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Place	Date 1917.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BERNAFAY WOOD	Jan'y 1st.	a.m.		<p style="text-align: right;">Appx I Appx II</p>
		5.30	Nothing unusual occurred during the night. Dispositions today given in Appendix.	
		8.30	2nd. Aust. Div. Order No. 78 issued for readjustment of Div. Front in taking over portion of 17th. Div. Front.	
		10	Weather fine and cloudy, observation bad to fair, lasting during the day.	
		2 p.m.	An organized bombardment by ANZAC Heavy Artillery and by Right Div. Arty. Group was carried out on 2nd. Aust. Div. Front. Observation was indifferent and aeroplanes consequently inactive.	
		to 3.	Hostile retaliation was weak, and ceased soon after 3 p.m.	
		3.30	A large-calibred H.V. gun (probably 23.5 cm. armour-piercing) fired 8 rounds into S 24 from direction (roughly) of RANCOURT.	
		to 3.45	Situation Normal.	
		5.10		
		2nd. 4.45 a.m.	Nothing unusual occurred during the night.	
		5p.m.	Evening report - Situation normal. Our support area was shelled fairly heavily at intervals during the day. The weather during the day has been fine but overcast; mild.	
		3rd. 4.50a.m.	Morning report - "Situation quiet; adjustment ordered by 1st. ANZAC O.O. 82(2nd. Aust. Div. order No. 73 was completed at 9.30 p.m. last night. Front now held: Right flank N.35.c.6.6., left flank N.21. d.7.4. B	
		p.m.	This move was effected without mishap.	
		3.45	GINCHY was heavily shelled for 35 minutes.	
		5	Situation normal, hostile artillery reported quiet during the day. Thick mist during the morning, afternoon was brighter and observation fair.	
		4th. 5a.m.	Morning report - Situation normal - nothing to report.	
		5p.m.	Nothing of interest occurred during the day. Weather was wet and permitted but little observation. Hostile artillery below normal during the day except in the afternoon when GINCHY, MORVAL and LESBOEUFs were heavily shelled. At times during the day enemy planes were active.	
		5.30	1st. ANZAC wired that 5th. Sqn. R.F.C. would be flying from 6 p.m. onward. The night proved to be a fine moonlight one.	
5th. 4a.m.	Morning report stated that nothing of importance occurred during the night.			
p.m.				
4.15	Vicinity of Left Bde. H.Q. was shelled by 10.5cm. howitzers - no casualties.			
5.0	Evening report - Situation normal. Weather was dry and bright mostly the sun shining at times. Observation was good up till 4 p.m. when a thick ground haze intervened.			
6th. a.m.				
5.10	Situation reported normal.			

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BERNAFAY WOOD	JANY. 6th.	p.m. 5.0	Nothing of interest occurred during the day. Weather fine except for a little rain early in the day. Haze rendered observation difficult. Hostile shelling below normal.	
		10.0	Notification received that 5th. Sqn. R.F.C. would be in the air during the night.	
	7th.	p.m. 5.0	Nothing unusual occurred during the night.	
		6.0	Three men of the 362nd. I.R. were taken at N. 21. d. 85.40. (Proved to be deserters.)	
		12.30	Feeble retaliation to H.A. bombardment on our right.	
		p.m. 3.15	Left Bde. H.Q. was shelled by 15cm. howitzers (about 15 rounds.)	
		4.45	Situation normal: Hostile artillery has been below normal. Both sides active in the air during the day.	
	8th.	a.m. 4.45	Nothing unusual reported during the night.	
		p.m. 5.0	Enemy artillery has been normal during the day. Situation normal at time of evening report.	
	9th.	a.m. 4.40	No unusual occurrence to report during the night (morning report.) A slight fall of snow early in the morning.	
		10.0	G.O.C. 7th. Aust. Inf. Bde. took over command left sub-sector from O.C. 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde. } <i>Order No 7.9</i>	Appx. III
		p.m. 5.0	Situation reported normal. Heavy mist prevented observation most of the day.	
	10th.	a.m. 5.5	Nothing unusual to report.	
		p.m. 5.10	Evening report: Situation normal. During the afternoon GUN VALLEY was heavily shelled by 15cm. and 21 cm. howitzers from direction of RIENCOURT. About 800 21cm. shells were reported. No casualties were reported, but three 81-pdrs. were put out of action, two of them only temporarily.	
			About 3 p.m., towards the end of the shelling, a hostile plane flew at a low altitude along GUN VALLEY, too low for our A.A. guns.	
			Weather during the day was fine, bright at times; observation fair.	

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BERNAFAY WOOD	JANY. 11th.	a.m.			
		5.10	Situation normal except for shelling of BERNAFAY CORNER and MONTAUBAN from 4.30 to 5am. by 15 cm. gun from direction of ROCQUIGNY. No damage reported.		
		10.30	Heavy mist accompanied by light fall of snow.		
			p.m.		
			3.20	Vicinity of N28.d.5.3. reported being shelled by 15cm. howitzers. from BEAULENCOURT. Counter-battery Group informed, and shelling ceased about 3.45p.m.	
			5.20	Situation both Brigades reported normal. Wind South West -Hazy + some snow and rain. 2nd Aust Div Order No 80 issued defining Divisional Boundaries.	Appx IV
	12th.	a.m.			
		5.0	Situation normal -quiet night - Our artillery carried out usual night firing - Cold and some snow during the night.		
		p.m.			
			5.0	Situation fairly quiet during day - Wind West N. W. - Intermittent shelling of front Right sector - and left sector of 17th. Division on our right.	
			10.0	2nd. Aust. Div. Order 81 for relief of Div. by 5th. Aust. Div. between 15th. and 18th. inst. issued. Move of 2nd. Aust. Div. Arty. out of the line commenced.	Appx V
	13th.	a.m.			
5.0		Situation normal during night. Some snow. Wind West North West.			
p.m.					
		2.30	Organised bombardment of enemy trenches MOLTEN and FINCH carried out this morning 12.40 - 1.40 p.m. by div. and Heavy Artillery - Fire reported to have been effective. Enemy retaliated with H.E. and Shrapnel not heavy and ceased about 2.30 p.m. Observation Indifferent.		
		5.0	Situation reported quiet - Wind West: Weather dull. 2nd Aust Div Order No 82 issued. giving location of Bde H.Qs during relief.	Appx VI	
14th.	a.m.				
	5.0	Very quiet night. - misty - damp - no wind.			
	p.m.				
		3.10	Zeppelin reported by 4th. Aust. Div. Art. to have been seen flying 2.40 p.m. over THILLOY N.N.E.		
		5.0	Exceptionally quiet day owing to low visibility which improved during afternoon - Wind East - Cold		

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BERNAFAY WOOD	1917 Jan.	a.m.		
	15th	5.00	Situation during night normal. Some enemy shelling neighbourhood of MONTAUBAN and QUARRY during night. Wind N.E. Weather hazy.	
		9.40	6th Aust. Inf. Brigade report a prisoner taken last night at N.28.d.8.1. - 361st Regiment.	
		11.00	G.O.C. 5th Australian Division visited D.H.Q. and interviewed G.O.C.	
		p.m.		
		5.00	Both Brigades report situation normal. Enemy shelling light. Wind N.E. Cold and foggy.	
		11.15	Wind dangerous. Message to all concerned.	
		10.00) 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery in cooperation with Heavy Artillery shelled roads and tracks used by enemy during relief on report by a deserter that a relief of 361st R.I.R. was taking place tonight. Targets opposite Right Brigade Sector.	
	16th	1.00		
		5.00	Both Brigades report situation normal. Relief of Left Sector in accordance with Divisional Order 81 carried out without incident. Wind light Easterly. Cold.	
			4th Australian Division report attempted raid by enemy on their trenches at 3.30 a.m. at N.21.c.8.9. Enemy repulsed with loss. No identification yet made.	
		10.30	Further details re enemy raid on 4th Australian Division front. Enemy party 60 strong.	
		p.m.		
		5.00	Situation generally quiet during day. Light intermittent shelling of front sector Right Brigade.	
	6.30	G.S.O. 1 informed both Brigades (O.C. 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade and Brigade Major 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade) that Divisional Commander desired, in view of increased enemy liveliness shown during last two nights by raids on our trenches of Division on our left, that extra listening posts should be put out in front of our trenches and arrangements made to cover any gaps in our line; troops for the purpose being detailed if necessary from supporting troops.		
	8.00	C.R.A. reported by telephone that M Group Artillery reported S.O.S. at 7.40 p.m. on Right Sector. Groups were firing on S.O.S. lines.		
	8.02	7th Aust. Inf. Brigade reported nothing known of S.O.S.		
	8.05	6th Aust. Inf. Brigade Major reports. Stokes Mortars had been operating against FINCH TRENCH. Enemy had fired numerous red cluster rockets as result, this fire. Our artillery had then opened evidently mistaking red rockets for S.O.S. and Stokes Guns flashes for enemy bombardment. Everything was reported normal by front line Battalion.		

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BERNAFAY WOOD	Jan. 17th	5.00	Quiet night. Relief of Left Sector completed by 1 a.m. and command handed over by 7th Aust. Inf. Brigade to 15th Aust. Inf. Brigade. Brigadier General Wisdom and G.S.O.1 proceeded on leave. A heavy fall of snow during the night.	
	18th	a.m. 5.00 11.00	Quiet night. Nothing of importance occurred to interfere with relief of 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade which was completed about 9.00 p.m. Dispositions as 8 a.m given in Appendix Command of Sector handed over to 5th Australian Division. D.H.Q. opened at RIBEMONT.	Appx VII
RIBEMONT	20th	a.m. 9.45	Divisional Commander visited Reinforcement Camp at BUSSY and reviewed reinforcements under training. Directed that they should be absorbed into their Battalions as soon as musketry training was completed.	
		p.m. 2.45	Divisional Commander was present at Corps School where demonstration of Trench Attack formation was given.	
	21st		G.S. Circular Memo No. 23 re re-organization of Artillery issued.	Appx. VIII
	22nd		Divisional Commander visited 15th Divisional Headquarters.	
	24th	p.m. 10.30	2nd Australian Divisional Order 83 for move of Division to ALBERT-FRICOURT-BECOURT area in relief of 50th Division issued	Appx. IX
25th		Disposition today in Appendix	Appx. X	
26th		G.O.C. inspected 5th and 7th Aust. Inf. Brigades seeing two Battalions of each Brigade carry out attack practice.		
27th		Ditto 6th Aust. Inf. Brigade.		

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RIBEMONT	1917 27th Jan.	p.m. 6.00	2nd Australian Divisional Order 84 for relief of 15th Division issued	Appx. XI
ALBERT	28th	a.m. 11.00	Divisional Headquarters opened at ALBERT - in accordance with 2nd Australian Divisional Order 85. G. O. C. visited 15th Divisional front.	
		p.m. 8.00	<i>Reinforcement camp at Bossy cleared & men + staff returned to their units</i> G.S.O. 1 returned from leave - Very Cold - Clear and frosty.	
		10.30	Enemy aeroplane flew over ALBERT and dropped some bombs near Railway station. Also opened on station yard with M.G. causing a few casualties.	
	29th	a.m. 7.30	Several shells from a H.V. gun coming from N.E. direction fell in ALBERT near the Church. ANZAC G.S. informed after some delay. Stated G.O.C. R.A. would take action.	
		9.15	Shells at the rate of about one every two minutes apparently from same direction fell in various parts of the town. ANZAC Heavy Artillery informed. Clear frosty morning. Enemy aeroplanes active. 5th and 6th Aust. Inf. Brigades moved to ALBERT and BECOURT respectively. G.O.C. visited Divisional School. Headquarters D.A.C. and 4th A. F. A. Brigade.	
	29th	p.m. 7.40	Enemy plane dropped 6 bombs on ALBERT near Railway Station. No action by A.A. guns. No damage and no casualties reported.	
	31st		5th Aust. Inf. Brigade moved from ALBERT to SHELTER WOOD and SUSSEX CAMPS in accordance with 2nd Australian Divisional Order 84-	
<p><i>A. Y. Hutton Capt</i> for Major General, Commanding Second Australian Division.</p>				

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Appx. I

Location of units at 8 a.m. 1st January 1917.

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- Div Headquarters. - BERNAFAY WOOD.
 - 2nd A.Div Art H.Q. - do
 - 5th do - E.11.central.
 - Div Engr H.Q. - BERNAFAY WOOD.

 - 5th Aust Inf Bde H.Q. - S.12.b.6.6. Left Sector.
 - 17th Bn. - Front line. N.33.b.2.8½
 - 18th Bn. - "E" Camp. S.23.c.2.5.
 - 19th Bn. - DELVILLE WOOD CAMP. S.18.a.1.6.
 - 20th Bn. - NEEDLE TRENCH. N.32.d.7.4½

 - 6th Aust Inf Bde H.Q. - S.18.d.5.2. Right Sector.
 - 21st Bn. - Front Line. N.33.c.2.3.
 - 22nd Bn. - NEEDLE TRENCH. N.33.c.3.1.
 - 23rd Bn. - B/C Camps. S.23.d.5.5.
 - 24th Bn. - MONTAUBAN. Adelaide Camp.

 - 7th Aust Inf Bde. H.Q. - QUARRY.(BERNAFAY) S.22.d.9.4.
 - 25th Bn. - MONTAUBAN.
 - 26th Bn. - POLMIERS REDOUBT. A.1.b.
 - 27th Bn. - MONTAUBAN.
 - 28th Bn. - MAMETZ.

 - 2nd Aust Pioneer Bn. - S.23.c.5.5. (Corps Works)

ARTILLERY.

- "A" Group. (Left) 6th A.F.A.Bde - S.18.b.3.½
- "B" Group. (L. Centre) 4th A.F.A.Bde. T.19.c.7.4.
- "M" Group. (R. Centre.) 25th A.F.A.Bde. S.18.d.8.2.
- "Q" Group. (Right) 13th & 15th A.F.A.Bdes. T.19.c.8.3.
- 22nd A.F.A.Bde. (1½ btys with each A & B Groups)
- 5th A.F.A.Bde. - NAOURS (Artillery School)
- 14th do. - WARGNIES. do
- 2nd Aust D.A.C. - S.15.c.3.5.
- 5th do - F.3.c.6.4.

- 5th Field Coy Eng. - WATERLOT FARM. S.24.b.7.6.
- 6th -do- - S.21.b.8.2. (Corps Works)
- 7th -do- - WATERLOT FARM. S.24.b.7.6.

- 5th Field Ambulance. - BECORDEL.
- 6th -do- - BELLEVUE FARM.
- 7th -do- - S.22.d.9.1.

- Div Train H.Q. - BECORDEL.
- 56th Supply Column. - RIBEMONT.
- Ordnance. - ALBERT.
- Salvage Coy. - ALBERT. 87 Rue de Mordeuil.
- Field Cashier. - ALBERT. Rue de Cimitiere.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO.78.

Appx. II

Divisional Headquarters,

1st January 1917.

Reference Map 1/20,000, Sheet 570 S.W.

1. The following re-adjustment of the Divisional Front will be completed by 8 a.m. on 3rd January, 1917.

(a) The Right Brigade (6th Aust. Inf. Bde.) will take over from the left brigade of the 17th Division, the front now occupied by their left battalion, and at the same time they will hand over to the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. that portion of their present front from the present inter-brigade boundary at N.28.b.3.3 to N.28.d.central.

The front for which the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will then be responsible will be from N.35.c.6.6, on the right, to N.28.d.central, on the left.

(b) The Left Brigade (5th Aust. Inf. Bde.) will take over from the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. the portion described in (a) above and at the same time will hand over to the right brigade of the 1st Australian Division that portion of their front line from N.21.d.7.3 (approximately) to the present divisional boundary on the northern flank.

The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will then be responsible for the front line from N.28.d.central to N.21.d.7.3. (approx.)

2. The 5th & 6th Aust. Inf. Bdes. will report to D.H.Q. when the above adjustment has been completed.

3. BOUNDARIES.

The new divisional boundaries will be definitely decided on after the re-adjustment of the front. The probable boundaries will be :-

Right boundary .. N.35.c.6.6 - N.34.d.5.4 - T.3.b.8.1
to present boundary at T.3.c.5.0

Left boundary .. N.21.d.7.3 (approximately) - present
boundary about N.27.a.4.0.

Inter-brigade Boundary .. N.28.d.central - N.34.a.1/2, 8 1/2 - present
boundary at N.32.d.9.1 1/2.

4. COMMUNICATION TRENCHES.

Right brigade -- OZONE AVENUE and ENDLESS ALLEY.

Left brigade -- ENERGY ALLEY and ETERNAL ALLEY.

EVE ALLEY will be available for the use of the 1st Australian Division.

5. HEADQUARTERS.

Right Brigade: Battalion in front system, at the H.Q. of the battalion of the 17th Division which is being relieved, N.34.c.3.9.

Battalion in Intermediate line and Bde.H.Q. will not move.

Left Brigade: Neither Bn. nor Bde.H.Q. will move.

6. ARTILLERY.

The C.R.A. will be prepared to assume responsibility for the protection of the new front by 8 a.m. on 4th January. He will report direct to the G.O.C., R.A. what positions, if any, it will be necessary to take over from the 17th Division.

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MACHINE GUNS.

The Right Brigade (8th Aust. Inf. Bde.) will take over from the left brigade, 17th Division, the machine gun positions within the front system included by the new boundary.

This brigade will also take over that portion of the intermediate line and Posts thereon included by the new boundary.

8. Details of relief will be mutually arranged between the G.O's.C. Brigades concerned.

All trench stores, maps, air photos, log-books, ammunition or other dumps, and documents relating to attack or defence schemes in the areas to be transferred, will be handed over and receipts given.

Serviceable Stokes mortars may be handed over taken over in situ, in exchange for a similar number to be transferred under mutual arrangements between brigades concerned.

9. Engineer and Pioneer Units working in the divisional area will conform generally to the movements of the infantry brigades under detailed orders to be issued by the C.R.E.

10. Any re-adjustment of medical arrangements entailed by the above orders will be made by the A.D.M.S. and notified to all concerned.

11. Acknowledge.

Issued at 8.30 a.m.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 79.

Appx III
 Divisional Headquarters,
 5th January, 1917.

Reference map, sheet 57.c.S.W. 1/20,000.

1. The 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. (less 26th Battalion) will relieve the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. (less 19th Battalion) in the line between 7th and 9th January 1917, as shown in attached Table. Relief to be completed by 7 a.m. on 9th January.

The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will move into the camps and H.Q. vacated by the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde.

The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. will remain in its present sector until further orders.

2. The A.A. & Q.M.G. will arrange that the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde. (less 26th Battalion) is relieved of the Corps and Divisional duties at present found by it, 48 hours before it has to move up in relief.

The 26th Battalion will remain on Corps Works and 19th Battalion will be attached temporarily to 7th Aust. Inf. Bde.

The two companies of 25th Battalion at BEAULTE, and the various Divisional Duties, will be relieved, partly by the 5th and partly by the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Divisional duties now found by the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde., for which relief cannot be found, will lapse for the present but a minimum of 150 men must be kept on cable-burying and 200 on deep dugouts, to be raised to the present numbers again as soon as men can be found.

3. Details of relief will be arranged mutually between G.O's.C. 5th & 7th Aust. Inf. Bdes.

As far as possible the provisions of para. 4 of "Trench Orders" will be complied with.

No formed bodies of troops will move forward of SWITCH TRENCH before dark unless there is a fog or heavy mist.

4. All maps, air-photos, log-books, trench stores, ammunition and other dumps, and documents relating to attack and defence schemes in the area concerned, are to be handed and taken over, and receipts given.

Special care is to be taken that dry gun-boots are available for the relieving troops.

Serviceable Stokes mortars will be taken over "in situ", in exchange for a similar number to be handed over under mutual arrangement between brigades concerned.

Lists of trench stores, contents of ammunition and bomb dumps, and reserve rations, taken over will be forwarded to D.H.Q. They will be returned after scrutiny.

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5. The G.O's.C. 5th and 7th Aust. Inf. Bdes. will report to D.H.Q. immediately the relief is completed.

6. Acknowledge.

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TABLE OF RELIEFS.

TO ACCOMPANY 2ND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 79.

DATE, JANUARY, 1917.	NEW CAMP.	DELVILLE WOOD	SWITCH AND NEEDLE LINE	FRONT SYSTEM	MONTAUBAN	KAMETZ	POITIERS
6th	17	18	20	19	25.27	28	26
7th	20	27	18	19	17.25	28	26
8th	18	28	27	19	17.25	20	26
9th	25	28	19	27	17.18	20	26
10th	25	19	28	27	17.18	20	26
11th	25	19	28	27	17.18	20	26
12th	19	25	27	28	17.18	20	26
13th	19	27	25	28	17.18	20	26
14th	19	27	25	28	17.18	20	26
15th	19	27	28	25	17.18	20	26
16th	19	27	28	25	17.18	20	26

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No 80.

Divisional Headquarters,
11th January 1917.

Ref Map 1/20,000 Sheet 57C.S.W.

1. In continuation of Divisional Order No 78 of 1st Jany 1917, para 3, the new boundaries of the Right Divisional Sector have been fixed as follows : -

2. RIGHT BOUNDARY. At front line. N.35.c.6.6 - N.34.d.5.4-T.4.a.0.2.- T.3.c.8.8. - T.3.c.5.0 - T.8.d.2.8. - T.13.b.8.0. - T.19.a.7.2. thence along South side of Railway to S.24.c.5.2. - S.30.a.0.8½. - S.29.b.5½.7. - S.29.a.8.0. - S.29.c.0.5. - S.28.d.0.5. - S.28.c.7.7.

3. LEFT BOUNDARY. At front line. N.21.d.7.3. - N.27.a.6.2 to SUNKEN ROAD N.32.b.4.8. along SUNKEN ROAD to N.32.c.5.5. - S.12.central. - S.12.c.0.9. - S.11.d.3.E. - S.11.d.0.0. - S.17.a.8.5. to road junction S.17.c.9.7½., thence along road S.22.d.0.4.- straight line to N.E. corner of orchard S.28.c.7½.9½. along East edge of orchard to GUILLEMCNT - MONTAUBAN Road at S.28.c.7.7.

4. INTER-BRIGADE BOUNDARY. At front line N.28.d.central to N.34.a.½.8½. - N.32.d.9.1½. - a straight line to S.13.c.0.0.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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| 6) | War Diary. | 25 | 5th do |
| 7 | C.R.A. 2nd Aust Div. | 26 | 17th Division. |
| 8 | C.R.A. 5th Aust Div | 27 | D.B.O. |
| 9. | C.R.E. | 28 | D.G.O. |
| 10 | 2nd Aust Div Sig Coy. | 29 | 3rd Sqn.R.F.C. |
| 11 | 5th Aust Inf Bde. | 30 | Comdt.Div School. |
| 12 | 6th -do- | 31 | O.C. Reinf Camp.BUSSY. |
| 13 | 7th -do- | 32) | |
| 14 | 2nd Aust Pioneer Bn | 33) | Spare. |
| 15 | A.D.M.S. | 34) | |
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No 81.

Divisional Headquarters,
12th January, 1917.

Reference: Sheets 62d.N.E. }
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57d.S.E. }

1. The Second Australian Division (less Artillery and Units detached to the Corps) will be relieved by the Fifth Australian Division in the Right Sector of the Corps Front between the 15th and 13th January, in accordance with the attached Table of Moves and Reliefs.
The Division will on relief be concentrated in "R" Area.
2. (i) The 7th Australian Infantry Brigade will be relieved by the 15th Australian Infantry Brigade, and the 6th Australian Infantry Brigade by the 8th Australian Infantry Brigade.
(ii) Subject to the terms of this order, details of the reliefs will be arranged mutually between Brigades concerned. The reliefs will be completed by 8 a.m. on the 18th instant. Command of the Brigade Sectors will be handed over on completion of each Brigade relief. Completion of reliefs will be reported to Divisional Headquarters.
3. All trench stores, maps, air photographs, log books, gum boots, rifle covers, ammunition dumps, and documents likely to be of value will be handed over to relieving units and receipts obtained. These receipts will be forwarded to Divisional Headquarters within 48 hours of completion of relief.
4. FRICOURT and ADELAIDE camps will be at the disposal of the Fifth Australian Division from noon on the 14th instant as staging camps to the forward area.
5. The dismounted personnel of the 6th and 7th Australian Infantry Brigades will move by rail from QUARRY STATION to MEAULTE, under arrangements to be made by "q" of Division. The 5th Australian Infantry Brigade (less one battalion detached with the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade) will move by road. Brigades will concentrate as follows:
5th Aust. Inf. Brigade.....At DERNANCOURT
6th Aust. Inf. Brigade.....At RIBEMONT
7th Aust. Inf. Brigade.....At BUIRE.
6. The 5th Australian Machine Gun Company will relieve the sections of the Machine Gun Companies of the First Australian Division on anti-aircraft duty at DERNANCOURT, BUIRE, and RIBEMONT by noon on the 18th instant.
7. (i) Troops moving by road east of FRICOURT will march in file.
(ii) The following intervals will be maintained on the road:
200 yards between Battalions
200 yards between transport of each unit
100 yards between Companies.
8. Orders for the relief of the Divisional Artillery are being issued by the C.R.A.
The C.R.A., Fifth Australian Division, assumes command of the Artillery of the Corps Right Sector at 11 a.m. on 19th instant.

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9. The two sections of the 253th Tunnelling Company at present attached to the Division will be attached to the Fifth Australian Division on completion of the relief.
10. Orders regarding the re-distribution of Medical Units will be issued by the A.D.M.S.
11. The Second Australian Pioneer Battalion and the 5th and 7th Field Companies A.E. will be relieved under arrangements to be made by the C.R.E. The 6th Field Company A.E. will remain as at present on Corps Light Railways.
12. The Command of the Right Sector of the Corps Front will be handed over to the G.O.C., Fifth Australian Division at 11 a.m. on the 18th instant, at which hour Second Australian Division Headquarters will open at RIBEMONT.

L. F. Arthur Major

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For Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff.

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11	6th Aust. Inf. Bde.	32 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.
12	7th Aust. Inf. Bde.	33 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.
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19	56th Supply Column.	40)
20	1st Anzac "G"	41) Spare.
21	1st Anzac "Q"	42)

TABLE OF MOVES AND RELIEFS ISSUED WITH SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 81.

Date.	U n i t.	F r o m.	T o.	To be relieved by	R o u t e.	R e m a r k s.
Jan. 14th.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. "D" Bn.	ADELAIDE CAMP	RIBEMONT	"D" Bn. 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.	By train from QUARRY.	
15th.	5th Aust. Inf. Bde. "D" Bn.	"E" CAMP.	DERNANCOURT	"B" Bn. 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.	By train from QUARRY to MEAULTE.	19th Bn. attached to 7th Aust. Inf. Bde.
	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. "A" Bn.	TRONES WOOD B/C CAMPS	RIBEMONT	-	-do-	"C" Bn. 15th Bde. from FRICOURT to DELVILLE WOOD.
	7th Aust. Inf. Bde. "A" Bn.	DELVILLE WOOD	DERNANCOURT	"C" Bn. 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.	-do-	"B" Bn. 15th Bde. from FRICOURT to "E" CAMP. "D" Bn. 15th Bde. from ADELAIDE to B/C CAMPS.
Night 15/16 th.	7th Aust. Inf. Bde. "B" Bn.	NEEDLE TRENCH	TRONES WOOD B/C CAMPS.	"D" Bn. 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. from B/C Camps.	To be mutually arranged between Bdes. concerned.	No move forward of SWITCH TRENCH before dark.
16th.	7th Aust. Inf. Bde. "A" Bn.	DERNANCOURT.	BUIRE.	-	By road.	"A" Bn. 15th Bde. from FRICOURT to "E" CAMP.
	"B" Bn.	TRONES WOOD B/C CAMPS	BUIRE	-	By train from QUARRY to MEAULTE.	Not to arrive before 4.30pm.
	5th Aust. Inf. Bde. Bde. H. Q., "A", "B" & "C" Bns. 5th M. G. Coy.	MONTAUBAN	DERNANCOURT	"B" & "C" Bns. 8th Aust. Inf. Bde.	Via FRICOURT and MEAULTE.	
Night 16/17 th.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. "B" Bn.	NEEDLE TRENCH (Right).	ADELAIDE CAMP.	"D" Bn. 8th Aust. Inf. Bde. from ADELAIDE CAMP.	To be mutually arranged between Bdes. concerned.	No move forward of SWITCH TRENCH before dark.
	7th Aust. Inf. Bde. "C" Bn. Brigade H.Q.	L I N E. S.12.b.6.6.	TRONES WOOD B/C CAMPS. BERNAFAY QUARRY.	"D" Bn. 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. from NEEDLE TRENCH.	-do-	"B" Bn. 15th Bde. from "E" Camp to NEEDLE TRENCH (left). P.T.O.

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Date.	U n i t.	F r o m.	T o.	To be relieved by	R o u t e.	R e m a r k s.
Jan. 17th.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. "B" Bn.	ADELAIDE CAMP	RIBEMONT	-	By train from QUARRY to MEAULTE.	
	7th Aust. Inf. Bde. Bde. H. Q., "C" Bn. & 7th MG Co.	BERNAFAY QUARRY. TRONES WOOD B/C CAMPS.	BUIRE. -do-	- -	-do- -do-	
Night. 17/18 th.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. "C" Bn.	L I N E.	TRONES WOOD B/C CAMPS.	"D" Bn. 8th Aust. Inf. Bde. from NEEDLE TRENCH (Right).	To be mutually arranged be- tween Bdes. concerned.	No move forward of SWITCH TRENCH before dark. "C" Bn. 8th Aust. Inf. Bde. from MONTAUBAN to NEEDLE TRENCH (Right).
18th.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde. Bde. H. Q. "C" Bn. & 6th Aust. M. G. Coy. } 2nd Aust. Pnr. Bn. 5th Aust. Fld. Coy. 7th " " "	S. 18. d. 5. 2. TRONES WOOD B/C CAMPS } L I N E. -do- -do-	RIBEMONT FRICOURT. -do-) -do-)	2 Coys. 5th A. Pnr. Bn.) As arranged by) C. R. E.)	By train from QUARRY to MEAULTE.) via) MONTAUBAN.	"D" Bn. 8th Aust. Inf. Bde. moves from ADELAIDE CAMP to B/C CAMPS. Not to arrive at FRICOURT before noon.
19th.	5th Aust. Fld. Coy. 7th Aust. Fld. Coy.	FRICOURT -do-	RIBEMONT. BUIRE.	-) -)	Via MEAULTE and DERNANCOURT.	7th Aust. Fld. Coy. to follow 5th Aust. Fld. Coy.

NOTE. - Units of 5th Australian Division come under orders of G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division on arrival at MONTAUBAN and will report completion of all moves in forward area to 2nd Aust. Div. Hd. Qrs.

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MOVES AND RELIEFS 15-18/1/17.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Date.	Front Line.	Switch & Needle.	B & C Camp.	Montauban	Mametz.	Pommiers.	Dernancourt.	Buire	Ribemont.
15th	22 25	21 28	-	17 18	20	26	19 27	-	23 24
16th	22 25	21	28	-	-	26	5 Bde.	27	23 24
17th	22	-	-	-	-	26	5 Bde.	25 27 28	21 23 24
18th	-	-	-	-	-	26	5 Bde.	25 27 28	6 Bde

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Date.	Front Line.	Switch & Needle.	Delville Wd.	B & C Camp.	E Camp.	Montauban	Works Camp M'ban.	Mametz.	Fri-court.	Buire	
15th	22	-	59	-	58	31 57	29	-	30 54	32 60	53 55 56
16th	-	57	59	-	60	31 30 32	29	-	53 55	54 56	-
17th	57	31 58	59	-	60	30 56 54	29	53	55	-	-
18th	31 57	32 58	59	54	60	30 55 56	29	53	-	-	-

8th Bde.

29th Bn.
 30th "
 31st "
 32nd "

14th Bde.

53rd Bn.
 54th "
 55th "
 56th "

15th Bde.

57th Bn.
 58th "
 59th "
 60th "

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2nd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO 82.

Divisional Headquarters.
13th January 1917.

Reference ALBERT combined Sheet.

1. (1) With reference to 2nd Australian Divisional Order No 81, dated 12th January 1917, the following will be the location of Brigade Headquarters during, and on completion of, the relief.

Location	Night 14/15.	15/16.	16/17.	17/18	morning 18th.
S.22.d.9.4.	5th Bde.	5th Bde.	15th Bde.	14th Bde.	14th Bde
S.18.d.5.2.	6th Bde.	6th Bde.	6th Bde	6th Bde.	8th Bde
S.12.b.6.6.	7th Bde.	7th Bde.	7th Bde.	15th Bde.	15th Bde
DERNANCOURT.	8th Bde	8th Bde.	5th Bde.	5th Bde.	5th Bde
BUIRE.	14th Bde.	14th Bde.	-	7th Bde.	7th Bde
RIBEMONT.	15th Bde.	-	-	-	6th Bde
FRICOURT.	-	15th Bde.	14th Bde.	-	-
MONTAUBAN.	-	-	8th Bde.	8th Bde	-

(ii) All moves will be completed by 12 noon daily. Establishment of Headquarters in new location will be reported by wire to 2nd Aust Div Headquarters.

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- 8 C.R.E. do
- 9 2nd A.Pioneer Bn.
- 10 O.C. Div Sig Coy
- 11 O.C.Div Train.
- 12. "A.Q".
- 13 A.D.M.S.
- 14 A.D.V.S.
- 15 D.A.D.O.S.
- 16 A.P.M.
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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Location of units at 8 a.m. 18th January 1917.

Divisional. H.Q.	-	BERNAFAY WOOD.	
2nd Aust Div Art H.Q.		do	
5th - do -	-	E.11.central.	
Div Engr.H.Q.	-	BERNAFAY WOOD.	
<u>15th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q.</u>	S.12.b.6.6.	Left Bde Sector.	
57th Bn	-	E.27.d.1.0	Front Line.
58th Bn	-	NEEDLE TRENCH	N.32.d.7.4½.
59th Bn	-	DELVILLE WOOD CAMP.	S.18.a.
60th Bn	-	"E" Camp.	S.23.d.
<u>8th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q.</u>	S.18.d.5.2.	Right Bde Sector (after 8 am)	
31st Bn	-	Front Line.	N.34.c.2.8.
32nd Bn	-	NEEDLE TRENCH.	N.33.c.3.1.
22nd Bn	-	B/C Camp.	S.23.c. (attached 8th Bde)
54th Bn	-	MONTAUBAN. Adelaide Camp	do
<u>5th Aust Inf Bde.H.Q.</u>	}	DERNANCOURT.	
17th, 18th, 19th and 20th Bns.			
<u>6th Aust Inf Bde H.Q.</u>	}	RIBEMONT.	
21st, 23rd and 24th Bns.			
22nd Bn.			-
<u>7th Aust Inf Bde H.Q.</u>	}	BUIRE.	
25th, 27th, and 28th Bns.			
26th Bn			-
<u>14th Aust Inf Bde H.Q.</u>	-	BERNAFAY QUARRY.	S.22.d.9.4.
30th and 56th Bns.	-	MONTAUBAN.	
53rd Bn. & 55th Bn.		ERICOURT.	
<u>ARTILLERY.</u>			
"A" Group (Left)	4th & 14th A.F.A.Bdes.	-	T.25.a.6½.9¼.
"M" Group (Centre)	25th & pt 13th do.	-	S.18.d.8.2.
"Q" Group (Right)	15th & pt 13th do.	-	T.19.c.8.3.
6th A.F.A.Bde.	-	BUIRE.	
22nd -do-	-	NAOURS.	
5th -do-	-	NAOURS.	
2nd Aust D.A.C.	-	FRANVILLERS.	
5th -do-	-	F.3.c.6.4.	
5th Field Coy Engrs.	-	WATERLOT FARM.	S.24.b.7.6.
6th -do-	-	S.21.b.8.2.	(Corps Works)
7th -do-	-	WATERLOT FARM.	S.24.b.7.6.
2nd Aust Pioneer Bn.	S.23.c.5.5.	Corps Works.	
5th -do- (2 Coys)	S.18.c.9.1.		
5th Field Ambulance.	-	BECORDEL.	
6th -do-	-	BELLEVUE FARM.	
7th -do-	-	S.22.d.9.1.	
Div Train.H.Q.	-	BECORDEL.	
56th Supply Column.	-	RIBEMONT.	
Ordnance, Field Cashier, Gas School and Salvage Coy	-	ALBERT.	
2nd Aust Div Reinf Camp.	-	BUSSY.	

L. F. Arthur
forLieut Colonel.
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
21st January 1917.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM No 23.

Subject - REORGANISATION OF ARTILLERY.

1. The C.R.M. will, as soon as possible, proceed with the reorganisation of the Divisional Artillery in accordance with the following instructions.

(a) The Field Artillery of the A.I.F. will in future be divided into two categories.

(1) Divisional Artillery, which will be an integral part of the Division.

(2) Army Field Artillery Brigades, which will be available for allotment to Armies, by Armies to Corps, and by Corps to Divisions, as the situation demands.

(3) All 10 pounder and Howitzer Batteries will in future consist of six guns.

(b) The Divisional Artillery will consist of 36 10 pounder guns, and 12 4.5" Howitzers, organised as two Brigades, and a Divisional Ammunition Column.

Each Brigade will comprise :-

3 6 gun 10 Pounder Batteries.

1 6 gun 4.5" Howitzer Battery

(c) (1) The establishments of Divisional Artillery Headquarters and Divisional Artillery Brigades will be as laid down in War Establishments, Part VII, General, 1916.

No change will be made in the establishment of a Divisional Ammunition Column, but 'A' Echelon will be reconstituted and formed into two sections.

(2) The establishment of an Army Field Artillery Brigade will be identical with that of Divisional Field Artillery Brigades. An Army Field Artillery Brigade Ammunition Column will form a part of the Brigade.

The establishments of the Divisional Ammunition Column, and of an Army Field Artillery Brigade Ammunition Column, have been issued to all concerned.

(d) The above involves the breaking up of some units of the Second Australian Divisional Artillery. The principles which will be followed are -

(1) The latest formed units will be broken up, (these are the 19th, 20th, 21st 10 Pounder Batteries and the 117th Howitzer Battery)

(2) Reorganisation will be made within Divisions as far as possible.

(e) In accordance with the above the 22nd Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters, and Headquarters of 19th, 20th, 21st and 117th Batteries, will be disbanded. The 19th, 20th, 21st and 117th Batteries will be broken up. These Batteries will be distributed as follows :-

- 19th Battery - 1/3 to 10th Battery, 1/3 to 11th Battery
- 20th Battery - 1/3 to 12th Battery, 1/3 to 13th Battery
- 21st Battery - 1/3 to 14th Battery, 1/3 to 15th Battery.
- 117th How Batt. - 1/2 to 104th How Batt 1/2 to 105th How Batt.

(f) The 6th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will become an Army Field Artillery Brigade. To make the batteries up to 6 gun batteries the 5th Australian Division will transfer to it :

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† 53th Battery to 16th Battery
 † 59th Battery to 17th Battery
 † 59th Battery to 18th Battery
 † 115th How Batt to 106th How Batt.

(g) Transfers between Divisions will be arranged mutually between C.R.As concerned.

(h) The 6th Army Field Artillery Brigade Ammunition Column will be formed from personnel surplus to establishment after the reorganisation of the Divisional Artillery.

(j) Personnel becoming spare under this reorganisation will be disposed of as follows -

- (1) Officers will be retained for the present with their Divisions. List of such officers will be sent to A.A.G., A.I.F., by whom instructions regarding disposal will be issued.
- (2) W.Os, N.C.Os and men available after completion of establishment will be transferred to Army Field Artillery Brigade Ammunition Columns. W.Os and N.C.Os for whom there is no provision on the establishment will retain their present ranks pending absorption.

(k) Separate instructions regarding disposal of surplus horses, material and equipment, will be issued by "Q" of Division under instructions from 1st Anzac.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. F. Arthur

Major.
General Staff.

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 A.G.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters.
21st January 1917.

- C. R. A.,
- C. R. B.,
- O.C. Div. Sig. Coy.,
- 5th Aust. Inf. Brigade,
- 6th " " "
- 7th " " "
- 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion,
- A. D. M. S.,
- A. D. V. S.,
- Div. Train,
- D. A. D. O. S.,
- A. P. M.,
- A. G.

Correction to G.S. Circular Memo No.23 of 21st January.

In para (c) - (1) line 4 for " No change will be made in the Establishment of a Divisional Ammunition Column" read " No change will be made in the Establishment of the Headquarters of a Divisional Ammunition Column."

Major.
General Staff.

Appendix No. 8

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No 83.

Divisional Headquarters,
24th January 1917.Reference: ALBERT Combined Sheet 1/⁴0,000.

1. The 2nd Australian Division (less Artillery, Pioneers and detached units) will relieve the 50th Division in the ALBERT - BECOURT - FRICOURT area on the 29th and 30th January in accordance with the attached march table.
2. Orders for the relief of Machine Gun Sections on anti-aircraft duty will be issued later.
3. (a) The following distances will be maintained on the road:
 - 200 yards between Battalions.
 - 200 yards between Transport and Units.
 - 100 yards between Companies.
 (b) East of a line ALBERT - LE CARCAILLOT troops will march in file.
4. Divisional Headquarters will close at RIBEMONT and open at VILLA ROCHER, Rue de BRAY, ALBERT, at 11 a.m. 28th January.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 10.30 p.m.

*L. F. Austin*Major,
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MARCH TABLE ISSUED WITH 2nd Aust. Div. ORDER NO.

Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	Route.	In relief of	Remarks.
Jan 28	Div. Headquarters H.Q. Div. Engrs. 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.	RIBEMONT,	ALBERT (Villa Rocher).	BUIRE - DERNAN- COURT - E.21.a. 9.9 - E.3.d.8.6	H.Qrs. 1st Aust. Div.	H.Qrs. 50th Div. from X.27.b.6.7. All billets to be vacated by 10 a.m.
Jan 29	5th Aust. Inf. Bde.	DERNANCOURT	ALBERT	E.21.a.9.9 - E.3.d.8.6.	149th Inf. Bde. which moves to DER- NANCOURT via E.4.b. 3.3 - E.16 central.	To move in 2 echelons 2 Bns. (with transport) at 8.30 a.m. Remainder of Bde. 11.0 a.m.
Jan 29	6th Aust. Inf. Bde.	RIBEMONT	BECOURT	BUIRE - DERNAN- COURT - MEAULTE F.7.c.9.2.	151st Inf. Bde. which moves to RIBEMONT via AL- BERT, arriving there 12.30 p.m.	Head of column to reach Western end of DERNAN- COURT at 12.30 p.m.
Jan. 30	7th Aust. Inf. Bde	BUIRE	FRICOURT (X. 28.c.1.9) and MAMETZ (X.23.d.)	DERNANCOURT - MEAULTE - LINK Road.	150th Inf. Bde which moves to BUIRE via ALBERT starting at 9 a.m.	Head of column to reach FRICOURT Camp at 12.30 p.m.
	7th Aust. Fld. Co.	BUIRE	MAMETZ (S.13. d.5.0).	To follow 7th A. I. Bde.	2nd Northumbrian Field Coy. } 7th (British) Field Coy. }	To move under orders of G.O.C. 7th A.I. Bde. Ad- vanced parties to be sent forward on 29th inst.
	5th Aust. Fld. Co.	RIBEMONT	MAMETZ (S.13. d.5.0).	To follow 7th Aust. Fld. Coy.		

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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Location of units at 6 a.m. 25th January 1917.

Div H.Q.	-	RIBEMONT.	
Div. Art. H.Q.	-	E.11.central.	
Div. Eng.H.Q.	-	RIBEMONT.	
5th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.)			
17th, 18th, 19th	}	- DERNANCOURT.	
and 20th Bns.			
6th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.)			
21st, 22nd, 23rd.	}	- RIBEMONT.	
and 24th Bns.			
7th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.)			
25th, 27th and	}	- BUIRE.	
28th Bns.			
26th Bn. -			
2nd A.Pioneer Bn.	-	ERICOURT.	
4th A.F.A.Bde.	-		BUIRE.
5th do	-	MACURS.	
6th do	-	CARDONNETTE.	
22nd do	-	MACURS.	
2nd Aust.D.A.C.	-	St GRATIEN.	
5th Field Coy Eng.	-	RIBEMONT.	
6th do	-	S.21.b.3.2.	(Corps Works)
7th do	-	BUIRE.	
5th Field Ambulance	-	BUIRE.	
6th do	-	BELLEVUE FARM.	
7th do	-	ALBERT	(Civil Hosp)
Div Train.H.Q.	-	BECORDEL.	
56th Supply Column	-	RIBEMONT.	
Ordnance.	}	- ALBERT.	
Field Cashier			
Gas School			
Salvage Coy			
French Mission			
Reinft Camp (2nd Aust Div)	-	BUSSY.	

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1st Anzac. (2)	A.D.M.S.	1st Aust. Div.
C. R. A.	A.D.V.S.	4th do
C. R. E.	Div Train	5th do
Div Sig Coy. (2)	56th Supply Col.	G.C.C.
5th Aust Inf Bde.	R.T.O. ALBERT.	A.Q. (2)
6th do	C.C.Reinft Camp.	BUSSY
7th do	do	BELLEVUE FARM
Pioneer Bn. A.P.I.	Camp Comdt.	(1st Anzac)
		50th Div.

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- 8 C. P. E.
- 9 Div Sig Coy.
- 10 5th Aust Inf Bde.
- 11 6th -do-
- 12 7th -do-
- 13 2nd Aust Pioneer Bn.
- 14 A. D. M. S.
- 15 A. D. V. S.
- 16 Div Train.
- 17 D. A. D. O. S.
- 18 A. P. M.
- 19 56th Supply Col.
- 20 1st Anzac "G"
- 21 1st Anzac "Q"
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- 23 4th Aust Div.
- 24 5th Aust Div.
- 25 15th Division.
- 26 Area Commandant. ALBERT.
- 27 Area Commandant. FRICOURT.
- 28 Area Commandant. BECOURT.
- 29 D. B. O.
- 30 D. G. O.
- 31 3rd Squadron. R. F. C.
- 32 2nd Aust Div School.
- 33 2nd Aust Div Reinf't Camp.
- 34 Camp Commandant.
- 35 French Mission.
- 36 2nd Division.
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- 39) Spare.
- 40)
- 41)

TABLE OF MOVES AND RELIEFS ISSUED WITH 2nd AUST DIV ORDER No 84.

Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	In relief of	Route.	Remarks
31st Jan.	5th Aust Inf Bde. (Less 1 Bn)	ALBERT.	SHELTER WOOD Camps (X.21. b and d)	40th Inf Bde (Reserve Bde)	Via FRICOURT CIRCUS.	46th Inf Bde moves to ALBERT via CONTALMAISON - LA BOIS- SELLE. Relief to be com- pleted by 1 p.m.
	1 Bn 5th A.I. Bde.	ALBERT.	SUSSEX CAMP. (S.15.a.1.7)			
31 Jan/ 1 Feb.	5th Aust. M.G. Co. 5th AL.T.M. Batt.	SHELTER WOOD Camps.	Line.	44th M.G. Coy. 44th L.T.M. Batt.	To be mutually arranged.	H.Q. 44th Inf Bde. M27 c 1.0 Right Brigade Sector.
1st Feb.	6th Aust. Inf. Bde.	BECOURT.	SHELTER WOOD and SUSSEX Camps.	5th Aust. Inf. Bde.	Direct.	Not to arrive before 4.30 p.m.
Night 1st/2nd Feb.	5th Aust. Inf. Bde. (less 1 Bn.)	SHELTER WOOD and SU- SSEX Camps.	Line (Right)	44th Inf. Bde.	To be mutual- ly arranged.	44th Inf Bde to BECOURT. 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. to vacate Camps by 4.30 p.m.
	1 Bn 5th Aust. Inf Bde.	-do-	Pioneer Camp (X 23 a 6.5)			
	7th Aust. M.G. Coy. 7th Aust. L.T.M. Batt.	FRICOURT.	Line (Left)	45th M.G. Coy. 45th L.T.M. Batt	-do-	Units on relief move to FRICOURT. H.Q. 45th Inf Bde: M32.a.2 1/2 1/2.
2nd Feb.	1 Bn 7th Aust Inf. Bde.	FRICOURT.	ACID DROP: S. Camp (x 16 d)	1 Bn 45th Inf Bde.	-do-	Battalion in Bde Reserve.
Night 2/3 rd Feb.	(1 Bn.) 7th A.I. Bde (less)	-do-	Line (Left)	45th Inf. Bde.	-do-	45th Inf Bde to FRICOURT.
3rd Feb.	Div. Headquarters. Signal Coy. H.Q. Div. Engrs	ALBERT.	x 27 b.6.7.	Headquarters 15th Div.	BECORDEL. BECOURT. FRICOURT.	Command transferred 10 a.m.

Appendix No. 1