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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RENINGHELST	1916-			
	OCT. 1st.	1 a.m.	Clocks put back one hour, to 12 midnight, on change of time from summer to winter.	Appx. CLXIV
			1st Anzac G.S. Circular attached. (No. 24)	
		2nd.	Artillery carried out minor operation in conjunction with trench mortars. Dull and cold, with light showers in afternoon.	
		5 p.m.	Our heavy, medium and Stokes mortars ranged on hostile wire opposite trench I.30.9 with good effect. Artillery bombarded enemy trenches in front of right and centre sub-sectors - Retaliation light.	
		3rd	Cold and dull. Misty during morning. Situation unaltered. Enemy artillery inactive.	
		10 p.m.	Patrols reconnoitred enemy wire at I.30.b, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .8 $\frac{1}{2}$ . but were unable to make close inspection owing to hostile working party.	
		4th	Dull, with intermittent showers.	
		3.30 a.m.	Our artillery shelled STIRLING CASTLE and M.G. emplacements:	
		4.10 "	Enemy retaliated on centre and right sub-sectors. Damage slight.	
		12 mdnt.	Raid carried out by 19th Bn. 5th Bde. Enemy trenches entered at I.18, b.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .8 $\frac{1}{2}$ details of operation contained in attached report.	Appx. Raid Divisional Weekly Summary. CLXV
		5th	Fine, hazy during morning.	



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	1916.			
RENINGHELST	5th	10p.m.	22nd Battalion relieved 23rd in HOOGE sector - 27th & 28th Bns. relieved 18th & 19th Bns. in OBSERVATORY RIDGE sector and support.  55th Division relieved 29th Division on our left flank.  Situation unchanged and conditions normal.  Casualties - 2 killed, 4 wounded, =1 missing (O.R's)	0.0.55. CLXVI
	6th		Fine cloudy afternoon.	
		11 p.m.	25th and 26th Bns. relieved 17th and 20th Bns. in left sector and reserve OBSERVATORY RIDGE, H.Q. of <sup>5th</sup> Inf. Bde. taken over by 7th Inf. Bde. Latter Bde. returned to STEENVOORDE.  Our artillery active. STIRLING CASTLE again registered. Little activity on part of the enemy.  Casualties = 1 wounded.	00 55 CLXVII as above
	7th		Fine during morning: cloudy in afternoon with light showers. Generally mild.  Artillery registrations carried out. Situation normal. Mining was heard in trench I,30.1 - 1 killed, and listening sets were installed. Casualties = 8 wounded.	appx. CLXVIII
	8th		Fine and clear. Mining operations at trench I.30.1 not confirmed.  Situation normal; conditions unchanged. Casualties = 1 wounded.	Appx. CLXIX
	9th		Fine, cloudy and mild.	

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	1918.			
RENINGHELST	9th	8.30 a.m.	Our artillery active during the day and co-operated with trench mortars in cutting wire in front of T-head J.19.c.6.	
		8.36	Enemy retaliated with Minenwerfer bombs doing little damage.	
		4.30 p.m.	More wire-cutting carried out. Casualties = 2 wounded.	
	10th		Fine, with bright, clear moonlight night.	
		1 p.m.	Operation Order No. 58 issued.	See. Appx. 00 58 under. 14th Oct.
		8 a.m.) 4 p.m.) 10.30)	Our artillery, in conjunction with heavy and medium trench mortars, shelled enemy trenches and cut hostile wire in preparation for enterprise on 12/13th Oct. Casualties = 1 killed, 5 wounded.	
	11th		Fine - cloudy in afternoon, with clear evening	
		10 am) 4 pm)	Our artillery, in conjunction with T.M's., shelled enemy front and support trenches. Patrolling active. Hostile wire examined at points where proposed raids are to be carried out. Enemy retaliation light.	
	12th		Fine, cloudy and mild.	
		5 pm.	Wire-cutting programme continued by artillery and T.M's, Enemy retaliated.	
		6.30	Party 28th Bn. raided enemy trench J.19.c.6. and secured two prisoners of 106th Regt.,	



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RENINGHELST	1916.			Appx. Weekly summary
	OCT.	12th	58th Division. Casualties for raid = 2 wounded. Casualties = 1 O.R. killed, 2 O.R's, wounded.	Appx, Raid 28th Bn. CLXX.
		13th	Dull - Light drizzle in early morning. Situation normal Our artillery mainly engaged in registration and retaliation.	
		5 pm/5.30 pm.	Artillery and T.M's. shelled known M.G. & T.M. positions in I.30.b,c&d. & J.19.c.	
		9.30	Patrols active along front. Patrol from 22nd Bn. raided suspected sniper's post in trench running West from FORRESTERS LANE. Trench showed no sign of recent occupation. Enemy shelled vicinity of BULL PARK DUMP, VINCE ST. & DORMY HOUSE. Casualties = 1 Officer (Lt. J.H. Murphy V.2A T.M. Batty) wounded. 2 O.R. killed 14 Wounded.	Appx as above. (CLXX)
	14th		Dull weather, wind high, and safe. The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde., less 2 Bns., 2 M.G. Coy., 2 L.T.M.B., took over front held by 2nd Aust. Bde. on night 14th/15th Oct. - completed by 11.10 p.m. Our artillery carried out registration - T.M. cut wire I.30.d. M.G. carried out indirect fire on enemy roads and communications. Front was patrolled. Enemy artillery normal in forenoon and afternoon.	Appx. 00.58. CLXXI
		8.15pm.	Enemy intensely bombarded for 10 minutes our trenches opposite THE SNOOT and on right of	



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RENINGHELST	1916. OCT.		MT. SORREL. Our artillery retaliated.	
			Casualties = 2 O.R's. killed, 4 wounded. Sick = 9 O.R's.	
		15th	Dull weather: occasional showers; wind high and safe: night cold.	
		11.45 am.	5th Aust. Inf. Bde., less 19th Bn., marched via RENINGHELST, to quarters in M.5.	
		9.30 pm.	2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 59 issued. Artillery inactive. T.M. fired 60 rounds.	Appx, O. No. 50. CLXXXII
			Raid by 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. on enemy trenches at I.30.b6.4. Raiders did not reach enemy's trenches owing to the existence of uncut wire.- Casualties = 1 Off., 2 O.R's. slightly wounded.	
			Our patrols were active along the whole front. Indirect M.G. fire throughout night.	
		10 am.) 2 pm.)	Enemy 4.2 and Minenwerfer shelled dump at I.29.c., YPRES, SANCTUARY WOOD, WINNIPEG STREET, GORDON HOUSE, HALFWAY HOUSE, YEOMANRY POST shelled during afternoon.	
			Casualties = 5 O.R's. killed, 8 O.R's. wounded.	
	16th		Cloudy dull day. Wind S.W. and high: safe.	
			Artillery active in registration and retaliation. M.G. fired steady indirect fire.	
			Patrols out along whole front. No enemy patrols encountered.	
		8 am. X noon )	Enemy shelled intermittently vicinity I.19.c.9.3.	
		2-3 pm.	ARMAGH WOOD & MAPLE COPSE lightly shrapnelled 77 m/m. Enemy aircraft driven back from our lines.	



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RENINGHELST	1916.			
	OCT.		Casualties = 4 O.R's. killed, 7 wounded.	
			68th Bde. relieving 6th and 7th Aust. Inf. Bdes. in YPRES Inf. Barracks and ZILLEBEKE BUND.	Appx. 0.0.59. as above. CLXXII
	17th	17th	Cloudy dull day - showery - wind dangerous. Report from front Bde. 1 pm. - 5 pm.	
			Artillery registration on HILL 60. Our T.M.'s. fired on front line. Our patrols active during night.	
		11am. } 2pm. }	Enemy shelled OBSERVATORY RIDGE, YPRES. Enemy T.M. shelled our support lines in OBSERVATORY RIDGE and in HILL 60 area. Heavy Minenwerfer fire 1.29.1.- silenced by our retaliation.	
			23rd Bn., 6th Aust. Inf. Bde., portion 1 Bn. 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. 26 M.G. Coy. 26 L.T.M.B. relieved by 68th Brigade.	Table of reliefs 0.0.59 (CLXXII) as above
			5th Aust. Inf. Bde. moving to STEENVOORDE.	
			Casualties = Nil.	
	18th		Dull, showery day - Wind S.W., safe.	
			Artillery shelled enemy M.G. & T.M. emplacements. Indirect M.G. fire on enemy communications.	
			Enemy shelled lightly OBSERVATORY RIDGE, the DUMP and LARCH WOOD. T.M. fired on our C.T's.	
			on OBSERVATORY RIDGE. Centre Sector relieved by 70th & 68th Inf. Bdes.	
			* Casualties = 1 Off. wounded, 3 O.R's. killed.	
			* Accidentally self-inflicted.	



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RENINGHELST.	1916. OCT. 19th		Weather dull - occasional heavy showers. Wind safe. Relief of HILL 60 sector by L42nd Bde. Relief of Div. Eng. and Field Ambulances Division less artillery relieved by 23rd & 47th Divs. Summary of work on Defences, period 26-9-16 to 19-10, 16.	Appx. CLXXIII O.O. No. 60.
	20th	8 am.	Command of Divisional Frontage handed over to 23rd Division.	Appx. CLXXIV
STEENVOORDE.			Div. H.Q. opened at STEENVOORDE. 6th & 7th Bdes. in STEENVOORDE, 5th at ARNEKE. Brig. Gen. PATON C.B. V.D., 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. in command during absence on leave of Major-Gen. LEGGE C.M.G.	
TILQUES	21st		Div. H.Q. in TILQUES. Left Artillery Group relief completed by 180th R.F.A. Location of Units = 5th Bde. TILQUES Area; 6th Bde. STEENVOORDE; 7th Bde, ARNEKE.	Appx. G480. CLXXV
	22nd		6th Bde. at ARNEKE; 7th Bde. TILQUES, Bdr-Gen. HOLMES C.M.G. D.S.O. in Command.	
	23rd		6th Bde. moving to TILQUES Area, thus completing concentration of 2nd Aust. Div. (Less Art.) in the TILQUES Area. 2nd Div. Art. concentrated in STEENVOORDE Area.	
	24th		2nd Aust. Div. Art. moved by march route from STEENVOORDE Area to TILQUES Area. Division entraining at ST. OMER, ARQUES, AUDRUICQ and detraining in 4th Army Area.	Appx. 00. No. 61. CLXXVI G. 501. CLXXVII
AILLY LE HAUT CLOCHER.	25th		Div. H.Q. at AILLY-LE-HAUT-CLOCHER. Div. Art. H.Q. STEENVOORDE. Location of units = Completion of 2nd Aust. Div. detrainment in 4th Army Area. Div. attached to X Corps.	Appx. G. 25. CLXXVIII O.O. 62 CLXXIX

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@ILLY-LE- HAUT-CLOCHER	1916			
	OCT.	26th	2nd Aust. Div. Transport moved by road to ARGOUEVES. Personnel 5th Aust. Inf. Bde, Groups and Pioneer Bn. moved by bus to XV Corps Area.	Appx, CLXXX OO, No. 64.
		midnight.	2nd Aust. Div. less Art. transferred from X Corps to XV Corps	OO, No. 63. CLXXXI
	27th		2nd Div. Transport to XV Corps Area. Personnel 6th & 7th Bdes. by bus to XV Corps Area.	
RIBEMONT			2nd Div. H.Q. opened at RIBEMONT-sur-ANCRE.	
			5th Aust. Inf. Bde, RIBEMONT; 6th Bde, BUIRE; 7th Bde. DERNANCOURT.	
	28th		2nd Aust. Div. Art. Med. & Heavy T.M's. moved by rail from 2nd Army Area to 4th Army Area.	
	29th		2nd Aust. Div. Art. at Camp Area A. DERNANCOURT.	
	30th		2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn., 3 Coys. Field Engrs. moved to forward area. Working parties = 5th Bde.	
			3 Off. 179 O.R. - 6th Bde. 3 Off, 230 R.R. - 7th Bde. 7 Off. 480 O.R.	Appx, CLXXXII OO, No. 65.
			H.Q. 2nd Aust. Div. Art. at BELLEVUE FARM. Location of Units see Appx.	G. 55. CLXXXIII
<p><i>Arthur Major</i> for Major-General, Commanding 2nd Australian Division.</p>				





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GENERAL STAFF.

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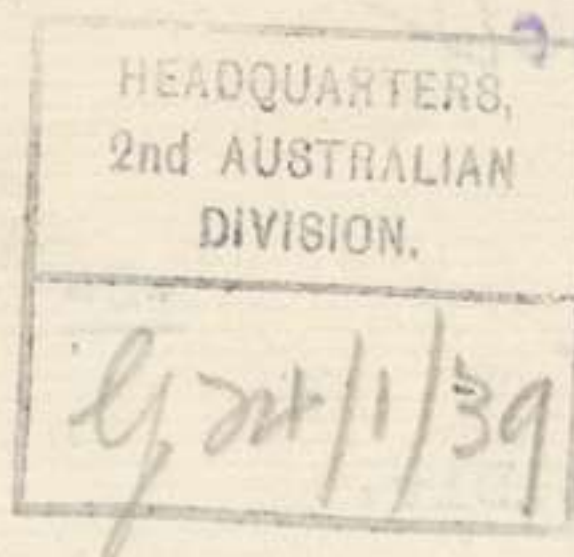
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1st ANZAC CORPS.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR. No. 24.

Subject:- READJUSTMENT OF CLOCK TIME.

29-9-16.

1. At 1 a.m. (Summer time) in the morning of Sunday, 1st October, Greenwich time will be restored by putting back the clock to 12, midnight. The hour 12, midnight - 1 a.m. Summer time will thus be followed by the hour 12, midnight - 1 a.m. Greenwich time.

All clocks will be put back one hour during the night accordingly.

2. From 1st October Greenwich time will be used for all purposes.

3. For purposes of reference for operations the extra hour will be designated 12 x a.m.

i.e., from 12 midnight to 12.59 a.m. - according to present time.

from 12 x a.m. to 12 x 59 a.m. - extra hour.

from 1 a.m. onwards. - according to new time.

*Clark*  
Brigadier-General.  
General Staff.  
1st ANZAC CORPS.

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5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.  
6th. -do-  
7th. -do-  
2nd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.

A.D.H.S.  
A.D.V.S.  
2nd. Aust. Div. Train.  
D.A.D.C.C.  
A.P.M.  
2nd. Aust. Div. Supply Col.  
A.Q.  
Camp Comdt.

Forwarded for information. and necessary action.

2nd. Aust. D.H.Q.  
30-9-16.

*Harthorn*  
Major.  
General Staff.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
-----Divisional Headquarters,  
5th October, 1916.Headquarters,  
1st. ANZAC.  
-----SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD FROM  
6 p.m. 28TH SEPT.- TO - 6 p.m. 5TH OCT.

Our snipers and machine guns have been active; the latter carrying out indirect fire nightly against enemy tram-lines, transport routes, and communication trenches.

Patrols have been frequently and regularly sent into NO MAN'S LAND, and a thorough reconnaissance made of enemy's wire opposite trench I.30.8. A prisoner belonging to the 74th Landwehr Regt. was captured in F.Sap on morning of 30th Sept. On several occasions hostile working parties were located and dispersed by Lewis Gun fire. One German patrol was encountered, which retired immediately on the approach of our men.

The enemy has not been very active on our front, and in every case his retaliation to our artillery bombardments has been weak. His Minenwerfer and trench mortars were freely used but have caused little damage.

Our Artillery carried out operations in accordance with 2nd Div. Art. orders 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33 & 34 (copies sent Anzac Artillery). Bombardments in conjunction with 5th Brigade Raid were contained in Orders 27 & 34. As a result of our shelling, an explosion was caused at I.18.b.1.5., timber, wire, etc. being blown up. Our mortars have fired daily against the enemy trenches and wire and at several points parapets and communication trenches have been badly damaged. Two heavy trench mortars are now in the line.

19th Battalion, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde., carried out a raid at midnight 4th/5th October, details of which form appendix.

Satisfactory progress is being made improving the front line and communication trenches.

Our casualties during the period have been:

		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
Killed	...	-	7
Wounded	...	4	56
Missing	...	-	3
TOTAL ..		4	66

*Edward M. ...* Major-General,  
Commanding 2nd Aust. Division.



REPORT ON RAID ON ENEMY TRENCHES BY THE 19th. BATTALION  
A. I. F. on night 4/5/10/16.

- 1....The party consisted of 3 Officers and 50 men, volunteers from the Battalion.
- 2....TRAINING The men had been on fatigue duty and in the trenches and the party was therefore left in billets in YPRES when the Battalion moved into the trenches. There they were thoroughly rested, organised in their parties and practised in entering and bombing trenches etc.
- 3....CAMPAIGN. Scouts of the party had thoroughly reconnoitred the ground at night and the majority of the N.C.O's and men had also examined the ground by day and night. Prior to the bombardment the party crawled out to two large shell holes about 50 yards in front of our trenches. From here they rushed into the enemy's trenches as soon as the artillery fire lifted. They found the wire cut except for some "concertina" wire in the borrow pit and this was easily crossed by the use of stretchers we had employed in practise. From the point of entry they proceeded 30 yards in each direction without encountering any of the enemy. Their orders being to proceed no further than this they blocked the trench and proceeded to examine it. They remained for 13 minutes in the trench and were then recalled by O.C. Assault. They returned by the same road as they had entered, taking care to remove the tape laid through the gap in the wire and all signs of their entry.
- 4....ACTION OF ENEMY. During the bombardment the enemy made no reply whatever with machine gun or rifle fire. He did not fire a flare from his front trench; but was active with minenwerfers and trench mortars on our trenches.
- 5....COMMUNICATION A telephone was taken out by the party who were in communication with the O.C. Attack all the time they were outside our trenches. Wires were laid from the O.C. Attack's station in the front trench to Battalion Headquarters and also to the Artillery. These wires were cut by the enemy trench mortar fire and communication by runner was necessarily very slow owing to the mud as it had been raining steadily all day. The signal to the artillery to drop again on the enemy trenches and cease fire was given by GREEN Rockets.
- 6....INFORMATION GAINED Unfortunately the portion of the trench entered only contained the remains of two Germans who had been blown to bits and half buried by our artillery. No shoulder straps, pay books or papers could be found though the trench was thoroughly searched for such. Two drinking mugs, two rifles, 1 empty cigar box, two periscopes and two bombs of the ordinary type were brought back; but on none of them could any mark be found which might serve for identification purposes.  
 The enemy parapet is about 10 feet thick; the borrow pit was about 5 feet wide and filled with wire. The trench was revetted with brushwood hurdles. The parapet was low and the only dug-out was small, not more than 3 feet deep, and contained no papers of any sort. The trench appeared to be used as an outpost for observation purposes more than for permanent occupation and it is surmised that any Germans who may have been there besides the two dead mentioned made their way back to the support trenches as soon as the bombardment opened.  
 The trench had been considerably damaged by our artillery and was almost filled in in one place. It was not traversed, but would irregularly.
- 7....CASUALTIES I regret to report that we had one other rank killed and four wounded. All were brought back to our lines.

Sgd. L. B. HEATH, LIEUT.  
 O. C. RAID.



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 55.

Divisional Headquarters,  
1st, October, 1916.

Reference Sheets 27 & 28:  
Map of BELGIUM and  
Part of FRANCE 1/40,000.

1. The 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. in the line on the nights of the 5th/6th and 6th/7th October.

2. Details of the relief will be arranged mutually between Brigade Commanders. Not more than two Battalions and a portion of the M.G.Coy. and Lt.T.M.Battery will be relieved the same night.

3. The relief will be carried out in accordance with the procedure laid down in para.4. Divisional Trench Orders.

4. All Defence Schemes, Trench Maps and Stores, documents likely to be of value, air photographs, Logbooks, and Ammunition dumps will be handed over on relief and receipts given and obtained. These receipts will be forwarded to D.H.Q. They will be returned to Brigades after check.

5. G.O.'s.C. Brigades will inform the AA&Q.M.G., at least 48 hours before the relief commences, of the train accommodation required on each night from GODEWAERSVELDE to YPRES and vice-versa.

6. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will, on relief, take over the billets of the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. in the STEENVOORDE Area. The Brigade will be in Corps Reserve.

7. The command of the front line and area will pass to the G.O.C., 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. after the relief is completed. Time to be mutually arranged between Brigadiers concerned and notified to D.H.Q. and all concerned.

8. The Units of the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde., viz.,  
22nd Battalion  
23rd Battalion  
½ 6th Aust.L.T.M.Battery  
½ 6th Aust. Machine Gun Coy.

will, as soon as the command has been transferred, be attached to the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. The above units will be relieved in the line on the nights of the 11th/12th. and 12th/13th. October by similar units of the 6th. Aust. Inf. Bde., under mutual arrangements between Brigade Commanders concerned.

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8.(Contd.) Arrangements made will be communicated not less than 48 hours before relief commences to the A.A&Q.M.G., to enable rail transport to be provided.

9. The 7th Aust. Field Coy. will relieve the 5th Aust. Field Coy. under the orders of the C.R.E.

10. The 5th Aust. Field Ambulance will not be relieved at present.

11. Acknowledge.

Issued at 8....a.m.

Major,  
General Staff.

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| 9 C.R.E.                   | 23 1st Aust. Div.             |
| 10 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Co. | 24 29th Div.                  |
| 11 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.     | 25 Anzac Heavy Art.           |
| 12 6th -do-                | 26 2nd Canadian Tunn. Coy.    |
| 13 7th -do-                | 27 6th Squadron R.F.C.        |
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*Right company report having heard hostile mining operations in vicinity of trench I.30.1 (old 47) AAA Confirmed by sergeant of canadian tunnelling Coy AAA Arrangements are in hand for listening sets AAA Arrangements for blocking trenches should blow occurs are being made*

FROM *7th Aus Inf Bde*

PLACE & TIME *9.40am*

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Sender's Number. * 4216	Day of Month. 8	In reply to Number. G. 917	AAA
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After further careful investigation  
and consultation with officer  
of Tunnelling Coy Right  
Battalion Commander reports  
that there is not sufficient  
evidence to justify previous  
report.

From	2nd Aust Div
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The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z) W. H. Allen  
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HEADQUARTERS,  
2nd AUSTRALIANSECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
-----Divisional Headquarters,  
19th October, 1916.1st. ANZAC.  
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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR PERIOD FROM 6 P.M.12th OCT. to 6 P.M. 19th OCT., 1916.

A successful raid was carried out on evening of 12th October by special party from 28th Battalion. Trench Mortar preliminary bombardment commenced at 6.20 p.m.; artillery at 6.30 p.m. At 6.30 p.m. party went across NO MAN'S LAND and entered enemy trenches on both sides of forward sap at J.19.c.†.5†. Report that party were all back in our trenches reached Battalion Headquarters at 6.40 p.m. Two prisoners of 106th Regiment were captured and a few documents and odd articles of equipment. No machine gun emplacement was found there.

Signal communication between O.C. Attack and Battalion Headquarters was maintained all the time both by telephone and lamp.

Enemy retaliation was mainly confined to Minenwerfer, and its duration and intensity may be judged by the fact that at 7.30 p.m. report "Situation Normal" was able to be sent. Casualties - two other ranks wounded.

On evening of 13th a raid on old trench running West from Forrester Trench was made. (A party from 22nd Battalion, 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.) A sniper had been reported firing from this trench by Brigade on left, and object was to capture occupants of this position. Unfortunately raiding party found no signs of recent occupation. This raid was carried out without any artillery preparation at all.

On evening of 15th October an attempt was made to raid enemy trenches at I.30.b.6.4†. After preliminary bombardment by artillery and trench mortars, party moved across NO MAN'S LAND and passed through gap in wire, only to find a second line of wire uncut.

While the party were attempting to get through this they were seen and all four officers of the party report that a length of heavy mining fuze running along enemy parapets for 25 to 30 yards was lit. Enemy's artillery immediately put down a shrapnel barrage on NO MAN'S LAND.

Enemy trench was apparently heavily manned as a large number of hand grenades were thrown into the wire near the gap. The party then withdrew, having suffered three casualties. - Lieut. Forwood and two other ranks slightly wounded. Later a man of the raiding party was killed by Minenwerfer in our own trench.

Our patrols have carried out determined and thorough reconnaissances of NO MAN'S LAND and enemy's defences.

*Clear*



On no occasion have hostile patrols been encountered. It appears that the enemy depends upon his listening posts out in NO MAN'S LAND to supply him with information about his front.

Our artillery has carried out registration on enemy emplacements, strongposts and communications.

Our retaliation to each enemy bombardment has been prompt and so severe that the enemy artillery and mortars have quickly subsided. During the week our right Artillery Group took over the HILL 60 Sector. - This left our original front to the remaining two groups.

The Division has been relieved by the 23rd and 47th Divisions. The relief will be completed by the 20th October.

Attention has been given to the improvement of our front and communication trenches. Trenches are being revetted and duck-boarded. Work on deep-living dugouts has been proceeding.

With the exception of a barrage behind HILL 60 during a relief on the night 14/15th, and a heavy Minenwerfer bombardment at I.29.1 on the 17th, the enemy artillery and trench mortar activity has been intermittent. YPRES, our prominent features, and the front line and communication trenches were lightly shelled - mostly by 77 m/m and 10.5 c/m. A few 15 c/m have fallen. About 4000 rounds of enemy artillery have been recorded by our observers. His machine gun fire has been very slight.

The enemy is steadily working on the maintenance and improvement of his position. He has been especially active in the region of HILL 60.

Our casualties during the period were -

	Officers	Other Ranks
Killed	-	13
Wounded	2	41
Missing	-	-
TOTAL...	2	54

Major-General,  
Commanding 2nd Aust. Division.



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 58.Divisional Headquarters,  
10th October, 1916.Reference Map Sheets 27 & 28, & Trench Map 1/10,000  
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1. The 2nd Australian Division will take over from the 1st Australian Division that part of the front line between trench I.35.1 inclusive and the present right of this Division.

2. The front line, as it will then be, will be held by two Brigade Commands.

The new boundary on the South is shown on attached sketch.

The 4th Australian Division <sup>will be</sup> the next Division to the South.

The Right Brigade Area will be the whole of that portion of the front line and back area from the new southern boundary to the existing boundary along FOSSE WAY to SHRAPNEL CORNER.

The Left Brigade Area will be the existing Divisional Area.

3. The G.O.C., 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will take over the Right Brigade Area and front line from the 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. by mutual arrangement between Brigade Commanders.

4. The relief will take place between 13th and 15th instant. It will be carried out in accordance with 2nd Aust. Div. Trench Orders, para. 4.

All Defence Schemes, Trench Maps and Stores, documents likely to be of value, air photographs, Log-books and ammunition dumps will be taken over on relief and receipts given. These receipts will be forwarded to D.H.Q. They will be returned to the 6th Brigade after scrutiny.

5. The G.O.C., 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will place one battalion of his Brigade, 2 Stokes Mortars and 4 Vickers Guns, at the disposal of the G.O.C. 7th Aust. Inf. Bde., for duty on the Left Brigade Front.

The battalion of the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. now in reserve in YPRES and the balance of the 6th L.T.M. Battery and 6th M.G. Coy. will be entirely at the disposal of the G.O.C., 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. for all tactical and administrative purposes, working parties, etc. The battalion will be quartered in YPRES.

The relief of the battalion attached to the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be arranged mutually between the G.O.C. the 3rd and 7th Aust. Inf. Bdes.

6. The G.O.C., 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will inform the A.A.&Q.M.G. 48 hours before the relief commences, of the train accommodation required on each night.



7. The command of the Right Brigade front line and area will pass to the G.O.C., 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. after the relief is completed. Time to be mutually arranged between Brigadiers concerned and notified to D.H.Q. and others concerned.

8. The Artillery of the 2nd Australian Division will be redistributed to cover the whole of the front of the Division as it will be after the above relief.

Artillery instructions will be issued separately.

9. The C.R.E. will take over from the C.R.E. 1st Aust. Div. all engineer works in progress, plans for future work, and engineer dumps and stores. The method of relief of 1st Aust. Div. Field Engineers will be notified later.

10. Separate instructions as to Medical Services will be issued by the D.D.M.S.

11. The G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Div. will take over command of the new front from the G.O.C. 1st Aust. Div. as soon as the Inf. relief is complete.

12. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. (less one battalion to be left at STEENVOORDE for training) will move to the Div. and Corps Reserve Area on 12th instant, in accordance with the March Table issued herewith. Troops to be clear of STEENVOORDE at 10.30 a.m.

This Brigade will remain in Corps Reserve.

13. Acknowledge.

Issued at *one* p.m.

*At Bridges*  
Lieut.-Colonel,  
General Staff.

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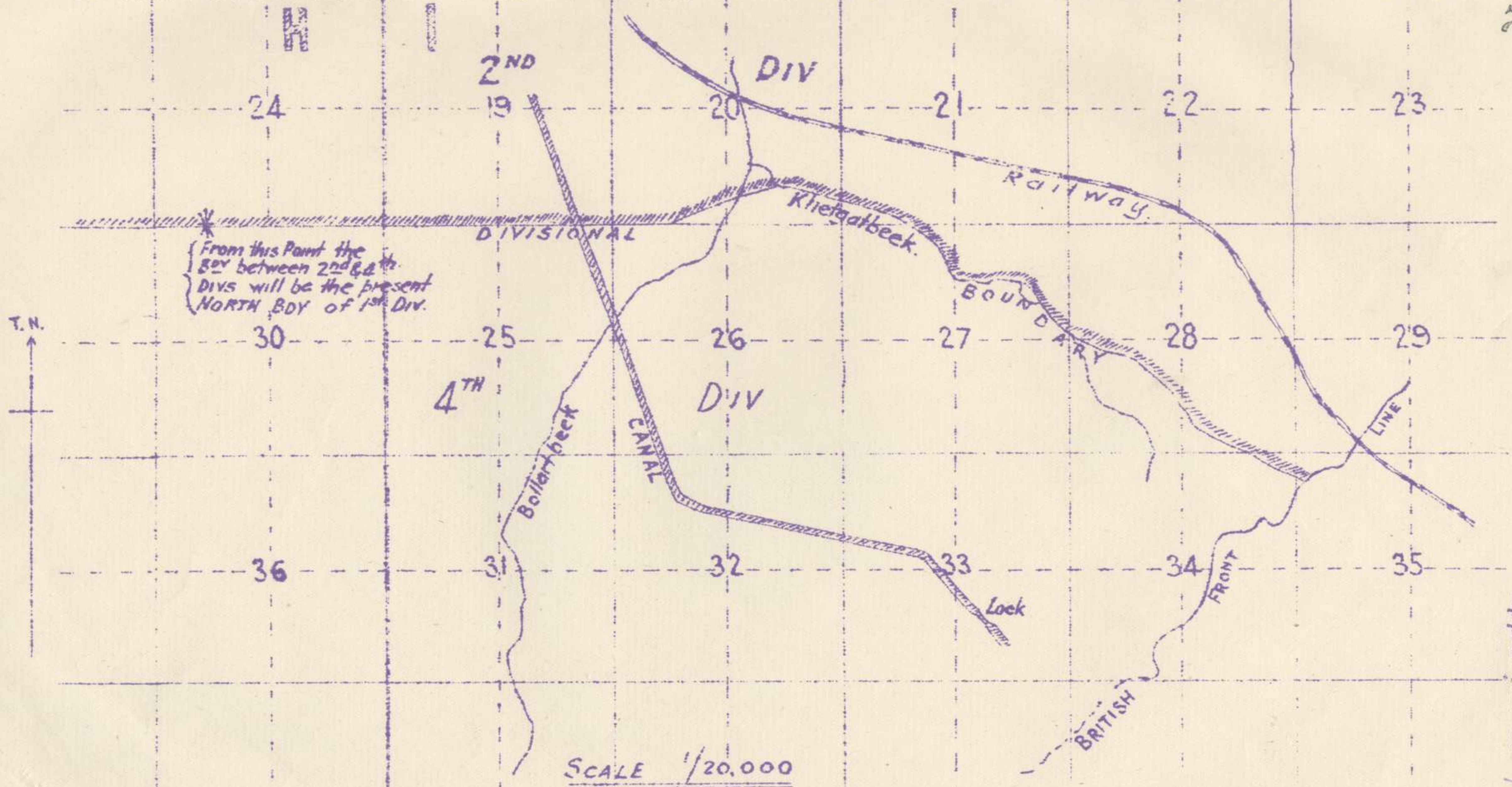
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2nd D.H.Q. 10/10/16.



ISSUED WITH 2nd AUST. DIV. ORDER No 58.

MARCH TABLE.

UNIT	Area in which bil- leted.	Destination.	Route.	Distance (Miles)	Remarks.
5th A.I.Bde. H.Q.	STEEUVOORDE	POPERINGHE	via ABEELE	7½	Distance of 100 yards between Coys. 400 yds. between Bns. to be maintained.
2 Bns. 5th Bde.	STEEUVOORDE	POPERINGHE	-do-	7½	-do-
1 Bn. 5th Bde.	STEEUVOORDE	ST. LAWRENCE (Camp G.11.c)	ABEELE - POPERINGHE G.5.d.1.2	10	-do-
5th M.G.Coy. ) 5th L.T.I.Batt)	STEEUVOORDE	ERIE CAMP (G.11.c)			

{ Huts nearest ST. LAWRENCE to be  
occupied in ERIE Camp.

NOTE:- Transport to accompany units.  
3 Bns. M.G.Coy. and T.I.Batt. of 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be rationed by the 17th Coy. A.A.S.C.  
from 13th instant. Refilling point DENINGHELST SIDING, at 9.30 a.m.



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 59.

Divisional Headquarters,  
15th October, 1916.

Reference:- ZILLIEBEKE Trench Map 1/10,000, and  
Sheet 28, 1/40,000 Map of BELGIUM  
and part of FRANCE.

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1. The Second Australian Division (less Artillery) will be relieved in the line on the nights of 16th/17th, 17th/18th, 18th/19th and 19th/20th of October, as follows:-

7th Aust. Inf. Bde. (Plus 1 Battalion 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.) by the 68th and 70th Brigades, 23rd Division.

6th Aust. Inf. Bde. (Less 1 Battalion) by "A" Brigade of the 47th Division.

2. The relief will be carried out in accordance with attached Table "A", details being mutually arranged between G.O's.C. Brigades concerned.

The procedure laid down in Trench Orders, Para.4., will be adhered to.

The relief must be completed by 8 a.m. on the 20th October.

3. All defence schemes, trench maps and stores, documents likely to be of value, air photographs, log-books, and ammunition dumps will be handed over to relieving units and receipts for them obtained. These receipts will be sent to D.H.Q. They will be returned after scrutiny.

4. The command of Brigade Sectors will be transferred on the completion of each Brigade relief. The time command is handed over will be reported to D.H.Q.

5. The Divisional Artillery will remain in position, covering the 68th and 70th Infantry Brigades, until the nights of 21st/22nd and 22nd/23rd October, when it will be relieved by the 47th Divisional Artillery under arrangements made mutually between C.R.A's. concerned. Until this relief takes place, one Artillery Group will be placed at the disposal of the G.O.C., 47th Division, who will assume command of the line from FOSSE WAY (Trench I.29.7) to the YPRES - COMINES Canal (Trench I.34.1.) at 8 a.m. on the 20th instant.

6. Field Companies and Pioneers will be relieved under arrangements to be made mutually between C.R.E. and C's.R.E., 23rd and 47th Divisions.

Reliefs must be completed by the morning of the 19th October.



7. Orders for the relief of Field Ambulances will be issued by the A.D.M.S.

Relief must be completed by the morning of the 19th October.

8. Infantry will move to and from YPRES by rail. Time-table will be issued by A.A.&Q.M.G.

9. Brigade Groups will, on relief, be concentrated in Reserve Areas, whence they will proceed by road to the 2nd. Army Training Area in accordance with the annexed march-table "B".

Administrative instructions will be issued separately.

10. The Command of the Divisional Front will be assumed at 8 a.m. on 20th October

by G.O.C., 23rd Div. From Trench I.29.8 inclusive, to the YPRES-MENIN Road (Trench I.17.4. inclusive).

by G.O.C., 47th Div. From VERBRANDENMOLEN Road (Trench I.35.1) inclusive to Trench I.29.8. (exclusive).

At that hour D.H.Q. will close at RENINGHELST and open at STEENVOORDE.

11. Acknowledge.

Issued at 9.30 p.m.

L. J. Arthur  
Major,  
General Staff.

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TABLE OF RELIEFS. (Issued with 2nd. Aust. Div. Order No. 59.)							Unit on re-	TABLE "A"
Date	Unit to be relieved	Location	To be relieved by.	Location of relieving unit	Unit on relief to move to	Remarks.		
Oct. Night 16/17	1 Bn. 7th A.I. Bde.	Inf. Barracks YPRES	1 Bn. 68th Inf. Bde.	ST. LAWRENCE Area	ST. LAWRENCE Area	Advanced Parties of 68th Inf. Bde. to move to trenches I.24.5. to YPRES-MENIN Road.		
	1 Bn. 7th A.I. Bde.	ZILLEBEKE BUND	1 Bn. 68th Inf. Bde.	do.	do.			
Night 17/18	1 Bn. 6th A.I. Bde.	{ Left Sector Trenches I.24. 8 to I.17.4 }	1 Bn. 68th Inf. Bde.	YPRES	DEVONSHIRE Area	2 Bns. 70th Inf. Bde. from DEVONSHIRE Area replace the 2 Bns. 68th Inf. Bde. at YPRES & ZILLEBEKE BUND		
	Portion of 1 Bn. 7th A.I. Bde.	{ Trenches I.24. 5 to I.24.7. }	1 Bn. 68th Inf. Bde.	{ ZILLEBEKE BUND }	ST. LAWRENCE Area			
	1/6th Aust. M.G. Co	Left Sector	1/6th 68th M.G. Co.	ST. LAWRENCE Area	DEVONSHIRE Area	H.Q. 68th Inf. Bde. moves to YPRES. Advanced parties 70th Inf. Bde. to move to trenches I.29.8 to I.24.4.		
	1/6th Aust. L.T.M. Batt.		1/6th 68th L.T.M. Batt.					
Night 18/19	1 Bn. 7th A.I. Bde.	Right Sector	1 Bn. 70th Inf. Bde.	YPRES	ST. LAWRENCE Area	2 Bns. 70th Inf. Bde. from DEVONSHIRE Area replace 2 Bns. of same Bde. at YPRES & ZILLEBEKE BUND. 1 Bn. 68th Inf. Bde. from ST. LAWRENCE Area moves to Inf. Barracks YPRES.		
	Portion of 1 Bn. 7th A.I. Bde.	Centre Sector	1 Bn. 70th Inf. Bde.	ZILLEBEKE BUND	do.			
	1 Bn. 6th A.I. Bde.	HOSPITAL, YPRES	1 Bn. 68th Inf. Bde.	ST. LAWRENCE Area	DEVONSHIRE Area			
	7th Aust. M.G. Co.	Centre Sector	70th M.G. Co.	DEVONSHIRE Area	ST. LAWRENCE Area			
	7th Aust. L.T.M. Batt.		70th L.T.M. Batt.					
	H.Q. 7th A.I. Bde.	YPRES	H.Q. 70th Inf. Bde.	DEVONSHIRE Area	ST. LAWRENCE Area	Advanced parties of "A" Brigade 47th Division to trenches in HILL 60 Sector. 1 Bn. "A" Bde. 47th Div. to BELGIAN CHATEAU (now vacant)		

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TABLE OF RELIEFS (CONTINUED)

TABLE "A" (CONTD.)

Date	Unit to be relieved	Location	To be relieved by	Location of relieving unit	Unit on relief to move to	Remarks.
19/20	1 Bn. 6th A.I. Bde.	HILL 60 Sector	1 Bn. "A" Bde. 47th Div.	Reserve Area 4th Aust. Div.	DEVONSHIRE Area	
	1 Bn. 6th A.I. Bde.	Railway Dugouts	1 Bn. "A" Bde. 47th Div.	do.	do.	
	$\frac{1}{2}$ 6th Aust. M.G. Co.	HILL 60	$\frac{1}{2}$ M.G. Co.	do.	do.	
	$\frac{1}{2}$ 6th Aust. L.T.M. Batty.	Sector	$\frac{1}{2}$ L.T.M. Batt. "A" Bde. 47th Div.	do.	do.	

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MARCH TABLE.  
-----(Issued with 2nd Australian Divisional Order No 59).  
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Date	Unit Group	From	To	Route (via)	Remarks.
Oct. 17	5th A.I.Bde. (less 1 Bn.)	ONTARIO AREA	STEENVOORDE AREA	RENING- HELDST - ABEELE	
18	-do-	STEENVOORDE AREA.	ARNEKE AREA	CASSEL.	
19	7th A.I.Bde.	ST. LAWRENCE AREA.	STEENVOORDE AREA	(HILHOEK- ABEELE.	
20	6th A.I.Bde	DEVONSHIRE AREA	STEENVOORDE AREA	(BUSSEBOOM- HOOGRAAF- ABEELE	7th A.I.Bde halts.
21	5th A.I.Bde	ARNEKE AREA	TILQUES AREA	Any Roads.	
21	7th A.I.Bde	STEENVOORDE AREA	ARNEKE AREA	CASSEL.	6th A.I.Bde halts.
22.	6th A.I.Bde.	STEENVOORDE AREA	ARNEKE AREA.	CASSEL.	
22	7th A.I.Bde	ARNEKE AREA.	TILQUES AREA.	Any roads.	
23	6th A.I.Bde.	ARNEKE AREA	TILQUES AREA.	Any roads.	

NOTE. The 2nd Australian Pioneer Battalion, and Sanitary Section will be attached to the 6th Aust Inf Bde Group for the march.

The 2nd Aust Div Mobile Vet Section will remain in it's present billets and move with the 2nd Aust Div Artillery under orders of the C.R.A. 2nd Aust Div.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO.60.  
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Divisional Headquarters,  
17th October, 1916.

Reference:- ZILIEBKE Trench Map 1/10,000, and  
Sheet 28, 1/40,000 Map of BELGIUM  
and part of FRANCE.  
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1. With reference to para.5., 2nd Aust. Div. Order No.59 of 15th October, a group of the 16th Divisional Artillery, 9th Corps, will relieve the Left Group 2nd Aust. Divisional Artillery on the nights 19th/20th, 20th/21st October, instead of on the dates therein mentioned. The Right and Centre Artillery Groups will be relieved by the 47th Divisional Artillery as previously ordered.

2. The relief will be arranged mutually between C's.R.A. Divisions. Battery Commanders of the 9th Corps. Group have been directed to report at H.Q., 2nd Aust. Div. Art. on the afternoon of October 18th.

3. The Left Artillery Group, with 1 Section D.A.C., will on relief concentrate in the STEENVOORDE Area, moving by Sections on the 20th and 21st October. Move each day to be completed by 4 p.m.

Details regarding billets will be arranged with the 1st Anzac Area Commandant, STEENVOORDE.

4. A distance of not less than 200 yards will be maintained between Sections, and no column will be more than 200 yards in length.

Roads will be allotted by the C.R.A., who will send a copy of the March Table to all concerned.

5. Completion of the relief will be reported to Div. H.Q. and to G.O.C., 23rd Division. Completion of March will be reported to Div.H.Q.

6. Acknowledge.

Issued at

1.30 p.m.

Lt. Arthur

Major,  
General Staff.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
-----HEADQUARTERS  
2nd AUSTRALIAN  
DIVISION.

20/10/16

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Summary of Work on Defences for Period 26th SeptemberTo 19th October, 1916.

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Reference Map ZILLEBEKE 1/10,000.

GENERAL. The Defence System consists of a continuous front line from I.17.b.2.8 to I.29.d.7.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ , with a gap on the Right of FOSSE WAY which is the right Boundary of the Division Front. This gap should be covered by a trench dug by the Centre Division to link up from WANGARATTA AVENUE to GAP Trench which is in this Division Area.

The line is also broken at I.24.d.8.9 to I.24.d.9.7 that is between WARRINGTON AVENUE EXTENSION and CROSS TRENCH. This has been dug but is shallow owing to falling in of sides of trenches.

The Left of the Line rests on MENIN RD. at I.17.b.2.7. At this point it does not link up with the Division on the left. There is a forward post on the MENIN RD. at I.18.a.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  connected by EAST REGENT ST. to the Front Line.

The remainder of this report is divided into two sectors - From MENIN RD. to ST. PETER'S STREET communication on the right and the other sector from ST. PETER'S STREET to the FOSSE WAY on the right.

From MENIN RD. to VINCE STREET the Front Line has a system of Support Line which is formed by WELLINGTON CRES-CENT, ROSLYN STREET and LEINSTER STREET. These trenches are not complete and require much work before a continuous line is formed. There also is very little wire in front of the line. It is proposed to link up between the left of this trench at LEINSTER FARM to MENIN RD. at I.17.a.9.9. At this point it will connect up with MUD LANE TRENCH of the Division on the left.

There are two main communications to this area which can be used fairly safely in daylight; i.e., VINCE STREET on the right, which is now good throughout its whole length, and CHINA WALL (which is a sandbag breastwork and gives cover from observation only) OXFORD ST., BOND ST., & WEST ST. on the left.

CONDITION: The Front Line in left sector about BIRR X ROAD and heads of W. REGENT and BOND STREETS is good, having been revetted and prepared as holding points in the line.

The remainder on the left is very indifferent, being wet in many places and in some affording only 4 feet of cover. This is being raised by the infantry occupying the line.

Towards the right of this area on the front line at WARRINGTON AVENUE and CROSS TRENCH the line needs a great deal of work to put it in a perfect state of defence. Previous to this Division taking over, a gap existed between WARRINGTON AVENUE and VANCOUVER AVENUE. A trench has been dug from WARRINGTON AVENUE to a point in VANCOUVER AVENUE opposite old TOR TOP Trench. This has been revetted from WARRINGTON AVENUE

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to VIGO STREET and is a good trench but still requires fire steps put in it. This portion is called WARRINGTON AVENUE EXTENSION. The portion to right of VIGO STREET is called CROSS TRENCH and is only partly revetted, there being a gap of about 150 to 200 yards still to revet.

WARRINGTON AVENUE is not good, there being practically no back to the trench; it is constructed of sandbag revetment and in parts is very wet. This has been much improved by the construction of drains to the front of the parapet. Work has been commenced in places and A frames and revetting being carried on and making a good trench of it.

VANCOUVER AVENUE is a sandbag revetted trench and is being reconstructed with A frames and revetting. The trench is subjected to Minenwerfer fire and is continually being blown in. It is passable but not good. Drains have been dug forward from it and good drainage should be obtained as the fall is to the front.

WINNIPEG and BYDAND AVENUE will form a support line to the front line. BYDAND AVENUE from WARRINGTON AVENUE and to the right of HILL STREET has been revetted and is a good trench. It is proposed to link up this trench on the right with WINNIPEG STREET to give a support line. This trench from ST. PETER'S STREET is sandbag revetment and is very poor, in parts being blown in. It is not passable between NEW TOR TOP and VIGO ST. and does not exist between VIGO ST. and BYDAND AVENUE.

FORT ST. is a deep living trench and is in good order but it is advisable to ~~raise~~ <sup>raise</sup> the parapet slightly as it does not give cover during the day when moving on the top story.

GOOROCK RD. is used as a communication from LOVER'S WALK to the front line. It is fairly good and is drained and revetted.

The main communication from VINCE STREET is by LOVER'S WALK, BORDER LANE to HILL ST. & VIGO ST. to front line, or through SANCTUARY WOOD overland and use CRAB CRAWL or NEW TOR TOP.

Of these HILL ST. is poor, requiring cover, drainage and revetting, being constructed of sandbags. VIGO STREET is also in a similar condition. It is passable and good cover but is composed of sandbags which will fall in with the wet weather.

NEW TOR TOP - a new trench and is revetted about 2/3rd its length, duckboarded and drained; forward part still to be done.

CRAB CRAWL - revetted about half its length. This trench is very important as deep dugouts open off it and every effort should be made to revet and drain it before the middle of November. The trench has been well registered by enemy's trench mortars and work has been continually blown out, which makes progress slow.



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BORDER LANE - good - completely revetted and drained.

LOVER'S WALK - good and completely revetted, except 10 yds where it joins on to GOUROCK ROAD.

VINCE STREET - good throughout its whole length.

Of the support line trenches STAFFORD ST. is an old trench and portions only habitable and not passable. WELLINGTON CRESCENT & ROSLYN STREET mostly good. WELLINGTON CRESCENT is a deep living trench and affords good cover. It is being extended to the left to link up with ROSLYN STREET. This portion of trench has not been revetted. ROSLYN STREET has been duckboarded but requires revetting in places, also dugouts for accommodation.

YEOMANRY ROW - poor, wet and unrevetted, and does not give much cover during the day.

MAPLE STREET - an old trench; poor and not used.

RITZ STREET in rear of WELLINGTON CRESCENT is good and revetted but not completed throughout its length.

WELLINGTON & RITZ ST. are both deep living trenches for a considerable length and are well revetted and drained.

LEINSTER STREET on the left is good for 200 yards and is mostly revetted. Small cupola dugouts are being built in this trench.

#### FORWARD COMMUNICATIONS ON THE LEFT.

BOND STREET - good to fair; cover from observation and drainage practically the whole way to front line.

OXFORD STREET - good; both drainage and cover.

WEST REGENT STREET - good to fair; drainage requires attention in places.

WEST STREET - good in parts but wet and requires revetting at each end.

UNION TRENCH - not used and bad in most places.

#### DUGOUTS

Some small cupola dugouts have been placed in the front line at head of BOND & REGENT STREETS but otherwise dugouts in the <sup>front</sup> line are mostly of a primitive type. Dugouts have been started in the support line in LEINSTER and ROSLYN STREETS 8 to 10 having been started of the small cupola type.

Strong M.G. dugouts are being constructed at

I.30.b.2.8 in DAVISON ST. on the Right

I.24.c.3.7 in STAFFORD ST.

I.23.b.7.6 in YEOMANRY ROW



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1.24.b.8.8. YEOMANRY ROW and at  
1.24.d.6.7½  
Deep living dugouts in WINNIPEG ST.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

1. Draining and revetting front line 1.17.b.6.2, 1.18.c.5.6, WARRINGTON AVENUE and WARRINGTON AVENUE EXTENSION, CROSS TRENCH & VANCOUVER AVENUE.
2. Thickening and raising parapets about 1.17.b.6.2 and 1.18.c.5.6.
3. Constructing small cupola dugouts LEINSTER & ROSLYN STREETS.
4. Grading, revetting and strengthening CRAB CRAWL, TOR TOP, VIGO ST., WINNIPEG ST., HILL ST., GOORACK RD., LOVERS WALK, ROSLYN ST., LEINSTER ST.
5. Constructing Tramway to SANCTUARY WOOD DUMP from 1.24.b.0.2 to 1.24.c.8.6.
6. Placing small cupola dugouts in LEINSTER & ROSLYN STS.
7. Construction of Company H.Q. dugouts off HILL ST. at 1.24.b.4.4.
8. Placing M.G.dugouts (strong splinterproof) at 1.30.b.2.8, 1.24.c.3.7, 1.23.b.7.6, 1.23.b.8.8 and living dugouts at 1.24.d.6.7½.
9. Erection of coffee stalls at 1.15.c.2.3 and 1.17.c.5.7.
10. Construction of junction boxes for signallers at about 1.22.a.5.0, off VINCE ST. about 1.24.a.0.4 (and two others in 1.20.-Corps Signallers will denote position).
11. Construction of duckwalk path from SANCTUARY DUMP to CRAB CRAWL (nearly finished).

WORK REQUIRED:

1. All works in progress with more weight into CRAB CRAWL revetment.
2. HILL ST. draining and revetting.
2. More dugouts in front line if only for shelter from weather.
3. Revet and improve BYDAND ST.
4. Improve north end of RITZ ST.
5. Extend CRAB CRAWL Trench down into SANCTUARY WOOD below level of observation from 60.
6. M.G.positions in and near support line and on left towards MENIN RD.
7. Screen with earthwork 100 yds. at top end of VINCE ST.
8. Improve FORT ST.
9. Improve WEST ST.



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The Right sector area extends from ST. PETER'S ST. to FOSSE WAY. This includes the MT. SORREL area.  
 (a) MT. SORREL area from ST. PETER'S ST. to I.30.0 inclusive.  
 (b) THE GAP from I.30.0 to the FOSSE WAY which is the Right Boundary of the Division.

#### GENERAL SUMMARY:

(a) This area is almost entirely under enemy observation and many of the trenches in it can be enfiladed without difficulty and will always require a large amount of maintenance.

The communications from being barely passable have all been graded, revetted and duckboarded and there now remains only about 500 yards of front line in bad condition, apart from forward saps, bombing posts and STEWART ST. Owing to high degree of exposure to enemy's observation and on the extreme right especially, absence of rear accommodation to which the garrison might be drawn in a bombardment, the construction of deep dugouts as rapidly as possible is a vital necessity.

(b) Defence of this area depends upon two posts in the GAP, and machine guns on MT. SORREL, OBSERVATORY RIDGE? and near KNOLL FARM.

#### PRESENT CONDITION:

All forward trenches, except 500 yards of front line referred to, are in pretty good condition. (This does not include old abandoned trenches such as KIRBY ST., rear half of HEDGE ST., C. Sap or STEWART ST.). Of the rear works, HALIFAX ST. is revetted with sandbags and therefore unstable and the BELT is very patchy.

The FOSSE WAY is impassable forward of a point about 50 yds. West of SQUARE WOOD. X TRENCH ditto below a point about 150 yards from SQUARE WOOD.

GAP TRENCH is being revetted through and is about half complete.

#### WORK IN PROGRESS:

Improvement of HALIFAX & ST. PETER'S STREETS and the BELT, also the front line where it is not properly revetted

Deep Dugouts in CANADA ST. and D. Sap and also in WINNIPEG ST. between DAVISON ST. & HEDGE ST. These are under course of construction and in charge of the 2nd Canadian Tunn. Coy.

A duckboard track from SANCTUARY WOOD Dump overland to Living Trench.

GAP TRENCH - This trench was originally dug to form a direct communication to MOUNT SORREL and a defensive line to cover the GAP more effectively than can be done from elsewhere. It was to have been connected with X TRENCH at about I.29.b.0.4 with a forward branch to WANBARATTA AVENUE (Right Div. Area) and an extension to FOSSE WAY by means of a trench already dug from X TRENCH to FOSSE WAY via KNOLL FARM. The right division afterwards decided to use FOSSE WAY and about 1/3rd of this trench has already been done and GAP Trench at the present time extends only to forward end of FOSSE WAY which cannot be used.

#### WORK REQUIRED TO BE DONE:

Complete work in progress and then strengthen forward saps, especially F.G.H & J. Revet STEWART ST., Firestep front line where required and WINNIPEG ST., and wire front of WINNIPEG ST.



Provide deep dugouts in front of WINNIPEG ST. near ST. PETER'S ST. and WELL ST. and complete system started between DAVISON & HEDGE STS. Complete CANADA ST. & Living trench System. When duckboard track is complete from SANCTUARY DUMP, to Living Trench, construct a light tramway between the same points either on or near the duckboards.

Construct some small forward tunnels with shafts for Lewis Guns emplacements in NO MAN'S LAND.

Complete GAP TRENCH to X TRENCH and FOSSE WAY with connection to WANGARATTA AVE.

Extend dugout accommodation.



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Unit.	Location.
Div H.Q.	STEENVOORDE. (Moving to TILQUES)
Div Art H.Q.	RENNINGHUIS.
Div Engr. H.Q.	STEENVOORDE. (Moving to TILQUES)
5th Aust Inf Bde. H.Q.	ARNEKE AREA. (less 19th Bn at TATINGHEM) Move to TILQUES Area today.
17th Bn	
18th Bn	
19th Bn	
20th Bn	
6th Aust Inf Bde.	STEENVOORDE AREA. Move to TILQUES on 22nd.
21st Bn	
22nd Bn	
23rd Bn	
24th Bn	
7th Aust Inf Bde.	STEENVOORDE AREA. Move to ARNEKE area today.
25th Bn	
26th Bn	
27th Bn	
28th Bn	
2nd Aust Pioneer Bn	with 6th Aust Inf Bde.
Sanitary Section	
4th F.A. Bde.	ZILSBEEK BUND (Centre Group) in Line RAILWAY EMBANKMENT I.21.c.7.5.
5th "	
6th F.A. Bde.	(Right Group) in Line one 2 section of each bty at STEENVOORDE " " " " " " Wagon Lines (near STEENVOORDE)
22nd F.A. Bde.	One bty with each of 4th, 5th and 6th F.A. Bdes.
2nd B.A.C.	C.16.4.6.6.
5th Field Amb.	STEENVOORDE.
6th " "	NOORDPELLE.
7th " "	STEENVOORDE
5th Field Coy.	ARNEKE
6th " "	STEENVOORDE.
7th " "	STEENVOORDE.
2nd Aust Div Train.	BUSSEBOOM.
2nd Aust Div Supply Column.	STEENVOORDE.
Mob Vet Section.	near RENNINGHUIS. (under C.H.A.)

Major.  
General Staff.



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS,  
2nd AUSTRALIAN  
DIVISION.

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Divisional Headquarters,  
20th. October, 1916.SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 61.

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ENTRAINMENT.

1. The Division will entrain, on 24th and 25th October, in accordance with attached Entrainment Table.

MOVES TO STATION

2. Moves of Groups from billets to Entraining Stations will be carried out under orders of G.O.C. Inf. Bde., and will be regulated so that -

- (a) Inf. Bn. Transport and One Company will arrive at the Entraining Station 3 hours before the departure of the train, and the remainder of the Battalion - 1½ hours.
- (b) Other Units 3 hours before the departure of the train.

TRAFFIC CONTROL

3. No troops or transport will enter the station yards before the R.T.O. is ready to receive them. The A.P.M. will arrange for control of traffic on the roads approaching the station.

STATES.

4. A complete Marching Out State, showing the number of men, horses, 4-wheeled and 2-wheeled wagons, and bicycles, will be sent down with the first portion of every Unit so that accommodation in the train can be checked by the R.T.O. at the beginning of the entrainment.

COMPLETION.

5. Entrainment must be completed half an hour before the time of departure of the train.

BREAST ROPES.

6. Breast-ropes for horse trucks must be provided by Units. Ropes for lashing vehicles on the flat trucks will be provided by the Railway authorities.

PIQUETS.

7. Piquets must be provided at all stops for each end of the train, to prevent troops leaving.

ENTRAINING PARTIES.

8. Entraining parties will be detailed as under -

5th. Inf. Bde. 2 Officers, 100 other ranks to report to R.T.O. ANDRUICQ at 9 a.m. on 24th. October 1916.

6th. Inf. Bde. 2 Officers, 100 other ranks to report to R.T.O. ST. OMER at 9.30 a.m. on 24th. October 1916.

7th. Inf. Bde. 2 Officers, 100 other ranks to report to R.T.O. ARQUES at 10 a.m. on 24th. October 1916.

The parties will accompany the last trains leaving those stations.

ENTRAINING OFFICERS.

9. Entraining and Detraining Officers will be detailed as follows :-

Entraining 5th. Inf. Bde.	ANDRUICQ
" 6th "	ST. OMER
" 7th "	ARQUES
Detraining 5th "	PONTREMY
" 6th "	LONGPNE
" 7th "	ST. RIQUIER

P.T.O.



DETRAINING PARTY.

10. The first Unit arriving will supply a party of 2 Officers and 100 other ranks at Detraining Station, to remain at the Station until move is completed.

BRAKE VANS.

11. No stores, baggage or personnel will be allowed in the Brake Van.

DETRAINMENT.

12. Orders for Detrainment will be handed to O.C., Trains, shortly before, or on arrival, at their destination.

WAGONS.

13. The Train Baggage and Supply Wagons will accompany Units and entrain with them.

Units will entrain with rations for the day of entrainment loaded on their Train Supply Wagons.

G. C. SOMERVILLE, Lt. Colonel.

A. A. & Q. M: G.

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15. 2nd.Aust.Div.Train
16. A.D.M.S.
17. A.D.V.S.
18. A.P.M.
- 19 - 23 A.D.R.T. HAZEBROUCK.
24. 1st.ANZAC
- 25 Town Major, ST. OMER.
- 26.- 30 Spares.



## ENTRAINMENT TABLE.

AND. - ANDRUICQ.	ST. O. - ST. OMER.	ARQ. - ARQUES.		
. Unit	. Station	. Date	Transport due to arrive at station.	Train Departs
		Oct.		
17th Bn.	AND.	24	9.39	12.39
21st Bn.	ST.O	24	10.03	13.03
25th Bn.	ARQ.	24	10.39	13.39
5th Bde. H.Q. Sig. Sect. M.G.Coy. T.M.Batty.	AND.	24	12.39	15.39
6th Bde. H.Q. Sig. Sect. M.G.Coy. T.M.Batty.	ST.O.	24	13.03	16.03
7th Bde. H.Q. Sig. Sect. M.G.Coy. T.M.Batty.	ARQ.	24	13.39	16.39
6th Field Amb. 15th Coy. A.A.S.C.	AND.	24	15.39	18.39
5th Field Amb. 16th Coy. A.A.S.C.	ST.O.	24	16.03	19.03
7th Field Amb. 17th Coy. A.A.S.C.	ARQ.	24	16.39	19.39
18th Bn.	AND	24	18.39	21.39
22nd Bn.	ST.O.	24	19.03	22.03
26th Bn.	ARQ.	24	19.48	22.49
19th Bn.	AND.	25	21.39	0.39
23rd Bn.	ST.O.	25	22.03	1.03

P. T. O.



## ENTRAINMENT TABLE (CONTINUED)

AND. - ANDRUICQ. ST.O. - ST.OMER. ARQ. - ARQUES.

Unit	Station	Date	Transport due to ar- rive at station	Train departs	Remarks
27th Bn.	ARQ.	Oct. 25	22.39	1.39	
20th Bn.	AND.	25	0.39	3.39	
24th Bn.	ST.O.	25	1.03	4.03	
23th Bn.	ARQ.	25	1.49	4.49	
D. H. Q. Div. Sigs. & H.Q.Sec. D.E.H.Q.	AND.	25	3.39	6.39	
H.Q. & part H.Q. Coy. Train Sanit. Sec. Salvage 2 Pioneer Bn. 1 Coy. 4 GS Wagons and Team	ST.O.	25	4.03	7.03	
Pioneer Bn. (Less 1 Coy. & 4 GS Wagons & Team)	ARQ.	25	4.29	7.29	
5th Field Coy. (Engrs.)	AND.	25	6.39	9.39	
6th Field Coy. (Engrs.)	ST.O.	25	6.43	9.43	
7th Field Coy. (Engrs.)	ARQ.	25	7.29	10.29	



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-----Location of Units - At 6 a.m. 24th October, 1916.

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Location.</u>
Div. H.Q.	TILQUES
Div. Art. H.Q.	STEENVOORDE
Div. Eng. H.Q.	TILQUES
5th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	NORDAUSQUES
17th Bn.	LA COMMUNE
18th Bn.	NORDAUSQUES
19th Bn.	TOURNAHEM
20th Bn.	ZOUAFQUES
6th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	EPERLECQUES
21st Bn.	OUEST MONT
22nd Bn.	NORTLEULINGHEM
23rd Bn.	BAYENGHEM
24th Bn.	EPERLECQUES.
7th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	TILQUES
25th Bn.	SERQUES
26th Bn.	HOULLE
27th Bn.	MOULLE
28th Bn.	GANSPETTE
2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.	BAYENGHEM (6th Bde. Group)
4th F.A.Bde.	
5th -do-	
22nd -do-	
6th -do-	
2nd D.A.C.	STEENVOORDE
5th Field Ambulance	WESTROVE
6th -do-	NORDAUSQUES
7th -do-	TILQUES
5th Field Coy.	NORDAUSQUES
6th -do-	BUYSSCHEURE
7th -do-	BLEUE LAISON
2nd Aust. Div. Train	WATTEN
2nd Aust. Div. Supply Col.	WATTEN
Mobile Vet. Section	STEENVOORDE (Artillery Group)

Lt. A. H. Hume

Major.  
General Staff.



SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Location of units at 6 p.m. 25th October 1916.

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Location.</u>
Div Headquarters.	- AILLY-LE-HAUT-CLOCHER.
Div Art H.Q.	- STEENVOORDE.
Div Engr H.Q.	- AILLY-LE-HAUT-CLOCHER.
<u>5th Aust Inf Bde. H.Q.</u>	- BELLANCOURT.
17th Bn.	- PONT REMY
18th Bn	- BELLANCOURT.
19th Bn	- COCQUEREL.
20th Bn	- PONT REMY.
<u>6th Aust Inf Bde. H.Q.</u>	- BRUCAMPS.
21st Bn	- L'ETOILE.
22nd Bn	- do
23rd Bn	- VILLERS SOUS AILLY.
24th Bn	- BRUCAMPS
<u>7th Aust Inf Bde. H.Q.</u>	- GORENFLOS.
25th Bn	- do
26th Bn	- BUSSUS-BUSSEUL.
27th Bn	- YAVCOURT.
28th Bn	- BUIGNY-L'ABBE.
2nd Aust Pioneer Bn	- AILLY-LE-HAUT-CLOCHER.
4th F.A. Bde. )	
5th " )	- STEENVOORDE AREA
6th " )	Preparing for entrainment.
22nd " )	
5th Field Coy.	- EAU COURT.
6th " "	- VAUCHELLES LES DONART.
7th " "	- FAMECHON.
5th Field Ambulance.	- BOUCHON.
6th " "	- BELLANCOURT.
7th " "	- ERGNIES.
Div Train. H.Q.	- AILLY LE HAUT CLOCHER.
15th Coy A.A.S.C.	- EAU COURT.
16th do	- MOUFLERS.
17th do	- AILLY LE HAUT CLOCHER.
20th do	- do

56th Supply Coe - La Fontaine.

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2nd Australian Division.



2nd Aust: Div: Order No 62.

Detrainment.

1. The Division will detrain and march to Billeus in accordance with the attached table:-
2. Supplies. Railhead is VIGNACOURT. The No 56 Supply Column will draw supplies and dump them in Brigade areas, to be refilled into Train Supply Wagons as follows :- 5 Aust: Inf: Bde Group (D.H.Q. Div Sig. Coy, 5 B.H.Q. 17, 18, 19, and 20 Btns, 5 L.G.C. 5 L.T.M. Bty, 5 Field Coy, 15 A.A.S.C. 5 Field Ambulance.)
  - 25th Oct. Rations for the Group less D.H.Q. Div Sig. Coy, 20th Bttn and 5th Field Company for 26th Oct, will be dumped at BELLACOURT CROSS ROADS.
  - 26th Oct. Rations for the Group for 26th Oct will be dumped at the same place. 6th Aust Inf Bde Group (6 B.H.Q. 21, 22, 23, 24, Bttns, 6 L.G.C. 6 L.T.M. Batty, 2nd Pioneer Bttn, 6 Field Coy, 16 A.A.S.C. 5 Field Ambulance, 1st San: section)
  - 25th Oct. Rations for the Group less 24th Bttn, 2nd Pioneer Bttn, and 6th Field Company, for the 25th Oct will be dumped at MOUFFLERS CHURCH.
  - 26th Oct. Rations for the whole Group for 26th Oct will be dumped at the same place.
  - 7th Aust Inf Bde Group. ( 7 B.H.Q. 25, 26, 27, and 28 Bttns, 7th Field Coy, 17th A.A.S.C. and 7th Field Ambulance).
  - 25th Oct. Rations for the Group less 28th Bttn and 7th Field Coy, ~~XXXXXX~~ for 26th inst will be dumped at ALLY-le-HUT CLOCHER, HOTEL DE VILLE.
  - 26th Oct. Rations for the whole Group for the 26th Oct will be dumped at the same place.
3. TRANSPORT. Train Supply and Baggage Wagons will be unloaded on arrival in Units Billeting Areas and proceed to their Company Lines. One Motor Lorry per Brigade for No 56 Supply Column for the transport of Blankets to the Billeting Areas will report as follows:-
 

5th A.I.B.	POIT Remy Station.	5.30 p.m.	24th inst.
6th A.I.B.	LONG P.R.E.	7.0 p.m.	24th inst.
7th A.I.B.	St RIQUER.	7.30 p.m.	24th inst.
4. BOUNDS. Men will not leave their Billeting Areas without a pass signed by the O.C. Unit. No one will be allowed outside the Divisional Area without a pass issued by Brigade or Divisional H.Q.

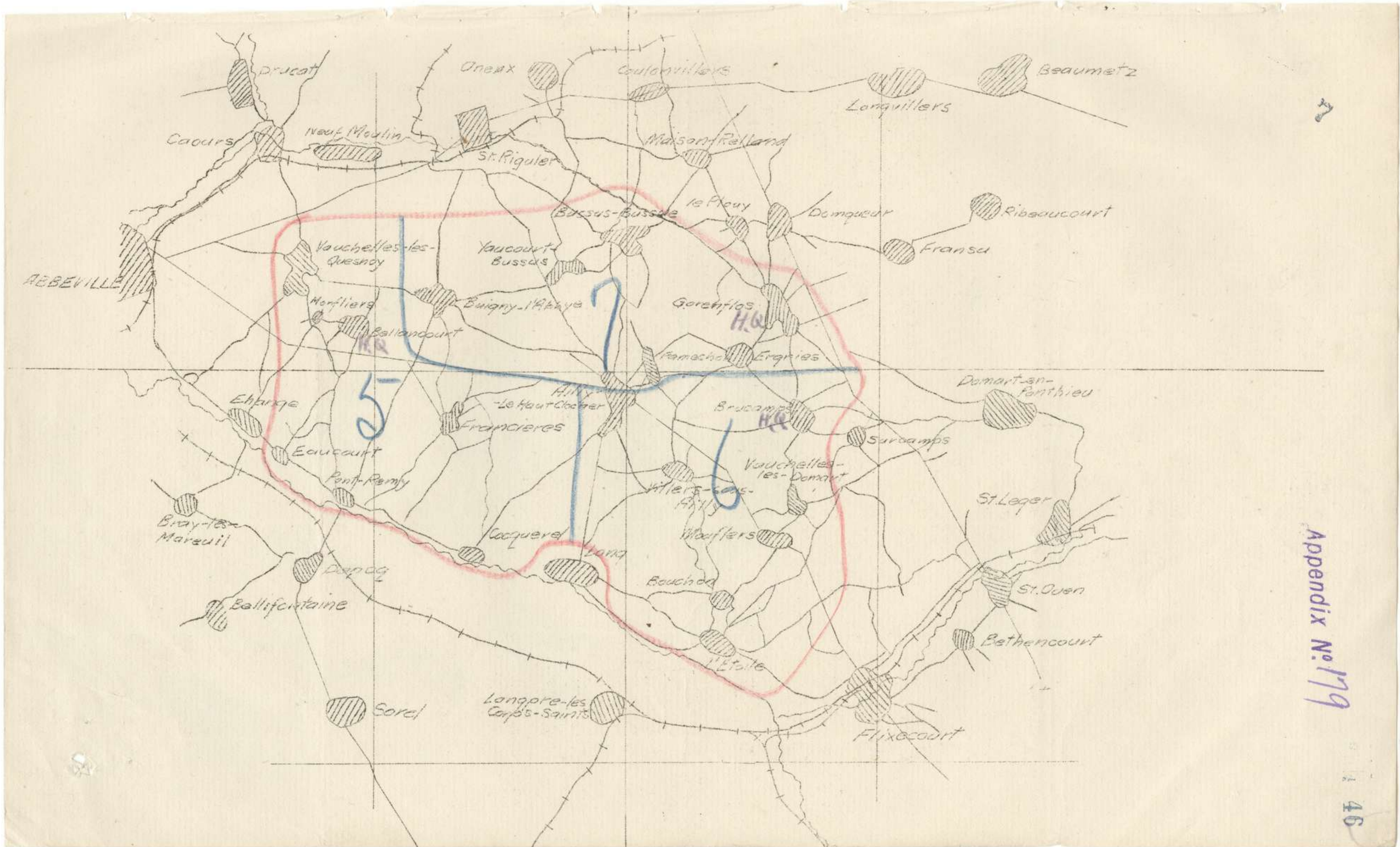
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## DETRAINMENT TABLE.

Train No.	UNIT S	Time of Arrival.	Date	Detrainment Station.	March to Billets at
1.	17th Battn.	6.0 p.m.	24 Oct.	POIT Remy.	POIT Remy.
2.	21st Battn.	7.22 p.m.		L O N G P R E.	L'ETOILE.
3.	25th Battn.	8.0 p.m.		ST RIQUIER.	GOMEPLOS.
4.	5th B.H.Q.	9.0 p.m.		POIT Remy.	BELLANCOURT.
5.	5th M.G.C.			POIT Remy.	BAUCOURT.
	3th LHM Batt			POIT Remy.	BAUCOURT.
6.	6th B.H.Q.	10.22 p.m.		L O N G P R E.	BRUCAMPS.
	6th M.G.C.			ditto.	ditto.
	6th LHM Batt			ditto.	ditto.
6.	7th B.H.Q.	11.0 p.m.		ST RIQUIER.	GOMEPLOS.
	7th M.G.C.			ditto.	LIENIES.
	7th LHM Batt			ditto.	GOMEPLOS.
7.	6th Fld Amb:	midnight.		POIT Remy.	BAUCOURT BELLANCOURT
	15th A.A.S.C			ditto.	ditto. BAUCOURT
8.	5th Fld Amb:	1.22 a.m.	25th Oct.	LONGPRE.	BOUCHON.
	16th A.A.S.C			ditto.	Moufflers.
9.	7th Fld Amb:	2.0 a.m.		ST RIQUIER.	LIENIES.
	17th A.A.S.C			ditto.	AILLY LE HAUT CLOCHER.
10.	18th Battn.	3.0 a.m.		POIT Remy.	VAUCHELLES BELLANCOURT
11.	22nd Battn.	4.22 a.m.		LONGPRE.	L'ETOILE.
12.	26th Battn.	5.0 a.m.		ST RIQUIER.	BUSSES-BUSSEUL.
13.	19th Battn.	6.0 a.m.		POIT Remy.	COQUEL.
14.	23rd Battn.	7.22 a.m.		LONGPRE.	VILLERS SOUS AILLY
15.	27th Battn.	8.0 a.m.		ST RIQUIER.	YAVOUCOURT.
16.	20th Battn.	9.0 a.m.		POIT Remy.	POIT Remy.
17.	24th Battn.	10.22 a.m.		LONGPRE.	BRUCAMPS.
18.	28th Battn.	11.0 a.m.		ST RIQUIER.	BUNNY-L'ABBE.
19.	D.H.Q.				
	Div: Sig Coy	noon.		POIT Remy.	AILLY LE HAUT CLOCHER.
	D.E.H.Q.				
20.	H.Q. Coy Train				
	3rd Section	1.22 p.m.		LONGPRE.	AILLY LE HAUT CLOCHER.
	part 2nd				
	Pioneer Battn				
21.	Pioneer Battn	2.0 p.m.		ST RIQUIER.	AILLY LE HAUT CLOCHER.
22.	5th Fld Coy.	3.0 p.m.		POIT Remy.	BAUCOURT.
23.	6th Field Coy.	4.2 p.m.		LONGPRE.	VAUCHELLES
					les DOMART.
24.	7th Field Coy.	5.0 p.m.		ST RIQUIER.	PALECHON.





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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 64.

Divisional Headquarters,  
26th October, 1916.

Reference Maps: 1/100,000 Administrative  
Maps, Sheets 1 and 3.

In continuation of 2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 63, para. 5., the following are the orders for "embussing" on 27th inst.:-

7th AUST. INF. BDE. GROUP.

The busses will be drawn up on the AILLY - MOUFLERS Road, with the head of the column at MOUFLERS.

The busses will be ready at 8 a.m.

The troops will be drawn up by battalion groups, in fours on the left of the road and clear of the metalled portion of the road.

The Bde.H.Q., Field Coy., Field Amb., Lt. Trench Mortar Battery and M.G. Coy. will form one group called the H.Q. Group.

The order and position of groups will be :-

25th Bn.	..	Head of battalion, 50 yds. West of MOUFLERS.
H.Q. Group	..	Head of group 600 yds. from head of 25th Bn.
26th Bn.	..	Head of group 400 " " " " H.Q. Group.
27th Bn.	..)	Each 600 yds. from the head of the preceding
28th Bn.	..)	group.

The troops will be formed up as above by 7.45 a.m. under the orders of the G.O.C., 7th Aust. Inf. Bde., who will detail a Staff Officer to report to the A.A. & Q.M.G. at that hour at the head of the 26th Battalion.

6th AUST. INF. BDE. GROUP.

The busses will be drawn up in the same place as for the 7th Bde.

They will be in position at 10 a.m.

Troops will be drawn up in fours clear of the road in Battalion Groups, as in the case of the 7th Bde. Group, and in the following order and positions:-

H.Q. Group	..	Head of group 50 yds. West of MOUFLERS.
21st Bn.	..	Head of Bn. 400 yds. from the head of H.Q. Group.
22nd Bn.	..	Each 600 yds. from the head of preceding group.
23rd Bn.	..	
24th Bn.	..	
D.H.Q.	}	Behind 24th Battalion.
D.E.H.Q.		
Div. Signal Coy.		

The 24th Bn. will reach its destination by the road leading West from BRUCAMPS.

The above will be formed up by 9.45 a.m. under the orders of the G.O.C., 6th Inf. Bde., who will detail a Staff Officer to report to the A.A. & Q.M.G. at that hour at the head of 22nd Battalion.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Ambrides*

Issued at 6 p.m.

Lieut.-Colonel,  
General Staff.



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- 21) 1st Anzac "G"
- 22) " " "Q"
- 23 Town Major RIBEMONT
- 24 -do- BUIRE
- 25 -do- DERNALCOURT
- 26 XV. Corps
- 27 4th Army, LONG.
- 28)
- 29) Spare.
- 30)
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO 63.

Divisional Headquarters,  
25th October 1916.

Reference Map 1/250,000 Sheet 3.

1. The 2nd Australian Division (less Artillery) on detraining will be attached to the 10th Corps <sup>be.</sup>  
At midnight 26/27th October they will be transferred from the 10th Corps to the 15th Corps, and will move to the 15th Corps area in accordance with the attached table.
2. TRANSPORT. All transport will move by road in accordance with the attached table. The transport of each Brigade Group will move as a unit under the O.C. Train Company; Major Hart, 20th A.A.S.C. will command the whole convoy.
3. BILLETING PARTIES. Billeting parties from D.H.Q., Div Sig Coy, 6th and 7th Inf Bde Groups., and 20th Coy A.A.S.C., will report to 5th Aust Inf Bde (½ mile W of W end of AILLY village) at 10.45 a.m. on 26th inst. The G.O.C. 5th Aust Inf Bde will arrange that these parties together with a billeting party from the 5th Aust Inf Bde proceed by the busses immediately in rear of the 2nd Aust Pioneer Bn to RIBEMONT MAIRE where they will report to a Staff Officer of the Division for billets. The O.C. Transport Convoy will send an officer and party from each transport group ahead on the 26th and 27th inst to take over these billets.
4. BAGGAGE. Baggage and stores will be sent forward with the transport on the 26th instant, except the two blankets per man; these will be carried on the man to the places of assembly, and in the busses. A lorry from 4th Army Auxiliary Bus Coy will report at 5th Aust Inf Bde H.Q. BELLANCOURT at 11 a.m. on 26th inst for any surplus baggage. Arrangements will be made for three lorries to report to D.H.Q. and one each to 6th and 7th Aust Inf Bde H.Q. on 27th instant for surplus baggage.
5. BUSSES. The embarkation place on the 26th inst will be the ABBEVILLE - AILLY LE HAUT CLOCHER - MOUFLERS Road, with the head of the bus column at the western end of AILLY. The column will extend about 1½ miles to the West.  
The Pioneer Bn will form up clear of the road and immediately West of AILLY. The 5th Aust Inf Bde Group forming up West of the Pioneer Bn.  
Each bus or lorry carries 25 men. Troops will be formed up by 11 a.m. in parties of 25 to every 10 yards of road, ready to 'embus' immediately on the arrival of the busses, which are due to arrive at that hour. The Pioneer Bn will 'debus' at BUIRE and the 5th Aust Inf Bde Group at RIBEMONT.  
The embarkation place on the 27th inst will be the same road but to the East of AILLY and the bus column will extend about three miles towards MOUFLERS.  
The 6th Aust Inf Bde Group will form up immediately East of AILLY clear of the road, and the 7th Aust Inf Bde will form up East of the 6th Aust Inf Bde.  
The busses on the 27th instant will be provided by the French and will not all carry 25 men. Troops will be formed up along the road in a manner to be notified later. The busses will be in position at 8 a.m.

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6. SUPPLIES. 5th Aust Inf Bde Group. 26th Octr.  
 Instructions issued in Order No 62 are cancelled and the following substituted. Rations for 27th Octr for D.H.Q. and Div Sig Coy will be dumped at HOTEL DE VILLE, AILLY, with rations for the 7th Aust Inf Bde Group. Rations and forage for the transport of the Group will be dumped at ST SAUVEUR Church. Rations for the group and 2nd Pioneer Bn (less transport) will be dumped at RIBEMONT Church.

Rations for the Group for 28th Octr will be dumped at RIBEMONT Church. 27th Octr.

6th Aust Inf Bde Group. 26th Octr.  
 Transport sections will load their rations and forage for 27th Octr at the refilling point at 9 a.m. before commencing the march. Rations for the Group (less transport sections) will be distributed to units from refilling point by Supply Column lorries.

Rations for the Group for 28th Octr will be dumped at BUIRE Church. 27th Octr.

7th Aust Inf Bde Group. 26th Octr.  
 Transport sections will load their rations and forage for 27th Octr at the refilling point at 9 a.m. before commencing the march. Rations for the Group (less transport sections) will be distributed to units from the refilling point by Supply Column lorries.

Rations for the Group for 28th Octr will be dumped at DERNANCOURT Church. 27th Octr.

The 56th Supply Column will draw rations for the three Brigade Groups from VIGNACOURT RAILHEAD on 26th October to dump on 27th instant. On 27th instant the Column will draw from ALBERT RAILHEAD, rations to be dumped on 28th instant.

The 56th Supply Column will move into BUIRE on the 26th October, reporting for quarters to O.C. 15th Corps M.T. BUIRE.

7. Supply RAILHEAD will be ALBERT from 27th October.

8. Div Hd Qrs will close at AILLY LE HAUT CLOCHER at 11 a.m. on the 27th instant, and will open at RIBEMONT at the same hour.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*A. W. Bridges*

Lieut Col.  
 General Staff.

Issued at. 7. p.m.

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11 2nd Aust Div	25 " " DERNANCOURT.
12 5th Aust Inf Bde	26 15th Corps
13 6th " "	27 4th Army Long.
14 7th " "	28 } retained.
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(Issued with Second Australian Divisional Order No 63.)

MOVE OF SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIV. (less Artillery).

Group or Unit.	Road or Bus.	Date	To	Route.	Remarks.
5th Bde Group Transport, inc. } D.H.Q., Div. Sig. Co and D.E.E.Q. }	Road	26th	ARGOEUVES	AILLY LE HAUT CLOCHER - FLIXECOURT - LA CHAUSSEE.	Column to be clear of AILLY by 8.30am
	"	27th	RIBEMONT	AMIENS - QUERRIEU - LA HASSOYE. HOUSSOYE.	Start 9 a.m.
6th Bde. Group Transport.	"	26th	ARGOEUVES	FLIXECOURT - LA CHAUSSEE.	To start after filling at 9 am
-do-	"	27th	BUIRE	AMIENS - QUERRIEU - LA HAUSSOYE.	Start 9 a.m.
7th Bde. Group Transport } 20th A.A.S.C. }	"	26th	ST. SAUVEUR	FLIXECOURT - LA CHAUSSEE	To start after filling at 9 am
	"	27th	DERNANCOURT	AMIENS - QUERRIEU - LA HAUSSOYE.	Start 9 a.m.
Personnel 5th Bde Group.	Bus	26th	RIBEMONT	{ FLIXECOURT - PICQUIGNY - s. of SOMME - AMIENS -	
2nd Pioneer Bn.	Bus.	26th	BUIRE	{ QUERRIEU - D.20.b.6.2 - RIBEMONT.	
6th Bde. Group Personnel	Bus.	27th	BUIRE	{ FLIXECOURT - n. of SOMME - AMIENS - QUERRIEU - D.20.b.6.2 - RIBEMONT.	Includes D.H.Q., H.Q. and Sig. Coy. - be billeted at RIBEMONT.
7th Bde. Group Personnel	"	27th	DERNANCOURT	-do-	



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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO.65.Divisional Headquarters,  
29th October, 1916.Reference - Combined Sheet  
ALBERT 1/40,000.

1. The 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion and 5th, 6th and 7th Field Coys. Aust. Engineers, will move on October 30th from their present billets to the Camps now occupied by similar units of the 12th Division.

2. Detailed orders for the March will be issued by the C.R.E., who will ascertain the exact location of the Camps from the C.E., XV. Corps.

3. The Column will move via DERNANCOURT - MEAULTE, the horsetrack north of the road being used if weather permits. Head of Column to pass Starting Point - VIVIER MILL - at 10 a.m.

4. Advanced parties - mounted - of 1 officer and 2 O.R's per Coy. or Bn. will precede the Column, so as to arrive at the Camps their Units are to occupy by 8.30 a.m.

5. Intervals of 100 yards between companies and regimental transport, and 200 yards between battalion and Field Coys. will be maintained.

6. Orders regarding supply arrangements will be issued by the A.A. & Q.M.G.

Owing to congestion of traffic on the road, supply vehicles must be reduced to a minimum.

7. Acknowledge.

Issued at 3.30 p.m.

L. F. Arthur  
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| 16 2nd Aust. Div. Train    |                               |



## SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

No G.55.

Location of Units at 6 a.m. 30th October 1916.

Div Headquarters, - RIBEMONT.  
Div Art H.Q. - FME BELLEVUE. E.5.c.2.2  
Div Engr H.Q. - RIBEMONT.

5th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q.)  
17th Bn  
18th Bn  
19th Bn  
20th Bn  
RIBEMONT.

6th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q.)  
21st Bn.  
22nd Bn  
23rd Bn  
24th Bn  
BUIRE.

7th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q.)  
25th Bn  
26th Bn  
27th Bn  
28th Bn  
DERNANCOURT.

2nd Aust Pioneer Bn. - D.12.d.5.5

4th F.A.Bde }  
5th " } - "A" Area. (N.W. of DERNANCOURT)  
6th "  
22nd "

5th Field Coy. - RIBEMONT.  
6th " " - BUIRE.  
7th " " - DERNANCOURT.

5th Field Ambulance X RIBEMONT.  
6th " " X BUIRE.  
7th " " - DERNANCOURT.

Div Train.H.Q. - X Roads. D.27.b.

56th Supply Column. - X.Roads. D.27.b.

L. J. Arthur  
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General Staff.

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