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Duplicate Copy of War Diary for Month of July 1917.

- July 4. Capt H.E. Beavis attached from 2nd Div artillery reported to 5th a.d. Brigade for duty.
28. (Biefvillers). Left camp at 7.45 AM & marched to Beaumont, entrained there & left at 1.30 PM. Detrained at Stomer at 11.30 PM. & marched to tented camp at Haut Arques.
30. Marched to Training Ground near Westbecont
Changes in officers.
- Capt (2nd Lt Major) S.A. Madleton transferred to 62nd Bn 19.5.17.
- Capt E.J. Mansfield 1st Lt to 62nd Bn. 14.6.17
- Capt. L.S. Fussell m.c. to be Major to complete 22.6.17
- Lt G.H. Allen m.c. . . . Capt
- J.L. Wright m.c.
- H.O. Busby
- QM & Hon Lieut G. Sims placed on Supy list 8.5.17.
- No 86 & RQM AJR Davison to be QM Hon Lieut vice Sims
- Lieut G.H. New. restored to establishment from 12.7.17
Supy list. 3.7.17.
- 2nd Lieut T.H.E. Harris, M Davis & A.G. Warner (cadet Bn)
taken on strength from reinf 3.7.17.
- Lieut A.S. Taphin reported missing placed on
Sec. List 3.5.17.
- 2nd Lt G.H. Roddis placed on Supy List on
departing to England for embarkation to Aust. 17.6.17
- Lieut A.S. Ramsay reported prisoner of war
is struck off strength. 3.5.17

J.P. Barrett
17th Bn A.I.F.

17TH BATTALION, A. I. F. 27/7/17.

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1. The 2nd Australian Division (less Artillery) will be transferred from THIRD ARMY to G. H. Q. Reserve in SECOND ARMY.
 2. The move will be carried out by Rail. Entrainment will commence on the 28th July. On arrival, the 5th Australian Infantry Brigade will be Billeted in the RENESCOURE area.
 3. Entraining S tation for the 5th Australian Infantry Brigade Group, will be BEAUCOURT-SUR-ANCHE.
 4. (a) Battalions (less Transport) will report at BEAUCOURT to Brigade Entraining Officer (Major L. G. FUSSELL, MC), Two (2) hours before train is due to leave.
(b) Transport of each Battalion will report at BEAUCOURT S tation Four (4) hours before train is due to leave. This will enable the Horses to be fed and watered, before entrainment.
 5. ROUTES.
(a) Dismounted personnel via GREVILLERS-INGLES and MIRAUMONT to BEAUCOURT.
(b) Transport via BEKEVILLERS-BIHUCOURT-ACHIET-le-GRAND-MIRAUMONT to BEAUCOURT.
 6. Administrative arrangements are issued herewith.
 7. A C K N O W L E D G E.

J. G. Parrott

Captain.

Adjutant 17th Battalion A. I. F.

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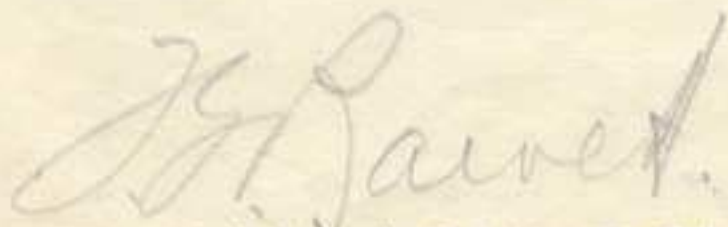
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8. Transport Officer.
9. Quarter Master.
10. Spare.

17TH BATTALION, A. I. F.

27/7/17.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH
BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 39.

1. TRAIN TABLE. Train for this Battalion and Transport, less "B" Company and 1 Field Kitchen will leave at 13.07. Reveille will be 3.30 a.m. Battalion will be formed up ready to move off at 8 a.m.
2. ENTRAINMENT. Major L. G. FUSSELL, MC., will act as Brigade Entraining Officer, and will proceed by last train of the Groups.
2nd Lieut. J. H. McCLURE will act as Battalion Entraining Officer.
"B" Company will act as Loading Party. This party will report to Entraining Officer at BEAUCOURT Station at 5 a.m. on the 28th instant, and will entrain on last train. "B" Company's Field Kitchen and team will remain behind with Loading Party, and will be loaded on to last train.
3. DETRAINMENT. Major R. M. SAILLER, MC., 18th Battalion, will act as Brigade Detraining Officer.
4. QUARTERS FOR ENTRAINING PARTY. Party detailed in para. 2. will move to Huts (old P.O.W. Camp) just N.E. of BEAUCOURT Station, leaving Camp at 5 p.m. to-day 27th instant. Blankets for this Party will be rolled in four foot bundles by Sections, and clearly marked, by 2 p.m. to-day. Transport Officer will arrange to convey these Blankets and Officers' Gear and "B" Company's Field Kitchen to BIHUCOURT.
5. WATER. All water for drinking purposes will be drawn in Water Cart, and Chlorinated. Ample facilities are available for watering of horses at BEAUCOURT, and advantage should be taken to give the horses water prior to entraining.
6. SUPPLIES. Supply Arrangements will be notified later. Wagons will move with Units.
7. TRANSPORT. Baggage Wagons will report to Battalion at 3 p.m. to-day. One Motor Lorry will report at 1 a.m. 28th instant, for transport of blankets, which will be rolled by Sections, labelled, and loaded, by 7 a.m. "A" Company will detail 4 men as Blanket Guard. All Officers' Baggage and Mess Gear will be ready for loading by 4 a.m.
8. TENTS. Prior to vacating the Camp, all tents will be struck by 4.30 a.m. rolled complete with poles and tent pegs, and placed in a Dump to be formed near our Transport Lines. 2nd Lieut. R. E. MASTERSON will supervise dumping of tents and tarpaulins, and will furnish list of same to Battalion Headquarters by 5.30 a.m. No tents other than those laid down in Mobilisation Store Establishment will be removed from the Area.
9. SALVAGE. All salvage, including tables, chairs, etc., will be dumped near Transport Lines. All structures will be removed, and put in this Dump by 7 p.m. to-night. Orderly Officer will draw necessary working parties from Companies to doX this.
10. PICQUETS. "A" and "D" Companies will provide picquets at each end of Train at all stops, to prevent men from leaving train.
11. A C K N O W L E D G E.



Captain.

Adjutant 17th Battalion A. I. F.