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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	SAMER. CALAIS. 13. 1. 100.000. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAMER.	1st. Decr.		Lt-Col. J.D. LAVARACK. PSC. G.S.O.11. returned from leave to U.K. and left again to assume duties of G.S.O. 3rd. Aust. Division. Lt-Col E.M. WILLIAMS A/ G.S.O.11 left for England en route to Mounted Division in EGYPT. Lt-Col. S.L. MILLIGAN D.S.O. 2nd Battalion assumed duties of G.S.O.11. pending G.H.Q. approval. Weather fine and cold strong wind from N. <i>Shur.</i>	
"	2nd. Decr.		Weather. find and cold Wind W. G.O.C. G.S.Os 1 and 11 attended G.H.Q. Machine Gun Demonstration at CAMIERS. Training in accordance with Syllabus APPENDIX 1 attached is being carried on throughout the Division. <i>Shur.</i>	APPENDIX 1.
"	3rd. Decr.		Weather. Frosty fine and bright. Training continued. <i>Shur.</i>	
"	4th. Decr.		G.O.C. visited Corps H.Q. and 5th. Aust. Div. G.S.O.1 left for two days reconnaissance of 5th. Div. Sector of the line which will be taken over by this Division about the 15th Inst. <i>Shur.</i>	
"	5th. Decr.		Fine and cold weather continues and there have been no interruptions in training programme on account of bad weather. <i>Shur.</i>	
"	6th Decr.		G.S.O.11. judged inter battalion company drill competition in 2nd Brigade. A.A.&.Q.M.G. judged transport competition. 1600. Lecture by G.S.O.1 at DESVRES to Brigade Staff. Commanding Officers, and Senior Majors of 2nd Brigade on tactical exercises to be carried out during the forthcoming week. Each Brigade will in turn take part in the exercise which will consist of (a) preliminary lecture on the exercise dealing with the appreciation of the situation and general plan of action (b) tactical exercise in advanced guard, outpost scheme, advance and attack in open warfare. (c) Same exercise with troops subject to G.H.Q. granting an arrete over the area APPENDIX QQ. G.S.O.1. returned from forward area tonight. <i>Shur.</i>	APPENDIX 11.
"	7th. Decr.		Frost of last few days over. G.O.C. visited T.M. demonstration at LEULINGHEM. "Notes on New Area" APPENDIX 111. issued to all concerned. <i>Shur.</i>	APPENDIX 111.
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SAMER. 8th. Decr.			0830. Tactical exercise appendix 11 without troops carried out by 2nd.A.I.Brigade. Officers appeared to require instruction and practice in open warfare tactics generally. 1430. Preliminary lecture on tactical exercise to Officers of 3rd. A.I.Bde at PARENTY. Wet early morning then fine, ground soft and roads very wet.	
9th. Decr.			Warning Order received from 1st.ANZAC re move. 2nd Brigade warned to move on 11th. All Brigade Int. Officers and Bn. Int. Officers of 2nd and 3rd Brigades moved to forward area for reconnaissance duty.	
10th. Decr.	0300		Orders received for move of the Division to forward area in relief of 5th.Aust.Division. 1st.Aust.Divisional Order 57. APPENDIX IV. issued at 1500.	APPENDIX IV.
	0900		Tactical exercise without troops carried out by 3rd Brigade. Bns are carrying out company tests consisting of 12 mile march, advance to attack, attack and field firing. Troops are in good condition and are working well. They have benefited by the months rest and training. Lieut. F.L. FLANNERY 1st Battalion reported for duty as G.Staff trainee. Vice Capt LAUGHLIN.	
11th. Decr.	1400		Capt A. Laughlin 6th Bn G Trainee left for 2nd.A.I.Bde. as B.M. Trainee. Preliminary lecture by G.S.O.1. at HALIGHHEM to Syndicate of Officers of 1st.Brigade on tactical exercise. Moves. 2nd.A.I.Brigade from DESVRES to THIEMBRONNE A.&.B. Areas. Disposition report covering the period of the move in APPENDIX V.	APPENDIX V.
12th. Decr.			Moves. 2nd.A.I.Bde. Group less 2nd Echelon Transport from THIEMBRONNE A.&.B.Area to THIEMBRONNE C. Area. 2nd Brigade 2nd Echelon Transport from ELNES to RENESCURE. 21st.M.G.Coy. from CONDETTE to DESVRES.	
13th. Decr.			G.S.O.11 went to forward area to reconnoitre and to remain until the Division takes over the sector. Instructions for move of D.H.Q. issued copy attached to Div.Order.57.appendix QV. In order to avoid counter marching Relief order was amended by 5th.Aust.Div.Order 185. APPENDIX VI. Moves. 2nd.A.I.Brigade from THIEMBRONNE C Area by march route to WIZERNES, thence by train to KEMMEL area. 2nd.A.I.Bde Transport from RENESCURE to STRAZEELE. 3rd.A.I.Bde. Group less transport from PARENTY to THIEMBRONNE A Area. Transport from PARENTY to ELNES.	APPENDIX VI.



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SAMER.	Decr.	14th.	G.S.O. 11. visited all Bns of left Brigade. 2nd.A.I.Brigrade relieved the 15th A.I.Brigrade in left Brigade Sector. Relief complete without incident by 2030. 1st.ANZAC and 1st.Div. informed by wire at 2230. <i>Shur</i>	
		1430.	G.S.O.11. and G. trainee attended demonstration of the VERDIER Smoke apparatus at BRANDHOEK. see APPENDIX. VII. Moves. 2nd Brigade to line left sector. 1st.A.I.Brigrade Group FRENCQ to PARENTY AREA. 3rd.A.I.Brigrade less Transport from THIEMBRONNE A to THIEMBRONNE C Area. 3rd.A.I.Brigrade transport from ELNES to RENESCURE. 2nd.A.I.Brigrade transport from STRAZEELE to KEMMEL. <i>Shur</i>	APPENDIX VII.
		15th.	Moves. 1st.A.I.Brigrade transport from PARENTY to THIEMBRONNE A transport from PARENTY to ELNES. 3rd.A.I.Brigrade less transport from THIEMBRONNE C to KEMMEL Area. Transport from ELNES to RENESCURE. Pioneer Bn from HESDIN L'ABBE to THIEMBRONNE A Area. G.S.O.11. visited Right Brigade Sector and went over the ground with Major R.CASEY M.C. Brigrade Major 8th Brigrade. 5th.Aust.Div.Arty.Order No.153 issued See APPENDIX VIII. for relief by the 1st.Aust.Div.Arty. <i>Shur</i>	APPENDIX VIII.
"		16th.	3rd.A.I.Bde relived 8th A.I.Bde in right Brigade Sector by 2220. Daily Intelligence Summary giving details of work, shelling and operations generally for the period 16th-31st Decr. are attached APPENDIX IX. Daily, morning and evening situation wires for the same period from Brigades, flanking Divisions, Corps and Army are attached. APPENDIX X. 5th.Aust.Div. Order No. 20 received. Two German prisoners, escaped from BOULOGNE were recaptured by 2nd A.I.Brigrade in the act of returning to their own lines. They had successfully passed all but our front line posts. Moves. 3rd.Brigrade to line Right Sector. 1st.A.I.Brigrade less transport from THIEMBRONNE A to THIEMBRONNE C Area. Transport ELNES to RENESCURE. 3rd.A.I.Brigrade transport STRAZEELE to KEMMEL. <i>Shur</i>	APPENDIX IX. APPENDIX X.
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DRANOUTRE.	Sheet 28.	France and Belgium.		
	Decr. 17th.		<p>Enemy party of 2 Off and about 12 O.R. raided one of our posts at 1700 this morning and captured garrison of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men. with L.Gun. Posts on right and left immediately counter attacked and succeeded in recapturing three of our men. The two officers and 4 O.R. were captured and it is thought the remainder of the party were accounted for. four are known to be killed and their identifications have been taken. The fate of two of our men is uncertain. One captured officer subsequently died of wounds. The following wire was received from the Corps Commander. " Congratulations on an excellent start aaa Prompt action nearly always means success. General Birdwood." D.H.Q. arrived this morning and at 1000 Major-General H.B. WALKER CB DSO. Commanding 1st.Aust. Div. assumed Command of the Divisional Sector. Major-General J.J.T. HOBBS. CB. VD. Commanding 5th.Aust.Div. left for SAMER. The dispositions and policy of 5th.Aust.Div. as laid down in their Defence Scheme, having been adopted, pro-tem, by this Division. Moves. 1st.A.I. Brigade less transport THIEMBRONNE C to KEMMEL transport from RENESCURE to STRAZELLE. 3rd. Brigade Band. School and nucleus to be left out of the line marched from KEMMEL to Div. Reinforcement Camp at CAESTRE. <i>Shur.</i></p>	
"	Decr. 18th.		<p>2nd Echelon transport of 1st.A.I. Brigade Group arrived in KEMMEL Area completing move of the Division, less Artillery which will be here by the 20th Inst. Weather cold and wet. Some snow. <i>Shur.</i></p>	
"	Decr. 19th.		<p>G.O.S.C. and G.S.O.S. of Division met Corps Commander in conference at 2nd.Aust.D.H.Q. RAVELSBURG at 1430. Agenda paper Vide 1st.ANZAC letters S/3754 of 18th Decr. and S/5765 of Decr. 20th. Prisoner captured on 17th Inst states that two Sturm Divisions are opposite this front and will attack in a few days. Brigades and Artillery warned. Relief of 5th.Aust.Div Arty by 1st.Aust.Div.Arty is in progress Vide Appendix VIII. <i>Shur</i></p>	
	Decr. 20th.		<p>Artillery relief complete. C.R.A. 1st.Aust.Div.Arty. Brig-Genl S.M. ANDERSON DSO. relieved C.R.A. 5th.Aust.Div.Arty at 1000. Under cover of thick mist enemy raided one of our posts on 6th Bn front. One N.C.O. and 5 men and a L.G. are missing. Post was re-established. Heavy mist with frost all day. Trees are covered with <del>some</del> an inch thick. C.R.E. Corps Troops Lt-Col. E.H. NICHOLSON. DSO.VD. reported here for work on Corps Defensive line. <i>Shur</i></p>	
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DRANOUTRE.	Decr.	21st.	Frost and mist continuing. In accordance with custom of two or more Staff Officers visiting forward area daily. G.S.O.11 made detailed inspection of Right Brigade Support and Reserve Lines. C.R.E. D.M.G.O. and Int Officer also visited forward area.	
	Decr.	22nd.	G.S.O.1. accompanied B.G.G.S. 1st.ANZAC. on inspection of new Corps Defensive Zone. the responsibility for construction of this system has been placed on the Division.	
	Decr.	23rd.	Routine trench garrison duties. All infantry in the forward Brigades and two Bns in reserve Brigade are now employed on works in the forward area. For operations and Intelligence see Appendix IX.	
	Decr.	24th.	A beginners Course in Signalling assembled today. Vide APPENDIX XI.	APPENDIX XI.
	Decr		A musketry class for junior regimental officers also assembled today at CAESTRE Vide APPENDIX XII.	APPENDIX XII.
			In addition a varying number of officers and men are constantly undergoing instructions at various G.H.Q. Army and Corps Schools Vide APPENDIX XIX.	
	Decr.	25th.	Christmas Day. Fine bright cold day and night. Operations continued. No attempt at either fraternising or the opposite was made by the enemy.	
	Decr.	26th.	Major-Genl. C.W. KENNEDY United States Army. Commanding 78th Div.Nat.Army. Col. TENNEY ROSS. Chief of Staff 79th Div.National Army. Capt. KUHN. 4th Inf. A.D.C. to Genl KENNEDY arrived. They are to be attached to this D.H.Q. for some days and will study our methods. They will return to AMERICA after completing one month with the British, French, and American Armies in the field. S/7079 APPENDIXXIII Change of name of 1st and 2nd ANZAC Corps to Australian Corps and XXII Corps respectively, issued to all concerned. APPENDIX. XVI	APPENDIX XIII.
	Decr.	27th.	G.O.C. and Visiting American Officers visited forward area. 1st.Aust.Div.Order 58 APPENDIX XIV issued for relief of 2nd.A.I.Brigade by 1st.A.I.Brigade. APPENDIX. XIV 1st.Aust.Div.S/7096 APPENDIXXIV issued reference counter measures to meet probable enemy raid.	APPENDIX XIV. APPENDIX XV.



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## Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

Deer. 29th. 1800. Frost of the past ten days apparently broken.

No attack or raid was attempted by the enemy such as prisoners statement had led us to expect.

Deer.	30th.	G.S.O.11 inspected Div. Reserve Line on which a great deal of work has been done. The line now forms a good defensive position. One Bn of the reserve brigade has been attached as Brigade reserve to left Brigade and is employed on this line and is accommodated in and around WYTSCHAETE.
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The 4th and 2nd Bns relieved 5th and 8th Bns respectively by 1900 tonight. Brigade relief will be completed tomorrow. *Shaw*

Deer. 31st. Cold and bright.

Routine Trench Garrison duty.

1st A. I. Bde. relieved the 2nd A. I. Bde in the left Sector  
relief was completed without incident by 2100 hours

## Appendices.

In addition to the appendices referred to in the text the following are attached.

Strength at beginning of Month.

Appendix XVII.

Strength of end of Month.

Appendix XVIII.

No. of Officers and O.Rs sent to Schools for month of Decr. Appendix XIX.

Casualties for month of December.

} Appendix XX.

Sick wastage for month of Decr.

No. of Officers and O.Rs joined for month of Decr.)

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Thompson Lt. Col. Genl  
12 Australian Division



2nd Australian Field Ambulance  
Syllabus of Training for Week commencing 2/12/17

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9am to 12am	Church Parade	Phys. Exercises Lect. on Bandaging & Splinting	Route March	Phys. Drill Lecture on Haemorrhage & Shock. Saluting	Tent Pitching + Formation of Dressing Stations	Squad Drill Anti gas Drill Lecture on fractures & splints. Saluting.	Route March
2pm to 4pm.	—	Tent Pitching and Sports of Dressing Stations	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports
7am to 7.45	Stables Feeding and Grooming.	do	do	do	do	do	do
9.30am to 12 noon	Stables. Morning Exercises and Grazing Feed.	do	do	do	do	do	do
2pm to 4pm.	Stables and Hammers cleaning	do	do	do	do	do	do

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*Erwin L. ...* Major  
 Lt. -Col., A.A.M.C.  
 P.C. 2nd Field Ambulance.  
 Aus. Imp. Force.

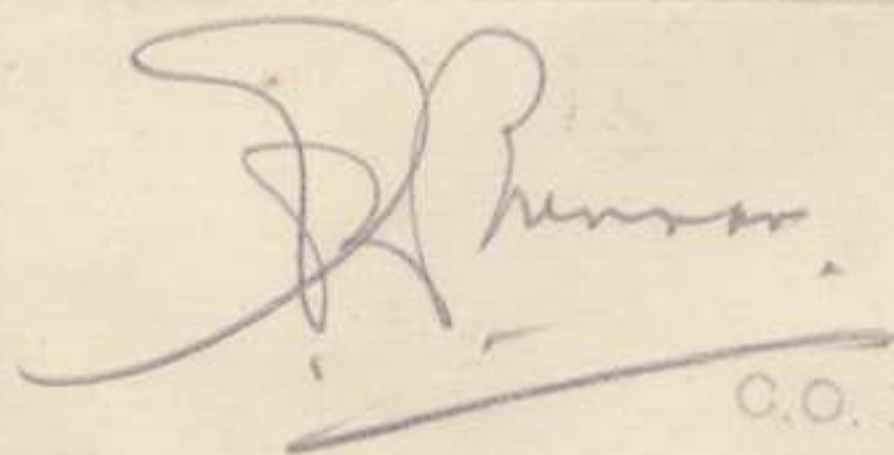


Syllabus of Training for 1st Australian Field  
Ambulance for week ending Thursday, 5/12/17.No.  
Date 30/11/17.

Day of week	9.30 to 9.45 am	9.45 to 10.30 am	10.30 to 11 am	11 am to 12.30 pm	2 pm to 4 pm
Friday 30/11/17	Saluting	Squad Drill	Company Drill	Marching	Football
Saturday 1/12/17	"	Stretcher Drill	Application of Thomas's Splint	"	Handball
Sunday 2/12/17	"	Gas Helmet Inspection	Gas Drill	"	Football
Monday 3/12/17	"	Route March in Full Marching Order	"	"	Rounders
Tuesday 4/12/17	"	Foot Inspection	Lecture on Care of Feet	"	Cross-Country Run
Wednesday 5/12/17	"	Stretcher Drill	Wagon Loading	"	Tag of War
Thursday 6/12/17	"	Gas Drill	Lecture on Sanitation	"	Football

## — Horse Transport —

	7 am to 7.30 am	9.30 am to 12.15 pm	2 pm to 4.15 pm	6 pm.
Friday 30/11/17 to Saturday 5/12/17	Stable Parade. Watering & Feeding Horses.	Stable Parade. Grooming, Exercising Watering & Feeding of Horses.	Harness cleaning. Exercising, Watering & Feeding of Horses.	Hay Feeding of Horses.


LT.-COL., A.A.M.C.,  
C.O. 1st FIELD AMBULANCE A.I.F.



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To		Service		Date
By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	
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<p>Herewith copies of training          - 15 - 1st</p> <p>For training - 1st</p> <p>2nd Aus. Inf. Bde</p>				
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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

17/4876

Brigade Headquarters,  
29th. November, 1917.SYLLABUS OF TRAINING  
for week ending 8th. December, 1917.  
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CORPS. 1st. ANZAC.

DIVISION. 1st. Aust. Division - SAMER.

BRIGADE. 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade - FRENCQ.

UNITS. 1st. Aust. Battalion - MENTY and district.  
2nd. Aust. Battalion - FRENCQ and district.  
3rd. Aust. Battalion - HALLINGHEN and district.  
4th. Aust. Battalion - PANCHEN (SAMER - TINGRY Road)  
and district.  
1st. Aust. M.G.Coy. - NIEMBURG.  
1st. Aust. L.T.M.Bty. - WIDHEM.

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Description of Training.</u>
Battalions.	<u>Mornings - Ordinary Training.</u> Training of specialists. Musketry. Route marches in marching order. Regimental exercises vide Brigade 17/4973 (Div. S/6928). Platoon in attack (a) upon, (b) semi-upon warfare. Company in outposts. Bullock and bayonet fighting. Anti-Gas training. Night training on 2 evenings to include marching and forming up. Each mornings work will finish up with Company drill. <u>Afternoons. Recreational training for all ranks.</u>
M.G.Coy.	<u>Mornings - Ordinary Training.</u> Route marches. Gun drill. Ball firing. Stoppages. Lewis Gun. German Gun. Anti-Gas training. Reconnaissance. Each mornings work will finish up with drill. <u>Afternoons. Recreational training for all ranks.</u>
L.T.M.Bty.	<u>Mornings - Ordinary Training.</u> Route marches. Always Fuse, and use of Ring Charges. Gun drill. Firing practice. Anti-Gas training. Musketry. Each mornings work will finish up with setting up drill. <u>Afternoons. Recreational training for all ranks.</u>

- NOTES:-
1. The Brigade Class of Instruction will be carried on at WIDHEM.
  2. Classes under Brigade arrangements in signalling and musketry. *will be continued.*
  3. A special feature will be made in the training of Platoon Commanders and N.C.Os. in map reading and simple tactical exercises.
  4. A summary of the work to be carried out for each day, showing place and time of each parade will be sent to Brigade Headquarters.

*J. J. Har die*  
Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.

Major,



HEADQUARTERS,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Bde.,  
30th NOVEMBER, 1917.



## TRAINING SYLLABUS.

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Period 2nd DECEMBER - 8th DECEMBER, 1917.

Date.

Description.

2nd Dec. BRIGADE CHURCH PARADE.

3rd Dec. } Platoon, Company and Battalion in attack formation in  
to } open and semi-open warfare.  
6th Dec. } Musketry  
and } Bayonet fighting  
8th Dec. } Route marches  
Specialist training  
Company and Battalion drill  
Gas drill  
Recreational training.

7th Dec. Brigade Sports.

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1. Each Battalion will carry out on the dates/ set out below a march of from 10 to 12 miles ending with an advance and attack as in open warfare. The route for this march and the ground over which the attack will be carried out will be notified later. Battalion and Company Commanders will reconnoitre this ground prior to the day on which their Unit is to operate. A copy of the proposed scheme together with all orders in connection with same will be submitted to Brigade Headquarters. A section of 2nd M.G. Coy will be attached to each Battalion for the march and attack.

5th Battalion	3rd December
6th Battalion	4th December
7th Battalion	5th December
8th Battalion	6th December.

2. In all cases in which Platoon, Company and Battalion exercises are arranged, Officers will be taken over the ground prior to the attack and the solution of the scheme worked out without troops.
3. On the 5th, 6th and 8th December the Company tests as arranged by the Brigade Sports Committee will be carried out.
4. It is probable that a Brigade tactical exercise under Divisional arrangements will be carried out on one day during the week. Particulars of this will be notified later.
5. Training hours will be -

Morning 0830 - 1130  
Afternoon 1330 - 1530. (Recreational Training and musketry) -

except on the days when the exercise mentioned in para. 1 is being carried out when there will be a full days parade, the mid-day meal being carried.

6. Dress - Fighting order for all parades except Route Marches when full marching order will be worn.
7. Units will submit training programmes to this office by 1800 on 1st Dec.

H. F. Watson Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.



# 3 AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE

1<sup>ST</sup> AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

## SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

FOR WEEK ENDING 8-12-17

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Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
07-15   07-30			B r i s k		M a r c h		
08-00   12-00	Gas Parade. Inspection of Helmets Drill Church Parade	Squad Drill Section Saluting Lecture on Gas	Section Drill Stretcher " Gas "	Squad & Section Drill - Junior N.C.O.s Application of Splints Lecture "Care of feet during winter."	Gas Drill Instruction in Bandaging. Field Dressing Application Saluting	Route March	Gas Drill. Section Practice in ad- justments of Blankets in car- riage of Wounded on Stretcher
	S p e c i a l		S q u a d		S i g n a l l i n g (M o r s e)		
13-30   15-30	Inter-Reg. Football Match	Cross-country Run. Football Match	Football Match (Inter-Section) Athletic Training Wrestling. Boxing.	Inter-Reg. Football Match. Athletic Training. Boxing. Sports events.	O.C. Inspection of Unit. 2 p.m.	Cross-country Run. Inter-Section Football. Boxing. Wrestling.	Inter-Reg. Football Match.

Appendix No. 1

Date

Major  
Lt Col. O.C. N° 3 Aust. Fld. Amb.



Syllabus of Training for Week ending 5/12/1911									
Day	Time	Activity	Remarks	Remarks	Remarks	Remarks	Remarks	Remarks	Remarks
Dec 3	7 to 8.30	Physical Training	Bagade	Competitions					
Dec 3	15 min	Exercises							
Dec 3	15 min	Brush							
Dec 3	15 min	March & Drill							
Dec 4	do	Battalion Drill	Musketry Rapid loading & aiming 1 Coy range practice	Smoko	Specialist Training as per syllabus attached	Rapid Wiring	Recreational Training		
Dec 5	do	do	Musketry Rapid loading & aiming 1 Coy range practice	do	do	Lecture Patrols	do	Light Parade by Platoons	
Dec 6	do	Battalion Parade Company Drill	Musketry 1 Coy range practice remainder Coy in attack	do	do	Musketry Rapid loading aiming	do		
Dec 7	do	Battalion Parade Route March	Route March	Route March	Route March	Route March	do	Night Patrol Coy	
Dec 8	do	Battalion Drill	Musketry 1 Coy range practice remainder Battalion Training	Smoko	Specialist Training	Musketry Rapid loading aiming	do		

Major  
C/o 11th Batn., A.I.F.



# 11th Battalion Specialist Training Syllabus Weekending 8.12.17.

Date	Lewis Gunners.	Rifle Grenadiers	Bombers.	Bayonet Training
3/12/17	<del>Range Practice</del> Remainder Stripping	Brigade Competitions		
4/12/17	1 Coy. Range. Practice Remainder. Stripping	French Tactics in Conjunction with Bombers.	French Tactics in Conjunction with Rifle Grenadiers	Bayonet Fighting Assault. and Firing (Ball Amm).
5/12/17	1 Coy. Range. Practice Remainder. Gun Drill.	— do —	— do —	Bayonet Fighting Speeding up exercises
6/12/17	— do. —	Live Firing.	Live Throwing.	Bayonet Fighting Speeding up and Assault Practice
7/12/17	Route March	Route March	Route March	Route March
8/12/17	1 Coy. Range Practice Recapitulation	Live Firing.	Live Throwing.	Bayonet Fighting Speeding up + Assault Practice

*Approved* Major  
C/o 11th Battalion

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12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.Week ending 8/12/17.

<u>MONDAY.</u>	0830/0930 0930/1000 1000/1200   1400/1600	Company Drill. Rapid loading & aiming. Specialist training :- L.M. Gunners - Range firing. Bombers - trench tactics, throwing lying & from behind cover. Rifle Sections - musketry as ranges are available. Recreational training.
<u>TUESDAY.</u>	0830/1030 1030/1100 1100/1200 1400/1600	Battalion drill. Rapid loading & aiming. Specialist training. Battalion drill competitions.
<u>WEDNESDAY.</u>		As for Monday.
<u>THURSDAY.</u>	1400/1600	Route March 9 miles. Recreational Training.
<u>FRIDAY.</u>	0830/0900 0900/1530	Rapid loading & Musketry. Advanced Guard and Outposts.
<u>SATURDAY.</u>		As for Monday.

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*C. H. Elliston*  
Lieut. Col.  
Commanding 12th. Battalion A.I.F.



12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION INTELLIGENCE SECTION.SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.Week ending 8/12/17.

MONDAY. 0830/0930 Lecture, German Shells and S.A.A.  
 0945/1200 Map enlarging and filling in of details.  
 1400/1600 Recreational Training.

TUESDAY. 0830/0930 Various methods of setting a map.  
 0945/1200 Road traversing.  
 1400/1600 Recreational training.

WEDNESDAY. 0830/1000 Practical Map reading and resection.  
 1015/1200 Range practices.  
 1400/1600 Recreational training.

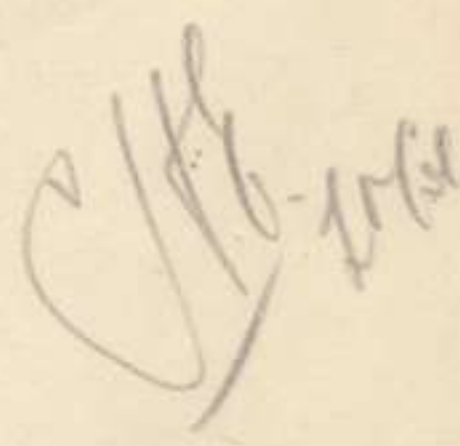
THURSDAY. 0830/1000 Message writing and patrol reports.  
 1015/1200 Field sketching.  
 1400/1600 Recreational training.

FRIDAY. 0830/1000 Organisation & Identification of the German Army.  
 1015/1200 Patrolling by day. (open warfare).  
 1400/1600 Recreational training.

SATURDAY. 0900/1100 Examination and Tests.  
 1900/2000 Patrolling.  
 1400/1600 Recreational training.

1/12/17.

 (Sgd). J.J. KEEN Lieut.  
 I.O. 12th. Battalion A.I.F.





12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION SIGNAL SECTION.SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.Week ending 8/12/17.

<u>DAILY</u>	0830	Inspection.
<u>MONDAY.</u>		Brigade Competitions.
<u>TUESDAY.</u>	1030/1200	Battalion Drill. Reading & Sending S.F.
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	0845/1000	Lamp Reading.
	1000/1200	Fullerphon e.
<u>THURSDAY.</u>		Battalion Route March.
<u>FRIDAY.</u>		Battalion Field Day.
<u>SATURDAY.</u>	0845/1100	Test.
	1100/1200	Squad Drill.

Every afternoon 1400 to 1600 Recreational Training.

(Sgd.) C. BRIDGER 2/lt.

1/12/17.

O/C. 12th. Battalion Sig. Sect.

*C. H. B. 12/12/17*



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Syllabus of Training for week ending Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 1917

Date	9 to 9.30. am	9.30 to 10.45 am	10.45 to 11.00	11 to 12	2 to 4 pm
Monday Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Platoon Drill	Dummy Firing Intersection Competition	Smoke	Lecture	Recreation Trans
Tuesday ~ 4	Inspection & Gas Drill	"	"	Gun Drill	-
Wednesday ~ 5	ROUTE MARCH				-
Thursday ~ 6	Platoon Drill	Firing Practice	Smoke	Lecture	-
Friday ~ 7	Inspection & Gas Drill	"	"	Gun Drill	✓
Saturday ~ 8	ROUTE MARCH				✓

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for. C. Cooke Lieut  
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## TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR WEEK ENDING 8.12.17

DATE	TIME	NATURE OF TRAINING	LOCATION	DIVISIONAL COMPANY
MONDAY 2.17	9.0 A.M.	Company Inspection & short route march.	"FLORINCHUN CHATEAU"	
	10.0 "	Inspection of P.H. Helmets & Sm. Box Respirators — Gas Helmet Drill.	CONDETTE.	
	10.45 "	Instruction & practical work in building M.G. positions.		
	2.0 P.M.	Recreational Training.		
TUESDAY 2.17	9.0 A.M.	Co. Inspection & short route march.		
	10.0 "	Practice in concealment of M.G. Positions & camouflaging etc.		
	11.15 "	Bell-filling by hand & machine.		
	2.0 P.M.	Recreational Training.		
WEDNESDAY 2.17	9.0 A.M.	Co. Inspection & short route march.		
	10.0 "	Lecture on Theory of "Indirect Fire" & "Barrage Fire"		
	10.45 "	Practice in placing guns for Barrage work (paralleling etc.) & laying out aiming marks by compass.		
	2.0 P.M.	Recreational Training.		
THURSDAY 12.17	9.0 A.M.	Company Inspection.		
	9.15 "	March to miniature range where practice in ball firing will be carried out.		
	2.0 P.M.	Recreational Training.		
FRIDAY 12.17	9.0 A.M.	Company Inspection.		
	9.15 "	March to miniature range where practice in ball firing will be carried out.		
SATURDAY 2.17	9.0 A.M.	Company Inspection & route march.		
		<u>Signallers.</u> Signallers will carry on with practice in Morse Code, Semaphore, mending wires, connecting telephones etc. during each morning from Monday till Friday, taking special care to instruct new men in all parts of the work.		
		<u>Rangetakers.</u> Rangetakers will be detailed & will practise rangetaking for one hour in the morning of each day from Monday till Friday.		





3RD. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK-ENDING 9/12/17.

Date.	Time.	Training.
3/12/17.	0900 to 1000.	Brisk march.
	1000 1100.	Mechanism and stoppages.
	1100 1200.	Selection and camouflaging of Gun positions.
	1400 1600.	Rec. exercises.
4/12/17.	0900 to 1000.	Squad drill and march.
	1000 1100.	Co. drill.
	1100 1200.	Immediate action and points after firing.
	1400 1600.	Rec. exercises.
5/12/17.	0900 to 1200.	Route march.
	1400 1600.	Rec. exercises.
6/12/17.	0900 to 1000.	Rifle exercises and brisk march.
	1000 1100.	Co. drill.
	1100 1200.	Stoppages.
	1400 1600.	Rec. exercises.
7/12/17.	0900 to 1200.	Range practice.
	1400 1600.	Rec. exercises.
8/12/17.	0900 to 1200.	Route. march.
	1400 1600.	Rec. exercises.
9/12/17.		As ordered.

..... J. P. Ballantyne ..... Lieut.

..... G. C. 3rd. Aust. Machine Gun Co.



3RD. AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY.  
-----SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 9/12/17.  
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Date.	Time.	Training.
10/12/17.	0900 to 1000.	Brisk march.
	1000 1100.	Gun drill.
	1100 1200.	stoppages.
	1400 1600.	Rec. exercises.
11/12/17.	0900 to 1200.	Range practice.
	1400 1600.	Rec. exercises.
12/12/17.	0900 to 1200.	Route march, Full marching order.
	1400 1600.	Rec. exercises.
13/12/17.	0900 to 1000.	Brisk march.
	1000 1100.	Gas drill.
	1100 1200.	Immediate action, and points after firing.
	1400 1600.	Rec. exercises.
14/12/17.	0900 to 1200.	Range practice.
	1400 1600.	Rec. exercises.
15/12/17.	0900 to 1200.	Route march, Full marching order.
	1400 1600.	Rec. exercises.
16/12/17.		As ordered.

*J.P. Bethune*  
 ..... Lieut.  
 O.C. 3rd. Aust. Machine Gun Company.



SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.  
WEEK ENDING. 9-12-17.

PLACE.	DATE.	TIME.	TRAINING.
5.D.57.33.	3-12-17.	0900-1230.	Two hours Battalion Drill- half hour rapid loading, aiming and firing- One hour Specialist training.
		1400-1600.	Recreational training.
"	4-12-17.		Brigade Competitions.
"	5-12-17.	0900-1230.	Half hour Battalion Drill- Half hour Company Drill- Half hour rapid loading, aiming and firing- Two hours Specialist training.
		1400-1600.	Recreational training.
"	6-12-17.	0900-1230.	"A" and "C" Coys. - Brigade Exercise. "B" Coy. Half hour rapid loading, aiming and firing; Three hours musketry practice. "D" Coy. Three hours Bombing and Lewis Gun instruction- Half hour rapid loading, aiming and firing.
		1400-1600.	Recreational training.
"	7-12-17.	0900-1230.	Half hour Battalion Drill- Half hour rapid loading- Two and one half hours Platoon and Company in Attack.
		1400-1600.	Recreational training.
"	8-12-17.		BATTALION SPORTS MEETING.
"	9-12-17.		CHURCH PARADE.

NOTES.

DRILL. Battalion, Company and Platoon training will consist of close order drill and rifle exercises. This training will be progressive.

SPECIALIST TRAINING.

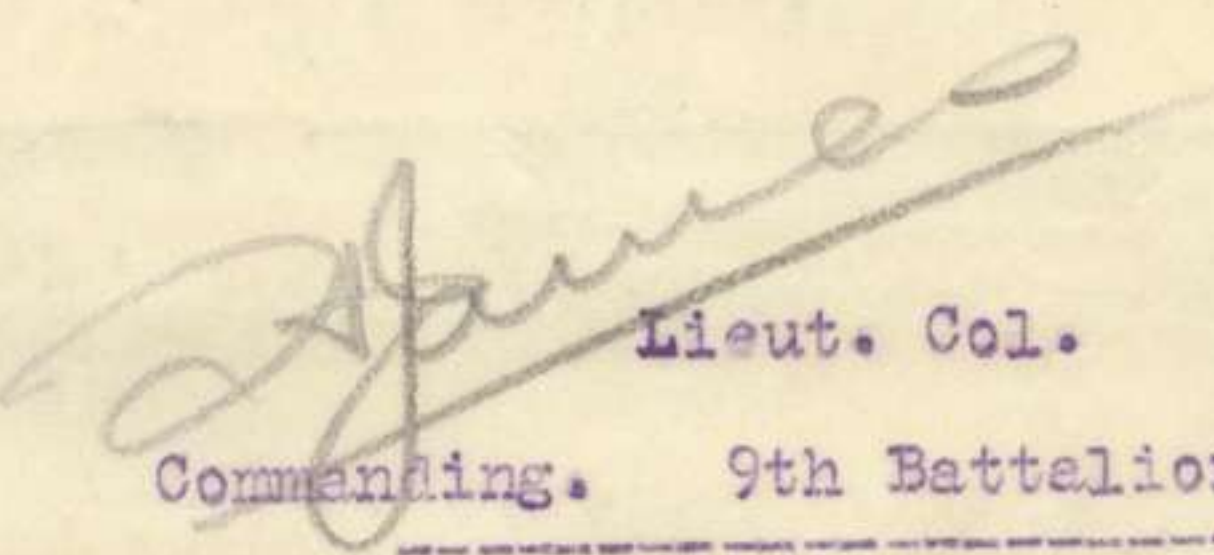
- (a) Lewis Gun. All men to be trained in handling and firing the Lewis Gun. A complete reserve team for each Lewis Gun will be thoroughly trained.
- (b) Bombing. All men to be trained in the throwing of Hand Grenades and firing of Rifle Grenades. Bombing Sections to be specially trained in Trench tactics.
- (c) Bayonet Fighting. Gallows will be constructed in the vicinity of the Rifle Range and all Riflemen will go through a course.
- (d) Musketry. Musketry practices on Rifle range will be held on 3rd, 5th and 6th Instant.
- (e) Signalling. All Battalion and Company Signallers will be trained under the Battalion Signalling Officer, particular attention being paid to Buzzer, Visual and Station work.
- (f) Intelligence. This Section will go through a course comprising Map-reading, Field sketching, use of Prismatic Compass, Observation marches, Patrols and Sniping instructions.



LECTURES. Company Commanders will arrange for Lectures to Junior Officers and N.C.O's .

Revolver Practice. All Officers and Lewis Gun N.C.O's will fire a course of revolver shooting.

Buglers. During Specialist training all Buglers will report to the Bandmaster for instructions.

  
Lieut. Col.  
Commanding. 9th Battalion.  
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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING,  
For period 3/12/17 to 9/12/17.  
By Major C. SPECKMAN, M.C.,  
A/C.O., 1st Aust. Pioneer Battalion.

<u>December 3rd.</u>	1500-1700	Battalion Route March. Lecture to C.S.M's and Platoon Sergeants - "Map Reading", by Major SPECKMAN, M.C.
<u>December 4th.</u>	0900-0930 0930-1030 1030-1100 1100-1200 1400-1430 1430-1600	Company Parade and Inspection. Gas Helmet Inspection and Drill. Physical Training. Platoon Drill. Lecture by Platoon Commanders. Recreational Training under Coy. Games Officers.
<u>December 5th.</u>	0900-0930 0930-1000 1000-1130 1130-1200 1400-1600	Company Parade and Inspection. Lecture by Platoon Commanders, "Saluting and Discipline". Company and Ceremonial Drill. Rapid Loading and Bolt Manipulation. Recreational Training under Battalion Games Officer
<u>December 6th</u>	1500-1700	Battalion Route March. Lecture to C.S.M's and Platoon Sergeants, "Map Reading", by Major SPECKMAN, M.C.
<u>December 7th.</u>	0930-1200 1400-1430 1430-1600	Battalion Inspection and Drill. Gas Helmet Drill and Inspection. Recreational Training under Coy. Games Officer.
<u>December 8th.</u>	0900-0930 0930-1030 1030-1100 1100-1200 1400-1600	Company Parade and Inspection. Rifle Exercises. Lecture by Platoon Commanders. Company and Ceremonial Drill. Recreational Training under Battalion Games Officer
<u>December 9th.</u>		Battalion Church Parade.

- (a) Lewis Gun Section and Signallers to carry on with training under their respective commanders.
- (b) Transport Officer to arrange daily rifle inspections for Transport Section, and to proceed with repairs and cleaning of wagons, harness, &c.
- (c) All Company Parades will finish up with a "March Past" on the way to their billets.
- (d) All junior N.C.O's of Companies will parade daily from 0930 to 1130 under the Adjutant and Regimental Sergeant-Major on Battalion Parade Ground.
- (e) Stretcher Bearers will parade daily for instruction under supervision of Regimental Medical Officer.
- (f) Rifle Range will be available for Companies as under:-  
 30 yards and 100 yards Ranges..  
 A Company. Tuesday. 0900-1230.  
 B Company. Wednesday. 0900-1230.  
 C Company. Friday. 0900-1230.  
 D Company. Saturday. 0900-1230.
- Three (3) practices to be carried out - (a) grouping; (b) application;  
 (c) rapid.
- (g) Battalion Transport will be inspected by the C.O. at 1500, 3/12/17.
- (h) Inter-Company Drill Competition (for Battalion Cup) will be held at 1530 on December 7th.

(Sgd) A. H. LYDDALL, Capt & Adjutant,  
 1st Aust. Pioneer Battalion.

B. H. Q.,  
 1/12/17.



H. Q.,  
1st AUSTRALIAN  
DIVL. ENGINEERS.

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H. Q., Divisional Engineers,  
1st Australian Division,  
30th. November, 1917.

HEADQUARTERS,  
1st AUSTRALIAN  
DIVISION.

No. 169/176  
Date 1-12-17

TRAINING PROGRAMME, Week ending 8th. December, 1917.

Field Companies 1st. Aust. Divisional Engineers.

D a y.	D a t e.	P l a c e.	Morning 0900 to 1230	A f t e r n o o n.
Sunday.	2nd.	Coy. Parade Ground.	Gas drill. Lecture R.E. reconnaissance. Rifle Exercise & Company Drill.	Recreational Training.
Monday.	3rd.	do do	Gas Drill. Instruction in Map reading, & Compass. Kit inspection.	do do
Tuesday.	4th.	do do	Gas Drill. Knotting & Lashing. Rifle exercise & Squad Drill.	do do
Wednesday.	5th.	do do	Gas Drill. Rifle exercise & Coy. Drill. Kit inspection.	do do
Thursday.	6th.	do do	Gas Drill. Route March.	do do
Friday.	7th.	do do	Gas Drill. Use of explosives. Rifle exercise & Squad Drill.	do do
Saturday.	8th.	do do	Gas Drill. Lewis Gun instructions. Rifle exercise & Section Drill.	do do
Sunday.	9th.	do do	Gas Drill. Route March.	do do

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for Lieut. Colonel.,  
C. R. E.,  
1st Australian Division.

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# 11th Battalion Syllabus of Training for Week ending 15/12/17

Date	7 To 7.30	7.30 To 9.15	9.15 To 9.45	9.45 To 10.20	10.20 To 10.30	10.30 To 11.30	11.30 To 12	2 To 4	6 To 8
10/12/17	Physical Training 15 minutes Exercises 15 do Break Week + Double	Battalion Drill	1 Corp Range Practice Remainder Rapid Loading & Aiming	Smoke	Specialist Training As per Syllabus Attached	Rapid Wiring	Recreational Training		
11/12/17	do	Route March	Route March	Route March	Route March	Route March	do		
12/12/17	do	Battalion Drill	1 Corp Range Practice Remainder Rapid Loading & Aiming	Smoke	Specialist Training As per Syllabus Attached	Lecture on Night Assembly	do	Assembling & taking up positions by Night	
13/12/17	do	Company Drill	1 Corp Range Practice Remainder Corp in Attacks	do	do	Musketry Rapid Loading & Aiming	do		
14/12/17	do	Battalion Drill	1 Corp Range Practice Remainder Rapid Loading & Aiming	do	do	Rapid Wiring	do	Assembling and taking up positions by Night	
15/12/17	do	Company Drill	1 Corp Range Practice Remainder Platoon in Attacks	do	do	Musketry, Rapid Loading and Aiming	do		

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8/12/17

11th INFANTRY BATTALION, A.I.F.

Rev B. J. L. Leant-col  
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C/o 11th INFANTRY BATTALION, A.I.F.

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# 11th Battalion Specialist Training Syllabus

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Date	11th Battalion Specialist Training Syllabus				Bayonet Training
	Lewis Gunners	Rifle Grenadiers	Bombers		
10/12/17	1 Coy. Range Practice Remainder. Stripping	French Tactics in Conjunction with Bombers	French Tactics in Conjunction with Rifle Grenadiers		Bayonet Fighting Assault and Spring (Ball Amm)
11/12/17	Route March	Route March	Route March		Route March
12/12/17	1 Coy. Range Practice Remainder. Stripping	French Tactics in Conjunction with Bombers	French Tactics in Conjunction with Rifle Grenadiers		Bayonet Fighting Assault and Spring (Ball Amm)
13/12/17	1 Coy. Range Practice Remainder. Gun Drill	Live Firing	Live Throwing		Bayonet Fighting Speeding up and Assault Practice
14/12/17	1 Coy. Range Practice Remainder. Gun Drill	French Tactics in Conjunction with Bombers	French Tactics in Conjunction with Rifle Grenadiers		Bayonet Fighting Speeding up Exercises
15/12/17	1 Coy. Range Practice Recapitulation	Live Firing	Live Throwing		Bayonet Fighting Speeding up and Assault Practice

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11th INFANTRY BATTALION, A.I.F.

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Syllabus of Training for Week ending December 15<sup>th</sup> 1917.

Date	0900 to 0930	0930 to 1045	1045 to 1100	1100 to 1200	1400 to 1600
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Platoon Drill	Tactical Exercises advancing with Mortars over Obstacles.	Smoke	Lecture :- T.M. in Attack	Recreation Training
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Gas drill Inspection of Helmets	Dummy firing Intersection Competitions	"	Gun drill. Quick setting up of guns and change of target.	— do —
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Route March				— do —
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Platoon Drill	Lecture :- T.M. in Defence	Smoke	Battery Drill.	— do —
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Gas drill Inspection.	Instruction by N.C.O. Preparation and care of Ammunition	"	Dummy Firing Battery Fire.	— do —
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Route March				— do —

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for O.C. 3<sup>rd</sup> A.L.T.M.B.



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## TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR WEEK ENDING SAT. 15.12.

DATE	TIME	NATURE OF WORK	LOCATION	DIVISIONAL COMPANY.
MONDAY 12.17.	9.0 AM.	Company Inspection & short route march.	"FLORINCHUN CHATEAU"	<div>HEADQUARTERS, 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.</div> <div>No. 169/185</div> <div>Date 6.12.17</div>
	10.0 "	Inspection of both Gas helmets & Gas helmet drill.	CONDETTE	
	10.45 "	Mechanisms, Stoppages & immediate action, blindfolded & otherwise.		
	2.0 P.M.	Recreational Training.		
TUESDAY 12.17.	9.0 A.M.	Company Inspection & short route march.		
	10.0 "	Practice in concealment of M.G. Positions, Camouflaging etc.		
	11.0 "	Instruction on Barrage Fire & Drill.		
	2.0 P.M.	Recreational Training.		
WEDNESDAY 12.17	9.0 A.M.	Company Inspection & short route march.		
	10.0 A.M.	Unpacking & repacking limbers. Strapping & assembling. Care of guns, before, during & after firing.		
	2.0 P.M.	Recreational Training.		
THURSDAY 12.17	9.0 A.M.	Company Inspection & short route march.		
	10.0 "	Gun Drill with & without Gas Helmets.		
	11.0 "	"Belt Filling" against time, & in "competition".		
	2.0 P.M.	Recreational Training.		
FRIDAY 12.17	9.0 A.M.	Company Inspection & short route march.		
	10.0 "	Instruction & practical training in building M.G. Positions.		
	11.0 "	Barrage Fire Instruction & Drill Practice in laying & aiming.		
	2.0 P.M.	Recreational Training.		
SATURDAY 12.17	9.0 A.M.	Company Inspection Route March.		

 21st AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN  
COMPANY.

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13th BATTALION A.I.F.Training Syllabus for week ending 15/12/17.

Monday 10/12/17    0830-0900 Rapid aiming, loading and firing.  
0900-1000 Company Drill.  
1000-1200 Specialist Training.  
1530-1530 Recreational Training.

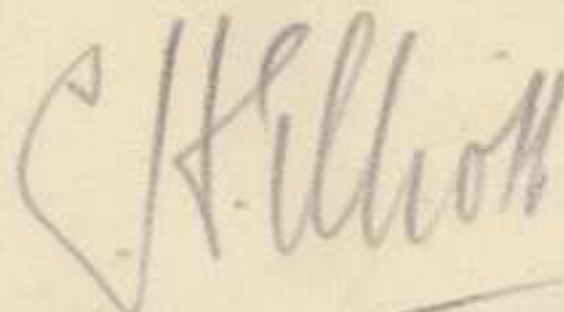
Tuesday 11/12/17    Divisional Scheme or Battn. in Attack (Trench to Trench).

Wednesday 12/12/17    Route March.

Thursday 13/12/17    Battalion in Attack. Open Warfare.

Friday 14/12/17    Route March.

Saturday 15/12/17    As for Monday.



..... Lt. Col.

7/12/17

Commanding 13th Battalion.



TRAINING SYLLABUS12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION SIGNAL SECTION.Week ending 15th. December 1917.

0830 Daily, Inspection.

MONDAY.	0845/1000	Reading flag and lamp.
	1000/1200	Station work.
	1400/1600	Recreational training.

TUESDAY.	0845/1000	Sending S.F.
	1000/1100	Buzzer.
	1100/1200	Lecture Fullerphone.
	1400/1600	Recreational training.

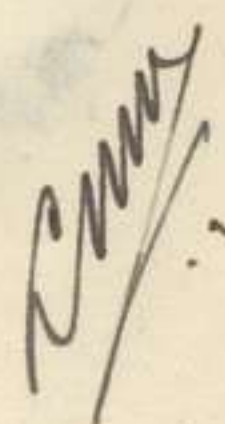
<u>WEDNESDAY.</u>		Battalion route march.
	1400/1600	Foot washing parade.

THURSDAY.	0845/1000	Lamp.
	1000/1100	Buzzer.
	1100/1200	Lecture Map reading.
	1400/1600	Recreational training.

<u>FRIDAY.</u>		Battalion Route March.
	1400/1600	Recreational training.

<u>SATURDAY.</u>	0845/1100	Test.
	1100/1200	Squad Drill.
	1400/1600	Recreational training.

(Sgd). C. BRIDGER 2/Lt.  
D/C. 12th. Batt. Sig. Sect.





TRAINING SYLLABUS.12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION INTELLIGENCE SECTION.Week ending 15th. December 1917.

MONDAY. 0830/1200 Map reading, Resection & Field Sketching.  
 1400/1800 Recreational Training.

TUESDAY. 0830/0930 Organisation & work of the Intelligence Section.  
 0945/1045 Semaphore Signalling.  
 1100/1200 Visual training & judging distance.  
 1400/1800 Recreational training.

WEDNESDAY. Battalion Route March.  
 1400/1600 Foot washing parade.

THURSDAY. 0830/1200 Route & Observation March.  
 1400/1600 Recreational training.

FRIDAY. Battalion Route March.  
 1400/1600 Recreational training.

SATURDAY. 0900/1200 Examination and tests.  
 1400/1600 Recreational training.

(Sgd). J.J. KEEN Lieut.  
 I.O. 12th. Battalion A.I.F.



## 1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,  
6th. December, 1917.

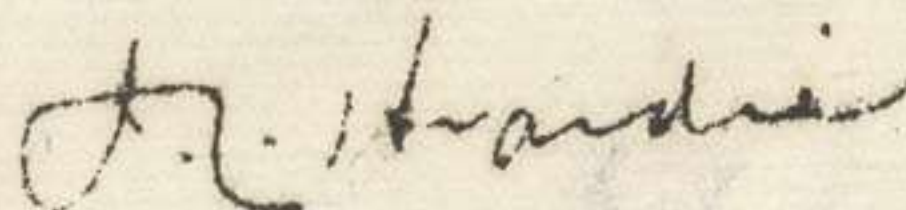
SYLLABUS OF TRAINING  
for week ending 15th. December, 1917.

CORPS. 1st. ANZAC.  
DIVISION. 1st. Aust. Division - SAMER.  
BRIGADE. 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade - FRENCQ.  
UNITS. 1st. Aust. Battalion - MENTY and district.  
2nd. Aust. Battalion - FRENCQ and district.  
3rd. Aust. Battalion - HALINGHEM and district.  
4th. Aust. Battalion - PANEHEM (SAMER - TINGRY Road) and district.  
1st. Aust. M.F. Coy. - NIEMBURG.  
1st. Aust. L.T.M. Bty. - WIDEHEM.

Unit.	Description of Training.
Battalions.	<u>Mornings - Ordinary Training.</u> Training of specialists. Musketry including rapid loading. Route marches in marching order. Regimental exercises vide Brigade 17/4973 (Div. S/6928). Company and Battalion in attack (a) open, (b) semi-open warfare. Outposts. Wood fighting. Bullet and Bayonet fighting. Anti-Gas training. Night training on 2 evenings. Each mornings work will finish up with drill. <u>Afternoons. Recreational training for all ranks.</u>
M.F. Coy.	<u>Mornings - Ordinary Training.</u> Route marches in marching order. Gun drill. Stoppages. Lewis Gun. Anti-Gas training. Anti-Aircraft defence. Barrage work and indirect fire. Each mornings work will finish up with drill. <u>Afternoons. Recreational Training for all ranks.</u>
L.T.M. Bty.	<u>Mornings - Ordinary Training.</u> Route marches in marching order. Gun drill. Firing practice. Anti-Gas training. Musketry. Each mornings work will finish up with drill. <u>Afternoons. Recreational training for all ranks.</u>

NOTES:-

1. The Brigade Class of Instruction will be carried on at WIDEHEM.
2. Classes under Brigade arrangements in signalling and musketry will be continued.
3. A special feature will be made in the training of Platoon Commanders and N.C.Os. in map reading and simple tactical exercises.
4. A Brigade exercise will take place on 13th. inst.
5. Bullet and Bayonet Fighting Instructor will be available to each Battalion in turn for 2 days.
6. A proportion of all training will be carried out wearing the box respirator.
7. A summary of the work to be carried out for each day, shewing place and time of each parade (except for 13th. inst.) will be sent to Brigade Headquarters.



Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade.



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1st Aust. Pioneer Battalion,

8th December 1917



1st Aust. Div.

Herewith Training Syllabus for  
period 10/12/17 to 16/12/17 inclusive.

Capt & Adjutant.  
for C.O.





## SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

For period 10/12/17 to 16/12/17.

By Lieut-Col. W. A. HENDERSON,

C.O., 1st Aust. Pioneer Battalion.

<u>December 10th.</u>		Battalion Route March.
	1500-1700	Lecture to C.S.M's and Platoon Sergeants, "Map Reading," by Major C. SPECKMAN, M.C.
<u>December 11th.</u>	0900-0930	Company parade and Inspection.
	0930-1000	Lecture by Platoon Commanders.
	1000-1100	Gas Helmet Inspection and Drill.
	1100-1200	Company Drill under Company Officers.
	1400-1600	Recreational Training under Coy. Games Officers.
<u>December 12th.</u>	0900-0930	Company Parade and Inspection.
	0930-1000	Rapid Loading and Bolt Manipulation.
	1000-1030	Physical Training.
	1030-1200	Company and Ceremonial Drill.
	1400-1600	Recreational Training under Battalion Games Officer.
<u>December 13th.</u>		Battalion Route March.
	1500-1700	Lecture to C.S.M's and Platoon Sergeants, "Map Reading," by Major C. SPECKMAN, M.C.
<u>December 14th.</u>	0900-1200) 1330-1500)	Military Engineering. B Company - Revetting. C Company - Consolidation strong points. D Company - Trench construction.
<u>December 15th.</u>	0930-1200 1400-1600	Battalion Inspection and Drill. Recreational Training under Battalion Games Officer.
<u>December 16th.</u>		Battalion Church Parade.

- (a) Lewis Gun Section and Signallers to carry on with training under their respective commanders.
- (b) Transport Officer to arrange daily rifle inspection for Transport Section and to proceed with repairs and cleaning of wagons, harness, &c.
- (c) All Company parades will finish up with a "March Past" on the way to their billets.
- (d) All junior N.C.O's of Companies will parade daily from 0930 to 1130 under the Adjutant and Regimental Sergeant-Major on Battalion Parade Ground.
- (e) Stretcher bearers will parade daily for instruction under supervision of Regimental Medical Officer.
- (f) Rifle Range will be available for Companies as under:-  
30 yards and 100 yards Ranges.

C Company. Tuesday. 0900-1500.)

A Company. Friday. 0900-1500.) Lunches to be carried.

Three practices will be carried out:-

(i) Grouping; (ii) Application; (iii) Rapid.

(Sgd) A. H. LYDDALL, Capt &amp; Adjutant,

1st Aust. Pioneer Battalion.



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY

HEADQUARTERS, 1st AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
BRIGADE.	
No.	169/15
Date	8/12/17

3RD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.	
No.	41410
Date	7.12.17.

First Australian Division.

Herewith Training Programme of Units of this  
Brigade for period ending 16th instant.

7th December 1917.

*McBennett*  
Brig. Gen.  
Commanding 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

*GP*  
*Ga Mungile*



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## Appendix N<sup>o</sup>

1. "Z" Coy is undergoing separate training - Syllabus attached.
2. Special lectures on Bayonet Fighting, Trench Mortars, and Trench warfare by specialists have been arranged.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

Map Reference  
CALAIS 13 -  
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SYLLABUS OF TRAININGWEEK ENDING16th. DECEMBER, 1917.

PLACE	DATE	TIME	TRAINING
5.D.37.28.	10/12/17	0900 - 1230	<p><math>\frac{1}{2}</math> hour Platoon &amp; Coy. Drill  <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> hour rapid loading, aiming and firing.            "A" Coy. Bombing (live grenades) - "B" Coy. Platoon and Coy. in attack - "C" Coy. Lewis Gun instruction "D" Coy musketry on range.</p>
		1400 - 1600	Recreational Training.
	11/12/17	0900 - 1230	Route March
		1400 - 1600	Recreational Training
	12/12/17	0900-1230	<p><math>\frac{1}{2}</math> hour rapid loading, aiming and firing. 1 hour Battn. drill. Demonstration of platoon in attack on rifle range with live ammunition and grenades. Trench Mortar Demonstration.</p>
		1400 - 1600	Recreational Training.
	13/12/17	0900 - 1230	<p>Battn. in attack by "A" "B" and "D" Coys. Flagged attack in accordance with S.S. 135            "C" Coy. musketry on range.</p>
		1400 - 1600	Recreational Training
	14/12/17	0900 - 1230	<p><math>\frac{1}{2}</math> hour Platoon and Coy. drill  <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> hour rapid loading and firing. <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> hour Battn. drill.            2 hours "A" Coy Lewis Gun instruction - "B" Coy. Musketry on range - "C" Coy. Platoon &amp; Coy. in attack - "D" Coy. Bombing (live grenades</p>
		1400 - 1600	Recreational Training.
	15/12/17	0900 - 1230	Route March
		1400 - 1600	Recreational Training
	16/12/17		CHURCH PARADE.

NOTES.

DRILL. Battalion. Company and Platoon training will consist of close order drill and rifle exercises. This training will be progressive.



SPECIALIST TRAINING.

- (A) Lewis Gun All men to be trained in handling and firing the Lewis Gun. A complete reserve team for each Lewis Gun will be thoroughly trained.
- (B) Bombing All men to be trained in the throwing of Hand Grenades and firing of Rifle Grenades. Bombing Sections to be specially trained in Trench Tactics.
- (C) Bayonet Fighting. Gallows in course of construction in the vicinity of the Rifle Range and all Riflemen will go through a course.
- (D) Musketry Companies will have use of the rifle range in turn. Company Lewis Gunners will also fire a course on the day on which the Coy. is allotted the range.
- (E) SIGNALLING. All Battalion and Company Signallers will be trained under the Battalion Signalling Officer, particular attention being paid to Buzzer, Visual and Station Work.
- (F) INTELLIGENCE. This Section will go through a course comprising Map-reading. Field sketching. use of Prismatic Compass, Observation marches, Patrols and Sniping instructions.
- Lectures. Company Commanders will arrange for Lectures to Junior Officers and N.C.Os.
- Revolver Practice. All officers and Lewis Gun N.C.Os will fire a course of revolver shooting.
- Buglers. During Specialist training all Buglers will report to the Bandmaster for instructions.

*E. H. Meyers Lt*  
 .....Lieut-Col.  
*for*  
 Commanding 9th. Battalion. A.O.D.



HEADQUARTERS,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade

7th DECEMBER, 1917.

TRAINING SYLLABUS.

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Period 9th December - 15th December, 1917.

Date.	Description.
9th Dec.	BRIGADE CHURCH PARADE.
10th Dec. to 15th Dec.	Platoon and Company in attack formation in open and semi-open warfare. Musketry. Bayonet fighting. Route marches. Specialist training. Brigade, Battalion and Company drill. Gas drill. Recreational training.
1.	In all cases in which Platoon and Company exercises are arranged, Officers will be taken over the ground prior to the attack and the solution of the scheme worked out without troops.
2.	Special attention will be paid to rapid loading and firing with dummies.
3.	Training hours will be Morning 0830 - 1130 Afternoon 1330 - 1530 (Recreational Training and Musketry) -
4.	Dress - Fighting order for all parades except Route Marches when full marching order will be worn.
5.	Units will submit training programmes to this office by 1800 on 8th instant.

*R. R. C. [Signature]*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.





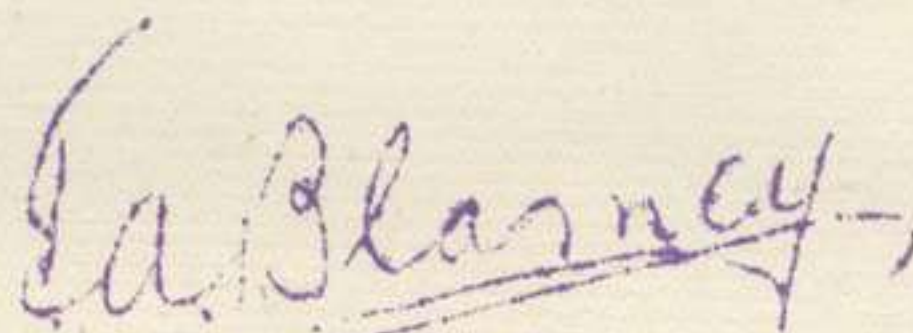


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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters.  
19th December 1917.1st.Aust.Inf.Bde.  
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With reference to the recent Staff exercises in the SAUER Area, attached please find copies of an appreciation of the situation at the opening of the exercise. This is not meant to be a model nor are the conclusions necessarily the best possible. The point which it is desired to bring home is that in open warfare a careful consideration of all the available facts must be made and the situation carefully reviewed before a sound plan can be arrived at.

A brief criticism of the work of each syndicate will be issued in due course but this must wait for the moment until the defensive arrangements in this area are well forward.

Colonel.  
General Staff.  
1st Australian Division.

1 Copy for each Officer attending.



APPRECIATION of the SITUATION

BY

COMMANDER of the British DETACHED FORCEon "Y"/"Z" Night.1. OBJECT.-

My object is to deal with the enemy force, which is reported to be concentrating in the vicinity of MONTREUIL, wherever he may be found.

2. INFORMATION.-

(a) Strong enemy forces are being concentrated in the area STPOL - AIRE - BETHUNE. The enemy detachments which have been guarding the coast line are being concentrated at MONTREUIL; this force will probably be very mobile. Its concentration is likely to be rapid since, it will, in all probability, have maintained a central striking force and have watched the coast line with light detachments. The strength of the force is unknown. A mounted patrol was met with north of DESVRES today, it withdrew rapidly. A further patrol was met with on the high ground between DESVRES and COURSET; it showed stubborn resistance. The road from DESVRES to COURSET leads out of the valley and up a high barrier, the possession of which gives great facilities for observation over the plain to the north. The reason for the stubborn resistance of the patrol may have been to retain this advantage of observation. It is unlikely that a single patrol would have put up a stubborn fight unless it were reasonably sure of support upon which it could withdraw, or which could arrive to assist it fairly early. Nor are its orders likely to have been to offer such a vigorous resistance unless they had some direct bearing on the movement of the troops in rear. There is, however, the possibility that the patrol commander may have considered that if he could hang up our mounted troops some time, it might be possible for him to retain possession of the high ground long enough to find out if our mounted troops were followed by infantry columns.

(b) No troops have been discovered to the east of COURSET and it is unlikely that any interruption need be expected from the flank tonight. As the force marches south away from the main body, it will, however, require to give greater attention to this flank, which tends to become exposed.

(c) Our main forces are now advancing on their line of concentration. The distance separating the two enemy main bodies is approximately 25 miles. Covering forces are well out in advance of these bodies and if contact has not been established today, it certainly will be very early tomorrow. The situation is such that it is most unlikely that a general action can be avoided after "Z" day.

3. THE FACTOR of TIME.- MONTREUIL is approximately 15 miles from DESVRES. In view of the probable mobile character of the force concentrating at that place and the rapidity of our main advance, if it is to be used to ascertain our dispositions, it is probable that it will be well north of MONTREUIL by now. The action of the mounted patrol on the hill above DESVRES tends to confirm this. Our force must be prepared to engage in battle with the MONTREUIL FORCE probably tomorrow. If the MONTREUIL force can be met with and dealt with tomorrow, this force will then be free to participate in the main battle if it is in suitable condition.

4. TOPOGRAPHY. The road to MONTREUIL leads along the valley of the PARENTY. A series of commanding positions control this valley

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on the western side. These are ;-

The BOIS JULIEN.  
The portion north of La HOUSOYE.  
The THUEBEAUVILLE position.  
The ENQUIN HAUT position.  
The BOIS LONGVILLERS.

These positions may be of considerable importance to us and our action must ensure their possession as we advance.

On the eastern side, the ridges run more or less parallel to the valley and the march can be secured along the BOIS d'ALET ridge, the GRIGNY ridge and the ridge running south to MONT CAVREL.

##### 5. COURSES of ACTION.

(a) The role of the MONTREUIL enemy detachment is not known. His most likely course of action if he wishes to ascertain our positions is to move against us on the line MONTREUIL-DESVRES or MONTREUIL - SAMER.

If he has been ordered to join the main concentration he could slip away towards the south east as soon as his concentration is complete. Either action on his part is compatible with the information to hand, but the former seems more probable. If he decides to move against us the most likely line is MONTREUIL - DESVRES, since he must get his information quickly and get it back to his main headquarters. If he decides on rejoining his main force we can only succeed by bringing him to battle before he can get away from MONTREUIL.

(b) The only course open to us in accordance with our instructions is to press on towards MONTREUIL.

##### 6. PROPOSED ACTION.

It is necessary for this detached force to carry out its mission with all speed. This will be best effected by continuing the advance on MONTREUIL, by searching out the enemy wherever he is and engaging him in battle as soon as possible. The advance will be continued tomorrow with this object.



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONTACTICAL EXERCISE.

Reference Map CALAIS 13.  
1/100,000  
Sketch attached.  
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NARRATIVE No.1.

1. British Forces have landed at CALAIS and BOULOGNE and are moving forward rapidly to the area of concentration on the line NORDAUSQUES - NIELLES - HUCQUELIERS
2. It is known that strong enemy forces are being concentrated in the St.POL - AIRF - BETHUNE Area.  
Enemy Detachments guarding the coast line are being collected at MONTREUIL
3. The force detailed in the margin is detached from the advancing A.Troop 13th L.H.) forces to deal with the latter body.  
1st A.F.A.Bde. ) Its orders are to attack the enemy wherever found and  
1st Aus.Inf.Bde. ) to prevent any knowledge being gained of our concen-  
2nd Aus.Fld.Amb. ) -tration.
4. The Brigade reached DESVRES on the afternoon of "Y" day
5. The Troop of 13th L.H. reported meeting the enemy's mounted patrols just before reaching DESVRES. The latter withdrew through DESVRES at once.
6. The mounted patrol moving on COURSET had a sharp brush with a hostile mounted patrol on the high ground north of the village. After some time the latter withdrew leaving two or three dead and the infantry of the advanced guard arriving, COURSET was occupied at about 4.30 p.m.  
Patrols reported no sign of the enemy at SACRIQUIER or towards CALIQUE.
7. Outposts were established and the Mounted Troop withdrawn to DESVRES.
8. The Brigade was disposed as follows.-
 

"A" Battn.	Outposts.
Bde. H.Q.	at Road Junction $\frac{1}{4}$ mile southwest of D in DESVRES.
"B" Battn.	On southern outskirts of DESVRES in close billets.
"C" & "D" Bns.	in DESVRES.
M.G. Coy.	in DESVRES.
1st A.F.A.Bde.	in DESVRES.
"A" Trp.13.L.H.	in DESVRES.
L.T.H.Bty.	in DESVRES.
2nd Fld.Amb.	in DESVRES.



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NARRATIVE NO. 2.

During night Y/Z patrols sent out met enemy infantry patrols on the COURSET - DOUDEAUVILLE Road and on the COURSET - LE BOIS JULIEN Road about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from COURSET. Patrols sent out before dawn found the enemy lightly occupying the ridge southwest of COURSET. The G.O.C. 1st Brigade decides to push on with the object of dealing with the enemy before him.

TASK "C". Orders of G.O.C. 1st Brigade.

NARRATIVE NO. 3.

The Brigade Commander decided to attack the enemy on the ridge southwest of COURSET and detailed B Battalion with one battery of Field Artillery and two sections of the M.G. Coy to carry this out.

TASK "D". Give in detail.  
(a) The action.

(b) Orders of C.O. B Battalion.

NARRATIVE NO. 4.

The advanced guard after a sharp fight seizes the ridge and Le BOIS JULIEN is entered with little opposition, but La HUMIERE and the hedges etc north of it are still held.

Reports continue to arrive which indicate that the enemy is prepared to make a stand on CAMPAGNE Ridge.

A message is received from the Intelligence Officer with the Advanced Guard to the effect that a wounded prisoner stated that the enemy force of about two battalions and one squadron of Cavalry and two batteries of field artillery had been pushed forward from MONTREUIL on "Y" day.

This force spent the night at DOUDEAUVILLE.

The G.O.C. 1st. Brigade decides to attack the enemy.

TASK. "E".

Orders for one of the battalions as detailed.



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TASK "A".

Brief appreciation of the situation.

TASK "B".

- (a) Orders by the Outpost Commander on "Y" night.
- (b) Sketch showing detailed position of Outposts.



SECRET

## NOTES on the SECTOR to be TAKEN OVER by the DIVISION

Decr. 6th 1917.

1. PROBABLE MOVE.

It is anticipated that the Division will move by brigade groups by train commencing on about 14th or 15th instant. This question has not yet been settled and there are difficulties to be overcome before a decision can be arrived at. The present idea is that each brigade in turn will relieve each brigade of the 5th Aus. Division in the reserve area and relieve direct from this to the line.

2. ORGANISATION of the DIVISIONAL FRONT.

The Divisional front extends over approximately 8000 yards; this is divided into two brigade areas. The southern brigade area occupies approximately 2000 yards frontage and the northern brigade area approximately 4000 yards. The 3rd A.I. Brigade will occupy the right brigade sector continuously throughout the division's tour in the line. This brigade front is held with two battalions in the line, each battalion finding its own supports and reserves. This sector is now held by the 8th A.I. Brigade. The left brigade front is held with four battalions in the line, each battalion being distributed in depth and finding its own supports and reserves. In each case there is one company in the front line and each company in its turn occupies front line support and reserve position. This sector is now held by the 15th A.I. Brigade and will be taken over by the 2nd A.I. Brigade who will hold it in the same way as it is at present held.

The accommodation for Brigade and Battalion H.Q. is unusually good; nearly all Battalion H.Q. are established in pill boxes, a great number of the troops are also accommodated in pill boxes.

The Engineers are distributed with one company to the front of each two battalions. A liaison officer works with the right brigade for the company in this sector and one liaison officer is detailed by the C.R.E. for both companies working in the left sector.

3. DEFENSIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

(a) The forward portion of the sector is on the eastern slopes of the WISCHAETE - MESSINES Ridge. These form a series of fingers running down into the low-lying ground opposite our front. The principle of the defence is to arrange for the mutual support of the posts which are sited on these fingers. Details of these arrangements will appear in the Defence Schemes which will be taken over by each brigade.

The front line is held by a series of outposts. The principle to be followed when this division takes over is that each picquet is to consist of a platoon and that the sentry posts provided by each picquet are to be within close support of the picquet and should rarely exceed 60 or 70 yards from it. Small isolated sentry posts are only a temptation for enemy raiding parties. All posts, sentry posts and picquets are to be strongly wired on a definite plan. It is reported that all the posts are at present dry and are provided with duckwalks under foot. A trip wire has been run along the whole front to assist patrols, etc.

(b) The 5th Aus. Division has control of No Man's Land, but its control is not so great as to prevent enemy raiding parties coming over occasionally and carrying out small raids and reconnaissances.

(c) The enemy troops opposite the Division are - 32nd Division (Saxons), which has been in the WARNETON Sector since 1st September and whose front extends from about WARNETON to the FORTIKERBEEK. North of this is the 8th Division (Prussians), which has been in the sector since 9th October and whose front extends from 32nd Division north to HOLLEBEEK.



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The enemy has not shown a particularly offensive disposition and the amount of artillery shooting which goes on is less in this sector than anything which this Division has occupied this year.

The average divisional casualties are approximately 7 to 8 per day and of these a large proportion are from heavy minnenwerfer fire on the front line. Warning of the enemy's intention to bombard with heavy minnenwerfer has been obtained once or twice by observing the enemy leave his own front line. In these cases casualties have been avoided entirely by withdrawing to the flanks. The chief areas of enemy shelling are the DOUVE Valley and the Valley of the STEINBECQUE. He occasionally does a little shooting on tracks, but is, on the whole, very quiet. In the early part of the night he causes some annoyance by indirect M.G. fire on roads.

4. CONDITIONS and WORK in the AREA.

The rear portions of the area are very well organised and reserves are mostly in huts. The roads in the rear portion of the area are good and there are two or three very good corduroy deviations.

There are a great number of duckwalks leading into the forward area. The communication trenches are shallow; this is partly the result of the high water level. It will not be possible to deepen these but they must be maintained as they are much better than movement in the open, which can be observed. All important communications will require permanent maintenance parties to ensure that they are maintained in good order.

Owing to winter conditions it will be necessary, in order to ensure that no labor is wasted, to re-cut every piece of trench as it is dug. Experience has shown that it takes about three men carrying material for every one employed on actual work to ensure the greatest economy of labour. Parties detailed for carrying from dumps to reserve and support lines are able to make two trips in the night.

5. GENERAL.

Arrangements will be made on 9th instant to send forward Battalion and Brigade Intelligence officers of 2nd and 3rd Brigades and any other officer of Brigade H.Q. that may be desired. These officers will be given definite instructions as to points on which they are to report and these should include the administrative arrangements of the battalions from which they are to take over. After the relief is complete, the report made out by each officer will be forwarded to D.H.Q. for examination by the General Staff.

All officers or others going forward are to be warned that movement in the forward area is not permitted by daylight when the visibility is at all good as the whole area forward of the WYSCHAETE - MESSINES Ridge is under direct observation to the enemy. Before going into the front line, they should arrange the times with the C.O. of the battalion to which they are attached.

The C.R.E. will prepare instructions for the employment of Field Companies and Pioneers, which he will submit for the approval of the Divisional Commander.

Colonel.  
General Staff.  
1st Australian Division.



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

COPY NO.....

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER 57.Headquarters.  
10th December 1917.

1. The Division less Artillery will move forward in relief of the 5th. Aust. Division in accordance with the attached table.
2. The march will be carried out by Brigade Groups as follows:-
  - 1st. A.I. Brigade Group.
    - 1st. Inf. Brigade.
    - 1st Field Coy Engineers.
    - 1st Field Ambulance.
    - No. 2 Coy. A.A.S.C.
    - 1st Aust Pioneer Bn.
    - Mobile Vet. Section. )
    - H.Q. Div Train. )
    - H.Q. Div Engineers. )
    - Div. H.Q. Details. )
  - 2nd. A.I. Brigade Group.
    - 2nd. Inf. Brigade.
    - 2nd. Field Coy Engineers.
    - 2nd. Field Ambulance.
    - No. 3. Coy. A.A.S.C.
  - 3rd. A.I. Brigade Group.
    - 3rd. Inf. Brigade.
    - 3rd. Field Coy Engineers.
    - 3rd. Field Ambulance.
    - No. 4. Coy. A.A.S.C.
    - 21st E.G. Coy.
    - Div Salvage Coy.
    - Mounted Police and Traffic Control. Details.
    - Div. Signal Coy Details.
3. The relief in the line will be carried out under the orders of G.O.C. 5th. Aust. Division.
4. The 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will relieve the 8th. Aust. Inf. Bde on the right on the night 16/17th Decr, and the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will relieve the 15th. Aust. Inf. Bde on the left on the night 14/15th Decr. The 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade will be in reserve in the KEMEL Area.
5. On relief similar dispositions to those of the 5th. Aust. Div. will be maintained.
6. Personnel and 1st Echelon transport to a total of 68 axles and the necessary horses per Brigade Group will be carried by rail from WIZERNES. The transport to move by rail will include cooks. The remainder of the transport will be brigaded and form a 2nd echelon. 2nd Echelon Transport will move by march route as shown in the attached Movement Table.
7. Transport will be clear of billets daily by 10. a.m. except where stated in the Remarks Column of the Movement Table.

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8. The following distances will be maintained between units on the march - Companies 100 yards.  
Unit and transport 100 yards.  
Battalions 500 yards.  
Transport of units when brigaded 100 yards.
9. Transport moving by train will detrain at BAILLEUL WEST and personnel at De KENNEBAK.
10. Instructions for the relief of Medical Units will be issued by the A.D.M.S.
11. Command of the Divisional Sector will pass at 10. a.m. on 17th December when Divisional Headquarters will be established at DRANOUTRE.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Thurman R. Cox*  
Colonel.  
General Staff.  
1st Australian Division.

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MOVEMENT TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 1st. AUST. DIVISIONAL ORDER. NO. 57.

Serial No.	Date.	Formation.	From.	To.	Remarks.
1.	11th Decr.	2nd Echelon Transport of 2nd. A.I. Bde.	DESVRES.	ELNES.	All movements by march route except where stated otherwise.
2.	11th "	2nd. A.I. Bde. Group less 2nd Echelon Transport.	DESVRES.	THIEMBRONNE A. & B. Areas.	
3.	12th "	2nd Echelon Transport of 2nd. A.I. Bde.	ELNES.	RENESECURE.	Via ARQUES not to reach ARQUES before 1. P.M.
4.	12th "	2nd. A.I. Bde. Group less 2nd Echelon Transport.	THIEMBRONNE A. & B. Areas.	THIEMBRONNE C. Area.	
5.	13th "	2nd Echelon Transport of 2nd. A.I. Bde.	RENESECURE.	STRAZEELE.	Via WALLON CAPPEL.
6.	13th "	2nd Echelon Transport of 3rd. A.I. Bde.	PARENTY Area.	ELNES.	
7.	13th "	2nd. A.I. Bde. Group. less 2nd Echelon Transport.	THIEMBRONNE C Area.	KEMMEL. Personnel Transport	By Train. ENTRAIN. WIZERNE DETRAIN. De KENNEBAK. BAILLUEL WEST.
8.	13th "	3rd. A.I. Bde. Group. less 2nd Echelon Transport.	PARENTY.	THIEMBRONNE A. & B. Areas.	
9.	14th "	2nd. Echelon Transport of 3rd. A.I. Bde. Group.	ELNES.	RENESECURE.	Via ARQUES. Not to reach ARQUES before 1. P.M.
10.	14th "	1st. A.I. Bde. Group.	FRENCQ.	PARENTY.	
11.	14th "	2nd Echelon Transport of 2nd. A.I. Bde.	STRAZEELE.	KEMMEL.	"C" Group 5th. Aust. Div moves to DESVRES.
12.	14th "	3rd. A.I. Bde. Group less 2nd Echelon Transport.	THIEMBRONNE A. & B. Areas.	THIEMBRONNE C. Area.	
13.	15th "	2nd Echelon Transport of 3rd. A.I. Bde. Group.	RENESECURE.	STRAZEELE.	Via WALLON CAPPEL to be clear of billets by 10. a.m.

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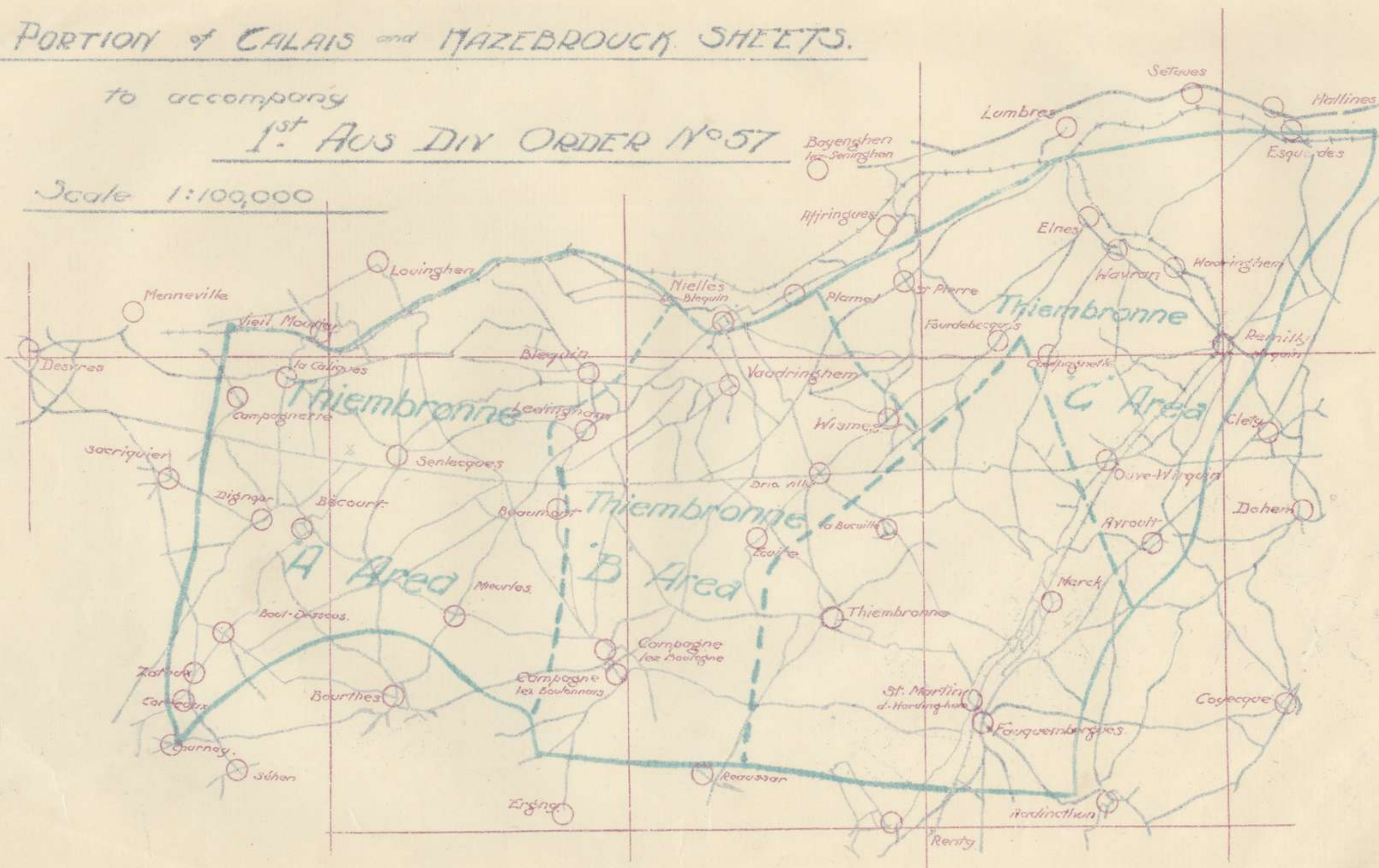
Serial No.	Date.	Formation.	From.	To.	Remarks.
14.	15th Decr.	2nd Echelon Transport of 1st.A.I.Bde.	PARENTY.	ELNES.	"B" Bde Group of 5th.Aust. Div. moves to SAMER Area.
15.	night 14/15th "	2nd.A.I.Brigade.	KEMMEL.	Line Left Sector.	In relief of 15th.A.I.Bde. Under orders of 5th.Aust. Division.
16.	15th.	" 3rd.A.I.Bde.Group less 2nd.Echelon Transport.	THIEMBRONNE "C" Area.	KEMMEL. By Train. Entrain. WIZERNES. Personnel Detrain. De KENNIBAK. Transport BAILLUEL WEST	
17.	15th	" 1st.A.I.Bde.Group less 2nd Echelon Transport.	PARENTY.	THIEMBRONNE A.&.B.Areas.	
18.	16th	" 2nd Echelon Transport of 3rd.A.I.Brigade.	STRAZELLE.	KEMMEL.	To be clear of billets by 10. a.m.
19.	16th	" 2nd Echelon Transport of 1st.A.I.Brigade.	ELNES.	RENESECURE.	
20.	16th	" 1st.A.I.Bde.Group less 2nd Echelon Transport.	THIEMBRONNE A.&.B.Areas.	THIEMBRONNE C. Area.	
21.	16/17th	" 3rd.A.I.Brigade.	KEMMEL.	Line Right Sector.	In relief of 8th.A.I. Bde. Under orders of 5th.Aust.Division.
22.	17th	" 2nd Echelon Transport of 1st.A.I.Brigade.	RENESECURE.	STRAZELLE.	
23.	17th	" 1st.A.I.Bde.Group less 2nd Echelon Transport.	THIEMBRONNE C. Area.	KEMMEL. By Train. Entrain. WIZERNES. Personnel Detrain. De KENNIBAK. Transport " " BAILLUEL WEST.	
24.	18th	" 2nd Echelon Transport of 1st.A.I.Brigade.	STRAZELLE.	KEMMEL.	"A" Bde Group 5th.Aust. Div. moves to PARENTY Area.



PORTION of CALAIS and HAZEBROUCK SHEETS.

to accompany  
1st AUS DIV ORDER N° 57

Scale 1:100,000





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INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1.

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Instructions for move of D.H.Q. Group. To be read in conjunction with 1st.Aust.Divisional Order No. 57 of 10th Inst and G.993 of 11th Inst, also 1st.Aust.Inf.Brigade Order No. 57 of 13th Inst.

1. D.H.Q. Group constituted as under will move by march route from their present area in accordance with Movement table attached.

D.H.Q. GROUP.

1st.Aust.Pioneer Battalion.  
 Mobile.Vet.Section.  
 H.Q. Div.Engineers.  
 D.H.Q. Details.  
 1st.Aust.Div.Signal Coy.

2. The following distances will be maintained between units on the march. -

Companies.	100 yards.
Unit & Transport.	100 "
Transport of Units.	
when brigaded.	100 "

3. Billetting arrangements regarding move of "B" Echelon will be notified later.

Billetting arrangements for "A" Echelon (personnel) are detailed in para 4 of 1st.Aust.Inf.Brigade Order No. 57.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. H. Hume*  
 Major.  
 D.H.Q.  
 1st Australian Division.

Distribution.

- 1 - 4 D.H.Q.
- 5 - 7 War Diary.
- 8 S.S.O.
- 9 D.H.Q.O.
- 10 C.R.E.
- 11 1st.Field Coy.
- 12 1st Field Ambulance.
- 13 Mob.Vet.Section.
- 14 1st.Aust.Pioneer Bn.
- 15 H.Q. Div.Train.
- 16 -17 Camp Commandant.
- 18 O.C.Reinforcement Camp.
- 19 1st.Aust.Div.Sig.Coy.
- 20 1st.Aust.Inf.Bde.
- 21 Major.Burrett. 3rd.Bn.



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## MOVEMENT TABLE FOR UNITS COMPRISING D.H.Q. GROUP.

Reference Maps CALAIS. 1.100.000 and HAZEBROUCK 1. 100.000.

Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	Route.	Starting Point and Times.	Remarks.
15th Decr.	Mobile.Vet.Section.	SAMER.	LLNES.	Most Direct.	3.15.a.m. The	} To move in one Column under Command of Capt. G.F. FINLAY. Mob.Vet.Section.
	D.H.Q. Details.	"	"	"	8.18.a.m. Square	
	Div.Signal Coy. Details.	"	"	"	8.20.a.m. in	
	Div.Engineer. Details.	"	"	"	8.23.a.m. SAMER.	
	1st.Aust.Pioneer Bn Trnspt.	HESDIN L'ABBE.	"	"	8.25.a.m.	
	1st.Aust.Pioneer Bn. Personnel.	HESDIN L'ABBE.	BECOURT.	SAMER and thence most direct.		To be clear of billets by 0900.

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# FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## Disposition Report Covering Period of Move. Showing Destination Each Night.

Unit.	11th Decr.	12th Decr.	13th Decr.	14th Decr.	15th Decr.	16th Decr.	17th Decr.
D.H.Q.	SAMER.	SAMER.	SAMER.	SAMER.	SAMER.	SAMER.	DRANOUTRE.
1st.Aust. Div.Arty.	DOULIEU.	DOULIEU.	DOULIEU.	DOULIEU.	DOULIEU.	DOULIEU.	DOULIEU.
1st.A.I. Brigade.	PRENCO Area H.Q. ROSAMEL.	PRENCO ROSAMEL.	PRENCO. ROSAMEL.	PARENTY Area. H.Q. PARENTY.	THIEMBRONNE A.&B.Areas H.Q. CAMPAGNE.	THIEMBRONNE C Area. H.Q. NAVRANS.	KEMEL.
2nd.A.I. Brigade.	THIEMBRONNE A.&B.Areas H.Q. CAMPAGNE.	THIEMBRONNE C AREA. H.Q. NAVRANS.	KEMEL.	Line Left Sector.	Line Left Sector.	Line Left Sector.	Line Left Sector.
3rd.A.I. Brigade.	PARENTY.	PARENTY.	THIEMBRONNE A.&B.Areas.	THIEMBRONNE C Area.	KEMEL.	Line right Sector.	Line Right Sector.
1st.Field Ambulance.	QUEHEN.	QUEHEN.	QUEHEN.	QUEHEN.	THIEMBRONNE A. Area.	THIEMBRONNE C. Area.	KEMEL.
2nd.Field. AMBULANCE.	MCUIRE.	THIEMBRONNE C. Area.	KEMEL.	Line Left Sector.	Line Left Sector.	Line Left Sector.	Line Left Sector.
3rd.Field. Ambulance.	CORMONT.	CORMONT.	THIEMBRONNE A.&B.Areas.	THIEMBRONNE C. AREA.	KEMEL.	KEMEL.	KEMEL.
1st Field Coy.	QUESTRECQUES.	QUESTRECQUES	QUESTREC- QUES.	QUESTREC- QUES.	THIEMBRONNE A.&B.Areas.	THIEMBRONNE C. Area.	KEMEL.
2nd.Field. Coy.	HAPPE.	THIEMBRONNE C. Area.	KEMEL.	Line Left Sector	Line Left Sector	Line Left Sector	Line Left Sector.
3rd.Field. Coy.	VIERRE-RU- BOIS.	VIERRE-RU- BOIS.	THIEMBRONNE A.&B.Areas.	THIEMBRONNE C. Area.	KEMEL.	Line Right Sector.	Line Right Sector.
A.A.S.C. Coys.	With their respective Brigades.						
Pioneer Bn.	HESDIN- L'ABBE.	HESDIN- L'ABBE.	HESDIN- L'ABBE.	HESDIN- L'ABBE.	THIEMBRONNE A.&B.Areas.	THIEMBRONNE. C. Area.	KEMEL.

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Unit.	11th Decr.	12th Decr.	13th Decr.	14th Decr.	15th Decr.	16th Decr.	17th Decr.
21st.M.G. Coy.	CONDETTE.	✓ DESVRES.	THIEMBRONNE A.&B.Areas.	THIEMBRONNE C Area.	KEMMEL.		
1st.Brigade 2nd Echelon Transport.	FRENCQ.	FRENCQ.	FRENCQ.	PARENTY Area.	ELNES.	RENESECURE.	STRAZEELE.
2nd.Brigade. 2nd Echelon Transport.	ELNES.	✓ RENESCURE.	STRAZEELE.	KEMMEL.	KEMMEL.	KEMMEL.	KEMMEL.
3rd.Brigade. 2nd Echelon Transport.	PARENTY.	PARENTY.	ELNES.	RENESECURE.	STRAZEELE.	KEMMEL.	KEMMEL.
D.H.Q.Units.	SAMER.	SAMER.	SAMER.	SAMER.	THIEMBRONNE A Area.	THIEMBRONNE C. Area.	DRANOUTRE.

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