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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ARMENTIERES	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.15 am 2.30 pm 3.30 5.30	<p>During day enemy artillery inactive - our own artillery active.</p> <p>30 rds 77's in right centre Coy, L'EpINETTE Sector.</p> <p>17 T.M.s &amp; 2 T.M.s covered by Group Art. carried out successful shoot on enemy wire.</p> <p>2 T.M.s fired 14 rds on suspected sniper post at C.17. 50.20.</p> <p>2 T.M.s dispersed enemy working party at C.23. 62.70.</p> <p>During early morning &amp; night V.C.s carried out programme indirect fire. Seven patrols were out during night on L'EpINETTE Sector front - no enemy encountered but hostile M.C. located. 24 rifle grenades fired into enemy T.L. opposite Loc 2.</p> <p>During afternoon smoke signal rockets were fired on Red front - results good.</p>	<p>Ref Map HOURLINES 1/10000 FRANCE 36 N.W. 420, 100.</p>
"	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5.0 am 1.30 pm 7.35	<p>The 33<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 34<sup>th</sup> Bns. relieved 35<sup>th</sup> &amp; 36<sup>th</sup> Bns. in L'EPINETTE &amp; HOURLINES SECTORS.</p> <p>63, 42 H.F. in CENTRAL AV. between F.L. &amp; S.L. - considerable damage done.</p> <p>Locs 5, 6 &amp; 7 shelled with 77 &amp; 4.2's - no damage.</p> <p>A heavy fall of snow during afternoon prevented active patrolling &amp; listening posts accordingly were established. Some indirect M.C. fire carried out during morning &amp; normal programme at night.</p>	Appendix XXXVII
"	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1.45	<p>Some slight enemy artillery fire on L'EPINETTE Sector during day - mainly with 77's - HOURLINES Sector quiet.</p> <p>Medium &amp; Stokes mortars carried out shoot - mediums unsatisfactory.</p> <p>Usual indirect fire programme in direct fire carried out during night.</p> <p>Twelve patrols out on Red front - bright moon hampered work which took long &amp; coughing heard in enemy lines.</p>	
"	4 <sup>th</sup>	9 am	<p>Enemy artillery active again against L'EPINETTE SECTOR.</p> <p>505 G.H.C.s in Loc. 3 up to 11 am. - intermittent shelling with 5.9's &amp; 4.2's during rest of day. All houses in L'EpINETTE sector registered by enemy during afternoon.</p> <p>Right Bn sent out 7 patrols during night - enemy activity reported slight.</p> <p>Left Bn found patrolling extremely difficult. some enemy working parties dispersed by L.C. fire. Usual indirect V.C. night firing carried out.</p> <p>Medium &amp; light T.M.s carried out shoot with artillery covering fire - good results reported.</p>	
"	5 <sup>th</sup>	4 pm	<p>Enemy artillery less active than previous day.</p>	



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ARMENTIERES	5 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	9.45 am 5.15 pm	L.T.M.s bombarded super port at C.29. a. 40.15 & again at 2 pm. 5 rds. Stokes fired at revolver gun at I.5. d. S. 16.56 - good result. Bright moonlight lamped patrolling on both Rn. fronts. Usual night firing programme carried out.	Ref Map HOUPLINES 40,000 FRANCE 36 1/4 120,000.
"	6 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am 7 am 5.30 pm	28 J.2 r.5 q. in d. v. 3 - no damage resulted. Stokes mortars fired 12 rds. at C.29. a. 85.90 - enemy fire silenced. " " " " " " " c. 17. c. 90.50 - parapet damaged. During night usual indirect V.C. firing. Seven patrols out on Rn. front & 5 on left during night. Considerable shouting, cheering & noise heard from loco 3 to 7 - also ringing bells.	
"	7 <sup>th</sup>	3 pm	GOC 10 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Dist. assumed command of sector & 9 <sup>th</sup> Bde Hqrs moved to 98 Rue Saxt, Carnot, Armentieres as per Bde Order N° 50 attached.	Appendix XXXVIII
"	8 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm 12 noon	Defence Scheme L'EPINETTE & HOUPLINES sectors attacked. 207 <sup>th</sup> M.C. Coy relieved 9 <sup>th</sup> A.M.C. Coy - latter to billets in town. 10 <sup>th</sup> A.L.T.M. Bty relieved 9 <sup>th</sup> A.L.T.M. Bty - " " " "	Appendix XXXIX
"	9 <sup>th</sup>	12 mid-night	39 <sup>th</sup> & 40 <sup>th</sup> Pons relieved 33 <sup>rd</sup> & 34 <sup>th</sup> Pons - " " " " GOC Bde on 10 days leave - D. Col. GODDARD - 35 <sup>th</sup> Pn to command. Bde in billets in ARMENTIERES.	Ref Map HAZEBROUCK 5A 1/100,000
"	10 <sup>th</sup>	8 a.m. 10.30 4.15 pm 5.30	35 <sup>th</sup> Pn proceeded by route march to BAILLEUL as per Bde Order N° 51 attached & untraced 36 <sup>th</sup> Pn, 1/2 MG Coy, 1/2 L.T.M. Bty by " " " STERNWERCK " 35 <sup>th</sup> Pn. arrived at STOMER & proceeded by route march to HALLINES. 36 <sup>th</sup> Pn, 1/2 M.C. Coy, 1/2 L.T.M. Bty covered STOMER thence " " WIZERNES	Appendix XL
"	11 <sup>th</sup>	8.0 am 10.30 3.15 5.15	33 <sup>rd</sup> Pn. by route march to BAILLEUL & thence by train to STOMER. 34 <sup>th</sup> Pn, 1/2 M.C. Coy, 1/2 L.T.M. Bty, HQ by route march to STERNWERCK, thence by train to STOMER 33 <sup>rd</sup> Pn arrived STOMER and thence by route march to HALLINES 34 <sup>th</sup> Pn, 1/2 M.C. Coy, 1/2 L.T.M. Bty & Bde Hqrs arrived STOMER & thence by route march to WIZERNES.	

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ST OMER	April 11 <sup>th</sup>		During day 35, 36 <sup>th</sup> , 1/2 M.C. Coy, 1/2 L.T.M. Bty moved by route march to billets in BAYENGHEN-LEZ-SEVENINGHEM area. Bn Hdqrs established as follows:- 35 <sup>th</sup> Ptn at ALQUINES; 36 <sup>th</sup> Ptn at JOURNY.	Rep Maps HAZEBROUCK
"	12 <sup>th</sup>		33 <sup>rd</sup> , 34 <sup>th</sup> , 1/2 M.C. Coy, 1/2 L.T.M. Bty, Bde Hdqrs moved to billets in above area during day. Hdqrs established as follows; Bde & L.T.M. Bty at BOUVELINGHEM, M.C. Coy at WATTERLAT, 33 <sup>rd</sup> Ptn at SEVENINGHEM, 34 <sup>th</sup> Ptn at BAYENGHEN-LEZ-SEVENINGHEM.	574 1/100,000
BAYENGHEN-SEVENINGHEM	13 <sup>th</sup>		Training all units Bde commenced - syllabus of progressive nature from platoon to Bde training - live bombing, rifle grenades, & L. Gun instruction also included. Training area satisfactory - weather at first inclement.	CALAIS 1/100,000
"	19 <sup>th</sup>		G.O.C. returned from leave and assumed command of Bde.	
"	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Bde attack practice on objectives & tasks as detailed for "Magnus Opus" Army & Divisional Command both present. Replica trenches flagged & taped on ground, dumps formed & objectives partially consolidated. Very successful exercise.	
ARQUES	25 <sup>th</sup>		Bde moved from training area - units independently - to ARQUES and RENNES-CURE as per Bde Order No. 52 attached - 33 <sup>rd</sup> & 34 <sup>th</sup> billeted in RENNES-CURE for night - remainder of Bde billeted in ARQUES.	Appendix XLII
STRAZEELE	26 <sup>th</sup>		Bde proceeded by route march to STRAZEELE area, moving independently by units	
ARMANTIERES	27 <sup>th</sup>		Bde proceeded by route march to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust. Div area, moving as per Bde order No. 53 attached. Units billeted as follows:- Bde Hdqrs, 33 <sup>rd</sup> , 34 <sup>th</sup> , 36 <sup>th</sup> , & L.T.M. Bty in ARMANTIERES; 35 <sup>th</sup> Ptn & 9 <sup>th</sup> AM.C. Coy at WATERLANDS (B 20. a. 30. 70.)	Appendix XLIII
"	28 <sup>th</sup>		9 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div Bde relieved 75 <sup>th</sup> Div Bde in LE TOUQUET SECTOR - units disposed as follows:- 36 <sup>th</sup> Ptn in front line - 35 <sup>th</sup> Ptn in subsidiary line - 33 <sup>rd</sup> & 34 <sup>th</sup> Ptn in reserve in LE BIZET & POINT DE NIEPPE - Bde Hdqrs at POINT DE NIEPPE	Rep Maps Sheets 36 N.W. 828 S.W. 1/20,000
LE TOUQUET SECTOR	29 <sup>th</sup>		Quiet day - Insect m.c. fore on enemy area during night. Our patrols greatly hindered by bright moonlight - after 11 a.m. six patrols out on front.	
"	30 <sup>th</sup>		During morning about 40 rds 775 ulto ESSEX CENTRAL - Our patrols during night saw no enemy altho much noise from his F.L. - V.C.s covered all normal programme unaltered night going.	



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 Brigade Major of 1st Aust Inf Bde Page 31. A



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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
ORDER No. 49.

Reference map:

1/20,000 France Sheet 36  
N.W. (corrected to G.8.16).Headquarters  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
31st March, 1917.

- RELIEF. 1. The 33rd and 34th Battalions will relieve the 35th and 36th Battalions (the latter becoming "C" and "D" Battalions) in L'EPINETTE and HOUPLINES Sections, commencing on 2nd April at 5.0 a.m.
- TRENCH STORES. 2. All trench stores, Defence Schemes, log-books, aeroplane photos., maps, plans and all other useful information will be handed over by outgoing Battalions and receipts obtained therefor.
- BILLETING PARTIES. 3. Billeting parties of one Officer per Battalion and one N.C.O. per Platoon from 35th and 36th Battalions will proceed to "C" and "D" Battalions billets on 1st April to billet their Battalion.
- DETAILS. 4. All other details of relief, such as guides, &c., will be mutually arranged by C. Os. concerned.
- WORKING PARTIES. 5. No working parties will be supplied for night shift of 1/2nd April or the day shift on 2nd April. The 35th and 36th Battalions will be prepared to provide parties for and after 9.0 p.m. on the 2nd April.
- MOVEMENT 6. Every precaution must be taken against hostile observation both aerial and from ground level. During the hours of daylight troops when EAST of ARMENTIERES-NOUVEL HOUPLINES Railway line will move in parties not larger than sections at two-minute intervals.
- REPORTS. 7. Battalions will report in code by wire to Brigade Headquarters when relief is complete.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*A. J. Dowrick* Major,  
Brigade Major 9th Australian  
Infantry Brigade, A.I.F.



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ISSUED at 4.0 p.m.:-

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1	F i l e	
2	W a r D i a r y. ...	
3	Third Australian Division ..	D.R.
4	G.O.C. Brigade ...	Orderly.
5	Brigade Transport Officer ..	"
6	Brigade Signal Officer ..	"
7	33rd Battalion ...	"
8	34th Battalion ...	"
9	35th Battalion ...	"
10	36th Battalion ...	"
11	9th Aust. Light Trench Mortar Bty.	"
12	9th Aust. M. G. Company ...	"
13	171st Infantry Brigade ..	D.R.
14	11th Australian Infantry Brigade	"
15	11th Aust. Field Ambulance	Orderly.
16	9th Australian Field Company	"
17	Right Artillery Group ..	"
18	"L" Special Coy., R.E. ..	D.R.
19	171st Tunnelling Company ..	"
20	3rd Australian Pioneer Battalion	Orderly
21	869th Company, A. S. C.	D.R.
22	A.P.M., 3rd Australian Division	"
23	Spare.	

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Appendix XXXVIII

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
ORDER No. 50.

Reference map:  
1/20,000 France Sheet 36  
N.W. (corrected to 6.9.16).

Headquarters  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
7th April 1917.

- RELIEF. 1. The 10th Australian Infantry Brigade, 207th Machine Gun Company, and 10th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery will relieve 9th Australian Infantry Brigade, 9th Australian Machine Gun Company, and 9th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery respectively in L'EPINETTE and HOUPLINES Sectors on 8th instant.
- ADVANCE PARTIES and SPECIALISTS. 2. Advance parties and specialists from 39th and 40th Battalions will move into front area of "A" and "B" Battalions on afternoon of 7th instant. Advance parties of 207th Machine Gun Coy. and 10th Aust. Light T.M. Battery will move into front area on afternoon of 7th instant.
- DETAILS of RELIEF. 3. 10th Aust. Infantry Brigade Headquarters and Brigade Signal Section will relieve 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade Headquarters and Brigade Signal Section at 3.0 p.m. on 7th inst. 10th Aust. Light T.M. Battery will relieve 9th Aust. Light T.M. Battery on morning of 8th instant - relief to be completed by noon. 207th Machine Gun Company will relieve 9th Australian Machine Gun Company on afternoon of 8th instant - relief to be completed by 7.0 p.m. 39th and 40th Battalions will relieve the 33rd and 34th Battalions respectively on 8th instant - leading troops of incoming Battalions to be at subsidiary line by 9.0 p.m. and relief to be completed by 12.0 midnight, on 8/9th instant. All details of relief to be mutually arranged between Commanding Officers concerned.
- PRECAUTIONS. 4. During daylight every precaution must be taken against hostile observation both aerial and from ground line. Troops when East of ARMENTIERES-NOUVEL HOUPLINES railway line will move in parties not larger than sections at two minute intervals.
- TRENCH STORES. 5. All trench stores, Defence Schemes, log-books, maps, plans and other useful information will be handed over to incoming units, a duplicate copy of receipt being forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by 12.0 noon on 9th instant.
- BILLETING PARTIES. 6. Billeting parties of one Officer per Battalion and one N.C.O. per Platoon from each of 33rd and 34th Battalions will report to the Staff Captain at Brigade Headquarters (G.O. 2) at 9.0 a.m. on 8th instant.
- TRANSPORT LINES. 7. Units will retain their present transport standings at L'EPINETTE.
- COMMANDERS. 8. All Commanders of and above the appointment of Company Commander will remain with opposite number of incoming unit for twenty-four (24) hours after relief of their unit is completed to assist incoming Commanders.
- COMPLETION of RELIEF. 9. Units will report in code by wire to Brigade Headquarters (G.O. 3) on completion of relief.
- COMMAND. 10. Command of present Brigade Sector will pass to G.O.C. 10th Australian Infantry Brigade at 3.0 p.m. on 7th instant at 3 Rue des Jesuits ARMENTIERES (G.O. 3).



BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS 11. Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters will close at 5 Rue des Jesuits ARMENTIERES (G.O. 3) at 3.0 p.m. on 7th instant and reopen at 98 Rue Sadi Carnot ARMENTIERES at same hour.

All administrative matters of 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will be referred to the latter address from the above hour.

12. A C K N O W L E D G E .

*G. H. Bonwick*

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

Issued at: 1.0 p.m. :-

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1	File	
2	War Diary	
3	3rd Australian Division ..	D.R.
4	G. O. C. Brigade ..	Orderly
5	Brigade Transport Officer	"
6	Brigade Signalling Officer	"
7	33rd Battalion ..	"
8	34th Battalion ..	"
9	35th Battalion ..	"
10	36th Battalion ..	"
11	9th Aust. Machine Gun Company	"
12	9th Aust. Light T.M. Battery	"
13	171st Infantry Brigade ..	D.R.
14	74th Infantry Brigade ..	"
15	10th Australian Infantry Brigade	Orderly
16	207th Machine Gun Company	D.R.
17	11th Aust. Field Ambulance	"
18	9th Aust. Field Company	Orderly
19	Right Artillery Group ..	"
20	"L" Special Coy., R.F. ..	D.R.
21	171st Tunnelling Company	"
22	3rd Australian Pioneer Battalion	"
23	869th Company, A.S.C.	"
24	A.P.M., 3rd Australian Division	"
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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Appendix No 39

DEFENCE SCHEME

L'EPINETTE and HOUPLINES Sub-Sectors.

Reference Maps: Trench Map HOUPLINES 36 N.W. 2 & N.E.1 (pts of) Ed 7A 1/10000
" " BOIS GRENIER 36 N.W. Ed. 3D. 1/10,000.

BOUNDARIES and DISPOSITIONS 1. The Brigade holds each Sub-sector with one Battalion each and has two Battalions in reserve.

(a). "A" Battalion.

L'EPINETTE Sub-Sector -

PEAR TREE FARM to INDIA AVENUE (both inclusive):

Right boundary: I 16 b to I 9 c. 35 70 65 90

Left boundary: C 29 c to C 28 c. 24 50 65 40

(b). "B" Battalion.

HOUPLINES Sub-Sector -

INDIA AVENUE (exclusive) to LYS River.

Right boundary: C 29 c to C 28 c. 24 50 65 40

Left boundary: River LYS.

(c). "C" and "D" Battalions in reserve in ARMENTIERES.

(d). The 57th Division holds the Sector on our right. The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade holds the Sector on our left.

HEADQUARTERS 2. Brigade, Battalion and Company Headquarters locations and position calls are given in Appendix "A".

SYSTEM of DEFENCE. 3. The front line is held as lightly as possible with supports and reserves in depth. Four Companies divide each Sub-Sector with two Platoons each in the Company front line and support area and two Platoons in the Subsidiary line area.

GARRISON.

Table with 4 columns: Unit/Line, Sections, Men (L'EPINETTE Sub-Sec.), Sections, Men (HOUPLINES Sub-Sec.). Rows include Front Line, Support Line Area, Between Support & Subsidiary Line, and Subsidiary Line.



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Lewis Gunners not required for gun team will act as bombers or bayonet men.

Listening posts, local patrols or patrols in gaps will be furnished by these Sections.

+ Includes nucleus garrisons.

LEWIS GUNS.

5. Lewis Guns will be placed as per plan approved by Corps (Appendix "B"). The Battalion Commander will arrange for guns being distributed among the Companies to enable them to carry out their dispositions. The number of Lewis Gun Sections in cases exceeds the normal number per Company, but as all ranks are to be trained and are liable to be employed as Lewis Gunners, men in bombing, rifle or grenadier Sections must be drawn on to make up the complement.

VICKERS GUNS.

6. Vickers Guns will be placed as per plan approved by Corps (Appendix "C").

LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

7. The Light Trench Mortars are disposed as per Appendix "D".

Mortars will open fire on their S.O.S. lines in event of S.O.S. signal being sent up in their vicinity.

MEDIUM TRENCH MORTARS.

8. The Medium Trench Mortars are disposed as per Appendix "E".

ARTILLERY.

9. The Sector is covered by the Right Artillery Group of one F.A. Brigade and certain Heavy Artillery. Instructions for artillery action have been issued to all concerned.

NUCLEUS GARRISONS.

10. (a). L'EPINETTE Sub-Sector:

SUBSIDIARY LINE:

2 Sections about I.9. central.

1 Section vicinity CEMETERY Salient.

2 Sections about I 9 b/3090 between railway and roadway.

1 Section near PORT REGAL AVENUE - I 3 d.

$\frac{70}{60}$

2 Sections vicinity of the Salient I 3 d.

1 Section QUANTITY STREET.

$\frac{84}{90}$

(b). HOURLINES Sub-Sector:

SUBSIDIARY LINE:

1 Platoon between SPAIN AVENUE and OODNADATTA RAILWAY.

1 Section escort to Machine Gun at C 28 c.

1 Platoon near WESSSEX AVENUE

$\frac{65}{45}$

and in AVENUE at C 22 d.

$\frac{00}{60}$

1 Platoon between EDHEADS AVENUE and PANAMA CANAL.

(O.C. Platoon to arrange for protection of

Machine Gun at C 22 a and C 22 a.

$\frac{83}{40}$

$\frac{75}{05}$

1 Platoon in VANCOUVER AVENUE.

2 Platoons in Second Support line between IRISH and CAMBRIDGE AVENUES.

These Sections must be left to garrison the Subsidiary line and to protect and support Machine Gun defences and to hold the line in case of failure of local counter-attack. They will not move forward to assist in counter-attack.

PRINCIPLE of DEFENCE.

11. The defence is on outpost principle and therefore embodies (a) Observation and (b) Resistance. In connection with (b) it must be distinctly understood that no matter what the strength of the attack may be, there must be no question of withdrawal, and troops must fight it out in the position for which they have been made responsible, even if no reinforcements can be expedited. The stronger the enemy attack and the wider the front on which it is delivered, the more must our action be of a delaying nature to allow of the arrival of reinforcements.



- LINE of RESISTANCE 12. Line of resistance of Battalion in garrison is Front-line Breastwork.
- COUNTER-ATTACK. 13. Each Sub-Sector Commander will in his Defence Scheme make provision for action to launch counter-attacks and will see that every Company Commander is fully aware of his duties in this respect.  
Counter-attacks must be made promptly by a Company Commander
- (a) To push the enemy out of the Company area;
  - (b) To assist the Companies on either flank;
  - (c) To prevent the enemy enlarging the breach he has made in the line;
  - (d) To prevent him being reinforced.
- The Sub-Sector Commander will take prompt action to support Company counter-attacks or to launch a counter-attack of his own.
- The ground on either flank of the breach made by the enemy must be held with determination irrespective of the depth penetrated by the enemy. The above principles will be applied by the Sub-Sector Commander should the Battalion on his right or his left flanks be driven back by the enemy.
- In the event of the Brigade on the right being driven back, the 1<sup>st</sup> EPINETTE Sub-Sector Commander will form a defensive flank along LOTHIAN VENUE.
- RESERVE. 14. The "C" and "D" Battalions will be in reserve in ARMENTIERES and their action will be controlled by the Brigadier.  
Each Battalion will detail one Company to be ready to move (fully equipped) at any time by day or night.  
On message being received of an hostile operation the Battalions will assemble at once and report to Brigade Headquarters by telephone when ready to move. They will "Stand by" pending further instructions.  
The Battalions must always be properly organised as fighting units (fully equipped with ammunition, bombs, rifle grenades, rations &c.)
- (a) To fight to recover the front line by counter-attack;
  - (b) To reinforce the firing line;
  - (c) To hold the subsidiary line; or
  - (d) To act as may be ordered.
- On receipt of order to assemble, an Officer from each Battalion will report to Brigade Headquarters without delay.
- S. O. S. 15. The Regulations regarding the use of S.O.S. Signal are in the hands of all Battalion Commanders and Company Officers.  
An Officer or N.C.O. must always be in occupation of dugouts previously used as Company Headquarters to send S.O.S. Signals. All N.U.Os. as well as Officers must know the Regulations regarding the use of this Signal.
- RECONN-AMBANCE. 16. The Commanders of Sub-Sectors will be responsible that all Officers have reconnoitred overland routes and gaps in our wire between Subsidiary line and front line.  
The Commanders of "C" and "D" Battalions will be responsible that all Officers have reconnoitred overland routes U.V.W. X and Y.
- GAS. 17. Instructions for action in event of enemy gas attack have been issued to all concerned.
- TRANSPORT. 18. On instructions from Brigade Headquarters to the Brigade Transport Officer, the Brigade Machine Gun Company and Regimental Transport will "Stand by" ready to move at once... Horses will not be hooked in pending further orders.  
The Quartermasters' departments will act on similar instructions.



WORKING  
PARTIES.

19. In the event of an enemy attack the Officer or N.C.O. in charge of a working party will collect same and they immediately report himself to the Officer in charge of the Company Sector in which he is working who will give him any necessary instructions.

RATIONS and  
WATER.

20. For distribution in Brigade Dumps see Appendix "F".

S.A.A.,  
GRENADES,  
LIGHTS, &c.

21. For distribution in Brigade Dumps see Appendix "G".

*J. Borwick* Major,  
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	7	36th Battalion, A.I.F.
	8	9th Aust. Machine Gun Coy., A.I.F.
	9	9th Aust Light Trench Mortar Bty., A.I.F.
	10	171st Infantry Brigade.
	11	11th Aust. Infantry Brigade, A.I.F.
	12	Right Artillery Group.
	13-15	Spare.



## APPENDIX "A".

## Location and Position Calls of Headquarters, etc.

Description.	Location.	Position Call.	
Brigade Headquarters	5 Rue de Jesuits, ARMEN- TIERES.	G.O. 3.	
Bde. Battle Hdqrs. .	Near junction PORT EGIL AVENUE & Subsidiary line $\frac{I \ 3 \ d}{76 \ 78}$	.. G.S.12.	
1 <sup>st</sup> EPINETTE Sub-Sec.	Battalion Hdqrs. .	Near junction PORT EGIL AVENUE & Subsidiary line $\frac{I \ 3 \ d}{72 \ 77}$	.. G.S. 3.
	Right Coy. Hdqrs. .	.. $\frac{I \ 10 \ d}{1028}$ ..	.. H.G. 5.
	Right Centre Coy Hdqrs	.. $\frac{I \ 10 \ b}{40 \ 25}$ ..	.. H.G. 5.
	Left Centre Coy. Hdqrs	.. $\frac{I \ 5 \ c}{10 \ 55}$ ..	.. G.S. 6.
	Left Coy. Hdqrs. .	.. $\frac{I \ 4 \ b}{95 \ 70}$ ..	.. G.S. 8.
HOULINGS Sub-Sec.	Battalion Hdqrs. .	Junction GLOUCESTER AVENUE & Subsidiary line - $\frac{C \ 22 \ d}{74 \ 10}$	.. G.R. 2.
	Right Coy. Hdqrs. .	.. $\frac{C \ 28 \ b}{20 \ 28}$ ..	.. G.R.10.
	Right Centre Coy Hdqrs	.. $\frac{C \ 28 \ b}{82 \ 95}$ ..	.. G.R. 4.
	Left Centre Coy. Hdqrs	.. $\frac{C \ 22 \ b}{30 \ 78}$ ..	.. G.R. 7.
	Left Coy. Hdqrs. .	.. $\frac{C \ 22 \ b}{35 \ 98}$ ..	.. G.R. 9.
"C" Battalion Hdqrs.	53 Rue d'Ypres, ARMEN- TIERES.	.. G.O.62.	
"D" Battalion Hdqrs.	14, Rue Sadi Carnot, ARMENTIERES.	.. G.O.55.	
9th A.M.G. Coy Hdqrs.	35 Rue Nationale, ARMEN- TIERES.	.. - -	
9th A.M.G. Coy Advanced Hdqrs.	$\frac{C \ 27 \ b}{40 \ 60}$ ..	.. G.O. 7.	
9th A.L.T.N. Bty Hdqrs.	18 Rue Bayard, ARMEN- TIERES.	..	



APPENDIX "B".

Location of Lewis Guns.

L'Espicette Sub - Sector.		Houplines Sub - Sector.	
Gun No.	Location.	Gun No.	Location.
1	I 16 b. 55 90	11	I 5 c. 64 77
2	I 10 d. 67 04	12	I 3 b. 95 05
3	I 11 c. 00 42	13	I 4 b. 42 47
4	I 11 a. 04 00	14	I 5 a. 70 26
5	I 10 b. 90 14	15	I 5 a. 45 63
6	I 10 b. 75 39	16	I 4 b. 97 65
7	I 11 a. 03 87	17	I 4 b. 05 68
8	I 5 c. 17 25	18	I 5 a. 42 82
9	I 4 c. 79 50	19	C 28 d. 87 25
10	I 5 c. 53 53	20	C 28 c. 64 34
		21	C 29 c. 25 48
		22	C 29 c. 23 50
		23	C 22 c. 17 97
		24	C 29 a. 07 44
		25	C 28 b. <del>03 55</del> 23
		26	C 28 b. 18 71
		27	C 28 b. 87 72
		28	C 29 a. 24 78
		29	C 22 d. 41 56
		30	C 22 d. 62 75
		31	C 28 a. 18 22
		32	C 23 a. 27 45
		33	C 17 c. 44 12
		34	C 17 c. 33 87
		35	C 17 a. 21 07

APPENDIX "C".

Location of Vickers Guns.

L'EPINKETTE Sub - Sector.		HOUPLINES Sub - Sector.	
Gun letter.	Location.	Gun letter.	Location.
A.	I 10 c. 52 63	K.	C 28 c. 65 45
Al. (Alternative)	I 10 c. 63 72	L.	C 22 a. 75 05
B.	I 9 c. 87 78	M.	C 22 a. 83 40
C.	I 9 a. 07 06	N.	C 22 b. 58 80
D.	I 9 a. 43 65	O.	C 22 b. 56 95
E.	I 10 a. 83 63	P.	C 16 c. 75 24
F.	I 3 d. 54 05		
G.	I 3 d. 64 48		
H.	I 4 b. 25 16		
I.	I 4 a. 29 36		
J.	I 4 a. 66 82		



APPENDIX "D".

Location of Light Trench Mortars.

<u>L'EPINETTE Sub-Sector.</u>	<u>Covering.</u>	<u>HOUPLINES Sub-Sector.</u>	<u>Covering.</u>
1 Mortar rear support line at I 10 d. 20 55	Gap B.	1 Mortar AUSTRALIA AV- ENUE at C 28 d. 96 26	Gap H
1 Mortar rear support line at I 10 b. 50 05	Gap C or Gap D.	1 Mortar SPAIN AVENUE at C 28 d. 70 80	Gap J & Left Loc. 9.
2 Mortars PLANK AVENUE at I 5 a. 17 54 (Double emplacement - two guns grouped).	1 gun Gap E & part Loc. 5. 1 gun Gap F.	1 Mortar CAMBRIDGE AV- ENUE at C 22 b. 73 73 1 Mortar CAMBRIDGE AV- ENUE at C 17 c. 02 02	Gap M & part Loc. 13. Loc. 15 and Gap O.

APPENDIX "B".

Location of Medium Trench Mortars.

<u>L'EPINETTE Sub - Sector.</u>	<u>HOUPLINES Sub - Sector.</u>
I 10 b. 30 45	C 28 d. 82 50
I 5 a. 06 60	C 22 d. 86 08
	C 17 c. 13 53



## APPENDIX "F".

Rations and Water held in Brigade Dumps.

Dump	Map location	Number of rations.		Remarks.		
		Iron.	Water.			
L'Epinette Sub-Sec.	S. P. Z.	C 28 d. 86 20	60.	30 galls. ..	Supporting point.	
	Square Farm.	I 9 b. 05 25	1300.	650 " ..	Brigade Reserve Dump.	
	Port Egal	I 4 c 80 50	60.	30 " ..	" "	
	S. P. X.	I 4 b 40 40	60.	30 " ..	" "	
	S. P. Y.	I 4 b 95 65	60.	30 " ..	" "	
	Buterne Farm.	C 28 c. 65 20	650.	325 " ..	" "	
	Houplines Sub.-Sec	Fry Pan.	C 22 d. 40 57	60.	30 " ..	Supporting point <sup>2</sup>
Spain Avenue.		C 28 a. 70 30	575.	288 " ..	Bde. Reserve Dump.	
Gloucester Avenue.		C 22 c 70 20	575.	288 " ..	" " "	
Kdmeads Avenue.		C 22 a. 70 50	575.	288 " ..	" " "	
Cambridge Avenue.		C 22 a 70 70	100.	50 " ..	" " "	



A P P E N D I X "G".

Distribution of S.A.A., etc. in Dumps.

DUMP.	Map location	S.A.A.	Webley	No. 5 Hand Grenades	-Rifle	Grenades		REMARKS		
					No 20	No. 22	No 23			
L'EPINETTE Subsec.	Square Farm.	300,000	2,000	3000	500	850	350	Brigade Dump		
	Map location: I 9 b. 05 35									
	Subsidiary line								1000 1000	Forward Dump Forward Dump
	Map location: I 3 d. 80 80									
Subsidiary line.	150 150	Forward Dump Forward Dump								
Map location: I 4 a. 50 70										
Buterne Farm.	Map location: C 28 c. 75 00									
HOUELINES Subsec.	Chateau Rose	300,000	2,000	3000	460	950	500	Brigade Dump		
	Map location: C 21 d. 50 20									
	Spain Avenue								700	Forward Dump
	Map location: C 28 a. 70 40									
	Subsidiary line.								650	Forward Dump
Map location: C 28 a. 70 90										
Subsidiary line	Map location: C 22 a. 70 50			650			Forward Dump.			

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## NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 51

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Reference maps:

HAZEBROUCK 5A 1/100,000.  
France Sheet 36 N.W. 1/20,000.Headquarters 9th Aust Inf Bde  
9th April, 1917.

- GROUP.** 1. The 9th Aust. Inf. Bde., 9th Aust. Machine Gun Coy., 9th Aust. Light Trench Mortar Bty., together with 869th Coy. A.A.S.C. and one Section of 10th Aust. Field Ambulance will form a Brigade Group under O.C. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde, and proceed to BAYENGHEM-les-SMUNGHAM area for training as per Move Tables "A" and "B" attached.
- MOVE.** 2. Personnel will proceed to ST OMER by rail on 10th and 11th instants, completing march to training area on day following detrainment at ST OMER.
- TRANSPORT** 3. Transport will proceed by road to training area under instructions previously issued to units. Separate instructions will be issued for transport of blankets, dixies etc. by mechanical transport.
- BILLETS.** 4. Billeting parties will report to Staff Captain at ST OMER Station on arrival. Bicycles will be in readiness at Station for billeting parties to proceed to area.
- SUPPLIES** 5. Train will deliver direct from rail-head to billets at HALLINES and WIZERNES. Refilling point for training area will be notified to units later.
- ENTRAIN-  
-MENT  
STATE.** 6. Os.C. Units and Os.C. detachments will have a detailed parade state available for R. T. O. at entraining station.
- MEDICAL** 7. A Brigade Hospital will be established in training area under arrangements to be made by 10th Aust. Field Ambulance; location of Hospital will be notified to all concerned on arrival in training area.
- PRECAUT  
-IONS.** 8. Units will march to entraining stations by Companies or equivalent parties at five-minute intervals. Strict march discipline must be maintained throughout move. Attention is directed to Third Australian Divisional Standing Orders for War, Section II.
- SUPER -  
VISION.** 9. Brigade Major and Staff Captain will proceed to ST OMER by first train on 10th instant to supervise detrainment and billeting in new area.
- TRAINING** 10. Training as per syllabus already issued will be commenced on 12th instant. Any time available to units prior to this date will be utilised for training under unit arrangements.
11. **ACKNOWLEDGE.**

*J. J. Dennis* Major,  
Brigade Major 9th Aust. Inf.  
Bde., I. F.



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MOVEMENT TABLE "A".

Reference Maps: HAZEBROUCK 5A 1/100,000.  
France Sheet 36 N.W. 1/20,000.

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Date.	Unit.	Starting point.	Time at S.P.	Route.	Entrainment.			O. C. Train	Remarks.
					Train No.	Station	Time due at Statn		
10th Apl	35th Bn	Barbed Wire Square.	8.0 a.m.	Main ARMENTIERES-BAILLEUL Road to BAILLEUL Station.	1	Bailleul	11.45 a.m.	12.30 p.m.	Major Blacklow.
10th Apl	36th Bn 1/2 MG Coy 1/2 TMBty 1 Sec IQ Fld Amb.	Level crossing - in g B 29 d. 40 25	10.30 am	Pontoon bridge - L'EPINETTE - WATERLANDS - la MENEGATE - STEENWERCK to STEENWERCK Stn.	2	Steenwerck	1.45 p.m.	2.30 p.m.	Lt.-Col. Milne. MG Coy & TM Bty to march as one party in rear of 36th Battalion
11th Apl	33rd Bn	B 30 b. 45 15	8.0 a.m.	As for 35th Battalion.	3	Bailleul	11.45 a.m.	12.30 p.m.	Lt.-Col. Morshead
11th Apl	34th Bn 1/2 MG Coy 1/2 TMBty. Bde H.Q. Sig. Sec.	Level crossing - in g B 29 d. 40 25	10.30 a.m.	As for 36th Battalion.	4	Steenwerck	1.45 p.m.	2.30 p.m.	Major Martin. MG Coy, TMBty, Bde HQ & Sig Sec to march as one party in rear 34th Bn.

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MOV E T A B L E "B".

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Reference Maps:  
 HAZEBROUCK 5A 1/100,000.  
 France Sheet 36 N.W. 1/20,000.

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Date.	Unit.	Train No.	Detrainment.		On detrmt to billets at:-	Move for day after day of detrainment.	Remarks.
			Station	Approx. time.			
10th April.	35th Battalion.	1	ST OMER	3.0 p.m.	HALLINES	To billets at HAUR LOQUIN, BAS LOQUIN, ALQUINES, Hte PLANGUE, WARLEZ.	<p>Instructions for second days move will be issued to units at HALLINES and WIZERNES.</p> <p>Officers valises will be carried in train; other baggage by road.</p> <p>869th Coy., A.A.S.C., will billet at ST OMER.</p>
10th April.	36th Batt. ) $\frac{1}{2}$ 9MG Coy. ) $\frac{1}{2}$ 9ALTM Bty ) 1 Sec. 10th ) Field Amb. )	2	ST OMER	4.30 p.m.	WIZERNES	<p>To billets at JOURNY, Hte PANNE, NEU - VILLE, LE BUISSON, FROMENTEL, BUELESCAMES</p> <p>To billets at WATERDAL.</p> <p>" " " BOUVELINGHEM.</p> <p>" " " ESCOUFILLES.</p>	
11th April.	33rd Battalion.	3	ST OMER	3.0 p.m.	HALLINES	To billets at SENINGHEM and COULOMBY.	
11th April.	34th Batt. ) $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 AMGCoy ) $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 ALTM Bty ) Bde Hdqrs. ) Bde Sig Sec )	4	ST OMER	4.30 p.m.	WIZERNES	<p>To billets at BAYENGHEN-les-SENINGHEM.</p> <p>" " " WATERDAL.</p> <p>" " " BOUVELINGHEM.</p> <p>" " " " "</p> <p>" " " " "</p>	

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 51

"Q" Instructions. -

## Reference Maps:

HAZEBROUCK 5A 1/1,00000.  
France Sheet 36 N.W. 1/20,000.

9th April, 1917.

1. With reference to 9th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 51 of even date, the following is an outline of the move of the Brigade from present billets to BAYENNGHEM-lez-SENINGHEM area.

Transport route will be: L'EPINETTE - BAYENNGHEM - STAIN - WERCK - le VERRIER - VIEUX BERQUIN - Pt. SFC. BOIS - Gd. SFC. BOIS - BORRE - HOFFMUND - Railway Station HAZEBROUCK - le GING RUEFS - WALLON CAPPEL - RENESCURE - FORT ROUGE - ARQUES - LONGPONT WINS - WIZERNES - HALLINES.

2. The 35th and 36th Battalion Transport having moved off on 8th instant billeted in BORRE for the night. They will push on to and billet in RENESCURE to-night and rejoin units at HALLINES and WIZERNES tomorrow 10th instant.

3. The same movement and route will be adhered to by Transport of Brigade Headquarters, 33rd and 34th Battalions, Machine Gun Coy. and Trench Mortar Battery which moved out to-day. This Transport will rejoin respective units at HALLINES and WIZERNES on the night of the 11th instant.

4. Units will receive supplies by supply wagons direct from rail-head to HALLINES and WIZERNES on the nights of 10th and 11th inst. A refilling point will be established between ST OMER and BOUVELINGHEM; exact location will be notified later.

Billeting parties as follows will receive instructions on detraining.

Battalions:	1 Officer	5 O.R.
M. G. Coy:	1 Officer	3 O.R.
T. M. Bty:	1 Officer	3 O.R.

They will proceed to billets mounted on bicycles and report direct to the Mayor who will furnish full particulars, accommodation, and location of billets.

Further instructions, giving routes and accommodation of billets in training area will be issued to all parties at HALLINES and WIZERNES.

The billeting parties of 33rd and 34th Battalions will proceed by the 12.30 p.m. train on the 10th instant.

5. Motor Transport: Motor lorries will report to units, as per Table attached.

6. Dixies: All travelling kitchen dixies and camp kettles retained by units for their cooking purposes are to be sent to M.G. Coy. Q.M. Store by 8.15 a.m. on morning of 10th and 11th inst respectively. These dixies will be loaded on the motor lorry allotted to Brigade Headquarters, M.G. Coy. and T.M. Bty. and will be taken to billets at HALLINES and WIZERNES and handed over to 1st line Transport.

7. Bicycles: The bicycle retained by units under previous instructions may be taken in breakvan of respective trains.

8. Officers' Baggage: Instructions re Officers' baggage will be issued immediately on receipt of instructions as to conveyance of same.

*[Signature]*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain 9th Australian  
Infantry Bde., A.I.F.



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MOTOR TRANSPORT TABLE.

Issued with 9th Aust. Infantry  
Brigade Order No. 51.  
("M" Instructions) 9/4/17.

Date.	Unit.	No. of lorries.	Place.	Time	Stores to be loaded.	Loading party.
10.4.17	35th Bn	2	Quartermasters store	9.0 a.m.	Blankets	1 N.C.O. and 4 men.
10.4.17	36th Bn	2	Do.	9.0 a.m.	Do.	Do.
10.4.17	M.G. Coy) T.M. Bty)	1	Do.	9.0 a.m.	Do.	Do.
11.4.17	33rd Bn	2	Do.	9.0 a.m.	Blankets.	1 N.C.O. and 4 men.
11.4.17	34th Bn	2	Do.	9.0 a.m.	Do.	Do.
11.4.17.	Bde Hdqrs) M.G. Coy ) T.M. Bty )	1	Do.	9.0 a.m.	Do.	M.G. Coy: 1 N.C.O. and 2 men. T.M. Bty: 1 man.

The N.C.O and 4 men detailed as loading party will accompany the wagons. The N.C.O. is to be given full particulars as to location and route to HILLIES and WIZERNE'S billets. As part of the Machine Gun Coy and T.M. Battery will be in billets on the 10th inst, they will load the wagons and only detail one N.C.O. or man to accompany them, and these are to have instructions regarding billets as per above para.

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65 War Diary

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 52

Headquarters  
9th Australian Infantry Brigade,  
24th April, 1917.

Reference: Lupt  
HAZEBROUCK 5A. 1/100,000.

MOVE.

1. 9th Australian Infantry Brigade Group, at present in the BAYENGHIM-lez-SENINGHIM Area, will move by route march to the 3rd Australian Divisional Area on 25th instant. March Table for 25th instant attached.

TRANSPORT

2. 1st line Transport will accompany units. Baggage wagons will march with 269th Coy. A.A.S.C. Mechanical Transport for blankets, valises &c, on scale set out below will be available for move and will report to units at 8 a.m. on 25th instant. Necessary loading parties will be detailed to accompany wagons.

- Each Battalion . . . 3 Motor Wagons
- M.G. Company ) . . . 1 " " "
- T.M. Battery ) . . . 1 " " "
- Bde. Hdqrs. ) . . . 1 " " "
- Bde. Sig Sec ) . . . 1 " " "

Motor wagons to proceed as one convoy to ARQUES, assembling at road junction 300 yards East of "S" in LUMBRES at 10 a.m. These instructions to be given to driver of each wagon by unit concerned.

BILLETING PARTIES.

3. Billeting parties will report to the Staff Captain at Mairie, ARQUES, at 6.0 p.m. on 24th instant.

STORES.

4. All Quartermasters' stores will be loaded on 1st line Transport and taken to refilling points on 24th inst. where stores will be transferred to units' baggage wagons.

REFILLING POINT

5. Guides will meet supply wagons in Square opposite Hotel de Ville, ARQUES, at 6.0 p.m. on 25th instant and guide wagons to unit billets.

BILLETS

6. All billets must be left absolutely clean, refuse pits and latrines filled in, and all paper rubbish &c, burnt. No stores of any description are to be left in billets.

MARCH.

7. Strict march discipline must be maintained. Attention is directed to 3rd Australian Divisional Standing Orders for War, Section II. Mid-day halt will be from 12.0 noon to 1.30 p.m. Should units junction on road, unit moving by Southern route to take precedence.

REAR PARTY.

8. A rear party, under an Officer, will march in rear of each unit to bring men who have fallen out on to billets.

INSTRUCTIONS.

9. Units will send an Officer to Brigade Headquarters ARQUES at 9.30 p.m. on 25th instant to receive instructions for move on 26th instant.

10. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*J.P. Powell* Major,  
Brigade Major 9th Australian  
Infantry Brigade, A.I.F.



9th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 52.

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10	36th Battalion	"
11	9th A.M.G. Company	"
12	9th A.L.T.M. Battery	"
13	869th Company A.A.S.O.	D.R.
14	10th Aust. Field Ambulance	"
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MARCH TABLE for 25.4.1917.

Reference Map:  
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UNIT.	STARTING POINT.	TIME.	TO.	ROUTE.	REMARKS.
34th Bn	Road junction $\frac{1}{2}$ mile E. of Church at BAYNINGHEM-lez-SENINGHEM.	8.0 a.m.	ARQUES.	Main BOULOGNE Road via SETQUES - WIZERNES - WESTOVE - ARQUES.	
33rd Bn plus 2 Coys. 36th Bn.	Do. Do.	8.30 a.m.	Do.	Do. Do.	Coy 36th Bn at HARLETTES BULSCAMPS & FROMENTEL to join rear 33rd Bn at starting point.
9th A.L. G. Coy.	Company Headquarters, WATERDAL.	8.30 a.m.	Do.	BAYNINGHEM-lez-SENINGHEM - thence by main BOULOGNE Road as for 34th Battalion.	
Bde Hqrs Sig. Sec. 9th A.L. T.M. Bty.	Brigade Headquarters	9.0 p.m.	Do.	WESTBECOURT - ACQUIN - Road junction 300 yds. E. of "S" in LUMBRES - thence by main BOULOGNE Road as for 34th Battalion	
36th Bn (less 2 Coys.)	Road junction about 200 yds. South of second "A" in HAUT PANNET.	8.0 a.m.	Do.	QUERCAMP - BOISDINGHEM - ZUDANSQUES - ST MARTIN AU LAERT - thence by roads South of ST2 OMER - ARQUES.	
35th Bn	Do. Do.	8.30 a.m.	Do.	As for 36th Bn. less 2 Coys.	
1 Sect 10th Fld Amb	ESCOUELLES	As suitable.	Do.	Main BOULOGNE Road as for 34th Bn.	

Note: - Guides from billeting parties to meet units at road junction 200 yards North of "S" in ARQUES.



SECRET.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
ORDER No. 53.

Reference Map:  
HAZEBROUCK Sheet 56 N.W. 5A.

Headquarters 9th Aust Inf Bde  
26th April, 1917.

1. The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will move to billets in accordance with the attached March Table.  
Units will march independently and proceed as a Battalion to line STEENWERCK Station - STEENWERCK - SAILLY-sur-LA-LYS - thence by Companies at two-minute intervals to line River LYS - (BRICKFIELD RAILWAY - HALTS) - and thence by Platoons at two-minute intervals to billets.
2. 1st line Transports will accompany units.  
Rations will be delivered by Supply wagons direct to billet at 12.0 noon tomorrow 27th instant.
3. Billeting parties for 33rd and 34th Battalions will report to Town Major ARMENTIERES for particulars. Parties to leave not later than 7.0 a.m.  
Other units will send parties direct to billets.
4. Brigade Headquarters close at BORRE at 9.0 a.m. and open at ARMENTIERES at 3.0 p.m. All reports, returns, and correspondence to be forwarded to the latter Headquarters.  
Transport lines - L'EPINETTE.
5. Motor lorries will precede units to billets. Full instructions to be given to drivers by units concerned.  
Report to be rendered to Brigade Headquarters immediately after units are billeted.

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

Captain,

Issued at 10.0 p.m.:-

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1	G.O.C. Brigade.
2	File
3	Third Aust Div.
4	33rd Battalion
5	34th Battalion
6	35th Battalion
7	36th Battalion
8	9th A.M.G. Coy.
9 <del>th</del>	9th A.L.T.H. Battery
10	869th Coy. A.S.C.
11	1 Section 10th Aust Field Amb.
12-13	S p a r e.



MARCH TABLE.

Reference Map:  
HAZEBROUCK Sheet 36 N.W. 5A.

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Bde., ~~minimum~~ Order No. 53.

Unit.	STARTING POINT. Place.	Time.	ROUTE.	DESTINATION.
Bde Hdqrs. ) 9th ALTBty ) Field Amb. )	Rd junction 250 yds. N.W. of B in BORRE	9.30 a.m.	Pt. SEC BOIS - VEAUX BERQUIN - LA VERRIER - STEENWERCK - LA MENEGATE - Pontoon Bridge - to billets. T.M. Bty. will disengage at LA MENEGATE and proceed to billets. Field Amb. will disengage at l'ESTRADE.	Bde Hdqrs: 93 Rue Sadi Carnot ARMENTIERES - C 30 d 2 0 T.M. Bty: No.2 Hutments WATERLANDS.- B 20 d 9 7 Field Amb: l'ESTRADE.
33rd Battalion.	Rd junction 400 yds N.W. of S in S TRAZELLE.	8.45 a.m.	STRAZELLE - MERRIS - Railway - LE VERRIER ) - STEENWERCK - LA MENEGATE - l'HALLOBEAU ) - LES 3 TILLEULS - Pontoon Bridge to ARMENTIERES ) - TIRES - thence to billets.	Hospice Civil ARMENTIERES "F" Group - C 25 b 40 50.
34th Battalion.	Cross roads 1/2 mile SE of S in Pt. SEC BOIS.	9.0 a.m.	VIEUX BERQUIN - LA VERRIER - STEENWERCK - ) LA MENEGATE - l'HALLOBEAU - LES 3 TILLEULS ) - Pontoon Bridge to ARMENTIERES - thence ) to billets.	Ecole Professionelle - ARMENTIERES - - TIRES - "P" Group - C.30.b.20.00.
35th Battalion.	Road junction 3/4 mile S of A in AU SOUBRAIN.	9.15 a.m.	Gd. SEC BOIS - Pt. SEC BOIS - VIEUX BERQUIN ) - LA VERRIER - STEENWERCK - LA MENEGATE - ) thence to billets.	No. 1 Hutments WATERLANDS B.20.a.30.70.

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MARCH TABLE (continued).

Unit.	STARTING TIME.	POINT. Place.	ROUTE.	DESTINATION. (Ref. Map: France Sheet 36 N.W.)
36th Battalion.	9.15 a.m.	Rd junction 400 yds S of P in Pt. SEC BOIS.	VIVUX BERQUIN - LA VERRIER - LA MENE - GATE - l'HALLOBEAU - BRQUINCHEN - thence road to billets.	Landries H.S.a. 40.50.
9th A.M.C. Company.	9.25 a.m.	Rd junction 400 yds. S of P in Pt SEC BOIS	VIVUX BERQUIN - LA VERRIER - STEEN - WIRCK - LA MENE GATE - thence road to billets.	No. 2 Hutments WATERLANDS. B.20.d.90.70.
869th Coy. I.A.S.C.	8.30 a.m.	Cross roads 600 yds. N of Q in VIVUX BERQUIN	LA VERRIER - to billets.	LA GRICHE.

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