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| S 26 d | Nov. 1st 1916 | | Dull and Showery. One Battalion sent out on roadmaking. Most of the working Parties detached from the 57th Bn were returned to the unit. It was found that of the 100 men detailed to assist the 8th Field Ambulance with bearer parties over 40 have gone to Hospital with feet trouble - apparently "trench foot." | |
| | | | R CASUALTIES - 5 O.R. K - 9 O.R. W REINFORCEMENTS - 6 O.R. | |
| do - | 2nd | | Raining Steadily. 5th Bde Order No. 84 received. (Appendix 52b). Before any action was possible in connection with Order No. 84 verbal orders were received to be prepared to move out of the line. | Appendix 52b. |
| | | 2pm. | Definite Orders were received for the Brigade to move to DERNANCOURT. | |
| | | 2.45pm | The 57th Bn marched from S 26. Reached DERNANCOURT at 6pm. | |
| | | 3 pm | The 15th M.G. Coy & 15th A.T.M.B. — do — — do — 6.15pm | |
| | | 3.30pm | The 59th Bn marched from S 16 - — do — 7.0 pm | |
| | | 4.0pm | The 60th Bn marched from S 26 - — do — 7.30 pm | |
| | | | Bde H.Q. marched with the M.G. Coy. | |
| | | | 1st line Transport did not get away until later and arrived at destination as late as Midnight. Owing to the depth of the mud it took 6 & 8 horses to move a 3 horse load. | |
| | | | The baggage waggons were not available owing to the short notice & Consequently did not come up. They made the journey next day. | |
| | | | About 100 men of the 60th Bn who were doing stretcher bearer relay work with the 8th Field Ambulance did not accompany their Unit. | |
| | | | The relieving Brigade (6th Bde) was met on the road & the two columns clashing with other lines of traffic were delayed by the congestion. | |

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| | 7/11/16 | | It was remarkable how quickly the Brigade cleared the Camp Area. 5th Div Order No. 85 received (Appendix No 54) Casualties 1 OR. K. 9 OR. W. | Appendix 54 |
| DERNANCOURT | 3rd | | Fine day - Men getting their clothes and equipment dry. Generally a day of rest. | |
| do- | Hth | | Fine day - Equipment was checked and all surplus handed to the Salvage Company. All available men were sent out on a route march. The baths at MEAULTE were kept going all day. The men are quite cheerful and cases of sickness are on the decrease. A table showing the daily situation as regards sickness is attached (Appendix 55) A Strength return for today is also attached. (Appendix 56) | Appendix 55 Appendix 56. |
| | | | Reinforcements = 79 for 59th Bn. Casualties — Nil | |
| | | | We are now furnishing 430 men for various fatigue duties in this area. | |
| do- | 5th | | After a sharp storm at night the day turned out fine. General Church parades in the morning - baths and physical exercise in the afternoon. | |
| | | | Reinforcements - 30 O.R. Casualties - Nil | |
| | | 2pm | Billeting parties left for FLESSELLES. | |
| | | 11 pm | 5th Div Order No. 87 received (Appendix 54a) 15th Bde Order No. 60 issued (Appendix 54b) | Appendix 54a - do - 54b |
| | | | 38 O.R. left for the Corps School at BOIS ESCARDONNEUSE. | |
| do- | 6th | | Showery. All detached parties except the Stretcher bearer detail returned during the forenoon. | |
| | | | The transport got away well on time and billetted at night at COISY. | |
| | | | Riding horses and bicycles despatched at 1 pm arrived at their destination at 7 pm | |
| | | | The lorry loading of the personnel was not so well Conducted by the French as on the last occasion - it took 1½ hours to complete. The ~~debus~~ lorry journey terminated at the railway Station about 1000 yds away and troops marched to their billets. The | |

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| | 6th ~~Oct~~ Nov | | Last unit reached billets at 10 pm.<br>The 57th Bn were billetted in MONTONVILLERS (2 miles away) and the rest of the Brigade in FLESSELLES. The people are not so markedly hostile as at VAUCHELLES &c. but they do not appear to have appreciated the 13th Bde.<br>Railhead is at VIGNACOURT. Tomorrows rations were dumped for us by the 4th Division.<br>Brigade HQ. is established in the CHATEAU.<br>The French Mortar Battery retained their equipment as the ~~14th~~ 5th Bde refused to make the usual transfer.<br>While at DERNANCOURT the arrest of two men of the 58th Bn who were somewhat violent was greatly magnified by 1st ANZAC. In reality it was just an ordinary case of two drunks who tried to get their own way. - No damage to civilians or property was occasioned.<br>Reinforcements - Nil Casualties - Nil | |
| FLESSELLES | 7th ~~Oct~~ Nov | | Showery & cold - Inspection of feet and checking of equipment.<br>Lieut GODFREY 58th Bn & LIEUT GOLLAN 58th had been nominated for training as Junior Staff Officers - Capt J.J. SCANLON is now substituted for the latter who is employed in the "A" branch at Division H.Q. Our sick have to be evacuated to RIBEMONT which seems a very roundabout way.<br>Reinforcements - 1 offr 32 OR. Casualties Nil. | |

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| FLESSELLES | 8th | | Fine. Units engaged in close order drill &c under Battalion arrangements.<br>Reinforcements - 2 Offrs 3 O.R. Casualties - Nil<br>Winter Clothing issued (includes Cardigans, woollen underclothing, sheep skins &c)<br>The last spell in the trenches played havoc with the uniforms. Boots suffered heavily.<br>To replace damages the requirements are Jackets 30%, trousers 170% and boots about 40%.<br>A programme of training covering a week was drawn up; the work to be done is mainly to give the men a better idea of attack and Consolidation requirements during our next tour in the trenches.<br>Leave parties left for England - this is the commencement of a further period of special leave.<br>We are busily employed re-shoeing horses and mules. There had been a shortage of shoes but a supply has been obtained. A large number of animals were lame owing to not being re-shod at the proper time.<br>Generally speaking the present billets are good. | |
| do - | 9th. | | Fine day. The morning was devoted to close order drill. Leave to AMIENS at the rate of 21 per Battalion per day Commenced. Afternoon - Lectures and physical training.<br>Further supplies of winter clothing received. | |
| do - | 10th. | | Fine day. Lieut GODFREY, 58th Bn, attached to 14th Bde for training in Staff duties. Lieut HOUGHTON, 59th Bn attached to 15th Bde for training in Staff duties.<br>Forenoon parades - Route March and lecture. Afternoon parades - Close order drill. Lecture to young Officers by the Bde Major on "Duties in Billets" &c.<br>Daily sick parades are very heavy owing to the Colds and Kindred Complaints Contracted during the recent wet weather.<br>Reinforcements - Nil Casualties - Nil | |

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| FLESSELLES | 11th | | Fine but dull. Forenoon devoted to Physical Exercises and lectures & the afternoon to "Strong Point" Construction. The Commander-in-Chief (General Sir Douglas HAIG) visited the Battalions during the afternoon parade. At 4.45 pm the Bde Major lectured young Officers on "Duties in Trenches". Further clothing issues were made. Practically all our animals are now shod. | |
| -do- | 12th | | Foggy and very dull. At 10.30 a.m. there was a General Church Parade. Lieut Gen. Birdwood attended and at the Conclusion presented Medals to about 12 Officers & O.R. of this and the 14th Bde. Gen. Birdwood also made a very feeling address to the men. ~~At~~ A March ~~the~~ Past then took place. There was no training parade. Reinforcements – O.R. 100 Casualties – Nil Strength Return for Saturday 11th Nov. is attached (Appendix 57) | Appendix 57 |
| -do- | 13th | | Mist and fine rain. The days parades included a Short Route March and demonstration of the methods of Artillery barrage fire. Lecture to young Officers. Reinforcements – Nil Casualties – Nil | |
| -do- | 14th | | Misty. Days parades dealt mainly with the Construction of trenches. One Battalion was required to proceed to ST SAUVEUR to fill in old trenches left by a previous Brigade. The box respirators of the 58th Bn, 59th Bn, M.G. Coy and A.L.T.M.B. were inspected by the Divisional Gas Officer. Contrary to expectation the percentage of damages was small (only about 4%) Div Order No. 89 received (Appendix 58) Bde Order No. 61 issued (Appendix 58a) | Appendix 58 " 58a |

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| | 14th | | Reinforcements – Nil Casualties – Nil | |
| FLESSELLES | 15th | | Fine day. 12 Officers and 25 O.R. proceeded to the Aircraft Liaison School at ALLONVILLE for 2 days Course. As the day was very cold work was limited to physical exercises, games &c. Issues of warm clothing were completed. Reinforcements – Nil Casualties – Nil | |
| do – | 16th | | Fine day after heavy frost. The transport columns marched vide Bde Order No 61. Companies were getting men bathed and generally readied for the move. Reinforcements – Nil Casualties – Nil | |
| DERNANCOURT | 17th | | Fine but very cold (frost & ice remained all day). The move was carried out exactly as laid down. It took 1½ hrs to get the men into the lorries owing to the methods of the French Officers in charge. By 2.30 pm, the troops, transport, and riding horses were in their billets. The second blanket was withdrawn and stored in VIGNACOURT. The G.O.C. went to confer with Guards Division re ~~transfer~~ relief of front line. 5th Div. Order No 90 received (appendix 58b) Bde Order No 62 issued (appendix 58c) Reinforcements – Nil Casualties – Nil 4 Officers 8 N.C.O.s & 20 O.R. reported at the Divisional School ~~DERNANCOURT~~ MONTONVILLERS. Lieut Col. LAYH, 59th Bn, took over charge of the Div. School pending the arrival of Lt Col. MASON. Our bicycles are in a bad way & very few of them came through the days journey without mishap – no doubt this is due to the fact that they are not maintained in good order during the wet weather or overhauled after being used on the muddy roads. | Appendix 58b Appendix 58c |

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| MONTAUBAN S 26 d | 18th | | About ½ inch of snow fell during the early morning. At 9 a.m. rain commenced to fall and the roads were soon extremely muddy. The wet and cold combined made matters very uncomfortable.<br>The G.O.C. with the C.O.s & 2 Coy Commanders from the 57th & 60th Bns went forward to the H.Qrs of the Brigade we are intended to relieve.<br>The transport found the road much congested. Owing to an order from 1st ANZAC that we were not to occupy the MONTAUBAN Camp before 5 pm the last unit did not get in until 6.30 pm. The ground between the main road and the huts was much cut up & waggons required double teams.<br>The weather warmed up as the rain commenced.<br>Reinforcements – 31 O.R. Casualties – Nil.<br>15th Bde Order No 63 issued (appendix 58 d) | Appendix 58 d |
| do- | 19th | | After rain the day was cloudy and very cold. The ground is again one vast bog.<br>5th Div. Order No 91 received (Appendix 59) 15th Bde Order No 64 issued (Appendix 59 a)<br>The move detailed in order 63 was completed by 5 pm.<br>Lieut SALMON (Bde Int. Officer) left to take charge of the Division Observation Post.<br>Lieut CORNEY was detailed to carry out Bde H. O. duties.<br>Our telephone line to Division is a ground line and was repeatedly cut by transport moving about; repeated requests have been made for an air line.<br>Reinforcements – Nil Casualties – Nil<br>Strength Return for 18th Nov. attached (Appendix 60) | Appendix 59<br>do 59a<br>Appendix 60 |

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| MONTAUBAN | 30th | | Time sent cold. The 59th Bn, both Bns, 15th Welsh & 15th L.T.M.B. moved into the front line as ordered. Owing to absence of Communication trenches the last 2000 yds going was across the open - the ground was very heavy. Every man took forward 2 grenades and 2 sand bags. It was intended to take forward two days rations but these were not available when required. The both Bn started before time and were shelled heavily - they sustained 6 casualties. Otherwise the change was successful. The ration train due at 2pm did not arrive and we had to draw from reserve dumps. Brigade Order 65 issued (Appendix 59b) | Appendix 59b |
| | | | Reinforcements - Nil. Casualties - Nil. | |
| S 12 (Line) | 31st | | Hd Brigade Headquarters marched at 9 am and relieved HQ 3rd Guards Brigade by 10.30 am. Left CORBIE. The day was very foggy and the 60th Bn ration mules lost their way - they started at 5 am. and had not reached their destination at 2 pm. The other units were O.K. | |
| | | 11 am | Q. Branch telephoned that train overdue from yesterday had broken down at CARNOY & we were asked to send some of our transport to CARNOY to assist the 2nd Division Train to bring the supplies to MONTAUBAN Depot: as our wagons were away scouting for forage we could not help very much. | |
| | | | The vicinity of Bde H.Q. was shelled all day with H.E. | |
| | | | The 58th Bn arrived D'Camp at 4.30 pm. | |
| | | | Our snipers accounted for 4 enemy and the Lewis Guns for about 10. The enemy put barrages at frequent intervals during the day about 50 yds behind our front trenches - towards evening this barrage grew more intense. | |
| | | | The enemy's snipers and patrols do not appear to be active. | |
| | | | Brigade Order No 66 issued (Appendix 59c). | Appendix 59c |
| | | | Reinforcements - 7 O.R. Casualties - 8 O.R. Wounded. | |

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| S 12 (Line) | 23rd | | Foggy but a little warmer. The ration trouble was adjusted during the night. One platoon of 57th Bn was permanently detailed to assist the 14th Field Coy - this Coy is allotted for duty to the left Brigade Sector.<br>Lieut Gen. BIRDWOOD called at Brigade H.Q. to-day.<br>The G.O.C. went to the front line at 3pm and intends to stay there all night.<br>We supplied 3 cooks to assist at the Divisional Soup Kitchen which has been established in rear of the Brigade for the benefit of men coming out of the front line. (Soup can be obtained at any hour and whole Companies can be supplied).<br>An enemy aeroplane was shot down in our area and two machine guns were salvaged from it - the Nos are 452 a and 461 a. These guns were sent to our Division ~~Ammunition Depot~~ Headquarters. The pilot of the machine was dead.<br>The relief of the 60th Bn by the 58th Bn was carried out successfully by 6 am~~bu~~s. next morning.<br>Between 7 pm and 8.30 pm the enemy put a heavy barrage on ground behind our front line. He also shelled promiscuously through the day.<br>We captured two prisoners of the 102 Saxon Regiments who mistakenly approached our trenches (60th Bn front). Our - and enemy - snipers were very active.<br>The 58th Bn were caught by shell fire whilst relieving and had casualties from this cause.<br>Our ration arrangements are now working well.<br>The 60th Bn after relief had to move back about 5 miles and many of the men were so exhausted that they did not get to quarters until late the following day.<br>Reinforcements - Nil Casualties - Nil | |



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| S 12 (Line) | 23rd | | Fine day. Slightly milder.<br>Bde Order No. 64 issued (appendix 59d).<br>Artillery fire active on both sides. Hostile 5.9" shelled NEEDLE trench during the night.<br>Aerial activity was great throughout the day.<br>The 57th Bn relieved the 59th Bn in the Right Battalion Sector by midnight. The 57th Bn sustained 5 casualties during the relief.<br>The L.T.M.B. while relieving last night had 2 K and 1 Seriously wounded. The 4 mortars taken over from the GUARDS are practically useless through rust. We are busy pushing STOKES ammunition forward.<br>Our front is still in parts only a chain of shell holes and there are still no Communications trenches for 2000 yds from the front line. A Sketch showing work performed by the Brigade is attached (Sketch 5)<br>Reinforcements – Nil<br>Casualties – 3 OR. K 9 OR. W | appendix 59d<br>Sketch 5 |
| do- | 24th. | | Fine but dull. The 59th Bn is detailed as a permanent fatigue, vide Div Order No. 92 (appendix 59e). The platoons of the other Battalions are returned to their units.<br>One Company of the 5th Pioneer Battalion commenced work on Communication trenches in front of NEEDLE Trench yesterday.<br>The enemy shelled our front line in R 21 d (58th Bn) and also the support & reserve lines. Our snipers have now gained the ascendency – they get victims every day. The enemy's artillery fired a number of shells into his own front line during the day. A hostile aeroplane flying low fired a burst of M.G. fire into our front line trench but | appendix 59e |

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| | 24th Cont | | but did not cause any casualties.<br>The 60th Bn moved to SWITCH TRENCH by 8 pm.<br>The Divisional Commander visited Bde HQ. at 10.0 am.<br>During the previous night 4 Lewis Gun attachments of the 57th Bn when relieving disappeared. Owing to the impossibility of lateral communication in the front line their fate was unknown for about 18 hours when they turned up in the front of the left Battalion. The difficulty of direction at night time is most pronounced and frequently reliefs walk right past our trenches - the front line is not yet continuous in parts.<br>Reinforcements - Nil Casualties - 4 OR K 2 off 14 O.R. W | |
| S 12 (line) | 25th | | Dull with light Showers. Our left boundary has now been altered and we have a much enlarged area; more of SWITCH Trench, Bde H.Q. site and a Camp in DELVILLE WOOD comes to us.<br>A Sketch (Sketch 6) showing the position at 6 pm 26/11/16 is attached.<br>The vicinity of Bde HQ. was shelled several times during the day and the enemy kept up a light barrage on the front line and all trenches in rear.<br>There were several heavy showers during the day and all trenches soon became very wet and uncomfortable. The programme was departed from to the extent that the 60th Bn H.Q. went right forward to ROSE TRENCH. All other troops in NEEDLE Trench moved back to SWITCH Trench leaving the former to the 60th Bn. The 57th Bn are sending hot tea to their front line troops at night but the other Battalion has not yet succeeded in doing this.<br>The reinforcements which arrived yesterday are not to go into the front line (Orders of G.O.C. Div) but have been attached to the 59th Bn temporarily at 'D' Camp. | Sketch 6 |

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| Line. | 25th Cont. | | The night was fine. Hostile M.G. fire is almost Continuous at night. Our front line is now getting more artillery attention than formerly although the Enemy call for range to Lenthen in place where the trenches are at all close - apparently they do not trust their own gunners. Reinforcements - 2 Off and 121 O.R. Casualties - 6 O.R. K 29 O.R W 2 O.R. M | |
| | 26th. | | Showery but mild. The Corps Policy of defence of the line was laid down and Div. General Staff Memos Nos 62 and 63 were received to cover the preparation for this. (Appendix 61 a & 61 b). It will be some time before we can do much owing to the lack of material. There is very little in the way of stores - duckboards (the most essential thing at present) can only be obtained in limited quantities. During the night the 58th Bn moved to SWITCH Trench. The Hostile artillery was very active. All working parties were shelled. At NEEDLE Trench one H.E Shell Killed 7 men of the 60th Bn. * The SWITCH Trench also was heavily Shelled at intervals. The hostile Infantry were inactive. The day gradually got finer and the observations Condition improved. At night the new Scheme of making each Battalion carry Stores and rations forward to the next did not work well - tonight we hope to correct the faults. The 59th Bn carries to SWITCH, the SWITCH Bn to NEEDLE and NEEDLE to ~~[illegible]~~ ROSE; the SWITCH Battalion apparently were at fault. Reinforcements - 1 Off & 6 O.R. Casualties - 8 O.R. W * Included in total of 27th inst. | |





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| Line | 27th. | | Day fine with good observation. Major Burrows reported on transfer from 13th Bde. Strength Return for 25th inst attached (Appendix 61) Sick Wastage Return 3/16th Nov attached (appendix 55a) The hostile artillery was active and practically all our trenches received attention. The vicinity of Bde H.Q. was also shelled. The hostile Infantry action was slight. The 12th Bde on our left was relieved by the 4th Brigade. We were able, by using heat boxes, to send hot food to all parts of the front line during the night. We found that all STOKES ammunition in the front line was defective. 12000 sandbags were sent as far forward as NEEDLE Trench: duckboards are still not available. Reinforcements – Nil Casualties – 4 O.R. W | Appendix 61 -do- 55a |
| Line | 28th | | Misty with poor observation. We are informed by D.H.Q. that we will be relieved by the 14th Bde on 30th Nov. Bde Order No. 68 issued (appendix 62) Enemy artillery again active. One Shell Killed two mules and wounded 3 O.R. of the Machine Gun Company. A barrage on the front line was noted at 6.45pm. The 58th Bn moved to NEEDLE Trench and the 57th Bn to SWITCH Trench. The G.O.C. 14th Bde called during the day. Enemy's artillery was very active in spite of the mist and used much shrapnel; no doubt they were under the impression we were moving about freely in the open. At 11 am and 6pm he placed heavy barrages. | Appendix 62a |

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Headquarters

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | We were able to obtain 4 pumps and a further large supply of sandbags, but no duckboards. | |
| | | | Reinforcements – 15 O.R. Casualties – 14 O.R. K 16 O.R. W | |
| Line | 29th | | Misty with frost all day. We were able to make the front line a little more comfortable and we have now got rid of most of the mud from the trenches. | |
| | | | Div. Order 93 received (Appendix 62). | Appendix 62. |
| | | | Enemy artillery fire was not so heavy as usual. | |
| | | | The 56th Bn came up and relieved the 57th Bn in SWITCH, the latter moved back to MAMETZ. | |
| | | | The 58th Bn relieved the 60th Bn in the front line, the latter moved to ~~[illegible]~~ NEEDLE Trench. | |
| | | | Works Report and Map submitted to D.H.Q. | |
| | | | Reinforcements – 2 O.R. Casualties – 2 O.R. K 13 O.R. W | |
| do | 30th | | Fine but dull and cold. Hostile shelling of our front line system was fairly severe and was directed on any place where one or two men were seen. | |
| | | | The 60th Bn was relieved by the 55th Bn and moved to BERNAFAY WOOD Camp. | |
| | | | The 58th Bn was relieved in the front line by the 56th Bn and moved back to NEEDLE Trench; they came in for a considerable amount of fire ( casualties) | |
| | | | A large supply of duckboards was received during the day & arrangements have been made to send them forward tomorrow. | |
| | | | During the day enemy working parties were very active in their front line trench – they took advantage of the mist and were no doubt cleaning the mud out of the trench. | |
| | | | Reinforcements – Nil Casualties – 2 O.R. K 5 O.R. W | |
| | | | ~~At 5.45 pm the enemy heavily bombarded our right company sector – our artillery responded with barrage. After 25 minutes the enemy's fire slackened~~ | |

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# WAR DIARY
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# INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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16th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Headquarters

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Line – | General – 30/11/16 | | This period 10 days was very trying. The distance of the front line from Camps was so great that men reached their quite tired out. The heavy rain converted the trenches into slush pits owing to the scarcity of duckboards the men were knee-deep in it. Only a few gum boots were available. An arrangement of hot food boxes was designed to carry hot food from near GINCHY to the front line – the system worked well when in full swing – the boxes were taken up by relays. e.g. from GINCHY to NEEDLE & then on to the front line. Difficulty was experienced in getting the boxes back from the front.<br>There was practically no shelter for the men and they suffered severely. Trench feet cases commenced to occur with the rain. What appears to be an unusually large number of cases occurred and an inquiry is being made into the cause. A digest of the report will be attached as an appendix later.<br>Practically no work had been done on this section of the front and the conditions will be bad for some weeks to come | |

Geo. D. Wieck Major
Bde Major, 15th Inf Bde



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# 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 84

14th INFANTRY BRIGADE
No.
INFANTRY BRIGADE

Headquarters,
1st November 1916.

1. The minor operation ordered in 5th Australian Division Order No. 82 will take place on 3rd November.

2. The objective of the attack of the 14th Brigade is modified as follows, and will be the BLUE LINE on the map accompanying 5th Australian Division Order No. 79.
This line runs from N.13.c.4.2 along BAYONET TRENCH to BITE TRENCH in M.24.b.4.9. It crosses the Sunken Road at M.18.d.1.1 and then runs along the GIRD SUPPORT line to the Corps Boundary at M.18.c.3.9.

3. The Field Artillery barrage will halt along a line about 250 yards beyond the objective defined above, while consolidation is in progress.

4. C.R.E. will issue orders regarding the modifications necessary in Engineer and Pioneer arrangements.

5. Watches will be synchronised under arrangements to be made by the O.C., Divisional Signal Company at 9.0 a.m. and 7.0 p.m. on 2nd November.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

A.J. Bonse Capt
for Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th Australian Division.

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| C.R.A. (12th Division) | 7 |
| C.R.E. | 8 |
| Divisional Signal Co. | 9 |
| A.D.M.S. | 10 |
| Divisional Bomb Officer | 11 |

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 85.

Headquarters,
2nd November 1916.

1. The operations ordered in 5th Australian Division Order No. 82 are postponed.

2. The 5th Australian Division will be relieved in the line by the 2nd Australian Division. Relief will commence on the 3rd November and be complete by night 4th/5th November.

3. The 14th Infantry Brigade will be relieved by 7th Infantry Brigade.
The 8th " " " 6th "
The 15th " " " 5th "
Details of reliefs in front line will be arranged between Brigadiers concerned.

4. C.R.E. will arrange reliefs of Field Companies Engineers and Pioneers with C.R.E. 2nd Australian Division, taking on the work on which the 2nd Australian Division is engaged.

5. A.D.M.S. will arrange reliefs of Field Ambulances with A.D.M.S. 2nd Australian Division under orders from D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac Corps.

6. A movement table is attached.

7. 8th and 14th Brigades will hand over to incoming Brigades all trench maps, plans, photographs, etc. actually belonging to the Sectors, together with all schemes and orders relating to operations in contemplation or in progress, particularly those dealing with the operations ordered in Division Order No. 82 as modified by Division Order No. 84

8. Stokes Mortars and ammunition up in the line, all dumps, and trench stores will be handed over.

9. The following working parties of 2nd Australian Division will be relieved as follows:-
24th Battalion on road work by 1 battalion 8th Brigade,
2 officers 122 other ranks at VIVIER MILL by 15th Brigade.
1 Battalion 2nd Division railway work by 1 battalion 8th Brigade.

10. G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division assumes command of the line from N.19.b.9.3 to M.17.d.7.5 at 8 a.m. on 5th November, with Headquarters at FRICOURT CHATEAU.

11. Headquarters 5th Australian Division will be at RIBEMONT from 12 noon on 5th November.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Conway Stat...

Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
5th Australian Division.

P.T.O.

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| C.R.E. | 5 |
| A.D.M.S. | 6 |
| 8th Divisional Signal Co. | 7 |
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| Camp Commandant D.H.Q. | 11 |

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1ST AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

# TABLE OF MOVES TO ACCOMPANY 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No.85

| Move No. | Date | Unit | From | To | Route | Relieved by | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2.11.16 | 15th Inf. Bde less 59th Bn. | MONTAUBAN Camp | DERNANCOURT | via MEAULTE | 7th Inf.Bde | - |
| 2. | 3.11.16 | 59th Bn. | S.15.d | DERNANCOURT | via MONTAUBAN, HAMETZ | - | - |
| 3. | 3.11.16 | 2 battalions 14th Inf.Bde | S.15.d | FRICOURT Camp | | 7th Inf.Bde | - |
| 4. | 3/4.11.16 | 14th Inf.Bde less 2 Bns. | Front line | S.15.d | - | 7th Inf.Bde | - |
| 5. | 4.11.16 | 2 Battalions 14th Inf.Bde | FRICOURT Camp | RIBEMONT | via MEAULTE | - | - |
| 6. | 4.11.16 | 14th Inf.Bde less 2 Bns. | S.15.d | RIBEMONT FRICOURT CAMP | via MEAULTE | - | Start 8 a.m. |
| 7. | 4.11.16 | 1 Battalion 8th Inf.Bde | Reserve &c | BAZENTIN | - | - | Relieves 24th Bn. |
| 8. | 4.11.16 | 1 Battalion 8th Inf.Bde | Support &c | Railway work | - | - | Relieves 1 Bn, 2nd Div. |
| 9. | 4/5.11.16 | 8th Inf.Bde less 2 Bns. | Front Line | S.15.d | - | 6th Inf.Bde | - |
| 10. | 5.11.16 | 8th Inf.Bde less 2 Bns. | S.15.d. | FRICOURT Camp | - | - | - |
| 11. | 6.11.16 | 8th Inf.Bde less 2 Bns | FRICOURT | BUIRE | via ALBERT | - | Start 8 a.m. |
| 12 | 5.11.16 | 14th Bde less 2 Bns | FRICOURT CAMP | RIBEMONT | Via MEAULTE | | Start 8 a.m |

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# 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER 87

1 The 5th Australian Division less Units shown in the margin will move from the DERNACOURT BUIRE RIBEMONT Area to the FLESSELLES VIGNACOURT RAINNEVILLE area.

| |
|---|
| 5th Divl. Artillery |
| 8th, 14th, 15th Field Coys. R.E. |
| 5th Pioneer Battalion |
| Portions of Divl. Train supplying above Units |

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2. The moves will be in accordance with the attached table.

3. Advance parties to take over billets will proceed to area to be occupied on day preceding the move of their units. The BILLETING of the transport details will be carried out each day by the interpreters of the Divisional Train.

4. The 15th Infantry Brigade will be rationed on Nov. 7th in B area by 4th Australian Division under arrangements to be made by S.S.O.

5. Parties on reaching the embussing point will be drawn up on the North side of and clear of the road. The instructions contained in Fourth Army Memorandum No.OC/890 attached will be adhered to.

6. Guides will be provided for each Unit. at debussing point.

7. Units which have not drawn the second blanket will do so from D.A.D.O.S. at VIGNACOURT on arrival in their new areas.

8. Divisional Headquarters will close at RIBEMONT at 12 noon and will re-open at VIGNACOURT at 3 p.m., 8th instant.

R.F. Varwell Major

Lieut. Colonel,
Gen. Staff 5th Australian Division.

5/11/16.

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| 8th Infantry Brigade | 1 |
| 14th Infantry Brigade | 2 |
| 15th Infantry Brigade | 3 |
| 5th Pioneer Battalion | 4 |
| C.R.E. | 5 |
| A.D.M.S. | 6 |
| 5th Divisional Signal Co. | 7 |
| 5th Divisional Train | 8 |
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| D.A.D.O.S. | 10 |
| Camp Commandant, D.H.Q. | 11 |

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| MOVE | DATE Nov. | UNIT | FROM | TO | METHOD | TIME AND PLACE OF EMBUSSING | ROUTE AND DEBUSSING POINT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No.1 | 6th | 15th Inf.Bde. Group. Less Field Co. R.E. | Z Area DERNANCOURT | B Area (FLESSELLES) | Bus | Head of column to be at road junction ½ mile EAST of VILLE-SOUS - CORBIE at 3 p.m. Parade 1.30 pm | VILLE-TREUX-RIBEMONT D 20 b 6 2 - QUERRIEU - AMIENS to Station 1000 yards SOUTH of FLESSELLES. |
| No.2 | 6th | Transport 15th Inf. Bde. Group | Z Area | C Area (RAINNEVILLE-COISY-CARDONETTE) | March route | Start 9 a.m. | By HEILLY - BONNAY - LA NEUVILLE - DAOURS |
| No.3 | 7th | 8th Inf.Bde. Group Less Field Co R.E. | Y Area BUIRE | A Area (VIGNACOURT) - | Bus | Same place and time as No.1 | QUERRIEU - AMIENS - ST VAAST to X roads immediately SOUTH of VIGNACOURT (½ mile N.E. of BOIS DUCROQUET |
| No.4 | 7th | Transport Group 8th Inf.Bde./ | Y Area | C Area | March Route | Start 9 a.m. | HEILLY - QUERRIEU ALLONVILLE |
| No.5 | 7th | Transport Group 15th Inf.Bde. | C Area | B Area | March Route | Start 9 a.m. | COISY BERTANGLES |
| No.6 | 8th | 14th Inf.Bde. Group Less Field Co. R.E. | X Area RIBEMONT | C Area | Bus | Head of Column to be at junction FRAINVILLERS BONNAY and ALBERT - AMIENS roads at 3 p.m. | QUERRIEU & AMIENS to junction ALLONVILLE COISY and AMIENS - RAINVILLE roads. |
| No.7 | 8th | Transport 8th Bde.Group | C Area | A Area | March Route | Start 9 a.m. | COISY - BERTANGLES |
| No.8 | 8th | Transport 14th Inf.Bde. Group & Div. H.Qrs. | X Area | C Area | March Route | Start 9 a.m. | HEILLY - QUERRIEU ALLONVILLE |

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| NO. | DATE Nov. | UNIT | FROM | TO | METHOD | TIME AND PLACE OF DEBUSSING | ROUTE AND DEBUSSING POINT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No.9 | 8th | Divl. H.Qrs. H.Qrs Div. T Train. | X Area | A Area | Bus | Head of Column ½ mile WEST of MERICOURT on road to CORBIE at 2 p.m. | CORBIE-VECQUEMONT AMIENS-ST VAAST to VIGNACOURT |
| No.10 | 9th | Transport Div. H.Qrs | C Area | VIGNACOURT | March Route | Start 9 a.m. | COISY-BERTANGLES |

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STRICTLY

The following instructions will be adhered to by troops embarking in French buses.

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The French Officers of the Mechanical Transport Service are alone responsible for the embarkation of troops.

The vehicles are of different types and it is the duty of the French Officer to allot the men to various vehicles, so as to ensure the best use being made of the transport available.

In order that troops may embark without delay, the procedure will be as follows:-

1. Troops for embarkation will be drawn up, off the road, in columns of route at right angles to the road, or on a road leading into that on which embarkation is tking place.

2. On embarking, men are led in file, companies of a battalion following each other without intervals. All N.C.O's in the ranks.

3. The file passes by a French Officer, who allots a suitable number to each vehicle. The driver of the vehicle has been previously given his instructions, and no additional orders are to be given to him.

4. The Officers of the Unit will usually travel in the leading vehicle, or vehicles, of their convoy, under instructions issued by the French Officer in Charge.

5. Field Officers are conveyed in the cars of the French Convoy Officers.

6. A special car is placed at the disposal of the G.O.C. a brigade.

7. In no case are any orders to be given except by French Officers, either as regards the embarkation of troops or as to allotment of vehicles to the troops.

(Sgd) R.S.MAY Lieut. Col.
A.A.M.G., Fourth Army

H.Qrs. Fourth Army.
27th Oct. 1916

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# 15th Aust. Inf. Bde Order No. 60

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Appendix 54 b

5th November 1916

1/ The 15th Brigade will move to FLESSELLES on 6th Nov. 1916

2/ The 29th a.a.s.c. and Bde 1st Line Transport will make the journey in two stages as under:—

1st Stage - Pass railway arch at 9 am 6/11/16. Destination - COISY

Route - BUIRE - RIBEMONT - HEILLY - BONNAY - DAOURS.

2nd Stage - to FLESSELLES via BERTANGLES. on 7/11/16.

Formation - O.C. Column - Captain W. H. BERRY.

29th a.a.s.c.
60th Bn
59th Bn
58th Bn
57th Bn
Bde H.Q., 15th M.G.C and 15th A.L.T.M.B.

100 yds interval to be kept between units.

3/ The personnel will board "bus" transport at VILLE-SOUS-CORBIE. The Column will form in file on the NORTH Side of the road, facing WEST with the head at the road junction 1/2 mile EAST of the village. The Column will pass the starting point (given verbally to C.O's) at 1.30 pm.

| |
|---|
| 15th Bde. H.Q. |
| 60th Bn |
| 59th Bn |
| 58th Bn |
| 57th Bn |
| 15th M.G. Coy |
| 15th A.L.T.M.B. |
| 29th a.a.s.c. |

4/ Horses - Officers chargers will assemble at Bde H.Q. at 1 pm under an Officer of the 57th Bn and march to FLESSELLES under special instructions.
all other horses will accompany the transport columns.

Bicycles - all serviceable bicycles will be paraded at Bde H.Q. at 1 pm under an Officer of the 58th Bn who will receive special instructions.
Unserviceable bicycles will be taken with personnel.

5/ Rations, dixies & one blanket per man will be carried by the troops.

6/ Billetting parties will proceed on the 5th inst.

7/ Certificates regarding the cleanliness of billets vacated will be rendered to Bde H.Q. by 6 pm on 6th inst.

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2 57th Bn
3 58th Bn
4 59th Bn
5 60th Bn
6 15th M.G.C.
7 15th A.L.T.M.B
8 29th a.a.s.c.

Geo F. Wurch
MAJOR
BDE. MAJOR
15th AUS. INF. BRIGADE

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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# 15th Australian Infantry Brigade

## Sick Wastage (Evacuation to Field Ambulance) during period 22/10/16 – 2/11/16

| Units | Dates | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Oct 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Nov 1 | 2 | | |
| 15th Bde. H.Q. | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| 57th Battalion | . | . | . | 9 | 4 | . | 8 | . | 12 | 7 | 27 | 28 | 95 | Including 14 French Fevs |
| 58th Battalion | 4 | 10 | . | . | 13 | . | 8 | 7 | 14 | 4 | 10 | 7 | 77 | " " 2 " " |
| 59th Battalion | . | 5 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 4 | . | . | 12 | 6 | 10 | 49 | . |
| 60th Battalion | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 57 | . |
| 15th M. G. Coy. | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | 9 | 10 | " " 2 " " |
| 15th A.L.T.M.B. | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | . |
| Total | 6 | 16 | 2 | 20 | 25 | 9 | 27 | 15 | 40 | 28 | 45 | 56 | 289 | " " 18 " " |

NOTE – Large numbers on 1st & 2nd Nov. are due to unfit men being kept by the units until the move compelled evacuation.

Geo. F. Wien
MAJOR
BDE. MAJOR
15th AUS. INF. BRIGADE

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# 15TH Australian Infantry Brigade

## Sick Wastage (Evacuation to Field Ambulance) during period 3/11/16–16/11/16

| Unit | Dates: Nov 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | Returned to Unit | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15TH Brigade, H.Q. | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | - | - | . | - | . | . | | |
| 57TH Battalion | 3 | 15 | 1 | 5 | . | 2 | . | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 4 | | |
| 58TH Battalion | . | 5 | . | 1 | 2 | 1 | . | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1 | | |
| 59TH Battalion | 10 | 6 | 1 | . | 17 | 8 | . | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | – | 5 | | |
| 60TH Battalion | 9 | 3 | 5 | . | . | 18 | 23 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 2 | | |
| 15TH M.G. Coy. | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | 2 | – | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | |
| 15TH A.L.T.M.B. | . | . | . | . | 1 | 2 | 1 | – | – | – | 3 | – | – | – | | |
| Total | 22 | 29 | 7 | 6 | 20 | 31 | 25 | 19 | 15 | 11 | 18 | 17 | 14 | 15 | | |

None of these days were spent in trenches
Nor were there any long marches.

Geo Twin Major
Bde Major, 15th Bde

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# 15th Australian Infantry Brigade

Sick Wastage (Evacuation to Field Ambulance) during period 17/11/16 - 30/11/16.

| Unit | Dates. 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Returned to Unit Totals | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15th Brigade H.Q. | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7th Battalion | 3 | 1 | 22 | 4 | 5 | - | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 15 | 41 | 94 | 198 | |
| 8th Battalion | 10 | 7 | 7 | - | 6 | 17 | - | - | - | 21 | 53 | 33 | - | 27 | 156 | |
| 9th Battalion | - | 6 | 10 | 6 | - | 8 | 12 | - | 2 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 66 | |
| 10th Battalion | - | 3 | 3 | - | * | 3 | - | 12 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 76 | |
| 15th M.G. Coy. | - | 2 | 1 | - | † 2 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 34 | This Unit averaged 28 men in the front line |
| 13th A.I.T.M.B. | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | 2 | 1 | - | 7 | This Unit averaged 13 men in the front line |
| Total. | 3 | 19 | 39 | 10 | 13 | 23 | 21 | 27 | 14 | 32 | 94 | 58 | 55 | 134 | 537 | |

* In the front line system
** Employed on carrying and quarry fatigues.
† 25 of these were in the front line system from this date onwards.
The large number in 57th Bn was due to suspected cases of trench feet who were sent off as a safeguard.
The above totals include all cases of Trench Feet.
The sick shown are actually reported sick on the previous day.

The original of this return is filed with diary for December 1916 as Appendix 5a (1)

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Geo. J. Wieck Major
Bde Major 15th Bde
30/11/16



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15. Aust. Inf. Bde

# Daily State

4th November 1916

| Unit | Actually with unit | | | In hpl | | | Detached | | | Ttl Effective Strength | | | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Off | O.R | Ttl | Off | O.R | Ttl | Off | O.R | Ttl | Off | O.R | Total | |
| 15. B.H.Q. | 7 | 22 | 29 | . | . | . | 1 | . | 1 | 8 | 22 | 30 | |
| 15 A.L.T.M.B. | 4 | 41 | 45 | . | 1 | 1 | . | 1 | 1 | 4 | 43 | 47 | |
| 15 M.G. Coy. | 7 | 132 | 139 | 2 | 6 | 8 | . | 2 | 2 | 9 | 140 | 149 | |
| 57. Bn. | 29 | 787 | 816 | . | 96 | 96 | 5 | 43 | 48 | 34 | 926 | 960 | |
| 58. Bn. | 23 | 714 | 737 | 2 | 53 | 55 | 6 | 25 | 31 | 31 | 792 | 823 | |
| 59. Bn. | 27 | 613 | 640 | . | 40 | 40 | 6 | 14 | 20 | 33 | 667 | 700 | |
| 60. Bn. | 19 | 536 | 555 | 7 | 52 | 59 | 4 | 34 | 38 | 30 | 622 | 652 | |
| Total | 116 | 2845 | 2961 | 11 | 248 | 259 | 22 | 119 | 141 | 149 | 3212 | 3361 | |

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BDE. MAJOR
15th AUS. INF. BRIGADE

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# Detached

| 15 M.G. Coy. | O | OR |
|---|---|---|
| 29. A.S.C. | . | 1 |
| 4th Army school | . | 1 |
| Total | . | 2 |
| **15 A.L.J.M.B.** | | |
| School of Inst. | . | 1 |
| **15. B.H.Q** | | |
| On leave. (Capt. STATT. G) | 1 | . |
| Total | 1 | 3 |

| 57. Bn. | O | OR |
|---|---|---|
| A.G's office. | . | 1 |
| D.H.Q cooks | . | 1 |
| Div Salvage Coy | . | 2 |
| Div Sig. Coy. | . | 3 |
| Bayonet & Bomb school | . | 1 |
| Lewis Gun school | . | 1 |
| Etaples Sig sch. (Capt. LINTON) | 1 | 1 |
| 29. A.S.C. | . | 3 |
| Div Bomb school (2/Lt. DAVIS) | 1 | 1 |
| Farrier school | . | 1 |
| Div Police. | . | 1 |
| Div Detention. | . | 1 |
| 4th Army school | 1 | 1 |
| Div Draughtsman | . | 1 |
| Traffic control | . | 8 |
| Telescopic Sight School (2/Lt. MUTER) | 1 | 3 |
| Trench Mortar school (2/Lt. MORRIS) | 1 | 1 |
| A.W.L | . | 3 |
| Engrs. Carpenters | . | 9 |
| Total | 5 | 43 |

| 58th Bn | O | OR |
|---|---|---|
| D.H.Q (Lt. Sollan) | 1 | . |
| Gym staff cooks 5th Div | . | 1 |
| D.H.Q. Off mess. | . | 1 |
| Div Salvage Coy. | . | 1 |
| Div Armourers shop | . | 1 |
| Div Gas school | . | 1 |
| Div Ordnance store | . | 2 |
| A.G's office. | . | 1 |
| 29th A.S.C. | . | 2 |
| 5th Div. A.P.M. (Lt. W. GRAZE) | 1 | 1 |
| Traffic Control | . | 6 |
| School of Inst. (Capt. H.D.G. FERRES. F.D. JOHNSTONE) | 2 | 2 |
| R.F.C. (2/Lt. H. Ross) | 1 | . |
| Snipers school (2/Lt. R.V. MOON) | 1 | 5. |
| Lewis Gun school | . | 1 |
| Total | 6 | 25 |

| 59 Bn | O | OR |
|---|---|---|
| Lewis Gun school (Capt. L.L. HORNBY) | 1 | 3 |
| L.J.M. School. (2/Lt. J.E. TURNOUR) | 1 | 1 |
| 5th Div Grenade school (Lt. J.S. MANN) | 1 | 2 |
| 4th Army school (Capt. S.W. NEALE, Lt. J.J. SCANLON, " G.S. SMITH) | 3 | 4 |
| 5th Div Police. (No. 10 Pte. C. CHAMBERLAIN) | . | 1 |
| 5th Div Salvage Coy | . | 1 |
| 29 A.S.C | . | 1 |
| A.G's office. | . | 1 |
| Total | 6 | 14 |

| 60. Bn | O | OR |
|---|---|---|
| Div Sig. Coy. | . | 1 |
| 29. A.S.C. | . | 2 |
| Div Salvage Coy. | . | 2 |
| Div Armourers shop | . | 1 |
| Officers school (Lt. NICHOL, " HAMILTON) | 2 | 5 |
| Trench Mortar school (Lt. RICHARDS) | 1 | 1 |
| M.G. school | . | 2 |
| Etaples instructor | . | 1 |
| A.G's office. | . | 1 |
| Traffic control (2/Lt. STILLMAN) | 1 | 3 |
| Div. Runners. | . | 15 |
| Total | 4 | 34 |

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# Daily State.

15. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Date. 11th November 1916.

| Unit. | Actually with unit | | | In hospl | | | Detached | | | Ttl Effective Strength | | | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Off | O.R | Total | Off | O.R | Total | Off | O.R | Total | Off | O.R | Total | |
| 15. B.H.Q | 7 | 23 | 30 | . | . | . | 1 | . | 1 | 8 | 23 | 31 | Excludes. 1 off. attached from 8. Bde. |
| 15. A.L.T.M.B. | 3 | 40 | 43 | . | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 46 | 50 | . |
| 15 M.G. Coy. | 6 | 144 | 150 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 13 | 9 | 163 | 172. | Excludes. 2. O.R. A.M.C attached. |
| 57. Bn. | 29 | 807 | 836 | . | 6 | 6 | 5 | 33 | 38 | 34 | 846 | 880. | Excludes. 5. O.R. A.M.C. attached 1 interpreter on leave. |
| 58 Bn. | 24 | 728 | 752 | 3 | 39 | 42 | 5 | 32 | 37 | 32 | 799 | 831 | Excludes. 5. O.R. A.M.C attached. |
| 59. Bn. | 25 | 585 | 610 | 2 | 25 | 27 | 7 | 41 | 48 | 34 | 651 | 685 | Excludes. 5. O.R. A.M.C attached 1 interpreter. |
| 60. Bn. | 20 | 517 | 537 | 9 | 78 | 87 | 3 | 22 | 25 | 32 | 617 | 649. | Excludes 6. O.R. A.M.C attached |
| Total | 114 | 2844 | 2958 | 15 | 159 | 174 | 24 | 142 | 166 | 153 | 3145 | 3298 | |

## Attached.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 29. A.S.C. | 4 | 79 | 83 | . | . | . | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 81 | 86. | |

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# Details of Detached.

| 15 M.G. Coy. | O | OR | 57th Bn. | O | OR | 58th Bn | O | OR | 59th Bn | O | OR | 60th Bn | O | OR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School of Inst. | 2 | 6 | A.G's office. | . | 1 | D.H.Q (Lt. H. GOLLAN) | 1 | . | 5th Div Grenade school (Lt J.S. MANN) | 1 | 2 | Div Sig school | . | 1 |
| {2/Lt. FOSTER, KERR.} | | | D.H.Q (3034. PTE. BROWN) | . | 1 | Gym staff cook | . | 1 | | | | 29. A.S.C. | . | 2 |
| 4th Army school | . | 1 | Div Salvage Coy | . | 2 | D.H.Q off mess | . | 1 | 4th Army school {Capt. S.W. NEALE, " J.J. SCANLON, " G.S. SMITH} | 3 | 4 | Div Salvage Coy. | . | 2 |
| On leave. | . | 3 | Div Sig Coy. | . | 3 | Div Salvage Coy | . | 1 | | | | Armourers shop | . | 1 |
| 29th A.S.C. | . | 1 | Bayonet + Bomb school | . | 1 | Armourers shop | . | 1 | 5th Div Police | . | 1 | Off school | 1 | 5 |
| | | | Inst Lewis Gun school | . | 1 | Gas school | . | 1 | 5th Div Salvage Coy | . | 1 | (Lt NICHOL) | | |
| Total. | 2 | 11 | Etaples Sig offs. (Capt. LINTON) | 1 | 1 | Ordnance stores | . | 2 | 29th A.S.C. | . | 1 | Lewis Gun school | . | 5 |
| | | | 29th A.S.C. | . | 3 | A.G's office. | . | 1 | A.G's office. | . | 1 | Etaples. instn. | . | 1 |
| 15. ALTMB. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leave. | 1 | 2 | Inst Div Bomb school (2/Lt DAVIS) | 1 | 1 | 29th A.S.C. | . | 2 | 4th Army Lewis Gun school | . | 9 | A.G's office. | . | 1 |
| School of Inst. | . | 2 | | | | A.P.M 5th Div. | 1 | 1 | 4th Army Grenade school (2/Lt G.A.W. BLANDFORD) | 1 | 20 | Traffic control. (Lt. STILLMAN) | 1 | 3 |
| | | | Tanks school. | . | 1 | Traffic control | . | 6 | | | | | | |
| 15. B.H.Q | | | Div Police. | . | 1 | School of Inst. {Capt. H.D.G. FERRIES, " F.D. JOHNSTONE} | 2 | 2 | On leave {2/Lt. J.E. KEATING, " J.B. SUTHERLAND} | 2 | 2 | Leave (Lt.Col. DUIGAN) | 1 | 1 |
| On leave (Capt. STATT.G) | 1 | . | Div Detention | . | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 4th Army school (Capt. AITCHISON) | 1 | 1 | Stokes Gun school | . | 8. | | | | | | |
| | | | Div Draughtsman. | . | 1 | Leave England. | . | 3 | | | | | | |
| | | | Traffic control | . | 7 | Lewis Gun school | . | 1 | | | | | | |
| | | | A.W.L | . | 4 | 14th B.H.Q | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| | | | Leave {Lt. DUFFY, 2/Lt. KNUCKEY} | 2 | 3 | (Lt. A.H.L. GODFREY) | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 1 | . | Total. | 5 | 33 | Total | 5 | 32 | Total | 7 | 41 | Total | 3 | 22 |

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5TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO 89.

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Headquarters,
14th.November,1916.

1. The Division will move from the Training Area to the Corps Reserve Area on the 16th. 17th. 18th. and 19th. November exchanging with the 1st. Australian Division.

2. Transport will move by march route and dismounted personnel by bus, according to the attached movement table "A".

3. Details of the bus programme will be issued later by "Q" Branch of the Division.
The usual advance parties will precede brigade groups one day ahead. Each brigade will detail a Staff Officer to superintend the loading and off loading of busses.

4. Transport columns will move under the command of the Senior Transport Officer of brigade groups. Strict attention will be paid to march discipline. Intervals of 200 yards will be maintained between the transport of each unit.

5. The duties given in attached Table "B" will be taken over by 15th. Brigade on 18th. November from 1st. Australian Division These will be taken over by 14th. Brigade on 20th.November so as to allow 15th. Brigade to move into the line complete.

6. Headquarters 5th. Australian Division will open at RIBEMONT at 12 noon on 18th. November.

S/W. Craig Major for
Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff,5th.Australian Division.

Issued at 10 a.m. to

| | Copy No. |
|---|---|
| 8th. Infantry Brigade. | 1. |
| 14th. Infantry Brigade. | 2. |
| 15th. Infantry Brigade. | 3. |
| 5th. Pioneer Battalion. | 4. |
| C. R. E. | 5. |
| Divisional Signal Co. | 6. |
| Divisional Train. | 7. |
| S. S. O. | 8. |
| A. P. M. | 9. |
| D. A. D. O. S. | 10. |
| A. D. M. S. | 11. |
| A. D. V. S. | 12. |
| Camp Commandant. | 13. |
| Divisional Bomb Officer. | 14. |
| Divisional Gas Officer. | 15. |
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| 1st. Anzac. | 16. |
| 1st. Australian Division. | 17-18 |
| [illegible] | 18. |
| Town Major, VIGNACOURT. | 19. |
| Town Major, RIBEMONT. | 20. |
| Town Major, BUIRE. | 21. |
| Town Major, DERNANCOURT. | 22. |
| A.D.C. to G.O.C. | 23. |
| "G" File. | 24. |
| "Q" File. | 25. |
| War Diary. | 26. |

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MOVEMENT TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No.89. TABLE "A".

| Number | Date | Unit | From | To | Route | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 16th | Transport, 15th Bde Group | FLESSELLES &c | DACURS | ALLONVILLE - PONT NOYELLES | - |
| 2 | 17th | Transport 15th Bde Group | DACURS | DERNANCOURT | LANEUVILLE - HEILLY | To be clear of BUIRE by 2 p.m. |
| 3 | 17th | 15th Bde Group | FLESSELLES &c | DERNANCOURT | By bus. | Start about 7 a.m. Exchange with 3rd Bde |
| 4 | 17th | Transport, 8th Bde Group & D.H.Q. | VIGNACOURT | DACURS | ALLONVILLE - PONT NOYELLES | - |
| 5 | 18th | Transport, 8th Bde Group & D.H.Q. | DACURS | BUIRE | LANEUVILLE - HEILLY | To be completed by 2 p.m. D.H.Q. to RIBEMONT. |
| 6. | 18th | 8th Bde Group | VIGNACOURT | BUIRE | By bus | Start- about 7 a.m. Exchange with 1st Bde |
| 7. | 18th | D. H. Q. | VIGNACOURT | RIBEMONT | By bus and car | - |
| 8 | 19th | Transport, 14th Bde Group (with F.Co.) | RAINEVILLE - CARDONETTE - and COISY | RIBEMONT | QUERRIEU - HEILLY | Not to reach QUERRIEU till 11 a.m. |
| 9 | 19th | 14th Bde Group | RAINEVILLE &c | RIBEMONT | By bus | Start about 7 a.m. Exchange with 2nd Bde |

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ADMINISTRATIVE ADDENDUM

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to

5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No.69

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1. With reference to para. 3. Bus moves will be as follows:-

| Date November 1916 | UNIT | Time and Place of Embussing | ROUTE | Place of DEBUSSING |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17th | 15th Inf.Brigade | 7 a.m. Head of Column at point ½ mile South of FLESSELLES STATION on FLESSELLES-AMIENS ROAD. | AMIENS-QUERRIEU Pt D 20 b 6.2. | On road South of junction of RIBEMONT-BAIZEUX and ALBERT-AMIENS ROADS |
| 18th | 8th Inf. Brigade | 7 a.m. Head of Column ½ mile South of VIGNACOURT on VIGNACOURT-ST VAAST ROAD | ST VAAST-AMIENS-QUERRIEU Pt D 20 b 6.2. | Ditto Ditto |
| 18th | Divisional Headquarters | 8 a.m. Main Street VIGNACOURT | Ditto | Ditto Ditto |
| 19th | 14th Inf. Brigade | 7 a.m. Head of Column at junction ALLONVILLE-COISY and RAINNEVILLE-AMIENS ROADS | AMIENS-QUERRIEU Pt D 20 b 6.2. | Ditto Ditto |

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2. 48 hours supplies will be carried by dismounted personnel and by transport of gro[illegible]

R P Vaughn Lieut.Colonel,
A.A.& Q.M.G. 5th Australian Division.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 61.

Reference - AMIENS - 17. 15th November 1916.

1. The Brigade will move from the Training Area to DERNANCOURT (Corps Reserve Area) on the 16th and 17th November, exchanging with the 3rd Infantry Brigade.

2. Transport under Lieut. Anderson, 29th A.A.S.C., will ~~march~~ move by route march as under:-

| | |
|---|---|
| 29th A.A.S.C. | 16th ~~October~~ November - At 9 a.m. from |
| 59th Battalion | FLESSELLES to DAOURS via |
| 60th Battalion | BERTANGLES, COISY, ALLONVILLE |
| 58th Battalion | and PONT NOYELLES. The 57th |
| 57th Battalion | Battalion will join the column in the vicinity of COISY. |
| | 17th ~~October~~ November - At 9 a.m. from DAOURS to DERNANCOURT via La NEUVILLE and HEILLY. The rear of the column must be clear of BUIRE by 2 p.m. |

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Transport Officers will report to Lieut. Anderson before 8 a.m. on 16th inst.

Strict discipline to be maintained and 200 yards interval between units to be observed.

3. Personnel will move by bus at 7 a.m. on 17th November. Bus arrangements will be issued later in Table "A".

4. Officers chargers will assemble at the Church at 7 a.m. on 17th November and will proceed under an Officer of the 57th Battalion.

5. Serviceable bicycles will be assembled at Brigade H.Q. at 7 a.m. on 17th November and will proceed under an officer of the 58th Battalion.

6. Advance (billeting) parties will proceed to DERNANCOURT on 16th November.

7. Billet inspection certificates will be handed in at Brigade Headquarters immediately on arrival at DERNANCOURT.

8. On 18th November the following duties will be taken over, viz:-

57th Battalion - 1 Bn. on roads under C.R.E. "A" Section
59th Battalion - 2 Coys. WILLOW SIDING under C.R.E. Corps Troops.
2 Coys. R.E.Workshops under C.E.
60th Battalion - 1 Coy. offloading ammunition VIVIER MILL Railhead.
1 Coy. (less 1 Platoon) -Do- MEAULTE Railhead.
1 Platoon offloading M.M.Dump.
2 Platoons on works at RIBEMONT R.E. shops

The 14th Brigade relieves these parties on the 20th November.

Geo. F. Wieck Major
Brigade Major 15th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Copy No. 1 War Diary
2 57th Battalion
3 58th Battalion
4 59th Battalion
5 60th Battalion
6 M.G.Coy.
No. 7 15th A.L.T.M.B.
8 29th A.A.S.C.
9 Lt.Anderson 29th A.A.S.C.
10 Staff Captain
11, 12 Filed B.H.Q.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Table "A" issued with Brigade Order No. 61.

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ORDER OF MOVE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 60th Battalion | - | March at 6.30 a.m. |
| 59th Battalion | - | -Do- 6.35 a.m. |
| Brigade H.Q. | - | -Do- 6.40 a.m. |
| 15th M.G.Coy. | - | -Do- 6.41 a.m. |
| 15th A.L.T.M.Bty | - | -Do- 6.41 a.m. |
| 58th Battalion | - | -Do- 6.40 a.m. |
| 57th Battalion | - | -Do- 6.00 a.m. |

FORMATION. The head of the column will be halted at a point 1/2 mile South of FLESSELLES Railway Station on the AMIENS road.

Troops will be formed in file on the right side of the road and there will be no interval between units.

EMBUSSING. No one will board a bus unless and until told off to that bus.

STATES. Each unit will forward an embussing state to Brigade Headquarters by 6 p.m. 16th November.

DISCIPLINE. Officers and others will see that discipline is maintained and that no one leaves their bus until ordered.

DEBUSSING. On arrival at the debussing point about 1/2 mile NORTH of RIBEMONT men will be ordered to dismount, units will be formed, and the troops marched to DERNANCOURT with 200 yards intervals.

Major
Brigade Major, 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

15th November 1916.

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## 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER 90.

16th November 1916

1. After concentration in the Reserve Area the 5th Australian Division will go into the line on the right of the 4th Australian Division, Taking over from the Guards Division.

2. Limits of front are approximately from N. 34 b. 9. 9 to N. 21. d. 5. 5.
Inter Brigade boundaries will be notified later.

3. The attached forecast of movements is published.

4. Headquarters will be as follows :-

| | |
|---|---|
| Divisional Headquarters | BERNAFAY |
| Right Brigade | S. 24. b. Central. |
| Left Brigade | T. 7. a. |
| Reserve Brigade | DELVILLE WOOD (probably) |

5. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Chas. Staff

Lieut.-Colonel.
General Staff.
5th Australian Division.

| Issued at 8.30 p.m. to :- | Copy No. | Copies to :- | Copy No. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8th Infantry Brigade | 1 | 1st Anzac | 14. |
| 14th Infantry Brigade | 2. | XIV Corps | 15. |
| 15th Infantry Brigade | 3. | Guards Division | 16. |
| 5th Pioneer Battalion | 4. | A.D.C. to G.O.C. | 17. |
| C. R. E. | 5. | "G" | 18-19. |
| 5th Divisional Signal Co. | 6. | "Q" | 20-21. |
| 5th Divisional Train | 7. | War Diary | 22. |
| S. S. O. | 8. | | |
| A. P. M. | 9. | | |
| D. A. D. O. S. | 10. | | |
| A. D. M. S. | 11. | | |
| A. D. V. S. | 12. | | |
| Camp Commandant | 13. | | |

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## FORECAST OF MOVES IN RELIEF OF GUARDS DIVISION

| DATE | 15th BDE. | 8th BDE. | 14th BDE. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18th | Headquarters and 2 Battalions MONTAUBAN 2 Battalions MAMETZ | RIBEMONT | RAINNEVILLE etc |
| 19th | Headquarters and 2 Battalions MONTAUBAN 2 Battalions camp near MONTAUBAN. | 2 Battalions MAMETZ remainder RIBTMONT. | BUIRE and duties |
| night 20/21 | Line. Left Sector | Headquarters 2 Battalions MONTAUBAN. 2 Battalions camp near MONTAUBAN. Also take over certain duties from 29th Divn. in T.3.c | BUIRE and duties |
| night 21/22 | | Line. Right Sector | Reserve Brigade Camp. |

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Appendix 58C

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15th Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No. 62

17th November 1916

Reference - ALBERT 40000

15th AUSTRALIAN ..12.. INFANTRY BRIGADE

1/ The Brigade will continue the forward move on the 18th inst.

2(a) The Brigade, less the 60th Bn and Supply Section, will occupy billets at MONTAUBAN.

(b) The 60th Bn will occupy billets at MAMETZ.

(c) The Supply Section will bivouac at BECORDEL.

3/ Order of March :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Transport | 15th M. G. Coy | 12.0 pm. |
| | 57th Bn | 12.5 " |
| | 58th Bn | 12.15 " |
| | 59th Bn | 12.25 " |
| | 60th Bn | 12.35 " |
| | 15th Bde H.Q. | 12.45 " |
| Personnel | 15th M.G. Coy. | 2.0 " |
| | 57th Bn | 2.5 " |
| | 58th Bn | 2.25 " |
| | 15th Bde H.Q. | 2.45 " |
| | 59th Bn | 2.50 " |
| | 60th Bn | 3.10 " |

The usual intervals will be observed.

4/ Advance parties will parade at Brigade H. Qrs at 9 am

Acting Brigade Major
Brigade Major

Copy No. 1 War Diary
2 57th Bn
3 58th Bn
4 59th Bn
5 60th Bn
6 15th M.G.C.
7 15th L.T.M.B.
8 29th Aasc
9 Filed at B.H.Q.

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15th Aust. Inf. Bde Order No. 63

Reference - ALBERT 1/40000

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE No. 18th November 1916

1/ The following moves will take place on the 19th inst. :—

59th Bn from MONTAUBAN to Camps A. B & D.
15th M.G. Coy —do— —do—
15th L.T.M.B. —do— —do—
60th Bn from MAMETZ —do—
Camps A.B. & D are situated in S 23.

2/ Units will time their movements so that they will not reach their destination before 4 pm

3/ Transport will accompany units.

4/ An Officer from each Unit will report to the Staff Captain at S 23 a 6-1-7 at 3 pm.

C. de Rudder
MAJOR
BDE. MAJOR
15th AUS. INF. BRIGADE

Copy No. 1 - Lieut Deary
" 2 59th Bn
" 3 60th Bn
" 4 15th M.G. Coy
" 5 15th A.L.T.M.B.

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5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 91.

Headquarters,
18th November 1916.

1. The 5th Australian Division will relieve the Guards Division in the line on the 20th and 21st November. Relief is to be completed by 8 a.m. on 22nd November.

2. The divisional right boundry will be a line running from the front trenches at N.34.b.9.9. through N.3. Central to T.3.Central The divisional left boundry will be a line running from the front trenches at N.21.d.2.6. through N.27 Central, point N.27c.o.o. to the sunken road at N.32.b.1.., then S.S. . along the west side of the sunken road. The 29th Division will be on our right. The 4th Australian Division on our left.

3. The front will be taken up by the 8th Brigade on the right, and the 15th Brigade on the left who will relieve the 1st Guards Brigade and the 3rd Guards Brigade respectively.
The inter-brigade boundry will be a line from the front trenches about N.28.b.3.3. to the road junction at N.27d.5.3. thence south west through T.2.Central cutting the FLERS trench at T.7.b.8.8.

4. Details of the relief of the two brigade sectors will be arranged between the Brigadiers concerned. The line will be held as held by the Guards Division at present.

5. A table of moves is attached. Accommodation to fit these moves has been arranged.

6. The relief is being carried out under the orders of the G.O.C. Guards Division. Troops will come under the G.O.C. Guards Division on passing east of MONTAUBAN.

7. On the night of 22/23 November 8th Brigade will take over from 88th Bde. of 29th Division certain trenches and duties about T.8.a. and T.8.c. Details will be arranged between the Brigadiers concerned.

8. A memorandum will be issued by "Q" of the Division showing the administrative arrangements in the new Divisional Area.

9. 14th Brigade will be in reserve, allotment of Camps will be notified later.
On the 22nd November the 14th Brigade will detail 1 Battalion for road work under the C.R.E. "CIRCUIT" to take over from a Battalion of the 2nd Australian Division.
On or after the 22nd November (actual date to be notified later) the 14th Brigade will hand over the duties which they are now finding as a unit of the Reserve Division - to similar parties which are to be found by the 2nd Australian Division.

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10. On relief in their present work, the 5th Pioneer Battalion will be distributed as follows :-
2 Companies - work under the DECAVILLE TRAMWAY OFFICER LONGUEVAL
Headquarters and 2 Companies near WATERLOT FARM for work on communications under the C.R.E.

11. C.R.E. 5th Division will make the necessary arrangements for the relief of the 8th and 15th Field Companies, and for the distribution of the 8th 14th and 15th Field Companies on work in the Divisional Area, as required.

12. D.A.D.M.S. will make the necessary distribution of Field Ambulances under the instructions of the D.D.M.S. 1st Anzac Corps, and in consultation with the A.D.M.S. Guards Division.

13. 1st Line transport will eventually be at S.27.c.2.0. Railhead and refilling point will be South West of MARICOURT.

14. All troops marching east of MEAULTE will march in file with at least 200 yards interval between companies and 500 yards between battalions.

15. Distribution of Artillery is being made separately and will be notified later.

16. Headquarters 8th Bde. at S.18.d.5.1.
" 15th Bde. at S.12.b.6.6.

17. Headquarters, 5th Australian Division remain at RIPEMONT till 10. a.m. on 22nd November, and open at BERNAFAY WOOD (S.28.b.5.5) at noon on 22nd November - at which time the G. O. C. 5th Australian Division will assume command of the line from N.34.b.9.9. to N.21.d.2.6.

Acknowledge.

Issued at 5 p.m.

Lieut. Colonel.
General Staff.
5th Australian Division.

| Issued at 5 p.m. to :- | Copy No. |
|---|---|
| 8th Infantry Brigade | 1. |
| 14th Infantry Brigade | 2. |
| 15th Infantry Brigade | 3. |
| 5th Pioneer Battalion | 4. |
| C.R.A. | 5. |
| C.R.E. | 6. |
| Div. Signal Co. | 7. |
| D.A.D.M.S. | 8. |
| A.D.V.S. | 9. |
| CAMP COMMANDANT | 10. |
| D.A.D.O.S. | 11. |
| A.P.M. | 12. |
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| Guards Division | 14. |
| 1st Anzac Corps | 15. |
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TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 91.

MOVEMENTS IN RELIEF OF GUARDS DIVISION.

| | 15th Inf. Bde. | 8th Inf. Bde. | 14th Inf. Bde. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18th Nov. | Headquarters and 3 Battalions MONTAUBAN.<br>1 Battalion METZ | RIBEMONT | RAINCEVILLE etc | |
| 19th Nov. | Headquarters and 2 Battalions MONTAUBAN.<br>2 Battalions TRONES WOOD. | Headquarters and 1 Battalion MONTAUBAN.<br>1 Battalion METZ<br>2 Battalions RIBEMONT | BUIRE and duties in Corps Reserve Area. | |
| 20th Nov. night 20/ | Headquarters and 2 Battalions move into FRONT LINE. LEFT SECTOR.<br>2 Battalions MONTAUBAN | 2 Battalions TRONES WOOD<br>Headquarters and 1 Battalion MONTAUBAN<br>1 Battalion METZ | BUIRE and duties in Corps Reserve Area | |
| 21st Nov. night 21/ | Headquarters and 2 Battalions in front line.<br>1 Battalion to TRONES WOOD<br>1 Battalion remains MONTAUBAN | Headquarters and 2 Battalions move to FRONT LINE RIGHT SECTOR.<br>1 Battalion to TRONES WOOD.<br>1 Battalion remains MONTAUBAN. | BUIRE and duties in Corps Reserve Area. | |
| 22nd Nov. night 22/ | As for 21st November effecting battalion reliefs if desired | As for 21st November take over certain duties from 88th Bde. 29th Division. | Take up new duties and move to new Divisional Reserve Area. | |

Machine Gun Companies and L.T.M.B. under Brigade arrangements.
Batteries move under Brigade arrangements.

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15th Aust. Infantry Bde Order No 64

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE No.

19th November 1916

Reference- ALBERT 1/40000
SKETCH attached.

1/ The Brigade will relieve the Left Brigade of the GUARDS DIVISION (3rd Guards Brigade) on the night 20th/21st November.

2/ The Brigade right boundary will be from N 28 b 3-3 to N 28 a 4-0, to N 27 d 5-3, to T 7 b 8-8 to T 2 Central.
The Brigade left boundary will be from N 21 d 0-7, to N 21 c 5-0, to N 27 a 5-0, to N 26 d 5-0, along road to T 2 C 1-7, to S 12 d 4-7, to S 18 d 4-7, to S 23 a 4-3.
The 8th Brigade will be on our right and the 4th Brigade on our left.

3/ The 57th Bn, 60th Bn, 2 Secs. 15th M.G. Coy & 1 Sec. 15th L.T.M.B. will relieve the front line troops during the night 20th/21st Nov.

5 Guides per Battalion will be ready at 3pm to guide relieving troops to their positions. Battalions will move at an interval of one hour.

The line will be held as held by the 3rd GUARDS Brigade at present.

Details & the relief will be arranged between the C. O's Concerned.

4/ The 58th Bn will move to 'D' Camp (S23) on 21st inst, but will not occupy the camp before 4 p.m. Transport to accompany unit.

5/ Until 8 and 22nd inst. all units EAST of MONTAUBAN will come under the orders of the G.O.C GUARDS DIVISION.

6/ The 57th Bn will remain at MONTAUBAN.

7/ Brigade H.Q will be established at S 12 b 6-6 at 8 am on 22nd inst., at which hour the G.O.C. takes over the line.

8/ Details of the 15th M.G. Coy will remain in 'D' Camp.

9/ 1st line transport will draw supplies daily from the Supply section at Railhead SOUTH WEST of MARICOURT.

10/ Medical arrangements and site of transport Camp will be notified later.

11/ All troops going into the front line will carry 2 days extra rations.

Acknowledge.

Geo. F. Wiech
MAJOR
BDE. MAJOR
15th AUS. INF. BRIGADE

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2 57th Bn
3 58th Bn
4 59th Bn
5 60th Bn
6 15th M.G.Coy
7 15th L.T.M.B.
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15th Aust Inf Bde Order No. 65

Reference ALBERT 1/40000

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE No.

30th November 1916

1/ The 58th Bn will relieve the 60th Bn in the line during the night 22nd/23rd Nov.
Bives guides from the 60th Bn will report to the 58th Bn, D Camp at 3pm, 22nd inst.
Two days rations, 2 bonts & 2 sand-bags will be carried into the front line by each man.

2/ The 60th Bn after relief will move to the huts vacated by the 57th Bn.

3/ The 57th Bn will move from MONTAUBAN to Camp D (S23) on 22nd inst but will not arrive before 4 pm.

4/ Sick will be evacuated through the 14th Field Ambulance at BERNAFAY WOOD.

5/ Brigade Headquarters will open at S 12 b 6-6 at 10 am on 21st inst.

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BDE. MAJOR
15th AUS. INF. BRIGADE

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2 57th Bn
3 58th Bn
4 59th Bn
5 60th Bn
6 15th Artillery
7 15th A.L.T. Coy/B.

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15th Aust Inf Bde Order No 66

Dpt November 1916

Reference ~~A1B&C~~ 57c SW.

1 The 57th Bn will relieve the 59th Bn in the front line on 23rd November.

Guides from 59th Bn will report to the C.O. 57th Bn at D Camp at 3 pm on 23rd inst

Two days rations, two bombs & 2 sand bags will be taken into the front line by each man.

2 The 59th Bn after relief will proceed to the billiments at MONTAUBAN.

3 The 15th M.G.Co and 15th A.T.M.B will effect reliefs within the unit as required.

4 Completion of any relief effected by Units will be notified to the Bde H.Q. by the Code word JAMES.

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No
INFANTRY BRIGADE

A.E. Ridrick MAJOR
BDE. MAJOR
15th AUS. INF. BRIGADE

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2- 57th Bn
3 58th Bn
4 59th Bn
5 60th Bn
6 15th M.G.C.
7 15th A.T.M.B

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15th Aust. Inf Brigade Order No 67

15TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Reference - 57c S.W. 3rd November 1916

1/ During the period the Brigade remains in the line, the system of reliefs will be as indicated in the MOVE TABLE issued herewith.

These moves will be carried out by units without waiting for further instructions from Brigade Headquarters.

2/ When Units are moving C. O.s will invariably send representatives in advance to take over stores (if any) and accomodation.

3/ The Battalion Commander whose Headquarters is the most advanced will command the whole of the troops forward of NEEDLE TRENCH.

4/ On the 4th inst. the Headquarters of the Battalion holding the front line will be established in ROSE TRENCH.

5/ Blankets may be taken into the line.

6/ Instructions regarding relief of Lewis Gunners will be issued separately.

C. Rosenthal
MAJOR
BDE. MAJOR
15th AUS. INF. BRIGADE

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2 - 57th Bn
3 - 58th Bn
4 - 59th Bn
5 - 60th Bn
6 - 15th MGC
7 - 15th Aust MTB
8 - Staff Captain
9 - 14th Field Coy.

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AMENDED TABLE OF MOVES
(Issued with 15th Bde Order No 67)
Date shows place to which Unit moves on that date

| Date | Front Line | Needle Tr | Switch Tr | D Camp |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24th Nov | 2 Coys 57th Bn<br>2 Coys 58th Bn | 57th Bn less 2 Coys<br>58th Bn less 2 Coys | 60th Bn | 59th Bn |
| 25th | 2 Coys 57th Bn<br>2 Coys 58th Bn | 60th Bn<br>57th Bn less 2 Coys | 58th Bn less 2 Coys | 59th Bn |
| 26th | 60th Bn | 57th Bn | 58th Bn | 59th Bn |
| 27th | 60th Bn | 57th Bn | 58th Bn | 59th Bn |
| 28th | 60th Bn | 58th Bn | 57th Bn | 59th Bn |
| 29th | 58th Bn | 60th Bn | 57th Bn | 59th Bn |
| 30th | 58th Bn | 57th Bn | 60th Bn | 59th Bn |
| 1st Dec | 58th Bn | 57th Bn | 60th Bn | 59th Bn |
| 2nd | 57th Bn | 58th Bn | 60th Bn | 59th Bn |

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BDE. MAJOR
15th AUS. INF. BRIGADE

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 92.

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Headquarters,
24th. Nov. 1916.

1. In order to meet the demands of the Corps and others for permanent working parties it is necessary to call on each Brigade of the Division to supply one battalion for permanent or semipermanent employment on communications.

2. The distribution of these battalions is shewn on the Table X attached.

3. Brigades while in front line will arrange their reliefs on a three-battalion basis, in order to comply with this order.

4. If desired, Brigades in front line may reduce their strength in the forward areas to one battalion in each brigade front distributed as far back as the NEEDLE LINE.

5. Lewis Gun sections of detached battalions will remain at the disposal of brigadiers as a machine gun reserve.

6. Detached battalions working under the Corps will be under the Corps for administration, except ordnance, from 26th November. Supplies from that date will be arranged by Advanced Railhead Supply Officer, MONTAUBAN (Capt. Milne)

7. All moves will be arranged so that work will commence on 26th November; and should be completed by 4 p.m. on 25th November.

8. Each detachment will send an Officer on morning of 25th inst. to get into touch with the Officer under whom the detachment is to work, to make the necessary arrangements regarding starting work.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

Lieut.Colonel.
General Staff.
5th Australian Division.

Issued at 6 a.m. to :-

| | Copy No. |
|---|---|
| 8th Infantry Brigade | 1. |
| 14th Infantry Brigade | 2. |
| 15th Infantry Brigade | 3. |
| 5th Pioneer Battalion | 4. |
| C.R.E. | 5. |
| Lt.Col. Newcomb D.S.O. | 6. |

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| "G" | 8. |
| "Q" | 9. |
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TABLE "X".

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# DISTRIBUTION OF DUTIES ON COMMUNICATIONS.

Issued with 5th AUST. DIV. ORDER No. 92.

| Brigade etc. | Strength of party. | Duties. | Under | Where quartered | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8th BDE. | 2 Coys under Second in Command | Work under Divisional Headquarters. | D.A.A.& Q.M.G. | BERNAFAY WOOD | |
| 8th Bde. | Headquarters and 2 Companies. | In right Brigade Sector | G.O.C. 8th Brigade. | As desired by G.O.C. 8th Brigade. | |
| 14th Bde. | 1 Battalion | Road repair under C.R.E. Circuit. | C.R.E. Circuit Lt.Col. Newcombe | Temporarily in present Camp MONTAUBAN later in Caterpillar Valley | |
| 15th Bde. | 2 Companies under Second in Command. | Off loading R.E. Stores. QUARRY and Stone Cours. | C.R.E. Circuit Lt.Col. Newcombe | Coloured labour Camp at Quarry. | |
| 15th Bde. | Headquarters and 2 Companies | In left Brigade Sector | G.O.C. 15th Brigade | As desired by G.O.C. 15th Brigade. | Work with 14th Field Co |
| 5th Pion. Battalion. | 2 Companies | Decauville forward from DELVILLE WOOD. | Lt.Col. Fewtrell | WATERLOT FARM | This is in lieu of work on other Decauville. |

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# 15. Australian Infantry Brigade

## Daily State

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| Unit | Actually with unit | | | In hpl | | | Detached | | | Ttl Effective Strength | | | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Off | OR | Total | Off | OR | Ttl | Off | OR | Total | Off | OR | Total | |
| 15. B.H.Q | 7 | 23 | 30 | . | . | . | 1 | | 1 | 8 | 23 | 31 | |
| 15. A.L.T.M.B | 3 | 39 | 42 | . | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 46 | 50 | |
| 15 M.G. Coy. | 6 | 148 | 154 | 1 | 15 | 16 | 2 | 11 | 13 | 9 | 174 | 183 | Excludes 2 OR AMC attached |
| 57 Bn | 28 | 782 | 810 | . | 17 | 17 | 6 | 44 | 50 | 34 | 843 | 877 | Increase 1 OR from hpl; Decrease 5 OR to hpl; Excludes 5 OR AMC attached, 1 entrepreneur leave |
| 58 Bn | 20 | 693 | 713 | 2 | 50 | 52 | 10 | 49 | 59 | 32 | 792 | 824 | Decrease 1 OR to hpl; Excludes 5 OR AMC attached |
| 59 Bn | 24 | 634 | 658 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 38 | 46 | 34 | 673 | 707 | – – Excludes 5 OR AMC attached, 1 entrepreneur |
| 60. Bn | 16 | 553 | 569 | 8 | 96 | 104 | 8 | 37 | 45 | 32 | 686 | 718 | – – Excludes 6 OR AMC attached |
| Total | 104 | 2872 | 2976 | 13 | 183 | 196 | 36 | 182 | 218 | 153 | 3237 | 3390 | |
| 29 A.S.C. | 4 | 79 | 83 | . | . | . | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 81 | 86 | |

Brig. Genl

Commanding 15 Aust Infantry Brigade

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# Detached

| 15 MG Coy | O | OR |
|---|---|---|
| School of Inst. (2/Lt KERR A.G. / " FOSTER F.) | 2 | 6 |
| 4th Army school of Inst | | 1 |
| On leave | | 3 |
| 29th A.S.C. | | 1 |
| TOTAL | 2 | 11 |
| **15 ALTMB** | | |
| On leave (2/Lt GAMBLE) | 1 | 2 |
| School of Inst | | 1 |
| TOTAL | 1 | 3 |
| **15 B.H.Q** | | |
| On sick leave (Capt STATT G) | 1 | |
| TOTAL | 1 | |

| 57 Bn | O | OR |
|---|---|---|
| A.G.'s office | | 1 |
| D.H.Q. (3034 Pte. BROWN) | | 1 |
| Div Sig Coy. | | 3 |
| Bayonet school | | 1 |
| Inst Lewis Gun school | | 1 |
| Etaples. Trg rfts. (Capt. LINTON) | 1 | |
| 29 A.S.C. | | 3 |
| Inst Div Bomb school (2/Lt. DAVIS) | 1 | 2 |
| Div Police | | 1 |
| Div Detention. | | 1 |
| 4th Army school (Capt. AITCHISON) | 1 | 1 |
| Div Draughtsman | | 1 |
| Traffic control | | 7 |
| A.W.L | | 6 |
| Div Salvage | | 2 |
| Leave {Lt DUFFY / 2/Lt KNUCKEY} | 2 | 3 |
| Lewis Gun school | | 1 |
| Farrier school | | 1 |
| Div Inf Sch | | 8 |
| TOTAL | 6 | 44 |

| 58 Bn | O | OR |
|---|---|---|
| [illegible] (Lt GOLLAN) | 1 | |
| Gym staff cook (1715 Pte W. HALL) | | 1 |
| D.H.Q. off mess (4522 Pte J.L. HARRISON) | | 1 |
| Div Salvage Coy | | 1 |
| Div Armourer's shop | | 1 |
| Gas school | | 1 |
| Ordnance stores | | 2 |
| A.G.'s office | | 1 |
| 29 A.S.C. | | 2 |
| Bde Blanket store | | 1 |
| A.P.M. 5 Div (Lt. W.J. GRAY) | 1 | 1 |
| Traffic Control | | 6 |
| School of Inst {Capt. H.D.C. FERRES / " F.D. JOHNSTONE} | 2 | 2 |
| 14th Bde H.Q (Lt. A.H.L. GODFREY) | 1 | 1 |
| Lewis Gun school {Capt. N.M. FREEMAN / 2/Lt L.F. REYNOLDS} | 2 | 3 |
| Leave. England {2/Lt. B. ANDERSON / C.R. COLE} | 2 | 8 |
| Div Bomb school | | 2 |
| School of Inst. (2/Lt S.J. TOPP) | 2 | 8 |
| A.W.L | | 7 |
| TOTAL | 10 | 49 |

| 59 Bn | O | OR |
|---|---|---|
| 5th Div Grenade school (Lt J.S. MANN) | 1 | 3 |
| 4th Army school {Capt S.W. NEALE / " J.G. SCANLON / " G.S. SMITH} | 3 | 4 |
| 5th Div Police. (No. 10 Pte. C. CHAMBERLAIN) | | 1 |
| 5th Div Salvage Coy | | 1 |
| 29th A.S.C | | 1 |
| A.G.'s office | | 1 |
| On leave {2/Lt J.E. KEATING / " J.B. SUTHERLAND} | 2 | 2 |
| 4th Army Lewis Gun sch | | 15 |
| 5th Div Inf school {Lt. Col. H.T.C. LAYH / 2/Lt. J.W. FRANCIS} | 2 | 10 |
| TOTAL | 8 | 38 |

| 60 Bn | O | OR |
|---|---|---|
| Div Sig Wireless school | | 1 |
| 29 A.S.C. | | 2 |
| Div Armourer's shop | | 1 |
| Off school {Lt. NICHOL / " HAMILTON} | 2 | 4 |
| Lewis Gun school (Lt. DALTON) | 1 | 6 |
| Etaples. Inst. | | 1 |
| A.G.'s office. | | 1 |
| Traffic control (Lt. STILLMAN) | 1 | 3 |
| Leave {Lt. Col. DUIGAN / Capt. KERR / Lt VARLEY} | 3 | 6 |
| Dental leave | | 1 |
| Grenade school | | 1 |
| Div school MONTONVILLERS (2/Lt STUBBS) | 1 | 8 |
| Div Salvage. Coy. | | 2 |
| TOTAL | 8 | 37 |

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15 Aust Inf. Bde. — Daily Strength — 25th Nov - 1916.

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE No.

| Unit | Actually with unit | | | In Hpl | | | Detached | | | Ttl Effective Strength | | | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Off | O.R | Ttl | Off | O.R | Ttl | Off | O.R | Ttl | Off | O.R | Total | |
| 15. B.H.Q | 7 | 23 | 30 | . | . | . | 1 | . | 1 | 8 | 23 | 31 | |
| 15 A.L.T.M.B. | 4 | 38 | 42 | . | 4 | 4 | . | 1 | 1 | 4 | 43 | 47 | |
| 15. M.G. Coy. | 6 | 131 | 137 | 2 | 22 | 24 | 2 | 12 | 14 | 10 | 165 | 175 | Excludes 2 OR. AMC attached |
| 57th Bn | 25 | 712 | 737 | . | 22 | 22 | 9 | 64 | 73 | 34 | 798 | 832 | Excludes 5 OR. AMC attached 1 interpreter " |
| 58th Bn. | 20 | 647 | 667 | 2 | 48 | 50 | 10 | 49 | 59 | 32 | 744 | 776 | Excludes 5 OR. AMC attached |
| 59. Bn | 26 | 562 | 588 | 1 | 37 | 38 | 6 | 63 | 69 | 33 | 662 | 695 | Excludes 5 OR AMC attached 1 interpreter |
| 60. Bn | 19 | 605 | 624 | 6 | 49 | 55 | 9 | 60 | 69 | 34 | 714 | 748 | Excludes 6 OR. AMC attached |
| TOTAL | 107 | 2718 | 2825 | 11 | 182 | 193 | 37 | 249 | 286 | 155 | 3149 | 3304 | |

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## Detached

| 15 M.G. Coy. | O | OR | 57th Bn | O | OR | 58 Bn | O | OR | 59 Bn | O | OR | 60. Bn | O | OR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| School of Inst. (2/Lt KERR A.G. "FOSTER F.) | 2 | 6 | A.G's Office. | . | 1 | D.H.Q (N GOLLAN) | 1 | . | 5th Div Grenade School | . | 3 | Div Wireless. | . | 1 |
| 4th Army school | . | 1 | D.H.Q (5031 PTE. BROWN) | . | 1 | Gym staff cook (PTE. W. HALL) | . | 1 | 5th Div Police | . | 1 | 29. A.S.C. | . | 2 |
| On leave | . | 4 | Div Salvage Coy | . | 2 | D.H.Q Off mess. (4522. PTE J.L. HARTE) | . | 1 | 5th Div Salvage Coy | . | 1 | Div Salvage Coy | . | 2 |
| 29. A.S.C. | . | 1 | Div Sig. Coy | . | 3 | Div Salvage Coy | . | 1 | 29. A.S.C. | . | 1 | Div Armourers shop | . | 1 |
| | | | Div Bomb school (Lt DAVIS) | 1 | 2 | Div Armourers shop | . | 1 | A.G's office. | . | 1 | Off school (Lt. HAMILTON | 1 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 2 | 12 | Bayonet & Bomb school | . | 1 | Gas school | . | 1 | On leave (2/Lt A. BECK, "E. ETHERTON) | 2 | 6 | Lewis Gun school (2/Lt DOLPHIN, "BOWEN) | 2 | 30 |
| | | | Inst Lewis Gun schl | . | 1 | Ordnance stores | . | 2 | 4th Army Lewis Gun schl | . | 15 | | | |
| 15 ALTMB. | | | Etaples. Trg. rfts. (Capt. LINTON) | 1 | . | A.G's office. | . | 1 | 5th Div Inf. School (Lt. Col LAYH, 2/Lt. J.W. FRANCIS) | 2 | 10 | Div School (2/Lt STUBBS) | 1 | 8 |
| | | | 29. A.S.C. | . | 2 | 29. A.S.C. | . | 2 | | | | | | |
| School of Inst | . | 1 | Div Police. | . | 1 | ADM.5th Div (Lt W. TORAZE) | 1 | 1 | Snipers school (2/Lt. D.G. TOOHEY) | 1 | 2 | Grenade school | . | 1 |
| | | | Div Detention | . | 1 | Traffic Control | . | 6 | | | | Etaples Instn | . | 1 |
| 15. B.H.Q | | | Div Draughtsman | . | 1 | School of Inst (Capt H.D.G. FERRES, F.D. JOHNSTONE) | 2 | 2 | Stokes Gun School (2/Lt. T.J.C. GANNON) | 1 | 23 | A.G's office. | . | 1 |
| On sick leave. (Capt STATT. G) | 1 | . | Traffic control | . | 6 | 14 B.H.Q (Lt GODFREY A, CAPT FREEMAN, Lt KEYNOLDS) | 1 | 1 | | | | Leave. (Lt. Col. DUIGAN, CAPT. KERR, 2/Lt. VARLEY, " COOKSON) | 4 | 8 |
| | | | AWL. | . | 3 | Lewis Gun School | 2 | 3 | | | | | | |
| | | | Leave. (Lt DUFFY, 2/Lt MUTER, " ROBERTSON) | 3 | 4 | Leave (2/Lt C.R. COLE, " B. ANDERSON) | 2 | 9 | | | | Dental leave | . | 1 |
| | | | | | | Div Bomb school | . | 2 | | | | Traffic Control. | 1 | 3 |
| | | | Lewis Gun school | . | 1 | A.W.L. | . | 5 | | | | | | |
| | | | Div Infantry school (2/Lt MORRIS) | 1 | 8 | Bde Blanket store | . | 1 | | | | | | |
| | | | 1st ANZAC Observation Post (Lt SALMON) | 1 | 2 | School of Inst. MONTONVILLE (2/Lt J.S. TOPP) | 1 | 8 | | | | | | |
| | | | Div Runners | . | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Inst school (Lt McCALLUM) | 1 | 1 | Div Intelligence | . | 1 | | | | | | |
| | | | Grenade school | 1 | 21 | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 1 | . | TOTAL | 9 | 64 | TOTAL | 10 | 49 | TOTAL | 6 | 63 | TOTAL | 9 | 60 |

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO 93.

14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Headquarters,
28th November 16.

1. The 14th Infantry Brigade will relieve the 15th Infantry Brigade in the left Brigade Sector on the 30th November and 1st December. The relief will be completed by 8 a.m. on 2nd December.

2. Details of the relief will be arranged between the G.O's.C. 14th and 15th Brigades. G.O.C. 15th Brigade will conduct the relief - and will hand over command of the Brigade Sector at 10 a.m. on 2nd December.

3. All maps, plans, air photos, schemes of work, log books, and trench stores and other records pertaining to the Sector will be handed over on relief.

4. The 15th Brigade will be disposed as follows, on relief :-

| | |
|---|---|
| Headquarters. M.G. Coy. L.T.M. Battery and 1 Battalion | BERNAFAY CAMP. |
| 2 Battalions | MAMETZ HUTS. |

5. The 59th Battalion will continue in its present employment - viz :-

| | |
|---|---|
| Headquarters and 2 Companies.... | work in Left Brigade Sector, under G.O.C. left Sector. |
| 2 Companies..... | Works under Corps. |

6. The accommodation for one Battalion in MONTAUBAN HUTS, now occupied by details 15th Brigade, will be handed over to 14th Brigade on 30th November.

Lieut. Colonel
General Staff
5th Australian Division.

Issued at 5.30. p.m. to :-

| | Copy No. |
|---|---|
| 8th Infantry Brigade | 1. |
| 14th Infantry Brigade | 2. |
| 15th Infantry Brigade | 3. |
| 5th Pioneer Battalion | 4. |
| C.R.A. 2nd Australian Divn. | 5. |
| C.R.E. | 6. |
| Div. Signal Co. | 7. |
| A.D.M.S. | 8. |

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| 1st Anzac | 9. |
| "G" | 10-11. |
| "Q" | 12-13. |
| A.D.C. to G.O.C. | 14. |
| War Diary | 15. |

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15th Aust. Inf. Bde Order N° 68

28th November 1916

Reference - ALBERT 1/40000

AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE No.

1 The 15th Brigade will be relieved in the Left Sector by the 14th Brigade on 29th Nov, 30th Nov & 1st Dec.

Units will be relieved and will move to destinations as shown in attached Table of Moves.

2 The 15th M.G.Coy. & 15th A.S.C.M.T.B. will make arrangements direct with the relieving units, provided the front line elements are relieved not later than night 30th Nov/1st Dec.

3. Details of all reliefs will be arranged between the C.O.s Concerned.

4 Units will send advanced parties to take over quarters in new areas.

5 All Orders, Schemes, plans of work & trenches, stores, trench boots, reserve rations &c, will be handed over. Duplicate receipts will be forwarded to Bde H.Q. within 24 hours.

6 Completion of reliefs will be reported by units in Code.

7 The Command of the Sector will pass at 10 a.m. on 2nd Dec. Bde H.Q. will be established at QUARRY at that hour.

Acting Brigade Major
Bde Major.

Copy N° 1 War Diary
2 57th Bn
3 58th Bn
4 59th Bn
5 60th Bn
6 15th M.G.C.
7 15th A.S.C.M.T.B.
8 Staff Captain
9 14th Bde
10 4th Bde
11 8th Bde
12 Filed.

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Table of Moves
Issued with 15th Inf Bde Order No 68

| Place | 28th Nov | 29th Nov | 30th Nov | 1st Dec | 2nd Dec |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MAMETZ | 54th Bn<br>55th Bn | 54th Bn<br>57th Bn | 54th Bn<br>57th Bn | 60th Bn<br>57th Bn | |
| BERNAFY | 56th Bn | 55th Bn | 60th Bn | 58th Bn | |
| MONTAUBAN | Details<br>15th Bde | Details<br>15th Bde | Details<br>14th Bde | Details<br>14th Bde | |
| D Camp | 59th Bn<br>less 2 Coys | 59th Bn<br>less 2 Coys | 59th Bn<br>less 2 Coys | 59th Bn<br>less 2 Coys | |
| SWITCH | 58th Bn | 56th Bn | 55th Bn | 54th Bn | |
| NEEDLE | 57th Bn | 60th Bn | 58th Bn | 55th Bn | |
| FRONT LINE | 60th Bn | 58th Bn | 56th Bn | 56th Bn | |
| QUARRY | H.Q.<br>14th Bde | H.Q.<br>14th Bde | H.Q.<br>14th Bde | H.Q.<br>14th Bde | H.Q.<br>15th Bde |

NOTE - The Staff Captain 14th Bde will change with Staff Captain 15th Bde at COSY CORNER

Alec Roberts Capt
Bde Major

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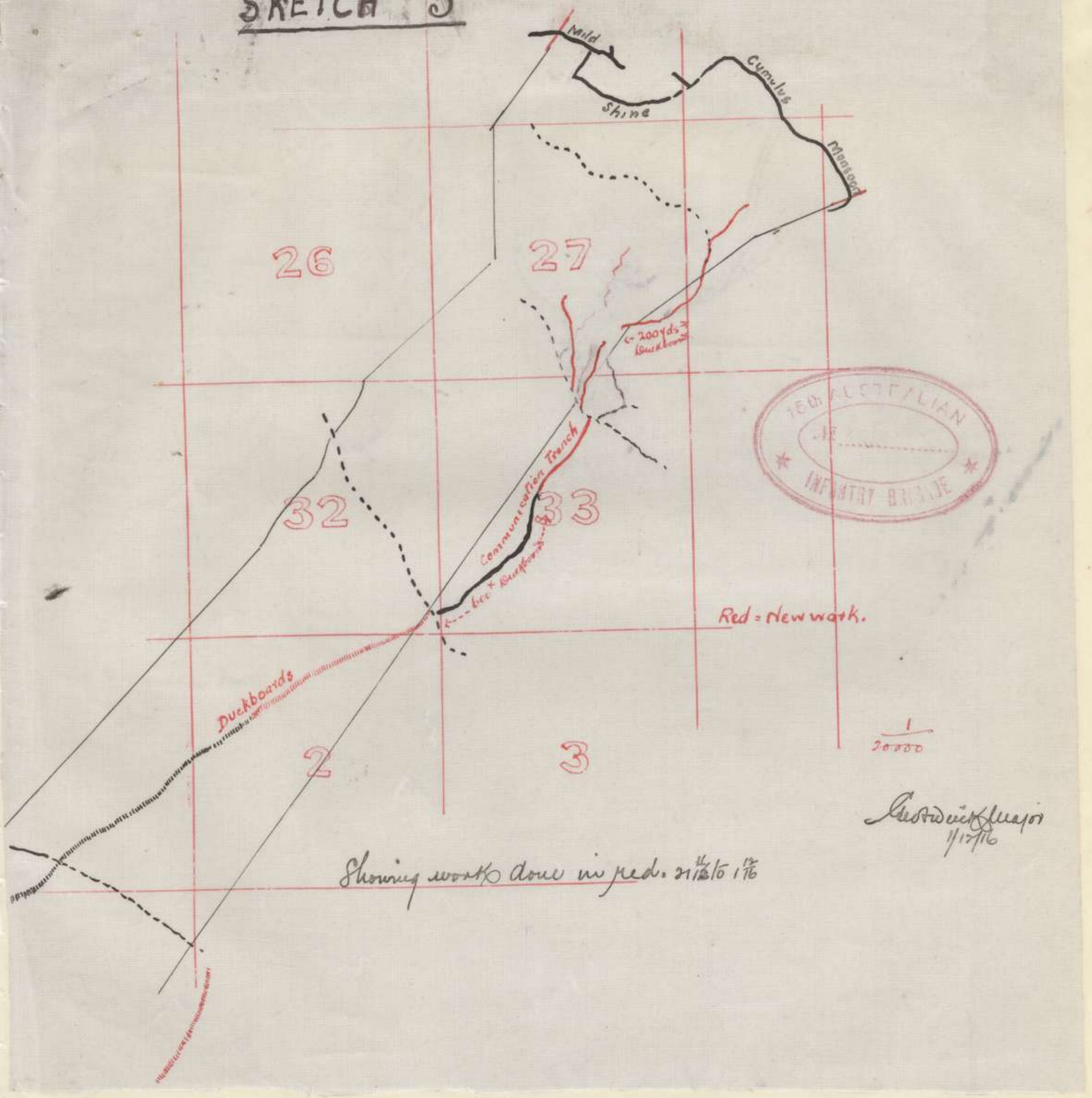


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# SKETCH "E"

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Front held by 15th Inf Bde A.I.F from 20.11.16 to 30.11.1916

15th Australian Infantry Brigade No

Destroyed

le Transloy

Meteor

Moonlight

Sunray

Milky Way

Stormy Trench

Cumulus

Coy

Monsoon

Clouds

Mist

Zenith

Gusty

Web

Buzzer Alley

Shine

Mud

Grease

Great Bear

Pole

Rainbow

Platoon

Guedecourt

Great Trench

ROSE

Battalion holding Line

Bn HQ

Knee Lane

Windmill Lane

Duckboard

NEEDLE

Battalion in Support

Bn H.Q

Dump

SWITCH

Battalion in Reserve

Left Boundary

Right Boundary

COCOA ALLEY

Flers

Delville Wood

Trunks on Trench

Single Decauville

H.Q. 4th Inf. Coy.

Bde H.Q.

Working Battalions in S28.

500

Ginchy

Scale = 1/20,000

Summary - 1 Bn & 6 Vickers Guns in Line
1 Bn & " in Support
1 Bn & 6 -do- in Reserve.
1 Bn detached for work.
L.T.M.B not yet allotted any duty.

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Headquarters
15th Aust Inf Bde.
3/11/16

5th Aust Div.

Dispositions as at 9 A.M. 3/11/16

| | |
|---|---|
| 15th Bde Headquarters | E 20 b 9·0 |
| 15th M.G. Coy | E 21 A 7·8 |
| 15th A.L.T.M.B. | E 21 A 7·7 |
| 57th Battalion | E 21 A 5·5 |
| 58th Battalion | E 20 b 9·2 |
| 59th Battalion | E 20 c 9 9 |
| 60th Battalion | E 20 b 9·1 |

Brig-General
C.O.C. 15th Aust Inf Bde

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Headquarters
15th Aust Inf Bde
4/11/16.

5th Aust Div.

Dispositions as at 9 AM. 4/11/16

| | |
|---|---|
| 15th Bde Headquarters | E 20 b 9-0 |
| 15th M.G. Coy | E 21.A 7-8 |
| 15th ALT M B | E 21.A 7.7 |
| 57th Battalion | E 21 A 5.5 |
| 58th Battalion | E 20 b 9.2 |
| 59th Battalion | E 20 c 9.9 |
| 60th Battalion | E 20 b 9.1 |

Geo Wreck Sleeper
Brig.- General
S.O.b. 15th Aust Inf Bde

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Headquarters
15th Aust Inf Bde.
5/11/16

5th Aust Div.

Dispositions as at 9 A.M. 5/11/16.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 15th Bde Headquarters | | E 20 b 9.0 |
| 15th M.G. Coy | | E 21. A 7.8 |
| 15th A.L.T.M.B. | | E 21 A 7.7 |
| 57th Battalion | | E 21 A 5.5 |
| 58th Battalion | | E 20 b 9.2 |
| 59th Battalion | | E 20 c 9.9 |
| 60th Battalion | | E 20 b 9.1 |

Geo. W. Leane

Brig.-General
C.O.C. 15th Aust. Inf Bde

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Headquarters
15th Aust Inf Bde
6/11/16.

5th Aust Div.

Dispositions as at 9 AM 6/11/16

| | |
|---|---|
| 15th Bde Headquarters | E 20 b 9-0 |
| 15th M.G. Coy | E 21 A 7-8 |
| 15th A.L.T.M.B | E 21 A 7-7 |
| 57th Battalion | E 21 A 5-5 |
| 58th Battalion | E 20 b 9-2 |
| 59th Battalion | E 20 c 9-9 |
| 60th Battalion | E 20 b 9-1 |

Brig.-General
C.O.C. 15th Aust Inf Bde

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Headquarters
15th Aust Inf Bde
7/11/16.

5th Aust Div.

Dispositions as at 9 A.M 7/11/16.

15th Bde Headquarters
15th M.G Coy
15th A.I.T.M.B.
58th Battalion
59th Battalion
60th Battalion
57th Battalion billeted in Montonvillers.

} Billeted in Flesselles.

Edward Sharpe
Brig General
S.O.C 15th Aust Inf Bde.

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Headquarters
15th Inf Bde
8/11/16

5th Inf Div.

Dispositions as at 9 AM 8/11/16

15th Bde H.Q. }
15th M.G. Coy }
15th A & T M.B. } Billeted in
58th Battalion } Flesselles
59th Battalion }
60th Battalion /

57th Battalion billeted in Montonvillers

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Headquarters
15th Aust Inf Bde
9/11/16.

5th Aust. Div.

Dispositions as at 9 A.M. 9/11/16.

15th Bde Headquarters
15th M.G. Coy
15th A.T.M.B.
58th Battalion
59th Battalion
60th Battalion
} Billeted in Flesselles.

57th Battalion billeted in Montonvillers.

Geo Fredrick Johnson
Brig. General
G.O.C. 15th Aust Inf Bde.

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Headquarters
15th Aust Inf Bde
10/11/16

5th Aust Div.

Dispositions as at 9 A.M. 10/11/16

15th Bde H.Q. }
15th M.G. Coy }
15th A.T.M.B. } Billeted in
58th Battalion } Flesselles
59th Battalion }
60th Battalion /
57th Battalion billeted in Montonvillers

Geo F Wisdom Lieut Colonel

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Headquarters
15th Aust Inf Bde
11/11/16.

5th Aust Div.

Dispositions as at 9 A.M. 11/11/16

15th Bde Headquarters
15th M.G. Coy
15th A.T.M.B.
58th Battalion
59th Battalion
60th Battalion
57th Battalion billeted in Montonvillers.

} Billeted in Flesselles.

C. A. Powell Capt
Brig General
G.O.C. 15th Aust Inf Bde.

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Headquarters
15th Aust Inf Bde
12/11/16

5th Aust Div.

Dispositions as at 9 A.M 12/11/16

15th Bde H.Q. }
15th M.G. Coy }
15th A & T M.B. } Billeted in
58th Battalion } Flesselles
59th Battalion }
60th Battalion /

57th Battalion billeted in Montonvillers.

Archibald Campbell

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Headquarters
15th Aust Inf Bde
13/11/16.

5th Aust Division,

Dispositions as at 9 A.M. 13/11/16.

15th Bde Headquarters
15th M.G. Coy
15th A.L.T.M.B.
58th Battalion
59th Battalion
60th Battalion
} Billeted in Flesselles.

58th Battalion billeted in Monton villers

Geo. Edwards Brigr
Brig: General
G.O.C. 15th Aust Inf Brigade.

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Headquarters,
15th Aust Inf Bde
14/11/16.

5th Aust Division,

Dispositions as at 9 A.M. 14/11/16.

| | |
|---|---|
| 15th Bde Headquarters. | Billeted in Flesselles. |
| 15th M.G. Coy. | |
| 15th A.L.T.M.B. | |
| 58th Battalion | |
| 59th Battalion | |
| 60th Battalion | |

58th Battalion billeted in Monton villers

Brig: General.
C.O.B. 15th Aust Inf Brigade.

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Headquarters
15th Australian Inf Bde
15/11/16.

5th Aust. Div,

Dispositions as at 9 A.M. 15/11/16.

15th Brigade H.Q. } Billeted in
15th A.T.M.B. } Flesselles.
15th M.G. Coy. }
58th Battalion }
59th Battalion }
60th Battalion }
57th Battalion billeted in Montonvillers.

Geo J Wieck Lt Col
Brig. General.
C.O.C. 15th Australian Inf Bde

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Headquarters
15th Australian Inf Bde
16/11/16.

5th Aust. Div,

Dispositions as at 9 A.M. 16/11/16.

15th Brigade H.Q.
15th A.L.T.M.B.
15th M.G. Coy
58th Battalion
59th Battalion
60th Battalion
} Billeted in Flesselles

57th Battalion billeted in Monton Villers

Forecast:- All units 15th Australian Inf Bde moving to Dernancourt tomorrow.

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

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Headquarters
15th Australian Inf Bde
17/11/16

5th Aust Div.

Dispositions as at 6 A.M 17/11/16.

15th Bde Hd Q
15th M.G. Coy
15th A.L.T.M.B.
58th Battalion
59th Battalion
60th Battalion
} Billeted in Flesselles.

57th Battalion billeted in Monton villers.

Forecast:— All Units 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. moving to Dernancourt to-day.

Brig. General
G.O.C 15th Aust Inf Bde.

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15th Australian Inf Bde
Headquarters.
18/11/16.

5th Aust Div,

Dispositions as at 8 A.M. 18/11/16

| | |
|---|---|
| 15th Bde Headquarters. | E 20 b 9-0 |
| 15th M.G. Coy | E 21 A 7·8 |
| 15th A.L.T.M.B. | E 21 A 7·7 |
| 57th Battalion | E 21 A 5 5 |
| 58th Battalion | E 20 b 9·2 |
| 59th Battalion | E 20 c 9·9 |
| 60th Battalion | E 20 b 9-1 |

Forecast:— 60th Battalion moving to Mametz to-day.
Remainder of Brigade moving to Montauban to-day

Brig General
C.R.A. 15th Aust Inf Bde

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15th Australian Brigade
19th November 1916

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Intelligence Summary

Reference Map Albert 1/40000

Weather Wind S.S.W. Weather unsettled

Dispositions

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Brigade Headquarters | } | S.26.D.5.5 |
| 15th M.G. Coy | | |
| 15th A.H.T.M.B. | | S.26.D.5.7 |
| 57th Battalion | | |
| 58th " | | S.26.D.6.4 |
| 59th " | | |
| 60th " | | F.5.D |

Forecast 15th M.G. Coy, 15th A.L.T.M.B. 59th & 60th Bns moving to A.B.&D. camps in S.23 today

Alexander Smyth
Brig General
Commanding 15th Australian Brigade

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15th Aust Inf Bde
Headquarters
Nov. 20 1916

Summary of Intelligence
Reference Map "Albert" 1/40,000

Weather — Wind S.S.W. fresh. Weather dull.

Dispositions
15th Aust Inf Bde H.Q — S 26 D 5.5
57th Battalion — S 26 D 5.7.
58th Battalion — S 26 D 4.4
59th Battalion
60th Battalion
15th M.G. Coy
15th A.L.T.M.B
} A B & C Camps. S 23.

Forecast — 59th, M.G. Coy. 15th A.L.T.M.B, 59th & 60th Bns moving to front line to night.
58th Bn moving to D Camp in S 23 to-morrow.
15th Bde H.Q. moving to S 12 to-morrow

A.H. Welch
Brig General
Commanding 15th Aust Inf Brigade

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15th Aust Inf Bde.

General. Our artillery were active all day. Effective counter observed owing to fog.

Patrols. Patrol was out in front of N28B33 from 12 midnight to [illegible]. Reported no movement, [illegible] everything quiet.
A Patrol of 1 Off and 10 OR patrolled for 200 yds within a few yards of Enemy line. Keeping within hearing distance. This trench appeared to be well held and continuous. Its runs from 250 to 400 yds distance from our front line from left to Right and is undoubtedly Sunray and Moonray Trenches
There were no signs of enemy listening posts or patrols.

Sniping. Our snipers were active and at 3 pm when fog lifted a party of 15 men was observed at N22A8.3 ^ Our guns fired and only 5 of party reappeared running for shelter our snipers accounted for two of Enemy observed at N22C.5.8. and two more at N22D.8.2.

Observers. There is apparently a track which is frequently used by Enemy which runs from N22C8.6 to N22C8.9.
Moonray and Sunray trenches appear to be well held and in habitable condition (See patrols)

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Machine Guns — An enemy M.G. is active from N21D 8.6.

Movements. — Enemy seen in small parties entering trench from wood about N21D 6.7. Areas. Field Grey Caps and Lighting order. M.G's opened fire on them with effect. Movement also seen observed at N22D 9.7. Single man observed at N22C 6.7.

Signals — After our M.G. fired on party of enemy at 4.30 pm Red Rockets were fired 3 then 2 and then 1. Immediately enemy opened with artillery putting heavy barrage 50yds behind our front line in N22C Evening night. Enemy fired green lights but apparent subsequent Action Enemy keeps no mans land well lighted with flares

Gas — Nil

Enemy shelling. — Enemy put heavy barrage on rear trenches in N21D. at 8 am and at intervals during the day increased his barrage on this area

Equipment. — Breech coverplate overturned 100yds in front by Battalion at Monastery was examined and found to have been tampered with [illegible]

Aircraft Dispositions — Nil

5 9th and 60th Btns occupying front line and supports from N28B32 to N21D.07. 58th Batt in D camps at S22D. 59th Btn at S26D.5.7. 15th Bde H.Q. S17B66 MG Coy at S17B3.8

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ALT HQ B" at Shine Trench. N 21 D 3.4

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Brig General
Comm 15th Aust Inf Bde

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# Intelligence Summary.

**General.** Our artillery active but owing to misty condition effect could not be observed. Enemy's barrages were always vigorously replied to. Our heavies were firing short of our bombing post at N21D 9.4. at 12.50 pm. Those shells appeared to come from a S.S.W. direction

**Patrols.** Three patrols were out on our front in N22C and D and N28B. and reported no unusual movement but enemy apparently nervous and firing a large number of flares.

**Sniping** Sniping was active on both sides. One man was accounted for by our snipers at N22B.5.6. He was in full marching order and doubling back from Sunray trench to the rear. Parties seen moving near N21D 75.55. were fired on and retaliated by throwing grenades. At 11 pm. a party of four, of enemy were seen outside enemy trenches from mud trench they were fired on and one hit.

**Machine Guns.** Cumulus trench was constantly enfiladed during night by M.G. on left Position not located but it appears to fire from about 500 to 600 yds range.

Our Lewis Guns dispersed a working party in rear of enemy lines at N22C.2.9.

**Enemy Defences** An enemy O.P. suspected at N21D.3.9.

**Movements.** A front line relief is suspected to have been made last night. Two men in

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Full marching order were seen at 2.45 pm leaving Sunray trench and moving in direction of Beaulencourt. Disappeared about N22B.5.6. on road. Much movement being observed in enemy lines early this morning. Parties enter trenches at N21D.75.55 from the rear. They appear to use this point of entry frequently.

Signalling. Enemy uses a great number of flares at night.

Gas. Nil.

Enemy Artillery. Enemy barraged our front and support lines very heavily between 7.30 and 8.30 pm. Vicinity of N22C and N28A. Enemy shells valleys indiscriminately without apparent definite target.

Equipment. Nil.

Aircraft. Great aerial activity was displayed on both sides. Several combats took place and three Enemy planes were felled One which landed in our sector in N27D. was badly smashed the pilot being Killed. Two M.G.s were recovered from the wreckage. The plane was an Albatross dated 7/9/16.

Miscellaneous. Nil

Prisoners. A party of four whom were observed. from Shield trench when fired on and one of them number hit, Came forward and surrendered. one however ran and got back to his lines. The two captured were forwarded under escort to Div. H.Q. They were of the 102 Rgt. Saxons.

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Dispositions.

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Bde HQ. Located at S12 B.66.
59th Batn. D Camp S2 & D.
58th " Occupying Left Batn Section
H.Qrs at NEEDLE DUMP.
59th " Occupying Right Batn Section
HQrs at NEEDLE DUMP.
60th Bn. S26 D.5.7.
15th M.G. Coy at S12 B 3 8.
15th L.T.M.B. N21 D.8.7.

Forecast

58th Bn successfully relieved the 60th Bn Last night
The 59th Batn will relieved the
59th Batn in Right Batn Sector
tonight. 23/11/16 59th will move
to Hutments at S26 D.5.7.
60th Batn will move to D Camp
S23D

Clement Wieet Major
Brig. Gen.
Comdg. 15th Aust Inf Bde

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

Intelligence Summary. 15th Aust Inf Bde. 24/11/16.

General. Our artillery was active as usual during the day. Shelling enemy trenches and communications.

Patrols. Patrols were out on our front over sector N22C to 28a. They reported no signs of enemy activity. and met with no enemy listening posts or patrols

Sniping. Sniping was again active on both sides. Our snipers effectively dealt with several enemy snipers who were giving trouble and claim one killed M.G. Our M.G's maintained direct fire on enemy parapets and posts during the night. An enemy M.G. was troublesome enfilading our trenches in N22C 4.4 to 6.3. firing from our left front.

Movements. Enemy are still seen entering their trenches at about 21D 75.55.

Signalling. Enemy used a number of Red Flares during the night without any apparent action following.

Gas Nil.

Enemy Shelling. Enemy artillery active on our front during the day. Also barraging valleys in rear. He is very quick in detecting any movement in our lines and promptly shells working parties who may expose themselves. At 4 am enemy shelled Needle Trench with 5.9 H.E without effect.

Equipment. Nil.

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Aircraft. Enemy showed unusual aerial activity during the day. Many air fights took place. Two of our planes coming down and one enemy which fell in direction of Quedecourt. On one occasion an enemy plane dived to within 1000 ft of the ground possibly with the intention of taking photographs of our lines.

Miscellaneous. 57th Bath successfully Relieved 59th Bn in front line

Dispositions. Bde H.Qrs. located at S.12.B.6.6.

15th Bde M.G Coy S.12.B.3.8.

15th A.L.T.M.B. N.21.D.2.7.

57th Bk occupying Right Bk Sector Front Line.
H.Q.R.s. at Middle Dump.

58th Bk. do Left Bk Sector Front Line
H.Q.Rs at Middle Dump.

60th Bk Montauban. S.26.D.5.7

Forecast 60th Bk moving to trench Bivouac today.

Chas. F. Wells
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Brig Gen.
Comdg 15th Aust Inf Bde.

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Reg Ther 5 Je 5 W 3 Intelligence Summary 25/11/16
1/10,000 15th Aust Inf Bde

General. Our artillery showed the usual activity shelling enemy communication and trenches
Patrols Patrols were sent out at 2 times from N22C2.4 and N22C66. They returned at 5 am and reported all quiet. No sign of enemy movement. Other patrols report all quiet

Sniping. Enemy snipers have not been so active during last 24 hours. We accounted for one in his front line at N21D.7.6.

Machine Guns Enemy MGs have been active on our left and appear to be firing from about N31B.2.2. Our observers are closely watching this point. On our right, MGs were troublesome but we were unable to locate positions

Movement At 6am. Five of enemy in fatigue dress were seen at N31A.8.6. dispersed by rifle fire.

Signalling During night enemy fired many red lights signals. apparently to lengthen range. His artillery put 10 shells into his own front line during day and he immediately fired red flares.

Gas Nil.

Enemy Shelling Was very active during last 24 hours. He used 77mm. 4.2 and 5.9 shells on our front line in N31D. He also shelled our trenches in Rear. Switch trench receiving attention.

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Equipment Nil

Aircraft. At 7 am an enemy plane flying low over our front line raked the trench with M.G. fire without causing any casualties. Several enemy machines crossed our lines during the day.

Miscellaneous Nil.

Dispositions
- Bde H2rs located at S12B.6.6
- 15th M.G. Coy H2 . . S12B. 3.8.
- 15th A.T.M.B. H2. . . S23C.75.
- 57th Btn. Occupying Right Btn Sector Front Line H2Rs. Needle dump.
- 58th Btn. Occupying. Left Btn Sector. Front Line H2Rs Needle dump.
- 59th Btn. D Camp S23.C.76.
- 60th Btn Switch Trench. H2.1.1 D.1.1.

Forecast. H2Rs and 2 Coys of 58th Btn moving to switch trench today.
60 Btn moving to Left Btn Sector Front Line H2Rs Needle dump.

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Detailed locations of all units of 15th Aust Inf Bde.

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|---|---|---|
| Bde H.Qrs | S12b 6.6. | |
| 57th Bn. | Right Bn Sector Front Line | H2. N32d 6.2 |
| 58th Bn. | Left Bn Sector Front Line. | H2 N32d 55.30 |
| 59th Bn. | D Camp. | H2. S23C.7-6. |
| 60th Bn. | Switch Trench | H2.T. 1d 1.1 |
| 15th M.G.Coy | H2. | S12B. 3.8. |
| A.L.D.M.B. | H.2. | "D" Camp H2. S23C.7.5. |

Alex Rutherford Major
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Comdg 15 Aust Inf Bde.

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Map Sheet 57c SW 3 1/20,000 Intelligence Summary 26/11/16
13th Aust Inf Bde.

General. Our artillery was active during the day

Patrols Patrols - thoroughly examined no mans land in Sectors N22C & N28A. And report no sign of enemy movement Sniping Our snipers were active during the day.

Machine Guns. Enemy MGs were very active during the night particularly between 8 pm and midnight when his fire was very heavy.

Movement Several enemy carrying parties seen entering trench at N21D 4.8½. ~~Enemy~~ at 4 pm yesterday. Dispersed by rifle fire

Signalling. Enemy used flares continuously during the night. When his artillery ranges on our parapet in Shine trench, his front line almost invariably send up red rockets with the effect of his lengthening his range.

Gas. Nil.

Enemy Shelling. Enemy artillery was very active on Shine trench and his range is now better than it has been. He shelled Kambon and Buzzer trenches persistently all day a considerable amount of shrapnel being used. He nearly always overshoots our line in N22C.

Equipment Nil.

Aircraft No enemy planes seen during the day.

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Miscellaneous. Enemy on our left Battalion sector seems very nervous. Last night he threw several bombs into no mans land about 50 yds to the right of our left Bombing Block. at H.21.D.5.7 doing no damage. Generally he gives us the impression that he fears an attack he keeps his M.Gs going intermittently all night.

Dispositions.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 15th Bde HQ | | S.12.B.6.6. |
| 15 M.G Coy HQ | | S.12.B.3.8. |
| 15 R.D.M.B. HQ | | S.23.C.7.5. |
| 57th Bn | 2 Coys | Right sector front line |
| | 2 Coys | Needle trench. H.2 Needle |
| 58th Bn | 2 Coys | Left sector front line |
| | 2 Coys | Switch trench |
| | HQ | S.21.D.11. |
| 59th Bn | | 2 Camps S.23.b |
| 60th Bn | | Needle trench. |
| | | H2 Rear trench N.33.B.1.9. |

Forecast.

Two Coys 57th moving to needle trench from front Line.
60th Battn taking over front line H.R.R.s Rear trench. N.33.B.1.9..
Two Coys 58th Battn. Moving back to Switch Trench.

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Intelligence Summary.
1st Aust Inf Bde.

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General. Our artillery displayed the usual activity during the 24 hours.

Patrols Owing to front line relief no patrols were out. Front line posts report no signs of enemy activity.

M.G. Enemy M.G.s were active during the night. enfilading our trenches from N.2.c.4.4. to .63. Our M.G.s fire bursts at irregular intervals during the night.

Sniping Sniping is quieter on our front now very few targets presenting themselves. Our snipers however are very quick to detect movement on our lines

Movement. Very little movement is discernable in the enemy lines now.

Signalling. Enemy used the usual number of flares during the night and kept no man land well lighted.

Gas. Nil. No gas shells used.

Enemy Shelling. Enemy fired about Seventy 5.9 shells in rear of Scotch trench during the day. Rainbow and Buzzer trenches were shelled persistently all day. About 20 .5.9 shells fell in the vicinity of NEEDLE trench about N.2.b.8.8. to N.2.b.9.6. damaging trench and causing casualties. Communication trench from Windmill trench to Rose trench received attention during the day shells falling at intervals all day.

Equipment Nil

Aircraft. Nine enemy planes passed over our lines during the afternoon and at 3 pm one flew along Shine trench raking it with

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Machine guns fire but causing no casualties.
Miscellaneous Nil.

Dispositions.

15th Bde HQ. S12 B.3.8.
15 ALTMB. S23 J.5.
57th Bn. NEEDLE TRENCH HQ NEEDLE [illegible]
58th. Swartz Trench HQ [illegible]
59th. D camp HQ. S23 [illegible]
60th Bn. Occupying front line.
HQ Ross [illegible]
N33 B.1.9

Forecast 57th Battn. moving to Swartz trench tonight
58th B2. " " Needle trench "

Lt Colonel Commdg. for Brig Genl. 15th Aust. Inf Bde

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Intelligence Summary. 28/11/1694

General. Our artillery carried out their usual programme. Hail fell on Sunday and a fair of Storm: A number fell in Beaucourt Storm (the) day destroying some buildings.

Patrols A patrol was out on our front from Cloudy trench N22c.1½. and Alleyed out for two hours patrolling ½ mile Land. They came in contact with no enemy patrols or Listening posts and reported all quiet.

M.G. Indirect fire from our guns was used on the following target. Sunray trench N22c 00.55. to N22c2.8. and on junction of road and trenches from N22B 50.85 to N16D 70.15.

Direct fire on enemys parapet was used during the night.

Sniping. Sniping has not been active during the night. Our snipers Kennedy Kept up sniping fire during the night.

Enemy Movements Movements have again been seen in Sunray trench. Our Artillery and M.G. were firing in this vicinity during the day.

Enemy. Some enemy who were seen at about N21D 9.7. when fired on disappeared into either a sap or the road in the locality.

Signalling. At 4pm. one green light and four white ones were sent up by enemy on our extreme left. Mild bombardment No apparent action followed.

Gas Nil no gas shells used

Enemy shelling. Enemy artillery were active and shelled Rainbow trench in N21B and 22a persistently. At 2pm he increased his fire to barrage along Rainbow and Buzzer trenches.

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Enemy Shelling Contd.

Rose Trench was also shelled intermittently all day. A number of shells mostly 77 m.m. fell near Larkhill sap. No damage being done. At 12.15 p.m. Eight 5.9" shells fell in 7th. During the afternoon 7th. was shelled at intervals by our batteries.

Equipment Nil.

Enemy. Much activity was shown by aircraft on both sides during the day. Two of our planes came down in flames. One 12.30 p.m. came down under control in the direction of Ginchy. the other at 3 p.m. fell towards. Les Boeufs.

Dispositions: 15th Bde H.Qrs L.11.B.6.6.
15th M.G. Coy. L.11.B.3.6.
15th A.T.M.B. L.23.7.5.
57th Bn. Needle Trench H2 Needle Bumps.
58th. Switch Trench H2 D.1.D.11.
59th. D.Camps. H2 L.23.C.7.6.
60th. Occupying front line. H2 Rose trench N.33.B.1.9.

Forecast 57th Batt. moving to Switch Trench tonight
58th Batt. do. Needle Trench. do.

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Commd. 15th Aust Inf Bde.

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Intelligence Summary 1st Aust Inf Bde 3-9/11/16

Our artillery were active during the day and night shelling enemy front-line and ~~2 3 4 5~~ generally.

Patrols Patrols were out in front of our Sector in N22C and 28A and reported all quiet

Sniping Enemy snipers were more active yesterday. Causing us three casualties. We accounted for one of his snipers in Stormy trench at N21B 3.1

Machine Guns Enemy machine guns were active during the night. He seems to have a number of guns in the vicinity of N21D7.5-3½ from where he fires frequently.

Enemy Defences Two enemy were seen entering what appears to be a sap at N15C.9.9. this appears to be used frequently.

Movement A number of periscopes have been noticed in Stormy Trench. At 6.15 a.m. this morning a party of 25 men was seen to enter enemy front line at about N21D 7.3.

In fatigue dress. They were fired on by our M.G's and disappeared into trench. At N22C 5.8 a party of seven carrying ~~fuel~~ ammunition entered enemy lines this appeared to be a ration party.

Searchlights During the night enemy used a number of red flares. which were followed by a barrage fire from his artillery.

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Gas Nil. No gas shells used.

Enemy Shelling. Enemy shelling yesterday was more active than usual. He kept up an intermittent barrage during the whole day but without causing us casualties. Rainbow trench. The Rainbow Redoubt from 28.C.00. to 28A 00 and Lark Hill trench receiving particular attention. At 4pm the new road from Windmill to Rose trench was shelled with 5.9 without effect. At 11 am a light barrage of 4.2 and 5.9 was put on our support lines for about 5 minutes. At 6pm a heavy shrapnel and H.E. Barrage was used on our left. This lasted only a few minutes and then eased off. Our own artillery was active in retaliation. The enemy artillery were using more shrapnel than usual probably on account of the fog.

Equipment nil.

Miscellaneous. Early this morning much shouting and cat calling was heard in enemy lines.

Aircraft. Very little aerial activity today. The plane reported as flaming fallen in flames yesterday came down in our own lines. A man was observed falling from a height of 200 feet and the other plane about 50 feet both being Killed.

Dispositions. H.Q. 15th Inf Bde S12B.66.
H.Q. " Mtr Bty. S12B 3.3
15th A.L.O.M.B. S23B.7.5.
57th Bt. Switch Trench H2 21.D.11.
58th Bt. Needle Trench H2 Needle Dump
59th. D Camp. H2. S23C.76.
60th Occupying. front line. H2 Rose trench H33B.

Acknowledged
Jones Capt

58th Bn relieve the 60th Bn in front line tonight.
56th. will relieve 59th Bt in Switch trench
57th moving to Marnetz. Brig Gen. 15th Aust Inf Bde

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Intelligence Report.
15th Aust Inf Bde

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Several. Our artillery shelled the road and enemy communications behind Lumsay Wks and our 18 Pdrs were active during the evening.

Patrols Patrols were not out owing to change over being carried out in front line. Listening posts reported everything quiet.

Sniping Our snipers successfully dealt with an enemy sniper who had been troublesome during the morning. Our men accounted for several periscopes in Stormy Trench. A few targets have been obtained in Lumsay trench of which ~~one~~ opportunity our snipers have made good use.

Machine Guns Indirect fire was used on Enemy Trench at N22D 2.4 to N22D 9.7 and on portion of Lumsay trench at N22C 0.5. to N22C 2.8. Direct fire on our enemy parapets.

Movement There is very little movement now visible in Lumsay Trench.

Signalling Enemy fired ~~Many~~ many green lights at 4.20 pm yesterday. No action followed.

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Gas. Nil.

Enemy Shelling. Enemy Shelling was not quite as heavy as usual. He shelled Rainbow trench heavily with H.E. during the morning. And the Sunken Road ~~etc~~ Cr. 1429D received attention during the afternoon.

Aircraft activity. Nil

Miscellaneous. Nil

Despatches. HRRs 15th Inf Bde. 5/12.B.6.6.
HQRs 15th M.G. Coy. 5/12B.3.8.
15th ALT MTB. 5/23B.7.5.
~~15th R.E.~~ Mounted Corps
58th Batn. Occupying front line
HQrs. Rose trench.
59th Batn. In Camp. N.23.B.1.0. to N.23.B.7.6.
60th Batn. Needle trench. N.2 Needle Dump
56th Batn. Lurid trench. N.2.c.1.0.

Forecast. 56th Batn will release 58th Batn in front line tonight 58th moving to Needle N.2.c Needle Dump
55th Batn moving to Rainbow trench tonight.
60th Bn moving to Bernafay Wood

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Brig Genl.
Commd 15th Aust Inf Bde.

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15th Aust. Inf. Bde

Return of cases of "French Feet" occurring between 30/11/16 and 6/12/16

| Unit | Cases | Hours Unit spent in front Trench | Fighting Strength on 30/11/16 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bde H.Q. | Nil | Nil | 20 |
| * 57th Bn | 107 | 72 | 1 |
| * 58th Bn | 60 | 120 | 1 |
| 59th Bn | 4 | 72 | 1 |
| 60th Bn | 104 | 120 | 55 |
| 15th M.G. Coy | 2 | 60 | 152 |
| 15th A. & S. M. | Nil | 30 | 4 |

* Encountered mud patches.

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Bde Major
9/12/16

(The original of above is filed with diary for December 1916. as Appendix 64)

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