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| Tincourt | 1st | 10 am | Company moved to Templeux- le-Geurard area arriving at 2.30pm. Lieut. Fidler and 3 O.R. as advance party met Major Berryman at L.2.c.6.4. and arranged site for camp. | |
| Templeux Area. | 2nd | 3.30pm. | Company standing by ready to move forward at 2 hours notice. Captain Noedl attended O.C's conference at Brigade H.Qrs forward at G.3.c.9.2. and received verbal instructions of operations to be carried out on morning of 3rd. Lieut Fidler and 2 O.R. made a reconnaissance of HINDENBURG LINE near BELLICOURT to select camp for H.Qrs and Nos 1 and 4 sections. | |
| " | 3rd | 5.30am 5.45am | Nos 1 and 4 sections complete with transport under Lieuts Lawrie and McGowan and Lieut McGillicuddy moved to forward positions at 5.30am. Nos 2 and 3 sections standing by for orders. Lieut Fidler, Sgt Chatto and Sapper Nichols moved to forward H.Qrs in the HINDENBURG LINE at G.9.a. at 5.45am. Captain Noedl and runner moved to forward Brigade H.Qrs G.3.c.9.2. at 5.15am, and Captain Noedl acted as liaison with Brigade. No 1 section went forward and made reconnaissance of roads and accommodation beyond the Beaurevoir line. No 4 section made reconnaissance of TORRENS CANAL, roads up to and inclusive of BEAUREVOIR Line defences. Transport was under direction of Captain Bell. Bridging material was held in readiness at BELLICOURT, to bridge Torrens Canal- but was not required as canal offered no obstruction to troops or guns. Nos 2 and 3 sections moved to forward area G.9.a. in readiness for developments. All forward parties returned to camp at G.9.a. by 6.00pm. Orders were received at 23.30 to hand over to 106th Field Company.R.E. | |
| Bellicourt | 4th | 0600 | Relief by 106th Coy.P.E. was completed by 0600 and company moved to Templeux area at 0900. | |
| Templeux. | 5th & 6th. | | Company stood by under orders to move forward at 2 hours notice. Assistance was rendered to battalions to erect trench shelters in Templeux area. | |

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| | 6th | | Lt Veale D.C.M. & Cpl Hunt proceeded as advance party to St Ouen area. | |
| | 7th | 5.30 | Orders received for move at 0830 to rest area in St Ouen area. Transport, less water cart, mess cart and G.S. Limber and 6 horses under Captain Bell joined the 7th A.I. Bde group and moved by road in three stages to St Ouen area. Cyclists, and remainder of transport under Lt Lawrie moved by road to TINCOURT and entrained at at 0300 on 8th. | |
| Tincourt | 8th | 0300 | | |
| Roisel | 7th | 1600 | Remainder of company under Captain Noedl moved by march route to ROISEL and entrained at 1600. | |
| Amiens | 8th | 0200 | Personnel train arrived at Gare St Roch (Amiens) and company detrained and marched to St Ouen, a distance of 15 miles and in drizzling rain. | |
| Vignacourt | 8th | 1200 | Omnibus train arrived at Vignacourt, and cyclists moved on ahead of transport under Sergt Chatto to St Ouen arriving at 1300. Transport arrived by 1600. | |
| St Ouen. | 9th | 1700 | Transport under Captain Bell arrived at 1700. Major Webb returned from leave U.K. Captain Noedl made a tour of inspection of Brigade area with G.O.C. Brigade and took notes of requirements to improve billets. RESTING | |
| | 10th | | Inspection of section billets- section equipment- Cleaning transport- Improvements to Horse lines - Pay. | |
| | 11th | | Smartening Drill- Overhauling section equipment- Repairing Baths at St Ouen - Educational training. | |
| | 12th | | Captain Noedl departed on leave to Paris. Work on Baths St Ouen, Repairs to Brigade Concert Hall Berteaucourt- Educational and recreational training. | |
| | 13th | | Church Parades - Afternoon. Recreation. | |
| | 14th | | Work on Concert Hall, Berteaucourt- Consignment of comforts received from Comforts Fund. - Blackboards for educational training constructed. Educational training- L.G. Training. Company duty company for St Ouen for forthcoming week, to supply, Fire picquet of * 1 Off. 15 O.R. 24 hours tour of duty- Disciplinary Picquet. 0800 to 2200. | |

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| St OVEN | 15th | | Educational Training. - L.G.Training- Map reading course. | |
| | 16th | | Company parade - Inspection of Arms; Anti-gas appliances. Gas Drill. Drill movements L G.Training. Map reading classes. | |
| | 17th | | Educational training.- L.G.Training. Map reading classes. | |
| | 18th | | Educational Training. Construction of Rifle range. Repairs etc to Brigade School Halloy, | |
| | 19th | | Parade- Drill Order- Rifle exercises, Drill movements- Work on rifle range- Baths at St Ouen , completed. Improvements to Transport lines All blankets fumigated. | |
| | 20th | | Church Grades and recreation. | |
| | 21st | | Baths.- Work on rifle range- 3 carpenters doing additional work at Baths- Stable for C.R.E's horses erected- Cleaning roads in village- L G. Training. Map reading- Overhauling transport and bicycles etc. | |
| | 22nd | | Repairs etc to Brigade School Halloy. Targets for range constructed and transported Construction of Compound for D.A.P.M - Preparing site for company recreational hut L G.Classes. Educational training. | |
| | 23rd | | Site prepared for for recreational hut and construction commenced. Inspection of company billets . Inspection of company and drill movements- L.G. Training and Map reading. Further improvements to transport lines and billets. | |
| | 24th | | Continuing on hut and accessories- Educational training- Musketry. 2 sappers repairing hut for 26th Bn- Inspection of all anti-gas appliances & gas drill- Rifle exercises, general smartening drill. Musketry- L.G. Training. Map reading classes. Making ablution benches. | |

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| ST OVEN. | 25th | | Continuing on hut and accessories. Work on compound for D.A P.M. L.G.Training and Map reading classes. Musketry. | |
| | 26th | | All personnel on parade- Inspection - Rifle exercises, March movements. Inspection of billets by C.R.E.. Work continued on recreation hut. 1 Sapper effecting alterations to Sanitary Section Car.- Afternoon. Inspection of harness and recreation. Australian Rules Football Match. | |
| | 27th | | 27th . CHURCH PARADES. - Rugby Football match. | |
| | 28th | | Educational training, musketry and pontooning. Work on recreation hut- clearing roads. Unit supplying picquets for forthcoming week for St Ouen. | |
| | 29th | | Completed Hut- Erected troughing for 27th Battalion. Collected remounts from FREMONT CHURCH for Divisional Engineers. Educational training. Musketry- Pontooning. Evening. Arithmetic classes held for Transport section. The following decorations were notified as having been awarded:- <u>Distinguished Service Order</u> :- Major. E.N.WEBB .MC, Captain .L.Noedl .M.C. <u>Military Cross</u> :- Lieut.W.C.D. VEALE. DCM. <u>Distinguished Conduct Medal</u> :- 2774 Corporal .W.HENTON. | |
| | 30th | | Baths- Issue of new Paybooks- Cleaning company transport- cleaning roads, Completing fittings for recreation hut- Inspection of anti-gas appliances. Soccer and Rugby Football Matches. Australian Rules match at FLESSELLES. | |
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| St Ouen. | 31st. | | <p>Parade of all personnel . Drill Order . Rifle exercises, Gas Drill, Company movement 1 Sapper repairing window at C.R.E's office. 2 sappers constructing concrete drain . Washing transport and bicycles and generally prep ring for inspection by C.E. on 1st prox.</p> <p>.....</p> <p><u>TRANSPORT Officer's report</u> During the operations at the beginning of the month very little demand was made on transport. Transport left Templeux on 7th October under Captain Bell and moved back in three stages , ECLUSIER, Pont- NOYELLES, St Ouen. The journey back was a most trying one, the roads being very rough in places, quite a number of wheels having to be replaced after arrival at ST Ouen. Fairly good stabling was obtained in St Ouen but approaches and vicinity were mostly in a very bad condition. After a considerable amount of work and the carting of ^{loads} ashes these were all improved. The mules stood the test of the journey to the back area exceedingly well and although a number had lost condition the new quarters coupled with plenty of grazing soon rectified this. There was practically no sickness amongst the animals during the month only 1 mule being evacuated. 2 Rides were received.</p> <p>(sgd) J.R.Fidler Lieut.</p> <p><u>SYNOPSIS.</u> On the 1st the company moved to Templeux area where we bivouaced in true war conditions making the best use of old trenches and odd salved material for cover. Being under orders to be in readiness to move at 2 hrs notice little effort was made to establish good quarters. On the 2nd a conference for O.C's units of Brigade group was hurriedly arranged to take place at 3pm at forward Brigade H.Q. Bellicourt . Verbal instructions were given for an operation on morning of 3rd inst. The operation was a very unique and daring one, owing to the uncertainty of our left flank and its co-operation. This necessitated extra precautions in forming a saps special flank defence.</p> | |

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| | | | <p>Two sections only of sappers went forward in the attack but were well prepared to meet with any contingency.</p> <p>It was expected that the TORRENS CANAL would be an obstacle to troops and artillery so bridging material was brought up and held in readiness, at BELLICOURT; this however, was not required.</p> <p>The sections did splendid reconnaissances and excellent reports were furnished by Lts Lawrie, McGowan and McGillicuddy.</p> <p>Lt Lawrie and T/2/Cpl Peacock M.M. experienced a particularly lively time being under heavy shell fire and M.G. fire during the whole of this five hours reconnaissance, but in spite of this, all information required was obtained.</p> <p>Good water was found in the Northern end of the Torrens Canal and preparations were well in hand to establish a water point.</p> <p>The two sections held in reserve in Templeux area were brought forward to the Hindenburg Line at BELLICOURT at 2.00pm and would have relieved the forward sections, but for orders received of the probable relief of the Brigade.</p> <p>Forward sections (Nos 3 and 4) returned to camp in Hindenburg Line by orders from O C. We occupied deep dugouts and old enemy shelters in the great Hindenburg Line.</p> <p>At 2330 the unit was relieved by the 106th Field Coy .R.E. and hand over was completed by 0600 on 8th.</p> <p>Although our camp was site was heavily bombed and shelled, the company suffered only one casualty, Sapper Murray being wounded and unfortunately subsequently Died of Wounds.</p> <p>At 0900 on 4th all forward personnel of the unit moved to camp at Templeux for two days and were again under orders to be in readiness to move at 2 hrs notice.</p> <p>On the 7th Orders were received to move to rest area, St Ouen, and the move was carried out as detailed.</p> <p>We did not arrive at St Roch (Amiens) until 0200 on the 8th. Then the long march commenced to St Ouen a distance of 15 miles.</p> <p>In spite of the fact that all the men were very tired before leaving Amiens, and for the last two hours of the march it rained heavily, 80% of the company arrived at St Ouen at 0900, 8th.</p> | |

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| | | | <p>Synopsis Continued.</p> <p>The remainder of the month was spent at St Ouen. Various works were carried out for Brigade, ablution benches, baths, erection and construction of a rifle range, erection of water troughs, supplying timber to Battalions etc being the main features.</p> <p>Training was carried on with, Map reading classes, and M.G. Classes being held. Educational training was gone in to to a considerable extent and 5 days per week were given to this training. The main training consisted of Arithmetic, Mathematics (advanced), English, Drawing, and Lectures on Electricity, Heat and Light and Magnetism.</p> <p>Leave was granted to ABBEVILLE and a motor lorry service was inaugurated by Division to convey personnel to and fro.</p> <p>Good billets were obtained for all and very little sickness was experienced.</p> <p>A large draft of reinforcements was received on 14th Oct. and this brought the unit working strength practically up to establishment.</p> <p>This was a particularly satisfactory draft, containing very useful trades and professions.</p> <p>On the 31st two N.C.O's were despatched to A.E.T.D. as November Relief of Permanent Cadre.</p> <p>Leave for Officers to Le Treport and Dieppe was made available, but was not taken advantage of during October.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">L. Noedl Captain. Officer Compiling Diary.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>red 11/10/18</i></p> | |

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| | | | <p>Effective Strength:- 9 Officers . 205 Other Ranks.</p> <p>Absent from Unit :- On leave . 2offs. 17 O.R. Sick in Div'n'l Area. 3. O.R. <u>On duty</u> - 17 O.R. as under:- C.R.E. 2nd Aust Div. 3 O.R. 2nd Aust Div.H.Q. 2. O.R. C.E.Aust Corps. 1. O.R. R.E/Training School. 1. O.R. 7th Bde Concert Party 2. O.R. 5th Bde Cinema 1 O.R. Area Commandant.Peronne.2 O.R. Vety.School. 1 O.R. 4th Army Cookery School.1.O.R. 6th F.Coy.A.E. 1.O.R. 2nd Aust Div Rest Post 1.O.R. R.M.C. 2nd Aust Div Engrs. <u>1 O.R.</u></p> <p>Rationed by Unit :- 7 Officers - 170 Other Ranks.</p> <p>OFFICERS. Captain. L.Noedl. M.C. Acting O.C. Captain. J.W.Bell. Lieut J.R.Fidler .M.C. Lieut E.H.Oldham. Lieut W.C.D.Veale. DCM Lieut J.G. McGowan Lieut P.E. McGillicuddy.</p> <p>On Leave. Major. E.N.WEBB M.C. (returned ---) Lieut. T.A.Lawrie. (returned ---)</p> | |

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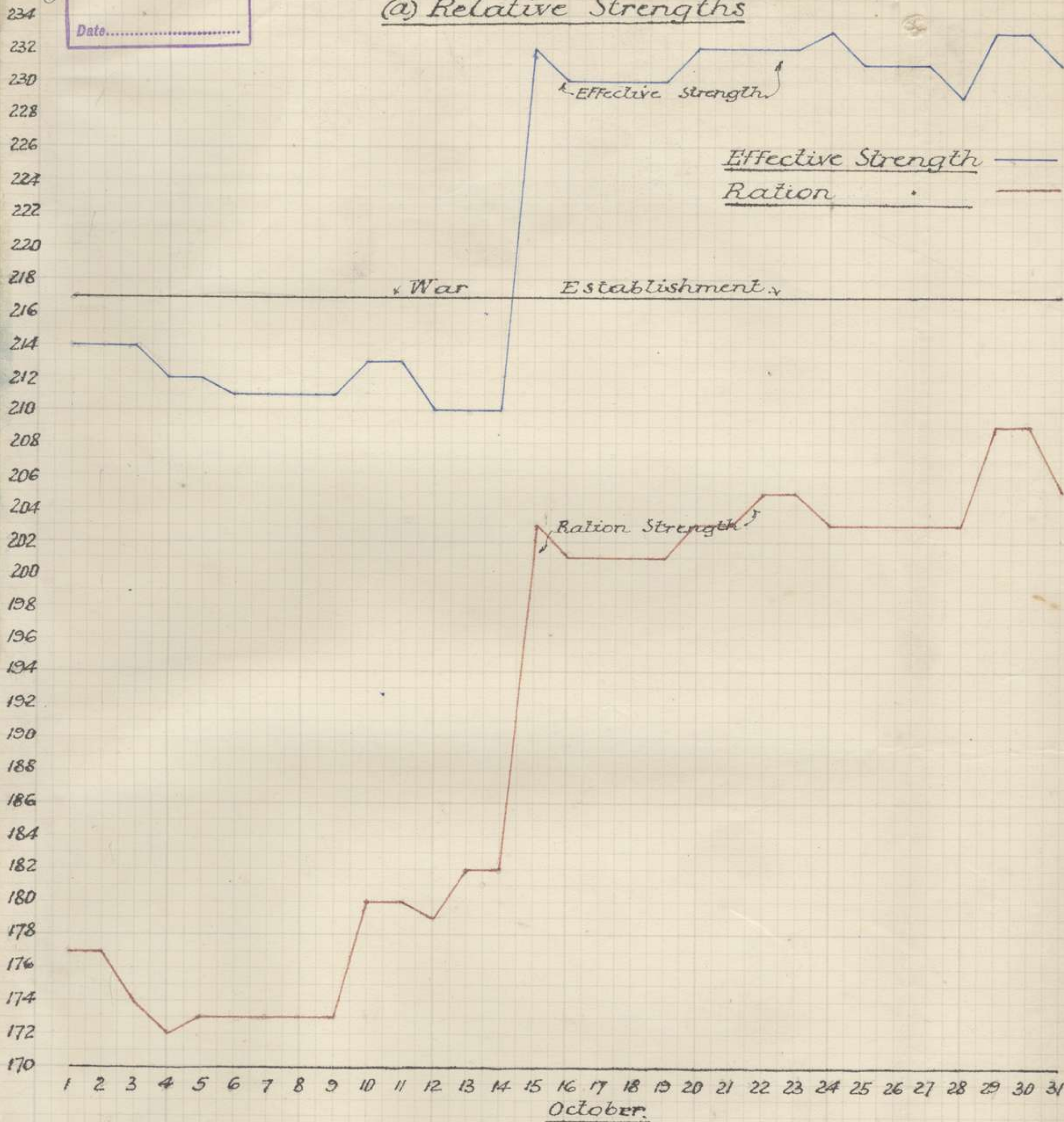
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GRAPHS

APPENDIX No 1

for month of October 1918.

(a) Relative Strengths



(b) Arrivals & Departures.



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APPENDIX 2

STATEMENT OF QUARTERMASTER'S BRANCH OF UNIT FOR OCTOBER 1918

Articles received to Replace others rendered U.S. through the exigencies of the campaign.

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Lengths. Hose Suction. | 2 Platforms. Pump. L.&F. | 1 1nth Hose deliv. |
| 2 Poles Draught No 20. | 2 Brushes sable writing. | 20 files saw taper |
| 3 covers Toolcart .R.E. | 1 Board Splash .M.Cart. | 6 Lamps electric |
| 3 Helves Adze. | 2 rods measuring. | 2 rules fourfold |
| 3 axes felling. | 2 girths web | 1 pr Traces |
| 2 Tugs Trace. | 2 straps trace. | 1 Breast piece. |
| 2 straps supp.Front. | 1 strap sup. rear | 6 wheels No 200 |
| 3 wheels No 45.Pontoon | 4 Rasps Farriers | 2 kettles camp. |
| 6 brushes Dandy | 6 brushes Horse | 28 nets Hay |
| 38 Bags Nose | 34 Prs Boots Ankle. | 14 Hats.A.P. |
| 6 S.B.R's complete. | 4 containers S.B.R. | 6 Anti-Dimmings. |
| 18 prs braces. | 1 Greatcoat. | |

To replace expendable stores.

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|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 20 prs Shoes. Horse. | 62 Prs shoes Mule. | 2 tubes Solution Rub. |
| 7 lbs $\frac{1}{2}$ rivets | 4 lbs dubbin. | 10 lbs soda |
| 320 yds flannel/ette | 41 bars soap. | 2 ozs beeswax |
| 10 lbs soft soap. | | |

To replace articles Lost in action.

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|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 1 cover Mess Cart | 1 Maul G.S. | 1 Bale hoops.M. Cart |
| 2 bicycles G.S. Complete | | |

As a first Supply.

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| 28 washers axletree. | 12 plates strengthening Ponttons. |
| 1 adapter C. of Pump. L.&F. | 8 prs gloves Anti-gas Cotton. |
| 4 prs gloves anti-gas leather. | |

Winter issue.

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| 230 Blankets. | 140 Palliasses. | 208 Prs Gloves Worsted. |
| 222 Jerkins Leather. | 47 Prs soles. Inner. | |

Drawn from Engineer Dump to replace stores expended.

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| 32 slabs Guncotton Wet. | 29 Primers Dry. 1 oz. |
| 1 Tin detonators. (25) No 8 Mark VIII | |
| 8 fathoms Fuse safety. | |

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No 3

Routine Orders.
by
Captain L. Needl M.C.
Temporarily Commanding.
7th Field Company Australian Engrs.

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Move. The company will move to forward area to
Lampson is ordered passing cross roads J.18.c.7.1. at
10.5am.
Advance Party. Lt Fidler and 3 C.B. to meet Major Perryman
at L.2.c.8.4. at 900am.

Parade Company will parade at 9.30am near Horse lines.
Sections move complete with transport.
Section cyclists move in advance with Sergt Chatto.
all billets to be left clean.

L. Needl Captain.
M.C. 7th Field Company

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APPENDIX 4
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Order No. 226.

Headquarters,
October 1st 1918.

Reference Map Sheet 62 C. N.E. 1/20,000.

In continuation of Brigade Warning Order of 30th September 1918 -

1. (a) The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will move to assembly areas in vicinity of TEMPLEUX-LE-GERARD on October 1st 1918, in accordance with attached table.
(b) The 5th A.I. Brigade Group is moving to the vicinity of HARGICOURT, and the 6th A.I. Brigade Group to South West of VILLERET.
2. Bivouac areas are being reconnoitred by an Officer from Brigade Headquarters this morning, and will be notified to Units as soon as possible.
3. Transport will accompany Units. Mobile Echelon will move with Brigade Headquarters.
4. Normal distances will be maintained. Wherever possible, dry weather tracks alongside the main road will be used.
5. Units will report arrival and location of H.Q. to Brigade Headquarters.
6. Brigade Headquarters will close at present location at 11 a.m. October 1st, and open at the same hour at new Headquarters (to be notified).
7. A c k n o w l e d g e.
8. Advance parties will meet Major F.H. BERRYMAN, 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery (Attached 7th A.I. Bde H.Q.) at western edge of TEMPLEUX-le-GERARD at L.2.c.6.4. at 9 a.m. this morning.
Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 7 a.m.

Copies to :-

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| 1. 25th Bn. | |
| 2. 26th Bn. | |
| 3. 27th Bn. | |
| 4. 28th Bn. | |
| 5. 7th A.L.T.R.B. | |
| 6. 7th Field Coy. | |
| 7. 7th Field Amb. | |
| 8. 2nd Pioneer Bn. | |
| 9. 2nd M.G. Bn. | 16. S.C. |
| 10. 2nd Aust. Div. | 17. B.T.O. |
| 11. 5th A.I. Brigade | 18. B.I.O. |
| 12. 6th A.I. Brigade | 19. Bde Sig. Officer. |
| 13. 17th A.A.S.C. | 20. Bde Musketry Officer. |
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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

MOVE TABLE to accompany Brigade Order No. 226.

| Date | Unit | Starting Point. | Time of passing Starting Point. | Route |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 1918 Oct. 1st. | 7th Field Coy A.E. | Cross Roads J.18.c.7.1. | 10.5 a.m. | HAMEL - ROISEL - thence via RED Road. |
| " | 25th Battalion | " | 10.15 a.m. | ditto |
| " | 27th Battalion | " | 10.30 a.m. | ditto |
| " | 28th Battalion | Cross Roads J.4.d.6.5. | 10.30 a.m. | J.18.c.7.1 - HAMEL - ROISEL - RED Road. |
| " | 26th Battalion | " | 10.45 a.m. | ditto |
| " | 7th Field Ambulance. | " | 11 a.m. | ditto |
| " | 7th A.L.T.M.Bty | " | 11.10 a.m. | ditto |
| " | 7th A.I. Bde H.Q. | " | 11.15 a.m. | ditto |
| " | 2nd Pioneer Bn. | Cross Roads D.23.b.8.6. | 11.15 a.m. | LONGAVESNES - ROISEL - RED Road. |
| " | 2nd M.Gun Bn. | Cross Roads LONGAVESNES. | 11.15 a.m. | ROISEL - RED Road. |

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APPENDIX 5
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Order No. 227.

Headquarters,
October 1st 1918.

Reference Map Sheet WIANCOURT - 1/20,000.

1. In confirmation of verbal orders already issued, the 7th A.I. Brigade will move to Left Support Brigade area tonight October 1st/2nd 1918.
2. (a) The 2nd Australian Division is taking over the front from the 5th Australian Division tonight.
The front line at 4 p.m. was as follows (approx) - JONCOURT (inclusive) - ESTREES (inclusive) - B.25.central - A.30.central - A.23.central.
(b) The 5th A.I. Brigade will take over the front line tonight with four Battalions in the line.
(c) The 6th A.I. Brigade will be Right Support Brigade, and the 7th A.I. Brigade will be the Left Support Brigade.
3. The southern divisional boundary is - SWISS COTTAGE (exclusive) - H.10.b. - H.15.a.3.6. - G.24.central - thence West along grid line.
The northern divisional boundary is - MUSHROOM QUARRY B.20.a. - MINT COPSE A.24.d. - CABARET COPSE - G.3.central - thence West along grid line.
4. The 25th Battalion will move to trench system in G.6.b. and H.1.a., and will be at the disposal of the G.O.C. 5th A.I. Brigade for counter-attack purposes.
The 26th, 27th and 28th Battalions will move to the CATELET - NAUROY line.
The 26th Battalion will hold from NAUROY (inclusive) to G.11.b.6.2.
The 27th Battalion will hold from G.11.b.6.2. to G.5.d.5.7.
The 28th Battalion will hold from G.5.d.5.7. to A.29.c.3.2.
5. The remainder of the Brigade Group will remain in present positions until further orders.
6. (a) Units will use the BLACK Road only.
(b) Units will report arrival and location of new Headquarters to Brigade H.Q.
7. Brigade reserve of ammunition will remain at Brigade H.Q.
8. (a) 5th A.I. Brigade H.Q. is established at southern end of Tunnel, approximately at G.10.c.8.0.
(b) Brigade Headquarters will remain at L.10.a.4.5. for the present.
(c) Brigade Forward ^{Signal} Station will be established at G.4.b.central.
9. A c k n o w l e d g e.

H. Lee Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Brigade Signals at 8.30 p.m.
For distribution P.T.O.

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APPENDIX 5

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

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Order No. 23

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Headquarters,
October 1942

Reference Map Sheet W140000 - 1/25,000

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1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th A.L.T.M.Bty.
6. 7th Field Coy A.E.
7. 7th Field Ambulance.
8. 2nd M.G. Bn.
9. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
10. 2nd Aust. Division.
11. 2nd Div. Arty.
12. 5th A.I. Brigade
13. 6th A.I. Brigade.
14. 17th A.A.S.C.
15. G.O.C.
16. B.H.
17. S.C.
18. B.T.O.
19. B.I.O.
20. Bde Bomb Officer
21. Bde Musketry Officer
22. 2nd Div. Reinf. Camp.
23. File
- 24/26. War Diary.
- 27/28. Sparo.
29. 7th M.G. Coy

The remainder of the Brigade Group will remain in present positions until further orders.

(a) Units will use the BLACK Road only.
(b) Units will report arrival and location of row Headquarters to Brigade H.Q.

Brigade Reserve of ammunition will remain at Brigade H.Q.

(a) 6th A.I. Brigade H.Q. is established at southern end of Tunnel, approximately at G.10.0.0.0.
(b) Brigade Headquarters will remain at G.10.0.0.0.
(c) Signal Station will be established at G.10.0.0.0.

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Brigade Signals at 8.30 p.m.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

SECRET.7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEHeadquarters,
October 2nd 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS to accompany Brigade Order No. 228.

1. AMMUNITION. 2nd Aust. Divisional Bomb Dump is located at VILLERET. The Divisional Bomb Officer with S.A.A. Section D.A.C. will move forward in conformity with the Division.
Brigade Mobile Reserve, consisting of -
Ammunition :-

| | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| S.A.A. (Bandoliers) | 126,000 rounds |
| " (G.G.) | 107,000 " |
| Bombs No. 23. | 936 |
| " No. 36. | 792 |
| S.O.S. | 20 |
| Success Signal Lockets | 20 |
| Ground Flares (Red) | 100 |

Tools:-
1 Limber and 2 G.S. Wagons with picks & shovels will be located at G.11.b.9.2 when the situation permits.
Two mounted orderlies will be with the Brigade Mobile Reserve to convey demands for refilling to S.A.A. Section D.A.C., and two mounted orderlies will remain at Brigade H.Q. to convey demands to Brigade Mobile Reserve.
When Mobile Res. has moved to G.11.b.9.2 -> Units will send all demands for ammunition there ~~Brigade Mobile Reserve~~ direct. The messenger who conveys the demand will guide the limbers back to Battalion H.Q. All demands will be confirmed by wire to Brigade H.Q. In the meantime all demands will be sent to B.H.Q. 24 Pack animals will be kept with the Brigade Mobile Reserve.
2. WATER. Each man will carry two full water bottles. A reserve of water consisting of 1 water cart and 2 G.S. wagons (300 gallons each) will be kept with the Brigade Mobile Reserve Ammunition. In addition one water motor lorry will be in Reserve at Div. H.Q.
Wells in the captured area will, as far as possible, be tested by units, and marked as fit or unfit for drinking purposes.
3. SUPPLIES. The iron rations and the unconsumed portion of the day's rations will be carried.
A.S.C. wagons will deliver to Unit Q.I.'s stores.
4. PRISONERS OF WAR CAGE is located at F.27.c.8.4. (Sheet 62.C.) near 2nd Aust. Div. H.Q.
Prisoner of War collecting post will be located at CABARET WOOD F.A.11.A.29.c.8.6. where units will hand over all prisoners of war to Aust. Light Horse escorts. As the operation progresses, the Collecting Post will be pushed forward to BUSHROOM QUARTER at B.20.a.5.9. Prisoners will be sent under Light Horse escort from collecting posts to Brigade H.Q., where after interrogation, they will be handed over to Mounted Military Police and escorted to P.O.W. Cage.
Line men must not escort prisoners beyond collecting post. Walking wounded, who are able to, will be used as escorts. Units will obtain receipts for all prisoners handed over at Collecting Posts.

5. BLANKETS. Units excepting 25th Battalion will dump their blankets near BLACK ROAD at G.11.b.5.3. and mount a guard of one man (unfit if possible) over them.
6. CAPTURED TROPHIES. No captured trophies will be removed from positions where captured, but will be clearly marked by Units responsible for capture. These will be collected after the operation.
7. TRANSPORT & Q.M. STORES of Units, will as far as possible, be kept together and will not change location without first informing Brigade H.Q.
8. SALVAGE. Units will, when possible, collect salvage into dumps near roads, and notify location to Brigade H.Q.
9. BURIALS. Burials will as far as possible be made in Cemeteries (locations already advised), care being taken to keep complete records of all such burials. The Brigade Burial N.C.O. will, where possible, supervise burials.
10. D.A.D.O.S. Ordnance is located at Sheet 62 C., I.36.a.central.
11. BATTLE STORES. In addition to battle stores already issued, the following are held in reserve by D.A.D.O.S. for issue to the Division :-
 50 Pack Saddles
 50 Carriers, Water Tin.
 50 Wirecutters,
 100 Hot Food Containers.
 Should any of these be required, units will advise Bde H.Q.
12. VETERINARY. M.V.S. J.27.d.6.6. (Sheet 62 C). Animal casualties will be evacuated to M.V.S.
13. RECOUNTS. Units urgently requiring animals to replace casualties will advise Brigade H.Q. at once the number and type required, together with particulars of casualties, viz. killed, wounded and evacuated, and evacuated for other reasons.
14. MEDICAL. A.D.S. is located at G.16.d.6.0. (in QUARRY). A Report Centre will be established at G.6.d.35.35., where a representative of the 3th Field Ambulance will be stationed. F.M.O's will send runners with location of R.A.P's to this centre, also all requirements for transport and supplies of medical stores.
 The Bearer Sections attached to R.M.O's from Field Ambulances will be used as runners between R.A.P's and "Report Centre" when necessary.
 Evacuations from R.A.P's will tend through NAUROY to A.D.S.
 Where possible, horse ambulances will be used to convey ~~xx~~ wounded to Motor Loading Posts. Locations of Loading Posts will be notified to R.M.O's by Field Ambulance representative at Report Centre.
 Walking wounded will be collected and conveyed in busses from Cross Roads at G.18.a.

[Signature]
 Lieut., A/Staff Captain,
 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Units concerned.

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APPENDIX 7
Copy No. 7
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Order No. 228

Headquarters,
October 2nd 1918

Reference Map Sheet WIANCOURT, 1/20,000.

1. (a) The 2nd Australian Division will carry out an attack on the morning of October 3rd 1918. ZERO hour is 6.5 a.m.
(b) The 32nd Division is attacking on the Right at the same time.
(c) The 50th Division which is on the Left is attacking tomorrow morning, at the same time. The 6th Inniskilling Regt., (151st Bde) are on our Left.
2. (a) The 5th A.I. Brigade is attacking on the Right, and its objective includes BEAUREVOIR.
(b) The 7th A.I. Brigade will attack on the Left, and its final objective is the line B.4.a.4.2. - T.27.d.0.1. - GUISANCOURT FARM (inclusive) - T.26.d.3.4. and then South West along the trench system MASNIERES - BEAUREVOIR line.
(c) A Left defensive flank will be formed along the Left inter-divisional boundary which is also the Brigade's Left boundary. This line runs from A.18.c.0.0. through GRANDCOURT to B.13.b.4.9. to T.26.d.3.4.
(d) The boundary between the 5th and 7th A.I. Brigades will run - B.25.d.1.4. - B.20.b.00.25. - B.15.a.3.5. - B.4.a.4.2.
3. (a) The 25th Battalion will take over the front from the 20th Battalion from B.25.d.5.9. to MINT COPSE (inclusive) by 2 a.m. October 3rd under arrangements to be made mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
(b) The 54th Battalion (14th A.I. Brigade) is holding the remainder of the front to the new Left inter-divisional boundary.
4. The 25th Battalion will form up along the line from B.25.d.5.9. along road to tram line at B.25.b.0.2. and then along tram line to A.24.b.8.0.
The 27th Battalion will form up as near to the tram line from A.24.b.8.0. to A.18.c.6.3. as possible.
The 26th Battalion will form up as close behind the 25th Battalion as possible.
The 28th Battalion will form up as close behind the 27th Battalion as possible.
The 25th and 27th Battalions will be on the forming up line by ZERO minus 1 hour, the 26th and 28th Battalions by ZERO minus 45 minutes.
5. The 25th Battalion will attack and capture the trench system from the Canal at B.20.b.1.7. - LORMISSET (inclusive) to B.13.b.4.9.
After the 26th Battalion has passed through, the 25th Battalion will re-assemble in vicinity of MUSHROOM QUARRY and will be held as Brigade Reserve.
6. The 27th Battalion will jump off at the same time as the 25th Battalion and will mop up between 25th Battalion and Left Brigade boundary, & form a defensive flank from B.13.b.4.9 to GRANDCOURT.
The 27th Battalion will exploit WOOD in direction of A.18. central, and will form a defensive flank from GRANDCOURT to B.13.b.4.9.
7. The 26th Battalion will pass through the 25th Battalion and capture the MASNIERES - BEAUREVOIR line in B.7.d, B.8, B.2, B.26.d - GUISANCOURT FARM, and the final objective.
(incl)

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The 26th Battalion will consolidate on the line B.4.a.4.2 - GUISSANCOURT FARM (inclusive) to Communication Trench at B.2.b.1.4.

The 26th Battalion will exploit towards Orchard in T.27.d. and trench system in T.26.b.

8. The 28th Battalion will follow the 27th Battalion to LORMISSET and then the 26th Battalion, and take over from 26th Battalion and consolidate in the trench system from B.2.b.2.4. to B.15.b.4.9.

The 28th Battalion will exploit towards PROSPECT HILL, on which they will endeavour to establish a post to deny observation to the enemy.

9. Four Vickers machine guns of the 7th A.M.G.Coy will be attached to each of the 26th, 27th and 28th Battalions, under mutual arrangements to be made between Commanding Officers concerned. The remainder of the 7th A.M.G.Coy will remain in Brigade Reserve in G.9.a.

10. Two mortars of the 7th A.L.T.Battery will be attached to each of the 26th, 27th and 28th Battalions under mutual arrangements to be made between Commanding Officers concerned. The remainder of the Battery will remain in Brigade Reserve in G.3.c.

11. The attack will be supported by Field and Heavy Artillery. The barrage start line is B.26.central - B.19.central - B.18.central.

The barrage will remain on the start line from ZERO till ZERO plus 6 minutes.

It will be a creeping barrage to Road running East from LORMISSET to B.15.a.4.6. After that it will be a barrage on selected points, o.g. trench systems, farms, strong points, etc.

The rate of the barrage will be 100 yards in 4 minutes.

12. The attack will be supported by 8 Tanks of the 8th Tank Battalion. 5 Tanks will support the attack of the 26th Battalion, and 3 that of the 27th Battalion.

The 8 Tanks after the first objective has been passed, will proceed to the final objective of the 26th Battalion.

Details have been arranged between Tank Commanders and Battalion Commanders.

13. The Brigade Forward Signal Station will be established at MUSHROOM QUARRY B.20.a.5.9.

Relay telephone stations will be established at G.6.d.1.6 and G.4.central.

Visual Stations will be established at G.6.d.5.3. and G.4.b.central.

14. Instructions regarding Success Signals, S.O.S. Signals, and signalling to contact patrol aeroplanes have already been issued.

15. Prisoners of War will be sent to CABARET WOOD FARM or MUSHROOM QUARRY where they will be taken over by the 13th Australian Light Horse escort, who will escort them back to Brigade Headquarters, where they will be taken over by Mounted Military Police.

16. Watches will be synchronised at 12 midnight tonight, with a watch sent round from Brigade Headquarters to Headquarters of Units of the Brigade.

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17. The 7th Field Company A.E. will arrange for early reconnaissance of wells, dugouts, and necessary bridging within captured territory.
18. Brigade Reserve of ammunition will move forward from its present position to vicinity of G.11.b.8.2. when the situation permits.
19. Administrative and Medical arrangements have been made.
20. Acknowledge.

Bde H was mentioned at G3C92
Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 8.30 p.m.
Also issued to Unit Commanders verbally at 4 p.m.

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6. 7th H.G.Coy.
7. 7th Field Coy
8. 7th Field Ambulance.
9. 6th Field Ambulance.
10. 17th A.A.S.C.
11. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
12. " " " 'A.Q'
13. 5th A.I. Bde.
14. 6th A.I. Bde.
15. 14th A.I. Bde.
16. 54th Bn.
17. 151st Bde 50th Div. 151st Bde.
18. G.O.C.
19. B.M.
20. S.C.
21. Bde Sig. Officer
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Operation Orders No. 1039

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by
Captain L. Noedl MC
Commanding.

APPENDIX 8.
No 8

Sheets 57c.S.E.
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62b.N.E.
62b.N.W.

1. An operation will be carried out by 7th A.I. Bde in conjunction with 5th A.I. Bde and on our right.
2. 1st objective for 7th A.I. Bde will be the BEAUREVO LINE from B.13.central to B.20.central.
Final Objective. T.26.d.4.6. thence to just north of GUISANCOURT FARM, thence B.3.a.9.9. to B.4.a.4.2. A flank defence will then be established along the MASNIERES DINE.
3. Sappers co-operation will be:-
No.4 Section:- will move up half and hour after zero and reconnoitre trench system and road in trench system of first objective. All accommodation will be thoroughly examined for mines and booby traps. Roads will be reported on and temporary repairs effected.
Torrens Canal which runs through B.19.a. and b. - B.20.a. is reported to be about 10ft wide and 6ft deep and dry. A reconnaissance of this must be made and footbridges established in best localities, - say four.
Bridge over canal at B.20.a.7.7. must be examined and if necessary an artillery bridge will be constructed from pontoon gear which will be made available from BELLICOURT.
Canal at A.18.d. is marshy and probably filled with water. It may be desirable to construct a footbridge in a position to be selected according to the situation.
No.1 Section will reconnoitre roads beyond 1st objective including roads in B.14.a. and B.13.b. Roads running east and west will be used as the main feeding roads to MASNIERES flank position. Roads NORTH of B.8. and 9. Northern grid line will only be reported on if situation is quite clear. Accommodation, cross-country tracks and water will be reported on as soon as possible.
All reports will be sent within 2 hours of zero hour. if possible, to O.C. at 7th A.I. Bde H.q. at G.3.c.9.2.
Nos 2 & 3 Sections & Remainder of Transport will stand by at present location for further orders.
4. MOVE. Nos 1 & 4 Sections will move to vicinity of G.9.a. at 5.00am under Lieut LAWRIE and 2/Lieut MCGOWAN and attached Lieut MCGILLICUDDY. Captain NOEDL will be at 7th A.I. Bde H.q. G.3.c.9.2. at 5.30am.
H.q. under Lieut FIDLER will move to vicinity of G.9.a. before 6.30am.

3 OCT 1918

(sgd) L.Noedl Captain,
A/O.C. 7th Field Company Australian Engineers.

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MESSAGES SENT AND RECEIVED BY Captain Noedl at
Brigade H.Qrs on 3/10/18.

===== APPENDIX 9
No 9

Sent .

1. Lt McGowan.

Report recd O.K. 11am.

Get your toolcart forward if necessary . Look out for a
accommodation for two sections forward and sit on it.

I will get windlasses etc as soon as possible and material
for water troughs.

Let me know what notice boards are reqd all roads should be
marked.

(sgd) L.Noedl Captain.

3/10/18

11.55am.

2. Captain Bell.

All objectives taken.

Nos 2 and 3 sections can move up after lunch about. 1.30.

Guide will be at Brigade G.3.c.9.2. . Transport, H.Qrs
may move later.

See what is on dump and let me know . I am sending for B
lorry load some of this may be at dump now. If so see Harris
and get up what you can by our own transport. We can arrange
a guide for motor lorry from your end.
It will be guided to forward area from Brigade H.Qrs.

L. Noedl Capt.

1200.

3. Captain Bell.

Cancel order for material . Situation is not as good
as reported . No water is to be found in our area. H.Q. transport
may move tonight. Wait orders.

L.Noedl Capt.

4. Lieut. McGowan.

Reports recd O.K.

Advisable that you should return with your
section at once.

L. Noedl Capt.

2.15 pm.

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Operations 3/10/18.

No. 24/122.

Date.....

Orders were received at 1600 on 2nd inst that 7th Field Coy. A.E. would be required to assist 7th A.I. Bde in attack on morning of 3/10/18, having for final objective, line B.4.a.4.2. - T.21.d.0.1. - GUISSANCOURT ~~FRM~~ inclusive to T.26.d.3.4., then south west along trench system MASNIERES-BEAUREVOIR line.

The work allotted to this company was reconnaissance of wells, dugouts, roads and necessary bridging in captured area.

Arrangements were made at once for Nos 1 and 4 sections under Lt Lawrie and Lt McGowan & Lt McGillicuddy to move from L.9.b.5.8. (Templeux area at 0500, 3rd inst to BELLICOURT G.9.b.2.6. also bridging materials to be held in readiness at BELLICOURT. Headquarters, under Lt Fidler "MC" were established at G.9.b.2.6. at 0700 on 3rd and Captain Noedl MC remained with Brigade H.Qrs at G.3.c.9.2.

Sections followed up the attack independently 1 hour after zero.

No 1 section were allotted the forward area and No 4 section were to deal with the TORRENS CANAL, all work to and inclusive of BEAUREVOIR line.

Reports.

First report was received from Lt McGowan at 11.00 which stated that TORRENS Canal offered no obstacle to artillery and infantry could cross without difficulty.

Water.

At A.18 d.7.4. the canal was found to be dammed up, and could be made a useful water point being 20' wide and 5' deep running into A.18.b. Approaches to this point for H.T. were found to be good. The water from the canal was tested and found to be good, requiring 1 scoop per water cart.

This is the only water located in the whole of the captured area.

Roads .

A dry weather track runs along bank of TORRENS CANAL on either side. Road from A.24.a.0.3. to A.18.c.95.30 was reported not passable owing to shell holes.

From A.18.c.95.30. to A.24.b.3.7. passable to H.T.

From A.24.b.3.7. to B.13.b.0.2. Badly shelled not passable for H.T.

From B.13.b.0.2. to B.20.a.8.6. - Clay road, single traffic passable to H.T.

Lt Lawrie reported personally at 1200 and all roads north of BEAUREVOIR Line in captured area were found to be in excellent condition.

Mines and traps No mines or traps were located.

Lt Lawrie's reconnaissance ~~at~~ was carried out under difficulties experiencing heavy shell fire and M.G. Fire.

LORMISSET could not be reconnoitred owing to explosions taking place and heavily shelled.

Several Bosche Field Guns were firing over open sights from ridge about T.28.c. & D.

Accommodation.

Several Pill boxes were located, used as M.G. positions in trenches B.8.c. and B.14.c.

Lt McGillicuddy reported several shelters and pillboxes in BEAUREVOIR system.

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Captain Noedl issued instructions to establish two sections forward to deal with immediate requirements.
At 1415 these orders were cancelled and all parties recalled to Bellicourt Camp.

At 1200 Nos 2 and 3 sections (held in reserve at Templeux area) were ordered to BELLICOURT in readiness for any developments.

At 2350 orders were received to hand over to 106th Field Coy R.E. and relief was completed by 0600 on 4th inst and unit moved to Templeux area at 0900.

BEAUREVOIR LINE.

This line was found to be only spitlocked but at LORMISSET a hastily dug trench was found.

L. Noedl Captain.

4/10/18.

A/O.C. 7th Field Company ?A.E.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

APPENDIX II.
Copy No. 7

Order No. 229.

Headquarters,
October 3rd 1918.

Reference Map Sheet WIANCOURT 1/20,000.

1. The 7th A.I. Brigade will be relieved by the 7th British Infantry Brigade tonight October 3rd/4th 1918.

2. On relief, the Battalions will move to the positions occupied on night October 1st in the NAUROY - ESTREES area -

The 25th Battalion to G.6.b.& d.
26th " " G.11.b.& d.
27th " " G.11.b.
28th " " G.6. b. & d.
The 7th A.L.T. Battery will move to G.5.d.
7th A.M.G. Coy " " G.9.a.

3. Units will report relief and arrival to Brigade H.Q.

4. Guides for relief and notification of relieving units will be arranged later.

5. Location of Brigade H.Q. will be notified later.

6. A C K N O W L E D G E.

R. Lee Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 6.15 p.m.

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6. 7th M.G. Coy.
7. 7th Field Coy.
8. 2nd Aust. Div.
9. 5th A.I. Brigade.
10. 6th " "
11. 2nd M.G. Bn.
12. 7th Field Amb.
13. 7th British Inf. Brigade.
14. 17th A.A.S.C.
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APPENDIX 12

WARNING ORDER

Copy No.5.

Headquarters,

4th October 1918.

Ref. Maps 62B and 62C NE -1/20,000

1. The Second Australian Division (less Artillery) will be relieved in the line on the night 5/6th October by the 30th American Division. The following is a forecast of moves.

2. The 118th American Infantry Regt. and 114th American M.G. battalion will move to forward area by bus on morning 5th October. Column will debus at F.21.c.4.8. about 1100 and move by RED and BLACK routes to area G.16.b. and d, G.17. G.23.a. and b. 5th A.I.Bde will detail a mounted guide to meet column at debussing point and guide them to above area.

3. The 117th American Infantry Regt. will move to forward area by bus on afternoon of 5th October. Column will debus at F.21.c.4.8. about 1330 and move by RED and BLACK routes to area at present occupied by 7th A.I.Bde. 7th A.I.Bde will detail a mounted guide to meet column at debussing point and guide them to above area.

4. On relief 7th A.I.Bde group will move by march route to area xx recently vacated by them west of HARGICOURT.

5. On night 5th/6th October 6th A.I.Bde. group and 2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion will be relieved in the line by 118th American Infantry Regiment and 114th M.G. Battalion, under arrangements to be made between G.Os.C. concerned. On relief 6th A.I.Bde. group will move to area vacated by these American formations.

6. On morning 6th October Brigade groups will move by march route to HERVILLY area. Details of billeting will be supplied to Staff Captains by "Q" branch on 5th October. 2nd Aust. Div. Headquarters will move to DOINGT.

7. On 7th October 2nd Aust. Div. will entrain at ROISEL and move by rail to YZEUX area. Transport will move by road commencing 7th October.

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5th
O.C. 6th Field Coy. A.E.
7th

Forwarded for your information.

H. H. H. Lt. & Adjt.,
Second Australian Divisional Engineers.



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APPENDIX 13
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
October 5th 1918.

Headquarters,
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Battalions,
7th A.L.T.M. Battery.
7th Field Coy A.E.
7th M.G. Coy.
7th Field Ambulance.

Reference Brigade Order No. 230 and Warning Order for move.

1. The 27th Battalion has been placed under the command of G.O.C. 6th A.I. Brigade to be used if necessary. When 27th Battalion moves forward, the 28th Battalion will move forward to take the place of 27th Battalion in B.28. The 28th Battalion will get in touch with the 27th Battalion (See this office B.M. 72 of even date).
2. Reference B.M. 70 sent to 27th Battalion and 6th A.I. Bde. If 27th Battalion moves forward today from B.28, it will be relieved tonight when the 6th A.I. Bde is relieved by the Americans.
If the 27th Battalion remains in its present position in B.28, it will be relieved by the American Battalion which the 28th Battalion is guiding to the present 28th Battalion area in G.5.a. The 27th Battalion will send guides to the 28th Battalion for this purpose by 4 p.m. today.
The 27th Battalion in either case will move back to the vicinity of Brigade H.Q., South West of HARGICOURT.
3. The Brigade Group (less 27th Battalion and 28th Battalion) will be held at two hours' notice to be used in support of the 6th A.I. Bde, if necessary.
4. Units when moving back to the area South West of HARGICOURT will use the BLACK road.
5. 6th A.I. Bde H.Q. are at G.17.b.6.6.

R. Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Copies to - 6th A.I. Bde.
2nd Aust. Div.

N.B. Owing to the 28th Battalion having been ordered to move forward to trenches in B.27.c. this morning, the American Battalion mentioned in para 2 above will relieve the 28th Battalion in its new position, and not the 27th Battalion.

R.L.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters,
5th October 1918.

Headquarters,
25th, 26th, 27th & 28th Bns.
7th A.L.T.M.Bty.
7th Field Ambulance
2nd Pioneer Bn.
2nd M.Gun Bn.
5th, 6th, 7th Field Coys. A.E.

APPENDIX 4/4

Advance Billeting Parties as under will report to the Staff Captain 7th A.I.Bde at Bde' H.Qrs Sheet 62c L10.s.5.5. at 8 a.m. on morning of 6th inst and will then proceed by motor lorry to YZEUX area.

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|---------------|-----------|
| Each Bn. | 1 Off. | and 2 N.C.O's | |
| 7th F. Amb. | 1 " | 1 " | |
| Pioneer Bn. | 1 " | 2 " | |
| M.G. Bn. | 1 " | 2 " | |
| Field Coys | 1 " | 1 " | each coy. |
| Bde, H.Qrs | 1 " | 1 " | |
| 7th A.L.T.M.Bty | | 1 " | |

Each Advance Party will be supplied with an accurate state showing numbet of Officers, other ranks and horses to be billeted.

Advanced Parties will meet units on arrival in new area and guide them to allotted billets.

48 hours rations to be carried

[Signature]

Lieut.
A/Staff Captain, 7th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

WARNING ORDER

Copy No. 7

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Headquarters,
October 5th 1918.

Reference Maps 62B NW and 62C NE. 1/20,000.

1. The Second Australian Division (less Artillery) will be relieved in the line on the night 5th/6th October by the 30th American Division. The following is a forecast of moves.

2. The 118th American Infantry Regt. and 114th American M.G. Battalion will move to forward area by bus on morning of 5th October. Column will debus at F.21.c.4.8. about 1100 and move by RED and BLACK routes to area G.16.b. and d., G.17, G.23.a. and b. 5th A.I. Bde will detail a mounted guide to meet column at debussing point and guide them to above area.

3. The 117th American Infantry Regt. will move to forward area by bus on afternoon of 5th October. Column will debus at F.21.c.4.8. about 1330 and move by RED and BLACK routes to area at present occupied by 25th, 26th, and 28th Bns., and the position vacated by 27th Bn. West of NAUROX. Each of the 25th, 26th and 28th Bns will send an officer mounted to meet column at debussing point and guide them to above area.

4. On relief, the 7th A.I. Bde group will move by march route to area recently vacated by them West of HARGICOURT.

5. On night 5th/6th October, 6th A.I. Bde Group and 2nd Aust. Pioneer Bn. will be relieved in the line by 118th American Infantry Regt. and 114th American M.G. Bn. under arrangements to be made between G.O's C. concerned. On relief 6th A.I. Bde will move to area vacated by these American formations.

6. On morning 6th October, Brigade Groups will move by march route to HERVILLY area. Details of billeting will be supplied to Staff Captains by "Q" Branch on 5th October. 2nd Aust. Division H.Q. will move to DOINGT.

7. On 7th October the 2nd Aust. Div. will entrain at ROISEL and move by rail to the YZEUX area. Transport will move by road commencing 7th October.

8. Special attention is directed to 2nd Aust. Div. Administrative Instructions No.15. sent units 5th October.

9. Acknowledge.

A. Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 0800
Copies to :-

1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th T.M.B.
6. 7th M.G. Coy
7. 7th Field Coy
8. File
- 9/11. War Diary.
- 12/18. Spare.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
6th. October, 1918.1st. ADDENDUM TO ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NO. 229.TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

The attached Appendix C gives the minimum transport per unit to be carried on the Omnibus Trains. Brigades will arrange for any accommodation vacant to be filled as required.

The following are times fixed for Omnibus Trains :-

| | | | | |
|--------|--------------------|--------|---------------------|-----------|
| Serial | A | depart | 12.25 | 7. 10. 18 |
| " | B | " | 16.25 | " |
| " | C | " | 20.25 | " |
| | Entraining Station | - - | TINCOURT | |
| | Detraining Station | - - | S t. ROCHE (AMIENS) | |

TRANSPORT.

Will report to R.T.O. at entraining station 3 hours prior to time fixed for departure.

A party of 100 men will be provided by Brigades for loading and off-loading their Omnibus Trains.

Transport will be marshalled before moving into entraining station.

On completion of detraining transport will proceed in column under the Senior Transport Officer and break off when their billeting areas are reached.

W. J. Lawrence
 for
 Lieut. Colonel,
 A.A. & Q.M.G.
 Second Australian Division.

OMNIBUS TRAIN.

TRANSPORT AND HORSES.

Appendix 'C'

Train comprises 17 flat trucks - 67 axles and 30 covered wagons for Horses, Baggage and Personnel.

| Unit. | Vehicles. | Axles. | H o r s e s. | | | H.D. |
|-------------------|------------------------|--------|--------------|-----|------|--|
| | | | Rides. | Ld. | H.D. | |
| Brigade H.Q. | 1 G.S.Wagon. | 2 | 6 | - | 2 | Cyclists of all Units will proceed by Omnibus Train. A loading party of 100 men will be provided by Brigades for loading and off-loading their Omnibus Trains. |
| 4 Bns. each | 2 Cookers. | 16 | | | | |
| | 1 G.S.Wagon (supply) | 8 | | | | |
| | 1 Water Cart | 4 | | | | |
| | 1 Mess Cart | 4 | 6 | - | 9 | |
| Field Coy, Engrs. | 1 Water Cart | | | | | |
| | 1 G.S. Limber (supply) | 3 | 2 | - | 4 | |
| M.G. Bn. | 4 Cookers. | | | | | |
| | 1 G.S.Wagon (Supply) | | | | | |
| | 1 Water Cart | | | | | |
| | 1 Mess Cart | 12 | 7 | - | 13 | |
| Pnr. Bn. | 3 Cookers. | | | | | |
| | 1 G.S.Wagon (Supply) | | | | | |
| | 1 Water Cart | | | | | |
| | 1 Mess Cart | 10 | 6 | - | 11 | |
| Field Ambulance. | 1 Water Cart. | | | | | |
| | 1 Mess Cart | | | | | |
| | 1 G.S.Wagon (supply) | 4 | 2 | - | 5 | |
| Div. Train H.Q. | 1 G.S.Wagon | 2 | - | - | 2 | |
| D.H.Q. | 1 G.S. Wagon (supply) | | | | | |
| | 1 G.S. Limber | | | | | |
| | 1 Water Cart | 5 | - | - | 6 | |
| D.E.H.Q. | 1 G.S. Limber (supply) | 2 | - | - | 2 | |

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters
6th October 1918

SECOND ADDENDUM TO ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM No. 229

TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.

The following are times for Personnel trains on 7th inst:-

| Serial. | Brigade Group. | Railhead. | Departure Time. | Detraining Station. | Arrival Time. |
|---------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| A | 1 Bde. Group. | TINCOURT | 10.30 | St. ROCHE. | 14.15 |
| | | " | 11.00 | " | 14.45 |
| B | " | ROISEL | 10.30 | " | 14.30 |
| | | " | 11.00 | " | 15.00 |
| C | " | ROISEL | 11.30 | " | 15.30 |
| | | " | 12.00 | " | 16.00 |

OMNIBUS TRAINS.

Cancel instructions issued under this heading in 1st Addendum to Administrative Memo. No. 229.

The following are amended times for omnibus trains on 7th inst:-

| Serial No. | Brigade Group | Railhead. | Departure Time. | Detraining Station | Arrival Times |
|------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| A | 1 Bde. Group | TINCOURT | 11.40 | VIGNACOURT. | 16.00 |
| B | " | " | 15.40 | " | 20.00 |
| C | 2 | " | 19.40 | " | 24.00 |

Two trains comprising 40 trucks per train have been allotted each Brigade Group, trucks accommodating up to 40 other ranks per truck. Personnel will report to R.T.O. at entraining station 1 hour prior to fixed hour of departure. Transport will report to R.T.O. at least 3 hours prior to hour of departure.

Composition of Omnibus Train together with minimum transport per unit to be carried remains unaltered.

The trains for personnel will be made up from returning supply trains consisting of closed and open trucks. No coaches will be available but one will be provided on the omnibus train.

PACKS AND SURPLUS EQUIPMENT.

The following transport of the 4th Aust. Div. Train has been made available for carriage of surplus equipment and packs to the new area:-

- 5th Brigade. - 17 G.S. Wagons.
- 6th Brigade. - 17 "
- 7th Brigade - 22 "

The above transport will move in accordance with loading and will report to Brigade Transport Officers of the respective Brigades on the evening of the 7th inst., in the CAPPY Area, when they will be attached to and move with the Brigade Groups.

Lorries will report to Kit Stores for the removal of the Concert Party gear to the New Area.

W. W. W. W.
Lieut.-Colonel.
For A.A. & Q.M.G.
Second Australian Division.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

October 7th 1918.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS to accompany Brigade Order No. 231.

Reference Maps - Sheets 62 N.E. 1/20,000.
ALIENS, 1/100,000.
LENS, 1/100,000.

1. BILLETING. Billeting parties have been sent on ahead. The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will be billeted in the ST. OUEN sub-area. The constitution of 7th A.I. Brigade Group for billeting purposes is as per Appendix 'A'.
2. TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS. The Brigade Group for purposes of move by rail and road is as per Appendix 'B'
 - (a) Personnel Train for 7th A.I. Bde Group departs from ROISEL, and goes to ST. ROCH. Time of departure will be notified later.
 - (b) Omnibus Train - Attached Appendix 'C' gives transport per unit to be taken on Omnibus Train. The following time is fixed for Omnibus Train - 7th A.I. Brigade Group - Departs 19.40 on 7/10/18. Entraining Station TINCOURT. Detraining Station VIGNACOURT, arriving at 2400

Lieut. BROWN, Transport Officer 28th Bn. will be in charge of Omnibus Train, and Units will hand in entraining states to him on arrival at TINCOURT.

Transport for Omnibus Train will assemble in J.24.b.10.90. three hours prior to time fixed for departure.

25th Bn. will supply a party of 3 Officers and 100 other ranks for loading and unloading purposes. This party will report to Lieut. BROWN, 28th Bn. at 1600 on 7/10/18 at TINCOURT Station.

On detrainment, transport will proceed in column under Lieut. BROWN and break off when their billeting areas are reached.

All Cyclists will move by Omnibuss Train.

3. TRANSPORT. Units' Transport - less portion mentioned in Appendix 'C' will move by road as per Appendix 'D' attached.

Captain J. WALKER, 17th A.A.S.C. will be in Command of the Transport of the Brigade Group.

Captain J.C. LITTLE will command the 7th A.I. Bde Transport.

Lieut. H.G. WEBB, Transport Officer, 25th Bn. and one man per Unit will

reporting to Area Comndt CAPPY at 10 am 7/10/18 & guide transport to their 4. SUPPLIES. See para 3 of 2nd Aust. Div. Admin. Memo No.229 of October 6th, issued to units. Each unit will take delivery of supply wagons for Omnibus Train at K.17.a. this morning in sufficient time to join convoy moving to entraining station.

go on ahead and arrange billets. This party will be the permanent billeting party for the march to ST. OUEN sub-area. FULL ECHELON will be carried.

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5. PACKS & SURPLUS EQUIPMENT. Arrangements are being made by 2nd Aust. Division to transport all baggage in Kit Store, PERONNE, for delivery to Brigade Groups in new area. Details will be notified later.
6. REINFORCEMENTS. See para 6 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
7. F.P. COMPOUND. See para 8 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
8. SANITARY SECTION. See para 10 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
9. R.E. DUMP. See para 11 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
10. ORDNANCE. See para 13 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
11. CANTEENS. See para 14 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
12. BATHS. See para 15 Div. Admin. Memo No. 229.
13. TRENCH SHELTERS. All trench shelters will be returned to R.Q.M.S. SUMMERS at 7th A.I. Brigade H.Q. by 0900 on 7th instant.

F.H. BERRYMAN, Major,
for Staff Captain, 7th A.I. Brigade.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Copy No. 6

Order No. 231.

Headquarters,
October 7th 1918.

Reference Maps : Sheet 62 C. N.E. 1/20,000.

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LENS, 1/100,000.

1. (a) The 2nd Australian Division (less Artillery) will move to the YZEUX area by train and march route on October 7th 1918.
(b) The 7th A.I. Brigade Group will move to the ST. OUEN sub-area in accordance with attached move table and appendix 'D' of attached Administrative Instructions.
(c) The 5th A.I. Brigade Group is moving to VIGNACOURT sub-area.
(d) The 6th A.I. Brigade Group is moving to the YZEUX area.
2. For the move by train and road, the 7th A.I. Brigade Group will be composed as follows :-
7th A.I. Brigade
7th Field Coy A.E.
7th Field Ambulance.
17th A.A.S.C.
2nd Aust. Pioneer Battalion.
No. 1 A. Sanitary Section.
3. Entraining Stations will be :-
(a) Personnel of 5th A.I. Bde Group - TINCOURT.
6th A.I. Bde " - ROISEL.
7th A.I. Bde " - ROISEL.
(b) Transport - TINCOURT.
(c) Detraining Station for personnel train -
- ST. ROCH AMIENS, and for Transport - VIGNACOURT.
4. (a) Major F.H. BERRYMAN, 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery, attached 7th A.I. Brigade H.Q. will be Brigade Entraining Officer.
(b) Each unit of the Brigade Group will detail an officer as Unit Entraining and Detraining Officer to report to Major BERRYMAN at the Entraining Point two hours before scheduled departure of train. He will be provided with an exact entraining state of his Unit.
(c) Lieut. W.E. GROSE, 28th Battalion (Attached 7th Bde H.Q.) will be Brigade Detraining Officer.
5. Such Transport as cannot be accommodated on Omnibus Train (See Appendix 'C' of Administrative Instructions, will move by road. See Appendix 'D' of same instructions.
6. Blankets will be carried on the man.
7. (a) Headquarters will be located as follows in the YZEUX area :-
Divisional H.Q. - BELLOY.
5th A.I. Bde - VIGNACOURT
6th A.I. Bde - YZEUX
7th A.I. Bde - ST. OUEN.

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Oct. 7th (b) 7th A.I. Brigade H.Q. will close at L.10.a. t 09.30
and move with Brigade H.Q.
personnel, opening at ST. OUEN on arrival.

8. Acknowledge.

K. Lee

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals at 1 a.m.

Copies to :-

1. 25th Bn.
2. 26th Bn.
3. 27th Bn.
4. 28th Bn.
5. 7th T.M.Bty.
6. 7th Field Coy.
7. 7th Field Amb.
8. 2nd Pioneer Bn.
9. 17th A.A.S.C.
10. No.1.A. Sanitary Sectn.
11. 2nd M.G. Bn.
12. 5th Field Coy Engineers
13. 6th " " "
14. 7th M.G. Coy
15. 5th A.I. Bde.
16. 6th A.I. Bde.
17. 2nd Aust. Div. 'G'
18. " " " 'A.Q'
19. G.O.C.
20. B.M.
21. S.C.
22. Major F.H. BERRYMAN
23. B.T.O.
24. Bde Signal Officer.
25. Bde Musketry Officer.
26. Bde Bomb Officer.
27. Bde Intelligence Officer.
28. Area Commandant, ST. OUEN.
29. " " HERVILLY.
30. " " GAPPY.
31. " " DAOUES.
32. R.T.O., ST. ROCH.
33. " TINCOURT.
34. " ROISEL.
35. File.
- 36/38. War Diary.
- 39/42. Sparos.

Units destinations are :-

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| 7th A.I.Bde H.Q. | ST. OUEN |
| 7th A.L.T.M.Bty | " |
| 7th Field Coy | " |
| 7th Field Amb. | " |
| 25th, 26th, 27th, 28 Bns | BERTEAUCOURT. |
| 5th & 6th Field Coys | - BERTHEN- |
| | COURT. |
| 2nd M.G. Bn. | St. LEGER |
| 2nd Pioneer Bn. | PERNOIS. |

MOVE TABLE to accompany 7th A.I. Brigade Order No. 231 dated 7/10/1918.

| Date | Unit | Arrive ROISEL Station. | Depart at | Arrive ST&ROCH at | Remarks |
|-----------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--|
| 1918 | | | | | |
| Oct. 7th. | 25th Bn. | 1000 | 1st Train 1130 | 1530 | On the march, normal distances will be maintained. |
| " | 26th Bn. | 1005 | ditto | " | |
| " | 27th Bn. | 1010 | ditto | " | |
| " | 28th Bn. | 1020 | ditto | " | En route to ROISEL the BLACK road and dry weather track will be used where possible. |
| " | 7th A.L.T.M.B. | 1030 | ditto | " | |
| " | 7th A.I. Bde H.Q. | 1035 | 2nd Train 1200 | 1600 | |
| " | 7th Field Coy | 1040 | ditto | " | Guides from advance parties will meet units at ST& ROCH. |
| " | 2nd Pioneer Bn. | 1045 | ditto | " | |
| " | 7th Field Ambulance | 1055 | ditto | " | |
| " | No.1. San. Sec. | 1058 | ditto | " | Destination in ST&OUEN area will be notified to units. |
| " | 17th A.A.S.C. | 1100 | ditto | " | |
| | | | | | Route from ST. ROCH - LONGPRE-ST.VAAST en CHAUSSEE-to billets. |

No coaches will be available on personnel train. Each train will consist of 40 open and closed trucks.

APPENDIX 15

by
 Captain .L. Noedl M.C.
 Temporarily Commanding.
 7th Field Company Australian Engrs.
 7/10/18.

APPENDIX 16

Move. The company will move to St OUEM sub area by train and march route as follows:-

TRANSPORT under Captain Bell less, Watercart, messcart and 1 G.S.Limber and 6 horses, will move with Brigade Group at 0800 the whole under Captain Little, Brigade Transport Officer. The move for the 7th will be to the Cappy area. On the evening of the 8th the column will billet at Blangy Tronville and will arrive in the new area on the 9th inst.

Omnibus train. Cyclists, 4 drivers, mess cart, water cart and G.S.Limber under Lt Lawrie will move by Omnibus train entraining at TINCOURT at 1940 and will detrain at VIGNECOURT.

Personnel Train. Remainder of company under Captain Noedl will move from present area to ROISEL and entrain in personnel train at 12.00 and detrain at the Gare St Roch (Amiens) and thence to St OUEM by march route.

Dress. Full marching order.

Rations. Unexpended portion of the days ration will be carried on the man.

Rations for 8th inst will be carried on limber of Omnibus train and are due to be collected at K.17.a. before 1200 and then to proceed to TINCOURT and await remainder of personnel etc for Omnibus train.

L.Noedl Captain.
 A/O.C.7th Field Coy.A.E.

WORKS MAP.

Period to
Reconnaissance of Captured Area by
7th Flt. Coy. A.E. shown in Black.

Information from Captured
German Maps printed in Red.
(EXCEPT DETAIL NAMES)

- REFERENCE
- Trenches proposed
 - Walls, Entanglements or other Obstacles
 - Normal Gauge, Double
 - Railways
 - Meine Gauge
 - Proposed
 - Guns, Stores or Depots
 - Supply
 - Engineer Park
 - Gas pits
 - Gas Emplacements
 - Machine Gun and direction of fire
 - Trench Mortar
 - A.A.
 - Observation Posts
 - Machine Gun
 - Division
 - Other Units
 - Telephone and Telegraph Cables
 - Dam
 - Gauging
 - Signal Station
 - Quarry
 - Boundary
 - Contour



APPENDIX 17.

THE FIELD BOOK
OF THE A.I.F.

7th Division