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OF

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BELLOU-sur-SOMME.	1st.		Company paid.	
	2nd.		Section routine and training. Recreation.	
	3rd.		-do-	
	4th.		-do-	
	5th.		-do-	
	6th.		-do-	
	7th.		-do-	
	8th.		-do-	
	9th.		-do-	
	10th.		-do-	
	11th.		Divisional Artillery X-Me Headquarters and Artillery Brigades Signal Sections moved to Bray Area, and remained the night at Bray.	
	12th.		Divisional Artillery Headquarters and Bde's Sections moved to Fresnoy Area. D.A.H.Q. Signal Office was established at Estrees.	
	13th.		All sections of Company still in rest. Section routine and training carried on.	
	14th.		-do-	
	15th.		Company paid.	
	16th.		Section routine and training. Recreation.	
	17th.		-do-	
	18th.		-do-	
	19th.		-do-	
	20th.		-do-	
	21st.		5th.Bde Signal Section, and 2nd.Aust.M.G.Bn Sig.Section entrained at Vignacourt for Fresnoy Area, and detrained same day at Bertry. The Sections then marched to billets in the vicinity of Bohain.	
	22nd.		6th.A.I.Bde Signal Section entrained at Vignacourt and followed same course as 5th.A.I.Bde on 21st.	
BELLOU-sur-SOMME and BOHAIN.	23rd.		2nd.Aust.Division Signal Office closed at Bellou-sur-Somme at 1800, and reopened at same hour at Bohain. Communications only one direct morse line to Australian Corps, and Motor Despatch Riders to all Sections and formations.	

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Subject.

1. Movement Order.

APPENDIX

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY.

C.O.P.V. No.

AUSTRALIAN DIV.
SIGNAL COMPANY.

Headquarters.
Belloy-sur-Somme.
20th Nov. 1918.

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- Ref. Map France.
(a) Amiens.)
(b) St Quentin.) 1/100,000.
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MOVEMENT ORDER.

1. In accordance with 2nd Aust. Division Order 227, H.Q. 2nd Aust. Div. will close at Belloy-sur-Somme 1800 23rd Nov. 1918 and open in PRESNOY area at same hour.

2. 22-11-18. Column Lorry No 44 will move off from Belloy to Bohain at 8 a.m. in charge of Lieut. Dunbar conveying "A" Relief and H.Q. Section equipment including Artificer's shop. This party will carry rations up to 6 p.m. on 24-11-18, and soldiers second blanket on each individual.

This lorry on morning of 23rd Inst. will report to Capt. Harrison, H.Q. A/D.A.A.S. 2nd Aust. Division at R.E.O.'s office BUSIGNY.

3. 23-11-18.
(a) Lieut. Dunbar upon arrival at Bohain will establish Signal Office there for work at 6 p.m. He will take over billets ready for arrival of remainder of Company personnel due to arrive about 10 p.m. on 24-11-18. He will arrange for guides to be held in readiness at Signal Office for purpose of guiding H.Q., W/T, and No.1. Section personnel to their billets.

(b) Lorry 28300 will convey to entraining station to go per rail, reserve cable, reserve petrol, Q.M.Stores and Signal Orderly Room etc., that may be still remaining to be cleared arriving there not later than 6 p.m. W.O.Crawford will detail a guard of 1 H.Q.O. and 4 sappers to mount guard on this gear throughout journey until arrival at Bohain.

4. 24-11-18.
(a) Lorry 36083 will convey W/T Section gear, and guard of 1 H.Q.O. and 1 sapper (cook) from W/T Section, & 2 Batmen.
(b) Lorry 28300 will convey Officers Mess, Officers kits, Sgt's Mess, H.Q. & W/T cookhouses, residue of H.Q. Section equipment remaining with last relief at Belloy. Sappers Milne, Harvey, 1 Sgt's Mess cook, and 1 H.Q. cook.

The men's second blankets will be distributed over these two lorries.

- (c) The above 2 lorries will move off together not later than 8 a.m. & i/c of Lieut. Brennan.

H.Q. & W/T Sections will roll the mens second blanket in bundles of 10 clearly labelled, and hand in to Q.M.Store at 8.30 a.m. on 24-11-18.

- (d) O.C.No.1. Section with horse transport will move per road to Hangeest-sur-Somme Railway Station reporting to Entraining Officer three hours before time laid down for departure of train.

Dismounted personnel of H.Q. & W/T Sections will move per road to above railway station in charge of Lieut Hogarth to arrive there one hour before time laid down for departure of train.

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No. of train.	Date	Time of departure.	Unit.	Detraining Station.
6.	24/11/18	09.17.	D.H.Q. (Div. Sig. Coy.) (H.Q., No. 1.) (Section, AW/T) M.M.P.	BUSIGNY.

Para 4.

(g) Lorry 28300 as soon as possible after arrival at Bohain will clear from detraining station those stores conveyed by rail as in para. 3 sub para (b).

5. TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

Signal Company personnel will move in 7th A.I. Bde Group. Each train is composed of 1 Coach, 30 covered, and 17 flat trucks. Capacity of a covered truck is 35-40 men, 6 Heavy Draught, or 8 L.D. horses or mules.

The 17 flat trucks will carry 67 axles.

All units will detrain at Busigny.

6. SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS.

Supply wagons will be allotted for units for the move, and will be entrained by them.

The following is the system of supplies:-

Rations for consumption on 24th Inst. will be issued to sections on afternoon of 23rd Inst.
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7. ENTRAINING OFFICERS.

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HARGEST.) Capt. F.S. Menzies. who will relieve each other.

8. Before departure from present billeting area Section Officer will ensure that all billets, horse standings, cookhouses, latrines, offices & stores etc. are left in a thoroughly clean and sanitary condition. Upon arrival at Bohain they will lodge a certificate to this effect in Company Orderly Room.

9. W/T Section will furnish a picquet of 1 M.C.O. and 6 sappers for duty during the journey until arrival at detraining station. They will report to O i/c Signal Company train party for instructions upon arrival at entraining station.

10. Strict discipline on the route of march, and on the train will be maintained.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Im Grant Major.
O.C. End. Aust. Div. Signal Company.

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