

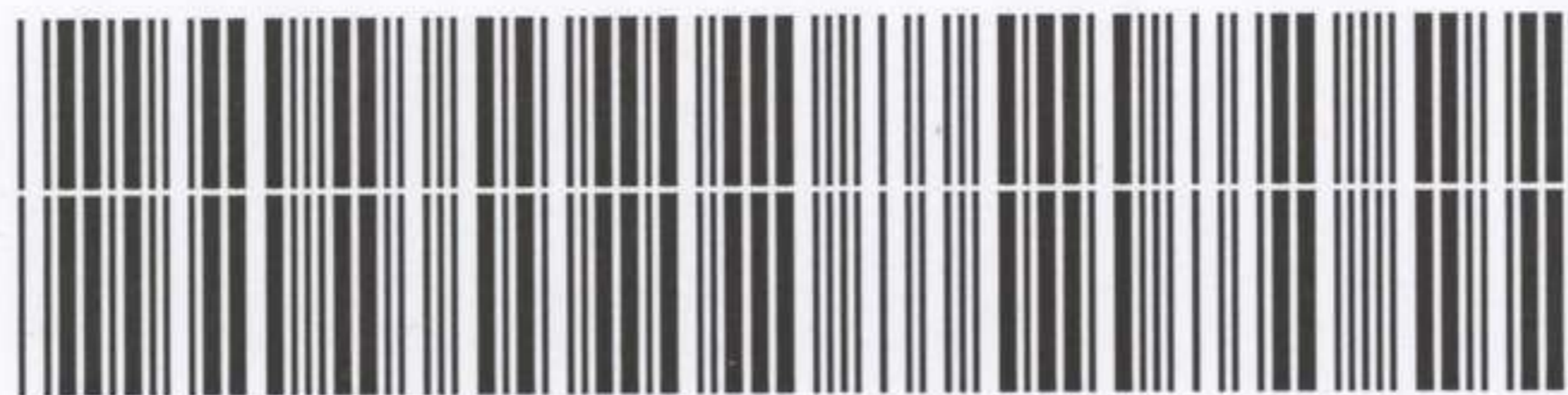
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28 Battalion A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRANCE Sheeh 27 SW. TH.	1/9/17		TRAINING	
	4/9/17			
	5/9/17		BRIGADE in attack from BRUNERESWOOD to LE HOCQUET. (PRACTICE)	
	6/9/17		DIVISION in attack from FORET CLAIR MARAIS to near ABBEY WOESTINE	
			Lieut. General Sir Herbert PLUMER commanding the 2nd Army witnessed the attack and met the CO's afterward.	
	7/9/17		TRAINING Sports in the Afternoon.	
	8/9/17		PHOTOGRAPHED by the official Photographer A.I.F.	
	9/9/17		TRAINING	
	11/9/17			
	12/9/17	8:30 AM	MARCHED to billets near STEENWOORIE	

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near STEENWOOD	13/9/17	9 AM	<p>MARCHED from near STEENWOOD to HALIFAX Camp. Blankets left at Steenwoorde. Details to CASTRE.</p>	
	14/9/17	11-30 AM 1-30 PM	<p>Officers & N.C.O.s viewed a replica in miniature of ground of the impending attack.</p>	
	15/9/17		<p>Organization of units for the attack - Transport packing stores etc in forward areas. 1 man wounded 1 Horse killed 1 woman killed A.A. fire.</p>	
	16/9/17		<p>Church Parade - Enemy Bombing Machines over 17 - no damage done.</p>	
	17/9/17		<p>Final arrangements.</p>	
	18/9/17		<p>Corrected by Special Report by C.O. attached.</p>	
	22/9/17	12-48 AM		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HALIFAX Camp.	22/9/17		RESTING in HALIFAX Camp	
	23/9/17	5.30 AM.	MARCHED to Camp tented between RENINGHELSST and POPERINGHE.	
	24/9/17		REORGANIZATION ^N Platoons and Equip ment. Details from CASTRE joined up. Blankets and Kib's arrived	
	25/9/17		TRAINING ROUTINE	
	26/9/17		TRAINING ROUTINE POPERINGHE. Battalion allotted use of baths	
	27/9/17		TRAINING ROUTINE	BMM

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RENINGHEAST SHEET 28 NW	28/9/17		<p>Battalion camped in tents RENINGHEAST area. After dark enemy planes extremely active. POPERINGHE 7 surrounding camps vigorously bombed. Hostile plane at three hundred feet. making SW dropped bomb in camp.</p> <p>LT. COL READ. MAJOR DARLING, DSO - MAJOR BROWN DSO. MC Together with three other officers wounded. CAPTAIN GILL MC died shortly afterwards.</p> <p>KILLED 1. WOUNDED 6. O.PRS. KILLED 3 WOUNDED 7.</p> <p>LT. COL. TRAVERS DSO. of the 26TH BATTN. reported taking command.</p>	
	29/9/17		<p>Preparation for coming stunt in full swing.</p> <p>During night hostile machines again active.</p> <p>Reported heavy casualties POPERINGHE.</p>	
	30/9/17		<p>LT. COL. TRAVERS DSO Together with company commanders maintain front line.</p> <p>CAPTAIN ROYDHOUSE MC move to CANAL AREA - YPRES.</p> <p>530pm Proportion of officers, specialists and men move to front line for purpose of taking over.</p>	<p>4</p>

Appendix N°

28th Battalion A.I.F.

September 1917.ARRIVALS.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O/Ranks.</u>
X Seconded List	3	-
Cadet Battalion	2	
Transfers	-	3
Reinforcements, Sept. 10th.	1	1

DEPARTURES

Transfers	-	7
Killed	5	57
Wounded	12	233
Missing	-	5
Died of Wounds	-	7
Injured	-	3

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7th COMPANY.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 7.

Copy No. 5 to 28th Battalion

1. The 1st. Anzac Corps in conjunction with the Corps on the North and South will attack on a date to be notified later. On the 1st Anzac Corps front the attack will be carried out with the 1st. Australian Division on the Right, and the Second Australian Division on the Left. The 4th and 5th Australian Divisions will be in Corps Reserve.
2. The 2nd. Australian Division will attack on a two-brigade frontage. The 7th Australian Infantry Brigade on the Right, and the 5th Australian Infantry Brigade on the Left. The 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade is attacking on the Right of the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.
3. This Company will assist in the attack in conjunction with the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade, and supply three sections of four guns each as Mobile Guns. See Appendices A1, A2 and A3.
4. No. 3 Section is detailed off for special targets and will come under direct orders of the D. M. G. C.
5. The personnel of Gun Crews, Gun Material and Ammunition, going over in the attack, see Appendix C.
6. Special Instructions to Mobile Guns, see Appendix B.
7. Dress. Fighting Order with forty eight hours rations, four Mills Bombs per man and two sandbags per man.
8. Success Signals.- Two Red Very Lights in quick succession on gaining first objective.
One Red and One White Very Lights in quick succession on gaining second objective.
Two Green Very Lights in quick succession on gaining third objective.
9. Synchronisation of watches will be notified later.
10. Zero Time notified later.
11. Special Marks. Helmets of troops detailed for capture of objectives will be marked with a diamond between brim and crown in rear as under:-

25th Battalion	RED diamond.
27th "	BLUE "
28th "	GREEN "
28th "	GREEN "
12. Company Headquarters will be at J.8. c.1.8. until third objective is gained. They will then be moved forward to position either in the first or second objectives.
13. Advanced Brigade Headquarters will be at approximately J.7. d.9.9.
14. Main Advanced Dump for spare parts, barrels, belt boxes and belt filling Depot for the initial stage of the attack will be at Company Headquarters.
15. Rations and water will be drawn from Company Headquarters.
16. S.O.S. Signal as detailed verbally.

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17. Units of 3rd. A. I. Brigade on our right are allotted to objectives as under:-

11th Battalion - RED Line.
 12th " - BLUE Line.
 13th " - GREEN Line (On Left).

Objectives of Units of 5th A. I. Brigade will be as follows:-

14th Battalion - RED Line.
 15th " - BLUE Line.
 16th " - GREEN Line.
 17th " - Reserve.

J. O. Nicholls

.....Capt.

G. O. 7th Company. Aust. M. Gun Corps.

Issued at.....

Copy No. 1	to Brigade Headquarters.	Copy No. 9	to G. O.
2	25th Battalion.	10.	Second in Command
3	26th Battalion.	11.	No. 1 Sec. Off.
4	27th Battalion.	12.	3 " "
5	28th Battalion.	13.	5 " "
6	3rd. Machine Gun Coy.	14.	4 " "
7	5th " " "	15.	War Diary.
8.	Trench Mortar Battery.	16.	File.

APPENDIX "A1"

FIRST OBJECTIVE - Red Line on attached Fighting Map.

Capture of the old Gun Position in J.S. b. - North of NONNEBOSSCHEN - J.S. b.8.7. - J.S. d.45.10. - Northward to J.S. Central.

The 35th Battalion will consolidate this objective, and No. 3 Section, under Lieut. Ferguson, will cover and assist them, by placing their guns at the following approximate only positions:-

- No. 1 Gun. - J.S. b.6.2.
- No. 2 Gun. - J.S. b.70.58.
- No. 3 Gun. - J.S. b.60.62.
- No. 4 Gun. - J.S. b.58.70.

2. The Mobile Guns on the Right are the 3rd Company, and the Mobile Guns on the Left are the 5th Company.
3. Jumping Off. This Section will jump off as far forward as is convenient in rear of the 35th Battalion. Particular attention is to be paid in selecting these Jumping Off Positions. On no account must the Machine Gunners inconvenience the infantry by getting in their way.
4. Routes. Direct as possible. It is not necessary to follow any particular wave of Infantry, but the Section Officer will see that each gun is in its position, the Gun Commander knows where to go, that they keep as clear as possible of the enemy shelling and reach the objective in sufficient time to assist in the consolidation.

APPENDIX "A2"

SECOND OBJECTIVE - Blue Line on attached Fighting Map.

The capture of the Northern Edge of POLYGGONEVELD at point J.S. a.7.3. Eastward of ALBERT and IRON CROSS REDOUBTS to J.S. c.5.5. - J.S.c.40.85 - East Side of ANZAG - J.S. a.10.75.

1. The 27th Battalion will attack and consolidate this Objective, and No. 4 Section, under Lieut. Thomas, will cover and assist them, by placing their guns at the following approximate only positions:-
 - No. 1 Gun. - J.S. a.35.45.
 - No. 2 Gun. - J.S. a.45.60.
 - No. 3 Gun. - J.S. a.30.95.
 - No. 4 Gun. - J.S. c.32.18.
2. The Mobile Guns on the Right are the 3rd Company, and the Mobile Guns on the Left are the 5th Company.
3. Jumping Off. This Section will Jump Off East of WESTHORN RIDGE from suitable selected positions forward of enemy barrage line. On no account must the Machine Gunners inconvenience the 27th Battalion by getting in their way.
4. Routes. Direct as possible. It is not necessary to follow any particular wave of Infantry, but the Section Officer will see that each gun is in its position, the Gun Commander knows where to go, that they keep as clear as possible of the enemy shelling and reach the objective in sufficient time to assist in the consolidation.

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APPENDIX "A3".

THIRD OBJECTIVE - Green Line on attached Fighting Map

which includes the capture of Road Junction at Point J.9. b.20.55 - J.3. d.2.0. - J.3. d.0.8. - J.3. a.75.20 - J.3. a.5.5. - J.3. a.2.8.

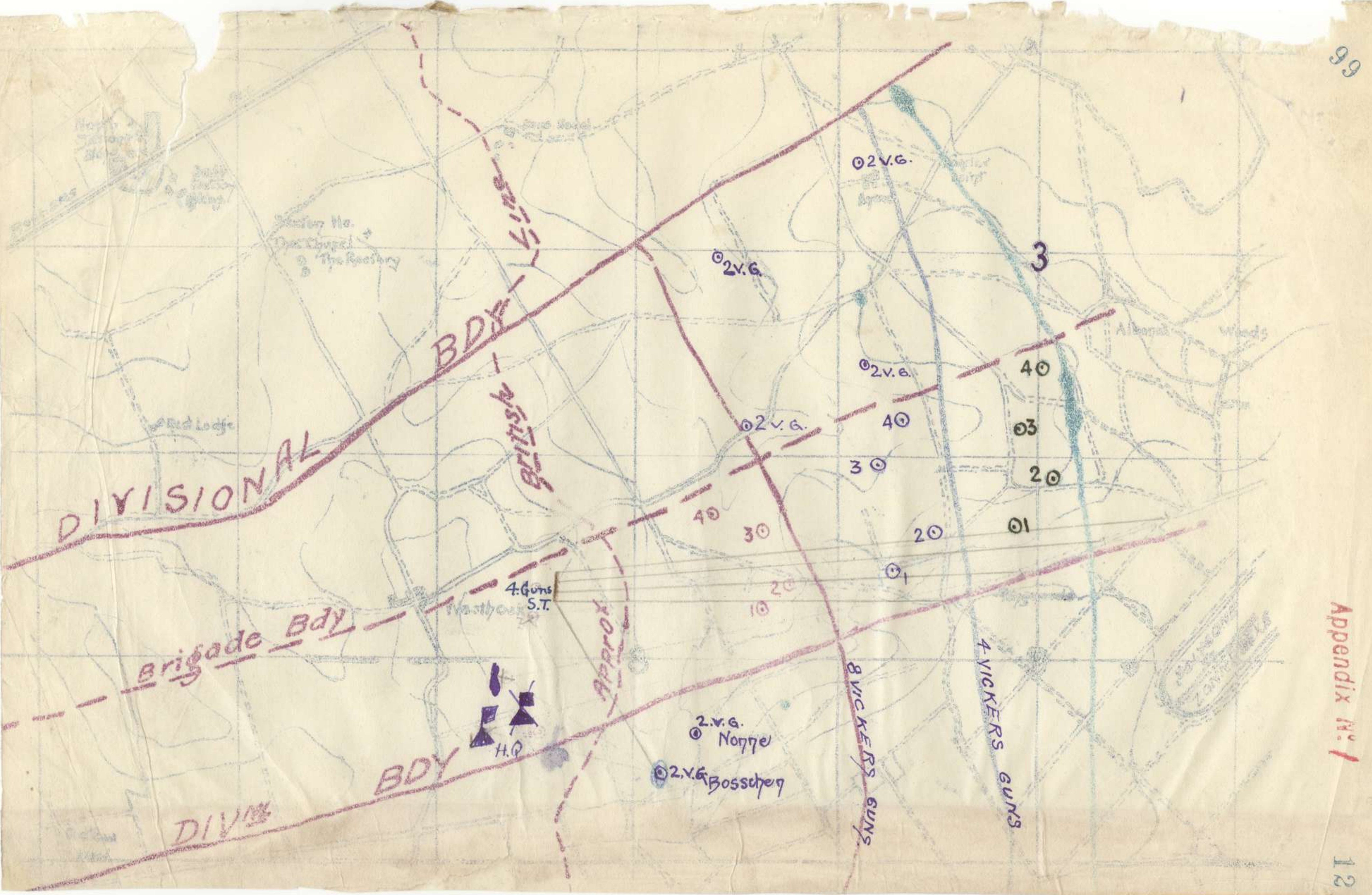
1. The 28th Battalion will attack and consolidate this Objective; 23th Battalion in close support. No. 1 Section under Lieut. Douglas will cover and assist them by placing their guns in the following approximate only positions:-
 - No. 1 Gun. - J.9. a.9.5.
 - No. 2 Gun. - J.9. b.1.9.
 - No. 3 Gun. - J.3. c.90.15.
 - No. 4 Gun. - J.3. d.0.4.
2. The Mobile Guns on the Right are the 3rd Company, and the Mobile Guns on the Left are the 5th Company.
3. This Section will jump off East of WESTHOEK RIDGE from suitable selected positions forward of enemy barrage line. On no account must the Machine Gunners inconvenience the 28th Battalion by getting in their way.
4. Routes. Direct as possible. It is not necessary to follow any particular wave of Infantry, but the Section Officer will see that each gun is in its position, the Gun Commander knows where to go, that they keep as clear as possible of the enemy shelling and reach the objective in sufficient time to assist in the consolidation.

 SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

1. The Section Officer of each of these Mobile Sections is on no account to lose touch with their respective Battalion Commanders. They must work in the closest cooperation possible, as it is only on this that success of the Machine Guns can be obtained.
2. Each Gun Commander and N. O. O. must be thoroughly conversant with the situation, and provided with a Fighting Map.
3. As soon after consolidation as possible the Section Officers will see that there is at least 4,000 bulk S. A. A. dumped near each Gun Position. This bulk S. A. A. can be obtained from the Infantry Carriers Company or Platoon Dumps.
4. Each Section Officer will obtain an escort of two riflemen and two bombers per gun from their respective Battalion Commanders.
5. If the occasion demands it full belt boxes will be passed forward in relays, i.e. the gun position in rear feeding the one in front on each objective and finally to Company Headquarters, where a surplus of full boxes can always be obtained.
6. There is to be no unnecessary running. Reports can be sent through the Battalion Commanders, through Brigade and on to the O. O. of the Company, but on final consolidation a runner is to be sent from each Gun Position direct to Company Headquarters with full particulars concerning that particular gun.
7. The Gun Commanders are to realise that they are in charge of the guns, and in the event of them losing touch with their senior N. O. Os and officers, they will act on their own initiative and report as ordered.
8. Each Section Officer will see that all ranks are thoroughly conversant with the S. O. S. and Success Signals.
9. Personnel and Gun Material are not to be exposed unnecessarily.
10. Code Calls only to be used.
11. The most probable points at which counter-attacks are to be expected will be as follows:-
 1. From the direction of ALBANIA WOODS and down Road through A Central. Along road Northern edge of POLYGONEVELD WOOD from direction J.4. c. d.
 South West of POLYGONEVELD WOOD round BLACK WATCH CORNER.

APPENDIX "C".
-----PERSONNEL.

1. Each Section will be commanded by one Officer.
One Sergeant or Corporal to each pair of guns.
and a Gun Crew will consist of the following:-
Gun Commander.
No. 1.
2.
3.
4.
Runner.
2. Gun Material.
Gun.
Tripod.
Auxiliary Tripod (On Gun).
Condenser outfit.
Cleaning Rod.
First Aid ~~WALLET~~ Wallet.
Mud Cover.
Trench Carrier.
Gun Rag, Oil, Petrol Can of water (carried in pack
by Gun Commander).
3. Ammunition.
12 Belt Boxes per Gun carried by Nos. 3. 4. and Runner
with special Carrying Brace.
8 Bandoliers in bulk carried by Sergeant and Corporal
and Gun Commander.



SECRET.Copy No. *4**hand*
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.ORDER No. 127.

September 17th 1917

Reference maps : WESTHOEK 1/10,000.
Sheets 28 N.W. & N.E. 1/20,000.

1. The 1st Anzac Corps in conjunction with the Corps on the North and South will attack on a date to be notified later.
On the 1st Anzac Corps front the attack will be carried out with the 1st Australian Division on the Right, and the 2nd Australian Division on the Left.
The 4th and 5th Australian Divisions will be in Corps Reserve.
2. The 2nd Australian Division will attack on a two-Brigade frontage. The 7th Australian Infantry Brigade on the Right, and 5th Australian Infantry Brigade on the Left.
The 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade is attacking on the Right of the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.
3. Boundaries as in Preliminary Instructions No.1.
4. OBJECTIVES.

Para 4 of Preliminary Instructions No.1. is cancelled, and the following substituted.

There will be three stages in the attack, each stage forming one objective viz.,

(a) RED LINE (First) OBJECTIVE which includes the capture of line of old gun positions in J.8.b. thence through J.8.b.6.7. along Eastern edge of HANEBEEK WOOD to J.2.b.20.15.

(b) BLUE LINE (Second) OBJECTIVE which includes the capture of Northern edge of POLYGO NEVELD at point J.9.a.7.3. Eastwards of ALBERT and IRON CROSS REDOUBTS to J.3.c.5.5 - J.3.c.40.85 - East side of ANZAC - J.3.a.10.75.

(c) GREEN LINE (Third) OBJECTIVE, which includes the capture of road junction at point J.9.b.20.55, J.3.d.2.0. - J.3.d.0.6 - J.3.a.75.20 - J.3.a.5.5. - J.3.a.2.8

5. METHOD OF ATTACK.

The attack will be carried out "leap frog" fashion. Battalions are allotted objectives within the limits of the Brigade flank boundaries as under:

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| (a) | RED LINE | - | - | 25th Battalion. |
| (b) | BLUE LINE | - | - | 27th " |
| (c) | GREEN LINE | - | - | 28th " |
| | | | | 26th Battalion in close support. |

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6. FORMATIONS FOR ATTACK as in para 7 of Preliminary Instructions No.1.

7. JUMPING OFF POSITIONS.
Battalions will be formed up on their jumping off tapes at least one hour before ZERO as under :-

25th and 27th Battalions East of ESTHOEK RIDGE with 27th Battalion in rear.

28th Battalion on Western slope of ESTHOEK RIDGE

26th Battalion W.S.W. of BELLEVAARDE LAKE.

(vide Preliminary Instructions No.1. para 8)

8. ACTION OF BATTALIONS.

(i) At ZERO, 25th Battalion will close up to barrage opening out to proper distance between waves during the advance. This Battalion will capture and consolidate RED LINE, and co-operate on its Right with 11th Battalion (3rd A.I. Brigade) by detailing a platoon to assist in the capture of enemy post at J.8.d.10.55.

(ii) The 27th Battalion will move up to position vacated by 25th Battalion at ZERO and jump off from this line at ZERO plus 50 minutes. 27th Battalion will then close up to the barrage, and on capture of RED LINE by 25th Battalion, pass through the latter Battalion, and capture and consolidate BLUE LINE.

(iii) 28th Battalion will keep touch with advance and will move forward at ZERO plus 150 minutes until close under the protective barrage beyond BLUE LINE. They will then advance, capture, and consolidate GREEN LINE.

(iv) The 26th Battalion will move off from its position of assembly at ZERO plus 140 minutes in close support of 28th Battalion, keeping a distance of 500 yards in rear if not otherwise required by the situation.

Each Battalion will maintain close liaison with flank Battalions of neighbouring Brigades and will be prepared to form a defensive flank or flanks if necessary.

9. TOUCH WITH FLANK BRIGADES.

Parties as laid down in para 6 (f) of Preliminary Instructions No.1. will establish connection with 3rd A.I. Brigade and 5th A.I. Brigade respectively as follows :-

(a) With 3rd A.I. Brigade

1. Strong Point J.8.b.75.00.
2. Road Junction J.9.a.55.30.
3. Road Junction J.9.b.2.5.

(b) With 5th A.I. Brigade

1. J.8.b.4.9 (bend of road)
2. J.3.c.4.4. (on road East of IRON CROSS REDOUBT)
3. J.3.c.85.55 (North end of JACOBUS TRENCH)

10. BAR RAGES.

Artillery. (i) Creeping Field Artillery barrage as in Barrage Map issued to units, which will not be taken forward of BELLEWAARDE RIDGE.

(ii) In addition to the above, the following barrages are also being provided :-

(a) A creeping barrage beyond the Field Artillery barrage by heavy artillery, which will not only creep forward, but during the pauses will jump back.

(b) Certain standing barrages on known hostile concentration points and lines of approach.

Also vigorous counter-battery work.

The 5th Army F.A. Brigade is at the disposal of the Divisional Commander to engage any special targets. Battalion Commanders are to apply immediately through this office if they require any special targets engaging.

The final barrage will remain down until consolidation is completed, when it will cease and outposts will be established.

11. THINNING OUT.

After capture and consolidation of the GREEN LINE, if the situation permits,

(a) The 25th Battalion will occupy the WESTHOEK RIDGE position,

(b) 27th Battalion will occupy the RED LINE

(c) 26th Battalion will dig a communication trench (plans of which will be furnished by the C.R.E.) and on completion will take up position in reserve WEST of BELLEWAARDE LAKE.

(d) 28th Battalion will be responsible for the GREEN and BLUE LINES, and the ground between.

The order for the above moves and action will be given by Brigade H.Q.

On completion of this re-arrangement, all rear Battalions must be prepared to move up at any moment.

Consolidation and improvement of the ground gained and the WESTHOEK RIDGE must be continued without cessation until relief.

12. MACHINE GUNS.

(Vide para 5 Preliminary Instructions No.1)

The 6th, 22nd, and 5th Divisional A.M. Gun Coys will provide the machine gun barrages on the Divisional front.

The 7th A.M. Gun Coy (less 4 guns detailed for special targets) will support the attack and will detail the guns necessary for the consolidation of each objective.

13. TRENCH MORTARS.

(i) O.C., 7th A.L.T.M. Battery will detail two guns and crews to each of the 25th, 27th, and 28th Battalions.

(ii) The two remaining guns will be held in Reserve, and will be emplaced at least two hours before ZERO in a position from which they can smother Strong Point at J.8.d.1.4. with smoke if the situation demands it.

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(iii) The section commanders of each of the sections attached to 25th, 27th, and 28th Battalions will report to their respective Battalion Commanders on the day before ZERO to receive instructions.

(iv) Each Battalion to which mortars are attached will detail a carrying party of 1 N.C.O. and 10 men for each gun attached.

COMMUNICATIONS. Signal instructions are issued as an appendix.

15.

STRONG POINTS.

On capture of GREEN LINE a platoon Strong Point will be constructed at J.9.a.50.65 under Engineer supervision.

The working party and garrison of one platoon for this Strong Point will be supplied by 26th Battalion. C.O., 26th Battalion will arrange mutually with O.C., 7th Field Coy A.E. time and place for party to report.

16.

CONTACT PATROL.

RED ground flares will be lighted - several to every 50 yards if possible - by troops in our most advanced positions when called for by contact aeroplane (vide Preliminary Instructions No.1. para 15)

17.

S. O. S. Instructions for establishing S.O.S. Stations have been issued. Units will communicate S.O.S. by wire, rifle grenade, visual signal, or through aeroplane by panel.

18.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

In case of attack by low flying hostile aircraft, the leading wave will not fire at, or allow their attention to be distracted by the aircraft. Supports will deal with the attack by rifle, Lewis gun, or machine gun fire.

19.

SUCCESS SIGNALS.

(i) The following success signals will be used :-

2 RED Very lights in quick succession on gaining RED LINE.
1 RED and 1 WHITE Very light in quick succession on gaining BLUE LINE.
2 GREEN Very lights in quick succession on gaining GREEN LINE.

(ii) All signals will be fired from each Company front from Right to Left across the front.

(iii) These signals will not be fired until consolidation is actually in progress on the objective, but a message to the effect that troops have "reached" 1st, 2nd or 3rd objective will be sent on reaching the RED, BLUE, or GREEN LINES respectively.

The success signals will be confirmed by message that the objective has been "captured and consolidation is in progress".

20.

BAYONETS.

Bayonets will not be fixed until ZERO hour, when the barrage opens.

21.

SPECIAL MARKS.

Helmets of troops detailed for capture of objectives will be marked with a diamond between brim and crown in rear as under :-

25th Battalion	RED diamond.
27th "	BLUE "
28th "	GREEN "
26th "	GREEN "

22.

DRESS.

Fighting order with 48 hours' rations.

200 rounds S.A.A. per man

1 Mills No.5. Grenade per man.

1 S.O.S. Signal every fourth man.

1 RED ground flare every fourth man.

2 Sandbags per man.

Rifle grenades will be carried as ordered by C.O's of Battalions.

A proportion of RED, WHITE, and GREEN lights will be carried by each Battalion.

23.

TOOLS.

(i) Tools will be carried in the proportion of 1 pick to 4 shovels.

It is left to Battalion Commanders to decide on the number of tools they will require, but not less than 50 picks and 200 shovels per Battalion should be taken.

(ii) Special arrangements will be made by Engineers to provide extra tools for 26th Battalion for digging communication trench.

24.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Any prisoners of war will immediately be sent to Advanced Brigade H.Q., where the Divisional Intelligence Officer will select those he requires for interrogation, and send the remainder to the Advanced Corps Cage.

25.

MISCELLANEOUS.

(i) Times at which watches are to be synchronized with Brigade Signals will be notified later.

(ii) Arrangements for Liaison, Mopping up, position of H.Q. Dumps, have been issued in Preliminary Instructions No.1.

26.

Medical arrangements, Dumps, Supplies, Routes, Prisoners of War etc. will be dealt with in a separate Administrative Memorandum.

27.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. J. Roase

Major, Brigade Major,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

NOTE: Unit Commanders will submit their plans by 9 a.m. 19th inst.

Issued to Signals at *7 PM*

Distribution as for Preliminary Instructions NO. 1.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Signal Arrangements to accompany Bde. Order No. 127.

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1. Advanced Brigade H.Q. will be at approx. J.7.d.9.9. (Cable Head).
Position of Forward Station will be at ALBERT REDOUBT, which is also Command Post of 27th Bn.
25th Battalion Command Post at approx. J.8.b.7.3.
26th " " " " " J.3.c.85.40.
28th " " " " " J.9.a.85.60.
 2. Earth induction set will be installed with up and down working from ALBERT REDOUBT to J.7.d.9.9. and thence to Brigade H.Q. at I.12.c.3.5.
 3. Communication will be maintained in all cases to the unit on the Right, although if the unit on the Left does not maintain touch, every endeavour should be made to reach them by runner or visual.
 4. (a) Secret Code Calls as issued to units will be taken into use as soon as units move from stations at which "Position Calls" are in use. (b) Station Calls for Forward Stations will be the same as Battalion Code Calls prefixed by letter "A".
 5. Aeroplane Signal Sheets will be taken forward. Care is to be taken to hide these from sight except when a plane is in position to receive a message. Sheets should not be set out on forward slopes.
 6. Pigeons are allotted as follows :-
Brigade Forward Station 24 birds,
26th & 28th Bns. 8 birds each.
Brigade Forward Station will be refilling point for Battalions at a time which will be notified later.
 7. The main Brigade Visual Station will be at approx. J.7.d.9.8. and will receive D D - D D messages from the front.
Forward Visual Stations will work with Daylight Lamps and folding shutters only.
 8. The Brigade Forward Station under 2/Lieut. RUSTON, 27th Battalion, will move forward with third wave of 25th Battalion and subsequently with 3rd wave of 27th Battalion as the latter Battalion moves through 25th Battalion.
 9. (a) On account of two circuits only being maintained between Advanced Brigade H.Q. and Forward Battalions, it is absolutely necessary that messages be curtailed both in length and number as far as possible.
(b) Should it not be possible to obtain an acknowledgment for a message, the message should be sent in duplicate and by alternative methods or routes.
 10. Intelligence Officers of 26th and 28th Bns. each accompanied by 2 snipers or observers will accompany the Brigade Forward party Detachment "A". Their duties will be to keep in touch with the situation and keep their Battalions and Bde H.Q. fully informed through the Brigade Forward Station.
This party will report to Brigade Signal Officer at Advanced Bde H.Q. (J.7.d.9.9) at least 2 hours before ZERO.
Battalions will detail personnel as under to report to Bde Signal Officer at Bde H.Q. I.12.c.3.5. at 6 p.m. 18th inst.
4 runners per Bn.
27th Bn. 3 linesmen, 2 pigeoneers.
25th Bn. 1 N.C.O. 6 Signallers (Visual)
26th Bn. 1 N.C.O. 6 men (accumulator carrying party)

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

September 17th 1917.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM to accompany Brigade Order No. 127.

1. ROUTES. Attention is drawn to Divisional Administrative memo. No. 174.
2. SUPPLIES. Attention is drawn to the paragraph on Supplies in 2nd Aust. Division Administrative Memo No. 174. Units will arrange carrying parties to take rations forward from BELLEAARDE RIDGE (J.7.c.2.8.) Dump until the route forward is ready for pack transport, or until the tram line is completed, when a dump will be established at head of line.
The 500 emergency rations laid down in Administrative memorandum No. 174 will be dug in at the Brigade Dump on WESTHOEK RIDGE in vicinity of J.7.d.9.9.
3. WATER. Extra water bottles will be issued to Battalions, which will be filled before going in. Five 100 gallon tanks will be dug in in vicinity of Ammunition Dump at WESTHOEK. These, with 500 petrol tins will form the Brigade Water Reserve. Units will send water forward each day with the rations, drawn at Water Point as per Divisional Administrative Memo. Four extra water carts are available, and will be used to augment Battalion supplies.
4. AMMUNITION. Ammunition to be carried on the man will be drawn at the Advanced Divisional Dump I.11.d.5.4. The Brigade Dump will be at WESTHOEK, dug in and distributed in vicinity of J.7.d.9.9. For approximate amounts in this dump, see Appendix A. All ammunition demands will be sent to the officer in charge, Lieut. BOYLE.
On the capture of the 1st Objective, the Brigade Bomb Officer will arrange to establish a forward Dump at J.8.b.8.4.
On the capture of the 2nd Objective, he will form a dump at J.9.a.6.9.
Units will arrange to form Battalion dumps in suitable places.
6th A.I. Brigade are detailing 100 men, and 28th Bn will detail 2 platoons complete, each of 30 men, as carrying parties, to report to the Brigade Bomb Officer at 11 p.m. on the day before ZERO. Carrying parties will be fully equipped with YUKON Packs.
5. R.E. STORES. R.E. Stores will be obtainable at WESTHOEK Dump. The approximate amount will be as in Appendix B. Tape, noticeboards etc. will be issued from BELLEAARDE Dump.

6. PRISONERS OF WAR. Divisional cage - SHRAPNEL Corner I.20.a.6.7. Attention is drawn to instructions contained in Divisional Administrative Memorandum No. 174.
7. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS. The forward area will be cleared by the 5th Australian Field Ambulance with the Bearer Divisions of 6th and 7th Field Ambulances.

The Medical dispositions will be as follows :-

R.A.P. Right Brigade J.7.d.9.9.
 Advanced Collecting Station J.7.a.4.3.
 Simons Relay Post I.12.c.6.7.
 Chateau Wood Relay Post I.18.b.5.8.
 Culvert Amb.Loading Post I.18.a.2.8.
 BIRR Cross Roads loading Post I.17.b.2.8.
 Corps Advanced Dressing Stn. MENIN Road.
 H.Q. 5th Field Amb. Belgian Battery Corner
 Divisional Rest Station G.15.c.2.9.

Dumps of stretchers, blankets and Dressings will be maintained at all stations.

R.M.O's will arrange to establish R.A.P's in vicinity of Battalion H.Q. as the advance progresses, notifying Brigade H.Q. and the Field Ambulance of the location.

Units will place notice boards indicating R.A.P's on the principal routes back. Signboards will be available at the Brigade Dump.

G. H. Harrison

Captain, Staff Captain,
 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

Appendix No. 2

APPENDIX "A"

S.A.A.	1,000,000 rounds.
Mills No.5.	5,000
" No.23	20,000
Blanks	25,000
Smoke Bombs	1,000
P. Bombs	250
Very Lights 1"	1,000
" " 1½"	500
Signal Flares RED	500
" " GREEN	500
S.O.S. Sets	300
Ground Flares	600
Stokes Ammunition	1,000
" Rings	2,000
Tracer Ammunition	1 box
Lachrymatory bombs	300 No. 27th
" "	300 No. 28th

APPENDIX "B"

The following R.E. Stores will be available in
WESTHOLK Dump.

Barbed wire	150
Pickets	coils
"	350 long
French wire	700 short
Shovels G.S.	100 coils
Picks	500
Camouflage	200
Sandbags	20 rolls
Sign boards	20,000
Wire cutters	
Small S.A.A.	150 - 14"

Appendix No. *3*

ORDER NO. 25.

Ref Map. WESTHOEK 1/10,000
Sheets 28 N.W and N.E 1/20,000

September 18th 1917.

1. The 7th Inf. Bde in conjunction with the 3rd A.I. Bde on the right and the 5th A.I. Bde on the left will attack the enemy defended positions in J.3.c & d and J.9.a. & b on a date to be notified later.
2. Boundaries Maps giving Divisional and Brigade Boundaries have already been issued to Units.
3. Method of attack. The attack will be carried out in leap frog fashion. Battalions are allotted objectives within the limits of the Bde flank boundaries as under,

(a)	RED Line (First Objective)	25th	Battalion
(b)	BLUE Line (Second do)	27th	do
(c)	Green Line (Third do)	28th	do

26th Battalion in close support.
4. OBJECTIVES
There will be three stages in the attack, each stage forming one objective viz.,
 - (a) Red Line (first) Objective which includes the capture of line of old guns positions in J.8.b, thence through J.8.b.6.7 along eastern side edge of HANEBECK WOOD to J.2.b.20.15.
 - (b) Blue Line (second) Objective which includes the capture of northern edge of POLYGOON VELD at point J.9.a.7.3. Eastwards of ALBERT and IRON CROSS REDOUBTS to J.3.c.5.5. - J.3.c.40.85 - East side of ANZAC - J.3.a.10.75.
 - (c) Green Line (third) Objective which includes capture of road junction at J.9.b.20.55. J.3.d.2.0 - J.3.d.0.6 - J.3.a.75.20 - J.3.a.5.5 - J.3.a.2.8.
5. Formations for attack.
Companies will attack on a Platoon frontage in the following order from Right to Left.
"D" Coy, "C" Coy, "B" Coy, "A" Coy

1st wave	1 Platoon	Normal formation.
2nd do	1 do	Sections in Echelon, flank sections to the rear.
3rd do	1 do	(Moppers up) Normal formation
4th do	1 do	(carrying) Sections in echelon, flank sections to the rear

30 yards between waves
15 yards between lines

Each Company will cover about 150 yards of front
6. Jumping off position
The Battalions will be formed up on the jumping off tapes at least 1 hour before ZERO.
28th Battalion will form up on Western slope of WESTHOEK RIDGE.
7. 28th Battalion will keep touch with advance and will move forward at ZERO plus 150 minutes until close under the protective barrage beyond Blue Line. They will then advance and capture and consolidate the Green Line. Companies will keep close touch with each other and with Companies of other Battalions on their flanks and will be prepared to form defensive flanks if necessary.
8. Touch with Flank Battalions.
O.C. "D" Coy will on capture of objective send a party of 1 M.C.O and 4 men to meet a party of 9th Bn at road junction J.9.b.2.5.
O.C. "A" Coy will send a party of similar size to meet a party of 17th Bn at J.3.c.85.55 (North end of JACOBUS TRENCH)
9. Liasion. Lieut L.A.HARRIS M.C will act as Liasion Officer with 9th Bn and will report to 9th Bn Hqrs at a time to be notified later. He will take two runners with him.
Lieut M.DAVIES will act as Liaison Officer with 17th

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10. Barrages. As per Barrage maps attached which will not be taken forward of BELLEWAARDE RIDGE.
The 5th Army F.A.Bde is at the disposal of the Divisional Commander to engage any special targets. Coy Commanders should report early any positions requiring attention.
11. Thinning Out. After capture and consolidation of Green Line if the situation permits
(a) 25th Bn will occupy WESTHOEK RIDGE position.
(b) 27th Bn will occupy the Red Line
(c) 28th Bn will be responsible for the Green and Blue Lines and the ground between.
Consolidation and improvement of the ground gained must be continued without cessation until relief.
12. Machine Guns. O.C. 7th A.M.G Coy will detail the guns necessary for the consolidation and holding of objective.
13. Trench Mortars. O.C. 7th A.L.T.M.Bty will detail two guns to accompany 28th Bn.
O.C.'s "B" & "D" Coys will each detail 1 N.C.O and 10 men of their carrying Platoons, as carrying party.
14. Contact and Patrol Red ground flares will be lighted - several to every 50 yds if possible by troops in most advanced positions when called for by Contact aeroplane.
15. S.O.S will be communicated by Rifle grenades (Special), wire visual signalling, or through aeroplane ~~pan-~~ by panel.
16. Hostile Aircraft. In case of attack by low flying hostile aircraft the leading wave will not fire at, or allow their attention to be distracted by the aircraft.
Supports will deal with the attack by Rifle, Lewis Gun and Machine Gun Fire.
17. Success Signals
(a) The following success signals will be used-
on gaining RED line. 2 red very lights in quick succession
do BLUE Line 1. red & 1 White Very light in quick succession
do GREEN Line 2 Green Very lights in quick succession.
(b) All signals will be fired from each Company front from Right to Left across the front.
(c) These signals will not be fired until consolidation is actually in progress on the Objective but a message stating that objective has been reached will be sent, on Reaching the GREEN Line
Success signals will be confirmed by message that the Objective has been captured and consolidation is in progress.
18. Bayonets will not be fixed until ZERO hour, when the Barrage opens.
19. Dress. Fighting Order.
48 hours rations
2 water bottles filled
220 rds S.A.A
1 Mills No.5 per man
6 Mills Rifle Bombs per Rifle Bomber and Bomber.
2 Sandbags per man
1 S.O.S Signal every Officer and 4th man
1 Red ground flare do do
4 Green very lights will be carried by each Officer N.C.O and No.1 L.Gunner
20. Tools 50 shovels and 12 picks per Coy will be carried irrespective of those with Carrying Platoons
21. Administrative memorandum and other notes will be issued separately
22. Direction. O.C. Bn Observers will detail Observers to advance on the flanks of D & A Coys. They will march on a compass bearing and will be responsible for direction being kept
23. Dress. Coy Officers will be dressed similarly to the men.

ORDER No. 25 Continued

24. Communication. Signalling Officer will arrange to run a line from Bde Command Post ALBERT REDOUBT to Bn Hqrs and will link up Coys as soon as possible after capture of objective.
8. pigeons per Battalion will be carried.
4 Runners per Bn will report to Bde Sig Officer I.12.c.3.5. at 6. p.m. on 18th inst.
25. Battalion Hqrs will be at approx J.7.d.9.9 until ZERO plus 150 mins and will move after last wave. On capture of Green Line Hqrs will be established at approx J.9.a.9.6.
26. R.A.P. will be established in locality J.9.a.9.4.
27. Guides. One guide per platoon will be detailed and will reconnoitre the assembling area so as to be able to take his platoon to position..
Guides will wear a white patch 6" by 6" on back.
They will also be responsible for laying out of tapes at assembly point
28. Time for synchronisation will be notified later.
29. Acknowledge.

Issued at.....

.....*H. King*..... Capt and Adjutant.

Distribution.

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. 7th A.I. Bde | 2. C.O. |
| 3 "A" Coy | 4. "B" Coy |
| 5. "C" Coy | 6. "D" Coy |
| 7. Sig Officer | 8. 9th A.I. Bde Battn. |
| 9. 17th A.I. Bde Battn | 10. Lieut L.A. Harris M.C |
| 11 Lieut M. Davies | 12. War Diary |
| 13 Q.M. | 14 Spare |
| 15 Spare | 16 File. |

28th BATTALION A.I.F.

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APPENDIX A.

The undermentioned material will be drawn by each Carry-ing Platoon from Advanced Divisional Dump I.11.d.5.4. prior to the Battalion moving to the Assembly Point.

S.A.A	5. Boxes
Bombs Mills Rifle	5 do
Tools	20 Shovels (5 per man)
Wire French	4 Rolls
Barbed	3 Coils
Screw Pickets	12 (3 per man)
(Shovels will be tied together in bundles of 5)	

APPENDIX B.DUMPS - STORES

The following ammunition will be stored at Brigade Dump WESTHOEK in vicinity of J.7.d.9.9.

S.A.A	1,000,000 rounds
Mills No.5	5.000
23	20.000
Blanks	25.000
Smoke Bombs	1.000
P.Bombs	250
Very Lights 1"	1.000
do 1½"	500
Signal Flares RED	500
do GREEN	500
S.O.S Sets	300
Ground Flares	600

R. E. STORES

Barbed wire	150 Coils
Pickets Screw	350 long
do	700 short
French Wire	100 coils
Shovels G.S	500
Picks	200
Sandbags	20000
Wire Cutters	150 14"
Sign Boards etc.	

On Capture of first Objective forward Dump will be made at J.8.b.8.4 and on capture of second Objective at J.9.a.6.9.

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HEADQUARTERS,
7TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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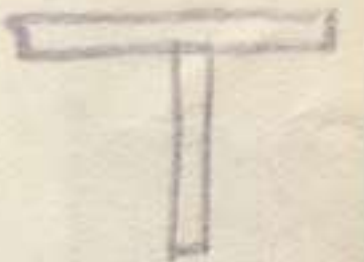
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

19th September 1917.

W. W. W.
Headquarters,
25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Bns.
7th M. Gun Coy.
7th A.L.T.M. Btty.

Reference Preliminary Instructions No. 1.

(1) ^{two} Four notice boards of each of the following types ^{per Battalion} are provided ^{for 25, 27 + 28 Bns}



(Semaphore - "A"

"B"

"C"

"R"

Each Battalion will place these to mark the flanks of platoons waves in the jumping off positions as follows :-

Semaphore "A" - - Leading Wave.

"B" - - 2nd Wave.

"C" - - 3rd Wave.

"R" - - 4th Wave.

All officers and guides are to be made familiar with ~~the~~ the meanings of these boards, so that there can be no mistake as to the line on which each wave will form up.

(2) Stakes three feet high, with a horizontal arrow on top are provided to mark out the routes. These should be placed at intervals between the square notice boards which will be marked "To "A" Bn", "To R.A.P." etc., and issued to units.

(3) At night Battalion Headquarters, Dumps, etc., will be marked either by bicycle lamps covered with blue cloths, or by lighted up tins with names stencilled in them.

Boase

Major.
Brigade Major, 7th Australian Infantry B

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GENERAL.

The following points will be brought to the notice of all ranks.

1. Every yard of ground gained will be held at all costs.
2. The words RETIRE and WITHDRAW are absolutely FORBIDDEN.
3. Silence must be maintained when forming up and when on the Jumping Off Tape.
4. Every man must know the whole scheme and the action he is to take in case of Seniors becoming Casualties.
5. All Ground must be thoroughly " Mopped up ".
6. All troops must keep close up to the Barrage, and RUSH without hesitation every enemy position.
7. Frequent reports of situation to be sent. Negative reports are valuable.
8. On gaining the Objective consolidation will be carried on immediately and the whole Front wired as soon as possible.
9. All Officers and other ranks are warned against carrying with them any papers, B.A.B. Code or Military Documents.
10. Every man must push on and the evacuation of wounded will be carried out by Stretcher Bearers only.
11. Carrying Parties must be kept going and Company Dumps established.
12. All Strong Points will be mutually supporting and will be wired.

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Not to be taken beyond Brigade Headquarters.

SECOND ARMY.

COMMENTS ON OPERATIONS, 20th SEPT., 1917.

1. Pace of Barrage.

The barrage was timed at—100x in four minutes for the first objective,
 100x in six minutes for the second objective,
 100x in eight minutes for the third objective,
 and was found to be suitable as an average. Instances, of course, occurred in which it was too slow for those who encountered little opposition.

2. Strong Points and Concrete Dug-outs and Pill Boxes.

In the majority of cases no special measures were required to deal with them, as they were successfully rushed immediately the barrage lifted.

In two other cases, the occupants surrendered immediately our troops had got round their flanks.

3. Stokes Mortars.

No instances have yet come to light of their effective use, but more evidence will be obtained in a few days.

4. Training.

(a) Suggestions have been made in more than one place that even the lines of beaters should be given up and that everyone should move in small columns in file, the formation which the nature of the ground forces the men to adopt eventually.

(b) It becomes more and more evident that greater stress must be laid on training in open warfare to encourage initiative and power of leading in the ranks of Junior N.C.Os. and Privates, which are so necessary when Officers become casualties.

(c) More training is required for Rifle Grenadiers in the use of the No. 27 Rifle Grenade (Smoke), and other sections in taking advantage of the blinding of an enemy position by this method.

5. Methods of Guiding Troops After Consolidation.

Great value has been obtained from laying out tapes during the attack to points such as Brigade Forward Stations or Battalion Headquarters to guide Runners, Carrying or Working Parties, etc.

By night, a lamp hung on one or more of the above points is invaluable.

Similarly, well-prepared Tracks or Roads to Assembly Positions proved of great value.

6. Communication Between Infantry and Aircraft.

Very few messages came through from the Infantry Contact Aeroplanes using Wireless, and no instances have come to light yet of Panel Messages from the ground being passed on.

The use of Flares was on the whole satisfactory, though more attention might still be paid to signals from Contact Aeroplanes calling for Flares.

7. Gas Shell.

The enemy were using a lot of Gas Shell over the back areas during the period in which troops were moving to their Assembly Positions.

This emphasises the necessity for training in movement in Gas Masks by night.

C. H. HARINGTON, Major-General,
 General Staff, Second Army.

28th September, 1917.

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Appendix No. 7
7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

HEADQUARTERS,
 7th AUSTRALIAN
 INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE for 24 hours ending 8 a.m. 21st Sept 1917.

(1) OPERATIONS.

The entire operations yesterday were conducted by all ~~troops~~ units in excellent style. The actual assembly before the attack was carried out without casualties and the various objectives were carried and consolidated according to schedule.

The enemy artillery activity was slightly above normal during concentration. The manner in which the troops kept close to the creeping barrage made the mopping up most effective, as the enemy was caught in his emplacements before he could come into action.

(2) IDENTIFICATIONS.

Approximately 100 other ranks and one officer were captured by this Brigade, mostly belonging to the 56th R.I.R. 121st Division. A number were from the Bavarian Ersatz Div.

The prisoners were well clothed and fed with plenty of comforts such as tobacco etc.,

(3) ENEMY SHELLING.

Analysing the extent of hostile shelling the last 24 hours the ~~enemy~~ enemy does not appear to have any great concentration of artillery on this front. One battery only of 28 c.m. guns lying approx. N by E search the forward area of the Brigade front. A full 80 % of the shelling is with the 10.5 c.m. and 15 c.m. batteries. There is a noticeable absence of the 77 c.m..

In reply to S.O.S. his batteries were in action within forty seconds. Throughout the day and night weak intermittent shelling of our front line and forward areas.

(4) ENEMY ATTITUDE.

At 3.20 yesterday afternoon the enemy was observed to be coming from the northern edge of POLYGON WOOD in small parties with equipment and packs. These men continued to take up position 500 yds in front of our line. Our Artillery and Machine Gun barrage effectively engaged this target. The remainder of the enemy dispersed in all directions seeking cover. Again at 6 p.m. abnormal movement was apparent forward of our line. At the same time the S.O.S. was sent up by units on our left. Artillery and Machine Guns were called to our assistance and what was obviously intended for the counter-attack did not develop.

(5) ENEMY DEFENCES.

No machine guns emplacements have been located, his guns for the present, apparently being mobile.

SNIPING

A little sniping still continues to come from the direction of the mound in POLYGON WOOD.

(6) AIRCRAFT.

At 10.15 a.m. during the latter part of yesterday's attack enemy ALBATROSS and AVIATIK machines were exceedingly active. Fifteen machines patrolled our lines at a low altitude for over an hour. One machine was brought down in flames between the Wood in the N.E. corner of J.3.d. During the afternoon these squadrons again made their appearance.

Enemy observations balloons were up East of ZONNEBEKE and MOLENAARELSHOEK.

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(7) MOVEMENT & ORGANIZATION

At 3.20 p.m. yesterday afternoon considerable party movement on the roads and around the MOUND in J.10.a. Our artillery effectively shelled this area.

(8) MISCELLANEOUS

SIGNALS. Orange Sprays were frequently used, apparently request for artillery support.

GROUND. The condition of the ground opposite this sector is good, and although churned up by artillery fire it is dry and passable.

G.HARRY, Lieutenant.
For G.O.C., 7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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28th BATTALION A.I.F.

CASUALTY LIST.

22.9.17.

Killed in Action.

2/ Lieut A.J. TYE 21.9.17.

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Wounded

Lieut J.S. MELLISH 20.9.17.
Lieut R. BROWN 21.9.17
2/Lieut G.K. RYDER 20.9.17.
2/Lieut M.E.G.P. NIND

7th Field Company Australian Engineers.

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28th Battalion .A.I.F.
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

7th FIELD COY
ENGINEERS, A.I.F.
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Casualties attached 7th Brigade Infantry Party. 20/9/17

28th Battalion.

5397	Private	LINFIELD	E.A.	G.S.W. Wrist.
6410	"	WRIGHT	C.F.	G.S.W. arm and hand.
5402	"	MIDDLETON	F.	G.S.W. Chest and arm (severe).
5821	"	CARELESS	P.W.	G.S.W. Leg.

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7th Field Company Aust Engrs.

In the Field.
20/9/17
6 pm.

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D.A.G.
Effects Branch,
3rd Echelon,
Anzac Section. G.H.Q
B.E.F.

Appendix No. 10

We are forwarding you this day under separate cover effects of deceased members of this Unit as unded :-

- No. 5552 Pte Atkin F.E
Cigarette Case
Watch (damaged)
Wallet containing Photos.
- No. 6589 Pte Hall J.
Wallet and Photos
- No. 6609 Pte Macdonald J.A
Wallet
- No. 6335 Pte Ing A.H
Fountain Pen (Damaged)
Mirror, Note Book, Post cards and Photo.
- No. 6379 Pte Oreo D
Wallet Containing Religious medal.
- No. 6285 Pte Angove O.C
1 Photo and 2 Post Cards.
- No. 2021 Pte Dixon A.A
Wallet containing Photos.
- No. 6612 Pte Sharp W.R
Photos
- No. 5086 Pte See A.E
Photos and Religious Wallet
- No. 4150 Pte Kingsley E
Purse, Photos, Wallet containing Steel Mirror and Note Book. Wallet containing Steel Mirror
- No. 1010 Sgt Kennedy G.F
Note Book
- No. 6313 Pte Francis P.H
Bank Book and Photos
- No. 5050 Pte McDowall W.H
Photos.
- No. 6553 Pte Burnett J.A
Cigarette Case, Wallet containing Fountain Pen, Mirror, Photos, Will, Identity Disc.
- No. 6541 Pte Bowden M.W
Wallet containing Photos
- No. 6599 Pte Humphreys L.A
2 Photos
Identity Disc
- No. 6031 Pte Brooks T
Comb, Note Book, Wallet Testament.
- No. 1683 Pte Carson J.W
Book of Post Cards
Testament, Pocket writing Pad, Photos.
- No. 5307 L/C Allan W.
Note Book
- No. 2372A Pte Langdon H
Religious Card
- No. 6322 Pte Groves A
2 Identity Discs
- No. 3410 Pte Morrissey A
Photo and Identity Disc
- No. 6534 Pte Buckler A.E
Wallet containing Photos
- No. 1135 C.S.M. Melville B
Drill Book, 2 Note Books
Photo and Press Clippings and Gold Ring.
- No. 7425A Pte Cook W.
Identity Disc, Testament
2 Letters 2 Photos Note Book, Wallet containing Y.M.C.A Membership Ticket and Papers.

In the Field.
23rd September 1917.

.....Lieut-Col
Commanding 28th Battalion. A.I.F

Effects of Pte Atkin F.E. handed to Capt Roydhouse
Testament
Wallet contg. Photo & visiting cards
22/9/17

28th BATTALION A.I.F.
CASUALTY LIST. 20.9.17

Killed in Action.

5451	Pte	Woodgate	D.E.G.W
6271	L/C	Filmer	G.S
6153	Pte	Sawyer	W
5552	"	Atkin	F.E
6400	"	Sorensen	W
5098	"	Smyth	H.L.C
5023	"	Hall	W
4239	L/C	Way	W.H
5652	Pte	Ryan	J.E.F
6072	"	Foreman	C.W
4309	"	Matheson	D
6335	"	Ing	A.H
5438	"	Sutherland	F
6592	"	Humphreys	L.A
6350A	"	Lovriacn	J
6553	"	Burnett	J.A
6612	"	Sharp	W.R
6534	"	Buckler	A.E
5019	"	Harms	C
5107	"	Unstead	R.C
6285A	"	Angove	O.C
5844	"	Dix	T.J
6331A	"	Gros	P
5891	"	Haspell	P.W.H
6325	"	Higgins	J.F
5917	"	Brewer	H
1961	"	Jones	E.H
3198	Sgt	Moran	B.J
6278	Pte	Miers	N.B
3236	"	Phillips	J
7425A	"	Cook	W
2021	"	Dixon	A.A
5852A	"	Harrison	W.A
6413	"	Williams	J
6297A	"	Brown	H.H.P
6324A	"	Gunn	C
2372	"	Langdon	H
3180	"	Lindley	F.T
1135	CSM	Melville	B.W.G
6609	Pte	Macdonald	J.A
6379	"	Oreo	D
6627	"	Epie	V.J
6031	"	Brooks	T
4150	"	Kingsley	E
6313	"	Francis	P.H
6322	"	Groves	A
6557	"	Cobham	F.F
6589	"	Hall	J
3410	"	Morrissey	A
6294A	"	Budd	H
5050	"	McDowall	W.H
5434	"	Smith	P
5086	"	See	H
6541	"	Bowden	N.W
6636		Regby	↑.

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 CASUALTY LIST. 20.9.17.

WOUNDED

5993	Pte	Anderson	J.D.L	
6616		Masterman	B.J	
6095		Hutchins	J.H	
5618		King	W.H	
896		Mayger	W.J	
1588		Saville	A.W	
6285A		Anderson	J	
6134		Pederson	O	
6133		Davie	R	
6550		Buckland	H.W	
6368		Major	C.W	
6101		Jones	H.A	
6376		Olsen	H.E	
6330		Hume	A.W.R	
6364		Malland	I	
6528		Asplands	A	
5408		Maxwell	T.J	
6410		Wallace	P	
5667		Turnbull	C.E	
6306		Denning	W.L	
4495	Sgt	Newton	E.P	
6400	Pte	Sorensen	W	
5983		Jones	J.S.E	
6425		Glick	H.W	
2188		Moran	R.J	
6350A		Garden	C.W	
5064		Pearce	E.W	
5362		Green	P.T.J	
5909		Pickersgill	C.G	
4417	Cpl	Ettridge	J.W	
6386	Pte	Page	H.S	
6290		Blake	W.S	
2218		Smith	G	
6081		Gray	W.V	
6280		Forbes	G	
4461		Kinsella	J	
5562		Davidson	T.B	
2426	Sgt	Pascoe	F.J	
1124	L/C	Sutton	D	
4162	Pte	Lane	J	
4795		Vaughan	V	
5363	L/C	Goodchild	E.F	
6066	Pte	Coates	A.B	
6312	L/C	Enright	J.H	
5804	Pte	Billet	T.A	
5812A		Connor	C	
5824		Christie	J.P	
1684	Cpl	Dunbar	V	remained at Duty
948	Pte	Holden	J.W	do do
5465	SST	Hynes	F	
2399	Cpl	Marshall	J.H.F	
5113	L/C	Wheeler	T.J	
4504	Pte	Purchase	G.I	
4669		Bardi	J.A	
4695		Carter	E	
6356		Murphy	J.H.W	
3406		Marrison	M.D	
534A		Henderson	E.T	
6398A		Griffiths	M	
6125		Nicol	J	
6559		Carlson	H.H.W	
622	Sgt	Farris	R.P	
4609	Cpl	Crockett	F.E	
6177	Pte	Holton	J.R	
239		Craske	H	
6282	L/C	Jowett	H.S	
6412	Pte	Williams	A.G	
6540	6540-	Burnett	C.E	
6070		Dunning	M	

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Casualty List. 20.9.17

Wounded List

2022	Pte	Morgan	R		
3203	"	Murphy	A		
5070	"	Pappin	T.R		
5440	"	Snowden	E.H		
6173	"	Welburn	W.H		
5546	"	Collisson	D		
303	"	Hatfield	H		
4486	"	Milligan	G.J		
5822A	"	Cundy	W.E		
5612	"	Hill	H.H		
6373	"	Nye	H		
4376	"	Boyle	R		
635A	"	Prout	J.A		
6315	"	Gavin	J.D		
6329A	"	Gulley	F.J		
6143A	"	Rhymer	J.W		
6053	"	Bridger	C.E		
6140	"	Riese	T.O		
6406	"	Travers	L.C		
610	Sgt	Clark	A	remained at Duty	
3425	Pte	Robinson	G		
5197A	L/C	Williamson	T	do	do
5554	Sgt	Baker	C.E		
6135	Pte	Phillips	W.J		
6089	"	Haines	W.C.H		
1605	"	Wood	J.J		
6415	"	Watkins	H		
5609	"	Hudson	F		
620	"	Floyd	J.G		
6117	"	Mabley	J.W		
24	L/C	Matson	R.P		
4780	Pte	McInerney	F.R		
656	"	Mitchell	P.T		
5603	"	Holland	J.W		
4479	"	Matherson	R.R		
5634	"	Mouritz	A.E		
6516	Sgt	Hunter	W.J		
4972	Cpl	Blythe	F.W.J.		
5536	"	Braham	A.C		
6518	Bpl	Franklin	R.T		
4211	L/C	Runge	A.C		
4997	"	Chisholm	E.H		
1196	"	Manson	G		
6297A	"	Morton	L.J		
447	Pte	Hendry	C		
3843	"	Thomas	H.G		
5083	"	Smart	R.B		
5344	"	Downey	E		
2802A	"	Gallagher	A.F		
3300	"	Walls	A.E		
5915	"	Rutland	A.E		
5090	"	Sheen	W.F		
3153A	"	Hudson	W.A		
5455	"	Burgess	G		
6338	"	Hains	A.E		
4767	"	Kennedy	P.J		
5797	"	Anderson	H.P		
5403	"	Moss	R.R		
6349A	"	Lewis	H.J		
5840	"	Davey	J.C		
6300A	"	Cohen	G		
463	"	King	C.F		
6410A	"	Cummings	H.C		
3122	"	Halls	E.G		

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Casualty List Wounded (Cont). 20/9/17.

5883	Pte	Jones	J.S.E	
6485	"	Glick	H.W	
2188	"	Moran	R.J	
6330A	"	Garden	C.W	
5064	"	Pearce	E.W	
5862	"	Green	P.T.J	
5909	"	Pickersgill	C.G	
4417	Cpl	Ettridge	J.W	
6386	Pte	Page	H.S	
6890	"	Blake	W.S	
2818	"	Smith	G	
6081	"	Gray	W.V	
6280	"	Forbes	G	
4461	"	Kinsella	J	
6562	"	Davidson	T.B	
2426	Sgt	Pascoe	F.J	
1124	L/C	Sutton	D	
4168	Pte	Lane	J	
4795	"	Vaughan	V	
5363	L/C	Goodchild	E.F	
6055	Pte	Coates	A.B	
6312	L/C	Enright	J.H	
5804	Pte	Billetz	T.A	
5812A	"	Connor	C	
5824	"	Christie	J.P	
1684	Cpl	Dunbar	V	remained at Duty
948	Pte	Holden	J.W	do
4652	Sgt	Hynes	F	
2399	Cpl	Marshall	J.H.F	
5113	L/C	Wheeler	T.J	
4504	Pte	Purchase	G.I	
4669	"	Bardi	J.A	
4695	"	Carter	E	
6356	"	Murflitt	J.H.W	
3406	"	Morrison	M.D	
534A	"	Henderson	E.T	
6328A	"	Griffiths	M	
6125	"	Nicol	J	
6559	"	Carlson	H.H.W	
682	Sgt	Farris	R.P	
4609	Cpl	Crockett	F.E	
6177	Pte	Holton	J.R	
239	"	Craske	H	
6282	L/C	Jowett	H.S	
6412	Pte	Williams	A.G	
6540	"	Burnett	C.E	
6070	"	Dunning	M	
4200	"	Payton	F	
6182	u	Cartwright	D	
6182	"	Cartwright	D	
6058	"	Cawley	H.N	
200	"	Ashton	H	
5647	"	Pestell	A.M	
6390	"	Rickard	H.G	
3400A	"	Morgan	J	
6626	"	O'Grady	A	
3381A	"	Grist	W.C	
5888	"	Davis	S	
5796	"	Allison	C.G	
5672	"	Williams	A.E.G	
307	"	Hutchins	C	
5610	"	Honeyman	W.M	
4706	L/C	Craig	F	

Casualty List (Contd.) Wounded 20/9/1917.

6285	Pte.	Angus	W.F.
6440	"	Alexander	R.C.
5310	Cpl.	Arnold	R.
6291	Pte.	Barndon	F.
6296	"	Baker	W.A.C.
5810	"	Brady	T.
2348	"	Bell	W.
6411A	"	Cronin	A.
5823	"	Chisholm	J.B.
6303	"	Campbell	P.C.
57	"	Drock	C.A.
6575	"	Edmonds	A.C.
6321a	"	Fisher	E.
5596	"	Gleeson	J.
5879	"	Holton	G.F.
5789	"	Heuston	F.F.
6274A	L/c.	Johnson	E.J.
6439	Pte.	Kearney	P.
6339	"	Kelly	F.
2408	"	Lyons	R.
5049	L/c.	McKenna	W.E.
5073	Sgt.	Robertson	D.
6357	Pte.	McFadden	J.A.
6120	"	Murphy	W.P.
645a	"	Mellor	W.E.
3189	"	Martin	J.
5643	"	Nobbs	E.D.
6030	Cpl.	Nestor	R.H.
6343a	Sgt.	O'Grady	S. de C.
6369a	Pte.	Old	F.G.
1984	L/c.	Pratt	F.D.
5653	Pte.	Riddel	W.C.
5469	Sgt.	Stokes	E.W.
4227	Pte.	Shepherd	A.E.
6399	"	Sanson	J.E.
1592	L/c.	Turner	J.
6560	Pte.	Treanor	J.F.
189	"	Wood	G.B.
5851	"	Warburton	R.E.
1597	Cpl.	White	G.M.
6343b	Pte.	Johansen	S.W.
5058	Pte.	B'Dea	E.
6224	"	Christie	J.P.

1055	B/C.	Coomer	D.C.
5572	Pte.	Caldwell	W.
6323b	"	Gorman	C.C.
5837a	"	Egan	F.Y.
5802	"	Bentley	H.W.
5892a	"	Miller	C.H.
6061	"	Cole	R.T.
2446	L/C.	Shaw	R.
6427	Pte.	Wilson	F.
6666	"	Dines	C.E.
850	"	Gleeson	A.J.
406	L/C.	Cook	F.E.
40a	Pte.	Greesh	L.
4204	"	Power	G.F.
6605	"	Marshall	G.
4927	"	Bromley	D.E.
6151	"	Shepherd	J.
6136	"	Pickett	A.M.
6288	"	Andrews	W.B.

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4200 Pte	Payton	F
6182	Cartwright	D
6058	Cavley	H.N
200	Ashton	H
5647	Pestell	A.M
6390	Rickard	H.G
3400A	Morgan	J
6626	O'Grady	A
5828	Davis	S
5796	Allison	C.G
5672	Williams.	A.E.G
307	Hutchins	C
5610	Honeyman	W.M
4796 L/C	Craig	F.
6285 Pte	Angus	W.F
6440	Alexander	R.C
5310 Cpl	Arnold	R
6291 pte	Barndon	F
6296	Baker	W.A.G C
5810	Brady	T
2348	Bell	W
6411A	Cronin	A
5823	Chisholm	J.B
6303	Campbell	P.C
57	Drock	C.A
6575	Edmonds	A.C
6321A	Fisher	E
5526	Gleeson	J
5879	Holtom	G.F
5789	Houston	F.F
6274A L/C	Johnson	E.J
6439 Pte	Kearney	P
6339	Kelly	F
2408	Lyons	R
5042 L/C	McKenna	W.E
5072 Sgt	Rebensen	D
5073 Sgt	Robertson	D
6357 Pte	McFadden	J.A
6120	Murphy	W.P
645A	Mellor	W.E
3189	Martin	J
5643	Nobbs	E.D
6030 Cpl	Nestor	R.J
6343A Sgt	O'Grady S. de C	
6389A Pte	Old	F.G
1984 L/C	Pratt	F.D
5653 Pte	Riddel	W.C
5469 Sgt	Stokes	E.W
6399 Pte	Sanson	J.E
1599 L/C	Turner	J
6560 Pte	Treanor	J.F
189	Wood	G.B
5851	Warburton	R.E
1597 Cpl	White	G.M
6343B Pte	Johansen	S.W
5058	O'Dea	E
1055 L/C	Coomer	D.C
6572 Pte	Caldwell	W
6323B	Gorman	C.C
5837A	Egan	F.Y
5802	Bentley	H.W
5892A	Miller	C.H
6061	Cole	R.T
2446 L/C	Shaw	R
6427 Pte	Wilson	F
6666	Dines	C.E
850	Gleeson	A.J
406 L/C	Cook	F.R
40A Pte	Creech	L
4204	Power	G.F
6605	Marshall	G
4897	Bromley	D.E

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6181	Pte	Shepherd	J.		
6136		Pickett	A.M		
6888		Andrews	W.B		
8022		Morgan	R		
3203		Murphy	A		
5070		Pappin	T.R		
5440		Snowden	E.H		
6173		Welburn	W.H		
5546		Collisson	D		
305		Hatfield	H		
4486		Milligan	G.J		
5822A		Cundy	W.E		
5612		Hill	H.H		
4376		Boyle	R		
635A		Prout	J.A		
6315		Gavin	J.D		
6522A		Gulley	F.J		
6145A		Rhymer	J.W		
6053		Bridger	C.E		
6140		Riese	T.O		
6406		Travers	L.C		
610	Sgt	Clark	A	remained at Duty	
3428	Pte	Robinson	G		
5127A	L/C	Williamson	T	do	do
5554	Sgt	Baker	C.E		
6136	Pte	Phillips	W.J		
6089		Haines	W.C.H		
1605		Wood	J.J		
6415		Watkins	H		
5609		Hudson	F		
680		Floyd	J.G		
6117		Mabley	J.W		
54	L/C	Matson	R.P		
4790	Pte	McInerney	F.R		
656		Mitchell	P.E		
5603		Holland	J.W		
4470		Matheron	R.R		
5634		Houritz	A.E		
6516	Sgt	Hunter	W.J		
4972	Cpl	Elythe	F.W.J		
5536	Cpl	Braham	A.C		
6518	Cpl	Franklin	R.T		
4211	L/C	Funge	A.C		
4997	L/C	Chisholm	E.H		
1196	L/C	Manson	G		
6527A	L/C	Morton	L.J		
447	Pte	Hendry	C		
3643		Thomas	H.G		
5083		Smart	R.B		
5344		Downey	E		
2802A		Gallagher	A.F		
3300		Walls	A.E		
5913		Rutland	A.E		
5090		Sheen	W.F		
3153A		Hudson	W.A		
5455		Burgess	G		
6338		Hains	A.E		
4767		Kennedy	P.J		
5797		Anderson	H.P		
5403		Moss	R.R		
6349A		Lewis	H.J		
463		King	C.F		
6410A		Cummings	H.C		
3122		Halls	E.G		
2326	C.Sm	Walker	G.A		

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CASUALTY LIST 22.9.17.DIED of WOUNDS

75A	Pte	Beavis	G.E	Buried at Mtty Huts Cemetery	
				Sheets 28. H.27.c.2.8	21/9/17
1683	"	Carson	W		
1919	Sgt	Kennedy	G.F		
3183	Pte	Hasell	G.L		
6111	"	McGrath	A.F		
5326	G.S.H	Walker	G.A		
6532	Pte	Bassett	F.W		
3381A	"	Grist	W.C		
4227	"	Shepherd	A.E	21/9/17	
6373	"	Nye	H	do	
5840	"	Davy	J.C	do	
6300A	"	Cohen	G	22/9/17	

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

6107 Pte Macdonald F.E.R

28th BATTALION A.I.F.

CASUALTY LIST 20.9.17.Died of Wounds.

75A	Pte	Beavis	G.E
1683	"	Carson	W
1010	Sgt	Kennedy	G.F
3133	Pte	Hassell	G.L
6111	Pte	McGrath	A.P
8326	C.S.M	Walker	G.A
6532	Pte	Bassett	F.W

28th BATTALION A I F.

CASUALTY LIST 20.9.17.Wounded and Missing

6528	Pte	Asplands	A
6107	"	MacDonald	F.E.R
5408	"	Maxwell	T.J
6419	"	Wallace	P
5667	"	Turnbull	C.E
6306	"	Denning	W.L

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CASUALTY LIST NO. 2. 17.

MISSING.

6402A.	Pte	Davies	R.W
6314A	"	Davis	F.C
5507	"	Ellis	A
1955	"	Foster	G
6436	"	Harding	D
5829A	"	Diamond	A
5664	"	Taylor	H
1560	"	Taylor	P.W
6377	"	Oldham	W
4787	"	Perks	S.F
6047	"	Boase	W.E
1607	"	Edmunds	E
5561	"	Tice	W
6348	"	<i>Mcglew</i>	<i>LOHA.</i>

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CASUALTY LIST 20.9.17.MISSING.

5293	Pte Anderson	J.D.L	
6402A	Davies	R.W	
6314A	Davis	F.C	
5587	Ellis	A	
1935	Foster	G	
6436	Harding	D	
5661A	5661A		
5661A	Langford	H.C	rejoined
6636	Rigby	W	Killed.
6616	Masterman	B.J	
6095	Hutchins	J.H	
5618	King	W.H	
896	Hager		
896	Mayger	W.J	
1598	Saville	A.W	
6285A	Anderson	J	
6134	Pederson	O	
4495	Sgt Newton	E.P	
5829A	Pte Desmond	A	
5133	Davie	R	
6650	Buckland	H.W	
6172	Warner	C.J	Rejoined
5664	Taylor	H	
6368	Major	C.W	
1560	Taylor	P.W	
6101	Jones	H.A	
6348	McGlew	W.H.A	
6376	Y Olsen	H.E	
6330	Hume	A.W.R	
6377	Oldham	W	
4787	Perks	S.F	
6354	Malland	I	
6047	Boase	W.E	
1607	Edmunds	E	
5561	Tice	W,	

The Paymaster,
2nd Division A.I.F.

PAY BOOKS OF DECEASED MEN.

Under separate cover I am forwarding the following Pay Books and cash in effects of men killed in Action 20.9.17.

S.P.B	Regt No.	Rank	Name	Contents.
28699	-	2/Lieut	WALSH C.G	Nil
201805	-	2/Lieut	WATTS G.G	55 Francs
199696	-	2/Lieut	SMITH E.A.W	Will
128041	5871	Pte	Hassell P.W.H	(31.50) 31.50 "
250290	3410	Pte	Morrissey A	20 "
250219	6553	Pte	Burnett J.A	40 "
28363	4309	Pte	Matheson D	38 "& WILL
128096	6111	Pte	McGrath A.P	155 "
128126	6153	Pte	Sawyer W	10 "
250321	6534	Pte	Buckler A.E	40 Fs. Eng. 30/-
213906	6379	Pte	Oreo D	10 " & WILL
194224	1135	C.S.M	Melville B.W.G	71 "
28396	5438	Pte	Sutherland F	40 "
250291	6609	Pte	Macdonald J.A	5 " & WILL
250329	6612	Pte	Sharp W.R	2.50 Fs.
213639	6313	Pte	Francis P.H	Location of WILL.
213646	6322	Pte	Groves A	do do
128463	6331A	Pte	Gros P	Nil
250269	6592	Pte	Humphreys L.A	Nil
128418	6294A	Pte	Budd H	Copy of WILL
213812	6355	Pte	Ing A.H	Nil
28882	3198	Sgt	Moran V.J	Nil
128059	1010	Sgt	Kennedy G.F	Nil
250218	6532	Pte	Bassett F.W	Nil
28372	5050	Pte	McDowall W.H	Nil
190280	3133	Pte	Hassell G.L	Nil
127726	5852	Pte	Harrison W.A	WILL
28188	5844	Pte	Dix T.J	Nil
144644	4150	Pte	Kingsley E	Nil
213829	6278	Pte	Miers N.B	Location of WILL.
128404	6285A	Pte	Angove O.C	Nil
186237	2372	Pte	Langdon H	Nil
28434	2021	Pte	Dixon A.A	Nil
128489	6350A	Pte	Lovriacn J	Nil
250309	6627	Pte	Opie V.J	Nil
28485	3236	Pte	Phillips J	Nil
28759	554734	Pte	Smith P	Nil
250236	6557	Pte	Cobham F.F	Nil
213917	6413	Pte	Williams J	Nil
260322	5019	Pte	Harms C	Nil
250260	6589	Pte	Hall J	Nil
28502	5098	Pte	Smyth H.L.C	Nil
28495	5086	Pte	See A.E	WILL
127973	6031	Pte	Brooks T	Nil
28411	5552	Pte	Atkin F.E	32.5 Fs & 2/-
96347	5107	Pte	Unstead R.C	

.....Lieut-Col.
Commanding 28th Battalion A.I.F.

IN the Field
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No. **A8181**

**STAFF PAY OFFICE,
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

Field **6**
23. 9. 1917

RECEIVED of **60 28 Battalion A.I.F.**

the sum of **Five hundred ninety four**
francs

on account of **cash in effects as endorsed**
on reverse

£ **21 15. 7**

W. H. Knight Lt
For STAFF PAYMASTER, A.I.F.

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APPENDIX 12

Serial No.	Account No.	Name	Sum of	Balance
5552	28411	Arthur	76	55.75
6512	250329	Sharp	2.50	1.59
6609	250291	Macdonald	5-	38
5038	25396	Westland	110-	19.4
1135	194224	Melville	71-	212.1
6379	253906	W. S. Dyer	10-	7.4
6534	250291	Macdonald	80.82	219.4
6111	178026	W. S. Dyer	51.25	5.13.8
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4309	253637	W. S. Dyer	40	7.4
6553	250291	Macdonald	20	14.8
3410	250291	Macdonald	31	50.1.3.6
5871	128047	Harrell	55	2.0.4
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Appendix No 13

Headquarters,
7th Aust. Inf. Brigade,

Report on Operations 20th-21st September 1917.

Reference Map WESTHOEK 1/10.000

18th Sept. The Battalion moved to the CANAL AREA, YPRES, (I 13 a) and bivouaced for the night taking over the position from 20th Battalion. "A" and "B" Companies went forward to do carrying from BELLEWAARDE RIDGE to WESTHOEK.

19th Sept. Spent day issuing ammunition, stores and rations to men giving them as much rest as possible.

11.0 p.m. Commenced march to Jumping Off line. Tapes had already been laid out by the Guides. Rain commenced to fall at 10.45 p.m. and continued to about 1.30 a.m. 20th. The march was very slow and we reached our position on WESTHOEK at 2.45 a.m. Eight casualties moving up including 2/Lieut. C.G. WALSH.

20th Sept. All Companies in position on Jumping Off line at 4.0 a.m. and Brigade notified to this effect at 4.30 a.m. A little shelling around the ridge.

5.0 a.m. Enemy shelling somewhat heavier.

5.40 a.m. ZERO hour. Intense barrage commenced. Enemy retaliation heavy but our position only received an occasional shell.

5.50 - 8.0 a.m. Remained in Jumping Off position. Heavy enemy barrage but we suffered very few casualties.

1st and 2nd objectives reported captured.

8.10 a.m. Advanced to take up position under protective barrage in front of 2nd objective. Going was found heavy but only slight casualties were suffered. Men advanced in grand order and got into position.

9.53 a.m. Advanced under Barrage to Green line (our objective)

10.0 a.m. Success signals sent up.

Consolidation was commenced at once as wiring was also gone with.

11.0 a.m. I personally went round the line and found everything going well and consolidation and wiring being carried on at full pressure. Copy of my report to you is attached APPENDIX A. Enemy was shelling back areas, but there was only light shelling forward.

Afternoon. Nothing unusual during the early afternoon. Consolidation was gone on with and a continuous trench made along the whole of our front.

1.50 p.m. Enemy seen in small groups coming towards "BUTTE" in POLYGON WOOD and disappearing near CEMETERY.

2.30 p.m. Numbers of enemy seen massing on road from ZONNEBEKE through J 4 a and d.

3.0 p.m. Enemy seen massing at J 4 d 65 80.

3.30 p.m. Reported our heavies falling short on right of our sector in J 9 b some also fell near ALBERT REDOUBT.

3.40 p.m. Enemy lined up about 800 yards in our direct front. Our artillery got onto them and inflicted very heavy casualties.

4.0 p.m. By this time we had a continuous trench 5 to 6 feet deep along our whole front and well out in front with very few gaps. All rifles cleaned and everyone ready for emergency.

6.02 p.m. S.O.S. was sent up on our left

6.07 p.m. S.O.S. sent up on our front. Enemy was seen to advance from trench N of POLYGON WOOD but took cover on our barrage coming down and did not come on.

6.45 p.m. Situation normal.

- 99
- 8 -
- 7.0 p.m. Enemy put down barrage on our front line.
 7.20 p.m. S.O.S. went up on our right.
 7.24 p.m. S.O.S. on our immediate right.
 7.25 p.m. S.O.S. on our front. Enemy seen coming over from hollow in front but badly dealt with by our artillery and the attack did not develop.
 8.30 p.m. All quiet.
 9.0 p.m. 20th
 to 1 a.m. 21st. Very quiet, hardly a shell over.
 1.15 a.m.
 to 4. a.m. Some shelling by enemy around area in rear of front line and in valleys in J 8 b .
 4.30 a.m.
 to 5.40 a.m. Very heavy bombardment by our artillery. Enemy reply solid but not heavy.
 6 to 8 a.m. Scattered shelling by enemy 5.9's.
 Forenoon and
 Afternoon. Nothing unusual to report. Enemy shelled support areas constantly with 5.9's.
 6. to 6.30 p.m. Enemy planes very active. 45 flying at varying heights were counted over our line at one time. Heavy barrage down on our left.
 6.45 p.m. S.O.S. went up on our left. Heavy shelling on our front and supports.
 7.0 p.m. S.O.S. went up on our front, by Lieut. R. BROWN M.C., O.C. Right Company. Enemy commenced to attack from direction of POLYGON WOOD but was caught by our Barrage and the attack did not develop.
 7 to 8 p.m. Enemy shelling was very heavy over the whole area and a good deal of damage was done to our front line and the Communication Trench.
 8. to 10.p.m. Enemy shelling ceased.
 8 to 12 Midnight. Practically no hostile shelling. Numerous enemy planes were over our lines and the dropped large flares which illuminated the area beneath and floated in the air for as long as 10 minutes.
 12.48 a.m. 22nd Relieved by 23rd Battalion.

Our total casualties as far as can be ascertained are:-

	Officers	Other Ranks.
Killed	4	62
Wounded	6	194
Missing	-	36

Names of Officers-

S/Lieut. C.G. Walsh	Killed
S/Lieut. A.J. Tye	do
S/Lieut. E.A.W. Smith	do
S/Lieut. G.G. Watts.	
Captain A.M.F. Montgomery	Wounded
Captain C.H. Pugh	do
Lieut. J.S. Mellish	do
Lieut. R. Brown	do
S/Lieut. M.E.G.P. Nind	do
S/Lieut. G.K. Ryder	do

GENERAL.

We did not meet with a great deal of resistance but that met with was quickly overcome. About 40-50 dead Huns were seen between the 2nd and 3rd objectives. ALBANIA WOOD had large numbers of enemy dead in it. They were killed by our artillery and a large number by our rifle fire. S/Lieut. G.G. WATTS (since killed) Corpl. PRITCHARD J.H. and Pte. McDonald J.A. (since killed) shot the crew of a German Machine Gun and captured the gun but pushed on at once leaving the gun behind. It was doubtless taken to the rear by another party.

I cannot speak too highly of the behaviour of all Officers and men. Everyone showed wonderful dash and determination and were most cheerful under very trying circumstances. It will be noticed that we went over our Objective but that was done to secure the commanding ground.

No. 269 L/C. DUNNE M. and his forward post of a Lewis Gun and crew were missed during relief. At between 12.30 and 1 a.m. on 22nd. they saw an enemy patrol of about 5 approaching their post. They opened fire on them, wounding one. L/C. DUNNE then went forward and secured 2 prisoners, one wounded and one N.C.O. unwounded. The unwounded prisoner was handed over to Capt. MOSS, 23rd Battalion and the wounded prisoner brought back to ~~YPRES~~ YPRES by L/C. DUNNE.

LESSONS LEARNED

- (a) The Protective Barrage on the 2nd Objective could be considerably shortened and I feel sure that 45 min to 1 hour would have been more than ample.
- (b) The Creeping Barrage was too slow for dry ground. Had the ground been very wet it may have been necessary.
- (c) Carrying parties should not go over with the waves. To my mind it would be much better to have a full Company from the Battalion detailed to carry and follow 500 yards in rear. If carrying Parties are closer they drop their loads and get into the fight.

28th BATTALION A.I.F.

APPENDIX A.

Headquarters,
7th Aust. Inf Brigade.

I have pleasure in reporting that the Objective allotted to this Battalion has been captured and we are now holding a line approx from J.3.d.0.6 to J.9.b.75.65. It will be noted that the Right Flank was a good deal forward. This was absolutely necessary to secure high ground. We are in touch on the Right with the 9th Bn and on the Left with the 17th Bn. Consolidation is progressing rapidly. We are making a continuous line along the front and putting out what wire we have. I have personally been along the line and consider the position taken up the best tactical one to be had. We have a good view of the enemy and his positions. He will have to attack over very difficult ground and if we can only get sufficient wire we can stop any counter attacks he is likely to make.

Our Lewis Guns and 4 Vickers Guns are in position but paniers for the Lewis Gun are badly needed. The country traversed to the Objective was very heavy and boggy. The 27th Battalion are occupying shell holes about 400 yards in rear of us. I did not see any of their Company Commanders but they will need more organisation if they are to be of any assistance to us. I would be very glad if the Artillery could lift another 150 yards on the Right Sector of our Front.

Our casualties have been fairly heavy but I cannot give any definite figures. I could not get a Headquarters Forward and am at present J.8.b.95.50. We did not experience of difficulty in taking the Objective but we lost a good number of men with Snipers. Not many prisoners were taken but Lieut Hammond sent in 20 (twenty).

Supplies of wire, S.A.A., Bombs and sandbags are required.

A party of the 26th Bn passed a few minutes ago taking supplies of this stuff forward.

The R.A.P has been established at J.8.b.7.6. As far as I learn the following Officers have been wounded:

Capt. C.H. PUGH
2/Lieut M.E.G.P. NIND
2/Lieut G.K. RYDER
2/Lieut C.G. WALSH

2/Lieut H SMILEY cannot be accounted for at present.

2/Lieut F. GALE, Liaison Officer 9th Bn has just come in (12.25. p.m.) from the 9th Bn and states that everything is O.K. with them.

We have Observers posted at Headquarters for S.O.S and will make it a relay station. We will be in communication with BRIGADE FORWARD COMMAND POST by lamp.

The whole ground is very badly cut up and hard to pass over. 26th Bn are at work on the Communication Trench.

Evacuation of wounded seems to be going well and I did not see any cases unattended to.

If any runners are sent to this Headquarters: if they come to the tape they cannot miss us. I will try and have a light burning to-night.

(Signed) George A. Read Lieut-Col.
Commanding 28th Battalion A.I.F.

MESSAGE FORM.

To:—

No.

- (Note:—Either give Map Reference or mark your position by a 'X' on the Map on back.)
1. I am at.....
 2. I have reached limits of my Objective.
 3. My Platoon is at.....and is consolidating.
Company
 4. My Platoon is at.....and has consolidated.
Company
 5. Am held up by (a) M.G. at (Place where you are).
(b) Wire
 6. Enemy holding strong point.....
 7. I am in touch with on Right at
Left.
 8. I am not in touch with.....on Right.
Left.
 9. Am shelled from.....
 10. Am in need of:—

 11. Counter Attack forming at
 12. Hostile (a) Battery
(b) Machine Gun } active at
(c) Trench Mortar }
 13. Reinforcements wanted at.....
 14. I estimate my present strength at rifles.
 15. Add any other useful information here:—

Name.....

Platoon.....

Company

Battalion

Time m.

Date 1917.

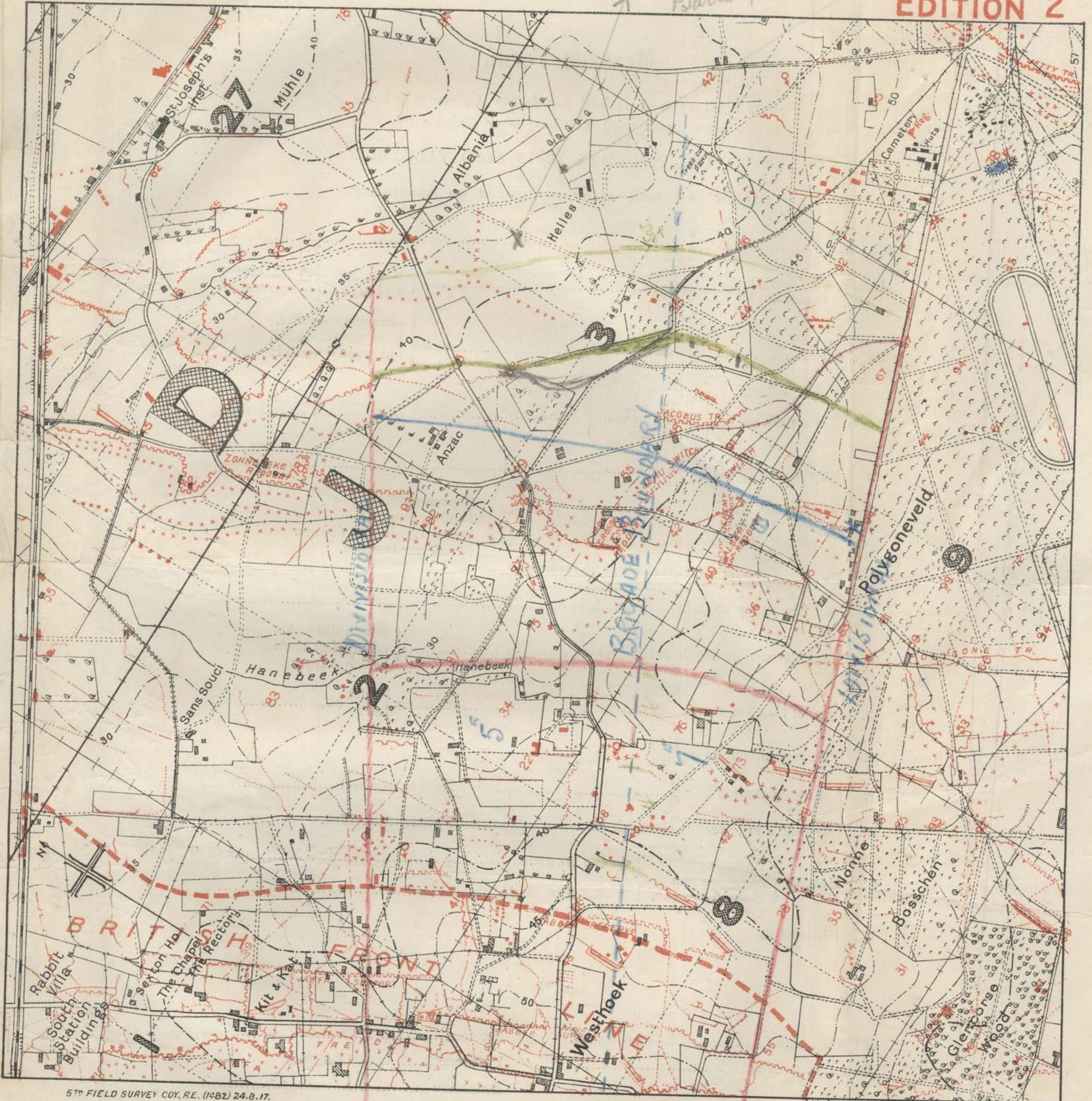
- (A). Carry no maps or papers which may be of value to the Enemy.
- (B). Give no information if captured, except the following, which you are bound to give:—
Name, Rank, (Number) and Regiment.
- (C). Collect all captured maps and papers and send them in at once.

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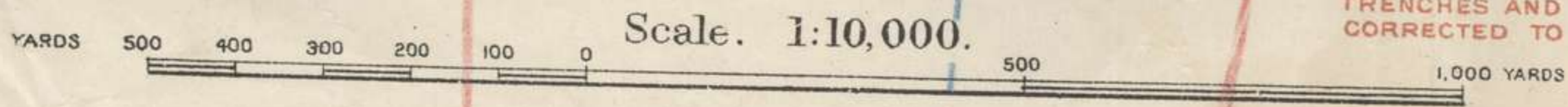
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D.4. *Appendix No 3 Suspected Battery about 4.2*
Suspected Battery 77'

EDITION 2



5th FIELD SURVEY COY. RE. (1482) 24.8.17.



Scale. 1:10,000.

TRENCHES AND BRITISH FRONT LINE
CORRECTED TO 13-8-17.

Appendix No. 13



Message Form.

Your Message must be such as will enable the Addressee to know what the Situation is with You and your Neighbours.

NEGATIVE INFORMATION IS ALSO VALUABLE.

Strike out and alter sentences as necessary.

TO Adm. 78 B.E.

1. My Company } has reached { Mark position on Map and give Map reference. Platoon }

2. I am at T3.d.2.6 - T3.d.25.40 and { am consolidating, have consolidated, am ready to advance to }

3. We are held up by { Wire, Machine Gun, Rifle fire } at

4. I have sent patrols forward to

5. I need: - S.A.A. Stokes shells. Bombs. Stakes, wire. Rifle grenades. Spare Lewis gun drums. Water. Stretcher bearers. Very lights, S.O.S. signals, rockets.

Send the above to ... to lay

6. Enemy troops strength estimated at { assembling at, advancing from, retiring from }

7. I am in touch with "10" lay T3.d. 8.40 on Right Left at

8. I am not in touch on Right Left.

9. Am being shelled from Nature of shell

10. I estimate my present strength at rifles.

11. Hostile { Battery, Machine gun, Trench mortar } active at T3.b.2.6 approx. T3.b.5.5 approx. and is shooting at front line & supports

12. I intend to

TIME 5.30 a.m. (p.m.)

Date 20.9.17

Name Capt. R. J. ...

Platoon Company "10"

Battalion 78

Headquarters ^{of the} 11. Bde

14

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2/LIEUT. C. K. RYDER

2/LIEUT. C. E. WILKINSON

2/LIEUT. H. SMILEY

cannot be accounted for
 at present

2/LIEUT. F. C. FLEISSNER
 officer of the Bn has just
 come in 12.25 pm from
 the 9th Bn and states
 that everything is
 OK with them

We have observers posted
 at this HQ for SOB
 and will make it
 a relay station
 We will be in
 communication by

Brigade Forward Command
Post by Lamp.

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W. J. R. R. R.
Supt Col
Comd 25th Br
with

S^m Headquarters
7th A. I. Brigade

R.M.O. requires accounts

leavers sent up to

him to have wounded

removed from his AID POST

~~W. J. ...~~
Col.

Commanding
28th Bn

Sept 20th 1917

12.40/000

Hqms
all units at Base

Enemy massing
Reported enemy - massing
3 d. 45. 45.
for counter attack at

Groups of enemy seen
J 10 C. Central. H.H. 11
advancing from direction of
Lake - enemy precaution
4 d. 1 2 but disappeared
get all areas but
on machine gunners.
you possibly - Plan
Make when possible

and SAA required at base.
P. Enemy plans, check for
advance

1.50 pm
20/19/17
A.C.K. [Signature]
Lieut Col
Candy. 21 Bn

Notes

20st

guard by side.

Capt. with reports enemy
troops seen in large
numbers massing on
road from ZONNEBEKE
through T + a + d.

Also groups of 6 fully
equipped coming from T + d 12.

SAA wire urgently
required 20th party did not
reach front line. Can SAA
be sent at once please.
Vickers also required

Ammanite.

2 30

20/19/17

~~W. J. ...~~ ^{Head} ^{Joint Col}
Cmndy 28 12a

005

Agps

1/2 Lt. Bde

Enemy constantly masses

T & d 65 80

Situation normal.

A number of our shells falling short particularly around T & d 1.3

We are consolidating as fast as possible.

3.12 pm

25/

19/

~~W. J. ...~~ Lt Col
C. J. ...

Alagoas

006

your Grand Long Ride

Could WATER & more
shovels be sent to front
tonight please

3 15 pm
207
19
17

~~Alagoas~~
Candy 21 pm

or

oog

D. Day.

Passage has been raised
 100% on the bank. Am
 saying Ade to send Walter
 S.A.A., Shocks etc at once.
 Let me know situation
 frequently. Let your
 work out as soon as
 you get it. Have you

S.O.S!

3.20 pm

20/9/17

~~Walter Shocks~~ Walter
 Andy - 28 Nov

C O

008

gmp

We are considering
 as far as possible hope
 to get more work out early.
 Cannot get supplies forward
 just yet. Nothing special
 on front at present but
 reports are frequent that
 enemy is massing at
 J H A 68 50

2.25 pm

20

19
14

[Signature]
 Lt Col
 28 Reg

Hops

207

you & Ride Urgent

Our g-2's are falling
200' short on night of
our side. Please have
the range lengthened. We
will want to go up at
least 400' as they are
falling 200' behind our
line.

3.55 pm

207/9/17

~~W. J. ...~~ Ready Lead Col
Candy - 28 Ben

010

Hippo

John & Alice

Q. I also reported getting
short name ROBERT ROBERT
of the Royal Command post

3.57 pm

907
19/17

~~W. J. G. H. G.~~

Comdg. 28 Bn

Headquarters

71st B.I. Brigade

811

After another personal
 reconnaissance I have
 to report that
 Our advanced line
 which is now almost
 continuous is from
 5 to 6 feet deep
 There has been put
 out on front
 is right along with
 few gaps. There are
 with 12.9's. We have
 secured some S.A.F. and
 have also given 1000 to
 the Turkish line. The
 position is good & everyone
 is cheerful & in very
 good spirits. At about
 3.30 pm the enemy
 fired on about 100
 yards in our direct
 front. The shelling
 went on to 4.15 pm
 & cut them to pieces. They
~~are~~ (those that are left)
 have not been seen getting

(2)
 away in two & three. Enemy
 positions are very active and are
 firing on our troops. We
 responded to a call from one
 of our own Messengers to
 let them along the line. The
 communication band is now
 almost complete & except for one
 or two very bad places is quite
 good.

All risks are cleared & every-
 thing is ready for the counter
 attack which will be severely
 dealt with if it does come.
 Have already written you
 in regard to about shooting of
 our Messengers. One night they had
 just (4 or 5) had to walk
 all the way & were shown up with
 one shell. All killed & the gun
 cannot be found. Can something
 be done please? They want to
 keep them 500 yds.

5.45 pm
 20/19/17
 George Hardy
 Capt Col
 Andy 28 Pm

Hagen

012

1918

At about 6.2 pm the
SOS was sent up on our
left artillery at once opened.
At 6.4 pm SOS was sent
by our own front. I spoke to
the Coy leader who stated that
the enemy commenced to advance
from the trench in a polygon
wood. In our opinion on them
they took cover and I have
no doubt that our barrage did
a deal of damage. At 6.45 pm
a message from the front line
reported the situation precisely
and I asked that the barrage
cease at 6.48 pm.

The night Coy again reports
that our heavy flight were
holding short on the right. Cannot
remember he done what?

At 7 pm the enemy put
down a barrage on our
front line.

The Officer in charge of the
sumpings party reported that

(2)

Some of the SAA etc was damaged behind the 2nd Am they also reported that some of the 2nd Am's left their positions because a lot of our own shells got about.

At 7.20 the SOS was sent in on our right.

7.30 pm A SOS on our immediate right.

7.35 pm SOS on our front.

7.55 pm SOS on our own & SA 1 Red front.

8.30 pm all quiet

9.0 pm very quiet

No further report later

9 pm
20
1917

W. J. ...
Last Col
Candy 20
20
20

013

OC

B. Cay

Please let me have a report on the reason of pending req so many \$ O \$. Do not send any req unless absolutely necessary. It is so hard to cut off the leakage

Tell all other Com Comdors this

20/10/17
8.17pm

[Signature]
Candy 21/10/17

014

OC

D Day

You want an S & A
 to hand. A quantity was
 delivered to you here 23rd
 today. Remember there is
 plenty of S & A near 27th
 & Major Blomfield has two
 boxes of planes. You might
 send a party for it. They
 very vigilant before day break
 & send patrols out.

11:30 pm

25/9/45

W. J. ...
 C. ...
 ...

015

Assistant Adj. Gen.

Returning leave pass
herewith. Tell the A.M. to
look after our L.G. Passes
at Bullecamps as we will
not be able to collect them
also returns

20/11

1917

~~W. G. ...~~
Candy 27/11/17

All days

016

It is quite probable that the enemy will put up an organized attack with artillery barrage and mortar fire. Special attention is to be kept. It is will be from it will be away from with a view to some of the work for any attack.

Contact will be flying as much as possible. There will be an intense bombardment between 4.30 am + 5.30 am so all precautions should be taken. This should make any forming of the team.

11.50 pm

25/1/15

[Signature]
Lieut Col
17th Bn

D Coy

B Coy to pass to C Coy.

Capt Gith

017

I have your note re A
Coy and can't understand why
this was not sent in before
You all must be in a hurry
of windings. Put Jones in charge
of A Coy and that no man
goes the inch. I must see
further information re Smith &
Watts.

This matter must have urgent
attention.

Let talk with S. Cole at
once.

There is sure to be a committee
on the morning we certainly can
let it off. We have plenty of
supplies.

It will be a heavy load. It
- must be no between 10 to 15
5.40 tons. It should report here

11.11.11

2:11

11/11

[Handwritten signature]
Candy 11/11

14/11

517

1st Lt. [unclear]

Situation - Intelligence Report

Numerous reports were sent
 in during 20th & the information
 contained therein takes away
 from the picture of this night.
 After the striking in reports
 of 20th, the picture shows that
 the enemy was moving
 towards the main trench
 normally between the hours of
 8 pm & 10 pm. The number of reports
 was less than that of the evening
 before. The enemy was seen
 in the trench between 8 pm & 9 pm. The
 enemy damaged our trench a
 good deal. Particularly on the
 left side damage was reported
 the night.

With 1 pm of the morning
 activity became more active &
 the subject was heard again.

I report I cannot give a
 reasonable estimate of casualties
 as Officers cannot get this
 information

Since my report yesterday
 Capt. A. M. P. MONTGOMERY has
 been wounded and four other
 Officers have been badly shaken.

2:40 am

21/9/17

[Signature]
 Lt Col
 Andy at [unclear]

020

Hours
gained by Pde

Situation normal. Enemy
artillery fairly active over
whole area. Six searchlights
showing. Usual places

3.7 am

21/9/17

~~George R. R. R.~~
Rear Col
Candy at Pan

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Hqs
J^{ca} A. I. Bde

Your B. M. 29 and your
Order No 130 received

21/9/7

~~W. G. ...~~
Andy 28 Bde

Headquarters
7th A.I. Brigade

Enemy activity between
6 & 7 pm. Enemy aeroplanes
were particularly active
and as many as 45
at varying heights
were counted over our
lines. "Only 1 of our
planes was anywhere
near our lines

This activity was reported
to Brigade. During
most of the afternoon
there has been a
considerable amount of
shelling on the left
of us. About 6.45 pm
505 went up a
little distance on our
left. This I reported
to Brigade. Between
6.45 and 7 pm there
was heavy shelling
with 505 on our
sector between the

the green and blue
lines

At 7 p.m. The SOS went
up on our front:

"At about 6.55 p.m. I
had a report from
front line that things
were O.K. and there
was very little shelling
from 7 p.m. onwards the
enemy shelling was
very heavy and as
all our lines were
cut I could not get
communication with
the front line. At 7.30
the enemy barrage
slackened and at
about the same time
White and Red Flares
were being sent up
along the front
At 8 p.m. Enemy
shelling practically
ceased. I went forward
to the front line
for reports and will
send them forward

without delay. I wish to report that one of our 6" Guns of high velocity is dropping shells just on the ridge in front of this Wagon they were firing at about 8:10 pm. At 8:15 pm "Enemy Searchlights were playing in the sky. The same high velocity gun firing at 8:30 was firing short in the same place.

8:35 pm

21/

19/

17

~~George A. Read~~
 Lieut Col
 Andy 28 Per

SUMMARY - OF INTELLIGENCE

28TH BATTN.

FOR 24 HOURS ENDING, SEP 21/7 6AM

1 OPERATIONS

The preparatory and first stages of yesterday's attack met with no great opposition. The GREEN LINE however showed a greater degree of resistance and determination. Generally speaking the enemy ~~the~~ did not seek hand to hand conflict but rather content with harassing our advance by means of his M.Gs and sniping.

2 IDENTIFICATION

The opposing force was established by means of the 20 prisoners captured by us yesterday. There were all of the 56th R.I.B. 121st DIV. The uniform was of the same pattern and all

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equipment in ¹¹ good condition.
Food and tobacco in abundance
are found in various positions.

3 ENEMY SHELLING

Analyzing the extent of hostile
shelling the past twenty-four
hours the enemy does not
appear to have any great
concentration of artillery on
this front. One battery
only of 25 cm guns lying
apprec. N by E searched the
forward area of the Brigade
front.

A full 50% of the shelling
is with the 10.5 cm and 15 cm
batteries. There is a
noticeable absence of the 77 cm
batteries. The 50.3 cm
batteries are in action within
forty seconds.

Throughout the day and
night such intermittent shelling
of our front line and forward
areas.

4 ENEMY ATTITUDE

By 5.30 pm yesterday afternoon
the enemy was observed

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to be coming from the
 northern edge of POLYGON WOOD.
 in small parties with equipment
 and parties. These were
 continued to take up positions
 500 yards in front of our line.
 We in Artillery and M.G.
 barrage effectively engaged this
 target. The numbers of the
 enemy dispersing in all directions
 during cover.

Again at 6pm. abnormal
 movement was apparent forward
 of our line. At the same
 time the S.O.S. was sent up
 by battalions on our left.

Artillery and M.G. were
 called to your assistance and
 what was obviously intended
 for the winter attack did not
 develop.

5 ENEMY DEFENCES

MACHINE GUNS The machine guns
 employment have been
 located. His guns for the
 present apparently being mobile.
SNIPING Little sniping still
 continues to come from the

IV

Disposition of the MOUND, in
POLYGON WOOD.

6 HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY

At 10:15 AM during the latter part of yesterday's morning's attack enemy ALBATROSS and AVIATION machines were extensively active. Fifteen machines patrolled our lines at a low altitude for over an hour. One machine was brought down in flames between the woods in the NE corner of J31. During the afternoon three squadrons again made their appearance. Two observation balloons on our sector. F. O. ZIMMERBERG and MILLERHARRIS THORP.

7 MOVEMENT, ORGANIZATION

At 3:20 PM. yesterday afternoon considerable party movement on the roads and around the MOUND in J10 A. Low visibility effectively stalled this area. Contact with in PARA H.

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MISCELLANEOUS

SIGNALS A range of ways -
 frequently used - apparently
 request for artillery support.
GROUND The condition of
 ground is not immediate
 point is excellent.
 Although considerably damaged
 by artillery fire it is
 perfectly dry and passable.

Messrs Hammond
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29TH Battalion
 Sep. 21/14
 1.30 pm

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 4TH Brigade

Enemy appears
 to have manned a series
 of irregularly situated posts
 three hundred yards front
 of our line from J 35 57
 to J 40 A 1090 approx.

Some individual
 movement has been observed
 around the block-houses and
 dug-outs at J 4 C 3005 and
 J 4 C 5520.

ZUNNEBERG CHATEAU is
 being evidently used as a
 clearing station (D 27 B 9749)
 as fourteen skeletons carried
 by men wearing red cross
 arm bands have been seen
 moving away along road
 toward BROOKS EMDF.

Destroyed dugout trench.

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28th - Battn.
3:50 PM

10th Brigade

Generally speaking
the entire front has captured along
the entire front

In reply to our afternoon
bombardment at 4 AM enemy
retaliation weak and unworthy
of note.

At intervals throughout
the morning enemy 11th battery
shelled out forward area
between WESTHOCK and POLYGONFIELD.

Between 7-9 AM ten
hostile aircraft busily engaged
in reconnaissance operations
& spotting for batteries
communicating by means of
flares.

Hostile machines have
been flying at much higher
altitude

Scouting is still active

M. A. M.