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SENLIS	1 st July 1917 SUNDAY		<p>Church parade on 31st Bn. Parade Ground SENLIS, at which the Corps, Divisional & Bde. Commanders were present, with M^r HOLMAN (Premier of NSW.). Units of the Bde. marched past the Corps Commander after the Parade. A demonstration of an attack by a platoon of the 30th Bn. with live ammⁿ, rifle bombs & Stokes Shells, was made at SENLIS mill after the above parade.</p> <p>Co. 32nd Bn. and B.M. returned from Paris leave.</p>	
	2 nd July MONDAY		<p>Divisional Field Firing Competition was held at the THEPVAL RANGE starting at 8 am. Bde. Commande, 8th M, SE, Co's & all Coy. Commanders present, C Coy 32nd Bn representing the Bde but were beaten on points by Coy. of 15th Bde.</p>	
	3 rd July		<p>General training proceeds, satisfactory - musketry etc on two Bde. Ranges, BOUZINCOURT and SENLIS.</p> <p>Archdeacon WARD & Lt. Col. TEBBUT lectured to units of the Bde. on moral principles, causes & effects of V.D. etc.</p>	

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SENLIS	3 rd July		31 st Bn. carried out a Technical march from SENLIS - ENGLEBELMER situated west of ENGLE. continued march Southward against SENLIS at 2 am on 4 th	
	4 th July		Divisional Assault at Arnes took place near HENENCOURT from 4 till 8 pm. The Brigade won the Bayonet Fighting Competition & came second in the "Best Drilled Coy." second in the Platoon Marching Order Race, second in the Rapid Communication Scheme. The 18 th AASC won the Weapon Competition.	
	5 th July		The SENLIS Bde. Range is being enlarged under Brigade arrangements to include 500' & 600' firing points. Bn. re-committed ENGLEBELMER - MEBNIL area for Bn. & Bde. Exercises for next week.	
	6 th July		The 30 th & 32 nd Bns. carried out an exercise on the ENGLEBELMER - MEBNIL plateau - the 30 th Bn. forming an advanced Guard which pushed back the 32 nd Bn which was forming a Rear Guard. The situation was reversed in the afternoon. The 8 th LTM Bty carried out firing practice with live rounds near SENLIS MILK at 3 pm. One minute barrage fire (8 guns @ 8 rpm) were fired with good effect. The power of the Stokes barrage was well shown.	McCausland

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SENNIS	7/7/17 8/7/17 SUNDAY 9/7/17 10/7/17 11/7/17		<p>29th Bn. carried out advanced guard scheme in ENGLEBELMER area.</p> <p>Awful day which prevented the usual church parades</p> <p>Brigade Scheme - 30th & 32nd Bns - Trench to trench attack was carried out on the ENGLEBELMER - MASNIK plateau. Three objectives were attacked. Aeroplanes for contact work were unable to attend owing to wet weather.</p> <p>The Bde. Commander, Bny & Bn Commanders with their RMO's dined with the 8th Field Ambulance.</p> <p>Officers of 3rd Sqdn. RFC dined at Bde HQ.</p> <p>30th & 31st Bns. held MUSTER PARADES. INTERVAL field firing continues daily. Bns. are being batted & their clothing & blankets put thru the FOREIGN LORRY. Staff Capt. attended demonstration of the use of the YONON PACK at D/W HQ. It promises (when properly used) the easiest acquisition - as it makes the carrying of anti-air and loads (barbed wire, ammⁿ-boxes etc) easy.</p> <p>Attack Scheme with 29th & 31st Bns. on ENGLEBELMER plateau - at which the Div. Commander attended. Contact planes successful. Successful operation. Live stakes, live bombs & rifle grenades used in final attack. Capt. BUTLER lectured on INTELLIGENCE at 8 pm.</p>	

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SEWNS	12/7/17 THURS.		<p>Military Tournament at HENENCOURT at which H.M. the KING was present. The Bde. marched over to HENENCOURT at 9 am and returned at 4 pm. In the competitions the Bde pt 2nd was the best turned out. Coster lumbered 'wagon, MG Co. transport. H.M. the KING was present for about 45 minutes and took a keen interest in the Tournament.</p>	
	13/7/17 FRI.		<p>Today & tomorrow are being devoted to refresher courses in SKILL AT ARMS throughout the Brigade. The 29th Bn. unfortunately had a hand bomb accident apparently due to a defective fuse. One man has died from the effects & another man is slightly wounded. They also had a LG accident in which a man was shot in the leg.</p>	
	14/7/17 SAT.		<p>SKILL AT ARMS courses continue. The Brigade Ranges are being made full use of and have not been idle for a day since the Brigade came into this area.</p>	
	15/7/17 SUN.		<p>Church Parade - Bde. parade on 31st Bn. Parade Ground.</p>	
	14/7/17		<p>Battalion Schemes on ENGLEMER-MESNIL plateau - 29th, 30th & 31st Bns carried out advanced guard & attack schemes - GOC & Bn. to 5th Army Sniping School at HENENCOURT.</p>	<p>McCullough Bn. 8th A.I. Bde</p>

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SENKIS	17/7/17		<p>Brigade Route March to CORBIE was successfully carried out - the Bde marched out at 8am and arrived at CORBIE at 11:30am - marching straight thro' CORBIE & out to the Enghis. Pontoon Bridges over the Somme Canal 3/4 mile SW of the town - The Bde. marched over two bridges - & bivouacked for the midday meal close to the river - the men had a swim and marched to billets in LA NEUVILLE for the night. A town picket of 1 of a 200 OR was detailed and the town cleared by 9pm in accordance with Town Major's orders.</p>																					
	18/7/17		<p>Return march to SENKIS from CORBIE successfully carried out - marched out from LA NEUVILLE at 8am & arrived in SENKIS at 12 noon - 17 OR fell out in the course of both marches.</p> <p>The Bde. Relye has been under repair while the Bde. has been away & is now in splendid repair.</p> <p>Resubmitted country in vicinity of WELUYWOOD in anticipation of Bde. schemes at the end of the week.</p> <p>32nd Bn. won the Open Flag of War at the 7th ANZAC Corps School Gymkana today.</p>																					
	19/7/17		<p>The times for the Brigade Column to pass a point were as follows on the march on 18th inst.</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>10:1 am</td> <td>Head of Column.</td> <td>Bde. HQ Coy. } 50% of personnel with 2 Signal vehicles</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>8th LTM Bty } + 3 Bde. HQ Coy. vehicles</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td><u>200*</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>10:5 am</td> <td>32nd Bn.</td> <td rowspan="2">} → 110* gaps with Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10:11 am</td> <td>end of 32nd Bn.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td><u>300*</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>10:13 am</td> <td>31st Bn.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	10:1 am	Head of Column.	Bde. HQ Coy. } 50% of personnel with 2 Signal vehicles			8 th LTM Bty } + 3 Bde. HQ Coy. vehicles			<u>200*</u>	10:5 am	32 nd Bn.	} → 110* gaps with Bn.	10:11 am	end of 32 nd Bn.			<u>300*</u>	10:13 am	31 st Bn.		
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SENKIS	19/7/17		<p>10.17 1/2 am. end of 31st Bn. 10.21 1/2 am 30th Bn. 10.27 " end of 30th Bn. 10.29 1/2 29th Bn. 10.34 1/2 end of 29th Bn.</p> <p>} Average time of passing for a Bn. at 80% of strength - 5 1/2 minutes.</p> <p>Corps Vet. officer inspected Bde. Transport with Div. Vet. off. & Staff Capt. during the morning. Orders issued for Bde. Advanced Guard Scheme for tomorrow - Brigade Competitions were held this afternoon with results as follows: -</p> <p>BRIGADE ASSAULT COMPETITIONS - entries 2 teams each of 1 section (NCO & 8 men) per Bn. 32nd Bn. (Corp. WASTS section) - Prize money 60 francs.</p> <p>BRIGADE RAPID WIRING COMPETITIONS.</p> <p>(a) DOUBLE APRON - 32nd Bn. (Corp. ASHWORTH'S section) } Prize money (b) LOW ENTANGLEMENT - 31st Bn. (Corp. - section) } each 50 francs.</p>	
	20/7/17		<p>W.C. attended Commemoration Dinner with 30th Bn. this evening. Bde. Advanced Guard Scheme (Bde. Order N^o 109) was carried out in the MARTINSART - MESNIL area this morning. The 32nd Bn. formed the Vanguard & the 30th Bn. the head of the main guard. Bde. HQ was established & maintained touch with the Vanguard by phone & lamp & flag throughout the operation - Bde. HQ moved forward in two "bounds" - The Div. Commander & ESO attended the demonstration and held an officers conference on the ground.</p>	

Bde. Commander inspected a Brigade "Mobile Dump" that was loaded up

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SENKIS	20/2/17		for experimental purposes - 22 animals were used -				
			Bn.	n ^o . of animals	Individual load	Total load	Brigade Total 20000 rounds on 10 animals.
			29 ^a	3	2 boxes SAA = 160 lbs	6000 rounds SAA	
			30 ^a	2	"	4000 "	
			31 ^a	2	"	4000 "	
			32 ^a	3	"	6000 "	
			29 ^a	1	8-2 gal. water tins = 16 gallons = 170 lbs.	Brigade Total 80 gallons on 5 animals	
			30 ^a	1			
			31 ^a	2			
			32 ^a	1			
			29	1	8 boxes bombs = 96 bombs = 200 lbs.	Brigade Total 16 boxes bombs = 192 bombs on 2 animals	
			30	1			
			31	-			
			32	-			
			29	1	5 boxes STIMES. = 15 rounds = 200 lbs.	Brigade Total 45 rounds STIMES = 15 boxes on 3 animals	
			30	1			
			31	1			
			32	-			
			31	1	2 bales Sandbags = 500 bags = 250 lbs.	Brigade Total 1000 Sandbags on 2 animals	
			32	1			

Machine Gun pack animals were also loaded as follows -
 Gun, Tripod, spare tank, water tin - on 1 animal = 140 lbs -
 6 full belt boxes - on 1 animal = 160 lbs -

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SENLIS	30/7/17		<p>Conference of 30th Bn. Officers was held at Bde. Hdqrs. at 7.30pm - with reference to today's operation.</p> <p>Demonstration of shooting of TRACER BULLETED ROUNDS carried out on Bde. Range at VIBC at 9pm - from both rifle & L.G. 13 rounds fired.</p> <p>About 40 officers present.</p> <p>The Bde. Advanced Guard Scheme to be carried out on Monday was fully explained to the "men" & the umpires and arrangements made for the "opposition" to be more fully developed than on yesterday's scheme.</p> <p>The 29th Bn. had another case of diphtheria and the DADMS visited then billets & reports to them made.</p> <p>29th Bn. moved from SENLIS to MILLENCOURT.</p> <p>Church Parades were held in SENLIS and MARTINSART.</p> <p>Bde. Advanced Guard Scheme carried out in the MARTINSART - MESSIN valley. 29th Bn. vanguard & 32nd Bn. enemy. but very successful.</p> <p>Conference held subsequently on the ground & errors explained.</p> <p>Conference of CO's held at Bde. Hdqrs. at 7.30pm regarding the Div. Scheme to be held on Wednesday. Orders were issued subsequently.</p>	
	21/7/17			
	24/7/17			
	SUNDAY.			
	27/7/17			

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JENLIS.	25/17		<p>Signal Scheme to illustrate the principles set out in SS "Signal Forward Intercommunications in Battle" was held between AUCHONVILLERS and BEAUMONT HAMEL from 11am onwards - subsequent to a 15th A.I. Bde. trench to trench attack scheme. GOC, BSM & Capt. Bridgford rode to AUCHONVILLERS & attended scheme which was drawn up & demonstrated by Lt. Col. POWELL ADS. 1st ANZAC.</p> <p>Divisional Scheme (without troops) was carried out - BSC, BSM, Sig Officer, CO's, Second in Command, & adjutants & Comd'g staff & GOC 8th Aust. Bde attended.</p> <p>The scheme consisted of an open warfare movement - and with the object of raiding the rail head at VARENNES. Bde. order for the initial march was issued together with criticism of the Div. order. There were 3 conferences at which the subsequent tasks were collected & the next situation tasks given out. A successful & useful day - during which officers had an opportunity for thought on the more open fighting which we may be called upon to carry out.</p> <p>The Staff Captain (together with billeting parties) went north this afternoon, Capt. Bridgford temporarily taking over the duties of S.C.</p> <p>Arrangements in train for the 30th & 31st Bns. & carry out a Vanguard Scheme tomorrow & the following day.</p>	

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SENLIS	26/17		<p>Bde. Advanced Guard Scheme carried out in MESNIL Valley - 30th Bn Vanguard & 31st Bn. Enemy. It has been found more useful to carry out these Schemes with only one Bn - i.e. the Bn. forming the Vanguard & to imagine the remainder of the Bde. - the main guard - is in position. If the whole Bde. is employed, one unit only gets any movement or instruction whilst the others remain in column of route & move slowly, if at all.</p> <p>Arrangements made for 31st Bn. to carry out Vanguard Scheme tomorrow. Draft for Bde. Group Move Order made out.</p> <p>Successful Bde. Advanced Guard Scheme carried out in MESNIL Valley - 31st Bn. VANGUARD, 30th Bn. enemy's judges. This operation was the most successful of the series of these operations that has been carried out. The scouting was good and the movements of the Coss. against the various defectives was on sound lines.</p> <p>The Div. Commander visited Bde. HQs at 3 pm and thanked the Brigadier & the Bde. Staff for the work that has been carried out in the last two months. Train move order for Brigade Group was issued at 2 pm (No 112)</p> <p>Night operation for Bn. Intelligence personnel was carried out between 10.30 pm & 12.30 am - Taping between certain map coordinates - with assembly & direction tapes - all ordinary precautions being taken. The 'enemy' were represented & very light fired at intervals -</p>	
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SENLIS	28/7/17		<p>During the day completion of arrangements for entrainment of 8th Aus Inf Bde group were carried out. 8th Field Coy Australian Engineers rejoined the Bde and billeted in SENLIS.</p> <p>Major Marsden D.S.O 8th Aus. Machine Gun Coy moved to Divisional Head Quarters as Divisional Machine Gun Officer.</p>	
WARDRECQUES.	29/7/17 to 31/7/17		<p>The whole of the 8th Aus Inf Bde were moved from SENLIS AREA TO RACQUINGHEM area by train. All units were in new area by 4pm on 31st inst.</p> <p>Location of H.Q.s of units was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 29th BN B. 16. B. 7. 3 30th do C. 13. A. 7. 6 31st do B. 13. D. 5. 1 32nd BN B. 8. A. 9. 7 8th MG Coy B. 14. C. 05. 0. 5 8th L.T.M.B B. 8. A. 9. 7 Bde H.Q.s B. 8. A. 6. 7 	

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Order No. 106.

Reference

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and Special Map attached (1/5000)7th July 1917.

1. The 30th and 32nd Bns will attack and take the enemy's trench system as detailed below within the Brigade boundaries on 7th July, in conjunction with similar operations by flank Brigades.
ZERO Hour will be 9 30am.
2. The 1st objective will be PLATEAU trench between Q 27 a 9 5 and Q 20 d 95 05. (Red Line)
The 2nd Objective will be CHARLES AVENUE between Q 21 d 2 1 and Q 21 e 2 5. (Blue Line.)
The 3rd Objective will be CENTRAL Redoubt and BRAINWAVE Trench (Green Line).
3. Objectives, and Brigade and Bn boundaries are as shown on attached map.
4. The 30th Bn will be on the right and the 32nd Bn on the left.
5. The attack will be carried out by the above Bns each on a two-company front, each Battalion forming three waves and holding one company in reserve. The first wave will take the first objective and will push on and take the second objective, leaving moppers up in the first objective.
The second wave will consolidate and occupy the first objective.
The third wave will advance through the first and second waves and attack and take the 3rd Objective.
6. The attack will be carried out under cover of a standing and a creeping barrage. The latter will advance at the rate of 75 yds per minute.
At ZERO the standing barrage will fall on the first objective and the creeping barrage on a line approximately 200 yards from the 1st objective and 100 yards from the 'jumping off' trench.
At (0 + 3) minutes the creeping barrage will reach the first objective and will continue to a line approximately 100 yds past it. The standing barrage will jump to the 2nd objective.
The creeping barrage will halt 100 yds past the 1st objective from (0 + 4) till (0 + 9) minutes and will then continue its advance up to and 100 yds past the 2nd objective where it will halt from (0 + 12) to (0 + 42) minutes.
The Standing Barrage will jump to the third objective at (0 + 11) minutes.
The creeping barrage will move forward again at (0 + 27) minutes and will reach the final barrage line at (0 + 48) minutes, where it will halt from (0 + 48) till (0 + 60) minutes and will then die down.
The standing barrage will lift from the third objective at (0 + 44) minutes.
7. The leading wave will follow the creeping barrage closely throughout and will time its advance so as to keep not more than 100 yards behind it.
8. The S.O.S. Signal will be a single Red Verrey Light, repeated until the artillery and machine guns comply.
9. Sufficient tools for rapid consolidation of the objectives will be carried by all waves.
Each man of the 1st and 3rd waves will carry two sandbags and 1 ground flare.

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Battns will arrange for carrying parties to take forward sufficient wiring materials for the rapid wiring of the third objective as soon as it is reported that the 3rd wave has made good this objective.

Each officer of the attacking battalions will carry 2 copies of the situation map (attached).

10. O.C. 8th Machine Gun Co. will arrange to move forward a section of guns into the first objective on the 2nd objective being gained and will lay on enemy approached to cover the consolidation of the 3rd objective when it is gained.

11. O.C. 8th L.T.M. Battery will detail a sub-section (2 guns) with an officer to be attached to each attacking Bn and to go forward with the third wave. These guns will not move forward of the 1st ^{objective} without orders from Bde H.Qrs.

Each attacking Bn will detail a carrying party of 2 sections to report to O.C. 8th L.T.M. Bty at Q 26 c 0 0 an hour before ZERO.

The remainder of the battery will remain in the 1st 'jumping off' trench ready to move forward. O.C. 8th L.T.M. Bty and runners will remain at Bde H.Qrs for further instructions.

12. Contact Patrol aeroplanes will be in the air from ZERO onwards and will call for flares at (0 + 30) minutes (in 2nd objective) and at (0 + 45) minutes (in 3rd objective).

Instructions regarding the lighting of flares will be carefully explained to all ranks beforehand.

13. Watches will be synchronised from Bde H.Qrs at 6 a.m. on 9th July.

14. Bde H.Qrs will be at Q 32 a Central until the third objective is taken, when a forward H.Qrs will be established at PERISCOPE RECOUBI (Q 27 a 8 6) in the first objective.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. Carey

Major.
Brigade Major, 8th Aust. Inf. Bde

Issued at 3.30 p.m.

to 29th Battalion,	Copy No.	1 and 2
30th "	"	3 " 4
31st "	"	5 " 6
32nd "	"	7 " 8
8th M.G. Co.		9
8th L.T.M. Bty		10

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3rd Squadron R.F.C.	12, 13, 14.
8th Field Ambulance	15.

Appendix to 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 106

1. With reference to attached Order, troops will be in position on the assembly tapes at (0-30) minutes, Batta H.Qrs will be established in a suitable position in rear of each Batta sector, ground sheets and signal panels will be displayed.
2. Batta H.Qrs will move forward to the first objective on the third objective being gained. A forward Bde H.Qrs will be established at PERISCOPE REDOUBT at the same time, to which all reports will be forwarded when Battns are notified that Bde H.Qrs is moving forward.
3. It is assumed that the trench system is continuous on either flank. Situation reports will be sent to Battns from time to time during the operation stating the progress of flank formations.
4. Proper trench blocks will be established from the flanks of the second objective and at about Q 21 b 1 2 in HOPSCOTCH Trench and a trench will be dug from about Q 21 b 1 0 in CENTRAL REDOUBT to throw back a defensive flank. CENTRAL REDOUBT and the left of BRAINWAVE Trench will be rapidly wired immediately after its capture. Wiring will be carried out in accordance with Drill No. 1.
5. The exercise will be carried on until 12 noon, consolidation and wiring being carried out actively. The Brigade Commander will inspect each objective during the process of consolidation.
6. Two Sub-Sections of the 8th L.T.M.Bty will be sent forward at about 11 a.m. to bombard MOULIN REDOUBT with live rounds, prior to a bombing attack that will be organized and carried out by the 50th Batta to take MOULIN REDOUBT. Two green very lights in succession will signify that Trench Mortar fire will commence in 2 minutes and a white very light will signify "live firing ended". The garrison of the bomb stop will be temporarily withdrawn and the garrison of the third objective will take cover. O.C. 8th L.T.M.B. will keep in touch with the Coy Commander in CENTRAL REDOUBT before and during the live firing. 100 rounds will be fired. O.C. 8th L.T.M.B. will be responsible for picketting the danger area.
7. The Coys in reserve, as well as the officers of the 29th and 31st Bns watching the operation will report to Capt. LEGGE at Q 22 central at zero. This officer will conduct the party throughout the operation.
8. Proper carrying parties will be organized and small quantities of all necessary stores will be taken forward. Cannulias will be told off and taken to the rear and dealt with by R.A.P's.
9. No live bombs or S.A.A. will be carried.

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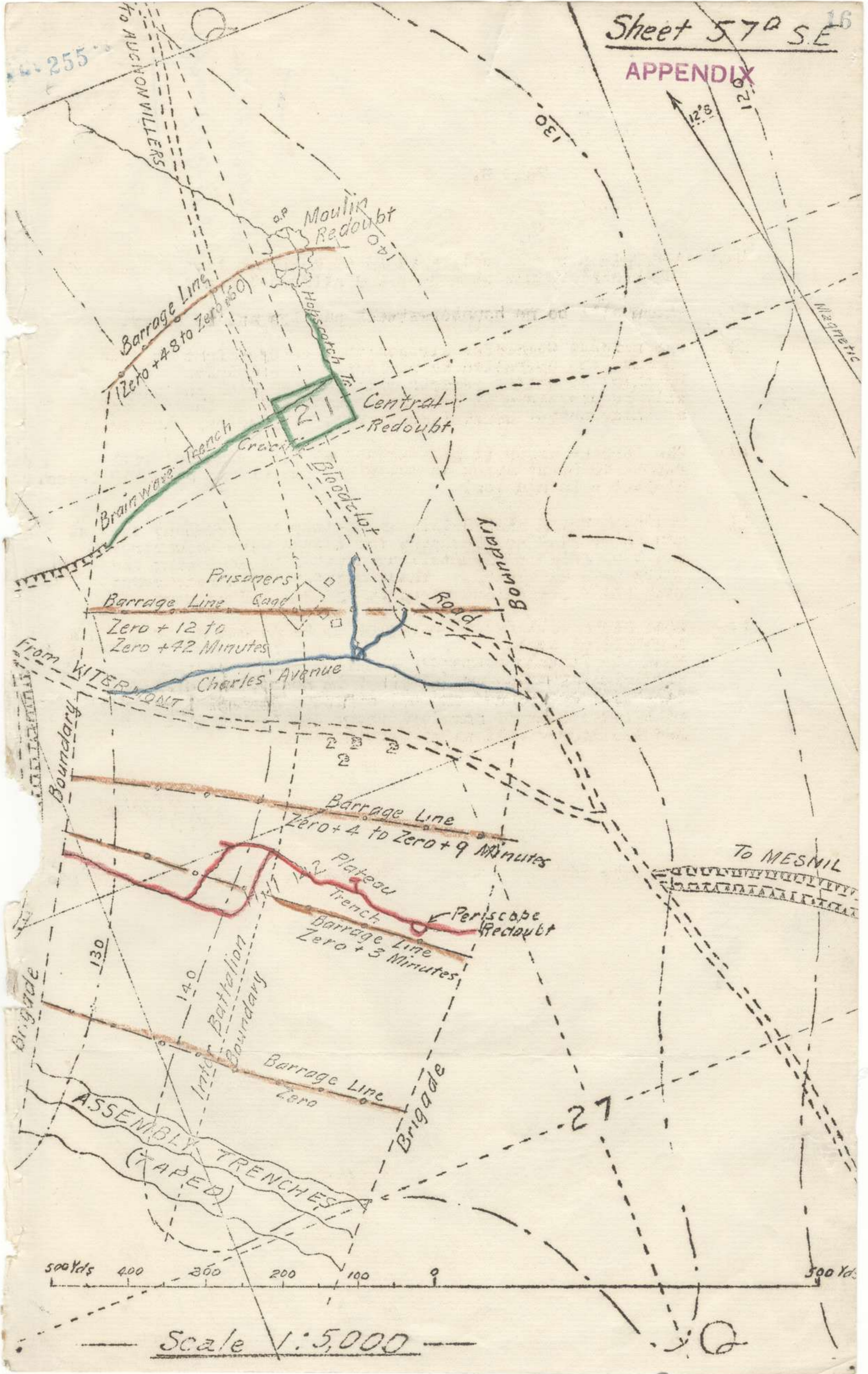
10. O.C. 8th L.T.M.B. will arrange to have 100 live rounds and 50 "blank" rounds at Q 26 c e e at (Zero-1 hour)
11. There will be no counter-attack parties and no enemy.
12. The Brigade Commander directs that every effort be made to make the operation as realistic as possible. Frequent situation reports will be sent back and officers will be practiced in writing reports and in the control of their units. Consolidation will be properly carried out.
13. The barrage party (1 Officer and 20 O.R. 32nd Bn) will report to Lieut SLADE at the right end of the assembly tapes at (zero - 30 minutes)
14. The 29th Battn will detail an officer to accompany the 1st and an officer to accompany the second wave as umpires. The 31st Battn will detail an officer to accompany the third wave as umpire. These officers will rendezvous with their respective waves at the "tapes" at zero.
15. 32nd Battn will detail a bugler to be at Bde H.Qrs (Q 32 a central) at zero. When the Brigade Commander considers the operation is sufficiently advanced (at about 12 noon), the officers call will be sounded and all officers (except 1 per Coy) will rendezvous at the "prisoners cage" at Q 21 c 9 2 and the troops will march back to camp.

A. G. Casey

7th July 1917

Major.
Brigade Major 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.

APPENDIX



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Copy No.

6th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Reference

Order No. 408.107

57D S.M. (1/20,000)
and Special Map attached (1/5000)

10 July 1917.

1. The 29 and 31 Bns will attack and take the enemy's trench system as detailed below within the Brigade boundaries on 11th July, in conjunction with similar operations by flank Brigades.
ZERO Hour will be 9.30 a.m.
2. The 1st objective will be PLATEAU trench between Q 27 a 9 5 and Q 29 d 95 05. (Red Line)
The 2nd Objective will be CHARLES AVENUE between Q 21 d 2 1 and Q 21 c 2 5. (Blue Line.)
The 3rd Objective will be CENTRAL Redoubt and BRAINWAVE Trench (Green Line).
3. Objectives, and Brigade and Bn boundaries are as shown on attached map.
4. The 29 Bn will be on the right and the 31 Bn on the left.
5. The attack will be carried out by the above Bns each on a two-company front, each Battalion forming three waves and holding one company in reserve. The first wave will take the first objective and will push on and take the second objective, leaving moppers up in the first objective.
The second wave will consolidate and occupy the first objective.
The third wave will advance through the first and second waves and attack and take the 3rd Objective.
6. The attack will be carried out under cover of a standing and a creeping barrage. The latter will advance at the rate of 75 yds per minute.
At ZERO the standing barrage will fall on the first objective and the creeping barrage on a line approximately 200 yards from the 1st objective and 100 yards from the 'jumping off' trench.
At 0 + 3) minutes the creeping barrage will reach the first objective and will continue to a line approximately 100 yds past it. The standing barrage will jump to the 2nd objective.
The creeping barrage will halt 100 yds past the 1st objective from (0 + 4) till (0 + 9) minutes and will then continue its advance up to and 100 yds past the 2nd objective where it will halt from (0 + 12) to (0 + 15) minutes.
The Standing Barrage will jump to the third objective at (0 + 11) minutes.
The creeping barrage will move forward again at (0 + 27) minutes and will reach the final barrage line at (0 + 40) minutes, where it will halt from (0 + 40) till (0 + 50) minutes and will then die down.
The standing barrage will lift from the third objective at (0 + 45) minutes.
7. The leading wave will follow the creeping barrage closely throughout and will time its advance so as to keep not more than 100 yards behind it.
8. The S.O.S. Signal will be a single Red Verrey Light, repeated until the artillery and machine guns comply.
9. Sufficient tools for rapid consolidation of the objectives will be carried by all waves.
Each man of the 1st and 3rd waves will carry two sandbags and 1 ground flare.

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Battns will arrange for carrying parties to take forward sufficient wiring materials for the rapid wiring of the third objective as soon as it is reported that the 3rd wave has made good this objective.

Each officer of the attacking battalions will carry 2 copies of the situation map (attached).

10. O.C. 8th Machine Gun Co. will arrange to move forward a section of guns into the first objective on the 2nd objective being gained and will lay on enemy approached to cover the consolidation of the 3rd objective when it is gained.

11. O.C. 8th L.T.M. Battery will detail a sub-section (2 guns) with an officer to be attached to each attacking Bn and to go forward with the third wave. These guns will not move forward of the 1st ^{objective} without orders from Bde H.Qrs.

Each attacking Bn will detail a carrying party of 2 sections to report to O.C. 8th L.T.M. Bty at Q 26 c 0 0 an hour before ZERO.

The remainder of the battery will remain in the 1st 'jumping off' trench ready to move forward. O.C. 8th L.T.M. Bty and runners will remain at Bde H.Qrs for further instructions.

12. Contact Patrol aeroplanes will be in the air from ZERO onwards and will call for flares at (0 + 50) minutes (in 2nd objective) and at (0 + 55) minutes (in 3rd objective).

45 Instructions regarding the lighting of flares will be carefully explained to all ranks beforehand.

13. Watches will be synchronised from Bde H.Qrs at 6 a.m. on 11 July.

14. Bde H.Qrs will be at Q 32 a Central until the third objective is taken, when a forward H.Qrs will be established at PERISCOPE REDOUBT (Q 27 a 8 6) in the first objective.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. Casey

Major.
Brigade Major, 8th Aust. Inf. Bde

Issued at 3.30 p.m.

to 29th Battalion,	Copy No.	1 and 2
30th "		3 " 4
31st "		5 " 6
32nd "		7 " 8
8th M.G. Co.		9
8th L.T.M. Bty		10

Copies to

8th Aust. Div.	11.
3rd Squadron R.F.C.	12, 13, 14.
8th Field Ambulance	15.

Appendix to 8th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 106-107

1. With reference to attached Order, troops will be in position on the assembly tapes at (0-30) minutes, Battn H.Qrs will be established in a suitable position in rear of each Battn sector, ground sheets and signal panels will be displayed.
2. Battn H.Qrs will move forward to the first objective on the third objective being gained. A forward Bde H.Qrs will be established at PERISCOPE REDOUBT at the same time, to which all reports will be forwarded when Battns are notified that Bde H.Qrs is moving forward.
3. It is assumed that the trench system is continuous on either flank. Situation reports will be sent to Battns from time to time during the operation stating the progress of flank formations.
4. Proper trench blocks will be established from the flanks of the second objective and at about Q 21 b 1 2 in HOPSCOTCH Trench and a trench will be dug from about Q 21 b 1 0 in CENTRAL REDOUBT to throw back a defensive flank. CENTRAL REDOUBT and the left of BRAINWAVE Trench will be rapidly wired immediately after its capture. Wiring will be carried out in accordance with Drill No. 1
5. The exercise will be carried on until 12 noon, consolidation and wiring being carried out actively. The Brigade Commander will inspect each objective during the process of consolidation.
6. Two Sub-Sections of the 8th L.T.M.Bty will be sent forward at about 11 a.m. to bombard MOULIN REDOUBT with live rounds, prior to a bombing attack that will be organized and carried out by the 50th Battn to take MOULIN REDOUBT. Two green very lights in succession will signify that Trench Mortar fire will commence in 2 minutes and a white very light will signify "live firing ended". The garrison of the bomb stop will be temporarily withdrawn and the garrison of the third objective will take cover. C.C. 8th L.T.M.B. will keep in touch with the Coy Commander in CENTRAL REDOUBT before and during the live firing. 100 rounds will be fired. C.C. 8th L.T.M.B. will be responsible for picketting the danger area.
7. The Coys in reserve, as well as the officers of the 29th and 31st Bns watching the operation will report to Capt. LEGGE at Q 32 central at zero. This officer will conduct the party throughout the operation.
8. Proper carrying parties will be organized and small quantities of all necessary stores will be taken forward. Casualties will be told off and taken to the rear and dealt with by R.A.P's.
9. No live bombs or S.A.A. will be carried.

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- 10. O.C. 8th L.T.M.B. will arrange to have 100 live rounds and 50 "blank" rounds at Q 26 c 9 9 at (Zero-1 hour)
- 11. There will be no counter-attack parties and no enemy.
- 12. The Brigade Commander directs that every effort be made to make the operation as realistic as possible. Frequent situation reports will be sent back and officers will be practiced in writing reports and in the control of their units. Consolidation will be properly carried out.
- 13. The barrage party (1 Officer and 20 O.R. 32nd Bn) will report to Lieut SLADE at the right end of the assembly tapes at (zero - 30 minutes)
- 14. The ³⁰29th Battn will detail an officer to accompany the 1st and an officer to accompany the second wave as umpires. The ~~51st~~ Battn will detail an officer to accompany the ³²third wave as umpire. These officers will rendezvous with their respective waves at the "tapes" at zero.
- 15. ~~32nd Battn will detail a bugler to be at Bde H.Qrs (Q 32 a central) at zero.~~ When the Brigade Commander considers the operation is sufficiently advanced (at about 12 noon), the officers call will be sounded and all officers (except 1 per Coy) will rendezvous at the "prisoners cage" at Q 21 c 9 2 and the troops will march back to camp.

R. G. Lawry

7th July 1917

Major.
Brigade Major 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.

SECRET

Copy No. 16

8th Australian Infantry Brigade.
Order No. 108.

Reference
Sheets 11 & 17, 1/100,000 Map.

11th July 1917.

1. The 8th Aust. Inf. Bde Group (less 8th Field Co. and Supply Wagons of 18th Co. A.A.S.C.) will proceed by march route to CORBIE on Saturday 14th instant and return to SENLIS area on Sunday 15th instant, in accordance with attached march table.
2. The Brigade Group will bivouac south of the river between FOUILLOY and AUBIGNY (a mile S.W. of CORBIE) on the night 14/15th July.
3. The Staff Captain will proceed to CORNIE on 13th instant and will obtain particulars of bivouac area, pontoon bridges, watering, etc. from Major GREENAWAY, 15th Field Co. A.E. and will rejoin the Bde column on the line of march on morning of 14th instant.
4. Transport will move with units. Cookers will march with Coys, remainder of transport behind each Bn.
Baggage wagons of the train will rejoin units on afternoon of 13th July.
Lewis Guns and Bn reserves of S.A.A., bombs and tools will not be carried.
5. Dress - Marching order with felt hats. The overcoat and towel will be carried in the pack. Blankets may be carried on 1st Line Transport.
6. Supplies for 15th instant will be dumped in the bivouac area on 14th instant under Divisional arrangements.
7. Arrangements for units to march over pontoon bridges, bivouac areas and areas for parking transport will be communicated to units on arrival in CORBIE.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

McCarty

Major.
Brigade Major, 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 7 p.m.	
to 29th Battalion	Copy No. 1
30th "	2
31st "	3
32nd "	4
8th Machine Gun Co.	5
8th L.T.M. Battery	6
8th Field Ambulance	7
18th Coy A.A.S.C.	8
C.R.E.	9
5th Aust. Division	10-11
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MARCH TABLE to accompany 8th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 108
dated 11th July 1917

APPENDIX

Date	Unit	Starting Point	Time	Route	Remarks.
14th July 1917	Bde H.Qrs)	Road Junction 200 yards due North of MILLENCOURT	8 a.m.	MILLENCOURT -	(a) Distances of 10 yards between companies and 100 yards between Battalions and between other units will be maintained.
	2nd Sig. Sec.)			LAVIEVILLE -	
	8th M.G.Co.)			RIBEMONT -	
	8th L.T.M.B.)			HEILLY -	
	29th Battalion			BONNAY -	
	30th "			CORBIE -	
	31st "				
32nd "					
8th Fld Amb.		8.5 a.m.			(b) Normal halts will be observed.
		8.13 a.m.			(c) All units will observe strict march discipline.
		8.21 a.m.			(d) A mounted officer from each unit will report to Brigade Headquarters at head of column between HEILLY and BONNAY to receive instruc- tions regarding bivouac areas, etc.
		8.29 a.m.			
		8.37 a.m.			
15th July 1917	Bde H.Q. Group)	Crossing of road and river 500x due East of S of ETAMPES.	8 a.m.	as above.	(e) The Brigade Band will be at the Starting Point and will play the Brigade out.
	(as above)				
	29th Bn				
	30th Bn				
	31st Bn				
	32nd Bn				
8th Fld Amb.		8.5 am			
		8.13 am			
		8.21 am			
		8.29 am			
		8.37 am			

SECRET

Copy No.

8th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Reference

Order No. 109.

Map 57 d S.E. -/20,000

20th July 1917

1. Our patrols were in touch with small parties of the enemy on the line W 8 b C 4 - W 10 c O O at dawn this morning.
 Information received from prisoners is to the effect that the enemy will retire to the line THIEPVAL- MAILLY MAILLET during today leaving small parties with machine guns to delay our advance.
 Some resistance by large bodies may be expected south of the THIEPVAL - MAILLY Line.

Aeroplane reconnaissance at 6 p.m. last night reports no extensive entrenchments between our present outpost line and the AUCHONVILLERS - HAMEL ridge.

2. The advance is to be continued with vigour during today with the object of seizing and making good the ridge line from Q 9 d Central through Q 16 b Central to Q 17 c 5 O prior to further advances.

3. The 8th Infantry Brigade has been detailed as Advanced Guard to the Division under the command of Brigadier General E. TIVEY, G.B., D.S.O., V.D.

<u>VANGUARD.</u>	:	The Vanguard will be
	:	composed as detailed in
Commander - Lt.Col.C.S.DAVIES, 32nd Bn.	:	in the margin under
32nd Battalion	:	the command of Lieut.
1 section (4 guns) 8th M.G.Co.	:	Col. C.S. DAVIES, 32nd
1 " " 8th L.T.M.B.	:	Battalion.
	:	

<u>30th Battalion.</u>	:	The remainder of the Brigade Group
H.Qrs 8th Inf. Brigade.	:	will constitute the Main Guard and
2 Sect. 8th M.G. Co.	:	will move in the order as detailed
1 Sect. 8th L.T.M.Battery.	:	in the margin.

4. The Vanguard will advance through the outpost line now held by the 30th Battalion.

Small parties of the enemy will be engaged vigorously if met with in order that the general advance may not be delayed.

5. Advanced Brigade Headquarters will be at W 15 a O O until 10 a.m. and will move forward in accordance with the advance.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

McCarthy

Major.
 Brigade Major, 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at ... :
 to 30th Battalion Copy No. 1
 32nd " " 2
 8th Machine Gun Co. 3
 8th L.T.M.Battery 4
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 5th Aust. Division 6
 29th Battalion 7
 30th " 8
 Brigade Commander 9
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 File 11

APPENDIX TO 8TH AUS. INF. BRIGADE ORDER NO. 109.

1. The 30th Bn will take up an outpost position on the line W 8 c 9 48 - W 16 a 4 3 and will be in position by 9 a.m. on 20th instant.
2. The 32nd Bn will be in ^{a suitable} position to move through the 30th Bn as an Advanced Guard at 9.15 a.m. on 20th instant.
3. The 30th Bn will be prepared to move forward as the head of the main guard on orders from Bde H.Qrs.
4. O.C. 8th M.G.Co. and O.C. 8th L.T.M.Bty will arrange direct with the C.O. 32nd Bn as to the rendezvous for their respective detachments moving with the vanguard prior to the advance.
The detachments of the 8th M.G.Co. and 8th L.T.M.Bty moving with the main guard will rendezvous at W 15 a 0 0 in the vicinity of Bde H.Qrs by 9 a.m.
M.G.'s and L.T.M.'s moving with the vanguard will be carried by their detachments. They will come into action but will not fire any rounds, live or dummy.
5. Hostile M.G.'s will be considered out of action when personnel of the vanguard get to within 50 yds of them.
Rifle grenade sections will come into action but will not fire any grenades.
6. No live ammunition will be carried during the operation.
7. Bde H.Qrs will be kept fully informed of the situation.
8. DRESS for all ranks - Fighting Order with steel helmets. Bayonets when fixed will be covered by the scabbards.
Themidday meal will be carried.
9. As the clearing of AVELUY WOOD would involve a much larger operation and would take more time than is available, it will be considered that it is reported by prisoners that the wood is clear.
Nissen huts and encampments will be considered non-existent and will not be utilised for purposes of cover by the enemy of the Advanced Guard.

Issued to all recipients
of 8th Inf. Bde Order No. 109.

GENERAL IDEA.

1. We have been engaged in Trench warfare for a long period on the general line, ALBERT - SENLIS, our front facing slightly East of North.
2. Owing to pressure at other points, the enemy has commenced to retire, and has been closely followed by our troops as he occupied successive lines of trench.

SPECIAL IDEA.

1. At 5 p.m. on Sunday 22nd, the enemy was occupying his last trench line, approximately on the line W 8 c 0 0 - W 16 d 0 0.

Our patrols found that he had again retired after dark on the night 22/23rd and we occupied the line W 8 c 7 7 - W 8 d 2 0 - W 16 a 4 8 - W 16 a 4 3, as an outpost line before dawn on 23rd instant.

2. The Divisional Boundaries for the advance are as follows :-

RIGHT - W 16 c 0 0 - Q 17 Central.

LEFT. - W 14 a 0 0 - Q 15 Central.

3. The 8th Inf. Bde has been detailed to act as Advanced Guard to the Division, and has been ordered to push ahead with vigour.
4. Similar Advanced Guards have been detailed by flank Divisions.
5. The advance will be continued at 9.30a.m. on 23rd instant in accordance with attached order.

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APPENDIX

Copy No. 26

8th Australian Infantry Brigade.
Order No. 110.

Reference

Map 57D. S.E. 1/80,000

23rd July 1917.

- Our patrols were in touch with small parties of the enemy on the line W 8 b 0 4 - W 10 c 0 0 at dawn this morning.
Information received from prisoners is to the effect that the enemy will retire to the line HAMEL - VITERMONT during today, leaving small parties with machine guns to delay our advance.
Aeroplane reconnaissance at 6 p.m. last night reports no extensive entrenchments between our present outpost line and the ~~MAXIM~~ AUCHONVILLERS - HAMEL ridge.
- The advance is to be continued with vigour during today with the object of seizing and making good the line HAMEL - VITERMONT prior to attacking and making good the AUCHONVILLERS - HAMEL ridge on a subsequent date.
- The 8th Infantry Brigade has been detailed as Advanced Guard to the Division under the command of Brigadier General E. TIVEX, C.B., D.S.O., V.D.

<u>VANGUARD.</u>		
Commander - Lt.Col. M. PURSER, 29th Bn.	29th Battalion.	The Vanguard will be composed as detailed in the margin, under the command of Lieut. Col. M. PURSER, 29th Battalion.
1 section (4 guns)	8th M.G. Co.	
1 " "	8th L.T.M.B.	

30th Battalion.		The remainder of the Brigade Group will constitute the Main Guard and will move in the order as detailed in the margin.
H.Qrs 8th Inf. Brigade.		
2 sect. 8th M.G. Co. (last section)		
1 sect. 8th L.T.M. Battery (last section)		
<i>31st Bn. - 32nd Bn. (sections)</i>		

- The Vanguard will advance through the outpost line now held by the 32nd Battalion, at 9.30 a.m.
- Advanced Brigade Headquarters will be at W 15 a 0 0 until 10 a.m. and will move forward in accordance with the advance.
- ACKNOWLEDGE.

McCarty

Issued at 4 a.m.		Major.
to 29th Battalion		Brigade Major 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.
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32nd "	4	
8th Machine Gun Co.	5	
8th L.T.M. Battery	6	
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APPENDIX to 8th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 110.

1. The 29th Battalion will form the Vanguard and will advance through an imaginary outpost line, assumed to be held on the line W 16 a Central - W 9 c 5 0 - W 3 b 0 8.

29th Battalion will be in a suitable position and formation to advance at 9.15 a.m.

2. The Main Guard will not be represented but will be assumed to be present.

Officers commanding 8th Machine Gun Co. and 8th L.T.M. Battery (or their representatives) will rendezvous at W 15 a 0 0 (Bde H.Qrs) at 9.15 a.m. with 1 gun in each case to represent the remainder of the M.G. Co. and L.T.M. Battery moving with the Main Guard.

O's C. 8th M.G. Co. and 8th L.T.M. Battery will arrange rendezvous for detachments moving with the Vanguard direct with C.O. 29th Bn.

3. M.G.'s and L.T.M.'s will not fire any live rounds or blank rounds during the operation.

No live ammunition will be carried during the operation.

4. DRESS for all ranks - Fighting Order with steel helmets. Bayonets when fixed will be covered by the scabbards.

Arrangements for the midday meal will be made.

5. AVELUY WOOD will be considered to be clear of the enemy. To effectively deal with the wood would unduly prolong the operation. NISSEN Huts and encampments will be considered non-existent and will not be used as cover either by the Vanguard or by the enemy.

6. The principle of the advance by "Bounds" from one tactical feature to another will be followed, both by Coy and smaller unit commanders.

7. An officer per company of the 30th and 31st Bns will attend the exercise and will view it from the enemy standpoint. Rendezvous - W 9 b 8 8 at 9 a.m.

8. In order that the presence of M.G.'s may be made evident, O.C. 8th Machine Gun Co. will arrange for the M.G.'s with the 'enemy' to be so sited that live ammunition can be fired into a bank or cutting so that the noise of firing can be heard by the Vanguard. O.C. 8th M.G. Co. will ensure that safety precautions are taken.

A blue signal flag will also be waved from side to side above the emplacement whilst the gun is firing to further indicate that a M.G. is in action.

9. Officers will rendezvous at Q 22 c 8 0 after the operation.

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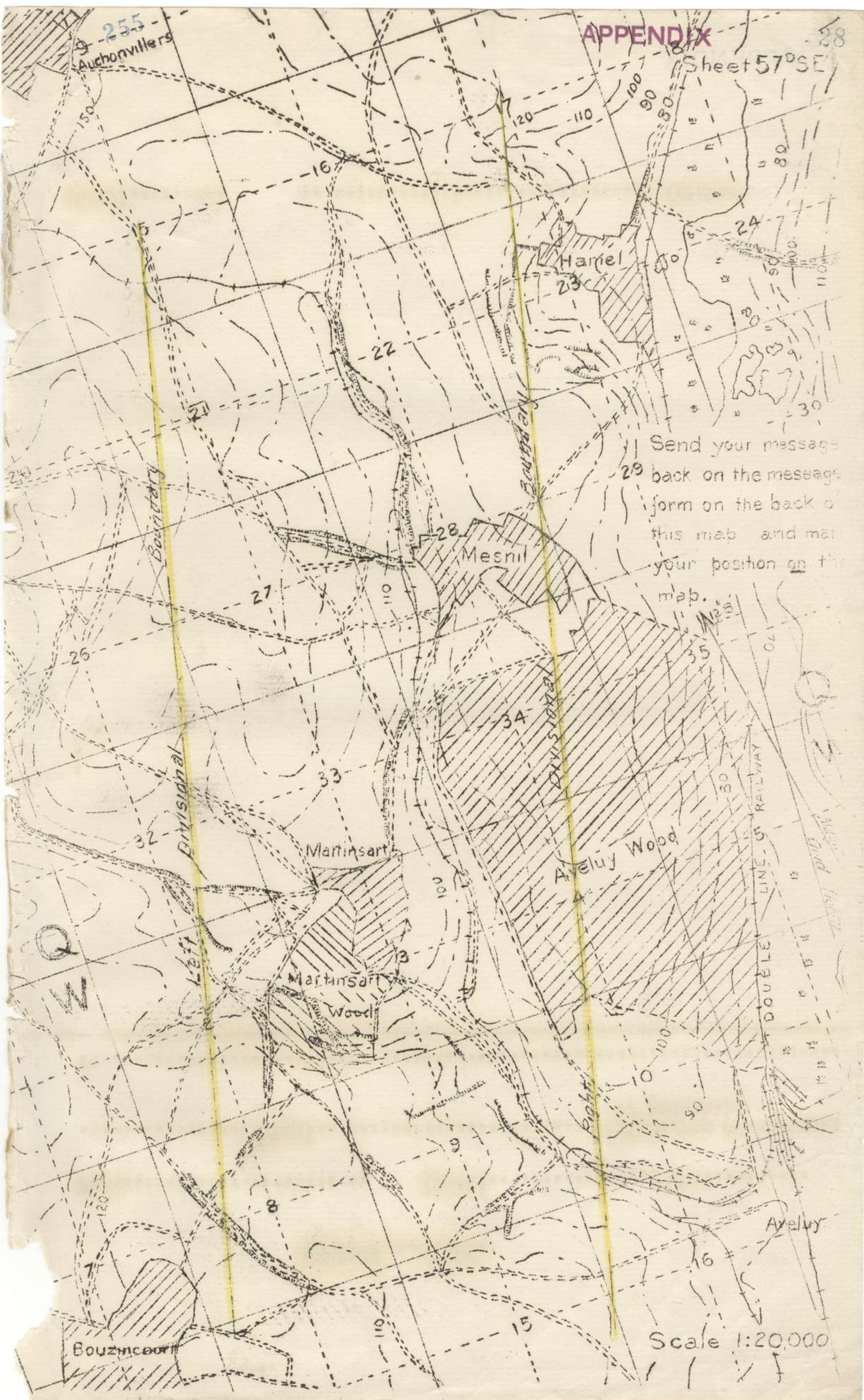
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6. The 31st Battalion will detail a company to act as Left Flank Guard. The Flank Guard will maintain an approximate distance interval of 2000 yards from the column.
7. O.C. Advanced Guard will maintain touch with Advanced Guard of RIGHT Column throughout, as well as with Flank Guard.
8. The 32nd Battalion will detail a rear party of a platoon under an officer to travel in rear of the 8th Field Ambulance.
9. O.C. 13th F.A. Brigade will detail 2 officers to report to C.R.A. at P 17 A 5 2 (cross roads) by 10.45 a.m. C.R.A. will move with Main Guard of RIGHT Column (Route - PUISIEUX - SERRE - MAILLY MAILLET - FORCEVILLE)
10. 24 hours rations will be carried on the man. Supplies for 26th instant will be dumped in present billeting villages during today.
11. A bandolier of 50 rounds S.A.A. will be carried on the man in addition to the 120 rounds in pockets.
An ammunition dump (arty and S.A.A.) will be formed in Q 7 B in MAILLY MAILLET by 12 noon today.
12. A Main Dressing Station will be formed by 505th Field Ambulance by 12 noon today in Q 7 A in MAILLY MAILLET.
13. Waterpoints exist at Q 12 C 2 2 and Q 19 B 3 0.
14. Reports to head of Main Body after 8.30 a.m.
15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

McCarthy

Issued at 6.15 a.m.

Major.
Brigade Major, 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.

to 29th Battalion	Copy No. 1
30th "	2
31st "	3
32nd "	4
8th Machine Gun Co.	5
8th L.T.M. Battery	6
13th F.A. Brigade	7
8th Field Ambulance	8
Train Coy.	9

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S E C R E T.

Copy No.....

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8th AUSTRALIAN INF. BRIGADE.
Order No. 112.

Reference

57D S.E. 1/20,000
HAZEBROUCK 5a 1/100000

27th July 1917.

1. The 5th AUST. DIV. (less Artlly) is being transferred from 3rd Army to 2nd Army Area on 29th and 30th July.
2. The 8th Aust. Inf. Bde. Group (composed as in the margin) will
 1. 8th AUST. INF BRIGADE : move by train from AVELUY
 2. 8th Machine Gun Coy : Station in accordance with
 3. 8th L.T.M.B. : Entraining Table attached.
 4. 8th Field Coy. Engrs. : The train timings will be
 5. 8th Field Ambulance : notified to all concerned
 6. 18th Coy. A.A.S.C. : by wire.
 7. 1 Coy. 5th Pnr. Bttn. :
 8. 4 G.S.Wgns. & 1 Cooker 5th Pnr. Bn. :
 9. Div. Salvage Company :
 10. D.A.D.O.S. Personnel :
 11. No. 2 Dental Unit :
3. The 8th Inf. Bde. Group will detrain at ST OMER and will be billeted in the RACQUINGHEM area on arrival in Second Army area.
4. Units forming part of the Brigade Group for the move will be under the command of G.O.C. 8th A.I. Brigade until they are billeted in the new area.
18th Coy. A.A.S.C. will revert to the command of O.C. Div. Train on taking up billets in the new area.
Other Divisional troops will be administered separately on taking up billets.
5. Capt. E. A. MACFARLANE, 30th Bttn. will act as Entraining Officer for the Brigade group and will be stationed at AVELUY throughout the move.
Capt. A. M. ROBERTSON, 29th Bttn. will act as Detraining Officer for the Brigade Group. He will travel by the first train of the Group and will report to the R.T.O. ST OMER on arrival.
These two Officers will wear White armbands on each arm.
6. 29th Bttn. will detail a company (with 6 Officers and 250 other ranks) for duty as undersat entraining and detraining stations. The company will report to R.T.O. AVELUY four hours before the time of departure of the first train.
3 Officers and 100 other ranks will entrain with first train and act as unloading party for the Brigade group under R.T.O. ST OMER. This party will remain at the detraining station until the whole of the Brigade group has been detrained and will then proceed to rejoin their unit. Cooking utensils and rations for 48 hours subsequent to entraining will be carried.
The remaining 3 Officers and 150 other ranks will act as a loading party under the R.T.O. AVELUY for the whole of the Brigade group and will entrain with the cooker and team on the last train of the group. At least 48 hours rations (plus unexpired portion of ration on day of entrainment) should be in possession before departure of first train. This party will rejoin unit on arrival at ST OMER.
7. Trains will be made up as under :-
30 box trucks for troops,
17 flat trucks for transport,
2 officers' coaches.

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8. Transport (less Officers' chargers) will arrive at Entraining Station 4 hours before the departure of each train. Transport Officers will report to Brigade Group Entraining Officer on arrival. The transport to proceed by each train will be marshalled by Bde. Group Entraining Officer between points 'A' and 'B' on attached sketch. The animals will be taken out and led to water in the forming up area, whilst the vehicles are loaded on to the train by the entraining party; the horses will then be entrained.
Breast ropes for animals will be provided by units; one breast rope or two head ropes per four horses.
Water carts will be entrained full.
9. Dismounted personnel (+ Officers' Chargers) will arrive at entraining station an hour before time of departure of each train and will assemble in forming-up area shown on attached sketch. Each unit will detail an officer to report to Group Entraining Officer $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours before time of departure of each train and will carry complete entraining state of his unit; he will receive instructions as to the entraining of his unit from Group Entraining Officer.
10. Baggage wagons will report to units 24 hours before time of departure for AVELUY.
Supply wagons will travel with units and will carry 24 hours rations. They will report to units on the morning of SUNDAY, 29th inst.
11. No extra transport will be provided for the move to AVELUY. Any material and stores which cannot be carried on unit transport on day of entrainment will be taken to AVELUY on the day prior to entrainment and placed under a guard under unit arrangements. All such surplus stores and material will be dumped on the platform marked G-D on attached sketch. Motor transport will be available at ST OMER to clear all trains of the above surplus stores and rations immediately on arrival of train at ST OMER.
12. No supplies will be drawn from Supply dumps on SUNDAY 29th inst. but will be drawn from improvised supply dump at AVELUY station. These supplies will be loaded on trains when unit entrains. Quartermasters will be at AVELUY station on 29th inst. at a time to be notified later to draw these supplies, which will be placed under a guard under unit arrangements.
No supplies will be drawn by units in the SENLIS area on MONDAY- 30th inst. 48 hours rations will be dumped and drawn at RACQUINGHEM CHURCH on arrival; thus units will be rationed up till the night 31st/1st on entraining. Supply railhead will open at CAESTRE on 30th inst.
13. 29th Bttn will detail a party to dig latrines at AVELUY station on arrival of the Bttn., in positions that will be pointed out by Bde. Group Entraining Officer. Latrines will be filled in by troops moving by the last train under arrangements to be made by the Bde. Group Entraining Officer.
14. Commanding Officers will inspect billets and billeting areas with their respective Town Majors before leaving the present area and will obtain certificates of having left the area in a satisfactory condition. These certificates will be countersigned by R.M.O's. and handed to the Bde. Group Entraining Officer at AVELUY before entraining.
15. Separate instructions will be issued with regard to the disposal of area stores, return of working parties to their units and the return of men to their units now employed as Range Wardens.

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16. During the march from ST OMER to the new billeting area distances of 100 yards will be maintained between companies and 200 yards between Battalions and other units.
17. On arrival in the new area the following are the leave train arrangements :-

To BOULOGNE		Time	From BOULOGNE		Time
HAZEBROUCK	dep.	15.53	BOULOGNE	dep	3.54
EBLINGHEM	"	16.15	ST OMER	"	6.35
ST OMER	"	16.43	EBLINGHEM	"	7.20
BOULOGNE	arr	19.36	HAZEBROUCK	arr	7.43

No other stations are to be used by parties proceeding on leave. Officers and other ranks will report to R.T.O. an hour before departure of each train.

18. Local information, details of billeting areas and information regarding watering places in the new area will be notified to all concerned on arrival at ST OMER.
19. Brigade Head Qrs. will close at SENLIS 3 hours before departure of first train. Group Detraining Officer will notify units of location of Bde. Head Qrs. in new area.
20. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 2 p.m. to

W. Braggford Capt Major,
Brigade Major, 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.

29th Btn	1
30th "	2
31st "	3
32nd "	4
8th M. Gun Coy	5
8th L.T.M.B.	6
2nd Sig. Section	7
8th Fld. Coy. Engrs	8
8th Fld. Ambulance	9
18th Coy. A.A.S.C.	10
5th Pioneer Btn	11
Div. Salvage Coy.	12
No. 2 Aust. Dental Unit	13
D. A. D. O. S.	14
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ENTRAINING TABLE - AVELUY STATION.

Train No.	Serial No.	Unit
1	10	8th Brigade Headquarters
	11a	1 Company, 1 Cooker and team (29th Btn)
	15	8th Bde. Signal Section
	16	8th Bde. Machine Gun Coy
	17	8th Bde. L.T.M. Battery
4	11	29th Battalion, with transport, less 11a
7	12	30th Battalion, with transport, less 12a
10	13	31st Battalion, with transport, less 13a
13	14	32nd Battalion, with transport, less 14a
16	04a	1 Company, 4 G.S. Wgns., 1 Cooker & team (pioneer Bn) Salvage Co.) D.A.D.O.S. personnel) Details of 8th Brigade
	06	
	96	
19	12a	1 Company, 1 Cooker & team (30th Btn) 18th A.A.S.C. 8th Fld Coy. Engrs.
	88	
	84	
22	13a	1 Company, 1 Cooker & team (31st Btn) 1 Company, 1 Cooker & team (32nd Btn) 8th Aust. Fld. Ambulance & No. 2 Dental Unit.
	14a	
	91	

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Forming up Area

Pioneer Rd.
32nd Batt. Route to Station

TRANSPORT A
TROOPS B

Ancre

12° 8'

APPENDIX

ENTRAINING SKETCH

To accompany
8th Aust. Inf. Bde.
Order N° 112 Dated 27.7.17

Scale 1:5000

To BOUZINCOURT

Route to Entraining

Station.

AVELUY

River

Magnetic 56
Grid North

YARDS 100 50 0 100 200 300 400 500

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

Following extracts from 5th Aust. Division Administrative Memorandum No. 11, are forwarded for information and necessary action:-

1. The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery and 5th Aust. Division Reinforcement Wing) will move to 2nd Army Area on 20/21st July.
2. The movement will be carried out by rail as follows:-
 - a. 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade Group, plus 1 coy. with Pioneer Bn with 4 S.S. Wagons and 1 cookhouse and Team, Div. Salvage Coy, No. 2 Aust. Dental Unit and S.A.S.O.S. personnel, will entrain at AVIANT.
3. TIMING. Times of departure of trains and names of detraining stations will be notified separately.
4. TRANSPORT. No extra transport will be provided for the move to 2nd Army Area. Any material and stores which cannot be carried on transport on day of entrainment should be taken to railhead day prior to entrainment and placed under a guard. It will be loaded on train by which the Unit is travelling and when unloaded again placed under guard until such time as transport can be provided to take to S.O. of unit. The Officers in charge of unloading parties will ensure that this surplus baggage and stores is stored in accordance with instructions received from S.I.O. at detraining station. The baggage wagons of train will report to units 24 hours before departure for entraining station.
The Divisional Supply column will move by road under instructions to be issued later.
5. SUPPLIES. The supply arrangements will be notified later. Supply wagons will travel with their units and will carry 24 hours rations.
6. AREA STORES. No area stores will be taken from Third Army area. Lists showing these stores are given in 1st ANZAC CORPS Routine Order No. 473, dated 25/11/18. Units and all attached troops will, prior to leaving the area, return all tents other than those included in Mob Store Tables 1-1000, also chaff-cutters, to C.O. Army Troops, No. 1, ALBERT - Rue de MARINE - and will render a return to Brigade Headquarters showing all stores handed over.
7. DOMESTIC PARTIES and DETACHMENTS.
Men on detached duty should all return to units forthwith exclusive of men on Divisional duties.
Party of 6 S.A.C.O's and 27 other ranks of 5th A.I. Co now working under Camp Commandant ANZAC (Camp Commander's Guard) will move with Corps and remain attached.
8. WATERING PLACES IN NEW AREA.

Map Location	No. of horses per hour.	No. and capacity of troughs.	One or two sided watering	Pumps	Source of Supply
A 23 a 2 2	300	4,400 gal.	2	2	Stream
A 24 b 2 2	400	2,400 "	2	1	Pond.
B 22 b 2 2	400	2,400 "	2	1	Canal
B 12 b 2 2	400	2,400 "	2	1	Pond
C 5 a 2 2	200	2,400 "	1	1	Pond
C 17 a 1 2	200	1,400 "	2	1	Well
F 24 a 2 2	400	2,400 "	2	1	Pond
					Stream.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX "A"

No. 1 STATION.

AVELUY.

8th Australian Inf. Bde.

Train No.	Serial No.	Unit.
1.	10	8th Brigade Headquarters.
	11a.	1 company, 1 cooker & team. (23rd Battalion)
	15	8th Brigade Signal Section.
	16	8th Brigade M.S. Co.
	17	8th Brigade L.T.M. Battery.
4.	11	29th Battalion, with transport, less 11a.
7.	12	30th Battalion, with transport, less 12a.
10.	13	31st Battalion, with transport, less 13a.
13.	14	32nd Battalion, with transport, less 14a.
16	94a	1 coy, 4 G.S. Wagons, 1 cooker & Teams (Prtr Bn) Salvage Coy. D.A.S.O.S. Personnel Details of 8th Brigade.
	95	
	96	
	97	
19.	13a	1 coy, 1 cooker and team. (30th
	98	15th A.A.S.C.
	94	8th Field Sq. A.S.
22.	13a	1 coy, cooker & team. (31st Bn.)
	14a	1. " " (32nd Bn)
	91	8th Field Amb. and No. 2 Dental Unit.

[Handwritten signatures and initials]
 8th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

8TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
 No. P102/819
 Date 24/7/17