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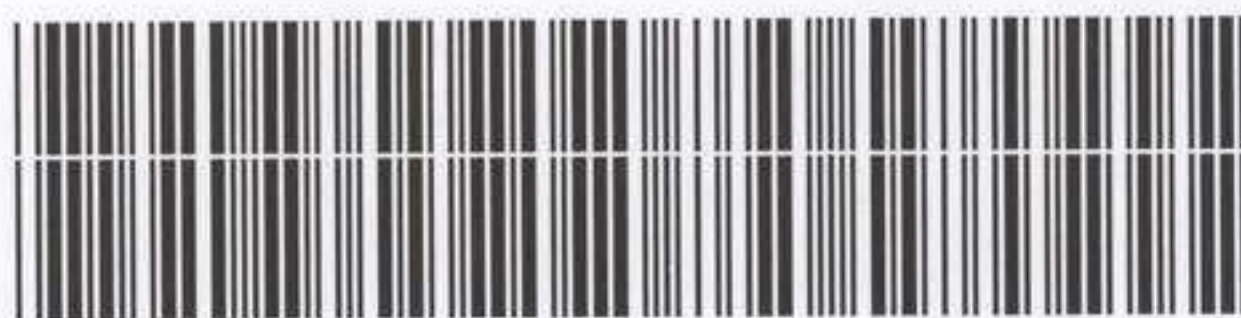
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Infantry

Item number: 23/34/18

Title: 17th Infantry Battalion

January 1917



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Date.	Place and Time.			Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1917.				
Jan 2.			Relieved in front line & support by 20 th Battalion.	
			2nd Lieut Haigh wounded.	
3			Relieved by 19 th Bn in NEEDLE & SWITCH trenches & returned to E Camp	
7 th	VOLUME		Returned to MONTAUBAN camp	
11			Major J M Maughan transferred to 20 th Bn	
12			Lieut W B S. Stephenson rejoined Bn	
			Lieut J R. Reed rejoined Bn.	
16	Montauban 8.15 AM 11.20 AM	Left Montauban & Marched to Demancourt	BROMES	
25	Demancourt	The Battalion was inspected by Major Gen Smyth		

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1917 Jan 9.	Demoucourt 11:30 AM	Left Demoucourt at 11:30 AM & marched to Albert arriving there at 1 PM. BRONo 31.	
31.	Albert. 9:30 AM	Left Albert & marched to Shelter Camps relieving Highland Light Infantry.	
<p>G. Hancock Adj. 1.2.17.</p>			

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 30.17TH BATTALION, A.I.F.14/1/17.SECRET.
-----Map Reference:-ALBERT 1/40,000.

1. The 17TH BATTALION will be relieved by a Battalion of the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade on the 16th instant.
2. On relief, the Battalion will move to DERNANCOURT, via FRICOURT and MEAULTE.
3. The Battalion will be ready to move from the present Camp at 8 a.m. in the following order:- "A", "B", "C", and "D". The Battalion will march in file, and maintain a distance of 100 yards between Companies. Connecting files will be dropped to ensure of the distance being kept.
4. Advance Party of 1 N.C.O. per Company will report to Lieut. Bradford at the Battalion Orderly Room at 9 a.m. on the 15th instant, and will report to the Staff Captain at the Town Major's Office, DERNANCOURT, at 2 p.m. on that date to arrange Billets.
5. Fatigue parties will be relieved on the 15th instant, and will rejoin the Battalion at MONTAUBAN.
6. All baggage will be ready outside Huts at 7.30 a.m. on the 16th instant.

J. B. Baine Lieut.
Adjutant 17th Battalion A.I.F.

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| 1. Hdqrs. File. | 6. "D" Coy. |
| 2. War Diary. | 7. Lewis Gun Officer; |
| 3. "A" Coy. | 8. Transport Officer. |
| 4. "B" " | 9. Quartermaster. |
| 5. "C" " | |

SECRET.Reference:-ALBERT Combined Sheet, 1/40,000.

1. The FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE will move in two echelons to ALBERT on 29th January 1917, in relief of 149th Brigade.
Starting Point:- Cross Roads, E.21.a.9.9.
Route:- Via E.3.d.8.6., where guides from Billeting Party will meet the Unit.
2. The BATTALION will be formed up ready to move off in the following order at 11 a.m.:-
"A" Company.
"B" "
"C" "
"D" "
Transport.
3. (a) The following distances will be maintained on the road:-
200 yards between Battalions.
200 yards between Transport and Units.
100 yards between Companies.
(b) East of the ALBERT - LE CARCHAILLOT line, troops will march in file.
4. Blankets will be stacked outside Billets at 8 a.m. on 29th instant. The blankets will be done up in bundles by sections, and will be taken on by motor lorry. Each Company will detail a party of One N.C.O. and four men as a loading party. Officers' baggage will be ready outside Billets by 9.30 a.m.
5. Each Company will detail a party of One N.C.O. and Four men to report to Battalion Headquarters at 10.30 a.m. as a cleaning party.
2nd Lieut. A. S. Young will be in charge of this party.
6. BILLETING PARTY.
2nd Lieut. J. J. McDiarmid and One N.C.O. per Company will report to Battalion Headquarters at 9.30 a.m. on 28th instant with 24 hours rations and blankets. They report to A/Staff Captain at Town Major's Office, ALBERT, at 11 a.m. A limber will be at Brigade Headquarters at 9.30 a.m. to take valise and packs of Billeting Party.
In addition to above, the Battalion Quarter Master will report, mounted, to A/Staff Captain at 10 a.m. at Town Major's Office, DERNANCOURT.
7. STORES.
All stores or kits of any description, as well as Lewis Gun handcars, will be taken with Units from "R" Area, and dumped at ALBERT in places allotted by the A/Staff Captain. All palliasses, troughs, etc. issued, will be taken with the Battalion.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. J. McDiarmid Captain.

Adjutant 17th Battalion A.I.F.

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| 5. "C" Coy. | 10. Spare. |

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