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**WAR DIARY**

OF

9<sup>th</sup> Aust. Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

FOR

January. 1918.

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ERQUINGHEM	1918. Jan 1	11.45 a.m.	During the morning preparations made for the hand-over. Heavy Trench Mortar fired 20 rounds at suspected Company Headquarters at I.11.b.9.7 with good results..	APPENDIX 148.
		4 p.m.	Relieving Brigadier and Staff arrived. Hand-over commenced.	
		11 pm.	Relief reported complete by all units of the Brigade. Command passed to G.O.C. 171st Infantry Brigade at 11 p.m.	
		11.30 p.m.	Brigadier and Brigade Major proceed by motor to new Brigade Headquarters at METEREN calling at Divisional Headquarters en route to report.	
METEREN	Jan 2	12.30 a.m.	Brigadier and Brigade Major arrive at new Headquarters. Morning spent in reconnaissance for new Brigade School site - fixed at METEREN. School will probably open on 5th January.	
		11 am.	34th Battalion arrives in METEREN from DE SEULE, vide Appendix	APPENDIX
		12.30 p.m.	Brigaded transport arrived METEREN. Both 34th Battalion and Brigaded transport were visited on the line of march by the Divisional Commander and the officers of the American Army who had visited the Brigade a few days ago. Afternoon devoted mainly to preparation of work done on front we handed over yesterday.	
METEREN	Jan 3		Further arrangements made in connection with Brigade School. Major Massé proceeded to Army Central School WISQUES and made arrangements for the Instructors detailed for duty from units of the Brigade to go to Army Central School for a period of 10 days for final instruction in the art of imparting knowledge and in details of interior economy and organisation. Brigade School therefore will not assemble until about 15th instant, the loss of time involved being compensated for by the fact that the School staff will be more fitted to instruct than would be the case if the School were to open on the 6th instant as originally intended. Brigade Signal School will assemble as arranged.	
METEREN	Jan 4	10.0 a.m.	Conference of Commanding Officers at Brigade Headquarters ( vide "Notes on Conference", Appendix 4 ). Captain Yates proceeded to Base Stationery Office BOULOGNE to collect pamphlets, stationery etc. required for the Brigade School.	APPENDIX 2 APPENDIX 4
		2 p.m.	Brigadier visited Divisional Commander and discussed the morning's conference and points	



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METEREN.	Jan 4		points in connection with his proceeding on leave tomorrow 5th instant.	
	(cont)			
METEREN.	Jan 5	7.30 a.m.	Brigadier-General C. Rosenthal, C.B., C.M.G., departs on leave intending to spend from 8th to 12th January at GRANTHAM Machine Gun Centre. He will then commence leave and return about 7th February. Lieut.-Colonel H.A. Goddard, D.S.O, 35th Battalion, assumes command of the Brigade during the absence of Genl. Rosenthal.	
			Morning spent in reconnaissance for site for the Divisional Demonstration Platoon which the Brigade has been called upon to quarter when formed. No site found but Corps informed us of the camps to be vacated shortly, and it is intended to visit these sites tomorrow.	
METEREN.	Jan 6	10.30 a.m.	Acting Brigadier (Lieut.-Col. H.A. Goddard, D.S.O.) and Brigade Major attended Church Parade of 34th Battalion at the Y.M.C.A. Hall METEREN.	
		11.0 a.m.	First Course at the Brigade Signal School assembled.	
			Ground still freezing and horses having difficulty owing to slippery roads; frost coes, however, have now been issued to all units of the Brigade.	
METEREN.	Jan 7	10.0 a.m.	Training of the Brigade continues. P.T. and B.F. Course for four N.C.O instructors per Battalion commences at Brigade School.	Appendix 3
		11.0 a.m.	Corps Horse Adviser inspected the Brigade horse lines at METEREN and expressed keenest satisfaction at the state of animals, harness and wagons.	
		3.0 p.m.	Brigade Major visited training grounds of 35th and 36th Battalions. Recreational games in progress and men appear to be fit.	
			A thaw has set in and ground is becoming muddy. Brigade Major calls at Divisional Hdqrs. to discuss training and the future of the Brigade School.	
METEREN.	Jan 8	11.0 a.m.	Lecture "Historical Literature of the War" by Rev. B.G. Miles (a Y.M.C.A. representative) at the Y.M.C.A. Hall METEREN. The Brigadier and Staff Captain and 200 Officers and other ranks of the Brigade attended the lecture.	
		12 noon	Instructions regarding the training of communication personnel issued to all units, vide	APPENDIX 5
		12.30 p.m.	Letter despatched to Divisional HQ. concerning the training of Signallers within the Brigade (vide Appendix 6).	APPENDIX 6
			<i>Letter re works performed issued</i>	APPENDIX 6
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METEREN.	Jan 8	1 pm.	Verbal orders for a slight readjustment of 33rd Battalion area, to be complete by 12 noon tomorrow 9th instant. ( <del>For Battalion Areas before and after adjustment see Appendix</del> ).	<del>APPENDIX</del>
		4 pm.	Suggestions and instructions regarding training issued in conjunction with notes on C.O.'s conference held at Brigade Headquarters on 4th instant at 10 p.m., vide Appendix 4.	APPENDIX 4
		8.30 pm.	"Pro forma" of working parties for use of units when in the line issued, vide Appendix 5	APPENDIX 5 APPENDIX 6
METEREN.	Jan 9	9 am.	Acting Brigadier and Brigade Major visited Brigade Signal School, 9th A.M.G. Coy's parade ground, 34th Battalion Headquarters and parade grounds, 36th and 35th Bn Headquarters and areas and Brigade transport; returning 1 p.m. Satisfactory progress appears to have been made in training during the short time the Brigade has been out of the line. Discipline much improved. Recreational games are being freely carried out in order to keep circulation going during the cold weather. Snow fell heavily during the night.	
		1 pm.	Superintendent of P.T. & B.F. from 4th Army visited Brigade Headquarters to make acquaintance and to discuss out P.T. & B.F. training arrangements.	
		3 pm.	Brigadier and Brigade Major attended lecture at Y.M.C.A. Hall METEREN by Sir Richard Lodge on "The union of Italy and the Union of Germany". - 74 Officers and 118 other ranks attended the lecture and much appreciated it. The development of the Union of Italy and Germany being cleverly and clearly propounded and explained - the role of Austria and Prussia being particularly interesting in the light of the present war. The Divisional Commander attended the lecture and prefaced the address by a few remarks explaining its object - broadly to widen our historical outlook and to promote interest in world-wide politics. (Note: Sir Richard Lodge is a brother of Sir Oliver Lodge).	
METEREN.	Jan 10	9.30 a.m.	Brigadier and Brigade Major visited area of 33rd Battalion, inspecting a few billets. Billets appear satisfactory but room for improvement still exists. 33rd Battalion does not appear at present as disciplined as usual, - lack of saluting being prevalent; this probably due to lack of fully-trained junior Officers. Units taking opportunity to bathe and clean up.	
		5.30 pm.	Conference of C.O.'s convened mainly to insist on the development of a high standard of discipline and efficiency.	



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	1918.			
METEREN.	Jan 11	9.30 a.m.	official Photographer took photograph of Brigade Headquarters Staff.	Appendix 7
		10 am.	Brigade Major visited Divisional Headquarters, 35th and 36th Battalions and Brigade Signal School. Decided improvement in saluting and general bearing of the men. Training progressing satisfactorily.	
METEREN.	Jan 12	9.30 a.m.	Brigade Major visited 35th Battalion and saw the unit moving in column of route towards METEREN in column of threes. (Note: Column of threes is a formation adopted to counter the effect of narrow roads).	Appendix 8
			Brigade Area reconnoitred for rifle ranges during the morning - only one suitable site discovered near BELLE CROIX FARM on the METEREN BECQUE.	
			Afternoon spent in making final arrangements regarding the Brigade School which assembles tomorrow.	
		10 pm.	Brig. Gen. C. Rosenthal, C.B., C.M.G., reports back from leave, having been recalled in order to command 1st Australian Division vide Major-General Sir H. Walker, C.B., D.S.O.	
METEREN.	Jan 13	9.30 a.m.	General Rosenthal departs for 1st Australian Division.	
		10.30 a.m.	Inspection of Brigade Transport lines, Machine Gun Company billets and Brigade School by Brigadier and Brigade Major.	
		11.30 a.m.	Brigadier gives opening address to the N.C.O's of the Brigade School. (These N.C.O's are aspirant Officers being trained for two main reasons: (a) To be ready to fill vacancies in commissioned ranks; (b) To be ready to undergo instruction at Cadet Schools in England.	
METEREN.	Jan 14	10 am.	Brigadier visited 34th, 36th and 35th Battalions.	
		1 pm.	Corps Commander (General Birdwood) called at Brigade Headquarters and was taken to Headquarters 34th and 36th Battalions in METEREN.	Appendix 9
		3 pm.	Brigade Major reconnoitred for a Headquarters to be occupied in the event of emergency in which Division in Support of the Corps (3rd Aust Div) might be called upon to defend the "2nd Zone" which corresponds broadly with the old subsidiary line (before the MESSINES Battle)	Appendix 11
			Vide Appendix 11	APPENDIX 11 4



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	<u>1918.</u>			
METEREN.	Jan 14	3 pm.	Site found at T.5.d.95.45 (Sheet 28).	
METEREN.	Jan 15		Rain all day. Arrangements put in hand to further the policy and rôle laid down for the Reserve Division in the Divisional Defence Scheme. Brigade Defence Scheme compiled ready for issue tomorrow 16th January - vide Appendix <b>11</b>	APPENDIX <b>11</b>
METEREN.	Jan 16		Normal daily routine; inspection of billets etc. and completing arrangements for parade of Army Infantry School Demonstration Platoon which is to arrive tomorrow.	
METEREN.	Jan 17		Brigade Major visited Special Works Park at WIMEREUX to see how "Chinese Attacks" arranged, and to imbibe new ideas concerning camouflage (vide <del>Appendix</del> ).	(R.O.) <del>APPENDIX</del> <b>15</b>
METEREN.	Jan 18	11 a.m. 12 noon 1 pm. 5 pm.	General Birdwood, Corps Commander, visited Brigade Headquarters and then proceeded to inspect the Brigade School - saw Aspirant Officers at Physical Training and Squad drill and Signalling Class doing flag drill. Corps Commander then proceeded to inspect Brigade Transport lines. Stables and horses in good condition. Corps Commander visited Headquarters 33rd Battalion. Brigade Major visited 36th Battalion Headquarters to arrange details concerning tomorrow afternoon's parades for that Battalion (Route march by Companies).	
METEREN.	Jan 19	9.30 a.m.		

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	1918.			
METEREN.	Jan 19	9.30 am.	Brigadier and Assistant Staff Captain visited 33rd Battalion billets finding distinct improvement.	
		11 am.	Brig.-Gen. C. Rosenthal, C.B., C.M.G., (temporarily commanding 1st Australian Division) visited Brigade Headquarters and the Brigade School.	
		2 pm.	Brigade Major visited 36th Battalion at route marching by Companies with C.O. 36th Battalion (Major J.A. McDOWELL).	
		4 pm.	Brigade Major inspected billets of Brigade School.	
		4.30 pm.	Lieut.-Colonel A.M. Ross (G.S.O. II. Operations, Australian Corps) visited Brigade School.	
METEREN.	Jan 20		SUNDAY. Brgade Staff attended various Church parades. Units resting.	
METEREN.	Jan 21	11 am.	Brigade School visited by Brigade Staff. <del>Syllabus in progress, as per Appendix</del>	APPENDIX 10
		7 pm.	Divisional Order Noz 71 arrived ordering move of the Brigade from METEREN to KORTEPYP on 31st instant.	
METEREN.	Jan 22	8.30 a.m.	Brigade Major and Staff Captain visit 7th Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters and KORTEPYP Area in connection with the move of the Brigade to that Area on the 26th and 31st instant (vide Appendix 10).	APPENDIX 10
		2.30 pm.	Divisional Commander lectured to all Officers of the Brigade at the Y.M.C.A. Hall METEREN on "The Duties and Responsibilities of Officers". Lecture dealt with four main features:	
			1. Responsibility of Officers to their superiors;	
			2. " " " " men (material and moral welfare);	
			3. " " " " Australia;	
			4. " " " " the cause.	
			At the conclusion of the lecture Major-General C.B.B. White, C.B., D.S.O., delivered a brief address in amplification of the lecture.	
		10 pm.	Arrangements for visit of Army Demonstration Platoon tomorrow finalized.	



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	1918.			
METEREN.	Jan 23	10.30 a.m.	Demonstration Platoon from Army Infantry School WISQUES arrived and proceeded to billets in METEREN.	
		2.30 pm	Demonstration given at Brigade School by Army Demonstration Platoon in drill, with particular attention directed towards the following: (a). Falling in, (b). Drill - slow and quick time, and (c). Changing guard.	
			The demonstration was attended by the Divisional Commander, the late Brigadier, B.G. G.S. Australian Corps, and representatives of all units of the Brigade.	
METEREN.	Jan 24	8.30 am.	Brigade Major visited 33rd Battalion Headquarters and interviewed Lieut.-Colonel L. J. MORSHEAD, D.S.O., in connection with his visit to the Senior Commanding Officers' Conference which will take place at FLIXECOURT from the 28th instant to 3rd February.	
		3 pm.	Brigadier and Brigade Major <del>zzzzzz</del> inspected 34th and 35th Battalions on route march.	
METEREN.	Jan 24	8 am.	Advance party 34th Battalion for nucleus garrisons in Corps Zone despatched by lorry from Brigade Headquarters for reconnaissance of Corps Zone.	
		8.45am.	Brigade Staff inspected Brigade School - Considerable improvement in drill and turn-out noted.	
		8 pm.	Brigade Order No. 14 issued for move of the Brigade to the KORTEPYP Area on the 26th and 31st instant, vide Appendix 10.	(RO) APP 17 15 APPENDIX
METEREN.	Jan 25		Officers of 9th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery reconnoitred BEAVER, LOCRE and KEMMEL Areas in connection with METEREN BRIGADE Defence Scheme dated 16th January 1918.	APP 11



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	<u>1918.</u>			
METEREN.	Jan 26	10 am. 1 pm. 4 pm.	Brigade Staff inspected 34th Battalion on line of march - vide Brigade Order No. 14. 34th Battalion report all settled down in billets. Brigadier visited 35th Battalion at sports.	APPENDIX 10
METEREN.	Jan 27	10 am. 2.30 pm.	Brigade Staff attended Divine Service. Conference of Commanding Officers to discuss :	
			(a). March of Brigade to KORTEPYP Area - vide APPENDIX 10 (Brigade Order No. 14). (b). Practice route march to be held on 29th instant (vide APPENDIX 13). (c). Work in new Area, and continuity of policy. (d). Miscellaneous.	APPENDIX 10 APPENDIX 13
		3.0 pm.	Lecture on "War Aims of Germany" delivered by Professor D.G. MEDLEY (Edinburgh University) at Y.M.C.A. Hall METEREN.	
METEREN.	Jan 28		Day spent in investigation of works policy at present obtaining insofar as the Corps Zone is concerned with a view to ensuring continuity of work and policy when the Brigade assumes the duty of Reserve Brigade of the Right Division from the 31st instant (inclusive) onwards, vide APPENDIX 10 (Brigade Order No. 14). Accommodation in the new (KORTEPYP) Area also again inspected and parade ground etc. decided upon with a view to their final allotment on arrival of the Brigade. The 34th Battalion moved during the morning to ROMARIN CAMP in accordance with Brigade order No. 14 of 16th January 1918, vide APPENDIX 10	APPENDIX 10
		3 pm.	Divisional Commander visited Brigade Commander with reference to taking over the duties of the Reserve Brigade, particular stress being laid upon the necessity for vigorous pursuance of the existing works policy.	
		4 pm.	Brigadier inspected 105 reinforcements and explained to them their responsibility as soldiers, vide APPENDIX 14	APPENDIX 14



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METEREN.	Jan 29	7.30 am.	Brigade Staff inspect camps and accommodation in the KORTEPYP Area, making arrangements in connection with Brigade School.	
		9.30 am.	Lieut.-Colonel O. Clougstoun, R.E., 2nd 9th Field Company interviewed in connection with the policy of work to be adopted during the forthcoming period during which the Brigade will be in Divisional Reserve in the KORTEPYP Area. Continuity of policy is aimed at.	
		2pm.-4pm.	All units of the Brigade, with the exception of 34th Battalion, marched past the Brigadier in column of route, vide Appendix 13. Considerable improvement in dress and march discipline appears to have been made during the past two weeks.	APPENDIX 13
		5 p.m.	Conference of Brigade Staff regarding works policy for Corps Zone.	
METEREN.	Jan 30	9 am.	Brigadier visited Headquarters Headquarters 5th Aust. Infantry Brigade in the new (KORTEPYP) Area with reference to take over tomorrow.	
		9 am.-)	Brigade Major reconnoitred right flank of Corps Zone with C.R.E. and O.C. 9th Field Company in order to decide upon final details in connection with work to be undertaken by the Brigade starting on the 1st February. It was decided to further strengthen wiring scheme by utilising natural features, such as hedges, and to concentrate mainly upon the construction of strong points, inter-dependent machine gun positions, and pill-boxes for the protection of garrisons of the posts. Attention was devoted to defences to face in a Southerly direction towards ARMENTIERES for use in the event of an enemy lodgement in ARMENTIERES and the possibility of an attack by him in a Northerly direction across the River, which scheme would appear to offer a certain degree of success in the event of the forward defences South of the River LYS being suddenly overwhelmed by a "Cambrai sweep"...	APP 18
		6 pm.)		(R-O)
METEREN.	Jan 31	11.15 a.m.	Brigade Staff left Headquarters at METEREN and proceeded to BAILLEUL Square to await Corps Commander and Divisional Commander.	
METEREN. TROIS ROIS. (28 - T.20.c.4.4).		12 noon.	Brigade Headquarters closed at METEREN and opened at TROISROIS which is the Headquarters of Reserve Brigade of the Right Division.	



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TROIS ROIS	Jan 31 (cont)	12.30 pm- 1.15 pm.	<p>Remainder of day Brigade (less Brigade Headquarters and 34th Battalion) marched past Corps Commander in BAILLEUL Square, vide Appendix 10. March past described by Corps Commander as a "good show".</p> <p>Remainder of day spent in settling down in new Area, arranging plans and discussing details in connection with the furnishing of working parties with the 9th Field Company. Arrangements made for reconnaissance of the Corps Zone and defensive line by Officers of all units.</p>	<p>APPENDIX</p> <p>10</p>



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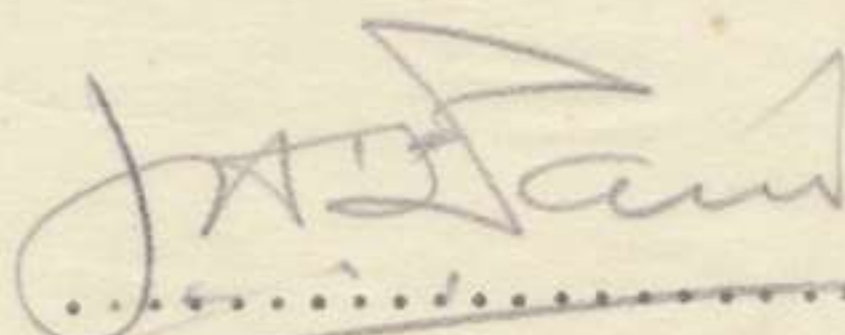
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5	.. 9th Inf Bde BM. 29/208 of 8.1.1918 reference Training of Communication Personnel.
6	.. 9th Inf Bde BM. 29/208 of 8.1.1918 reference training of Signal personnel of Brigade.
7	.. Routine Order No. 330 of 11th January 1918.
8	.. Routine Order No. 331 of 12th January 1918.
9	.. Routine Order No. 332 of 14th January 1918.
10	.. Brigade Order No. 14 of 25.1.1918 reference move of Brigade from METEREN to KORTEPYP Area.
11	.. 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade Defence Scheme of the METEREN Brigade of Support Division.
12	.. 9th Inf Bde BM. 30/101 of 8.1.1918 reference working party pro forma and Daily Works Return.
13	.. 9th Inf Bde BM. 20/5 of 28.1.1918 reference route march of Brigade (less 34th Bn) on 29.1.1918.
14	.. Return showing reinforcements joined Brigade for month of January 1918.
15	.. Routine Order No. 333 of 17th January 1918.
16	.. Brigade Routine Order No. 329 of 8th January 1918.
17	.. Brigade Routine Order No. 334 of 24th January 1918.
18	.. Brigade Routine Order No. 335 of 30th January 1918.

COMPILING OFFICER



Major

Brigade Major 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade.



APPENDIX 1.

OUR OPERATIONS:

Artillery: Throughout the day our 18 prs. and 4.5" Howitzers shelled the enemy forward and back areas. N.W. positions, including those at J.10.c.30.70, in J.17.a. and J.23.b., DUMP at J.18.a.98.99, and TRAMWAY in J.12.c. Results observed were good.

Trench Mortars: At 12.15 p.m. our 3" NEWTON fired from positions near PLANK AVENUE. 6 rounds on supposed M.G. position, at 2.30 p.m. 10 more rounds, and again 10 more at 3.45 p.m. The L.T.M. at I.5.c.35.45 fired 10 rounds on E.T.L. at I.5.c.70.00 at 2.15 p.m., and 10 rounds on N.W. positions at I.5.c.70.00 at 3 p.m.

Machine Guns: Normal programme of indirect firing on targets previously indicated, in all about 9,000 rounds were fired.

Snipers: Nothing special to report.

Aerial: Two of our planes were patrolling during the day, but nothing of special importance occurred.

Patrols: Six Patrols were sent out on both sub-sectors; those on the left report no signs of enemy could be seen, and very little activity noticed in trenches. One on the right reports that GRATERS in front of M. SERGGI in I.11.c.30.35 show no signs of being used - contains a great deal of water. Another reconnoitring patrol reports that on reaching about J.29.c.75.15, five of the enemy, followed by 10 others, were seen moving towards our lines - Our patrol moved back, and two L.Gs. opened fire on the enemy - results unknown.

ENEMY ACTIVITIES:

Artillery: Practically no hostile shelling on this front, with the exception of 25 rounds 77 mm in vicinity of Headquarters W.L.F. in I.10.d.18.70 from WEZ MADOUART, probably in reply to our H.T.M. shoot at 2 p.m., and a few 10.5 cm from PURTOCHINS into ARMENIERS at 5 a.m.

TRENCH MORTARS: From 2 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. N.W. fired about 70 rounds in I.4.d and I.10.a. from positions in I.11.a., but no material damage was done.

Machine Guns: Except for the firing referred to below (see MISCELLANEOUS), very quiet day during the period under review. At night fairly constant sweeping of N.W.L. interfering with our patrolling.

Works and Movement: Considerable amount of work round GUYOUR TRENCH from GENSOR FARM in J.24.c. A party of about 30 at 8.50 a.m. and about 10 at 3.45 a.m. were dispersed by 18 prs, and again about 12 noon other parties were noticed there.

Miscellaneous: At 10.50 p.m. the enemy, apparently to celebrate the NEW YEAR, started heavy bursts of M.G. fire. The firing on the right seemed high, but on the left the C.Ts. were sprinkled with bullets.

This was accompanied by showers of PIROBOLLS, 5 INCH HANDLE GRIMADES, into our wire, enemy wire, and even behind our own front line, and WERTY LIGHTS of all colours. This lasted till about 11.10 p.m. when a voice called out three times from enemy F.L. "HAPPY NEW YEAR, AUSTRALIA".

Brig. General  
C. O. J. 9th Australian Inf. Brigade.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDER NO: 327

by

BRIG.-GEN. C. ROSENTHAL, C.B., C.M.G., G.O.C. 9TH AUST INF BDE

Brigade Headquarters  
4th January 1918.

APPOINTMENTS  
and  
PROMOTIONS

2618. 33rd Battalion. To be C.S.M. (W.O. Class II),  
dated 20.11.1917:  
No. 2111 T/CSM. F. McGRAW (Authority: D.R.O.  
352 dated 26.12.1917).  
To be Temporary C.S.M. (W.O. Class II), dated  
20.12.1917: No. 967 Sergeant L.J. MATHIAS. (Authority:  
D.R.O. 352 dated 26.12.1917).  
35th Battalion.  
To be Honorary C.S.M. (W.O. Class II), dated 10.12.17  
No. 256 Sergeant H. M. MUMFORD.  
(Authority: D.H.Q. Q.119/949 dated 17.12.1917).  
9th A.L.T.M. Battery.  
To be Temporary Corporal, dated 19.12.1917.  
No. 530 Private (L/Opl) G.A. CHARTERS vice  
Williams evacuated wounded.

REVERSIONS.

2619. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. Headquarters.  
No. 2613 E.R./Corporal H.C. JAQUES reverts to per-  
manent rank on return to Regimental duty. Dated 3.1.1918.  
9th A.L.T.M. Battery.  
No. 530 Temporal G.A. CHARTERS reverts to rank of  
Lance Corporal on ceasing to perform the duties for which  
temporary rank was granted. Dated 13.12.1917.

TRANSFERS.

2620. No. 2613 Pte. H.C. JAQUES is transferred from  
Headquarters 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. to 35th Battalion  
Dated 3.1.1918.  
No. 2258 Pte. N.C. STALHUT is transferred from  
Headquarters 9th Aust. Inf Bde. to 33rd Battalion.  
Dated 29.12.1917.  
No. 2595 Pte. E.A. MUSGRAVE is transferred from  
33rd Battalion to Headquarters 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
Dated 29.12.1917.  
No. 2193A Ptea E.J. CAMPBELL is transferred from  
35th Battalion to 36th Battalion. Dated 28.12.1917.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

G.R.O.  
3065.

2621. No Officer, soldier or other person subject to  
Military Law is permitted to be in possession of  
a camera or to take photographs.  
This Order will be promulgated to all troops  
arriving in this country and will be republished period-  
ically in the Orders of units.  
Any Officer or soldier or other person subject to  
Military Law who disobeys this Order will be placed in  
arrest and the case will be reported to Headquarters of  
the Army or Lines of Communication Area. (G.R.O's 464,  
1137, 1348 are cancelled).

PAPER and  
CARDBOARD.

2622. With reference to 1st ANZAC Administrative Memo.  
No. 150 issued to units on the 6th December 1917  
units will make every endeavour to comply with the  
request and instruction therein. For the purpose of  
ascertaining what quantity of paper and cardboard can be  
collected within our Brigade, units will render a return  
every second Thursday, commencing 9th instant, showing  
what amount in bulk weight, of paper is sent to Railhead  
every fortnight. This return will be known as R.O. 2622.



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PROTECTION  
OF  
AXLES.

2623. Attention is drawn to G.R.O. 3057 and 3059 of 28.12.1917. Units will ensure that their Transport Officers are acquainted with these Orders, and that ~~these~~ suggestions set forth in foregoing are acted upon, and instructions in latter are complied with.

## ORDERS.

2624. Attention is drawn to the following Orders:

G.R.O. 3059	"Horses - Sick, care of"	dated 22.12.17
G.R.O. 3072	"Clothing - winter scale"	" 29.12.17
G.R.O. 3075	"Military Sugar Tickets for Officers and O/R's"	" 29.12.17

(Sgd.) S.W. HAWKINS

Captain

Staff Captain

9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

## NOTICE.

Units are notified that the 3rd Australian Divisional Wholesale Canteen is situated at 103, Rue Nationale  
METEREN.

CHURCH  
SERVICES.

R.C. Church Services will be held as follows:

Mass and Holy Communion will be held at the following Churches and times on Sunday 6th inst:

METEREN	9.0	a.m.
OUTTERSTEENE	10.0	a.m.
MERRIS	9.0	a.m.
	10.30	am.

(EMR.)



## Appendix 3

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDER No. 323

by

LIUT.-COL. H.A. GODDARD, D.S.O., COMMANDING 9TH AUST INF. BDE.

Brigade Headquarters.  
7th January, 1918.ADMINISTRATION.

FIELD GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL 2625. The detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at Headquarters 34th Battalion A.I.F. at 10.0 a.m. on Wednesday 10th instant to try by Field General Court Martial such accused person or persons who may be brought before them.

## PRESIDENT:

Major H.L. WHEELER, 34th Battalion

## MEMBERS:

Captain E.M. JOHNSTON, 1st Australian Corps  
 Captain W.J.G. DUNCAN, M.C., 33rd Battalion

## PROSECUTOR:

Adjutant of Battalions concerned.

The 34th Battalion will provide Court-room, Bible, stationery, orderlies etc.

The 35th and 36th Battalions will each detail one officer to attend the Court for instructions.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Headquarters Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.

BATHS.

2626. The following is the daily allotment of METERIM Baths, situated at - Sheet 27 S.E. - X.20.d.00.70 until further notice.

Date.	Unit.	Time.	Remarks
3.1.1918	9th A.M.G. Coy. Brigade School 34th Battalion	9 a.m. to 12 noon. 2 p.m. 3 p.m.	(a). Baths will accommodate 50 men per hour - arrangements to be made accordingly
9.1.1918	9th T.M. Bty. 9th A.M.G. Coy. 34th Battalion	9 a.m. 10 a.m. 2 p.m.	(b). Units will continue daily allotment as from 10th inst.
10.1.1918	36th Battalion Bde HQ & Sig Sec) All units T'port personnel 34th Battalion HG Coy & TM Bty	9 a.m. 11 a.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m.	(b). Units will continue daily allotment as from 10th inst. until further orders.

The 35th Battalion will use portable baths at F.S.O. 30.50, and this unit will forward to Brigade Headquarters immediately <sup>estimated</sup> daily requirements of underclothing.

Arrangements will be made for 33rd Battalion to be bathed at BAILLEUL. Allotment will be notified later.

P.T.O.



B.R.O. No. 328.

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7.1.1918

BILLETING. 2627. The following is the re-arrangement of Billeting Areas. Units to report completion not later than 12.0 noon on 10th instant.

36th Battalion will vacate all billets in Squares X.19. a.b.c.d., X.20. a. and c., X.25. a.b.c.d., and X.26. a. and c. and will occupy new billets in Squares X.15. a. and c., X.14. d., X.22. a. and c.

Units now occupying billets in locations allotted to 36th Battalion will take immediate steps to vacate.

33rd Battalion are allotted additional area;

- F.8.a. and c.
- S.25.d.
- S.26.c. and d. and portion of S.26.a. and b. bounded by railway
- S.27.c. and d. to railway.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Captain Staff Captain 9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Date	Unit	Time	Remarks
0.1.1918	9th A.I.B.	12 noon	(a) Billets
0.1.1918	9th A.I.B.	12 noon	(b) Units
0.1.1918	9th A.I.B.	12 noon	(c) Units
0.1.1918	9th A.I.B.	12 noon	(d) Units
0.1.1918	9th A.I.B.	12 noon	(e) Units
0.1.1918	9th A.I.B.	12 noon	(f) Units
0.1.1918	9th A.I.B.	12 noon	(g) Units
0.1.1918	9th A.I.B.	12 noon	(h) Units
0.1.1918	9th A.I.B.	12 noon	(i) Units
0.1.1918	9th A.I.B.	12 noon	(j) Units

The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will vacate the billets in the following areas: X.19. a.b.c.d., X.20. a. and c., X.25. a.b.c.d., and X.26. a. and c. and will occupy new billets in Squares X.15. a. and c., X.14. d., X.22. a. and c.



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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

R.N. 39/212.

Brigade Headquarters.  
8th January 1918.

Headquarters

- 33rd Battalion
- 34th Battalion
- 35th Battalion
- 36th Battalion
- 9th A.H.G. Coy.
- 9th A.L.T.M. Bty.

Brigade Signal Section (for information).

TRAINING.

It is possible that the present period of training may be slightly less prolonged than was thought at first. With this in view, every effort is to be made to push on with training and organisation in order to make every Battalion, Company and Platoon within the Brigade an efficient fighting unit.

Particular stress is to be laid on the necessity for the most rigid discipline, in which connection the effect of a certain amount of ceremonial drill cannot be over-estimated. Weather conditions must be taken into consideration and men must not be kept standing in one place for longer periods than absolutely necessary and essential to the work in hand. Rifle exercises can be interspersed to advantage with foot drill and other training.

Unit weekly Training Programmes will be submitted to Brigade Headquarters by 6 p.m. each Saturday in DUPLICATE

The points as set out hereunder, which were brought forward at the C.O.'s conference held on the 4th instant, are to form the subject of the particular attention of all Officers concerned.

1. Calling to attention of parties by the senior present - C.O.'s to take disciplinary action where necessary; "turn-out" to be neat, uniform and clean; efforts to be made to discourage men from walking about in a slovenly manner with hands in pockets.
2. Color patches to be worn invariably; belts to be worn when walking out.
3. Platoon Commanders to display the keenest interest in their men.
4. Significance of flags on cars and arm-bands to be explained to all ranks; saluting.
5. (a) Cleanliness of billets and person to be insisted upon  
(b) Cleanliness of shelters, dugouts and rifles.
6. The question of pooling the Brigade transport is under discussion.
7. When in line, the Intelligence Officer of the D Battalion will probably be attached to Brigade Headquarters for instruction.
8. Forty specially-selected tradesmen per Battalion to be earmarked against the possibility of the Brigade being called upon to furnish a Company for special work under R.E., such as the construction of gun-pits. These details to be organised on paper - occasionally in practice, so that when word comes from Brigade H.Q. "Send Pioneer Battalion", the organisation of the Battalion concerned will not be affected.

P.T.O.



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- 9. Instructors in certain subjects to be kept out of next offensive if tactical situation permits.
- 10. Marching and ceremonial to be practised.
- 11. Wooding out of non-unable to march properly; they will move separately at a slower pace than the rest of the column.
- 12. All Officers to be instructed under unit arrangements in map reading, field sketching, reading of aeroplane photographs and writing service messages.
- 13. Machine Gun Company has a German machine gun which Battalion can use for instructional purposes under mutual arrangement with 9th A.M.G. Company.
- 14. Bands should be made up to 40 strong if possible.
- 15. Marching in 3's essential on majority of roads; Company Commanders ride in rear of their Companies.
- 16. War Diaries to be made a special study of.
- 17. Lack of transport is the non-supply of a third blanket per man. the reason for
- 18. Crews of Vickers and Lewis Guns allotted to Anti-aircraft Defences to be provided with definite written orders.
- 19. Divisional and Battalion Standing Orders for War to be well studied.
- 20. Prevention of various forms of disease and the destruction of vermin.
- 21. Saluting to be improved.

*J.H. Pain.*

Major  
Brigade Major  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

JB.



B.H. 29/208.

## NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters.  
3th January, 1918.

Headquarters  
 33rd Battalion  
 34th do.  
 35th do.  
 36th do.  
 9th A.I.G. Coy.  
 9th A.L.T.H. Bty.  
 9th Bde. Signal Section.  
 Commandant Brigade School  
 Staff Captain  
 Brigade Major.

## SUBJECT: TRAINING - COMMUNICATION PERSONNEL.

The training of communication personnel will in future be carried out in accordance with the terms of this letter, the authority being Australian Corps General Staff Circular No. 1, dated 4th January 1918, and O.B. 1824.

1. The great importance of communication within Infantry Brigades and Battalions has again been emphasised in the recent operations, but the results obtained point to the fact that in some cases, adequate attention has been paid by units to the organisation and training of the signal personnel at their disposal.

2. (a) It is hoped that in future the A.I.F. Depots in England will be able to meet requirements in trained signal personnel for infantry. Signal training in France will therefore be devoted entirely to the training of instructors and to the maintenance and improvement of the standard of signalling throughout units.

(b) To ensure the best results, however, it is essential that the Officers and N.C.O's sent Home from units in the field for the tour of duty as instructors at these Depots should be very carefully selected and only those who are likely to make good instructors should be sent.

(c) It is doubtful, however, whether sufficient Regimental Signalling Officers can be provided from Home, and arrangements have been made by the Brigade for the elementary signal training of signal personnel at the Brigade School. On completion of course at the Brigade Signal School candidates will be able to pass easily the entrance tests for the Instructors classes at Army and Corps Signal Schools if required. They should, however, be used as instructors prior to attending an Army or Corps Signal School. There will always be a second officer in each unit under training to replace the Signal Officer when required.

(d) To obtain the best possible standard of signalling in units it is essential that the Regimental Signalling Officer, after being trained at an Instructors course, should fill the position for as long a period as possible and not be transferred to another appointment if it can be avoided.

3. The principle on which signal training will be conducted in France is to train at Army and Corps Schools Battalion Signal Officers and N.C.O's as Instructors and Assistant Instructors. These Officers and N.C.O's will then carry on the training of the signallers in their units and at the Brigade Signal School which it is hoped will be permanent.



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4. (a) The number of signallers to be maintained by a Battalion and to be employed exclusively on signalling duties will be 1 officer and 57 other ranks distributed as follows:-

- Battalion Headquarters - 1 Officer
- 1 Serjeant
- 1 Corporal
- 2 L/Corporals
- 6 21 Privates.

- Company ... .. 1 Corporal
- 6 Privates

6 Includes 6 signallers specially trained in power buzzer - amplifier work who will normally form a Brigade pool at the disposal of the Brigadier.

(b) The 6 signallers per Battalion, specially trained in power buzzer - amplifier work, normally to form a Brigade pool at the disposal of the Brigadier will be in addition to the two squads of three signallers each permanently attached to each Brigade Signal Section under A.I.F. Order 574 of 7.7.1917, but they will include the 4 signallers per Battalion, earmarked as a reserve for these squads.

5. (a) To keep up the standard of signalling it is considered that 3 officers and 12 N.J.C.'s per Battalion should do a six weeks' course at an Army or Corps Signal School each year.

(b) Students before being sent to one of these Courses should be able to pass the following tests:-

- (i) To read a classification message:-
  - (a) on a buzzer at 2 words a minute.
  - (b) on the flag at 3 words a minute.
  - (c) on the lamp at 4 words a minute.
- (ii) To read a plain message on the line at four words a minute.
- (iii) To show a sound knowledge of map reading.
- (iv) To be able to ride a bicycle.

The percentage of accuracy required in the reading tests above will be 95 on the aggregate, and not less than 93 per cent in each case.

*J. E. Pain*

Major  
Brigade Major  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

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HEADQUARTERS  
8- JAN 1918  
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Brigade Headquarters,  
8th January 1918.

Headquarters,  
3rd Australian Division.  
3rd Aust Div Sig Coy (for information)  
Brigade Signal Section (for information).

Reference your G.26/803 of 5th instant.

The training of Signal personnel is being carried out in accordance with the terms of the instructions forwarded under the above quoted letter.

A Brigade Signalling Class has been established. The first Course assembled on 6th instant, and will disperse probably during the first week of February. For this School each Battalion has detailed a Signalling Officer and an understudy Officer as well as 9 selected N.C.O.'s and men; The Machine Gun Coy has detailed 1 Officer and 5 other ranks; and the Light Trench Mortar Battery 1 Officer and 3 other ranks.

This Course is being carried out with the primary object of providing instructors for units and at the same time in order to ensure a uniform system of instruction and method of working within the Brigade in so far as Signal communication is concerned. Nominations for attendance at Army and Corps Signal Schools will be made from Officers and N.C.O.'s who have undergone instruction at the Brigade Signal School.

It is intended that ultimately each Battalion will have continuously 9 qualified instructors in Signalling to be allotted as follows :-

- 1 to Battalion Headquarters
- 2 to each Company.

By this means Battalions will always have at their own disposal instructional personnel sufficiently qualified to ensure that every opportunity is seized when the Battalion is out of the line to run refresher courses for all Battalion Signallers.

It is hoped that the services of <sup>the</sup> Divisional Signal Company may be utilised to assist in the above.

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*[Signature]*  
MAJOR  
Brigade Major  
9th Australian Infantry Bde.



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## Appendix 7

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDER NO 530

by

LIEUT-GEN. H.A. GODDARD, D.S.O., COMMANDING 9TH AUST INF BDE.

Brigade Headquarters,  
11th. January 1918.ADMINISTRATION

FIELD GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL 2430 The detail of officers mentioned below will assemble at Headquarters 34th Battalion A.I.F., at 10 a.m. Saturday 12th instant to try by Field General Court Martial such accused person or persons who may be brought before them.

## PRESIDENT.

Major. W.A. Le R. FRE, 34th Battalion.

## MEMBERS.

Captain E.M. JOHNSTON, 1st Australian Corps  
 Captain W.J.C. DUNCAN, W.C., 34th Battalion.

## PROSECUTOR

Adjutant of Battalions concerned.

The 34th Battalion will provide Court-room, Bible, stationery, orderlies etc.

The 35th and 36th Battalions will each detail one officer to attend the Court for instructions.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Headquarters Fifth Australian Infantry Brigade.

## DISCIPLINE

2431 All troops marching through villages in the A.P.W. area will march at attention.



CAPTAIN  
 A/Staff Captain  
 9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

## NOTICE

Church Parades :

The U.C. Church Parade will be held in the Brigade School Hall at K.15.d.4.7. on Sunday 17th instant as follows :

9.30 a.m. 35th Battalion  
 10.45 a.m. 36th Battalion.

Presbyterian Church Service will be held on Sunday morning 13th instant in W.C.A. Hall, WETTEREN at 10.30 a.m.

R.C. Church Services have been arranged as follows :-

Saturday 12th January WETTEREN Confession 5 to 6 p.m.

Sunday 17th January WETTEREN Mass and Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

8.45 a.m.  
 10.30 a.m.

WETTEREN

8 a.m.  
 10.30 a.m.



## Appendix 8

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDER NO 351

by

LIEUT. COL. H.A. GODDARD, D.S.O., COMMANDING 9TH AUST. INF BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters,  
12th January 1918.

ADMINISTRATION

CORRECTA

2372 Reference Para. 243 of Brigade Routine Order No 30 of 11th instant - delete name of Captain W.J.C. DUNNAN, M.C., 3rd Battalion and insert name of Captain W.H. DOUGLAS, M.C., 3rd Battalion.

TAKEN ON STRENGTH

2453 No 502 Pte. C.A.R. WHEATON, is taken on strength of M.C. 9th Australian Infantry Brigade, from 3rd Battalion dated 11th January 1918.



CAPTAIN  
Staff Captain  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDER NO 352

by

LIEUT. COL. H.A. GODDARD, D.S.O., COMMANDING 9TH AUST. INF. BDE.

Brigade Headquarters,  
14th. January 1918.

ADMINISTRATION.

FIELD GENERAL  
COURT MARTIAL.

2654 The detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at Headquarters, 34th Battalion, A.I.F., at 10 a.m. Wednesday 16th instant to try by Field General Court Martial such accused person or persons who may be brought before them.

PRESIDENT.

Major W.A. Le R. FRY, 34th Battalion.

MEMBERS.

Major H.V. GARR, 35th Battalion  
Captain H.J. CONNELL, M.C., 35th Battalion  
Captain E.M. JOHNSTON, Australian Corps.

PROSECUTOR.

Adjutant of Battalions concerned.

The 34th Battalion will provide Court Room, Bible, stationary, orderlies &c.

The 33rd and 34th Battalions will each detail one Officer to attend the Court for instruction.

Proceedings will be forwarded to Headquarters, Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.

SALVAGE OF  
PAPER & CARD-  
BOARD.

2655 The following figures show the amount of paper and cardboard salvaged within the Brigade for period ending 12.1.18

	<u>Paper</u>	<u>Cardboard</u>
Brigade Headquarters	30 lbs	-
33rd Battalion.	31	18 lbs
34th do	78	25
35th do	148	11
36th do	42	13
9th M.G.Coy.	42	-
	<u>371 lbs</u>	<u>67 lbs</u>

OFFICERS' KITS.

2656. All Officers' kits must be within the Regulation weight namely 55 lbs. with the exception of C.O's who may have 70 lbs. Unit Q.M's will weigh each Officer's kit before placing same on transport prior to a move. If any Officers kit is in excess of the weight laid down the Q.M. will dump same forthwith. While units are on the road during a move the weights of Officers kits will be periodically checked by a member of the Brigade Staff and if any kits are found to be in excess of the weights laid down they will be dumped forthwith. Transport Officers and Q.M's will not be held responsible for the safe custody of kits in excess of the above weights.  
This Order will be promulgated to all Officers.

(P.T.O.)



B.R.O. 352.

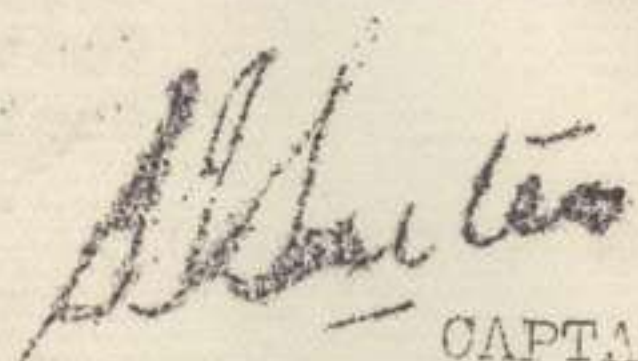
SURPLUS  
RECORDS.

2657 In view of anticipated transport shortage and lack of facilities for the carriage of surplus gear, units will take immediate steps to dispose of all records and papers which are not absolutely essential to the administration of the units. These should be sent to Base immediately.

In future Units will not be allowed to carry more records than can be placed in the stationary boxes, on the establishment of the unit.

MOTOR  
LORRIES

2658 When motor lorries are used for the transporting of stores, Unit Commanders will ensure that not more than two men ride on the motor lorry.



CAPTAIN  
Staff Captain  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade

WJF.



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APPENDIX 10

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SECRET.

Copy No. 28.

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 14.

Reference Maps :

- 27 S.E. 1/20,000.
- 28 S.W. 1/20,000.
- 36A N.E. 1/20,000.
- 36 N.W. 1/20,000.

Brigade Headquarters.  
25th January, 1913.

1. The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade, Divisional Demonstration Platoon and Brigade School will move to the KORTEPYP Area in accordance with the attached March Table.

2. (a). The following distances will be maintained on the march :

Between Companies ..	100 yards.
Between unit and transport	100 "
Between Battalions ..	500 "

- (b). Units will march in "threes".
- (c). Transport will move with units.

3. Completion of moves will be reported to Brigade Headquarters.

4. Brigade Headquarters will close at METERLIN at 12.0 noon 31st January and reopen at KORTEPYP (T.20.c.4.4) at the same hour.

5. (a). Upon arrival in the KORTEPYP Area the Brigade will become the Reserve Brigade of the Right Division, and will provide nucleus garrisons for the Corps Zone.

(b). The 34th Battalion will relieve the nucleus garrisons for the Corps Zone at present furnished by the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade, by 3 p.m. 27th January.

(c). All Defence Schemes, Maps, Works Policies etc. relating to the KORTEPYP Area will be taken over.

6. All copies of the METERLIN BRIGADE Defence Scheme will be forwarded to reach Brigade Headquarters on the 30th January.

7. Administrative instructions will be issued separately.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

MAJOR  
Brigade Major  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade A.I.B.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 14.

DISTRIBUTION:

Copy No.

- 1-5 Brigade Headquarters.
- 4 Brigade Signal Section.
- 5 35th Battalion.
- 6 34th " "
- 7 35th " "
- 8 36th " "
- 9 9th Aust. Machine Gun Coy.
- 10 9th Aust. Light T.M. Dty.
- 11 9th A.I. Brigade School.
- 12 Brigade Transport Officer.
- 13 3rd Aust. Div. Demonstration Platoon.
- 14-15 3rd Australian Division.
- 16 2nd " " "
- 17 10th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 18 11th " " "
- 19 5th " " "
- 20 7th " " "
- 21 G.R.A. 3rd Aust. Div.
- 22 G.R.E. 3rd Aust. Div.
- 23 869th Coy. A.A.S.C.
- 24 9th Field Company Engineers.
- 25 9th Aust. Field Ambulance.
- 26 Town Major BAILLIE.
- 27 Area Commandant MITCHELL.
- 28-30 War Diary.
- 31 File.

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Brigade Major  
3rd Australian Infantry Brigade A.I.B.

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MARCH TABLE

Reference Maps: 27 S.E. }  
 28 S.W. } 1/20,000.  
 36A N.E. }  
 36 N.W. }

To accompany 9th Australian Infantry Brigade  
 Order No. 14 dated 25th January, 1918.

Serial No.	Date	Unit.	From.	To.	In relief of:	Route.	Remarks.
	1918.						
1.	Jan 28	54th Battn.	METEREN.	BULFORD CAMP, T.20.c.4.2.	NEL.	BAILLEUL - DE SEULE	Head of column to pass starting point (X.17.c.7.2) at 10 a.m.
2.	Jan 27	Nucleus garrisons for Corps Zone (54th Bn)	BULFORD CAMP.	CORPS ZONE.	Nucleus garrisons for Corps Zone (7th A.I.Bd)	No restrictions	Relief to be complete by 2.0 p.m.
3.	Jan 28	54th Battn.	BULFORD CAMP.	ROMARIN CAMP	43rd Battalion.	CONNAUGHT ROAD.	Not to enter ROMARIN CAMP before 11.0 a.m.
4.	Jan 31	35th Battn.	METEREN (S.W)	KORTEPYP (A), T.26.b.4.5.	19th Battalion	OUTTERSTERNNE BAILLEUL - DE SEULE - KORTEPYP.	Head of column to pass starting point (S.14.c.25.10) at 12.30 p.m.
5.	Jan 31	53rd Battn	METEREN (EAST)	KORTEPYP (B), T.26.b.9.5.	18th Battalion	BAILLEUL - RAVELS- BERG - WATERLOO ROAD - KORTEPYP.	* " " (S.14.c.25.10) " 1 p.m.
6.	Jan 31	36th Battn	METEREN (WEST)	CANTEEN CORNER T.26.c.6.1.	17th Battalion	BAILLEUL - DE SEULE	* " " (S.14.c.25.10) " 1.20 p.m.

\* See *Cottigendum*  
 of 29.1.1918.

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Serial No.	Date	Unit.	From.	To.	In relief of:	Route.	Remarks.
	<u>1918.</u>						
7.	Jan 31	9th A.M. G. Coy.	METEREN.	PEMZANOE LINES T.20.d.2.9.	5th A.M. G. Coy.	BAILLEUL - DE SEULE.	* Head of column to pass starting point (S.14.c.25.10) at 1.40 p.m.
8.	Jan 31	9th A.L. T.M. Bty	METEREN.	BULFORD CAMP. T.20.c.4.2.	5th A.L. T.K. Bty	BAILLEUL - DE SEULE.	* " " " " (S.14.c.25.10) 1.45 p.m.
9.	Jan 31	Divisnl. Demonstrn Platoon.	METEREN (S.W)	BULFORD CAMP. T.20.c.4.2.	NIL.	BAILLEUL - DE SEULE.	To be clear of BAILLEUL by 12.0 noon.
10.	Jan 31	9th A.I. Ho School.	METEREN.	BULFORD CAMP. EMU CAMP, T.9.d.5.3.	NIL.	BAILLEUL - RAINES -BERG - NEUVE EGLISE.	To be clear of BAILLEUL by 11.30 a.m.

\* See corrigendum of 29.1.1918.



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters,  
27th January 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No 1

ISSUED UNDER BRIGADE ORDER NO 14 - 25. 1.18.

Reference Maps :

27	S.E.	1/20,000
26	S.W.	1/20,000
36A	N.E.	1/20,000
36	N.W.	1/20,000

1. LOCATIONS : Locations will be as follows on completion of move.
 

869th Coy A.S.C.	...	As at present
3rd Aust Div Mob. Voj Sect.	...	B.8.d.5.7.
D.A.D.O.S. Stores	...	B.1.d.1.8. - on and from 29/1/18
9th Aust. Flg. Amb. - WESTLOF	...	T.19.b.4.5.
3rd Aust. Div Salvago Coy.	...	S.7.d.7.3.
3rd Aust. Div Pierrot Troupe	...	NIEPPE.
  
2. SUPPLIES : (a) Units will arrange to take delivery of supplies, which will be delivered direct to new locations, at 9 a.m. on 31st January. Guides will report at LA CRECHE Dump at 8 a.m. 31st instant to guide waggons to Unit Q.M. stores.  
 On and from 1st February 1918 units will take delivery of supplies at refilling point - B.10.a.4.2.  
 (b) Divisional Fuel Dump will be situated at T.23.d.3.4.
  
3. BAGGAGE WAGGONS : Baggage waggons will report to units at 6.30 a.m. 31st instant.
  
4. MECHANICAL TRANSPORT : Mechanical transport, if any, will be notified to units later.
  
5. BATHS : (a) An allotment at PALMER BATHS in new area, will be notified later.  
 (b) Personnel at present employed at Baths in METEREN area will not be relieved.
  
6. AREA STORES : (a) All area stores in METEREN area will be handed over to Area Commandant. Duplicate receipts will be forwarded to reach Brigade Headquarters by midnight 31st instant.  
 (b) Duplicate copies of receipts given for area stores taken over in KORTYPYP area, will be forwarded to reach Brigade Headquarters by midnight 31st instant.
  
7. TRAINING STORES : All training stores in METEREN area will be handed over to Representatives of incoming units with the exception of Grenade Blank, A.P. and Tracer S.A.A. Duplicate copies of receipts to reach Brigade Headquarters by midnight 31st instant.
  
8. DIVISIONAL S.A.A. & GRENADE DUMP : Will be situated at DOUDOU - B.5.c.4.4.
  
9. AREA COMMANDANTS Area Commandants have been appointed by Division and will take over duties on 29th instant :-
 

Left Brigade Area - WARRINGTON LINES	- B.3.d.3.9. - 2/Lieut W.A. TURNBULL, 35th Battalion.
- RED LODGE	T.18.d.9.4. - Major R.T. HUNT - 35th Battalion.
Right Brigade Area - NIEPPE	- B.16.c.4.9. - Lieut. H.C. BALE - 36th Battalion.
  
10. DIVISIONAL REINFORCEMENT CAMP : Divisional Reinforcement Camp will close at S.25.d.9.9. on 30th instant, and will be located at 1st Aust. Divisional Wing Corps Reinforcement Camp CAESTRE from that date.

(P.T.O.)



11. LEAVE : Personnel proceeding on leave will entrain at STEENWERCK Railway Station, reporting to R.T.O. 1 hour before departure of leave train. Leave train departs at 11.11 a.m. daily. Arrangements are being made to supply hot drinks to personnel proceeding on and returning from leave.
12. MEDICAL : (a) O.C. 9th Australian Field Ambulance will arrange to clear sick from 9th Australian Infantry Brigade as from 27.1.18.  
(b) Units will pay special attention to preventative measures against Trench Feet.
13. TRANSPORT LINES : Unit transport will be located as follows :-

Unit	Transport Lines	Accommodation			Water Points
		O.	O.R.	H.	
33rd Bn.	T.27.a.1.5.	3	65	60	T.27.a.0.5.
34th "	T.27.d.8.8.	2	60	60	T.27.b.8.2.
35th "	T.27.a.1.5.	4	65	60	T.26.b.5.6.
36th "	T.26.c.5.1.	2	60	60	T.27.b.8.2.
9th M.G.Co.	T.20.Central	Unlimited.			T.20.Central
Brigade H.Q.	T.20.c.5.0.	10	30		T.20.c.5.0.

14. BILLETS : All billets in METEREN area will be left in a scrupulously clean condition and a certificate to this effect obtained from Area Commandant or his representative, or from incoming unit.
15. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*J. H. H. H.*  
CAPTAIN  
Staff Captain  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

DISTRIBUTION :Copy No. :

- 1 - 3 Brigade Headquarters,  
4 Brigade Signal Section  
5 33rd Battalion  
6 34th Battalion  
7 35th Battalion  
8 36th Battalion.  
9 9th Aust Machine Gun Coy  
10 9th Aust Light Trench Mortar Battery.  
11 9th A.I. Brigade School.  
12 Brigade Transport Officer  
13 -14 3rd Australian Division.  
15 10th Aust Inf Brigade  
16 11th Aust Inf Brigade  
17 869th Coy A.S.C.  
18 9th Field Coy Engineers  
19 9th Aust Field Ambulance  
20 Area Commandant METEREN  
21- 23 War Diary  
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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
-----Brigade Headquarters.  
29th January, 1918.CORRIGENDUM TO NINTH AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 14, dated 25.1.1918.  
-----Reference March Table

"Remarks".

Serial 5	-	For "1 pm."	read	"12.45 p.m."
" 6	-	"1.20 pm."	"	"1.1 p.m."
" 7	-	"1.40 pm."	"	"1.17 p.m."
" 8	-	"1.45 pm."	"	"1.21 p.m."

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. H. Ram*

MAJOR  
Brigade Major  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

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4	Brigade Signal Section.
5	33rd Battalion.
6	34th "
7	35th "
8	36th "
9	9th A.M.G. Company.
10	9th A. L. T. M. Bty.
11	Brigade Transport Officer.
12-13	3rd Australian Division.
14	Tom Major BAILLEUL.
15-16-17	War Diary.
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DEFENCE SCHEME

of the  
METEREN BRIGADE OF SUPPORT DIVISION.  
(9th Australian Infantry Brigade of 3rd Australian Div.)

Reference Maps: Sheet 28 S.W. 1/20,000.  
Sheet 36 N.W. 1/20,000.  
Sheet 27 S.E. 1/20,000.  
Sheet 36A E.E. 1/20,000.

Brigade Headquarters.  
16th January, 1918.

SECTION I. INFORMATION.

- (a). The Australian Corps front extends from the River LYS on the South to HOLLEBEKE on the North, a trench length of approximately 13,000 yards.
- (b). The Corps Area is subdivided into Right and Left forward Divisional Areas and a support Divisional Area (vide Map 1).
- (c). Each of the two Forward Divisions has two Brigades in the line with one Brigade in Reserve.
- (d). The Third Australian Division is the Support Division and has one Brigade quartered in each of the following Areas:  
NEUVE EGLISE  
LOCRE  
METEREN.
- (e). The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade is quartered in the METEREN Area and is known as the METEREN BRIGADE, (vide Map 1).

SECTION II. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE CORPS AREA.

- (a) The main features of the Corps Area are:
- (i) The MESSINES-WYTSCHAETE RIDGE in the Northern forward area, with its four spurs sloping gradually Eastward. These spurs are the:  
HOLLEBEKE  
COSTAVERNE  
WAMBEKE and  
GAPAARD SPURS,  
all of which are flanked by BEEKS which ultimately run into the LYS River.
- (ii) The East and West ridge of hills, of which KEMMEL is the principal height, and NEUVE EGLISE is a Southern spur.
- (iii) The LYS, which together with the defended town of ARMENTIERES, lies on the right front and flank respectively of the Corps Sector.

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SECTION II.  
(contd.)

(b) The area held by the Right Division is, with the exception of HILL 63, level and low-lying, the principal features being HILL 63, PLOEGSTEERT WOOD and the River LYS.

The area held by the Left Division is virtually the battlefield of the LESSINES offensive, and is in process of being developed. This area is marked by distinct tactical features, and has great defensive qualities in the shape of command and observation.

SECTION III. PRINCIPLE OF DEFENSIVE PREPARATIONS.

The principle governing defensive preparations aims at a disposition in depth of both troops and defences by the construction of:

- (i) A Forward Zone
- (ii) A Second Zone
- (iii) A Third Zone.

Each Zone will be organised in depth in three systems - Firing line, Support and Reserve Systems. Troops will be distributed accordingly.

SECTION IV. PRINCIPLES GOVERNING EMPLOYMENT OF SUPPORT DIVISION.

(a). The Support Division may be employed in three ways, as follows:

(i) Offensively, either to counter-attack and regain losses, or to follow up any successes against the enemy.

(ii) In the event of a sudden overwhelming of the Forward Zone the Support Division may be employed to aid in the defence of the Second Zone.

(iii) In case of an attack by the enemy which may deny the opportunity of employing the Division in defence of either the Forward or Second Zones, it may be employed to hold the Third Zone. This Zone has been subdivided and marked in 8 Battalion areas, the limits of which are shown in Map 2. This Map gives the allotment of Battalion areas to the two Forward Brigades of the Support Division. It is not intended to divide the Southern portion of the Third Zone with Battalion areas, nor to occupy it. When so ordered these 8 Battalion areas will be occupied by the two Brigades of the Support Division quartered in the NEUVE EGLISE and LOORE Areas.

(b). The co-operation of Artillery is arranged so as to further the rôle of the Support Division.

SECTION V. ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK.

(a). In order to give effect to the foregoing, in the event of attack on the Corps front, the Support Division will, when ordered, be assembled and moved to positions of readiness in rear of the Third Zone. Those positions of readiness for the units of the two Forward Brigades are shown on Map 2. The action of the third Brigade is defined below.



Defence Scheme.

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16.1.1918.SECTION V.  
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(b). Nucleus Garrisons, furnished by the two Forward Brigades, for selected Machine Gun positions in the Third Zone, have been detailed so that they may, in case of need, be rapidly despatched to their posts. The list of these Machine Gun Positions is shown in Appendix "A".

(c). In the event of attack the Third or METELEN Brigade will be assembled and moved in accordance with the attached March Table (Appendix "B") to the billets vacated by the LOCRE Brigade, which by that time would have moved forward. All units of the Brigade will assemble on parade grounds on the order from Brigade Headquarters "METELEN BRIGADE assembles at ... (time) ..." which will be delivered to units by Special D. R.

## SECTION VI.

MEASURES FOR DEFENCE.

(a). Commanders and a proportion of other Officers of all units of the Brigade must reconnoitre the positions to which their Commands may have to move, and the best means of approach. They must also acquaint themselves with the areas over which they might have to fight.

(b). All units of the METELEN BRIGADE will prepare and keep up to date short Defence Schemes, including March and Time Tables in accordance with Appendix "B". These will be handed over when the Brigade is relieved.

(c). Subsequent to arrival in the LOCRE Area the action of the Brigade will depend upon the situation.

(d). In the case of defensive action on either the Second or Third Zones the Headquarters of the Division and Infantry Brigades, until changes are ordered, will be as follows:

For Fighting on the Second Zone.

Divisional Headquarters	-	SHOVEL CAMP, T.13.s.95.45.
Reserve Brigade	..	Area Commandant's Dugout, T.5.d.95.45.
Right, or NEUVE EGLISE Brigade,	-	HABOURDIN.
Left, or LOCRE Brigade,	--	MIDLAND FARM.

For Fighting on the Third Zone.

Divisional Headquarters	--	BAILLEUL.
Reserve Brigade	-	SHOVEL CAMP.
Right Brigade	-	WATERLOO CAMP.
Left Brigade	-	LOCRE.

SECTION VII. ADMINISTRATIVE.

Administrative arrangements will be as set forth in Appendix "C".

*[Signature]*  
MAJOR  
Brigade Major  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade,

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Defence Scheme.

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13.1.1918.

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Brigade Headquarters	1-2.
33rd Battalion ..	3.
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35th do. ..	5.
36th do. ..	6.
9th Aust. M.G. Company	7.
9th Aust. Light T.M. Battery	8.
3rd Australian Division	9.
10th Aust. Infantry Brigade	10.
11th do. ..	11.
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APPENDIX "A".

Nucleus Garrisons for the Third Zone to be furnished by the Support Division when so ordered.

LOOSE Brigade.

1	Machine Gun and Nucleus Detachment	N.20.d.40.65)	Covering KEMMEL
1	-do-	N.20.d.72.35)	from the West.
1	do	N.27.b.15.45)	Covering KEMMEL
1	do	N.27.a.9.2.)	from the S.West.
1	do	N.27.d.70.65)	Covering the
1	do	N.27.d.50.15)	LINDENHOEK -
			WITSCHLAETE Road.
1	do	N.33.d.95.35)	Covering the
1	do	N.33.d.90.05)	Road from
			WULVERGHEM.

NEUVE EGLISE Brigade.

1	Machine Gun and Nucleus Detachment	T.9.d.7.4.)	Covering the
1	do	T.9.d.3.3.)	NEUVE EGLISE -
			WULVERGHEM Road.
1	do	T.16.a.95.15)	Shooting N.E.
1	do	T.16.d.3.8.)	
1	do	T.16.e.3.8.)	Shooting S.E.
1		T.16.e.65.10)	

These positions have been marked.



APPENDIX "B".  
 (March Table to accompany METTEREN BRIGADE DEFENCE SCHEME,  
 16. 1. 1918).

Reference Maps:  
 27, 28, 36, 33A. 1/20,000.

Serial No.	Unit.	From.	To.	Route.	Unit. relieved.	Remarks.
1.	33rd Battn.	METTEREN Area.	LOCRE Area.	Starting point cross-roads at X.18.c.7.0 - BAILLEUL - S.14.d.3.8 - LOCRE - do BRULOOZE GART - N.19.c.4.3.	41st Battn.	Head of column to pass starting point 45 mins after time ordered for assembly (vide Section V. para. 0).
2.	34th Battn.	Do.	Do.	Starting point cross-roads at X.18.c.7.0 - BAILLEUL - S.14.d.3.8 - LOCRE - M.29.c.8.2	44th Battn.	" " 1 hr 5 minutes
3.	36th Battn.	Do.	Do.	Starting point cross-roads at X.18.c.7.0 - BAILLEUL - S.14.d.3.8 - LOCRE - M.29.a.8.9	42nd Battn.	" " 1 hr 25 minutes
4.	35th Battn.	Do.	Do.	Starting point cross-roads at X.18.c.7.0 - BAILLEUL - S.14.d.3.8 - M.28 b.9.5.	43rd Battn.	" " 1 hr 45 minutes
5.	9th Aust. M. G. Company.	Do.	Do.	Starting point cross-roads at X.18.c.7.0 - BAILLEUL - S.14.d.3.8 - LOCRE - M.23.c.3.8	11th Aust. M.G. Co.	" " 2 hrs 5 minutes
3.	9th Aust. L. T.M. Battery	Do.	Do.	Starting point cross-roads at X.18.c.7.0 - BAILLEUL - S.14.d.3.8 - LOCRE - M.18.d.5.1	11th A. L. T. M. Bty.	" " 2 hrs 15 minutes

NOTE: A distance of 200 yards between Companies and units and its transport will be maintained on the march.

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## WAR DIARY

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

B.M. 30/101.

Brigade Headquarters.  
8th January 1918.

## Headquarters

33rd Battalion  
 34th do  
 35th do  
 36th do  
 9th A.M.G. Coy.  
 9th A.L.T.M. Bty.

Herewith are forwarded five copies of "pro forma" which is to be used by all units in submitting their daily works returns to Brigade Headquarters, when the Brigade is either in the line, or providing working parties in a forward area.

The daily works return will show work done by infantry working parties from 6 a.m. to 6 a.m. and is to be forwarded to reach Brigade Headquarters by 12 noon. In the case of parties at work at 6 a.m., the circumstances will be noted in the remarks column.

The serial number will provide a means of ready reference to any particular party. The unit column is necessary in view of the probability of parties working in an area other than their own.

Strength of working parties will be given in numbers of actual working men. The amount of work done and the material used will be shown in the normal form of measurement.

In the location column the name of the locality as well as the map reference will be shown.

Under the heading "R.E. assistance" will be given the number of sappers etc. engaged in work or in supervision.

This "pro forma" is to be strictly adhered to.

*J. H. F. Pain*

Major  
 Brigade Major  
 9th Australian Infantry Brigade.



WORKING PARTY TABLE.

Date ..... 1918.

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Battalion.  
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From ..... To .....

Serial number	Unit.	Strength.	Location.	Nature.	Work done.	% age of work remaining	Material.	R. E. assistance.	Remarks.



## NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

HEADQUARTERS  
NINTH INFANTRY BRIGADE

28 JAN 1918

B.M. NO. 20/5  
A.I.F.Brigade Headquarters.  
28th January, 1918.

Headquarters  
33rd Battalion.  
35th " "  
36th " "  
9th A.M.G. Coy.  
9th A.L.T.M. Bty.

1. The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade (less Brigade Headquarters and 34th Battalion) will carry out a route march on 29th January 1918, as follows:

Starting point: OUTERSTEENE, F.9.a.1-4.

Route: OUTERSTEENE - GLAPBANGK - Cross-roads  
X.23.a.80.40 - Cross-roads X.22.a.15-10  
- thence to billets (except 33rd Battalion  
which moves to billets on reaching GLAPBANGK)

Time :	35th Bn.	Head passes starting pt at	2 pm.
	36th Bn.	" " " "	2.16 pm.
	9th A. M. G. Coy.	" " " "	2.32 pm.
	9th A.L.T.M. Bty.	" " " "	2.35 pm.
	33rd Bn.	" " " "	2.41 pm.

Dress : Marching Order.

2. The column will halt for 10 minutes at 2.50 pm

3. Distances as set forth in Brigade Order No. 14 para. 2 (a) will be maintained.

4. Units will march in "threes".

5. Transport, excepting vehicles detailed for duty elsewhere and packers, will move with units.

6. Watches will be synchronised by an Officer from Brigade Headquarters who will call at the Headquarters of all units between 11.0 a.m. and 12.0 noon on 29th January.

*Handwritten signature*  
MAJOR  
Brigade Major  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.



## Appendix 14

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

WAR DIARY.

RETURN showing REINFORCEMENTS JOINING DURING  
the month of JANUARY, 1918.

Unit.		Officers.	Other ranks.
-----		-----	-----
33rd Battalion	..	10	203
34th "	..	4	137
35th "	..	9	152
36th "	..	13	131
9th A.M.G. Company			11
		-----	-----
TOTAL	..	36	634.
		=====	=====



FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDER NO. 333.

by

LIEUT-COL. H.A. GODDARD, D.S.O., COMMANDING 9TH AUSTRALIAN INF. BDE.

Brigade Headquarters,  
17th January, 1918.

TRANSFERS:

2659. Captain S.W. HAWKINS, Staff Captain 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade resumed regimental duty - dated 4-1-1918. - Authority A.I.F. List No. 282 of 11-1-18.  
Captain S.W. HAWKINS transferred from 3rd Aust. Pioneer Battalion to 35th Battalion - Dated 6-1-1918. Authority - D.A.G., A.I.F. No. 10/0/30.  
No. 51 Private B.R. BERGIE is transferred from Headquarters 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade to 35th Battalion - Dated 6-1-1918.

STRENGTH:

2660. Captain S.I. SUTER, M.C., taken on strength of Headquarters 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade from 40th Battalion - Dated 4-1-1918 - Authority A.I.F. List No. 282  
No. 261 Private K. SPIERS taken on strength of Headquarters 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade from 40th Battalion - Dated 4-1-1918.

APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS:

2661. Captain S.I. SUTER, M.C., to be Staff Captain 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade vice HAWKINS - Dated 4-1-18, Authority - A.I.F. List No. 282.

CHURCH PARADES:

2662. The following Church Parades are set down for Sunday, 20th instant. Units should endeavour to have all Officers and men on these parades :-

Protestant Services as follows will be held in Y.M.C.A. Hall METEREN.

36th Bn.	)		
M.G. Coy.	)	9 a.m.	Chaplain CALDER.
34th Bn.	)		
T.M. Batty	)	10 a.m.	Chaplain CALDER
33rd Bn.		11 a.m.	Chaplain FORMAN

In School - MERRIS -

35th Bn.		11 a.m.	Chaplain PITT-OVERN.
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R.C. Services as follows will be held in Church, METEREN.

34th Bn.	)		
M.G. Coy.	)	7.30 a.m.	Chaplain POWER
T.M. Batty	)		
36th Bn.		8.45 a.m.	Chaplain POWER
33rd Bn.		10 a.m.	Chaplain POWER

R.C. members of the 35th Bn. will attend R.C. services at Church, MERRIS, at time as laid down in D.R.O.

Captain.  
Staff Captain.

Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.



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Appendix 16

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDER NO. 529

by

LIEUT. COL. H.A. GODDARD, D.S.O., COMMANDING 9TH AUST INF. BDE.

Brigade Headquarters  
8th January 1918.

ADMINISTRATION

COMMAND. 2628. During the absence of Brigadier General C. ROSTWITZKI, C.B., C.M.G., on leave in U.K., Lieut-Colonel H.A. GODDARD, D.S.O., will command the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade, as from 5th. January 1918.  
Lieut. E.J. HARRIAN, 33rd Battalion, will act as Brigade Transport Officer during the absence of Lieut W.R. Statten on leave, as from 5th January 1918.

BATHS. 2629. Para 2628 of B.R.O. 528 of 7th January is hereby cancelled.  
Baths, BAILLEUL, Rue de Cassell. 33rd Battalion will utilise the allotment laid down for the 9th Australian Infantry Bde. in B.R.O. 529. The allotment at BAILLEUL Baths will commence on Thursday 10th January 1918.  
Portable Baths, OUTERSTRETE. Portable Baths at OUTERSTRETE, Sheet 33a., F.A.C.I.5. will be available from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. daily for personnel of 35th Battalion. These Baths will accommodate 20 men per hour.  
HEMEREN Baths : Sheet of - K.R.d.C.7. The following is the daily allotment for HEMEREN Baths :-

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>No of men</u>	<u>Time</u>
34th Battalion	100	9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
9th A.M.C. Coy.	25	11 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
Transport Details	20	11.30 a.m. to 12 noon
25th Bby. F. Art.	25	1.30 p.m. to 2 p.m.
36th Battalion	100	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
9th A.L.T. Bty.	10	} 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Brigade School	20	
" H.Q.	10	
" Sig. Section	10	

All parties of 25 or over will be marched to and from Baths in charge of an Officer, who will be responsible for strictest march discipline.

*J. J. Statten*  
CAPTAIN  
A/Staff Captain  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.

NOTICE  
M.C.A. The attention of 9th Australian Infantry Brigade Units is drawn to the following fixtures at the Australian M.C.A. HEMEREN this week :-  
Wednesday, January 9th. 6.30 p.m. - 11th Field Ambulance Pierrots.  
Thursday, January 10th. 8 p.m. - 36th Bn. Band Concert, assisted by Artists from 34th Bn.  
Saturday January 12th. 6.30 p.m. - Singing Competitions - Sentimental and Comic Division.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDER NO. 534.

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LIEUT-COL. H. GODDARD, D.S.O., COMMANDING 9TH AUST. INF. BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,  
24th January, 1918.

- TRANSFERS:** 2635. No. 5 Pte. H. BLOUNT is transferred from Headquarters 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. to 55th Battalion, dated 22-1-1918.  
No. 2430 Pte. V.C. TRUSCOTT is transferred from 36th Battalion to 55th Battalion - dated 17-1-1918.
- STRENGTH:** 2634. No. 2169 Pte. F. WILSON is taken on strength on Headquarters, 9th Aust. Inf. Bde from 53rd Battalion - dated 22-1-1918.
- APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS:** 2635. 9th Aust. Light Trench Mortar Battery:  
To be Temporary Corporal - dated 21-1-1918.  
No. 31127 Gunner D.J. FRISHER  
vice No. 2802 Corpl. J. TONKIL  
To be Lance Corporal - dated 21-1-1918.  
No. 2003 Gunner G.E. LONDER, vice No. 2808 Lance Corporal L.J. LINGH evacuated.  
No. 1108 Gunner D. DEWING - to complete establishment.
- SMALL BOX RESPIRATORS:** 2636. Return re issues of Small Box Respirators and Containers (vide Brigade Routine Order No. 295, para 2465 of 20-7-17) will be rendered until further notice on Friday of each week instead of Tuesday, the returns to reach Brigade Headquarters not later than 12 noon.
- SILVAGE OF PAPER AND CARDBOARD:** 2637. The following figures show the amount of paper and cardboard salvaged by Units of the Brigade for week ending 18-1-1918.

UNIT	Description	Collected (lbs)	Despatched (lbs)	On Hand (lbs)
Hqrs 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade	Paper	49	39	30
	Cardboard	8	8	-
55th Bn.	Paper	219	219	-
	Cardboard	43	43	-
34th Bn.	Paper	155	155	-
	Cardboard	-	-	-
35th Bn.	Paper	233	233	-
	Cardboard	43	43	-
36th Bn.	Paper	92	92	-
	Cardboard	21	21	-
9th A.L.G. Coy.	Paper	54	54	-
	Cardboard	-	-	-
9th A.L.T. B. Batty	Paper	12	12	-
	Cardboard	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>934</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>30</b>

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**PAT RETURN:** 2638. The following is the amount of Pat ("A" Class) collected by Units of this Brigade for week ending 18-1-18.

53rd Battalion	30 lbs.
54th Battalion	97 "
55th Battalion	145 "
56th Battalion	135 "

**CHURCH PARADES:** 2639. Church Parades will be held on Sunday as follows :-

**A.O. PARADE :**

Service will be held in **METHODIST CHURCH** on Sunday, 27th instant at 9.45 a.m. for all Units of the Brigade.

**CHURCH OF ENGLAND:**

Services will be held in **I.M.C.A. METHODIST** on Sunday, 27th instant as follows :-

53th Battalion	10.0 a.m. Chaplain <b>NORMAN</b> .
53rd Battalion	11.0 a.m. "
55th Battalion	10.30 a.m. at 55th Battalion Headquarters - Chaplain <b>PITT-OWEN</b> .

*[Signature]*  
 Captain.  
 Staff Captain.  
 Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Description of Collected Papers

UNIT	(lbs.)	(lbs.)	(lbs.)
53rd Battalion	30	97	145
54th Battalion	97	145	135
55th Battalion	145	135	-
56th Battalion	135	-	-
Headquarters	-	-	-
53th Battalion	30	97	145
53rd Battalion	97	145	135
55th Battalion	145	135	-
56th Battalion	135	-	-
Headquarters	-	-	-
53th Battalion	30	97	145
53rd Battalion	97	145	135
55th Battalion	145	135	-
56th Battalion	135	-	-
Headquarters	-	-	-
53th Battalion	30	97	145
53rd Battalion	97	145	135
55th Battalion	145	135	-
56th Battalion	135	-	-
Headquarters	-	-	-
53th Battalion	30	97	145
53rd Battalion	97	145	135
55th Battalion	145	135	-
56th Battalion	135	-	-
Headquarters	-	-	-



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## FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDER No. 385

by

LIEUT.-COLONEL H.A. GODDARD, D.S.O., COMMANDING 9TH AUSE INF BDE AIF.

Brigade Headquarters.  
30th January, 1918.FIELD GENERAL  
COURT-MARTIAL.

2670. The detail of Officers mentioned below will assemble at BULFORD LINES (T.20.c.4.2) at 10.0 a.m. on Friday 1st February 1918 to try by Field General Court-Martial such accused person or persons as may be brought before them.

## PRESIDENT:

Major H.L.E.D. WHEELER, 34th Battalion AIF.

## MEMBERS:

Captain E. M.	JOHNSON,	General List.
Captain J.E.W.	BUSHELLE,	36th Battalion A.I.F.
Captain P. F.	EIGHT,	35th Battalion A.I.F.

## PROSECUTOR:

Adjutant of Battalion concerned.

The 35th and 36th Battalions will ~~will~~ each detail one junior Officer to attend the Court for instruction.

## TRANSFER.

2671. No. 3120 Private E. RICHARDSON is transferred from 33rd Battalion to 36th Battalion, dated 28.1.1918.

*[Signature]*  
CAPTAIN  
Staff Captain  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

SALVAGE OF  
PAPER AND  
CARDBOARD.

The following figures show the amounts of paper and cardboard salvaged by units of the Brigade for week ending 26th January 1918.

	Paper.	Cardboard.
Brigade Hdqrs.	44. lbs.	- lbs.
33rd Battalion	40.	20
34th Battalion	100.	35
35th Battalion	37.	26
9th A.M.G. Coy.	45.	17
9th A.L.T.M.Bty	8.	-
36th Battalion	30	10
TOTAL FOR WEEK	334 lbs.	108 lbs.

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