

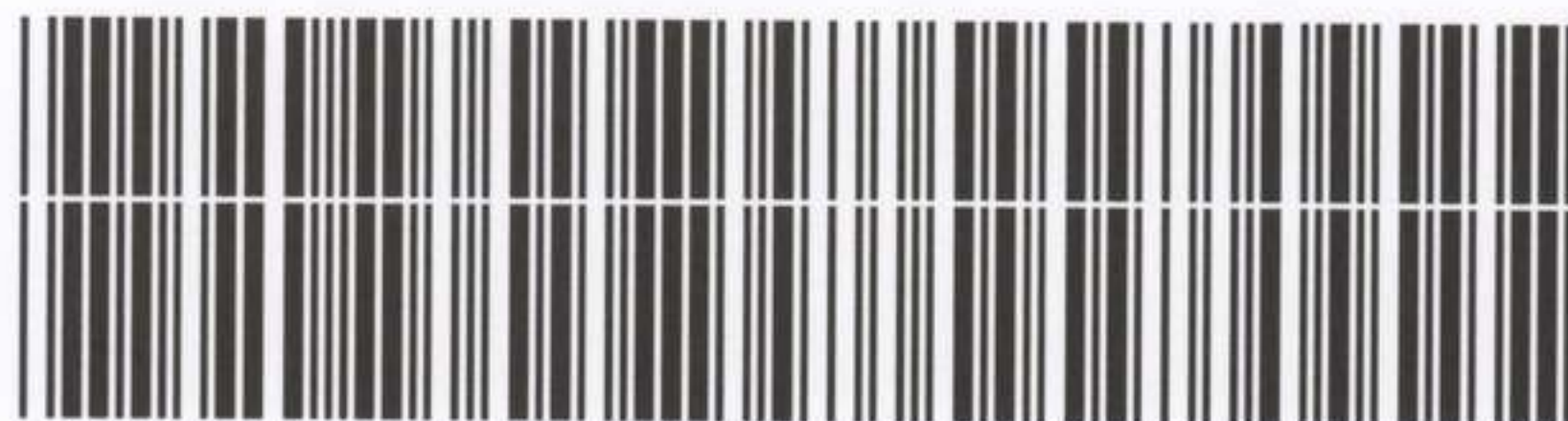
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BANCOURT, H.35c.5.5 (Sheet 57c)	1917 JULY 2		Demonstration was given by the Special Platoon of the 28th Battalion, which had been training under the direction of the General Staff. Officers from all units in the Division and from other divisions attended.	
	4		Major L.F. ARTHUR, G.S.O. II. left for England to rejoin the Indian Army. Major C.G.N. MILES appointed G.S.O. II and took over the duties.	
	7		A demonstration of a model platoon was held at the Corps School and was attended by officers from all battalions.	
			Training during this week was continued, special attention being paid to musketry and bombing and battalion schemes.	
	9		A Divisional Exercise was carried out, and a conference was held afterwards at which were discussed the various points that had been brought to notice.	
			The Divisional Artillery was detached from the Division and commenced a route march to the 5th Army Area.	
	10		Received orders from 1st Anzac that the Division was to be ready to move to 2nd Army area any time after midnight 24/25th July.	
	11		Capt. W. P. MacCALLUM G.S.O. III. left to attend course at Clare College, CAMBRIDGE. Capt.	

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BANCOURT, JULY H, 35.c.5.5 (Sheet 57c)	1917 JULY 11		/Capt. As T. HATTON took over duties of G.S.O. III.	
	14		Orders received from 1st Anzac that move to 2nd Army area was postponed until after midnight 27/28th July. During the week lectures on venereal disease were given to all units by Archdeacon WARD & Major CONRICK.	
	15		Disposition report attached.	Appx I.
	21		Issued Order No. 133 re move of 6th A.I.Bde. During this week more advanced training was carried out including Bde. & Bn. schemes.	Appx II.
	23		Divisional Exercise, trench to trench attack, was carried out and a conference was held afterwards to discuss the points brought forward.	
	24		6th A.I.Bde. moved to camps round AVELUY.	
	26		Issued Order No. 134 re move of the Division to 2nd Army area.	Appx III
	28/9		The Division (less artillery) moved by rail to 2nd Army area and billeted in RENESCURE area. 5th A.I.Bde. entrained BEAUCOURT, detrained ST. OMER and billeted round ARQUES. 6th A.I.Bde. entrained AVELUY, " ARQUES " " in and around WARDREQUES. 7th A.I.Bde. entrained MIRAUMONT, " BAVINSHOVE " " " RENESCURE.	

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2ND
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
(GENERAL STAFF.)

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

GENERAL STAFF.

APPENDICES

TO

WAR DIARY for the month of JULY, 1917.

Appendix No.	I.....	Disposition Report 15-7-17.
"	II.....	O.O. 133.
"	III.....	O.O. 134.
"	IV.....	Disposition Report 39-7-17.

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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Location of Units at 6 a.m., 15th July, 1917.

D. H. Q.	BANCOURT	H.35.e.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.e.5.5
20th "	"	H.20.a.8.4
5th A.M.G. Co.	"	H.14.e.5.5
5th A.L.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 "	"	H.24.b.5.5
6th A.M.G.Co.	RIENCOURT-lez-BAPAUME	N.6.e.1.5
6th A.L.T.M.Bty.	"	N.5.d.7.7
7th A.I.Bde.H.Q.	BAPAUME	H.33.a.7.6
25th Bn	"	H.33.d.6.5
26th "	"	N. 4.a.2.1
27th "	"	H.28.d.4.4
28th "	"	N. 3.b.8.5
7th A.M.G.Co.	"	H.34.b.2.8
7th A.L.T.M.Bty.	"	H.34.b.3.8
22nd Aust. M.G. Co.	BANCOURT	

ARTILLERY:

C. R. A.	} Moving North
4th & 5th A.F.A.Bdes.	
D. A. C.	

ENGINEERS:

C. R. E.	BANCOURT	H.35.e.5.5
5th Field Co.	FREMICOURT	H.30.b.5.5
6th -do-	BANCOURT	H.36.e.2.8
7th -do-	BEAULENCOURT	N.18.e.5.3
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-	"	N.11.a.5.8
17th -do-	"	N. 4.b.7.3
20th -do-	SEHLIS Moving North with Artillery.	

MEDICAL UNITS:

A.D.M.S.	BANCOURT	H.35.e.5.5
5th Field Ambulance	AVESNES-lez-BAPAUME	H.26.b.0.6
6th -do-	AVELUY	(Corps Scabies Stn.)
7th -do-	POZIERES	(Entraining Centre)
	BELLEVUE Farm	(Div. Rest Stn.)
D.A.D.O.S.	RIENCOURT-lez-BAPAUME	N.5.e.3.0
Div. Gas School)	BANCOURT	H.36.c.
Div.Bomb.School)	VILLERS-AU-FLOS	O.7.d.5.8
Mobile Vet. Section	BANCOURT	H.35.c.5.5
D.A.D.V.S.	BAPAUME	H.33.b.1.9
A.P.M.	BAPAUME	Rue Lecointe.
French Mission		

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13th July, 1917.

Ch. Williams
Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff,
2nd Aust. Div.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 133.

21st July, 1917.

1. The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. and 6th Field Coy. Engineers will move by road on the 24th & 25th July, in accordance with the attached March Table.

2. Intervals of 200 yards between companies, and 500 yards between battalions, will be maintained.

No restrictions as to route.

3. Acknowledge.

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Ambridge,
Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff,
2nd Aust. Div.

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1. 6th A.I.Bde.

For information:-

2. C. R. E.
3. 2nd A.Div.Sig.Co.
4. 5th A.I.Bde.
5. 7th A.I.Bde.
6. 22nd A.M.G.Co.
7. 2nd A.Pioneer Bn.
8. 2nd A.Div. Train
9. A.D.M.S.
10. A.P.M.
11. D.A.D.V.S.
12. D. B. O.
13. D. G. O.
14. Camp Commandant
15. A. Q.
16. 1st Anzac G.
17. 1st Anzac Q.
18. 4th Corps
19. 1st Aust. Div.
20. 5th Aust. Div.

21. 56th Supply Col.
22. Area Comdt. B.P.Area.
23. Town Major, BOUZINCOURT
24. Area Comdt. J.Area.
25. Sub-Area Comdt. BAIZIEUX.
26. " " " ACHEUX.
27. G. O. C.
28. War Diary
29. O.O.File
30. Corres. File.
31.)
32.)Spare
33.)

P. T. O.

MARCH TABLE.

To accompany 2nd Australian Division Order No. 133

Date	Unit	From	To
JULY 24th	6th A.I.Bde. (less 2 Bns.) 6th Field Coy.	LE TRANSLOY Area	OVILLERS Area
do.	2 Bns., 6th A.I.Bde.	LE TRANSLOY Area	CRUCIFIX Camp, FRICOURT.
JULY 25th	2 Bns., 6th A.I.Bde.	CRUCIFIX Camp FRICOURT	MARTINSART & BOUZINCOURT

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AMENDMENT TO 2ND AUST. DIV. ORDER NO. 133.

23rd July, 1917.

1. Para. 1. -

line 1. - Delete "and 6th Field Coy. Engineers"

line 2. - Delete "and 25th".

2. March Table -

(a) Delete - "6th Field Coy."

(b) Opposite "2 Bns. 6th A.I. Bde." for date July 24th
in 4th Column -

For - "CRUCIFIX Camp, FRICOURT"

Read - "MARTINSART and BOUZINCOURT".

(c) Delete - Move for date July 25th.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.*Ambridge*Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff,
2nd Aust. Div.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No 134.

26-7-1917.

1. The Second Australian Division (less Artillery) will be transferred from Third Army to G.H.Q. Reserve in Second Army.
2. The move will be carried out by rail. Entrainment will commence on the 28th July.
Entraining stations will be:

5th A.I. Bde Group BEAUCOURT-sur-L'ANCRE
 6th A.I. Bde Group (less
 6th Field Coy. but plus
 the 7th Field Amb.
 and 2nd Pioneer Bn) .. AVELUY.
 7th A.I. Bde Group (less
 7th Field Amb. but
 plus 6th Field Coy.) .. MIRAUMONT.

Details of trains and time table will be issued by 'Q'

3. On arrival the Second Australian Division (less Artillery) will be accommodated in the RENESCURE area.
4. Advance parties will proceed on the 26th instant and will report to the D.A.Q.M.G. at RENESCURE.
5. Administrative orders will be issued by 'Q' of Division.
6. D.H.Q. will close at BANCOURT at 8 a.m. on July 28th and will open at RENESCURE at the same time.
7. Acknowledge.

G. H. Miles
 Lieutenant-Colonel,
 General Staff, 2nd Aust. Division.

Issued at 8 a.m.

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5 7th Aust. Inf. Bde.	21 56th Supply Col.
6 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn	22 Area Comdt. B.P. Area.
7 22nd A.M.G. Coy.	23 Area Comdt. J. Area.
8 2nd A. Div. Train.	24 Sub-Area Comdt. BAIZIEUX.
9 A.D.M.S.	25 -do- ACHEUX.
10 D.A.D.V.S.	26 G.O.C.
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15 A.Q.	31 Spare.
16 1st Anzac 'G'	32
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D. A. H. Q.	G.34.b.1.1	Sheet 28, 1/40,000.
4th A.F.A.Bde.	N.3.b.8.5	
5th -do-	I.33.d.1.7	Wagon Lines N.3.b.
T.M.Headquarters and Batteries	N.3.b.1.9	
2nd Aust.D.A.C.	N.3.b.9.9	
5th A.I.Bde.H.Q.	HAUT ARQUES	S.15.b.4.2(Sheet 27 sw.1/20,000)
17th Bn	"	S.9.b. do.
18th "	"	S.10.a. "
19th "	"	S.10.d. "
20th "	"	S.10.c. "
5th A.M.G.Co.	"	S.10.a. & c. "
5th A.L.T.M.B.	"	S.10.c. "
5th A.I.Bde.H.Q.	WARDRECQUES	
21st Bn	CAMPAGNE	
22nd "	"	
23rd "	BANDRINGHEM	
24th "	WARDRECQUES	
5th A.M.G.Co.	"	
6th A.L.T.M.B.	LA BARRE-CAMPAGNE	
7th A.I.Bde.H.Q.	RENESCURE	T.21.c.0.6
25th Bn	COIN PERDU	N.14.d. (Sheet 27 sw.1/20,000)
26th "	WOESTINE	N.14.d. do.
27th "	RENESCURE	T.9.b.5.0 "
28th "	ARQUES-CASSEL Rd.	T.15.b.10.c.1.1 "
7th A.M.G.Co.	RENESCURE	N.14.b.8.2 T.14.a.7.5
7th A.L.T.M.B.	RENESCURE	T.20.b.1.6 "
		T.20.a.0.4 "
2nd A.Pioneer Bn.	HAUT ARQUES	
22nd A.M.G.Co.	ARQUES	Rue de Cassel.
5th Aust.Field Amb.	MALHOVE	S.3.d.5.1(Sheet 27sw.1/20,000)
6th -do-	COUBRONNE	Sheet 36 A.N.W. 1/20,000
7th -do-	RENESCURE	Sheet 27sw.1/20,000.T.26.a.7.7.
5th Field Co.	HAUT ARQUES	S.10.d. (Sheet 27sw.1/20,000)
6th -do-	T.26.a.3.5	(Sheet 27sw.1/20,000) Moving on 31st to 2nd Army Central School of Instrn.WISQUES.
7th -do-	RENESCURE	T.15.d.1.7(Sheet 27sw.1/20,000)
C. R. E.	RENESCURE	
Salvage Party	CAMPAGNE	
2nd A.Div. Train	RENESCURE	
15th A.A.S.C.	HAUT ARQUES	
16th -do-	WARDRECQUES	
17th -do-	RENESCURE	
D.A.D.O.S.	CAMPAGNE	Prisoners of War Camp.
FIELD CASHIER	RENESCURE	
Div. Gas Officer	RENESCURE	No. 15 Square
Div.Bomb.Officer	RENESCURE	
D.A.D.V.S.	RENESCURE	
2nd A.Div. Mobile		
Vet. Section	ARQUES	

4 Moving to W.2. Training Area on 31st inst.- Bde.H.Q. BOUVELINGHEM.

30-7-17.

Chittenden
for Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
2nd Aust. Div.