

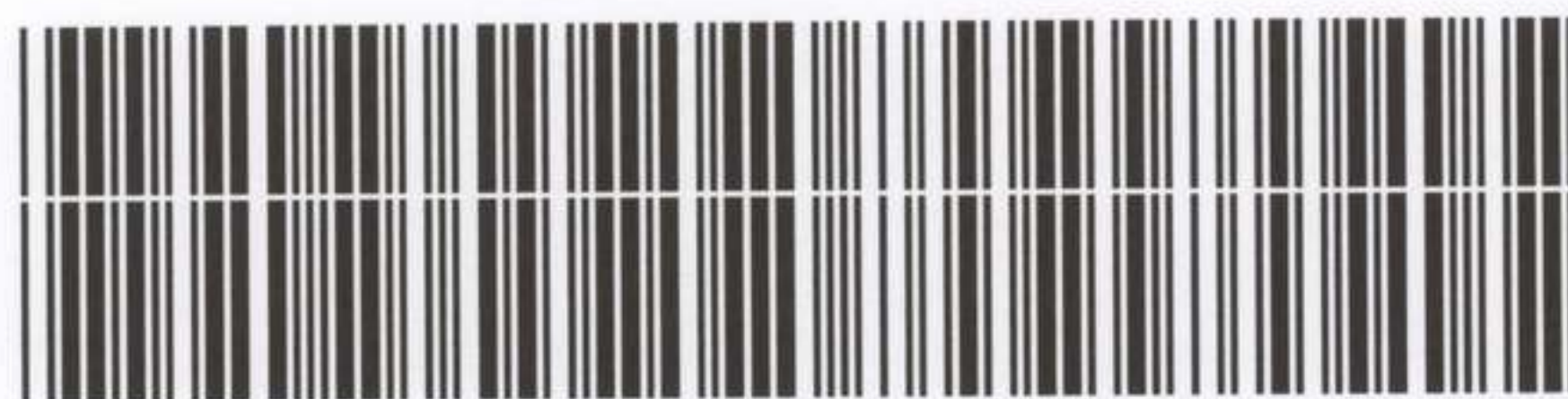
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAZENTIN CAMP 5.	1/2/17.		Battalion in Reserve to Brigade. Men employed in cleaning up & refitting.	
	2/2/17	1000	MAJOR JACOBS inspected U.M. stores & transport, arrangements made to have vehicles repaired & painted.	
			Men exercised in hardening work, specialists practicing in their various duties.	
	3/2/17.	1200.	Specialists training continued & Coys exercised.	
			C.O. went to Brigade H.Q. COUGH DROP. to conference re projected raid. returned 2320.	
	4/2/17		B <sup>n</sup> tailors employed making white suits.	
			Raiding party for projected raid organised, under L <sup>T</sup> SOMERSET. Training commenced.	
		1630.	Palliassees & straw drawers & mattresses made	
		1715.	B <sup>n</sup> commenced move to relieve 4 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> in Support, C.O. & S <sup>in</sup> C, with headquarters moved at 1715.	
SUPPORT.		1900	Relief of 4 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> completed without incident.	
	5/2/17		Battalion in Support, men employed on carrying fatigues, mining, engineers carrying & salvaging. Raiders practicing at Site 5.	

JACOBS Major  
T S<sup>in</sup>C, B<sup>n</sup>



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SUPPORT.	6/2/17		Battalions employed on working parties as on 5/2/17. Raiding party practicing at site 5. White suits being made.	
	7/2/17		Battalions employed on working parties as on 5 <sup>th</sup> + 6 <sup>th</sup> inst. Co. attended conference at 14 <sup>th</sup> Bn H.Q. raid by 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn cancelled Raiders reported back to Bn for duty.	
		2000.	Brigade relief order received	
	8/2/17		Battalions employed on fatigues during day.	
		1840	Bn relieved in support by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn	
		2025	Battalions completed relief of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn in line without incident.	
		2200	Major WOODFORDE visited bays, A+B in lines, D in Support & C in Reserve, Support & Reserve Coys doing fatigues, carrying material.	
	9/2/17	0120	C.O. returned from Town of lines Major JACOBS visited G.M. Store BARENTIN. Support & reserve Coys employed carrying material forward for raid on MARE and attack by 9 <sup>th</sup> Bn	

Major Jacobs  
T/S  
1/1/17



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	10/2/17.		Battalion in firing line, distribution of Coys as detailed 9/2/17. Support Reserve Coys engaged carrying material to dump YARRA BANK for projected attack by 9th Bn	
		1800	C.O. commenced tour of front line system	
		1930	C.O. returned to H.Q. quarters	
		2000.	Patrol active in vicinity of MARE. Raids from Bn front line by 4th Bn unsuccessful	
	11/2/17.		Battalion distributed as above, fatigues as previously detailed.	
		1700	Two officers of 11th Bn arrived to inspect position.	
		1800.	Two officers with small party proceeded to front line to patrol in vicinity of MARE.	
			A & B Coys patrols active in vicinity of MARE.	
		1920.	C.O. proceeded up line on tour of inspections.	
		2130	C.O. returned to Bn H.Q.	
		1720	Forward party of 11th Bn arrived to take over trench stores. Brigade Relief order received.	
	12/2/17.	1500	MAJOR JACOBS. proceeded to FRICOURT "A" CAMP. Bulking party proceeded to FRICOURT CAMP.	
		1900	GAS ALARM.	
		1930.	C.O. 11th Bn arrived.	
		2015.	C Coy relieved	
		2025.	Relief of Bn completed.	

Jacob Major  
1/5 in C 1 Bn



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FRICOURT SITE "A".	13/2/17 <del>0200</del> 1-	0200	Battalion complete in FRICOURT CAMP, with exception of 1 Officer 30 OR. left at DURHAM DUMP. Men employed in clearing up. 0900. Party from DURHAM DUMP arrived.	
	14/2/17.	0100.	Battalion employed on road work. Specialists continued training. MAJOR JACOB visited Transport lines, repairs & painting of vehicles completed	
	15/2/17.	1100	Battalion employed as on 14/2/17 C.O. visited Bde H. Quarters. Men received clean change of underclothes Instructions to proceed to BRESKE to carry on training. received 2000. Advance billeting party proceeded to BRESKE. 5 OR. evacuated to 2nd Ambulance	
	16/2/17	0800. 0930.	C.O. proceeded to BRESKE Battalion marched out of FRICOURT camp on march route to BRESKE	
	17/2/17.	1315.	Arrived at BRESKE, men in billets. Lieut FLANNERY + 9 OR. from hospital. LE SHANNON + 3 OR to Infirmary School Training in accordance with programme attached commenced reorganisation of specialists, & platoons carried out. Lt W WHITE on command to 1st Aust Inf Bde.	

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1/8 in C  
1st Bn



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BRESLE	18/2/17.		Work carried out in accordance with programme laid down. Platoons practiced advancing on trench firing ball ammunition the practice was successful.	
		1145.	Brigadier General LESSLIE C.M.G. & MAJOR MILLIGAN D.S.O. arrived at B.S.H.Q. leaving at 1700. joined 6 OR. gone, to SPARKE, FITZPATRICK & 9 OR.	
"	19/2/17		Work in accordance with programme laid down.	
		1030.	(opp). An accident caused by premature explosion of a Mills Grenade at the bombing range killed Pte. DWYER and Wounded 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. DINGLE & SCALES and 11 O.R. ranks	
		1200.	Pte LUBLIN died from effects of bomb accident.	
			All wounded were evacuated by 3 <sup>rd</sup> Field Ambulance.	
		1500.	Court of Inquiry opened to investigate bomb accident constitution, President. MAJOR JACOBS. Members. CAPT. EDGLEY LIEUT MOFEAT	
			A.D.V.S. visited transport & horse lines.	
			joined 1 OR. gone & officers (Lt. DINGLE & SCALES) & 10 OR, wounded.	

JACOBS  
MAYOR  
C.B.



1st Bn A.I.F.

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BRESLE	20/2/17.		<p>CHAPLAIN. E.W. JULIEN buried Pte LUBLIN and DWYER, who, died from injuries received in grenade accident 19.2.17, at HEINLY CEMETERY.</p> <p>Lieut BRUTON proceeded to 4th Bn H.Q. FRICOURT to prosecute in case of Pte BUCKLEY.</p> <p>0830 } Bn carrying out training, boys and specialists on private parades until 1030 when to 1200 } the Bn was formed up and exercised in carrying out an assault against two objectives, under supervision of MASOR JACOBS.</p> <p>1230. Brig General Leslie accompanied by Lt WHITE arrived to <del>hold</del> engine into the grenade accident, 19/2/17. The scene of the accident was visited. The General left Bn H.Q. 1530.</p> <p>1650. Meeting of Coy Commanders to discuss the operations to be carried out at 1800.</p> <p>1745. G.O. proceeded to Bn training grounds. Companies with specialists also proceeded to same place.</p> <p>1800. Night operation, advance on two hostile objectives, practised, results very satisfactory. Returned to billets 1930.</p> <p>LIEUT. DINGLE died of wounds received in bomb accident, at SOUTH MIDLAND C.C.S. and was buried at EDGE HILL.</p>	
BRESLE	21/2/17.		<p>Boy and specialist training carried out during morning</p> <p>1100. MASOR BY STACY &amp; CAPT MANN 4th Bn arrived to allot billets &amp; look over training grounds.</p> <p>Spare gear &amp; P.M.S. stores moved to ALBERT.</p> <p>1900. Battalion night attack on stereotyped lines successfully carried out.</p> <p>Lt DINGLES kit sent away.</p> <p>2030. 3. G.S. Wagons arrived from J.A.C. to help shift Battalion.</p>	<p>A Jacobs Major J/S in C. 17/2/17</p>



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BRESLE. FRICOVRT.	22/1/17	0930.	Battalion commenced move from BRESLE to CAMP "A" FRICOVRT. Lieut BRUTON proceeded to 3rd Bn H.Q. to prosecute in case of Pte BUCKLEY 1315. Move to FRICOVRT. A. CAMP completed.	
FRICOVRT.	23/1/17	0900.	LIEUT. BLAKE reported back from L.M.G. school, LETOUQUET. 2nd LIEUTS. GRIFFITHS, GRIBBLE, DAVIES, WEST. and SIMONS joined Bn with 14 ORanks. 9 other ranks went to BECOURT. } to act as hut wardens H " " " " BECORDEN } A Coy with 1 officer & 60 ORanks from B Coy went to old 3rd Bn H.Q. for fatiguees. 1 L.M.G. posted to duty with 1st Division for anti-aircraft work.	
	24/1/17	1300	Major WOODFORDE visited Brigade & 9th A's H.Q. on duty during morning.	
		1500.	Major WOODFORDE returned. 49 other ranks joined Bn During day battalion engaged on road fatiguees etc. 1 Officer & 50 OR. at CLARKE DUMP, pushing party for light railway.	
	25/1/17		b.O. went to Brigade Hd Quarters to conference in morning & again in afternoon 3 men returned from 1st ANZAC SCHOOL Battalion standing to, Iron rationing, bombs, issued to men, SAA drawn from dump. arrangements made for a quick move.	

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FRICOURT.	26/2/17	1000	LIEUT BUCHAN & C.Q.M.S., CONNELLAN went to 5 <sup>th</sup> ARMY SCHOOL F.G.C.M held in 1 <sup>st</sup> B <sup>n</sup> line. MAJOR H. JACOBS president. Preparations for an early offensive carried on with	
FRICOURT.	27/2/17.	1400.	Preparations for move completed. B <sup>n</sup> left FRICOURT CAMP on route to relieve 10 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> Lieut SAMPSON, RICHARDS, & BENNETT, with 9 OP. ranks left <del>at</del> <sup>at</sup> 4 P.M. store awaiting instructions to proceed to DIVISIONAL SCHOOL. Lieut R. ROHEAL PRICE left in camp to proceed to Lewis Gun School	
SUPPORT POSITION } EAUCOURT } L'ABBE. }		1750 1900.	B.C.T.S Coys reported relieved 10 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> A Coy completed relief. During night 1 <sup>st</sup> B <sup>n</sup> carried food, water, ammunition & supplies to 7 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>n</sup> in line.	
"	29/2/17.	1400.	Battalions engaged on fatigues, collecting material to take to forward positions & in salvaging stores. C.O. & Adjutant proceeded on tour of position Working party supplied to Engineers.	

Jacob Major  
1/5 - 10/17



RELIEF ORDER

by  
 MAJOR P. S. S. WOODFORDE T/COMMANDING 1st AUSTRALIAN BATTALION. 4/2/17.

Reference Maps 57 c S.W. 57 a S.E.

RELIEF.

The 1st Australian Battalion will relieve the 4th Aust. Battalion in Support Trenches on the 4th February 1917.

"A" Coy. 1st Bn. will relieve "B" Coy. 4th Bn. in TURK LANE.

"B" Coy. 1st Bn. will relieve "D" Coy. 4th Bn. in NORTH ROAD.

"C" Coy. 1st Bn. less 1 Officer & 60 O.R. will relieve "C" Coy. 4th Bn. in Shelters, at N. 39. B. O. 2.

"D" Coy. 1st Bn. will relieve "D" Coy. 4th Bn. in Shelters N. 39. B. O. 2.

The Officer & 60 Other Ranks of "C" Coy. will be quartered in huts in HIGH WOOD EAST CAMP.

Each Coy. will arrange to carry forward 4 oval cooking dixies.

"C" Coy. will send their cooker with 1 Cook to HIGH WOOD EAST CAMP.

ADVANCE PARTIES.

The following Advance Parties leaving BAZENTIN 5 Site, at 0800 will proceed to their respective positions, now held by 4th Bn.:-  
 1 Officer & 1 Senior N.C.O. per Coy., and the R.S.M. for Bn. Hd. Qrs. will take over all trench stores, etc.

The Signalling Sgt. with 1 Hd. Qr. Signaller & 1 Signaller for each Coy. Office, who will take over from the corresponding details of the 4th Battalion.

4 guides per Coy. will proceed with party to reconnoitre the route, returning to their respective Companies by 1500.

The above parties will carry 48 hours rations.

MOVE.

The Battalion in order of "A" "B" "D" & "C" will move from BAZENTIN 5 Camp commencing at 1615.

The following distances will be maintained on roads :-

Between Platoons 200 Yards.

No movement forward of the Southern end of HIGH WOOD will take place before 1715 except in parties of not more than three men at 300 yards distance.

BLANKETS Etc.

1 Blanket per man will be rolled in bundles of 10 & securely labelled. These together with packs will be stacked in No. 1 Hut "A" Coy. Line by 1400.

DRESS.

Battle Order with waterproof sheet and 1 blanket rolled between haversack & belt, waterbottles full.

Greatcoat and steel helmet will be worn.

TRENCH STORES.

All Trench Stores, Maps, Phot graphs, Documents etc., and orders & information for proposed operations will be taken over and receipts given.

A triplicate receipt will be sent to Bn. Hd. Qrs. not later than 0800 on 5th Inst.

REPORTS.

Completion of relief will be reported in CODE to Bn. Hd. Qrs.

*P. S. S. Woodforde*  
 Lieut.  
 A/Adjutant, 1st Aust. Battalion.

*War Diary*





Annual Roll of men for Overseas (Page 11)

S. No.	Re-in. Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Remarks
131		Pte?	King W.B.	
1362		"	Knock J.	
1969		"	Knock J.	
4150		"	Kessell J.	
8766		"	Kelly W.B.	
1544	1788	"	Kelly W.B.	
2387		"	Kelly W.B.	
2365		"	Lambert, b.b.	
380		"	Lambert, b.b.	
7560		Plt	Lewis J.	
8951		"	Lewis W.D.	
870		"	Loane A.	
172		"	Lyle W.D.	
2505		"	Miller A.	
2735		"	Lawrence S.A.	
2953		"	Longman J.	
3816		"	Longman J.	
156		Cpl.	Madson O.	
198		Lt Cpl.	MacKell W.	
1978		Cpl	Marson R.	
1515		"	Marson R.	
2394		Cpl	Marson R.	
162		Pte	Marson R.	
2617		"	Marson R.	
2399		"	Marson R.	
359		Cpl	Marson R.	
779		Pte	Marson R.	
2968		"	Marson R.	
781		"	Marson R.	
2957		"	Marson R.	
3777		"	Marson R.	
2192		"	Marson R.	
158		"	Marson R.	
2211		"	Marson R.	
387		Cpl	Marson R.	
336		Lt Cpl	Marson R.	
793		Pte	Marson R.	
974		"	Marson R.	
2183		"	Marson R.	
1889		Lt	Marson R.	
502		Pte	Marson R.	
160		"	Marson R.	
1188		"	Marson R.	
895		"	Marson R.	





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BATTALION ORDER

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MAJOR P.S.S. WOODFORDE T/COMMANDING 1st AUSTRALIAN BATTALION. 11/2/17.

Reference Map ALBERT 1/40000.

RELIEF.

The 1st Australian Battalion will be relieved by 11th Aust. Battalion in Right Sub-section trenches of 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Sector on the night of 12/13th February 1917.

On relief Coys. will move to "A" Camp FRICOURT FARM X 262 C, by the following route :-

Duckboard track via Eastern edge of HIGH WOOD to S 2 D 8 O. thence along road through S 14 B & A, 13 B & A, X 17 B & A, 16 D, 22 B & D, 26 A.

ADVANCE PARTY.

1 N.S.O. per Coy. & 1 for Bn. Hd. Qrs. will report at Bn. Hd. Qrs. at 0600 on 12th Inst. to proceed to new camp as billeting party under Lt. a'BECKETT.

GUIDES.

One guide per Coy. & one for Bn. Hd. Qrs. will meet Coys. on bridge at HIGH WOOD Camp, and will guide Coys. to FRICOURT "A" Camp.

"A" & "B" Coys. will send one guide per post & one for Support position, to be at Bn. Hd. Qrs. by 1745 on 12th Inst. and "C" & "D" Coys. one per platoon, to be at Bn. Hd. Qrs. by 1745 12th Inst.

MOVEMENT.

No movement forward of HIGH WOOD will take place before 1730 except in parties not larger than 3 at 300 yards distance. In rear of HIGH WOOD 100 yards will be maintained between platoons.

TRENCH STORES.

All Trench Stores, maps except 1/20000 scale & over, photographs, defence schemes, plans of work, & documents containing information likely to be of use to incoming unit will be handed over & receipts obtained.

Duplicate receipts to be forwarded to Bn. Hd. Qrs. by 1200 12th Inst.

DRESS.

Battle Order with W.P. Sheet & 1 blanket rolled in bandolier fashion. Greatcoat & steel helmet to be worn. O's.C. Coys. will take special care that no equipment or clothing is left behind.

DETAILS.

All details at BAZENTIN No. 5 Camp will proceed to FRICOURT "A" Camp under Lt. SAMPSON. Move to be completed by 1600 12th Inst.

All details will rejoin their Companies at FRICOURT "A" Camp.

COOKING.

C.M. will arrange for cooks to be removed to new camp & for a hot meal to be ready by 2130.

TRANSPORT.

Transport lines will not alter.

REPORTS.

O's.C. Coys. will report in code to Bn. Hd. Qrs. immediately on being relieved & on arrival in new camp.

Lieut.  
A/Adjutant 1st Aust. Battalion.

With reference to First ANZAC G. 188/1/130 of 21st January.

Bde. H.Q. 17/597  
12/2/17.

Headquarters  
1st Aust. Division  
169/460 11/2/17.

GERMAN MACHINE GUNS.

1st Aust. Div.



## RELIEF ORDER

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 MAJOR P.S.S. WOODFORDE T/COMMANDING 1st AUSTRALIAN BATTALION. 7/2/1917.

by

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RELIEF.

The 1st Aust. Battalion will relieve the 3rd Aust. Bn. in the Right Sub-section trenches, 1st Aust. Bde. Sector on night of 8/9th February 1917.

"A" Coy. 1st Bn. will relieve "C" Coy. 3rd Bn., right Coy. in Line.

"B" Coy. 1st Bn. will relieve "A" Coy. 3rd Bn., left Coy. in Line.

"D" Coy. 1st Bn. less 1 Officer & 60 O.R. will relieve "B" Coy. 3rd Bn. in Support in dugouts in vicinity of COBHAM CORNER & 1 Platoon in TURK LANE.

"C" Coy. 1st Bn. will take over position at present occupied by "B" Coy. 1st Bn. in NORTH ROAD & YARRA AVENUE.

"D" Coy. 1st Bn. will relieve 3rd Bn. carrying party at COUGH DROP of 1 Officer & 60 O.R. by a similar force.

ADVANCE PARTIES.

The following advance parties will proceed to the positions to be taken over by their Coys., & perform duties as detailed hereunder; move to be completed by 0600 on 8th Inst.

1 Officer & 1 senior N.C.O. per Coy. to take over Trench Stores, Defence Scheme, Schemes for Work in progress, Maps & Documents.

1 L.M.G. N.C.O. to note dispositions of Guns, fields of fire, etc., & 1 Signaller per Coy. to learn routine of Signal Office.

R.S.M. will take over Trench Stores from 3rd Bn. Hd. Qrs. & will hand over 1st Bn. Stores to 2nd Battalion.

Signalling Sgt. & 1 Signaller for Bn. Hd. Qrs. Signal Office to learn routine.

"D" Coy. will send Officer in charge of carrying party to COUGH DROP during morning of 8th Inst. to learn duties he will carry out, and will return to "D" Coy. Hd. Qrs. in time to lead his party to relieve.

GUIDES.

The following guides from 3rd Bn. will be at 1st Bn. Hd. Qrs. at 1745 on 8th Inst.:-

1 guide per post for front line Coys. ("A" & "B"), & 1 for each support position for the front line Companies.

1 guide per dugout for the Support Coy. ("D"), in vicinity of COBHAM CORNER & 1 Platoon in TURK LANE.

"C" Coy. will arrange for their own guides to the Reserve position in NORTH ROAD and YARRA AVENUE.

MOVE.

Companies will move to relieve as directed above, commencing at 1815.

DRESS.

Dress :- Battle Order with waterproof sheet & 1 blanket rolled between haversack & belt. Greatcoat & steel helmet will be worn.

TRENCH STORES.

1. Triplicate receipt for all Trench Stores etc., handed over to 2nd Bn. will be submitted to Bn. Hd. Qrs. not later than 1400 on 8th Inst.

2. Triplicate receipt for all Trench Stores etc., taken over from 3rd Bn. will be submitted to Bn. Hd. Qrs. not later than 0800 on 9th Inst.

WORK.

All work in progress in positions taken over will be continued at once.

REPORTS.

Completion of relief will be reported in code to Bn. Hd. Qrs.

TRANSPORT.

Transport will remain in their present lines.

*R. Somerville*  
 Lieut.  
 A/Adjutant 1st Australian Battalion.



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## DEFENCE SCHEME

(1st Aust. Battalion) 12

RIGHT BATTALION - LEFT BRIGADE.1st Australian Divisional Sector.  
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Reference Map GUEUDEKOURT 1/10000.

BOUNDARIES. 1. The dividing line between the Battalion & the Battalion on our right is from

The front line at YARRA BEND to M.24.B.615. to NORTH ROAD at M.30.B.6.5. along NORTH ROAD, M.30.C.5.3.

The dividing line between the Bn. &amp; the Bn. on our left is from

The front line at M.18.G.3.0. to HEKHAM ROAD at M.23.D.6.7.

DISTRIBUTION of GARRISON.

2. The garrison is distributed as follows :-

Firing Line, two companies, 1 Coy. in Support, &amp; 1 Coy. in Reserve in position detailed hereunder.

The Front Line is held by 2 Coys. distributed as follows:-

The Right Coy. holds from YARRA BEND to about M.24.A.7.5. by 8 posts &amp; supports as shown hereunder :-

- No. 1. 1 L.H. Gun, 1 N.C.O. & 3 men, 3 bombers (night post only).
- No. 2. 1 L.H. Gun, 1 N.C.O. & 3 men, 3 bombers (day & night post).
- No. 3. 1 N.C.O. & 6 O.R. (night post only).
- No. 4. 1 N.C.O. & 6 O.R. (night post only).
- No. 5. 1 L.H. Gun, 1 N.C.O. & 3 O.R., 3 bombers (day & night post).
- No. 6. 1 N.C.O. & 3 men & No. 3 V.M. Gun & Crew (day & night post).
- No. 7. 1 N.C.O. & 6 O.R. (night post only).
- No. 8. 1 N.C.O. & 6 O.R. (night post only).

Coy. Hd. Qrs. &amp; the remainder of the Right Coy. garrison, in dugouts &amp; shelters in YARRA BANK. Coy. Hd. Qrs. Reference M.24.B.64.

The Left Coy. holds from about M.24.A.7.5. to M.18.G.3.0. by five posts &amp; supports as shown hereunder :-

- No. 9. 1 N.C.O. & 10 O.R., 1 Bomber. (day & night post)
- No. 10. 1 L.H. Gun, 1 N.C.O. & 6 O.R., 1 Bomber. (day & night post)
- No. 11. 1 L.H. Gun, 1 N.C.O. & 6 O.R., 3 Bombers. (day & night post)
- No. 12. 1 N.C.O. & 6 O.R. (night post only).
- No. 13. 1 L.H. Gun, 1 N.C.O. & 6 O.R. (day & night post)

Coy. Hd. Qrs. is in front line at M.24.A.5.7.

The remainder of the Left Coy. garrison is in deep dugout at M.24.A.4.7.5.

~~The Support Coy~~

The Support Coy. is distributed as follows :-

Coy. Hd. Qrs. &amp; 3 platoons in deep dugouts in vicinity of COBHAM CORNER, 1 Platoon in TURKS LANE, 1 Officer &amp; 60 O.R. at COUGH DROP (permanent carrying party).

Map reference of Coy. Hd. Qrs. M.24.C.2.4.

The Reserve Coy. is distributed as follows:-

Shelters in YARRA AVENUE, S. of FACTORY ROAD, and in NORTH ROAD South of YARRA AVENUE.

Map reference of Coy. Hd. Qrs. M.24.D.4.2.0.

"S.O.S." SIGNALS.

3. In the event of a hostile bayonet attack, or should the enemy be seen to leave his trenches during a hostile gas attack, the following code call &amp; signal will be the order for the artillery to open an immediate barrage fire :-

- (1). "S.O.S." followed by the number of the trench, for instance, "S.O.S." M.101."
- (2). By firing a special "S.O.S." rifle grenade which breaks out into two red & two green lights at the top of its flight. This signal will be repeated until the artillery takes action.

Every officer in the front line will keep on his person a written "S.O.S." message signed by himself ready to send.

In foggy weather the special rifle grenade signal



will be repeated back to Bn. Hd. Qrs. by a relay posts which will be established in foggy weather by the Bn. Signal Officer in GOOSE ALLEY at N. 84. D. 0. 8., and N. 84. C. 7. 3., who will keep watch for the firing of the "S.O.S." signal from the front line, and repeat it back immediately to Bn. Hd. Qrs.

U. ACTION IN EVENT OF HOSTILE GAS ATTACK.

- 4. (a) The alarm will at once be given by all gas alarms and means available, & if necessary, by orderlies.
  - (b) Should the gas cloud be unaccompanied by an infantry attack, no "S.O.S." signal or message will be sent, but the message - "Gas attack trench.....". Every officer in the line will keep such a message always on his person.
  - (c) All Coys. will stand to. All ranks will adjust gas helmets. Sleeping men will be at once awakened. Anti-gas blankets will be set in place in dugouts.
- Troops in the front line will open a slow rate of <sup>light</sup> machine gun fire against the enemy trenches and all Trench Mortars will open fire on the enemy's trenches from which the gas is being emitted, or in which the enemy infantry may be concentrating for the assault.

V. ACTION IN EVENT OF HEAVY SHELLING.

- 5. Heavy shelling will be at once reported in code to Bn. Hd. Qrs. by Companies, giving the following information :-
    - Calibre of shells.
    - Description of shells (whether gas, H.E., Shrapnel, etc.)
    - Direction from which shelling is coming.
    - Locality where shells are falling.
- Should the front line posts be bombarded heavily, and disproportionate casualties <sup>likely to be</sup> suffered, Coy. Commanders will exercise their discretion as to thinning out posts most affected, but will ensure that keen observation is maintained from these posts. Abnormal movement in enemy's position will be reported to Bn. Hd. Qrs. at once.

W. ACTION IN EVENT OF HOSTILE INFANTRY ATTACK.

- 6. In the event of hostile infantry attack the front line posts will be held at all costs. The "S.O.S." signal and message will be sent as directed in para. 6 of this Defence Scheme. Troops will not fall back but all points will be defended whether the flanks are turned or not.
  - Should the enemy effect a lodgment in our front line posts the O.C. Coy. in whose sector this occurs will at once organise & launch a counter-attack with his supports.
  - In case of attack, the following message will be sent to the Support & Reserve Coys. from Bn. Hd. Qrs. :-
    - "Enemy attacking..... Concentrate".
  - On receipt of this message Coys. will act as follows :-
    - The Support Coy. will proceed in fighting order and occupy SWAN LANE (disused trench) between GOOSE ALLEY (at N. 84. C. 7 1/2 0 and N. 84. C. 7 1/2 4 1/2, and will await further instructions from Bn. Hd. Qrs.
    - The Reserve Coy. will proceed in fighting order and occupy (disused trench) from N. 84. D. 5. 4. to N. 84. C. 7 1/2 6. (Party of 1 officer & 60 O.R. at GOUGH DUMP will proceed at once to YARRA RESERVE & report arrival to Bn. Hd. Qrs.)
  - Each Coy. will carry forward
    - 3 Mills bombs per man.
    - 300 rounds S.A.A. per man.
- The Support & Reserve Coys. will report when in position by double orderlies to Bn. Hd. Qrs. These orderlies will remain at Bn. Hd. Qrs. to act as guides to their respective Companies.

X. WATER AND SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS.

- 7. Cooking for front line and support Companies done at Q.M. Store at Railhead & sent up in hot food containers. Reserve Coy. cooks with dixies in YARRA AVENUE.
- Water and all supplies are transported by DEBAUVILLE train to CLARKS DUMP (ref. S. 3. D. 3. 8.) and are pushed from there on trucks along DEBAUVILLE track to DURHAM DUMP (ref. N. 30. C. 8. 6.) by party of 30 O.R. furnished by the RESERVE
- From DURHAM DUMP they are carried forward by /Coy. fatigue parties supplied by Support Company.

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*Party of 1 officer & 60 O.R. at GOUGH DUMP will proceed at once to SWAN LANE*

*YARRA RESERVE & report arrival to Bn. Hd. Qrs.*

*to be drawn before moving off from Company dump!*



EMPLOYMENT OF TUNNELLERS, PIONEERS, ENGINEERS, WORKING  
and CARRYING PARTIES IN EVENT OF ATTACK.

8. If in the front line, Tunnellers, Pioneers, Engineers, working & carrying parties, will place themselves under the command of the O.C. the Sector they are in.

In other parts of the Bn. Sector parties belonging to this Bn. will report back at once to their Companies, parties belonging to other units will report to nearest Coy. Hd. Qrs. or Bn. Hd. Qrs. for instructions. O's.C. Coys. will forward strength of such of the latter parties as may report to them, as soon as possible.

COMMUNICATIONS. 9. By telephone from all Coy. Hd. Qrs. to Bn. Hd. Qrs. and by orderly to or from either Hd. Qrs.

In the event of heavy fighting and the lines being down, messages will be sent by double runner.

ACTION IN SUPPORT OF BATTALIONS ON FLANKS IF ATTACKED.

10. In the event of attack on Battalion on either flank, support will be given by rifle and M.G. fire on the enemy attacking, and Trench Mortars will engage enemy Trench Mortars & Machine Guns assisting in the attack. The O.C. Coy. on whose flank the attack occurs will at once report attack to Bn. Hd. Qrs. and will hold his Supports in readiness to protect his flank, and ~~will~~ <sup>engage</sup> the enemy should he effect a lodgement in the position. *He will endeavour to make the enemy's position untenable.*

Reports on enemy repulse or progress will be sent to Bn. Headquarters.

11/2/17.

P. J. Woodford  
1/Commander Bn. AIF



MAJOR P. S. E. FORDFORDS T/COMMANDING 1st AUSTRALIAN BATTALION, 19/8/45

Reference Map ALBERT 1/40000.

MOVE.

The 1st Australian Battalion will proceed by march route on 16th Inst. to Billets BRUSLE.

The Battalion will move in order of  
PIONEERS & SIGNALERS.

"D" Coy.

"A" "

"B" "

"C" "

and 1st Line Transport.

All details except those above mentioned will march with Coys. to which they are attached.

Companies will parade ready to move off at 0930 in front of their respective huts.

DISTANCES.

The following distances will be maintained and Coys. will detail connecting files where necessary.

Between Companies	100 yards.
Between Transport & unit	200 yards.

DRESS.

Full marching order with groundsheet under flap of pack. Steel helmet will be carried on the back of pack & mess tins will be carried inside pack. Waterbottles will be carried full.

DUTIES.

"D" Coy. will find an Advance party of 1 Officer (Lt. CASSELL) and 10 other ranks.

"C" Coy. will supply a baggage guard of 1 N.C.O. & 10 men to report to Lt. WAUGH at 0830 at Q.M. Store, and a rearguard of 1 Officer & Reg. Police to pick up stragglers.

BLANKETS & GEAR.

All blankets will be tightly rolled in bundles of 10 and labelled with wood or tin labels, and will be stacked with officers' valises & spare gear by 0700 on ground in front of Q.M. store.

COOKERS.

Cookers will be ready to move with 1st Line Transport at 0730 & will cook midday meal on line of march, for their respective Coys. & details.

DISCIPLINE.

Strict march discipline will be maintained throughout the move. Any man falling out must obtain a pass from an officer who will state reason for falling out & to whom he is to report.

LINES.

All huts & their surroundings to be left scrupulously clean.

REPORTS.

On taking over new billets O's.C. Coys. will submit a written report on same.

*P. S. E. Fordfords*  
A/Adjutant 1st Australian Battalion. Lieut.



MAJOR P.S.S. WOODFORDE T/COMMANDING 1st AUSTRALIAN BATTALION. 21/2/17.

Reference Map ALBERT 1/40000.

MOVE.

The 1st Aust. Battalion will proceed by march route on 22nd Inst. to FRICOURT "A" Camp, where Coys. will occupy the same huts as when previously in this camp.

The Battalion will move in order of :

- Pioneers & H.Q. Signallers.
- "A" Coy.
- "B" Coy.
- "C" Coy.
- "D" Coy.
- & 1st Line Transport.

All details except those mentioned above will march with Coys. to which they are attached.

Only 2 Cooks & C.Q.M.S. of each Coy. will march with cookers. The remainder will march with their Companies.

Companies will parade ready to move off, in front of their respective billets at 0930.

DISTANCES. Distances of 100 yards will be maintained between Companies & 200 yards between Transport & Unit.

DRESS. Dress:- Full Marching Order with groundsheet under flap of pack. Mess-tins will be carried inside pack. Waterbottles must be carried full.

DUTIES. "A" Coy. will find Advance party of 2 N.C.O's. & 16 men who will report to Lt. CASSIDY in the Square at Bn. Hd. Qrs. at 0915.

"D" Coy. will supply a Baggage Guard of 2 N.C.O's. & 12 men to report to Lt. WAUGH at Q.M. Store at 0915, & 1 Officer to take charge of Reg. Police & Bn. Guard, to pick up stragglers.

"C" Coy. will relieve the 4th Aust. Bn. Anti-aircraft Lewis Gun team, at X.28.C.8,9. by 1200 on 22nd Inst. 1 Coy. Officer will be specially told off to accompany team & supervise relief.

BLANKETS Etc. All blankets will be tightly rolled in bundles of ten and labelled with wooden labels & will be stacked at their respective Coy. Hd. Qrs. at 0930, with Officers' valises & other spare gear.

TRANSPORT. Four extra G.S. Wagons will report to the Transport Officer at 1700 to-day for extra blankets & surplus baggage.

Wagons will move in groups of 6, at 25 yds. distance.

Cookers will be ready to move with 1st Line Transport at 0930 & will cook mid-day meal on line of march.

CERTIFICATES. Billeting certificates must be obtained in duplicate from owners of billets. One copy will be forwarded to Bn. Hd. Qrs. by 0900 22nd Inst.

STANDING ORDERS. Attention is drawn to Bn. Standing Orders re Movement by Road, ~~XXX~~ a copy of which ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ has been issued to Coys. this morning.

*P. Someser*  
Lieut.  
A/Adjutant 1st Australian Battalion.

Date of Recommendation	Recommended by	Approved by	(To be filled in)

1918 W. 11/11/17



BATTALION ORDER NO. 14.

by  
MAJOR P.S.B. WOODFORD, T/Commanding 1st Australian Battalion.

27/2/1917

Reference Map ALBERT 1/40000.

RELIEF.

The 1st Australian Battalion will relieve 10th Australian Battalion in support position 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade sector today 27th inst.

- "A" Coy. 1st Bn. will relieve "A" Coy. 10th Bn. in TURK LANE
- "B" Coy. 1st Bn. will relieve "B" Coy. 10th Bn. in TURK LANE.
- "C" Coy. 1st Bn. will relieve "C" Coy. 10th Bn. in BAUCOURT L'ABBAYE
- "D" Coy. 1st Bn. will relieve "D" Coy. 10th Bn. in BAUCOURT L'ABBAYE

"B" Coy. less 1 Officer & 60 Other Ranks, and "C" & "D" Coys. will parade in front of their respective huts at 1400 today ready to move off.

"C" Coy. and 1 Officer & 60 Other Ranks of "B" Coy. will move from present camp at 1500.

Distances :- 100 yards between platoons, and 200 yards between Companies.

ADVANCE PARTY.

The 2nd in Command of Companies with 4 N.C.O's. and 1 Signaller, and Lieut. BRUTON with 1 N.C.O. and 2 Signallers, will proceed as Advance Party, and take over all trench stores, work in progress, latrines, and scheme of defence

COOKING.

Each Company will carry forward 10 oval cooking dixies. Cookers will be left ready packed for transport to remove.

DRESS.

Battle Order, with waterproof sheet and greatcoat. The following will be carried :- 220 rounds S.A.A.

- 2 Mills Bombs.
- 3 Sand bags.
- 48 hours rations & waterbottle full

BLANKETS ETC.

Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10, clearly labelled and will be stacked in front of Q.M. Store with packs, and Officer's valises by 1100 today.

TRENCH STORES.

Completed lists of trench stores taken over will be sent to Battalion Headquarters not later than 0900 on 28th inst.

PRECAUTIONS.

No food or water found on captured territory will be consumed until approved for issue.

TRANSPORT.

Transport lines will not alter. Cookers will be parked at Transport lines.

REPORTS.

On completion of relief, Companies will report in code to Battalion Headquarters.

*Handwritten signature*  
A/Adjt. 1st Australian Battalion. Lieut.



TRAINING PROGRAMME.

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1st Australian Battalion

5 days 17/21st Feby 1917.

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HOURS.	17th.	18th.	19th.	20th.	21st.
0830 to 0900.	Physical Training.	Physical Training.	Physical Training.	Physical Training.	Physical Training.
0900 to 1200.	PLATOON in attack in prescribed formation. COY. Do. Platoon Drill Close Order. Bayonet Fighting. Musketry, Bombing.	Musketry. (Range practice). Platoon & Company Close order Drill. Company Tactical Exercise.	Battalion Tactical Exercise. Battalion Route March.	Musketry. Battalion Drill. Bayonet Fighting. Rifle Exercises.	Battalion in Tactical Exercise. Battalion Route March.
1400 to 1530.	Coy. Route March.	Coy. Route March.	-----	Coy. Route March.	-----
1930.	Lecture to Officers. "Trench Warfare".	Lecture to Officers. "Attack Formation".	Battalion in Night Tactical Exercise.	Lecture to Officers. "Moral Duties of an Officer".	Battalion in Night Tactical Exercise

SPECIALISTS will train during the above hours as follows :-  
(They will co-operate with Coys. in Tactical Exercises.)

SIGNALLERS.

Battalion & Company. in Buzzer, Lamp, and Flag Practice.

L.M.G.

Range Practice daily. Technical Instruction.

DETACHMENTS.

~~Tactical Training~~ Tactical Training in use of gun in Co-operation with Bombers.

BOMBERS.

Range Practice at Bombing & Rifle Bombing. Lectures and **Tactical** Training in Co-operation with L.M.Guns.

INTELLIGENCE.

Training in writing Intelligence Reports, Map Reading, Use of Binoculars, Patrolling, Use of Telescopic Rifle and care of it, Aeroplanes (Recognition of), Use of Prismatic Compass.