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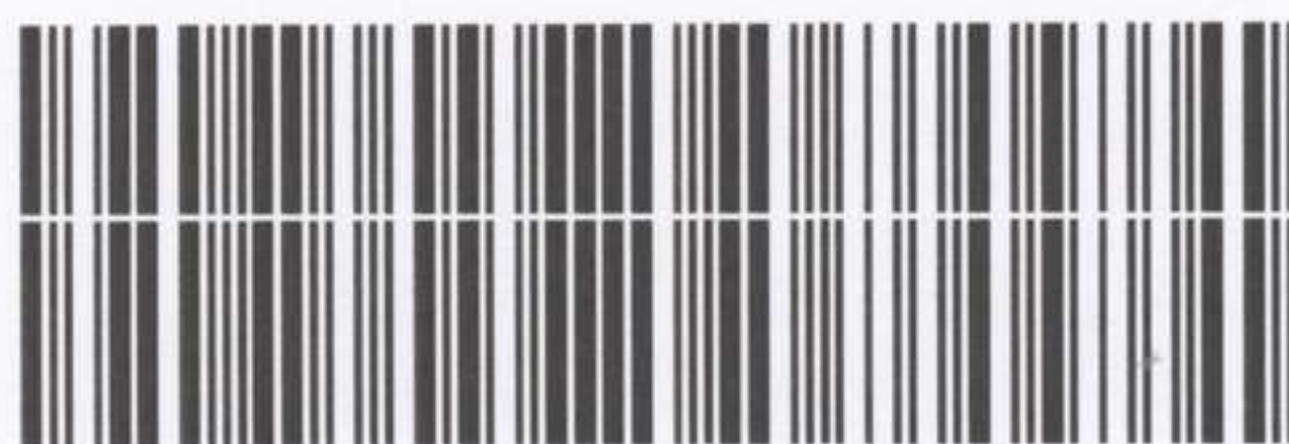
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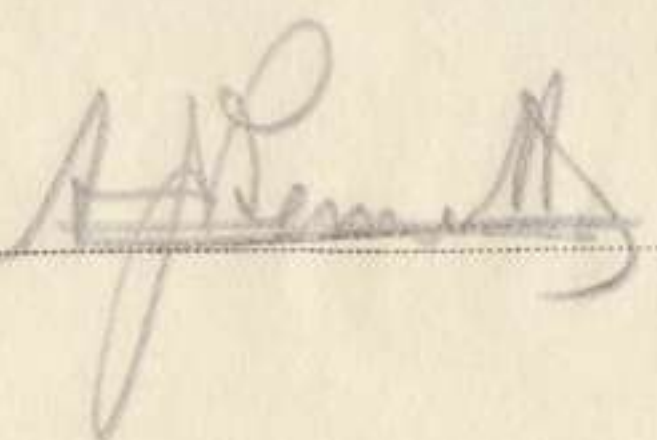
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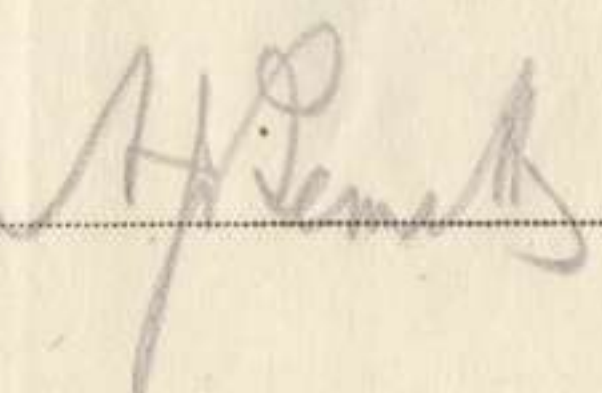
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Signature of Officer Commanding  **Lieut-Colonel.**

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BRAY	10.9.18.		Staging Depot closed at BRAY and opened the same day South of PERONNE (Reference:- 62C I 33 c) 1st and 4th Divn. Reinforcement Wings moved from BRAY to Area South of PERONNE; located as follows:- 1st Divn. Wing 62C 0 2 b 4.5. 4th " " " 0 8 c 8.6. Railhead for Leave and Reinforcements of Australian Corps opened at BRAY.	
	11.9.18.		Corps Artillery Depot moved from BRAY to PERONNE Area. Location:- 62C I 33 c 3.8. Aust. Corps Depot moved from CORBIE to BRAY.	
	13.9.18.		5th Divn. Reinforcement Wing moved from BRAY to PERONNE Area. Location:- 62C I 32 central.	
	14.9.18.		3rd " " " moved from BRAY to PERONNE Area. Location:- 62C I 32 d central.	
PERONNE			Headquarters closed at BRAY and opened the same day in PERONNE Area. Location:- 62C I 33 c 2.9. Staging Camp closed the same day. Reinforcements were then despatched direct to Units. The 1st Draft of 1914 men to proceed to AUSTRALIA on 6 months Furlough assembled at Corps Depot, BRAY. Prior to departure they were inspected by the Honourable Mr W. HUGHES., Prime Minister of AUSTRALIA.	
	18.9.18.		Camp Supply Dump closed at BRAY and opened the same day near H. Qrs in the PERONNE Area.	
	19.8.18.		Leave and Reinforcement Railhead for Australian Corps opened at La CHAPPELETTE.	
	20.9.18.		Aust. Corps Depot and 2nd Divn. Reinforcement Wing moved from BRAY to PERONNE Area. Located as follows:- Corps Depot 62C 0 3 a 0.5 4th Wing " I 33 d 6.4. Major R.A. RAMSAY, O.C. Aust. Corps Depot, remains at BRAY with a small Staff as O.C. <i>Aust. Corps Furlough Depot</i>	

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- PERONNE. 22.9.18. The 2nd Draft of 1914 men to proceed on 6 months Furlough to AUSTRALIA commenced to arrive from Units; they were accommodated in Divisional Wings and Depots, and despatched to Corps Furlough Depot, BRAY, on the 23rd and 24th.
- 24.9.18. 4th Aust. Divisional Reinforcement Wing moved from PERONNE Area to AILLY-Sur-SOMME. Reinforcements for 4th Divn Units left in this Area were de accommodated and despatched by the Corps Depot.
- 25.9.18. 1st Aust. Divisional Reinforcement Wing moved from PERONNE Area to LONGPRE-les-Corps Saints. Divisional Troops etd remaining in this Area were received and despatched by Corps Depot..
5th Aust. Divisional Reinforcement Wing moved from present location to Camp vacated by the 4th Wing.
- 26.9.18. Official Visitors Hostel established in huts at Headquarters. The following visitors arrived as guests of Australian Corps.
Sir Joseph COOK., GCMG. Minister for Australian Navy.
Sir Arthur CONYAN DOYLE., KT.
Mr W. E. BERRY. The London Weekly Times.
Lieut Commander J. G. LATHIAN., RANR.
Captain H. C. SMART.
Captain W. E. BEAN.
- 29.8.19. Sir Joseph COOK., GCMG., addressed all Troops in the Command. Sir A. CONYAN DOYLE., KT., and Mr W. E. BERRY, who were also present, gave an address.
(See appendix "B" attached; Special Order and Programme.)
- 30.9.18. Sir Joseph COOK and Party left for BOULOGNE.
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| Marched in to Camps for the month:- | 1586 | Officers | 28527 | Other Ranks. |
| Marched out of Camps for the month:- | 1720 | " | 31063 | " " |

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
"A"	Establishing Aust. Corps Staging Camp.
"B"	Address by Sir Joseph COOK., GCMG.

By

APPENDIX *A*Lieut-Colonel A. J. BENNETT, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.Commanding AUSTRALIAN CORPS Reinforcement Camp.

In the Field.

2nd. September. 18Establishment of AUST. CORPS Staging Camp.Objective.

To provide suitable accommodation and rations for 1000 troops nightly.

Location.

Sheet 62D/L 22.B.9.2. (BRAY-CAPPY Road). March via main CORBIE-BRAY-CAPPY Road.

Allotment.

For troops proceeding from CORBIE; Officers Commanding Units will submit applications to these Headquarters (numbers by Brigades) by 1.30.p.m., daily for allotment of accommodation for troops to proceed the following day. Nil returns to be rendered. The allotment of accommodation will be detailed in Routine Orders. (Urgent demands received after 1.30.p.m., to be sent in immediately.)

Baggage.

All officers' valises and mens packs will be delivered to Staging Camp under arrangements made by these Headquarters. Each Unit to have baggage ready by 8.30.a.m., daily. Only one person per Division to remain as baggage guard. Baggage from Staging Camp will be delivered to Units as Required.

Rations.

Troops will march out carrying the midday meal and the iron ration. The Supply Officer will send forward to the Staging Camp 24 hours fresh and 24 hours preserved rations in bulk daily for the number of troops as detailed in Routine Orders, plus 24 hours fresh rations for staff, and guides attached to Staging Camp, plus 2 rations, fodder for horses, plus number of preserved rations required daily to maintain a reserve of 500 preserved rations at the Staging Camp.

Troops will march out from the Staging Camp with the unexpended portion and 24 hours rations.

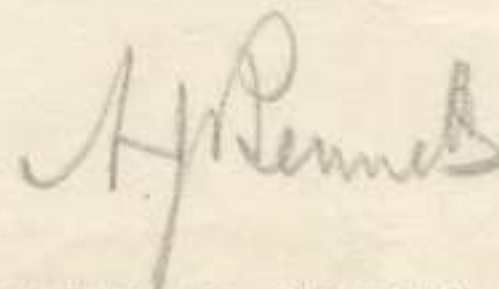
These Headquarters will deduct from Units indents the number of rations for troops proceeding to Staging Camp, and supply a bulk indent to Supply Officer for 24 hours fresh rations and 24 hours preserved.

Returns.

The Officer Commanding Staging Camp will render a return each Saturday to these Headquarters shewing numbers proceeding to Units, numbers returning from Units, numbers of rations received, distribution of rations, (fresh and preserved), balance of rations on hand for week ending Friday midnight.

Guides.

Divisions will arrange necessary guides at the Staging Camp, and also supply O.C. Staging Camp with location lists of Units.



Lieut-Colonel.
Commandant.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS Reinforcement Camp.

by

Lieut- Colonel A. J. BENNETT., CMG., DSO., VD.Commandant, AUSTRALIAN CORPS REINFORCEMENT CAMP.

In the Field

29th Sept, 1918.

Sir Joseph COOK., GCMG., representing the AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT, will inspect and address all AUSTRALIAN Troops in this Command this afternoon,

Sir Arthur CONYAN DOYLE, KT, will also be present and will be invited to speak.

Parade.

All personnel in Camp, less those on indispensable duties, will parade at 5.10 p.m. on ground South of 2nd Divn Reinforcement Wing, facing the terrace there which will be the official stand.

Bands.

All Bands will attend and be prepared to play one or two numbers each if and as required.

Band Masters will meet at these Headquarters at 3 p.m.

Markers.

Two Markers and one guide from each Camp with approximate parade states will report to W.O. BOURKE on the ground at 5 p.m.

Dress

Fatigue Dress without arms

A. J. Bennett

Lieut-Colonel.
Commandant,

AUSTRALIAN CORPS Reinforcement Camp.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS REINFORCEMENT CAMP.

In the Field,
29th September, 1918.

P R O G R A M M E .

1. MARCH. Massed Bands of the 2nd, 3rd & 5th Divisions.
 2. ADDRESS. By Sir Joseph COOK., GCMG., Minister for the Navy,
AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.
 3. MARCH. "AUSTRALIA WILL BE THERE" by massed Bands of 2nd, 3rd, and
5th Divisions.
 4. ADDRESS. Sir Arthur CONYAN DOYLE, KT?
 5. MARSEILLESE.
 6. NATIONAL ANTHEM.
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APPENDIX B