)	2
		Cinema	4	Auzac Light Railway	1	(Lieut. P.M. Living)		A.V.F. H.Q. (Lieut Robertson AM)	1
		Cookery School	1	8 th Inf Bde	2	Decauville Railway	7	Leave	18
		Div Inf School	1	Detention	3	4 th Army L.G. School	4	ETAPLES	1
		(Lieut MUTER)	1	School of Instruction	1	" Sigs School	2	A.W.L.	3
		Railway Fitters	2	(Lieut. NG PELTON)	1	5 th Div Concert Party	2	Detention	1
		Pigeon Div Sig School	3	6 th Brigade (Major W.J. BATTERMAN)	1	" Observer	1		
		Lewis Gun School	1	Transport School	1				
		4 th Army School	2	Sigs School (Lt McWhannell)	1				
		(Lieut. DUFFY JS)	1	Cinema Theatre	16				
		School (ALDERSHOT)	1	Reguet (Amicus)	1				
		(Major MARSHALL)	1	Intelligence School	2				
		4 th Army Sig School	2	Div P.O.	1				
		Pigeon School	1	Wireless School	1				
		Div Inf School (Lieut MUTER)	2						
		(Lieut ROBERTSON)	3						
		A.W.L.	3						
TOTAL	2	TOTAL	12	TOTAL	11	TOTAL	9	TOTAL	6
	1		99		118		70		61

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 106.

Copy No. 1



Headquarters,
26th Jan/17.

N 22.c 8.7

1. A deliberate heavy bombardment of SUNRAY TRENCH from N.22.c.3.7 to the junction at N.22.c.2.8 inclusive will be carried out on 27th instant from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Two heavy howitzer batteries of 14th H.A.G. will be employed.
2. C.R.A. 5th Australian Division will arrange for an 18-pdr shrapnel barrage to be placed on SUNRAY TRENCH within the above limits from 7 a.m. to 7.10 a.m.
3. G.O.C. 15th Infantry Brigade will arrange to clear the front trenches from N.22.c.6.1 to N.22.c.1.4 by 7 a.m. The trenches will be re-occupied when the bombardment ceases at 10 a.m.
4. G.O.C. 15th Infantry Brigade will also arrange for two Vickers Machine guns to be in position on LARK HILL from 6.45 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. to cover the vacated front.
5. Watches will be synchronised at 7 p.m. on 26th January.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Copy No. , , , ,

15th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 77.

Reference - Secret Trench Map Edition "D"

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1. A deliberate heavy bombardment of SUNRAY trench from N.22.C.3-7. to the junction at N.22.C.2-8. inclusive will be carried out on 27th inst. from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Two heavy Howitzer Batteries of 14th H.A.G. will be employed.
2. C.O.'s 60th Battalion, A.L.T.M.B. and 15th M.G.Coy. will arrange to clear the front trenches from N.22.C.6-1 to N.22.C.1-4 by 7 a.m.. The garrison of Front Line Posts retiring to MILLERS SON dugout except as mentioned in para. 3.
3. C.O. 15th M.G.Coy. will arrange for two ~~guns~~ Vickers Machine Guns to be in position on LARKHILL from 6.45 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. to cover the vacated front.
4. Watches will be synchronised with Bde. H.Q. at 7 p.m. 26th January.
5. Acknowledge by wire.



Geo. F. Wright

Major,
Brigade Major, 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.

- Copy No. 1 57th Bn.
 2 60th Bn.
 3 15th M.G.Coy.
 4 15th A.L.T.M.B.
 5 War Diary.
 6 Bde. H.Q.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 107.

Headquarters,
26th January/17.



1. The 29th Division on our right are carrying out an offensive operation about N.36.c. central on 27th January.
2. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will cooperate under special instructions issued by G.O.C. R.A. 1st Anzac. Their action includes a barrage on enemy front line from N.35.d.6.2 to N.35.a.6.0 and continuing westwards as far as N.29.c.3.0.
3. 8th Infantry Brigade will cooperate with:-
 - (a) Machine Gun fire, as arranged with left Brigade Group of 29th Division.
 - (b) Stokes Mortar fire on objectives to be selected by the Brigade.
4. The periods of heavy firing will extend from ZERO to ZERO plus one hour, 15 minutes.
5. ZERO hour will be notified by B.A.B. Code.
6. 8th and 15th Brigades will thin out the garrisons of trenches on which the German barrage usually falls, to a minimum - the line being held chiefly with Lewis guns. This thinning should be done half an hour before ZERO.
7. Reports to Divisional Headquarters, BERNAFAY.
8. watches will be synchronised at 9 p.m. on the 26th inst.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

S. Astum Capt.
for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

WORKS POLICY.

The undermentioned works to be considered as placed in order of Merit.

(1) Deep dugouts for accommodation of garrison and for M.G. positions in ROSE, NEEDLE and SWITCH trenches. The men detailed for these are not to be detached for any purpose whatever, except for resisting or actual attack. Where the parties can be increased without interfering with front line work this is to be done, but no more are to be employed than can be kept going continuously for eight hour shifts. The wiring of SWITCH trench is to be pushed on with.

(2) Front line system. A. The front line garrison is responsible for the maintenance of the posts in it, revetting, duckboarding, bailing and firestepping the trench. They are to be encouraged as soon as mining sets are available to each undertake an inclined dugout shaft to ultimately form a dugout for the post of the garrison. As far as practicable the different posts will be held by the same men on each occasion they go into the line. This should be known to the men. The bottom of the entrance to these dugouts should be a little above the duckboards so as to keep it dry and a roof of iron should be placed over the trench at the spot. The trench should be deep enough at ~~xxxx~~all such spots to allow of a man walking under the iron without stooping and the roof will be placed accordingly.

B. The O.C. front line system (ROSE and forward trenches) is personally responsible that at all costs ENERGY and ETERNAL saps are kept dry and free from debris etc. The duckboards must be raised in MONSOON and where there is the least tendency towards falling in they must be revetted, display widened.

B. Wherever the front line is pushed forward opposite these saps they must be extended to connect up with it. For this purpose three platoons of the 5th Pioneers living in the deep dugouts at MILLERS SON are placed entirely under his command. In addition two parties of one officer and fifty men each are at present furnished by the O.C. NEEDLE trench to assist in the work carried on in each sap respectively; the 5th Pioneers furnishing the necessary supervision and direction. This does not in any way release the O.C. Front Line System from seeing to it that both Pioneers and Fatigue men are fully worked and adequately supplied with tools for the work. In addition to attention to the saps these parties will whenever unemployed on the saps place and keep in good condition, revet and duckboard Old CLOUDY trench or a new trench close in front of it as appears most desirable in the condition of the ground. This will also apply to the new jumping off trench.

Should any additional men be required for these purposes they should be requisitioned for from the O.C. NEEDLE trench who will supply them, but Brigade must always be referred to for confirmation.

The O.C.'s ROSE and NEEDLE will work in close co-operation and upon a change over taking place, the O.C. ROSE trench personally will not move back with his Battalion before 12 noon on the next day, so that the continuity of work will not be broken upon such change. The O.C. NEEDLE trench will fully advise the O.C. ROSE trench as to the situation in NEEDLE trench so that the latter can make arrangements for this work also for the time being.

C. The front line trench will be made a continuous one throughout, duckboarded, revetted and firestepped (the firesteps should be the length of a duckboard and floored with one). Where thought necessary strong traverses should be made at present there is a great tendency to cut new trenches without traverses. This is a mistake and must be looked to in the future. If preferred instead of being traversed in the ordinary manner they may be built in a curve with the concave face towards the enemy as per sketch.

Enemy



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When making a new trench by connecting up shell holes, these latter should be selected so that the line is a series of echelons as per sketch. Such a line is very much more difficult to range on than the ordinary fire trench.



(d) GUSTY trench will be cleaned out, revetted, duckboarded and firestepped as per the front line from ENERGY sap to a point immediately in rear of right flank. A sap will be pushed forward from this spot to our night posts and thence continued forward as already verbally instructed.

(e) Saps should be pushed out so as to get into close touch with the enemy's front line as verbally advised and listening and bombing posts formed. Reconnaissances should be made nightly with this object in view. The distance of the enemy line having been ascertained by measurement from Aerial photographs, a wire or tape should be taken out by the patrol who should march on a bearing previously ascertained and given to them. Sufficient wire should be paid out so as to allow these men to reach 50 yards from enemy's line; it will then be left to themselves to decide if they can get closer to the line with reasonable safety. When arrived at their destination they should dig a listening post in a shell hole, fasten the wire securely and return leaving the wire for guidance of the next patrol.

A communication sap should then be pushed out along the general line of this wire after having verified by daylight that it runs on the correct bearing given or approximately so; if it does not allowance should be made for this.

For all the purposes of para.2 the whole of the Battalions in NEEDLE and SWITCH are at the disposal of the O.C. front line systems subject in all cases to confirmation by Brigade. Except as specified in para.1 the personnel detailed for this purpose must in no account be interfered with.

(3) ROSE trench to be converted into a satisfactory fire trench, deepened where necessary, fire stepped, revetted and duckboarded and wired. As soon as deep dugout accommodation is available, all temporary splinterproof shelters are to be removed and the trench where they have existed solidified. Latrines are to be dug to the rear, roofed over and rendered splinterproof, the steps leading to them are to be revetted and where possible roofed.

The entrances to deep dugouts should be roofed in and protected by traverses. The two Companies in the deep dugouts in MILLERS SON and ROSE trench are to be employed on this work after providing for ration parties and carrying parties for MILLERS SON dump to front line. But all work in para.3 must give precedence to those enumerated in paras. 1 and 2 inclusive, and the whole of these two Companies should in emergency be employed on the works specified therein. This should always be reported to Brigade.

(4) NEEDLE trench. The directions in para.3 directly apply to Miltates Miltandes to NEEDLE trench, but in this case no work is to be done here unless there are available men over and above those requisitioned by O.C. ROSE trench for work in the front line.

(5) SWITCH trench. As detailed above the wiring of the trench is urgent and must be proceeded with as being of equal urgency with Front line work by direction of Corps, but otherwise para.3 applies Miltates Miltandes to this trench.

(6) Forwarding material. The O.C. Front line system will requisition through Brigade or 15th F.E. Engineers for all ~~material~~ material required; all possible material should however be salvaged for old works etc. Normally the Battalions in DELVILLE WOOD and "D" Camp will be wholly available for this work including mining sets for deep dugouts. But in case of great urgency the O.C. ROSE or O.C. NEEDLE will requisition through Brigade for and men required for other purposes enumerated above or which may suddenly arise, for which men in their own Battalions are not available.

In the event of any attack all working parties will report for duty at nearest Company H.Q. and will send a report as to their whereabouts to Brigade as soon as possible.



The Officers Commanding the Battalions in ROSE and SWITCH will be held strictly responsible that every man under his command is put to some task for at least 8 hours a day, if employed at night a somewhat lesser term may if thought reasonable be agreed to.

The rapid pushing on of the work requires the closest co-operation of all Battalion Officers.

Parties detailed for work will as far as practicable be by complete platoons including their officers and these are to be held responsible that the men do their utmost. The task system should be employed wherever possible.

(ie) A man should be given when digging a trench a certain length of trench say 2 yards and not be permitted to leave it until finished to the required depth and should be permitted to leave immediately he has done it though the rest of the ~~rest of the~~ party may not have finished.

(7) Whenever men move to the rear they must bring with them some article of salvage.

When moving forward unladen they should carry forward picks and shovels for the rear dumps as far as NEEDLE or ROSE trench. Officers in charge of parties will be held responsible that this is strictly carried out in future.

Officers in charge of working parties are responsible for all action in accordance with 4th Army Standing Orders in Defence against Gas.

Geo. F. Wick Major.
Brigade Major 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.



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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

AMENDMENT OF WORKS POLICY.

In order to better provide for continuity of work in various lines the undermentioned are appointed Staff Officers for works.

- 1. In Front line and communication trenches. Major Cameron.M.C. 60th Bn.
- 2. In ROSE trench & duckboards between NEEDLE trench and Sunken Road. Capt. McDonald. 57th Bn.
- 3. NEEDLE trench. Capt. Smith. 59th Bn.
- 4. SWITCH trench. Capt. H.Wrigley M.C.60thBn.



1. Major Cameron will arrange for quarters in MILLERS SON dugout. He shall be entitled to one or more Subaltern officers whom he may select as assistants. He will be responsible for continuity of work on front lines and communication trenches. He will keep in close touch with Battalion Commanders of front line system, and the engineer details allotted to the front line. He will carry out policy of works laid down in the Work Policy, - copy of which is attached, - for the front line system. He will decide, in conference with Battalion Commanders as to any engineering material required, and will requisition on the Engineers through Brigade for same. He must advise Battalion Commanders fully on the works in progress in his area, so that proper co-operation may be obtained and will submit suggestions for improvement of front line, in accord with Works Policy, to Battalion Commanders and send duplicate to the Brigade. The work in the front line has proceeded very unsatisfactorily, in the past and the walls of the trenches have, contrary to orders, been undercut to a serious extent, which will cause them to collapse immediately a thaw sets in. Major Cameron's duties will include reporting fully any neglect by Company, Platoon or Post Commanders to improve their sectors and will particularly report fully to Brigade any men undercutting a trench, who will be severely dealt with. All existing undercuts are to be built up with sand bags at first opportunity. Particular attention must be paid to the front line trench where it is now too shallow to enable comfortable passage through it so that daylight reliefs may become practicable, particularly on the left sector. The sap to GREASE trench must be pushed on continuously night and day until completed. The isolated posts on the right sector where they occupy the alignment of MONSOON trench will be joined up, and new posts established on this alignment as far as our extreme right post and when practicable these are to be joined up by a trench or in hollow ground by a breast work. For the extension and maintenance of communication trenches Major Cameron will rely on Pioneers at MILLERS SON whose work he must direct, and whose requirement in way of revetting material, duckboards and transoms he will requisition for from Engineers through Brigade. The cleaning out of GUSTY trench from ENERGY alley to a point immediately in rear of our right post must be pushed on and thereafter a sap pushed forward from this point to connect up with our right hand post. The construction of advanced saps towards enemy line will be energetically pushed on. In construction of ~~advanced~~ these Major Cameron will be guided by wishes of Lieut.Keen, Brigade Bomb Officer, who will in future be quartered at old R.A.P. near Sunken Road. Major Cameron will requisition on Brigade for any parties required for the above works over and above the garrison of the front line system.

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2. Capt. McDonald will carry out duties laid down in Works Policy, relating to improvement of ROSE trench. He will keep in close touch with Battalion Commanders and Engineer personnel in the trench for that purpose, and will requisition on Brigade for any additional labour required to energetically push on this work. He will in conjunction with Engineer Officer see that the duckboard track forward of NEEDLE as far as SUNKEN road is not allowed to fall in disrepair.
3. In NEEDLE trench Capt. Smith will exercise similar functions.
4. In SWITCH trench Capt. Wrigley will exercise like functions.

The above provisions are entirely to avoid natural loss of time and delay in work caused by constant reliefs.

The arrangements made will not in the least degree relieve Battalion Commanders, for the time being in Command of the various lines but is merely providing them with an extra Staff Officer for their better assistance and control of the work.

All such Staff Officers shall however immediately report direct to Brigade the failure of any officer to effectually co-operate with him for the furtherance of the work.

The Staff Officer of NEEDLE and SWITCH trenches shall be entitled to choose from the Battalions an efficient N.C.O. or N.C.O.'s to assist in the work and may also, for the purpose of carrying out wiring, have as an assistant a subaltern officer who has attended a school of wiring.

Battalion Commanders will when moving up into various lines send up their Adjutant or Second in Command to confer with the Staff Officer as to the various parties which will be demanded of him on arrival and they should in consequence be provided with an estimate of the men that will be available for the various duties. Staff Officers for various works must keep in close touch with Brigade and confer with Brigade Major as to the progress of the work. Before taking up their duties, which should be as early as possible after receipt of this message, they will confer with Brigade Major at Brigade Headquarters.

Staff Officers will furnish Brigade daily with a report of progress of work, and bi-weekly with a more comprehensive report. Bi-weekly reports to reach Brigade before 10 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays.



Geo. J. Wicks

Major.
Brigade Major 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.

HEADQUARTERS.

28th January, 1917.

5.p.m.

Headquarters,
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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As the result of a conference with the O.C. 15th Battalion and the Company Commander (Major Mundell) who with his Company plus 2 platoons will carry out the minor operation in N.21.d. the following proposals are submitted:-

- 30th January 3. to 5.p.m. Under cover of an 18 pounder sheet, the 4th Division Medium Trench Mortar Battery to cut wire from N.21.d.3.9½ to N.22.e.1.6. The 4th Division Medium Trench Mortar Battery can do this effectively from their present enfilade position. The 4th Light Trench Mortar Battery to co-operate on targets selected later. The 15th Trench Mortar Battery engaging enemy from N.22.e.1.6. to N.22.e.5.7.
- Night 30/31st January. Reconnaissance to be made of the result of wire cutting by Trench Mortar Battery.
- 31st January 11.a.m. Heavies to engage strong points N.21.d.5.7., N.21.d.8½.5½. and N.22.e.2½.7½. If wire not sufficiently cut then Medium Trench Mortar Battery to co-operate.
- Night 31st Jany/1st Feb. 4th Brigade to take over firing line up to and including Trench N.22.3. Further reconnaissance of wire.
- 1st February. (a) Under cover of semi darkness attacking units to assemble in N.21.3. and N.22.3. as under:-
 - (1) Attack on strong point N.21.d.5.7. 4 platoons (total about 150) plus Lewis Gunners and Bombers.
 - (2) Attack on enemy line N.21.d.8.6. to N.22.e.1.6. 2 platoons (total about 60) plus Lewis Gunners and Bombers.
- (b) When (a) is completed (exact hour later) an 18 pounder barrage of 2 minutes duration from N.21.b.3.2. to N.22.e.5.7. to precede attack thence a box put down -
 - (1) Along STORMY TRENCH from N.21.d.3.9½. to N.21.b.2.2.
 - (2) From N.21.d.3.9½. to N.21.b.5.4.
 - (3) Along trench down to N.22.e.2½.7½. Box to slacken fire when ordered (Signals later)
- (c) 1st and 5th Division diversion sheets (18 pounders) on their own front same time the attack is launched.

The object of a short preliminary barrage is to keep the Huns down as at any time in the night our troops will be seen getting out of their trenches. No likelihood of fog.

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The above dates will be adhered to if the O.C. Miner operation is convinced that arrangements are perfected and that the operation will be a complete success. If he is not satisfied, then it is proposed to postpone the operation until he is confident of success.

Certain miner preparations are being arranged direct with G.O.C. 15th Infantry Brigade.

CH Brown

Brig-General.
Comdg. 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Not to be taken beyond Battalion Headquarters.

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- C.O., 15th Battalion.
- G.O.C., 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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Daily Strength Returns

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15th Aust Inf Bde

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Unit	Actually with unit			In Hospital			Detached			All Effects Strength			
	off	OR	All	off	OR	All	off	OR	All	off	OR	All	
15 th B.C.	5	18	23	1	1	2	2	1	3	8	19	27	
15 th A.L.I.M.B.	3	21	24	2	6	8		13	13	5	40	45	
15 th M.G. Coy	7	144	151	3	8	11		21	21	10	173	183	Decrease 1 off to hpl LT WHELDON, F.D. 1 OR to hpl Excludes 2 OR AMC attached
57 th BN	25	658	683	1	40	41	10	103	113	36	801	837	Decrease 12 OR evac Excludes 3 OR AMC attached 1 Interpreter
58 th BN	13	642	655	8	24	32	9	173	182	30	839	869	Decrease 2 OR to hpl Excludes 8 OR AMC attached
59 th BN	24	624	648	3	16	19	9	76	85	36	737	773	Decrease 1 OR to hpl Excludes 3 OR AMC attached
60 th BN	24	578	602	1	25	26	7	62	69	32	665	697	Increase 2 off Reinf 1/2 RICHARDS from Sec List " O'Connor R.H. Excludes 6 OR AMC attached
TOTAL	101	2685	2786	19	120	139	37	436	486	157	3275	3431	

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Detached

15 th M.G. Coy		57 th BN		58 th BN		59 th BN		60 th BN	
O	OR	O	OR	O	OR	O	OR	O	OR
Leave	17	A. C's office	1	5 th D.W. B.C.	3	5 th D.W. Grenade Sch	3	A.S.C	3
10 A 1905 5 th D.W.	1	D.W. B.C.	2	D.W. Salvage Coy	1	" Police	1	D.W. Salvage Coy	2
D.W. Sig School	2	D.W. Salvage Coy	1	" Armourers Shop	1	" Salvage Coy (Command)	1	" Armourer	1
A.S.C.	1	D.W. School	1	Ordnance Store	1	5 th D.W. Salvage Coy	10	Rly construction	3
		LT DAVIS CH }	1	A. C's office	2	A.S.C	1	Traffic Control	1
		Inst L.G. School	1	A.S.C.	1	A. C's office	1	2/LT STILLMAN }	2
		Chapels Capt MORGAN	1	APM: D.W. LT CRALE WJ	1	8 th Bde Capt SCANLAN JJ	1	Sig School	1
		A.S.C	2	Lewis Gun School	13	Leave		LT LEGGATT }	5
TOTAL	21	D.W. Police	1	leave		LT/Col LAYH H.T.C. }	2	D.W. Inf School	2
		" Draughtsman	1	LT DAVIS L.S.	4	2/LT FRANCIS }	28	2/LT THORBURN	6
		D.W. P.O.	1	2/LT MORRISON W		5 th D.W. Inf School		" WALKER }	2
		leave		LT DAWSON F.C.		2/LT BECK J }	3	4 th Army School	7
		Capt ELLIOTT LW }	3	2/LT TOPP ST		" TURNOUR JEG }	9	Capt DOYLE D }	2
15 th Chd. Tel. B		" DICKENSON }	62	D.W. Bomb Dump	2	" KINGSTON W.R. }		Camp wardens	8
Leave	11	Cinema	4	Bde Blanket Store	1	5 th D.W. Sig School	3	Wireless (looks)	1
1 st Angac Corp Sch	1	D.W. Inf School	1	Corp Baths	7	4 th Army School (Abbville)	1	Cooking course	1
A.W.L.	1	Capt LINTON }		A.W.L.	4	4 th Army School	2	Marched out to RIF HQ	1
		Rly Fitters	2	D.W. School of Inst	2	Capt McDONALD KB }	3	LT ROBERTSON H }	
		Recons D.W. Sig Sch	3	2/LT REYNOLDS L.F. }	10	LT STOCKFIELD GR }		A. C's office	1
		Lewis Gun Sch	1	" FARMER S.J. }		Medical Board London	1	leave	
TOTAL	13	4 th Army School	1	Rly Fitters	3	LT LIVING RM		2/LT DOLPHIN FA }	21
		LT DUFFY J }	2	Angac Light Rlys.	6	5 th D.W. Beauville Track	7	A.W.L.	5
		D.W. Inf School	2	8 th Inf Bde	1	4 th Army L.G. School	4	Detention	2
		2/LT MILLER A	6	Detention	2	" Sigs School	2		
		" ROBERTSON }		4 th Army School	1	5 th D.W. Concert Party	2		
15 th B.H.Q		LT DUFFY J }	2	LT PELTON NG }	3				
Leave	2	D.W. Inf School	6	6 th Bde Major BATEMAN W }	1				
Capt LEGGE	1	A.W.L.	3	Transport School	1				
" STATT }		school (Aldershot)	1	Sig School of Inst	1				
		Major MARSHALL N }	1	2/LT McHANNELL FB }	1				
		4 th Army Gas School	1	Cinema	1				
		Water Wardens	6	Prequet Amiens	16				
				Intelligence Sch	1				
				D.W. P.O.	1				
TOTAL	2		10		10		9		7
	1		103		122		76		62

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 108.

Headquarters,
30th January/17.

1. A deliberate bombardment of the enemy trenches N.22.c.7.6. to N.22.c.2.9. and N.22.a. $\frac{1}{2}$.1. N.21.d.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. to N.21.d.5.7. to N.21.d.4.8 $\frac{1}{2}$. will take place on the 31st instant from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
2. The G.O.C. 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will reduce the garrison of the front line within 250 yards of the objective to a minimum before 6.30 a.m. on the 31st instant and will entirely clear all trenches within 250 yards of the objective of troops before 1 p.m.
He will arrange to cover the front vacated, by machine guns in position on LARK HILL during the time the trenches are vacated.
3. The C.R.A. will arrange to place a shrapnel barrage on the trenches N.22.c.7.6. to N.22.a. $\frac{1}{2}$.1. and will be prepared to take advantage of any target that may present itself.
4. All troops within 800 yards of the objective will take cover during the bombardment.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

E.H. Reynolds.

Lieut-Colonel,
Gen. Staff,
5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION .

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 60.

30th January, 1917.

Reference GUMECOURT 1/10,000.

1. The 15th Battalion (less 2 Companies) will carry out a minor operation on 1st February with the object of -
 - (a) Straightening our line in N.21.d. and N.22.e.
 - (b) Gaining the commanding ground at N.21.d.5.7.
 - (c) Establishing identification and inflicting loss.
 - (d) Maintaining the offensive spirit.
2. When the operation is completed our right at N.22.e.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.6 $\frac{1}{2}$. will be joined up with Trench N.22.3. at about N.22.e.3.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. and our left at N.21.d.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.9 $\frac{1}{2}$. with Trench N.21.4. Bombing posts will be established at N.22.e.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.6 $\frac{1}{2}$. and N.21.d.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.
3. The attacking units will be divided into parties as follows:-
No.1 Party, consisting of 3 platoons with 3 Lewis Guns and escort of Bombers will attack enemy strong point N.21.d.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ from Trench N.21.1.
No.2 Party CONSISTING of 4 platoons together with 4 Lewis Guns and escort of bombers will attack enemy strong point N.21.d.5.7. from Trench N.21.3.
Major MUNDELL will command the operations.
4. Zero time will be 7.p.m. Two minutes before zero time the 18 pounders will fire on BARLEY TRENCH to warn the guns so that a uniform fire will result when the 2 minutes barrage is put up at zero time.
The "Lift" will take place at 7.2.p.m. see Artillery Operation Order attached.
5. The method of carrying out the attack is left entirely to the O.C., Operation, who will ensure the following:-
 - (a) Every Officer, N.C.O. and man knowing the objective and what is expected of them.
 - (b) Watches are checked and both parties jump off to time.
 - (c) Success is possible by dash and resolution.
 - (d) Attackers keep close up under the barrage which only lasts 2 minutes.
 - (e) When in bombing distance of enemy trench each man throws a bomb thus paving the way for the bayonet assault.
 - (f) Push Lewis Gunners with escort well in front of the objective when gained.
 - (g) Consolidate as rapidly as possible, preferably make fresh line.
 - (h) Thin out the line as soon as possible.
6. The 4th Light Trench Mortar Battery is placed at the disposal of the O.C., 15th Battalion, for the operation, and will engage targets already decided upon.
The G.O.C., 15th Brigade, has arranged for the 15th L.T.M. Battery to engage the enemy on certain selected targets on that Brigade's Front.
7. The following signals have been arranged and will be fired from the Front Line repeated at CHALK PIT and again at Right Battalion Headquarters where they can be observed from No. 1 Artillery Group O.P:-
GREEN VERY LIGHT - Objectives gained.
RED ASTEROID ROCKET - Counter Battery work required.
RED AND GREEN ASTEROID ROCKET fired simultaneously - Slacken fire of 18 pounders.
8. The O.C., 15th Battalion, will arrange for - 1 Company as a Reserve; evacuation of casualties; escort of prisoners; digging parties for communication trenches; food and water carriers; personnel for firing rockets; transmission of early information, and adequate supply of bombs, sandbags and tools.

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9. The pass word is "CANNAN".
10. The 15th Battalion will be relieved by the 13th Battalion on night 2nd/3rd February.
11. Watches will be synchronised at 12 noon, 4.p.m. and 6.p.m. on 1st February with Division, Brigade, Battalion and Company Headquarters.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Cliffhirst Major.
Brigade-Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

- Copy.
1. War Diary.
 2. 4th Aust. Division.
 3. " " "
 4. 15th Battalion.
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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 78.



Reference- Trench Map 57 C.S.W.
Guedecourt 1/10000.

1. The 15th Battalion (less 2 companies) will carry out a minor operation on 1st February with the object of:-
 - (a) Straightening our line in N.21.D and N.22.C.
 - (b) Gaining the commanding ground at N.21.D.5-7.
 - (c) Establishing identification and inflicting loss.
 - (d) Maintaining the Offensive spirit.
2. When the operation is completed the captured line at N.22.C.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$. will be joined up with our trench at N.22.C.3-4 $\frac{1}{2}$. The 15th Battalion is to establish a bombing post at N.22.C.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$. and our left flank will also rest at this point.
3. The assaulting party will occupy our trenches as far as required on the left flank during night 31st Jan./ 1st February under mutual arrangements between C.O's concerned.
4. The Company of the 58th Battalion at MILLERS SON will furnish a working party of 40 men (two shifts) under a resolute Officer to dig the trench specified in para.2 above. This trench has already been started. This party will take their own tools. Unit arrangements are to be made for hot coffee and food etc.
5. The 15th A.L.T.M.B. will engage targets already indicated to the O.C., from Zero until the position is captured. Close watch will be kept for machine guns firing from N.22.C.3-8. The Mortars will stand by for barrage in case of counter-attack.
6. Zero time will be 7 p.m.
7. The pass-word is "CANNAN".
8. The C.O. 57th Battalion will remain in charge of the front line until 6 a.m. on 2nd February.
9. Counter-attack, if any, will probably be directed against our left Company front.
10. A GREEN VERY LIGHT will mean that the objective has been gained.
11. The O.C. 15th A.L.T.M.B. will check his watch with that of O.C. No.2. Assault Party at 6 p.m.

Issued:- No.1. ✓ 57th Battalion.
2. ✓ 58th Battalion.
3. ✓ 15th M.G.Coy.
4. ✓ 15th A.L.T.M.B.
5. War Diary.
6. Brigade Office.
7. 4th Brigade.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geo. W. Smith".

Major.
Brigade Major 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.

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***** 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE*****

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RETURN OF SICK WASTAGE FOR THE MONTH OF *January* 1917.

	D A Y O F M O N T H.																															REMARKS.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
5th Bde. H.Q.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
57th Battalion.	1	1	10	-	1	1	3	2	3	2	4	7	7	-	6	*	*	*	*	-	16	11	1	2	16	1	6	4	2	-	-	
58th Battalion.	4	-	-	-	2	3	3	2	2	4	5	4	-	2	-	4	1	1	1	1	-	2	1	4	2	5	6	4	2	2	8	
59th Battalion.	8	5	-	4	-	6	2	1	2	6	1	-	3	7	4	1	1	1	3	1	1	3	-	1	8	1	-	6	4	8	8	
60th Battalion.	1	5	-	-	2	-	-	2	8	-	4	8	4	3	2	3	2	-	-	1	3	1	4	3	1	-	3	3	1	-	4	
15th M.G. Coy.	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
15th A.L.T.M.B.	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
TOTAL.	15	11	10	5	6	10	10	5	15	13	15	19	14	15	14	8	5	12	6	3	20	19	8	10	27	10	19	18	9	12	21	

- * Day spent in advance of Brigade Headquarters.
- * 60% in advance of Brigade Headquarters.
- + 50% in advance of Brigade Headquarters.

Geo. J. Wick
Major,
Brigade Major, 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Headquarters,
15th Australian Inf. Bde.,
1st January, 1917.

5th Australian Division,

DISPOSITIONS AS AT 6 a.m, 1/1/17.

15th Bde. Headquarters)	
15th M.G.Coy.)	
15th A.L.T.M.B.	)	Billeted in RIBEMONT.
57th Battalion)	
58th Battalion)	
59th Battalion)	
60th Battalion less 2 Coys.)	

2 Coys. 60th Battalion at work with C.R.E. Circuit QUARRY SIDING.

FORECAST. 15th Australian Inf. Bde. moving by march route to RAINNEVILLE, CARDONNETTE and COISY to-morrow.

Brig.General,
Commanding 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.

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Headquarters,
15th Australian Inf. Brigade,
4th January, 1917.

5th Aust. Div.,

DISPOSITIONS AS AT 6 a.m. 4/1/17.

15th Bde. Headquarters)	
15th A.L.T.M.B.)	
15th M.G.Coy.	)	Billeted in VIGNACOURT.
59th Battalion.)	
60th Battalion less 2 Coys.)	
58th Battalion billeted in ST. VAST.)	
57th Battalion billeted in LA CHAUSSEE.)	
2 Coys. 60th Battalion at work with C.R.E. Circuit QUARRY SIDING.)	

Brig.-General,
Commanding 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.

Headquarters,
15th Australian Inf. Bde
5th January, 1917.

5th Australian Div.,

DISPOSITIONS AS AT 9 a.m. 5/1/17.

15th Bde H.Q.)	
15th M.G.Coy.)	
15th A.L.T.M.B.)	
59th Bn less 1 Off. and 79 O.R.	)	Billeted in
at 4th Army Musketry School	)	VIGNACOURT.
60th Bn. less 65 O.R. at 4th)	
Army Musketry School & 2 Coys.)	
'A' Section 14th Field Amb.)	

2 Coys 60th Battalion at work with C.R.E. Circuit at QUARRY.

57th Battalion less 1 Off and 76 O.R. at 4th Army Musketry School - Billeted in LA CHAUSSEE.

58th Bn. less 1 Off. and 78 O.R. at 4th Army Musketry School - Billeted in ST. VAST.

Brig. General,
G.O.C. 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.

Headquarters,
15th Aust. Inf. Bde.,
6th January, 1917.

5th Aust. Div.,
DISPOSITIONS AS AT 9 a.m. 6/1/17.

15th Bde H.Q.)	
15th M.G.Coy. less 1 Off. and 33)	
O.R. on Aerial Defences RIBEMONT.	)	Billeted in
15th A.L.T.M.B.	)	VIGNACOURT.
"A" Section 14th Field Amb.)	
59th Bn. Less 1 Off. and 75 O.R. at)	
4th Army Musketry School)	
60th Bn. Less 65 O.R. at 4th Army)	
Musketry School and 2 Coys.)	
2 Coys 60th Bn. at work with C.R.E.Circuit at QUARRY.		
57th Bn. Less 1 Off. and 76 O.R. at 4th Army Musketry		
School - Billeted in La CHAUSSEE.		
58th Bn. Less 1 Off. and 78 O.R. at 4th Army Musketry		
School - Billeted in ST.VAST.		

Brig.-General,
G.O.C. 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Headquarters,
15th Australian Inf. Bde.,
7th January, 1917.

5th Aust. Division,

DISPOSITIONS AS AT 9 a.m, 7/1/17.

15th Bde. Headquarters)	
15th M.G.Coy., less 1 OFF, and)	
33 O.R. on Aerial Defences at	)	Billeted in
RIBEMONT.)	
15th A.L.T.M.B.)	
"A" Section 14th Field Amb.	)	VIGNACOURT.
59th Bn. less 1 Off. and 79 O.R.)	
at 4th Army Musketry School)	
60th Bn. less 65 O.R. at 4th)	
Army Musketry School and 2 Coys)	

2 Coys. 60th Bn. at work with C.R.E.Circuit, QUARRY.

57th Bn. less 1 Off. and 76 O.R. at 4th Army
Musketry School - Billeted in La CHAUSSEE.

58th Bn. Less 1 Off. and 78 O.R. at 4th Army
Musketry School - Billeted in ST. VAST.

Yonnie Le... Brig.-General,
G.O.C. 15th Australian Inf. Bde.

Headquarters,
15th Aust. Inf. Bde.,
8th January, 1917.

5th Aust. Div.,

DISPOSITIONS AS AT 9 a.m. 8/1/17.

15th Bde Headquarters)
15th M.G. Coy. less 8 Off. and 33 O.R.)
on aerial defences at RIBEMONT) Billeted in
"A" Section 14th Field Amb.)
59th Bn. Less 1 Off. and 79 O.R. at)
4th Army Musketry School) VIGNACOURT.
60th Bn. less 65 O.R. at 4th Army)
musketry School and 2 Coys)

2 Coys 60th Bn. at work with C.R.E. Circuit QUARRY.

57th Bn. Less 1 Off. and 76 O.R. at 4th Army Musketry
School - Billeted in La CHAUSSEE.

58th Bn. Less 1 Off. and 78 O.R. at 4th Army Musketry
School - Billeted in ST.VAST.

15th A.L.T.M.B. at 4th Army Trench Mortar School -
VAUX en AMIENIOS.

A. G. Kerr Capt
Brig.-General,
G.O.C. 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Headquarters,
15th Aust. Inf. Bde.,
9th Jan. 1917.

5th Aust. Div.,
DISPOSITIONS AS AT 9 a.m. 9/1/17.

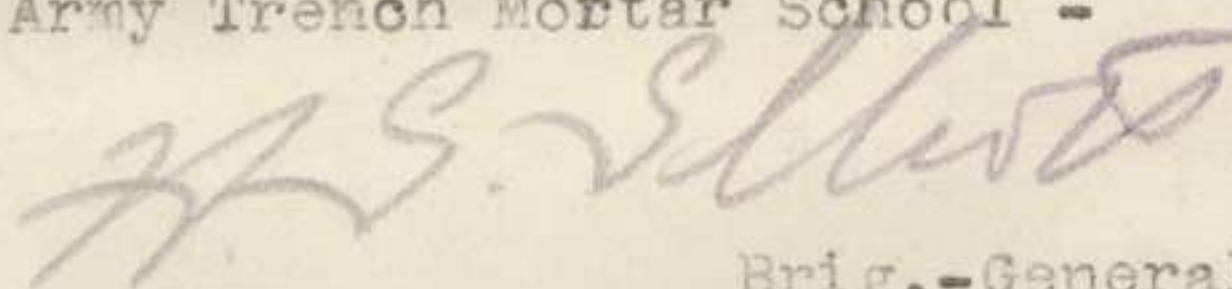
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on Aerial Defences at RIBEMONT) Billeted in
"A" Section, 14th Field Amb.)
59th Battalion less 1 Off. and 79 O.R.)
at 4th Army Musketry School) VIGNACCURT.
60th Battalion less 65 O.R. at 4th Army
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57th Bn. less 1 Off. and 76 O.R. at 4th Army Musketry
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School - Billeted in St. VAST.

15th A.L.T.M.B. at 4th Army Trench Mortar School -
VAUX en AMIENOIS.



Brig.-General,
G.O.C. 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.

Headquarters,
15th Aust. Inf. Bde.,
10th Jan. 1917.

5th Aust. Div.,

DISPOSITIONS AS AT 9 a.m., 10/1/17.

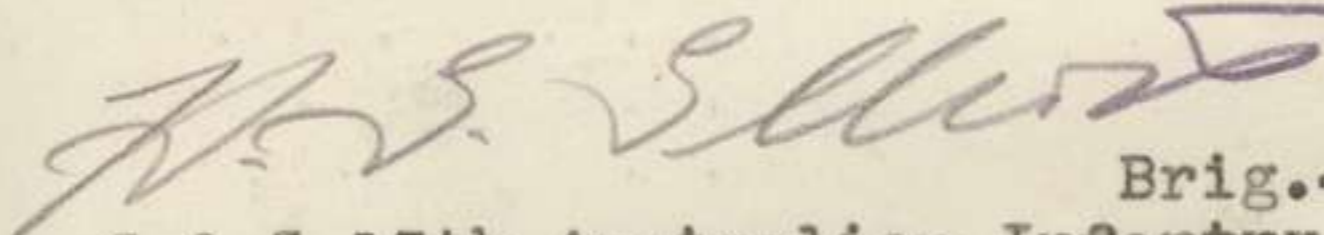
15th Brigade Headquarters,)
15th M.G.Coy.) Billeted in
59th Battalion less 1 Off. and 79 O.R.)
at 4th Army Musketry School)
60th Battalion less 65 O.R. at 4th) VIGNACOURT.
Army Musketry School)
2 Coy 60th Bn at work with 6th & 8th Circuit Quarry
57th Battalion less 1 Off. and 76 O.R.)
at 4th Army Musketry School - Billeted)
in La CHAUSSEE.

58th Battalion less 1 Off. and 78 O.R. at
4th Army Musketry School - Billeted in ST. VAST.

15th A.L.T.M.B. at 4th Army Trench Mortar School
VAUX en AMIENOIS.

FORECAST

Parties shown as attending 4th Army Musketry School
returning to their respective Units ~~to~~-night.



Brig.-General,
G.O.C. 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Headquarters,
15th Aust. Inf. Bde.,
11th January, 1917.

5th Aust. Div.,

DISPOSITIONS AS AT 9 a.m. 11/1/17.

15th Bde Headquarters	)	Billeted in
15th M.G. Coy.)	
59th Bn.)	
60th Bn. less 2 Companies	)	VIGNACOURT.

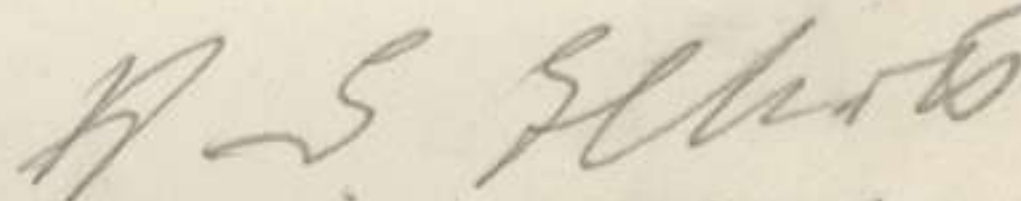
2 Companies 60th Bn. at work with C.R.E. Circuit, QUARRY.

57th Bn. Billeted in La CHAUSSEE.

58th Bn. Billeted in ST. VAST.

15th A.L.T.M.B. at 4th Army Trench Mortar School - VAUX
en AMIENOIS.

FORECAST The 2 Companies 60th Bn. at work with C.R.E.
Circuit QUARRY will be relieved by 2 Coys. from 14th Aust.
Inf. Bde. to-morrow, 12th inst. and move to BUIRE.



Brig.-General,
G.O.C. 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Headquarters,
15th Aust. Inf. Bde.,
12th January, 1917.

5th Aust. Div.,

DISPOSITIONS AS AT 9 a.m. 12/1/17.

15th Bde. Headquarters,) Billeted in) VIGNACOURT.)
15th M.G. Coy.,	
59th Bn.	
60th Bn. less 2 Companies., "A" Section 14th Field Amb.	

2 Coys. 60th Bn. at QUARRY, moving to BUIRE to-day.

57th Bn. Billeted in La CHAUSSEE.

58th Bn. Billeted in ST. VAST.

15th A.L.T.M.B. at 4th Army Trench Mortar School -
VAUX en AMIENOIS.

FORECAST. 15th Brigade Transport moving to FRANVILLERS
to-day, RIBEMONT to-morrow.

15th Aust. Inf. Bde. moving to RIBEMONT to-morrow.

Brig.-General,
G.O.C. 15th Australian Inf. Bde.

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Headquarters,
15th Aust. Inf. Bde.,
14th January, 1917.

5th Aust. Div.,

DISPOSITIONS AS AT 6 a.m. 14/1/17.

15th Aust. Inf. Bde. less 15th A.L.T.M.B. and 2 Coys 60th
Battalion - Billeted in VIGNACOURT. Ribemont

15th A.L.T.M.B. at 4th Army Musketry School - VAUX en AMIENOIS.

2 Coys. 60th Bn. Billeted in BUIRE.

FORECAST. 57th Bn and 15th M.G.Coy. less Transport moving to
Adelaide (Montauban) to-day.

Bde. H.Q., 58th Bn., 59th Bn., 60th Bn., and 57th Bn., and 15th
M.G. Transport moving to Fricourt to-day.

Arthur Stewart

for Brig.-General,
G.O.C. 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Headquarters,
15th Australian Inf. Bde.,
15th January, 1917.

Headquarters,
5th Australian Division,
DISPOSITIONS AS AT 6 a.m. 15/1/17.

15th Bde Headquarters		F.3.B.8-3.
57th Battalion	) ADELAIDE	
15th M.G.Coy.	) CAMP.	S.26.D.
15th A.E.Coy.B.	at 4th Army T.M. School - VAUX.	
58th Battalion,)	
59th Battalion,	) SYDNEY	
60th Battalion	) CAMP.	F.8.A.

FORECAST. 57th Battalion and 15th M.G.Coy moving to NEEDLE
TRENCH to-day.

58th Battalion moving to "E" camp to-day.

59th Battalion moving to DELVILLE WOOD to-day.

H. E. Elliott
Brig.-General,
G.O.C.15th Australian Inf. Bde.

Headquarters,
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.
16th January, 1917.

5th Australian Division.

DISPOSITIONS AS AT 6 a.m. 16/1/17.

15th Bde, Headquarters		F.3.E.8-3.
57th Battalion	) Needle	
15th M.G.Coy.	) Trench	
59th Battalion	Delville Wood	
58th Battalion	"E" Camp.	
60th Battalion	Sydney Camp.	F.8.A.
15th A.L.T.M.B.	at 4th Army T.M. School - VAUX.	

FORECAST. 57th Bn. and 15th M.G.Coy. moving to Front Line to-night.
 58th Bn. moving to NEEDLE & SWITCH TRENCHES to-day.
 60th Bn. moving to "E" CAMP to-day.
 15th Brigade H.Q. moving to S.12.B.6-6 to-day.
 15th A.L.T.M.B. rejoining from 4th Army T.M.School
 to-morrow, 17th inst.

Brig-General.
Commanding, 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Reference Map sheet 57 C.S.W. 1/10,000.

January 17th. 1917.

GENERAL:

Our Artillery quiet until 8 p.m. last night when apparantly in responce to S.O.S. observed from Rose trench to have been sent up from right Brigade sector our 18 pdrs heavily shelled with H.E. and sheapnell the enemy front line from about opposite N.34.B. 8-4 to N.21.D.8/6. Enemy fire was heavy on our front line at this time.

PATROLS. Two patrols were out on our front during night. At 11.20 p.m. a patrol consisting of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men left MONSOON trench at N.28. A.79 and patrolled "no mans land" to the right communicating with ZENITH trench at about N.28.D 1/9 Nothing of importance seen or heard and patrol returned to MONSOON trench over the same ground at 1.20 a.m. The second patrol consisting of 1 N.C.O. and 2 men patrolled in front of and maintained communication with MONSOON trench.

MACHINE GUNS. Our machine guns were active during the day firing intermittently on enemy front line and rear communications but effectives shooting could not be observed.

SNIPING. Sniping active on both sides.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Nil.

MOVEMENT. Owing to foggy weather prevailing yesterday no enemy movement was observed.

GAS. Nil. No gas shells used.

ARTILLERY. ENEMY SHELLING Enemy artillery was not very active yesterday until 8 p.m. when our front line was heavily shelled with 77 M.M. and 5-9's from N.34. B.8/4 to N.21.D.4/6. An S.O.S. rocket was observed to have been fired from our right Brigade front and our artillery retaliated heavily causing enemy fire to slacken at 8.15 p.m. and become normal at 8.30 p.m.

EQUIPMENT. Nil.

AIR-CRAFT. Inactive.

DISPOSITIONS. 15th Brigade Headquarters. S.12. B.6-6
57th Bn. occupying Front and line H.Q. S.27.D.1-0.
58th Bn. NEEDLE and SWITCH Trenches H.Q. S.32.D.7-4½.
59th Bn. DELVILLE WOOD S.13.A.
60th Bn. "E" Camp, S.23.C.2-5.
15th M.G.Coy- Front and Support lines H.Q. S.22.D.6-4.
15th A.L.T.M.B. at Belle-Vue Farm.

FORECAST. 15th A.L.T.M.B. rejoining Brigade to-day.

Geo. James Sheap
Brig.-General,
G.O.C. 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.

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Headquarters.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.
18th January 1916.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Reference Map. Sheet 57. C.S.W. 1/20-000.

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GENERAL

Our Artillery was active throughout the day, and some good results were obtained, shells dropping on Enemy main line N.22.D.7-3 to N.22.C.9-7.

PATROLS.- The front was patrolled throughout the night. A party of one N.C.O. and two men patrolled from N.22.C.9-7 to N.22.C.4-6, at every hour throughout the night. They had nothing to report and successfully maintained communication.

A second Patrol of one N.C.O. and two men worked from N.22.C.0-4 across the left Battalion at N.21.D.5-3 at every hour throughout the night. Nothing of importance noticed.

A third Patrol of one N.C.O. and two men patrolled from N.28.B.2-6 back to the Right Company at N.28.D.3-8. The party left MONSOON TRENCH at 9 p.m. and returned at 10.50 p.m.. Nothing was seen or heard.

MACHINE GUNS.- Indirect Fire was used extensively during the night on the following targets.- N.23.D.2-6 to N.23.B.90-15, N.35.B.2-9 to N.30.C.20-45, Sunken Road N.21.B.8-0 to N.15.D.7-6, and junction of Roads at N.22.B.6-9. A small party of the enemy was seen advancing near N.29.B.8-3 but were dispersed by our Lewis Gun fire. Three or four men were seen to fall.

SNIPING.- Our Sniping was active throughout the day, and some good targets were offered.

ENEMY DEFENCES

Enemy seen working on their defences at METEOR TRENCH and new work can be noticed along the front from N.29.A.9-9 to N.22.D.9-9, Enemy seem to be deepening and improving this Trench.

MOVEMENT.

Small parties of Enemy were observed at intervals throughout the day along ATOM TRENCH.

SIGNALLING.-

A Red enemy flare breaking into white, also four red flares were observed to be fired from enemy trench at N.22.C.6-7. On this signal enemy artillery shorted range and the shells were observed to drop on enemy front line. No further signal was noticed.

GAS

Nil. No Gas Shells used on our Sector.

ARTILLERY.

Enemy Artillery not very active yesterday. ETERNAL ALLEY from N.28.A.7-6 to Front/Line received attention but no damage was done. At 12.40 p.m. enemy artillery opened up a light bombardment for 15 minutes in the vicinity of NEEDLE TRENCH doing no damage. At 5.20 p.m. ROSE TRENCH received nine 4.2 Shrap. at N.27.C.95-30.

EQUIPMENT.

Nil.

AIRCRAFT.

Inactive.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Nil.

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PRISONER.

A private of the 2nd Pioneer Battalion attached to 361st Regiment, 4th Eraltz Division surrendered to the 57th Bn. at CUMULUS TRENCH at 7.30 a.m. on the 17th inst.

DISPOSITIONS

15th Bde. Headquarters	S.12.B.6-6.
15th M.G.Coy. - Front and Support lines H.Q.	S.22.D.6-4.
15th A.L.T.M.B. "E" Camp	S.23.C.2-5.
57th Battalion occupying Front line - H.Q.	S.27.D.1-0.
58th Bn. NEEDLE AND SWITCH Trenches H.Q.	S.32.D.75-45.
59th Bn. DELVILLE WOOD	S.13.A.
60th Bn. "E" Camp.	S.23.C.2-5.

FORECAST.

58th Battalion relieving 57th Battalion in Front Line to-morrow night.
57th Battalion moving to NEEDLE and SWITCH trenches.

Geo. Ernest Meyer
for

Brig.-General,
G.O.C. 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Headquarters.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

19th January 1917.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.GENERAL.

Artillery. Our artillery was active throughout the day, with good results.

Patrols. Communication between our Company sectors was maintained throughout the night by means of hourly patrols. Nothing of importance was noticed.

Machine Guns. Our machine guns were very active throughout the day and night. Indirect fire was maintained on the following targets. N.22.B.2-1 to N.22.B.6-9, and from N.35.B.2-9. to N.30.C.2-5. on portion of Sunkag Trench from N.21.D.90-55. to N.22.C.25-87. and junction of roads and trenches at N.23.D.6-7. Several of the enemy observed firing flares from No Mans Land into our lines were fired on by our front line guns. Enemy fired no more flares from that quarter during the night.

Sniping. Our snipers were very busy and claim having shot one of the enemy in trench at N.21.D.9-5. Another of the enemy was observed to fall in front of line at N.22.C.9-7. Shortly after a man appeared on enemy parapet carrying a red-cross flag. He ran up and down the parapet a couple of times and then disappeared. Enemy sniping fairly active by day, without results.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Enemy has two rows of wire running round ATOM TRENCH; Second one about 250 yards in rear of the first. Both rows of wire appear very strong. A well defined enemy track was picked up by our observers. It appeared to be similar to a duckboard track and runs from N.29.D.0-6. into LE TRANSLOY at N.30.A.0-4.

MOVEMENTS.

Enemy party of 6 men observed at 5 a.m. at work on their wire at N.22.B.8-5. they were dispersed by our machine gun fire. At 11.30 a.m. enemy party observed at work in trench at N.22.C.0-7. our Lewis guns dispersed this party. Another party observed at work upon their wire in front of ATOM TRENCH at N.22.B.3-3. and were dispersed by our Machine Guns.

SIGNALLING.

Enemy fired a few ^{good} flares during the night.

GAS.

Nil. No Gas Shells used on our sector.

ARTILLERY.

Enemy artillery action was below normal yesterday. A few H.E. landed near ETERNAL ALLEY at intervals during the day and occasional scattered shots were directed on our rear areas during the day.

AIRCRAFT.

Inactive.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Nil.

DISPOSITIONS.

15th Brigade H.Q.	S.12.B.6-6.
15th M.G.Coy. Front and Support lines.	
H.Q.	S.22.D.6-4.
15th A.L.T.M.B. "E" Camp.	S.23.C.2-5.
57th Battalion - front line-H.Q.	S.27.D.1-0-
58th Battalion - Needle @ Switch Trenches H.Q.	S.32.D.75-45.
59th Battalion - DELVILLE WOOD-	S.15.A.
60th Battalion - "E" Camp.	S.23.C.2-5.
58th Battalion relieving 57th Battalion in FRONT LINE to-morrow night. 57th Bn. moving to NEEDLE @ SWITCH TRENCHES.	

*Geo. F. Wright
Admission 15th Brigade*

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Intelligence Summary.

Ref. Map Sheet 57 C S.W.3 1/10000.

20th January 1917.

GENERAL.

Our artillery was very active throughout the day, shelling enemy front line and rear communications from 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. a bombardment was concentrated on enemy front line, immediately having the effect of causing some of his front line personnel to retire to the rear on whom our M.G.'s took action. Enemy's lines in front of N.28. 2 to N.34.4 sustained considerable damage. Our fire also dispersed enemy parties near Beaulencourt.

Patrols. Communication between our Company sectors was maintained by means of hourly patrols. The report that enemy patrols in front are wearing white clothes, has not been confirmed by any of our patrols.

Machine Guns. As the result of artillery demonstration on enemy trenches, several of the enemy were caught running over the open, trying to escape the shell fire but result not observed.

Enemy working parties were fired on during the night, but results could not be observed. Indirect fire was directed on Cemetery Circle from N.29.D. 5-9. to N.30.C.6-8. also on Quarry on N.24.C.3-1. Sunken Road N.22.B.1-1 to N.22.B.5-9.

Sniping. Our snipers were very active yesterday.

ENEMY SNIPERS.

Enemy snipers were active yesterday, causing one casualty.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

The enemy continued to work on their defences between N.29.A. 9-8. to N.29.D.9-9. No further working parties on wiring were observed.

An enemy battery of 77 m.m. and 4.2" gun has been located on Sunken road behind BEAULENCOURT about N.18.A.5-1 to N.18.A.5-4. These batteries were active yesterday and are ranged on to Left Brigade area and our section of NEEDLE TRENCH.

MOVEMENTS.

An enemy horse and rider were observed riding towards BEAULENCOURT at 9.15 a.m. A fatigue party of about 40 men were seen moving from BAPAUME ROAD at N.24.A.7-7 across Sunken road at N.24.A.5-5. towards trenches. Enemy fatigue parties were moving about Beaulencourt ruins at 2.30 p.m. and were dispersed over ridge on right of Beaulencourt by our artillery fire. Enemy parties were observed moving along road N.17.A.5-9. from Beaulencourt at 4.10 p.m. It is suspected that this road is used for relief purposes.

GAS.

Nil. No gas shells used on our sector.

SIGNALLING.

Nil. Enemy fired usual number of flares during night

ARTILLERY.

Enemy Shelling. has been very active yesterday. Our rear positions between ROBE RESERVE and SWITCH TRENCH have been shelled with 5.9" H.E. and 4.2" Shrapnel throughout the day. Duckboard tracks received attention and a few casualties were inflicted on our

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small fatigue parties, and several direct hits were registered on duckboard track otherwise no damage. T.I.B. was shelled during the day with H.E. from the direction of BEAULIEUCOURT and S.31.B. from the direction of THILLOY. During our artillery demonstration enemy retaliated fairly heavily on vicinity of NEEDLE TRENCH.

EQUIPMENT. Nil.

AIRCRAFT, Inactive.

WORKS. 50 yards of duckboards layed in NEEDLE TRENCH.
3 shelters and fire steps erected at N.21/1 also mud and slush cleaned from bottom of trench.
65 yards duckboards and 16 shelters placed in N.22/4.
8 new shelters placed in S.22/5 and 11 improved.
Draining and revetting carried out in S.22/4 and S.
60 yards duckboards placed between S.22/5 and N.22/4.

DISPOSITIONS.

15th Brigade H.Q.		S.12.B.6-8.
15th M.G.Coy.	Front & Support lines H.Q.	N.32.D.6-4.
15th A.L.T.M.B.	"E" Camp	S.25.C.2-5.
57th Battalion.	Needle and Switch trenches H.Q.	N.32.D.75-45.
58th Battalion.	Front line H.Q.	N.27.D.1-0.
59th Battalion.	Delville Wood	S.18.A.
60th Battalion.	"E" Camp	S.25.C.2-5.

FORECAST. 59th Bn. relieving 57th Bn. in NEEDLE and SWITCH TRENCHES to-night. 57th Bn. moving to "E" Camp.
60th Bn. moving to Pioneer Camp. S.23.

Geo. Swain
Brig-General.
Commanding, 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
-----Intelligence Report.

Reference Map B7 G.S.W.

21st January 1917.

GENERAL.

(Our operations)

Artillery. Our artillery was active throughout the day and night. Sweeping ^{enemy} our front line with shrapnel. A number of the heavy howitzer shells were "duds".

Machine Guns. Indirect fire was used on the following roads and C.T. during the night.

Cemetery Circle N.29.D.5-6 to N.30.D. 6-7.

Sunken Road from N.30.D.2-1 to N.30.D.80-15

Trenches and roads in N.22.B. and N.15.D.

~~General~~ parties of the enemy were fired on during the night and dispersed.

Sniping. Our snipers were active along the whole front where many good targets present themselves.

Patrols. Our patrols successfully kept connection with the disconnected parts of our line and the flank Units.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. The enemy artillery was active during the whole day. The duckboard tracks receiving special attention several casualties were caused.

Gusty support trench, Energy and Eternal Alleys were shelled between 11.30 a.m. and 1 p.m. only, Slight damage was done.

At 12.5 p.m. Needle trench and vicinity was heavily shelled. Retaliation was asked for and received and enemy shelling ceased at 12.35 p.m. but reopened again during the afternoon.

Machine Guns. Enemy M.Guns were not very active during the night and caused no casualties.

Sniping. The enemy snipers were active and vigilant but no damage was done.

MOVEMENTS.

A great deal of movement was seen during the day and the early hours of this morning. At 10.15 a.m. a party of about 20 men were seen working on dugouts or pits at N.23.C.6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7. At 12 noon a party of 50 men carrying picks and shovels were seen to enter EITHER LANE at N.17.C.8-2. At 3 p.m. a party of 20 men carrying duckboards, and 5 double horse waggons were seen at N.16.C.6-8. A great deal of movement was seen at 7.15 a.m. this morning, moving backwards and forwards between ATOM TRENCH and S&E end of BEAULENCOURT apparently along the road running through N.17.D. and N.23.A. Arrangements are being made with the artillery with a view to dealing with this track. Between 7.10 a.m. and 7.30 a.m. several small parties were seen moving along MOLTEN TRENCH at N.20.A.2-7. where this trench has apparently been damaged by the bombardment of the 19th inst.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

An enemy machine gun was seen to fire from N.22.C.80-6 fresh work is noticed at N.23.C.6-7. and parties were seen carrying wire to this position. At N.18.B.3-6 there is a screen which is probably hiding a gun position. Wire is strong in front of SUNRAY TRENCH Parties were heard working here during the night. The enemy appear to be building a new line in front of their old one along this position.

GAS.

Nil.

SIGNALLING

Flares were normal.

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AIRCRAFT.

From 12 noon until 2 p.m. an enemy plane was flying over our front line system. It opened fire on GUSTY SUPPORT trench with a Machine Gun and appeared to be observing for artillery or taking photographs; it was not fired upon. None of our planes were up.

WORK.

A great deal of salvage work was carried on. Work on deep dugouts and carrying forward material for 258th Tunnelling Company R.E. Construction and maintenance of duckboard walks. Loading and handling stores for DECAUVILLE railway. Building and constructing drying shed and hot boxes. Maintenance and improvement of trenches occupied and Communication trenches used.

DISPOSITIONS.

15th Bde H.Q.	S.12.B.3-3.
15th M.G.Coy. Front & Support Lines H.Q.	N.32.D.6-4.
15th A.L.T.M.B. "E" Camp	S.23.C.2-5.
58th Battalion. "E" Camp.	S.23.C.2-5.
58th Battalion. Front line H.Q.	N.27.D.1-0.
59th Battalion. Needle and Switch Trenches H.Q.	N.32.D.75-45.
60th Battalion. Pioneer Camp.	S.23.

Robert
 MAJOR
 BDE. MAJOR
 15th AUS. INF. BRIGADE

Brig-General.
 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Intelligence Report.

22/1/17

Reference Map 57 C.S.W.GENERAL.Our Operations

Artillery Our artillery was active during the day shelling enemy communications. Particular attention was paid to the roads in N.18.C & N.24.A. The heavy howitzers shelled MOLTEN trench early this morning causing a small explosion.

Rifle Grenades. Rifle grenades were used all along our left sector -opposite SHINE trench- during the night and some good shots were registered in his trench. The enemy immediately sent up flares and bombed his own wire and fired a couple of pineapple bombs without effect.

Machine Guns. During the night and early morning our M.G.s. were active, working and fatigue parties were fired on and several casualties caused.

An enemy machine gun firing from SUNRAY trench was effectively silenced by our M.G. during the night. Indirect fire was brought to bear on roads and communication trenches during the night.

Sniping. Our snipers were active and casualties are claimed.

Patrols. Our patrols kept connection on the flanks and report nothing of importance.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

The enemy artillery was active, paying special attention to the duckboard walks, which have been breached in several places. At 11.30 a.m. he heavily shelled ENERGY sap and the vicinity of GUSTY support trench. A little damage was done to the sap which was soon repaired. From 12.30 p.m. until 2.30 p.m. NEEDLE trench and vicinity was shelled with 8.9" from the direction of BEAULENCOURT. One shell fell in a shelter, killing two men and wounding a third. Areas T.1.B, T.1.A., T.7.B., N.27.C, T.1.D, T.3.C. CHEDECOURT and FLERS were also shelled during the day, most-of the shelling came from the direction of BEAULENCOURT.

Machine Guns quiet.

Sniping quiet.

MOVEMENT.

Several small parties were seen during the day in the vicinity of N.17.A.7-8 and disappeared into BEAULENCOURT. At N.17.A.1-7 a party of 30 men were seen to disappear into the sap at 11.10 a.m.

Several other small parties were also seen here during the day.

Parties were also seen on the Bapaume-Le Transloy road in N.11.A. There has been a great deal of movement seen lately in the vicinity of BEAULENCOURT, the tracks leading to the trenches from there.

At 4.15 p.m. 12 waggons were seen travelling along the road towards ATOM trench. They appear to unload at N.16.A.6-8. They apparently come along the road running from N.16.A.6-8. to N.17.B.3-9. A large fatigue party was also seen at the same time at N.16.A.6-8.

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MOVEMENT.

At 12 noon a party of 12 men in fatigue dress were seen moving from the trench at N.22.C.6-8. after going a short distance they turned East towards LE TRASSLOY.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

A minnwerfer emplacement has been located at N.22.D.2-5. A machine gun which was active throughout the night was firing from about N.29.A.0-5.

AIRCRAFT.

Enemy planes were active throughout the day flying over our front and support lines. Two planes at 12.30 pm flying very low opened fire with M.G. on some small parties in the Sunken road and along EKERHAL alley. Our M.G. fired on them. Our planes were quiet.

WORKS.

Front Line - Clearing out saps and repairs to damaged portions caused by bombardment.
Forward sap continued.
ROSE trench - Constructing traverses.
100 yards wiring completed.
Deepening trench and preparing same for revetting.
SWITCH trench. 100 yards of double apron wire completed.
Trench deepened and prepared for revetting.
Parties supplied for - Deep dugouts - carrying, maintenance of duckboard walks and salvage work.

DISPOSITIONS.

15th Brigade H.Q.	S.12.B.0-6.
15th M.G. Coy. Front & support lines H.Q.	N.32.D.3-4.
15th A.L.T.M.B. 1 subsection front line	S.23.C. Centre
remainder "E" Camp	S.23.C.2-5.
57th Battalion. "B" Camp.	
58th Battalion. Needle & Switch trench head	H.Q. N.32.D.7E-4E
59th Battalion. Front line H.Q.	S.27.D.1-0
60th Battalion. Delville Wood.	S.18.A.

FORECAST.

60th Battalion relieving 59th Battalion in NEEDLE and SWITCH trenches to night.
59th Battalion moving to "B" Camp.
57th Battalion moving to-Delville Wood.

Geo. Z. Wicks

MAJOR
BDE. MAJOR
15th AUS. INF. BRIGADE

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
Intelligence Summary.

6 a.m. 22/1/17 to 6 a.m. 23/1/17.

Reference Map 57 G.S.W.

GENERAL.

Our Operations.

Artillery. Our artillery was active during the whole day. Particular attention was paid to the vicinity of BEAULIEUCOURT, and the main roads to LE TRANSLOY. The enemy front and support systems were also shelled.

Rifle Grenades. Rifle grenades were effectively used on BUNRAY TRENCH which caused the enemy to retaliate ineffectively with pineapple bombs. By moving up the unused C.T. at N.21.D.9-5. the enemy line was approached to within 45 yards and some good shots were landed in the enemy line.

Machine Guns. Our M.G. were active sweeping the enemy parapet during the night. Fire was also brought to bear on the road at N.17.D.1-1. a working party was dispersed in MOONRAY TRENCH and some casualties were caused.

Sniping. Snipers were active during the day and several casualties are claimed.

Patrols. Our patrols kept communication with the flanks and disconnected parts of our line.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. The enemy artillery displayed a good deal of activity during the day. The duckboard walks were shelled intermittently throughout the day with 77 m.m. and 5.9". The shooting was accurate but little damage was caused.

GUSTY TRENCH was shelled with shrapnel between 2.50 p.m. and 3.15 p.m.

Areas T.1.B, N.32.C, T.7.A, N.51.D, T.1.D and NEEDLE trench were also shelled.

At 3.10 p.m. T.1.A. was shelled with 5.9" from the direction of BEAULIEUCOURT. 20 shells fell in this area

Machine Guns. The enemy M.G. were quiet and no casualties were caused.

Sniping. Quiet.

MOVEMENTS.

A party of 6 men were seen in MOLTER trench but on our fire being opened dispersed. At 7.30 a.m. the enemy were seen emptying dirt from bags and buckets at N.29.B.8-6.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

At N.23.C.6-7 the coils of wire previously reported have not been removed.

AIRCRAFT.

Our planes were more active during the day and fired on enemy working parties in N.17.B.3-2.

WORKS.

Improvements and maintenance work on front and rear lines and C.T's.
Reconstruction, duplication and maintenance of duckboard walks.
Carrying parties for materials for works in progress.
Construction of deep dugouts under Engineer Co. and Pioneer Battalion supervision.
Construction of Drying Shed.

DISPOSITIONS.

The 58th Bn. were successfully relieved by the 59th Bn. in the front line system last night.

15th Brigade H.Q.		S.19.B.4-6.
15th M.G.Coy. Front & support lines H.Q.		N.32.D.6-4.
15th A.L.T.M.B.	"E" Camp.	S.23.C.2-5.
57th Battalion	"E" Camp	S.23.C.3-5.

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DISPOSITIONS.

58th Bn. NEEDLE & SWITCH trenches H.Q.	N.32.D.75-45
59th Bn. Front line H.Q.	N.27.D.1-0.
60th Bn. Pioneer Camp	S.25.

FORECAST.

60th Battalion relieving 58th Battalion in NEEDLE and SWITCH trenches to-night.
53th Battalion moving to "E" Camp.

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15th AUS. INF. BRIGADE

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Intelligence Summary.

7 a.m. 23/1/17 to 7 a.m. 24/1/17.

Reference Map. 57 C.S.W.GENERAL.Our operations.

Artillery. Our artillery activity was below normal during the day, at 9.22 p.m. several 18 pounders shells dropped short over MOONSOON trench.

Rifle Grenades. These were used with good effect on our Left Sector. Bombing posts are being established which will bring a greater part of the enemy line within our range.

Machine Guns. Our M.G. were active. At MOONRAY trench a party of enemy were fired on and hit. Four Guns carried out indirect fire on enemy tracks, roads and, C.T. During the day our guns mounted for A.A. work fired on a number of enemy planes ~~during the day~~.

Sniping. Sniping was fairly quiet. The same number of targets have not been presenting themselves.

Patrols. Our patrols kept connection with the flanks and disconnected parts of the line.

A special patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men endeavoured to discover the supposed German dugout at N.28.D.7-9 but were unsuccessful.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. Enemy artillery activity was ^ebelow normal during the day. The duckboard walks, NEEDLE & ROSE trenches received attention. Areas T.1.A., N.32.C., T.2.B. and vicinity of RAINBOW and GUSTY trenches were also shelled.

Machine Guns. One enemy gun was very active during the night sweeping our parapet. This gun has been located and pointed out to the A.L.T.M.B. who are going to deal with it to-night.

Sniping. Quiet.

MOVEMENTS.

A ration party of 5 were seen walking behind MOONRAY trench. This party was fired on and hit by our M.G.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

An enemy machine gun was seen to fire from N.22.C.9-7. Arrangements have been made to deal with this.

AIRCRAFT.

There was a great deal of activity in the air on both sides during the day. At 4 p.m. our planes were flying low over the enemy front line system and were driven off by anti-aircraft gun fire. Enemy planes were over our lines at 9.50 a.m., 10 a.m., 10.35 a.m., 11.5 a.m., 11.50 a.m., 12 noon, 2 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., 2.45 p.m. till 3 p.m. In most cases the planes were flying high and were driven off by our A.A. guns. At 2.50 p.m. one plane flying low over our lines was driven off by A.A. gun.

EQUIPMENT.

The enemy appear to be using a mobile gun - probably of the Madsen Automatic Rifle type. This gun has been used on our Left.

SIGNALS.

Flares are not being used by the enemy as extensively as previously.

WORK.

Maintenance and improvement work in front line system.
Extension of ENERGY alley.
Construction of deep dugouts.
Maintenance and reconstruction of duckboard walks.
Carrying material for works in progress.
Salvage work.

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ENEMY DEFENCES.

What appears to be a dump on both sides of the road has been located at N.18.C.2-7. Smoke was seen rising from N.23.A.6-8 and at N.23.C.7-8. ^ five coils of concertina wire placed ready for use, has been observed. Parties have been observed working on the wire at this spot.

AF N.23.C.7.5

SIGNALS.

The enemy are now using a number of Golden Spray Rockets along the front, but no apparent change has been noticed in his demeanor when they have been fired.

AIRCRAFT.

At 10.55 a.m. two hostile planes were flying over their own front lines. Attempts to fly over our lines were frustrated by our M.Guns. At 12 noon these planes were still flying over their lines. At 2.30 p.m. our planes were flying over the enemy lines.

WORK.

ROSE TRENCH. The amplifier chamber for Corps has been excavated 5'x6'x6' and requires timbering complete Southern end extended 3ft. Revetting and raising of duckboards has been commenced.

NEEDLE TRENCH Deep Dugout shaft No.6 has been flooded and fallen in. A new shaft has been commenced. No.2 dugout has been extended 3 feet North and extended 2ft 6".

Revetting and cleaning out trench is being carried on with end forward drain has been dug 70yds

SWITCH TRENCH Dugouts have being excavated and repaired.

Duckwalks. These are being maintained and reconstructed.

Saps. ENERGY alley is being extended and kept in order.

ETERNAL alley is being cleaned out and repaired.

FRONT LINE maintenance work has been carried out in the front line.

DISPOSITIONS

- 15th Brigade H.Q. S.12.B.6-6.
- 15th M.G.Coy. Front & support lines H.Q. N.32.D.6-4.
- 15th A.L.T.M.B. "E" Camp S.23.C.2-5.
- 57th Battn. "E" Camp. S.23.C.2-5
- 58th Battn. Front line H.Q. N.37.D.1-0.
- 59th Battn. Needle & Switch trenches HQ. N.32.D.75-45
- 60th Battn. Pioneer Camp S.23.

FORECAST.

59th Bn. relieving 58th Bn. in Frontline to-night.
58th Bn. moving to Needle and Switch trenches.

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Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade-General.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Intelligence Summary.

7 a.m. 25/1/17 to 7 a.m. 26/1/17.

Reference Map 57.C.S.W.GENERAL.Our Operations

Artillery. Our artillery fired on their usual targets throughout the day.

Machine Guns. Our M.G. traversed the enemy parapet at frequent intervals throughout the night.

Indirect fire was brought to bear on the following positions. Cemetery circle at N.29.D., N.22.C.5-9., N.23.D.1-6., N.22.D.1-7.

Rifle grenades. Rifle grenades were effectively used on SUNRAY trench from N.22.C.4-5.

Sniping. Sniping was active along our whole front and all targets presenting themselves were fired upon.

Patrols. The usual patrols operated during the night.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. The enemy artillery was active throughout the day. The duck-walks, NEEDLE trench, GUSTY trench and the Sunken road running from MILLERS SON to GUEUDECOURT received most attention.

Areas T.7.B., T.1.A., N.31.C., N.31.A. and T.8.A. were also shelled during the day.

Machine Guns. The enemy machine guns were fairly quiet. They only fire occasional bursts.

Arrangements are being made to deal with all machine gun positions within range of our trench mortar and rifle grenades.

Sniping. Enemy sniping is quiet. Very few shots are fired during the day. Most of the sniping activity occurs at dusk.

Movement. 3 parties of about 20 men were seen going into the trench at N.21.D.7-7. at 6.30 p.m. Our Lewis Guns opened fire on them and it is believed that casualties were caused.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

A machine gun has been located at the junction of MOONRAY and MOLTEN trenches. Our M.G. paid special attention to this position.

AIRCRAFT.

There was a great deal of activity in the air during the day. 20 enemy planes flew over our lines between the hours of 10.20 a.m. and 1.5 p.m. Our A.A. Guns and M.G. were very active and drove them off.

One plane flew over NEEDLE trench and opened fire on it with M.G. No casualties were caused.

Our planes were active and shelled by enemy A.A.guns.

WORK.

Front line. Improvement of mens dugouts - relaying of duckboards. Salvage and cleaning of bombs and ammunition.

Improvement of exit to sap leading forward from N.28.A.9-8½. Bombing post in N.22.C.4-5. has been advanced 20 yards and has been duckboarded and built up with sand bags.

MILLERS SON. 2nd kitchen completed - revetted and splinterproof roof erected and 3 stoves installed. 16 feet of sand bag, 14 feet of hurdle and 28 feet of corrugated iron revetment completed in ROSE trench. Four new machine gun emplacements in NEEDLE trench and 1 in ROSE trench have been completed.

The usual parties on the deep dugouts and duckwalks were maintained.

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Intelligence Summary.

From 7 a.m. 26/1/17 to 7 a.m. 27/1/17.

Reference Map 57 C.S.W. 1/20000.

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GENERAL.Our Operations.

Artillery. Our artillery was active during the day. In the afternoon SUNRAY trench was shelled with 6" H.E. and some good shooting was done. Our 18 pounders were also shelling STORMY trench and a number of shots fell in the trench.

At 5.45 a.m. our artillery opened a heavy bombardment of the enemy lines.

Trench Mortars. Our Stokes Mortars fired on SUNRAY trench with good effect during the afternoon and evening.

At 3 p.m. our A.L.T.M.B. opened fire on a snipers position at N.22.C.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7. After a couple of shots the sniper was seen retiring along the sap. Some more rounds were fired on the position which was destroyed.

At 4 p.m. registration was carried out on SUNRAY trench at N.22.C.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$. Ten rounds were fired and a good deal of damage done.

At 10.30 p.m. a detachment opened fire on enemy machine gun position at N.22.C.9-7.

30 rounds were fired and the M.G. did not fire again during the night. Expenditure for the day 60 rounds.

Rifle Grenades. 20 rifle grenades were fired on snipers and a machine gun position in SUNRAY trench.

Machine Guns. Our M.G.'s swept the enemy parapet during the night. The usual indirect fire was used. Several lob bursts were fired towards the sounds produced by enemy wheeled transport during the night.

Snipers. Sniping was active and our men claim two casualties in STORMY trench.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

The enemy artillery was quiet throughout the day. The SUNKEN road and LARK HILL ridge received most attention. Areas T.1.C., N.32.B., T.5.B., N.27.C., T.7.B. and duckboard walks also received attention.

In retaliation to our bombardment at 5.45 a.m. the enemy shelled NEEDLE and ROSE trenches, the Sunken road between GUEUDECOURT and MILLERS SON and the LARK HILL ridge. ETERNAL alley was damaged in 3 places.

Machine Guns. Enemy machine guns were quiet only firing occasional bursts.

Sniping. Sniping was active and a casualty was caused to us.

MOVEMENT.

A considerable amount of movement was seen on the BAPARRI road in- N.11.A & D., N.18.C. and N.24.A.

A working party was seen in the trench at N.23.C.8-9.

A party of 40 men were seen and fired on by our Lewis gunners. They were moving along a track about N.24.C.3-4.

At 9 p.m. a party were at work on their wire on SUNRAY trench, in N.22.C. They were driven back to their trenches by our machine guns.

Another party were seen at N.22.C.8-9. It is believed that casualties were caused as cries were heard on our machine guns opening fire.

At 3.30 p.m. waggons were seen on the road at about N.16.B.8-9. Our M.G. opened fire but the range was too great to obtain good results.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

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AIRCRAFT.

There was a great deal of activity in the air during the day. Our planes were more active than usual, especially between the hours of 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. when several trips were made behind the enemy lines. Enemy planes were over our lines at 9.30 a.m., 10 a.m. 1.40 p.m. and 2.30 p.m.

SIGNALS.

During the bombardment this morning the enemy fired a number of red and yellow flares besides an unusual number of ordinary ones.

WORKS.

The cleaning out of the front line was continued. 2 new latrines were dug and duckboards laid. GUSTY trench was also improved and duckboards laid in position. ETERNAL and ENERGY alley were improved and deepened by Pioneer parties. Two chains of wire were put out in front of ROSE trench. 3 new steps were cut and 12 feet of Sap on the right of ROSE trench dug. 12 concertina wire pieces completed. General improvements and wiring at NEEDLE trench. Wiring at SWITCH trench. Usual deep dugout parties were at work. Carrying, Salvage and fatigues.

DISPOSITIONS.

15th Brigade H.Q.	S.12.B.6-6.
15th M.G.Coy. Front and support lines H.Q.	N.32.D.6-4.
15th A.L.T.M.B. "E" Camp	S.23.C.2-5.
57th Battalion. Needle and Switch trenches	HQ. N.32.D.75-41
58th Battalion Delville Wood	S.18.A.
59th Battalion. "E" Camp.	S.23.C.2-5.
60th Battalion. Front line H.Q.	N.27.D.1-0.

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7 a.m. 27/1/17 to 7 a.m. 28/1/17.

Reference Map 57 C.S.W.

GENERAL.Our Operations.

Our artillery has been very active during the last 24 hours. From 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. a bombardment of SUNRAY trench was carried out. The vicinity of BEAULENCOURT also received a good deal of attention. Trench Mortars. Our A.L.T.M.B. opened fire on N.21.B. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 at 9 p.m. The shots were well directed and a good deal of damage was done to the enemy's trench. 20 rounds were expended.

Machine Guns. Our machine guns co-operated with the artillery during the day. A total of 21 casualties were observed as the result of the M.G. fire.

Our A.A.M.Guns were busy during the day firing on enemy planes.

Indirect fire was carried out on the following targets. N.29.D.8-2., N.24.C.3-1., N.23.D.4-9. and N.22.A.8-8.

Snipers. Sniping was active and a sniper who has been causing a good deal of trouble from SUNRAY trench, N.22.C.3-8 $\frac{1}{2}$, accounted for.

Patrols. The usual patrols kept in touch with the flanks and disconnected parts of the line.

A special patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 2 men went out to make reconnaissance of the ground in vicinity of the aeroplane at N.28.B.3-8. There were no signs of the enemy having been near it.

Another patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 2 men reconnoitred the ground between N.28.B.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3. and N.28.B.4-1. There is about 150 yards separating the two trenches which are in a very bad condition.

The enemy's vigilance in SUNRAY trench prevented our patrol from approaching it and ascertaining the extent of damage done by our bombardment during the morning.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. The enemy was a great deal more active during the last 24 hours. ETERNAL alley, GUSTY trench, MILLERS SON and ROSE trench received particular attention throughout the day. T.1.D and T.7.B. were shelled with 5.9" shells between 11.30 p.m. and 4 p.m. with two guns. Very little damage was done. Three casualties were caused in GUSTY support, One in ROSE and 4 in NEEDLE trench. LARK HILL ridge and the SUNKEN road between MILLERS SON and GUEUDECOURT were intermittantly shelled during the day and night with shrapnel and H.E. At midnight the enemy shelled No Mans Land at N.21.D.7-4. Areas T.1.C., N.32.D., N.33.A. and C, and the duckboard walks were also shelled.

Machine Guns. Enemy machine guns were using indirect fire on ELLIOTTS walk and the vicinity of ROSE trench. Otherwise they were quiet only firing occasional bursts.

Sniping. Enemy sniping was not so active as usual.

MOVEMENT.

A great deal of movement was seen during the whole day on the tracks in N.10.D. and N.11.A. They included parties of 12 and 20 men.

They were chiefly small parties of infantry (about 12 men in each). Between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. parties were seen moving along the track in a S.E. direction at O.19.B.9-8. Two hundred yards separated each party.

At 11.15 a.m. about 50 men in single file were seen at N.11.B.2-1. and marching in S.E. direction disappeared at N.11.D.5-5.

At 10.55 a.m. two men on horses appeared on the road at N.11.D.3-3; and continued up the road and disappeared at N.4.D. 1-5-.

At 2.20 p.m. a man on a bicycle appeared at N.11.A.8-3. and disappeared into BEAULENCOURT.

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Parties were seen during the night behind the enemy front line and dispersed by our M.Guns. Owing to our telephone lines being broken it was impossible to communicate the targets back to the artillery.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Two gun positions have been located, one at N.17.B.5-5. and the other at N.24.D.7-4.

At 10.15 a.m. the enemy were digging what appeared to be a new sap at N.23.A.0-4 $\frac{1}{2}$. to N.23.A.5-4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Earth was being thrown up.

There is a dugout with a lot of heavy timber lying behind and in the trench from N.22.C.8-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to N.22.C.9-6 $\frac{1}{2}$.

SIGNALS.

During the night the enemy fired a greater number of flares than usual. When our artillery were firing red rockets and rockets bursting into golden clusters were fired at frequent intervals.

AIRCRAFT.

There was considerable aerial activity during the day. The enemy were particularly active. Two enemy planes were seen to fall, one in N.21.B. and the other came down out of our sector in the direction of COMBLES.

WORK.

Dugouts and shelters were improved in ZENITH trench. Salvage and clearing up work.

3 new latrines have been dug in the left sector.

Machine gun position ~~xxxxxxx~~ forward sap at N.23.B.0-8 $\frac{1}{2}$. is in course of construction.

The sap to connect with GREASE trench has been pushed forward 6 feet.

7 yards of ROSE trench has been revetted and parapets cleared for 8 yards.

Parties are working on wiring of ROSE, NEEDLE, and SWITCH trenches.

The usual deep dugout parties are working.

DISPOSITIONS.

15th Brigade H.Q.	S.12.B.6-6.
15th M.G.Coy. Front & support lines H.Q.	N.32.D.6-4.
15th A.L.T.M.B. "E" Camp	S.23.C.2-5.
57th Battalion. Needle and Switch trench HQ.	N.32.D.75-45
58th Battalion Delville Wood	S.18.A.
59th Battalion. "E" Camp.	S.23.C.2-5.
60th Battalion Front line H.Q.	N.27.D.2-0

FORECAST.

57th Battalion relieving 60th Bn. in Front line to-night. 60th Bn. moving to Needle and Switch trenches.

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Intelligence Summary.
From 2 a.m. 28/1/17 to 7 a.m. 29/1/17.

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Reference Map 57 C.S.W.

GENERAL.

Our Operations.

Artillery. Our artillery was active during the day. The REMICOURT-ROCQUIGNY road, Sugar factory and METEOR trench being shelled. The wire in front of METEOR trench was damaged. The enemy front line at N.22.C.10-75 was shelled with H.E. during the day.

Trench Mortars. At 11.30 p.m. our A.L.T.M.B.- One detachment- opened fire on the enemy front line between N.21.D.95-50. to N.21.D.65-65. 30 round were fired and the trench damaged.

Machine Guns. Our M.G. displayed a great deal of activity, and several good targets were offered. One party were seen moving across the Gully between MOLTEN and MOONRAY trench - casualties were inflicted. On the morning of the 28th inst. small parties were seen on the road N.17.D.9-5 to N.23.A.80-85. 7 were killed. AT 5 p.m. a large party was caught at N.15.B.3-7 and 23 were hit.

Indirect fire was carried out as usual.

Snipers. Our snipers have been active and have succeeded with the aid of rifle grenades and Stokes Mortars in quietening the enemy's activity considerably.

Patrols. Our patrols kept touch with the Brigades on each flank and the disconnected parts of the line.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. The enemy have been active during the past 24 hours. GUSTY support and MILLERS SON were shelled with shrapnel. The duckboard walks also received a good deal of attention. GREASE trench was shelled heavily with H.E. at 5 p.m. but no casualties were caused.

Areas T.1.A., T.1.D., T.8.A., E.7.D., ROSE and NEEDLE trenches were also shelled.

Machine Guns. Active until 9 p.m. they then quietened down and remained so throughout the night.

Sniping. Quieter than usual.

MOVEMENT.

A great deal of movement was again seen on the tracks running through N.11.A., N.10.B. and C. also on those running through N.11.A and C. and N.10.D. These tracks are being used by parties of men all day long. This part never appears to be shelled.

Parties seen to pass at N.10.D.55-60 and men are often seen standing about at N.10.D.55-90.

Movement was seen near TILL trench and N.16.A. during the afternoon.

Small parties were seen moving along the BAPAUME road about N.24.A.7-7. they dissappeared into SULPHUR avenue.

At 12.10 p.m. 6 men were seen at N.18.D.6-5 they walked in a S.W. direction and dissappeared in the sap at N.18.C.3-1.

At 12.15 p.m. 9 men appeared at N.9.D.7-8 with shovels. They walked in an easterly direction and dissappeared in the sap at N.10.D.4-7.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

At 9.10 a.m. 4 men were working on the sap at N.10.D.4-6 they were relieved by 4 more men at 12.30 p.m.

The enemy have built up their parapet with sand bags at N.22.C.3-8.

What appears to be a water pipe leads from the Sugar Refinery to enemy front line. There appears to be storage tanks of some discription in the Refinery.

SIGNALS.

Nil. Flares normal.

AIRCRAFT.

There was a great deal of activity on both sides. A number of enemy planes flew over our lines and several of our planes were flying over the enemy lines. One of our planes was brought down at 2 p.m. by a direct hit from an A.A. Gun. The Pilot was killed. At 9.45 a.m. two planes flew low over our front line and opened fire with Machine Guns: no casualties were caused.

WORKS.

Wiring ROSE, NEEDLE and SWITCH trenches.
Improvement of dugouts, shelters, and cleaning out of Front line trenches.
Laying duckboards in front line.
Improvement of Machine Gun position in forward sap.
Six cubic yards of earth excavated in dugouts in ROSE trench.
Revetted and improved 15 yards of ROSE trench.
Improvement and revettment work in NEEDLE trench.
The usual dugout and carrying parties supplied.
A great deal of Salvage work carried out.

DISPOSITIONS

15th Brigade H.Q.	S.12.B.6-6'
15th M.G. Coy. Front & support lines H.Q.	N.32-D:6-4.
15th A.L.T.M.B. "E" Camp	S.23.C.2-5
57th Bn. Front Line H.Q.	N.27.D.1-0
58th Bn. Delville Wood	S.18.A
59th Bn. "E" Camp	S.23.C.2-5
60th Bn. Needle and Switch trenches H.Q.	N.32.D:75-45.

FORECAST.

58th Battalion relieving 60th Bn. in NEEDLE and SWITCH trenches to-night.
59th Battalion moving to Delville Wood.
60th Battalion moving to "E" Camp

Brig-Generals
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Intelligence Summary.7 a.m. 29/1/17 to 7 am. 30/1/17.Reference Map 57 C.S.W.GENERAL.Our Operations.

Artillery. Our artillery was quiet during the day. SUNRAY trench received a little attention by the Heavies. Our 18 pounders were firing in the vicinity of SUNRAY and ATOM trenches.

Trench Mortars. The A.L.T.M.B. registered on the enemy trenches between N.22.C.6-6 and N.22.C.1-6.

Machine Guns:- Our M.G.'s were active. 6 casualties were caused on the road running from N.18.C.2-8 to N.23.A.8-8 $\frac{1}{2}$. At a range of 1350 yards. Several enemy aeroplanes were fired on during the day.

Indirect fire was used on enemy tracks and C.T.'s. Enemy parties move in daylight only at long ranges now. Sniping. Our snipers were fairly active, no close targets were offered.

Patrols. Communication was maintained with the flanks and disconnected parts of the line.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. There was very little shelling on our sector during the day. LARK HILL ridge in the vicinity of RAINBOW and GUSTY trenches received most attention. There was heavy shelling on both flanks especially in N.21.D. which was shelled throughout the day with 4.2" and 5.9" from the direction of VILLERS-au-FLOS and REINCOURT.

Areas T.1.B., NEEDLE trench, and the duckboard walks also received a little attention.

Machine Guns Quiet.

Sniping. The enemy snipers were active and caused one casualty

MOVEMENT.

Small parties of 2 and 3 were seen during the day on the BEAULENCOURT-LE TRANSLOY road at N.24.A.6-8, the Sunken road running from BEAULENCOURT to N.16.D.8-1. and the track from N.18.C.2-8 to N.23.A.8-8 $\frac{1}{2}$. A party of 10 men were observed working at N.22.A.9-9 It was dispersed by our M.G. fire.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Fresh chalky earth has been observed at N.22.A.5-6.

AIRCRAFT.

There was a great deal of activity in the air during the day. Several flights were made over our lines by the enemy. Between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. several enemy planes were flying over our front line. While the sector on our left was being shelled enemy planes appeared to be directing fire from over BEAULENCOURT.

SIGNALS.

At 4.45 p.m. when the enemy opened fire on N.21.D. with 77 mm. shells a rocket breaking into golden clusters was fired. This signal was repeated from TILL trench. It has been noticed that on a signal being fired from the front line it is repeated by the lines in rear.

WORKS.

Extension of sap to connect with GREASE trench. A forward sap to connect with a shell hole at N.22.C.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 has been commenced. Deepening of trenches and improvement work is being carried out throughout the front line. Wiring of NEEDLE, SWITCH and ROSE trenches. General improvement to NEEDLE and ROSE trenches. The usual deep dugout and carrying parties supplied. A great deal of salvage work carried out.

Intelligence Summary
7 a.m. 29/1/17 to 7 a.m. 30/1/17

Reference Map W. 5. 2.

GENERAL

Our operations. Our artillery was quiet during the day. JUMBOY trench received a little attention by the heavies. Our 15 pounders were firing in the vicinity of the trench. Our 15th Brigade H.Q. was in the trench. Our 15th M.G. Coy. Front & support lines H.Q. was in the trench. Our 15th A.L.T. B. "E" Camp was in the trench. Our 57th Battalion. Front line H.Q. was in the trench. Our 58th Battalion. Needle & Switch trenches HQ. was in the trench. Our 59th Battalion. Delville Wood. was in the trench. Our 60th Battalion. "E" Camp. was in the trench.

DISPOSITIONS.

- S.12.B.6-6.
- N.32.D.6-4.
- S.23.C.2-5.
- N.27.D.1-0.
- N.32.D.75-45.
- S.18.A.
- S.23.C.2-5.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

There was very little shelling on our sector during the day. LARK HILL ridge in the vicinity of RAINBOW and GUSTY trenches received most attention. There was heavy shelling on both flanks especially in S.21.D. which was shelled throughout the day with 4.2" and 5.9" from the direction of VILHENS-AN-LES and KILINCOURT. Area T.I.B. NEEDLE trench, and the duckboard walk also received a little attention. Machine guns quiet. The enemy snipers were active and caused one casualty.

MOVEMENT

Small parties of 2 and 3 were seen during the day on the BEAULINCOURT-LE TRARLOY road at S.24.A.8-8, the Bunker road running from BEAULINCOURT to S.18.D.1-1 and the track from S.18.D.8-8 to S.23.A.8-8. A party of 10 men were observed working at S.23.A.9-9. It was dispersed by our 4.2" fire.

ENEMY DEFENCES

Fresh chainy earth has been observed at S.23.A.5-5. There was a great deal of activity in the air during the day. Several flights were made over our lines by the enemy. Between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. several enemy planes were flying over our front line. While the sector on our left was being shelled enemy planes appeared to be directing fire from over BEAULINCOURT.

AIRCRAFT

At 4.45 p.m. when the enemy opened fire on S.21.D. with 7.7 mm. shells a rocket breaking into golden splatters was fired. This signal was repeated from TILL trench. It has been noticed that on a signal being fired from the front line it is repeated by the lines in rear.

SIGNALS

Extension of sap to connect with GREASE trench. A forward sap to connect with a shell hole at S.22.D.1-1 has been commenced. Deepening of trenches and improvement work is being carried out throughout the front line. Wiring of NEEDLE, SWITCH and ROSE trenches. General improvement to NEEDLE and ROSE trenches. The usual deep dugout and carrying parties supplied. A great deal of alive work carried out.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Intelligence Summary.

7 a.m. 30/1/17 to 7 a.m. 31/1/17.

Reference Map 57 C.S.W.

GENERAL.

Our Operations. Our artillery was active throughout the day. Howitzers were firing on the enemy front line during the morning. The shooting was accurate. BEAULENCOURT and the Sugar factory were also fired on during the day. At 8.30 p.m. our 18 pounders fired on N.22.D. Trench Mortars. At 4 p.m. one subsection of our A.L.T.M.B. bombarded the enemy front line from N.22.C.4-7 to N.22.C.5-7. 200 rounds were fired with very good effect. The enemy trenches and wire in this area were badly damaged. Retaliation was light and consisted of a few 77 mm. Shrapnel. Machine Guns. Our M.G.'s devoted their fire to the enemy parapet throughout the night. No suitable targets were offered. Indirect fire was used on the following roads and C.T. N.29.D.3-2., N.24.C.3-1., N.17.D.8-5 to N.23.A.8-8, N.17.C.8-6 to N.22.C.5-9.. Sniping. Our snipers were active and one casualty is claimed. The targets that were offered were at too great a range for good results. Patrols. Communication was kept with flanking Brigades and disconnected parts of the line. A special patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 1 man left our trench at 7.30 p.m. and examined the old gun pit at N.28.C.8-6. There was no sign of any of the enemy having been there recently. The pit was in ruins and full of snow.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

The enemy were very active during the day. At 9.30 a.m. ENERGY alley was heavily shelled with 4.2" and 77 mm. No damage was done. At 12.30 p.m. the enemy heavily shelled LARK HILL ridge and the Sunken Roads in rear. The shelling was distributed between LES BOEUFs and GUEUDECOURT. The heaviest part of the shelling was on EVE alley. A few shells fell near our front line but no damage was done beyond all communications being cut. Mostly 5.9" and 4.2" were used. Areas T.1.A., T.1.B., T.3.A., T.7.B., N.32.C., NEEDLE and ROSE trenches and ETERNAL alley were also shelled during the day. Machine Guns Quiet. Sniping. Quiet.

MOVEMENTS.

One enemy party of 8 men with picks and shovels were seen at N.29.A.5-8. Our Lewis Guns dispersed the party. At 7.am. a party of 20 men were observed in parties of 2 and 3 at long intervals to come from the ridge at N.30.B.2-9., and move in the direction of the front line. After going two hundred yards they turned to the left and moved into LE TRANSLOY. At 8.30 a.m. a party of men were observed at work near N.17.A.3-9. They appeared to be digging a trench. Parties of men were again seen on the tracks in N.10.D. during the day. Some of the parties disappeared into the sap and others went over the ridge and disappeared in N.10.B.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Nil.

SIGNALLING

Nil. Flares normal.

AIRCRAFT.

At 3 p.m. 3 enemy planes were flying over our front line. These planes were flying very high and disappeared at 3.30 p.m.

WORKS.

Extension of sap to connect with GREASE trench pushed forward 8 feet.
Forward sap at W.22.C.30-50 has been extended 14 feet. The front line in the vicinity of the occupied posts has been deepened and duckboarded.
Wiring parties have been working on NEEDLE, ROSE and SWITCH trenches.
General improvement has also been carried out in these trenches.
Deep dugout and carrying parties provided.
Salvage work.

DISPOSITIONS.

15th Brigade H.Q.	S.12.B.6-8.
15th M.G. Coy. Front & support lines H.Q.	N.32.D.6-4.
15th A.L.T.M.B. "E" Camp.	S.23.C.2-5.
57th Battalion. Front line H.Q.	N.27.D.1-0.
58th Battalion. Needle and Switch trenches	H.Q.N.32.D.75-4
59th Battalion. Delville Wood.	S.18.A.
60th Battalion. "E" Camp.	S.23.C.2-5.

The enemy were very active during the day. At 3.30 a.m. heavy shelling was directed at the front line. The enemy were heavily shelled with 4.2" and 7.5" shells. The shelling was distributed along the front line. The heaviest part of the shelling was on the left. A few shells fell near our front line but no damage was done beyond the front line. The shelling was being out. Heavy 4.2" and 7.5" shells were also used. The shelling was directed at the front line. The enemy were heavily shelled with 4.2" and 7.5" shells. The shelling was distributed along the front line. The heaviest part of the shelling was on the left. A few shells fell near our front line but no damage was done beyond the front line. The shelling was being out. Heavy 4.2" and 7.5" shells were also used.

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Intelligence Summary.
7 a.m. 31/1/17 to 7 a.m. 1/2/17.

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Reference Map 57 C.S.W.

GENERAL.

Our Operations.

Artillery Our artillery was active throughout the day. Registration was carried out during the morning. From 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. a bombardment of the enemy's lines in N.21.D. and N.22.C. was carried out. The enemy wire and trenches in N.22.C. appear to be damaged.

Trench Mortars. Nil.

Rifle Grenades. Rifle grenades were fired into the enemy wire and trenches throughout the night with good effect.

Machine Guns. Our front line guns co-operated with the artillery during the bombardment. An aeroplane flying over our lines was fired upon.

Indirect fire was maintained on enemy tracks and C.T. Sniping. Our snipers were active in the early morning and at dusk.

Patrols. Communication was kept throughout the night between our flanking Brigade and the disconnected parts of the line. At 12.45 p.m. a listening post detected sounds of working, a patrol of 1 Officer and 3 men immediately went out from N.28.D.4-5 to investigate. They located enemy working parties extending along MOLTEN to FINCH trench. The machine Gunners were directed on to the parties and when fire opened the work ceased. This working party was evidently laying new wire

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. The enemy artillery was active throughout the day and persistently shelled our rear areas throughout the day. ETERNAL alley received most attention and was shelled with aeroplane observation. A 5.9" battery dropped shells along the sides of the sap from the front line to the Sunken Road. There was one direct hit which blew in a portion of the sap. ROSE trench, NEEDLE trench and the duckboard walks also received a good deal of attention. Direct hits were registered on NEEDLE and ROSE trenches and a little damage done.

Areas T.1.A., T.1.B., T.1.D., T.7.B., T.2.A. and ENERGY alley were shelled during the day.

Machine Guns. Occasional bursts were fired, otherwise quiet Sniping. Enemy snipers were fairly active.

MOVEMENT.

At 8.10 a.m. two of the enemy on horses were seen on the road at N.11.A.8-3. They rode in a S.W. direction and disappeared into BEAULENCOURT.

At 8.15 a.m. 8 men were seen working at N.11.D.2-7.

At 11.35 a.m. one man on a bicycle rode along the road from BEAULENCOURT and dismounted at N.11.D.7-8.

At 1.10 p.m. about 10 men were seen to leave the trench at N.23.A.4-1 and walk in groups of 2 and 3's at 100 yds interval and disappear into the sap at N.18.C.1-2.

Another party of 14 men were seen at 4.45 p.m. at N.23.A.4-1. They disappeared at N.17.D.5-5.

At 3 p.m. nine men carrying what appeared to be water cans appeared at N.24.B.3-1. They walked in a N.E. direction and disappeared behind the house at N.24.B.3-4.

Parties were again seen during the day on the tracks and in the sap in N.10.D. and C. and N.11.A.

Small parties were also seen on the BAPAUME road between the Sugar factory and BEAULENCOURT.

At dusk horse transport was seen on the road at N.24.A.8-5. Our M.G. fired on and dispersed it.

NOTE BY A.W.R.S.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Lutfield	18.1.17		Battery marched to C. Camp & rejoined Brigade, which is in the line. The outgoing Battery had moved before our arrival, thus we were unable to obtain any information from them regarding the line, work in hand, etc. Capt Seamy returned from Hospital. Lieut Greenman rejoined from English leave.	
	19.1.17		Preparing to establish detachments in front line & needle trench.	
	20.1.17		also making arrangements for construction of dumps.	
	21.1.17			
	22.1.17		One officer & one detachment are stationed in front line, and one officer and two detachments in needle trench. There are no emplacements or dumps in front line, as has been the case in each of our previous tours of duty in this neighbourhood, there is a great deal of pioneering work to be done. A start has been made in constructing emplacements and dumps in advantageous positions in the line, and these will be pushed on as rapidly as possible.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the field	23.1.17		artillery active on both sides, an ammunition dump has been constructed in front Monsoon trench just left of the junction of Eternal alley. Two emplacements were constructed in front line during the night. Owing to the shallowness of the trench, very little can be done during the day.	Prof.
	24.1.17		At Monsois temporarily attacked, reported for duty. During the night, two emplacements were constructed at N. 22. E. 4. 6 + N. 22. E. 5. 7. at 10 pm, one detachment took up position at the eastern emplacement, and fired 330 rounds at enemy M.G. which was harassing movement in our line. M.G. kept quiet for remainder of night.	Prof.
N	25.1.17		During the day we thoroughly reconnected our position and got in touch with the flanking Brigade. At 9.30 pm one detachment took up position in front line at N. 22. E. 4. 6 and fired 20 rounds at troublesome sniper in enemy	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
2 nd Th Field	25.17	<i>continued</i>	line - Sniper did not fire again during the night.	W.H.J.
do.	26.17		During the day we reconstructed an emplacement in front line, on left of section, and quietened a sniper with five rounds, at same time registering on enemy trench at N. 21 D. 9 1/2 S. At 9 pm one detachment took up emplacement in new position, and bombarded enemy trench on registered position, trench was very badly damaged, 50 rounds were fired.	W.H.J.
do.	27.17		Artillery below, normal, aerial activity on both sides, one of our planes was brought down by a direct hit from enemy anti aircraft gun. During the day, we carried on with construction of ammunition dumps in rear & front trenches, at 11.30 pm. Detachment took up position in left emplacement and fired 30 rounds at enemy trench between	W.H.J.

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15th A.L.T.M.B.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
N 21.D.	27.17.		N 21.D. 9 1/2.5 + N 21.D. 6 1/2.6 1/2. badly damaging trench.	Why
do.	28.17.		Sufficient emplacements have now been constructed to the whole of the enemy line in our sector. At 12 noon, one detachment fired 10 rounds quietening enemy snipers at N. 22.C. 4 1/2.7. Our activity has quietened enemy snipers and MG's considerably.	Why
do.	29.17.		at 3 pm, one detachment registered on enemy line, between N. 22.C. 6.6 + N 22.C. 1.6. Shoot was very successful, as a great percentage of shells landed in enemy trench. 30 rounds fired - shells bounced on frozen ground, resulting in a very effective air burst.	Why
do.	30.17.		at 4 pm, two detachments took up positions in front line on the left, and opened fire in conjunction with the	

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15th. A.L.T.M.B.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
In the Field	30/17		<p>Medium Mortars on enemy line and wire between N. 22. c. 1.7½, and N 22. c. 5.7½. Enemy wire was gapped in many places and trench was very badly damaged, 200 rounds were fired, retaliation was light consisting of a few 77 mm.</p>	
do	31/17		<p>Throughout the day we fired on all M.G. emplacements in enemy line all objectives were hit. 50 rounds expended xxx. During the night we constructed an ammunition dump capable of holding 250 rounds.</p>	