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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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57th Battalion A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RIBEMONT	1/1/17		At the request of General Birdwood a holiday was given. The only work done was a marching out Parade for the purpose of cleaning the billets. During the afternoon a football match was played with Brigade H.R. Our strength was increased by the addition of 19 Reinforcements.	
COISY	2/1/17		The Battalion moved to COISY as per attached appendix. The march was accomplished in 7 hours 10 minutes including halts and one hour for the midday meal. With the aid of the Cooks hot tea was served at midday and a hot meal shortly after arrival at Billets. 17 men who had doubtful feet came along with a Rear party of the 58 th Batt ⁿ . These all arrived shortly after the main body. The conditions were excellent, the roads were good and the weather. No men fell out throughout the march.	Appendix 27 Appendix 27a
LA CHAUSSÉE	3/1/17		The Battalion continued to move to LA CHAUSSÉE as per Appendix 28 attached. The conditions were similar to the previous day and the march was equally satisfactory. The march was accomplished in 4 hours. 2 nd Miller & a party of 78 O.R. were sent to a 5 days Musketry School at PONT ROMY.	Appendix 28
	4/1/17		Major N. MARSHALL proceeded to ALDERSHOT to attend a Senior Officers Course of Instruction. Capt R.M.C. AITCHISON assumed temporary command of the Battalion.	
			The day was devoted to cleaning up and smartening up generally.	<i>[Signature]</i>

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12 CHAUSSEE	4/1/17		Our strength was increased by the arrival of 28 reinforcements.	
	5/1/17		Training was continued as for 6 th day of Syllabus attached.	
			Permission was obtained to use the Bombing Course of the 4 th Divisional School. This was taken advantage of.	
	6/1/17		Training as per 7 th day of Syllabus. Endeavours were made to obtain an area of ground large enough for manouevres but none could be found owing to the large amount of ploughed ground in all directions.	
	7/1/17		Lieut Col J. C. STEWART returned from leave to Great Britain and assumed command of the Battalion. Lieut W. K. SMITH and 5 N.C.O.s proceeded to undergo a course of instruction at the Divisional Gas School. Church Parades were held under Battalion arrangements.	
			Notification was received that the Battalion would commence back towards the trenches on 12 th inst.	
	8/1/17		Training as per Syllabus	
	9/1/17		Training as per Syllabus	
	10/1/17		During the afternoon a Staff Exercise was carried out near VIGNACOURT on cooperation between Infantry and aircraft. The day was very dull and cloudy. The contact aeroplane hovered over the country right away from the Brigade so that no signals could be exchanged.	

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La CHAVSSEE	11/1/17		Training as per Syllabus was continued. Notification was received that the Battalion would move to Rarea on 13 th inst. Wet weather still continued.	
	12/1/17		The Batt ⁿ transport moved off at 8.15 a.m. for FRAMCOURT en route for RIBEMONT. A marching out Parade was held during the afternoon and all bills thoroughly cleaned. All preparations were made for the move tomorrow. The weather was again wet.	
RIBEMONT	13/1/17		Leaving at 6.15 a.m. the Battalion (less transport) marched to VIGNACOURT which was reached at 8 a.m. The move to RIBEMONT was carried out as per attached Appendix 29. RIBEMONT was reached at about 12.30 p.m. and Companies moved straight into Billets. All ammunition, stores etc which had been previously left under Guard were reissued.	Appendix 29
MONTAUBAN	14/1/17		The Battalion less transport left RIBEMONT at 5.45 a.m. and marched to MEVULT where it entrained for the QUARRY Siding which was reached at 9.30 a.m. Hutments at ADELAIDE Camp MONTAUBAN were occupied at 10 a.m. The transport left RIBEMONT at 8.50 a.m. and route marched with the remainder of the Brigade and joined up the Battalion at about 2 p.m. Bicycles and surplus equipment was stored under Guard at RIBEMONT	
NEEDLE TRENCH.	15/1/17		Prepared to move to the Front line System. Each man was issued with 2 grenades, six sand bags and 120 rounds S.A.A. Each Company received 2 Primus Stoves the property of the Battalion. The Battalion moved at 2.30 p.m. A.B. Coy occupied SWITCH trench, B.A. Coy occupied NEEDLE trench. We took over from 28 th Batt ⁿ by 6.20 p.m. all men were orientated on ration and working parties. Casualties 4 OR. wounded while working.	
	16/1/17		Parties were employed deepening and improving the trenches, building shelters, dugouts. 450 Pairs of Gum Boots were drawn from the drying shed DELVILLE Wood, these were distributed among B.C. & D. Coy's who were taking over the front line. After rations were distributed the relief was commenced. The relief was completed at 12.50 a.m. At 8.50 p.m. the enemy opened with heavy shell fire on this barrage line. Casualties 1 OR. wounded	
FRONT LINE NEAR GUEUDECOURT	17/1/17		At about 7.30 a.m. a German gave himself up in MONSOON trench. He was forwarded on to Divisional H.Q. There was a heavy fall of snow during the night. This continued intermittently during the day. Improvements of the trenches were continued	w/pt left

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRONT LINE NEEDLE QUEDEDECOURT	17/1/17		Shelling was very light. Several of the enemy were seen and sniping was actively carried on with good results.	
	18/1/17		There was a light continuous fall of snow throughout the day. There was little artillery activity on either side. Our strength was increased by the arrival of 34 reinforcements and returned wounded.	
	19/1/17		Usual trench improvements and work carried on. The enemy heavily shelled the duck board walks with 74 mm and 14.2 in shells, inflicting many casualties. Between 2.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. an artillery heavily shelled the enemy position opposite our front. It was estimated that considerable damage was done. Commencing at 5 p.m. the 5 th Battalion took over from us. The relief was completed by 9.40 p.m. On relief A & B Coys occupied SWITCH Trench and C & D Coys with BATT. H.R. NEEDLE Trench. There were no casualties during the change over.	
NEEDLE Trench	20/1/17		There was a slight thaw in the snow. Observation was excellent. The enemy again heavily shelled all the duckboard tracks. We suffered no casualties. All our men worked on improvements, dugouts etc under Premier supervision. We handed over to 59 th Batt and moved back to E. Camp. All gun boots were handed in to the gun boot drying shed DELVILLE Wood.	
BERNEFAY E Camp	21/1/17		The day was spent cleaning up and resting. Packs etc were reissued. The day was very cold. 16 men were sent as a permanent Deep Dug Out Party to work in NEEDLE Trench.	
	22/1/17		Slight fall of snow. 400 men were employed carrying material forward tunnelling etc. Instructions were received that the Battalion would capture and hold SUNRAY Trench at a date to be fixed.	
	23/1/17		Casualties 3 D.R.s wounded on carrying parties. About 250 men bathed at the Divisional Baths. About 200 men were given a footbath under medical supervision at the Pioneer Baths E Camp. Their feet were then rubbed with talc powder.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BERNEFAY E Camp	23/1/17		400 men were supplied on the same work as yesterday. The Battalion moved to the DELVILLE Wood Camp and occupied dugouts there.	
DELVILLE WOOD	24/1/17		The weather was still bitterly cold. The Battalion was again employed on carrying and other work under Engineer supervision.	
	25/1/17		All men who had not yet done so went through the foot baths at E Camp. The usual work was done. 2 Lt MORROW joined the Battalion from Reinforcements.	
	26/1/17		In preparation for a move to the firing line all packs were stored and each man issued with 6 sand bags and 2 grenades. At dusk the Battalion moved to occupy SWITCH Trench and the rest of the BATT ⁿ NEEDLE Trench.	
NEEDLE Trench	27/1/17	0600	A heavy Artillery Srafe commenced opposite our front and to the right. This lasted for about 4 hours. The 29 th Division on our right advanced 400 yds capturing 6 officers and several hundred prisoners also 7 machine guns. The Battalion was employed on the usual trench work. Enemy shelling was constant, principally on the duckboards.	
	28/1/17		The weather was still very cold. Gum boots for all ranks were drawn from the drying room in DELVILLE Wood. Enemy still shelled the duckboards. Look over the front line as per Appendix attached. Relief completed by 10 p.m.	Appendix 30
near Sveudecourt Front Line	29/1/17		There was a continuous slight fall of snow during the day. Work was energetically pushed on. Our strength was increased by the arrival of 14 Reinforcements.	W. H. H. H.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Guedecourt Frontline	30/1/17		Snow again fell during the day. The enemy heavily strafed the adjoining trenches on our left. Our Heavies and 18 Pounders registered opposite our front. Every available man was employed on trench work.	
	31/1/17		Casualties nil We cleared our front line (left Coy) by dawn when our artillery continued registering. From 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. our Heavy Artillery bombarded the enemy trenches opposite us. It is thought that considerable damage was done. After the bombardment C Company took over the left Company front in place of A Coy and D Coy relieved B Company on the right.	

W. H. ...

by
 Brigadier-General H.E. ELLIOTT.
 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade

RIBEMONT
 31st Dec., 1917.


RAINNEVILLE
 15th Bde. H.Q.

A section 14th
 Field Amb.
 59th Battalion,
 60th Battalion

COISY
 57th Battalion,
 15th M.G. Coy.,
 15th A.L.T.M.B.

CARDONETTE
 58th Battalion.

- (1) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Group are to leave RIBEMONT on 2nd Prox. for RAINNEVILLE, COISY and CARDONETTE. Units to be distributed as per margin.
- (2) Billeting parties leave Brigade Headquarters by bus at 9 a.m. 1st prox. carrying full details of unit strengths in personnel, animals and vehicles. One officer and two N.C.O.'s per Battalion, one officer and one N.C.O. M.G. Coy, one N.C.O. A.L.T.M.B. and 14th Field Ambulance will act as billeting parties together with Brigade Interpreters. Parties will report to H.Q. of units occupying the billets in the villages they are to move to and then proceed with their work.
- (3) Units will arrange during the 1st prox. for a marching out parade and a thorough inspection of billets. It is essential that the billets should be left in a scrupulously clean and sanitary condition.
- (4)(A) The following mobilisation stores may be returned to Ordnance Depot for storing during the morning of the 1st prox.:-
- | | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Lamps Siege | 4 |
| Boxes Lamp Siege | 8 |
| All Drums and Sidedrums. | |
- (B) The following stores may be returned to the Brigade Store (Billet 40) in the afternoon beginning at 2 p.m.:-
- Steel Helmets.
 - Box Respirators - fully marked with No. Rank and Name (about 50 should be retained for instructional purposes)
 - Surplus Signaling gear.
 - Mobilisation Table Stores not likely to be required in the "T" area.
- Picks and shovels are NOT to be dumped.
- (C) A guard of 2 men per Battalion and one man per M.G. Coy, and A.L.T.M.B. under an officer of the 59th Battalion will mount as a guard over these stores at 2 p.m. to-morrow, the 1st January-1917.
- (D) Blankets are to be taken on the Battalion transport.
- (5) Detailed instructions as to the march will be issued later.

 Captain,
 Staff Captain, 15th Australian Inf. Bde.

by Appendix No. 27

Brigadier-General H.E. ELLIOTT.

Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Reference Map AMIENS 17 1/100,000.
Map LENS 11 1/100,000.RIBEMONT
1st Jan. 1917.15th Bde. H.Q.
15th M.G. Coy.
15th A.L.T.M.B.
57th Battalion.
58th Battalion.
59th Battalion.
60th Battalion.
"A" Section 14th
Field Amb.

- (1) The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade Group (as detailed in margin) will vacate "R" area and march to "C" district of "T" area on 2nd January. The march is to be continued to "A" district on 3rd inst.

One section 15th M.G. Coy will remain in "R" area until relieved by 1st Australian Division.

- (2) In "C" district units of the Brigade Group will be distributed as follows:-

RAINEVILLE	15th Bde H.Q. 59th Battalion. 60th Battalion.
COISY	57th Battalion. 15th M.G. Coy. 15th A.L.T.M.B.
CARDONETTE	58th Battalion. "A" Section 14th Field Amb.

The supply section 29th A.A.S.C. will proceed on the 1st January to RAINEVILLE and establish a supply depot. Q.M's of units will move ahead to Supply Depot early on the 2nd inst..

- (3) A. The Group will move in order of march as shown hereunder.
B. ROUTE. The Group will move as a whole via HEILLY- BONNAY- La NEUVILLE- PONT NOYELLES-QUIERRIEU. Units for RAINEVILLE will then take the QUIERRIEU - RAINEVILLE road immediately North of the BOIS DE MAI.
Units for CARDONETTE and Coisy will proceed from QUIERRIEU via ALONVILLE.
C. STARTING POINT. The starting point will be the junction of the HEILLY - BUIRE road with the blind road just North of the "O" in RIBEMONT.
D. ORDER OF MARCH. Units will move in the following order and will pass the starting point at the time shown:-

15th Bde. H.Q.	8.30 a.m.
59th Battalion	8.32 a.m.
60th Battalion	8.40 a.m.
57th Battalion	8.50 a.m.
15th M.G. Coy.)	
15th A.L.T.M.B.)	9.10 a.m.
"A" Section 14th	
Field Amb.	9.15 a.m.
58th Battalion	9.20 a.m.

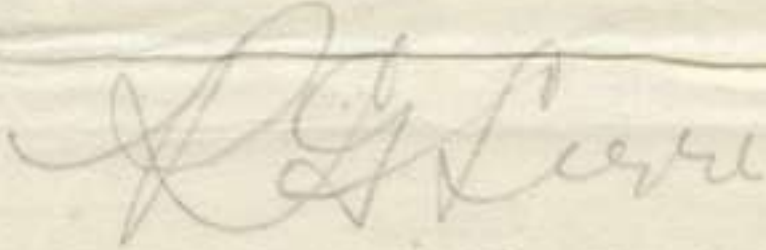
The 60th Battalion will move as two Companies and the 15th M.G. Coy. and the 15th A.L.T.M.B. combined as one Company.

E. The following distances will be maintained on the march:-

200 yards between Battalions
100 yards between Companies
200 yards between Transport and next column.

Transport of Units will follow immediately in rear of its own unit, at a distance of 100 yards. A halt will be called at each clock hour for 10 minutes. The Column will halt for one hour from 12 noon to 1 p.m.. Watches will be synchronised with Bde. H.Q. at 7 a.m. on 2nd January.

- (4) Each unit will provide its own rearguard. The 58th Battalion will tell off one Company as rearguard to the Brigade. One N.C.O. and two troopers M.M.P. will assist the rearguard in keeping up stragglers. No man may fall out of the column without written permission from his O.C. Units are particularly warned with reference to the march discipline of the transport. Correct distances and pace must be kept throughout and no straggling is to be permitted.
- (5) DRESS Fullmarching order. Sheepskin jackets and jherkins may NOT be worn. They will be carried beneath the flap of the pack.
- (6) Reports to the head of the column.


Captain,
Staff Captain, 15th Australian Inf. Bde.

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Appendix No. 27A

Operation Order NO.15.

1st January 1917.

Reference Map of AMIENS 17.1/100000.
Map of LENS 11.1/100000.

1. The 57th Battalion will vacate "R" Area and march to COISY on 2nd January 1917. The march will be continued to "A" district of "T" Area on 3rd inst. The route to be taken will be via:- HEILLY-BONNAN-LA NEUVILLE-PONT NOYELLES-QUERRIEU-ALLONVILLE.
2. Order of March:- Units will pass the starting point A. Company billet at 8.30 a.m. in the order shown hereunder:
 - "A" Company, Signallers & Pioneers
 - "B" Company & Grenadiers
 - "C" Company & Scouts & Snipers.
 - "D" Company & Lewis Detachment.
 - Transport.
 100 Yards distance will be maintained between Companies during the march. Transport will follow 100 yards in rear of "D" Company. Halts will be called as under:-
 - 10 minutes at each clock hour.
 - One hour from 12 noon to 1 P.M.
 Watches will be synchronised at Battalion Headquarters at 7.15 a.m.
3. Each Company will provide its own rearguard. Captain Elliott with 2 N.C.O's and 20 men will form a rearguard for the Battalion. Captain Elliott to report to Battalion Headquarters for instruction. No man is to fall out of the column without written permission from his O.C. This must be rigidly enforced. March discipline must be maintained throughout particularly with regard to Transport. Correct distances must be maintained and straggling must on no account be permitted.
4. Dress. Full marching order. Sheep skin jackets and leather jerkins will NOT be worn, they will be carried beneath the flap of the pack. Filled waterbottles and remainder of day's rations to be carried.
Breakfast in pack
5. No man is to be permitted to enter an Estaminet from the beginning to the end of the march on any pretext whatever. Estaminets near halting places will be picqueted by the nearest Company. Any men found drunk on the line of march will be punished with great severity.
6. Two G.S.wagons are drawn up near Battalion Headquarters, one for valises and one for blankets. Valises must be loaded on the G.S.Wagon by 7.a.m., All blankets will be rolled in bundles of 15, tied securely in three places and marked with a wooden tag showing Platoon, Company and Battalion, and will be stacked on the G.S.Wagon by 6.30 a.m. A transport guard of 1 N.C.O. and 15 men will report to Lieut. McCallum at 8.a.m. at Transport Lines.
7. Marching out states will be at Battalion Headquarters by 8 a.m. Coys must be fallen in and checked before that hour to enable this to be done. Coy Commanders will then inspect billets and ensure that they are scrupulously clean.

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Company and Detail Commanders will furnish certificates to Adjutant by 8.30 a.m. that billets have been inspected and are in good order.

H. J. Robinson
Adjutant.

Captain,

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1. War Diary
 2. File
 3. A. Company
 4. B. "
 5. C. "
 6. D. "
 7. O.C. Transport
 8. Quartermaster
 9. O.C. Grenadiers
 10. P.C. Scouts & Snipers
 11. Signals
 12. O.C. Lewis Detachment.

BRIGADE ORDER No. 74.

Appendix 28

by

Brigadier General H.E. ELLIOTT C.M.G.
Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Reference Map AMIENS 17 1/100,000.
Map LENS 11 1/100,000.

RAINNEVILLE
1st Jan. 17.

15th Bde H.Q.
15th A.L.T.M.B.
15th M.G.Coy.
57th Battalion
58th Battalion
59th Battalion
60th Battalion
"A" Section 14th
Field Amb.

(1) The 15th Brigade Group as per margin will move from "C" district "T" area on 3rd January. to *A district T area*

(2) A. Units of the Group will be distributed as follows in "A" District:-

VIGNACOURT 15th Bde H.Q.
15th M.G.Coy.
15th A.L.T.M.B.
59th Battalion 60th Battalion
"A" Section 14th Field Amb.
58th Battalion.
57th Battalion.

B. The 57th Battalion will move from COISY via BERTANGLES - South of VAUX EN AMIENOIS then South West to SAINT SAUVEUR thence to LA CHAUSSE The 58th Battalion will move via COISY - BERTANGLES. South of VAUX South West to main ST. VAST-AMIENS Road thence to ST. VAST. Units bound for VIGNACOURT will move via COISY-BERTANGLES to the AMIENS - FLESELLES Road to FLESELLES, thence to VIGNACOURT.

TIME The 57th Battalion will clear COISY by 8.45 a.m.

The 15th Bde. H.Q. and units for VIGNACOURT ~~WIKXRASKXIRK~~ will pass the road junction $\frac{1}{2}$ mile North of the "A" in GARDONNETTE at 8.30 a.m. in order as under:-

15th Bde H.Q.
60th Battalion
59th Battalion

The 15th M.G.Coy. will join the VIGNACOURT column at COISY at 9.15 a.m. and take the lead of the column.

The 14th Field Amb. will join the column behind the 15th M.G.Coy at COISY.

The order of march will then be:-

15th M.G.Coy.)
15th ALTB.)
"A" Section 14th Field Amb.

II 15th Bde H.Q.
IO 60th Battalion.
8 V.P.L.M.B. 59th Battalion.

8 The first half for this column will be at 9 a.m.

8 The 58th Battalion will not enter COISY before 9.30 a.m.

8 C. Column will move under same march arrangement and distances as to-day. A motor lorry will follow in rear of each column.

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(3) The 57th Battalion will leave at COISY the one officer and 75 O.R. detailed for musketry course. These will be picked up by the 58th Bn. and taken to ST. VAST where they will billet the night and move with the 58th party under orders from Bde. next day.

(4) Parties for each unit of the sick men must report to COISY in-time to join their various units as per march order above.

(5) Watches to be synchronised with Bde. H.Q. per order at 7 a.m. 3rd inst.

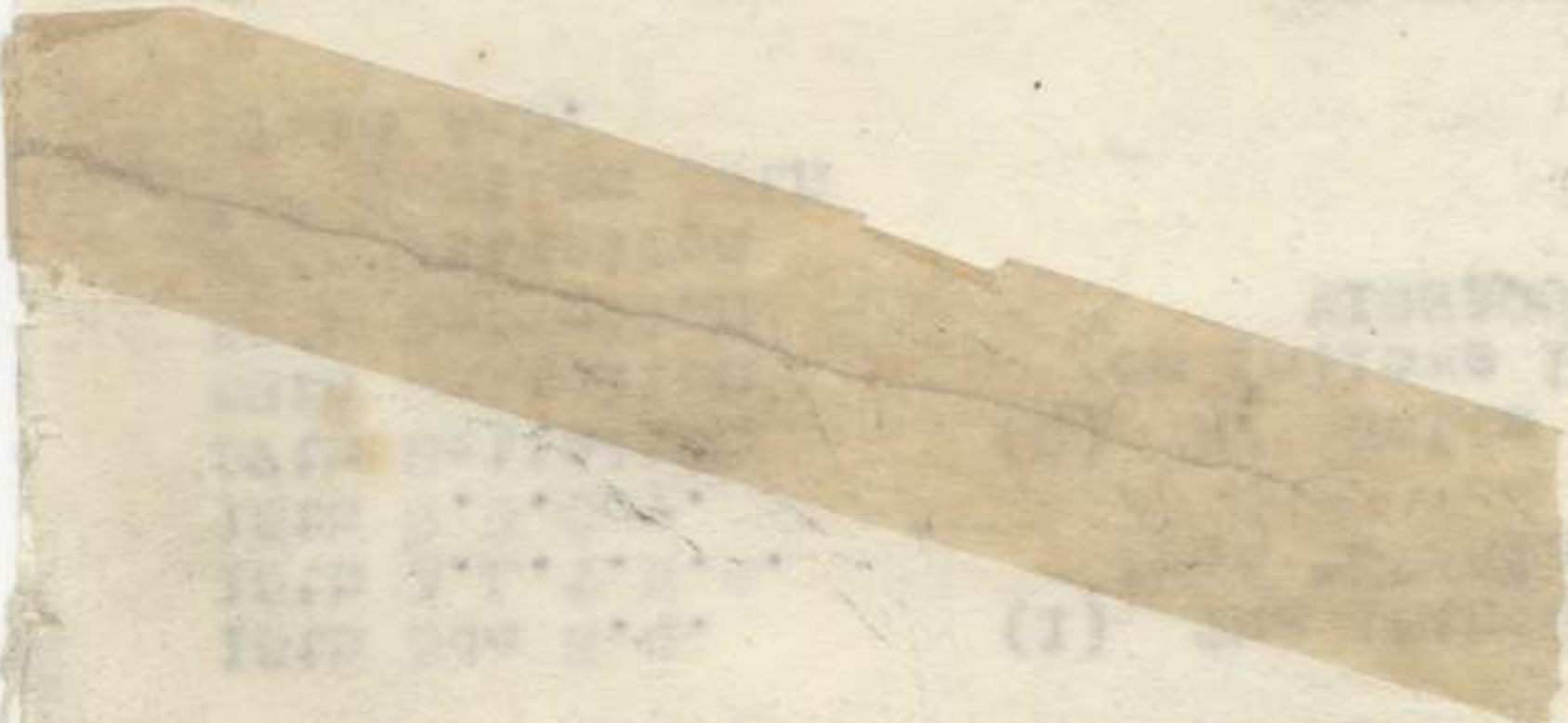
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(6) REPORTS. Orderlys will follow the route laid down for Bde. H.Q. column and pickup.

R. G. Lewis

Captain,
Staff Captain, 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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 - 3) Bde H.Q.
 - 4 57th Battalion. ✓
 - 5 58th Battalion
 - 6 59th Battalion
 - 7 60th Battalion
 - 8 M.G.Coy.
 - 9 A.L.T.M.B.
 - 10 4th Field Amb.
 - 11 5th Aust Division.



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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.75.

Reference Map AMIENS 17 1/100,000
LENS 11 1/100,000

12th January, 1917.

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1. The 15th Australian Infantry Brigade (less detachments to 1st ANZAC) will move to "R" Area (RIBEMONT) on 12th and 13th January.
2. (a) Units (less detachments to 1st ANZAC and Transport) will move by tactical trains in accordance with Time Table attached.
(b) Transport and Riding horses will proceed by Road as under:-
12th Jan. From "T" area to FRANVILLERS via VILLERS BOGAGE and MOLLIEUS.
(a) Transport of Units billeted in VIGNACOURT will pass the Church at 8.30 a.m.
O.C. Column.- Lieut. McCallum 57th Bn.
59th Bn.
60th Bn.
15th M.G. Coy., and 15th Bde. H.Q.
"A" Section 14th Field Amb.
(b) Transport of the 57th and 58th Bn's., marching independently via BERTANGLES will join the main column (in rear) at VILLERS BOGAGE at 11.30 a.m.
13th Jan.- The combined Column will cross the AMIENS road at 9 a.m. and march via HEILLY to RIBEMONT but will not enter the latter village until the 1st A.I. Brigade has marched out.
3. The following Road Distances will be observed:-
200 yards between Battalions.
200 yards between Transport and marching Troops.
100 yards Companies or Unit Transport.
between
4. No Stores or personnel will be left in the "T" area.
5. Billets will be left scrupulously clean and inspection certificates forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by 6 p.m. on 13th inst..
6. Advanced Parties will proceed to RIBEMONT by Bus from Brigade Headquarters at 9 a.m. on 12th inst..
7. Supplies for 13th inst. will be drawn on 11th inst.. Supplies for 14th inst. will be drawn on arrival at RIBEMONT.
8. One motor lorry per Battalion will be available to carry surplus loading and will report on 12th inst..

Geo. J. Wink

Major,

Brigade Major, 15th Australian InfM Brigade.

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 - 5 15th M.G. Coy.
 - 6 "A" Section 14th Field Amb.
 - 7 Staff Captain.
 - 8 Lieut. McCallum 57th Bn.
 - 9& 10 Brigade Headquarters.
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***** I M E T A B L E *****
 TO ACCOMPANY 15th INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 75.

UNIT.	TIME OF		STATION		PERSONNEL		ACCOMMODATION			REMARKS.
	ENTRAINMENT	DEPARTURE.	ENTRAIN	DETRAIN.	OFFICERS	O.R.	1st CLASS	3rd CLASS	FLATS.	
57th Bn.	8 a.m.	9 a.m.	VIGNACOURT	MERICOURT.	21	850	1	21	1	Unit Representatives will report to the Brigade Major at the Railway Station at 7.25 a.m. and 9.45 a.m. respective Bicycles can be packed in brake vans.
59th Bn.	- do -	- do -	- do -	- do -	30	875	1	21	1	
15th Bde. H.Q.	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	- do -	- do -	6	70		2	-	
58th Bn.	- do -	- do -	- do -	- do -	12	675	1	21	1	
60th Bn.	- do -	- do -	- do -	- do -	10	270		13	1	
15th M.G. Coy.	- do -	- do -	- do -	- do -	5	185	1	5	-	
14th A.M.C "A" Section	- do -	- do -	- do -	- do -	3	53		1	-	

In accordance with 4th Army Order 390 each Unit will leave as rear party 1 Officer and 6 O.R.. These will rejoin at HIBEMONT (after complying with all the requirements of the aforementioned order) either by bicycle or by train. In the latter case Units will provide their parties with the necessary authority to travel.

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Appendix No. 29
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57 Battalion AIF
Operation Order No. 16

28/1/17

1. The Battalion will relieve the 60 Battalion in the front line system of trenches on the night 28/29th January 1917.
2. Distribution:

Right Company Frontage	B Company
Left Company Frontage	A Company
MILLERS SON DUS OUTS	C Company
ROSE TRENCH	D Company
3. The relief will commence as early as dusk will allow.
Order of relief: - A Company Route ETERNAL ALLEY across the open along MONSOON TRENCH to SHRINE TRENCH.
B Company Right Half Route along ENERSY ALLEY and GUSTY TRENCH. Left half Route ETERNAL ALLEY.
C Company Route ELLIOTT WALK & SUNKEN ROAD.
D Company Route ELLIOTT WALK.
Guides will be supplied at NEEDLE TRENCH for all parties.
4. All ranks will carry 24 hours rations, 6 sandbags & 2 grenades. Front Line Companies will also carry picks and shovels on a proportion of two thirds garrison strength. Turn boots will be drawn from Drying Room DELVILLE WOOD and distributed on the 28th inst.
5. Completion of relief to be reported promptly to Battalion Headquarters.
6. On the night 30th/31st inst. an inter-Company relief will take place C Company relieving A Company. D Company relieving B Company. Relief to be made under arrangements by the Company Commanders unless otherwise ordered. Companies relieved from the front line will occupy the positions vacated by the Companies that have relieved them. On any relief taking place the greatest care must be taken to secure continuity of work in progress in all lines.
7. Handing over receipts & platoon Commanders certificates to be furnished to Battalion HQ within 12 hours of the relief taking place.

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