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1914-18 War**

Infantry

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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EBBLINGHAM	1/8/17		<p>Soc and B/m. visited 'W' Training Area, on receipt of orders from Revision that the Brigade would move to this area on the 3rd Inst. The Training Area appeared to be a very good one, but was rather spoiled by existing crops and continuous rain. S. 102 and Pm commander also visited the area.</p>	B
"	2/8/17		<p>Order N^o 100 Issued for move of Brigade to Training Area. Staff Captains and advanced parties from units went forward at about 4 pm. message was received from Revision postponing the move till 6 Inst. Advanced parties recalled.</p>	APP. A D
"	3/8/17		<p>Units all carried out a ten mile route march. Tin hats were worn and it was pointed out by several of the units. That these helmets were a great drawback in marching, and that several other units were not wearing them when carrying out Route marches.</p>	B C

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ERBLINGHAM	4/8/17		Units at the disposal of unit commanders. Conference of Brigadiers, Staff Captains and the Unit Commanders at BLARINGHAM. The question of wastage in equipment was gone into, G.O.C. inspected Brigade Transport.	B
"	5/8/17		Pm church services were held. 1 officer from this Train reported to each S.S. and SA Pm, as exchange officers for Pm. Transport officers for six days. Draft: 101 dms Training programme for training in (W) area issued	B APP. 'B' APP. 'C'
"	6/8/17		The Brigade plus ditch engineers, 7 Amb. and Coy of this Train moved to LUMBRES (W) area. 'A' column moved direct by buses. 'B' column marched to ARQUES and there embarked for new area. Major D.M. King D.S.O.M.C., Major Marsden D.S.O. and Capt Sharpe, reported, for attachment during period of training. B.H.Q. opened at LUMBRES at 3 pm.	B Cpl. Morrison

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KUMBRES	7/8/17		Pm schemes 'X' and 'Y' were carried out. They were very useful schemes; but it was noticed that the troops were not well enough acquainted with the ground. Fairly strong adv. parties should have been sent forward two days before the first exercise was undertaken.	B
"	8/8/17		Pm schemes 'X' and 'Y' were carried out. M.S. demonstration had been arranged for 5 pm but owing to delay of 53 rd Pm in clearing the woods, it had to be abandoned.	B
"	9/8/17		Brigade scheme for G. Dist. Issued. Revisional commander and S.I.O.I. visited training grounds. Brigade scheme carried out. Units were on the ground to time and the operation started well. The 55 th Pm frontal attack across the open was well carried out but the 54 th Pm flank attack was badly timed. This appears to be <u>Chlorine</u> .	APP. D

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LUMBRES	9/8/17	Cont.	<p>be the most common fault with plans attached, and is usually due to the fact that intercommunication between Pns is not closely watched closely enough.</p> <p>At 11 am the 2nd phase of the scheme was issued and 11.10 am 53rd and 56 Pns pushed off to attack enemy new position. The 54 and 55 Pns were withdrawn too early and left a risky gap between the 53rd and 56 Pns. Operations ceased at 2 pm. and conference was held of all officers was held on the ground.</p> <p>Order for return of Brigade to EBBLINGHAM. AREA. Issued 10th APP: E</p>	
"	10/8/17		<p>The Bde moved from LUMBRES to ARQUES by bus in three shifts. The bus column was too broad to allow of all the units embarking at once and the result was that the column was moving along the road in small groups. No one completed at 7 pm.</p>	<p>Colin...</p>

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EBBLINGHAM	11/8/17		Divisional Gas Officer lectured to 550 and 53 Pms. Training programme to and including 28. Ins. Issued	D APP. "F"
	12/8/17		Bn church parade held. Divisional commander visited Brigade Area.	D
	13/8/17		Div Gas. Officer lectured to 54' and 56' Pms. Brigade route march carried out. Lt. Herbert. 157. Coy A.B. reported for duty as Staff Training	D
	14/8/17		Brigade Major and Capt. Legge ^{and CO's} M.C. attended lecture given by Col. Maystaff C.A.E.D. 150 on conducting of schemes with ant troops.	D
1	15/8/17		Bn scheme without troops carried out Bn was attacked 5A Pm and Capt Legge to 55. Pms. 5A Pm scheme was delayed a good deal on account of late arrival of some of the officers and the scheme was of the officers showed considerable madness in places with	D CJ

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15/8/17 ERBBLINGHAM	15/8/17	contd	to order. meeting etc. 5.5 PM scheme but same weaknesses were apparent. "General and Special Ideas" for Bqde scheme were noted	APP. 'G'
16/8/17	16/8/17		Bqde Route march was carried out. 1st Line Transport accompanied units. Turnout Good.	APP 'H'
"	17/8/17		Training Programme issued. Brigade scheme without troops carried out. This was a very useful exercise. The solutions and appreciations were fairly good but on a whole, but in each case Pm. commanders acting as Brigadiers threw their ^{main} attack troops against enemy's right flank instead of his left. which was undoubtedly the correct solution.	APP. 'I'

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EBBLINGHAM	18/8/17		Lt. Stevens Bqde Sig officer reported back for duty Capt. R. G. Legge M.C. returned to duty as S.C. 15 Bqde	B
"	19/8/17		Lt. Butler reported for returned to Bldg Sig Coy for duty	B
		20/8/17	<p>Conference of Brigadiers at CHATEAU-BHARINOHAM. 53rd 55th Bns I.A.M.S. Coy. I.A. L.T.M.B. marched past General The Corps Commandant. The turn out was good and the men all looked to be in the very best of health. The march through BHARINOHAM ran off very well except for a little traffic allowed to pass the saluting base, and the check of the column caused by the steep hill up which the column had to march after passing the saluting base. The M.C. G. 1st Army gave a lecture at the CHATEAU AT BHARINOHAM at 3 pm. All officers Bqde staff and attached officers attended Enthusiasm</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EBBINGHAM	20/8/17	Cont	<p>The M.C.C.S. gave a brief outline of the growth of the British Army, the present organization, and pointed out many of the difficulties that must arise. An instance In illustrating the growth of the Army it was stated that if the C in C ordered the Army to left wheel the extreme left hand man would march time 2 1/2 yrs. Special reference was made to the following points, preparations by staff prior to the attack, absolute necessity of the staff knowing the regimental officer and the conditions under which they march and wheel over, cutting down of correspondence, necessity of systems and tact for all staffs. The lecture was especially useful to young and less experienced staff officers, and many very useful points were pointed up.</p>	B
	21/8/17		<p>Lt. Robertson Intell. off. Corps M. A. S. gave a very useful lecture at B. H. Q. on "Aeroplane Photography". Supply and system of photography was gone into briefly, and then the interpretation of photographs was dealt with at length. The system of passing photographs was more useful than lecturing with lantern slides.</p>	B

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EBBINGHAM	23/9/17		<p>The Corps Commander General Anzac Corps inspected several units of the division. The 55th Bn represented the 14th Bde in the march past. The dress for the parade was marching order, 1st line Transport moving with units. This was an exceptionally fine turn-out, and the Corps Command expressed his admiration of the spirit turn-out and apparent high state of efficiency of the troops. The 55th Bn compared well with any of the other units, and marched past the saluting base in fine style moving at about 122 paces to the minute.</p> <p>Conference of unit commanders and Bn adjutants at B.H. Am. 10.30 am. The method method of attack in future operations was dealt with at length. Several very useful docs captured German documents were read out, and later circulated. These documents showed how the German's had given up their old method of holding a strong continuous line and that he was ^{planning} now making great use of</p>	<p>R</p>
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ERBILINGHAM	24/8/17		<p>shell holes, these being occupied by both M.G.'s and infantry in the defence, this making it a very irregular line and making it extremely difficult, for to locate enemy's lines of defences, in front of this main line. It was also pointed that enemy's new way of holding the line in depth resulted in counter-attacks, immediately any ground was lost. It was thought that the information available it appeared that it was very necessary for ^{our} the attacking troops to move out ^{as a} self contained force and be prepared to hold ground captured for at least 24 hours before any material support could be expected except from M.G.'s and artillery. Also the necessity for perfecting the Scouts, observers, Rifle grenadiers, and Trench Mortar men. Brig Gen. C. J. No. 10 D.S.O. proceeded to England on leave. Lt. Col. Scott, D.S.O. took over the B brigade temporarily and during the day received a wire to proceed to London and report to the India Office.</p>	<p>(15)</p> <p>→</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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EBBLINGHAM	24/8/17		Brn. Church parades held. Lt. Col. Croshaw D.S.O. notified to report to B.H. Div. at 9 am 26 Inst. Training order for inspection by C in C. received.	R
"	26/8/17	9 am	Lt. Col. Croshaw D.S.O. took over the B Brigade temporarily. Lt. Col. Scott D.S.O. proceeded to England to report to the India Office for an interview with regard to his transfer to the Indian Army Adjutant 55 th and 56 th Bns and B Brigade Major reported to G. I. O. I on the parade ground and received instruction with the regard to the inspection by F.M. C. in C on 29 Inst. Training syllabus issued	R APP "J"
"	27/8/17		13 officers from the Brigades attended lecture on M. S. Inst. HAZEBROUCK. The lecture was given by one of the M. G. instructors from CAMIERS, and many recent occurrences, and changes in M. G. tactics were given out.	

Col. Croshaw

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EBBLINGHAM	29/8/17		<p>- At 8 am word was received from Division that the Rehearsal parade ordered for 10.45 am was postponed. This message was immediately forwarded to unit concerned but the 56 Bn has already moved out before the message reached them and they were clear of LYNDE.</p> <p>Bn Commanders Coy Commander adjutant and Transport officers of 56 Bn and 55 Bn and 14 LHM Bn. reported to G. S. O. I on parade ground to go through Routine laid down for C-in-C's inspection</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">(2)</p>
"	29/8/17		<p>The F.M. C. in C. inspected some of the units of the Division at MONT DUPEL. The 55 and 56 Bns and 14 LHM Bn. together with units of 15 Bque. formed a composite Brigade under command of Brig. Gen. Gillies C.M.C. DSO and staff. The units were formed up on three sides of a square for the inspection. The F.M. C. in C. inspected the parade moving from Right to Left. Then a Bn from each Bque marched past in column, with 1st Line</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p>

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EBBLINCHAM 29/8/17			<p>Transports. Then the 55th Pm, 57th Pm and 2 Bns of 8 Pgd, formed another composite Brigade and advanced on the secretory base in "Kass". The new Transport was very good, but the marching was very difficult, because of the roughness of the ground.</p>	D
"	30/8/17		<p>Training programme to 7 Sept. issued</p>	APP. 'K'
"	31/8/17		<p>1st Line Transport was inspected by ofc. relieving, to be sent to 20. returned from England. Casualty Returns for August Reimbursement for August</p>	APP "L" APP "M"

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BRIGADE MAJOR 14th A.I.B.
MAJOR

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War Diary App "A"

SECRET.

Copy No 13

14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 100.

Ref. Sheets 27, 38A, 1/40,000.

" 5A HAZEBOUCK, 1/100,000.

2.8.17.

1. The 14th Australian Infantry Brigade will carry out 3 days' Training in the COULOMBY - BAYENHEM (W1) Area, from 4th to 6th instants, both inclusive.

The Brigade will move out and billet South of the "W" Training Area on the 3rd instant.

2. The undermentioned units will move by bus from EBLINGHEM.

54th Bn.
14th L.T.M.B.
14th MG Co.
53rd Bn.
14th Fld. Amb.

The buses will be halted on the EBLINGHEM - RENESCURE road with head of column at cross-roads (T.22.b.9.3.) at 6.0 am.

The order of embussing from front to rear will be as above.

3. Each of the above units will detail an Officer to report to Brigade Major at T.22.b.9.3. at 5.30 am.

4. The remainder of Brigade will move out in accordance with March Table "A" attached.

They will halt with the head of the column at S.7.2.4.0. and will there embuss for new area.

5. Transport will be Brigaded and will move in accordance with March Table "B" attached.

Captain F.J. COTTERELL, 55th Bn., will take charge of column.

6. The Brigade will return to present billets on completion of training in "W" Area.

No unnecessary gear will be taken to the Training Area.

Billet guards will be left behind. Units will move out as strong as possible.

7. Marching Out States will be forwarded to this Office by 9.0 pm tonight.

- 8. Baggage and Supply Waggon will report to units today, the supply waggon after supplies for consumption on 5th inst. are loaded and baggage waggon at 4.0 pm. These waggon will remain with their respective units until the Brigade returns to its present area.
- 9. Supplies will be drawn from present railhead. Supply column lorries will be used and Brigade Refilling Point selected at which Supply Waggon of Div. Train will refill.
- 10. This Office will close at 12 noon on 3rd inst., and will open at LUMBRES at 4.0 pm same day.
- 11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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 MAJOR,
 BRIGADE MAJOR,
 14th AUST. INF. BRIGADE.

Issued at m. through Signals.

- Copy No 1 5th Aust. Div.
- 2 G.O.C. 14th A.I. Brigade.
- 3 53rd Bn.
- 4 54th Bn.
- 5 55th Bn.
- 6 56th Bn.
- 7 14th MG Co.
- 8 14th L.T.M.B.
- 9 14th Fld. Amb.
- 10 28th Co. A.A.S.C.
- 11 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade.
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- 15.) Spare.

The Brigade will return to present billets in completion of training in "A" area.
 No unnecessary gear will be taken to the Training Area.
 Billet cards will be left behind. Units will move out as along as possible.
 The marching out station will be forwarded to this Office by 9.0 pm tonight.

Appendix A

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MARCH TABLE "A" ISSUED WITH
14th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 100 - 2.8.17.

UNITS IN ORDER OF MARCH.	STARTING POINT.		ROUTE	REMARKS.
	Location	Time.		
Bde. HQ.	X-roads at T.22.b.9.3.	10.0 am.	RENESCURE, Road junction S.24.9.0., ARQUES.	Head of column not to pass
56th Bn. 55th Bn.	" Rd. junction, T.22.c.8.0.	10.1 am. 10.14am.		road junction at S.16.c. 5-9. until 1st of 3rd Brigade has cleared it.

MARCH TABLE "B" ISSUED WITH
14th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 100.

(TRANSPORT.)

Transport of units in order of march.	STARTING POINT.		ROUTE FOR ALL TRANSPORT.
	Location	Time	
56th Bn.	X-roads T.22.b.9.3.	8.0 am.	X-roads, T.22.b.9.3., RENESCURE, ARQUES, WESTOVE, WIZERNES, HALLINES, SETQUES, LUMBRES.
54th Bn.	"	8.3 am.	
53rd Bn.	"	8.6 am.	
55th Bn.	"	8.9 am.	
14th LTMF.	"	8.12am.	
14th MG Co.	"	8.13am.	
14th F. Amb. Bde. HQ.	" "	8.15am. 8.17am.	

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War Diary App "B"

Copy No 13

14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 101.

f. Sheets 27, 36A, 1/40,000
" 5A HAZEBROUCK, 1/100,000.

5.8.17.

14th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No 100 is cancelled.

1. The 14th Australian Infantry Brigade will carry out 3 days' training in the COULOMBY - BAYENGHEM (W1) Area, from 7th to 9th inst., both inclusive.

The Brigade will move out and billet South of the "W" Training Area on the 6th inst.

2. The undermentioned units will move by bus from EBBLINGHEM.

- 54th Bn.
- Supply Sect., 28th Coy. A.A.S.C.
- 14th L.T.M.B.
- 14th MG Co.
- 53rd Bn.
- 14th Fld. Amb.

The buses will be halted on the EBBLINGHEM - RENESCURE road with head of column at cross-roads (T.22.b.9.3.) at 6.0 am. The order of embussing from front to rear will be as above.

3. Each of the above units will detail an Officer to report to Brigade Major at T.22.b.9.3. at 5.30 am on 6th inst.

4. The remainder of Brigade will move out in accordance with March Table "A" attached. They will halt with the head of the column at S.7.d.0.4. and will there ombus for new area.

5. A Table shewing allotment of buses is appended (APP.C.)

6. Transport will be Brigaded and will move in accordance with March Table "B" attached.

Captain F.J. COTTERELL, 55th Bn., will take charge of column.

7. The Brigade will return to present billets on completion of training in "W" Area.

No unnecessary gear will be taken to the Training Area. Billet Guards will be left behind. Units will move out

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as strong as possible.

8. Baggage and supply waggons will report to units today, the supply waggons after supplies for consumption on 7th inst., are loaded and baggage waggons at 4.0 pm.

These waggons will remain with their respective units until the Brigade returns to its present area.

9. Supplies will be drawn from present railhead. Supply column lorries will be used, and Brigade Refilling Point selected at which Supply Waggons of Div. Train will refill.

10. This Office will close at 12 noon on 6th inst., and will open at LUMBRES at 4.0 pm same day.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. J. ...

MAJOR,
BRIGADE MAJOR,
14th AUST. INF. BRIGADE.

Issued at 11.45 a.m. through Signals.

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2	G.O.C. 14th A.I. Brigade.
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4	54th Bn.
5	55th Bn.
6	56th Bn.
7	14th MG Co.
8	14th L.T.M.B.
9	14th Fld. Amb.
10	28th A.A.S.C.
11	14th Fld. Co. A.E.
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MARCH TABLE "A" ISSUED WITH
14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 101. - 5.8.17.

UNITS IN ORDER OF MARCH.	STARTING POINT		ROUTE	REMARKS
	Location	Time		
Bde. HQ.	X-roads at T.22.b.9.3.	10.0am	RENESECURE, Road junction S.24.d.9.0., ARQUES.	Head of column not to pass road junction at S.16.c.5.9. until rear of 3rd Brigade column has cleared it.
53th Bn.	"	10.1am.		
14th Fld.Co. AE.	"	10.5am.		
55th Bn.	Rd. junction, T.22.c.8.0.	10.15am.		

MARCH TABLE "B" ISSUED WITH.

14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 101 - 5.8.17.

TRANSPORT.

TRANSPORT OF UNITS IN ORDER OF MARCH	STARTING POINT.		ROUTE FOR * ALL TRANSPORT.
	Location	Time	
56th Bn.	X-roads T.22.b.9.3.	8.0 am	X-roads, T.22.b.9.3., RENESECURE, ARQUES, WESTOVE, WIZERNES, HALLINES, SETQUES, LUMBRES.
54th Bn.	"	8.3am	
53rd Bn.	"	8.6am	
55th Bn.	"	8.9am.	
14th LTMB.	"	8.12am.	
14th MG Co.	"	8.13am.	
14th F. Amb.	"	8.15am.	
Bde. HQ.	"	8.17am.	
14th Fld. Co.	"	8.18am.	

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ALLOTMENT OF BUSES.

APP. "C".

Issued with 14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 101 - 5.8.17.

A. 1st EMBUSMENT.

UNIT	BUSES	NUMBERED	REMARKS
54th Bn. Supply Sect., 28th Co. AASC. 14th L.T.M.B.	1	to 32	both inclusive.
	33	to 35	"
14th MG Co.	36	to 42	"
53rd Bn.	43	to 75	"
14th Fld. Amb.	76	to 80	"

B. 2nd EMBUSMENT.

UNIT	BUSES	NUMBERED	REMARKS
55th Bn.	1	to 35	both inclusive.
14th Fld. Co.	36	to 39	"
56th Bn.	40	to 75	"
Bde. HQ.	76	to 80	"

NOTE. Units will be formed up at place of embusment in groups of 1 Officer and 23 O/R. (6 Groups per 70 yards).

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14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

DATE	TIME	UNIT	WORK	REMARKS.
7.8.17	8.0am to) 12.30pm)	53rd Bn.	"Y" Scheme	"X" Scheme will be carried out in the Eastern part of "W1" Area, "Y" Scheme will be carried out in the Western part of W1 area.
	"	54th Bn.	"X" Scheme.	
	12.30pm to) 5.0 pm.)	55th Bn.	"Y" Scheme.	
	"	56th Bn.	"X" Scheme.	
8.8.17	8.0am to) 12.30 pm)	55th Bn.	"X" Scheme.	- do -
	"	56th Bn.	"Y" Scheme.	
	12.30 pm) to 5.0 pm)	53rd Bn.	"X" Scheme.	
	"	54th Bn.	"Y" Scheme.	
9.8.17	-	All units	- BRIGADE SCHEME.	Scheme later.

NOTE. - MG. Co. will work under orders of Div. M.G.O. on 7th and 8th insts.
O/C L.F.M.B. will attach 4 guns to each Bn. for "Y" Scheme.

Appendix C

SCHEME FOR "W1" TRAINING AREA.

SCHEME "X"

Reference Map 1/20,000 of Area W.

GENERAL IDEA.

An Eastern (Khaki) Force is following up a Western (White) Force, which is retiring in a westerly direction.

The Western Force are believed to be making a stand on a N.E. - S.W. line through D.1.a.0.5.

SPECIAL IDEA - KHAKI.

One battalion is allotted the front of pursuit as follows -

Right Boundary line D.5.Central - V.27.central - V.19.Central.

Left Boundary The BOULOGNE/exclusive.

The battalion on the left have a strong force on the BOULOGNE ROAD.

White hold a position through V.26.a.central - D.1.a.0.5. with advanced posts and snipers in the BOIS DE BAYENGHEM and the BOIS LARGE.

The Khaki battalion reaches the line of the road from D.10.b.0.5. to V.27.b.2.9. at _____ m. in lines of Companies: 3 Companies in the Front Line and 1 Company in support.

It is ordered to clear out the ridges in V.27. and D.3. and deploy in the line of the Western edge of the woods in V.26. and D.1. preparatory to making a reconnaissance in force of the enemy's position on the far ridge.

NOTE. Flagged enemy will be employed.

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14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE - ORDER No "A".

Ref. Lap. 5A. 1/100,000
and LOCAL MAP 1/20,000.

HARLETTES,
8.am 9.8.17.

1. Head of enemy's convoy has reached LUMBRES BRIDGE and halted there owing to temporary damage to bridge. His flank guard, strength about one Bn., has taken up a position facing W. between points V.25.c.2.4. and V.25.a.2.5.
2. The G.O.C. Brigade intends to attack and drive in this flank guard.
3. The 54th and 55th Bns. will carry out the attack, the 53rd and 56th Bns. being in reserve.
4. The Advanced Guard will be closed and withdrawn as soon as the two attacking Bns. are deployed for attack. It will then rejoin its Bn. in reserve.
5. (a) The 55th Bn. will deploy in the road running from S.W. to N.E. in U.30.a. and attack the enemy's line between points V.25.a.2.3. and V.25.d.2.4.
 (b) The 54th Bn. will detail two Coys. to attack the enemy's left flank, moving through ^c d.6.b. Central, and keeping two Coys. in reserve, in U.29.d.
 (c) The 53rd and 56th Bns. will remain in reserve in U.29.b.
6. O.C. 14th MG Co. will detail one section to support the attack of the 55th Bn.
 The remainder will be in reserve in U.29.b.
7. O.C., 14th L.T.L.B. will detail two guns to act under orders of the O.C. 54th Bn. flank attack.
8. O.C., 14th Fld. Amb. Det. will arrange for collection and evacuation of wounded.
9. The transport will remain at HARLETTES.

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10. Reports to Ede. Hq. at U.29.d.8.8.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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 MAJOR,
 BRIGADE MAJOR,
 14th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Issued at 8.0 am through signals.

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	4	54th Bn.
	5	55th Bn.
	6	56th Bn.
	7	14th MG Co.
	8	14th L.T.M.B.
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14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE - SCHEME FOR 9.8.1917.

GENERAL IDEA.

A White Convoy of Arms and ammunition is moving from NORDANSQUE to REMILLY, its route being through ACQUIN and LUMBRES.

A Khaki Force, strength one Infantry Brigade, has been detached from its main body at ESDOEUILLES to intercept and destroy the convoy.

SPECIAL IDEA.

On arrival at HARLETTES at 7.30am., G.O.C. Khaki Brigade receives information from an aerial reconnaissance that the head of the convoy has arrived at the bridge over the River BLEQUIN at LUMBRES, and has halted there, the bridge being apparently damaged as work is being carried out on it. At the same time he is notified by O.C. his Adv. Guard that a White Force estimated at about one Bn. has taken up a position facing West, between points V.25.c.2.4. and V.25.a.2.5. (LOCAL MAP, 1/20,000).

NOTE - All bridges East of LUMBRES for 6 miles have been washed away by recent floods.

The ground South of the road from HARLETTES to D.10 central is a morass.

14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BRIGADE SCHEME ON 9th INSTANT.

1. (a) 56th Bn. will place an Adv. Guard Screen (1 Platoon) on the line U.30.b.3.4. and U.30.b.1.7. Screen to be in position at 8.30am.
(b) Orders for withdrawal of this screen will be issued by Brigade.
2. (a) Units will be in positions as laid down in Order at 9.0 am.
(b) The 2 Coys 54th Bn. carrying out Flank attack will be in position in vicinity of house, C.6.b.5.6.
3. Transport will NOT accompany units.
4. Haversack ration will be carried.
5. 54th Bn. will detail 1 platoon to act as enemy. This platoon will report to Brigade Major at house C.6.b.5.6. at 8.30am., and will bring flags used by 54th Bn. today.

8.8.17.

MAJOR,
BRIGADE MAJOR,
14th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE - ORDER No 108.

Reference. Sheet 5A.
1/100,000.

9.8.17.

1. The 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade will return to the EBBLINGHEM - LYNDE area tomorrow 10th instant.
2. Units will embus at LUMBRES in accordance with attached Table, "A". They will move to ARQUES by bus, and will move from there to their respective billets by march route.
3. Transport will move in accordance with attached Table "B".
4. Rations will be drawn from LYNDE on and after 10th inst.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
 MAJOR,
 BRIGADE MAJOR,
 14th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Issued at 8.0 pm through Signals.

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| 3 | | 53rd Bn. |
| 4 | | 54th Bn. |
| 5 | | 55th Bn. |
| 6 | | 56th Bn. |
| 7 | | 14th IG Co. |
| 8 | | 14th LTB. |
| 9 | | 14th Fld. Amb. |
| 10 | | Engineer Detachment. |
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ISSUED WITH 14th AUST. INF. BDE, ORDER No 102.

TABLE "A".

UNIT	TIME OF EMBUSSING	REMARKS.
55th Bn. 14th MG Co. 14th LTLB. Detach. Eng.	7.30 am.	1. Units will halt on the LUMBRES - WIZERNES ROAD clear of LUMBRES, half an hour before time of embussing.
55th Bn. 53rd Bn. (less 2 Coys.)	10.30 am.	2. The embussing and debussing must be hastened in all cases.
Bde. HQ. 54th Bn. 2 Cos. 53rd Bn.	2.0 pm.	3. 14th Fld. Amb. will move independently.

TABLE "B"

TRANSPORT of units in order of march.	ROUTE	REMARKS.
55th Bn. 56th Bn. 53rd Bn. 14th MG Co. 14th LTLB. Detach. Eng. 14th & 15th) Fld. Cos. AE.) 28th Co. AASC.	LUMBRES, SETQUES, HALLINES, WIZERNES, WESTOVE, ARQUES, RENESECURE.	1. STARTING POINT - "X"-roads 200 yards East of "S" in LUMBRES. Head of column to pass S.P. at 9.30am. 2. Capt. COTTERILL, 55th Bn., will take charge of column. 3. Bde. HQ., and 54th Bn., Transport will move independently.

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14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE - SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

DATE	UNIT	PLACE	WORK	REMARKS.
13th	All units	-	Route March	Routes, etc., later.
14th	53rd Bn. 54th Bn.	B.11. & 12.) T.27. & B.2.) B.6. & C.1.) T.18. & U.19.)	Physical Training, Bayonet Fighting. Fire direction and control.	
15th	53rd Bn. 54th Bn. 55th Bn. 56th Bn.	- do -))))	En. Scheme without troops, Coy. Training.	Copy of Battalion Schemes to reach this Office by 12 noon on 14th inst.
16th	All Units.	-	Route March	Routes, etc., later.
17th	All Units.	- do -	Brigade Scheme without troops.	Scheme later.
18th	53rd Bn. 54th Bn. 55th Bn. 56th Bn.	- do -	Scouting and recon- naissance. Observation, visual training, judging distance, Coy. Drill.	

NOTE. Specialist Training will be carried out on each day except route march days.
Hours of Training, 9.0am till 1.0 pm.

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14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SCHEME FOR 17th AUGUST 1917.

Ref. Sheet:
5A, HAZEBROUCK, 1/100,000

GENERAL IDEA.

A Blue force is retiring from HAZEBROUCK on ARMENTIERES, having left a rearguard in the neighbourhood of STEENBECQUE to cover the destruction of the railway junction at HAZEBROUCK and the evacuation.

A Khaki force has been pushed forward from DELETTE with the object of hastening the steps of Blue towards the Fatherland and minimising the damage to HAZEBROUCK junction.

SPECIAL IDEA.

- 1 Inf. Bde.
- 1 Co. Cyclists.
- 2 Sectns. R.E.
- 1 Sectn. F.A.

At 9.0 pm on the 16th August, G.O.C. Khaki force, strength as per margin, has received reliable information that Blue has taken up a position facing ^W ~~E~~ on the two spurs of the high ground between SERCUS and STEENBECQUE.

Strength of Blue is approximately one Battalion of Infantry and $\frac{1}{2}$ MG. Coy.

At 10.0 am 17th August, the head of Khaki Column arrives at the cross-roads 1,000 yards N.E. of the second E in ROQUETOIRE.

NOTE - Khaki railhead is at THEROUANNE.

Director of Operations - Brigadier-General C.J. HOBKIRK, D.S.O.
Asst. " " - Major KING, D.S.O., M.C.

Only the Commanding Officers of Battalions will attend, and each C.O. will be considered as G.O.C. Khaki.

The Brigade Staff are allotted as Staff Officers as follows -

O.C. 53rd Bn.	-	Captain LEGGE, M.C.
" 54th "	-	Major DICKINSON, D.S.O.
" 55th "	-	Captain WISDOM.
" 56th "	-	Lieut. MERKEL.

Required from each Commanding Officer, and to be handed in at first conference at WITTE at 10.0 am 17th August.

- (a) Appreciation of the situation.
 - (b) Rough statement of dispositions on the line of march at 10.0 am on 17th instant.
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14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE - MARCH TABLE FOR 16th AUGUST 1917.

UNITS IN ORDER OF MARCH.	STARTING POINT.		ROUTE.
	Location	Time	
54th Bn.	X-roads, B.2.b.9.0.	9.10am	X-roads B.23.a.8.9. - LYNDE - X-roads T.24.a.0.3. - X-roads T.22.b.9.3.
14th ALTMB.	- do -	9.16am	- do -
Bde. HQ.	X-roads, T.24.a.0.3.	9.0 am	X-roads T.22.b.9.3. - X-roads B.2.b.9.0. - X-roads B.23.a.8.9. - LYNDE.
14th MG Co.	- do -	9.5 am	- do -
55th Bn.	X-roads B.6.b.4.8.	9.0 am	X-roads T.24.a.0.3. and thence same route as Brigade Headquarters.
53rd Bn.	- do -	9.30am	- do -

NOTE - 1st Line Transport will accompany units.
 Only fore-limber of cookers will be taken.
 Dress & Fighting Order: steel helmets to be worn.

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14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE - SYLLABUS OF TRAINING TO AND INCLUDING 25.8.1917.

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DATE	UNIT	PLACE	WORK	REMARKS.
Monday, 20th	53rd Bn. 54th Bn. 55th Bn. 56th Bn.	B.5. & 6. T.27.&28., B.3 B.12., C.1 T.24., U.19.& 25.	P.T. & Assault Training. Musketry, Rifle Ex. - do - - do - - do -	
Tuesday, 21st.	All Units.		Route March.	Routes, etc., later.
Wednesday 22nd.	53rd Bn. 54th Bn. 55th Bn. 56th Bn.	- do -	(Bn. Scheme without troops. (Field Training. Coy. Drill, Rifle Ex. recon- naissance, fire dir. & contr.	Bn. Schemes to reach this Office by 2 pm on Tuesday.
Thursday, 23rd.	53rd Bn. 54th Bn. 55th Bn. 56th Bn.	- do -	Coy drill, rifle ex., reconnaissance, fire direction and control. (Bn. Scheme without (troops.	(Bn. Schemes to reach this (Office by 2 pm on Wednesday.
Friday, 24th.	All Units.		Route March.	Routes, etc., later.
Saturday, 25th.	53rd Bn. 54th Bn. 55th Bn. 56th Bn.		P.T. and Assault Training. Observation and judging distance. Extended order work.	

NOTE - 1. Parade Hours 9.0 am till 1.0 pm.
2. Specialist Training will be carried out on all days except route march days.

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14th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE - SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.
27th AUGUST - 1st SEPTEMBER.

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DATE	UNIT	PLACE	WORK	REMARKS.
MONDAY 27th	53rd Bn. 54th Bn.) 55th Bn.) 56th Bn.)	T.27. & 28., B.3 B.12. & C.1. T.24., U.19. & 25.	(Battalion will be put through tear gas. (P.T. and Assault (Training. (Extended Order Work.	
TUESDAY 28th.	All units		Route March.	Routes later.
WEDNESDAY 29th.	53rd Bn. 54th Bn. 55th Bn.) 56th Bn.)	B.5. & 6.	(P.T. & Assault Training. (Extended Order work. (Through tear gas. (Bn. Scheme (without troops.	Schemes to reach B.H.Q. by 2.0pm on Tuesday.
THURSDAY 30th	53rd Bn.) 54th Bn.) 55th Bn. 56th Bn.	T.24., U.19. & 25.	(Battalion Scheme (without troops. (Through tear gas. (Bayonet fighting, Coy. drill, (fire direction and control.	Schemes to reach B.H.Q. by 2.0 pm on Wednesday.
FRIDAY 31st.	53rd Bn.) 54th Bn.) 55th Bn. 56th Bn.	U.25. & T.30 T.11., 12. & 18	(Route March (protection (on the march. (Battalion Outpost Scheme. - do -	Routes later.
SATURDAY 1st Sept.	53rd Bn. 54th Bn. 55th Bn.) 56th Bn.)	U.25. & T.30. B.4. & T.29.	Battalion Outpost Scheme. - do - (Route March (protection (on the march).	Routes later.

NOTE: 1. Parade Hours from 9.0am till 1.0pm.
2. Specialist Training will be carried out on all days except route march days.

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DATE	UNIT	WORK	LOCATION.
3rd	53rd Bn.)	Route March - do -	LYNDE, WALLON - CAPPELL RD., - Mt. D'HIVER - LA BELLE HOTESSE RD.
	54th Bn.)		
	55th Bn.)	Platoon and Coy. Offensive action (Trench Warfare) - do -	B.12.b. & d., C.1. T.24., U.19. & 25.
	56th Bn.)		
	14th MG Co.	Barrage Drill.	U.7
4th	53rd Bn.)	Platoon & Coy. Offensive action (Trench warfare) - do -	T.27. & 28. B.5, 6, 11, & 12.
	54th Bn.)		
	55th Bn.	At disposal of C.O. for inspection, etc.	-
	56th Bn.	Route March.	EBBLINGHEM - STAPLE ROAD.
	14th MG Co.	Route March.	-
5th	53rd Bn.)	Bn. Scheme without troops - P.T. & B.F. - do -	-
	54th Bn.)		
	55th Bn.	Route March	LYNDE, WALLON - CAPPELL ROAD.
	56th Bn.	At disposal of C/O for inspection, etc.	-
	14th MG Co.	At disposal of C/O for inspection, etc.	-
6th	53rd Bn.)	Route March. - do -	LYNDE, WALLON-CAPPELL ROAD. WARDRECQUES - LA NIEPPE ROAD.
	54th Bn.)		
	55th Bn.)	Bn. Scheme without troops - P.T. & B.F. - do -	-
	56th Bn.)		
		14th MG Co.	Barrage Drill.

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DATE	UNIT	WORK	LOCATION.
7th	53rd Bn.) 54th Bn.)	Battalion Scheme with troops. - do -	-
	55th Bn.) 56th Bn.)	Route March. - do -	LYNDE - ARQUES ROAD - ROAD N. OF EBBLINGHEM.
	14th MG Co.	2 Sections with each 53rd Bn. and 54th Bn.	-
8th	53rd Bn.) 54th Bn.)	At disposal of C/O's for inspection, etc.	
	55th Bn.) 56th Bn.)	Bn. Schemes with troops. - do -	
	14th MG Co.	2 Sections each with 55th and 56th Bns.	

- NOTE.
1. During all Route Marches local protection and local offensive or Defensive Action, as ground permits, will be practised, also visual communication on the march.
 2. Battalion Schemes both with and without troops - Schemes and location will be rendered to Brigade Headquarters by 3.0 pm previous day.
 3. The O.C. L.T.M.B. will arrange direct with Bn. Commanders to co-operate in Schemes with troops on Friday and Saturday.
 4. The O/C. MG. Coy. ditto.

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Reinforcements, Returned wounded, etc
joined up during Month of August 1917.

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Date	B.H.Q.		53 rd B ⁿ		54 th B ⁿ		55 th B ⁿ		56 th B ⁿ		M.G. Coy.		L.Y. M.B.		Total		Remarks.
	Offs	O/Rs	Offs	O/Rs	Offs	O/Rs	Offs	O/Rs	Offs	O/Rs	Offs	O/Rs	Offs	O/Rs	Offs	O/Rs	
1		2														2	
2			1	63			71		1	50					2	184	Major P.J. Higgins Supt. Lt. R.J. Naughton 1st M.G. Coy
3					1	72							5		1	77	Lt. H.R. Allen Sec ^t
4				1	1	1							12		1	14	Capt. H.R. Gollan Sec ^t
5					1		2			1					3	1	Capt. A.G. Morris " Lt. W.B.S. Morgan " " M.S. Houston "
6						2										2	
7										4						4	
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9						1										1	
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12				25		32		27		30						114	
13						1				1	1				1	2	Lt. D.J. Hallenstein Sec ^t
14																	
15		2			2	3		5		6		2			2	18	2 nd Lt. W.A.L. Senn 2 nd Lt. F.C.R. Small
16										1						1	
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19				7	1	12		9		12					1	40	Capt. D.A. McAlab Supt.
20						1		1								2	
21																	
22				9	1	118		2	18		6				3	44	2 nd Lt. W.J. Peeloay 1 st Aff. Lieut. A.E. Smyth " J.B. Mc Sec ^t
23				1		6		2		1					3	7	2 nd Lt. J.S. Bowe Cadet " R. Ellemore " " H.R. Musgrave "
24				6		1					2		2		2	9	" A.F. Hill " D.L. Maughan "
25						1						10				11	
26				1						1		10				12	
27				13		17		23		17						70	
28				10	1	3		13		10		10			1	46	Lt. A.G. Baks Sec ^t
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION SPECIAL ORDER.

Headquarters
21st August 1917

1. The following units with their 1st line transport will march past the G.O.C. II ANZAC Corps tomorrow Wednesday 22nd August 1917.

- 8th Infantry Brigade - 1 battalion and L.T.M. Battery
- 14th Infantry Brigade - 1 battalion.
- 15th Infantry Brigade • 1 battalion and M.G. Company.
- Pioneer Battalion.
- Divisional Engineers - 1 Field Company to be detailed by C.R.E.
- A.A.M.C. - 1 Field Ambulance to be detailed by A.D.M.S.

2. The G.O.C. II ANZAC Corps will take up his position opposite the Church at BLARINGHEM. Units will march past in column of route in the order given in the attached table.

3. Dress:- Full marching order for all units marching past. Steel helmets to be worn. Small box respirators to be carried. Rifle covers will not be worn. Bayonets will not be fixed.

4. The 8th Infantry Brigade will detail one company from 32nd Battalion to parade at the Saluting Point. The Company will report to a General Staff Officer at the Church, BLARINGHEM, at 10.40 a.m. Dress for this company will be belt and side arms. Felt hats to be worn.

5. The 8th and 14th Infantry Brigade Bands and the 59th Battalion band of the 15th Infantry Brigade will report to a General Staff Officer at the Church, BLARINGHEM, at 10.30 a.m. on the 22nd August. Detailed instructions will then be given to each bandmaster. Dress for bandsmen - Belt and side arms.

6. The following distances will be maintained on the march whilst passing the Saluting Point:-

In rear of each Infantry company, Field company and Field Ambulance	10 yards
In rear of each battalion	20 yards.

7. 1st Line Transport will follow their units and will not be grouped.

C. W. G. Staff
Lieut-Colonel
General Staff,
5th Australian Division.

August 21st 1917.

Distribution:-	Copies
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15th Infantry Brigade	3
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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

AMENDMENT TO TABLE ISSUED WITH 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION SPECIAL ORDER, dated 21st August 1917.

In column "Units in order of March" 8th Field Ambulance will follow 8th L.T.M. Battery. Cancel "Route," "Time of passing Saluting Point" and "Remarks" for 8th Field Ambulance and substitute

Route:- Junction roads B.15.a.3.1. along road running S.E. through B.15.c. B.21.b. B.22.a. cross canal, Junction Roads B.23.a.8.9. thence past Church, marching all the way in rear of 8th L.T.M. Battery.

Time of Passing Saluting Point:- 11.25 a.m.

Remarks:- Return via Junction roads B.23.c.7.6. B.23.a.1.6. cross canal.

14th Field Company Engineers:- Cancel 11.25 a.m. as time of passing Saluting Point and substitute 11.29 a.m.

Pioneer Battalion:- Cancel 11.31 a.m. as time of passing Saluting Point and substitute 11.35 a.m.

S. J. ... Capt
 M. Lieut-Colonel,
 General Staff,
 5th Australian Division.

August 21st 1917.

Issued to all recipients of Special Divisional Order dated 21st August.

TABLE ISSUED WITH SPECIAL DIVISIONAL ORDER , dated 21st August 1917.

Units in order of March	Route	Time of Passing Saluting Point.	Remarks.
30th Battalion 8th Brigade	Road junction B.12.c., S.W. to Junction Road B.23.a. thence past Church	11. a.m.	Return via road running through B.18.c & d. LeLABOURER C.13.c.
55th Battalion 14th Brigade	LYNDE-Junction Roads B.12.c. S.W. to road Junction B.23.a. thence past Church.	11. 6 a.m.	Return via road running through B.18.c & d. LeLABOURER C.13.c.
59th Battalion 15th Brigade	SERGUS - Road Junction C.13.b. Junction Roads B.12.c. S.W. to Junction Roads B.23.a. thence past Church	11.13 a.m.	Return via road running through B.18. c & d. LeLABOURER C.13.c.
15th M.G. Company 15th Brigade	SERGUS - Junction Roads C.13.b. Junction Roads B.12.c. S.W. to Junction Roads B.23.a. thence past Church	11.18 a.m.	Return via road running through B.18.c & d. LeLABOURER C.13.c.
8th L.T.M.B. 8th Brigade	Road running S.E. through B.12.c. B.9.c. B.15 cross canal, Junction Roads B.23.a & 9. , thence past Church.	11.21 a.m.	Return via Junction Roads B.23.c.7.6. B.23.a.1.6. cross canal
14th Field Co. Engrs.	via MONT D'HIVER, Road S.E. through B.10.central past Church	11.25 a.m.	After marching past will proceed via Junction Roads B.23.b.4.4 to road in B.24.a. where the company will halt and wait instructions to return to billets by same route
Pioneer Battalion	Road Junction C.26.b. - C.20.c. - C.19.c. - B.24.c.3.0. passing Church from east to west	11.31 a.m.	Halt off road B.17.c. and to return to billets by same route at 12 30 p.m.
8th Field Ambulance	Road Junction C.20.c. C.19.c. B.24.c.3.0. passing church marching all the way in rear of Pioneer Battalion.	11.34 a.m.	Return via road N.E. through B.17.d. B.18.a.

NOTE:- Units will pass through LE CROQUET in order laid down for march past.

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