

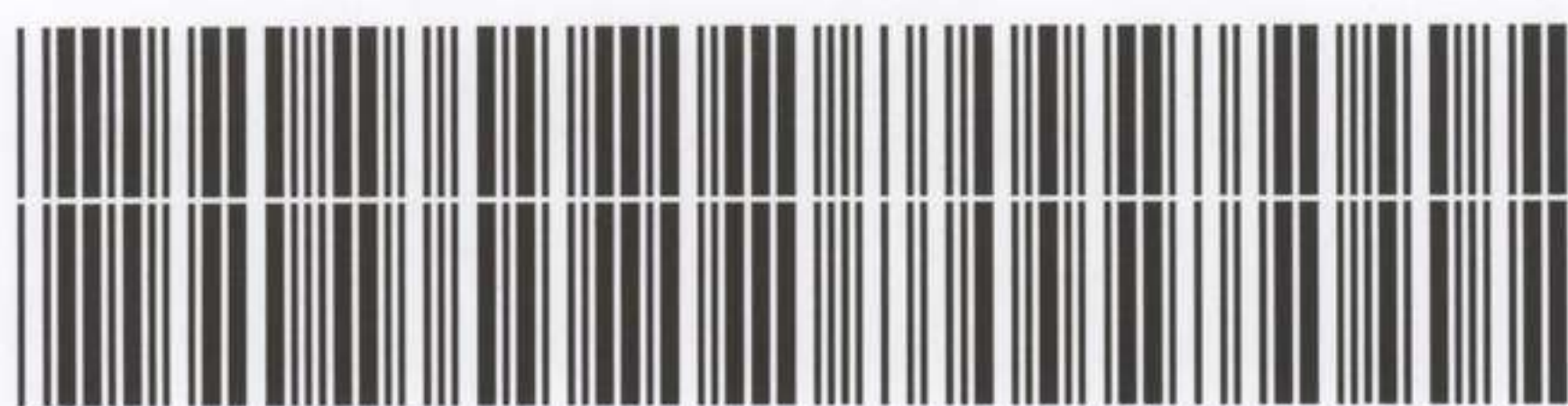
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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

FOR

Period , 1st to 30th September, 1918.

Signature of Officer compiling *F. W. ...*
Captain

Signature of Officer Commanding *William J. McLean*



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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

for

PERIOD, 1st to 30th SEPTEMBER, 1918.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events, and Information.	Remarks, and References to Appendices.
Cerisy Area. Sheet 62 D S.E.	1st	Bivouaced at P 24 d 20.85 Bn. Church Parade at P 24 b 2.7 <u>Weather</u> : Fairly long and heavy showers, during early morning - fair and sunny generally.	
Do.	2	Wind, East. weather, fine. Morning: Lewis Gun Training at Ranges. Afternoon, Bathing parade, and exchange of clothes. Lecture on Educational Scheme by Bishop Long. Lecture to Officers on Map Reading.	
"	3	wind, East; weather, fine. Lewis Gun, and Technical training. Afternoon, Lecture on German Morale, etc., by Lt. Priestly, Div. I.O.	
"	4	Wind, West; weather, fine. Lewis Gun, and technical training. Afternoon: Bathing parade.	
"	5	Wind West; weather, clear and fine. Technical, and Bombing Training. Afternoon: Cricket; Concert parade. Thunderstorm in evening.	
"	6.	Wind, North-west; Clear and fine. Brigade Competitions in Rifle and Lewis Gun Shooting - Won by 10th Bn.	
Sheet 62 C Peronne.	7.	Wind west, weather warm. Battalion moved from P 24 d 20.85 to new area in Sheet 62 C I 22 b 60, (Peronne).	See Appendix I.
I 22b6.9	8.	Weather, showery; wind west. Battalion Church Parade. Bn. Paid.	
Do.	9	wind, West fine weather.	
	10.	Physical training; route march	

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Tincourt area.	10	Battalion moved from 62C N.W., I 22 b to new area in 62 C N.E., J 18 a 15.75 Weather, wet (south-west rains).	
Do.	11	Wind south, weather showery. Battalion employed cleaning up billeting area, and camp. C.O. returned from short leave.	
"	13	Wind, south; showery weather. Bathing parade.	
"	13	Wind, south; weather clear; Company private parade. Four enemy planes brought down whilst on bombing raid. Two of our kite balloons destroyed by enemy plane.	
"	14	Wind, south; fine and clear. Private parade for Coys., and recreation parade. One enemy plane brought down during night.	
"	15	West wind, weather fine. Battalion Church Parade, attended by Brigadier. One of our Kite Balloons brought down by shrapnel.	
"	16.	Weather, showery, heavy thunderstorm during night. Preparing for attack.	See "IV."
"	17	Wind, west; weather, clear. Battalion practised the attack during the early morning, rested during the day, and moved to their respective Jumping Off points (Jeancourt) during evening ready for attack on the following morning.	
Near Jeancourt.	18.	Light, but continual rain during early morning hours, making ground "heavy going;" followed by fog, which lifted about 9 o'clock. Companies moved away from the Jumping Off Line on time, in rear of 12th Bn., whom they passed at First Objective (Brown Line, see map), and until the Final Objective was reached Coys. maintained the formation laid down for them. A line of posts was constructed (see map), with C Coy. on Right, B Coy. on Left, and A Coy. in support. Consolidation was satisfactorily completed by 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The advance was one of 5,000 yards, with a frontage of more than 1,000 yds.	See appendices, V, and VI.
Right of Villeret.	19.	Weather fine. Battalion in Line, as per diary of yesterday, above. Engaged on improving position.	See "V," and "VI"
Do.	20	Light rain during early morning. Harassing fire carried out by artillery during early morning.	See "VI."

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Place.	Date.	Summary of Events, and Information.	Remarks and References to Appendices
Right of Villeret.	21	Between 1.0, and 3.15 a.m., patrols were sent forward, and line advanced, as per map, and Appendix. Weather fine. Battalion relieved by 19th Bn., A.I.F., at 8 p.m., and occupied	Maps, and Appendix V. See Appendix VII. See Map.
Do.	22.	Weather fine. Battalion relieved by Support Line, as per map.	
Do.	23.	Battalion in Support Line. Weather Showery.	
Do.	23.	Battalion relieved by 4 Coys. 3rd American Battn., "A" Regt., 59th Amn. Bde. Relief completed at 1.0 a.m., 24th inst. Relieved at Tincourt Wood	See Appendix VIII.
Tincourt Area.	24.	Battalion marched to Tincourt Wood, arriving there at 5 a.m., and bivouaced. H.Q. at Mamel. Clothing parade, and change in afternoon. Weather, fine.	
Do.	25.	Rained steadily during early morning hours. Coys. private parade, and inspection of arms and equipment in afternoon.	
Tincourt, and Gorenflos Areas.	26.	Weather, fine. Bn. (full m.o.) marched from Tincourt Wood to Tincourt Railway Station, entraining there at 12.30 p.m., and detrained at Longpre at 12.30 7.0 p.m. Marched (full m.o.) to Brucamps, arriving there at 11 p.m.	See Appendix, IX.
Brucamps.	27.	Billeted at Brucamps. Coys. private parade in aft., shortages taken. Battn. paid. Weather fine, excepting light rain previous night.	
Do.	28.	Weather: good rain fell during morning. Coys. private parade.	
Do.	29.	Weather: dull with light showers. Church Parade.	
Do.	30.	Weather: Light showers, with cold southerly wind. Route march. C.O. left to lecture Corps Army Instructors on late operations of Battalion, i.e., from Libons, to Attack in front of Hindenburg Line forward of Nauroy.	

William John Cannon
Lieut. Colonel

Commanding Officer, 10th Aust. Inf. Battalion.

Dated, 1st October, 1918.

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Date

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APPENDIX I

BATTALION ORDER NO. 125.

Ref: Sheet Harbonnieres.

Battalion Headquarters
6th. Sept. 1918.

1. The 3rd. A.I. Brigade Group will move by Bus to New Area tomorrow 7th. Sept. 1918.
2. Brigade Embussing and Debussing Officer - Lieut. H.A. Holley
3. Battalion Embussing Officer - Lieut. P.A. Singleton will report with HQ Runner to the Brigade Embussing Officer at 9.30 a.m. and will guide Battalion to Embussing Point.
4. MOVE - 10th. Battalion less Transport, will move by march route to embussing point near CERISY, and thence by Bus to New Area. Transport will move by road in accordance with orders to be issued later.
5. BATTALION PARADE - Battalion will parade in close column of Companies on Bn. Parade Ground at 8.30 a.m.
Order of Parade - A., B., C., and HQ Coys.
Dress - Full marching order.
6. BUS PARTIES. - Before leaving Bn. Parade Ground, Battalion will be told off in Bus Parties of 1 Officer and 25 Other Ranks. During the march to the Embussing Point, parties will maintain an interval of 100 yards. On reaching Debussing Point, parties will close up on Left of Road facing head of column, with intervals of 5 yards between parties, the Right of the Road being left clear for motor vehicles.
7. Numbers on Buses will be marked in chalk. 10th. Battalion will occupy buses numbered 69 to 88.
8. DEBUSSING POINT - will probably be in the vicinity of MONT SAINT QUENTIN.
9. ADVANCED PARTIES - Lieut. C.R. Allanson with 1 N.C.O per Coy. will report to Staff Captain at Church MONT SAINT QUENTIN, at 1.15. B. 6. 7. at noon on the 7th. inst.
10. BOOBY TRAPS. - Attention is again directed to the necessity of avoiding Enemy Booby Traps and especially ammunition dumps which frequently contain delayed action shells.
11. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS are being issued separately.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE

G. J. [Signature]
Captain & Adjutant
TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

Issued by Runner at.....

Copy No. 1. to C.O.	2. to Adjt.	3. to Assist. Adjt.	4. to Q.M.
5. M.O.	6. T.O.	7. O.C.A Coy.	8. OC B Coy.
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Battalion Headquarters
6th September 1918.Reference Sheet HARBONIERES.

1. BILLETING PARTIES Lieut. C.R. Allanson will report to the Staff Captain accompanied by one N.C.O. from each Coy. at the Church, MONT ST. QUENTIN at 1.15 p.m. at noon 7-9-18. All will be mounted on bicycles, and the N.C.O.s will carry equipment and packs.
2. SUPPLIES for 8-9-18 will be drawn from Dump at CLERY at 4 p.m. on 7-9-18
3. STORES Dump will be made on road outside Canteen by 6.30 a.m.
(a) Officers valises.
(b) Signal gear
(c) Coy. boxes (one per coy x.)
(d) Orderly Room boxes
will be deposited on Dump. Band packs and rifles will be loaded by Transport at 6 a.m. and transported to the Embussing point., where a guard of one bandsman will be placed. Coy. Mess boxes will be carried on Cookers.
4. TRANSPORT Supply Waggon will move with Transport. Transport will move with full echelon of S.A.A. Grenades, Tools etc. Attention is directed to separate instructions re Transport Move, issued by Brigade.
5. MEALS Breakfast will be taken at 6 a.m.
6. AREA STORES Coy. Commanders will exercise special care to see that all Trench Shelters and Tents are sent to the Dump near the Canteen by 6 a.m. 7-9-18. The Battalion will be charged for any shortage and a thorough search will be made through the lines to avoid this occurring.
7. DRESS Full marching order, plus blanket, waterproof sheet and steel helmet, Blanket rolled round pack. Steel helmet under flap of pack. W.P. Sheet under flap of pack. Felt Hats will be worn. BAND will wear W.P. Sheet on banderole.
8. COY. LINES O.s.C. Coys will render certificate by 7.30 a.m. that their lines have been left perfectly clean. Special attention must be paid to Latrines and Cookhouses. T.O. will see that stables and manure heaps are left in an orderly condition.
9. STATES Parade States will be rendered to B.O.R. by 7.30 a.m. Marching in states to be rendered immediately after arrival in new area.

[Signature]
Lieut. & A/Adjt.
TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION

Issued to all recipients of Battalion Order No. 125 .

BATTALION ORDER NO. 128

Ref: Sheets 62D)
62C) 1/40000Battalion Headquarters
9th. Sept. 1918.

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1. The 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will move into Divisional Support (Left Divisional Sector) tomorrow 10th. inst.
 2. MOVE - The 10th. Aust. Inf. Battalion will move to trenches in J.18.B. and D. by march route, and will, on arrival, relieve 1st. Aust. Inf. Bn.
 - (a) Starting Point - Road Junction ST. DENIS
 - (b) Time to pass Starting Point - 3.30 p.m.
 - (c) Order of March - A., ^C, B., HQ.
 - (d) Route - I.22.D.8.4. - MONT ROUGE - J.18.C.6.2.
 - (e) Distances - 500 yards between Units, 200 yards between Companies and between Battalion and Transport.
 3. BATTALION PARADE - Battalion will parade in Mass on Bn. Parade Ground at 3.10 p.m.
Order of Parade - A., ^C, B., HQ.
Dress - Full marching Order. Steel helmets will be worn.
 4. ADVANCE PARTIES - One Officer and 1 N.C.O. per Coy. will reconnoitre new Area today. These Officers will go forward tomorrow at 1.0 p.m. and take over all shelters, stores etc, from the Coys. of 1st. Bn. which they relieve. Receipts will be forwarded to B.O.R. by 9.0 a.m. on 11th. inst.
 5. GUIDES - N.C.Os with today's Advance Party will move tomorrow with their respective Coys. and will act as guides for same.
 6. TRANSPORT - Bn. Transport will accompany Battalion to New Area. On arrival, all animals will be protected from Bombing by being dug in.
 7. COMMUNICATIONS - All Technical Stores viz- Telephones, Lucas Lamps, spare batteries, and all available cable will be taken forward.
 8. LOCATIONS - Brigade Hqrs. will close at MONT ST. QUENTIN at 4.0 p.m. on 10th. inst. and open at J.18.A.2.4. at same hour. Battalion Hqrs. will be at J.18.A.2.6.
 9. PROTECTION - In view of the position in this Sector an Inlying Picquet will be maintained capable of moving immediately as a fighting unit to any position. This Picquet will consist of 1 Officer and 1 Platoon of not less than 25 other ranks, full establishment of Lewis Guns and will be supplied by Duty Company for tour of duty of 24 hours. During tour boots will not be removed, and arms and equipment kept ready for instant use. "B" Coy. will mount Inlying Picquet immediately on arrival. Each Picquet Officer will, before mounting, notify B.O.R. of location of Picquet. Each Coy, including HQ Coy. will mount an A.A. and Gas Guard immediately after taking over.
 10. NUCLEUS - Nucleus Bn. will be formed on morning of 10th. inst. Personnel detailed in attached list will parade on Bn. Parade Ground at 10.45 a.m. with Full Marching Order. Capt. W.F.J. McCann MC will take charge of 10th Bn. Nucleus Coy. and will report with same to Major A.M. Phillips (who will be in Command of Nucleus Bn.) at I.22.B.3.5. at 11.0 a.m. The Nucleus Bn. will be billeted in PERONNE with 1st. Div. Reinforcement Camp.
 11. SYNCHRONISATION - Watches will be synchronised at 12 noon tomorrow.
 12. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS are being issued later
 13. ACKNOWLEDGE

W.F.J. McCann
Captain & Adjutant
TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

APPENDIX 2

Ref: Sheets 6SD) 1\40000 6SC) 1\40000
BATTALION HEADQUARTERS
9th Sept. 1918

..... to be issued by post

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(b) Time to pass Starting Point - 3.30 p.m.
(c) Order of March - A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., I., J., K., L., M., N., O., P., Q., R., S., T., U., V., W., X., Y., Z., AA., AB., AC., AD., AE., AF., AG., AH., AI., AJ., AK., AL., AM., AN., AO., AP., AQ., AR., AS., AT., AU., AV., AW., AX., AY., AZ., BA., BB., BC., BD., BE., BF., BG., BH., BI., BJ., BK., BL., BM., BN., BO., BP., BQ., BR., BS., BT., BU., BV., BW., BX., BY., BZ., CA., CB., CC., CD., CE., CF., CG., CH., CI., CJ., CK., CL., CM., CN., CO., CP., CQ., CR., CS., CT., CU., CV., CW., CX., CY., CZ., DA., DB., DC., DD., DE., DF., DG., DH., DI., DJ., DK., DL., DM., DN., DO., DP., DQ., DR., DS., DT., DU., DV., DW., DX., DY., DZ., EA., EB., EC., ED., EE., EF., EG., EH., EI., EJ., EK., EL., EM., EN., EO., EP., EQ., ER., ES., ET., EU., EV., EW., EX., EY., EZ., FA., FB., FC., FD., FE., FF., FG., FH., FI., FJ., FK., FL., FM., FN., FO., FP., FQ., FR., FS., FT., FU., FV., FW., FX., FY., FZ., GA., GB., GC., GD., GE., GF., GG., GH., GI., GJ., GK., GL., GM., GN., GO., GP., GQ., GR., GS., GT., GU., GV., GW., GX., GY., GZ., HA., HB., HC., HD., HE., HF., HG., HH., HI., HJ., HK., HL., HM., HN., HO., HP., HQ., HR., HS., HT., HU., HV., HW., HX., HY., HZ., IA., IB., IC., ID., IE., IF., IG., IH., II., IJ., IK., IL., IM., IN., IO., IP., IQ., IR., IS., IT., IU., IV., IW., IX., IY., IZ., JA., JB., JC., JD., JE., JF., JG., JH., JI., JJ., JK., JL., JM., JN., JO., JP., JQ., JR., JS., JT., JU., JV., JW., JX., JY., JZ., KA., KB., KC., KD., KE., KF., KG., KH., KI., KJ., KK., KL., KM., KN., KO., KP., KQ., KR., KS., KT., KU., KV., KW., KX., KY., KZ., LA., LB., LC., LD., LE., LF., LG., LH., LI., LJ., LK., LL., LM., LN., LO., LP., LQ., LR., LS., LT., LU., LV., LW., LX., LY., LZ., MA., MB., MC., MD., ME., MF., MG., MH., MI., MJ., MK., ML., MM., MN., MO., MP., MQ., MR., MS., MT., MU., MV., MW., MX., MY., MZ., NA., NB., NC., ND., NE., NF., NG., NH., NI., NJ., NK., NL., NM., NO., NP., NQ., NR., NS., NT., NU., NV., NW., NX., NY., NZ., OA., OB., OC., OD., OE., OF., OG., OH., OI., OJ., OK., OL., OM., ON., OO., OP., OQ., OR., OS., OT., OU., OV., OW., OX., OY., OZ., PA., PB., PC., PD., PE., PF., PG., PH., PI., PJ., PK., PL., PM., PN., PO., PP., PQ., PR., PS., PT., PU., PV., PW., PX., PY., PZ., QA., QB., QC., QD., QE., QF., QG., QH., QI., QJ., QK., QL., QM., QN., QO., QP., QQ., QR., QS., QT., QU., QV., QW., QX., QY., QZ., RA., RB., RC., RD., RE., RF., RG., RH., RI., RJ., RK., RL., RM., RN., RO., RP., RQ., RR., RS., RT., RU., RV., RW., RX., RY., RZ., SA., SB., SC., SD., SE., SF., SG., SH., SI., SJ., SK., SL., SM., SN., SO., SP., SQ., SR., SS., ST., SU., SV., SW., SX., SY., SZ., TA., TB., TC., TD., TE., TF., TG., TH., TI., TJ., TK., TL., TM., TN., TO., TP., TQ., TR., TS., TT., TU., TV., TW., TX., TY., TZ., UA., UB., UC., UD., UE., UF., UG., UH., UI., UJ., UK., UL., UM., UN., UO., UP., UQ., UR., US., UT., UY., UZ., VA., VB., VC., VD., VE., VF., VG., VH., VI., VJ., VK., VL., VM., VN., VO., VP., VQ., VR., VS., VT., VU., VV., VW., VX., VY., VZ., WA., WB., WC., WD., WE., WF., WG., WH., WI., WJ., WK., WL., WM., WN., WO., WP., WQ., WR., WS., WT., WU., WV., WW., WX., WY., WZ., XA., XB., XC., XD., XE., XF., XG., XH., XI., XJ., XK., XL., XM., XN., XO., XP., XQ., XR., XS., XT., XU., XV., XW., XX., XY., XZ., YA., YB., YC., YD., YE., YF., YG., YH., YI., YJ., YK., YL., YM., YN., YO., YP., YQ., YR., YS., YT., YU., YV., YW., YX., YY., YZ., ZA., ZB., ZC., ZD., ZE., ZF., ZG., ZH., ZI., ZJ., ZK., ZL., ZM., ZN., ZO., ZP., ZQ., ZR., ZS., ZT., ZU., ZV., ZW., ZX., ZY., ZZ.
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5. GUIDES - N.C.Os with today's Advance Party will move tomorrow with their respective Coys. and will act as guides for same.
6. TRANSPORT - Bn. Transport will accompany Battalion to New Area. On arrival, all animals will be protected from bombing by being dug in.
7. COMMUNICATIONS - All Technical Stores viz - Telephones, Lucas Lamps, spare batteries, and all available cable will be taken forward.
8. LOCATIONS - Brigade Hqs. will close at MONT ST. QUENTIN at 4.0 p.m. on 10th inst. and open at 1.18.A.S.4. at same hour. Battalion Hqs. will be at 1.18.A.S.6.
9. PROTECTION - In view of the position in this Sector an Inlying Picquet will be maintained capable of moving immediately as a fighting unit to any position. This Picquet will consist of 1 Officer and 1 Platoon of not less than 25 other ranks, full establishment of Lewis Guns and will be supplied by Duty Company for four of duty of 24 hours. During four hours will not be removed, and arms and equipment kept ready for instant use. "B" Coy. will mount Inlying Picquet immediately on arrival. Each Picquet Officer will, before mounting, notify B.O.R. of location of Picquet. Each Coy. including HQ Coy. will mount an A.A. and Gas Guard immediately after taking over.
10. NUCLEUS - Nucleus Bn. will be formed on morning of 10th inst. Personnel detailed in attached list will parade on Bn. Parade Ground at 10.45 a.m. with Full Marching Order. Capt. W.F.J. McGann MC will take charge of 10th Bn. Nucleus Coy. and will report with same to Major A.M. Phillips (who will be in Command of Nucleus Bn.) at 1.18.B.S.5. at 11.0 a.m. The Nucleus Bn. will be billeted in PERSONNEL with 1st Div. Reinforcement Camp.
11. SYNCHRONISATION - Watches will be synchronised at 12 noon tomorrow.
12. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS are being issued later
13. ACKNOWLEDGE

Captain E. Adjutant
TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH BATTALION
ORDER NO. 126

Reference :- 62D & 62C 1/40000

Battalion Headquarters
10th September 1918.

DRESS Full marching order plus blanket, rolled around pack; W.P. Sheet under flap of pack. Steel hats to be worn; felt hats in packs.

2 STORES (a) Officers valises
(b) Signal gear
(c) Coy. boxes (one per Coy.)
(d) Orderly Room boxes

will be dumped on the road in rear of Officers Mess Hut, by 1 p.m. 10-9-18. Coy. Mess boxes will be carried on cookers.

Advanced Ordnance Dump is now situated at K.13.C Central near HAMEL.

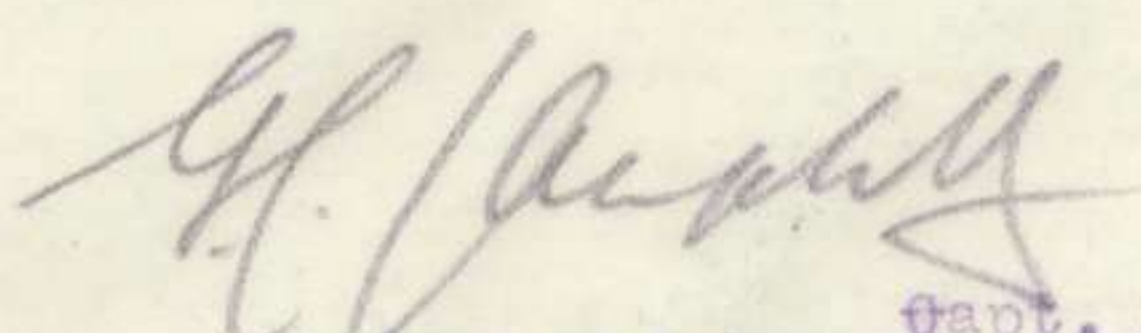
3 TRANSPORT Transport will move with full echelon of S.A.A., Grenades and ~~Exp~~ Tools. Baggage Waggons will move with transport. Location of Waggon Lines will be notified to Brigade immediately after completion of move. Casualties in horses or mules will be notified to Bde.H.Q. before noon daily, commencing 11th inst.

4 SUPPLIES. Rations will be issued on 10-9-18 from Supply Dump located at Sh. 62C, J.18 a.l.l. at 10 a.m. Rations for Nucleus Battn. Personnel sent to Nucleus Battn will be rationed by Battalions up to and including the 11th inst, after which date they will be rationed by 1st Aus. Div. Reinforcement Camp PERONNE.

5 AREA STORES. If Trench Shelters are issued, copies of receipts for same will be handed to Bde.H.Q. within 24 hours of completion of move. Coy. Commanders will see that a tally is kept of any shelters issued to their Coys. so that none are lost.

6 COY. LINES O.s C. Companies will render certificate by 2.30 p.m. that their Coy. Lines have been left perfectly clean. Special attention must be paid to Latrines and Cookhouses. T.O. will see that stables and manure heaps are left in an orderly condition.

7 STATES Parade States will be rendered to B.O.R. by 2.30 p.m. and Marching in states immediately after arrival in new Area.


Capt. & Adjt.
TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

Issued to all recipients of Battalion Order No. 126.

Ref: Sheet 62C. N.E.

DEFENCE SCHEME

1. GENERAL IDEA - In the event of sudden attack in force by the Enemy, the general line s of Defence to be occupied by Units of the 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade are as follows:-

<u>9th. Bn.</u>	J.12.D.4.9. - J.18.B. Central
<u>10th. Bn.</u>	J.18.B. Central - HAMEL
<u>11th. Bn.</u>	High Ground K.9.D. and K.15.B.
<u>12th. Bn.</u>	Trench System K.25.B. and D. - K.32.A. and B. - K.33. A & C

O.C. 3rd. A.L.T.M.B. will send one Section to each Bn. and O.C. 3rd. M.G. Coy. will also send one Section to each Bn.

3rd. Field Coy. Engrs. will remain in Reserve.

2. DISPOSITIONS On receipt of Message "Battle Positions" from Bn. Hqrs. or in the event of an Alarm given otherwise, the following dispositions will be taken up by the 10th. Battalion.

- (a) "A" Coy. Right Platoon will occupy ~~from~~ Trench K.13.C.5.0 - K.13.C.5.1.
Centre Platoon will occupy Platoon Post at K.13.C.7.6.
Left Platoon will remain with Coy. Hqrs. in Trench at K.13.C.4.5. (present Coy. Hqrs.)
- (b) "B" Coy. Right Platoon will remain as at present in Trench at J.18.D.9.8.
Centre Platoon will move along Trenches now occupied to J.18.B.6.4.
Left Platoon will occupy Trench from K.13.A.2.4. to K.13.A.4.2.
Coy. Hqrs. will remain as at present at J.18.D.7.8.
- (c) "C" Coy. in Support
Right Platoon will move to Trench at J.18.D.5.7.
Centre Platoon " " " " at J.18.D.4.9.
Left Platoon " " " " at J.18.B.5.0.
Coy. Hqrs. will remain as at present at J.18.D.5.8.
- (d) Battalion Headquarters - Bn. Hqrs. will remain as at present at J.18.A.0.7.

3. VICKERS MACHINE GUNS - These will be situated at K.13.C.5.1., K.13.C.6.4., K.13.A.4.2., K.13.A.2.4., where emplacements are now being made.

4. STOKES MORTARS These will be sited in accordance with the developments of the situation.

5. FORWARD COMPANIES Platoon Commanders of Forward Posts will take all normal precautions for their own protection by establishing Listening Posts etc., where necessary. O.C. "A" Coy. will establish an examining Post on Road at K.13.C.9.4.

6. SUPPORT COMPANY In the event of it becoming necessary for "C" Coy. to reinforce either of the Forward Coys. every advantage will be taken of ground cover while moving. To effect this the Left Platoon of "C" Coy. so far as the tactical situation permits will reinforce "B" Coy., and the Right Platoon of "C" Coy. will reinforce "A" Coy. respectively.

7. RESERVE OF S.A.A. & GRENADES - Transport Officer will hold the Reserve of SAA & Grenades in readiness to be moved up on Limbers to be moved forward to Coy. Hqrs. immediately on the Alarm being given.

8. COMPLETION OF MOVE - Os.C. Coys. will notify Bn. Hqrs. immediately their Coys. are in position.
9. PROMULGATION - Os.C. Coys. will take steps to ensure that every man knows his position in the event of an Alarm. Every Officer and N.C.O. must in addition visit and know the positions of every Platoon and Gun in the Area defended by this Battalion, and must also know the Areas defended by other Units of the Brigade.
10. PRACTICE Os.C. Coys. will practice their Coys. in taking up their Alarm Positions.
11. GENERAL Os.C. Coys. will ensure that their men are at all times in a position to "carry on". Water bottles will be kept filled and Iron Rations inspected daily.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE

G. Campbell

Captain & Adjutant
TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

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11.	O.C. HQ..	12., 13., 14	War Diary
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18.	1st. M.G.Bn.	19.	3rd. T.M.Bty.

BATTALION ORDER NO. 127.

Ref: Sheets 62C N.E.
62 B.N.W. and
Special Map.

Battalion Headquarters
16th. Sept. 1918.

1. INFORMATION The 4th. Army in conjunction with the 1st. French Army on the Right and the 3rd. Army on the Left is to attack the enemy's defensive positions in front of the HENDENBURG LINE.
- (2) The Australian Corps is to attack in the centre of the 4th. Army front, the IX Corps is attacking on the Right and the III Corps on the Left.
- (3) The 1st Australian Division is to attack on the Left of the Australian Corps. The 4th. Australian Division will be attacking on Right and the 74th. Division on the Left of the 1st. Australian Division. The 15th. A.I. Battalion, 4th. A.I. Brigade will be attacking on immediate Right.

2. INTENTION (1) The 1st Australian Division is to attack on a 2 Brigade front. The 3rd. A.I. Brigade on Right and 1st A.I. Brigade on Left.
- (2) Objectives and boundaries are shown on map already issued. A back inter-brigade boundary has been drawn defining Brigade areas for approach and assembly.
- Date of attack and zero hour will be notified later.

Detail of Troops (1) The 3rd. A.I. Brigade will attack on the Right of Divisional Sector.

(2) One half section (2 tanks) is allotted to the Brigade.

(3) One Troop of 13th. Light Horse Regiment is allotted to the Brigade.

3. ARTILLERY 8 Field Artillery Brigades will be available to cover the Divisional Front.
- The Field Artillery to cover the 3rd. A.I. Brigade advance is to be grouped as under :-

Group Commander - Lieut. Col. E.T. DEAN D.S.O.
4 Brigades Field Artillery.

A proportion of Heavy Artillery has been allotted to the Brigade and will deal with the following targets prior to attack day, and will assist by destructive and counter battery shoots during the attack.

All trench systems on map.
Sunken Roads in L.27.A. - L.21.D. - L.27.A. - L.21.C. - L.22.C. - L.16.E. and D. - L.11.C. and D. - L.17.B. and D. - L.23.B. - L.18.A.
Village of VILLERET - Woods BROSSE WOOD - L.21. ZULU AND KAFFIR COPSES - L.17.A.; CHATEAU - L.23.A. - FERVAGUE FARM - L.16.C.S.S. - QUARRIES - Squares L.8. and 14.

4. VICKERS MACHINE GUNS The Artillery Barrage on the Divisional Front is to be supplemented with Machine Gun Barrage of one Battalion and two Companies of machine guns. The 3rd. M.G. Coy. will detail a section to each of attacking battalions. Until 1st objective is captured the Section allotted to 9th. and 10th. Battalions will be Brigade Reserve, and will not be used by these Battalions. When 1st Objective is captured the two Sections allotted to 11th. and 12th. Battalions will become Brigade Reserve for use in assisting 9th and 10th. Battalions if ordered to do so by Brigade Headquarters. Sections will move with Battalions to whom allotted unless ordered by Brigade HQ. to go elsewhere.
- The Section attached to this Unit will move as under:-
- One subsection with Right Platoon of Right Line Company.
One subsection with Right Platoon of Support Company.
- These Vickers Guns will take advantage of fleeting targets and will give covering fire where necessary.

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4. VICKERS MACHINE GUNS (contd) The 11th. M.G. Coy. will move forward in rear of the 11th. and 12th. Battalions and carry out the following tasks:-
 (a) Cover the consolidation of the 1st. Objective by direct fire.
 (b) Engage the Eastern Edge of the Village of VILLERET and trenches in L.12.C. - Trench System in G.7.D. - Quarries in G.14.B.
5. TRENCH MORTARS Medium Trench Mortars will also cooperate in the attack and will place smoke barrage on CARPEZA Copse and BROSSE WOOD No. 2. Light Trench Mortars - Two guns are attached to 10th. Battalion. These Guns will move with Support Platoon of Support Company.
6. LIGHT HORSE A Troop of Light Horse will report to Brigade Headquarters at Zero plus 180.
7. ORDER OF BATTLE "C" Coy. on Right, "B" Coy. on Left, "A" Coy. in Support, with inter-company Boundary on line running due East from FOSSE POST, L.18.C.15.
8. METHOD OF ATTACK. The Attack will be made on "Leap-frog" method. 10th. Battalion will capture Right Sector of 2nd. Objective and exploit to Line of Exploitation, as shown on map already issued. "A" Coy. will mop area in rear of attacking Companies. Barrage Map showing Barrage Lines and times of moving forward will be issued separately.
 Battalion will be on Jumping Off position in trenches running across ~~PARVAGUE SWICH~~ through L.25.B. at Zero minus 60 minutes. Companies will move in Line of Sections in File at 50 yards interval and distance. (See Sketch attached.)
 At Zero hour Artillery and M.G. Barrages open on Line 200 yards forward of Brigade Tapo Line, while attackers move forward as close as possible. The 1st Barrage lift will be at zero plus 3 minutes. The second will be at Zero plus 5 minutes. The next and succeeding lifts up to and including the 11th. lift, will be at intervals of 3 minutes. The 12th. and following lifts will be made at intervals of 4 minutes. All Lifts will be of 100 yards, measured along the inter-Corps Boundary. The barrage will cease 250 yards in front of 2nd. Objective.
Halt Line - 10th. Battalion will remain on Halt Line (1st Objective) until Zero plus 3 hours 10 minutes, when the Advance will be continued to the RED LINE.
 On Barrage Lifting at Zero plus 3 minutes, the whole Brigade will move forward. 10th. Battalion will keep close to 1st Objective Troops, and help if necessary. At the 1st Objective the 10th. Bn. will move up ready to follow Barrage closely when it lifts. On reaching the 2nd. Objective the 10th. Battalion will consolidate. Patrols - "A" Coy. will hold a reserve Platoon as a Patrol and this Platoon will pass through "B" and "C" immediately on reaching 2nd. Objective and establish a Post on Exploitation Line. Should remaining two Platoons of "A" Coy. not be involved they will act in a similar manner. Both "B" and "C" Coys. will tell off Patrols before they advance, ready to move straight out to exploitation line.
 During the Advance first waves must "keep going", but gaps must be mopped up as Companies move forward.
 Companies will adhere to the principle of advancing along the high ground and avoiding valleys as far as possible, but must take steps to deal with enemy pockets left in gaps as soon as possible.
 Vickers and Lewis Machine Guns emplaced on the high ground will command enemy positions in the valleys and on the lower slopes of the hills. The Lewises and Vickers Machine Guns will assist the Moppers Up by giving covering fire from these commanding positions.
 "B" Coy. 10th. Battalion will make good the spur L.17.D. thence spur L.18.C. In exploitation G.13.D. will be made good moving via high ground and North of Battalion Boundary.
 On reaching 2nd. Objective and Line of Exploitation Companies will send Liaison Patrols to gain touch with their Flanks.

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On reporting objective gained, Companies

METHOD OF ATTACK (contd) *On reporting objective gained, Companies*
will also report if they are in touch with Units on their Flanks.
Close touch must be made between 9th. and 10th. Battalions on reaching
good the important ridge L.17.B. -L.18.A. -G.13.B. - G.14.A.

POSTS On reaching the exploitation line, Posts will be established
at approx. G.20.B.9.9., G.14.D.9.2., G.14.D.9.4., G.14.D.6.7.,
G.15.A.1.0., G.15.A.5.4.
After consolidation "A" Coy. will withdraw to a Support Position
approx. 250 yards behind line of posts and will be prepared to act
as carrying parties from Bn. Dumps to Line Companies.
"B" and "C" Coys. will thin out front line of posts by withdrawing
one Platoon each to a Support position in rear of front line.

9. DIRECTION - Lieut. J.W. SEARCY will act as direction Officer.
10. TANKS - Two Tanks will assist in a ttrack, and will move under the
barrage on following routes:-
"A" TANK - South of Trench in L.21.A. and L.15.D. thence by
PERVAQUE Trench - to Sunken Road in L.16.B. -KAFFIR COPSE and ZULU
Copse and sunken road in L.11.C. -thence through VILLERET and will
specially deal with following points- Sunken Road L.16.B., VILLERET.
"B" TANK- L.21.C.7.3. -L.21.D.6.4. -along trenches in L.22.A.
skirting Northern edge of GRAND FRIEL WOOD in L.22.B. - Sunken Road
in L.17.D. and thence back along trenches in L.18.C. and 24.A.
Signals for use with Tanks will be as laid down in S.S. 214 of
August 1918.
11. PRISONERS OF WAR The 1st Aust. Div. P.O.W. Cage will be established
on forward slope of hill in K.27.B.
The D.A.P.M. will have a screen of M.M. Policemen stationed along
the Divisional Front, at an approximate distance of one mile from
the Front Line. This screen will cover all routes from the front
line in the Divisional Area. Adjacent routes in flank areas will
also be watched.
Company escorts will take prisoners to BN.HQRS. Battalion escorts
will take prisoners to the rear and deliver them to the First 1st.
Aust. Div. M.M. Policemen they meet, who will hand the escort a typed
receipt. In the unlikely event of missing members of the M.M.P.
screen, they will proceed to the Divisional P.O.W. Cage in K.27.B.
12. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS (a) Tape Line The Tape Line for forming
up will be laid on the general line L.26.D.7.6. -L.14.C.5.3. (this is
250 yards West of Tape Line shown on special map issued on 14th inst)
10th. Battalion will form up immediately in rear of 12th. Battalion
which will be on Tape Line.
(b) Battle Headquarters - will be as follows: -
Brigade Headquarters - L.26.C.5.7.
9th. Battalion)
11th. Battalion) L.19.D. and L.26.A. and C.
12th. Battalion)
10th. Battalion Headquarters will be at L.26.C.5.6. until 1st
Objective is reached when it will be moved to PERVAQUE FARM.
A light Blue Flag marked 10th. Bn. will indicate the location.
(c) Communications. The Brigade Signalling Officer will be
responsible for the maintaining of communication between Brigade
and Battalions' Headquarters throughout the operation.
Communication will be maintained by Lucas Lamp until Bn. Hqrs. is
established at PERVAQUE FARM. From this location lines will be
run to each Coy. Hqrs. and telephone communication established.

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12. Communications (contd): Signal and S.O.S. Relay Stations will be established at L.16.C.9.3, and G.13.B.2.1. As aids in locating positions each Coy. Hqrs. will take forward 4 "Duck" notice boards marked "A" "B" "C" Coys, respectively which will be placed at intervals along route from Bn. Hqrs. to Coy. Hqrs. Intelligence Officer will arrange for placing of 12 similar boards between Bn. Hqrs. and Coy. Hqrs. indicating route to Bn. Hqrs.
- Signals to Aeroplanes. Ten per cent of men will be issued with tin discs and ten per cent with red ground flares. As far as possible tin discs only should be used. Companies are reminded that a simple device for attracting the attention of our airmen is by laying three or four rifles parallel on the parapet with bayonets pointing towards the enemy.
- (i) Observation Posts O.Ps at L.16.C.9.3, and G.13.B.2.1. will be established by I.O.
- (e) Tracks and Bridges - 3rd. Field Coy. A.E. are preparing tracks and building bridges over trenches for transport to Dumps at L.25.B.6.2, and L.19.C.9.2. They will be labelled with arrow head and a map location. The Field Coy. are also preparing Light Bridges for Trenches on Tracks to be used after advance has commenced. Tracks are as follows:- ZULU TRACK - L.20.A. - L.15.C. - L.16.A. - L.17.Central. BROSSSE TRACK - L.25.B. - L.21.Central - L.17.Central.
- (f) Tank Tapes are white with black line running through centre.
- (g) Souvenir-ing Men will be forbidden to neglect their duty for souvenir-ing.
- (h) Booby Traps - Troops will be warned against Booby Traps.
- (i) It must be remembered that prisoners are necessary, as in most instances they can give valuable information.
- (j) The greatest care must be taken not to get into fighting contact with our men during mopping operations.
- (k) Officers will not carry maps showing dispositions of our men.
- (l) All ranks will be warned against carrying letters or documents which will supply information to the enemy if captured.
- (m) Wounded will not be brought back by fighting troops. They will be picked up S.Bs.
- (n) Message Maps will be issued to send back information as soon as Platoons are established. Vickers machine gun and T.M. positions will be shown on them.
- (o) Men will be warned to say nothing if taken prisoner.
- (p) All men will be warned that in the event of becoming casualties their bombs, S.A.A., Cocoa and Milk etc. should be handed over to men who are not casualties.
13. LIAISON OFFICER Lieut. R.S. Allen will act as Liaison Officer with 12th. Bn. during the advance to the 1st Objective and thereafter with 9th. Bn. on Left. He will have with him 2 Runners. O.C. "A" Coy. will detail a party of 6 men to report to Lieut. LINES at 15th. Bn. Hqrs. on extreme right of Jumping Off Tape to bring back messages.
14. ANTI AIRCRAFT At halts, and on reaching objectives A.A. Guns must be mounted to deal with low flying aircraft.
15. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT - See ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
16. Further instructions in reference to moving of Battalion from present position and synchronisation of watches will be issued later. Routes are as per attached Map. Northern being known as ZULU Track, Southern as BROSSSE TRACK. I.O. will have Routes boarded on 17th. inst.
17. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS are being issued separately.
18. ACKNOWLEDGE

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TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.

TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH BN. ORDER 127.

Battalion Head quarters
16th. Sept. 1918.

1. **DRESS:** Fighting Order, plus: W.P. Sheet, Entrenching Tool in front. Each man excluding Signallers, Runners, and Lewis Gunners will carry 170 rounds S.A.A., 2 No. 36 Grenades, 1 No. 23 Grenade, 2 Sandbags, 24 hours Iron Rations and unconsumed portion of current day's rations, 2 Water Bottles. Every third man will carry wire-cutters. Signallers and Runners will carry 50 rounds S.A.A. per man. In addition will be carried 16 Grenade Cups per Coy., 20 per cent picks and 20 per cent shovels, 16 filled Lewis Gun Magazines and 1 Very Pistol and Flares per gun, one S.O.S. Signal by each Platoon Officer and two S.O.S. Signals per Coy. Hqrs. Intelligence Officer will arrange for one S.O.S. Signal per Relay Station. Support Platoon of "A" Coy. will carry 2 rounds per man of Stokes Ammunition to be supplied under arrangements of Q.M. Stokes Mortar Officer to provide necessary ammunition.
2. **BATTLE STORES:** Q.M. will arrange to deliver 10 filled Lewis Gun Magazines per Gun to Coys. as soon as they reach their Objective. Q.M. will arrange for 4 Pack animals loaded with picks and shovels in proportion of 2 picks to 1 shovel to be loaded ready to move forward to Coys. as soon as they reach their Objective. Q.M. in conjunction with T.O. will arrange for following stores to be got forward as soon as possible after final objective is captured, from Brigade Dump at L.25.B.7.1. :-

10000 rounds S.A.A.	500 No. 36 Grenades
50 No. 23 Grenades	25 Tins of Water
18 S.O.S. Grenades	100 No. 27 Grenades.

 In addition one Limber will take forward Stokes Mortar Ammunition.
3. **TRANSPORT:** Transport will remain in present location. Casualties in Horses and Mules will be wired to Brigade by noon daily by T.O. T.O. will notify Brigade of locations of Cookers and of Transport should they move.
4. **RATIONS:** - Ration Refilling Point J.23.C.9.9. Q.M. will arrange for full meal to be issued one hour before troops move from present location. Twenty four hours Iron Rations to be carried on man in addition to current day's rations. Fifty per cent will carry 1 tin of cocoa and milk, remainder 1 Tommy Cooker. Hot meal will be delivered to Troops as soon as possible after final Objective is captured. One Section 3rd. M.G. Coy., one Section 3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty will be attached to Battalion for rations during these operations. Responsibility for rationing of this party will belong to O.C. Coy. to whom they are attached for the time being.
5. **DUMPS:** Brigade Dumps will be situated at L.25.B.7.1. and L.19.D.1.3. Battalion will be established under supervision of Q.M. and T.O. as close as possible to the final objective. Location of these dumps will then be notified to Br. Hqrs. which will then notify Coys. Two G.S. Wagons with Brakesmen will report to Brigade Hqrs. These Limbers will be loaded with S.A.A and Grenades as laid down verbally by Brigade at last meeting of T.Os and Q.M.s. The personnel will be rationed by Bde. Hq. Q.M. will arrange to ration the animals.
6. **MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Three squads with 1 N.C.O. will report from 3rd. Field Ambulance on afternoon of 17th. They will be rationed by the Battalion. A.D.S. will be at TINCOURT, moving to K.15.C.18. when situation permits. W.L.P. will be at K.29.D.8.8. R.A.P. will be at L.26.C.5.6. moving as soon as possible to HERVAQUE WEST in L.16.C.8.5. or in that vicinity. R.A.P. will be marked by a large white flag with Red Cross in centre. Y.M.C.A. will establish Coffee Stalls at K.29.D.8.8. and K.30.A.3.3 for walking wounded.

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7. RETURNS It is of the utmost importance that as soon as and whenever possible Coy. and Platoon Commanders send in to BN. Hqrs. accurate casualty returns. On reaching 1st. Halt, 2nd. Halt and Final Objective; Coy. Commanders will send returns of estimated casualties in K., W., or Missing to be followed by detailed returns later. These should include casualties to Machine Gunners and T. Mortars attached.
8. SURPLUS KITS Packs, Valises, Mess Gear and all surplus kit will be dumped at Q.M. Store by 6.0 p.m. on 17th. inst. Q.M. will supply an adequate guard from his own personnel.
9. CANTEEN The N.C.O. in charge Canteen will make every effort to procure supplies of Cigarettes, Matches and if possible Bottled Beer. These will be handed over to Q.M. who will get them forward to Coys. treating such supplies as a free issue.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE

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TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF 18th. Sept. 1918. NEAR JEANCOURT

As the 10th. Battalion was occupying on 17th. Sept. trenches in J.18.B and D. near HAMER, approximately 10 kilometres from the Front Line it was decided to move up to the immediate rear of the Jumping Off Line allotted to this Battalion early in the evening of 17th, in order to give the men an opportunity of resting before the attack which was to take place at 5.20 a.m. on 18th.

Companies were accordingly brought up and rested in huts so close to the Front Line that they escaped enemy shelling and bombing. Before moving forward to the attack a hot meal was served out in silence, and as a result of these measures the men moved out to their work on the morning of the 18th, with more eagerness and dash than might have been expected after their long period of active fighting.

The task of taking the Right Sector of 1st. Objective was allotted to 12th. Battalion, while 10th. Battalion was to pass through 12th Battalion at this point, take the Right Sector of 2nd. Objective and push on and exploit to the high ground 1000 yards beyond the 2nd. Objective.

In order to minimise casualties it was decided that Coys. should not follow immediately in rear of 12th. Bn. as far as the 1st. Objective, but should leave the Jumping Off Line in time to pass over the 1st. Objective as the Barrage moved forward from it after a pause of 75 minutes.

Companies moved away from the Jumping Off Line on time and from this point until the Final Objective was reached Companies maintained the formations laid down for them except for the occasions when severe local opposition was met with, when the necessary action was taken by Platoons to deal with this.

During the course of the advance opposition developed mainly in two places,

- (a) In the strong trench system between 1st and 2nd Objectives and
- (b) In the equally strong system situated just short of the ultimate Objective, or Line of Exploitation.

In the first of these systems "C" Coy. after a fierce struggle, captured nearly 100 prisoners, 12 machine guns and 4 77cm guns.

During this phase remarkable individual achievement was accomplished by 2nd. Lieut. W.S. BENNETT. His Platoon was held up by three machine guns in a Trench. Entirely by himself Mr. Bennett worked his way to the flank of these gunners, managed to get into their trench, and then with his revolver attacked and secured the three guns, killing or capturing the whole of the crews. To the final phase of the advance the enemy offered a stubborn resistance hotly contesting the high ground which it was essential to the success of the whole operation to capture. The final stage was accomplished by a spirited charge, the enemy machine gunners with their usual bravery breaking only at the sight of the determined line advancing without the slightest hesitation. During the advance "C" Coy. had to a certain extent been squeezed out of the line owing to the Left Battalion working too far to the right, but this was soon adjusted, and a line of posts constructed (as per Map already forwarded) with C Coy. on Right, B Coy. on Left, and A Coy. in Support.

Touch throughout was maintained with 9th. Bn. on Left. On the Right 14th. Bn. did not move forward to the Line of Exploitation as quickly as 10th. Bn. with the result that for a while the flank of the 10th. Bn. was not in contact with that of 14th. Bn. Ultimately this was rectified by Patrols, which covered Gaps of 200 yards between the 2 Battalions.

Consolidation was satisfactorily completed by 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Immediately the advance was obviously at an end the enemy followed his practice of getting men up into positions in front of our lines by ones and twos, and in this way by 2.0 p.m. he had a considerable number of men opposite our Front in G.14.D. Artillery was put on to this Area with the result that the Enemy were seen to run back in all directions.

About 6 p.m. the Right Coy. began to be harassed by M.G. Fire and Sniping coming from a strong post in front of the 4th. Bde. front at G.21.C.2.9. and from a little isolated trench at G.21.A.0.4. both of which places were enfilading our line. Artillery was put on to these targets intermittently, with the result that the firing stopped.

At 11.0 p.m. 14th. Bn. went through on our immediate right as far as their Blue Line, and close touch was gained and maintained with their Left.

During the advance, which was one of 5000 yards with a frontage of over 1000 yards the following guns and material were captured:-

- 1 8.2. in. Probably by 9th. Bn.
- 1 5.9.
- 13 Field Guns (not verified)
- 34 Machine Guns of which 3 are known to be heavy and 3 light

Numerous Trench Mortars and Machine Guns were left lying in their positions as the attacking Co ys. passed on, which are in process of being collected. Much ammunition of all kinds.

In addition an estimated number of over 200 prisoners, mostly unwounded, were sent back.

Casualties for the operation up to midnight on 18/19th. Sept. were :-

- 1 Officer and 10 Other ranks killed
- 3 Officers and 52 Other ranks wounded
- 1 Officer and 11 Other ranks missing.

CONTINUATION REPORT ON OPERATION NEAR JEANCOURT.

During the day following the successful advance, the necessary work of consolidation, improvement of accommodation, taking of ranges, etc., was carried out. On evening of 20th, 4th Bde., on Right, decided to push forward to G 31 B and G 32 C, and posts were ordered to be put out in Brew Lane, Haute Bruyere, and Pearl Wood. This minor operation was completed by 3.15 a.m., when line of posts ran: G 30 B 60.75 - Trench at G 14 D 75.30 - G 14 D 60.50 - Trench from G 14 D 65.65 to G 14 D 2009. With the exception of a standing patrol at G 15 C 4.0, this was the line as handed over to the 13th Bn. on 21/9/18.

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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.DIARY KEPT DURING OPERATIONS NEAR JEANCOURT 18th to 23rd Sept., 1918.

- 11 p.m., 17.9.18. Brigade notified Battalion in position.
- 5.29 a.m. 18.9.18. Barrage opened, unevenly but thick. No reply.
- 5.30 a.m. Enemy shells falling around Bn. Hqrs.
- 6.30 a.m. B.M. to C.O. No news yet received.
- 7.6. a.m. B.M. to C.O. 12th meeting with opposition. C.O.: Our men gone $\frac{1}{2}$ of an hour.
- U.U. a.m. C.O. to B.M.: Did you get any news from 9th Bn.? Our men moved at 6.30 a.m.
- 7.10 a.m. Message by runner to 9th Bn.: "Have you any news from 11th Bn.? advised 12th having a little trouble on left - going well on right.
- 7.14 a.m. Message from 2nd Lt. R.S. Allen per runner: "12th Bn. meeting strong opposition about 400 yds past quarry, L 27 Cent. from enemy shelling. Position on high ground further to left at present unknown. R.M.O. Capt. Young reported killed. 5 prisoners, 1st and 3rd Regt. Prussians."
- 7.35 a.m. Communication restored with 12th Bn. C.O. to C.O. 12th Bn.: How are you going? Are you able to keep pace with the barrage? No. Use our men if you need them.
- 7.41 a.m. Rang up 12th for confirmation of Capt. Youn's death. Adjnt. 12th: Cannot confirm, but believe true.
- 7.50 a.m. Capt. Young killed - confirmation from 12th Bn.
- 7.53 a.m. C.O. to B.M.: I want another Medical Officer. Reply: Already wired for.
- 7.54 a.m. Runner from 9th Bn.: Already on objective. Heavy enemy shelling forward areas.
- 7.55 a.m. Lieut. A.D. White reported wounded.
- 8.0. a.m. Lieut. , Field Engineers, reported with 15 men, with picks, and shovels for dugout building. Sent to FERVAQUE FM.
- 8.25 a.m. M.G. Liason Officer reported and told we would be removing to Fervaque Fm. in about an hour.
- 8.27 a.m. Capt. Cornish called: 11th on Objective - 9th in touch - 10th in touch with 9th.
- 8.45 a.m. Col. Mullen rung up - told of arrangements in Signals and Engineering party.
- 8.50. a.m. Report received from Lt. Allen, timed 8.35 a.m., Night Coy. of 12th Bn. under Capt. Houghton have gained objective. No news as yet of Left. Believed to be on their line.
- 8.55 a.m. Reply to Lt. Allen.
- 9.0 a.m. Line to 12th Bn. down.
- 9.18 a.m. Again in touch with 12th Bn.
- 9.23 a.m. C.O. to Adjnt. 9th: Any news - All clear - I'm moving up.
- 9.25 a.m. C.O. to B.M.: I'm moving up - everything going all right. Later shall try and get farther to the right.
- 10.50 a.m. Report received from "B" and "C" Coys., timed 8.10, and 8.0 a.m., respectively: Going forward - C Coy. 9 casualties B Coy., 2 killed, 1 was 6 casualties - 5 wounded, 1 killed.
- 11.0 a.m. Report received from wounded man of C Coy. that Coys. within 300 yds. of Exploitation Line - Can see down in gully - one rise still in front. C Coy. captured 100 prisoners, 12 machine guns, and 1 G.M. gun x 77 cm gun.
- 11.14 a.m. C.O. to B.M.: 100 prisoners, 12 m.gs. and 1 77 cm gun in one spot. Had a scrap round knoll. In touch with 9th, and 15th Bns. 35 casualties. Left flank Coy. did good work. Fight round Quarry. May want Vickers. Exact information later.
- 11.17 p.m. Message received from O.C., C Coy: Casualties light. Numerous M.Gs, and prisoners, also 3 Field Guns.
- 11.22 p.m. Phone through to B Coy.
- 11.32 p.m. Report from Lieut. C.R. Harvey.
- 11.40 a.m. Through to B Coy. by lamp.
- 11.55 a.m. Capt. Perry rang up to say that he was out just behind

Line of Exploitation - very short of S.A.A., and that A Coy. had dumped its T.M. Ammunition. He estimated total ~~Kinesmenxent~~ casualties so far at 99. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTN.

2.30 a.m. 11.55 a.m. Lieuts. Blake, Cooper, Paxton, wounded. Lt. Harvey missing Presumed wounded. Arrange to put Artillery on to given places in front of line of exploitation.

11.55 a.m. 12.45 p.m. Lieut. Allen left to expedite bringing up of ammunition. "B" Coy. disconnecting to ~~be~~ move forward. "C" Coy. already disconnected for same reason.

1.58 p.m. CO. got into touch with B.M. after 1½ hours. C.O. explained to B.M. his proposed plan. Bomb stop in Brew Lane, M.Gs in Pearl Wood - exact dispositions to be forwarded later.

2.12 p.m. C.O. to O.C. A Coy.: How are things going? What Officers did you lose? Are you on Blue Line? How did the formation work? Casualty returns, daily states, etc.

2.14 p.m. CO. to O.C. A Coy.: Plateau in D.14 overlooks you. Do what you intend doing. Artillery programme arranged here. Send your patrols out, and then ring me up. I'll give you the artillery programme when you hike. Get farther on to get a better view. Blue Line in G.29.B. Get a post out on Plateau. Casualty returns, daily returns, trophies, etc.

2.39 p.m. 3rd Batty. officer reported to Bn. H.Qrs Location L.16.C.- Targets Haute Bruyer, Pearl Wood, and 159 contour in G.14. D.

2.45 p.m. Lt. Slocombe reported the effects of artillery put on 14 D Enemy dispersed - running in all directions. Dispositions - One 5.9 near A Coy. H.Qrs. Numerous M.Gs - about 19 77 Cms. Reported our sector Blue Line held from Left to Right - 1 Coy. 9th Bn. - B Coy., 19th Bn. - A & C Coys. 10th Bn. in close support. 9th Bn. was then working into its own sector on the left. B Coy. moving over to the left, and C Coy. on to its Right..

2.55 p.m. C.O. to B.M.: Shifted since last time I spoke Trouble mostly from two banks. Can see right down to Canal. Put 4.5 hows. on to Banks, and Pearl Wood. If coming up ring up as I'm going to move. One 5.9, and about 2 Batteries 77cms. located in Trench System in 818. 5.9 in 14. Numerous Mortars and Machine Guns.

3.20 p.m. Lieut. Allen reported from new location new of new Bn. H.Qs. Report from O.C. A Coy. Bn. Dump established near Bn. H.Qrs.

3.25 p.m. Capt. Perry rang up to say there was a lot of movement in 15 A, B, and C.

3.30 p.m. Brigade rang up and arranged for hows. to be put on to above targets.

3.55 p.m. Capt. Perry rang up to say he was sending out a patrol, but this cancelled as heavies being put on area in front of his line.

4.0 p.m. Artillery Liason Officer reports heavies falling short on B Coy.

4.5 p.m. Brigade notified

4.10 p.m. B Coy. report still falling short.

4.35 p.m. Capt. Perry told to send out patrol as artillery stopped. Rang up Capt. Perry asking how patrol had gone. Not returned yet, men exhausted.

4.45 p.m. Rang up Capt. Perry and told him adjustment of line would be postponed till tomorrow.

4.50 p.m. Bde. informed of postponement, and asked for occasional rounds to keep enemy quiet.

6.20 p.m. Perry rang up to say strong post at 21 C 2.9. was enfilading him, and that two men who had gone out to gain touch with 14th Bn. had been shot and captured.

6.30 p.m. Arranged for B Bty. for S.P. to be dealt with.

6.31 p.m. Perry informed, and to observe.

6.41 p.m. Bde. informed.

6.42 p.m. Bty. ready to fire. O.C. C Coy. informed. T shaped trench. 2nd Target 21 A 0.4. Practically on grid line.

6.43 p.m. Bty. fired.

6.44 p.m. C.O. to O.C. C Coy: How's range? Good. 30 rds. to 1st

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- Target. If any further trouble to be fixed targets.
- 6.48 p.m. C.O. to Bty.: Range excellent - call them targets A & B: 30 rds. each.
- 6.49 p.m. C.O. to O.C. C Coy.: First called "Target A," and second "Target B."
- Patrol to Right Flank captured. Where did they try to go - left main trench system - trench in 30 B. T.M. ammunition to be delivered to Coy. H.Qrs.
- 7.33 p.m. C.O. to B.M.: Explanation re missing patrol, also of positions forward. Right flank has not come up. Proposed plan - talking of S.P.
- 7.40 p.m. O.C. C Coy to C.O.: Lt. Paisley reports enemy forming up in gullies.
- 7.42 p.m. C.O. to B.M. Priority: Patrols out - Fritz forming up in Le Haute Bruyer, Peral wood, and Copse 14 D and 15 C in Gullies. Two low flying planes dropping flares.
- 7.45 p.m. C.O. to Bty.: 500 enemy in gully 14 D 77
- 7.49 p.m. C.O. to O.C. C Coy: Will put down complete barrage in minute or two. O.C. C Coy. would like Bty. to fire on target "B" wait till other barrage falls. Tell me how barrage comes down.
- 8.5 p.m. Arranged with 18 Pdr. Bty. to run direct line to Bn.
- 8.14 p.m. No result from Bde. Artillery.
- 8.15 p.m. Bde. informed of this and arrangements made with B and C Batteries to fire from 9.0 to 9.10 p.m. Brigade asked for another Bty. preferably 4.5 hows. and 1 more 18 Pdr. at same time.
- 8.30 p.m. O.C. B Coy. reports enough stuff gone over.
- 9.0 p.m. Barrage opens.. B Bty. 1 minutr early.
- 9.6 p.m. Capt. Perry reports barrage effective, but one gun firing short.
- 9.11 p.m. B Bty. asked to cease fire.
- 9.30 p.m. Lines down to Coys., Linesmen out.
- 10.20 p.m. Bde. Major rang up - told him I would let him ~~know~~ I would let him know how show went as soon as I heard.
- 10.25 p.m. warning received that 4th Bde. moving to Blue Line at 11 p.m.
- 10.55 p.m. Line to C Coy. restored Capt. Perry reported that 4th Bde. did not go forward as the 11 o'clock was being done instead.
- 11.5 p.m. Bd. Major informed. He requested tha if 4th Bde. went well forward our right Coy. would conform.
- 11.6 p.m. Capt. Perry informed of this.
- 11.10 p.m. Col. Mullen rang up to know what was happening.
- 11.35 p.m. Message received from B.M., if necessary fire will be carried out on the front at following times - 4.55 to 5.5 a.m. - and 5.29 a.m. to 5.30 a.m.
- 11.55 p.m. B Coy. rang up to know if Parade States required in the morning. Reply: Yes, at usual time.
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- 12.5 a.m. Lines to Coys. reported down, Linesmen sent out.
- 12.10 a.m. S.O.S. Guard found to be without S.O.S. signal - Saw Mr Slocombe.
- 12.35 a.m. Guard supplied with S.O.S.
- 12.40 a.m. Lieut. Davidson (Q.M.) rang up from rear - wished to speak to C.O., or Adjt. - on being told they were both resting - said it would not matter - would ring up later.
- 1.35 a.m. Through to C and A Coys. Spoke to Jenkins - In touch with 4th Division on Right, who got about 40 prisoners, everything o.k.
- 1.40 a.m. In touch with B Coy., all O.K.
- 2.45 a.m. In touch with all Coys.
- 3.29 a.m. All lines to Coys. down.
- 6.20 a.m. Through to all Coys., all O.K.
- 6.55 a.m. Intelligence Reports from C and A Coys. A Coy. phoned that captured in tunnel between red and brown lines.
- 12 noon. Capt. Perry rang up to say that he and the Bn. on the Right were only 10 yards apart.
- 12.10 p.m. Message received from G.O.C. that he would like Haute Bruyer, and Knoll in Pearl Wood captured.
- 12.12 p.m. C.O. to O.C. C Coy. asking for correct location of Right Flank, because 4th Bde. advises Left Flank on Banks.
- 12.15 p.m. C.O. to B.M.: Your wire received - am going out to see position in trench system just in front of Blue Line. Trench in Knoll can easily put a post in there Propose to put a post in ~~xxxx~~

Brew Lane on edge of Contour G.14.D.7.5. Flank does not extend to Haute Bruyere - can cover knoll. Have patrolled all this area - shall go out and make certain - Fine target in G 11 C. ~~sunken~~
road running into Bellicourt - Plenty of traffic.

- 4.14 p.m. C.O. to B.M.: Reference your wire re proposed operation - have been over the ground - we have it all covered - have L.P. in Brew Lane - another in sap 20.B. Pearl Wood not where shown on Map - if we go out in front of knoll we mask M.G. fire from 14th Bn. - if we move out it must be a concerted move from 4th Bde. to 9th Bn.
- 4.21 p.m. O.C. B Coy. to C.O.: Socks required - L.P. to be fixed up with L.G. Team.

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- 12.35 a.m. O.C. A Coy. reported ~~pr~~ phone all O.K. on sector.
- 2.30 a.m. Direct line to G Coy. down - but in communication with all Coys.
- 2.39 a.m. Linesmen out. Inspected Gas Guard.
- 3.0 p.m. Situation Reports received from Coys., transmitted to Bde.
- 4.10 a.m. Intelligence reports from G and A Coys. - German Revolver received from Capt. Perry - Casualty return from A Coy.
- 4.20 a.m. Through to all Coys. - O.K.
- 4.30 a.m. Warned Lt. Allen to report to B Coy.
- 5.25 to 5.35 a.m. Harrassing fire carried out by artillery.
- 5.30 a.m. Lieut. Allen left for B Coy. Capt. Perry rang up, said good harrassing shoot
- 5.35 a.m. Shoot continued.
- 5.35/5.45 Shoot continues.
- 6.20 a.m. Rations left here for Coys.
- 6.40 a.m. Capt. Perry rang up - said rations had arrived - were very good. Hun had put artillery on his trench, either in reply to our barrage, or on seeing ration party - one man hit.
- 6.55 p.m. Capt. Perry rang up to say he had seen both 14th and 15th, and neither knew anything about it (the intention of 4th Bde. to advance to G 31 Central).
- 7.10 p.m. B.M. informed.
- 8.40 p.m. Capt. Perry reported bombing front line.

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- 12.15 a.m. B.M. 38 received - shown to C.O., also B.M. 39.
- 12.20 a.m. C.O. 15th rang up re their stunt. - said they were doing it at 12.30 a.m. - C.O. replied.
- 12.25 a.m. C.O. rang up B.M., and told him about 15th Bn. stunt.
- 12.30 a.m. C.O. rang up O.C. C Coy., and told him to put out posts where previously ordered.
- 12.35 a.m. C.O. rang up 15th Bn., and told their C.O. where he was putting out posts to at 1 o'clock.
- 12.40 a.m. Capt. Perry rang up to say no wire at Bank Dump. C.O. instructed O.C. A Coy. where to find it.
- 12.45 a.m. Acknowledge B.M. 39.
- 12.45 a.m. Secret Orders in connection with above operation and confirming sent out by urgent runner to O.C. C Coy.
- 12.47 a.m. C.O. spoke to O.C. A Coy. re dump.
- 12.50 a.m. Pte. Montgomery detailed to show O.C. A Coy. where dump is. Mr Slocombe also sent out. C.O. rang up O.C. A Coy to tell him Lt. Slocombe would be up to show him where wire was, and that he was to ensure that wire was put out.
- 12.50 a.m. Artillery Liason Officer instructed his artillery must fall nearer than 100 yds. East of Grid Line between G 14 and 15 (N.&S.)
- 12.53 a.m. Rang up Bde. and asked for officer on duty - Bd. priority -
- 1.2 a.m. No answer - again asked Bde.
- 1.4 a.m. Answer received - Staff Capt. speaking - C.O. instructed him re Artillery as above.
- 1.5 a.m. O.C. A Coy. notified that Mr Slocombe is reporting to his H.Q. to have party ready to collect wire.
- 1.14 a.m. C.O. rang up O.C. C Coy. that Lt. Allanson and his men were reporting to render assistance.
- 1.16 a.m. C.O. rang up O.C. A Coy - Jenkins instructed ~~him~~ that after Lt. Slocombe had reported to him he had to assist Capt. Perry and himself in getting wire and ammunition to new posts.
- 1.20 a.m. C.O. rang up officer on duty of 9th Bn. re trench in front of Quarry Wood, and asked him to Mortar, and M.G. it to keep down enfilade fire.

- 1.39 a.m. C.O. rang up O.C. C Coy. to say he is sending forward two sigs., a telephone and some wire for the post on the knoll.
- 1.41 a.m. Sgt. Ball instructed to send above to O.C. C Coy., also to send an extra phone in addition to the one mentioned above.
- 1.45 a.m. O.C. C Coy. acknowledges C.O. 8 & 9, and G.962, also 1 Red Cross Case.
- 1.53 a.m. C.O. rang up O.C. C Coy. to inform him of new artillery line arranged.
- 2.2 a.m. Sgt. Ball reported Signallers despatched.
- 2.10 a.m. Message from Bde. B.M. 41 received in code
- 2.15 a.m. Operations now complete, Line now runs - Post G 20.B.69.75 - Trench at G.14.D.75.20 - new Post G 14 D 6050 - Trench from G 14 D 65 65 to G 14 D 2009. Complete ~~new~~ belt of trench wire about 160 yds. in front of old line, and a belt about 40 yds. in front of new post
- 2.17 a.m. Bde. informed by C.O. and asked to inform artillery of new line.
- 2.29 a.m. Message from Bde. B.M. 41 - Corrected hour at 5.45 a.m.
- 2.26 a.m. C.O. rang up C.O. 15th Bn. and gave him location of new posts.
- 2.34 a.m. C.O. rang up C.O. 9th Bn., and gave him dispositions of new posts.
- 2.38 a.m. Bde. rang up - spoke to C.O., want Battalion to go out 400 yds. farther on right post. - C.O. will do it if Bde. will take responsibility.
- 2.58 a.m. C.O. rang up O.C. C Coy., told him of Bde. wishes.
- 3.1 a.m. C.O. rang up C.O. 15th Bn., who states that his left has not yet reached trench T in Grid between 20 B, and 21 A. His centre he thinks is on road running through 21 A & B.
- 3.7 a.m. C.O. rang up Bde., Urgent Priority, and reported above conversation
- 3.10 a.m. C.O. rang up O.C. C Coy., and told him to stand fast on line had got and wire in
- 3.12 a.m. C.O. rang up Bde. and again repeated above conversation with C.O. 15th Bn. ~~C.O. refused to move forward on to low ground without definite order from G.O.C. in writing.~~
- 3.16 a.m. C.O. rang up C.O. 15th Bn. and asked if he was in 21 A 8080. C.O. 15th said "NO" but he thought he was somewhere in 21 B. He hoped to get to trench system in that square. These people obviously had no idea where they were, Their Bde. stating one square, and the Bn. operating stating another square 500 yds. away, and as this Bn. already controlled completely all the ground between them and the canal, the C.O. ordered his Coys. to stand fast.
- 3.24 a.m. C.O. rang up Bde. and instructed them to tell Officer on duty that 15th Bn. are not in 21 A 8080, but that they think they are in somewhere in 21 B going towards the trench system. As they are very uncertain where they are their Bde. and Bn. locations being so widely different, the C.O. has instructed his posts to stand fast until something definite is known, as in their present position the posts already cover all the ground between them and the Canal.
- 4.35 a.m. C.O. 15th Bn. rang up and said his line now runs from gunpits 21 A 88 to 21 B 20, but that he has had to evacuate gunpits as he is in front of us.
- 4.49 a.m. Lt. Slocombe returned and reported to C.O.
- 5.35 a.m. Lt. Allanson returned and reported to C.O.
- 5.45 a.m. Things O.K. forward.
- 7.0 a.m. Phone from O.C. C Coy., everything alright.
- 7.50 a.m. Coy. Lines down, Linesmen out. Loop set in operation.
- 8.15 a.m. Line restored - message from Capt. Perry that he can not get out to Lt. Bennett by daylight without giving his (Bennett's) position away.
- 9.0 a.m. 7 prisoners (unwounded) received from Aid Post. Sent back under escort. R.M.O. also sent 5 wounded prisoners to A.D.S.
- 11.10 a.m. Wire received from Bde. that Post would be put up at L 15 C 40
- 12 noon Location queried.
- 12.30 p.m. Instructions given to Capt. Perry.
- 12.45 p.m. Capt. Perry rang up to say he would put post out at dusk.
- 1.25 p.m. Reported by Lt. Allanson that enemy moving in rear of Nauroy.
- 1.30 p.m. Rang Bde. to put Artillery on and informed all officers at Mess, and they would ring later.

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- 8.30 p.m. Capt. Perry rang up to say that location selected by Brigade for post was in sunken road near bottom of hill, that there were numerous deep dugouts in road which had not been mopped up. Brigade informed.
- 8.45 p.m. Orders to Capt. Perry to establish a standing patrol at head of the road, and dugouts could be investigated at dawn.
- 9.0 p.m. Line down.
- 11.0 p.m. Capt. Perry rang up to say this had been done.
- 11.5 p.m. Bde. informed.

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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.BATTALION ORDER NO. 128Battalion Headquarters
21st. Sept. 1918.Ref: 62C N.E. & S.E.
62B N.W. & S.W.

1. RELIEF 10th. Battalion will be relieved by 12th. Battalion in position Line Right tonight 21st./22nd. Sept. 1918.
2. DISPOSITIONS ON RELIEF On relief Companies will move independently to their positions in Support Line, now occupied by 12th. Battalion.
3. GUIDES Each Coy. will send 2 guides to report to Bn. Hqrs. at 7.p.m. 21st inst., to guide relieving Coys. of 12th. Battalion to positions Coy. Line Right, Coy. Line Left and Support Coy. respectively. Coy. guides will be instructed before they leave Coy. Hqrs. as to their Coy. positions to avoid confusion at Bn. Hqrs. where relieving Coys. pick up guides.
4. ADVANCE PARTIES. One man per Platoon and Coy. Hqrs. will report to Lieut. J.W. Searcy at Bn. Hqrs. at noon 21st. inst. They will proceed to 12th. Bn. trenches where Lieut. Searcy will take over for 10th. Battalion and allot positions. This party will return to Coys. and guide Coys. out on relief.
5. BATTALION HEADQUARTERS Bn. Hqrs. will on relief move to HQ. at L.22.B. 9.6.
6. COMPLETION OF RELIEF. Completion of relief will be communicated to Bn. Hqrs. by phoning word "Delightful".
7. PROTECTION On arrival in new location Coys. will at once establish A.A. and Gas Guards. Oneman per Platoon will always be on duty to ensure Platoon s being quickly roused in event of Alarm.
8. ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK In case of attack this Battalion will defend the Line it will occupy after Relief.
9. BATTLE STORES. Except as mentioned in para 10 hereof all stores S.A.A. Bombs and the German Machine Guns now emplaced in Line will be handed over to incoming Units and receipts obtained in Triplicate. Copies of receipts in duplicate will be forwarded to Bn. Hqrs. by 9.0 a.m. on 22nd. inst.
10. DUMP All empty L.G. panniers, food containers and water tins will be placed at BANK DUMP at G.13.C.1.5 during today. Filled panniers will be placed on Dump as Coys, pass by after Relief. T.O. will arrange to remove these stores to new location and deliver filled panniers direct to new Coy. Hq. Lewis Guns will not be placed on Dump but will be carried out by Platoons. Platoon Commanders will be held responsible that no equipment or stores mentioned in this para are left behind.
11. MEALS Evening meal will be delivered to Coys. at new location immediately on arrival after relief. Morning meal will be delivered in normal way.
12. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS R.A.P. will be at L.23.B.5.2.
13. SYNCHRONISATION Watches will be synchronised at 6.0 p.m. 21st. inst.
14. ACKNOWLEDGE

(Sgd) G.C. Campbell
 Captain & Adjutant
 TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

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APPENDIX 4

TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.BATTALION ORDER NO. 129.Ref: 62C N.E. 1/20000
62C 1/40000Battalion Headquarters
23rd. Sept. 1918.

1. RELIEF. (a) 10th. Battalion is being relieved on night 23rd./24th. Sept 1918 by 4 Companies of 2nd. American Bn. "A" Regt. 59th. American Bde.
(b) On relief 10th. Battalion will stage in the TINCOURT AREA prior to moving to the ZEZEZ or LONG AREA.
2. GUIDES Each Coy. will detail one guide per Coy. who will report to Bn. Hqrs. on morning of 23rd. Sept. 1918. and then proceed with Capt. MacFadyen to L.20.D.8.5. to guide incoming Coys. 4th. Coy. will occupy trench in which Bn. Hqrs. is situated.
3. BATTLE STORES. All Bombs S.A.A. in trenches will be handed over to incoming Coys. and receipts obtained in triplicate which will be forwarded to Bn. Hqrs. by 9.0 a.m. 24th. inst. Battle Stores such as Hot Food Containers, petrol tins, pack saddles and water crates will be collected by Limber today and returned to advanced D.A.D.O.S. at HAMEL and will not be handed over. Receipts will be obtained. Any shortage of water bottles and carriers will be cut down by Salvage.
4. ADVANCE PARTIES Advance parties of (a) one man per Coy. and (b) 1 Officer per Coy. and 1 N.C.O. per Platoon have left Bn. Hqrs. for duty under 2nd. Lieut. W.G. Slocombe. These parties will meet Coys on arrival at Q.M.'s. Store at HAMEL opposite Canteen and conduct them to their Billets.
5. PROTECTION Os.C. Coys. will arrange for A.A. and Gas Guards to be mounted on arrival in new area.
6. COMPLETION OF RELIEF. Completion of Relief will be notified to Bn. Hqrs. by phoning word "Contented". Os.C. Coys. will take particular care to carry this out.
7. LEWIS GUNS, TECHNICAL STORES One Lewis Gun per Platoon with panniers will be loaded on midday limber and carried to Q.M.'s. Store; remain 2 L.Gs. per Platoon with panniers will be loaded on Limbers which will report to Coy. Hqrs. at 7.30 p.m. today and carried to Q.M.'s Store. All technical except telephones essential to carrying on will be loaded on the midday limber and taken to Q.M. store.
8. MEALS Q.M. will arrange for evening Hot Meal to be provided for Coys. on arrival in new area after relief. Y.M.C.A. Stall at L.21.C.3.3 will issue Hot Drinks to all passers from dusk today.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE(sgd) G.C. Campbell
Captain & Adjutant

TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

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5. A Coy.	6. B Coy.	7. C Coy.	8. HQ Coy.
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APPENDIX 9

Reference Map 63c. 1/40,000.

Battalion Headquarters,
September 25th, 1918.

1. The 10th Aust. Infantry Battalion, less Transport, will move from TINCOURT AREA to GORENFLOS AREA by train on 26.9.18.
2. ENTRAINING STATION TINCOURT
D TRAINING STATION LONGPRES.
3. BRIGADE ENTRAINING OFFICER LIEUT. HOLLEY.
BRIGADE DETRAINING OFFICER CAPT. H. E. PARTRIDGE, who will travel on first train.
BATTALION ENTRAINING AND D TRAINING OFFICER, LT. F. J. S. MEAD, MC, DCM, who will report to Brigade Entraining Officer at Tincourt at 9.30 a.m.
4. MOVE. 10th Aust. Inf. Battn., less Transport, will pass starting Point, SUGAR REFINERY at X ROADS, TINCOURT, at 9.45 a.m.
ORDER OF MARCH. H.Qs Coy., G Coy., and H Coy.
INTERVALS. 200 yards between companies.
GUIDES. Guides will meet Companies at Starting Point, and guid them to entraining area.
5. COMMAND. Command of Battalion will pass to Capt. J. E. F. COYLE at 6.9 a.m., w.y.o.qi, until after completion of journey.
6. PROTECTION. Os. C. Coys will ~~instruct all troops that~~ ~~strickatix dixeap~~ ~~sixkix~~ mount 1 anti-aircraft gun per company while waiting at entraining point, and on train during journey.
7. DISCIPLINE. Os C. Coys. will instruct all troops that strictest discipline must be maintained before, during, and after the journey. Copies of train orders are supplied herewith, and Coy. Commanders will be responsible that these are read over to troops before moving, and one copy per carriage filled up and affixed to outside of carriage. Q.M. will supply paste on station.
8. GUARDS. O.C. "G" Coy. will detail guard of 1 Officer, 2 N.C.Os, 19 men, who will patrol forward end of 10th Battn portion of train. O.C. "H" Coys" Coy will detail similar guard for rear end of 10th Battalion portion. Duties of this guard to enforce obedience to train orders herewith.
9. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS are being issued separately.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) G. C. Campbell,
Capt. and Adjutant,
TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Issued by runner at 11.3 p.m.

Distribution:-

Copy No. 1	3rd A.I. Bde.	Copy No. 7	O.C. "G" Coy.
2	C.O.	8	" " "H" "
3	Adj.	9	" " "H.Qs"
r	A/Adj.	10	CHpt. JEF Coyle

5 Q.M.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH BATTALION
ORDER NO.130.

25.9.48.

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Ref. Shts. St. Quentin
Amiens & Abbeville.

1. DRESS. Full marching order plus blanket (rolled around pack), steel hat and W.P. Sheet (under flap of pack). Felt hats will be worn, unexpended portion of days ration to be carried. Bandsmen will wear W.P. Sheet en banderole.
2. MEALS. Water bottles will be filled and troops will be warned to conserve water and rations as time of next supply is uncertain.
3. TRANSPORT. Arrangements as already detailed. On arrival at detraining Station, stores will be dumped and collected by 1st line transport.
4. STORES. (a). Battalion Dump will be created on spot allocated by 3rd A.I. Bde. near TINCOURT Railway Station and marked with 10th Bn. sign. This will be complete by 9 a.m. H. Coy. will detail 2 reliable men to accompany dump as guard.
(b). A.S.C. Wagons will pick up the following from Dump to be completed by 7 a.m. on Western side of TINCOURT WOOD. X
Trench Shelters & Tents. Cooking Paraphernalia.
Officers Valises. Bandsmen Packs and Rifles.
Company Boxes. Coy. Mess Boxes.
Ø To be taken from Railway Dump and carried with Officers on train.
(c). Bn. Hqrs and Q.M. Store portion will be placed on Dump already established outside Q.M. Store. *by 8 a.m.*
5. BILLETING. Areas will be left in a clean and sanitary condition.
6. PRISONERS. Prisoners and escorts will be in positions indicated to R.S.M. by 8 a.m. and will then come under control of Officer appointed by Bde. On arrival at detraining point, escorts and prisoners will move to the Bn. Area, where they will remain until Div. Compound is established.
7. RETURNS. Usual Daily States will be rendered to B.O.R. by 8 a.m. together with Parade States. Marching in states and Billeting Lists will be forwarded to B.O.R. immediately on arrival in New Area

[Handwritten Signature]
for Capt. & Adjt.

TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION. A.I.F.

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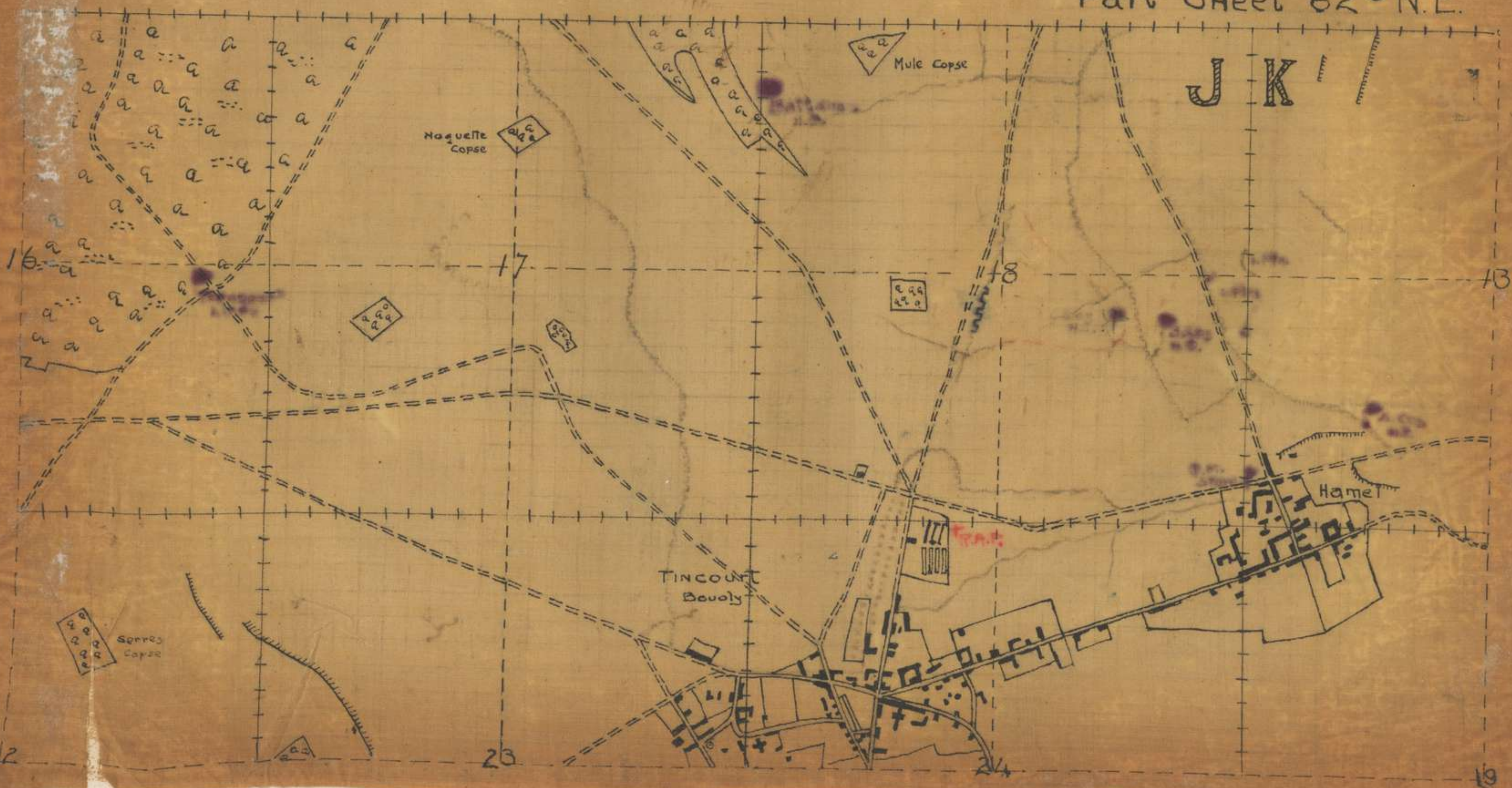
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MAP SHOWING 10TH BATTALION DISPOSITIONS

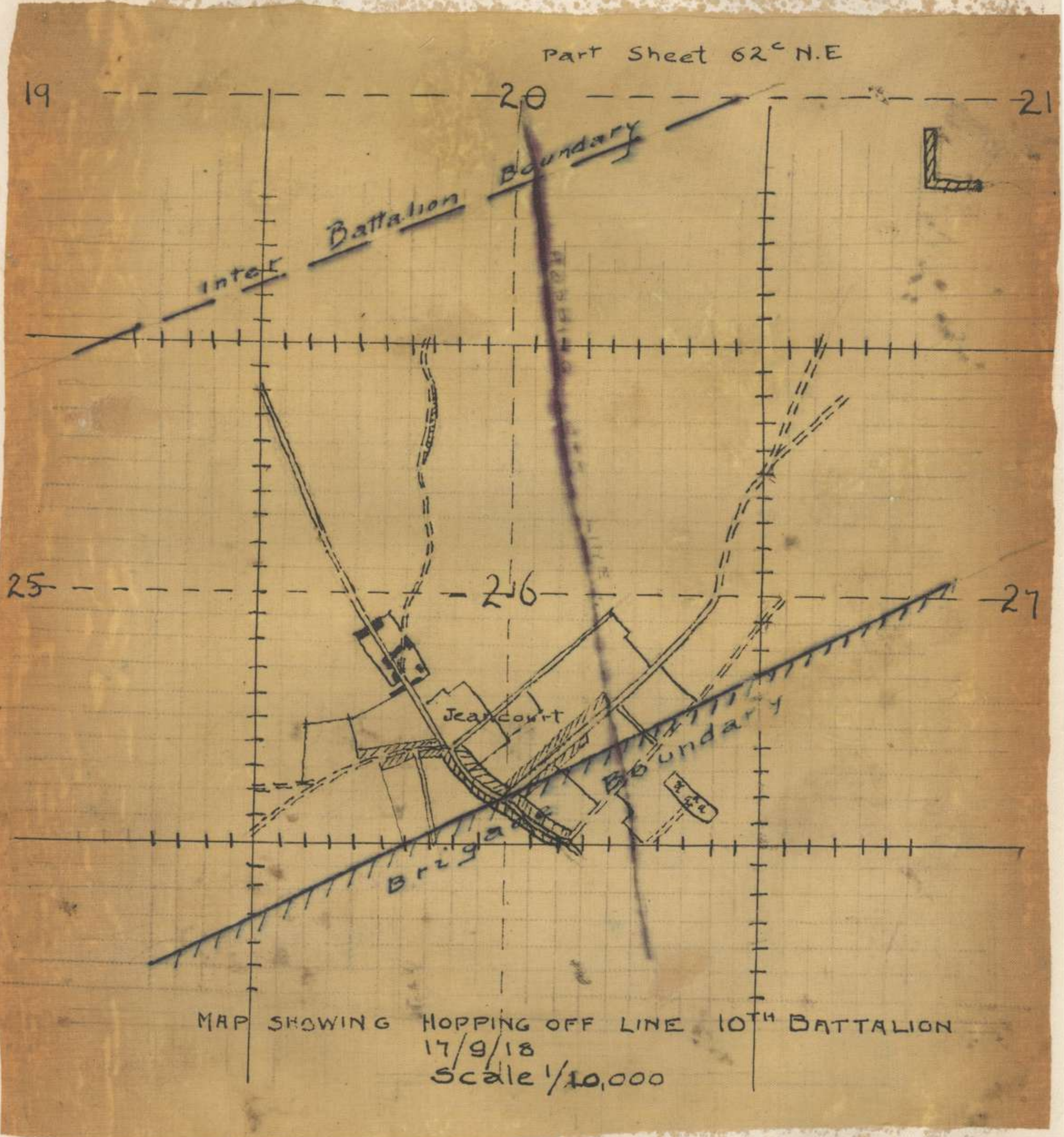
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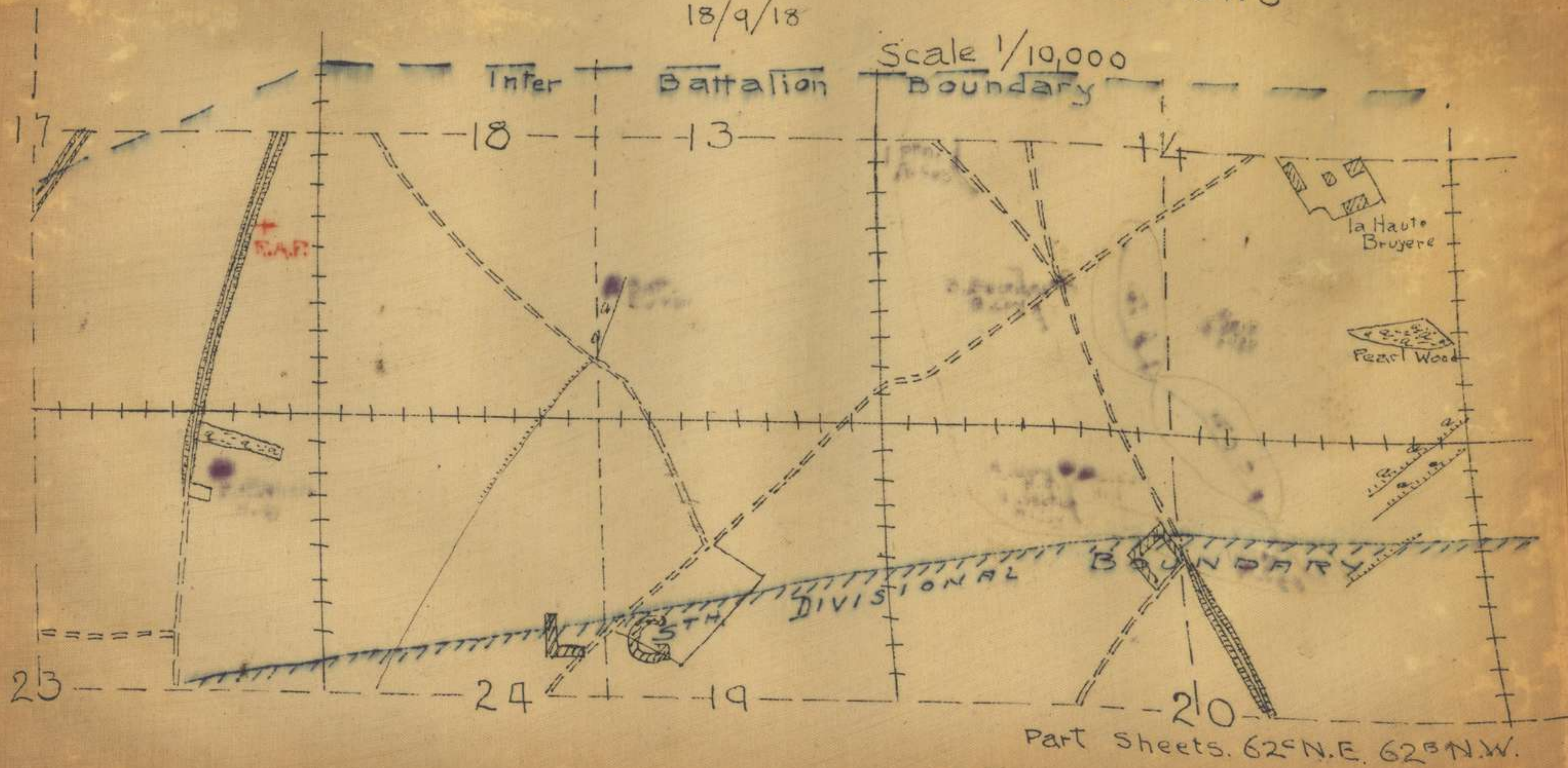


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MAP SHOWING HOPPING OFF LINE 10TH BATTALION
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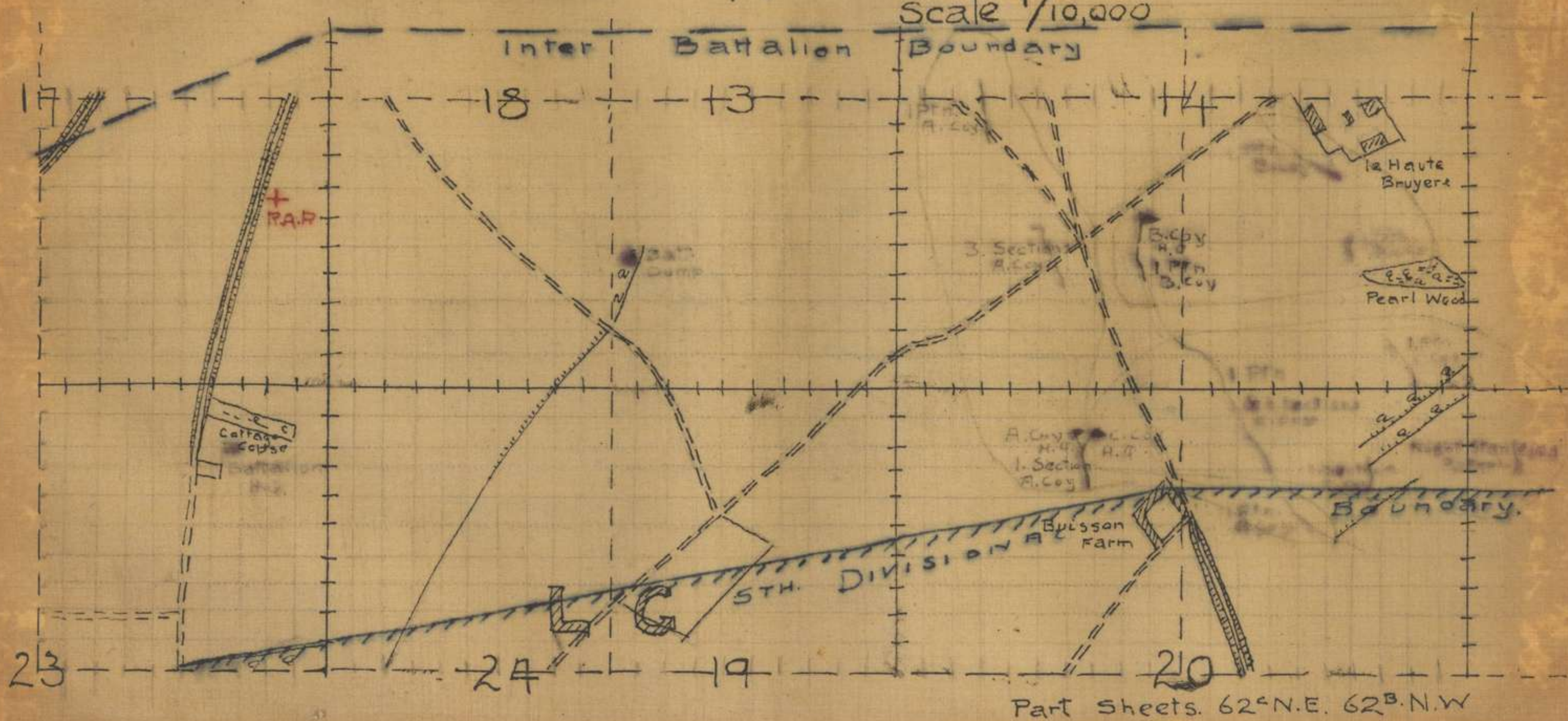


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MAP SHOWING 10TH BATTALION DISPOSITIONS 21/9/18

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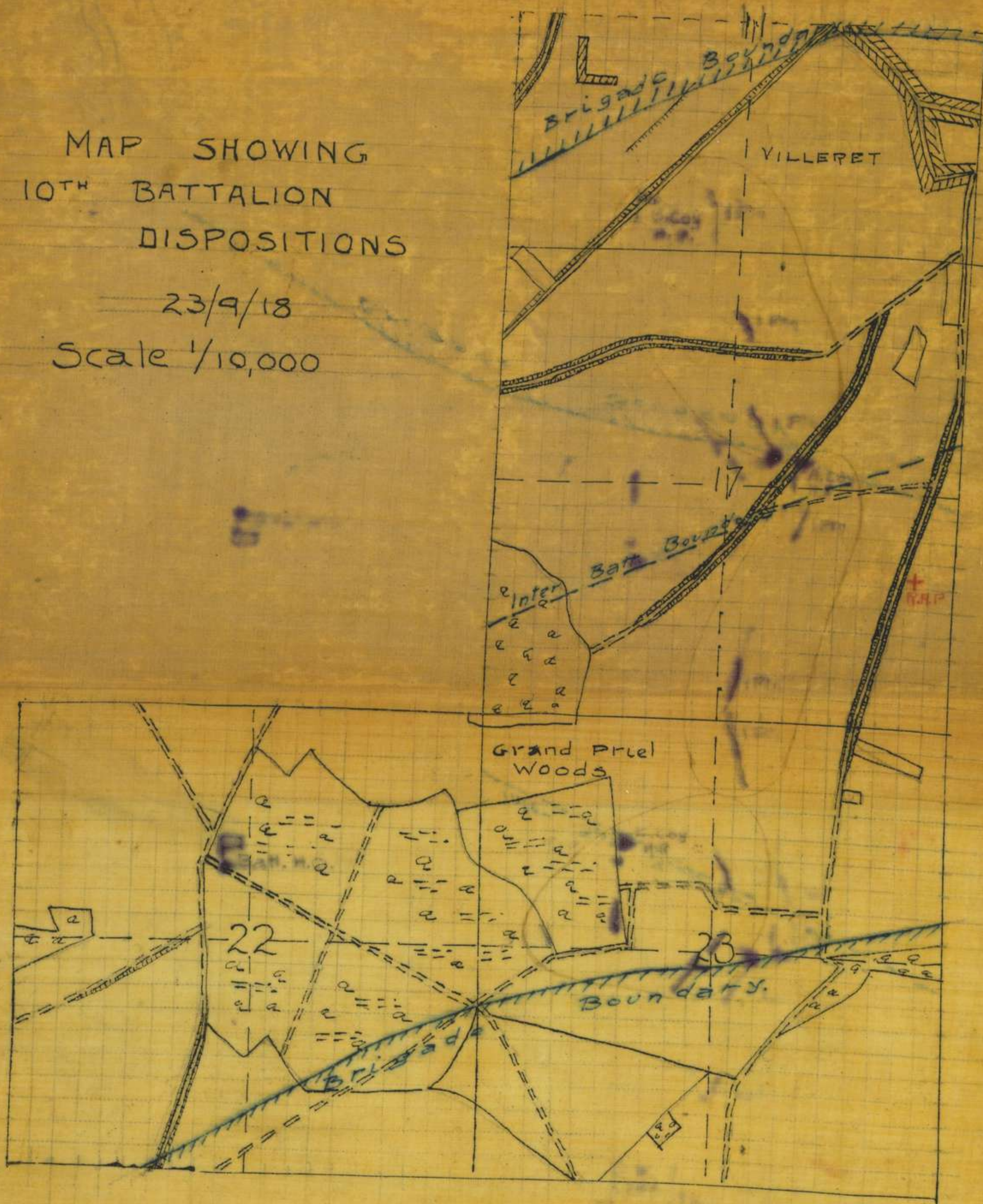
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MAP SHOWING
10TH BATTALION
DISPOSITIONS

23/9/18

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10th Transport War Diary Report

10th
INFANTRY BATTALION
No. _____
Date _____

- Sept 1- Battalion was in CERISY AREA having brief spell.
- 7th Bn moved to MTS⁹ Quentin Area.
- " 10th Moved to TINCOURT AREA.
Location of Transport lines - BOIS DE BUIRE.
- " 14th I.N.C.O + 3 men left for Australia
- " 17th In the evening the battalion moved to JEANCOURT
A hot meal was delivered there by limber at 1am.
- " 18th Bn went forward to 'Line of Exploitation' ^{18/9/18}
3 Limbers containing Stokes Stells, Lewis Gun, Pansier Sig. Gear and water were taken to B.H.Q., and ^{they} packed from there by pack horses.
These horses (6) continued packing all that day and delivered the hot meal at 7.30pm
- " 19th 2 pack horses again carried meals and ^{ammunition}
Lines moved to HERVILLY.
- " 21st * 1 Sgt 1 Lpl 10 men left for Australia
Night 21/22 Bn came back to Support.
- " 23rd " 23/24 " " " " TINCOURT WOOD.
- " 25th TRANSPORT* Trekked to MORGOURT.
- 26th " " " ALLOUVILLE.
- 27th " " " BRUCAMPS.
- 28-30th Limbers were washed and overhauled.

* Less 3 Cookers - 1 Limber - Mess Cart - 2 Water Carts.
+ 12 Men were sent to replace those
Humboldt T.O.



Monthly Report 10th Battalion
D.M. Department
September 1918.

Adjutant
10th Battalion.

In addition to four baths with changes of clean under clothing for the month, the following socks were exchanged at Laundry Socks pairs 1228.

Service Dress and Anti Gas Appliances
The following Clothing S.D. and anti Gas appliances were issued and up returned to D.A.S.O.S.

- Clothing S.D.
- Hats. 41
- Great coats 50
- ackets S.D. 187
- Trousers 179
- Pantaloon 25
- Puttees 342
- Boots Anti Gas 209

- Anti Gas appliances
- B.G.S. 151
- containers 20.

Returns to A.A.S.C. Salvage
Fat & Gum 5 gal = 7 Cardboard 112.

Rations for the month were good especially bread. In addition the following comforts were drawn and distributed

Cocoa & Milk Cases	11	Cigarettes Cases	7
Milk	8	Tobacco	2
Fruit	6	Butter	1
Custard Powder	3	Fish	1
Tomato Soup	3	Sweets	3
Jam	4	Biscuits	3
Miscellaneous Cakes etc	3		

J. Boyle R.Q.M.S.
for D.M. Dept
10th BATTN
A.I.F.

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1-9-18		
1-9-18	Lt.Col.M.Wilder-Neligan CMG.DSO.DCM	Proceeded on leave to U.K.
	Capt. H.E.Partridge	do
5-9-18	Capt J.M.Henderson (A.A.M.C.)	Rejoined from leave to U.K.
	Capt. J.M.Henderson (A.A.M.C.)	Transferred to 12th Battn.
7-9-18	Lieut. C.C.M.Chabrel	Proceeded on leave to U.K?
8-9-18	2/Lieut.R.King MM	do
9-9-18	Lieut. H.W.Scudds MC	Accidentally Wounded.
	Lieut. F.E.Rice	Rejoined from Hospital
10-9-18	Lieut. F.E.Pennington DCM.MC	Rejoined from Leave to U.K
11-9-18	Lieut. G.S.Lightbody MC.	Proceeded on leave to U.K.
12-9-18	Capt. W.H.Perry	Rejoined from leave to U.K.
	Lieut. J.W.Searcy	From Hospital
	Lieut. R.A.Paxton	do
	Lieut. W.H.Blake MC.	do
	Lieut. A.D.White	From Reinforcements.
13-9-18	Capt. R.K.Hurcombe MC	Proceeded on leave to Paris.
	Lieut. W.D.Sharland.MC.	do do
14-9-18	Lieut. A.Limb	Rejoined from leave to U.K.
15-9-18	Capt. W.H.Thomas	Rejoined from Training Battn.
17-9-18	Capt. R.P.Young (A.A.M.C.)	Killed in action
	Capt. J.E.F.Coyle	From Divl. Headquarters.
18-9-18	Lieut. E.C.Harvey	Wounded
	Lieut. R.A.Paxton	Wounded
	Lieut. W.H.Blake MC	Wounded
	Lieut. A.D.White	Wounded (Died of Wounds)
	Lieut. L.W.Collett	Rejoined from School
19-9-18	Lieut. A.E.Mining	Rejoined from leave to U.K.
21-9-18	T/Capt. J.Davidson	To Australia furlough
22-9-18	2/Lt. J.W.Sykes	Leave to U.K.
26-9-18	Lieut. A.P.Chittleborough	From Hospital
29-9-18	T/Mjr. R.K.Hurcombe MC	To Australia furlough.
30-9-18	2/Lt. R.King	Rejoined from leave to U.K.
	Lieut. G.S.Lightbody MC.	do do
28-9-18	2/Lt. H.J.Edwards MM	To Hospital (Whilst at School)

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Killed in action	12	other ranks.
Wounded	71	do
Died of Wounds	8	do
Accidentally wounded	2	do
To Hospital - sick	47	do
From Hospital	77	do
Proceeded on leave	26	do
Rejoined from leave	40	do
To Detached duties	6	do
From detached duties	2	do
To Schools of Instruction	6	do
From do do	11	do
Proceeded to O.T.C.	1	do
To Base	1	do
Rejoined from Training Battn	2	do
Proceeded on leave to Australia	45	do
Missing	2	do

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