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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ribemont	June 1 st		Training as per attached syllabus.	Appendix 1 (a)
do	2 nd		Training A and B' coys. Musketry.	
do	3 rd		Training C and D' coys. Musketry & R Church Parades.	
do	4 th		Training C and D' coys. Musketry.	
do	5 th		Coy Competitions in Drill, Bayonet Fighting Musketry	
do	6 th		Coy competitions in Bombing, Lewis Guns, Rifle Grenades, Wiring Result: D' C' A' B.	
do	7 th		Battln Competitions as for 5 th & 6 th . Results: 9 th Row 1 st 10 th Row 2 nd .	
do	8 th		Training. Bw Drill, coy drill & specialist training.	
do	9 th		Training as for 8 th	
do	10 th		Church Parades.	
do	11 th		R Training as for 8 th .	

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	JUNE			
Henencourt.	12.		Marched to Henencourt Bivouac. No stragglers on march.	
do	13.		Divisional sports	
Ribemont	14.		Route march to Ribemont. No stragglers.	
do	15.		Training. Musketry + specialists. D'coy. in Divisional competitions	
do	16.		Training. Bn and Coy Drill. specialist training. C' coy. Musketry	
do	17.		Church Parade.	
do	18.		Training. Platoon in attack	
do	19.		Training. Coy. in attack	
do	20.		Training. C' coy. (Maj Rumball) demonstrating attack on strong point. Final of Div. coy. competitions. D' coy. (Capt Cornith) 2nd Coy in Division	
do	21.		Gas demonstration at Div. Gen. School. All men put through cloud gas.	
do	22.		Training. Platoon attacking strong post.	
do	23.		Training. Platoon of vanguard meeting strong post.	

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	JUNE			
Mailly Maillet	24		Route march from Ribk mont. No stragglers.	Appendix 1.
do	25		Advance Guard and Outposts. Training Order attached.	do 2.
do	26		Battalion in outpost defence. Training Order attached.	do 3.
do	27		Night Advance. do	do 4.
do	28		Deployment and attack at dawn. do	do 4.
do	29		Advance Guard. do	do 5.
do	30		Bn in Trench to Trench attack. Four objectives. do	do 6.
			Officers re-joining, Promotions, awards, etc.	do 7.

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CO 7th Dr

Map Reference- Lens II

- 1 MOVE. The Battalion will move by march to camp 17.B.6.9. (MAILLY MAILLET) tomorrow, 24/6/17, parading in Mass on Brigade Church Parade Ground at 0715. O.C."A" Coy. will detail 4 markers to report to R.S.M. at 0705. (Transport included).
- 2 DRESS. Marching Order, all anti-gas apparatus will be carried, steel Helmets WILL NOT be carried.
- 3 ADVANCE PARTY. Advance Party, 1 Officer (Lieut. Jorgensen) mounted, will report to Staff Captain at Brigade Headquarters at 0700, midday meal for self and horse to be carried.
- 4 SURPLUS BAGGAGE. Officers are requested to limit their baggage to the minimum, all surplus baggage and stores to be handed into Q.M.Store by 0630.
- 5 Baggage. Officers Baggage and 1 Blanket per man will be rolled in bundles of 10 and neatly stacked in the yard near transport wagon lines by 0600. O.C."B" Company will detail party of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men to act as guard and loading party for all baggage, reporting at Dump at 0600.
- 6. GUARDS. B's.C. "A", "B", & "C" Coys. will detail 2 men per Coy. and "D" Coy. 1 N.C.O. to guard the Dump and billets, while Battalion is away, reporting to R.S.M. at Battalion Headquarters at 0600. O.C."D" Coy. will also detail 2 men for Brigade Guard, reporting to R.S.M. at 0600. Arrangements have been made for these men to be issued with rations from 4 Coy. A.A.S.C., RIBEMONT, (below Church).
- 7 DISCIPLINE. Attention is directed to cleanliness of billets on evacuation. All billets will be left scrupulously clean.
- 8 SUPPLIES. Supplies will be drawn at P.12.C.4.5. on 24th. inst. at 1600.
- 9 TRANSPORT. 2 Baggage vehicles will report today, 23/6/17, Transport will march in rear of Battalion.
- 10 INTERVALS. The Battalion will march in 1 column with intervals as laid down in F.S.Reg. Part 1, i.e., 10 yards between Coys. and Transport, 10 yards between Units.

23/6/17.

Copy No. 1	File. No. 5	"D" Coy.	Lieut. & Adjutant.
2	"A" Coy.	6 Specialists.	TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.
3	"B" "	7 T.D. & Q.M.	
4	"C" "	8	

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3RD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEPROGRAMME OF TRAINING

FROM Sunday 24th June

TO Saturday June 30th June

DATE	HOUR	NATURE OF TRAINING	LOCALITY	POSITION BRIGADE H. Q.
Sunday 24th		Route March to MAILLY MAILLET	MAILLY MAILLET Area	
Monday 25th	Night Mon/Tues. 25th/26th	Advance Guards & Outposts	MAILLY MAILLET Area	
Tuesday 26th	3 - 5 p.m.	Attack on Outpost Position Battalion v Battalion	MAILLY MAILLET Area	
Wednesday 27th	Night 27th/28th	Night advance and Attack at Dawn	MAILLY MAILLET Area	
Thursday 28th	3 - 5 p.m.	Attack on Outpost Position Battalion v Battalion	MAILLY MAILLET Area	
Friday 29th		Divisional Scheme	MAILLY MAILLET Area	AVELUY
Saturday	9 a.m.	Battalion in Attack Trench to Trench Attack Four Objectives	MAILLY MAILLET Area	

NOTE :- There will be a daily criticism on the ground after each day's operations at MAILLY MAILLET by G.O.C. 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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 11. Name of the area: *New Guinea*
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Appendix 2.

ADVANCE GUARD SCHEMEGENERAL IDEA.Reference Map 57.D. S.E.

Battalion Headquarters,

25th. June 1917.

1. The Third Brigade-consisting of the 10th. Battalion on the RIGHT, the 11th. Battalion in the CENTRE, the 12th. Battalion on the LEFT, and the 9th. Battalion in Support, is driving a slowly retiring and depleted enemy towards AUCHONVILLIERS and MAILLY-MAILLET.
2. On the night 25/26th. June 1917 the Brigade will take up a line of outposts on the line Q. 10. Central to Q. 15. Central to Q. 20. Central to Q. 13. C. O. O.. The 10th. Battalion holding the line from Q. 10. Central to Q. 15. Central.
3. It is the Brigade Commanders intention to attack and drive the enemy out of AUCHONVILLIERS and MAILLY MAILLET.

 Lieut. & Adjt.
Tenth Infantry Battalion A.I.F.

TENTH BATTALION, A.I.F.OUTPOST SCHEME.SPECIAL IDEA.Reference Map 57.D. S.E.

Battalion Headquarters,

25th. June 1917

- 1 The Brigade as an Advance Guard has reached the line Q.10. Central-Q.15. Central-Q.20. Central, Q.13. C.O.O.
2. The Brigade Commander decides to halt and form an outpost line. The 10th. Battalion on the line Q.10. Central to Q.15. Central.
3. Owing to the length of front occupied by the unit the Battalion Commander decides that 3 Companies shall form the outpost line. With 1 Company, 2 V.M.G.'s., and 1 Stokes Mortar in Support. Battn. Hdqs. with the Support Company.
4. The frontage is allotted as under,
"B" Company with 1 V.M.G. from Q.10. Central to up to Sunken Road Q.10. C.3.3. exclusive.
"C" Company from Q.10. C.3.3. to track in Q.15. B.3.3. inclusive of Sunken Road and track.
"A" Company with 1 V.M.G. and 1 Stokes Mortar from Q.15. B.3.3. to Q.15. Central inclusive of road.
Support Company with Battn. Hdqs., 2 V.M.G.'s. and 1 Stokes Mortar will be located in Sunken Road about Q.10. D.7.7.
5. "A" & "B" Companies will maintain thin scout screen until outpost line is in position when they will be withdrawn.
6. Sketch of formation of Advance Guard and formation of outpost attached.

Lieut. & Adjt.

TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION, A.I.F.

DISTRIBUTION.

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4	"	"C" Company.
5	"	"D" Company
6	"	Third Infantry Brigade.
7	"	11th. Battalion
8	"	3rd. A.L.T.M.B.
9	"	3rd. A.M.G. Company.
10.	"	Transport Officer
11	"	Signallers & Intelligence.
12	"	Lieut. Robertson.
13	"	War Diary.
14	"	Spare
15	"	"
16	"	"

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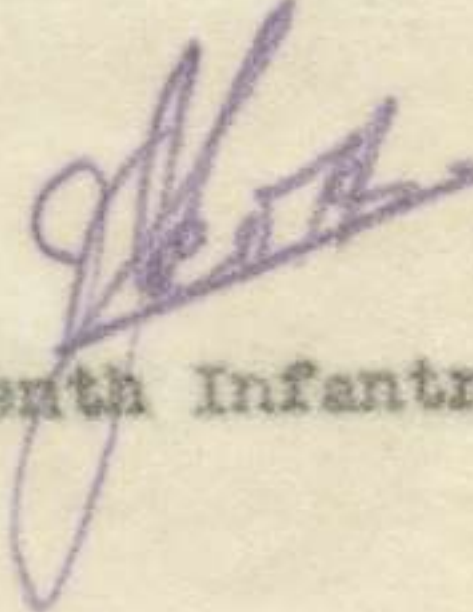
Battalion Headquarters,

25th. June 1917.

1. The boundaries for the 10th. Battalion are Squares Q. 10. Central, Q. 15. Central, Q. 23. C. O. O., Q. 18. C. O. O..
The RIGHT boundary being a line drawn from Q. 10. Central to Q. 18. C. O. O..
The LEFT boundary being a line drawn from Q. 15. Central to Q. 23. C. O. O..
X Corps is operating on our RIGHT.
2. On reaching the line Q. 10. Central - Q. 15. Central, the G. O. C. 3rd. Inf. Brigade decides to halt for the night and orders the 10th. Battalion to take up an outpost position on this line.
3. The Advance Guard is composed as per margin and disposed as under.
"A" & "B" Companies plus 2 V.M. Guns in Vanguard. (V.M.G's. on pack animals)
"C" & "D" Coys. plus 2 V.M. Guns and 1 Section A.L.T.M. Battery (on limbers) in Main Guard.
Battalion Hdqs. with Main Guard.
1st. Line Transport will move 1 mile in rear of Main Guard.

Commander.

Major M. Wilder-Neligan. D.S.O.
Comdg. Tenth Battn.
10th. Battalion. A.I.F.
1 Section 3rd. A.M.G. Coy.
1 Section 3rd. A.L.T.M.B.


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15	"	"
1y	"	"

Reference Map :- 57 D.S.E. 1/20 000

Battalion Headquarters
23rd June 1917

INFORMATION The enemy are holding a line BEAUMONT HAMEL - AUCHONVILLIERS - ENGLEBELMER to MAILLU WOOD (P.17..central). He has a post dug in the line Q.10.central to Q.14.central, covering AUCHONVILLIERS. This is held by a weak Battalion with six machine guns. Our contact planes report that this is a part of a General Defensive Line running from Q.5.central to Q.14.central to P.17.D.central. The trench is incomplete and is not wired.

A little movement is reported in AUCHONVILLIERS but no troops are in prepared positions on the high ground in square Q.2.A and B.

2. INTENTIONS The Third Australian Infantry Brigade's objective is to seize the high ground in square Q.2.a and B by the evening of 26th June.
- (a) The Third Australian Infantry Brigade will move through the outpost line held by the 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade. Q.23.central to Q.26.central on the night of the 25/26th inst. and attack the enemies trenches covering AUCHONVILLIERS on the line Q.10.central to Q.14.central at dawn 26th June.
- (b) The 10th 11th and 12th Battalions will form the second waves. The 10th Battalion on the right, 11th Battalion in the centre and 12th Battalion on the left. 9th Battalion will remain in reserves.
- (c) The first wave of the attack will carry the enemies position in front of AUCHONVILLIERS. Second wave will move through the village and establish itself on the line Q.4.A.O.C. - Q.3.central

3. BOUNDARIES. The Brigade boundaries are -
Right boundary Q.23.B.05.70. - Q.3.D.90.80.
Left boundary Q.8.central - Q.14.central - Q.21.A.P.Y.

Tenth Battalion boundaries

Right boundary Q.23.B.05.70. - Q.3.D.90.80.
Left boundary Q.22.B.50.20. - Q.3.C.50.00.

4. ORDER OF BATTLE. The Battalion will be formed up in mass at Q.23.A. central at an hour to be notified. The 10th Battalion will advance in Mass to point of deployment Q.16.B.7.8. - Q.16.A.4.C.

During the march to the point of deployment A company will act as advance guard in the formation as shown on attached sketch (appendix 2X). D company will detach one platoon to act as connecting files between the main body of the 10th Battalion and the right connecting files of the 11th Battalion. The two left connecting files of this platoon will overlap the two right connecting files of the 11th Battalion.

On reaching the point of deployment B and C companies will form the leading wave, B company on the right, C on the left.

Dividing line between companies will be a point Q.16.B.1.4. On completion of this movement, A company will withdraw outpost line and with D company form the second wave. A on the right, D on the left. B and C companies will post a light screen of scouts about 100 yards in advance of their Battle line.

5. DISTRIBUTION. 10th 11th and 12th Battalions will attack the enemies position, 10th on the right, 11th in the centre, 12th on the left.

They will be formed up in mass at.

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10th. at Q. 23A. Central.
 11th. at Q. 23. Central.
 12th. at Q. 21. D. Central.

the 9th. Battalion will be in support and will be formed up in Mass at Q. 23. C. Central.

The 3rd. A. L. T. M. B. and the 3rd. A. M. G. Coy. will each place one section at the disposal of the 10th. Battalion. These sections will be under the orders of Battalion Commander.

6. OBJECTIVES. The 1st. Objective is the enemy line from Q. 10. Central - Q. 14. Central. The 2nd. Objective is enemy trench from Q. 4. C. O. 10. - Q. 8. Central.
7. METHOD OF ATTACK. At zero hour the attacking troops of the 1st. Objective will move forward and on the barrage lifting from the 1st. Objective, they will rush and capture this position. The troops for the 2nd. Objective will move up through the troops for the 1st. Objective, and on the barrage lifting from the 2nd. Objective will rush and capture it. Immediately after the capture of the 2nd. Objective an outpost line with Lewis Guns must be pushed out into ~~the~~ shell holes at least 100 yards in front of the captured trench. As time and opportunity permits this line should be consolidated.
8. ARTILLERY. The Artillery barrage will be in accordance with attached table. (Appendix 1.)
9. SIGNAL COMMUNICATION. A visual signal station between Battalion and Brigade will be established at Q. 23. A. Central, from this point telephone wires will be laid as the Battalion moves forward. At the point of deployment a separate wire will be laid to each Company. Each Coy. will be supplied with sufficient wire to reach their objectives. A further visual signal station will be established upon the site selected for Battalion Headquarters, near the point of deployment and the visual station in Q. 23. A. Central.
10. CONTACT. A Contact plane will fly over the captured position shortly after daylight and on the Klaxon Horn being sounded, troops in the front line will show flares. All ranks will carry 1 flare, for use in conjunction with Contact Aeroplane.
11. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. A Dressing Station will be established at Q. 23. A. Central and as soon as possible as advanced Dressing ~~Station~~ Station will be established in Sunken Road in Q. O. D. The Medical Officer in conjunction with the A. D. M. S. will make all arrangements for the evacuation of the wounded.
12. LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS. Brigade Headquarters - NESNIL.
 9th. Battalion.)
 10th. Battalion.) Position of.
 11th. Battalion.) Headquarters will ~~be~~
 12th. Battalion.) notified later.
 3rd. A. L. T. M. B.)
 3rd. A. M. G. Coy.)
13. DUMPS. Advanced Brigade Dump will be in Sunken Road Q. 23. C. .
 Battalion Dump will be at Q. 23. A. Central.
14. REPORTS. Frequent reports will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters throughout the course of the operations.

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14. RECONNAISSANCE. Officers and leading N.C.O's will endeavour to carry out patrols over all or a portion of No ManVs Land between the point of deployment and the first objective.

15. ARMING OF UNITS

Riflemen : 150 rounds S.A.A. ⁴bombs
 Bombers : 12 bombs per man, slung rifle and 100 rounds S.A.A.
 Rifle Grenadiers Slung rifle, 12 rifle grenades, 50 rounds S.A.A.
 and 50 rounds blank S.A.A.
 Runners : 4 bombs, slung rifle and 50 rounds S.A.A.
 Moppers up : 50 rounds S.A.A.
 Lewis Gunners Normal equipment.
 Carrying parties 4 bombs slung rifle and 10 rounds S.A.A.
 (Moppers up and carrying parties will be supplied by the Reserve Battalions).

17. DRESS Fighting order plus two sandbags per man to be attached to the entrenching tool carrier.

18. DISTINCTIVE MARKS To be worn on both shoulder straps

Runners	Red
Signallers	Blue
Bombers	Purple
Machine Gunners	Black
Intelligence	Green
Riflemen	Pink
Rifle Grenadiers	Brown
Salvage Party	Black with white stripes.
Moppers Up	White.

19. RATIONS- The Q.M. will make arrangements for 48 hours rations ~~to~~ and water for all ranks to be placed on the forward dump. In addition all ranks will carry 24 hours rations and full water bottle irrespective of the balance of current days rations.

20. S.O.S. All officers and one man per Lewis M.G. team will carry one S.O.S. signal in addition each Officer and No. 1 of each M.G. team will carry one Very Light Pistol and five cartridges.

21. DATE 25/26th June 1917.

22. TIME To be notified later. All watches will be synchronised under arrangements with the Brigade Signal Section at 6 p.m. and 10.30. p.m. on the night of 25th June 1917.

23. DIRECTION. Battalion Intelligence Officer and Intelligence section will act as guides through the march to the point of deployment. Guides will wear a white patch sown on the back, this patch to be 12" square. From the point of Assembly to the point of deployment the Battalion will march on a true bearing of 324

The Battalion Intelligence Officer will check his position at the cross roads in Q.16.D. and again where cutting commences in Q.16.A.

24. GENERAL (a) When once the objectives have been gained they will be held at all costs

(b) Consolidation will be commenced as soon as possible and the men not actually employed in outposts or consolidation work will be housed in the captured dugouts to act as a reserve garrison.

(c) The then Senior Officer will take command of the newly established front line.

(d) Constant communication must be maintained between the leaders and the Battalion Commander whenever possible by means of written memoranda. All Officers and N.C.O's must bear in mind that negative information is important.

(e) The evacuation of wounded by anybody except

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stretcher bearers, or carrying parties making their return journey is strictly forbidden.

(f) All leaders must carefully explain to all ranks under their command the objects of the attack and the action of the juniors in the event of the seniors becoming casualties.

(g) Should the outpost lines send back S.O.S. Signals the reserve garrison in the 2nd. line will immediately man their trenches. In the event of the garrison of the front line or any portion thereof being dislodged by the enemy, an immediate counter attack will be launched by the 2nd. line to regain the lost ground.

(h) Leaders will make sure that all ranks carry their first field dressing and identity discs.

(i) The most stringent precautions will be taken that no Officer or other rank carries any papers, maps or documents likely to be of use to the enemy.

(j) The Medical Officer will take steps to test all water in AUCHONVILLIERS, as soon as possible after the capture of this village, with a view to procuring suitable supply for cooking and drinking purposes.

J. G. S.
Lieut. & Adjt.
TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION. A.I.F.

APPENDICES.

1. Table of Artillery Barrages.
2. Sketch showing formation to be taken up when moving to the deploying point.
3. Instruction for operations against flag enemy.

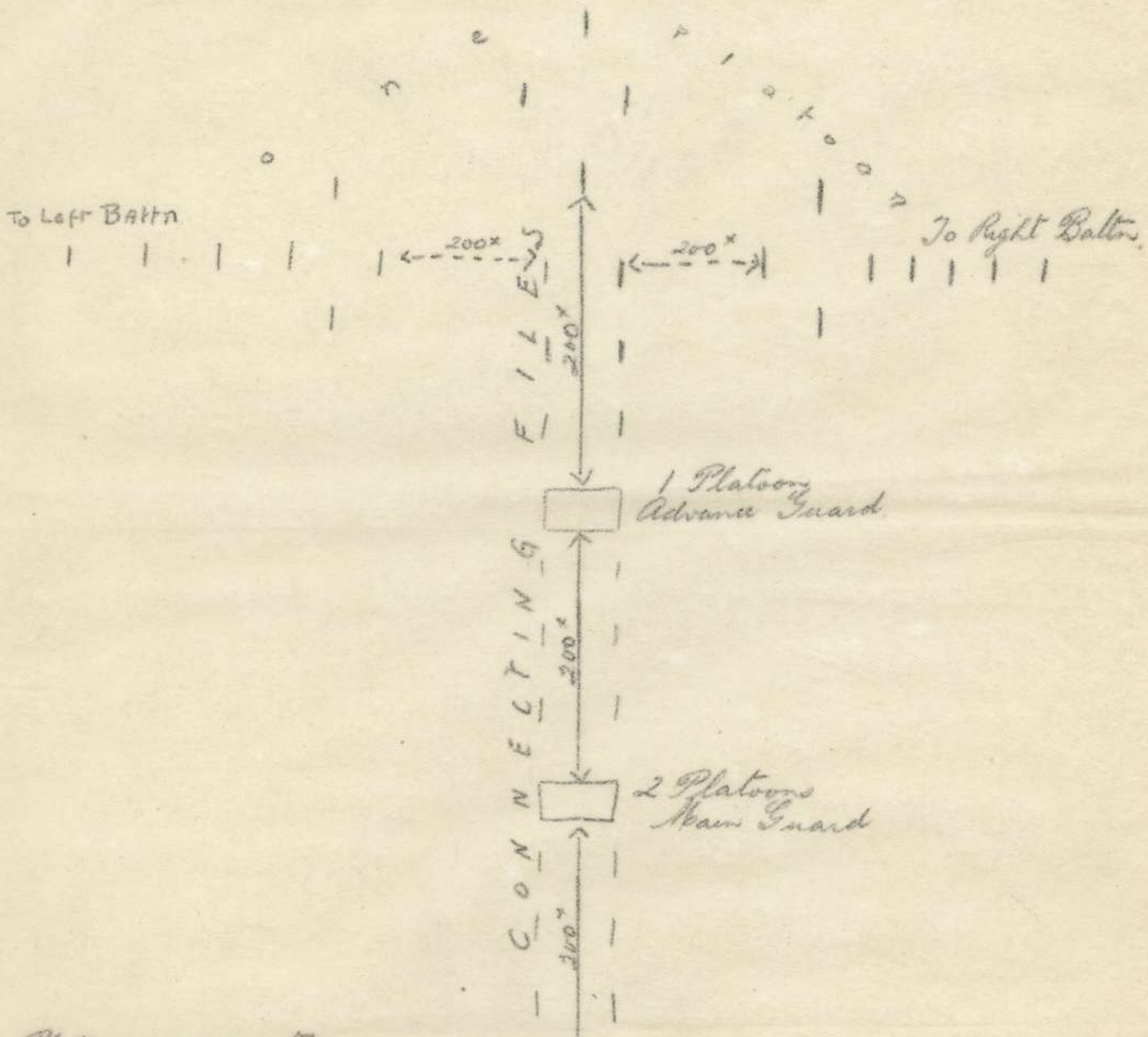
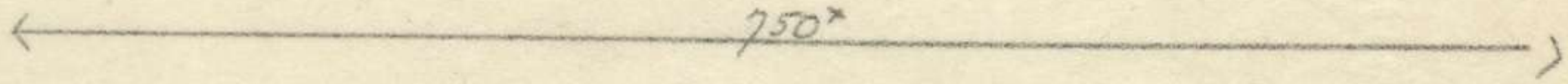
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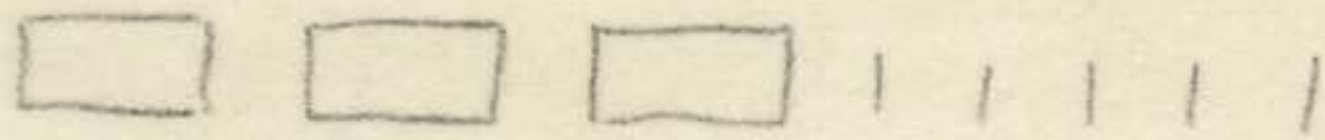
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Appendix No 2



one Platoon as connecting files to BATTN on left.



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Headquarters

19th June 1917

The following instructions for operating against flagged enemy cancel all earlier instructions. Sufficient copies are forwarded for issue down to Platoon Commanders.

Blue Flags represent superior enemy fire.

Troops cannot advance over any ground or along any routes from which these flags can be seen.

White Flags represent inferior and declining fire.

Troops can advance against this, provided there is covering fire.

Red Flags represent machine guns. Troops cannot advance over any ground or along any routes from which these flags can be seen, except by short rushes. Within 200 yards troops cannot advance against red flag

Flags will be waved by flag parties.

Heliographs or French Lamps represent artillery fire

They will be flashed from observation posts on troops coming into view of the O.P.s and within range of the batteries. They do not show the battery positions, these will be disclosed to the operating artillery by the Umpires.

The above will be communicated to all ranks who must be instructed fully on the subject. Unless the troops act in the spirit of these instructions full value cannot be got from the exercises.

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T.A. Blamey

Colonel
General Staff
First Australian Division.

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AMENDMENTS TO 10TH BATTALION ORDER NO. 25.

- PARA. 15. Moppers Up. Should read 50 rounds S.A.A. and six bombs
- Riflemen. Should read 170 rounds S.A.A. and four bombs.
- PARA. 21. Read night 26/27th June 1917.
- PARA. 6 Line 2. For Q.4.C.10. read Q.4.A.0.0.
- PARA. 4. Add. Distance between lines will be 15 yards, and between waves 20 yards.

*10th Lt read
10th Inf 17*

Appendix 4.

AMENDMENT TO TENTH BATTALION ORDER NO 25.

Battalion Headquarters
26/6/17.

PARA 2c For date of operation 25/26th read 27/28th.

[Signature] Adjutant
TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION

10th AUST. INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER NO. 26.

Reference Sheet 57 D.S.E.
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Battalion Headquarters
27th June 1917.

1. Copy of BRIGADE ORDER NO. 106 - General Idea and Special Idea in connection with the operations for the 29th June, attached hereto. (Coy. Commanders will be responsible that this information is conveyed to all ranks under their command.)
2. The Battalion, with first line transport will move to MARTINSART during the night of 28/29th June 1917.
3. ROUTE. Road through Q.18.Central, branch road Q.24.A.6.4. thence road on outskirts of ENGLEBELMER through squares Q.25.A and B. thence to branch road in Q.32.D. thence to rendezvous in W.3.B.1.7. (this route will be reconnoitred by Battalion Intelligence Officer on morning of 28th June.)
4. The Quarter Master in conjunction with the Transport Officer will make all necessary arrangements for rations, and their necessary transport.
5. A Camp Guard of 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. and 10 other ranks will be left in present camp Q.17.B. The personnel for this guard to be selected in conjunction with the Medical Officer.
6. Bootmakers, Tailors, and other non-essential personnel of the Battalion will remain behind. The Q.M. in conjunction with the A/Adj. will arrange that a Nominal Roll of this personnel is handed to the Officer in charge of the Camp Guard.
7. The Battalion will be responsible for its own protection at the point of rendezvous. The O.C. "C" Coy will be responsible for the necessary groups, the strength of which will be determined after viewing the ground.
8. Time to pass starting point Q.13.C.9.O. - 0400, 29.6.17.
9. DRESS. Fighting Order, plus W.P.Sheet. Balance of current day's rations and full water bottles.
10. Strict March Discipline will be maintained throughout the march.

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Lieut. & Adj. G.

TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION

Copy No. 1	issued to	C.O.
2	"	G.O.C.
3	"	A Coy
4	"	B Coy
5	"	C Coy
6	"	D Coy
7	"	Sig. & Intelligence
8	"	T.O. & Q.M.
9	"	3rd M & Coy
10	"	War Library
11	"	3rd & 2nd T.M.B.
12	"	Surgeon Major
13	"	Dr Robertson (Promer)
14	"	File

The Main German Invading Army has been checked on the line CHALONS-RHEIMS-LAON St. QUENTIN. A Northern Army after having marched through ARMENTIERS - BETHUNE - St. POL has met with a decided check on line MONDICOURT DOULLENS - AUXIN Le-CHATEAU.

The Northern Invading Army consists of about Four Corps (twelve divisions). The force which has checked its advance consists of Three Corps (eight divisions).

SPECIAL IDEA. ALLIED FORCES.

1. The Supreme Commander of the Defending Forces decided to take immediate advantage of the isolated situation of the Northern Army and to deal with it as promptly as possible.
2. To carry out this object, he ordered Two Corps from the Garrison of PARIS by rail and bus to VIGNACOURT and CONTAY respectively. These will be ready to advance on the 29th inst.
3. The first Anzac Corp to which is attached the 3rd Cavalry Brigade was ordered from CHAULNES and PERONNE to move against the enemy's Eastern flank in co-operation with the Main Forces.
4. 1st. Anzac Corps is moving on a two division front, the 1st Aust. Division is on the right and the 2nd Aust. Division is on the left. Each division is covered by an Advance Guard of one Brigade Group. The boundary between the two divisions is the line MARTINSART (to the right division) COLINCAMPS (inclusive to the left Division) La CAUCHIE.
5. The 3rd Cavalry Brigade employed on the front of the Corps until the River Ancre was reached, has been ordered to protect the right flank of the Corps, from midday on 28th inst. One squadron 13th L.H. has been detailed to each Division.
6. During the 28th inst. the crossing of the River Ancre by the Advanced Guard of the 1st Australian Division was contested by strong Infantry Patrol. These were driven out, but the Advanced Guard was again opposed at MARTINSART, MESNIL and HAMEL, particularly at MESNIL against which a whole Company was employed. This village was carried at 7 a.m. The Advanced Guard then established a line of outposts with one Battalion along the line St. PIERRE DIVION - Hamel - MESNIL-HELLÉ 133, in co-operation with the 2nd Aust. Division. The enemy withdrew rapidly and contact was lost. Infantry patrols sent forward after dark for about mile found no enemy.
The Advanced Guard of 2nd Aust. Division met with similar opposition at BOUZINCOURT and SENLIS.
7. The Brigade Group bivouaced for the night as follows-
2nd Brigade Headquarters and T.M. Battery - AVELUY Station.
11th Battalion on outpost
10th Battalion and M.G. Coy in MARTINSART
9th Battalion - MESNIL
12th Battalion in AVELUY WOOD.
2nd Field Coy. Engineers - MARTINSART
2nd A.F.A. Brigade (less two batteries) Sq. 35 A.
Squadron 13th L.H. Northern part of AVELUY.
2nd Field Ambulance in Sq. Q.20.D.
8. Units will be in position as per Para 7 by 7.30a.m. on 29th inst.

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Reference Sheet 57 D.S.R.
1/40,000Brigade Headquarters
28th June 1917.

1. (a) The enemy has withdrawn towards the N.N.W. and patrols sent forward after dark this evening, found no traces of any enemy for about one mile beyond the line HAMEL-MESNIL - Q.33.A. Central.
- (b) The 3rd Brigade of Cavalry is now protecting our right flank.
- (c) The 2nd Aust. Division is co-operating on our left. Boundary line between divisions is :-
MARTINSART (inc. to 1st. Division) -
MAILLY MAILLET - COLIN CAMPS (both exc. to 1st Division)
2. The 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde will occupy an outpost position along the line ST. PIERRE DIVISION - HAMEL-MESNIL. - Q.33.A. Central

OUTPOSTS

3. 11th Battalion will hold outpost line.

C.O.

Lt. Col. RAFFERTY D.S.O.
11th Battalion

Remainder of Brigade Group will be bivouaced for night 28th/29th June as follows :-

RESERVES

9th Battalion	9th Battalion	- MESNIL
10th Battalion	10th Battalion	- MARTINSART
12th Battalion	12th Battalion	- AVELUY WOOD
3rd M.G. Coy	3rd M.G. Coy.	- MARTINSART
3rd T.M. Battery	3rd T.M. Battery	- AVELUY Rly. Stn.
2nd Fld. Coy. Engrs.	2nd Fld. Coy. Engrs.	- MARTINSART
Squad. 13th L.H.	Squad. 13th L.H.	- Northern part of AVELUY
2nd F.A. Bde (less 2 Btlys)	2nd F.A. Bde (less 2 Btlys)	- Q.35.A.
	2nd Field Ambulance	- Q.29.D.

4. In the event of an enemy attack, the picquet line will be the Brigade line of resistance.
5. Refilling point for 28/29th June will be AVELUY CHURCH
6. Reports to AVELUY RAILWAY STATION
7. ACKNOWLEDGE

Major

Brigade Major, 3rd Aus Inf. Bde.

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10TH INFANTRY BATTALION ORDER NO. 27.

Battalion Headquarters
28th June 1917.Reference Sheet 57 D.S.E.)
57.D.N.E.) 1/20,000

1. The enemy has withdrawn rapidly in a N.W. direction from the line ST. PIERRE DIVISION- HAMEL-MESNIL-Hill 133 where our outpost line (11th Battalion) is now established.

Patrols sent forward one mile from this line found no enemy.

The 3rd Cavalry Brigade reached the line PUSIEUX au MONTAYETTE at 8 p.m. today.

2. The 1st. Aus. Division will continue the advance tomorrow the 29th June at 8 a.m. in conjunction with 2nd Aust. Division (Advanced Guard 5th Brigade) and seize the line COLIN CAMPS exclusive - La SIGNY Fae-SERNE as a first objective.

The 3rd Aust Inf. Bde. will form the advanced guard and will be in position to resume the advance at 8 a.m. June 29th on relief of the outpost line.

VANGUARDC.O. Major M. Wilder-Neligan
10th Bn. A.I.F. D.S.O.1 Squad. 13th L.H.
1 Sec. 2nd Fld. Coy. Engrs.
10th Bn. A.I.F.
1 Sec. 3rd M.G. Coy

3. Head of Main Guard will pass starting point Cross Roads in Sq. Q.38.C.6.8. at 8 a.m. Route - MESNIL - Sq. Q.16. Central AUCHONVILLERS - Sunken road in Sq. Q.3 - EUSTON- HEBUTERNE.

4. The allotment of frontage will be as follows :-
13th L.H. Squad from ST. PIERRE DIVISION to and including Hill 133 on right boundary BEAUMONT HAMEL - SEDAN RIDGE - thence in prolongation
Left Boundary Hill 133 to MAILLY MAILLET (Sq. Q.12.D.1.1.) and thence in prolongation.
10th Battalion
"D" Coy. Sq. Q.33 - "C" Coy. Sq. 28
"B" Coy. Sq. Q. 23 N "A" Coy. Sq. Q. 24.
Formation as per advanced guard scheme of 25.6.17.

MAINGUARD

(in order of march)

H.Q. 3rd Aus. INF. Bde
2nd Fld. Coy. Engrs
(less 1 section)
9th Battn A.I.F.
2nd P.A. Bde (less 2 Btlys)
13th Bn. A.I.F. (less 1 Coy)
11th Battn.
3rd M.G. Coy
3rd L.T.M.B.
2nd Fld Ambulance

5. Watches will be synchronised with Bde. Signal Section at 6 a.m.
6. Divisional Collecting Station for walking wounded will be established at Sq. Q.38.A.80.95
Main Dressing Station will be at Mill Sq. Q.35-A.
7. Reports to Battalion Headquarters on road laid down for Main Guard Route.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Copies issued to :-

No. 1 C.O.
2 G.O.C.
4 A. Coy.
6 C. Coy.
8 Intelligence & Sig
10. War Diary
12. Senior Major.
14. Spare.

Wilder for Major
Commandg. TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION.

No. 3 3rd M.G. Coy.
5 "B" Coy.
7 "D" Coy.
9. T.O. & Q.M.
11. 2nd Light Horse.
13. 13th Light Horse.

SPECIAL ORDERS TO 13TH LIGHT HORSE

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Battalion Headquarters
29th June 1900.

The Light Horse at my disposal will be arranged as follows -

One Troop as Scout Screen

One Troop in support to Scout Screen (under your Officer in charge)

Two Troops as Mobile Reserve. With this Reserve there will be four Hotchkiss Guns and Light Horse Headquarters.

Four Gallopers will be placed at the disposal of the C.O. Vanguard.

The O.C. 13th Light Horse Squadron will maintain constant communication with Vanguard Headquarters.

[Signature] Major
Commandg. TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION.

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Battalion Headquarters
29th June 1917.

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1. INFORMATION. The enemy are strongly holding the Trench System running through K.33.C and Q.3.A and C. Our contact planes report that there are no supports nearer than Sackville Street in K.33 and 34. The X Battalion of 6th Division are at present holding the British Front Line.
2. INTENTION. (a) The 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde has been allotted the task of capturing ~~this~~ system before noon on June 30th 1917.
(b) The 9th, 10th, and 11th Battalions will form the attacking wave; 9th on the right, 10th in the centre, 11th on the left. The 13th Battn. will be in Support.
3. BOUNDARIES. The Brigade Boundaries are :-
Right Boundary Q.3.A.3.0.
Left boundary K.33.A.0.4.
Tenth Battalion boundaries :-
Right boundary Road running at right angles through enemy trench at Q.3.A.3.0.
Left boundary Road running at right angles through enemy trench at K.33.C.3.1.
4. ORDER OF BATTLE The Battalion will be formed up in four waves in the newly constructed jumping off Trench at Zero minus 30 minutes
"A" Coy. Front trench. "B" Coy. second trench
"C" Coy. (less 1 platoon) third trench.
"D" Coy. (plus one platoon "C" Coy.) fourth or rear trench.
5. DISTRIBUTION. One section of the 3rd Aus. H.G. Coy and one section of the 3rd L.T.H.B. are placed at the disposal of the Battalion Comdr.
6. OBJECTIVES. "A" COY. is allotted the task of capturing the first
"B" Coy " " " " " second " objective.
"C" Coy (less 1 pltn) " " " third " "
"D" Coy (plus 1 pltn of "C") " " " fourth & fifth " "

(Sketch map constructed from the latest air photographs, with numbers of objectives is attached hereto. Appendix VI)

7. METHOD OF ATTACK. At Zero hour the attacking troops will move forward in succeeding waves, each Company forming one wave. The first wave, "A" Coy will capture the first objective. The 2nd wave "B" Coy. will pass over the 1st objective and capture the 2nd objective. The 3rd wave "C" Coy less one platoon will pass over the first and second objectives and capture the third objective. The fourth wave, "D" Coy will pass over the first, second and third objectives and capture the fourth objective. The fifth wave, one platoon of "C" Coy attached to "D" Coy, will capture and consolidate the fifth objective. Immediately after capturing of objectives reorganisation will be undertaken. The troops capturing the fourth and fifth objectives will push out an advanced guard with ~~their~~ ^{live} machine guns, at least 100 yards in front of position, into shell holes, which will be linked up as soon as possible. The garrison of the first, second and third objectives will become the Support Garrison
8. ARTILLERY. The Artillery Barrage will be in accordance with attached Table, Appendix X /.
9. SIGNAL COMMUNICATION. Armoured cable has been ~~run~~ ^{laid} from Battalion H.Q. to Brigade H.Q. Each Coy. on moving to the attack will take out Telephone and wire, the ends of which will be connected with ~~Battalion~~ ^{Barrage} Cable. Visual Signalling by lamp may be used by day if opportunity offers.
10. CONTACT. A contact plane will fly over the captured position shortly after daylight and on the Klaxon Horn being sounded troops in the front line will show flares. All ranks will carry one flare for use in conjunction with Contact Planes.
11. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. An Advanced Dressing Station will be established in No. 1 jumping off trench. This Station will not be moved. An Aid Post will be established beside Battalion H.Q. All slightly wounded should use the Aid Post, the Advance Station being used for stretcher cases and seriously wounded.
12. LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS. Brigade H.Q. - Q.3.C.3.3.
Battalion H.Q. at Q.3.B. Central

- 13. DUMPS. Advanced Battalion Dump Q.3.A.2.8. and Q.3.A.5.3.
- 14. REPORTS. Frequent reports will be forwarded to Battalion H.Q. throughout the course of the operations
- 15. RECONNAISSANCE RECONNAISSANCE. Officers and as many leading N.C.Os as possible will carry out patrols in NO Mans Land between the Battalion boundaries on the nights of the 28/29th June
- 16. ARMING OF UNITS. 170
 - Riflemen : 150 rounds S.A.A and four bombs
 - Bombers : 12 bombs per man, slung rifle and 50 rounds S.A.A.
 - Rifle Grenadiers : 1 slung rifle, 12 rifle grenades, 50 rounds S.A.A and 50 rounds blank S.A.A.
 - Runners : 4 bombs, slung rifle and 50 rounds S.A.A.
 - Moppers Up : 50 rounds S.A.A. 8 bombs 4 smoke bombs.
 - Lewis Gunners : Normal equipment
 - Carrying parties ; 4 bombs slung rifle and 50 rounds S.A.A. (Moppers Up and Carrying Parties will be supplied by the Reserve Bn.)
- 17. DRESS. Fighting order plus 2 sandbags per man to be attached to the entrenching tool carrier. →
- 18. RATIONS. The Q.M. will make arrangements for 48 hours rations and water for all ranks to be placed on the forward dump. In addition all ranks will carry 24 hours rations and full water bottle, irrespective of the balance of the current days rations.
- 19. S.O.S. All Officers, and 1 man per Lewis Gun team will carry 1 S.O.S signal. In addition each Officer and No.1 of each M.G.Team will carry one 1" Very Light Pistol and 5 cartridges.
- 20. DATE. June 30th 1917.
- 21. TIME. 03.30 (11.00 a.m.) Watches will be synchronised by means of a watch sent round at 2200 on 29th June and at 0200 on 30th June
- 22. CARRYING PARTIES. 1 Officer and 100 men of 12th Battalion are at the disposal of the Dump Officer
- 23. GENERAL. (a) When once the objectives have been gained they will be held at all costs.
 - (b) Consolidation will be commenced as soon as possible, and the men not actually employed in outpost and consolidation work will be housed in captured dugouts, to act as reserve garrison.
 - (c) The then Senior Officer will take ~~the~~ Command of the newly established front line.
 - (d) Constant communication must be maintained between the leaders and the Battalion Commander, whenever possible by written memoranda. All Officers and N.C.O.s must bear in mind that negative information is important.
 - (e) The evacuation of the wounded by anybody except stretcher bearers, or carrying parties making their return journey, is strictly forbidden.
 - (f) All leaders must carefully explain to all ranks under their command the objects of the attack and the action of Juniors in the event of Seniors becoming casualties.
 - (g) Should the outpost line send back S.O.S. signals the Reserve Garrison in the rear trenches will immediately man their trenches. In the event of the garrison of the front line or any portion thereof being dislodged by the enemy, an immediate counter attack will be launched by the second line to regain the lost ground
 - (h) Leaders will make sure that all ranks carry their first field dressing and identity discs.
 - (i) The most stringent precautions will be taken that no Officer or other rank carries any papers maps or documents likely to be of use to the enemy
 - (j) The Medical Officer will take steps to test all water in AUCHONVILLERS, as soon as possible after the capture of this village, with a view to

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APPENDIX 1

At Zero minus 30 minutes to Zero minus 10 minutes, the heavy artillery will deal with all known M.G. and T.M. emplacements in position to be attacked.

At Zero minus 10 minutes the barrage of all calibre will be placed on all objectives, which will gradually increase to an intense fire.

At Zero minus 3 minutes the heavy artillery will lift and form a barrage on Sackville Street, and known tracks and targets

At Zero plus one minute all other calibre will lift at the rate of 25 yards a minute until they reach a point 150 yards past the fifth objective. There a gradually decreasing barrage will be maintained.

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APPENDIX 3
ORDERS TO 3RD M.G. COY.

Two sub-sections will proceed in rear of the fourth wave and drop into the third objective, where they will come under the orders of O.C. "C" Coy. This sub-section will be used as defensive guns.

Two sub-sections will follow the fifth wave and drop into the third objective. As soon as possible these two sub-sections will move out to fourth objective and come under the orders of the O.C. "D" Coy. These sub-sections will be used as offensive and defensive guns.

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APPENDIX 4

The section of the 3rd L.T.M. Battery allotted to the 10th Battn. will move up with the fifth wave and drop into the third objective, where they will come under the command of the O.C. "C" Coy

The mortars will be used to repel counter attacks and not as ~~offensive weapons~~ and should range as soon as emplacements are selected.
offensive weapons

300 rounds per mortar will be sent up per carrying party (10th Battn.) immediately in rear of fifth wave.

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AMENDMENTS TO TENTH BATTALION ORDER NO. 23.

PARA 23. Add. One company from the Support Battalion will act as Carrying Party. One Platoon will move behind the fifth wave, in sections in single file, covering the whole front, carrying Trench Mortar Ammunition.

PARA 23. GENERAL. Add.
(k) No food or water found in the captured trenches is to be used until passed by the Medical Officer as fit for consumption.

Add PARA 24. ACKNOWLEDGE.

APPENDIX 1 For "Barrage will move at the rate of 25 yards per minute" read "25 yards per half minute"

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June

Officers: - re-joining, promotions, awards, etc.

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Mjr. F.G. Giles awarded D.S.O.

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2nd Lieut. C. M. Smith
 do. M. G. Saunders.
 do. W. R. Jenkins
 do. C. S. Hincks
 do. G. H. Leaver.
 do. C. R. Allanson.
 do. C.F.S. Jorgensen.

To be Lieut. to date. 1.6.17.

16.

Capt. G.C. Campbell. returned from Hosp.
 2nd Lieut. M.B. Gaston.
 do. F.W.S. Martin } Joined from re-inforcements.

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Lieut. H.E. Parkridge posted to 3rd Training Bn.

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Lieut-Col. R.B. Jacob posted to 3rd Training Bn.
 Major. M. Widder-Nelligan from 9th Bn to Command.

Capt. W.G. Cornish }
 Lieut. E.M. Inglis } Awarded Military Cross.
 Lieut. S.S. Mills }

24.

Capt. J. Hamilton Sick to Hosp.

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2nd Lieut. E. Cruickshank re-joined from Hosp.
 do. A. Limb. Joined from re-inforcements.

Mildred Nelligan
 Co. 10th Bn

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