

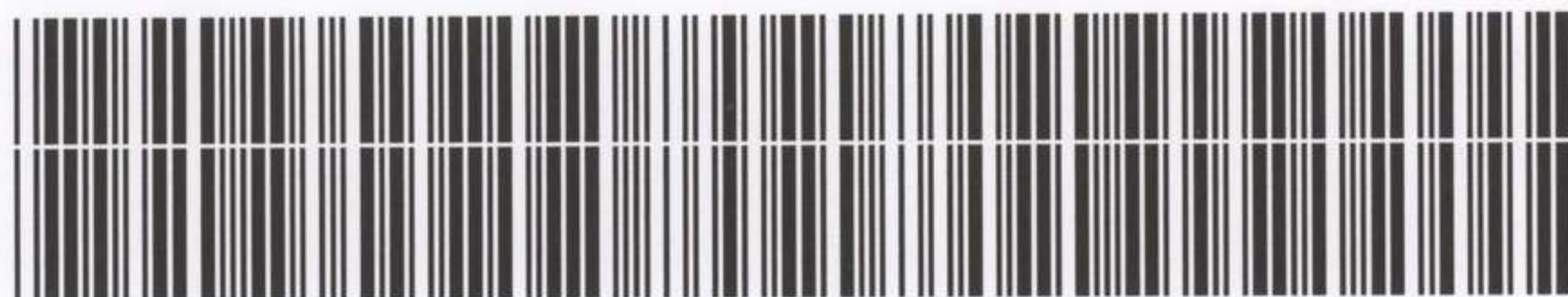
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## 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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## CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No.27.

21st March 1918

15th INFANTRY BRIGADE SCHOOL

In his inspection this morning of the above School the B.G.C. was much disappointed to find that Battalion Commanders had apparently paid little attention to the careful selection of a good type candidate to attend this School or in the alternative have proved in the main little suited to select men suitable for command.

Fully 50% of the men selected for all classes are weedy, slack, and lacking in the necessary personality to effectively command even a section in the field.

The fact that a man has a certain superficial facility for acquiring and reciting off the words of the drill book should be the last or almost the last qualification upon which his selection should depend e.g. in the selection of students for Duntroon it is frequently found that the most brilliant so far as passing examinations are concerned are frequently entirely lacking in personality and are discharged during their course as unsuitable, whilst on the other hand a man who may be relatively dull at examinations may prove from his personality, energy and force of character an ideal candidate.

Battalion Commanders will please attend the Brigade School and note carefully the class of candidate nominated. In most cases it appears to have been left to Company Commanders and junior officers to nominate candidates. This must cease and Battalion Commanders must make it a matter of their personal selection in all such cases.


The Lewis Gun Class under Lt. Cole is a conspicuous exception - the type selected in this case is almost uniformly good, keen and smart.

It should be remembered that courage and leadership in action is 9/10ths a matter of physical fitness and energy coupled with strength of mind and determination.

The first point to be considered in the selection of a candidate is physical energy. He should have self-respect and keenness - this will be largely shown in his cleanness and smartness, but on the other hand great mental energy may be coupled with a certain negligence in dress and this may be allowed for but an endeavour made to correct it.

It is impossible to teach anyone the power of selection of the right men for leaders - but the value of that power should be recognised and Battalion Commanders should leave no stone unturned to practice their power of selection; to learn by their failures and strive to perfect their methods - they should remember that there has never been in the history of the world a great Commander unless he possessed the power of selecting fit instruments and in the main the foundation of their greatness lies in that power alone.

Where Battalion Commanders are absent their attention will be drawn to this memo on return.



Major.  
Brigade Major.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

## Distribution:

57th Battalion  
58th Battalion  
59th Battalion  
60th Battalion  
15th A.L.T.M.B.  
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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 146

Ref. Sheet 28 S.W.  
1/20,000

24th MARCH 1918

1. The 5th Australian Division is being withdrawn from the line between the 24th and 26th March 1918 and on relief will be disposed as follows:-

Divisional Headquarters	DRANOUTRE
8th Australian Infantry Brigade	RAVELSBURG & NEUVE EGLISE Area.
14th Australian Infantry Brigade	LOCRE Area.
15th Australian Infantry Brigade	KORTEPYP Area.

2. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade will be relieved in accordance with attached table.
3. All defence schemes, maps, etc., will be handed over on relief.
4. All administrative arrangements consequent upon this order will be issued separately.
5. Brigade Headquarters will close at RAMILLIES CAMP on the 25th March and reopen at TROIS ROIS CABARET on the same day at times to be notified later.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Street*  
Major.  
Brigade Major.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at	Copy No.	Copies to	Copy No.
To.			
57th Battalion	1	8th Aust. Inf. Bde.	11
58th Battalion	2	5th Aust. Inf. Bde.	12
59th Battalion	3	2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.	13
60th Battalion	4	B.G.C. 15th A.I. Bde.	14
15th L.T.M.B.	5	Area Commandant KEMMEL	15
No. 4 Signal Section	6	Staff Captain	16
		War Diary	17 - 19
		File	20
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15th Field Co. A.E.	7		
29th A.A.S.C.	8		
15th Field Ambulance	9		
5th Aust. Div.	10		





## AMENDMENT TO 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 146.

Ref: Sheet 28 1/40,000  
Sheet 27 1/40,000

24th March, 1918.

1. All moves as shewn in the move table accompanying Order No. 146 for the 25th March are cancelled and the following substituted.

Date	Unit	From	To	Starting Point.	
				Place	Time
March					
25th	57th Bn.	KORTEPYP "A" Camp	METEREN AREA	Road Junction T.20.C.3-8.	1.30p.m.
25th	58th Bn.	CANTEEN CORNER	-do-	Road Junction T.25.B.8-1	2.30 p.m.
25th	59th Bn. 15th LTMB	ROSSIGNOL CAMP	-do-	LINDENHOEK CORNER	10.0 a.m.
25th	60th Bn. Bdo. H.Q.	RAHILLES CAMP	-do-	-do-	11.0 a.m.

ROUTE: For 57th and 58th Battalions: WATERLOO ROAD - Road Junction S.17.B.7-0. - CLAPHAM ROAD - S.5.B.9-4. - S.9.A.7-7. - Ox de POPERINGHE - St. JANS CAPPEL - SCHAEZEN - LES 4 FILS AYMEN.

For 58th and 59th Battalions, 15th L.T.M.B., 15th Brigade H.Qrs. DAYLIGHT CORNER - AIRCRAFT FARM - DONEGAL FARM - N.31.D.1-0 - T.1.B.1-6. - X Roads S.5.B.9-4. - S.9.A.7-7. - Ox de POPERINGHE - St JANS CAPPEL - SCHAEZEN - LES 4 FILS AYMEN.

2. First and Second Line transport will accompany Units.
3. The following distances will be observed on the march:  
50 yards between platoons,  
100 yards between companies,  
200 yards between Units and Transport.
4. Advance parties of Units will report to the Staff Captain at METERIN CHURCH at 10.0 a.m. on the 25th inst..
5. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to all recipients of 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 146.



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MOVE TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.148.

DATE	UNIT	FROM	TO	REMARKS.
March 24th	57th Bn.	WULVERGHEM	KORTEPYP "A" Camp (T.26.B.5-6)	(a) New Camps will be available by 4.0 p.m. daily.
24th	58th Bn.	SALE FARM	CANTEEN CORNER (T.26.C.5-1)	(b) Usual precautions against hostile air- craft and the pre- scribed distances between Units will be observed on the march.
25th	59th Bn.	ROSSIGNOL Camp	KORTEPYP "B" Camp (T.26.B.9-4)	
25th	60th Bn.	RAMILLES Camp	ROMARIN Camp (B.4.A.9-3)	(c) Units will rec- onnoitre their own routes to new camps but should avoid areas known to be subject to enemy shelling. The route DAYLIGHT CORNER - T.3.D.20-99 - T.2.B. 90-00 - X Roads T.8.G.70-45 - T.14.D. 10-90 - T.14.C.30-50. - T.20.A.50-10 is suggested.
25th	15th L.T.M.B.	ROSSIGNOL Camp	BULFORD Camp (T.20.C.5.0)	
25th	15th Bde. H.Qrs.	RAMILLES Camp.	TROIS BOIS CAMP. T.20.C.7-7.	



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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

to accompany

15th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 146.

Ref:

Sheet 28 1/40,000

Sheet 27 1/40,000

24th MARCH 1918

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1. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade is being relieved and moving to METEREN Area tomorrow 25th inst.
  2. Baggage and Supply wagons have been instructed to report to units on 24th and 25th insts.
  3. No supplies will be drawn on 25th inst.. On 26th inst. supplies will be drawn from Brigade Supply Dump location of which will be notified later.
  4. D.A.D.O.S. will remain at present location until further notice.
  5. All Units will move with full echelons of ammunition and complete reserve of tools.
  6. Army Standing Order No. 611 must be strictly adhered to, when marching in and out of areas.
  7. Immediately on arrival in new area Units will take steps to collect all surplus Officers baggage and any surplus gear.  
This will be dumped in a central spot (to be notified later).  
A complete inventory of all kit thus collected must be taken, and a copy forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.
  8. Instructions re working and detached parties have been issued to all concerned.

*C. W. Lay*

Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to all recipients of Order No. 146.



APPENDIX. 33A

"A" Form.

Army Form C. 2121.

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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Special	Order	of	the	Day
by	Field	Marshall	Sir	Douglas
Haig	AAA	To	all	ranks
of	the	British	Army	in
France	and	Flanders	AAA	We
are	again	at	a	crisis
in	the	War	AAA	The
enemy	has	collected	on	this
front	every	available	Divn.	and
is	aiming	at	the	destruction
of	the	British	Army	AAA
We	have	already	inflicted	on
the	enemy	in	the	course
of	the	last	two	days
very	heavy	losses	and	the
French	are	sending	troops	as
quickly	as	possible	to	our

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Place			
Time			

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## Report on Operations

From 27th March 1918

On 27th March the Brigade Group entrained at METELEN and were concentrated in VARENNES - ACHEUX Area by the morning of 29th.

On night 29/30th March the Brigade moved by Route March to BORBIE AREA and came under command of 3rd Aust. Div.

Two Battalion took up Defensive position along SOMME CANAL from AUBIGNY on right to junction with the front line on the left.

The remainder of the Brigade were kept in Reserve in BONNAY.

Until April 4th the front was quiet.

In the early morning of April 4th the enemy launched an attack on front line SOUTH of River SOMME.

The Defensive flank at that time was being held by 58th Battalion on left and 57th Battalion on the right.

Appendix "A" shows sequence of events on April 4th. Having established the line from VAIRE along road through P.8.A. and C. to P.14.B.9-3. the policy was adopted of advancing our line by leap-frogging the support Companies over the front line Companies.

In the early morning of 5th April 58th Battalion extended their line to J.33. Central to J.3.A.8-3.

At 6 a.m. on 6th April 59th Bn. reported enemy advancing in waves along hill in P.14.B. Artillery opened and attack did not materialise.

During night 6/7th 59th advanced their line so that it ran P.8.C.5-0 - P.8.B.2-5 - P.2.D.2-5.

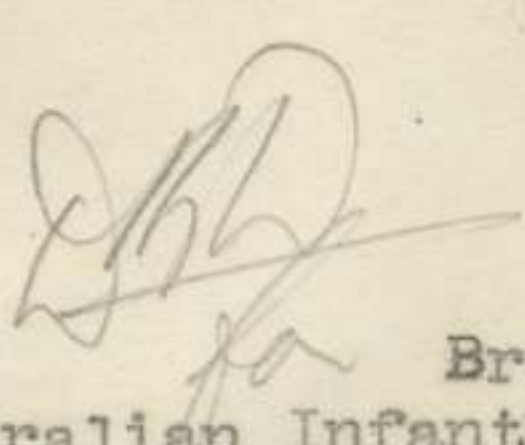
During night 7/8th April 58th pushed forward their line occupying outskirts of BOUZENCOURT. Their line now ran P.2.D.2-5. - P.2.B.65-00. - P.3.A.00-45. - J.33.C.5-0. - J.33.D.2-8. - J.34.C. - J.34.D.2-5. BOUZENCOURT.

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The method of advancing by "leap-frogging" was found to possess additional merit in that the enemy artillery were apparently not aware of our changes of position and devoted much ammunition to the shelling of our vacated line.

On night 9/10th 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade were relieved by 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Subsequent operations at VILLERS BRETONNEUX have already been fully reported on.

  
Brig. General.  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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## 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 147.

Ref: Sheet 27 1/40,000

26th March, 1918.

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1. The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) is moving by train to the ACHEUX area on the 27th and 28th March, 1918.
  2. (a) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Group will entrain on the 27th and 28th March in accordance with attached table.  
(b) For the purpose of this move the Brigade Group will be composed as under:
    - 15th Infantry Brigade Headquarters,
    - No. 4 Signal Section,
    - 57th - 58th - 59th - 60th Battalions,
    - 15th L.T.M.B.,
    - 15th Machine Gun Company,
    - 15th Field Company A.E.
    - 15th Field Ambulance (with Sanitary Section)
    - 29th A.A.S.C.
    - 5th Divisional Salvage Company,
    - 5th Divisional Headquarters,
    - Headquarters 5th Divisional Engineers,
    - 5th Divisional Signal Company (less 2-3-4 Sections)
    - 5th Divisional Ordnance,
    - 5th Divisional M.M.P.
    - $\frac{1}{2}$  S.A.A. Section 5th D.A.C.
  3. All transport must be at the entraining station, CAESTRE, three hours, and all personnel one and a half hours before the time of departure of the train. The entrainment of all Units must be complete half an hour before the departure of the train.
  4. (a) Each train will consist of one Officers carriage, seventeen flat trucks (each taking four axles) and thirty covered trucks each taking six H.D. or eight L.D. horses or forty men.  
(b) No personnel or stores will be allowed in the brake vans at each end of the train or on the roofs of the trucks. No covered trucks should be used for luggage as it restricts space available for personnel.
  5. Units will move independently to CAESTRE, but will observe the distances laid down in Brigade Order No. 146 whilst on the march. The usual precautions must be taken against enemy aircraft.
  6. Billeting parties will be detailed by each Unit and will proceed with bicycles by No. 1 Train.
  7. (a) The 60th Battalion will detail one company of not less than two Officers and 100 men with cooker and team to report to the R.T.O. CAESTRE and act as loading party for the whole of the move. This party will report three hours before the time of departure of No. 1 train.  
(b) The company of the 57th Battalion with cooker and team proceeding by No. 1 train will act as unloading party at the detraining Station for the whole of the Brigade Group.
  8. Supply and baggage wagons will accompany their own Units in every case. Two days supplies will be carried in bulk on No. 1 train.
  9. Breast ropes for horse trucks must be provided by the Units themselves but ropes for lashing vehicles on the flat trucks will be provided by the Railway authorities.
  10. Every precaution must be taken to prevent troops leaving the train during the journey and the strictest train discipline will be maintained throughout.



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11. A complete marching out state will be handed in to Lieut. D.O.SHIELDS (Group Entraining Officer) three hours before the time of departure of the train. This state will show the number of Officers and Other Ranks, horses (H.D. or L.D.), wagons G.S. Wagons Limbered G.S., 2 wheeled, other 4 wheeled vehicles and bicycles.
12. Brigade Headquarters will close at METEREN at 6.30 a.m. on 27th March and reopen on arrival in the new area at a place and time to be notified later.
13. A C K N O W L E D G E

Major,  
Brigade Major,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 6.0 p.m.:

To.	Copy No.
57th Battalion	1.
58th Battalion	2.
59th Battalion	3.
60th Battalion	4.
15th L.T.M.B.	5.
No. 4 Signal Section	6.
15th M.G.Company	7.
29th A.A.S.C.	8.
15th Field Ambulance	9.
15th Field Company A.E.	10.
C.R.E.	11.
5th Divisional Salvage Company	12.
D.A.D.O.S.	13.
A.P.H.	14.
5th D.A.C.	15.
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5th Aust. Division	16.
B.G.C. 15th A.I.Brigade	17.
Staff Captain	18.
Group Entraining Officer	19.
Area Commandant METEREN	20.
R.T.O. CAESTRE	21.
War Diary	22-24.
Group Detraining Officer	25.
File	26.



MOVE TABLE TO ACCOMPANY

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 147.

DATE.	TRAIN NUMBER	TROOPS	TIME OF DEPARTURE	REMARKS
27th MARCH	1.	Brigade Headquarters-Signal Section - 15th M.G. Company - 15th L.T.M.B. - 1 Coy. 57th Bn. with cooker and team.	10.25 a.m.	(a) Transport will accompany Units in all cases.
-do-	2.	57th Bn. (less 1 Coy. <sup>WITH</sup> cooker and team).	1.25 p.m.	(b) Units will reconnoitre the entraining station forthwith.
-do-	3.	58th Bn. (less 1 Coy. with cooker and team).	1.25 p.m.	(c) The 57th Battalion will detail one Officer from the Company proceeding by No. 1 train to act as detraining Officer.
-do-	4.	59th Bn. (less 1 Coy. with cooker and team)	7.25 p.m.	Group
-do-	5.	D.H.Q. and attached and Div. Sig. Coy. (less 2-3-4 sections)	10.25 p.m.	
28th March	6.	H.Q. Div. Engrs. - 15th Field Coy. A.E. - 29th A.A.S.C. - 1 Coy. 58th Bn. with cooker and team	1.25 a.m.	
-do-	7.	Salvage Coy. - 15th Field Amb. - Sanitary Section - 1 Coy. 59th Bn. with cooker and team	1.25 a.m.	
-do-	8.	60th Bn. less 1 Coy with cooker and team	7.25 a.m.	
-do-	9.	$\frac{1}{2}$ S.A.A. Sect. D.A.C. and 1 Coy 60th Bn. with cooker and team.	10.25 a.m.	

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 148.

Ref: Sheet 57D

1/40,000

27th March 1918

1. Our approximate front line is reported to run from the railway station at ALBERT northwards through the Western edge of AVELUY WOOD.
- 2.(a) The 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE will be disposed as under on completion of the detrainment.
 

Brigade Headquarters	}	LEALVILLERS
15th A.L.T.M.B.		
57th Battalion	}	ACHEUX
58th Bn. (less 2 Coys)		
15th M.G. Coy.		
2 Coys 58th Bn.	-	CLAIRFAYE
59th Battalion	-	HARPOINVILLE
60th Battalion	-	VARENNES
15th Field Amb.	-	ARQUEVES
- (b) The 8th A.I. Brigade are to be distributed around BUS LES ARTOIS.
- (c) The 14th A.I. Brigade are to be distributed around LOUVENCOURT.
3. As the Brigades arrive the outpost line for local protection is to be formed on the following general line by the 15th and 8th A.I. Brigades - V.13.A. - V.8.A. - P.33.A. - P.22 BEAUSSART - P.17.A. - J.29. - J.15. The Dividing line between Brigades is to be the line from the first A in BEAUSSART along the road running through P.17. This road inclusive to 8th A.I. Brigade.
4. On arrival at ACHEUX the 15th M.G. Coy. will arrange to picquet the following roads.
  - (a) ACHEUX - BERTRANCOURT.
  - (b) ACHEUX - BEAUSSART.
  - (c) The road from ACHEUX through P.8.C & D.
  - (d) ACHEUX - FORCEVILLE.

These posts will be approximately along the edge of ACHEUX WOOD.
5. Until VARENNES is occupied the 58th Battalion will picquet the road CLAIRFAYE - VARENNES and similarly the road CLAIRFAYE - HARPOINVILLE until the latter place is occupied.
6. On arrival at ACHEUX the 57th Battalion will take over the posts mentioned in para 4.
7. On arrival at HARPOINVILLE the 59th Battalion will arrange to picquet the roads from HARPOINVILLE to CONTAY and VARENNES.
8. On arrival at VARENNES the 60th Battalion will arrange to picquet all roads in P.25.26.-31-32. V.1. and V.2.
9. These posts are merely in the nature of local protection and to give warning of any enemy approach. The remainder of the units supplying the posts will act as inlying picquets. Cyclists should be attached.
10. All estaminets and cafes will be picqueted and no liquor whatsoever is to be allowed.
11. Lists will be at once taken of all troops by units other than this Brigade in the area allotted in para 2(a). These units must be instructed to give warning when moving out.



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12. Every precaution will be taken to prevent looting.
13. The enemy if met with is to be vigorously engaged and the general line of the outpost line maintained.
14. Brigade Headquarters will remain at LEALVILLERS until further notice.
15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major.  
Brigade Major.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 12.30 a.m.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 149.

Ref: Shoot 57 D. 1/40,000  
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28th March, 1918.

1. Our troops are reported to be holding the line CHAPILLY - SAILLY LE SEC - MERICOURT - VILLE SUR ANCRE - East of DERNANCOURT - West of ALBERT - West of AVELUY - HAMEL - BEAUMONT HAMEL - SUPERIE North of AUCHONVILLERS - South of HEBUTERNE - North of PUISIEUX - DUCQUOY - West of ABLAINZEVILLE - NOYENVILLE - Between BOISIEUX AU MONT and BOYELLES - North of BOYELLES - ST. MARTIN - STR. COJEUL - West of WANCOURT to GAVRELLE.
2. The 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE will establish an outpost line for local protection on the general line V.13.A. - V.8.A. - V.2.B. - P.33.A. - P.27.B. - P.22. - P.17.A. &
3. This outpost line will be held by the four Battalions each with one company.  
Boundaries will be as follows :
  - 59th Battalion - V.13.A. to Northern edge of the Valley in V.7.D.
  - 60th Battalion - Northern edge of the Valley in V.7.D. to road inclusive in P.33.C.. This Battalion will furnish a detached post on the spur in P.33. West of HEDAUVILLE.
  - 57th Battalion - The road exclusive in P.33.C. to FORCEVILLE inclusive.
  - 58th Battalion - FORCEVILLE exclusive to road running from BEAUSSART to P.17.A. (road exclusive).
4. The 15th Machine Gun Company will allot four guns to the 59th Battalion for the defence of the right flank and the valley running from V.14. to V.7.
5. Battalion Commanders will personally reconnoitre their allotted sectors and endeavour to get in to touch with the troops in front of them.
6. The picquet line which will be the line of resistance will be improved and strengthened.
7. The outpost companies in all cases will have bicycles attached to them and must report at once all movements of the enemy and any retirement of our own troops.
8. Pending the arrival of the 30th Battalion the 58th Battalion will arrange to push out picquets east of VARENNES. These picquets will be provided by the troops at CLAIRVIE.
9. The standing orders regarding protection against enemy aircraft will obtain.
10. Outposts of the 57th and 58th Battalions are to be in position by 2 p.m. and the 59th Battalion by 3 p.m. on 28th March. The 60th Battalion will get in to position on arrival at VARENNES.
11. Reports will be sent to Brigade Headquarters at LEALVILLERS (N.23.B.5-0.)
12. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*Street*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

P.T.O.



Issued at 2 p.m.

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8th A.I. Brigade	9.
B.C.C. 15th A.I. Brigade	10.
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15th Field Ambulance	12.
A.P.I.	13.
Staff Captain	14.
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## 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 150.

Ref: Sheet 57 D 1/40,000

29th March, 1918.

1. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade plus 15th Machine Gun Coy. will move to the FORCEVILLE - HEDAUVILLE area by 8 a.m. 29th March 1918.
2. Units will concentrate on the picquet line as under :
  - 59th Battalion : Where the picquet line crosses the VARENNESENIS Road.
  - 60th Battalion : Where the picquet line crosses the VARENNESENIS HEDAUVILLE ROAD.
  - 57th Battalion }
    - 15th M.G. Company } Where the picquet line crosses the
    - 15th L.T.M.B. } FORCEVILLE HEDAUVILLE ROAD.
    - 15th Bde. H.Q. }
  - 58th Battalion : Where the picquet line crosses the FORCEVILLE - HALLY MAILLET Road.
3. The concentration will be by platoons and under as much cover as possible. Units will be ready to move at one hours notice from this concentration ~~order area~~.
4. Unit Commanders will meet the Brigadier at P.27.B.Cent. at 8 a.m. 29th March.
5. Blankets will be stacked in present billets under a small guard.
6. The usual nucleus will be left out by Units. Nucleus parties of Battalions will assemble at 58th Battalion Headquarters, ACHEUX (P.7.B.9-5.) at 8 a.m. 29th March under Major TRICKEY 60th Battalion and proceed independently to 5th Aust. Divisional Headquarters at VAUCHELLES. This party will carry blankets and on arrival at VAUCHELLES arrange for the collection of the blankets of the remainder of the Brigade.
7. Transport will remain at present location harnessed up and ready to move with the usual escort.
8. Reports to Brigade Headquarters at LEALVILLERS until 7 a.m. after that hour to P.27.B.Central.
9. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*Spidner*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 1.45 a.m.

Tp  
57th Battalion  
58th Battalion  
59th Battalion  
60th Battalion  
15th M.G. Company  
15th A.L.T.M.B.  
No. 4 Signal Section

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3.	11th A.I. Brigade	9.
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6.	War Diary	12-14.
7.	File	15.



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15<sup>th</sup> AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER  
No 151Ref Sheet 57D  
1/40,00029<sup>th</sup> March 1918

- (1) The 15<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Brigade is to move to the Concentration area HEDAUVILLE - VARENNES immediately.
2. The 57<sup>th</sup> Bn., 58<sup>th</sup> Bn., 15<sup>th</sup> M.G.C. & 15<sup>th</sup> L.T.M.B. will be disposed in and around HEDAUVILLE & the 57<sup>th</sup> Bn. and 60<sup>th</sup> Bn. in and around VARENNES.
3. Outposts will be at once established on the general line V.9.A and B - V.10.A - V.4.D - V.5.A - P.35.C. - P.35.A.
4. Boundaries have been allotted as under:-  
 57<sup>th</sup> Bn. - From the HEDAUVILLE - WARLOY Road in V.9.A to Road (exclusive) to SENLIS through V.4 and V.10.  
 58<sup>th</sup> Bn. - From road (inclusive) to SENLIS through V.4 and V.10 to the HEDAUVILLE - BOUZINCOURT road (exclusive).



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58<sup>th</sup> Pn. - From the HEDAUVILLE-BOUZINCOURT  
Road inclusive to road inclusive at P. 35.A. 319.

5. The 15<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Company will continue to keep 4 Vickers Guns with the 57<sup>th</sup> Pn.
6. The line of resistance will be the WARLOY-HEDAUVILLE Road and will be occupied in case of attack.
7. The 60<sup>th</sup> Pn. will withdraw its present outpost company as soon as the 57<sup>th</sup> Pn. is in position.
8. Battalion commanders will at once reconnoitre their allotted sectors and outposts will be put in position as soon as possible.
9. Touch should be gained with troops in front as soon as possible.
10. The outpost companies will in all cases have bicycles attached to them and must report at once all movements of the enemy and any retirement of our own troops.
11. The standing orders regarding protection against enemy aircraft will obtain.



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12. Transport will rejoin their units, but blankets will not be brought forward until orders are received from Brigade Headquarters.
13. Units will be ready to move forward at one hour's notice.
14. Reports to Brigade Headquarters at the School House, HEDAUVILLE.
15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Alfred* Major  
 Brigade Major  
 15th A. I. Bde.

Issued at 10.15 a.m.

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15th L.T.M. B.	6	
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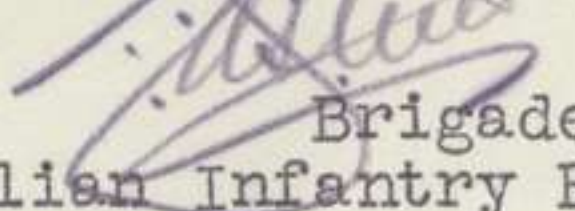
## 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 152.

Ref: Sheet 62 D 1/40,000

30th March, 1918.

1. The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade is holding a line J.35.A. - J.29.D. & B. - with a defensive flank along the Northern Bank of the River SOMME from J.35.A. to VAUX SUR SOMME (inclusive).
2. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Group is in Divisional Reserve and disposed as under:
 

15th A.I. Brigade H.Qrs	BONNAY.
57th Battalion	"
58th Battalion	"
15th M.G. Coy. (Less 2 Sections)	"
15th L.T.M.B.	"
29th A.A.S.C.	"
15th Field Ambulance	J.19.C.
One Section 15th M.G. Coy.	"
60th Battalion	LA NEUVILLE
One Section 15th M.G. Coy.	"
3. (a) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade is to be responsible for crossings on the River SOMME from AUBIGNY to VAUX SUR SOMME.  
 (b) The 60th Battalion will be responsible from AUBIGNY to road junction with Canal at J.36.D.3-3.  
 (c) The 59th Battalion will be responsible from J.36.D.3-3 to VAUX SUR SOMME.
4. The 59th and 60th Battalions will be responsible for preventing any enemy crossing of either the Bridges or the canal within the limits assigned to them.
5. The 60th Battalion will police CORBIE and prevent any looting in the town.
6. All stragglers will be collected and forwarded under escort to Brigade Headquarters.
7. The Cyclist Company and the 11th Field Company A.E. in CORBIE will come under the command of the 60th Battalion.
8. 15th Machine Gun Company will allot one section to each of the 59th and 60th Battalions.
9. Units will report as soon as they are in position.
10. Reports to Brigade Headquarters, BONNAY.
11. A C K N O W L E D G E.

  
 Major,  
 Brigade Major,  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

P.T.O.



Issued at

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60th Battalion	4.
15th M.G. Company	5.
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15th A.L.T.M.B.	6.
No. 4 Signal Section	7.
11th Field Coy. A.E.	8.
Cyclist Company b	9.
3rd Aust. Division	10.
11th A.I. Brigade	11.
15th Field Ambulance	12.
29th A.A.S.C.	13.
War Diary	14-16.
File	17.



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## 15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 153.

Ref: Sheet 62 D 1/40,000.

30th March, 1918.

1. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade is now in position as follows:
  - 60th Battalion: From AUBIGNY (inclusive) to junction of road with Canal at I.36.D.3-3 (exclusive).
  - 59th Battalion: From junction of Road with Canal at I.36.D.3-3 (inclusive) to VAUX SUR SOMME (inclusive).
  - 57th Battalion, 58th Battalion, 15th L.T.M.B. and 15th M.G. Company (less 2 sections) in reserve at BONNAY.
  - 1 Section of 15th M.G. Company is allotted to each of 59th and 60th Battalions.
  - Brigade Headquarters is at BONNAY.
2. In the event of the 11th A.I. Brigade pushing forward the 59th Battalion will conform and extend along the river. At all times the 59th Battalion will keep the closest touch with the 11th A.I. Brigade.
3. The Bridges and the crossings over the River SOMME and the River ANCRE must be held at all costs.
4. (a) All bridges are prepared for demolition but are not to be fired without direct orders from Brigade Headquarters.  
 (b) In the event of all communications falling with Brigade Headquarters and any further delay would jeopardise the situation and mean very great danger of the bridges falling into enemy hands then the Bridges may be fired on the order of the Battalion Commander.
5. The responsibility for the maintenance and demolition (when ordered) of all Bridges has been allocated as under:
  - 9th Field Coy. A.E.: Any crossings between O.1.C.2-5 (exclusive) and I.33.D.8-5 (ANCRE), and O.5.C.4-7 (SOMME), both inclusive.
  - 11th Field Coy. A.E.: ANCRE crossings, LA NEUVILLE I.33.D.8-5 to BONNAY (inclusive). SOMME crossings CORBIE O.5.C.4-7 inclusive eastwards including SAILLY LE SEC.
6. In consultation with A.E. Officers, Battalion Commanders will arrange for the demolition of any subsidiary crossings not necessary for Military purposes.
7. An Engineer Dump is being formed about I.35.B.5-0.
8. The policy of Defence for the 59th and 60th Battalions will be making a close watch on the enemy by means of patrols and small groups along the canal whilst the major portion of each Unit is retained in reserve for action when required.
9. All positions covering bridges or canal banks are to be strengthened as much as possible and Engineer Officers will furnish assistance and technical advice to the Infantry in their Sectors.
10. Units will forward sketch at once shewing exact distribution of their Commands.
11. Reports to Brigade Headquarters at BONNAY.
12. A C K N O W L E D G E.

 Major,  
 Brigade Major,  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



## APPENDIX, 40

Issued at 4.30 p.m.

To.	Copy No.
57th Battalion	1.
58th Battalion	2.
59th Batt. lion	3.
30th Battalion	4.
15th H.G. Company	5.
15th L.T.M.B.	6.
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11th Field Coy. A.I.	9.
11th A.I. Brigade	10.
3rd Aust. Division	11.
Liaison Officer with 10th Division	12.
Liaison Officer with 11th A.I. Bde.	13.
Liaison Officer with 1st Cav. Div.	14.
15th Field Ambulance	15.
29th A.S.C.	16.
Staff Captain	17.
War Diary	18-20.
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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 154. *ll*

Ref: Sheet 32 D 1/40,000

31st March, 1918.

1. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade is at present guarding the crossings over the RIVER SOMME from AUBIGNY (inclusive) to P.5.B.3-8 where there is a post of the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade.
2. This frontage is at present held by two Battalions and two sections of Machine Guns as under:  
     60th Battalion and one section of 15th M.G. Company from AUBIGNY (inclusive) to post at I.30.D.6-5 (exclusive).  
     59th Battalion and one section of 15th M.G. Company from post at I.30.D.3-5 (inclusive) to post at P.5.B.3-8 (exclusive).
3. The 57th and 58th Battalions will relieve the 60th and 59th Battalions respectively on 31st March.
4. As far as possible reliefs will be conducted in daylight.
5. On relief the 60th and 59th Battalions will occupy the Billets vacated by the 57th and 58th Battalions respectively.
6. All details of reliefs will be arranged mutually between Battalion Commanders concerned.
7. On completion of relief the Cyclist Company at present under the 60th Battalion will come under command of the 57th Battalion.
8. The two sections of the 15th M.G. Company will not be relieved and on completion of relief will come under the command of the Battalion Commanders concerned.
9. Completion of reliefs will be reported in code to Brigade Headquarters
10. A C K N O O W L E D G E.

*S. J. Street*  
 Major,  
 Brigade Major,  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 7.30 a.m.

To	Copy No.	Copies to:	
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58th Battalion	2.	11th Field Coy. A.E.	10.
59th Battalion	3.	29th A.A.S.C.	11.
60th Battalion	4.	15th Field Ambulance	12.
15th M.G. Company	5.	No. 4 Signal Section	13.
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15th A.I.T.M.B.	6.	War Diary	15-17.
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11th A.I. Brigade	8.		



5th Aust. Div.  
57th Battalion  
58th Battalion  
59th Battalion  
60th Battalion  
15th A.L.T.M.B.  
15th M.G. Coy.

Following copy of report received from Lt. McKENNA,  
58th Battalion attached as liaison officer to 11th Infantry Brigade  
is forwarded for your information:-

To 15th Aust. Inf. Bde

Ref: FRANCE  
Sheet 62d,  
1/40,000

DUMPS

WIRE

Ref:-

Sketch

forwarded

to you

31-3-1918.

COMMUNICATIONS

S.O.S.

ENEMY'S LINE.

AMMUNITION

AEROPLANES

ENEMY

OBSERVATION

DURING FIGHT

1. With Staff Captain 11th Brigade I visited front line Battalions this morning and afternoon and have arranged with them to let me have details of dispositions. Will forward sketch as soon as details to hand.
2. The 11th Brigade has formed NO dumps of bombs, ammunition, etc. Everything not required immediately is "on wheels" ready to move at shortest notice.
3. There is no wire in front of picquets. In front of line of resistance, that is, in front of 42nd and 43rd Bns., there are three (3) bands of old French wire. On the extreme right of 42nd Battalion, however, there is no wire. The Adjutant 42nd Battalion, stated that he thought it very necessary for the whole of his front to be wired, in view of a possible renewal of the flank attack by the enemy. Brigade Headquarters is taking action to secure wire for the purpose.

4. Enemy shelling frequently cuts telephone lines between Battalions and Brigade H.Q. The experience here is that communication (in case of long messages) is quicker by runner. Roads are good and distances short. A motor cyclist was suggested by the Adjutant, 42nd Battalion. The Signal Officer is short of wire.

S.O.S. The best method of sending S.O.S. from Battalion to Brigade Headquarters is under discussion. No decision has been reached. Suggestions are:- (1) flares (2) phone message quoting map reference of point attacked. Latter seems generally favoured.

5. Front Line Battalions have been asked to report points likely to need attention by artillery in event of attack by enemy. Information is required for use in case attack is observed but no S.O.S. message has been received. 42nd Battalion (RIGHT BATTALION) replied mentioning NORTH HALF of P.6.A. and SOUTH HALF of J.36.c.

6. 42nd Battalion reports that enemy is entrenching along a line running through K.13. Central, 19 Central, 25 Central,

7. 11th Brigade is not short of S.A.A. System adopted for supplying front line is :- 4 limbers kept ready filled at Brigade H.Q. as Brigade Reserve. Battalion requiring ammunition send empty limber to Brigade. Brigade sends full limber to Battalion and empty limber to refill at BONNAY dump and return to Brigade.

8. Our aeroplanes have several times bombed our own positions. 11th Brigade considers it possible that enemy is using our planes, but more likely that information supplied to R.F.C. is at fault. Enemy aeroplanes not reported today (31.3.18).

9. From high ground south of SOMME CANAL enemy has very good observation of our position generally.

10. The G.O.C. has ordered the establishment of special observation posts between Battalion and Brigade during the fight. He has also ordered strong officers' patrols to work to flanks when fight is on.



## APPENDIX, 42

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ASSEMBLY The re-entrant running running from J.27.c. into J.21.c. 11. was utilised by the cavalry as an assembly point in their advance on 27-3-18. It is recommended for consideration in the event of our Brigade having to attack through troops already holding the position. Egress is possible by roads to the NORTH, SOUTH and WEST of the re-entrant.

M.G's.,  
T.M.B's & Particulars of Machine Guns, T.M.B's and Artillery will  
ARTILLERY accompany sketch.  
12.

31.3.1918 5.15 p.m. Sd/ J. McKenna Lieut.  
L.O. with 11th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Enemy has not attacked 11th Brigade since yesterday morning. Apparently he is engaged entrenching ground he now holds. Our artillery concentrated for 10 mins. on ground close to and west of the town of MORLANCOURT. The whole artillery of the 3rd Division were engaged. Artillery Officers here highly delighted with result.

Sd/ J. McKenna Lieut.  
L.O. with 11th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

*John McKenna*  
for  
Brig. General.  
Commanding 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.



15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

RETURN OF SICK WASTAGE FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1918.

UNIT.	DAY OF MONTH.																															TOTAL	DAILY. AVERAGE.
	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		
57th Battalion	3	-	7	3	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	3	4	1	3	-	3	-	6	4	-	2	2	2	8	4	-	-	-	-	61	1.9
58th Battalion	4	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	5	4	2	3	1	-	4	3	6	3	2	5	3	5	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	1	61	1.9
59th Battalion	5	2	1	3	3	-	3	3	2	1	3	2	3	2	10	7	3	3	4	6	4	4	5	7	15	8	1	2	1	2	111	3.5	
60th Battalion	4	-	2	5	-	1	3	4	-	1	1	3	6	2	1	-	5	5	5	1	-	2	4	5	-	6	3	2					
15th M.G.Coy.	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	3	6	4	2													
15th A.L.T.M.B.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	.1	
15th Bde.H.Q.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
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(PROVISIONAL)

R I G H T     F L A N K     G U A R D.T H I R D     A R M Y.

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-\*C O N T E N T S-\*

1. BRITISH FRONT LINE.
2. LIMITS OF POSITION.
3. ALLOTMENT OF TROOPS FOR THE DEFENCE.
4. POLICY OF DEFENCE.
5. ASSEMBLY POSITIONS FOR RESERVE BATTALIONS.
6. IMPROVEMENT OF DEFENCES.
7. LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS.
8. WORKING PARTIES.

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1. DISPOSITION OF TROOPS.
2. LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS.
3. LIST OF BRIDGES.
4. AMMUNITION SUPPLY.
5. SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS.
6. COMMUNICATIONS.
7. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

*Edmund*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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3rd Australian Division	9.
11th A.I. Brigade	10.
1st Cav. Division	11.
10th Field Ambulance	12.
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A P P E N D I X      2.

LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS.

Division immediately North of the River SOMME	-	ST.GRATIEU.
Division immediately South of the River SOMME	-	FOUILLOY.
Brigade immediately North of the River SOMME	-	J.19.D.1-3.
Brigade immediately South of the River SOMME	-	HAMELET
Right Battalion	-	I.34.D.7-1.
Left Battalion	-	I.30.A.6-6.
"A" Reserve Battalion	-	BONHAY.
"B" Reserve Battalion	-	BONHAY.
"A" Field Company A.E.	-	I.27.B.9-5.
"B" Field Company A.E.	-	BONHAY.
L.T.M.Battery	-	J.26.D.9-3.
Brigade Headquarters	-	BONHAY.

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A P P E N D I X      3.

LIST OF BRIDGES.

0.2.B.8-2.  
 0.3.A.8-8.  
 I.33.C.3-1. , I.33.D.8-5.  
 0.4.D.3-4.  
 0.5.C.4-7.  
 J.34.D.2-3.

These bridges are prepared for demolition and guarded. The Railway Bridge at AUBIGNY will be demolished (if necessary) only by the French Authorities.

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A P P E N D I X      4.

AMMUNITION SUPPLY.

No dumps are to be formed in the area but all ammunition is kept on wheels and Units meet their requirements from their Mobile Reserve which is immediately completed by Brigade Headquarters.

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A P P E N D I X      5.

SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS.

Supplies are drawn from PONT NOYELLES at 10.0 a.m. daily by 2nd line transport and delivered to Quartermasters Stores in CORBIE and BONHAY and carried forward by 1st line transport to the Battalions guarding the river.



## APPENDIX 7.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS

A.D.S.	-	-	- BOMHAY BOMHAY
<u>LEFT SECTOR:</u>			
Advanced A.D.S.	-	-	- MERICOURT J.9.B.1-8.
Relay Post	-	-	- J.10.A.2-9.
Collecting Post	-	-	- HEILLY Station J.7.D.3-3.
Information	-	-	A.D.S. HEILLY clearing North of AMORE.
<u>RIGHT SECTOR:</u>			
Advanced A.D.S.	-	-	- I.30.A.8-2.
Relay Posts	-	-	- J.19.A.7-1. J.27.A.3-0. J.23.D.1-9.

EVACUATIONS: via HEILLY - CORBIE Road or Tow Path.

AMBULANCE POST: - - - VAIRE.  
POST: At J.19.B.7-2 which evacuates to HEILLY Post.

RIGHT FLANK:  
A.D.S. - - - LA NEUVILLE opposite Church.

Cars and Horse Ambulances at Advanced A.D.S.'s.

M.D.S.	-	-	- QUEMARIN.
LEFT BATTALION R.A.P.	-	-	- I.30.A.6-6.
RIGHT BATTALION R.A.P.	-	-	- I.34.D.7-1.



Reference Map : Sheet 62 D 1/40-000.

1. BRITISH FRONT LINE: The present front line runs from P.28.B.2-0. - P.22.Central - P.16.D.5-0. - P.10.D.9-0. - P.5.C.1-0. - P.1.B.8-2. - P.5.B.5-5. - J.30.C.8-0. - J.24.B.1-0. - J.18.B.2-0. - J.12.A.8-0. - J.6.A.6-0..
2. LIMITS OF POSITION: The position occupied for the guarding of the River SOMME extends from AUBIGNY (inclusive) along the River SOMME (BOUZINCOURT Bridge inclusive) to a post at J.35.C.0-9.
3. ALLOTMENT OF TROOPS FOR THE DEFENCE: One Brigade of Infantry - Two Sections of a Machine Gun Company and a Field Company are allotted for the defence of the Position. Detailed positions are shown on attached map.
4. POLICY OF DEFENCE: The Policy of Defence will be to maintain along the entire length of the area a system of lightly held posts covered by vigorous patrolling with a line of O.P.'s on the High Ground on either side of the River SOMME, the body of the garrison being kept concentrated as far as possible for the defence of any threatened point. In addition the following bridge head positions will be held in greater strength on the South side of the River SOMME as under:
 

AUBIGNY VILLAGE	One Company.
FOUILLOY VILLAGE	One Company.
HAMELET VILLAGE	One Company.
VAIRE SOUS CORBIE VILLAGE	One Company.

The garrison of VAIRE SOUS CORBIE is to be maintained at full strength and of HAMELET at 50% strength. At FOUILLOY and AUBIGNY there need be sufficient nucleus garrisons only to maintain order. To provide for a defence in depth a series of positions will be constructed on the High Ground on the Northern Bank of the River SOMME from the cemetery at CORBIE (inclusive) to SAILLY LE SEC (exclusive) and the town of CORBIE and the Village of LIXIEUVILLE are to be prepared for defence if required. The Garrison Commanders however at VAIRE SOUS SOMME - HAMELET - and FOUILLOY are to arrange for a possible retreat down the River by either or both banks and with this end in view will construct small positions facing up stream which may be occupied by the rear guard in a successive retirement. All posts will be defended with the utmost resolution and troops will on no account withdraw without direct orders from the next higher authorities. The Bridges across the River have been prepared for demolition but must not be fired without direct orders from Brigade Headquarters. If telephonic communication fails and the situation is such that the position would be jeopardized and grave danger incurred by the enemy gaining the Bridges, then the bridges may be fired by the order of the nearest Battalion Commander.
5. ASSEMBLY POSITIONS FOR RESERVE BATTALIONS: In the event of alarm the Battalion at BONJAY will assemble in open ground in I.25.A. keeping under trees etc. as far as possible but will not move forward without orders from Brigade Headquarters.
6. IMPROVEMENT OF DEFENCES: All trenches whether on the North Side of the River facing Southwards and firing across the River or on the South Side facing South, are to have their flanks turned back so as to give an echeloned field of fire up the river. As material becomes available positions on the South Bank will be wired and connected up. The wire is to be laid out with a view to enfilade fire by Machine Guns from the various posts but so that the posts will not fire into each other in defending the wire. Pontoon Bridges are to be established at VAIRE SOUS SOMME and HAMELET to allow speedy reinforcement of the garrisons of these Villages. Preparations are to be made for their demolition if required.
7. LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS: An Officer with two cyclist orderlies is attached to each of the following Headquarters:
 

Division	immediately South of the SOMME.
Battalion	" " "
Brigade	" North "





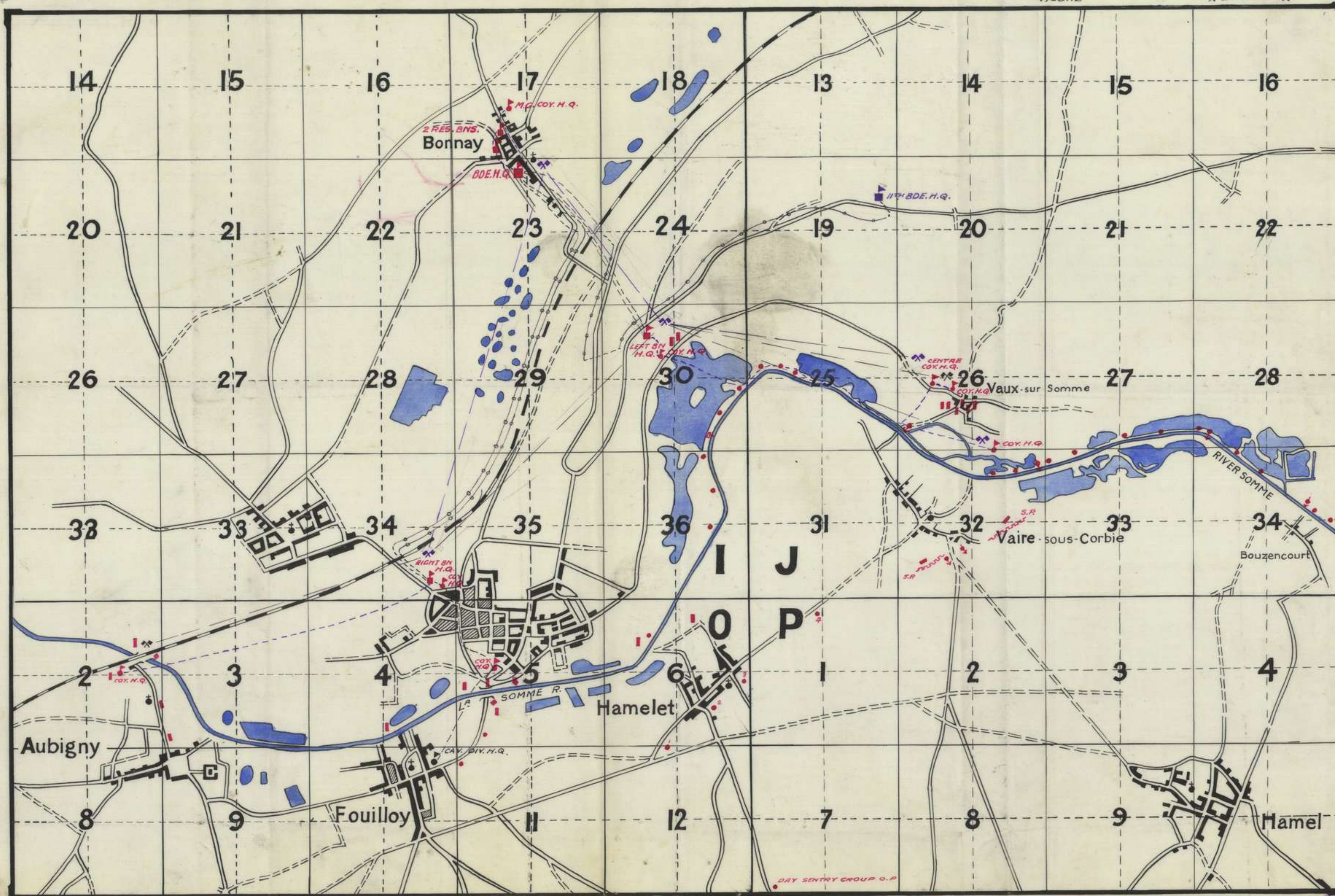


# DEFENCE SCHEME MAP

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EXAMINING POST  
POST  
VICKERS GUN  
LEWIS GUN  
L.T.M.  
ONE PLATOON  
SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS IN BLUE.  
GROUND LINE  
PERMANENT EXISTING LINE  
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Headquarters, 15th Australian Infantry Brigade"A" and "Q" WAR DIARYSUMMARY OF APPENDICES

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WULVERGHEM	1-3-18		<p>The second party for duty on transports returning to Australia left for England today.</p> <p>Party consisted of:-</p> <table><tr><td>400 Cpl. A.S. ANDERSON</td><td>15th M.G. Coy.</td></tr><tr><td>929 L/Cpl. W. HOUGHTON</td><td>57th Bn.</td></tr><tr><td>52 Pte. G.H. FAIRBAIRN</td><td>58th Bn.</td></tr><tr><td>235 Sgt. W.M. NITCHIE</td><td>60th Bn.</td></tr></table> <p>Staff Captain visited Divisional Headquarters.</p> <p>(Casualties - 2 Other Ranks wounded)</p> <p>-----oooOooo-----</p>	400 Cpl. A.S. ANDERSON	15th M.G. Coy.	929 L/Cpl. W. HOUGHTON	57th Bn.	52 Pte. G.H. FAIRBAIRN	58th Bn.	235 Sgt. W.M. NITCHIE	60th Bn.	Appendix I
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	235 Sgt. W.M. NITCHIE	60th Bn.										
2-3-18		<p>Two extra Lewis Guns issued to each Battalion for Anti-Aircraft Defence making a total of twenty guns now in possession of each Battalion.</p> <p>(Casualties - 3 Other Ranks, killed; 7 Other Ranks wounded)</p> <p>-----oooOooo-----</p>										
3-3-18		<p>Recommendations for Kings Birthday Gazette 1918 submitted.</p> <p>Preparations for night raids on enemy's lines made during day.</p> <p>(Casualties - 1 Other Rank killed; 3 Other Ranks wounded)</p> <p>-----oooOooo-----</p>	(Appendix II) " III									
4-3-18		<p>Staff Captain visited Brigade Supply Dump and Brigade Quartermasters Stores.</p> <p>(Casualties - 1 Other Rank killed; 11 Other Ranks wounded)</p> <p>-----oooOooo-----</p>	Appendix IV									
5-3-18		<p>Staff Captain inspected all Supporting Point and General Purpose Rations at their respective locations, also Battalion Gun Boot Drying Stores.</p> <p>(Casualties - 2 Other Ranks killed; 10 Other Ranks wounded.)</p> <p>-----oooOooo-----</p>	<p>COI.</p> <p>APPENDIX 48</p> <p>168</p>									

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WULVERGHEM	6-3-18		<p>Capt.C.W.LAY took over duties of Staff Captain vice Capt.H.R.GOLLAN now Brigade Major Trainee.</p> <p>Major J.S.ANDERSON reported to 14th Aust.Inf.Brigade as Brigade Major Trainee.</p> <p>(Casualties - 6 O.R. Wounded)</p> <p>-----000000000-----</p>	Appendix V
	7-3-18		<p>Divisional Memo received stating that a 2 days supply of water, rations, and ammunition is to be placed in all Strong Points in Forward Zone. These preparations to be carried out forthwith with a view to ensuring supplies in Brigade Sector should enemy action upset existing system of supply. This will necessitate a supply of petrol tins for water being authorised, also arrangements to be made whereby a two days rations can be held at convenient places ready to be placed in Strong Posts should an enemy attack become imminent.</p> <p>As the supply of ammunition is adequate throughout the area, the only action proposed, is that all existing Ammunition Dumps be scattered to form Area Dumps, with a view to neutralising effect of enemy fire should dumps be hit.</p> <p>(Casualties - 2 O.R. Wounded)</p> <p>-----000000000-----</p>	
	8-3-18		<p>Staff Captain visited Transport Lines of 57th and 58th Battalions at NEUVE EGLISE and inspected horses and vehicles.</p> <p>(Casualties - 6 O.R. Wounded)</p> <p>-----000000000-----</p>	

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WULVERGHEM	9-3-18		<p>Special Stores drawn from D.A.D.O.S. for use of raiding parties. These stores include Body Armour, Clothing (British Pattern) and Special identity discs.</p> <p>(Casualties - 3 O.R. Killed; 3 O.R. Wounded)</p> <p>-----ooooOoooo-----</p>	
	10-3-18		<p>Staff Captain visited forward Battalion Cookhouses of 59th and 60th Battalions and found the cooking arrangements well organised, the men in front line posts getting hot tea three times a day and a hot two course meal provided at night. Food is carried forward in Food-Containers by ration parties.</p> <p>Battalion Transport Officers reconnoitred Alternative Routes to respective Battalions for mule tracks in the event of operations taking place, to be used for pack transport.</p> <p>(Casualties - 1 O.R. Killed; 7 O.R. Wounded)</p> <p>-----ooooOoooo-----</p>	Appendix VII
	11-3-18	2 p.m.	<p>Staff Captain attended a conference of Staff Captains held at Divisional Headquarters; the object of Conference was to discuss details of system of supply of rations, water and ammunition in case of enemy attack on Divisional front.</p> <p><u>RATIONS</u> It was decided that the two days supply of rations would not be placed in Strong Posts forthwith; but would be held at Brigade Refilling Point. This ration to be an iron ration.</p>	

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WULVERGHEM	11-3-18		<p><u>WATER</u> A supply of petrol tins to be made available for storing a two days reserve of water. These tins to be filled and placed as far forward as advisable. In addition a number of 200 gal. tanks to be made available. These to be placed forward in sites to be selected.</p> <p><u>AMMUNITION</u> The present dumps to be maintained but auxiliary sites chosen, so that, in the event of hostile shelling of existing dumps, these could be utilized without interfering with the normal system of supply.</p> <p>Recommendation submitted for MEDAILLE MILITAIRE - No.522 Pte.BARRY P.J., 15th M.G.Coy. (Casualties 8 O.R. Wounded)</p> <p>-----ooooOoooo-----</p>	
	12-3-18		<p>Parade of all Pack Mules of Brigade held; the object of parade being, to ascertain:-</p> <p>(a) Shortages in pack-saddlery and equipment, if any.</p> <p>(b) That all pack saddles were properly fitted.</p> <p>(c) That pack mules were ready to be turned out at short notice.</p> <p>(Casualties - 6 O.R's Killed; 27 O.R's Wounded)</p> <p>-----oooOooo-----</p>	
	13-3-18		<p>Staff Captain visited 8th Brigade Headquarters to arrange details of relief to take place on</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WULVERGHEM	13-3-18		<p>night of 14th/15th March. Details of working parties to be supplied taken over. Details of Administrative arrangements in Brigade Sector handed over.</p> <p>(Casualties - 1 Other Rank killed; 1 Officer and 7 O.R. wounded)</p> <p>-----0000000000-----</p>	<p>Appendix <u>VIII</u></p> <p>Appendix <u>IX</u></p>
	14-3-18		<p>Final arrangements made re relief.</p> <p>The respective Battalion Nucleus Camps moved back to Reserve Area during the afternoon and acted as Advanced Parties to respective Reserve Battalion Camps.</p> <p>Supply Dump now at ARTILLERY ROAD. Units draw with 1st Line Transport.</p> <p>(Casualties - 4 O.R. killed, 8 O.R. Wounded)</p> <p>-----0000000000-----</p>	<p>Appendix <u>X</u></p>
KEMMEL	15-3-18		<p>Battalions busy settling down in Reserve Camps. Details of working parties to be supplied sent out. List of Casualties for tour of duty in forward area is attached as Appendix. List of material salvaged in forward area by this Brigade during past tour of duty in line att. as Appendix. (Casualties - 4 O.R. killed; 1 Officer and 7 O.R. Wounded)</p> <p>-----0000000000-----</p>	<p>Appendix <u>XI</u></p> <p>Appendix <u>XII</u></p> <p>Appendix <u>XIII</u></p>
	16-3-18		<p>Recommendations for Honours and Rewards in connection with recent raids submitted.</p> <p>-----0000000000-----</p>	<p>(Appendix <u>XIV</u>)</p> <p><del>Appendix <u>XV</u></del></p> <p>Cut.</p>



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KEMMEL	17-3-18	10 a.m.	G.O.C. attended Church Parade of 59th and 60th Battalions held in School House KEMMEL. The G.O.C. 5th Aust. Div. was present and at conclusion of service addressed men and thanked them for the excellent way in which their duties had been carried out during recent tour of duty in front line.	
	17-3-18	11.45 a.m.	The G.O.C. A.I.F. inspected all Battalion Raiding parties at KEMMEL and presented Military Medals to the undermentioned men of the Brigade awarded for gallantry in recent raids.  <div> <div>1662 Pte. CULLEN, Leslie Thomas</div> <div>57th Battalion.</div> <div>3236 L/Cpl. TULLOCH, Arthur Collingwood</div> <div>58th Battalion.</div> <div>4001 Cpl. MCGREGOR, James</div> <div>58th Battalion.</div> <div>1910 L/Cpl. BAKER, Sidney</div> <div>58th Battalion.</div> <div>1940 Cpl. FRASER, Albert Leopold</div> <div>60th Battalion.</div> <div>3457 Pte. MCCALLUM, Ewen Alexander</div> <div>60th Battalion.</div> </div>	
	18-3-18		Advice received that 15th Machine Gun Company is to be amalgamated with 3 Other Machine Gun Companies of Division to go to form Divisional Machine Gun Battalion.  The Administration of 15th Machine Gun Company passed over to 5th Australian Divisional Machine Gun Battalion today.	Appendix XIV  Appendix XV  APPENDIX 173 aut.



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KEMMEL	19-3-18		Accommodation for Brigade School allotted. Located at N.20.a.0.5. accommodation good with bathhouse and showers.  -----o9o-----	
	20-3-18		Staff Captain visited Transport Lines and Quartermasters' Stores of 59th and 60th Battalions. Horses and vehicles all in splendid condition and complete.  -----o0o-----	Appendix XVI
	21-3-18		All night working parties cancelled from to-day in view of possible attack on this front. Only day parties now supplied.  -----o0o-----	Appendix XVII
	22-3-18		Inspection of all Mobile Echelons of Brigade Units carried out, and deficiencies completed.  -----o0o-----	
	23-3-18		Enemy shelling of NEUVE EGLISE caused following casualties to 1st Line transport of 57th Battn.:  1 horse killed 9 wounded 1 mule killed 11 " 1 O.R. killed.  Only a total of 3 horses and 4 mules were badly wounded and evacuated. Animals to replace these were drawn from Division.  -----o9o-----	Appendix XVIII  Cwt. 174



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Place	Date	Hour			
KEMMEL	24-3-18		The G.O.C. Division together with B.G.C. attended Church Service held in School-house. Orders issued by Division for all detached working parties to rejoin units immediately. The 57th and 58th Battalions moved to NEUVE EGLISE Area taking over Camps from 5th Aust.Inf.Bde. at following locations:57th Battalion T.26.b.5.6.: 58th Battalion T.26.c.5.1.(Sheet 28). Accommodation for all ranks very good. All winter issues returned to D.A.D.O.S. today.		
			-----oOo-----		
METEREN	25-3-18		Brigade moved to METEREN.      Brigade Units billeted in and around METEREN & MERRIS. Billeting accomodation good.		
			-----oOo-----		
	26-3-18		Advice received from Division that Corps Commander had approved of award of MILITARY MEDAL to undermentioned men of Brigade. These Medals were awarded for gallantry during last tour of duty in line.		
			4628	Pte.    W.J.WILLIAMS	57th Bn.
			420	Cpl.    G.SCHMAHL	57th Bn.
			2023	Pte.    A.R.WARLAND	57th Bn.
			1290	Pte.    S.TRELOAR	58th Bn.
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METEREN	26-3-18		<p>The third party for duty on transports returning to Australia, left for England today. Party consists of : -</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>No. 981</td> <td>R.Q.M.S.</td> <td>E.E. FISHER</td> <td>57th Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>657</td> <td>Cpl.</td> <td>H. WATKINS</td> <td>60th Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>790</td> <td>L/Cpl.</td> <td>F.G. HINDLEY</td> <td>58th Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>161</td> <td>L/Cpl.</td> <td>C.J. WILLIAMS</td> <td>59th Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>965</td> <td>Pte.</td> <td>J.H. STAGG</td> <td>15th M.G.Co.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Staff Captain and representative from Units reconnoitred Railway Station, CAESTRE with view to simplifying entraining arrangements.</p> <p>-----oOo-----</p>	No. 981	R.Q.M.S.	E.E. FISHER	57th Bn.	657	Cpl.	H. WATKINS	60th Bn.	790	L/Cpl.	F.G. HINDLEY	58th Bn.	161	L/Cpl.	C.J. WILLIAMS	59th Bn.	965	Pte.	J.H. STAGG	15th M.G.Co.	
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	27-3-18		<p>Units of Brigade entrained Railway Station CAESTRE for DOULLENS.</p> <p>All ranks provided with hot meal before entraining, and carried dry ration for consumption on train.</p> <p>-----oOo-----</p>																					
LEALVILLERS	27-3-18		<p>Accommodation in Area allotted to Brigade very limited on account of the number of troops in Area. Following dispositions of Brigade:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Brigade Headquarters</td> <td>LEALVILLERS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15th A.L.T.M.B</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15th M.G.Coy.</td> <td>ACHEUX</td> </tr> <tr> <td>57th Battalion</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>58th Battalion less 2 Coys.</td> <td>"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 Coys 58th Bn.</td> <td>CLAIRFAYE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>59th Battalion</td> <td>HARPONVILLE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60th Battalion</td> <td>VARENNES</td> </tr> </table> <p>Brigade Supply Dump located at VAUCHELLES.</p> <p>-----oOo-----</p>	Brigade Headquarters	LEALVILLERS	15th A.L.T.M.B	"	15th M.G.Coy.	ACHEUX	57th Battalion	"	58th Battalion less 2 Coys.	"	2 Coys 58th Bn.	CLAIRFAYE	59th Battalion	HARPONVILLE	60th Battalion	VARENNES					
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	
LEALVILLERS	28-3-18		Units of Brigade still detraining at DOULLENS. Following Casualties to 58th Brigade occurred owing to enemy shell derailing 3 trucks of the train conveying this Brigade to DOULLENS. Accident occurred at St.POL Railway Station. <div>16 O.R.s. killed. 8 O.R.s. wounded. 8 H.D.horses. killed.</div> -----oOo-----	
	29-3-18		Brigade moved from LEALVILLERS Area to following locations. <div>Brigade H.Q. HEDAUVILLE 15 M.G.Co. " 15th AL.T.M.B. " 57th Battalion " 58th Battalion " 59th Battalion VARENNES 60th Battalion "</div> Transport of Battalions joined them at above locations at noon. Brigade moved from above locations to:- <div>Brigade Headquarters BONNAY 15th M.G.Coy. " 15th A.L.T.M.B. " 57th Battalion " 58th Battalion " 59th Battalion J.19.c. 60th Battalion LA NOUVELLE.</div>	
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HEDAUVILLE	29-3-18		All blankets dumped. 1st Line Transport accompanied column. Brigade now under orders of 3rd Aust. Division.  -----oOo-----	
BONNAY	30-3-18		Billeting accommodation in Area fair. Supplies for tomorrow 31st drawn from Brigade refilling Point situated at BEHENCOURT. Notified by Division that supplies would in future be drawn from PONT NOYELLES from tomorrow.  -----oOo-----	
	31-3-18		Medical arrangements for this Brigade sent to Units. Staff Capt. arranged billeting accommodation for 59th and 60th Battalions who are being relieved in forward area tonight by 57th and 58th Battalions  -----oOo-----	

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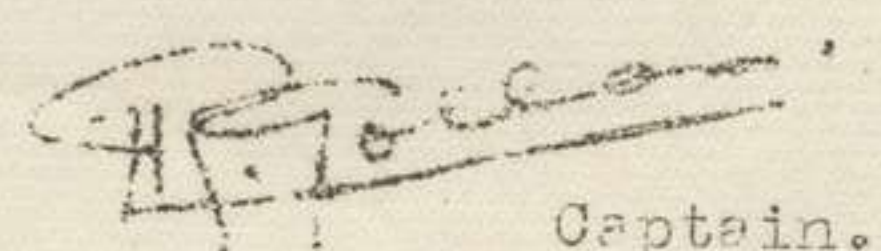
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ROUTINE ORDERS

by  
Brig.General H.E.ELLIOT, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade  
1st March 1918

GENERAL STAFF  
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ADMINISTRATION

2. LEWIS GUNS Two extra Lewis Guns per Battalion will be available at D.A.D.O.S. tomorrow 2nd March. Units will arrange to draw.
33. LEAVE Commencing March 1st 1918 personnel going on leave will report to the R.T.O., BAILLEUL at approximately 3.30 p.m. Personnel arriving from leave arrive BAILLEUL approximately 1 p.m. The foregoing will necessitate an alteration in the leave lorry time table, which is now amended as follows:- Lorries conveying personnel proceeding on leave will depart as follows:-
- |                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| KEMMEL CHURCH    | 2 p.m.    |
| DAYLIGHT CORNER  | 2.15 p.m. |
| DRANOUTRE CHURCH | 2.15 p.m. |
- These lorries will pick up returning leave personnel at BAILLEUL Station at approximately 3 p.m., and return via NEUVE EGLISE to DAYLIGHT CORNER, KEMMEL and DRANOUTRE dropping personnel en route. All personnel proceeding on leave are to be informed that leave lorries will meet them at 3 p.m. on day of their arrival.
34. STRENGTH RETURN Units still continue to show in Column 'B' Officers and Other Ranks who are not provided for in amendments (see A.R.O.1333) to para 29, Fourth Army 'A' Notes. Attention is again drawn to the fact that no Officer or man who does not come under one of the headings laid down in the above para., to be included in Column 'B', is to be shown in that column of the weekly fighting strength return rendered to this Office.
35. ITALIAN SPEAKING N.C.O's and MEN. See G.R.O.3486. Units will render this return to reach Brigade H.Q. before 12 noon on 4th inst.

  
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Staff Capt.  
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IIKINGS BIRTHDAY HONOURS GAZETTE 1918HONOURS - OFFICERS

Name and Rank	Unit.	Recommended for
SCANLAN, John Joseph, Major (Temp. Lt. Col.)	59th Battalion A.I.F.	Distinguished Service Order.
GOLLAN, Herbert Roy, Captain	54th Battalion A.I.F. (Brigade Major Trainee H.Qrs. 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade.)	Military Cross.
DOUTREBAND, Roy, Lieutenant	57th Battalion A.I.F.	Military Cross.
STILLMAN, Leonard Robert Lieutenant	60th Battalion A.I.F.	Military Cross.
DAVIS, Lyndhurst Sydney, Lieutenant	58th Battalion A.I.F.	Military Cross.



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	59th Battalion A.I.F.		Major( Temp.Lt.Col.) John Joseph <u>SCANLAN</u>	<p>This Officer has served since the beginning of the war in Egypt, Gallipoli (where he was very severely wounded) France and Belgium. He has rendered consistent good service throughout the whole period. His energy, resource, initiative and courage has been of very great service to his Battalion and to this Brigade since its formation. The exceptional efficiency of his Battalion whilst he has been associated with it as 2nd in Command and in Command of it is largely due to his personality, energy and courageous leadership.</p> <p>(No previous honour or award).</p>	Brigadier General Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.		

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	54th Battalion attached to 15th A.I. Brigade H.Q. as Brigade Major Trainee		Captain Herbert Roy <u>GOLLAN</u>	<p>This officer has served since the commencement of the war in Egypt, Gallipoli, France and Belgium. Originally with the 58th Battalion in France as assistant Adjutant he was requested by the G.O.C. 5th Division during the SOMME campaign to transfer to the 54th Battalion for the purpose of effecting an improvement in the organisation and discipline of that Battalion which as a result of heavy losses had become somewhat disorganised. Its improvement was thence forth most marked. He became Staff Captain of this Brigade in September last prior to the 3rd Battle of YPRES and acted as such throughout the whole of that campaign during the Autumn of 1917 and Winter of 1918. Despite the very trying times experienced Capt. Gollan has never failed to carry out his duties with the utmost energy and determination and the general efficiency of the Brigade during this period is largely due to his intelligent anticipation of the course of events. In particular during the POLYGON WOOD offensive our dumps were continually blown up or on fire and much material was destroyed, but owing mainly to Capt. Gollan's energy and zeal these losses were as constantly made good as a result in the action which followed practically no shortage of munitions or supplies was experienced notwithstanding the enemy action.</p> <p>I strongly recommend him for consideration. (He is not in possession of any other award).</p>	Brig-General Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Bde.		

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	57th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.		Lieutenant Roy <u>DOUTREBAND</u>	<p>During the period 22nd September 1917 to 25th February 1918 this officer's services were of the highest order. At GLENCORSE WOOD near HOOGE on the night of the 25th September 1917 when the Battalion was sent forward to link up with troops on our right who had been pushed back he showed great gallantry in reconnoitring the scattered posts on the ground under a very heavy artillery barrage and it was to a great extent due to his initiative that the gap was filled and the attack on the following morning carried out as ordered. During the heavy fighting in this vicinity on 26th, 27th and 28th September he continually distinguished himself by carrying out dangerous tasks under heavy shell fire. At BROODSEINDE RIDGE during period 11th to 25th October 1917 he again distinguished himself and carried out many dangerous and important tasks.</p> <p>This officers work has always been of the highest order and he has always set an example of courage and initiative that has been a most valuable asset to his Battalion.</p> <p>He was mentioned in New Years Despatches for his valuable work on the SOMME last year.</p>	Brig. Colonel. Commanding 57th Australian Infantry Battalion.		

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	60th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.		Lieutenant Leonard Robert <u>STILLMAN</u>	<p>This Officer has acted as Battalion Intelligence Officer since last April. He has done consistent good service throughout this period. In particular during the action at POLYGON WOOD on 26/27th September he was responsible for laying out the tapes for the Assembly position in No Man's Land which he accomplished coolly and correctly under a heavy fire. He afterwards guided the troops on to them with accuracy which aided greatly in the initial stages of the attack. He personally reconnoitred the ground from which the attack was to be launched and during the consolidation of the position took out patrols to ascertain the position of our own and the enemy troops. Throughout the whole action his work was of greatest importance to his commanding Officer. During the subsequent operations in that sector and in the BROODSIENDE Sector which followed and later in the line in the WYTSCHAETE Sector in December last his Intelligence work left nothing to be desired. His energy and zeal is deserving of Reward.</p> <p>(No previous honor or award).</p>	Lieut. Colonel. Commanding 60th Battalion A.I.F.																						
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	58th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.		Lieutenant Lyndhurst Sydney <u>DAVIS</u>	<p>During the period 24th September 1917 to 22nd February 1918 this officer has continued to add to his previous fine record. He has acted as Platoon Commander, Transport Officer, and Quartermaster at various times. It was during the SOMME winter operations that he shone out conspicuously as Quartermaster. Dangers and difficulties were for him merely things to be overcome and never did he fail to bring his convoy of hot food and comforts to hearten the men and enable them to keep going. At the 5th Army School he secured one of the finest reports on record. On the WESTHOEK, ANZAC, and BROODSIENDE Ridges in October 1917 he commanded his Company. He was wounded in the back but refused to go out till the Battalion was relieved. His excellent fighting record and admirable grit and determination richly deserve reward.</p> <p>(No previous honour or award)</p>	Lieut. Colonel Commanding 58th Battalion A.I.F.		

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3038a CAIRNS, Charles Herbert Sergeant	15th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	Meritorious Service Medal.
6534 MARR, James Corporal	57th Battalion A.I.F. (attach- ed 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Qrs)	Meritorious Service Medal.
964 STAGG, Henry Theodore Sergeant	15th Aust. M.G. Company	Distinguished Conduct Medal.
284 WHITE, David Private	15th Aust. M.G. Company	Distinguished Conduct Medal.
4565 PEADY, Thomas Archibald Corporal	15th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery.	Meritorious Service Medal.
981 FISHER, Edward R.Q.M.S. (W.O. Class 11)	57th Battalion A.I.F.	Meritorious Service Medal.
1294 WALLIS, Albert Lance Sergeant	57th Battalion A.I.F.	Meritorious Service Medal.
4970 WILLOUGHBY, Richard Thomas Sergeant	57th Battalion A.I.F.	Meritorious Service Medal.
3125 PARTRIDGE, Frank Leslie Sergeant	58th Battalion A.I.F.	Distinguished Conduct Medal.
2795 STEVENS, James Arthur, Sergeant	58th Battalion A.I.F.	Meritorious Service Medal.
6495 DENGATE, Archibald Arthur, Lance Corporal	59th Battalion A.I.F.	Meritorious Service Medal.
2674 SMITH, William Alfred Signaller	59th Battalion A.I.F.	Meritorious Service Medal.
1639 BEAVON, William Corporal	60th Battalion A.I.F.	Meritorious Service Medal.



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	15th Infantry Brigade Headquarters, A.I.F.	3038a	Sergeant Charles Herbert <u>CAIRNS</u>	<p>During the period 22nd Sept. 1917 to 24th Feb. 1918 this N.C.O., as supervising clerk to the Brigade Headquarters Staff, has constantly been brought to notice by his untiring energy and devotion to duty. During the POLYGON WOOD operations on 26/27 September 1917 his work in preparing for issue, under most extreme difficulties, the operation orders, was of the greatest assistance to the Staff. His work necessitated constant vigilance and long periods without rest during a time of great mental strain. Subsequently at WESTHOEK RIDGE, this N.C.O. carried out the duties entrusted to him with the greatest satisfaction to myself and the Staff, under similar trying conditions. His duties, coming as they do into close connection with all Branches of the Staff, entail responsibilities which he has always proved himself equal to, even in periods of comparative quiet. His work has been of the highest order and is worthy of merit.</p> <p>(No previous Honour or Award)</p>	Brig. General. Commanding 15th Australian Inf. Brigade.																	
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	57th Infantry Battalion attached Headquarters 15th Infantry Brigade A.I.F.	6534	Corporal James <u>MARR</u>	Corporal Marr has during the period September 24th 1917 to February 22nd 1918 acted in the capacity of Transport N.C.O. attached to Brigade Headquarters. His work often means long hours out and to a late hour at night but his devotion to duty has meant the completion of many important tasks entrusted to him, such as taking ammunition or special stores to the forward area. The excellent manner in which he carried out his duties during the operations at POLYGON WOOD and BROODSIENDE RIDGE during September and October 1917, when he was charged with the duty of getting supplies through to Advanced Brigade Headquarters, often through congested traffic and enemy shelling. In addition to this he often was detailed to get through special ammunition or stores, and R.E. materials to forward points as required. His trustworthiness has been of immense help to the "Q" side of the Brigade Staff during operations, in the line, or on the move.  (No previous honour or award)	Brig. General. 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.																																										
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	15th Aust. Machine Gun Company.	964	Sergeant. Henry Theodore <u>STAGG</u>	<p>At all times during the period 22nd September 1917 to 24th February 1918 this N.C.O. has inspired his men by his coolness, courage and devotion to duty, under the most trying conditions. Especially was this so during the POLYGON WOOD operations.</p> <p>At BROODSIENDED RIDGE in October 1917 when the forward guns were mounted in shell holes, and it was impossible to obtain shelters for the men, he voluntarily remained 4 days and nights at his gun with no accommodation save a shell hole so as to enable his men to have rest in turn in a shelter providing accommodation for two.</p> <p>In addition, when an adjoining gun position was blown out, the two gunners being killed and the N.C.O. severely shaken, under heavy shell fire he recovered the gun and greater part of the gun gear, rebuilt the gun position and continued in charge of this gun also for the following three days. During the period the whole area was heavily bombarded.</p> <p>His work at all times has been such as to class him as one of the most trustworthy and reliable N.C.O.'s of the Company and his example is invaluable.</p> <p>(No previous decoration - Mentioned in Despatches on 1-1-18, A.I.F. List 279)</p>	Captain. Commanding 15th Aust. Machine Gun Coy.																						
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	15th Aust. Machine Gun Company.	284	Private David <u>WHITE</u>	<p>During the period 22nd September 1917 to 25th February 1918, Private WHITE has done exceptionally fine work. This was especially so during the YPRES operations and particularly on BROODSIENDE RIDGE in October 1917. On one occasion his gun team was blown out and the No. 2 gunner and himself heavily buried. Extricating himself, he dug his companion out and carried him through heavy shell fire to medical aid, when although severely shaken and injured he returned, recovered his gun, etc., mounted the gun in a shell hole and carried on at the gun until relieved some hours later. On another occasion when a whiz-bang entering the gun shelter killed the gun commander outright and he received face and head wounds and was partially blinded (temporarily), this gunner continued at his gun until next day, when he had to be ordered to leave his post, for the purpose of receiving medical attention.</p> <p>His constant devotion to duty has constantly come to notice.</p> <p>(No previous honor or award)</p>	Captain, Commanding 15th Australian M.G. Coy.		
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	15th A.L.T.M.B.	4565	Corporal Thomas Archibald <u>PEADY</u>	Corporal PEADY during the period Sept. 22. 1917 to Feb. 24. 1918, has shown exceptional devotion to duty at all times. His work as a Section Sergeant in the Battery has been characterised by courage and ability in all work that has been entrusted to him. During the operations at BROODSIENDE RIDGE during October 1917 his general good work and splendid example were of immense help to the officers in keeping the men together and directing the fire of the battery. Cpl. PEADY has been with the battery since its formation and has not been absent, except for leave. His work merits recognition.  (No previous honour or reward)	Capt. 15th Aust. Light Trench Mortar Bty.		

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	57th Infantry	981	R.Q.M.S. (W.O. Class 11) Edward <u>FISHER</u>	During the period 22nd September, 1917 to 25th February, 1918, this W.O. has shown exceptional initiative in the carrying out of his duties as R.Q.M.S. of the Battalion. During the operations in September and October at POLYGON WOOD and BROODS IENDE RIDGE he showed exceptional ability and resource in the rationing and supplying of the Battalion under the most trying conditions. R.Q.M.S. FISHER went through the GALLIPOLI Campaign as C.Q.M.S. in the 5th Battalion. On the formation of the 57th Battalion in March 1916 he was appointed R.Q.M.S. and since that date has carried out the duties most conscientiously and with ability. His work is worthy of the highest praise.  (No previous honour or award)	Lieut. Col. Commanding 57th Battalion A.I.F.																	
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	57th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	1294	L/Sgt. Albert <u>WALLIS</u>	<p>During the period 22nd September 1917 to 25th February. 1918 this N.C.O. showed initiative and resource of the very highest order in the carrying out of his duties. He, acting as Sgt. Cook has been instrumental in keeping the front line companies supplied with hot food, always taking the forward cooking houses and personally supervising the cooking often under shell fire under the worst conditions. It has been the boast of the Battalion that the men of the front line posts have never been without hot food at least twice per day and this is due in a large measure to the example, initiative and personal courage set by this N.C.O. to those under him.</p> <p>(No previous honour or award)</p>	Lieut. Col. Commanding 57th Battalion A.I.F.		
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	57th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	4970	Sergeant Richard Thomas <u>WILLOUGHBY</u>	During the period 22nd September, 1917 to 25th February, 1918. this N.C.O. has shown exceptional resource and devotion to duty. As Intelligence N.C.O. of the Battalion he has constantly performed most dangerous jobs in Patrol and Observation work showing a disregard of danger which has been a splendid example to the men with whom he came in contact. His work has been of the greatest value to the Battalion and is worthy of the highest praise.  (No previous honour or award).	Lieut. Colonel Commanding 57th Battalion A.I.F.																	
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	58th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	3125	Sergeant Frank Leslie <u>PARTRIDGE</u>	Sgt.F.L.PARTRIDGE has served with this Unit with continued ability and devotion during the period September 22nd 1917 to 25th February 1918. He has taken part in every action of importance and raid carried out by this Battalion from FROMELLES to POLYGON WOOD and the severe tours on WESTHOEK, ANZAC and BROODSIENDE RIDGES. Especially during the latter period Oct.1917 has he displayed excellent qualities of leadership, acting as Platoon Commander at a time when Officers were few, and setting a very high example of courage and ability to his fellow N.C.O's and his men.  (No previous honour or award).	Lieut.Col. Commanding 58th Battalion A.I.F.		
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	58th Battalion A.I.F.	2795	Sgt. James Arthur <u>STEVENS</u>	<p>Sgt. Stevens was made Orderly Room Sergeant (Battalion Clerk) at the formation of the Battalion. He has never been absent for a day. He is one of the most valuable men in the Unit, and his system and exactness in compiling records and returns are well known in the Brigade. He has not had the opportunity to shine at Brilliant feats of arms but every man in the unit can thank Sgt. Stevens for the excellent care he takes of their interests. His memory is marvellous and he has come as near infallibility in his work as any man could. He has been of the utmost value and more than once has been offered a commission. He has declined it however, so devoted is he to his work. His thoroughness and devotion entitle him to special reward for his services.</p> <p>(No previous honour or award).</p>	Lieut. Col. Commanding 58th Battalion A.I.F.		

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	59th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	6495	Lance Corporal Archibald Arthur <u>DENGATE</u>	<p>During the period 22nd September 1917 to 24th Feb. 1918 this N.C.O. has done steady good work which has not failed to attract the notice of his officers. At POLYGON WOOD operations in September 1917 he displayed utter disregard for personal safety. During the advance he continually carried messages from Company to Battalion Headquarters through artillery and Machine Gun fire. He established communication with the flank Battalion, though the flanks were extremely difficult to locate. Near YPRES his company was subjected to severe shell fire and sustained heavy casualties. L/Cpl. DENGATE volunteered for and was successful in finding stretcher bearers for his company. When the telephone line was cut, he re-established communications by bearing messages through the shell fire, which throughout the night was very severe. His personal example has been a great inspiration at all times.</p> <p>(No previous Honour or Award)</p>	Lieut. Col. Commanding 59th Battalion A.I.F.																	
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	59th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	2674	Signaller William Alfred <u>SMITH</u>	<p>During the period 22nd September, 1917 to 24th February 1918 this man has shown tireless energy and devotion to duty. At POLYGON WOOD near YPRES on September 26th/27th 1917 he was successful in maintaining telephone communication from front line to Battalion Headquarters. Despite the heavy shelling put down by the enemy, he repeatedly volunteered and repaired the lines and on one occasion relaid the lines when they were broken beyond repair. On two occasions he volunteered and successfully carried despatches through heavy enemy barrage fire. His work throughout the period has constantly come to notice and he has set a splendid example to his comrades at all times.</p> <p>(No previous honour or award)</p>	Lieut.Col. Commanding 59th Battalion A.I.F.																	
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3rd March 1918 Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	60th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	1639	Corporal William <u>BEAVON</u>	During the period 22nd September 1917 to 25th February 1918, this N.C.O. always stood out every tour in the line for his coolness, judgement, leadership and courage. His excellent work since POLYGON WOOD and during the period in the WYTSCHAETE Sector in December 1917 was worthy of the highest commendation. He was always the first to volunteer for any dangerous work, repeatedly with patrols and it is largely through his excellent work with patrols that the Unit dominated No Man's Land on our front. His example has been invaluable.  (No previous honour or award)	Lieut. Col. Commanding 60th Battalion A.I.F.		
Date recommendation passed forward Received Brigade Division Corps Army				Passed 4/3/18 / / / / / /			

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Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	57th Bn. A.I.F.	-	Captain Alfred Edward <u>KEYS</u>	--	Brig.General. Commanding 15th A.I. Brigade.	MENTION IN DESPATCHES.	
	57th Bn. A.I.F.	-	Major Roderick McClean Campbell <u>AITCHISON</u>	--			
	58th Bn.	-	Lieut. Frederick Brayshaw <u>McWHANNELL</u>	--	Brig.General. Commanding 15th A.I. Brigade.	MENTION IN DESPATCHES.	
	58th Bn.	-	Lieut. (Hon.Capt.& Q.M) Arthur Fitzroy <u>BEST</u>	--			

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Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	15th A.L.T.M.B.	386	Corporal William Samuel GILMORE	--	Brig. Gen. Cmdg. 15th AIBde	MENTION IN DESPATCHES	
	59th Bn. A.I.F.	385	Private Hugh Arnold STOWELL	--	Brig. Gen. Cmdg 15th AIBde.	MENTION IN DESPATCHES	
	60th Bn. A.I.F.	1568	Lance Corporal George HULBERT	--	Brig. Gen. Cmdg. 15th AIBde.	MENTION IN DESPATCHES	
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KINGS BIRTHDAY HONOURS GAZETTE, 1918

MENTION IN DESPATCHES - OFFICERS

Name and Rank	UNIT	Recommended for
KEYS, Alfred Edward, Captain.	57th Battalion A.I.F.	Mention in Despatches.
AITCHISON, Frederick McClean Campbell, Major.	57th Battalion A.I.F.	Mention in Despatches.
McWHANNELL, Frederick Brayshaw, Lieutenant.	58th Battalion A.I.F.	Mention in Despatches.
BEST, Arthur Fitzroy, Lieut. (Hon. Capt. & Q.M.)	58th Battalion A.I.F.	Mention in Despatches.
MCDONALD, Stanley Rankin, Lieutenant.	59th Battalion A.I.F.	Mention in Despatches.
PINKERTON, Albert James, Lieutenant.	59th Battalion A.I.F.	Mention in Despatches.
KEEN, William Captain.	60th Bn. A.I.F. (att. 15th Inf. Bde. H.Q. as Bde. Bombing Officer)	Mention in Despatches.
FITZGERALD, George Frederick Captain.	15th Machine Gun Company A.I.F.	Mention in Despatches.



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KING'S BIRTHDAY GAZETTE 1918MENTIONS - OTHER RANKS

Name and Rank	Unit.	Recommended for
386 GILMORE, William Samuel, Corporal.	15th A.L.T.M.B.	Mention in Despatches.
385 STOWELL, Hugh Arnold, Private.	59th Battalion A.I.F.	Mention in Despatches.
388 HULBERT, George Lance Corporal	60th Battalion A.I.F.	Mention in Despatches.



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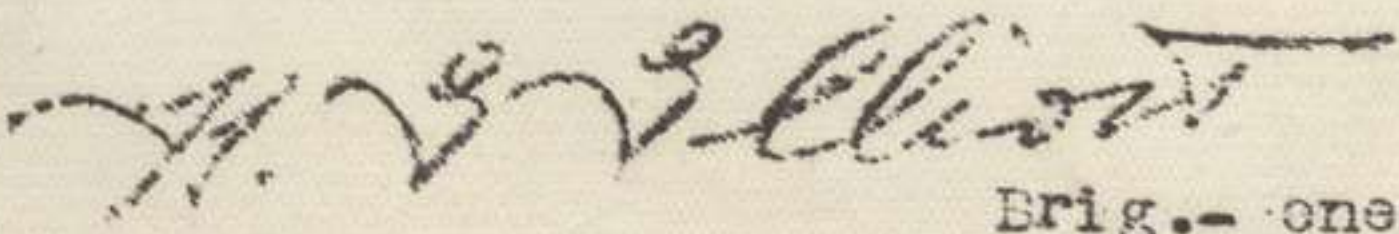
15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No. 23.

3rd March, 1918.

HONOURS AND REWARDS.  
--Periodical Lists--

1. In connection with the recommendations for Periodic Rewards i.e. New Year Honour List and King's Birthday Awards, Battalion Staffs will please note that no recommendation is to be submitted for any action which ought to have been the subject of an "Immediate Reward".
2. Primarily these recommendations are rewards for good and faithful service for long period and necessarily are mainly confined to Battalion Commanders, Adjutants, Signalling Officers, I.M.'s, Intelligence Officers, Transport Officers, Bombing Officers and their Staffs. There however a Company Officer or M.C.O. has on many occasions performed gallant service but others have on those occasions been preferred to him for the immediate reward the whole of such services may properly be the subject of a recommendation for a "Periodical" Reward, notwithstanding that on each previous occasion he has been recommended and failed to get an immediate award; but he should have at least three of such actions to his credit before his name is submitted and one of such should have taken place during the period covered by the award.
3. No regard will be paid at Brigade Headquarters to recommendations which do not properly accord with these instructions.
4. No regard also will be paid in future to recommendations not rendered strictly by the time fixed for receiving them, but in lieu thereof a notice will be directed to be published in the offending Units orders that the apparent disregard of their claims has been due to the carelessness of the Battalion Staff concerned.  
On the present occasion the whole allotment of the Brigade has been jeopardised by the delay of one Unit.

  
Brig.-General,  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade



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ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Brig.General H.E.ELLIOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

4th March 1918.

GENERAL STAFF

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ADMINISTRATION

236.REMOUNTS Remounts arriving from No.4 Remount Depot on or about 1.3.18. are to be given two washes with Mange Dressing.

237.CHLORIDE OF LIME For neutralizing YellowX liquid units are to hold at Battalion and Company Headquarters chloride of lime on the scale of:-

Battalion H.Q. 2 cwts.

Each Coy.H.Q. 1 cwt.

This is not to be used for sanitary purposes.

238.TRADESMEN Each Battalion will submit to this office by 6 p.m. on 5.3.18. The names, qualifications and age of tradesmen in accordance with the following table. It is desired that you select elderly men who are in need of a rest:-

Carpenters	...	1
Sewyers	...	1
Gulletting Mechanists		
and Sharpeners		1
Fitters	...	1
Blacksmiths	...	1

239.ARMY ROUTINE ORDERS Attention is drawn to the following Army Routine Orders:-

No.1819 - Leave to Paris.

1824 - Meat Meals in the United Kingdom.

1834 - Mud Scrapers for Horses and Mules.

P.T.O.



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10. RIFLE COVERS The Divisional Commander has noticed that the rifle sling is passed through the long rifle cover in such a way that men would not be able to remove the cover from the rifle in case it should be wanted quickly. Unit Commanders will give this matter their attention.

11. SALVAGED R.E. MATERIAL The Army Commander has noticed that a lot of R.E. material, corrugated iron, sheet iron, etc, still remains lying about the forward area. Units will report to Brigade Headquarters before 10 a.m. tomorrow, 5th inst., the state of their Battalion sector in this respect also what steps have and are being taken to salvage, collect, or store this nature of material.

*M. Salmore*  
Captain.  
Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

NOTICESDivisional Concert Party.

A cello player and a bass violin are required urgently by the Divisional Concert Party. Applications giving full particulars should be sent to 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade Headquarter by 6 p.m. 5.3.18.



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by

Brigadier General H.E. ELLIOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade  
 6th March 1918



GENERAL STAFF  
 Nil.  
ADMINISTRATION

242. F.G.C.M. The following detail of officers will assemble  
 at WULVERGHEM CAMP T.5.C.9.8. (58th and 60th Bn. Nucleus)  
 at 3 p.m. on Thursday 7th March to try by Field General  
 Court Martial the persons named in  
 the margin and such other person or  
 persons as may be brought before it.

59th Battalion

1266 Pte. PRATT D.T.  
 1964 L/Cpl. JAMIESON A.S.

President

Major R.M.C. AITCHISON 57th Bn.

Members

Captain E.M. JOHNSON Aust. Corps  
 Captain R.A. SALMON, M.C. 57th Bn.  
 Lieut. H.D. HARVEY 58th Bn.

The accused will be warned and all witnesses duly required  
 to attend.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.

243. RETURNS The attention of units is directed to A.R.O. 1666.  
 Column "B" details in the Weekly Fighting Strength will be  
 shewn under the headings therein set out.

*C.W. Hart*

Captain.  
 Staff Capt.  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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## ROUTINE ORDERS

by  
Brigadier General H.E. ELLIOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade  
8th March 1918

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GENERAL STAFF

Nil.

## ADMINISTRATION

244. F.G.C.M. The following detail of officers will assemble at  
WULVERGHEM CAMP, T.5.0.9.8. (58th and 30th Bn. Nucleus) at  
3.15 p.m. on Saturday 9th March 1918 to try by Field General  
Court Martial the person named in the  
margin and such other person or persons  
30th Battalion as may be brought before it.  
No. 1328 Pte. RAEBURN J.

President  
Major. F.V. Trickey 30th Bn.

Members  
Captain E.M. Johnson Aust. Corps.  
Captain R.A. Salmon 57th Bn.  
Lieut. F.D. Harvey 58th Bn.

The accused will be warned and all witnesses duly required  
to attend.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.

245. OFFICERS Units will forward by 12 noon 10th inst. the  
names of any Officers, not above the rank of Lieut., who have  
previous experience and qualifications and who are desirous  
of transfer to the 5th Pioneer Bn. as Platoon Commander.

246. SCHOOLS Cases have recently arisen of men being sent to  
'Schools' without being properly paid before leaving their  
units.

The attention of all concerned is to be drawn to A.C.R.O.  
359 of 5.9.17 in order to prevent a recurrence of this  
irregularity.

247. LECTURES Mr. E. McGEHAN from the Ministry of Labour will  
lecture to the Australian Corps at 2.30 p.m. on 15th March  
at Y.M.C.A. Hut, Rue de Secours, BAILLEUL.  
Subject "Industry after the War".

Units will arrange for the following to attend:

		Off.	N.C.O's.
57th Bn.	...	-	1
58th Bn.	...	-	1
59th Bn.	...	-	1
30th Bn.	...	1	1

Transport arrangements will be notified later.



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248. PRECAUTIONS, FIRE Attention is directed to D.R.O. 63 of  
O.2.18 Several Units have not yet sent in their return of  
deficiencies.

*Albion* Captain.  
Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Brigadier General H.E. ELLIOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.,  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

10th March 1918

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GENERAL STAFF

Nil.

ADMINISTRATION

249. CLAIMS OFFICER: Units will submit, to reach this office by 12 noon 15th inst., the names of any Officer not above the rank of Captain who can be recommended as Claims Officer. Officers recommended should have had experience in assessing values of property, etc. A knowledge of French would be an advantage.
250. ARMOURERS: A return will be rendered, to reach this office by 12th inst. showing number of qualified Armourers with Units. Full particulars as to Number, Rank, Name, Schools attended, etc., will be given.
251. OFFICERS PROCEEDING TO U.K. ON DUTY: Officers proceeding from France in charge of parties reporting for duty to A.I.F. Depots in U.K. should be informed that in cases where they do not arrive in LONDON until late at night (say after 8 p.m.) and it is therefore inconvenient for them to report at A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters that night, all requirements would be met by their handing the nominal roll of their party to a member of the Administrative Headquarters Escort Staff who meets the train on arrival. The "Other Ranks" are marched to Administrative Headquarters by the escort staff who, if in possession of the nominal roll specifying duty on which the men have been sent over, can give proper instructions to members of the party on arrival at Administrative Headquarters. In such cases, the officers of the party should report before 10.30 a.m. the next morning.
252. LEAVE: Numerous instances have recently arisen of men proceeding on leave taking blankets with them. It is pointed out that blankets are regimental equipment, (vide G.R.O. 230), and should not leave the unit. Blankets are issued to men when on leave, travelling in trains at night time and also when they sleep at the Rest Camps at CALAIS or BOULOGNE. Having blankets with them they have in many cases declined the extra blankets offered them. Next morning, on departure, they are required to hand in two blankets before marching out. As no record is kept of names and issues it is useless for such men to say they have not received any blankets.



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They have therefore given up their blankets in order to avoid delay in getting away, and on rejoining their units at conclusion of leave, have reported that their blankets have been taken away. It is impossible to recover these from Rest Camps as no record is kept. The only remedy is for units to see that blankets are not taken away by the men when going on leave.

253. RELIEFS OF PERMANENT CADRE: A case has recently come to notice where an N.C.O. reported for duty with the permanent cadre of a Training Battalion suffering from syphilis. In consequence this N.C.O. is incapacitated from being allotted to Schools and his training is interfered with. In future all Officers and N.C.O.'s selected to proceed to England for duty with Training Battalion will be medically examined before leaving their unit, and will be furnished with a certificate stating that they are free from any disease which might interfere with the proper performance of the duty for which they are selected.

254. BATHS: The baths at WULVERGHEM are allotted to Units as follows from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

57th Battalion ...	11th inst.
58th Battalion ...	12th inst.
60th Battalion ...	13th inst.
57th Battalion ...	14th inst.

Units will notify this office if they are unable to utilize vacancies.

255. CLEANERS, GAS REGULATOR: Indents for these should be submitted forthwith in accordance with G.R.O.3528 of 6th inst.

*W. Kay*

Captain.  
Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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TACTICAL WORKING PARTY TABLE No.6.

13th March 1918

Serial No.	Unit.	Off.	NCO's.	O.Rs.	Nature of Duty.	Report to	Time and Date.	Remarks.
1.	57th Bn.	-	1	7	Baths	O.C. Baths, WULVERGHEM	10 a.m. 15th inst.	Quartered by baths; rationed by Unit.
2.	59th	-	1	9	Coal Dump	S.S.O. 5th Div. DRANOUTRE	10 a.m.	Quartered & Rationed by S.S.O.
3.	59th	-	2	6	Dump Duties	Div. Art. Dump LA POLKA, KEMMEL	10 a.m.	Rationed by unit; report daily.
4.	59th	-	2	9	Guard	5th Div. Arm. Dump N. 21. D. O. 3.	10 a.m.	Rationed by unit; relieved daily.
5.	30th	-	1	16	Baths	O.C. Baths LINDENHOEK	10 a.m. 15th inst.	Quartered at baths; rationed by unit.
6.	60th	1	-	75	Timber cutting. PETIT BOIS	Under orders S.S.O. Div.	Meet train at LA Carry midday meal. This party to POLKA DUMP at 2.15 a.m. 15th inst.	be supplied from Bn. Nucleus Camp.
7.	59th	-	1	3	Guard	31st Bn. Guard in guard hut PETIT BOIS	10 a.m.	Rationed by unit.
8.	57th 58th 59th 60th	- - - -	- - - -	2 2 2 2	Y.M.C.A. Work	Y.M.C.A. KEMMEL	10 a.m.	Rationed & Quartered by Y.M.C.A.
9.	57th	-	-	200	R.E. Work	1st Pioneer Bn. will deal direct with 57th Bn. regarding strength, times etc.		
10.	59th	-	-	90	R.E. Work	1st Pioneer Bn. will deal direct with 59th Bn. (Army Troops No. 1 Engrg Coy)		
11.	58th	3	-	200	R.E. Work	8th Field. Co. will deal direct with 58th Bn. (Six different parties).		
12.	57th	-	1	7	R.E. Work	LINDENHOEK DUMP	8 a.m.	
13.	60th	-	-	58	Work on Corps Line.	Rep. of 5th Pnr. Bn. PARRETT FM. N. 16. b. 9. 1.	Meet train at PARRETT FM. 9.15 a.m. daily. Carry midday mea.,	
14.	57th	1	-	50	R.E. Work.	Lt. OLIVER 15th Fld. Coy. at RAILWAY DUMP O. 20. c. 2. 2.	7 p.m.	Finish 1 a.m.

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Serial No.	Battn.	Off.	NGO's	O.N.	Nature of duty.	Report to	Time and Date	Remarks
15.	57th	1	-	50	R.E.Work	15th Fld.Coy.RAILWAY DUMP	8 a.m.	15th Fld.Coy.notify when -
13.	59th	1	-	50	R.E.Work	Rep.15th Field Coy.RAILWAY DUMP	8.30 a.m.	
17.	57th	1	-	25	Cable burying.	Lt.DIXON 5th Div.Sig.Coy.	9 a.m.	Carry midday meal; 50 pair gum boots on the job.
	58th	1	-	60		MOULIN DUMP, MESSINES		
	59th	1	-	70				
	60th	1	-	60				
18.	57th	1	-	25	R.E.Work	NQO 15th Fld.Coy.VERNE DUMP	7 p.m.	
19.	60th	1	-	25	R.E.Work	VERNE DUMP	8 a.m.	
20.	60th	-	1	7	Unloading trucks	5th Pnr.Bn.Stono siding ROHARIN T.27.b.9.0.	11 a.m.	Rationed & Quartered by 12th L.R.O.Coy.
21.	4 Bns.	6 H.D.	two,	horse teams.	Carting Honore Corps Farm.	Cpl.CROMARTY 8th Fld.Coy. DAYLIGHT CORNER	9 a.m.	Drivers & Harness required; no vehicles midday meal for men and horses. To be detailed daily by Bde.T.O.
22.	4 Bns.	8 H.D.	horses		Road work	342 Road Const.Coy. N.20.d.2.3.	9 a.m.	No harness required; carry midday meal for men and horses; finish 3.30 p.m. To be detailed daily by Bde.T.O.
23.	58th	-	1	20	Building emplacements.	8th H.G.Coy.rep. X road 0.32.d.5.3.	2 p.m.	Billetted and rationed by H.G.Coy.
24.	59th	-	-	4	R.E.Work	Cpl.MATTHEWS R.E.dump STEENWERCK	18/3/18	Rationed by R.E.
25.	57th	1	-	30		14th Fld.Coy. N.22.A.1.1.	9 a.m.	Midday meal; no tools; work Sundays
26.	57th	1	-	50		8th Fld.Coy. T.6.C.8.4.	5 p.m.	
27.	57th	1	-	25		15th Fld.Coy.	7.15 a.m.	Catch train LA POLKA siding midday meals and shovels.
28.	LTM			11	Rebuilding C.A.Hut	KEMMEL CLUB	8 a.m.	Taken by motor lorry to work daily including Sundays



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Serial No.	Unit.	Off.	NCO's.	O.Rs.	Nature of duty.	Report to	Time and date.	Remarks.
29.	57th Bn. -	1		29	Special R.E.Work.	Tunnelling Co. R.E.NEUVE	9.30 a.m.	Rationed and quartered by
	58th Bn. -	1		29		EGLISE T.9.a.4.0.	19.2.18	Tunnelling Co.
	59th Bn. -	1		29				
	60th Bn. 1	1		29				
30.	57th Bn. -	1		24	-do-	15th Field Co. A.E.	11 a.m.	Rationed and quartered by
	58th Bn. -	1		24		SPY FARM N.28.c.8.4.	2.2.18	Field Co.
	59th Bn. -	1		24				
	60th Bn. -	1		24				

All previous Tables are hereby cancelled.

*C. W. Hay*  
 Captain.  
 Staff Capt.  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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by  
Brigadier General H.E.ELLIOTT, O.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.M.  
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
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256. INTERROGATION OF PRISONERS Information has been received that an Officer and a man of the Australian Corps, who had the misfortune to fall into the hands of the enemy, were interrogated by the Germans with the object of obtaining military information from them. Both the Officer and the man resolutely refused to give any information whatsoever. In the case of the Officer, all that the Germans could learn from him was his name. In the case of the man, nothing more could be got from him except an expression of the pride he felt for his Battalion. A very fine example has been set by the behaviour of this Officer and man under trying conditions, and their keen sense of honour and duty will be appreciated by their comrades.  
The above is to be read on three successive parades at first opportunity.
257. GAS Attention is directed to S.S.184/7 (GAS WARFARE) page 10. The last three paragraphs on this page will be republished in all Battalion Orders.

*[Signature]*  
Major.  
Brigade Major.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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258. CUSTODY OF PRISONERS A report from the A.P.M. of the Division shows that of 33 men of this Division absent from their Units on 2-3-18, 11 were men who had escaped from custody. This reveals a very serious state of things in regard to custody of prisoners generally.  
The B.G.C. directs that in future an Officer will be made personally responsible for the safe custody of prisoners in Guard Room.
259. BOX RESPIRATORS Attention is directed to D.R.O.No.97, re wearing of small Box Respirators.  
The following extract from a report issued by G.H.Q. is re-published for information -  
"The box respirator gives complete protection to the eyes and lungs against all gasses employed by the enemy"  
The above is to be read on the three next successive parades.
260. PROMOTION OF MEN WITH DEMONSTRATION PLATOON The Divisional Commander desires that all N.C.O's and men with the Demonstration Platoon should be considered when vacancies for promotion occur in their original units. Should it be desired to promote in a Unit a N.C.O. or man with the Demonstration Platoon, the O.I/c. the Platoon should be communicated with direct, and another man should be sent to the Platoon to replace the member promoted.
261. KING'S REGULATIONS The attention of all units is drawn to the following paras of King's Regulations:-  
Para 1843a which reads "All Official letters received in Military offices will be opened by an Officer".  
Para 1845 re "Minutes on Original Letters".
262. WORKING PARTIES In future all Officers and N.C.O's I/c of working parties working forward of HESSINES - WYTSCHAETE RIDGE will take steps to ensure that no party cross the ridge before 7 p.m. daily.

*[Signature]*  
Captain.  
Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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NOTICES.

PAY Midmonthly pay will be available at Div. Paymaster's Office ULSTER CAMP, near Dranoutro, on and after the 15th instant between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Some inconvenience has been caused recently by refunds being made of almost half of the Imprest advance. Every effort should be made to arrive at an accurate estimate of requirements.



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Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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263. VISITS TO FORWARD AREA: The undermentioned gentlemen will  
visit WYTSCHAETE on Saturday, 16th March 1918:-

Mr. John S. STEELE Managing Editor of the  
Edward Marshall Syndicate.  
Dr. TAIT American Y.M.C.A.  
Mr. Halcy Edward MONTAGUE American Y.M.C.A.  
Mr. Caspar WHITNEY Editor of the "Outing  
Magazine" and writer for  
the "Tribune".



Major.

Brigade Major.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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264. F.G.C.M.: The following detail of officers will assemble at  
RAHILLES CAMP, N.27.b.3.8. (60th Bn.H.Q.), at 9.30 a.m. on  
Saturday 16th March 1918 to try by Field General Court  
Martial the persons named in the margin and such other person  
or persons as may be brought before it:

15th Aust. Field Amb.  
No.

3900 Cpl. W.H. SMITH

President

Major H.G.L. CAMERON, M.C. 60th Bn.

5th Aust. Pioneer Bn.  
No.

2503 Dvr. W. EDWARDS

Members

Capt. E.M. JOHNSON

Aust. Corps.

Capt. R.A. SALMON, M.C.

57th Bn.

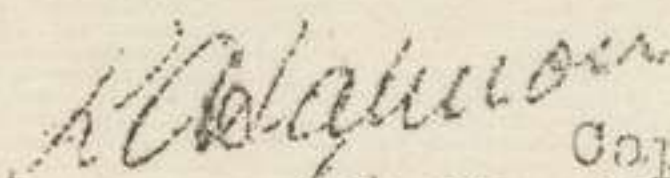
Capt. B.C.S.S. SOUTHWELL

59th Bn.

The accused will be warned and all witnesses duly required  
to attend.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.

265. WEEKLY FIGHTING STRENGTH RETURN: Attention is drawn to G.F.O.  
3579 of 1st March 1918 which, in future, will be complied with.



Captain.

Staff Capt.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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266. LECTURES: Sir Harry REICHEL M.A., L.L.D. (Principal, University College, BANGOR) is visiting the 5th Australian Division on the 18th inst., and will deliver a lecture as shown hereunder. As it is believed this lecture is spoken above the heads of men, only Officers and Senior N.C.O's should attend. Each Battalion will arrange for as many Officers and Senior N.C.O's as possible, up to 30 to attend.

Date.	Time.	Subject	Location
18th March	2 p.m.	"SEA POWER" - Its Influence in the War.	KEMMEL SCHOOL Shoot 28 N.21.a.5.1.

*S. J. Watson*  
 Major.  
 Brigade Major.  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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267. ROUTINE:  
 Field Officer of Day for 17th inst. Major. (Hon. Lt. Col.) C.V. WATSON, 58th Bn.  
 Next for Duty. Major. H.G.L. CAMERON, H.C. 60th Bn.  
 A report will be furnished to Brigade Headquarters by Field Officer of day, on completion of tour of duty.

268. CHURCH PARADES: Church Parades as under will be held tomorrow 17th inst.

C. of E.	59th Bn.	10.30 a.m.	St. Germanias School
	60th Bn.		Cinema, KEMMEL.

-do-	58th Bn.	10 a.m.	Cinema, WULVERGHEM.
	57th Bn.	11 a.m.	" "

Pres. Meth.	59th Bn.	10.30 a.m.	Cinema Hall
& O.P.D.	60th Bn.		LA POLKA FARM.

R.C. Mass will be celebrated in KEMMEL CHURCH at 10.30 a.m.

269. PARADE OF RAIDING PARTIES: The G.O.C. A.I.F. will inspect Battalion raiding parties at 11.45 a.m. tomorrow 17th inst. at Shoot 28 N.21.d.3-3 Units will arrange for Markers to report to Staff Captain at 11.30 a.m. Only Officers and Men who actually took part in recent raids will attend. Dress - Felt Hats and Drill Order. No arms to be carried.

270. PAY BOOKS: All alterations in Pay Books must be initialled either by the Pay Sergeant of the Unit concerned or by some other representative of the A.A.P.C. In the case of debit entries, the Paying Officer must initial the entry. Steps must be taken at once to ensure that the initials of a responsible representative are placed against alterations at present in pay books, and C.O's will communicate to all ranks that it is forbidden for them to be in possession of pay books not so initialled. Erasures must not be made. If any alteration is necessary the words or figures wrongly included will be struck out and the correction added and initialled.

This order will be republished periodically in the Orders of all Units, and all ranks must be warned that pay books found in their possession in future, if not meeting the above instructions will result in disciplinary action being taken.



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271. SCREENING OF LIGHTS Special attention is drawn to D.R.O's No. 90 of 21.2.18 and 143 of 15.3.18 re screening of lights. Immediate steps will be taken to ensure that all lights are screened after dark. Commanding Officers will be held personally responsible for any unscreened lights in Camps occupied by their unit.
267. SMALL BOX RESPIRATORS Small Box Respirators must be worn at all times by all ranks, while in the forward zone. This must be brought to the notice of all ranks.

*W. H. A. Y.*

Captain.  
Staff Capt.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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## CASUALTY RETURNS

Date	A. Killed.			B. Wounded			REMARKS
	Off.	O.R.	Ttl.	Off.	O.R.	Ttl.	
22/2/18	-	-	-	-	-	-	
23/2/18	-	-	-	-	-	-	
24/2/18	-	-	-	1	2	3	B.1 Officer. Lt. A. CRONIN, 58th 2 O.R. 57th Bn.
25/2/18	-	7	7	-	5	5	A.7 O.R. 57th Bn. killed. B.2 O.R. 57th, 3 O.R. 59th wounded.
26/2/18	-	1	1	-	2	2	A.1 O.R. 15th A.L.T.M.B. killed. B.1 O.R. 57th, 1 O.R. 60th wounded.
27/2/18	-	1	1	-	1	1	A.1 O.R. 60th grenade killed. B.1 O.R. 58th shell-wounded.
28/2/18	-	3	3	-	1	1	A.3 O.R. 57th killed shell fire. B.1 O.R. 57th wounded M.G. fire. and 2 O.R. 5202 Smith A.B. and 3559 Pte. McDonald J.D. reported missing (59th); also 2248 Pte. W.C.R. Ockett 57th Bnz
1/3/18	-	-	-	-	2	2	B.2 O.R. 58th Shell fire.
2/3/18	-	2	2	-	7	7	A.2 O.R. 59th Bn. Shell fire. B.1 O.R. 57th Bn. shell; 1 O.R. 58th (N.Y.D. but believed Gas); 2 O.R. 59th Bn. shell; 3 O.R. 60th Bn. shell.
3/3/18	-	1	1	-	3	3	A.1 O.R. 57th Bn. Pineapple. B. 3 O.R. 58th Bn. (2 rifle, 1 shell and one of former remaining at duty)
4/3/18	-	1	1	-	11	11	A.1 O.R. 59th shell. B.3 O.R. 57th shell; one remaining at duty; 7 O.R. 58th (4 shell, 3 rifle); 1 O.R. 59th shell 2 S.I.W. 59th and 58th, 1 accidental 59th.
5/3/18	-	2	2	-	10	10	A.2 O.R. 57th shell. B.5 O.R. 57th shell; 5 O.R. 58th (4 shell 1 N.Y.D)
6/3/18	-	-	-	-	6	6	B.5 O.R. 58th Bn. (4 minenwerfer 1 gun shot) 1 O.R. 58th accidental; 3 O.R. 57th missing.
7/3/18	-	-	-	-	2	2	B.1 O.R. 57th Bn. shell; Remaining at duty. 1 O.R. 59th S.I.W. rifle.
8/3/18	-	-	-	-	6	6	B.5 O.R. 58th shell (2 at duty) 1 Missing 1 O.R. 60th rifle.
9/3/18	-	3	3	-	3	3	A.1 O.R. 58th shell; 2 O.R. 60th shell B.1 O.R. T.M.B. accidental also 1 O.R. minenwerfer 57th 1 O.R. S.I.W.



Date	A. Killed			B. Wounded			REMARKS.
	Off.	O.R.	Ttl.	Off.	O.R.	Ttl.	
10/3/18	-	1	1	-	7	7	A.2736 L/Cpl.Street Prev.reported missing now reported killed 5th inst. B.5 O.R. wounded (4 shell 1 rifle) including one at duty; 1 O.R. evac N.Y.D. 57th also 1 O.R. S.I.W.
11/3/18	-	-	-	-	8	8	B.57th 1 O.R. shell; 1 O.R. S.I.W. 59th 2 O.R. shell; 3 O.R. Evac. N.Y.D. 60th 1 O.R. S.I.W.
12/3/18	-	6	6	-	27	27	A.57th 2 O.R. bombs; 1 O.R.rifle 1 O.R. shell. 60th 2 O.R.grenades. B.57th 7 O.R. bombs; 3 O.R. minen werfer; 2 O.R.rifle; 9 O.R.shell 58th 3 O.R. shell(1 at duty); 1 O.R. accidental; 60th 2 O.R. grenades.
13/3/18	-	1	1	1	7	8	A.1 O.R. 59th shell. B.57th 2 O.R.; 58th 1 O.R. 59th 1 Officer & 4 O.R.(Capt.Hornby and 1 O.R. at duty).
14/3/18	-	4	4	-	8	8	A.4 O.R. 58th killed shell. B.57.2 O.R. shell; 2 O.R. rifle. 60th 2 O.R. shell; 2 O.R.rifle.
15/3/18	-	4	4	1	7	8	A.58th 2 O.R.killed shell. 60th 2 O.R.shell. B.58th Lieut.H.J.Boyd(14th inst.) and 5 O.R.(1 at duty).60th 1 O.R. shell; M.G. 1 O.R. shell.

TOTAL 37 O.R. Killed; 3 Officers and 125 O.R. Wounded; 6 O.R. Missing;

3 O.R. S.I.W. not included in above.

<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>		Off.	O.R.
	Killed		37
	Wounded	3	128
	Missing		6
		<u>3</u>	<u>171</u>



Headquarters,  
15th Australian Inf. Brigade.  
9th April 1918

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Officer Commanding  
5th Aust. Salvage Coy.

Herewith return showing quantity of material salvaged by  
units of this Brigade during last tour of duty in Forward Area at  
MESSINES.

AMMUNITION & GUNS &c.				
4'5" How. Shells	..	..	..	97
" " Cases	..	..	..	394
" " Charges	..	..	..	24 bags 3 loose
6" How. Charges	..	..	..	51
18 pounder shells	..	..	..	414
" " cases	..	..	..	5508
" " shells (without cases)	..	..	..	20
" " shell clips	..	..	..	8 bags
" " pack	..	..	..	1
60 pounder shells	..	..	..	5
" " cases	..	..	..	
Stokes shells	..	..	..	127 boxes 280 loose.
" " cases	..	..	..	424
" " boxes	..	..	..	16
" " charges	..	..	..	6 boxes 8 loose.
" " bags	..	..	..	9 bags.
" " cleaning rods	..	..	..	1
2" T.M. Plum Duffs	..	..	..	34
" " rods	..	..	..	14
77 m.m. shells	..	..	..	515
Grenades, Mills No. 23	..	..	..	2317
" " Detonators	..	..	..	6 tins.
" " Cups	..	..	..	6
" " rods and charges	..	..	..	1 box 100
" Hales No. 20	..	..	..	690
German S.A.A.	..	..	..	40 boxes.
S.A.A.	..	..	..	231,760
" bandoliers	..	..	..	4,092
" blank	..	..	..	1,024
" boxes	..	..	..	66
" cases	..	..	..	48,170
" clips	..	..	..	5,500
Bombs, Smoke	..	..	..	4 boxes 627 loose
" Carriers (German)	..	..	..	75
M.G. Belts	..	..	..	32
" " boxes	..	..	..	26
Rifles	..	..	..	281
" (German)	..	..	..	4
Rifle Stands	..	..	..	8
L.G. Magazines	..	..	..	106
" " Carriers	..	..	..	22
Cordite (Sandbags)	..	..	..	1
Bayonets	..	..	..	110
Ground Flares	..	..	..	34
Flares 1"	..	..	..	108
" 1 1/2"	..	..	..	1 Box.
" carriers (German)	..	..	..	74
S.O.S. obsolete	..	..	..	18
M.G. Tripods	..	..	..	2
L. Guns	..	..	..	1
4'2" Gun (German)	..	..	..	1
R.E. STORES				
Camouflage rolls	..	..	..	3
Wiring gloves, pairs	..	..	..	7
Hand Cart	..	..	..	1
Truck wheels	..	..	..	8
" Axles, pairs	..	..	..	1
Duckboards	..	..	..	11



Galvansied iron sheets .. ..	73
Picks .. ..	256
" heads .. ..	340
" handles .. ..	41
Angle iron pcikets .. ..	825
Wire barbed(coils) .. ..	676
" plain .. ..	12
" French .. ..	415
" netting rolls .. ..	28
Wheel barrows .. ..	3
Dog Stays .. ..	50
"A" Frames ....	42
Brass .. ..	1 bag
Shovels .. ..	622
Stakes screw .. ..	2 bales 1945 loose
Telephone wire, reels .. ..	20
Malls .. ..	5
Wire Cutters .. ..	23
Sandbags .. ..	5,010
Barrel .. ..	1
Crowbars .. ..	1
Pumps .. ..	10
" (German) .. ..	5
Hose .. ..	8
Mud Scoops.. ..	6
Swingle Trees .. ..	3
Petrol Tins .. ..	5
Revetment hurdles .. ..	88
ORDNACE STORES	
Web equipment, stes complete ..	78
" , miscellaneous ..	13 bags
W.P.Sheets .. ..	18
Helves .. ..	12
Scabbards.. ..	38
Entrenching Tools.. ..	39
Water Bottles .. ..	49
Carriers !.. ..	6
Haversacks .. ..	15
Packs .. ..	7
Frogs .. ..	27
Pouches sets .. ..	2
Rifle Slings .. ..	2 bags 3
Mess Tins.. ..	17
Felt Hats.. ..	1
Boots, Ankle, Pairs .. ..	4
Jerkins .. ..	13
Blankets .. ..	14
Old Clothing .. ..	7 bags
G.S.Wagon Wheels.. ..	1
Gum Boots, pairs.. ..	19
Biscuit Tins .. ..	38
Tape Rolls .. ..	1
Hot Boxes .. ..	6
Great Coats .. ..	9
Steel Helmets .. ..	90
Rum Jars .. ..	309
Metallic Wire (coils) .. ..	2
GAS STORES	
Strombos horn cases .. ..	1
S.B.Respirators .. ..	31
P.H. " .. ..	9
Vermoral Sprayer.. ..	1
Gas Cylinders .. ..	1

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15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

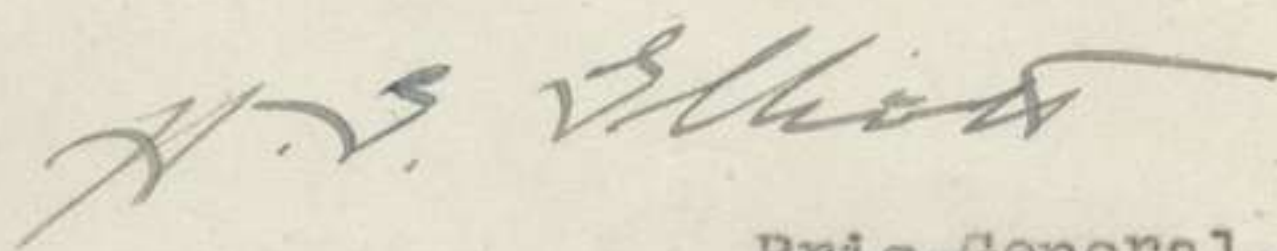


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Headquarters,  
15th Australian Inf. Brigade.  
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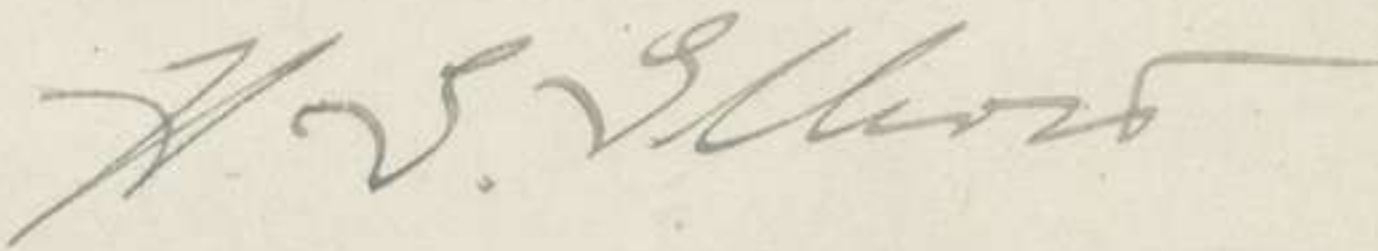
Headquarters,  
5th Aust. Division.  
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1. Forwarded herewith are recommendations from this Brigade for Honours and Awards.
2. Nominal Rolls in duplicate are attached.
3. In compliance with your A59/4943 of 2-3-18, covering Aust. Corps Confidential Memo dated 1-3-18, I forward hereunder certificate as requested.

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

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the particulars in the attached recommendations are correct in every detail regarding Nos., Names, Ranks etc.

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



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE HONOURS AND AWARDSOTHER RANKS

Name and Rank.	Unit.	Recommended for
023 WARLAND, Augustus Raymond Private	87th Battalion A.I.F.	Military Medal.
028 WILLIAMS, William John Private	87th Battalion A.I.F.	Military Medal.
090 TRELOAR, Stanley Private	58th Battalion A.I.F.	Distinguished Conduct Medal.



15th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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17-3-18.

Date of Recommendation.

Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	57th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	2023	Private Augustus Raymond <u>WARLAND</u>	On night 3rd/4th March 1918 EAST of MESSINES No.2923 Pte. Augustus Raymond WARLAND showed great gallantry and determination in the face of the enemy. The enemy after an intense bom- bardment with Minenwerfer and Artillery attempt- ed to raid our posts on a front of nearly 200 yds Pte. WARLAND was No.2 on a Lewis Gun and all the other members of the gun team became casualties from heavy minenwerfer fire. When the enemy attacked the got close enough to bomb the post and Pte. WARLAND in spite of the bombs continued to serve his gun and it was mainly owing to him that the attack on this post was beaten off. The example set by this man to his comrades in the post who had been badly shaken by heavy minenwerfer fire was of the highest order and of the greatest value at a critical period.	Lieut. Col. A.I.F. Commanding 57th Battalion	MILITARY MEDAL	
Date recommendation passed forward.		Received		Passed.			
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Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
	57th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	4628	Private William John <u>WILLIAMS</u>	<p>EAST of MESSINES on the night 3rd/4th March 1918 No.4628 Pte. William John WILLIAMS set a splendid example of courage and resource in the face of the enemy. The enemy had attempted to raid this sector under cover of an intense bombardment during which all communication was cut. Pte. Williams who is a Company Runner took a message back to Battalion Headquarters through a most intense enemy barrage enabling action to be taken.</p> <p>Later on in the night when the enemy put over a Heavy Minenwerfer Barrage our 6" Newton Mortars replied and their shells were falling short on to our posts, Pte. Williams volunteered and carried a message, back to the Battery saving his Company many casualties. His conduct throughout set a magnificent example of coolness and courage to all who came in contact with him.</p>	Lieut. Col. Commanding 57th Battalion A.I.F.	MILITARY MEDAL.	
Date recommendation passed forward.		Received		Passed.			
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15th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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	58th Infantry Battalion A.I.F.	1290	Private Stanley TRELOAR (Stretchbearer)	On the night of 14th/15th March 1918 during the tour of the Battalion in the line EAST of MESSINES a front line post was blown up by Minenwerfer fire, one man being killed, an officer and 5 Other Ranks being wounded. Pte. S. Treloar and another stretcher bearer volunteered to go from Coy. H.Q. and bring back the wounded. Under heavy fire and in a pitch-black night through shell hole country Pte. Treloar made four trips with wounded back to the R.A.P. On the second trip his fellow bearer was killed but undeterred he carried on. When he had accomplished his task he made still another trip and brought back for burial the body of his dead comrade. This man has done exceptionally fine work notably at POLYGON WOOD. His bravery and selfsacrifice merit recognition.	Lieut. Col. Commanding 58th Battalion A.I.F.	DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL																
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15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

TACTICAL WORKING PARTY TABLE No.7.

18th March 1918

Serial No.	Unit.	Off.	NCO's.	O.R's.	Nature of Duty	Report to	Time and Date.	Remarks.
1.	Battn. 57th	-	1	7	Baths	O.C.Baths, WULVERGHEM	10 a.m. 15th inst.	Quartered by baths; rationed by Unit.
2.	59th	-	1	9	Coal Dump	S.S.O.5th Div.DRANOUTRE	10 a.m.	Quartered & Rationed by S.S.O.
3.	59th	-	2	6	Dump Duties.	Div.Amt.Dump. LA POLKA, KEMMEL	10 a.m.	Rationed by unit; report daily.
4.	59th	-	2	9	Guard	5th Div.Amm.Dump. N.21.d.0.3.	10 a.m.	Rationed by unit; relieved daily.
5.	60th	-	1	16	Baths	O.C.Baths LINDENHOEK	10 a.m.15th inst.	Quartered at baths; rationed by unit.
6.	60th	1	-	75	Timber cutting. PETIT BOIS	Under orders S.S.O.Div.	Meet train at Carry midday meal. This party to LA POLKA DUMP be supplied from Battalion Nucleus at 2.15 a.m. Camp. 15th inst.	
7.	59th	-	1	3	Guard	31st Bn.Guard in guard hut PETIT BOIS	10 a.m.	Rationed by Unit.
8.	59th 60th	- -	- -	2 2	Y.M.C.A. Work.	Y.M.C.A. KEMMEL	10 a.m.	Rationed and quartered by Y.M.C.A.
9.	57th	-	-	150	R.E.Work	4th Pioneer Bn. PECKHAM JUNCTION N.30.a.3-8	9 a.m.	Midday meal to be carried.
10.	59th	-	-	20	-do-	Motor lorry reports daily at 8 a.m. (Army Troops No.1 Engrg Coy)		Midday meal to be carried.
11.	58th	3	-	200	-do-	8th Field Co.will deal direct with 58th Bn.(Six different parties).		
12.	57th	-	1	7	-do-	LINDENHOEK DUMP	8 a.m.	
13.	60th	-	-	58	Work on	Rep.of 5th Pnr.Bn. HOSPICE SIDING O.19.a.3-9	9.15 a.m.	Midday meal, wire-cutters, and wiring gloves to be carried.

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Serial No.	Battn.	Off. NCO's	O.N.s.	Nature of duty.	Report to	Time and Date	Remarks.
14.	57th	1	-	50	R.E.Work.	Lt.OLIVER 15th Fld.Co. at RAILWAY DUMP 0.20.0.2.2.	7.30 p.m. Finish 1 a.m.
15.	60th	1	-	50	R.E.Work	15th Fld.Coy.RAILWAY DUMP	7.30 p.m. <del>15th Fld.Coy. notify when required.</del>
16.	59th	1	-	50	R.E.Work	Rep.15th Fld.Co.RAILWAY DUMP	7 p.m.
17.	57th	1	-	25	Cable burying	Lt.DIXON 5th Div.Sig.Coy. MOULIN DUMP, LESSINES.	9 a.m. Carry midday meal; 50 pair gum boots on the job.
	58th	1	-	30			
	59th	1	-	70		U.2.a.5-9.	
	60th	1	-	60			
18.	59th	1	-	25	R.E.Work	N.C.O. 15th Fld.Co.VERNE DUMP.	7 p.m.
19.	60th	1	-	25	-do-	VERNE DUMP	8 a.m. Carry midday meal.
20.	60th	-	1	7	Unloading trucks	5th Pnr.Bn.Stone siding ROLMARIN T.27.b.9.0.	11 a.m. Rationed & Quartered by 12th L.R.O.Coy.
21.	4 Bns. 6 H.D. two horse teams				Carting Manure Corps Farm.	Cpl.GROMARTY 8th Fld.Coy. DAYLIGHT CORNER	9 a.m. Drivers and Harness required; no vehicles midday meal for men and horses. To be detailed daily by Brigade T.O.
22.	4 Bns. 8 H.D.Horses				Road Work	312 Road Const.Coy. N.20.d.2.3.	9 a.m. No harness required; carry midday meal for men and horses; finish 5.30 p.m. To be detailed daily by Brigade T.O.
23.	58th	-	-	4	R.E.Work	Cpl.MATTHEWS R.E.Dump STEENWERCK	18/3/18 Rationed by R.E.
24.	59th	1	-	40		13th Fld.Coy.N.22.A.1.1.	9 a.m. Midday meal; no tools; work Sundays.
25.	57th	1	-	50		6th Fld.Coy. T.6.c.8.4.	5 p.m.
26.	59th	1	-	25		<del>15th Fld.Coy.</del> Working under S.S.O. PETIT BOIS	7.13 a.m. Catch train LA POLKA siding midday meals and shovels.
27.	58th	-	-	1	Leave Hut.	C.S.H.I/c Leave Hut. Railway Station BAILLEUL	17/3/18 A light duty man to be detailed for this work



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Serial No.	Battn.	Off. NCO's.	O.R's.	Nature of duty.	Time and Date.	Remarks.
28.	60th	-	-	3 Officers Club KENNEL	Officer in charge	9 a.m. Daily Fatigue.
29.	59th	-	-	10 Moving Refilling Point	Rep. 8th Fld. Co. Refilling Point DAYLIGHT CORNER N.33.d.1.5.	8 a.m. Midday meal to be carried. Report daily
30.	60th	-	1	10 Sanitary Duties.	5th Div. Sanitary Section N.27.c.9-9.	8.30 a.m. Return to Unit for midday meal.
31.	57th	-	1	29 Special R.E. Work	Tunnelling Co. R.E. NEUVE EGLISE T.9.a.4.0.	9.30 a.m. Rationed and quartered by Tunnelling Co.
	58th	-	1	29		
	59th	-	1	29		
	60th	1	1	29		
32.	57th	-	1	24 -do-	15th Field Co. A.E. SPY FARM N.28.c.8.4.	11 a.m. Rationed and quartered by Field Co. 2.2.18.
	58th	-	1	24		
	59th	-	1	24		
	60th	-	1	24		
33.	58th	-	-	6 Rebuilding CHURCH ARMY Hut.	Church Army Hut. T.5.a.0-6	8.30 a.m. Rationed by unit. Report daily.

All previous Tables are hereby cancelled.

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 Captain.  
 Staff Capt.  
 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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273. MACHINE GUN BRANCH, G.H.Q. SMALL ARMS SCHOOL Subsequent to the course for Staff Officers at the above School dispersing on the 18th instant, courses for Machine Gun Battalion and Company Commanders will not take place until further notice. Special courses are being arranged in connection with the formation of Machine Gun Battalions.

274. LECTURES: Mr. Hartley WITHERS, joint editor of the "Economist" will visit 5th Australian Division on March 22nd and will deliver lectures as shown hereunder. Units will arrange for as many officers and other ranks as possible, up to 35 per Battalion and up to 10 from A.L.T.M.B., to attend.

Date.	Time.	Subject.	Location.
22nd March	11 a.m.	"The Finance of the War"	KEMMEL SCHOOL, Sheet 28. N.21.a.5-1.

*[Signature]*  
Major.  
Brigade Major.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

ADMINISTRATION

275. DUTIES

FIELD OFFICER OF DAY (19th inst.) Capt. K.G. McDONALD, M.U.,  
57th Bn.  
NEXT FOR DUTY .. .. . Capt. L.E. ELLIOTT,  
57th Bn.

276. BATTALION ORDERLY OFFICERS. In future Battalion Orderly Officers will render a report to the Field Officer of the day stating that they have inspected their respective Battalion Camp, and giving details of inspection. These reports will be attached to Field Officer's Report when forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.

277. PETROL TINS: The attention of all units is directed to G.R.O. 3595. Steps will be taken at once to mark all petrol tins used for water with a "W" in black, both back and front. All brass stoppers will be returned to S.S.O. forthwith, and other stoppers improvised. A report is to be submitted by 12 noon 23rd inst. showing:-  
(a) Number of tins marked with "W" by unit.  
(b) Number of tins received from S.S.O., marked with "W"  
(c) Number of stoppers returned to S.S.O.  
All tins issued from D.A.D.O.S. or S.S.O. for water tins, in future, will be issued without stoppers and will be marked with a "W".

278. BANDSMEN: The G.O.C. 5th Aust. Division. directs that bandmen are to be used for battalion fatigue work in order that other men may be released for tactical working parties. If good arrangements are made this will not interfere in any way with their practice or technique.

279. RETURN OF PRISONERS AWAITING TRIAL OR PROMULGATION In future on the weekly return of "Prisoners awaiting trial or promulgation" the place of confinement of such prisoners will be shown i.e. Battalion Guard Room, Aust. Corps F.P. Compound, or in A.P.H.'s Guard Room.



280. INSPECTION OF 1st LINE TRANSPORT: The B.G.C. will inspect 1st Line Transport of all Units of Brigade at 3 p.m. on 20th inst. at N.35.a. Central.  
The Brigade T.O. will be in charge of parade and will arrange for all transport to be lined up and ready for inspection at 3 p.m.

281. ORDERS Attention is directed to:-  
General Routine Orders No. 3603 - Leave to Values.  
Circular Memo issued with G.R.O. No. 58 of 16.3.18.  
Divisional Routine Order No. 100 of 21.2.18.

282. FODEN DISINFECTOR The Foden Disinfector is available for Units of Brigade as under:-

Unit.	Date.
58th Bn.	22nd inst.
57th Bn.	23rd inst.

A motor lorry will report at Battalion Headquarters at 8 a.m. on above dates to convey blankets to and from DRANOUTRE. Battalions will arrange to send party of 1 N.C.O. and 2 Men with each load.

283. TRANSFERS:

No. 2227 R.Q.M.S. SIDDINS, N.E. 15th Brigade H.Q.  
No. 8480 Sergt. SUTTON, N.W. "  
No. 1318 Cpl. RANKINE, W.F. " are transferred  
to Australian Army Ordnance Corps as from 12/2/18, in accordance  
with A.I.F. Order 1110. Dated 12/2/18.  
2135 Pte. W. ANDERSON, 15th Brigade Headquarters, is transferred  
to 58th Battalion. Dated 18/3/18.  
3721 Pte. G.T.K. DAVIS, 59th Battalion, is transferred to 15th  
Brigade Headquarters to complete establishment. Dated 18/3/18.

*C.W. Hart*

Captain.  
Staff Capt.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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GENERAL STAFF  
Nil.

ADMINISTRATION

284.DUTIES:

Field Officer of Day - Capt.F.D.JOHNSTONE, 58th Bn.  
Next for duty - - Capt.C.H.ROBERTS, 60th Bn.

285.SAVING WASTE PAPER AND CARDBOARD: A statement of paper and cardboard returned for the week ending 15-3-18 shows the following figures:-

	Paper.	Cardboard.
58th Battalion	35	22
59th "	65	40
60th "	-	62

The B.G.C. directs that special attention be paid by C.O's to the matter and that as much paper and cardboard as possible be returned. It is believed that a considerable quantity of available waste cardboard and paper is not being returned, and it is desired that you again bring the importance of this matter prominently before the notice of all ranks.

283.BOOTES: Reports are being received every week from D.A.D.O.S. to the effect that a number of pairs of boots are being received as unserviceable which have been made so, either by cutting or burning. At the present time it is difficult to obtain the boots required, and every effort must be made by all concerned to prevent waste. All boots when handed in must be carefully inspected, and if it is found that the unserviceable state is due to cutting or burning, the men concerned must be called upon to pay for them, and, in addition, will be dealt with from a disciplinary point of view. This matter must be given immediate attention and should be embodied in units orders every week until the necessity for same no longer exists.

287.WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN: The undermentioned figures are to be used in compiling the above return in future.

<u>ESTABLISHMENT</u>				<u>Reconciliation.</u>
<u>WAR</u>		<u>A.I.F.</u>		
<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	
34	966	44	967	INCREASE -10 Supy.Officers(G.S.Circ. 14 of 13-3-18.) 1 Pay Sergeant.(A.I.F. Order 573)
(Aust. Corps G.S.Circ. 14 of 13-3-18.)				

288.PAY SERGEANTS: Consequent on the withdrawal of the Pay Sergeant, 15th Inf.Bde.H.Q., the following distribution of pay work in the Brigade has been made:-

57th Battalion	}	Sgt. P.R.Hesse
Signal Sub.Section att'd 15th Bde.H.Q.		
58th Battalion	}	" C.A.Provis
59th Battalion		
15th Bde.H.Q. excluding Sig.Sub.Sec.	}	" G.Wallace
60th Battalion		
15th L.T.M.Battery	}	" J.A.Cameron
Acquittance Rolls and pay queries should now be sent to Pay Sergeant mentioned.		



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289. N.C.O's HOLDING EXTRA REGIMENTAL RANK: N.C.O's and men holding Extra-Regimental Rank under the provisions of A.I.F. Order 962 will retain such rank when returned to Australia on transport duty in accordance with this office A54/1052 dated 2.3.1918.

290. CHAMBER FOR GASED CLOTHING: Arrangements have been made by Corps for Chambers at the LOCRE Baths to be available on Mondays and Fridays for the disinfection of gassed clothing. Units should apply to Brigade Headquarters 48 hours before they desire to send clothing to LOCRE, in order that application may be submitted to Division for use of disinfecting rooms.

291. ORDERS Attention is drawn to Divisional Routine Order:-

No.156 - VACCINATION.

No.153 - ABSENCE FROM UNIT - REPORTING OF.

*W. Lay.*

Captain.  
Staff Captain.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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292. ENEMY MATERIAL: Specimens of the following enemy material are asked for:-

- (a) All forms of lubricating grease used for engines or transport vehicles.
- (b) Dry batteries, of all sorts.
- (c) Electric pocket lamps.
- (d) Regulation braces (if any) issued to German troops.

*S. J. L.*  
Major.  
Brigade Major.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

A.D.M.I.N.I.S.T.R.A.T.I.O.N

293. F.G.C.M. The following detail of officers will assemble at RAMILLES CAMP, N.27.b.2.8. at 10 a.m. Saturday, 23rd inst. to try by Field General Court Martial the persons named in the margin and such other person or persons as may be brought before it:

57th Battalion

2592 Pte. O'CONNELL M.K.  
3593 L/Cpl. RICHARD J.

President  
Major H.G.L. CAMERON, M.C. 60th Bn.

60th Battalion

1900 Pte. COURTIS A.A.  
2884 " DAVIDSON E.  
1880 " DRAIN R.  
2018 " FORRESTER J.M.

Members  
Capt. K.G. McDONALD, M.C. 59th Bn.  
Capt. E.M. JOHNSON Aust. Corps.

The accused will be warned and all witnesses duly required to attend.  
Proceedings will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.

293. VACANCIES FOR PLATOON COMMANDERS IN 5TH PIONEER BATTALION:

Vacancies for Platoon Commanders exist in the 5th Pioneer Battalion. Please forward by 23rd inst. the names of any officers who are desirous of transfer and are recommended. Officers should not be of higher rank than Lieutenants.

294. TREATMENT OF VENEREAL DISEASE. A "Blue Light" Depot for the prophylactic treatment of Venereal Disease has been established above the Cafe de la Mairie, BAILLEUL, (adjoining the Mairie). A small notice board bearing the letters "E.T." is placed at the entrance and a blue light shown at night. Units will take necessary steps to ensure that the location of this establishment is made known to all men proceeding on leave to BAILLEUL.

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GENERAL STAFF  
Nil.  
ADMINISTRATION

295. DUTIES

Field Officer of Day - Capt.G.S.SMITH, 59th Battalion.  
Next for Duty Capt.E.CORNEY, 57th Battalion.

296. CHURCH PARADES Church Parades as under will be hold tomorrow  
24th inst.

C. of E. 59th Bn. } 10.30 a.m. St.Germanias School, Cinema  
60th Bn. } Hall, KEMMEL.

-do- 58th Bn. 10.15 Cinema WULVERGHEM.  
57th Bn. 11 a.m. " "

Pres.Meth.59th Bn. 10.30 a.m. Cinema Hall, LA POLKA FARM.  
& O.P.D. 60th Bn.

R.C.Mass will be celebrated in KEMMEL CHURCH at 10.30 a.m.

297. ENGLISH LEAVE - OVERSTAYING OF: It is noticed that there is a growing tendency for men to overstay English Leave. This must cease immediately. Battalion Commanders will take steps to ensure that a system is adopted forthwith, to enable a check to be made of all men returning from English leave, and that all offenders are severely dealt with. If matters do not improve it is probable that all English leave will be cancelled.

298. LEAVE TO BAILLEUL The town of BAILLEUL is out of bounds to all officers and O.R's. except those on duty.

299. BATHS Baths at WULVERGHEM and LINDENHOEK are allotted to units as under.

Date.	Unit.	Baths.	Time.	Remarks.
24th	57th Bn.	W.	9 a.m. - 12 noon	Capacity of both
24th	58th Bn.	W.	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	baths 80 per hour.
24th	59th Bn.	L.	9 a.m. - 12 noon	All men bathing
24th	60th Bn.	L.	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	will be provided
25th	57th Bn.	W.	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	with a clean change
25th	58th Bn.	W.	9 a.m. - 12 noon	of underclothing.
25th	59th Bn.	L.	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	
25th	60th Bn.	L.	9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	
26th	57th Bn.	W.	9 a.m. - 12 noon	
26th	58th Bn.	W.	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	
26th	59th Bn.	L.	9 a.m. - 9.45 a.m.	
26th	60th Bn.	L.	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	

300. ORDERS

Attention is directed to:-  
Army Routine Orders 1881, 1884.  
Corps Routine Orders 75, 76.

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Staff Capt.  
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.