

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

Infantry

**Item number:** 23/10/1

**Title:** 10th Infantry Brigade

November 1916



AWM4-23/10/1

(1)

Date.	Place and Time.	WAR DIARY. H.Qrs. 10th Aus. Inf. Brigade	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
11 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1916	ARKHILL	- Administrative duties.	7/9/16
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1916	" 7.30pm	Dwa memo S 7/8 Q informing that Dwa would embark for FRANCE on 21 <sup>st</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov/16 Also informing that certain parties to be sent beforehand for disembarkation, detrainning & entraining duties.	7/9/16
13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov 16	" 6pm	Dwa Memo 7/8 dated 17. 11. 16 forwarding Train Time Table for movement of 3rd Assent. Dwa.	
		Brigade Memo issued for moving units of the Brigade	7/9/16
18 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov/16	"	- Administrative duties	7/9/16
22-11-16	AMESBURY 2.55pm	Bde Hd Qrs. embarked for SOUTHAMPTON arrived SOUTHAMPTON. 4.45 pm.	7/9/16

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Date.	Place and Time.	WAR DIARY. H.Qrs. 10th Aus. Inf. Brigade	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
22. 11. 16	SOUTHAMPTON 7pm	D.H.Q. Left for HAYRE in "TRANSPORT. City of BENARES"	WPS
23. 11. 16	HAYRE 8 am	Bde H <sup>d</sup> Q <sup>r</sup> s. arrived	
"	"	8 pm Brigade & Brigade Major entrained for BAILLEUL.	WPS
24. 11. 16	—	—	WPS
25. 11. 16	BAILLEUL 2.45pm	Brigade & B.M. arrived & moved to Brigade H.Q. at STRAZEELE	WPS
"	"	3 pm Brigade Major with G.S.O.I 3 <sup>rd</sup> A.D. visited ARMENTIERES to interview Brigade Major 2 <sup>nd</sup> NEW ZEALAND Brigade	
"	"	37 <sup>th</sup> Bn arrived & moved into billets at STRAZEELE	
26. 11. 16	"	9 am 38 <sup>th</sup> Bn arrived & went into Billets at STRAZEELE	

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26	11 16 STRAZELLE	9.30 am. Brigadier visited trenches at ARMENTIERES	
26	11 16	7 am Brigadier & P.M. took up duty at STRAZELLE	WPA
"	STRAZELLE	8 am No 10 T.M. Coy, V 3 A Medium T.M. Coy	
"		moved into billets STRAZELLE	
"		Monday Brigade Hdqrs & 23rd Coy Down	
"		Lunch moved into billets STRAZELLE	WPA
27	11 16	4 pm 89th Battalion moved into billets at MARRIS	WPA
"	"	4.15 pm 40th " " " " " "	
"	"	10th T.M. Coy Engineers billeted at	WPA
"		STRAZELLE	
27	11 16	8.30 am Brigade Major proceeded	
"		to Div Hdqrs to receive instructions	
"		+ 3rd Gen Div Order No 9 re	
"		movement of units this Brigade	
"		to ARMENTIERES.	

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27. 11. 16	STRAZELLE	<p>WAP</p> <p>Brigade Order No 18            2 issued re movement of            troops to ARMENTIERES            copy attached</p>	WAP
28. 11. 16	" 3am	10th Fa Ambulance went into billets at STRAZELLE	WAP
"	"	- Brigade Order No 3 dealing with movement of units to ARMENTIERES issued copy attached	WAP
29. 11. 16	" 8.30am	<p>No 10 M G Coy - No 10 L.T.M Bty moved            to ARMENTIERES.</p> <p>Bde Sec<sup>n</sup> TIV<sup>n</sup> Signal Coy moved            to ARMENTIERES</p>	<p>See 10th Bde            order No 2            dated 28/11/16</p> <p>WAP</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.	WAR DIARY. H. Qrs. 10th Aus. Inf. Brigade	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
29. 11. 16	STRAZELLE 8 am	Specimens of 37 <sup>th</sup> & 38 <sup>th</sup> Btlys. went into trenches at ARMENTIERES	See Bde Order No 2 of 27-11-16
"	" 2.15	Regade column under ARMENTIERES	M/A
30. 11. 16	" 2 am	1/2 of 37 <sup>th</sup> & 38 <sup>th</sup> Btlys. took over trenches from 1/2 of A + B. Btlys 2 <sup>nd</sup> New Zealand Brigade at ARMENTIERES	Ditto. M/A
"	" 10 am	Brigade & Staff left for ARMENTIERES. Staff Column remained at ARMENTIERES	
<p><i>W Ramsay McQuell.</i>          Brigadier General          Commanding 10<sup>th</sup> A. I. Brigade          30-11-16</p>			

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Reference - <sup>1</sup>100,000 Map Sheet 52. Edition 2

RELIEF

1 The 10th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 2nd New Zealand Brigade, relief commencing on the 28th instant.

ORDER OF MARCH, ROUTE, & STARTING POINT

2 The 37th and 38th Battalions in that order will pass the starting point, junction of CHESTRE - STRAZELLE STRAZELLE - MOULNABER Roads at 8-55 a. m., moving via MOULNABER - BILIEUL - NIEPPE to ARMENTIERES. Five minute intervals will be observed between Battalions.

GUIDES

3. Each Battalion will be met by guides from the 2nd New Zealand Brigade at PONT de NIEPPE on the BILIEUL - ARMENTIERES Road and taken to respective billets.

RELIEFS 28th NOVEMBER

4. The 38th Battalion will relieve "D" Battalion of the 2nd New Zealand Brigade. The 37th Battalion will remain in Billets allotted.

TRANSPORT

5. 16 Motor Lorries will report to the Staff Captain at 7-15 a. m. on the 28th instant at the starting point mentioned in para. 2. They will then be allotted by him to the 37th and 38th Battalions at the rate of 2 per Company. Guides will be waiting at this point to lead lorries to the loading points.

BLANKETS & GREATCOATS

6. Blankets and Greatcoats must be done up in bundles of twenty and placed ready to load on to motor lorries not later than 7-30 a. m.  
C.Os Battalions will arrange for blankets and greatcoats of Battalion Headquarters to be divided among Company lorries.  
Lorries must be fully loaded not later than 8 a. m. and will proceed to the starting point and be marshalled by the Staff Captain there at 8-15 a.m. ready to proceed under his instructions to ARMENTIERES. Two men per lorry will be detailed by C.Os to act as Baggage Guard and for loading duties.

CYCLIST GUIDES

7. Cyclist guides from the 2nd New Zealand Brigade will meet motor lorries at the PONT de NIEPPE at 9-15 a. m. and will proceed with them to direct them to the billets.  
After off-loading at ARMENTIERES, motor lorries will be placed at the disposal of the C.O. 2nd New Zealand Brigade.

BILLETING OFFICERS

8. C.Os will also detail 1 Lieutenant to report to the Staff Captain at the starting point mentioned in para. 2 at 7-15 a. m. tomorrow 28th instant., to make billeting arrangements at ARMENTIERES. They will remain at that place until arrival of their respective units.

RATIONS

9. The Brigade Train of the 2nd New Zealand Brigade will supply units of the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade at ARMENTIERES up to and including the night of the 2nd December. The 23rd Coy. Div. Train, 3rd Australian Division, will take over the supply duties from the morning of the 3rd December inclusive.

GAS

10. All ranks will invariably carry means of protection against gas. Those trained in the use of the respirators will carry that appliance and also one gas helmet. Others will carry two gas helmets.  
All box respirators issued to units of this Brigade will be taken with them.

### APPENDIX

REGIMENTAL TRANSPORT

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After Regimental Transport has off-loaded any necessary articles at respective billets of Battalions it will be guided by representatives of the 2nd New Zealand Brigade to Transport Park.

MEDICAL & VETERINARY ARRANGEMENTS

12.

The evacuation of sick and wounded will be carried out by Medical Personnel allotted to the 2nd New Zealand Brigade until further orders. The same applies with regard to veterinary arrangements.

DIVISIONAL CIRCULARS

13.

Divisional and Army Corps Circulars. Attention is directed to 5rd Australian Divisional G.S. Circular No. 1 A, dated 25th November 1916 and copy of 2nd Australian and New Zealand Army Corps Memo S.G. 277, dated 17th November 1916, issued therewith. The instructions therein contained are to be carefully observed.

HALTS

14.

Battalions will halt for midday meal at 11-50 a.m. and will move on at 1 p.m. During the halt men must not be allowed to straggle and road must be kept clear.

REPORTING

15.

Immediately on arrival at ARMENTIERES, Battalion Commanders will report to and come under the command of the G.C.O. 2nd New Zealand Brigade.

MOVEMENTS 29th NOVEMBER to 2nd DECEMBER

16.

Orders for movements from the 29th November ~~and~~ 2nd December will be issued separately to all concerned.

*W. Smith*

Major  
Brigade Major  
10th Australian Infantry Brigade

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5	G.C.O. 10th A.I.B.		
6.	B.M. 10th A.I.B.		
7	Staff Captain 10th A.I.B.		
8	Bde. Sig. Sec.	D.R.	11-20 p.m.
9	37th Battl	D.R.	11-20 p.m.
10	38th "	D.R.	11-20 p.m.
11	39th "	D.R.	11-20 p.m.
12.	40th "	D.R.	11-20 p.m.
13.	10th T.M. Batty	D.R.	11-20 p.m.
14	23rd Coy. Div. Train	D.R.	11-20 p.m.
15.	3rd Aust Division	D.R.	8-40 p.m.
16.	do do do	D.R.	8-40 p.m.
17.	10th Machine Gun Co	By hand	9-15 p.m.



27th November 1916.

REFERENCE

1, Sheet 5 A, Edition 2.  
106,000

MOVEMENTS  
37th and  
38th  
Battalions

(1) On the 29th instant specialists of the 38th and 38th Battalions as laid down in 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISION TRENCH ORDERS will move into the line - the 37th Battalion becoming "A" Battalion and the 38th "F" Battalion. In addition to the specialists mentioned above Battalion Commanders will arrange for gas N.C.O.s to go into the trenches and become acquainted with all gas appliances, etc. They will also detail a proportion of runners, who will make themselves acquainted with Brigade, Battalion, and Company Headquarters, and also with Battalion and Company Headquarters of the units on their right and left. Such specialists will be met by guides of the 2nd NEW ZEALAND BRIGADE at their respective billets at 8 a.m., and taken to their places. Battalion Commanders of the 37th and 38th will inform the Commanding Officers of the Battalions whom they are to relieve of the nature and number of specialists that will be moving into the line on the 29th instant.

On the 30th instant half of the 37th and 38th Battalions will take over from half of "A" and "F" Battalions of the 2nd NEW ZEALAND BRIGADE. On the 1st December the other halves will take over. The O.C. 2nd NEW ZEALAND BRIGADE has arranged to provide guides to meet the 37th and 38th Battalions at their billets on the 30th November and 1st DECEMBER to direct them to their positions.

The movements on the 30th NOVEMBER and the 1st DECEMBER indicated above will be carried out by platoons at FIVE minutes interval, and will commence at 5 a.m. on the days mentioned.

BILLETING  
AREAS

(2) Billeting areas at MENTHELES for two Battalions will be available for "A" and "B" Battalions of the 2nd NEW ZEALAND BRIGADE on the night of 1st/2nd DECEMBER - one of these Battalions becoming "D" Battalion.

STANDARD OF  
ACTIVITY

(3) The standard of activity of the outgoing Brigade will be maintained by this Brigade in order that the enemy may not readily discover that there are new troops in the line.

OUTGOING  
COMMANDERS  
REMAINING IN  
LINE

(4) Corps Circular S.G. 277, Para. 5 (c) will apply to Company Commanders and over. Thus it has been arranged that Company and other Commanders of the 2nd NEW ZEALAND BRIGADE will remain twenty four (24) hours in the line after their own companies have left.

SMOKING

(5) There must be no fires giving off smoke in the support or firing line trenches. When smoke is seen hostile Minenwerfer fire invariably follows.

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## APPENDIX

10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 2 - (Page 2)

TAKING OVER  
STORES AND  
RECORDS

(6) Ingoing units will act as laid down in Divisional Trench Standing Orders, and will be careful to take over and check defence schemes, trench stores, maps, log books, etc.

*W. Smith*

Major,  
Major,  
Brigade  
10th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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5	G.O.C., 10th A.I.B.		
6	P.M., 10th A.I.B.		
7	Staff Captain, 10th A.I.B.		27/11/16
8	Ddc. Sig. Sec.	D.R.	11-45 p.m.
9	37th. Battalion	D.R.	11-45 p.m.
10	38th. Battalion	D.R.	11-45 p.m.
11	39th. Battalion	D.R.	11-45 p.m.
12	40th. Battalion	D.R.	11-45 p.m.
13	10th A.L.F.M. Batty.	D.R.	11-45 p.m.
14	23rd. Coy. Div. Train	D.R.	11-45 p.m.
15	3rd. Aust. Div.	D.R.	7-15 a.m.) 28-
16	3rd. Aust. Div.	D.R.	) 11- 7-15 a.m.) 16-
17	10th Machine Gun Coy	D.R.	(11-45 p.m. ) 27/11/16

10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 2 APPENDIX

28th November 1916.

Reference: 100,000 Map, Sheet 5 a Edition B.

MOVEMENTS 1  
UNITS 10th  
AUS. INF.  
EDS. FROM  
29th Nov.  
to 2nd Dec.

The 10th Machine Gun Coy, 10th A.I. Bde Trench Mortar Battery, and the Brigade Signal Section will move to ARMENTIERES on the 29th instant, passing the starting point, junction of roads south of the "M" in MOULBAEKER at 9 a. m. and will then proceed to ARMENTIERES via BAILLEUL - NIEPPE Road.

The senior Officer with the column will take charge and immediately on arrival at ARMENTIERES will report with the column to the C.O., 2nd New Zealand Brigade, or his representative, and will come under his orders.

MOTOR LORRIES 2

16 Motor Lorries will report to the staff Captain at 7-15 a. m. on the 29th instant at Brigade Headquarters. They will then be allotted by him to the units mentioned above. The above details will travel in the lorries fully equipped and carrying 2 blankets per man. Lorries are capable of carrying 25 men.

C.O.s of Units concerned will inform the staff Captain by 4 p.m. today of the number of lorries they will require, worked on the above basis to transport their personnel. Calculations will be submitted.

After the motor lorries have been cleared at ARMENTIERES the staff Captain will dismiss them when they will proceed back to their stations.

First Line Transport of Brigade signal section and 10th Machine Gun Coy., will follow later under arrangements to be made by an Officer detailed from the 10th Machine Gun Coy.

After arrival at ARMENTIERES the C.O. Machine Gun Coy., will send back a guide to meet transport at the PONT de NIEPPE.

SIGNAL  
COMMUNICATION 3

The C.O. 39th Battalion will arrange to provide signallers to maintain communication after the Brigade Signal Section has left for ARMENTIERES. In order that this may be carried out efficiently he will get into direct communication with the Brigade Signal Office immediately on receipt of this order.

BILLETING  
AREAS 4

Billeting Areas at ARMENTIERES for 2 Battalions of the 2nd New Zealand Brigade will be available for the night 1st/2nd December. One of these Battalions to be "D" Battalion.

2nd DECEMBER 5  
10th A. I. Bde  
Hqrs., 39th &  
40th Batts  
and 23rd Coy,  
Div. Train.

On the 2nd December 10th A.I. Bde Hqrs, 39th and 40th Battalions and 23rd Coy. Div. Train will march to ARMENTIERES in that order, passing the starting point, cross roads about 250 yards S.E. of the OULTERSTINE Church at 9 a. m., moving via BAILLEUL - NIEPPE.

MOTOR LORRIES 6

16 Motor Lorries will be provided to carry blankets and greatcoats of the 39th and 40th Battalions under similar arrangements as specified for the 37th and 38th Battalions, issued in 10th A.I. Bde, Order No. 1, dated 27th November 1916.

MOTOR  
LORRIES (cont'd)

The lorries referred to will report to the Staff Captain at Brigade Headquarters at 7-15 a. m. on the 2nd December, and will there be allotted by him to units as he may consider necessary.

Commanding Officers of the 39th and 40th Battalions will provide 2 men per Company for Baggage Guard and loading duties as specified in Brigade Order No. 1. They will also detail 1 Officer per Battalion to accompany motor lorries. These Officers will act as Billeting Officers under the Staff Captain.

When loaded lorries will proceed direct to ARMENTIERES under instructions of Staff Captain, and after off-loading at that place will be dismissed by him. On arrival at ARMENTIERES the 39th and 40th Battalions will relieve "C" and "D" Battalions of 2nd New Zealand Brigade respectively.

GUIDES

7

Arrangements have been made with the 2nd New Zealand Brigade to provide guides to halt motor lorries and handle detachments forward.

Y 3 A MEDIUM  
TRENCH MORTAR  
BATTERY AND  
OTHER DETAILS

8

Y 3 A Medium Trench Mortar Battery and other details attached to the 2nd Brigade Group will remain in their present billets until further orders. "Q" Staff of the 3rd Australian Division will make the necessary arrangements with regard to the supplies for these.

RATIONING

9

Troops of the 10th A.I. Bde in ARMENTIERES will be fed by the 23rd Coy., 3rd Aus. Div. Train from the 3rd December inclusive.

Units proceeding to ARMENTIERES on the 2nd inst. will carry sufficient rations with them to last for the night 2nd/3rd December.

GAS

10.

All ranks will invariably carry means of protection against gas. Those trained in the use of respirators will carry these appliances and one gas helmet. Others will carry 2 gas helmets.

BRIGADE AND  
REGIMENTAL  
TRANSPORT

11.

After Brigade and Regimental Transport has been off-loaded at respective billets it will be guided by representatives of the 2nd New Zealand Brigade to Transport Park.

The attention of all concerned is directed to the instructions contained in Brigade Order No. 1, dated 27th November, 3rd Aus. Div. G.S. Circular No. 1 A, dated 25/11/16 and copy of 2nd Aus. & N.Z. Army Corps Memo issued therewith dealing with,

- (a) Medical and Veterinary Arrangements
- (b) Outgoing Commanders remaining in lines
- (c) Standard of activity
- (d) Cooking
- (e) Taking over of stores and records.

*W. Smith*  
Major  
Brigade Major  
10th Australian Infantry Brigade

APPENDIX  
TO VECM

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6	G.O.C. 10th...I.B.	✓	
7	B.L. 10th...I.B.	✓	
8	Staff Captain 10th...I.B.	✓	
9	Bde. Sig. Sec	L.R. ✓	2-15 p.m.
10	37th Battalion	D.R.	2-40 p.m.
11	38th "	D.R.	2-40 p.m.
12	39th "	D.R.	1-44 p.m.
13	40th "	D.R.	1-44 p.m.
14	10th...L. T. B. Btty	D.R. ✓	2-0 p.m.
15	23rd Coy. Div. Train	L.R.	2-30 p.m.
16	3rd Aus. Div.	D.R. ✓	1-35 p.m.
17	3rd Aus. Div.	D.R. ✓	1-35 p.m.
18	10th Machine Gun Coy.	D.R. ✓	2-10 p.m.
19	Y 3... T. B. Btty	L.R.	2-30 p.m.
20	10th F. Ambulance	D.R.	2-30 p.m.
	10th F. Coy. Engrs	L.R.	2-20 p.m.