

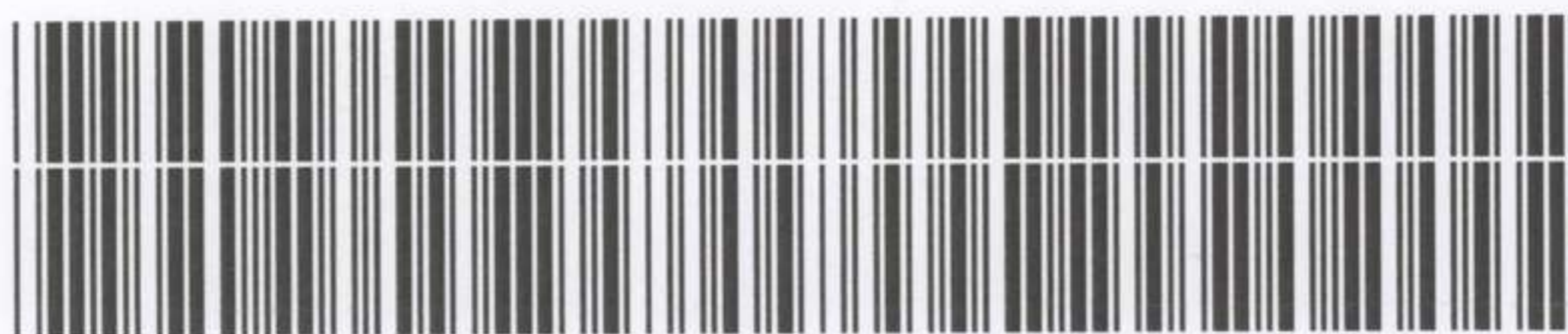
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1st October, 1916.

Time.	To.	Action taken.
8.50 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 117/113).	Summary of operations.
12.5 p.m.	First, Second, Third, Reserve Armies, G.H.Q. Adv. Q & D.A.S. (O.A. 833).	Orders issued for the transfer by rail of two Cable Sections from Second to Reserve Army and two by march route from First to Third Army (Ref. O.A. 829 of 30th Sept.).
3.0 p.m.	Third, Fourth & Reserve Armies, Q, A.A. (O.A. N4/132).	Special and daily allotment of ammunition as from 28th September, approved.
3.10 p.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 834).	Recapitulation of moves and transfers ordered 28th - 30th September.
4.15 p.m.	First, Second, Third & Reserve Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 832).	Table of moves detailing transfer of Heavy and Siege Artillery between Armies, issued.
5.15 p.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 619/2).	Warning order issued regarding probable flight of a French dirigible in British Zone.

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General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.

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10.50 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 117/114).	Summary of operations.
11.30 a.m.	First, Second Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 841).	Approximate distribution of Artillery in the event of an even distribution among Armies being determined for the forthcoming winter.
6.55 p.m.	Fourth Army, Q.M.G. A.A. (O.A.N4/133).	Special allotment of 20,000 rounds 60-pounder and 10,000 rounds 9.2" howr. ammunition to Fourth Army approved.
8.40 p.m.	First, Third, Fourth & Reserve Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 843).	<u>9th Divisional Artillery</u> will be transferred by march route from First Army (IV Corps) to Fourth Army (XV Corps) on 8th - 10th October.
10.20 p.m.	First, Third Armies, G.H.Q. Adv. Q & E.in.C. (O.A. 848).	One Army Troops Company, R.E. will be transferred temporarily from First to Third Army as early as possible.

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3rd October, 1916.

General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.

Time.	To.	Action taken.
10.0 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A.117/115).	Summary of operations.
11.30 a.m.	A.G., D.A.G.Base. (O.A.377/56).	Priority of reinforcements for Divisions.
3.15 p.m.	Second, Fourth Armies, G.H.Q. Adv. Q & D.A.S. (O.A. 851).	<u>New Zealand Division</u> , less Artillery, will be transferred by rail from Fourth Army (XV Corps) to Second Army (II Anzac Corps). Entrainment will commence after midnight 9/10th October. <u>29th Divisional Artillery</u> will be transferred by rail from Second Army to join its Division in Fourth Army, Entrainment will commence after midnight 9/10th October.
5.0 p.m.	First, Third, Fourth Armies, G.H.Q. E-in-C. (O.A. 853).	<u>No. 5 A.A. Searchlight Section</u> from First Army and <u>No. 2 A.A. Searchlight Section</u> from Third Army will be transferred by road to Fourth Army, as early as possible.
8.0 p.m.	Second Army. (O.A. 852).	On arrival of <u>New Zealand Division</u> , the <u>5th Australian Division</u> should be withdrawn into reserve preparatory to transfer to the battle front.
10.20 p.m.	First, Reserve Armies, G.H.Q. Adv. Q & D.A.S. (O.A. 857).	<u>31st Divisional Artillery</u> will accompany remainder of Division commencing entrainment at or after midnight 8/9th October.
11.0 p.m.	Second, Fourth Armies, I.G.C. G.H.Q. Adv.Q & A.A. (O.A. 855).	Half No. 53 Siege Battery (1 - 9.2" gun on railway mounting) will be withdrawn from Second Army to the L. of C. where it will be re-equipped with a new gun. On completion the half battery will be transferred to Fourth Army.

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General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.

Time.	To.	Action taken.
9.5 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 117/116).	Summary of operations.
9.30 a.m.	First, Second, Third, Reserve Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 865).	Orders issued for the transfer of Wireless Subsections, complete, from First and Second Armies to Third and Reserve Armies as early as possible.
10.30 a.m.	First, Second Armies, Q, A, A. (O.A. N4/134).	Allotment of ammunition for ten days commencing noon October 8th, approved.
11.10 a.m.	Belgian Mission. (O.A. 866).	Enquiring as to earliest convenient date for the return of the pumps lent to the Belgians to maintain the level of the inundations at FINTELLES.
7.10 p.m.	O.C. Tanks, Reserve & Fourth Armies, Adv. Q. (O.A. 868).	20 busses in G.H.Q. Reserve with Reserve Army are placed at disposal of O.C. Tanks Corps for the movement of 375 men of Tanks Corps to Tankodrome on 6th October.
11.10 p.m.	First, Second, Third, Fourth & Reserve Armies, D. of Railways, Q. (O.A. 414/19).	Billeting area map (1/100,000) of Third, Fourth and Reserve Army areas, issued.

6th October, 1916.

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General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.

Time.	To.	Action taken.
8.50 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 117/117).	Summary of operations.
10.10 a.m.	Fourth & Reserve Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 870).	Orders for the move of 64th and 113th Brigades, R.F.A. on return from temporary duty with the French.
Noon.	O.C. Tanks, Fourth & Reserve Armies, G.H.Q. Adv. Q. (O.A. 872).	12 Tanks, with one officer and 20 other ranks will move by rail on 9th October from the LOOP Station to ACHEUX.
1.0 p.m.	Fourth, Reserve Armies, I., Adv. Q. (O.A. 873).	Weekly return of prisoners and material captured will be rendered to G.S., Adv. G.H.Q. by 6.0 p.m. each Sunday.
3.0 p.m.	First, Fourth Armies, G.H.Q. Adv. Q & D.A.S. (O.A. 874).	<u>8th Division</u> , less Artillery, will be transferred by rail from First Army (I Corps) to Fourth Army. Entrainment will commence after midnight 13/14th October.
4.30 p.m.	Fourth & Reserve Armies, Special Coys, Fourth Army. (O.A. 875).	400 S.K. Shells for 4" Mortar allotted to Fourth Army.

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General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.

Time.	To.	Action taken.
10.15 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 117/118).	Summary of operations.
1.20 p.m.	First, Reserve Armies, G.H.Q. Adv. Q & D.A.S. (O.A. 381).	<u>2nd Canadian Division</u> (less Artillery) will be transferred by rail from Reserve Army (Canadian Corps) to First Army. Entrainment will take place after midnight 10/11th October.
4.30 p.m.	Cavalry Corps. Third, Reserve & Fourth Armies, Branches con- cerned. (O.A. 379).	<u>1st Cavalry Division</u> will march on 11-12th October to the Fourth and Reserve Army areas about CONTAY and BEAUCOURT (exclusive). <u>3rd Cavalry Division</u> will march on 11-12th October to Third and Reserve Army areas about HEN - OCCOCHES - OUTREBOIS, - MEZEROLLES - FROHEN-le-GRAND. <u>1st Indian Cavalry Division</u> will march on 10th, 11th and 12th October to Fourth Army area about QUERRIEU.
10. 0 p.m.	Third, Reserve Armies, Q, A.A. (O.A.N/4/137.).	Pending receipt of 4.5" howr. ammunition with No. 106 fuze, that fuze with No. 101 (without delay) will be allotted 75% to Reserve Army and 25% to Third Army.

8th October, 1916.

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General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.

Time.	To.	Action taken.
10.40 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 117/119).	Summary of operations.
11.0 a.m.	Cavalry Corps, Third, Fourth & Reserve Armies, G.H.Q. Branches concerned. (O.A. 883).	Moves of <u>Cavalry Divisions</u> ordered in O.A. 879 of 7th October are postponed.
12.55 p.m.	First, Third & Reserve Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 884).	<u>2nd Canadian Division</u> , less Artillery, will be transferred by road and not by rail on 11th - 13th October from Reserve Army (Canadian Corps) to First Army (IX Corps). (Reference O.A. 881 of 7th October).



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General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.

Time.	To.	Action taken.
9.40 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 117/120).	Summary of operations.
12.10 p.m.	Third, Reserve Armies, G.H.Q. Troops, E-in-C. (O.A. 885).	No. 8 Pontoon Park, M.T. is allotted temporarily to Reserve Army and will move by road from G.H.Q. Troops area to Reserve Army. Move to be completed before 12th October.
12.30 p.m.	Tanks, Fourth & Reserve Armies, Q.M.G. (O.A. 887).	Ten Tanks will move by rail on 15th October from the LOOP Station to ACHEUX.
2.25 p.m.	First, Third, Fourth & Reserve Armies. Branches concerned. (O.A. 889).	<u>5th Divisional Artillery</u> will be transferred by march route to join its Division in the First Army on 11-13th October.
3.55 p.m.	Second, Third, Fourth Armies, Branches concern- ed. (O.A. 888).	<u>23rd Division</u> , less Artillery, will be transferred by rail from Fourth Army, III Corps, to Second Army. Entrainment will take place on 14th and 15th October.
7.50 p.m.	Second, Fourth Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 892).	<u>No. 4 Siege Battery</u> (6" how. 26 cwt. horse-drawn) will be transferred by rail from Second to Fourth Army. <u>No. 6 Siege Battery</u> (6" how. 26 cwt. horse-drawn) will be transferred by rail from Fourth to Second Army. Transfer will affect personnel, horses and harness only, and will take place as early as possible.
10.20 p.m.	First, Fourth Armies, G.H.Q. Adv.Q. E.-in-C. (O.A. 893).	1/1st Sussex Army Troops Co, R.E. will be transferred from First to Fourth Army, as soon as possible.

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9.0 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 117/121).	Summary of operations.
4.40 p.m.	Second, Fourth Armies, G.H.Q. Adv. Q & D.A.S. (O.A. 900).	<u>47th Division</u> , less Artillery, will be transferred by rail from Fourth to Second Army. Entrainment will take place after midnight 15th/16th October. <u>5th Australian Division</u> , less Artillery, will be transferred by rail from Second to Fourth Army. Entrainment will take place after midnight 15th/16th October.
6.30 p.m.	First, Reserve Armies, G.H.Q. Adv. Q & A.A. & D.A.S. (O.A. 899).	First Army will arrange for present front of <u>IV Corps</u> to be taken over by <u>H.Q. XVII Corp</u> by midnight 13th/14th October. <u>H.Q. IV Corps</u> will be transferred to Reserve Army on 14th October on which date it will commence to take over from <u>II Corps</u> . <u>H.Q. Canadian Corps</u> will be transferred to First Army about the 20th October.
11.15 p.m.	First, Third, Reserve Armies, Branches con- cerned. (O.A. 901).	<u>Lahore Divisional Artillery</u> , (Canadian Corps) will be transferred by march route from Reserve to First Army on 12th - 14th October.
11.40 p.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 903).	Forecast of probable movements and reliefs.

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9.25 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A.117/123).	Summary of operations.
11.10 a.m.	First, Reserve, Third Armies, Adv. D.A.S. (O.A. 909).	One Cable Section will be transferred by march route, as early as possible, from Reserve Army (Canadian Corps) to First Army.
1.30 p.m.	First, Third & Reserve Armies, Branches con- cerned. (O.A. 905).	<u>32nd Division</u> and one Cable Section will be transferred by march route from First Army (I Corps) to Reserve Army (IV Corps). The Division, (less Artillery) will march on 17th - 18th October: the Artillery and one Cable Section will march on 19th October.
1.35 p.m.	First, Second, Third, Fourth & Reserve Armies, Branches con- cerned. (O.A. 910).	<u>47th Divisional Artillery</u> will be transferred by march route on 16th - 20th October to join its Division in Second Army.
1.45 p.m.	First, Third, Fourth & Reserve Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 906).	<u>21st Divisional Artillery</u> will be transferred by march route on 17th - 19th October to join its Division in First Army.
4.20 p.m.	Second, Fourth Armies, G.H.Q. Adv.Q. & D.A.S. (O.A. 911).	<u>41st Division</u> , less Artillery, will be transferred by rail from Fourth to Second Army. Entrainment will commence after midnight 18th/19th October. <u>1st Australian Division</u> will be transferred by rail from Second to Fourth Army. Entrainment will commence after midnight 18th/19th October.

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5.10 p.m.	First, Third, Reserve Armies, G.H.Q. Adv.D.A.S. (O.A. 912).	<u>IV Army Corps Signal Company, and No. 7 Airline Section</u> will be transferred by road from First to Reserve Army on 12th October. Units, on arrival, will report to H.Q. Canadian Corps at CONTAY.
8.15 p.m.	First, Second, Third Armies, I. of Mines. (O.A. 907).	Necessity for the exercise of greater care with a view to preventing the enemy from locating the Sectors in which we are conducting mining operations.
11.10 p.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 914).	Recapitulation of moves and transfers ordered 2nd - 11th October.
11.30 p.m.	First, Reserve Armies; Third Army, Branches concerned. (O.A. 913).	Orders issued for move of <u>IV Corps</u> and <u>Canadian Corps</u> Units. (Ref: O.A. 899).

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General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.

Time.	To.	Action taken.
10.0 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 117/124).	Summary of operations.
10.50 a.m.	Third, Fourth & Reserve Armies, Q, A.A. (O.A.N4/138).	Special and daily allotments (from noon 8th October) of ammunition, approved.
3.35 p.m.	First, Third & Reserve Armies, G.H.Q., Adv. D.A.S. (O.A. 917).	One Corps W.T. Section and three W.T. subsections will be transferred by road on 14th October from First to Reserve Army and will report to H.Q. Canadian Corps at CONTAY. (Ref: O.A. 913 of 11th October).
7.45 p.m.	D.A.G. Base, A.G. (O.A.377/84).	<u>11th Division</u> should be brought up to 11,000 immediately.
9.20 p.m.	First, Third & Reserve Armies, G.H.Q. Adv. Q & E-in-C. (O.A. 920).	138th Army Troops Co. R.E. will be transferred by road from First to Reserve Army on 16th October. On arrival of 138th Co. one Canadian Army Troops Co. will be transferred from Reserve to First Army.
10.0 p.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 918).	Forecast of moves issued. O.A. 903 of 10th October is cancelled.

13th October, 1916.

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Time.	To.	Action taken.
10.45 a.m.	First, Reserve Armies, G.H.Q. (O.A. 924).	H.Q. Canadian Corps will be transferred from Reserve to First Army on 18th October. (Ref: O.A. 913 of 11th October, para. 10).
Noon.	All concerned. (O.A. 117/125).	Summary of operations.
12.10 p.m.	First, Third, Reserve & Fourth Armies. Branches concerned. (O.A. 921).	8th Divisional Artillery will be transferred by march route on 24th - 26th October to join its Division in Fourth Army (XIV Corps).
"	First, Third & Reserve Armies. Branches concerned. (O.A. 923).	2nd Canadian Army Troops Co. will be transferred by road from Reserve to First Army on 22nd October.
12.30 p.m.	First, Third & Reserve Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 925).	3rd Canadian Division, less Artillery, and one Cable Section will be transferred by march route on 20th - 22nd October from Reserve to First Army. 1st Canadian Division, less Artillery, and one Cable Section will be transferred by march route on 21st - 23rd October from Reserve to First Army.
7.45 p.m.	First, Third & Reserve Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 927).	37th Division and one Cable Section will be transferred by march route on 20th - 21st October from First Army to Reserve Army (IV Corps).
10.40 p.m.	Fourth Army, Tanks. (O.A. 934).	Ten tanks are placed at the disposal of Fourth Army.

14th October, 1916.

Time.	To.	Action taken.
9.0 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 117/126)	Summary of operations.
11.0 a.m.	First, Reserve Armies, G.H.Q. Adv. Q & D.A.S. (O.A. 935).  First, Second, Third, Fourth & Reserve Armies, Branches con- cerned. (O.A. 931).	17th Northumberland Fusiliers (Pioneers) is placed at the disposal of Reserve Army from midnight 15/16th October and will rejoin 32nd Division on its arrival in Reserve Army area on 18th October.  I Anzac Corps (1st, 2nd and 4th Australian Divisions) to which 5th Australian Division will be posted on 26th October, will be transferred from Second to Fourth Army. X Corps, (which on arrival in the Second Army will consist of 23rd, 41st and 47th Divisions) will be transferred from Fourth to Second Army. H.Q., X Corps will move to Second Army on 24th October. H.Q., I Anzac Corps will move to Fourth Army on 26th October.
4.30 p.m.	First, Reserve & Third Armies, Adv. D.A.S. (O.A. 937).	Move of a Cable Section with 37th Division is cancelled. (Ref. O.A. 927 of 13th October).

15th October, 1916.

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General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.

Time.	To.	Action taken.
10:10 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 117/127).	Summary of operations.
10:15 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 939).	Recapitulation of moves and transfers ordered 10th - 14th October.
2:30 p.m.	Second, & Third Armies, R.F.C., G.H.Q. (O.A. 942).	No. 29 Squadron, R.F.C., will be transferred from Second to Third Army as early as possible.
7:0 p.m.	Reserve and First Armies, G.H.Q. (O.A. 944).	Signal units of IV and II Army Corps will remain with their formations and will not be exchanged (Reference O.A. 913 of 11th October).
10:0 p.m.	(O.A. 941).	Arrangements should be made to transfer the pumps lent to the Belgians for use at FINTILLE, to the First Army for use on the LA BASSEE Canal.



10th October, 1916.

General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.

Time.	To.	Action taken.
8:50 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 119/128).	Summary of operations.
10:30 a.m.	First Army, Reserve Army, G.H.Q., E-in-O. (O.A. 945).	25th Army Troops Company, R.E., will be transferred on 23rd October from First Army to Reserve Army in relief of a Canadian Army Troops Company which will be transferred to First Army.
11:40 a.m.	Third Army, Reserve Army, Cpl. Bds. G.H.Q. (O.A. 946).	<u>One Company Special Brigade</u> will be transferred at once from Third Army to Reserve Army.
12:45 p.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 948).	Orders for move of <u>X Corps Troops</u> issued.
2:00 p.m.	Third Army, Q., (O.A. 4/140).	Revised ammunition allotment, as from noon October 13th, to Third Army approved.
2:30 p.m.	Reserve Army, (O.A. 4/141).	Revised ammunition allotment, as from noon October 13th, to Reserve Army approved.
3:00 p.m.	Fourth Army, (O.A. 4/142).	From noon October 13th daily allotment of 3-inch gun ammunition will be increased from 500 to 530 rounds.
4:00 p.m.	Tanks, First Army, Third Army, G.H.Q., P. Q. (O.A. 4/91).	Billeting and training area for Tanks Corps approved.

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General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.

Time.	To.	Action taken.
4: 0 p.m.	First, Second, Third & Fourth Armies, G.H.Q., Adv.Q., D.A.S., A.A. (O.A. 950).	<u>56th Division</u> , less artillery, will be transferred by rail after midnight 23/24th October from Fourth Army (XIV Corps) to First Army (XI Corps). <u>2nd Australian Division</u> , less artillery, will be transferred by rail after midnight 23/24th October from Second to Fourth Army, I Anzac Corps.
6:45 p.m.	A.S., D.A.G. Base. (O.A. 377/66).	Priority of reinforcements for Divisions detailed.
9:20 p.m.	Third & Reserve Armies, G.H.Q., A.S. (O.A. 951).	<u>One H.A. Group Headquarters</u> will be transferred from Third to Reserve Army as early as possible.
3:45 p.m.	First & Second Armies, G., A.A. (D.A.M. 4/143).	Allotment of ammunition to First and Second Armies for ten days commencing noon 18th October approved.

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17th October, 1916.

General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.

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10:10 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A.117/129).	Summary of operations.
7:15 p.m.	Cav.Corps,Third, Fourth & Reserve Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 952).	<u>1st Cavalry Division</u> and one Brigade R.H.A. with Ammunition Column will be placed under the orders of Reserve Army from midnight 19/20th October.
7:45 p.m.	Third,Fourth & Reserve Armies, G.H.Q.,Adv.R.F.C A.A.,Q.,D.A.S. (O.A. 954).	<u>33rd Division</u> , less artillery, will be transferred by march route and French bus service on 18th-19th October from Third Army (VII Corps) to Fourth Army (XIV Corps).
8:15 p.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 947).	Reconstitution of Army Corps of Reserve Army detailed.

18th October, 1916.

General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.

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12:30 p.m.	Third Army. (O.A. 957).	<u>17th and 48th Divisions</u> , less artillery, will be withdrawn as early as possible and concentrated in G.H.Q. Reserve in southern portion of Third Army area.
12:30 p.m.	Fourth Army, Q.M.G., A.A. (O.A.N.4/144).	Revised allotment of ammunition to Fourth Army approved.
12:30 p.m.	Reserve Army, Q.M.G., A.A. (O.A.N.4/145).	Revised allotment of ammunition to Reserve Army approved.
9:45 p.m.	First, Second, Third, Fourth, & Reserve Armies (O.A.414/23).	Map showing proposed billeting areas for the winter forwarded for remarks.
10: 0 p.m.	All concerned. (O.A.414/24).	Revised billeting area-map (1/100,000) Third, Fourth and Reserve Armies issued.
10:30 p.m.	First, Second, & Third Armies, D.G.S. (O.A. 956).	Attention called to O.A.508 of 19th August and O.A.684 of 9th September regarding the desirability of the frequent use of gas attacks against the enemy.
11: 0 p.m.	G.H.Q., Reserve Army. (O.A. 958).	17th Northumberland Fusiliers, Pioneer Battalion 32nd Division, is placed temporarily at the disposal of the Q.M.G. O.A. 935 of 14th October is cancelled.
11: 0 p.m.	Second Army, Q.M.G., A.A. (O.A.N.4/147).	Special allotment of ammunition to Second Army approved.

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General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.

Time.	To.	Action taken:
11:10 p.m.	First, Third, & Reserve Armies, Branches concd. (O.A. 414/22).	Instructions issued as to areas, and disposal of certain Army Corps Troops, consequent upon the transfer of the XVII Corps to the First Army.

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1916.

General Staff (Operations), G.H.Q.

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Time.	To.	Action taken.
6.20 p.m.	D.A.G. Base, A.G. (O.A. 377/37).	Priority of reinforcements for Divisions, detailed.
7.25 p.m.	First & Fourth Armies, (O.A. 969).	<u>56th Division</u> , less Artillery, time table of move by rail.
10. 0 p.m.	Second & Fourth Armies, (O.A. 971).	<u>2nd Australian Division</u> , time table of move by rail.
10.25 p.m.	Fourth & Reserve Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 966).	<u>17th and 33rd Divisional Artilleries</u> will be transferred from Reserve to Fourth Army as early as possible after operation ordered in para. 9 of O.A.D.162 of 17th October has taken place.
10.40 p.m.	Third Army, Branches concern- ed. (O.A. 968).	<u>On arrival of 12th and 30th Divisions</u> , the <u>14th and 46th Divisions</u> will be withdrawn into G.H.Q. Reserve and concentrated for training.
10.45 p.m.	Cavalry Corps, I.G.C., Fourth & Reserve Armies, Branches con- cerned. (O.A. 414/25).	<u>1st Indian Cavalry Division</u> will move by road to an area south of the River BRFSIE as soon as possible, under arrangements to be made <sup>between</sup> Cavalry Corps and I.G.C.
11:10 p.m.	First, Second, Third, Fourth, & Reserve Armies (O.A. 965).	Necessity for the supervision by Army and Corps Commanders of schemes and work in connection with the construction of deep dug-outs, involving the employment of extraneous labour.

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Time.	To.	Action taken.
6.45 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A.117/131).	Summary of operations.
10.30 a.m.	Second, Fourth Armies, G.H.Q. Adv. Q & D.A.S. (O.A. 974).	4th Australian Division, less Artillery, will be transferred by rail from Second to Fourth Army (I Anzac Corps). Entrainment will commence after midnight 25/26th October. Artillery of 2nd Australian Division will be transferred by rail from Second to Fourth Army (I Anzac Corps) after midnight 26/27th October.
10.45 a.m.	O.B. (O.A. 973).	To consider the advisability of forming a motor bus service for use in connection with the moves of divisions when tactical trains cannot be made available.
3.0 p.m.	Third, Fourth & Reserve Armies, G.H.Q, Adv. Q & D.A.S. (O.A. 975).	48th Division, less Artillery, will be transferred by march route and bus, from Third Army (VII Corps) to Fourth Army (III Corps). Movement will be carried out on 22nd - 25th October.
5.0 p.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 976).	Recapitulation of moves and transfers ordered, 14th - 20th October.
6.10 p.m.	Second & Fourth Armies, (O.A. 978).	2nd Australian Divisional Artillery, time table for move by rail.
7.40 p.m.	First, Fourth Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 977).	The personnel, horses and harness of Nos. 2 and 3 Siege Batteries, R.G.A. in Fourth and First Armies respectively, will be transferred by rail as soon as possible.
8.0 p.m.	Q.M.G., A.A. (O.A.N5/1).	Amount of gun ammunition for which accommodation should be provided, detailed in rounds, by natures.

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Time.	To.	Action taken.
10.30 p.m.	Reserve & Third Armies, Cavalry Corps, G.H.Q. (O.A. 980).	Cavalry Corps will at once replace one horse Artillery Brigade and Ammunition Column sent to Reserve Army. (Ref. O.A. 952 of 17th October).



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Time.	To.	Action taken.
8.55 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A.117/132).	Summary of operations.
12.35 p.m.	Cavalry Corps. Fourth & Reserve Armies, I.G.C. Branches con- cerned. (O.A.414/28).	Amended billeting area for Cavalry Corps approved. (Ref: O.A. 414/25 and 414/26).
12.50 p.m.	French Mission, Q, I.G.C, D.G.S. (O.A. 982).	The two Companies, Special Brigade, R.E. now attached to XXXVI Army Corps should be directed to report to the Base Commandant, DUNKERQUE, by 24th October.
3.0 p.m.	First, Second, Third, Fourth & Reserve Armies, Branches con- cerned. (O.B. 1590).	Revised instructions regarding the composition and use of tactical trains, issued.
5.15 p.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 619/3).	Warning order regarding probable flight of a French dirigible over the British zone after 8.0 p.m.
6.20 p.m.	All concerned. (O.A.117/133).	Summary of operations.
8.0 p.m.	Second & Fourth Armies, G.H.Q. A.A. (O.A. 985).	Two inch Trench Mortar Batteries of <u>23rd Division</u> will be sent by Motor transport to RENINGHELST on 23rd October.

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Time.	To.	Action taken.
10.0 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 117/134).	Summary of operations.
10.30 a.m.	Fourth & Reserve Armies, R.F.C. (O.A. 986).	Two Flights of No. 18 Squadron, R.F.C, will be placed at the disposal of Reserve Army for work with 1st Cavalry Division.
11.10 a.m.	Reserve & Second Armies, G.H.Q. Adv. A.A, Q, & D.A.S. (O.A. 988).	25th Division, less Artillery, will be transferred by rail from Reserve Army (II Corps) to Second Army (IX Corps). Entrainment will commence after midnight 28/29th October.
11.10 a.m.	First & Fourth Armies, G.H.Q. Adv. A.A., Q & D.A.S. (O.A. 987).	6th Division, less Artillery, will be transferred by rail from Fourth Army (XIV Corps) to First Army (I Corps). Entrainment will commence after midnight 27/28th October.
12.45 p.m.	First, Third, Fourth & Reserve Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 989).	60th Division, less Artillery, will be transferred from First Army (XVII Corps) to Fourth Army, by march route on 27th - 29th October to BERNAVILLE area, where it will remain for a few days. Orders for further movement to Fourth Army will be issued later. 40th Division, less Artillery, will be concentrated in the MONCHY BRETON area by the evening of 1st November, and will be transferred from First Army (I Corps) to Reserve Army under orders to be issued later. 61st Division, less Artillery, will be concentrated in the MONCHY BRETON area by the evening of 4th November, and will be transferred from First Army (XI Corps) to Reserve Army under orders to be issued later.
12.45 p.m.	Third, Fourth Armies, G.H.Q. (O.A. 991).	30th Division, less Artillery, and 9th Division, less Artillery, will be transferred from Fourth to Third Army about the 26th and 29th October respectively. Detailed orders will issue later.

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Time.	To.	Action taken.
1.0 p.m.	Second Army. (O.A. 990).	On arrival of <u>25th Division</u> , less Artillery, the <u>7th Division</u> , less Artillery and Pioneer battalion, will be withdrawn into reserve preparatory to transfer by rail to Reserve Army (Ref: O.A. 988 of 22nd October).
6.50 p.m.	Third, Fourth & Reserve Armies, G.H.Q., Adv. Q. & D.A.S. (O.A. 992).	<u>30th Division</u> , less Artillery and pioneer battalion, will be transferred by motor transport and march route on 26th October, from Fourth Army (XV Corps) to Third Army (VII Corps) and will concentrate in the LUCHEUX area.

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Time.	To.	Action taken.
6: 5 p.m.	Third Army, I.C.C. Branches concerned. (O.A.984).	<u>"J" Company, 3rd Battalion, and "H" Company, 4(A) Battalion, Special Brigade, R.E., will be transferred to Third Army by rail as early as possible.</u>
6:40 p.m.	Third, Fourth, & Reserve Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A.997).	<u>181st Tunnelling Company, R.E., will be transferred from Third Army to Reserve Army as early as possible.</u> <u>1/2 179th Tunnelling Company, R.E., will join remainder of 179th Company in Fourth Army.</u>
10:55 p.m.	Reserve & Third Armies, D.C.S., Nos. 1 & 4 Bns. Special Bde. R.E. (O.A. 1).	<u>3 Sections No. 1 Battalion, Special Brigade, will be transferred temporarily, by march route, on 24th October from Reserve Army to Third Army, and will be attached to No. 4 Battalion, Special Brigade.</u>

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Time.	To.	Action taken.
10.15 a.m.	D.A.G. Base. (O.A. 377/68).	Priority of reinforcements for Divisions, detailed.
10.20 a.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 177/135).	Summary of operations.
2.40 p.m.	Reserve Army, Branches concerned. (O.A. 7).	One Naval Squadron from DUNKIRK of 18 aeroplanes of a fighting type will be attached to 22 Wing, R.F.C. in Reserve Army.
8.15 p.m.	First, Third, Reserve Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 9).	<u>40th Division</u> , less Artillery, will be transferred by march route on 2nd - 4th November, from First Army (I Corps) to Reserve Army (XIII Corps).
9.30 p.m.	Third, Fourth Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 12).	<u>9th Division</u> , less Artillery, will be transferred by motor transport and march route on 29th October, from Fourth Army (XV Corps) to Third Army (VI Corps).
9.30 p.m.	Second, Reserve Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 13).	Time table for move of <u>25th Division</u> .
9.30 p.m.	First, Fourth Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 14).	Time table for move of <u>6th Division</u> .

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Time,	To.	Action taken.
10.35 p.m.	Fourth & Third Armies, Reserve Army. (O.A. 15).	Third Army will place 75 busses and lorries at the disposal of Fourth Army on 26th October. The 25 busses in G.H.Q. Reserve with Reserve Army are also placed at the disposal of Fourth Army on 26th October.
10.45 p.m.	First, Fourth, Third, Reserve Armies, G.H.Q. (O.A. 16).	Two Tunnelling Companies, R.E. will be transferred from First to Fourth Army as early as possible.

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25th October, 1916.

Time.	To.	Action taken.
2.40 p.m.	Second, Third Armies. (O.A. 994).	Necessity for a more extensive employment of trench mortars on Second and Third Army fronts. Attention drawn to O.A. 400 of 2nd August, 1916.
3. 0 p.m.	First, Third, Reserve & Fourth Armies, Cavalry Corps, I.G.C. (O.A.414/33).	Conference to settle boundaries of revised billeting areas will take place at Adv. G.H.Q., 26th instant. A Staff Officer should be detailed to attend.
6.35 p.m.	G.H.Q. (O.A. 24).	Three tactical trains required on 26th instant to move part of <u>30th Division</u> from EDGEHILL to DOULLENS.
8.30 p.m.	First, Second, Third, Fourth & Reserve Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 22).	The attention of Divisional Commanders is to be drawn to the importance of adhering strictly to routes and times given in orders for movements.
16.50 p.m.	Third, Fourth & Reserve Armies, (O.A. 32).	Third Army will place 100 busses and lorries at the disposal of Fourth Army for move of <u>9th Division</u> on 29th October. The 25 busses in G.H.Q. Reserve with Reserve Army are also placed at disposal of Fourth Army on that date.

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Time.	To.	Action taken.
11.30 a.m.	Reserve Army, Q.M.G. (O.A.N5/6).	Special allotment of 150 rounds 15" howr. ammunition, approved.
11.30 a.m.	Fourth Army, Q.M.G. (O.A.N5/7).	Special allotment of 75 rounds 15" howr. ammunition, approved.
10.30 p.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 414/34).	Revised Billeting Area Map (1/250,000) dated 26th October, issued.



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Time.	To.	Action taken.
11.0 a.m.	D.A.G. Base, A.G. (O.A. 377/70).	<u>8th and 29th Divisions</u> should be brought up to 11,000 within the next three days.
6.35 p.m.	Third, Fourth & Reserve Armies, G.H.Q., Adv. Q & D.A.S. (O.A. 52).	Field Companies and Pioneer Battalion of <u>12th Division</u> will leave Fourth Army area to join their Division in Third Army on 1st November.
6.45 p.m.	Third, Fourth & Reserve Armies, G.H.Q., Adv. Q & D.A.S. (O.A. 53).	Pioneer Battalion of <u>30th Division</u> will move by motor transport from Fourth to Third Army on 6th November.
9.40 p.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 54).	Recapitulation of moves and transfers ordered 20th - 29th October.
10.45 p.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 55).	<u>56th Divisional Artillery</u> will be transferred by march route on 4th - 7th November to join its Division in First Army (XI Corps).
10.50 p.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 56).	<u>41st Divisional Artillery</u> will be transferred by march route on 3rd - 7th November to join its Division in Second Army (X Corps).

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Time.	To.	Action taken.
10.10 a.m.	First, Third & Reserve Armies, G.H.Q.. Branches concerned. (O.A. 57).	Amendments to orders for move of <u>40th Division</u> , issued. (Ref: O.A. 9 of 24th October).
7.5 p.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 61)	Reference O.A. 56, of 29th October, all moves mentioned therein are postponed 24 hours.
7.15 p.m.	Fourth Army, Cavalry Corps. Branches concerned. (O.A. 65).	<u>2nd Indian Cavalry Division</u> will march from Fourth Army area to Cavalry Corps area. Movement will commence on 1st November.
7.45 p.m.	Second Army, Q, A.A. (O.A.N5/8).	Expenditure of ammunition from <sup>15+pr</sup> B.L.C. guns, allotted for close defence of localities, should not be resorted to except in the case of a hostile attack.
8.0 p.m.	First, Second, Third, Fourth & Fifth Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 63).	<u>56th Divisional Artillery</u> will be transferred by march route on 3rd - 5th November, to First Army and will relieve the 60th Divisional Artillery. O.A. 55 of 29th October is <u>cancelled</u> .
8.20 p.m.	All concerned. (O.A. 60).	Amendments to O.A. 918, of 12th October, consequent upon the postponement of operations, and forecast of further movements issued.
11.20 p.m.	Fourth, Fifth Armies, Branches concerned. (O.A. 64).	<u>60th Division</u> , (less Artillery) will be transferred temporarily by march route on 3rd November, from Fifth to Fourth Army.

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Time.	To.	Action taken.
11.40 p.m.	First, Second, Third, Fourth & Fifth Armies, A.A., R.F.C. (O.A. 59).	Instructions regarding procedure to be adopted in the defence of Kite balloons from hostile aeroplane attack.

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Time.	To.	Action taken.
9-50 a.m.	First, Third & Fifth Armies, G.H.Q. (Branches concerned). (O.A. 66).	<u>40th Division</u> (less artillery) will march on 5th November under orders of Fifth Army from FROHEN-le-GRAND Area to Fifth Army area. (Ref. O.A. 57 of 30th October)
12-25 p.m.	Fifth Army & 60th Division. (O.A. 67).	Field Companies of <u>60th Division</u> will rejoin their division on 1st November.