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POMMIER REDOUT	1st Nov 1916		<p><u>Operations.</u></p> <p><u>Our activity:</u> - We shelled STORMY - BACON - BAYONET & BARLEY trenches and especially the area in square N21D the objective of the 1st Bde attack. Enemy communications were shelled during the night. In addition we put a barrage of indirect MG fire from N 13 D 89 to N 15 C central 1500^x using 12000 rounds.</p> <p>We dug a new assembly trench in N 20 c in advance of our front line to facilitate the attack of 1st Bde^x - our patrols were active.</p> <p><u>Enemy activity:</u> - There was much enemy shelling all over our area as far back as DELVILLE wood.</p>	
do	2nd Nov		<p><u>General</u> - The arty of 2nd Aus Div completed the relief of 41st Div arty and came under command of</p> <p><u>Operations</u> CRA 30th Div arty Group - who took over Group from CRA 41st Div arty Group</p> <p><u>Our activity:</u> - Our artillery - TMs and MGs were generally active and several of our patrols went out at night. There were bright intervals during the day in which there was great aerial activity.</p> <p><u>Enemy activity:</u> - Usual shelling + increased activity of snipers.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u> - Lt Col HOWEL-PRICE Co 3rd Bn was wounded by a sniper.</p>	<p>X APP I 1st A.I. Bde. Order 47</p> <p>R. H. Smythe Maj SS 1st Aus Div</p>

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POMMIER REDOUBT	3rd Nov 1916		<p><u>Operations</u> - Our <u>activity</u> - During the day we shelled BAYONET - BARLEY and BACON trenches the bank in N15a the road + trenches in N15d. At night various trenches + communications indirect machine gun fire was maintained day + night 15,000 rounds being used.</p> <p>We established listening posts in Romanus Land + sent out several patrols. our snipers claim to have shot some Germans.</p> <p><u>Enemy activity</u> - GUEUDE COURT - FLERS - DELVILLE valley, S6C, S5d and O's in T1D were shelled during the day. At 4 pm the enemy placed a heavy barrage from LES-BOEUFs to W of GUEUDE COURT lasting about 10 minutes. A heavy barrage was also placed in rear of GREESE, BISCHIT and HILT trenches from 5 to 6 pm and at frequent intervals up till 9 pm.</p> <p>Enemy snipers were also active.</p> <p><u>General</u>. An order was received from Capt postponing the major operation until 7th Nov (APPENDIX II)</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUT	4 th Nov 1916		<p><u>Operations.</u></p> <p><u>Our activity</u> :- The minor operation of 1st Inf Bde was ordered to take place at 0030 on 5th. The major operation (general attack) was indefinitely postponed - (APPENDIX III)</p> <p>As previous shooting by FA in vicinity of the objective of 1st Bde has been erratic a practice barrage was carried out in the afternoon. This was very satisfactory.</p> <p>Several patrols were sent out and they reported that Ho-mans land was drying up.</p> <p><u>Enemy activity</u> :- Enemy shelled the usual targets with normal intensity and his snipers were active.</p> <p><u>Casualty</u> - Lt Col R. HOWEL-PRICE OC 3rd Bn died of wounds.</p> <p><u>Weather</u>. The day was mild + muggy and a storm was forecasted.</p> <p>The storm broke at about 1030 pm with high wind and torrential rain.</p>	APPX III S/1595
do	5 th Nov 1916		<p><u>Operations.</u></p> <p><u>Our activity</u> :- The attack of the 1st Aus Inf Bde against HILT-BAYONET + LARD trenches in square N20 D about 700 yards North of GUEUDE COURT was launched at 0030 in the rain. The 1st Bn attacked HILT + BAYONET trenches across the open under cover of a creeping artillery barrage and the 3rd Bn made a bombing attack on LARD trench. Two attempts were made by the 1st Bn but both failed. The 3rd Bn was partially successful but had to withdraw before daylight owing to the failure of 1st Bn.</p>	cc R/S J. M. T. May 24 pt Aus Div

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POMMIER REDOUT	5 th Nov 1916 (Contd) (2)		<p>Details of the action are as follows -</p> <p>a jumping off trench was dug prior to the night of attack parallel to and about 50 yards in advance of Biscuit trench which runs diagonally across sq N 20 c. This left 250 yards to be covered in the attack -</p> <p>C & D companies 1st Bn were formed up in this trench - and got wet thro' scold before the attack began - ^{It was intended to form up in shell holes in front of the trench but} the enemy put up many flares and it is thought he saw the troops assembling and followed with a barrage on our front line. The frontage of the attack was 250' and each coy advanced on a 1/2 cty front. ^{Our} artillery barrage began at 0030 on a line 150' short of the enemy trenches and continued in this position for 3 minutes - The barrage then moved forward by a series of lifts of 50 yards with 1 minute between each lift. The attackers moved forward in two waves ^{keeping as close as} up to the artillery barrage ^{as they could} but owing to the shell holes the darkness & the very slippery mud were not able to go ^{as} fast as the barrage. In the advance our troops had to top a ^{crest} and attack a trench on the reverse slope - When crossing the crest they were met by machine gun fire from the front and from the left flank. On reaching HLT trench they were met by a fusillade of bombs and rifle fire. A few entered the trench but the remainder retired - A second attack was at once organized consisting of B company and the remainder of C & D.</p>	<p>The fact that they were unable to keep up with the barrage is partly accounted for by the fact that they did not form up in advance of our trench as intended.</p> <p>R/S ¹¹ _{pt} 11/11/16</p>

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POMMIER REDoubt	5 th Nov 1916 (cont'd) ③		<p>This second attack was launched at 0104 but met with the same fate as the first. Nearly all our casualties occurred near to the enemy wire. The bombing platoon of the 1st Bn worked along a hollow road on the right flank of the main attack and attacked the enemy strong point formed by a triangle of trenches. The first two sections were wiped out by MG fire as soon as they came within view including their officer. The Sgt led the remainder & bombed the post but fell back when the main attack failed.</p> <p>The total casualties in the 1st Bn were - Killed & missing 5 Officers 77 OR wounded 4 " 84 " total 9 " 161 " X(Appendix IV) X APPX. IV. S/1679</p> <p>The 3rd Bu cooperated by a bomb attack on LARD Trench. There were 3 bombing parties each approx 40 strong. 2 parties entered LARD Trench about the middle one working north the other south. The party working north succeeded in bombing to the end of the trench killing 35 and taking prisoners 5 Germans. They then began to consolidate. The party working south came under machine gun fire from the strong point at the southern end and had to withdraw.</p> <p>The 3rd party worked along the road from N20d79 to N20b6.2 and joined hands with the northern party. A trench was subsequently</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUT	5 th Nov 1916 (Cont'd) (4)		<p>dug from the German trench almost connecting with our zap at N20 b 7.1½</p> <p>Owing to the failure of the 1st Bn to take HILT trench the parties of the 3rd Bn were withdrawn from LARD trench and the new communication which we had dug.</p> <p>Casualties in 3rd Bn were 2 OR killed + 6 OR wounded.</p> <p>When day broke it was seen that the Germans had occupied the new trench dug by 3rd Bn.</p> <p>9.10 am * an attack was made by the division on our left 7th Aus Inf Bde under 5th Aus Div</p> <p>4pm a further bombardment of enemy trenches in N21d was carried out by field and heavy artillery between 4.16pm and our trenches within 200 yards of the enemy trenches were cleared for the purpose - Notwithstanding this precaution shells fell short into our trenches and caused approx 30 casualties</p> <p>There was a high wind blowing at the time - The matter is being enquired into</p> <p>3pm An enemy shell hit a lorry on the MONTAUBAN - LONGUEVAL road causing 25 casualties 12 killed.</p> <p>Major DICKENSON GSO3 4th Aus Div visited div to look round forward area - as the 4th Aus Div is eventually to relieve this Div.</p> <p>Weather - bright day</p>	<p>X APPS <u>N</u> G/143</p> <p>R/Smyth Mair Ed 1st Aus Div</p>

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POMMIER REDoubt	6 th Nov 1916		<p><u>Operations</u> ^x <u>Our activity</u> — We carried out prearranged shoots on trenches in N 20 d by heavy artillery at 10 am + by field arty at 2 pm. The heavy arty again shot short but no casualties occurred. In addition to the above our artillery shelled tracks in N 9 d, N 21, N 15 a, BREAD + STORMY trenches, MG position at N 20 d 25 dugouts at N 20 d 1 1/2 8 1/2 and a working party at N 14 b 51.</p> <p>We carried out indirect MG fire day and night on various targets - sent out several patrols at night and dug 100 yards of new trench along road from N 20 d 19 to N 20 d 57.</p> <p><u>Enemy activity</u> — The enemy shelled GUEUDE COURT, FLERS, SWITCH trench, sunken roads in N 31 d also S 6 a and C. Intermittently throughout the day. The southern end of LONGUEVAL was shelled from 6.30 to 7.15 pm.</p> <p><u>Reliefs</u>. 11th Bn relieved 1st Bn in support of left Bde. 1st Bn moving to BERNAFAY camp 10th Bn " 7th Bn in line of right Bde. 7th Bn " " (APPENDIX) (vii)</p> <p><u>General</u>. It was a bright moonlight night. At about 10 pm MG fire could be heard overhead and shortly after bombs were heard. A big fire then broke out behind us + was accompanied by many loud explosions. The fire + explosions continued all night.</p> <p>An enemy aeroplane was seen in the searchlight over this HQ at 11.30.</p> <p>The fire proved to be in a French ammⁿ dump near the Somme.</p>	<p>x APPX VI S/1609</p> <p>APPX VII D O. 72</p> <p>R. H. Smythe Major 1st Aus Div</p>

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POMMIER REDOUT	7 th Nov 1916		<p><u>Operations</u>. Our activity: — No special activity on our part.</p> <p>Enemy activity: — The usual places were shelled and particular attention was given to BULLS road, OILY and PETROL lanes which considerable damage was done to a dump of supplies of ours at N26 a b g.</p> <p><u>General</u> ① Heavy rain all day with a high wind & very cold.</p> <p>② GSO, visited line with Bde Major 2nd Bde in connection with proposed operations of 2nd Bde</p> <p>③ There was great artillery activity on the French front south of us</p> <p>④ Corps Commander with BGs & GOCRA called.</p> <p>⑤ GOC 2nd Bde submitted plan for attack of enemy works in N20 d.</p>	
do	8 th Nov 1916		<p><u>Operations</u>. Our activity: — Our guns were more active than yesterday and considerable movement of the enemy in the open gave chances to our machine guns & snipers.</p> <p>Our patrols were active at night as usual</p> <p>Enemy activity: — Enemy artillery was correspondingly active especially on our left sector.</p> <p><u>General</u>. GSO, visited left of line</p>	

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POMMIER REDOUBT	9th Nov 1916		<p><u>Operations</u>. Our activity :- During the day we shelled STORMY. BAYONET. BARLEY. BREAD. BACON and TILL trenches and from noon till 2pm our heavy arty shelled N20 central. Artillery and MG fire was maintained on various targets throughout the night.</p> <p>4 patrols were sent out to investigate enemy trenches ^{at} various places.</p> <p>We established a listening post and strong point at N20c49.</p> <p><u>Enemy activity</u> :- Taking advantage of the good light enemy artillery was very active throughout the day.</p> <p><u>Aircraft</u> :- Aeroplanes were very active both day + night and many encounters took place. Two of ours and two enemy machines were brought down.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> :- A still sunny day, the first day without rain since our arrival in the area very cold night almost a frost.</p>	
do.	10th Nov		<p><u>Operations</u>. Our activity :- There was mutual artillery activity but no infantry action. In particular our Div arty practiced a barrage on N20d which was satisfactory to both art and infantry in view of a possible attack on this area.</p> <p>Again there was much aerial activity & 3 enemy machines were brought down.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> :- another fine day + cold night</p> <p><u>General</u> :- GOC visited front - Order received for 4th Aus Div to relieve us by 14th - Staff of 4th Aus Div called to arrange details.</p>	R. B. Smythe Major 1st Aus Div

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POMMIER REDOUBT	11 th Nov 1916		<p><u>Operations</u>. There was much artillery activity on both sides. Ever since we have been in the line the volume of our artillery fire has been considerably greater than the enemy's. We carried out indirect machine gun fire on the usual targets day & night and also engaged some aircraft. Particulars of the $\frac{1}{2}$ work of our patrols is given in the daily divisional intelligence summary.</p> <p><u>Weather</u>. Fine day with fog in evening.</p> <p><u>General</u> - G80s went round the front line from 17th Div on right to CHEESE road with the particular object of studying the position in H20d. The mud in trenches is from 2' to 3 feet deep throughout the front system.</p>	
do.	12 th Nov		<p><u>Operations</u> - There was very heavy and sustained artillery fire throughout the 24 hours all along our line, in preparation for the attack of V Army timed for 13th. Work was done extending our forward saps and cleaning up our trenches generally.</p> <p><u>Moves</u>. 2nd Aus Inf Bde was relieved in the line by 12th Aus Inf Bde & moved to BERNAFAY. 3rd " " moved from BERNAFAY to BERTANCOURT.</p> <p><u>General</u>. Brig Gen GLASFORD 12th Aus Inf Bde after visiting the line his Bde was taking over was hit by a shell (universal HE & shrapnel) - He died in the Corps main dressing station BECORDEL the same evening.</p>	<p>* APP^x VIII DO. 7H</p> <p>APP^x IX DO. 73</p> <p>Rt Hon the Hon Sec pt Aus Div</p>

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POMMIER REDOUT	13 th Nov 1916		<p>There was a comparatively quiet day on our front. The attack of the 5th army took place at 5.45 am and BEAUMONT HAMEL and BEAUCOURT were captured + 5000 Germans taken prisoner. There was an artillery demonstration all along the 4th army front in conjunction with the above attack. <u>APPENDIX X</u></p> <p><u>Moves.</u> 1st Aus Inf Bde was relieved in the line by 13th Aus Inf Bde and moved to BERNAFAY. 2nd " " moved from BERNAFAY to FRICOURT.</p> <p>Trench map of div front is attached</p> <p><u>Moves</u> - Div HQ POMMIER REDOUT to RIBEMONT 1st Aus Inf Bde BERNAFAY to FRICOURT 2nd " " FRICOURT to DERNANCOURT 3 " " (less 9th and 11th Bns) concentrated in DERNANCOURT <u>APPENDIX XII</u></p> <p>Command of the Divisional front passed to GOC 4th Aus Div Ham</p> <p><u>Moves</u> - 1st Bde FRICOURT to BUIRE units of 2nd Bde group concentrated in RIBEMONT</p> <p><u>Miscellaneous</u> - Corps Commander called. Div Commander visited Brigades GOC visited 5th Aus Div and attended lecture at Gt Q Staff School HESDIN.</p>	<p><u>APPENDIX X</u> DO. 75</p> <p><u>APPENDIX XI</u> MAP</p> <p><u>APPENDIX XII</u> G.S. MEMO. 77</p>
do and later RIBEMONT	14 th Nov			
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RIBEMONT	16 th Nov 1916		<p><u>Moves</u> - Transpat of 1st Bde BUIRE to LA NEUVILLE *</p> <p><u>Miscellaneous</u> - Bright cold day frost at night GIX inspected transpat 2nd Bde - Chemical advisor 4th Army called re defensive gas measures + gas schools</p>	* Appx XIII Div Order 76
do	17 th Nov		<p><u>Moves</u> - 1st Bde moved by bus BUIRE to FLESSELLES * 3rd Bde concentrated at BUIRE to make room for Bde of 5th Aus Div at DERNANCOURT which is moving in to the line</p> <p><u>Miscellaneous</u> - Enemy aeroplanes dropped bombs in vicinity Div HQ 2.20 am GIX visited 18th Div at TARA Hill GSO1 visited Corps GSO2 attended demonstration of frightfulness at camp of Special Coy RE 4th Army Commander called.</p> <p><u>Weather</u> - Went bright day - hard frost in morning + keen wind all day - Ground frozen all day and early frost at night.</p>	* Div Order 76 Appx XIV
do	18 th Nov		<p><u>Moves</u> - Div HQ RIBEMONT to VIGNACOURT by road. 3rd Bde BUIRE to RAINNEVILLE, COISY and CARDONETTE. by bus</p>	R B Smyth Maj G2 1st Aus Div

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VIGNACOURT	19 Nov 1916		Troops resting. Arrangements for training put in hand. Establishment of Div school	
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do	21 st	"	Div Commander held Conference - present. Div Staff + departments Brigadiers & Bde Staffs all units training	Addenda. of meeting app* XIV XIII.
	22	"	Div Commander visited base training depot ETAPLES.	
	23	"		
	24	"		
	25	"		
	26	"		
	27	"	do - an aeroplane contact patrol practice was carried out successfully by aeroplane from 34 th Squadron RFC ALLONVILLE - The 9 th & 10 th Bns at CARDONETTE 12 th Bn at RAINNEVILLE and 5 th & 6 th Bns at VIGNACOURT participated. A new white flare. privately supplied by AIF London was used, & proved a success. The flare burns 45 seconds and is small & portable & easy to work. It makes much less smoke than the	
	28	"	Ordnance issue. Students assembled for the first course at the Divisional Infantry school TIRANCOURT where a large chateau and other buildings have been secured. The school was established to give training during the winter to the large number of newly promoted officers and NCOs with the div.	13 RB Smith the May 28 1st Aus Div

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VIGNACOURT	28 Nov 1916		<p>Each course is to extend over 4 weeks.</p> <p>The numbers attending the first course are 43 Officers + 91 NCOs.</p> <p>The Staff of the school is as follows.</p> <table><tr><td>Commandant</td><td>-</td><td>Lt Col A.B. STEVENS</td><td>late Comdg 2nd Bn.</td></tr><tr><td>Adjutant</td><td>1</td><td rowspan="6">} all found from Div</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Officer instructors</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>CSM</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>CQMS</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Serjt Instructors</td><td>7</td></tr><tr><td>Cooks</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>Sanitary men</td><td>2</td><td rowspan="2">} supplied by 4th Army.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>clerk</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>SM Army Gymnastic Staff</td><td>1</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Serjt Instructor</td><td>1</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Commandant	-	Lt Col A.B. STEVENS	late Comdg 2nd Bn.	Adjutant	1	} all found from Div		Officer instructors	3	CSM	1	CQMS	1	Serjt Instructors	7	Cooks	5	Sanitary men	2	} supplied by 4th Army.		clerk	1	SM Army Gymnastic Staff	1			Serjt Instructor	1			Appx XIV " XV
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			<p>Orders were received from ANZAC for the establishment of a Div Artillery school - all arrangements to be made by CRA.</p> <p>Orders for the Div to begin the move forward to front line on 1st 29 Nov received.</p>	Standing Order for School Appx XVI																																
29 } 30 }			<p>Training continued</p> <p>Moves in accordance with Div order 77.</p> <p>APPENDIX XVI</p>	R. H. Smythe Major 1st Aus Div 14																																

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 15. Standing Orders Div. School.
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1st AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 47.-

Appendix No. / 16

Brigade Headquarters,
2nd November, 1916.

REFERENCE: 1st AUS.DIV. TRENCH MAP No.3. 1/10,000

1. INFORMATION.- Owing to weather conditions the main operations now pending have been postponed.

The Brigade will continue its preparations for the attack on the objectives allotted to it.

2. OPERATION.- In order to facilitate the main operation the 1st Australian Infantry Brigade will clear up the situation in N.20.central.

This requires the seizure of .-

- (a) SUNKEN ROAD east of LARD Trench.
- (b) LARD Trench.
- (c) HILT Trench as far north as N.20.a.8.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- (d) The road Angle south of HILT Trench in N.20.D.

Date and time will be notified later.

3. ARTILLERY SUPPORT.- The assault will be carried out under cover of a creeping barrage.

At zero the artillery barrage will commence on the objectives and on a line 50 yds short of the enemy's front line. The infantry will immediately leave their position and get as close under it as possible. At 0.3 the barrage will creep forward at the rate of 50 yds per minute until at 0.7 it will have reached a line 150 yds beyond the trenches where it will halt until 0.13.

At 0.4 the barrage passes over the objective and the infantry will enter the trench.

During the attack, the howitzers and heavy artillery will engage the enemy's artillery commencing at zero.

A map showing barrage scheme is attached. A rehearsal of the zero barrage will be carried out at 1200 tomorrow, 3rd instant. As many of the Officers who will take part in the operation as possible should witness the firing.

During the rehearsal all trenches and saps within 200 yds of the enemy's position will be vacated.

4. ALLOTMENT of TRENCHES.- The 2nd Australian Infantry Bde. is to place the following trenches at the disposal of the 1st Bde without evacuating them .-

Sap from GREASE Trench to N.20.d.7.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.

WHALE LANE

HILT Trench.

PETROL Trench.

5. LEFT ATTACK.- The 1st Battn. will attack from a line of shell holes about 100 yds in advance of our first line trench on a frontage of about 250 yds. Their first objective will be HILT and BAYONET Trenches from N.20.d.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.3 $\frac{1}{2}$. to N.20.d.0.9. Their second objective will be HOLLOW ROAD at N.20.d.3.4. and part of HILT Trench forming the N.E. side of the TRIANGLE and the small trench on higher ground at N.20.d.2.8. A stop will be made about N.20.central. Bombers and Lewis Guns will be used on this left flank.

The attack will be in waves, each wave to consist of two half companies. Waves will be at 10 paces distance and will keep close up to barrage.

Each man of the second wave will carry .-

- 1 shovel and either 1 sack of bombs
- 1 Lewis Gun
- 1 pick
- 1 petrol tin of water
- aeroplane signalling gear
- sandbags

All men will carry at least two sandbags, two bombs and one aeroplane flare.

6. RIGHT ATTACK.- The C.O. 3rd Battn., will arrange,

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to occupy PETROL and WHALE Trenches with machine guns and bombers in addition to the garrison of the 2nd Brigade. He will cooperate with 1st Battn. with bombers from the saps S.W. of WHALE LANE about N.20.d.4.5. as soon as the barrage moves forward up LARD Trench. These bombing parties will work up LARD Trench and will build a stop about N.20.d.4.9.

7 RESERVES.— The C.O. 1st Battn. will keep his reserves ready for instant action in CHEESE ROAD until they are required.

8. MACHINE GUNS.— The O.C. 1st Aus. Machine Gun Coy. will place four Vickers Machine Guns at the disposal of the C.O. 3rd Battn. for use at point of sap at N.20.d.7.9½. (from where reverse fire will be brought to bear on the HOLLOW ROAD N.20.d.3.4. previous to the assault) Machine guns will be in action at points enfilading enemy trenches at N.20.d.2.5. and 3.6., LARD Trench and HAM Trench previous to the assault. Machine gun fire from N.20.c.8.7. and from N.20.c.4.8. will protect the left flank of the attack by firing on targets to the north.

9. TRENCH MORTARS.— (a) O.C. 1st Aust. Light Trench Mortar Battery will direct the fire of four Stokes Guns on the area N.20.b.2½ 5. from zero until plus 2 minutes.

(b) No. 3 Special Coy. R.E. is to create ^a smoke barrage from half a minute before zero until three and a half minutes past zero. All ranks are to be warned that the smoke is not dangerous.

10. CONSOLIDATION.— Strong points will be made as soon as the situation allows at N.20.central, N.20.d.5.9. and at N.20.d.7.9. After the position is entered, one company of the 1st Pioneer Battalion under Major Holland is to join up communication trenches to the captured trenches from GUN PITS at N.20.d.1½.2. and saps at N.20.c.8.5. and N.20.c.9.6.

11. BATTALION ORDERS.— Battalion Commanders, will, as early as possible, furnish a copy of their orders covering the following points.— Mopping up parties, action of Lewis Guns, equipment to be worn, bombs and s.a.a. to be carried, supply of water, rations, ammunition and engineering material, medical arrangements, inter-communication.

12. RECOGNITION MARK.— To prevent any possibility of the two attacks firing into one another, all ranks will wear sleeves rolled up. If there be any doubt as to the identity of parties seen two short whistle blasts will be sounded, the answer to which will be three blasts.

The word RETIRE will not be used; if a party has gone to far, the word GET will be used instead.

13. TIME.— Watches will be synchronised through this office with 1st Aust. Division time at 0000, 1200, 1800 and 2400 preceding zero.

The Brigade Signal Officer will arrange that the same watch is used throughout.

14. REPORTS.— Reports will be sent to Brigade Headquarters, S.12.b.5.7.

15. This Order supersedes 1st Australian Infantry Bde. Order 45. Distribution will be the same.

Acknowledge.

(Sgd) S. L. MILLIGAN Major.

Brigade Major. 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONSECRET

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Divisional Headquarters,

November 4th, 1916.

1. The minor operation of this division ordered in para 3 of Div. Order No. 71 dated 31st October will take place on the night 4th/5th November.
2. Zero hour will be 0030.
3. Please acknowledge.

R. B. Smythe M.A. Es

for Lieut-Colonel
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>To whom</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Method.</u>
1 - 5	D.H.Q.	12 noon	Orderly
6 - 12	Div. Arty	"	D.R.
13	" Ingre.	"	"
14	" Sig. Coy.	"	"
15	" Train	"	"
16	1st Inf. Bde.	"	"
17	2nd " "	"	"
18	3rd " "	"	"
19	A.D.M.S.	"	"
20	A.D.V.S.	"	"
21	Mob. Vet. Sec.	"	"
22	1st Pioneer Bn.	"	"
23	1st ANZAC.	"	"
24	Salvage Coy.	"	"
25	A.P.M.	"	"
26	Camp Commandant	"	"
27	5th Aus. Div.	"	"
28	2nd " "	"	"
29 - 32	30th Div. Arty.	"	"
33	No. 3 Coy Special H.E.	"	"
34	1st ANZAC Heavy Arty.	"	"
35	17th Div.	"	"

(36) 9.0.6. R.A. 1st ANZAC

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

S/1595.

Divisional Headquarters,
November 4th 1916.Circular Memorandum.

1. The operation referred to in 1st Aust. Div. Order 68 has been indefinitely postponed.

The XIV Corps on our right is co-operating with the 6th French Army in the operation to be carried out on 5th instant.

2. Preparations will be continued for the task originally allotted to 29th Division and taken over by this division.

Full details of all preparations will be recorded and all plans and orders held ready for action at short notice.

In the event of a relief before the operation is carried out a complete scheme will be handed over to the relieving unit or formation.

W.B. Carney
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff.

1st Australian Division.

Copy No.	To whom	Time	Method.
1 - 5	D.H.Q.	9.30pm	Orderly
6	Div. Arty.	"	D.R.
7	" Engrs.	"	"
8	" Sig. Coy.	"	"
9	" Train.	"	"
10	1st Inf. Bde.	"	"
11	2nd " "	"	"
12	3rd " "	"	"
13	A.D.M.S.	"	"
14	A.P.V.S.	"	"
15	Mob. Vet. Sec.	"	"
16	1st Pioneer Bn.	"	"
17	1st ANZAC.	"	"
18	Salvage Coy.	"	"
19	A.P.M.	"	"
20	Camp Commandant	"	"
21	5th Aust. Div.	"	"
22	2nd " "	"	"
23 - 28	20th Div. Arty.	"	"
29	No. 3 Coy Special R.E.	"	"
30	1st ANZAC Heavy Arty.	"	"
31	17th Div.	"	"

REPORT on the ACTION of the 1st AUS. INF. BDE.

on 5th NOVEMBER 1916.

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1. The object of the operation was to seize the strong locality in Sq.N.20. to straighten our line with the view of a further attack on BARLEY TRENCH. The objectives were:-

- (a) SUNKEN ROAD east and south of LARD trench.
- (b) LARD TRENCH.
- (c) HILT TRENCH as far north as N.20.a.3.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- (d) The road angle south of HILT Trench in N.20.d.

2. The attack was arranged for the morning of the 5th Novr. zero hour was 030 a.m. The 1st Bn. was detailed to attack HILT and BAYONET Trenches across the open under cover of a creeping barrage. The bombing platoon of the 1st Bn. was to push forward up the SUNKEN ROAD from the GUN FLTS. The 3rd Bn. was to make a bombing attack on LARD Trench.

3. The assembly trench was dug by the 1st Bde. prior to the night of the attack in advance of BUSCUIT Trench in Sq.N.20.c. The distance between this trench and the objective was about 250 yds.

C.&D. Coys. of the 1st Bn. were detailed for the attack and were to be supported by B.Coy. with A.Coy. in reserve in CHEESE Road. It was intended to form up the assaulting Coys. about 100 yds in advance of the base of departure. It is believed that the movement of these two Coys. became known to the enemy, as rockets were sent up and at 11.30 p.m. a light barrage of high explosive was put on NO MAN'S LAND. A continuous shower of Very light was sent up from this time onward, which made it impossible to form up as previously intended in the open.

At 030 a.m. our artillery barrage opened and the advance commenced. Rain had commenced to fall at about 10 p.m. and there was a steady downpour from then onward until after the attack was launched. Owing to their not being able to form up out-side the trench and to the very slippery nature of the ground, the troops were unable to catch up to the barrage, which passed over the enemy trenches as arranged. In order to reach the enemy's position, it was necessary for the infantry to cross the sky line of a slight roll of ground between the opposing trenches. As they crossed this crest they were met by heavy M.G. fire. The advance pushed on steadily in spite of the difficulties of the ground almost to the enemy's trench and as the troops arrived within range, they were met with a fusillade of bombs; steady rifle fire was poured into the attack, which gave way. A few men entered the trench but the bulk retired. A second attack was promptly organised consisting of B.&D. Coys., A.Coy. was also called up from reserve in order to participate if in time. At 1.4 a.m. the second attack was launched with a similar result to the first.

4. The bombing attack of the 1st Bn. met with M.G. fire and suffered heavily; a second attack was made here also and met a similar result.

5. The attack of the 3rd Bn. was made by three bombing parties, each of about 40 strong and was directed on LARD Trench. Two parties entered LARD Trench about N.20.d.5.9. one party worked to the north, one to the south. The party working to the north bombed right through the trench to its northern end and killed 35 and took 5 German prisoners. The party working in a southern direction came under M.G. fire and were obliged to withdraw. The third party appears to have worked along the road; the exact line of its movement are not clear, but it finally joined the northern party.

The 1st Field Coy. had dug forward in the strong point at N.20.b.7.1. towards the northern end of LARD TRENCH.

Owing to its isolated position, the bombing parties of the 3rd Bn. were withdrawn when it was discovered that the attack of the 1st Bn. had failed.

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The enemy appears to have been ready for the attack and to have discovered it during the early stages. The heavy rain and the bad going and the long wait in the wet and cold after forming up must have had a considerable effect on the ardour of the men. Their inability to form up in advance of the assembly trench prevented them from closing up to the barrage thus making an interval between the time when the barrage passed over the enemy's position and when the infantry arrived before it.

A statement of casualties sustained is attached.

Major-General.
Commanding 1st Australian Division.

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CASUALTIES 1st AUS. INF. BDE. 5th NOVR.

	<u>Officers</u>		<u>Other ranks.</u>	
1st Battn.	Killed	2	Killed	6
	Wounded	4	Wounded	84
	Missing	3	Missing	71
2nd Battn.	-		Wounded	3
3rd Battn.	Wounded	1	Killed	4
			Wounded	23
4th Battn.	-		Killed	1
			Wounded	3
<u>TOTAL.-</u>	<u>Officers.-</u>	Killed 2; Wounded 5; Missing 3.		
	<u>Other ranks.-</u>	" 11; " 113; " 71		

APPENDIX IV

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SECRETFIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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Headquarters,
Novr. 4th 1916.

The minor operation of the left brigade of 5th Aus. Div.
mentioned in para 1 (c) of Divisional Order No. 71 will be carried out
at 9.10 a.m. 5th November.

Acknowledge.

J. A. Blamey

Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

Appendix No. 6

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONSECRET.

S/1609.

Divisional Headquarters
November 5th 1916.Circular Memorandum

1. The artillery programme on the divisional front up to 9th instant is given in the appended table.

2. During the hours of day firing, all infantry trenches within 200 yds of the enemy positions will be vacated.

3. During the night, action on targets close to the front line will be confined to searching with shrapnel. It will be unnecessary to clear the trenches, but all men in the trenches in the vicinity must be warned to keep low.

4. Table of artillery shoots.-

Date.	Time.	Nature of Artillery.	Location of targets.	Remarks.
6th Novr.	10 & 11 a.m. 2 p.m. 2 p.m.	Heavy. 18 Pdr & 4.5 Hsr.	N.20.D. N.20.D. & STORMY Tr.	searching Shrapnel with 18 Pdr.
7th Novr.	3.- 4 p.m. 4.30 p.m. 9 p.m.	Heavy 18 Pdr & 4.5 Hsr. do. do	N.20.D. and BACON Trench N.20.D. and STORMY Trench.	M.T Ms. will be employed if available. Shrapnel searching with 18 Pdr.
8th Novr.	7.30 a.m. 8.30.-9.30am	10 Pdr. & 4.5 Hsr. Heavy	N.20.D. N.20.D.	
Night 8/9th	2 a.m.	18 Pdr.	N.20.D. STORMY Trench	Shrapnel searching.

5. Acknowledge.

J.A. Blamey

Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

Copy No.	To whom	Time	Method
1 - 5	D.H.Q.	7.15pm	Orderly
6	Div.Arty.	"	D.R.
7	" Engrs.	"	"
8	" Sig.Coy.	"	"
9	1st Inf.Bds.	"	"
10	2nd " "	"	"
11	3rd " "	"	"
12	A.D.M.S.	"	"
13	1st Pioneer Bn.	"	"
14	1st ANZAC.	"	"
15	A.P.M.	"	"
16	2nd Aus.Div.	"	"
17 - 26	30th Div.Arty.	"	"
27	1st ANZAC Heavy Arty.	"	"
28	17th Div.	"	"
29	G.O.C. R.A. 1st ANZAC.	"	"

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 72.

Divisional Headquarters,
November 5th 1916.

1. Moves in relief will take place as follows.-

Date.	Relieving Unit.	Moves to	Bn. relieved	Moves to
Night 6th/7th Nov.	11th Bn.	Support left sector.	1st Bn.	BERNAFAY CAMP
do.	10th Bn.	Line right sector	7th Bn.	BERNAFAY CAMP
7th Novr.	9th Bn.	BERNAFAY CAMP marching at 10 a.m.	1st Bn.	POMMIER CAMP marching at 1 p.m.

2. Details will be arranged direct between brigade commanders.
3. Parties of specialists may relieve by day, but must not move in larger parties than three or four men.
The nucleus of the relieving garrisons of strong points blocks and other special localities will be sent in by day.
4. Acknowledge.

T. A. Blaney

Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

Copy No.	To whom	Time	Method
1 - 5	D.H.Q.	12.30pm	Orderly
6	Div.Arty.	"	D.R.
7	" Ingra.	"	"
8	" Sig.Coy.	"	"
9	" Train.	"	"
10	1st Inf.Bde.	"	"
11	2nd " "	"	"
12	3rd " "	"	"
13	A.D.M.S.	"	"
14	A.D.V.S.	"	"
15	Mob.Vet.Soc.	"	"
16	1st Pioneer Bn.	"	"
17	1st ANZAC.	"	"
18	Salvage Coy.	"	"
19	A.P.M.	"	"
20	Camp Commandant	"	"
21	5th Aus.Div.	"	"
22	2nd " "	"	"
23-28	30th Div.Arty.	"	"
30	1st ANZAC Heavy Arty.	"	"
31	17th Div.	"	"
32	G.O.C., R.A. 1st ANZAC.	"	"

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 74.Divisional Headquarters
November 12th 1916.

1. The 5th Army are attacking on the 13th November.
Zero hour will be in the morning; the exact time will be communicated later.
2. At zero a demonstration is to be made along the whole front of the 4th Army. The objects of this demonstration are.-
 - (i) To assist the 5th Army to lead the enemy to anticipate an attack by the 4th Army.
 - (ii) To inflict casualties on the enemy by a special bombardment and by barraging the enemy's trenches.
1st ANZAC is to cooperate
3. G.O.C., R.A. 1st ANZAC. will issue special instructions for bombarding the enemy's front line system on 12th November and for counter battery work and for Field Artillery barrages on 13th Novr.
4. The principle governing artillery fire on the 13th instant will be.-
 - (i) There will be no intense fire previous to zero.
 - (ii) From zero to zero plus 20 minutes the fire of both divisional artillery and heavy artillery will be intense, subject to such brief intervals as may be required for the purpose of misleading the enemy.
From zero plus 20 minutes to zero plus 40 minutes the fire will gradually die down.
 - (iii) Counter-battery fire will be similarly directed, but will be maintained at its full vigor after zero plus 20 minutes, so long as the hostile artillery is active.
Special attention will be given to the hostile artillery in and around BOIS LOUPART.
5. All front line trenches and trenches within 250 yds of the enemy will be cleared of infantry.
Any front line trenches not within 250 yds will be occupied lightly.
Units which are relieving on the night 12th/13th will man the trenches with a minimum garrison in order to avoid losses.
6. Sentries & posts in the front line occupied will be supplied with flares. Flares will be freely used from zero onwards. Red flares will not be used.
7. The Corps Sig. Coy. will communicate the correct time to the Div. Sig. Coy at 6 p.m. on the 12th instant and 6 a.m. on the 13th instant.
Watches of units of the division will be synchronised one hour later on each occasion.
8. Acknowledge by wire.

*T. Blamey*Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

Copy No.	To whom.	Time	Method.
1 6- 5	D.H.Q.	3.30 p.m.	Orderly
6	Div.Arty.	"	D.R.
7	" Engrs	"	"
8	" Sig.Coy.	"	"
9	" Train.	"	"
10	1st Aus.Inf.Bde.	"	"
11	2nd do.	"	"
12	3rd do.	"	"
13	A.D.M.S.	"	"
14	A.D.V.S.	"	"
15	1st Pioneer Bn.	"	"
16	1st ANZAC. G.	"	"
17	do. Q.	"	"
18	A.P.M.	"	"
19	Camp Commandant.	"	"
20	4th Aus.Div.	"	"
21	2nd do.	"	"
22	5th do	"	"
23 - 25	30th Div.Arty.	"	"
26	1st ANZAC Heavy Arty.	"	"
27	17th Div.	"	"
28	G.O.C., R. 1st ANZAC.	"	"

General Officer
General Staff
General Staff

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 73

Divisional Headquarters,
Novr. 11th. 1916.

1. The Division will be relieved by the 4th Aust. Div. on the 12th and 13th instant in accordance with the attached table. On relief the division will concentrate in "R" Area.

2. The 12th Aus. Inf. Bde. will relieve the 2nd Aus. Inf. Bde. and that portion of 1st Aus. Inf. Bde. holding the line between the left of 2nd Bde. and GRASS LANE.

The 13th Aus. Inf. Bde. will relieve 1st Aus. Inf. Bde. on the remainder of its front.

Details of the relief will be arranged direct between G.O.'s C. Inf. Bdes. concerned.

3. All maps, photographs, trench stores, plans of work and papers in connection with proposed operations will be listed and handed over to relieving units, receipts will be obtained in all cases.

Relief of specialists and of strong points may be carried out by day, all other reliefs will be carried out after dusk.

Movement by day forward of DELVILLE WOOD will be in parties of not more than five men.

4. The 1st Aus. Field Coy. will be relieved by 12th Aus. Field Coy. under arrangements to be made between C.R.E.'s. 2nd and 3rd Aus. Field Coys. and 1st Aus. Pioneer Bn. will remain under the orders of C.E. Corps, who will issue orders for them to relieve the 4th and 13th Aus. Field Coys. and 4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.

5. The D.D.M.S. 1st ANZAC will issue instructions as to changes in distribution of medical units.

Orders for the Salvage Coy. will be issued separately.

Detail of Groups

H.Q. Group.-

D.H.Q.

Div. Sig. Coy.

Mob. Vet. Sec.

H.Q. Div. Train.

H.Q. " Engrs.

6. Units will be grouped for the move into the "R" Area as shewn in the margin.

On arrival in "R" Area, units will continue the march to the billeting areas of their normal Bde. Groups under Bde. arrangements, and in time to clear the billets for incoming units.

1st Aus. Inf. Bde.

7. Movements on roads forward of FRICOURT will be carried out in platoons in single file. On roads in rear of FRICOURT, the normal intervals laid down for 4th Army Area will be maintained.

H.Q. 1st T.M. By. 1st Bde.

M.G. Coy. 3, 4, 9, 11 Bns.

2nd Coy. Div. Tr. 1st Fd.

Coy.

8. In "R" Area, Bde. Groups will be billeted as follows:-

2nd Aus. Inf. Bde.

1st Bde. BUIRE

H.Q. 2nd T.M. By. 2nd Bde.

2nd " RIBEMONT

M.G. Coy. 6, 8, 10, 12th Bns.

3rd " DERNANCOURT.

3rd Coy. Div. Tr. 3rd ASC.

3rd Aus. Inf. Bde.

9. (a) The removal of shelters and camp equipment from any camp is prohibited.

H.Q. 3rd L.T.M. By. 3rd Bde.

M.G. Coy. 1, 2, 5, 7th Bns.

4th Coy. A.S.C.

(b) A rear party under an Officer will be detailed by G.O.C. 3rd Inf. Bde. to remain in charge of BERNAFAY CAMP until it is taken over by 4th Aus. Inf. Bde. on 14th instant. This Officer will be responsible for the custody and handing over of all shelters and camp equipment

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10. FRICOURT CAMP consists of. -
 (i) 58 huts accommodating 500 men near FRICOURT.
 (ii) Tents at Sq.S.28.C. for 400-500 men.
 (iii) Shelters to accommodate 2400 men, which will be issued to 12th Bde. and will be handed over to each succeeding Bde. These shelters will be handed over finally to the Area Commandant on the ground at 8 a.m. on 15th instant by 1st Inf. Bde.

Advanced and rear parties will be detailed to take over and hand over these quarters.

11. Divisional Headquarters will close at POMMIERS CAMP (A.2.a.2.6.) at 11 a.m. on 14th and will reopen at RIBEMONT at the same hour.

12. Acknowledge.

(Sgd.) T.A.BLAKEY,
Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff.

1st Australian Division.

MOVEMENT TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 73.

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D A T E	4th Australian Division			1st Australian Division			Route	REMARKS.
	Group	From	To	Group	From	To		
11	12th Bde.	DERNANCOURT	FRICOURT Camp				MEAULTE	
12	12th Bde.	FRICOURT	BERNAFAY & Line	3rd Bde. 2nd Bde.	BERNAFAY Line	DERNANCOURT BERNAFAY		1st Battalion will march at 11-30 a.m. via MAMETZ.
	13th Bde.	BUIRE	FRICOURT Camp					8th Bn. BERNAFAY to POMMIERS marching after 1 p.m.
13	13th Bde.	FRICOURT	BERNAFAY & Line	2nd Bde. 1st Bde.	BERNAFAY Line	FRICOURT BERNAFAY	Via CARNOY &	
14	4th Bde.	RIBEMONT	BERNAFAY	2nd Bde.* 1st Bde. 3rd Bde. H.Q.group	FRICOURT BERNAFAY Units move to their normal group areas. POMMIER	DERNANCOURT FRICOURT RIBEMONT		* Brigade Headquarters move on to RIBEMONT 6th and 8th Battalions continue the march next day to RIBEMONT.
15				1st Bde. 2nd Bde.	FRICOURT Units concentrate in normal group areas.	BUIRE		9th and 11th Bns. to DERNANCOURT.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 75.

Divisional Headquarters
Novr. 13th 1916.

1. The minor operation referred to in para. 1 (c) of 1st Aus. Div. Order No. 71 will be carried out by the left brigade of the 2nd Aus. Div. on 14th November at 6.45 a.m. zero hour. This time is not to be communicated in any telegraphic or telephonic communication.
2. The objectives are GIRD and GIRD support trenches from the junction of BAYONLET and BIEF trenches, at M.24.b.35.95. and M.24.a.10.50. to the left of the 2nd Aus. Div. boundary at M.18.a.35.10. and M.18 a.05.90.
3. Our own Div. arty. will open barrage fire on enemy trenches on our own front from zero hour.
4. Acknowledge.

R. W. S. Smith Maj 7/15
for Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

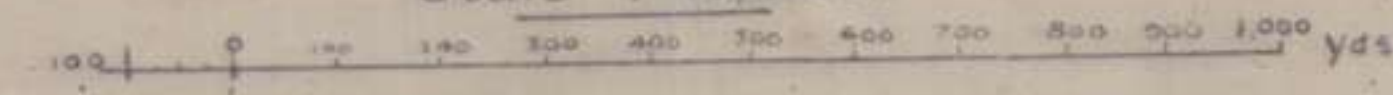
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1 - 5	D.H. Q.	12.30 p.m	Orderly
6 - 15	30th Div. Arty.	"	D.R.
16	Div. Engrs.	"	"
17	" Pioneers	"	"
18	" Sig. Coy.	"	"
19	C.R.A. 1st Aus Div.	"	"
20	1st Aus. Inf. Bde.	"	"
21	2nd do.	"	"
22	3rd do.	"	"
23	A.D.M.S.	"	"
24	12th Aus. Inf. Bde.	"	"
25	13th do.	"	"
26	1st ANZAC.	"	"
27	A.P.M.	"	"
28	4th Aus. Div.	"	"
29	2nd do.	"	"
30	17th Div.	"	"
31	1st ANZAC. Heavy Art.	"	"
32	G.O.C. R.A. 1st ANZAC.	"	"

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 76.

Divisional Headquarters,

November, 15th 1916.

1. The Division will move from the Reserve Area to the Training Area in accordance with the attached table.

The 5th Aust. Div. move from the Training Area to Reserve Area at the same time. A map shewing distribution in the Training Area is attached.

2. Detailed instructions for the movement of personnel by bus will be issued later. A Staff Officer will be detailed by each brigade to supervise the loading and the off loading of buses.

3. The working parties furnished by the division will be taken over by 5th Aust. Division on the morning of 18th instant. Detailed instructions of the relief will be issued separately. All details will be concentrated in their group areas by the evening of the day prior to that fixed for the movement by bus.

The 3rd Bde. will concentrate in the "Y" Area (BUIRE) on the evening of the 17th instant.

4. The 2nd Field Ambulance and attached details is allotted to 3rd Bde. group for movement and billeting.

5. Advance parties will be sent ahead for both personnel and transport.

6. Special instructions will be issued by brigades to prevent straggling amongst details and cyclists.

7. Divisional Headquarters will close at RIBEMONT at noon on 10th instant and will open at VIGNACOURT at the same hour.

8. Acknowledge.

(Sgd.) R.B. SMYTHE, Major, G.S.
for Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff,
1st Australian Division.

TABLE OF MOVES TO ACCOMPANY 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 76.

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DATE	1st Aust. Div.	5th Aust. Div.	From	To	Route	Remarks.
Nov. N 16th.	Transport 1st Bde. Group	Transport 15th Bde. Group	"Y" Area (BUIRE) "B" Area (FLESSELLES &c)	LA NEUVILLE DAOURS	HEILLY- BONNAY ALLONVILLE- PONT NOYELLES	
17th	Transport 1st Bde. Group.	Transport 15th Bde. Group	LA NEUVILLE DAOURS	"B" Area "Z" Area	PONT-NOYELLES- ALLONVILLE LA NEUVILLE- HEILLY	To be clear of BUIRE by 2 p.m.
Eveng. 17th	The 1st Bde. Group 3rd. Bde Group less 9th & 11th Btns 9th & 11th Bns Transport 3rd Bde Group	The 15th Bde. Transport 8th Bde Group	"Y" Area (BUIRE) "B" Area "Z" Area (DERNANCOURT) "S.I. Area (FRICOURT) "Z" Area (DERNANCOURT) "A" Area VIGNACOURT	"B" Area "Z" Area "Y" Area (BUIRE) "Y" Area (BUIRE) LA NEUVILLE DAOURS	HEILLY-BONNAY ALLONVILLE PONT NOYELLES	Dismountedp ersonnel by bus.
18th	Transport 3rd Bde Group The 3rd Bde Group	Transport 8th Group The 8th Bde Gp.	LA NEUVILLE DAOURS "Y" Area "A" "	"A" Area "Y" Area "A" Area "Y" "	PONT NOYELLES- ALLONVILLE LA NEUVILLE- HEILLY	To be completed by 2 p.m. Includes 1st AusF. Co Dis mounted personnel by bus

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TABLE OF MOVES TO ACCOMPANY 1st Australian Divisional Order No 76 (Contd)

DATE	1st Aust. Div.	5th Aust. Div.	From.	To	Route	Remarks
Nov. 18th	Headquarters	Headquarters	RIBEMONT VIGNACOURT	VIGNACOURT RIBEMONT		By bus & Car
19th	Transport 2ns Bde Group	Transport 14th Bde Group	"X" Area (RIBEMONT)	"C" Area (COISY- CARDONETTE)	QUERRIEU- HEILLY	To clear QUERRIEU by 11 am
	The 2nd Bde Group	The 14th Bde Group	"C" Area	"X" Area	LA NEUVILLE QUERRIEU- ALLONVILLE	
			"X" Area "C" "	"C" Area "X" "F		Dismounted personnel by bus

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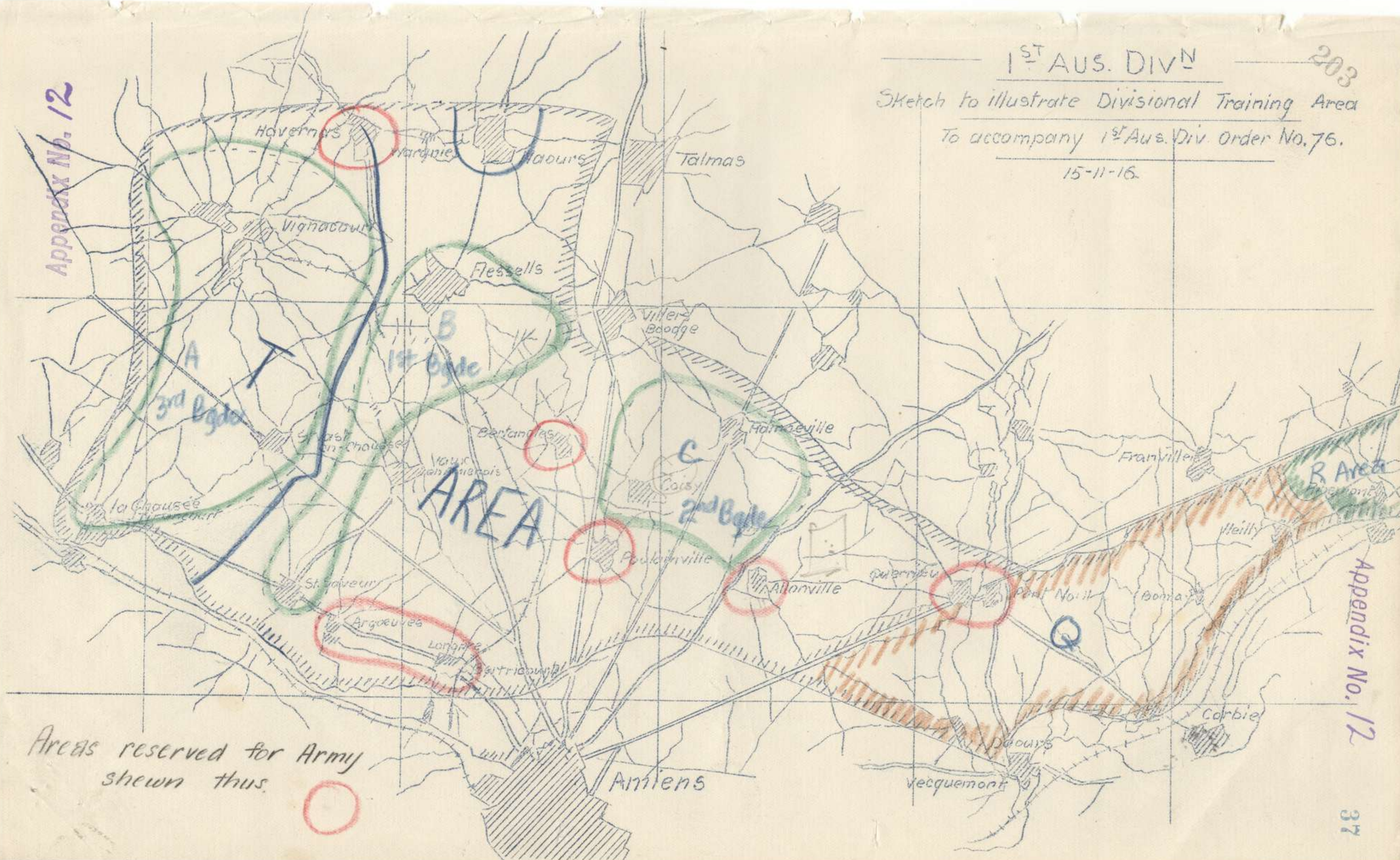
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Sketch to illustrate Divisional Training Area
To accompany 1ST Aus. Div. Order No. 76.

15-11-16.



Areas reserved for Army
shown thus.

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1. Roads in the Corps Area include the TRIANGULAR - MONTAUBAN - BAZENTIN - LONGUEVAL. The Chief Engr. Corps is responsible for these. He is to organise the roads into sectors and districts under a detailed Roads Officer. To each sector and district a permanent maintenance detail will be allotted. Extra to this permanent detail, divisions in the line may be called upon to provide up to two Bns. each and divisions in the "R" area may be called upon to supply labour also.

The roads in the forward area, that is forward of LONGUEVAL, are a divisional responsibility; it is not expected that much progress will be made in this direction for some time. In addition to the special road demands for labour, it is anticipated that each division may be called upon to furnish a complete battalion for labour. This will be supplied from the reserve brigade.

RAILWAYS. - Railways in the Corps Area are shown in the map.

There is a Corps Railway Officer. - Lt-Col. FEWTRELL.

The light railways comprise two sections. -

Section (a) LONGUEVAL to FLERS and QUARRY to LONGUEVAL by western route to western side.

Section (b) LONGUEVAL to FLERS, eastern side QUARRY to LONGUEVAL.

The Division is responsible for the provision and maintenance of the front line system of defences shown in blue on the map. The Corps undertakes responsibility for the maintenance of the intermediate and rear lines, although it is to be anticipated that some demand will be made on the division for labour.

2. The accommodation scheme has been approved by the Corps Commander and is now in course of being carried out by 4th Div. It is comprised of the provision of dugout accommodation in the front line of a standard pattern of platoon dugout; the provision of accommodation for supporters in PILGRIMS WAY and BULLS ROAD; the provision of Bn.Hqrs. in CHEESE ROAD and GROVE ALLEY; the provision of two Bn.Hqrs. in BULLS ROAD and the provision of accommodation in deep dugouts for one battalion in DELVILLE VALLEY. It also includes the provision of accommodation in huts for 6 battalions in the vicinity of BERNAFAY WOOD.

It will be seen that this means an immense amount of labour, and in order to carry it out, it is proposed to raise a mining company per brigade. The proposed establishment for this mining company has been forwarded to brigadiers.

3. TRAINING. - The Division has suffered very much inefficiency by reason of the necessity for promoting to commissioned rank, men who have had very little training; there seems to be little doubt that there is not the same initiative and fore-thought exercised by company officers as that which characterised the division in its earlier days. Every opportunity must be taken to train officers and the lines of training must be such as will develop initiative. Simple schemes which require rapid decision and which develop tactical instincts must be thought out and carried out as regimental exercises.

The training of officers must also have regard to the administration of the unit. They must be taught how to carry out kit inspections and to hold them frequently. While in the rest area, the men should be inspected at every parade as though they were on garrison duty at home. Rifle inspection is very important and if the habit of careful examination of equipment, arms, etc., is developed in the rest area, it will probably be continued in the trenches. It must be remembered that re-fitting is a continuous thing, in which there is no finality.

The policy of the division in regard to training has been

laid down in letter No. 169/373 of 13-11-16. Specialists will normally be trained under brigade arrangements. The provision and training of instructors have now been arranged at various schools. In the training of the unit, training for the attack must take a prominent place and it must be the constant endeavour to develop the whole strength of a unit in a single effort. The close distance from which attacks are now delivered require that the units plan for the attack should arrange for the development of its whole strength. In order that the men may last while in the trenches, they must be got into good physical condition in the rest area. Short route marches from four to six miles should be carried out at a brisk pace without packs. The training of the unit should also give opportunities for the practice of the attack of a company and battalion in waves and the consideration of the maintenance of touch of the waves and distance between waves under various circumstances is required. The attack exercise should be carried through and the men instilled with determination to go right on to their objective.

Demonstrations by platoons and companies should be given of the various exercises; other officers should be called upon to see and criticise the carrying of it out.

Outside lectures are being arranged and Bdes. should also arrange as far as possible to hold other lectures on matters of interest in connection with the training that is being carried on.

The Divisional School will be established almost immediately; it is proposed to allot 16 vacancies for officers and 28 for N.C.Os. to each brigade. It is recognised that it will be a strain on Bdes. to have this number absent from their units throughout the winter, but in view of the necessity for increasing our efficiency to the highest pitch prior to the spring campaign, it is hoped that brigadiers will see their way to maintain their quota at the school. Each course will last for four weeks and it is hoped that three or possibly four courses will be held.

4. EQUIPMENT of the DIVISION. - Re-equipping must be carried out as rapidly as possible. Gum boots must be withdrawn from the men and sent to D.A.D.O.S. Units must be prepared to accept clothing of the imperial pattern as Australian clothing is not available.

5. The practice of saluting appears to be falling into disuse; this requires constant care and close supervision.

This is an important part in the question of discipline. Other matters which require attention are the proper calling of rolls at night in quarters and the provision of proper means of detecting and dealing with absentees. This requires constant attention in view of the frequent changes in the personnel of officers.

It has been found frequently of late that orders which have been issued from the division had never reached the troops; this would indicate a want of proper system in unit administration. As soon as divisional orders are issued, they should be passed on throughout the whole length of the unit to all who will require to act in accordance with the orders. In any operation it cannot be expected that troops will thoroughly understand what they have to do unless it is carefully explained and they are made to fully realise their individual parts.

Stable duties are not of as high a standard as they should be. Troops have been discovered washing down horses although this is contrary to orders, and horses have been discovered standing in the wind during the recent cold weather without rugs. Stables must be supervised by an officer on all occasions.

Brigades and Battalions are to have distinctive flags to mark the unit Hqrs. when out of the line and some one at

203 the Hqrs. is to be allotted the duty of seeing that this is put out.

The system of billeting in each unit should be made the subject of interest by the Bde. staff, who should enquire into the method employed in each unit with the view of ensuring that the men are taken promptly to their quarters in their arrival in any area.

The custom of reporting the completion of each movement has been somewhat neglected of late. It should be a matter of habit for every unit during any move to at once report its whereabouts to the higher formation. Times of departure as well as times of arrival should be reported as well.

Brigades should enquire into the use which is made of armourers while they are not in the line in order that full value should be obtained from them. They should also ascertain how they are employed by the unit during the period the unit is in the trenches.

The following other details require consideration.-

A.P.M. returns are not furnished .

The use of iron rations necessitates inquiry. There is reason to believe that these are being frequently wasted. When iron rations are issued, a report is to be made at once that they have been issued. If reinforcements arrive without their iron rations, this should also be reported without delay.

The dress, equipment and demeanour of men off duty requires some careful supervision. Men should not be allowed to wander around areas improperly dressed. Greater care is necessary in sending men on leave to ensure they are properly clothed.

The forwarding of immediate recommendations for gallantry is necessary to ensure prompt recognition of the act. It should be realised that promptness in the reward adds greatly to its value.

It has been reported that Soyer stoves are used by some units on the SOMME front close up to the front line. They should be dug in and protected against shell fire.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONGENERAL STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 78.Divisional Headquarters
Novr. 17th 1916.

1. During the period while the division is in the training area training will be proceeded with in accordance with a definite programme. It is to be anticipated that the period of training will be 10 days. The earlier part of the period will be devoted to the training of the units, sections, companies and battalions.

Kit inspections are to be held and kits to be completed without delay and everything possible is to be done to smarten up the men.

In making out programmes of work, the hardening of the men and smartening them up is to be kept in mind. Short marches will form a portion of the daily routine.

2. Training of companies and battalions in the attack will occupy a prominent place. The organisation of the attack in waves, the formation and assembly of the waves and the working out of details in such a manner as will permit the development of the full strength of a unit in a single blow are to be carefully considered and practised. The tendency to retire reserves of units such as battalions to restore a fight after a check has been experienced must be combated. In attacks in semi-open warfare of the present nature, there is no time to restore the fight in this way and the assault will have failed before reserves can be employed. In this case, the reserves are used to repeat with diminished strength a programme which has already failed and is foredoomed to failure again with inevitable waste of life.

3. The experience of the 2nd Division in its attack on the 14th Novr. has again emphasised the necessity to train the troops to press up close under the artillery barrage. Attention is drawn to G.S.Memo 73, para 4.

4. The training of young officers and of the senior N.C.Os. is to be considered in drawing up programmes of work. Arrangements are to be made in each battalion so that all the officers of the unit are brought together every day for a period of instruction under the direction of the Commanding Officer. It has been found that the readiness to take advantage of an opportunity and to reap the full value of an advantage when secured has very much decreased. This is probably due to the lower standard of tactical knowledge of the newly appointed officers and their training should keep in view the necessity for developing initiative which is founded only on sound knowledge.

5. Training in trench warfare and in the use of special arms etc., such as Lewis Guns, Stokes mortars, rifle grenades in combination will be carried out on the lines laid down in G.S.Memo 74 dated 18th Octr.

6. Programmes of work will be forwarded to Div Hqrs.

J. A. Blamey

Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.

1st Australian Division.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SCHOOL.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. Routine.-

Reveille	0645.	} Monday to Saturday Wednesday excepted.
Parade	0730.- 0800.	
Breakfast	0830.	
Parade	0930.- 1230.	
Lunch	1300.	
Parade	1400.- 1600.	
Lecture	1700.- 1800.	
Dinner	1830.	
Gymnasium	2000.- 2100	
Tattoo	2100.	
Lights out	2200.	

Ditto, except afternoon will be compulsory sports. No lecture at night. } Wednesday.

Reveille	0745.	} Sunday
Breakfast	0830.	
Church Parade	As ordered	
Dinner	1300.	
Tea	1800.	
Tattoo	2100.	
Lights out	2200.	

2. Bounds of School.-

the SOMME. 800 yards radius of TIRANCOURT Chateau north of

3. Leave.-

Will only be granted for special cases when all ranks must be in possession of a pass signed by the Commandant. All Officers, N.C.O.'s and men leaving the School grounds must be properly dressed, and wear belts.

4. Saluting.-

All ranks must pay particular attention to the regulations of saluting.

5. Formation of Classes.-

Classes will be divided into syndicates with Officers and N.C.O. Instructors.

6. Standing Orders.-

On the day succeeding that of joining, standing orders will be read to syndicates on the morning parade.

7. Syllabus.-

The subjects to be studied are laid down in the Syllabus, which will be posted in all messes.

8. Official Time.-

Watches will be synchronised at 0815 daily; taken from the office clock.

9. Dress.-

Dress for all parades will be Drill order with hats, unless otherwise ordered. Officer students will use their servants' arms and equipment.

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10. Duties.-

The following duties will be detailed.-

One member of the instructional staff will be on duty each day; he will not leave the neighborhood of school, except for purpose of instruction. He will be detailed daily in School Orders.

A syndicate adjutant will be appointed at commencement of course by syndicate commander. His duties will be to detail an orderly officer daily to issue daily orders as required by his syndicate commander.

The Syndicate Orderly Officer- will parade and inspect the syndicate five minutes before the hour of parade.

The Syndicate Senior Officer.- takes charge of all parades when no officer of the instructional staff is present.

The Syndicate Senior N.C.O. will perform the same duties as the syndicate adjutant, and will be responsible to the syndicate commander for the discipline in his syndicate and for the tidiness of his quarters. He will allow no smoking during the hours of instruction except with permission of the Senior Officer Instructor present. He will see that no intoxicating liquor is taken into quarters. Beer may be drunk in the mess.

The Orderly Sergeant's duties will be .-

- (1) Call the syndicate at reveille.
- (2) Be present at all meals and report any complaints to the senior N.C.O. He will take orders to syndicate senior N.C.O. and call the roll at tattoo and report to the School Sgt. Major.

Instructional Staff Sergeant's duties.- The S.Sgt. of the Instructional Staff will act as Quartermaster-Sgt. to the syndicate and will detail one N.C.O. student to assist him.

11. Syndicate Orderly Officer and Sergeant.- The duties of Syndicate Orderly Officers and Sergeants are on no account to be allowed to interfere with their instructional training.

12. Servants' Quarters.- The Quartermaster-Sgt. will inspect the Servants' and Cooks' quarters once daily

13. Sick.- The Medical Officer will hold sick parade daily at 8.15.a.m. The Medical Officer will report to the Adjutant of any cases exempt from duty. In case of evacuations, the Commandant will be informed. The Medical Officer will inspect all quarters daily and report to Adjutant any points requiring attention.

14. Care of Furniture.- Officers are requested to take particular care of furniture, etc., in the Chateau.

15. Post.- Officers' letters will be handed into office 9 a.m. daily. N.C.O. letters will be handed to the School Q.M.S. when the letter will be franked by an Officer in the usual manner. Censoring, i.e. stamping with the censor stamp will be done at School Hqrs.

16. Ammunition.- All S.A.A. will be collected and handed over to Q.M.S. who will keep a record of name and number of rounds.

17. Sports.- Wednesday afternoon is set aside for sports, which is compulsory, this being treated as a parade.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 77Divisional Headquarters,
Novr. 28th 1916.

1. The Division will move from "T" Area to "R" Area between 29th inst and 1st proximo.

The 2nd Aus.Div. moves from "R" Area to "T" Area at the same time.

Table of movement is attached.

2. Dismounted personnel of 1st and 2nd Inf.Bdes. will move by 'Tactical Trains' from VIGNACOURT to EDGE HILL under orders to be issued later.

3. 3rd Inf.Bde. and the transport and mounted details of other brigades will move by march route.

4. The following intervals will be maintained on the march:-

200 yards between battalions.

200 yards between units and their transport or between the transport of units when moving in brigade.

100 yards between companies.

5. The section of 1st Aus.M.G.Coy. on anti-aircraft duty at FLESSELLES will be relieved by a section detailed by 2nd Aus.Div. on 30th inst.

6. Separate instructions will be issued as regards supplies.

7. Div.Hqrs. will close at VIGNACOURT at 12 noon on 1st inst., and will reopen at RIBEMONT at the same hour.

8. The 2nd Field Ambulance is attached to 2nd Inf.Bde. for the move.

9. Acknowledge.

R.D. Smythe Maj. GS
Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
1st Australian Division.

Copy No.	To whom	Time.	Method.
1 - 5.	D.H.Q.	2.30. pm.	Orderly.
6	Div.Arty.	"	D.R.
7	" Engrs.	"	"
8	" Sig.Coy.	"	"
9	" Train	"	"
10	1st Aus.Inf.Bde.	"	"
11	2nd do	"	"
12	3rd do.	"	"
13	A.D.M.S	"	"
14	A.D.V.S.	"	"
15	Mob. Vet Sec.	"	"
16	1st Pioneer Bn.	"	"
17 - 18	1st ANZAC. A.&Q.	"	"
19	Salvage Coy.	"	"
20	Camp Commat.	"	"
21	4th Aus.Div.	"	"
22	2nd do.	"	"
23	Div.School	"	"
24	1st ANZAC. Heavy Arty.	"	"
25	G.O.C., R.A. 1st ANZAC.	"	"

TABLE OF MOVES TO ACCOMPANY 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 77

DATE	1st Aust. Div.	2nd Aust. Div.	From	To	Route	Remarks
Nov. 29th.	Transport 2nd Bde. Group.	Transport 7th Lde Group.	"A" Area	LA HOUSOYE	Via MOLLIENS -BEHENCOURT -VILLERS BOGAGE	
			"Y" Area	FRANVILLERS	Via ERILLY.	
30th.	The 2nd Bde. (personnel)	The 7th Bde. Group	"A" Area	"Y" Area BUIRE	By train from VIGNACOURT to EDGE HILL.	
	Transport 2nd Bde. Group	Transport 7th Bde. Group.	"Y" Area	"A" Area	(By train from EDGE HILL to VIGNACOURT.	
			LA HOUSOYE	"Y" Area	Via pt. D. 16. b. 9.1.	To start at 12 noon
			FRANVILLERS	"A" Area	(BEHENCOURT - MOLLIENS - VILLERS - BOGAGE.	
	Transport 1st Bde. Group.		"B" Area	LA HOUSOYE	BEHENCOURT Via -ALLONVILLE- QUERRIEU.	Not to reach BERTANGLES before 10 a.m. and to be clear of QUERRIEU by 1.45 p.m.
		Transport 6th Bde. Group.	"Z" Area	FRANVILLERS	Via pt. D. 12. d. 8.8.	Move to be completed by 12 noon.

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TABLE OF MOVES TO ACCOMPANY 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No.77 (Continued).

DATE	1st Aust. Div.	2nd Aust. Div.	From	To	Route	Remarks
Nov. 30th.	The 3rd Bde. Group.		"G" Area	FRANVILLERS- LA HOUSOYE	Via QUERRIEU	To be clear of QUERRIEU by 12 noon.
		The 5th Bde. Group.	"X" Area	"G" Area	Via HEILLY- BONNAY-LA NEUVILLE- QUERRIEU	Not to enter PONT NOYELLE before 2 p.m.
Dec. 1st.	The 3rd Bde. Group		FRANVILLERS LA HOUSOYE	"Z" Area (DERNANCOURT)	Via pt.D.12 d.8.8.	To be com- pleted by 2 p.m.
	The 1st Bde. Group.		"B" Area	"X" Area (RIBELONT)	By train from VIGNACOURT to EDGE HILL	
		The 6th Bde. Group.	"Z" Area	"B" Area	By train from Edge Hill to VIGNACOURT	
	Transport 1st Bde. Group		LA HOUSOYE	"X" Area	Via pt.C.29. d.9.8. - HEILLY	
		Transport 6th Bde. Group.	FRANVILLERS	"B" Area	BEHENCOURT- MOLLIENS- VILLERS BOGAGE	