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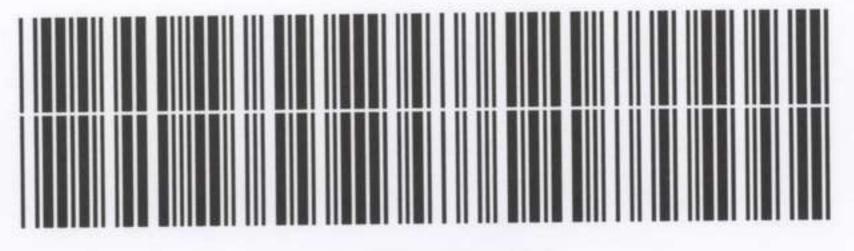
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Australian Division

September 1917



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Place.	Date ept.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FAUQUEM- BERGUE.	lst.		Summary of Training Syllabus for week ending 8th September is attached (see Appendix 1). The 3rd Aust. Pioneer Battalion reached the Area and billeted at WAVRAN. General Staff Circular No.56A issued (See Appendix 2).	Appx.2
	2nd		A new Class assembled at the Divisional Gas School. A Divisional Class of Instruction in Map Reading assembled - (See G.S.Circular No.55A attached to Appendix 1). A Message was received to the effect that the Army Commander would see a Battalion of the Division at work on Friday 7th September. The 42nd Battalion was selected to carry out a tactical Scheme for the purpose. The 7th A.F.A. Brigade reached the Area and billeted at MERCK.	Appx.1
	3rd		The weather is again fine and training is being carried out under better conditions. The 42nd Battalion Scheme will consist of an attack under semi-open warfare conditions; a site was selected during the day in the vicinity of PLOUY.	Go
	4th		Lieut-Colonel H.M.FARMAR, D.S.O., A.A.& Q.M.G. left to take over similar duties on the Staff of the 35th Division. Major R.E.JACKSON will carry out the duties of A.A.& Q.M.G. until a permanent appointment is made.	any
	5th		The 42nd Battalion practised the Scheme for the 7th instant. Many mistakes were corrected. Lieut. GULLETT, of the Australian War Records Section, commenced a series of visits to Battalions of the Divisions; his attention is directed mainly to the improvement of War Diaries and the keeping of Histories.	ab
	6th		The Divisional Commander, G.S.O.l and a party of Officers attended a demonstration at the Camouflage Depot, WIMMEREUX. Warning Orders were received from Corps to the effect that the 207th A.M.G. Company would be transferred to the 1st Army on the 7th September and that the Divisional Artillery would	a

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Place	Date Sept.	Hour Summary of Events and Information VOLUME 4 Summary of Events and Information	Remarks an
FAUQUEM BERGUE.		march to join I ANZAC CORPS on 8th or 9th September.	Appendice
	7th		Appx.
		3rd Aust. Divisional Order No.54 (Appendix 3A) was issued at 10 p.m.). The Corps arrangements for this move were made chiefly by successive indefinite wires and it has been really difficult to carry out our part.	Appx.
	8th	The Divisional Commander inspected the 207th M.G.Company before marching, and also saw the Divisional Artillery on the road. The Officers MapmReading School terminated to-day. The School was very successful and Battalions should now have a competent Instructor in this subject. Karakis Location report of Units is attached (Appendix 4).	Appx.
	9th		Appx.
	loth	The weather continues to be suitable for Training and most crops have been gathered. More extensive tactical exercises can now be earried out. Capt. S. F. JACKSON, G.S.O. III, tookesows duties of G.S.O. III while Major WIECK is on leave, Leave, F.W. Cutlack, D.O., will carry on duties of G.S.O. III. A5834 Wt. W4973/M687 750,000 8/16 D.D. & L. Ltd. Forms/C.2118/13.	0

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Place	Date Sept.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FAUQUE)	During this period training was energetically carried out. Schemes were designed to give the Troops practise in the form of attack considered most suitable to overcome new German shell hole defence. In addition, route marching was systematically carried out. On the 12th September it was decided to rearrange the duties of the Officers of Battalion Headquarters as shown in Appendix 5.	Appx 5 as
	21st		Captain A.C.MOYES, M.C., 42nd Battalion, with 1 "G" Clerk, was sent to Headquarters 5th Australian Division for Liaison duties. Major G.F.WIECK returned from Leave. List of tactical exercises to be carried out during week ending 29-9-17 is given in Appx.1B	Appx.
	22nd		The Commander-in-Chief inspected the Division under arrangements made by "A" Branch. Classes at the Divisional Gas and Bomb Schools terminated. Owing to the move of the Division fresh classes are not being assembled.	Q.
	23rd		At 10.30 a.m. verbal warning was received from II ANZAC Corps that the Division would commend its forward move on the 26th September. Units were advised by telephone. It was also indicated that the Division would not follow I ANZAC Corps but would go into the line further North. General Staff Circular No.59A issued (Appendix 6).	APPX.
			General Staff Circular 60A issued (Appendix 7).	Appx.
	2411		The Corps and Divisional Commander attended the Tactical Exercise held by the 9th Brigade near HAPPE. During the exercise, which was designed to meet new German defensive tactics, several different formations were practised and generally speaking good results were obtained. At 3.20 p.m. detailed orders for the move were received from Corps (See Appx. 8). To carry out the moves ordered some of the troops would have to march 25 miles on the first	Appx. G

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Place	Date Sept.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks at references Appendice
FAUQUE BERGUE	Mark I		day; to avoid this we arranged certain interior moves to take place on the 25th inst. Ultimately 1 Brigade (11th) was ordered to precede the Division by one day. Two Gas School N.C.Os. were injured while demonstrating to 11th Brigade with Gas and Smoke Bombs.	
	25th		The 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. moved to the BLARINGHEM Area, and the 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. to the Area wacated by the 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. Orders governing the move were issued by "Q" Branch	and
	26th		The 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. moved to the EECKE Area; the 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. moved to the BLARINGHEM Area, and the 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. to the RENESCURE Area. The Divisional Commander and G.S.O.1 attended a Conference at Corps Headquarters on the subject of the forthcoming Operations. The tentative date for the attack was given as 4th October. We now go in on the V Corps front instead of the I ANZAC Corps Front. Proposals for the attack were submitted to Corps.	any
	27th		The 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. moved to POPERINGHE; the 10th Aust. Inf. Bde to St. SYLVESTER CAPPELER and the 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. to EECKE. The Divisional Commander visited the three Brigades in their new quarters during the afternoon. The G.S.O.l was summoned to Corps Headquarters at 5.15 p.m Instructions were issued verbally that our Division would have to take over the line on night 29th/30th September, and night 30th Sept./lst October, i.e., 1 day earlier than originally intended. YPRES BATTLE G.S.Circulars Nos. 1, 2 and 3 issued (See Appx. 1 Vol.5).	GE
WINNEZ	EELE 2	Bth.	Divisional Headquarters closed at FAUQUEMBERGUES and re-opened at WINNEZEELE at 12 noon. The Division, less Artillery and 11th Aust. Inf. Bde., billeted in the vicinity of WINNEZEELE. The G.S.O.1, A.Q., C.R.E,D.A.A.G., and the O.C. Div. Signal Coy., went forward to the Advanced Headquarters of the 3rd Division (British) at 11 a.m. to discuss details of taking over. The Divisional Commander attended a Conference at Corps Headquarters during the afternoon. A5834 Wt.W4073/M687 750.000 8/16 D.D.& L.Ltd. Forms/C 218/17	Cla

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

lace	Sept.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks a references Appendic
VINNE-			Advanced parties of the 9th Aust. Inf. Bde went into the Line (Bus transport to YPRES). 10.10 p.m. II ANZAC Corps Order No.86 received (See appendix 8). "Y.B." G.S.Circular No.4 issued (See Appendix 1, Volume 5).	Appx.8.
	29th		10 a.m. 3rd Aust. Division Order No.55 issued (See appendix 8A).	Appx.
			Preparations for the 3rd phase of the YPRES Battle were pushed on with all speed. Brigadiers and Staffs attended at Conference at Divisional Headquarters and instructions were issued.	8A.
			YPRES Battle G.S.Circular No.5 issued (See Appendix 1 - Volume 5).	
	30th.		The G.S.O.2 went forward to the Headquarters of the 3rd British Division to assist with the Relief arrangements. II ANZAC Corps Order No.87 received (See Appendix 9). During the night the 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. took over the front line of the 3rd (British) Division Sector. Sketch 1 shows the Area taken over. "Y.B." G.S.Circulars Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9 issued (See Appendix 1, volume 5).	Appx.9
			GENERAL. Until the 24th instant Training was strenuously carried out. Various formations were experimented with and the men were practiced in dealing with the latest German defence methods. Generally speaking, the Troops made good progress and have benefited by their change from line conditions.	
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			for G.O.C. Third Australian Division.	

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters, 30th. August, 1917. ADQUARTE A.Q. C.R.E. 9th. Aust. Internation do. 10th. do. 11th. Div. Salvage Coy. -

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 55A.

Training.

A School of Instruction in Map Reading will be held at FAUQUEMBERGUES from 3rd. to 8th. September, both dates inclusive, for the purpose of training Officers to become Battalion Instructors.

One Officer per Battalion will attend. An Engineer Officer has been selected as Instructor for

the School.

E ch Officer should bring the following to the School. -

Batman. Bicycle. Prismatic Compass. Map of District. Protector (if possible). Mess Gear. Notebooks, pencils, &c.

Officers will report to Headquarters, Salvage Company, at FAUQUEMBERGUES by 5 p.m. on 2nd. September, and will be directed to billets.

A lorry to collect batmen and Officers baggage will leave Divisional Headquarters at 1 p.m. on 2nd. September, and will take the following route. -

(42nd. Battalion). REMILLY-BERQUIN. 41st. Battalion). ASSINGHEM. 44th. Battalion). ST. PIERRE. 34th. & 35th. Bns). X VAUDRINGHEM. 37th. & 36th. Bns). X BLEQUIN. 38th., 39th. & 40th. Bns). X SENLEQUES. (33rd. Battalion). CAMPAGNE-lez-BOULONNAIS. FAUQUEMBERGUES.

The 43rd. Battalion makes own arrangements. X Lorry will call at the Headquarters of the first-named

Battalion. The School will be attached to the Salvage Company for The 9th. Brigade will supply one cook, who will travel rations. with the batmen.

A programme of work will be issued later.

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S U B J E C HIRD AUSTR	HOLLING.	OF WO	RK 11th Bde.	REMARKS
Training of Special- ist Reserves	Deily	Daily	Daily	Divisional Gas School continues with new class.
Physical Training & Bayonet Fighting	-	3	2	Map Reading School
Musketry	-	3	2	in progress.
Tactical Handling of Platoons	12	9	142	
Company Tactical Training	12			
Battalion Tactical Training	6	**		
Route Marching	Z	12	81	X Moves to train- ing grounds under
Close Order Drill. Inspection	-	6	1	Route March con- ditions.
Hight Operations	3	-	3	
Gas Drill	2	2	2	
TOTAL HOURS	35	35	33	

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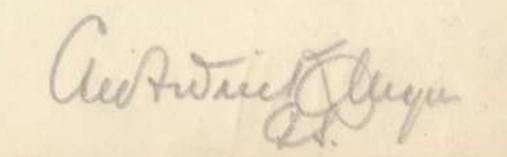
Divisional Headquarters,

AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Lectures to be delivered to Units by Officers of Divisional Staff, week ending 8-9-17.

DATE.	OFFICER.	SUBJECT.	PLACE.	UNIT.	TIME.
Sept. 3rd.	Lieut-Colonel G.H.N.JACKSON, C.M.G.,D.S.O.	New German system of Defence & Counter Attack.	ASSINGHEM. (H.Q.41st Bm).	lith Bde. Officers.	4.30 p.m.
Sept. 4th.	Lieut-Col. H.M.FARMAR, D.S.O.	Court-Martial pro- cedure (From Arrest to Sentence).	-do-	-do-	-d.o-

Appendix No



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

JEADQUARTER, 10th. September, 1917.

CHIEF ITEMS

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR WEEK ENDING

MONDAY loth.

11th. Brigade.

41st. Bn. Wood Fighting by Companies.

TUESDAY.

10th. Brigade.

Brigade Route March.

Inspection.

By Divisional

Commander probably

between LE COURTEAU

and Road Junction

one mile N of

FAUCHELLES.

Starting Point. Road Junction S of Eg
in BERGNEUILLE on main BLEQUIN DESVRES
Road.
Time 11 a.m. - Halt lunch 12.30 to

Time. 11 a.m. - Halt lunch 12.30 to 2 p.m.

Route. CAMPAGNETTE - LE CORTREAU SACRIQIUER - FAUCHELLES - BOUT DESSOUS BECOURT - SEPLECQUES - NEW MANIOR BLEQUIN. Units break off after
FAUCHELLES.

11th. Brigade.

Brigade Route March.

Starting Point. K.9.c.6.7. near WIRQUIN.

Time. 3.30 p.m.

Route. WIRQUIN - OUVE WIRQUIN - GdMANILLES FORESTEL - CAMPAGNETTE - WAVRANS - ASSINGHEM - REMILLY - WIRQUIN.

Halt for meal 4.12 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. between OUVE WIRQUIN and GdMANILLET.

WEDNESDAY. 9th. Brigade.

1 Battalion. - Outposts. 2 Battalions. - Route March.

33rd. Bn. Route near Brigade Headquarters ERGNY - CROSS RIVER AA - REMILLY THIEMBRONNE Time. 9 a.m. to noon.
34th. Bn. Route. VAUDRINGHEM - near DRIONVILLE

FLOYECQUES - return Time 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

11th. Brigade. 44th. Bn. Advanced rear and flank guards by Companies.

THURSDAY. 9th. Brigade. 13th.

35th. Bn. - Route March.

WISMES - ELNES - WAVRANS - OUVE WIRQUIN
DRIONVILLE - WISMES
Time. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

36th. Bn. Outposts, day and night.

11th. Brigade. 43rd. Bn. Advanced Guard and Night
Outposts.
44th. Bn. Semi-open Warfare (work in with 43rd. Bn).

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10/9/1917.

FRIDAY. 14th.

9th. Brigade.

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35th. Bn. Outposts.

36th. Bn. Route March.

Route. LEDINGHEM - near RIETZMOUTU - to

*Time 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Platoon tactical exercises.

11th. Brigade.

41st. Bn. Night March. ASSINGHEM - WIRQUIN - PLOUY - WAVRANS - ASSINGHEM. 43rd. Bn. Semi-open warfare.

44th. Bn. Semi-open warfare.

SATURDAY. 15th.

9th. Brigade.

Route. Brigade Headquarters EE CATELET - BOURTHES - CAMPAGNE LES
BOULONNAIS.

Time 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

36th. Bn. Open Warfare Exercise.

11th. Brigade.

41st. Bn.

Range Practice.

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Brigade and Battalion Exercises for Week Ending 29/9/17.

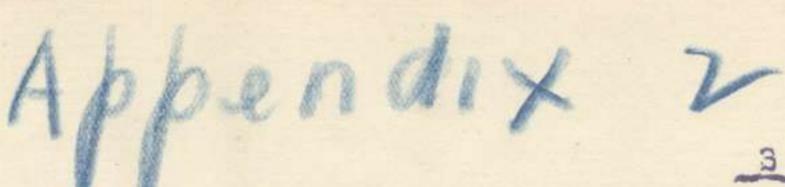
Date.	Unit.	TRAINING	Place.	Time
Septr. 24th	9th Bde.	Brigade exercise.	Details Later.	
27th	35th Bn.	Bn. in attack. New formation	Details Later.	
27th	36th Bn.	Bn. in semi-open warfare.	Ridge & mile S.W. of M in LEDINGHEM	All day.
27th	33rd Bn.	Bn. capturing area in depth (Morning) Bn. Leapfrogging. (Afternoon)	South of M in CAMPAGNE LES-BOULONNAIS	
27th	34th Bn.	Bn. in semi-open warfare. To include approach march from Church, VAUDRINGHEN	Field S. of C in FLOY- I.ECQUES.	Commencing 9 a.m All day.
28th	9th Bde.	Brigade Exercise.	Details later.	
28th	9th M.G.Co.	Practice Creeping Barrage.	50 yds N. of Y in LE FAY.	2 to 5 p.m.
29th (5)*	Bn.	Bn. in open warfare.	Fields.sof C in FLOY- ECQUES	All day.
29th	35 Bn.	Battalion exercise. Unknown country.	Details later	
24th 0	39 Bn.	Battalion in attack and preparation for Tuesday.	near LA CARNOYE.	2.03 a.m.
25th	h Bn.	Approach March to prepared position ready for attack at dawn, to be followed by attack.		2.30 a.m.
25th	39th Bn.	Approach March & allack	near LA CARNOYE	2.3. a.m 8 au
25th	40th Bn.	Bn. in semi-open warfare & night march	near BECOURT	2 a.m. to 8 a.m
27th	37th and 38th Bns.	Bns. in attack. and Repelling Counter attack.	Details later	all day.
28th	39th and 40th Bn	s. Combined attack	E. of BOUT DESSOUS	9 am to moon.

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Sep. 25th	41st Bn.	Bn. in semi-open warfare and consolidation.	WIRQUIN to OUVE WIRQUIN	All day.
25th	42nd Bn.	Battalion Scheme. Details later.	Gd. MANILLET to WIRQUIN.	All day.
26th	43rd Bn.	Bn. in semi-open warfare	near ANVOULT	9 am. to noon.
27th	42nd Bn.	Bn. scheme commencing 3 p.m., to include approach march with respirators. Attack practice during darkness		
27/28th 28th	41st Bn. 44 16 Bn. 11th Bdo.	Bn. in semi-open warfare and consolidation Brigade Scheme, semi-open warfare. S. East of Silverigade	WIRQUIN to OUVE WIRQUIN Details later.	All day. All day
29th	43rd Bn.	Bn. in semi-open warfare.	AWOULT.	9 a.m to noon.
29th	44th Bn.	Consolidation.	S.E. of ST PIERRE	9 a.m. to noon.



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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

ADQUARTER Divisional Headquarters, 7th. September, 1917.

S.G. 13/141.

STAFF CIRCULAR No. 56A.

The following is an extract from 2nd. ANZAC letter

No. G. 118/-/140 of 4th. September, 1917. -

"During a recent attack by the enemy with his new Mustard (H 3) Gas, a disproportionately large number of casualties was sustained by specialists, who, not having been sufficiently trained in wearing the Small Box Respirator at night, and, owing to the unaccustomed and slight smell of the new gas, carried out their duties without respirators on at all, or with only the nose-clip and mouth-piece adjusted.

All these cases became casualties later on, owing

to the marked delay action of the new gas.

Divisions in rest will arrange for their troops to receive as much instruction and practice as possible in the wearing of the Small Box Respirator in the dark, during the performance of as varied duties as possible.

All arms, especially those engaged in specialists duties, e.g., machine gunners, telephonists, linesmen, gun crews, etc., will receive at least one hour (if possible more) of such

practice weekly."

Attention is called to previous General Staff Circulars bearing on this matter and to the vital importance of carrying out the drills ordered therein.

Major. - General Staff.

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First ANZAC Corps,

6th. September, 1917.

First ANZAC Corps Order No.165.

1.- The following Field Artillery Units have been allotted to this Corps and will move in accordance with the attached March Table "A".

1st Australian Div.Arty.
3rd. """"

4th. """"

3rd. Aust.(Army) F.A.Bde.
6th. """"

47th. Div. Artillery.
25th. " " " 18th. (Army) Field Art. Bde.
113th. " " " "

5th. Australian Div. Art.

2.- Reliefs of Units in the line will be carried out under separate instructions to be issued by the G.O.C., R.A.

3.- Advance parties will report as follows :-

1st. Australian Divisional Artillery to Area Commandant.
RENESCURE Area on 7th. September.

3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery to Area Commandants, ESTREE BLANCHE and MORBECQUE on 8th and 9th September respectively.

47th. Divisional Artillery) to Staff Captain, R.A. IXth. 18th & 113th (Army) F.A.Bdes)Corps H.Q. on 10th September.

Others will move under Divisional and Brigade instructions.

- Administrative instructions in connection with these moves will be issued separately.
- 5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) J.H.F.PAIN.

for Brigaider-General.

General Staff.

First ANZAC Corps.

MARCH TABLE "A".

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Serial No.	Unit.	From	To	Route	Date	REMARKS.
x	x	×	x	x	x	X
No. No. WSTRALIAN BINGS * NO. MOSTRALIAN BINGS * NO. MSTRALIAN BIN	d. Aust. Div. Art.	BLEQUIN Area.	Wagon lines (vacated by lst Aust. Div. Artillery).	via ESTREE BLANCHE and MORBECQUE	8th, 9th, 10th Sept.	March from BLEQUIN Area to Wagon lines staging night 8/9th Sept at ESTREE BLANCHE and night 9/10th at MORBECQUE. To occupy 280th and 281st Bgde positions on night 11/12th September.
X	x	X	X	x	X	x

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DIVIBION LILIN ORDER No. 54.

7th. September, 1917.

1. The Third Too thought will sional Artillery has been allotted temporarily to the surrante corps, and will move in accordance with instructions given in para 2.

Composition will be as laid down for "Detachments" in

O.B/1299 (dated 5rd. March, 1917).

2. March from BILDQUIN Area to Wagon Lines (vacated by 1st. Australian Divisional Artillery) staging night 8th/9th. September at ESTRER BLANCHE and night 9th/10th. September at MORBECQUE.

Occupy 280th. and 281st. Brigade positions on night 11th/12th. September, under separate instructions to be issued by the G.O.O., R.A.,

1st. ANZAC CORPS.

- 3. The 207th. Machine Gun Company will accompany the Artillery Column to MORBECQUE. On loth. September the Company will relieve the 41st. Divisional Machine Gun Company at ABELLE and RENINGHELST on anti-aircraft defences. Details of defences will be communicated by letter on arrival.
- 4. Units will march with an interval of 200 yards between Sections. and Sub-sections D. A.C.
- Advance parties will report to Area Commandants of MSTREE BLANCHE and MORBECQUE on 8th. and 9th. September, respectively.
- 6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

lus F. Wicks for Lt-Col. General Staff.

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D.A.D.V.S.

10 D.A.D. O.S.

207th. M. G. Coy.

12 D.A.C.

13 2nd. ANZAC "G" (For information).

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WHIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

ADQUARTERS 8th. Soptomber, 1914.

LOCATION REPORT.

1/100,000.

"G" Branch. "A.Q." Branch. C. R. -A. C. R. E. A. D. M. S. D.A.D. V.S. A.P.M. Divisional Paymaster. Divnl. Signal Coy. D. A. D. O. S. D. M. G. O. 23rd. M. G. Coy.

CHATEAU noar FAUQUEMBERQUES. do. Dotachod - 1st. ANZAC Corps. Rue de la Gare, FAUQUEMBERGUES. Rue ST. OMER. do . do. do. FAUQUEMBERGUES. NOST CHATRAU. FAUQUEMBERGUES. Ruo ST. OMER. do. near WIRQUIN. CHATRAU. FAUQUEMBERGUES.

9th. Aust. Inf. Bds. Hors. CHAMPAGNE LEZ BOULONNAIS. do. 33rd. Battalion. VAUDRINGEREM. 34th. WISMES & DRIONVILLE. 35th. LEDINGHEM. 36th. LE FAY & LE BOURQUET. 9th. A. M. G. Coy. LE MESNIL BOUTRY. 9th. A. L. T.M. Bty.

10th. Aust. Inf. Bdo. Hors. BLEQUIN. 37th. Battalion. do . SENLECQUES. 38th. ZOTEUX. 39th. BECOURT. 40th. MIEURLES. 10th. A.M. G. Coy. SENLECQUES. loth. A.L. T. M. Bty.

ELNES - 500 yards 8. of Church. 11th.Aust.Inf.Bde.Hqrs. ASSINGHEM. 41st. Battalion. REMILLY - WIRQUIN. 42nd. 43rd. " AVROULT. ST. PIERRE. 44th. CAMPAGNETTE. 11th. A.M. G. Coy. 11th. A.L. T.M. Bty. PLOUY.

HAPPH. 9th. Field Company. BRAUMONT & GALOPIN. 10th. do RECQUEBROMUCQ. llth. do.

ECUIRE. 9th. Field Ambulance. SENLECQUES. 10th. do. OUVE - WIRQUIN. 11th. do.

FAUQUEMBERGUES. 3rd.Aust. Div. Train. Hors. Detached - 1st. ANZAG Corps. 867th. Company. BLEQUIN. (RIPPEMONT). 868th. Company. LE MESNIL BOUTRY. 869th. Company. WAVRANS. 870th. Company.

3rd. Aust. Pioneer Bn.

WAVRANS.

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Divisional Headquarters, 12th. September, 1917.

GENERAL START CIRCULAR NO. 57 A.

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Distribution of Duties to Officers of an Infantry Battalion.

The following distribution of duties to the Officers of a Battalion will be taken into use as a general guide from this date, and will supersede arrangements hitherto in force:

Battalion Headquarters.

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- 1. Commanding Officer.
- Canteens, Messing, Interior Economy, Cooking and Feeding Arrangements, and all that pertains to the comfort of the personnel. (My have an Officer who is an Accountant, and a Committee to assist).

 Supervises education of Junior Officers and recruits.

 Supervises fitting of clothing, boots, and supplies of necossaries.

 Supervises enforcement of discipline and punishments by Company Commanders.

 Acts in relief of Commanding Officer.
 - 3. Adjutant. acts as Staff Officer to C.O., responsible both for "G" and "A" work in the Battalion. Must not be permitted to become a mere "office mon". -
 - far as possible of mere routine, but must be given every opportunity to qualify and gain experience of work in the field and on parade.
- 5. Quartermaster. Clothing, Equipment, Feeding, Comfort, Housing and Forage. -
- 6. Transport Officer. In charge of vehicles, animals and transport personnel and lines. He is, however, not merely a carrier for the Quartermaster, but must think ahead and constructively in the interests of the Battalion, especially when in the battle zone and in the line. -
 - 7. Signalling Officer. Responsible for the efficiency and working of the whole of the Battalion communications, including Regimental and Company Signallers, and all signalling equipment; he must work in close touch with Brigade Signal Section. -
- 8. Bombing Officer. Responsible for training of Rifle Grenadiers and for general bombing instruction, also for provision of munitions and equipment, and for establishment and maintenance of Battalion munition dumps. -
 - 9. Intelligence Officer. Collects and collates all information, both by personal observation, and by close touch with troops in front line, snipers, scouts, patrols, and observers. He must keep au fait with the military situation, and the intelligence reports promulgated from above; must study enemy methods and

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action; - must be in liaison with our Artillery and Machine Guns, and with neighboring units in the line. He supervises the distribution of war news and intelligence through the Battalion, and keeps the War Diary. -

- 10. Lewis Gun Officer. Acts as technical and tactical specialist as regards training, equipment and maintenance of all Lewis Gun Sections in the Battalion; but does not relieve Platoon Commanders of the direct control of their Lewis Guns and personnel.
- 11. Sniping Officer. Selection, supervision and maintenance of the snipers of the Battalion and their equipment. - Must be in constant touch with latest sniping appliances and methods, and must be enterprising in dominating onemy by efficient sniping activity, constantly maintained. -
- 12. Scouting Officer. Supervises scout training, and supervises Battalion and Company Scouts: cares for scouting material.

Companies . 4 Companies each with 6 Officers. 24 Officers.

Total Battalion. 36 Officers. ens dustances, in a technique an Officer who is an Accountant, and

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- (b). The duties of Sniping and Scouting Officers may sometimes be combined.
- (c). Under many circumstances, the duties of Bombing Officer, Sniping Officer, and of Lewis Gun Officer can be carried out by Officers actually communding Platoons.
- (d). The Intelligence Officer should be carefully selected, and fully qualified for his important duties. If no competent Subaltern is available, he may be a Major or Captain Major or Captain, provided that another Captain or Subaltern is available to carry out Company duty in his .troleco .place. duemofood .nuthtofo - .redesared
- (e). The Bombing, Lewis Gun, Sniping and Scouting Officers Buttalion is out of the line or in reserve or rest, they should be given experience in Platoon command so as to be qualified to command a Platoon at any time.
 - (f). Specialist Officers are not to exercise executive commands, except as prescribed by the C.O. While they should be employed so as to render all possible assistance to Company Officors, they cannot relieve the latter of their responsibility for the training and efficiency of the Company or Platoon.
 - (g). The Specialist Officers are not necessarily attached to or quartered with Battalion Headquarters.

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Divicional Headquarters, 23rd. September, 1917.

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possible methods of arranging a Battalion in order that it may attack roughly on a 600 yard front with a platoon strength of 25 to 30...

Suggestion "A" is that the Battalion should have four Companies deployed on this front, each Company having a frontage of 150

yards. The points about Diagram "A" are as follows :-

- (a). The leading wave in one line consisting of one platoon on a Company frontage is strong enough to smother opposition, and shallow enough to keep close up to the barrage and let the moppers up be near the work they will have to do. It also places the leading wave on the Company front under the command of one man, whose one object is to keep close to the barrage. -
- (b). It allows for moppers up to be doubly as strong as the leading wave; thus if it is decided to tell off areas, these moppers up can leap-frog among themselves without interfering with the leading wave. -
- (c). It allows of half the moppors up being taken to replace the leading wave, and yet of there being sufficient moppors up handy to do the
 work. -
 - (d). It allows for one platoon to act as reserve to each Company. -

Diagram "B" shows a Battalion front of 600 yards, divided into three sections of 200 each, a Company being allotted to each of these sections - the Company to attack with three platoons in front and one platoon in reserve, the fourth Company being in Battalion reserve.

It will be seen on referring to the Diagram -

- (a). That the moppers up are only equal to the leading wave. -
- (b). That the moppers up and leading wave are under the same Platoon Commander, though they have different missions to perform. -
- (c). That there is a platoon in reserve which could replace certain moppers up if they had to fill vocancies in the leading wave. -
 - (d). That there is a Company in Battalion reserve. -

It is thought to be an undoubted advantage to have a Company in Battalion reserve, but on the whole Scheme "B" does not appear to be as floxible, or to have spare parts as handy to their work as in Scheme "A". It has, however, the advantage already quoted, that there is a whole Company in Battalion reserve instead of four different plateons as in Scheme "A".

It will be seen that by either scheme the Division could attack on a 1,200 yard front with two Brigades in line and one in reserve.

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Schomes. - "A" has been evolved as the result of observations of the Exercises carried out by the 10th. and 11th. Brigades.

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CIRCULAR No. 60A.

TO BE TOPPED FOR COLLECTION PROCEDURE PRISONERS. DOCUMENTS. ETC.

In the event of operations it will be necessary to arrange strict procedure concerning the collection and forwarding of enemy prisoners and documents. This is especially important, as we must rely mainly on this method to obtain early information concerning enemy counter-attacks.

Increasing stress is laid by Corps and Army on the importance of ensuring that the fullest possible value is derived from these sources of information. Commanding Officers are asked to impress on those under them, the fact that all documents of any sort captured in the enemy lines, or upon prisoners, must be forwarded promptly to Divisional Cage. That papers appear not to be important, or that maps do not prear to have enything on them, are not reasons for not forwarding them. Enemy maps and sketches can be obtained afterwards from Coros in cases where Officers wish to have them, but on no account should they retain documents before Corps Intelligence has seen them.

The practice of using prisoners as carrying parties is strictly against orders. There is no objection to making a batch of prisoners on their way down from the firing line carry comething with them, or help carry their wounded down, as required; but it is a different matter to use these prisoners as carrying parties back and forth during the day.

There are several reasons against it.

In the first case, these prisoners are badly wanted for interrogation at Division, Corps and Army; and it is a very unsound policy to use as a carrier all day a man who may be able to give valuable evidence towards the location and timing of enemy counter-attacks.

In the second case, Cerm n prisoners do not make good carriers; their own Officers often have difficulty in inducing them to go into the firing line these days - our men, if the practice were carried out to any great extent, could not find the difficulty much less.

In the third case, such treatment gives the enemy opportunity to say that we ill-use his prisoners and he will retaliate on our own men

whom he captures.

Both prisoners and documents - whather found in the prisoners' tunies, or captured in dugouts in the enemy lines - re urgently wanted at Divisional Cage. Their timely delivery may save many hundreds of lives of our men in the line.

A list of men in each Battclion who can read German will be furnished by Brigades to Divisional Headquarters, and kept up to date from time to time. The obility of men to read a little German, rather than their fluency in speaking the language, is what is required. These men, or some of them, will be told off under Brigad arrangements for searching of dugouts in the enemy lines after the attacking waves have gone over. An N.C.O. hould be in charge of them and supervise their activities under Brigade orders. They will search enemy dugouts as thoroughly as possible for maps and papers, collect these in sandbags, and the W.C.O. in charge will arrange for their prompt despatch to Divisional Cage - sending them, where possible, with prisoners' escorts.

The searching of captured Officers and N.C.Os for papers should be done, if practicable, in the forward area; failing that, by the A.P.M' police as soon as possible. Officers and N.C.Os will frequently seek to destroy such papers if they are allowed to retain them.

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Papers will not be taken from Frivate soldiers - this is done at the prisoners' cage. In no case will identity disc or paybook (soldbuch) be removed from a prisoner. All ranks should be informed of this. It is of great importance that strict discipline among prisoners should be maintained by all escorts. Escorts should be impressed with the fact that it is their duty to watch prisoners as well as to bring them in. Decorts, whether of Line Infantry or A.P.M's Police, will see that prisoners -

- (a). Are not given food or drink before their arrival at the Divisional Cage.
- (b). Are not allowed to talk to each other, especially when halted, and especially that Officers do not talk to their men. Officers should be separated from the men as soon as possible for this reason, and whenever a batch of prisoners is halted.
- (c). March in proper order and when halted are not allowed to leave their places in the squad.

Prisoners will on no account be interrogated, save in circumstances of great emergency, until they crive at Divisional Care. The only departure allowed from this rule is in the case of a Company or B ttalion Commander on the spot who is urgently in need of information of tactical importance. In such case he should not delay all prisoners, but should temporarily detain only one or two, and send the remainder on with all spead.

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28th September, 1917.

2nd. ANZAC CORPS ORDER NO.86.

- 1. The 3rd Australian Division will relieve the 3rd Division, and New Zealand Division will relieve the 59th Division.
- 2. Front line relief to be completed by 10 a.m., 1st October.
- Details of reliefs will be arranged direct between Divisions concerned.
- 4. Divisions will report the hour at which command will pass.
- 5. Staging areas for Brigades are detailed in the attached table (to follow).
- 6. The forward movement of Brigades of relieving Divisions will, as far as possible, be by bus or rail.

 Divisional Staff will furnish "Q" Branch 2nd ANZAC

 Corps with details of numbers.
- 7. It is important that the relief of the 59th Division N. of the HANEBEEK should be carried out not later than the night of 29th/30th.
- Railway, from 3rd Australian Division to a Division of 1st ANZAC Corps, will be carried out subsequently, probably on the night 2nd/3rd October.
- 9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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for B.G., G.S. 2nd. ANZAC Corps.

Issued at 2 p.m. :-

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2nd Army 5th Army (For information) 1st ANZAC Corps. 18th Corps. 21st Squad. R.F.C. Area Comdt. WINNEZEELE. " WATOU. " BRANDHOEK. Town Major YPRES. " VLAMERTINGHE. POPERINGHE. New Zealand Division. 3rd Australian Divn. 59th Division. 3rd Division. A.D.A.S.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Divisional Headquarters, 29th Soptember, 1917.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER NO. 55.

Reference. 28, 1/40,000.

The Third Australian Division (less Artillery) will relieve the Third Division (less Artillery) in the line Last of YPRES during the period 29th Scotember-2nd October, 1917. The relief is to be completed by 6 a.m. on 1st October.

2. (a). The Divisional front will be held by the 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade with 2 3 talions in the front line and 2 Battalions in Ro erve.

Brigade Headquarters at D.26.c.13.

The 9th A.M.G.Coy. and 23rd A.M.G.Coy. are allotted to the 9th Aust. Inf. Ble. and will be disposed by the D.M.G.O. after consultation with G.O.C. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.

(b). The loth and lith Aust. Inf. Bde. will be in Ruserve in the YPRDS SOUTH and BRANDHOMK No. Areas respectively.

3. Moves and reliefs will take place in accordance with attached Table "A".

The details of the relief will be arranged mutually between Brigadiers concerned.

Guides, down to Plateons, will await incoming troops as under:
29th Suptember - A.Bn. I.9.a.Ol. - 7.30 p.m.

B.Bn. " 9.0 p.m.

C.Bn. BAVARIA HOUSE 8.0 p.m.

D.Bn. " 9.30 p.m.

5. (a). Reliefs of Pineer Bn. and Field Coys. Will be arranged direct between C.R. Es. concerned.

(b). Rolliefs of Field imbulances and Milicia arrangements will be

made direct between A. D. M. S. colourned.

(c). Disposition of Div. Train and Samply arrangements will be notified by A.Q. Branch.

6. Troops marching East of VLAMERTINGHE will preserve 100 yards interval between Platoons (or similar formations).

7. The G.O.C. Third Aust. Division assumes Command of the Sector at 10 a.m. on 1st October, 1917.

Divisional Headquarters closes at WINNEZELLE at 10 a.m. on 1st October and re-opens at same hour as under:-

Advanced H.Q. - MENIN GATE.

Rear H.Q. - VLAMERTINGHE.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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March Table issued with THIRD AUSTRANIAN DIVISION NO.55.

Serial No.	Da Ti.	UNIT.	PROM.	TO.	ROUTE.	REMERKS.
1.	fept. 29th.	H.Q. and "A" & "B" Bns. 9th A.I.Bde. 9th A.M.G.Coy. 9th L.L.T.M.Bty.	WINNEZEELE No.1.	YPRES South.	To YPRES by bus, com- mencing 2 p.m. Routo march via YPRES-MENIN GATE to Line.	Go into Line night 29th/30th Sept.
2.	Fight F9th/30th cept.	4 Bns.76th Bde. 1 Bn. 9th Bde. 2 M.G.Coys. 1 Field Coy.	Line.	VLAMERTIEGHE No.3. BRANDHOEK No.2.		
3.	iept. Soth.	See Serial	VLAMERTINGHE No.3. BR.NDHOKK No.2.	WINNEZULLE No.1.		
4.	Bept.	D Bns. 9th A.I.Bde. 23rdM.G.Coy. 9th Field Co. 2rd Aust.Pion.Bn	WINNEZERLE Nos. 1 & 3.	YPRES SOUTH.	To YPRES by bus com- mencing 2 p.m. Route March via MPRES-MENIN GATE to Line.	Go into line night 30th Sept./lst Oct.
		3 Bns. 9th Bde. 1 Bn. 8th Bde. 2 M.G. Coys. 1 Field Coy.	Line.	VLAMARTINGHA. No.3. BRANDHOEK No.2.		
6.	Lat Oct.	No.2	VICERTINGHE BO.3. BRENDHOEK NO.2	WINEIGZERLE.		
	Ist Oct.	Group.	WINNEZE:LE.	YPRES SOUTH VLAMERTINGHE No.3.	by bus. Details to be arranged.	

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Divisional Headquarture, 29th. Suptember, 1917

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Reference para 2 (b). - For BR. NDHOLK No. 2 road
BR. NDHOLK No. 3.

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DQUARTER 29th September, 1917.

II ANZAC CORPORATION NO.87.

Reference Corps Order No.86, para 8.

The front South of the WPRES-ROULERS Railway
will be transferred from II ANZAC (3rd Australian Division)
to I ANZAC (2nd Australian Division) on night of October
lst/2nd. Details of relief to be arranged between Divisions
concerned.

- 2. Command will pass on completion of Infantry Relief.
- 3. On completion of relief, boundary between I and II ANZAC will run as follows:-

From point where front line crosses YPRES-ROULERS Railway - along YPRES-ROULERS Railway (inclusive to II ANZAC) as far as level Crossing I.10.d.2.2 - thence along YPRES-MENIN Road (common to both Vorps) as far as road junction I.8.b.4.5. - along road to MENIN GATE (MENIN GATE inclusive to II ANZAC) - due South to I.8.d.3.7. thence through ST. JACQUES Church - Infantry parracks (inclusive to II ANZAC) - Laundry I.13.a.4.5.(inclusive to TANZAC) - thence along Old Corps Boundary.

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