

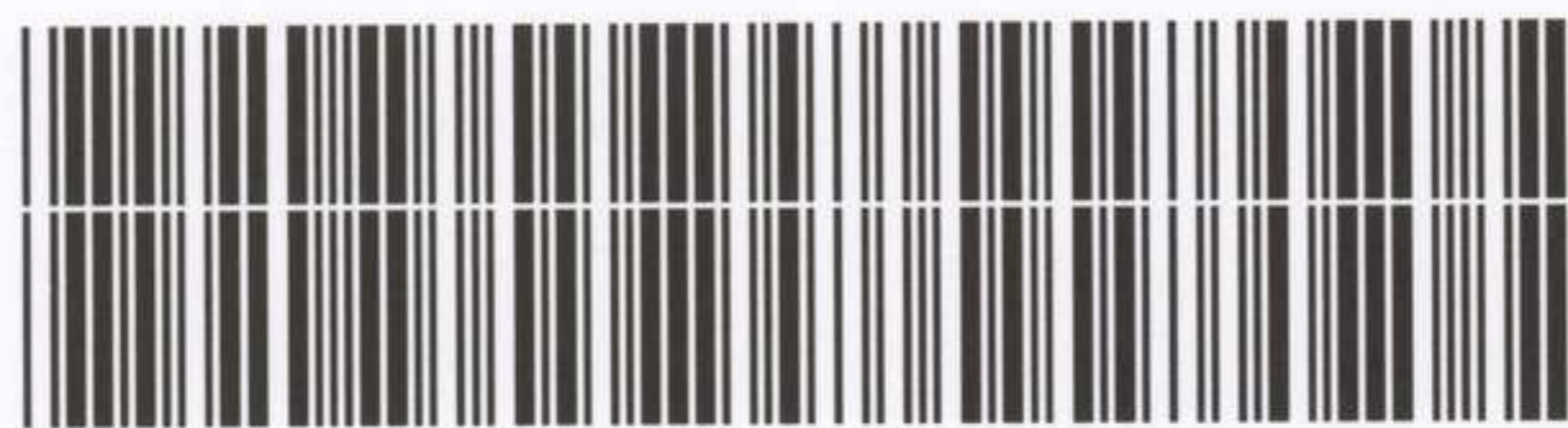
AWM4
Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Formation Headquarters

Item number: 1/44/23

Title: General Staff, Headquarters 2nd
Australian Division

June 1917



AWM4-1/44/23

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE-SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Army Form C. 2118 15

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Vol. XI Page 1

Place	Date 1917	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RUBEMPRE	June 1st to 13th		<p>There is nothing of special interest to record during this period.</p> <p>Training has been continued special attention being paid to individual training, musketry and bombing operations.</p> <p>The Artillery commenced a progressive course of training.</p> <p>Courses were continued at the Divisional Bomb and Gas Schools.</p> <p>Horse Shows and Sports Meetings were held.</p> <p>The weather has been warm and fine.</p>	
	13th		<p>Orders were received for the Division (less Artillery) to move forward to "M" area (near BAPAUME) and to be attached to the IV Corps as Corps Reserve in relief of the 5th Aust. Division.</p> <p>Divisional Order No 132 re this move was issued.</p> <p>The move was carried out between the 14th and 17th instants in accordance with this order.</p>	Appx. I
BANCOURT	17th	noon	<p>Divisional Headquarters opened at BANCOURT on division relieving 5th Aust. Division as Reserve Division to 4th Corps.</p>	
	18th		<p>G.O.C. and G.S.O.(1) visited 4th Corps Headquarters.</p>	
	20th		<p>Nothing of importance to record since 18th.</p>	
	21st		<p>Demonstration of Power Buzzer and Amplifier to representatives of all Infantry, Engineer and Pioneer Units in the Division, at which G.O.C. was present.</p>	
	23rd		<p>7th Aust. Inf. Bde. rehearsed occupation of BEUGNY - YTRES Line.</p>	

WAR DIARY

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION Army Form C. 2118.

or

INTELLIGENCE-SUMMARY.

CONFIDENTIAL.

(Erase heading not required.)

Vol XI Page 2.

15

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date 1917	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BANCOURT (H.35.c.5.5)	June 24th 30th		<p>Disposition Report attached.</p> <p>Mr. HOLMAN, Premier of New South Wales, visited 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. with Corps Commander and addressed the Officers.</p> <p><u>SUMMARY.</u> No operations have been carried out during the month - the Division having been in Rest in the RUBEMPRE - SENLIS - WARLOY Area until the 17th and since that date in Reserve to 4th Corps in "M" Area (BIEFVILLERS - PAPAUME - BEAULENCOURT) .</p> <p>Training during the month has been progressive and much valuable work has been done. Field Firing Ranges constructed between the BEAULENCOURT ROAD and GUEUDECOURT have been in daily use with the object of training platoons in the attack in open warfare.</p> <p>Selected Platoons from Brigades have been under special training supervised by the General Staff to give demonstrations emphasizing fundamental tactical principles.</p> <p>The Divisional Artillery has been detached from the Division since the move to "M" Area remaining at AVELUY, where refitting and training has been in progress.</p> <p>The weather on the whole has been warm and fine with occasional thunderstorms.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>[Signature]</i> for Major General, Commanding Second Australian Division.</p>	<p>Appx. II</p>

A P P E N D I C E StoWAR DIARY OF SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION (General Staff)For the Month ofJ U N E, 1917.Vol. XI.

Appendix I. Div. O.O. No. 132.
Appendix II. Disposition Report for
24th June, 1917.

War Diary

SECRET

Appendix No 1

Copy No.....

15

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 132.

Divisional Headquarters,
13th June, 1917.

Reference -

- 1/20,000:
- Sheets 51 B - SW & SE.
- 57 C - NW & NE.
- 1/100,000 - Administrative.

1. The 2nd Australian Division (less Artillery) will relieve the 5th Australian Division (less Artillery), now in Reserve to the IV. Corps and located in "M" Area, between the 14th and 17th June.

2. Subject to the terms of this Order, details of the relief will be arranged mutually between H.O's.C., Brigades concerned. The relief will be completed by 6 p.m. on the 17th June. Units arriving in "M" Area before 12 noon on 17th inst. will be under the tactical control of the G.O.C., 5th Aust. Div.

3. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve the 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.
 " 5th " " " " " " 14th " " "
 and 7th " " " " " " " 8th " " "

4. (a) All personnel, except that required to accompany transport, will be conveyed by train. Detailed entrainment and detrainment orders will be issued later.

(b) Transport will march by road in accordance with attached March Tables.

(c) The following distances will be maintained on roads:-

Between battalions or transport of equivalent	
Roadspace	... 200 yds.
Between companies	... 100 yds.

5. The reliefs of the Field Coys. and Pioneer Bn. of the 5th Aust. Div. will be arranged mutually between C.R.E's of Divisions.

6. Instructions regarding the redistribution of Medical Units will be issued by the A.D.M.S. under the orders of the D.D.M.S., 1st Anzac Corps.

7. Administrative instructions consequent upon the relief will be issued by "Q" of Division.

8. D.H.Q. will close at RUBEMPRE at 12 noon on the 17th June and open at H.35.c.5.5 (BANCOURT) at the same hour.

9. Acknowledge.

L. F. Arthur Major
 for
 Lieut.-Colonel,
 General Staff,
 2nd Aust. Div.

Issued at 10.30 a.m.

P. T. O.

DISTRIBUTION.

1. C. R. E.
2. 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.
3. 6th -do-
4. 7th -do-
5. 22nd Aust. M.G. Co.
6. 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn.
7. 2nd Aust. Div. Sig. Co.
8. 2nd Aust. Div. Train
9. A.D.M.S.
10. A.P.M.
11. A.D.V.S.
12. D.A.D.O.S.
13. D.B.O.
14. D.G.O.
15. Camp Commandant
16. A.Q.

For Information:-

17. 1st Anzac G.
18. 1st Anzac Q.
19. 4th Corps
20. 1st Aust. Div.
21. 5th Aust. Div.
22. 56th Supply Column
23. Area Commandant, SENLIS Area.
24. " " B. P. "
25. Town Major, BOUZINCOURT.
26. " " SENLIS.
27. " " WARLOY.
28. R.T.O., PUCHEVILLERS.
29. R.T.O., VARENNES.
30. G.O.C.
31. C.R.A.
32. War Diary
33. File
34. }
35. } Spare.
36. }

Colonel
General Staff
2nd Aust. Div.

MARCH OF TRANSPORT OF 2ND & 5TH AUST. DIVS.

Issued with 2nd Aust. Div. Order No. 132. SECRET.

15

Date	Transport Unit	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS
13th JUNE	5th A.I. Bde.	RUBEMPRE	SPRING GARDENS	WARLOY - SENLIS - BOUZINCOURT - AVELUY	
	15th A.I. Bde. H.Q. A. Bn. 15th A.I. Bde. B. Bn. -do-	M. Area	- do -	BAPAUME-ALBERT Rd.	
14th JUNE	5th A.I. Bde.	SPRING GARDENS	A. Bde. Area	ALBERT-BAPAUME Rd.	
	15th A.I. Bde. H.Q. A. Bn. 15th A.I. Bde. B. Bn. -do-	-do-	RUBEMPRE	AVELUY-BOUZINCOURT- SENLIS - WARLOY - VADENCOURT.	
	Remainder 15th A.I. Bde.	M. Area	CONTAY		
15th JUNE	6th A.I. Bde. & 1 Field Coy.	WARLOY, MILLENCOURT, BOUZINCOURT	B. Bde. Area	AVELUY-POZIERES (less troops from MILLENCOURT)	Fd. Coy. as de- tailed by C.R.E.
	14th A.I. Bde. & 1 Field Coy.	M. Area	WARLOY MILLENCOURT BOUZINCOURT	ALBERT-MILLENCOURT (less troops for BOUZINCOURT)	

Appendix No. 6

15

Date	Transport Unit	FROM	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS
16th JUNE	7th A.I. Bde. & 1 Field Coy.	SENLIS, BOUZINCOURT	C. Bde. Area	AVELUY-POZIERES	Field Coy. as detailed by C.R.E.
	8th A.I. Bde. & 1 Field Coy.	M. Area	SENLIS, BOUZINCOURT	ALBERT-BAPAUME Road	
	D. H. Coy.) 2nd Aust. Div.) Sig. Coy.)	RUBEMPRE	SPRING GARDENS	WARIOY-SENLIS- BOUZINCOURT - AVELUY.	
17th JUNE	D. H. Coy. and) Sig. Coy.)	SPRING GARDENS	BANCOURT	ALBERT-BAPAUME Road	As detailed by CRE.
	22nd A.M.G. Coy.	BOUZINCOURT	BANCOURT	AVELUY-POZIERES	
	2nd Aus. Pioneers	--do--	TILLOY	-- do --	
	1 Field Coy.	--do--	M. Area	-- do --	

- 1.- Horsed transport is only allowed to pass on the main BAPAUME - ALBERT Road,
between POZIERES and BAPAUME between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, and 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
- 2.- SPRING GARDENS Camp may be used for midday halt each day as required.
- 3.- 500 yards interval will be maintained between the transport of any two units.

Appendix No. 1

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

G.195.

Location of Units at 6 a.m., 24th June, 1917.

D. H. Q.	BANCOURT	H.35.c.5.5
5th A.I.Bde.H.Q.	BIEFVILLERS	H.20.a.5.5
17th Bn	"	H.20.a.6.6
18th "	"	H.21.d.5.8
19th "	"	H.14.c.5.5
20th "	"	H.20.a.8.4
5th A.M.G.Coy.	"	H.14.c.5.5
5th A.J.T.M.Bty.	"	H.20.a.8.2
6th A.I.Bde.H.Q.	BEAULENCOURT	N.24.b.0.2
21st Bn	"	N.11.b.4.2
22nd "	"	N.11.d.9.9
23rd "	"	N.11.d.5.5
24th "	"	N.24.b.5.5
6th A.M.G.Coy.	RIENCOURT-lez-BAPAUME	N.6.c.1.5
6th A.T.L.M.Bty.	"	N.5.d.7.7
7th A.I.Bde.H.Q.	BAPAUME	H.33.a.7.6
25th Bn	"	H.33.d.6.8
26th "	"	N.4.a.2.1
27th "	"	H.28.d.4.4
28th "	"	N.3.b.8.5
7th A.M.G.Coy.	"	H.34.b.2.8
7th A.L.T.M.Bty.	"	H.34.b.3.8
22nd Aust. M.G.Coy.	BANCOURT	
<u>ARTILLERY:</u>		
C. R. A.	MARTINSART Chateau	W.3.a.8.7
4th & 5th AFA.Bdes.	SENLIS Art. Area	W.16.a.8.4
D. A. C.	"	W. 9.d.5.2
<u>ENGINEERS:</u>		
C. R. E.	BANCOURT	H.3 .c.5.5
5th Field Coy.	FREMICOURT	H.30.b.5.5
6th do.	BANCOURT	H.36.c.2.8
7th do.	FAVREUIL	H.16.c.8.8
2nd Aust.Pioneer Bn.	THILLOY	N.7.a.8.6
2nd Aust.Div.Train H.Q.	BAPAUME-BEAULENCOURT	N.4.d.9.7
15th A.A.S.C.	"	N.11.a.5.8
16th do	"	"
17th do	"	N.4.b.7.3
20th do	SENLIS	(With Artillery)
<u>MEDICAL UNITS:</u>		
A.D.M.S.	BANCOURT	H.35.c.5.5
5th Field Amb.	BAPAUME	H.33.b.5.9
6th do	AVELUY (Corps Scabies Stn.)	
	POZIERES (Entraining Centre)	
	BELLEVUE FARM (Div.Rest Stn)	
7th do	RIENCOURT-lez-BAPAUME	N.5.c.3.0
D.A.D.O.S.	MILLENCOURT	D.6.b.4.4
Div. Gas. School	VILLERS-AU-FLOS	O.7.d.5.8
Mobile Vet. Section	BANCOURT	H.35.c.5.5
A.D.V.S.	BAPAUME	H.33.b.1.9
A.P.M.	BAPAUME, Rue Lecointe	
French Mission		

To be destroyed
on receipt of a
later issue...

R. B. Wertheim
for Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff,
2nd Aust. Div.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

SITUATION WIRES.

G. 98.
9th June, 1917.

~~Wire received from Third Army 9-6-17.~~

Second Army wires successful in minor operation yesterday morning East of MESSINES which placed them on their final objective along the whole front. During yesterday enemy concentrations and attempted counter-attacks were successfully engaged by artillery. 3 hostile aeroplanes were crashed and 2 driven down out of control. Enemy counter-attack after a heavy bombardment about 7 p.m. last night North of YPRES-COMMINES CANAL near KLEINZILLEBEKE was successfully repulsed on the whole front with exception of advanced points near KLEINZILLEBEKE from which he was subsequently ejected. Other attempts to raid our trenches last night were all repulsed. Gas was successfully projected by 2nd Army on several points on their front.

On First Army front raids were carried out over a front of 2 miles. Enemy lines were penetrated to a maximum depth of 1/2 mile and very heavy casualties were inflicted; so far 114 prisoners are reported and some machine guns, 2 Trench mortars destroyed. Our casualties slight.

On our own front 5th Corps successfully raided HINDENBURG LINE in U.20.a. last night, one prisoner captured and about 20 casualties inflicted on enemy. Our casualties slight. 1 hostile aeroplane brought down out of control.
