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BROODSEINDE ANZAC HEFT 28 NW	1/1/17	12 M.	The gas shell bombardment which commenced at 9 pm. became less violent toward midnight. Phosgene and Lachrymatory shells were used in great numbers, there being a notable absence of Mustard Gas.	SEE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES.
		3 AM	Conditions resumed their normal calm.	
		3 AM	After relief by the 27 th Battalion - the movement of troops was practically impossible owing to the intense gas shell barrage.	
			By 3 AM the 28 th Battalion had taken up position recently held by the 27 th and are now holding the support line system in J3 and 9.	
			<u>DISPOSITION OF BATTN.</u>	
			BATTN. H.Q.Rs. J9A 3055	
			R.A.P. J8B 4240	
			A Coy holding a series of irregularly constructed posts within area -	
			J3D 1558	
			J3D 0555	
			J3D 2529	
			J3D 1528	

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ANZAC SHEET 28NW	1/11/17		<p>CONTINUED</p> <p>All points inclusive posts facing NE. COY HQ J3D 1060. <u>GARRISON</u> OFFICERS 4. O.RKS. 70. L.GUNS 4.</p> <p>"B" Coy Holding similar position within area. J3D 3027 J3D 4520 } All points inclusive J3D 2410 J3D 4009 } Posts facing NE.</p> <p>COY HQ J3D 5009 <u>GARRISON</u> OFFICERS 2 O.RKS 68 L.GUNS 4.</p> <p>"C" Coy Holding like position within area J3D 2462 J3D 3048 } All points inclusive J3D 0555 J3D 1042 } Posts facing NE.</p> <p>COY HQ J3D 6442 <u>GARRISON</u> OFFICERS 4. O.RKS 59.</p> <p>Coy Lewis Guns mounted for anti-aircraft defence in J4A J3D and DR8C.</p>	<p>SEE DISPOSITION REPORT.</p>

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ANZAC SHEET 28NW	1/11/17		<p>CONTINUED</p> <p><u>D Coy</u> Holding similar position within area. J9A 4450 J9A 6234 } All points inclusive. J9A 3570 J9A 4930 } Posts facing NE.</p> <p><u>COY HQ</u> J9A 3342 <u>GARRISON</u> OFFICERS 3 DRKS 83 LGUNS 4.</p> <p>3 AM Between 3-5 AM desultory shelling of back areas. Throughout day artillery hostility below normal. During 2 PM afternoon at intervals enemy searched THE CORDUROY ROAD J9C & D - WESTHOCK RIDGE with stragglers and HE.</p> <p>7 PM Between 7-10 PM. SW. corner of POLYGON WOOD J9C and D received marked attention from hostile 59 battery.</p> <p>10-10 PM From 10.10 PM onward an appreciable increase of artillery fire on this sector. A consistent and heavy gas shell bombardment was put down on the WESTHOCK ANZAC VALLEY and rear battery positions. PHOSGENE and LACHRYMATORY were used but not a great deal of MOSTARD GAS. This activity continued until half an hour past midnight</p>	<p>INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES ATTACHED.</p> <p>1 3</p>

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DICKBUSH SHEET 28 NE	2/11/17	7.30P	<p>(CONTINUED)</p> <p>work and are greatly appreciated by all ranks when returning from the trenches - cold - weary and hungry. Battalion arrived in camp H 26 B 67 after a strenuous eight mile march - Hot meal and tea were ready for the boys.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>OTHER RANKS</u></td> <td><u>KILLED</u></td> <td><u>WOUNDED</u></td> <td><u>GASSED</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>3</td> <td>5</td> <td>4</td> </tr> </table>	<u>OTHER RANKS</u>	<u>KILLED</u>	<u>WOUNDED</u>	<u>GASSED</u>		3	5	4	
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	3	5	4									
	3/11/17		<p>Entire day spent reorganising - cleansing of person - clothes and equipment.</p>									
	4/11/17	11AM	<p>Battalion Church Parade. Complement of 67 Other Ranks detached for duty as Engineers. V.C. Corps. and Div. Sigs. working parties.</p>									
		2pm.	<p>During afternoon WINNIPEG CAMP Baths allotted to the Battalion.</p>									

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DICKERBUSH SHEET 28 NE.	5/11/17	10.30A 2 PM.	<p>Reorganisation of Units.</p> <p>Brigade Commander and Staff pay the Camp an informal visit.</p> <p>Battalion Band arrives from Reinforcement Camp.</p> <p>FLETRF.</p> <p>Owing to the after effects of gas poisoning - 1 Officer & Other Ranks were evacuated.</p>	
	6/11/17	2 PM 3 PM	<p>Easy training and reorganisation.</p> <p>Ten Signallers marched in from Reinforcement Camp.</p> <p>FLETRF. To replace gas casualties.</p> <p>3 Other Ranks evacuated after effect of gas poisoning.</p> <p>Further distribution of 28th Battalion Comfort Fund.</p> <p>One pair Sox supplied to each member of the Unit.</p> <p>Shirts, singlets, handkerchiefs, cigarettes, tobacco and other Trench Comforts in abundance.</p> <p>Needless to say these gifts are greatly appreciated by all ranks.</p> <p>This together with the sentiment which is created - adds materially to the spirits of the troops.</p>	<p>W. G. M. N</p>

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DICKEBUSH SHEET 28 NE	7/11/17	-	Training routine. Three Other Ranks previously reported wounded - now reported dead of wounds. Half-holiday.
	8/11/17	3 AM	Enemy planes extremely active - large number of bombs dropped OUDERDOM - VLAMERTINGHE area.
		10-11.5A	Squadron hostile aircraft over VOORMEZELLE. One of our machines engaged enemy in combat. After very brief encounter one of the enemy was seen to nose-dive and crash to ground from high altitude. The remainder of the squadron were driven off by our anti-aircraft guns.
		3 PM	Foot inspection and special treatment. One Other Rank previously reported "Gassed" now reported having died of gas poisoning. Advance party of W.R. REG. 147 TH BRIGADE arrive for purpose of taking over camp.

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DICKERBUSH SHEET 28 NE	9/11/17		<p>CAPTAIN C.G. CRAIG - LIEUT R. CARLISLE marched in Reinforcement Camp FLETRE (4 ENGLAND) - 1 Officer 50 Other Ranks return from 13 days tour of duty with C.R.E.</p>
		5 PM	<p>1 Other Rank previously reported "Gassed" now reported having died from effect of gas poisoning.</p>
		5:15 P	<p>DICKERBUSH CAMP handed over to incoming unit WEST RIDING REG. 147TH BDE. Battalion disembarked for STEENVORDE area - Subussing 7 PM at front K32 D4000 - SHEET 27. marching then to respective billets.</p>
STEENVORDE SHEET 27.		8 PM	<p>BATTN. HQRS. K 25 C 3015 Coys. distributed within squares K3. K25. and J30. Hot tea provided for all ranks.</p>

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STEENVOORDE SHEET 27	10/11/17		<p>During the heavy rain throughout the day. Training was restricted to those subjects which could be carried on within billets.</p> <p>1 Other Rank evacuated after effect of gas poisoning.</p> <p>1 Other Rank previously reported Gassed now reported having died result of gas poisoning.</p>
	11/11/17	9:30 AM 11 AM	<p>Battalion Church Parade "A" Coys Billets.</p> <p>R.C's Parade STEENVOORDE.</p> <p>Marched in - Reinforcement Camp FLETRF - 29 Other Ranks</p> <p>Complement consisting of 11 Reinforcements 18 returned S & W.</p> <p>2/LIEUT H.C. M'KEE evacuated after effect of gas.</p>
	12/11/17	2 PM	<p>Training routine five hours per day - syllabus attached.</p> <p>Coys. route march.</p> <p>Brigade Commander inspects billets.</p> <p>R.Q.M.S. JONES promoted to QUARTERMASTER & HON. LIEUT.</p>

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STEENVOORDE SHEET 27	13/11/17	2PM	<p>Training routine. Complement consisting of 14 Officers 162 Other Ranks march in from Old Reinforcement Camp FLEETRE. This personnel was that detailed to remain at Reinforcement Camp during the Battalion's tour of duty in the Line. Route march per company.</p>	
	14/11/17	1030A	<p>Presentation of medals and ribbons by GEN. SIR W. BIRDWOOD at 27th Batta HQRs. C Coy formed a Guard of Honor. The 28th was not represented amongst the recipients for awards. Half-holiday. Football match A v D Coy. resulting in a substantial win for senior company.</p> <p>LIEUT G MEYSEY-HAMMOND MC.M.M. } Promoted to " A GETTY } TEMP. CAPTAINS. " K MACINTYRE }</p>	<p>11/11/17 M. J. ... Capt</p>

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STEENVOORDE SHEET 27	15/11/17	7AM	Advance Party of 2 Officers 5 Other Ranks move out to take over billeting accommodation FLETRE area.
		8-12.30P	Allotment to Battalion of STEENVOORDE BATHS.
		1PM	Party of KINGS OWN LIVERPOOLS take over billets. LIEUT W GROSE detailed as Sub-area Commandant NEUVE-EGLISE while Brigade in this area. 2/LIEUTS A.C. MASKEILL - R. PRESTON. To Course of General Instruction CORPS SCHOOL. 1 Other Rank previously reported "gassed" now reported having died from effect Gas Poisoning. 7 Other Ranks evacuated sick.
STEENVOORDE	16/11/17	5AM	Reveille
		7.30A	Headed by Battalion Band unit marched via GODEWAERSVELDE to FLETRE area.
		11.20A	H.Q.Rs. at X1D52. Companies distributed in squares X1 and X2.

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ALDRSHOT
T19D89
SHEET 28

19/11/17

10AM

4PM

Training routine. Syllabus of work attached.
Morning 8.30 - 11.30 AM. Afternoon 1.30 - 3.30 PM.
Board of Enquiry on man posted "missing" adjourned on account lack of reliable evidence.
Lecture by CAPT. K. MCINTYRE on "TRENCH RELIEF" to Battalion Officers in Cinema Hall followed by general discussion.
8 Other Ranks marched in of which complement four were from ENGLAND.
Evacuations 2 Sick. 5 Divisional Entertainers attached for patients.

20/11/17

8AM

2PM

3PM

Training routine.
1 Officer 50 Other Ranks road making under 6TH AUS. ENG. supervision.
76 Other Ranks inoculated with T.A.B. for period twelve months ending NOV 30TH 17.
Conference at Brigade re proposed sports

Syllabus of Training attached.

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ALDERSHOT
F 19 D 89
SHEET 285V

20/11/17
3pm
5pm

Test match for selection of Australian Football Team
Comuna Hall opening with two performances nightly
Marched-in 6 Other Ranks & Sick
Marched-out 4 " " Sick evacuated

21/11/17
2-4pm
2-30pm

Training routine
PALMER BATHS allotted to Battalion
Half-holiday
Football match (Australian Rules)
44th BATTN. v 28th BATTN.
on the former's ground. The game was
much more hotly contested than the scores indicate
— and though we ran out comfortable winners
the play on both sides was of high order.
Rain during the morning made the ground

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ALDERSHOT T19D89 SHEET 28SW	21/11/17		<p><u>CONTINUED</u> heavy. Fortunately weather conditions slightly improved during the afternoon. The final scores were - 28TH BATTN. 10 Goals 7 Behinds 44TH " 3 " 5 " This is the first occasion in FRANCE that we have met a West Australian Battalion. Soccer match 44TH BATTN. v 28TH BATTN. Final scores - 44TH BATTN. 6 Goals 28TH " 4 " Census of area Camp Accommodation Taken by Intelligence Officers. Rifle Range constructed at T19D8010. Marched out 2 Other Ranks To ENGLAND on Leave 1 " " transferred to 17TH A.S.C. as Batman Sick evacuated Sick</p>

Census of Camp Accommodation

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ALDRSHOT TIG D 89 SHEFF 28 SW.	21/11/17		<p><u>CONTINUED</u></p> <p>Marched in 20 Other Ranks + Sick 1 " transferred from 18th Batta. and to be attached Brigade Orchestra as violinist.</p>	
	22/11/17	4pm	<p>Training routine. Lecture at Cinema Hall to Battalion Officers by CAPTAIN A GETTY SUBJECT TRENCH ROUTINE followed by general discussion and criticism.</p> <p>Marched in 7 Other Ranks + Wounded 10 " " + Sick 3 " " + 40th BATTN (now disbanded) 5 " " + 7th T.B. (now disbanded)</p> <p>Marched out 2 Other Ranks evacuated minor sprains caused by football.</p>	<p>Approved Capt. J. P. [Signature]</p>

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T19D89
SHEET 28 SW.

23/11/17

8 AM

Training routine.
LIEUT. T. B. KEILLOR MC. to Corps School as instructor in
General Subjects.

8 AM

1 officer 50 Other Ranks as working party constructing
BULLET & BAYONET RANGE - NEUVE ECLISE.

9 AM

Selection and instruction by Commanding Officer of
Raiding Party. complement consisting of 3 officers
50 Other Ranks.

4 PM

Lecture at Cinema Hall to Battalion Officers
by LIEUT W. LEVER MC. M.M. Subject - "METHOD OF
DEALING WITH HOSTILE RAIDS".

6 PM

Two hostile planes over BAILLEUL. Effectively engaged
by A.A. Guns and driven off. First appearance
of enemy machines over this sector for considerable time.
500 applications for the A.I.F. XMAS BOOK costing each
Three Shillings. and paid for by entry in Pay
Book and Acquittance Roll. These books are
forwarded direct to any address.

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ALDERSHOT TIG D 89 SHEET 28 SW	23/11/17		<p><u>CONTINUED</u></p> <p><u>Marched in</u> 2/LIEUT. W.F. CORBOLD from Reinforcement Cadet Battn.</p> <p><u>Marched out</u> 3 N.C.Os. to Officers Cadet Battn. CAMBRIDGE. 2 Other Ranks evacuated Sick.</p>	<p>Speakers of Training</p>
	24/11/17	1 PM.	<p>Training routine. Half holiday. 5% Leave per day granted to BAILLEUL. 2/LIEUT F. BOND for course of instruction Lewis Gun School PARIS PLAGE.</p> <p><u>AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL</u></p> <p>The two B Grade Teams of the Battalion met this afternoon on the Battalion Ground. Owing to the heavy wind - good play was out of the question - and more often than not, the game</p>	

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ALDERSHOT 719 D89 SHEET 28	24/11/17		<p><u>CONTINUED</u></p> <p>The game developed into a mere scramble. B2 eventually ran off numerically by two points. Final scores being B2 - 2 Goals 4 Behinds 28TH Batta v 26TH Batta B1 - 2 Goals 2 to</p> <p>The above match followed on that of the "B" Grade and resulted in an easy win for the former. The strong wind accounted for a lot of misjudgement on the part of most of the players - only occasionally was there any evidence of combination. Amongst those who showed up well for the Battalion were Pate MALONE and THOMAS of A Coy - CORP. LORID of the Signalling. The final scores were 7-11 to 1-2.</p>	

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T19D89
SHEET 28 SW

24/11/17

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BATTN. SOCCER

Teams first appearance. The general results of this first day was entirely satisfactory. "A" team met a strong combination from the 27th Battn. After a hard struggle we succeeded in registering a draw. SGT. WOOLHOUGH skippered for the 28th. LIEUT. EARLE for the opponents.

The new ground did not lend itself to perfect football, yet a good game was played. More practice is needed in passing and shooting for goals.

Among those who appeared prominent were - CAPT. ROYDHOUSE MC. LIEUT. LEAKE - PVTE COLLINS & MORRISON. The dash of the former was much admired - whilst the fine defensive play of the latter evoked general satisfaction.

Our B2 Team tried conclusions with the 27th Battalion and were defeated by one goal to nil.

Summary of day's work

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ALDERSHOT T19D89 SHEET 28	24/11/17		<p><u>CONTINUED</u></p> <p>PVTE. COX was Captain of this team and played a fine game.</p> <p>A good win (3 Goals to 1) was secured by our B1 team against the 26th BATTN. CORP. CREWS and his ten played rather a fine combination game and this in a huge measure accounted for our win.</p> <p><u>Marched In</u></p> <p>2/LIEUT C.F. BRITT from Cadet Training BATTN. 10 Other Ranks from 70th BATTN. (now disbanded) 5 " " " from Wounded.</p> <p><u>Marched Out</u></p> <p>Evacuations 2 Other Ranks Sick</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>BATTN. STRENGTH</td> <td>OFFICERS</td> <td>O.RKS</td> <td>Weather</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PRESENT</td> <td>36</td> <td>807</td> <td>Intensely cold. High wind</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DETACHED</td> <td>7</td> <td>97</td> <td>prevailed throughout</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>43</td> <td>904</td> <td>the day.</td> </tr> </table>	BATTN. STRENGTH	OFFICERS	O.RKS	Weather	PRESENT	36	807	Intensely cold. High wind	DETACHED	7	97	prevailed throughout	TOTAL	43	904	the day.	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
ALDERSHOT T19D89. SHEET 28.	25/11/17	10-15A 10-30A	<p>R. C. Church Parade Coy E Church Parade Battalion Ground. CAPTAIN K MCINTYRE - LIEUT A VENTON on leave to PARIS 4 Other Ranks to Div. Bomb School } for course 1 " " to Div. Gas School } of instruction 4 " " on Guard Div. Coal Dump. Battalion Concert in Cinema Hall, Aldershot Camp. Invitations were extended to the Brigadier and Staff of the 7TH and 11TH Brigade. Commanding Officers and Officers of the 7TH Brigade. Battalions. Officers of the 7TH Brigade Engineers. Machine Gun and Trench Mortar Sections. Commanding Officer and Officers of the 42ND and 44TH Batts. Representatives from each Unit made their appearance. The programme opened with an Overture.</p>

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T19D89
SHEET 28

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(Bound to Win) effectively rendered by the 28TH Batta. Band. The 4TH Brigade Orchestra came into prominence with several well played selections. Slight of Hand Tricks by PVT. D STUART of the 44TH Batta. were exceedingly clever - STUART being a well known Westralian Music Hall artist. Each item presented received every outward sign of enjoyment and appreciation from a congested audience.

Batta Strength	OFFICERS	O.RKS
PRESENT	34	802
DETACHED	9	103
TOTAL	43	905

High Wind - exceedingly cold.

Concert Programme attached. Summary of Concert

M. J. H. ...
Captain

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
ALDRSHOT T19D89 SHEET 28	26/11/17	8 AM	<u>CONTINUED</u> Training routine. NCO of the 7 TH F.C. ENG. attached as instructor for Rapid Wiring Course.
		11 AM	Lecture to Batta NCOs. on Topography and Map Reading by CAPTAIN MEYSEY-HAMMOND MC. MM. in Cinema Hall.
		12:30 PM	LIEUT. J.S. MELLISH provided to ENGLAND on transfer to the AUS. FLYING CORPS.
		2:30 PM	<u>AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL</u> <u>28TH BATTN. V 27TH BATTN.</u> This keenly contested match took place during the afternoon on the 27 TH Ground. The pace throughout was very fast and great excitement reigned at all times amongst the onlookers. The latter team from the bounce forced the game and in the first few minutes some brilliant exchanges were being made. PVT. WARD of C. Coy. saved some fine pieces of work by the 27 TH in

Syllabus of work.
 Summary of work.
 Capt. Hammond
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALDERSHOT T19D89 SHEET 28	26/11/17	3pm	<p><u>CONTINUED</u></p> <p>3rd Quarter when the 28th scored 2 Goals - 2 Behinds. The 24ths scoring 2 Behinds. The final quarter was hard going and a great finish to a fine game. Only one point was scored by either side and that by the 28th. Parkin's mention must be made of GUNNEY'S fine ruck play - HAWKINS and NEILSON'S back play and CORP. LORD'S general good work. MALONE executed some passing manoeuvres in the last quarter. The game was eventually won by the 28th. The final score reading.</p> <p>28^{THS} 4-4. 24^{THS} 3-6.</p> <p><u>28TH BATTN. V 26TH BATTN.</u></p> <p>This match took place on the 28th Ground & resulted in an easy win. The final score registering.</p> <p>28TH BATTN. 7-5. 26TH BATTN. 3 Behinds</p>	

Messy Mammone
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALDERSHOT T19D89 SHEET 28	26/11/17	3PM	<p><u>CONTINUED</u></p> <p><u>SOCCER</u></p> <p>The Battalion played the second round of matches during the afternoon. The three teams succeeded in making drawn games with their opponents. The grounds were in much better condition and the weather more favorable than on the last occasion. This had a marked effect on the general play.</p> <p>Our 'A' Team met the Brigade Reserve Team and though the attacking on both sides was very keen the defence was too strong to allow either to score. PVT. DOREY of C Coy played a faultless game and never missed an opportunity.</p> <p>Our B & C Team under PVT. BEER met the Brigade Trench Mortar under PVT. BLAVIS and though on several occasions the ball was seriously close to the goals, no damage was done.</p>	<p>Miss Hammerton Captain</p>

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ALDERSHOT T19D89 SHEET 28	26/11/17		<p>CONTINUED</p> <p>CORP. HALL of the Mortars played the game of the 22.</p> <p>The third game against the 27th by our B1 boys resulted after very strenuous play in another draw. Each side scoring one goal.</p> <p>Advice received from Commonwealth Bank of Australia - that sum of £25 donated from the 28th Batta. Trench Comfort Fund - placed to credit of Regimental Trust Funds Acc.</p> <p>Three Divisional Entertainers to be attached 18th Batta.</p> <p>2 Other Ranks report to D.H.D.O.S. stamping identity discs.</p> <p>Lecture to Brigade personnel on Topography and Map Reading by MAJOR WEBB MC. of the 4th F.C. ENG.</p> <p>2 Other Ranks on leave to ENGLAND.</p>	

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Captain

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ALDERSHOT T19189 SHEET 28 —	26/11/17		CONTINUED	
			<u>Arrivals</u>	
			84	Wounded from Base
			84	Reinforcements " "
			84	Sick " "
			<u>Battn. Strength</u>	
			PRESENT DETACHED TOTAL	OFFICERS <u>33</u> 9 42
				OTHER RANKS <u>802</u> 107 909
			<u>Weather.</u>	
			toward	Intensely cold nightfall.
				High wind moderating somewhat
			Training Routine.	
			BAILLEUL	Leave suspended on account of C.O.'s inspection.
			10AM	Summary of evidence taken in case of
			PVT. CURGENVEN	illegal absentee charged with desertion.
			10:30A	Commanding Officers' Inspection postponed on account
			of rain.	

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ALDERSHOT T19D89 SHEET 28	27/11/17	11AM - 2-15PM 2-15PM	<p><u>CONTINUED</u></p> <p>Conference of CO's at Bgde HQRs. G.O.C. Inspection postponed on account of rain. MR. C.E.W. BEAN visits Battalion to collect subject material with relation to unit operations. PVTE MULLINS previously reported "Gassed" now reported having died from Gas Poisoning.</p> <p><u>Arrivals</u> 24 Leave from Base 1 Other Ranks.</p> <p><u>Departures</u> Evacuation Sick 1 " "</p> <p><u>Battn. Strength</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td>OFFICERS</td> <td>OTHER RANKS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PRESENT</td> <td>33</td> <td>802</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DETACHED</td> <td>9</td> <td>106</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>42</td> <td>908</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Weather</u> General rain during day. Mild.</p>		OFFICERS	OTHER RANKS	PRESENT	33	802	DETACHED	9	106	TOTAL	42	908	<p>Training by status.</p> <p>Major Manning Captain</p>
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ALDERSHOT T19189 SHEET 28	28/11/17	8A 9AM	<p>Training Routine.</p> <p>Rapid Wiring Class of Instruction by Engineering N.C.O.</p> <p>Commencement of series "Course of Instruction Topography and Map Reading" by LIEUT SMITH of the 7TH F. Coy ENG. to Battalion Officers and N.C.O's.</p>	Training By Orders
		10AM	<p>Court of Enquiry on 3240 PVTE PYKE V.C. -</p> <p>6364 PVTE. MCENROE T - 3219A PVTE NOLAN H. missing since the Fourth of October. After analysing all prosecutable evidence the finding of the Court was as follows "Killed in Action".</p>	
		2P	Half Holiday	
		2:30h	<p>SOCCER</p> <p>The finish of the day played two wins and a draw to our credit. "A" Team not representatives of the 26TH Batts. and after a very strenuous game succeeded in making a draw. This was by far</p>	Murray Wainman Captain

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALDERSHOT T19D89 SHEET 28	28/11/17		<p>CONTINUED</p> <p>The best match of the round. our fine defence alone saving us from disaster.</p> <p>"B1" Team played the Trench Mortars - beating them by two goals to one. On this occasion the combination play of our lads was exceedingly good - Both teams showed great improvement on their recent form.</p> <p>The 27TH "B Team" fell a victim to our "B2" Team - the latter winning by three goals to one. Of the nine matches we have played this Unit - one only has been lost.</p>	
		1:45P	<p>AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL</p> <p>28TH Batta v 26TH Batta.</p> <p>This match was played on the 26TH Ground. Once again the 28TH proved their superiority in knowledge of the game.</p>	<p>Summary Captain /</p>

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ALDERSHOT TIQD 89 SHEET 28	28/11/17		<p>CONTINUED</p> <p>The latter showing a tendency to touch on the game more familiar with their State i.e. Rugby.</p> <p>The final scores registered:-</p> <p>28TH 5 - 4 26TH 2 - 6</p> <p>28TH BATTN. P2 Team V 27TH BATTN. P1 Team</p> <p>Taking place on the 27TH Ground - This game was of more interest than the scores indicate. At times there were signs of good combination and dash. MELLOWSHIP - HOLYROYD. PECK and WESTHEAD of the 28TH played rather well.</p> <p>The final scores were</p> <p>28TH 9 - 4 27TH 3 - 3</p> <p>28TH BATTN V 27TH BATTN</p> <p>Played on the 28TH Ground and serving more as a scratch match. The results having a bearing on the Finals. Several of the</p>	

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ALDERSHOT T19D89 SHEET 28	28/11/17		<p><u>CONTINUED</u></p> <p>28th best players were absent - and those engaged did not push the game to any extent - rather more content with keeping forward.</p> <p>A good game was played by THOMAS - WARD - NEILSON and FORREST of this Battalion.</p> <p>The final scores read:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">28th 5 - 11 27th 3 - 6</p>	
			<p><u>Departures</u></p> <p>1 Other Rank trans. to 2nd Div. Sig. Coy.</p> <p>1 Wov. & Mules detached for duty on Div. Bomb Dump.</p>	
			<p><u>Arrivals</u></p> <p>3 Other Ranks ex Schools</p> <p>1 " " ex F.P. Compound (60 days F.P. No 1)</p> <p>7 " " ex Hospital Sick</p> <p>3 " " ex " Wounded</p>	

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PRESENT	33	811														
DETACHED	9	102														
TOTAL	42	913														
			Weather Mild - Low visibility													
	29/11/17	10AM	<p>Training Routine</p> <p>Court of Enquiry on PVT CRICKSHANK - PVT BAMFORD missing since BULLCOURT month of May.</p> <p>Opinion of Court "Both now dead."</p>													
		11:30A	Enemy aircraft overhead - driven back by A.A. Gun.													
		2PM	LIEUT R.W.C. HARDWICK reported by 4 TH TRG. BATTN.													
		2:30pm	Preliminary Inspection by C.O. of Battalion less Transport.													
		3:30pm	G.O.C. inspects Battalion and Transport.													

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ALDERSHOT T. 19189 SHEET 28	29/11/17	

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The sun looked well - and general
turnout was in every way entirely satisfactory
Special arrangements made to play on account
of sports day tomorrow.

Proclamation (Reinforcement Referendum) displayed at
all Coy. Orderly Rooms

<u>Arrivals</u>	<u>Departures</u>
3 Other Ranks	1 O.Rk. to Hosts
2 " " "	
2 " " "	
3 " " "	
1 " " "	
	Wounded
	7 TH Trg Batta.
	Sick
	66 TH Batta (Disbanded)

<u>Battalion Strength</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>O-RKS</u>	<u>Weather</u>
PRESENT	34	921	Mild and Cloudy.
DETACHED	9	99	
TOTAL	43	920	

James W. ...
Captain

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T19D89
SHEET 28. 30/11/17

Battalion holiday. Sports Day. Units were
well represented in events - both numerous
and varied. Everyone was full of
enthusiasm and full of zest - fully entering into
the sentiment of the day. The Battalion
Band presented a pleasing programme of popular
selections. The Brigadier of the 7th and
11th Brigades. Together with representatives from
Corps. Division - and neighbouring Battalions
made their appearance during the afternoon.

Programme of Events together with names of winners attached.
1st P.M. Nominations called from Officers serving permanent
appointments in the A.M.F. at the conclusion of
the War (?)

2nd P.M. CAPTAIN MEYSEY-HAMMOND M.C.M.M. To Course of Instruction
at 69th Squadron A.F.C.

2nd P.M. Bags of parcels from Australia.

Programme
Results
of Sports
and

Messy Hammond
Captain

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ALDERSHOT TIQD89 SHEET 28	30/11/17		<p><u>Arrivals</u> 1 ORK. by Bde Snipers 2 " " Hosp. Sick</p> <p><u>Departures</u> 1 Officer, 1 ORK To 69th Squadron A.F.C. 1 " " Hospital Sick</p> <p><u>Daily Strength</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>OFFICERS</th> <th>O.RKS.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PRESENT</td> <td>33</td> <td>822</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DETACHED</td> <td>10</td> <td>99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>43</td> <td>921</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>Weather</u> Fine. low visibility. Slight Showers during afternoon.</p> <p>Debris Collett Sd. Cdy 28th Bde</p>		OFFICERS	O.RKS.	PRESENT	33	822	DETACHED	10	99	TOTAL	43	921	
	OFFICERS	O.RKS.														
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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ENGINEER WORKING PARTIES

HEADQUARTERS,
7TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No. SC 200
Date 17

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November 1st

ENGINEER WORKING PARTIES WILL BE SUPPLIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TABLE.

By whom supplied	Strength	Tools	Time and whom to report	Where to report	Nature of duty & duration
26th Bn. (a)	Complete units divided as follows:-		2/11/1917		
	2 NCOs 34 men	-	7 a.m. 2/11/17 Sgt. of 7th Field Coy.	D.28.c.25.65. Where Anzac duckwalk crosses road running S.E. from Brick Kiln	Wiring defence line. The Officer in charge will detail
(b)	2 NCOs 21 men	-	7.15 a.m.	- do -	- do -
(c)	2 NCOs 21 men	-	7.30 a.m.	- do -	- do -
28th Bn. (a)	2 NCOs 21 men	-	8 a.m.	D.28.c.65.10 Where BELLES duckwalk crosses road running S.E. from BRICK KILNS.	- do - Same as for 26th Bn
(b)	2 NCOs 21 men	-	8.15 a.m.	- do -	- do -
(c)	2 NCOs 34 men	-	8.30 a.m.	- do -	- do -

Remarks. Officers of Coys will be present, and will be responsible for the job. Senior officer of 28th Bn. party will meet Lieut. LAURIE at D.28.c.65.10 at 8 a.m. to get further details.

Stewart
Captain, Staff Captain,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX

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28th BATTALION A.I.F.

Week ending

18th November 1917.

PROGRAMME OF WORK

Date	time	Nature of Training	Remarks
12.11.17.	8.30 a.m.	O's. C. Inspection	
	9. 0	Cleaning up & Fitting of Equipment	
	10. 0	Close Order Drill	
	10.30	Musketry Instruction	
	11. 0 to		
	11.30	Organised Games	
	2. 0 p.m.	Company Route March	Marching Order less Blankets
	to		
	4. 0 p.m.		
13.11.17	8.30 a.m.	Inspection	
	8.45	Setting up Drill	
	9.30	Physical Training and Organised Games	
	10.30	Musketry Instruction	
	11. 0 to	Gas Drill	
	11.30		
	2. 0 p.m.	Company Route March	Marching Order less Blankets.
	to		
	4. 0 p.m.		
14.11.17	8.30 a.m.		
	to	As for the 12th inst.	
	11.30 a.m.		
		H A L F H O L I D A Y.	
15.11.17	8.30 a.m.		
	to	As for the 13th inst	
	11.30 a.m.		
	2. 0 p.m.		
	to	Company Route March	Marching Order less Blankets
	4. 0 p.m.		
16.11.17	8.30 a.m.	O's C Inspection	
	8.45 a.m.	Physical Training and Organised Games	
	9.30 a.m.	Musketry Instruction	Rapid Loading
	10. 0 a.m.	Close Order Drill	
	10.30 a.m.	Bayonet Fighting	
	11. 0 to	Platoon Drill	
	11.30 a.m.		
	2. 0 p.m.	Company Drill	
	2.30 p.m.	Gas Drill & Inspection	
	3. 0 p.m.	Organised Games	
	3.30 to	Setting Up Drill	
	4. 0 p.m.		
17.11.17	8.30 to	As for the 13th inst	
	11.30 a.m.		
	2. 0 to	Company Route March	Marching Order Less Blankets
	4. 0 p.m.		
18.11.17		S U N D A Y	

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Programme of Work (Continued).

NOTE.

- 1. Specialists will be trained under Specialist Officers.
- 2. "Smokes" will be for ten minutes each hour, during which Officers will give brief Lectures on "Trench Duties" as enumerated personally to O's C Coys.
- 3. Musketry Instruction will be progressive, special attention being paid to "Rapid Loading."
- 4. Setting up Drill will include certain amount of Sentry Drill.
- 5. Companies will submit Routes for Marches at least 24 hours before time laid down.
- 6. Parades carried out in Grounds adjacent to Billets.

"A" Company	J.24.c.0.0	Sheet 27
	J.30.b.0.5	do
"B" do		
"C" do	J.24.a.2.1	do
"D" do	K.31.d.3.8	do

Charles Collett

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

In the Field.

18th November 1917.

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APPENDIX.

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28th Battalion A.I.F.

Week ending

25th November 1917.

PROGRAMME OF WORK.

Date	Time	Nature of Instruction	Remarks.
18.11.	8.30 a.m.	Inspection	
17.	8.45	Physical Training and Organised Games	
	9.30	Musketry Instruction	Rapid Loading
	10. 0	Setting Up Drill	To include Sentry Drill. & Saluting
	10.30	Platoon Drill	
	11. 0 to		
	11.30 a.m.	Bayonet Fighting	
	1.30 to		
	3.30 p.m.	Coy Route March	Marching Order Less Blankets.
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20.11			
17.	8.30 a.m.	Inspection	
	8.45	Physical Training & Organised Games	
	9.30	Musketry Drill	Fire Orders, Indication of Targets under Section Leaders.
	10. 0	Box Respirator Inspn. & Drill.	
	10.30 to	Company Drill	
	11.30 a.m.		
	1.30 p.m.	Organised Games	
	2. 0	Musketry Instruction	Fire Positions
	3.30 to		
	3.30 p.m.	Rapid Wiring	
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21.11.			
17.	8.30 a.m.	Inspection	
	8.45	Physical Training and Organised Games	
	9.30	Musketry Instruction	Rapid Loading
	10. 0	Sentry Drill	
	10.30	Platoon Drill	
	11. 0 to		
	11.30 a.m.	Bayonet Fighting	
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22.11			
17.	8.30 a.m.	Inspection	
	8.45	Physical Training and Organised Games	
	9.30	Musketry Instruction	Fire Positions
	10. 0	Normal Formation of Platoon in Attack.	
	10.30 to		
	11.30 a.m.	Bombing	
	1.30 to		
	3.30 p.m.	Coy Route March	Marching Order less Blankets.

Programme of Work (Continued)

23.11.17.	8.30 a.m.	Inspection	
	8.45	Sentry Drill	
	9.30	Musketry Instruction	Rapid Loading
	10. 0	Bayonet Fighting	
	10.30	Gas Drill	
	11. 0 to		
	11.30 a.m.	Company Drill	
	1.30 p.m.	Physical Training and	
		Organised Games	
	2. 0	Close Order Drill	
	2.30 to		
	3.30 p.m.	Rapid Wiring	
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24.11.17	8.30 a.m.	Inspection	
	8.45	Bombing	
	9.30	Sentry Drill	
	10. 0	Musketry	Indication of Targets under Section Leaders
	10.30	Bayonet Fighting	
	11.0 to		
	11.30 a.m.	Platoon Drill	
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25.11.17	S U N D A Y.		

NOTES.

- (a) Specialists receive Training under Specialist Officers.
- (b) Lecturettes will be delivered by officers during "Smokes" on "Saluting" "Sanitation in Billets" "Care of Feet in Trenches", "Methods of dealing with Hostile Air-craft" "Carrying Parties"
- (c) An important point to be observed in Training is the development in-sections of Command and Leadership in Sections and Platoons.
- (d) Location of Parade Grounds will be notified later.

..... *Robert Collin*
Lieut-Col.
Commanding 24th Battalion A.I.F.

In the Field.

14th November 1917.

Programme of Work.Week ending 2nd Dec 1917.

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Date	Time.	A Coy	B Coy	C Coy	D Coy.
26-11-17.	8.30 am 8.45 am 9.30 am 10 am 10.30 am 11.0 - 11.30 am 1.30 - 3.30 pm.	Inspection Physical Training Gas drill Platoon drill Musketry Organised Games. Company	Inspection Bombing Sentry drill Bayonet fighting Platoon drill. Organised Games Route	Inspection Physical Training Close order drill Musketry Bombing Organised Games March	Inspection Physical Training Musketry. Sentry drill Bayonet fighting Organised Games.
27/11/17.	8.30 am 8.45 am 9.30 am 10 am 10.30 am 11.0 - 11.30 am 1.30 pm 2 pm 2.30 pm 3.0 - 3.30 pm	Inspection Bombing Sentry drill Musketry Bayonet fighting Organised Games Physical Training Platoon drill Rapid Wiring	Inspection Physical Training Gas drill Close order drill Musketry Organised Games Bayonet fighting Sentry drill Bombing	Inspection Physical Training Musketry Sentry drill Bayonet fighting Organised Games Rapid Wiring Gas drill. Platoon drill	Inspection Physical Training Gas drill. Rapid Wiring Organised Games. Platoon drill Musketry. Company drill.
28-11-17.	8.30 am 8.45 am 9.30 am 10 am 10.30 am 11.0 - 11.30 am	Inspection Physical Training Musketry Bayonet fighting Company drill Organised Games Afternoon	Inspection Physical Training Close order drill Musketry. Rapid Wiring Organised Games Half Holiday	Inspection Bombing Sentry drill Bayonet fighting Musketry Organised Games	Inspection Physical Training Gas drill Platoon drill Musketry. Organised Games

Date	Time	Company	Platoon	Company	Platoon
24-11-17	8.30 am 8.45 am 9.30 am 10. am 10.30 am 11.0 - 11.30 am 1.30 pm 2. pm 2.30 pm 3.0 - 3.30 pm	Inspection Physical Training Gas drill Close order drill Musketry Organised Games Bayonet Fighting } Bombing Kit Inspection	Inspection Physical Training Musketry Platoon drill Bayonet Fighting Organised Games Gas drill } Rapid Wearing Kit Inspection	Inspection Physical Training Sentry drill Musketry Gas drill Organised Games Bayonet Fighting } Company drill Kit Inspection	Inspection Bombing Platoon drill Bayonet Fighting Musketry Organised Games Physical Training Gas drill Platoon drill Kit Inspection
30-11-17	8.30 am 8.45 am 9.30 am 10. am 10.30 am 11.0 - 11.30 am 1.30 - 3.30 pm	Inspection Physical Training Gas drill Platoon drill Musketry Organised Games	Inspection Physical Training Musketry } Company drill Organised Games Company	Inspection Physical Training Sentry drill Musketry Bayonet Fighting Organised Games Route	Inspection Bombing Physical Training Musketry Sentry drill Organised Games March
1-12-17	8.30 am 8.45 am 9.30 am 10. am 10.30 am 11.0 - 11.30 am	Inspection Physical Training Musketry Sentry drill Bayonet Fighting Organised Games Afternoon	Inspection Bombing Physical Training Musketry Platoon drill Organised Games Half	Inspection Physical Training Gas drill Sentry drill Musketry Organised Games Holiday.	Inspection Physical Training Musketry Sentry drill Bayonet Fighting Organised Games
2-12-17			Sunday		

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28th Battalion A.I.F.

APPENDIX.
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ORDER No. 35.

Ref Sheets :- 27 1/40,000
28 1/40,000.

1. The Battalion will move to ALDERSHOT CAMP T.19.d.9.9 (sheet 28) tomorrow 17th inst.
2. Companies will move in the following order :-
Headquarters Company
"B" Company
"C" do
"A" do
"D" do
3. Headquarters Company will reach CROSS ROADS X.3.c.1.5 (sheet 27) at 11.0 a.m. and will halt there for 10 minutes.
4. 100 yards distance will be maintained between Companies, with Transport 100 yards in rear of "D" Company.
5. Officers valises and Company Mess Boxes will be on road in front of Billets at 9.30. a.m.
6. One blanket per man will be carried by Transport. Blankets will be rolled in bundles of ten and stacked in front of Company Headquarters by 9.0 a.m.
7. Transport will move with the Battalion and on reaching new area will be billeted at HILLSIDE SOUTH, T.14.c.
8. Unit Commanders are responsible that Billets are left in clean and sanitary condition.
9. Companies will arrange to give men hot tea before moving off. It is expected to arrive at new billets at approx., 8.0 p.m.
10. Acknowledge.

(Signed) J. ROYHOUSE Captain Adjutant

In the Field.
16.11.17.

Distribution.

1. C.O
2. "A" Coy
3. "B"
4. "C"
5. "D"
6. I. Officer
7. Sig Officer
8. Transport Officer
9. Q.M
10. File.

Headquarters,
7th A. I. Brigade.

Herewith TABULATION of CAMP ACCOMMODATION. Area and

MAP REF. SHEET 28 S.W.
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Key	Camp.	Map. Ref.	Type of Huts.				Ten
			Nissen	Gabled	Armstrong	Shelters.	
1	MAHUTONGA	T 19 b 6.4	3	19	-	7	-
2	-	T 19 b 2.7	3	4	-	3	-
3	WESTHOF	T 19 b 4.5	30	3	1	3	M 5 B 3
4	WESTHOF FARM	T 19 a 2.2	9	32	-	5	-
5	OTLEY LINES	S 30 d 10.75	-	20	-	9	-
6	DE SEULE	B 1 a 6.4	11	47	-	8	-
7	GORDON FARM	B 1 b 1.3	3	7	-	2	B 2
8	KENT	T 25 c 2.0	-	20	4	1	-
9	BROWNLOW LINES	T 20 c 3.1	3	4	-	2	B 4
10	TROIS ROIS	T 20 c 50.45	3	13	-	4	-
11	-	T 20 c 6.5	2	5	2	2	-
12	PAWSON LINES	T 20 a 8.0	3	17	-	6	-
13	ALDERSHOT	T 19 d 8.9	6	55	-	3	-
14	KAPPER LINES	S 30 c 6.7	3	13	-	14	-
15	GALWALLY LINES	S 30 c 2.8	-	14	-	2	-
16	BULLER LINES	S 29 b 5.0	-	8	-	5	-
17	GOUGH LINES	S 29 b 9.4	-	22	-	6	-
18	PENGUIN	S 29 a 85.20	2	-	-	2	-
19	COMMER	S 29 a 4.4	4	6	-	-	-
20	MUD FARM	S 17 d 5.8	20	33	14	28	-
21	WATERLOO	S 18 c 8.2	2	8	1	11	-
22	VAUXHALL	S 18 d 1.2	29	5	-	9	B 2
23	-	S 17 d 5.8	2	5	-	14	-
24	-	S 30 d 1.3	4	-	1	5	-

APPENDIX.

28th Battalion A.I.F.

Nov. 22nd 1917.

Camp locations shown on attached sketch.

ACCOMMODATION			WATER POINTS.		OCCUPANTS	LEAVING	REMARKS.
Offs	O/rs	Horses	Drinking	Horses			
9	250	80	T 19 a 4.2	S 24 d 9.7	6 F.C Eng	Dec.	
2	100	120	T 13 c 8.2	Pond	N.MID RGA	Per.	
10	350	90	T 19 a 4.2	S 30 b 4.4	10th F.Amb	Dec	
15	80	12	T 19 a 4.2	T 19 a 4.2	1 Anzac Cps. Heavy	Per.	Wireless Reinf Camp
6	200	180	T 19 a 4.2	S 30 b 4.4	54th Bty	21.11. 17	
30	900	90	B 2 c 4.0	B 1 b 1.4	18th Bn.	Dec.	
1	130	170	T 25 b 9.2	B 1 b 1.4	4th Bty	Temp.	
15	340	20	T 25 b 9.2 T 25 d 5.7	B 1 b 1.7 T 25 b 9.7	50th Bty	Temp.	1 dugout for 80 men
2	68	102	T 25 b 9.4	T 20 c 2.2	51st Bty	Temp.	
4	150	28	T 25 a 7.9	T 13 c 9.4	11th Bde A.I.F.	Dec.	
6	100	-	T 25 d 7.9	T 13 c 9.4	13th F.A. Bde.	Dec.	
3	170	213	T 25 b 8.2	T 20 c 8.9	49th Bty	Dec	
22	720	56	T 25 b 8.2	T 25 b 9.7	28th Bn. 7th ALTMB	Dec	Cinema Hall
4	100	180	S 30 b 4.5	S 30 b 7.8	53rd Bty A.I.F.	21.11 17.	
4	120	100	S 30 b 4.5	S 30 b 7.8	Unoccupied	-	
4	100	80	do	do	2nd A.M.V Column	Indef	
6	180	150	do	do	Unoccupied	-	
2	299	-	do	do	3 A.A.C.	Indef	Mobile Camp.
3	200	-	do	do	5th Sub Park	Indef	Cinema Hall
40	800	-	S 17 d 5.8	T 13 c 9.4	2 D.H.Q.	Indef	
9	120	110	T 19 a 4.3	do	7th B.H.Q	Indef	
3	290	6	do	do	14 Div Depot	Indef	
-	50	80	do	do	2 Div Tspt San Sec	Indef	Canteen
3.	75	-	do	do	O.X.D ArmyORhd	Per.	

25	-	S 30 d 1.4	1	-	-	6	B
26	-	S 15 d 0.2	-	-	-	-	-
27	-	S 21 b 7.1	30	-	-	-	-
28	HALL FARM	S 23 a 8.3	-	6	-	-	-
29	-	S 17 d 7.1	-	-	-	-	-
30	-	S 21 b 7.0.	-	4	-	-	-
31	-	S 21 c 5.1	2	-	-	-	-
32	GARDEN	S 27 b 8.3	-	23	-	2	-

8	25	-	do	do	Siege Pk I.H.Q.A.C		
H	60	58	S 15 d 7.5.	S 15 d 7.5	2 D.S.Coy	Indef	Farm now into tents
-	550	-	do	do	8th Cps Rein Camp	Indef	In course of errec.
4	150	162	T 18 c 9.4	T 18 c 9.4	5th A.I.F Bty	Indef	
-	-	-	do	do	D.A.D.O.S	Indef	Farm
-	80	50	S 15 d 7.5	S 15 d 7.5	1 D.M.M.B	Indef	
1	20	-	do	do	Ord Tent Depot.	Indef	
20	500	-	S 27 b 8.3	S 27 b 8.3	8th Div Wing	Indef	

..... Captain.

ROUTINE ORDER No. 289

289.

By Lieut-Col H.B.COLLETT, D.S.O., V.D Comdg 28th Battalion.

In the Field.

18th November 1917.

Duties.

- 1. Battalion Orderly Officer S/Lieut G.C.O'GRADY
- Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt Barker B
- Battalion Orderly Corporal Cpl Gepp T.A
- Duty Company "B" Company.

Crimes Punishments etc.

- 2. The following Punishment has been awarded dated 18.11.17.
- No. 5119 Pte White E.H.V awarded 72 hours F.P
- No. 9. Absent without leave from 6 a.m. 7.11.17 until reporting 5 p.m. 8.11.17.
- Total forfeiture 6 days . SPB. 44422/B

Schools.

- 3. The following N.C.O's attended a 4 days Course at the Divisional Anti-Gas School and are capable of carrying out the Duties of Gas N.C.O. The words " Passed and Australian Divisional Anti - Gas School ending 8.11.17 " should be entered in the back of each N.C.O's Pay book.
- No. 1562 L/C Murray J
- 6108 " Maher H
- 1061 Cpl Ridley H.B.W
- 6310 " Gepp T.A
- 1502 L/C Leeds W.M
- 5667 " Turnbull G.E
- 4066 " Smith A.W
- 4429 " Martin W.A
- 4852 " Maxwell G
- 687 Cpl Roberts W.R
- 2182 L/C Dawkins O

(Signed)

J. ROYDHOUSE, Captain

Adjutant.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 290

290

By Lieut-Col. H. B. COLLETT, D.S.O., V.D. Cndg 28th Battalion.

in the Field.

13th November 1917

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Duties. 1. Battalion Orderly Officer. S/Lt. B.M. Macdonald.
 Battalion Orderly Corporal. Cpl. Jellings S.
 Battalion Orderly Sergeant. Sgt. Woolnough T.H.
 Duty Company "C" Company.

Crimes, Punishments etc. 1. The following have been awarded, dated 13.11.17
 No. 9939A Pte. Ledlie R.J. awarded 168 hours
 F.P. No. 2 Absent without leave from 9 p.m. 9.11.17
 until reporting at 9 a.m. 11.11.17
 3. Absent from 8 p.m. parade 19.11.17 until seen
 in billett at 2.30 p.m. 19.11.17.
 Total forfeiture 11 days S.P.B. 250278/20

No. 6075 Pte. Farley J. awarded 48 hours F.P.No. 2
 Ten minutes late on 9 a.m. parade 19.11.17
 S.P.B. 128009/26

Schools. 3. The following result was obtained by Lieut.
 B.T. Kell at the 1st Anzac Corps Signal School
 "Knowledge of Power Buzzer and Amplifier = Good
 do Office Routine Work - Good
 Instructor of others - Good
 Qualified as 2nd Class Instructor of Signalling."

Enemy Aircraft 4. When a Hostile Aircraft is brought down within
 our Lines the Officer Commanding the troops on
 the spot will report its capture and situation
 to the Commander of the nearest Royal Flying
 Corps Unit and arrange for the safeguarding
 of the material until it is taken over by the
 Royal Flying Corps.
 The Officer Commanding the troops on the spot
 will post sentries around the machine at once
 and will give them strict orders that after the
 occupants have been removed no one is to touch
 it until it is taken over by the Royal Flying
 Corps.
 The air-craft and material will be disposed
 of under the orders of the G.O.C Royal Flying
 Corps who will arrange for such articles as are
 not required for use or experiment to be handed
 over to the nearest Ordnance Officer in accord-
 ance with above.
 The attention of all ranks is to be called
 to this order and they are to be told that as
 valuable information about design and improvement
 is obtained from the German Machines, it is of
 the utmost importance that they should be left
 intact until taken over by R.F.C or R.N.A.S
 Officers will take immediate steps to safeguar
 any planes landing in their vicinity forming a
 guard out of troops in the neighbourhood until
 such time as the nearest O.C takes the machine
 over and places a guard over it. Beyond removing
 wounded occupants the machine must on no account
 be interfered with until it is taken over by R.F.C
 or R.N.A.S.
 Breach of this order will be treated as a Court
 Martial Offence.

99 By Lieut-Col H.B. COLLETT D.S.O., V.D. Commg 28th Battalion. A.I.F.

In the Field.

14th November 1917.

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- Duties.** 1. Battalion Orderly Officer 2/Lieut G.E. Wood.
 Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt Connolly J.A.
 Battalion Orderly Corporal Cpl Revett S.L.
 Duty Company "D" Company.
- Identity Discs.** 2. It has been noticed that these have not been correctly worn. Unit Commanders will take steps to see that all men of their Command have two discs and that they are worn round the neck on the outside of the singlet. Attention is drawn to previous orders in regard to this subject.
- Discipline.** 3. All ranks must be warned that anyone found in the town of STEENVOORDE incorrectly dressed will be charged with disobedience of Standing Orders.
- Baths.** 4. The Baths at STEENVOORDE have been allotted to the Battalion from 8.0 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. tomorrow. The following time table will be observed.
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|----------------|-------------------|
| "A" Company | 8.0 - 9.0 a.m. |
| "B" do | 9.0 - 10.0 |
| "C" do | 10.0 - 11.0 |
| "D" do | 11.0 - 12.0 |
| H.Q. & Details | 12.0 - 12.30 p.m. |
- Baths accommodate 60 men per hour. Parties in charge of an Officer must arrive at Baths according to schedule.
- Appointments Promotions etc.** 5. The following have been approved dated 14.11.17.
 No. 4735 Cpl Flanagan A.J. to be Sgt (Temp) vice
 No. 694 Sgt Macdonald B.M. promoted SPB
 No. 1908 Cpl Castles A.E. to be Sgt (Temp) vice
 No. 3124 Sgt Hardie A.L. wounded SPB
 No. 3579 Cpl (Temp) Gepp T.A. to be Cpl. SPB
 No. 2102 L/Cpl Dawkins O. to be Cpl (Temp) vice
 No. 4735 Cpl Flanagan A.J. promoted. SPB
 No. 5735 L/Cpl Spencer F. to be Cpl (Temp) vice
 No. 1908 Cpl Castles A.E. promoted SPB
- Schools.** 6. The undermentioned N.C.O. has completed a Course at the 2nd Army Anti-Gas School with the following result.
 No. 4056 Cpl Bennett W.H. Good.
 Entry should be made in his Pay Book to the effect that he has passed 2nd Army Anti-Gas School.
- Officers baggage.** 7. It is again brought to the notice of Officers that the weight of their Valises must not exceed 35 lbs. Owing to limited transport this will be strictly enforced.

(Signed) J. ROYDHOUSE Captain.
 Adjutant.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 293

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By Lieut-Col. H. B. COLLETT D.S.O., V.D. Cmdg 28th Battalion A.I.F.
In the Field. 17th November 1917

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- Duties.** 1. Battalion Orderly Officer. S/Lieut W.S. Boundy
Battalion Orderly Sergeant. Sgt. Parker W.R
Battalion Orderly Corporal. Cpl. Carter T.A
Duty Company "B" Company
- Linguists.** 2. Officers Commanding units will render to B. O. R. by 12 noon tomorrow a nominal roll of all Linguists under their Command, giving the following particulars: Reg. No., Rank, Name and Languages spoken.
- Crimes, Punishments, etc.** 3. The following have been awarded, dated 15.11.17.
No. 3877 Pte. Summerfield J.A. awarded 3 days C. C. Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he appeared on O.C.'s Parade unshaven.
No. 4958 Pte Perry M. awarded 3 days C.C.. Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he appeared on O. C's Parade unshaven.
- Court of Enquiry.** 4. A Court of Enquiry will assemble at Battalion Headquarters on the 19th day of November 1917 at 10 a.m.
President. Major P. CURRIE D.S.O.
Member Lieut.M. DAVIES
for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting on the four members of this Battalion missing during the operations on the 4th October 1917 as per Schedule "A" hereunder :-

<u>Schedule "A"</u>	No. 412 Pte Donaldson Norman Francis	"C" Coy.
	No. 3819A " Nolan Henry	"C" Coy.
	No. 3840 " Pyke Victor Gerard	"C" Coy.
	No. 6367 " McEnroe Thomas	"C" Coy.

- Signalling School.** 5. Each Company will submit by noon tomorrow name of 1 other rank to attend Divisional School of Signalling Personnel should be specially selected and should not have had previous instruction in Signalling; they must be educationally qualified to become Signallers.
- Divine Services.** 6. Protestant Church Parade will be held at 10.30 a.m. Position of Parade Ground will be notified later. S/Lieut. Boundy will form up parade. Companies will be ready to march to parade at 10.15 a.m.
Roman Catholic Church Parade will be held at Theatre in Camp at 9 a.m. Companies will march independently to the Service. Chaplain Captain E. BARRY

Dress. Belts and Side arms.

(Signed)

J. ROYDHOUSE. Captain,

Adjutant.

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 ROUTINE ORDER NO. 295. 295
 By Lieut-Col. H. B. COLLETT D.S.O., V.D. Cndg. 28th Battalion.
 In the Field. 20th Nov. 1917.

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- Duties. 1. Battalion Orderly Officer. 2/Lt. A.C. Loveday.
 Battalion Orderly Sergeant. Sgt. Cramb.
 Battalion Orderly Corporal. Cpl. Seymour.
 Duty Company. "A" Company.
- Transfer. 2. No. 935 Pte. Burgoyne V.G. is transferred to 17th Coy.
 A.A.S.C. Dated 20.11.17. S.P.B. Unknown here.
- March 3. In future, all cases of men falling out without leave
 Discipline. on the line of march, must be remanded to C. O.
- Appointments Extract ~~of~~ of A.I.F. List No. 259. 16/11/17.
- Promotions 4. Capt. J. ROYDHOUSE M.C. to be Adjutant vice-Capt.
 etc. H.C. KING M.C. Wounded Dated 4.10.17. S.P.B.
 The undermentioned officers are granted the temporary
 rank of Captain whilst commanding companies.
 Dated 1.11.17.
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| Lieut. G. MEYSEY-HAMMOND M.C. | S.P.B. |
| Lieut. K. M. G. McINTYRE | S.P.B. |
| Lieut. A. GETTY | S.P.B. |
- Duties. 5. Duty company will supply the following:-
 A party of 8 men for work on the Rifle Range. They will
 draw shovels (one per man) from the Pioneer Sergt.
 Lieut. Armstrong will collect the party at Company
 Orderly Room.
 One strong man to report to Battalion Canteen at 8 a.m.

(Signed)

J. ROYDHOUSE. Capt.
 Adjutant.

NOTICES.

Y. M. C. A. Christian Fellowship.

A 7th Brigade Y.M.C.A. Christian Fellowship has been
 inaugurated. Meetings will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays
 and Fridays, between 5.30 and 6.50 p.m. in the Y.M.C.A.
 NEUVE EGLISE, commencing Wednesday 21st inst.
 All men are cordially invited to attend.

CINEMA.

A Cinema Show has been opened in the Camp, giving
 two shows nightly, from 5 to 7 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 296. 296
 By Lieut-Col. H. B. COLLETT, D.S.O., V.D. Cmdg 28th Battalion A.I.F
 In the Field. 21st Nov., 1917,

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- De-lies.** 1. Battalion Orderly Officer. Lt. R. Carlisle.
 Battalion Orderly Sergeant. Sgt. Flanagan.
 Battalion Orderly Corporal. Cpl. Spencer.
 Duty Company. "B" Company.
- Transfer.** 2. No. 3222 Pte. Williams J.M. is transferred from
 28th Battalion, is posted to "C" Company and is detach-
 ed for duty with 7th Brigade Orchestra, dated 20.11.17.
- Forfeiture of Temporary Rank.** 3. No. 1173 Cpl. (Temp) Harrison M. reverts to the
 Substantive rank of L/Cpl. on evacuating Sick
 dated 20.11.17. S.P.B. 28448.
 No. 2244 Cpl. (Temp) Williams C.A. reverts to the
 Substantive rank of L/Cpl. on return of No. 1964
 Cpl. Lord W.E. Dated 19.11.17. S.P.B.
- Appointments, Promotions etc.** 4. No. 2334 Pte. Meredith I.H. to be L/Cpl.
 Dated 20.11.17. S.P.B.
 The following have been approved dated 21.11.17.
 No. 1801 L/Cpl. Wright I.R. to be Cpl. (Temp) vice
 No. 2470 Cpl. Sparks A.B. Wounded. S.P.B.
 No. 4577 L/Cpl. Ward J.L. to be Cpl. (Temp) vice
 No. 5117 Cpl. Wilson H.G. promoted. S.P.B.
 No. 1099 Pte. Winters B. to be L/Cpl. S.P.B.
 No. 5124 Pte. Bowshire R.J. to be L/Cpl. S.P.B.
 No. 4752 Pte. Jarvis D. to be L/Cpl. S.P.B.

(Signed)

J. ROYDHOUSE Capt.
 Adjutant.

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29th BATTALION A. I. F.

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All Battalion Units,

PALMER BATHS, T 80 c 6.5 have been allotted to the
Battalion from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. today.

The following time-table will be observed,

1 p.m. 3 Offs 158 o/rs.	(A Coy. 1 Off 38 o/rs.
	(B " " 38 "
	(C " 1 " 38 "
	(D " " 38 "

3 p.m. 2 Offs 150 o/rs.	(D-Coy. 2 Off 60 o/rs.
	(Pioneers
	(Band.
	(Hqs. Details.
	(Q.M. Details.
	(Scouts and Observers.

In the Field. Captain,

22nd Nov., 1917

Adjutant.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 298
 By Lieut-Col. H. B. COLLETT D.S.O, V.D. Cndg 28th Battalion A.I.F.
 In the Field 23rd Nov. 1917.

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- Duties. 1. Battalion Orderly Officer. Lieut. Goules
 Battalion Orderly Sergeant. Sgt Pacey
 Battalion Orderly Corporal. Cpl. Edgar
 Duty Company. "D" Company
- Forfeiture of 2. No. 4735 Sgt. (Temp) Flanagan A.J. reverts to the S
 Temp. Rank. Sub Rank of Cpl. on proceeding to O.C.B.
 Dated 23.11.17 S.P.B. 128011
- Appointments 3. No. 6036 Cpl. (Temp) Hansen-Knarhol H to be Cpl.
 Promotions etc. Dated 23.11.17 S.P.B. 128038
- Divine Service 4 Church Services for Sunday 25th inst.
Protestant. 10.30 a.m. for 28th Bn., M.G. Coy,
 T.M. Battery and 7th Field Coy Engrs. Parade Ground
 ALDERSHOT CAMP. Lieut. Davies will form up the parade
 One marker per Coy with Parade State will report on
 ground at 10.10 a.m.
 Companies will march to Parade Ground independently
- Roman Catholic. 9.15 a.m. for 28th Bn., T.M. Bty
 on 28th Battalion Parade Ground ALDERSHOT CAMP
- DRESS- Belts, Side-arms and Box Respirators
- Captured 5. Copying pencils of German manufacture are urgent
 Trophies ly desired for a special purpose. It would be a
 great convenience if as many varieties as possible
 of these could be taken from the note-books of
 German prisoners and forwarded to this office.
- Bounds 6. All men are to be warned that there is no
 throughfare through T 20 C (Sheet 28) This applies
 to short-cuts to 44th Battalion Camp and PALMER
 BATHS. Any parties desirous of visiting those
 localities must journey thereto by means of the
 roads.
- Lights. 7. A number of the lights shown in the Army area
 are likely to serve as guides to hostile aircraft.
 For the safety of the troops and civilians inhab-
 itants, and of factories, railways, etc., engaged
 on work for the Armies, it is essential that such
 lights shall cease to be shown.
 All lights will, therefore be extinguished or
 completely shaded one hour after sunset.
 All ranks will assist the police and gendarmes
 both by complying with the order themselves and by
 bringing to notice any infringement of the order.
 Os C. units will ensure that this order is care-
 ried out by periodical inspections of billets occu-
 pied by troops under their command.
- Duties. 8. The duty Company will supply a party of 1 Cpl.
 and 15 men to report to Pioneer Sgt. at 9 a.m.
 tomorrow, 24th inst.

(Signed)

J. ROYDHOUSE Captain.

Adjutant.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 999.

By Lieut-Col. H. B. COLLETT. D.S.O., V.D. Cmdg 28th Battalion A.I.F
In the Field. 24th Nov., 1917

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- Duties. 1. Battalion Orderly Officer. S/Lt. Walsh.
Battalion Orderly Sergeant. Sgt. Armstrong
Battalion Orderly Corporal. Cpl. Lloyd-Jones.
Duty Company. "A" Company.
- Lecture 2. Major WEBB M.C. 7th Field. Coy. Engrs will lecture
on TOPOGRAPHY at 3.30 p.m. on the 26th inst at the
Cinema Hall, ALDERSHOT CAMP,
At least 50 % of Officers and N.C.Os of each unit
will attend.
- Roman Catholic S. The time of this Service has been altered from
Divine Service 9.15 a.m. to 10.0 a.m.

(Signed)

J. ROYDHOUSE Capt.
Adjutant.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 300. 300
 By Lieut-Col. H. B. COLLETT D.S.O., V.D. Cndg 28th Battalion A.I.F
 In the Field. 25th Nov. 1917.

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4. Duties. 1. Battalion Orderly Officer 2/Lieut. Cobbold.
 Battalion Orderly Sergeant. Sgt. Castles.
 Battalion Orderly Corporal. Cpl. Jones.
 Duty Company. "B" Company
- Training 2. Company Route March to-morrow will be from 1 to 3 p.m.
 and not as previously laid down.
- Seconded 3. Capt. F. McLEAN M.C. from Assistant Staff Captain,
 No. 2 Group, resumed duty with 7th (now 6th) Tng.
 En. and to remain seconded 15th Oct. 1917
 A.I.F. List No. 260 20.11.17.
- Forfeiture 4. No. 4292 Sgt. (Temp) Elaverson W.H. reverts to the
 of Temp. Rank. rank of Corpl on return of No. 6156 Sgt. Hunter J.H
 dated 20.11.17 S.P.B.
 No. 1613 Cpl. (Temp) Rowe T.F. reverts to the rank
 of L/Cpl. on return of No. 5399 Cpl. Marshall J.H.F.
 dated 22.11.17 S.P.B.

(Signed)

J. ROYDHOUSE Captain

Adjutant.

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ROUTINE ORDER NO. 301 301.
 By Lieut-Col. H. B. COLLETT D.S.O., V.D Cndg 28th Battalion A.I.F. 26th Nov. 1917
 In the Field.

- Duties 1. Battalion Orderly Officer. 2/Lt Spencer
 Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Green
 Battalion Orderly Corporal. Cpl. Jellings.
 Duty Company "C" Company.
- Crimes, Punishments etc. 2. The following punishment was awarded dated 26.11.17
 No. 5383 pte Jones L.H. awarded One hours pack drill
 Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military
 discipline in that he was talking when on parade.
- Referendum 3. A referendum poll on the question of compulsory
 military service outside Australia will be held between
 the 1st and 10th of December and full details regarding
 the method of taking the vote etc will be communicated
 later.
 Copies of the proclamation issued by the Prime
 Minister of Australia are being posted from London on
 the 24th Nov. for distribution to all ranks.
- Discipline. 4. It has been reported that many 2nd Aust. Div. troops
 in BAILLEUL are improperly dressed and also that saluting
 is unsatisfactory. Unless great improvement takes
 place, Corps propose to curtail leave. All men will be
 inspected before going on leave to BAILLEUL and given
 instructions re saluting.
- Inspection 5. The GOC, 7th A.I. Brigade will inspect the Battn
 at 2.15 p.m. tomorrow (Tuesday) the 27th inst.
 The Battalion will assemble on the football ground
 at 1.45 p.m.
 Transport will be drawn up on the football north
 side of the ground, facing South.
DRESS. Marching order. Dismounted Officers will
 wear puttees.
 The following personnel will not attend-
 A.A.M.C. Details,
 Q.M. Details.
 Markers report to Adjutant with Parade States at
 1.30 p.m.
 A rehearsal of the inspection will take place at
 10.45 a.m. Transport will not be present.
- Appointments, Promotions etc. 6. No. 573 Sgt. (Temp) Nelson A. to be Sgt. Dated
 25.11.17 S.P.B.

(Signed)

J. Roydhouse. Captain
 Adjutant.

Notice.

Any members of the Cottesloe-Claremont Rifle Club R
 Reserve may have copy of report for year ended
 June 30th, 1917 on application to B. O. R.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 302

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By Lieut-Col. H. B. COLLETT, D.S.C., V.D. Cndg 28th Battalion A.I.F.
In the Field. 27th Nov. 1917.

Duties. 1. Battalion Orderly Officer. S/Lt. Wood.
Battalion Orderly Sergeant. Sgt. Turner
Battalion Orderly Corporal. Cpl. Etherington.
Duty Company. "D" Company

Appointments No. 4292 Cpl. Elfverson W.H. to be Sgt. (Temp) vice
Promotions No. 5306 Sgt. Sheard C.O. promoted Dated 20.11.17
etc. S.P.B.

Crimes, 3. The following men, charged with "Conduct to the preju-
Punishments dice of good order and Military discipline, appearing
etc. on parade with dirty rifles" were each awarded
Two days extra fatigues. Dated 27.11.17
No. 5783 pte Foulkes T.G
No. 406 " Rainbow B.
No. 3037 " Bathgate R.W.

(Signed)

J ROYDHOUSE. Capt.

Adjutant.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 303

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By Lieut-Col. H. B. COLLETT D.S.O., V.D. Cmdg 28th Battalion A.I.F.
In the Field. 28th Nov. 1917.

Duties. 1. Battalion Orderly Officer. S/Lt. Loveday
Battalion Orderly Sergeant Sgt. Parnell.
Battalion Orderly Corporal Cpl. Maitland.
Duty Company "A" Company.

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This order is to be read on parade and a copy initialled by every officer as it is reported that picture postcards, silk postcards, photographs are being sent to neutral countries from units of the Corps franked by Officers and are being intercepted and stopped, causing disappointment and useless expense to the senders.

APPENDIX.

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Box Respirators

3. Box Respirators will at all times be carried by all ranks whilst in the present area.

Court of Enquiry

4. A Court of Enquiry, consisting of Major P. Currie DSO and Lieut M. Davies, will assemble at Battalion Headquarters at 10 a.m. to-morrow for the purpose of enquiring into the fate of the following members of this Battalion.-

No. 5570 Pte Cruickshank T.W. A Coy.

No. 5558 Pte Bamford C.E. A Coy.

Lecture

5. Lieut. HERBERTSON, 1st Anzac Corps, will lecture on "Intelligence" at the Cinema Hall, ALBERSHOT CAMP, on Friday, 30th inst, at 5.30 p.m.

One Officer and four N.C.Os per company and Battalion Intelligence personnel will attend.

Os C. Units will detail those not actively engaged in the Battalion Sports.

German Machine Gun Class

6. A Class consisting of 16 N.C.Os or men ($\frac{1}{2}$ per plat) will assemble at B. O. R. at 8.30 a.m. to-morrow.

The Class will finish at noon on Saturday.

An Instructor from the 7th M.G. Coy will report at B. O. R. at 8.30 a.m.

Transfers.

7. The following transfers have been approved-

No. 1670 Pte Bannister G. from Scouts to C Coy.

No. 1038 Pte Pike H.J. from A Coy to Scouts & Obs

No. 5613 Pte Harris W.T from A Coy to Sets & Obs.

No. 4748 Pte Griffiths T from Sets & Obs to B Coy.

No. 4726 Pte Dutton S.E from D Coy to Sets & Obs.

No. 5668 Pte Tomlinson J. from D Coy to Sets & Obs.

No. 3894 Pte Urquhart E from D Coy to Sets & Obs.

Inspection

8. The G.O.C., 7th A.I. Brigade will inspect the Battn. at 8.30 p.m. to-morrow, Thursday, 29th inst.

The Battalion will assemble on Football ground at 3 p.m. Transport will be drawn on the north side of the ground facing South.

DRESS.- Marching Order. Dismounted Officers will wear puttees.

The following personnel will not attend-

A.A.M.C. Details and Q.M. Details.

Markers will report to Adjutant at B.O.R. with parade states at 2.45 p.m.

A rehearsal of the Inspection will take place at 2 p.m., Transport will not be present.

(Signed)

J. ROYDHOUSE, Capt.

Adjutant

APPENDIX.

ROUTINE ORDER NO. 305

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By Lieut-col. H. B. COLLETT D.S.O., V.D. Cndg 28th Battalion A.I.F
In the Field. 30th Nov., 1917.

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Duties. 1. Battalion Orderly Officer. Lt. Paterson
Battalion Orderly Sergeant. Sgt. Woolnough
Battalion Orderly Corporal. LCpl. Leeds.
Duty Company "C" Company.

Distinguishing Marks. 2. Previous orders regarding use of distinguishing marks are cancelled and the following will be adhered to.

Battalion Signallers will wear strip of blue cloth on shoulder strap of Field Service Jacket. No other distinguishing colour patches are authorised to be worn on the shoulder strap. Any at present being worn are to be removed.

Scouts, Runners, Signallers, Carrying Parties, Mopping-up and Salvage parties are authorised to wear distinguishing arm-bands. The bands for Carrying and Mopping-up Parties are only to be used during active operations. Scouts, Runners and Signallers may wear the bands at all times. Attention is drawn to the fact that these bands are to be 1½" wide and worn round the left fore-arm. These instructions are to be adhered to. Any distinguishing marks other than those authorised as above are to be removed.

Court Martial 3. No. 5385 Pte Karin C 28th Battalion was tried by D. C. M. in LONDON on 14.11.17. Charge- Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he, on the 18.10.17, was in LONDON, when his duty required him to be over-seas. Sentenced to detention for 60 days.
Dated

(Signed)

J. ROYDHOUSE Capt.
Adjutant.

Notice.

LECTURE.

Major D. BLAKE, C.O. 69th Sqdn A.F.C. will lecture on "Co-operation between the Flying Corps and Infantry" at 3.30 p.m. on Dec. 3rd at Cinema Hall, ALDERSHOT CAMP. All Officers and N. C. Os will attend.

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No. 6.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

November 2nd 1917.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE from 6 a.m. 1/11/17 to 6 a.m. 2/11/17.

1. OPERATIONS

PATROLS.

(a) A patrol of 2 Officers and 17 o/ranks left our line at 10.15 p.m. from J.5.b.40.75, proceeding along road running through South edge of CELTIC WOOD. When patrol reached D.30.c.4.4. an enemy patrol of between 30 to 40 men was seen moving from West side of JUSTICE WOOD towards our lines. This patrol was moving in sections in single file with 20 yards between sections, and with a screen of scouts 30 yards ahead. To avoid being cut off our patrol moved back to D.30.c.1.2. and when enemy patrol came within 50 yards, opened fire on it with Lewis gun and rifles. The enemy stampeded for JUSTICE WOOD, and RED flares immediately went up from J.6.a.8.8. Within three minutes an enemy barrage was brought down on our patrol. Numerous WHITE flares were fired from JUSTICE WOOD.

A standing patrol was established at D.30.c.4.4., which withdrew at 5 a.m., reporting that nothing more of enemy was seen.

It seems that there are enemy strong posts from J.6.a.9.6. to D.30.c.6.1. along eastern edge of JUSTICE WOOD.

(b) A patrol of 2 Officers and 20 o/ranks left our line at D.23.c.9.3. proceeding in direction of D.24.c.2.5. along main road running East to Military Rd. At junction of these roads D.24.c.4.6. is a dump of about 80 coils of barbed wire. The patrol then moved along Military Road but were fired on by machine gun from TABLE WOOD. Patrol then moved S. to N.W. corner of CHINA WOOD. An enemy listening post was encountered at D.24.c.1.0. Two double RED flares were fired by post, which then fell back into CHINA WOOD, and this signal was repeated. It was again repeated from about D.24.c.8.0. and then a light enemy barrage fell on S.W. corner of CHINA WOOD. Machine gun fire from ANVIL WOOD prevented any further reconnaissance of CHINA WOOD. The patrol returned at D.29.a.8.6. at 1.30 a.m. Light guns were observed firing continuously from direction of EFFECT COPSE.

2. HOSTILE SHELLING. Throughout the period enemy shelling was normal. At 6.15 a.m. enemy put down a barrage of .77's and 5.9's in D.29 and D.28 c & d. lasting about 20 minutes. At 11 a.m. a few PHOSGENE gas shells were fired in D.29.c. During the afternoon at intervals enemy searched the corduroy road in J.2.d. and J.8.a. and b. with .77 shrapnel and 21 cm H.E. From 10 p.m. onwards there was an appreciable increase in artillery fire on this sector.

A consistent gas shell bombardment was put down on WESTHOEK - ANZAC Valley and around J.3.a.central. PHOSGENE and LACHRYMATORY gas were used chiefly. This activity continued until 12.30 a.m., and from then onwards there was an intermittent light shelling in J.2.c. & d., J.8.a., and on ANZAC Ridge.

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3. ENEMY ATTITUDE. More active than usual (See patrol report) but no noticeable increase in artillery fire.
4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Machine Gun - Short bursts of indirect fire from M.G. 108^o true taken from J.9.a.30.55.
5. AERIAL ACTIVITY. During the morning two enemy planes flew repeatedly along our lines from D.29.a. to J.5.b. At 1.10 p.m. five enemy planes flew across our sector, but remained for a short time only.
6. MOVEMENT. At 2.15 p.m. three small parties of enemy were observed in vicinity of E.19.d.2.f. Small parties were seen at 3 p.m. moving near PASSCHENDAELE Church. They were dispersed by our artillery.
7. MISCELLANEOUS. Fire was observed at E.25.d.1.9. evidently a dump. Red Cross flag observed at E.19.b.4.8., also over large building in MOORSLEDE.

J. Bonney

Captain, for G.O.C.,
7th Australian Infantry Brigade.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.No. 20.SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 6 a.m. 3rd to 6 a.m. 4th November, 1917.NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our Artillery continued with harassing fire, and carried out a series of area searches during the day. Night firing was restricted to a minimum. An ARMY barrage was fired according to programme at 4.40 a.m. this morning.

Patrols.

- (a) A patrol of 2 Officers and 19 Other Ranks went out from D.23.d.00.50, and proceeded in an easterly direction. An enemy post was encountered at about D.24.c.1.7, which was rushed and found to be occupied by 5 enemy. 4 were killed and one taken prisoner.
- (b) Patrol of 2 Officers and 20 Other Ranks went out from D.29.b.05.50. This patrol went along western edge of CHINA WOOD and inspected some old trenches in D.24.o. There were no signs of these being recently occupied. From here patrol went to ANVIL WOOD, and found no signs of recent occupation. A patrol of 30 enemy was seen at D.30.a.9.8, moving towards road junction at D.30.b.25.90. Ground is marshy and boggy round ANVIL WOOD. A machine gun opened fire on patrol from about D.30.b.25.80 whilst they were still in ANVIL WOOD and the enemy patrol was seen moving back in an easterly direction. Our patrol turned off and went north and then along the BROODSEINDE Road to D.24.c.8.6 and returned through CHINA WOOD.
- (c) Patrol of one Officer and 20 Other Ranks, with Lewis Gun, went out from J.5.b.5.9, and moved along road to D.30.c.3.2. The patrol then turned north-west and moved through CELTIC WOOD. Four Pill-boxes were examined at about D.29.d.7.2, and found unoccupied. The ground here was practically impassable. Flares were fired from D.30.c.5.2 and D.30.d.1.3.
- (d) Patrol of one Officer and 20 Other Ranks, with Lewis Gun, went out from J.5.b.5.9. Roads in J.30.c. running into JUSTICE WOOD were found to be badly torn by shell fire. M. G. firing from about J.6.a.5.5 covers road running from J.5.b.5.9 to D.30.c.3.2. Pill-boxes in vicinity of J.6.a.2.6 were found to be unoccupied, but inhabitable. Enemy party seen along road running from D.30.d.2.6 to D.30.d.2.2. Our patrol opened fire and scattered them.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

One wounded prisoner, 3rd Bav. I.R. 11th Bav. Division, was captured by a patrol at about D.24.c.1.7.

Notes on the preliminary examination of this prisoner are attached.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

This was normal during the day, and exceptionally quiet during the night. From 10 a.m. until noon battery positions in J.8.b. and J.3.c. lightly shelled with Mustard Gas.

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ENEMY ARTILLERY (Continued).

Between 12 noon and 1 p.m., area I.17 was shelled with 5.9" H.E. and 4.2" Shrapnel. A 4.2" gun on T.B.88° from J.8.a.25.35 fired on J.8.c. between 3.50 p.m. and 5.25 p.m. Areas J.8.c. and J.8.a. were intermittently shelled by 5.9" How. from T.B. 90°, 100° and 107° from J.8.a.25.35 during the afternoon, and J.8.c. occasionally shelled by 4.2"s. and 77 mm. Shrap. At midnight a few rounds of 4.2" and 5.9" Hows. fell in the valley J.2.b. and J.8.a. J.3.d. was shelled throughout the night from direction of DADIZEELE and from a T.B. of 41° from J.9.a.30.55.

In reply to our ARMY barrage at 4.40 a.m. slight C.B. work but the front line system was heavily shelled by all calibres from bearings from WATERDAMHOEK to POTTERIJEBRUG.

Gun flashes were observed during the day from D.29.a.55.30. on T.B's. of 37°, 54°, 49°, 65°, 67°, 96°- 106°, 168°, 183°.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Machine guns were located firing from D.30.b.25.80. and J.6.a.5.5. Posts on road from D.30.d.2.6 to D.30.d.2.2. Flares were fired during the night from D.30.c.5.2 and D.30.d.1.6.

MOVEMENT IN ENEMY LINES.

Six men were observed at 10 a.m. digging at D.30.a.6.9. No other movement was observed throughout the day on account of low visibility.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Below normal on both sides. During the afternoon an enemy plane patrolled our front line system and dropped clusters of YELLOW flares over right battalion sector - nothing resulted.

J. J. M. Tall
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Second Australian Division.

4-11-17.

A N N E X E to
2nd Australian Division Intelligence Summary No 20.

Statement of Prisoner belonging to the 11th BAV.DIV., captured
 by 2nd Aust.Div. in D.34.c.l.7. on morning of 4th November 1917

 Prisoner belongs to the 4th Coy, 1st Battalion, of the
 3rd BAVARIAN INFANTRY REGIMENT.

Method of Capture.

The prisoner stated that he was one of a Gruppe (1 N.C.O and 8 men) holding a forward post. The N.C.O. in charge, seeing figures approaching, warned his men to be ready to withdraw, but on our patrol shouting "Kamerad, Kamerad", cancelled the order, believing that the approaching figures might be German soldiers. Having advanced to close range, our men opened fire, whereon the Gruppe, headed by it's N.C.O., fled. The prisoner was shot in the leg and captured, and our patrol report that four others were killed.

Order of Battle.

North to South. -
 13th BAV. R.I.R.
 3rd BAV. I.R.
 22nd BAV. I.R.

Method of Holding the Line.

There is a line of outposts situated $1\frac{1}{2}$ kilometres ahead of the front line. The personnel for these outpost positions is supplied by the front line Battalion. The Support Battalion is 200 metres, and the Reserve Battalion 2 kilometres, in rear of the front line.

Reliefs.

in the line

The 1st Bn was to have been relieved by the 2nd Bn on the night of the 3rd/4th instant, and was then going into Reserve. The Division is, according to a statement made by the Company Commander, to be relieved on the night of the 7th/8th instant.

Casualties.

The Division's casualties have been heavy, amounting to from 30% to 40%, mainly incurred during the attack made by us on October 26th, when the 11th BAV.DIV. was in front of PASSCHENDAELE. The prisoner's company has only a trench strength of 60.

Patrols.

The prisoner states that a patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 20 men daily patrol in front of the outpost line just before dawn.

Commanding Officers.

.Div.Commander. General der Infanterie KNEISEL.
 Battalion.C.O. Major BAUM.
 Regt Comdr. Oberst-Leutnant STENGEL.
 Coy.Commander. Lt.FREUND.
 Actg Coy Comdr. Lt.BLUM.

Operations.

Prisoner stated that the enemy were to attack one of our posts early this morning in order to capture a M.G. which had been causing them some casualties. Attack was to have taken place under cover of the mist, aided by a gas shell barrage. He knows nothing of any intended attack on a large scale.

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Conditions in Germany, and Outlook on the War.

The prisoner states that he was on leave in Germany from September 17th to October 4th. While there he found that strict measures were being taken to prevent strikes and civil disturbances. In the case of women and children refusing to work when called on, a reduction was made in their number of food tickets; men were immediately drafted into the army.

He thinks that the war will go on to the end of next year, and does not think that Germany will win, but still hopes for a compromise.

It is interesting and cheering to note that all prisoners taken in recent operations are of the opinion that Germany cannot win the war, and at the best can only hope for a compromise.

1500 HAV. I.N.
 500 HAV. I.N.
 800 HAV. I.N.

There is a line of outposts situated in front of the front line. The personnel for these outposts is supplied by the front line battalions. The outposts are manned by 100 men, and the Reserve Battalion 2 battalions, in rear of the front line.

The last 200 men to have been relieved by the 2nd Bn on the night of the 2nd/3rd instant, and has been going into Reserve. The Division is reported to be relieved on the night of the 2nd/3rd instant.

The Division's casualties have been heavy, amounting to 500 men, mainly incurred during the attack made by us on October 23rd when the 11th A.V.D.V. was taken of FASSELBERG. The prisoner's company has only a few men left.

The prisoner states that a patrol of 100 men, and 20 men daily patrol in front of the outpost line just before dawn.

Div. Commander, General der Infanterie KEMMEL
 Battalion C.O. Major BÄUER
 Regt. Commander, Oberstleutnant KEMMEL
 Coy. Commander, Lt. KEMMEL
 Aid Coy. Coyt. Lt. KEMMEL

Prisoner stated that the enemy was to attack one of our positions in order to secure a R.A. position. Attack was to have been carried out with gas. Prisoner stated that he has seen gas cylinders covered up in the trench, and that he has seen gas cylinders in the trench. He knows nothing of any intended attack on a large scale.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 6 a.m. 6th to 6 a.m. 7th November, 1917.NOTE. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.OPERATIONS.

Artillery. At 6 a.m. (6th) our Artillery put down a heavy barrage in depth on our front for 45 minutes, simulating an attack on the KEIBERG SPUR. Later a number of hostile batteries were actively engaged and enemy positions in E.13.c. and d. and E.14.c. were heavily bombarded.

At 6 a.m. a 3" NEWTON Mortar fired 20 rounds on suspected enemy post at D.30.c.65.85.

During the day hostile batteries in action at K.2.b.5.6 and E.25.b.26.25 were neutralised.

At 5.30 a.m. this morning our Artillery co-operated in an Army barrage.

Patrols.

(a) Patrol of one Officer and 20 Other Ranks left our lines at D.29.d.45.20 at 9 a.m. and proceeded in a S. E. direction to D.30.c.4.3. Flares were fired from about D.30.c.5.3. Nothing resulted. Patrol then worked down to South edge of JUSTICE WOOD at approx. J.6.a.5.7. Flares were now observed going up at intervals on a rough line from J.6.a.9.4 to D.30.c.6.4. Patrol returned to our line via D.29.d.45.20 at 4 a.m.

(b) Patrol of 1 officer and 20 o/ranks, with Lewis gun, went out at 9.15.p.m. from J.5.b.4.4., and proceeded in easterly direction, until a point about J.6.a.5.5. was reached. Here the patrol turned north and patrolled along the western edge of JUSTICE WOOD until road in D.30.c. was reached. The patrol returned by this road at 3.15.a.m. Nothing was seen of the enemy.

(c) A patrol of 1 officer and 20 o/ranks, with a Lewis gun, went out from D.29.b.00.25. at 6.45.p.m., and proceeded in a N.E. direction round the north of CHINA WOOD, thence to D.30.a.60.85., thence into ANVIL WOOD. When patrol emerged from ANVIL WOOD at D.30.a.60.72., flares were fired from D.30.a.73.75. and from D.30.a.95.20. A machine gun was active firing from vicinity of DAME WOOD. Patrol then worked back to our lines at D.29.b.00.25. They report that most of the ground traversed was very wet and boggy. At 9.30 p.m. 15 15 cm shells fell in FLINTE COPSE.

(d) A patrol of 1 officer and 22 o/ranks, with a Lewis gun, went out from D.23.d.3.1. at 12 midnight and worked in a N.E. direction as far as the southern edge of TABLE WOOD at D.24.c.6.8. (approx.) Flares were sent up from the north of and very close to TABLE WOOD, otherwise there were no signs of the enemy in the vicinity. Patrol returned to our lines by the same route at 2.25 a.m.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Hostile artillery fire was active throughout the day, but slightly below normal during the night. At 6.3 a.m. in response to our barrage the enemy heavily bombarded our front line and supports, and also shelled battery positions from the direction of DADIZEELE, - Shells of all calibres up to 21 cm being used. This fire slackened off after about 50 minutes when the enemy discovered that no attack had been launched on our front.

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ENEMY ARTILLERY (Contd)

Between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. J.8.c. was shelled by a 15 cm gun from the direction of MOORSLEDE.

From 4 p.m. to 4.30 p.m ZONNEBEKE was shelled with gas shells from the S.E.

During the afternoon I.17 and I.16 were shelled by a 21 cm How. from the S.E.

At 6 p.m D.29.a., b and c, and CHINA WOOD, were shelled by 15 cm How. from an easterly direction.

Throughout the day SMITH ROAD, WESTHOEK RIDGE and WESTHOEK CROSS ROADS and HANEBEKE WOOD were intermittently shelled with 15 cm H.E.

A 10.5 cm H.V. gun fired a few rounds into YPRES and back along the YPRES-VLAMERTINGHE ROAD during the 24 hours.

J.9.a. was intermittently shelled throughout the 24 hours from the direction of WATERDAMHOEK.

Gun flashes were observed during the day from D.20.a. 35.30 on T.Bs of 81° 90° 100° 110° .

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Our planes were very active throughout the 24 hours, while hostile aerial activity was rather below normal.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A train was observed at 7.20 a.m. moving towards LEDEGHEM from the north on a T. B. of 110° from D.29.a.35.30.

A Balloon was observed on a T. B. of 125° from D.29.a.35.

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At 6 a.m. (6th) as soon as our barrage commenced green flares were fired from the direction of PASSCHENDAELE. This brought down the enemy barrage in reply.

At 10 a.m. a large ammunition dump blew up in E.28.c. as a result of our shelling.

At 12.15 p.m. a building in MOORSLEDE was fired by our Artillery. This fire burned throughout the day. More fires were observed in WATERDAMHOEK, apparently caused by our artillery fire.

INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

GERMAN MORAL. The following passage, describing the departure of a draft from SWARLOUIS, is taken from a German soldier's diary, unit not known: -

"The 1st Bn is to supply a draft of 99 men. To conduct them to SAARLOUIS Station, 300 men are detailed, some (with rifles) to escort the draft, others to act as piquets.

In the afternoon our men are ready and waiting for their comrades of the 1st Convalescent Company, who at last arrive. But what a sight it is! In front marches a squad of guards alongside each four, to right and left, march two guards with rifles, and another squad in the rear, to guard the German soldiers, our brave lads in field-grey, who - as the newspapers relate in such beautiful language - are joyfully going forth to destroy our enemies, inspired by love of the Fatherland!

The draft is ready. The band strikes up a march, and the column begins to move. The guards are so numerous that there is one for every two men. Is it not a scandal that our boys in field-grey are led out into the field, to fight and give their lives for the Fatherland, like criminals to the hangman, or worse, like cattle to the slaughter? It is not enough that, hours before - in fact, as soon as the departure of the draft was announced - men not forming part of the draft should be prevented from going into the town by piquets every 5 yards in every direction! No, we must also endure the shame of being

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Artillery. Our Artillery continued with harassing fire on communications and centres of activity, and carried out a series of minor bombardments. The line of posts and machine gun position at D.30.a.9.8, D.30.c.6.9, D.30.c.3.8 and D.30.c.6.8. was bombarded during the afternoon, and also M.G. and posts at D.24.c.75.60, D.24.a.5.1, D.24.c.6.9 and D.24.c.8.3. At 3.55 p.m. a hostile battery at K.2.b.9.5 was engaged. The PASSCHENDAELE - TERHAND Line was bombarded between points E.13.d.50.35 and E.26.a.78.00. The entrenchment D.30.d.14.10 - J.6.b.25.90 was searched during the early part of the night. At 6 a.m. an ARMY Barrage was fired according to programme.

Patrols.

(a) A patrol consisting of one Officer and 20 Other Ranks left D.29.d.3.2 at 6 p.m., returning to lines at same place at 9 p.m. CELTIC WOOD was found to be clear of enemy but flares were fired from CEMETERY at J.6.a.5.5 and D.30.c.9.7. A standing patrol with Lewis gun was left at D.30.c.3.3.

(b) A patrol of one Officer and 17 Other Ranks left lines at J.5.b.20.95 at 11 p.m. returning via same point at 1 a.m. This patrol proceeded to a point, J.5.b.50.85, and moved along on South of road to standing patrol at D.30.c.3.3. After relieving the ^{post} patrol proceeded to a point about at D.30.c.40.05. An enemy M.G. at about J.6.a.6.6. was active. Enemy were shelling Northern portion of CELTIC WOOD. Standing patrol returned at 3 a.m. without observing any enemy.

(c) A patrol consisting of one Officer and 16 Other Ranks left lines at D.29.b.05.50 at 11 p.m., returning via D.23.c.9.1 at 3.10 a.m. Patrol patrolled FLINTE COPSE, FLINTE FARM, and thence due east to road junction, D.30.b.3.4, thence North to D.30.b.3.6, then west along southern boarder of ANVIL WOOD. No enemy were seen. Enemy consistently shelled along road from FLINTE FARM east for about 500 yards. Ground was marshy in vicinity of D.30.b.3.4, and ANVIL WOOD and south of CHINA WOOD. Enemy machine gun active about D.30.b.5.4.

(d) A patrol of one Officer and 16 Other Ranks with Lewis gun left our lines at D.30.d.5.6. at 11 p.m., returning via D.29.d.95.90 at 2.55 a.m. Patrol visited CHINA WOOD, which was unoccupied and very marshy, then proceeded east to road D.24.d.2.3. Flares were fired from about D.24.d.8.4. Patrol then moved on to road at D.24.c.7.6. Flares were fired from east of TABLE WOOD. No enemy were observed.

ENEMY ARTILLERY. This was normal throughout the day and quiet at night. During the morning a 10.5 cm. gun on T.B. of 73° from J.4.b.7.5. shelled our forward battery positions. Between 12 noon and 2.30 p.m. areas J.7.b. and d. and J.8.a. were shelled with 15 cm. H. E. Between 2 and 3 p.m. a machine gun A. A. position at D.29.d.12.20 was shelled with 15 cm. At 3 p.m. a heavy bombardment of area J.8.c. by all calibres up to 21 cm. commenced from the direction of WATERDAMHOEK. This died down at 3.40 p.m. At 4.45 p.m. a machine gun A.A. position at J.4.b.70.10 was blown out.

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ENEMY ARTILLERY (Continued).

During the night the western slope of WESTHOEK RIDGE was lightly shelled by 15 cm. and 21 cm. Hows. from the direction of MOORSLEDE, and a few gas shells were fired in the vicinity of Battery positions. At 3 p.m. YPRES was shelled by a 15 cm. H. V. gun.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy aircraft were extremely active and aggressive throughout the day. Between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. 12 enemy planes flew over our front line and dropped several white flares. Our front line system was then shelled with 15 cm. Between 12 noon and 12.30 p.m. 12 more enemy planes patrolled our forward area.

Between 2 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. several aerial combats took place over our front line as a result of which 2 planes were driven down. One of these planes fell in flames in the vicinity of MOORSLEDE. The second plane - a British machine - was forced down at E.25.d.2.8. Movement was immediately observed around this machine and the pilot escorted by 3 men was conducted along road in E.25.b. towards KEIBERG.

MOVEMENT IN ENEMY LINE. At 2.20 p.m. 5 men were observed moving in file along road in E.25.b. towards KEIBERG.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 2.15 p.m. a large fire broke out in MOORSLEDE as a result of our shelling and burnt till about 4 p.m.

Balloons were up on T.B's. of 39° and 92° from D.29.a.35.30 during the day.

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GERMAN MORAL (Continued).

escorted to the station by Guards!

Do not the beautiful lying stories of our German papers place our brave lads in field grey, who for love of the Fatherland fight and destroy the enemy, in a totally false light, when such things as this happen? A free sacrifice, indeed!"

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 6 a.m. 9th to 6 a.m. 10th November, 1917.NOTE. = Not to be taken into the front line trenches.OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Harassing fire was continued and movement behind enemy lines engaged.

A hostile battery at E.25.b.25.25 was engaged and silenced on two occasions during the night.

At 6 a.m. (9th) an Army barrage was fired.

Enemy movement was reported at E.25.b.6.8 in the afternoon and the area was swept with fire at intervals.

(b) Mortars. A Stokes Mortar battery fired 60 rounds at enemy aircraft during the course of the morning and one plane is believed to have been slightly damaged. It was noticed that enemy aircraft avoided the vicinity of this battery during the afternoon.

(c) Patrols.

1. A patrol of one Officer and 20 Other Ranks left our line at D.29.d.3.2 at 5.45 p.m. and established a Lewis Gun post at D.30.c.3.3 (relieved later by No. 2 patrol). CELTIC WOOD and the Northern portion of JUSTICE WOOD were examined. Nothing was seen or heard of the enemy. Patrol returned to our lines at 8.45 p.m.

2. A patrol of one Officer and 20 Other Ranks left D.29.d.3.2 at 11 p.m. and moved to about D.30.c.1.2 and then worked north to northern edge of CELTIC WOOD. Patrol then worked back in a S.E. direction and examined Northern portion of JUSTICE WOOD. A Lewis gun post established at D.30.c.3.3. by No. 1 patrol was relieved. There was a noticeable absence of flares, a few only being fired from about D.30.c.7.6.

Road from D.29.d.8.9. to D.30.c.00.15 has been newly shelled. The patrol returned to our lines at D.29.d.3.2 at 2 a.m. and the Lewis Gun Post at 4 a.m.

3. Patrol of 2 Officers and 14 Other Ranks moved out from D.29.b.05.50 at 1.30 a.m. and passed through FLINTE COPSE, which was very boggy. Patrol then moved east over a very boggy stretch of ground to D.30.b.3.6. Nothing was seen of the enemy near this point. Flares were being sent up from the vicinity of DAME WOOD and a M. Gun fired occasional bursts from the same spot. Patrol then moved north to D.30.b.30.95 and then westwards along southern edge of CHINA WOOD back to our lines at 4.30 a.m.

4. Patrol of 3 Officers and 24 Other Ranks left D.23.d.05.50 at 6.30 p.m. and proceeded in a S.E. direction to southern edge of CHINA WOOD, thence east to road at D.30.b.25.90. They then moved north to D.24.d.25.80. Nothing was seen of the enemy here. Patrol then moved back to our lines via TABLE WOOD at 11.15 p.m. CHINA WOOD was extremely boggy. There was a strong smell of shell gas in the vicinity of the old pill-boxes on the eastern edge of this wood. A fair amount of water flows from CHINA WOOD towards ANVIL WOOD.

Pill-boxes at D.24.d.0.0. were empty and water-logged.

The road from D.30.b.25.90 to cross roads at D.24.d.2.3 is quite obliterated.

ENEMY ARTILLERY. Was normal during the morning and fairly quiet during the afternoon and night. In reply to our 6 a.m. barrage on the 9th the enemy heavily shelled the ZONNEBEKE area. TOKIO and ANZAC Ridges, and a scattered barrage of H. E. shrapnel and gas shells fell in No-man's-land on an approximate N. and S. line

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through ANVIL WOOD. The range was gradually increased and by about 7 a.m. this barrage was falling along the top of BROODSEINDE RIDGE. At 8 a.m. C.T. in D.29.c. and d. was shelled with 10.5 cm. H. E. and shrapnel. Between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. bursts of fire at irregular intervals were opened on area J.8.c. Between 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. this area was fairly heavily bombarded with 10.5 and 15 cm. from the direction of WATERDAMHOEK and MOORSLEDE. At 11.10 a.m. a 15 cm. How. shelled WESTHOEK RIDGE on a T.B. of 90° from J.1.d.4.6. At 5.30 p.m. TOKIO RIDGE was fairly heavily shelled with 15 cm. H.E. Between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. area J.8. was intermittently shelled by 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. Hows. From 9.45 p.m. to 10 p.m. area in J.10.a. and J.4.a. received a number of gas shells from a south easterly direction.

At 2 a.m. J.3.a. also received a number of gas shells from the same direction. Throughout the day WESTHOEK Cross Roads and road in J.7.a. and b. were intermittently shelled.

ENEMY DEFENCES AND ATTITUDE. During the day a sniper fires an occasional shot from a S. easterly direction against the right flank of our right battalion.

A M.G. in the vicinity of DAME WOOD fires occasional bursts on to BROODSEINDE Cross Roads. With these two exceptions the enemy infantry have taken up a decidedly unaggressive attitude on this Divisional front.

FLARES. No flares were fired during the night on the immediate front of our left battalion. On our right battalion front several RED flares bursting into double reds were sent up by the enemy when our barrage came down at 6 a.m. (9th).

At 6.20 a.m. double green flares brought down a barrage of 7.7 cm. and 10.5 cm. H.E. on our line in D.29.d.

MOVEMENT IN ENEMY LINES. At 7.15 a.m. a party of 20 men in file were observed moving along road at E.28.a.7.3. They disappeared from view at E.28.d.5.0. At 11 a.m. two men were seen working on a trench at E.19.b.2.4. At 11.10 a.m. one of our shells exploded a dump of flares at D.24.b.20.35 and a man was observed to run away eastwards from this point.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy aircraft were very active throughout the day particularly over our forward area. At 6.45 a.m. an E.A. flew low over the CRATER on BROODSEINDE Road in D.29.c. and dropped a white flare. This point was immediately shelled by the enemy. At 10.40 a.m. 8 E.A. flew over area J.1. at a height of about 3000 feet and dropped several bombs on our battery positions there. At 11 a.m. 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. flights of 15, 9 and 14 E.A. respectively made a reconnaissance of our front line system. They were actively engaged by our A.A. M.guns and Stokes Mortars. During the afternoon an E.A. sent out by wireless the location of road in J.7.a. and b. which was then subjected to intermittent searching fire.

MISCELLANEOUS. A Signal lamp was seen working well in rear of enemy lines between 9 and 10 p.m. on a T.B. of 96° from J.4.b.8.5. Enemy balloons were observed rising from E.17.a.5.4 at 3.25 p.m. and from E.24.b.8.6. at 3.30 p.m. At 8.15 a.m. a balloon was observed up for 30 minutes on a T.B. of 24° from J.4.b.8.5. At 8.30 a.m. another one was up on a T.B. of 43° from same point.

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.From 6 a.m. 10th to 6 a.m. 11th November, 1917.

Note. - Not to be taken into the front line trenches.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our artillery actively continued harassing fire and carried out bombardments of hostile positions. During the day bursts of fire were put down on posts and occupied dugouts reported by Infantry Patrols. At 7 p.m. a series of bursts of fire were put down on ZONES 1000 yards behind S.O.S. lines and during the remainder of the night. The road junction at E.26.a.05.50, E.19.a.90.75 and the Headquarters at E.20.c.15.10 were swept with fire at irregular periods. A hostile battery at E.20.c.15.10 was engaged and silenced.

Patrols.

(a) A patrol of one Officer and 12 Other Ranks left our lines at D.29.b.05.50 at 6.30 p.m. and proceeded through FLINTE COPSE, FLINTE FARM, and thence east along southern edge of ANVIL WOOD to road at D.30.b.25.55 (approx.). The road in the vicinity of this point is just traceable. Nothing was seen, or heard, of the enemy near here. DAME WOOD appeared unoccupied. Patrol returned by same route to our lines at 10.45 p.m.

(b) A patrol of one Officer and 12 Other Ranks went out from D.23.d.0.6 at 11.30 p.m. and moved along BROODSEINDE - MOORSLEDE road to D.24.c.5.6, where a standing patrol was established. One N.C.O. and 3 men continued eastwards along road to DE MISPELAERE CABARET - D.24.c.20.75 - and then turned south and worked down to dugouts at D.24.d.1.1, which were unoccupied. This patrol then rejoined standing patrol at D.24.c.5.6 and moved back to our lines at 3.30 a.m.

(c) Two other patrols reconnoitred CELTIC WOOD and northern portion of JUSTICE WOOD. Nothing was seen or heard of the enemy. The ground to the north of the road in D.30.c. is very wet but passable. South of the road the ground is dry and the going good.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Hostile Artillery fire was normal during the day and quiet at night. Between 6 a.m. and 11 a.m. HANEBEEK VALLEY was shelled by 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. Hows. from the direction of TERHAND. From 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. ZONNEBEKE, REMUS WOOD (D.29.c.) and our newly dug dummy trenches in D.29.d. were shelled with 7.7 cm. and 10.5 cm. from a south-easterly direction.

At intervals during the day WESTHOEK and ANZAC RIDGES and roads and tracks in the forward area were lightly shelled by 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. Hows. from the direction of WATERDAMHOEK and MOORSLEDE. Between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. area I.17 was intermittently shelled by 15 cm. and 21 cm. Hows. from the direction of DADIZEELE. During the night occasional rounds 15 cm. and 21 cm. fell on WESTHOEK RIDGE and in J.8. A 10.5 cm. gun was observed firing on T.B.82° from D.29.c.6.4, bombarding our front line system. From D.29.a.3.5 flashes of guns firing on T.B's. 52° and 69° were observed.

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AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Enemy planes were normally active over forward area during the morning, but in the afternoon little activity was displayed apparently on account of bad weather conditions.

FLARES.

At 6.30 a.m. as a result of our artillery fire the enemy sent up a number of double green rockets. This is apparently his S.O.S. Signal.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At 5 p.m. a fire was observed in DADIZEELE. At 5.30 p.m. a fire which burned for some time was observed in D.26.a.

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7/11/17.

BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS. London, 6/11/17. 10.25 a.m. An attack was launched at 6 a.m. this morning against the enemy's positions in the neighbourhood of PASSCHENDAELE. Our troops are reported to be making satisfactory progress. Yesterday evening Lincolnshire troops raided the German trenches in the neighbourhood of HULLUCH and brought back prisoners.

9.30 p.m. Operations were undertaken this morning by Canadian Troops with complete success against the enemy's defences in and around PASSCHENDAELE, and on the Spur north and north-west of the village. The assembly of our troops for the attack was carried out successfully, and at 6.0 a.m. the assault was launched. The enemy had been ordered to hold this important position on the Main Ridge at all costs. Hard fighting took place at a number of points, particularly on the high ground north of the village, and for a collection of fortified buildings and strong points on the GOUDBERG SPUR. Nevertheless our troops made steady progress and at an early hour the village of PASSCHENDAELE was captured, together with the hamlets of MOSSELMARKT and GOUDBERG. Before midday all our objectives had been gained and a number of prisoners had been taken. During the day the weather has been unsettled and rain has fallen at intervals. Improved visibility, however, has assisted the work of our artillery and aircraft, and combined with the valuable observation gained by our advance has enabled our guns to deal effectively with the enemy's batteries and with concentrations of hostile infantry.

GERMAN OFFICIAL. The TAGLIAMENTO Line has been won by us! The Italians are again retiring between the mountains and the sea; fires mark the way they have gone across the UPPER ITALIAN PLAIN. The taking of the opposite bank on the border of the mountains by German and Austro-Hungarian Divisions, imbued with the ardour of attack, drove a wedge into the strong natural defensive positions of the enemy on the west bank of the sector. By rapidly extending in successful fighting the bridgehead thus created, the enemy was forced to evacuate the whole line of the river as far as the ADRIATIC. Upstream as far as the FELLA VALLEY, Italian Brigades were still making a stand yesterday. The pressure of our advance has also caused the Italians to give up their mountain front from the FELLA VALLEY to the COLBRICON; North of SUGANA VALLEY, on a front of over 150 kilometres, the Italians have had to give up the defence lines constructed by them years ago, and are retreating! The further operations of the allied armies have thus commenced.

THE FLANDERS OFFENSIVE. Reuters Correspondent in a telegram this afternoon from the British Headquarters says, in describing the attack begun this morning near PASSCHENDAELE: "The preliminary bombardment was of shorter duration than usual, but of terrific intensity. At 7.50 a.m. one of our aviators reported that he could see some Canadians about 100 yards beyond PASSCHENDAELE. They have also been seen deploying along the Ridge to MOSSELMARKT; prisoners are coming in, but no figures are named yet. Large enemy concentrations have been made out west of MOORSLEDE, distributed in shell holes and "pill-boxes", and our guns are searching this zone very thoroughly."

GENERAL NEWS. Information from AMSTERDAM states that the German Authorities in Eastern Flanders have sentenced that province to contribute 10 million francs and to assure the provisioning of 4000 agricultural labourers, dating from 1st November.

The news of the torpedoing of two Brazilian steamers has caused much indignation in Brazil, and hostile demonstrations against the traders of German nationality in that country have been numerous.

W I R E L E S S P R E S S.

BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS. London, 8/11/17, 10.20 a.m. Welsh Troops carried out a successful raid last night south-east of ARMENTIERES; 14 prisoners were captured by us, in addition to which severe losses inflicted on the enemy; our own casualties were light.

Two hostile attempts to enter our lines north of ROBIN were repulsed, leaving a few prisoners in our hands. There is nothing of special interest to report from the Battle Front.

9.10 p.m. A successful raid, in which we captured 30 prisoners and a machine gun, was carried out at noon today by East Yorkshire Troops, north of FRESNOY. The hostile garrison was caught by machine gun fire while endeavouring to escape from our artillery barrage and many casualties were inflicted on them. In the course of the raid, the enemy's support troops attempted to advance but were engaged with direct machine gun fire and also suffered heavily. On the Battle Front the enemy's artillery has been active in the neighbourhood of PASSCHENDAELE.

GERMAN WIRELESS. Our detachments advancing along the mountain roads broke down the resistance of the enemy's rearguards. Our attacking columns, in an encircling movement, stopped the retreat of the enemy forces who were still holding out on the MIDDLE TAGLIAMENTO between TOLMEZZE and GEMONA and in the fortified works of MONTE S. SIMON. Up to the present, 17,000 Italians (including one General) with 80 guns have had to surrender. On the PLAIN, fighting developed along the LIVENZA. In a spirited attack, German and Austro-Hungarian Divisions forced their way across the river in spite of bridges being destroyed, and drove the enemy back towards the west. The total number of prisoners has increased to over 250,000 and booty in the shape of guns to more than 2300.

RUSSIA. Proclamation radiated through the Wireless Stations of the Russian Government today states that the garrison and proletariat of PETROGRAD have deposed the Kerensky Government. The Proclamation goes on to state that the Petrograd Soviet considers as the programme of the new authority:

1. The offer of an immediate democratic peace.
2. An immediate handing over of large proprietarian lands to the peasants.
3. The transmission of all authority to the Soviets.

SUBMARINE WARFARE. The "Times" Naval Correspondent, discussing the submarine returns, says that the targets have been more numerous than the week before and the submarines at work greater than at any period of the campaign, yet there are fewer victims. The total number of ships sunk has fallen from an average of 17.2 for the 5 weeks in October down to 9 last week. The losses, after the necessary adjustments have been made, show a decrease which, regarding bigger ships, is particularly striking. Only 6 ships of over 1600 tons shown in this return. This is less than half the average for the 5 weeks and much lower than the average weekly loss in any earlier month. The number of ships under 1600 tons sunk during the week is only 3, whereas the average of the 5 weeks in October is 4.4. In both cases there is a more marked improvement and averages show a continuously declining rate.

THE FLANDERS OFFENSIVE. The War Correspondent in Flanders states that despite Hindenburg's emphatic orders to retake PASSCHENDAELE at all costs no counter-attacks have yet been made. This is possibly explained by the fact that the Officer commanding the troops driven out of PASSCHENDAELE and the Commander of the battalion in support have both been taken prisoner.

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BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS. London, 9/11/17. 10.25 a.m. We carried out a successful raid last night east of HARGICOURT. There is nothing else of special interest to report.

9.12 p.m. Hostile artillery showed considerable activity this morning north-east of YPRES. Our own artillery has carried out the usual counter-battery work and bombardment on the Battle Front. There is nothing further to report.

GERMAN WIRELESS. The LIVENZA has been crossed. Without resting, the allied armies are pressing forward along the mountain roads and on the Plain, in driving snow and drenching rain, towards the PIAVE, breaking down the resistance of the Italian rearguards.

EGYPT. General Allenby reports that on his right the enemy is retiring on HEBRON and that our troops hampered his retreat, capturing prisoners and transport. Our mounted troops, advancing through JERUSALEM and AUJ (13 and 9 miles respectively east of GAZA) reached the south bank of the WADI HESI and HERBIEH, reaching the railway and turning the position prepared by the enemy on this WADI. The Turkish coastal railhead at BEITHANUN has also been captured and the enemy pursued in the direction of WADI HESI. The whole Turkish Army is in retreat towards the north and over 40 guns have been captured. The Royal Navy, assisted by the French Navy, actively co-operated throughout the operations by bombarding the enemy communications near the coast and affording their valuable assistance. Our aeroplanes are bombing the retreating Turks.

ITALY. Mr. Lloyd George, accompanied by M. Painleve, the British and French Generals, and the Italian Premier, visited the King of Italy, who is on the Italian Front. A Conference between the Entente Representatives and the King lasted about two hours, and in which the whole Italian Military Situation and the assistance to be given by Italy's Allies discussed. Visits were thereafter paid to the British and French Troops on the Italian Front. The British and French Missions fully appreciated the splendid spirit of the Italian troops engaged in repelling the invaders.

THE RUSSIAN SITUATION. French opinion generally looks upon the events in Russia as the deed of an audacious minority, who have not yet overthrown the destinies of the country. "Le Matin" says that those who are best able to comprehend what is passing in Russia estimate that it is perhaps better that this should have happened rather than that the intolerable tension which has reigned for several weeks should end in Civil War in the PETROGRAD Region. "Le Journal" says: "Now that the new masters of PETROGRAD are the embodiment of the worst type of anarchy and they are a party of the lowest of the democracy which group itself around Lenin". L'Humanité says that although the Capital of Russia has been mastered, will the rest of Russia accept this Government? The democratic workers and the far-seeing socialists, who have striven so manfully against disorder and lassitude, will in Russia's present peril put forth all their energies for the salvation of their country and to further the ideas which they represent. The "Daily News" states: "The burden of the war falls increasingly on the shoulders of Britain, France and the United States, and the duration of the war seems indefinitely prolonged. Whether the German peace proposal will follow we do not know, but it could be hardly be a proposal which could be seriously considered. Our powers are unexhausted, indeed they are hardly at their maximum. We have stout allies and their resources will be used without limit for the achievement of Victory, without which freedom must perish from the face of the earth."

AMERICA. The Americans are being instructed in U.S.A. in the use of asphyxiating gas and liquid fire by an expert staff of British Military Men.

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BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS, London, 10/11/17. 11.7 a.m. At dawn this morning we attacked the German positions north and north-west of PASSCHENDAELE. First reports indicate that good progress has been made. The weather has become stormy with high wind and heavy rain.

10.15 p.m. Our attack this morning was delivered by British and Canadian Troops on a front of over a mile on both sides of the PASSCHENDAELE - WESTROOSEBEKE ROAD. Heavy rain commenced before the attack was launched and has continued throughout the day. In spite of adverse weather conditions, our troops have made farther progress northwards along the Main Ridge and have taken a number of prisoners. On the right of the attack, Canadians continued their advance along the crest of the Main Ridge north of PASSCHENDAELE and gained their objectives early in the morning. On their left, the British Battalions attacked along the western shoulder of the Main Ridge, and although impeded by marshy ground in the neighbourhood of the PADDEBEEK Stream, successfully overcame this obstacle and reached their objective beyond. Later in the morning heavy counter-attacks developed against the ground won by the British Battalions, and after fierce and obstinate fighting, lasting through the greater part of the day, the enemy succeeded in regaining some of the more advanced of the positions gained by us. The stormy weather continues. A successful daylight raid was carried out this morning by West Yorkshire Troops, north of LENS. The enemy's dugouts were bombed and prisoners were captured by us after severe hand to hand fighting, in which many casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

GERMAN WIRELESS. Austro-Hungarian Troops are advancing in the SUGANA VALLEY and in upper part of the PIAVE VALLEY. After bitter fighting, ASIAGO was taken. Italian rearguards, who again made a stand on the mountain borders were driven back. From SUSEGANA down to the Sea, the allied Armies have reached the PIAVE.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL. From the SHELVIS to VALSUGANA normal fighting activity. Strong enemy detachments attacked our advanced positions in LEDRO VALLEY but were repulsed in spite of heavy artillery preparation which preceded action. At LORENZAGO, one of our rearguards which was surrounded succeeded in pushing through village occupied by the enemy.

EGYPTIAN FRONT. On 9th November Mounted Troops moved forward rapidly and captured 400 prisoners and 10 guns. Our line now runs 2 miles north of HAMMEH to 2 miles north of ARAK-EL-MENSHEYE, generally 5 to 6 miles north of WADI HESI. ASKALON has been occupied by our infantry and artillery. Our aeroplanes dropped nearly 500 bombs on the retreating bodies of the enemy and his communications. Guns captured number well over 70 and include several 5.9 howitzers. General Allenby estimates enemy's casualties to date as 10,000, exclusive of prisoners.

GENERAL NEWS. A telegram from ROME states that it is semi-officially announced that it has been decided to create a Supreme Political Council of the whole of the Western Front with a permanent Central Military Committee, whereof the representatives will be: FRANCE - General Foch, ITALY - General Cadorna, BRITAIN - Sir Henry Wilson. Sir Henry Wilson's reputation for staff work is unrivalled. Diaz succeeds Cadorna.

A Press report from Paris states that the Allied Council on the conduct of the war will consist of the Premier and one Cabinet Minister from each country and will meet twice monthly. The Council will consider and judge the plans of operations of the General Staff and act as the centre of information.

A MILAN Correspondent states that the information from the front is more reassuring. The spirit of the troops has been steadily rising. The main body of the Italian Army has been retreating to their new positions, undisturbed and in perfect order. The covering troops which defended the retreat displayed all the heroism to which they were accustomed on the CARSE and sacrificed themselves without stint.

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THE RUSSIAN SITUATION. The Russian Officers and Soldiers in France have addressed to M. Kerensky a telegram expressing their confidence in him, and to encourage him to fight against the Extremists they say to him in substance "Whenever you call upon us we shall fulfil our duty".

The news is confirmed that the Extremists are not absolute masters at PETROGRAD. November 7th was a success for them, but from 8th they could feel that their power was shaken even in the Capital. An organised resistance faces them; it is the new and important factor in the situation. The Correspondent of the "Petit Parisien" at PETROGRAD gives the information that the town still knows nothing definite either about Kerensky, or the Army dispositions, or the Provincial Governments, which would seem to indicate that the entire country has not rallied to the Extremist Govt. If the whole of Russia had accepted with joy the new condition of things, the Maximalists would hasten to publish it. On the contrary, in spite of the revolutionary decree on the Press, the papers of the dissident fraction from the Soviet at PETROGRAD continue to appear, speaking in energetic terms against what is called the "coup d'etat" of the Soviet at PETROGRAD.

GERMAN OFFICIAL. The energetic co-operation of Wurtemberg and Austro-Hungarian mountain troops in the valley of the UPPER PIAVE cut off the retreat of the enemy near LONGARONE. 10,000 Italians had to surrender. A large quantity of gun material and war stores was captured. Our troops advancing down the PIAVE from BELLUNO are in front of FILTRE. On the LOWER PIAVE, nothing fresh to report.

GERMANY'S SUBMARINE FAILURE. Captain Persius publishes in the "Berliner Tageblatt" a sensational article in which, after having confessed that the German people are beginning to have their doubts in the results of piracy without mercy, he himself recognises that the German Admiralty was grossly mistaken in its calculation, and that, in Germany to-day, credence is no longer given to the decisive influence of the submarine war as was the case last February. The most optimistic forecast, concludes Captain Persius will not permit of supposing that the supply of foodstuffs in Great Britain will be threatened by the submarine warfare before the second half of the year 1918.

BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS, London, 12/11/17. 10.55 a.m. Beyond the usual artillery activity on both sides in the Battle Area there is nothing to report.

9.14 p.m. Hostile artillery has shown considerable activity during the day north-east of YPRES and in the neighbourhood of the STEENBEKE. Our own artillery has shown the usual activity. There is nothing further to report.

GENERAL NEWS. While the Germans are dismantling Belgian factories and destroying furnaces, the German Press is warning the German people not to be distressed if Hindenburg decides to withdraw nearer the RHINE. The "Berliner Tageblatt" says: "People must not permit themselves to be carried away by false ideas of honor or by injured vanity when they hear that our Generals deem it desirable here and there to retire before the enemy and evacuate position".

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14/11/17.

RUSSIA A cablegram has been received in England from Kerensky, stating that he has arrived at PETROGRAD and that the Provisional Government has been re-established.

PALESTINE. A Correspondent in the field says that the clearest evidence of the vigour of our pursuit is the great mass of material which has fallen into our hands undamaged. The correspondent says he saw many abandoned waggons, an enormous amount of undestroyed gun ammunition, these of field and heavy guns, and shells in wicker crates and boxes. The guns captured already number over 80. The Turks are still putting up strong rearguard actions.

UNITED STATES. "The Times" Correspondent says that the Shipping Board are confident that they will have 6,000,000 tons dead weight ready by the end of 1918, and 10,000,000 as early in 1919 as possible.

ITALIAN FRONT. In the Seven Communities we captured from the Italians MTE. LONGARA. Our troops advancing in the mountains between the USGANA and CISON VALLEYS stormed the fortified work of LEONE on the O. DI CALPO and the fortifications on O. DI LAN. FONZASO is in our hands. On the LOWER PIAVE, the artillery fire has increased.

BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS. London, 13/11/17, 10.15 a.m. Belgian troops carried out a successful raid early yesterday morning against a hostile post south-east of NIEUPORT. A number of Germans was killed and several prisoners were taken. Whole of raiding party returned. Last night the enemy attacked one of our posts north-east of ARMENTIERES but was repulsed by rifle and machine gun fire. Hostile artillery developed great activity early this morning north-east of YPRES.

9.10 p.m. During the day the enemy's artillery has shown increased activity at a number of points on the YPRES Battle front. Hostile shelling has been particularly heavy throughout the day against our positions in the neighbourhood of PASSCHENDAELE.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL. From BRENTA to the LOWER PIAVE the enemy armies have occupied the territory evacuated and are now in contact with the Italian lines. With the aid of large boats, enemy groups succeeded at dawn in crossing to the right bank of the river and establishing a bridgehead at ZENSON. Promptly faced by the Italians the enemy was counter-attacked and repulsed towards the river. During the night of 11th-12th inst., the enemy attempted to attack on the ASIAGO PLATEAU. During the course of a counter-attack following a desperate struggle the enemy was repulsed and suffered heavy losses.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL. (Later) Yesterday after bitter fighting near TSARKOE SELO the revolutionary army completely defeated the counter-revolutionary forces of M. Kerensky and General Korniloff. The Communique is signed by Colonel Mouravieff, Commander-in-Chief of the forces acting against the Kerensky Government. The Communique also states: "Kerensky is retiring; we are taking offensive."

AMERICA. President Wilson, speaking at Buffalo Labour Federation Congress yesterday, pointed out that the competitive methods of the German manufacturers and exporters, in their efforts to control international competition before the war, were of the same competitive character as the United States had endeavoured to prevent internally by law.

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16/11/17.

BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS. London, 15/11/17. Yesterday afternoon hostile parties which endeavoured to approach our lines in the neighbourhood of POLDERHOEK WOOD, north of the MENIN ROAD were driven off with loss of prisoners and killed.

On the evening of the 13th-14th inst, Belgian troops entered the German lines north of DIXMUID and blew up a number of the enemy's concrete shelters. A hostile raid attempted last night north of BIXSCHOOOTE was repulsed by artillery and machine gun fire.

9.10 p.m. Early this morning the enemy heavily bombarded our positions north of the MENIN ROAD, and shortly afterwards his infantry attempted to advance. The attack was successfully repulsed by our fire. Another party of the enemy, which endeavoured to approach our line north-east of PASSCHENDAELE, was also driven off. Hostile artillery has again shown great activity in the neighbourhood of PASSCHENDAELE and south of that place.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL. We successfully resisted the enemy's attacks in the mountainous regions from ASIAGO to the PIAVE VALLEY. At MOUNT TOMATICO the Italian advanced posts withdrew to pre-arranged positions. On the plain the struggle is continued. Fresh enemy attempts to cross the river were frustrated. The enemy units which previously crossed the river are being more closely shut up at the ZENSON LOOP and withheld in the marshy sector between the PIAVE and VECCHIA PIAVE, where they have been counter-attacked and shelled.

PALESTINE. One of His Majesty's Destroyers and a small monitor have been sunk by an enemy submarine while co-operating with the Army in Palestine. There are 7 men missing from the destroyer and 26 men from the monitor.

On 14th November General Allenby reports that our infantry and mounted troops have continued their advance, and that we now hold the railway line in the vicinity of NAANEH and MANSURAH, including the junction of the BEERSHEBA and DAMASCUS railway line to JERUSALEM. The losses inflicted on the Turks on 13th November were heavy, 400 being buried at KATRAH alone. Our captures on that day amounted to over 1500 prisoners, 20 machine guns and 4 guns.

GENERAL NEWS. The German Admiralty in their report of submarine sinkings, state that a large British steamer, having the appearance of the "SAXONIA", 14,297 tons, has been sunk.

The American Red Cross War Council announce the appropriation of 1,250,000 Dollars for relief work in ROUMANIA. It is planned to immediately purchase 2000 tons of foodstuffs, large quantities of shoes and medical supplies.

The American War Industrial Board has under consideration the curtailment of non-essential industries of all kinds, and are now working on a plan which will result in a saving of coal and metals, permitting greater shipments to the Allies as well as the speeding up of war products at home, while at the same time not affecting the nation's commerce and finance.

The New York Electrical Authorities have undertaken not to employ any enemy aliens and to discharge those at present in employment.

Submarine returns again show a great improvement and the Germans never had a worse week. Only 1 big ship was lost.

The Italians lost only 1 sailing vessel in all seas, and the French 2 over 1600 tons.

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17/11/17.

BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS, London, 16/11/17. 11.0 a.m. Worcestershire troops carried out a successful raid last night north-east of FAMPoux. A hostile reconnoitring party, which endeavoured to approach our lines north of PCELCAPELLE was repulsed. There is nothing of special interest to report.

9.0 p.m. There has been intense artillery activity during the day on both sides of the Battle Front, particularly in the neighbourhood of PASSCHENDAELE. Our patrols have brought in a few prisoners. On the remainder of the front there is nothing of special interest to report.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL. On the mountainous front from the ASIAGO PLATEAU to the PLAVE combats have developed and are continuing. Yesterday the enemy kept our positions under intense fire and launched violent attacks. Our troops, supported by the artillery, resisted everywhere with great courage and counter-attacked with boldness, inflicting losses on the enemy and capturing prisoners. All positions remained in our possession. On the defensive lines of S. MARINO in VAL BRENTA, enemy parties were driven back with heavy losses. At MT. PRASSOLAN, a party which had retired from MT. RANCONI, having received reinforcements, counter-attacked and repulsed the enemy, who had followed close on during the withdrawal at MT. CORNELLE. The Como Brigade victoriously resisted against the formidable effort of the enemy, lasting from the afternoon to midnight.

EGYPTIAN FRONT. General Allenby reports that during 15th our troops after slight resistance, had reached the line RAMLEH-LUDD to some 3 miles south of JAFFA. In one part of the zone of operations, the attack by a Turkish regiment on New Zealand Mounted Troops was beaten back by a bayonet charge with heavy losses to the enemy. Total prisoners verified since October 31st now exceeds 9,500.

R.N.A.S. OPERATIONS. During 15th November a bombing raid was attempted on UYTKERKE Aerodrome, but owing to very high winds our formation did not proceed to original objective but dropped a large number of bombs on aeroplane sheds near HANDZANNE. In the course of offensive patrols, 20 aircraft have been destroyed and 2 driven down completely out of control. All our machines have returned.

THE CENTRAL POWERS STEADY DECLINE. The "Morning Post" says that the German forces in Flanders have made the most desperate attempts to recapture the crest of the ridge beyond PASSCHENDAELE, concentrating tremendous fire and following up with infantry attacks. Our men remain unbroken and continue to hold the key to the strategic positions in decisive theatre of operations. The Germans have been steadily forced out of strongholds, despite flood, rain and mud. They cannot regain lost ground and are condemned to defend flat country under observation and fire day and night. The process of defeating the Germans in FRANCE and FLANDERS is certain, and unaffected by the enemy's incursion into ITALY. That the Germans, instead of reinforcing troops in Flanders or on the AISNE, preferred to stimulate their failing Ally indicates that the Dual Monarchy is in serious straits. Nor are matters going well for the Ottoman Empire TURKEY, like AUSTRIA-HUNGARY, is extremely anxious for peace, and the Turk receives little help from GERMANY. That is the situation to-day, without reference to the steadily increasing military power of AMERICA, whose intervention the submarine campaign failed to prevent. GERMANY'S ultimate defeat is assured.

GENERAL NEWS. A prominent American newspaper states that AMERICA'S intentions are to furnish a force of 10,000 aviators for the Army and at least 1000 for the Navy. 20,000 to 30,000 aeroplanes are being rapidly constructed for use on the French front in the Spring. Liberals reported victorious in the VICTORIAN STATE ELECTIONS. The URUGUAYAN Government has ordered the internment of German submarines, and naval or merchant ships found navigating in territorial waters.

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18/11/17.

BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS, London, 17/11/17. A successful operation was carried out yesterday by detachments from Highland, Berkshire and Lancashire Battalions in the neighbourhood of PASS-CHENDAELE. Further portions of the enemy defences on the main ridge north of the village, including a strongly fortified farm, were captured by us together with a number of prisoners. Our line west of this locality has also been advanced slightly at certain points.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL. From the ASIAGO PLATEAU to the sea, the enemy, regardless of losses, renewed his attacks on our mountain positions and his attempts on the plain to force the line of the PIAVE. Our troops with as much stubbornness put up an effective defence, opposing the enemy, who was numerically stronger, and counter-attacking him with admirable elan.

Yesterday fighting took place from MT. FIOR to MT. CASTELGOMBERTO, on the defensive line of SAN MARINO at MT. PRASSOLAN and to the north of QUERO, along the line ROCCA CISA-MT. CORNELLA-VAL PIAVE. On the plain between SALETTUOL and ST. ANDREA the enemy forced the passage of the river at daybreak. Under the protection of his artillery the enemy crossed to the right bank. The attacking troops were decimated by our artillery and by an immediate counter-attack by the 265th and 266th regiments. The survivors, more than 300 men and 10 officers, were captured. Against the numerically stronger enemy troops, who succeeded in passing this second locality, a powerful and decisive action has been carried out by the Novara Brigade, the troops of the various regiments rivalling each other in bravery. At the end of the day numerous enemy dead enumerated the ground, and about 600 men and 20 officers were taken prisoner. The survivors, caught on the river bank, were beaten by our artillery which also hindered their retirement to the other bank. In the bend of the ZENSON the enemy has been confined to a much smaller zone. On the lower course of the PIAVE the Navy, by means of its Air Service, land and sea batteries and light boats, has co-operated in the defence of this region. Favoured by atmospheric conditions our Air Service has been able to effectively develop its action against the assembling oftroops.

AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL. In the mountains south-west of FELTRE stubborn fighting took place in the snow and frost. After overcoming the enemy resistance, our troops stormed MONTE PRASSOLAN and MONTE PEURNA. 1 Italian Regimental Commander, 50 officers and 750 men were captured by us.

On the lower PIAVE our reconnoitring detachments had to be withdrawn in the face of stronger enemy artillery fire.

AMERICA. THE QUESTION OF HONNAGE. Following negotiations with JAPAN and the neutral countries of NORTHERN EUROPE, the American Government has decided to add some hundreds of thousands of tons to the ships carrying troops and provisions to the Allies. It is asserted that neutral countries have promised to deliver ships to AMERICA in exchange for provisions which AMERICA alone can supply. JAPAN has agreed to sell immediately a large quantity of steel. The Allies will thus have at their disposal a supplement of at least 500,000 tons. The American Authorities are, however, doing everything to accelerate as far as possible the building of ships. Mr. Daniels has conferred with the officials of the Navigation Board, in order that everything may be set in motion to secure maximum results under the shipping program. Following on this Conference, Mr. Daniels said that perfect harmony existed between the State Navy and the Navigation Board. He says: "All their energy is concentrated on the building of torpedo destroyers and merchant vessels."

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ITALIAN OFFICIAL. On the ASIAGO PLATEAU, during the night of 16th, the enemy persisting in his attempt to force the MONT SISEMOL - MONT CASTELGOMBERT line made an attack in the direction of MONT ZOMO (east of GALLIO). Their assault, which was renewed 4 times with great violence, was completely broken down by the valour of the Ligurian Brigade (157th and 158th Regiments). Further north in the direction of CASERA MELETTA DAVANTI our detachments of the 129th Infantry (Perugian Brigade) brilliantly captured some advanced elements, which had been lost by us during the last few days, and took 100 prisoners. Since the evening of 16th the enemy pressure between the BRENTA and the PIAVE has increased. Enemy masses forced our troops to give up continuing the defence of certain positions, which were abandoned in an orderly retirement after desperate resistance and brilliant counter-attacks. North of QUERO, the Como Brigade (23rd and 24th Regiments) proved once more its fighting value. Yesterday, along the PIAVE, a rapid advance carried out by detachments of the 268th Infantry (Caserta Brigade) in co-operation with other Corps resulted in the FAGARE Zone (Pinerolo Brigade) after having sanguinarily repulsed an attack attempted by the enemy, entrenched on the ZENSON, drove him further into the curve of the river. Attempts to cross the river at other points were immediately repulsed.

Altogether on the right bank of the PIAVE during the 16th and 17th inst., we have captured 51 Officers, 1212 men and 27 machine guns.

FRENCH OFFICIAL. Fairly lively activity on the part of both artilleries north of the CHEMIN DES DAMES and on the right bank of the MEUSE. A surprise attack on the German posts near the CORNILLET enabled the French to secure some prisoners.

Everywhere else the night was quiet.

GERMAN WIRELESS. North-east of ASIAGO, strong Italian forces sustained sanguinary losses in vain attacks on the heights we have captured from them. Between the BRENTA and the PIAVE, our troops drove the enemy out of several positions. On the LOWER PIAVE, the artillery fire intensified temporarily.

In FLANDERS, the artillery fire remained within moderate limits. On the ALTOIS Front and north of ST. QUENTIN, as result of successful reconnaissance encounters more than 40 British prisoners were brought in and several machine guns were captured. Following the increased artillery fire of the past two days on the southern front of ST. QUENTIN a French attack was launched. The enemy was driven back in hand to hand fighting, leaving prisoners in our hands.

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BRITISH OFFICIAL, London, 18/11/17. Early last night Lancashire and Highland Troops carried out a successful raid against the enemy's trenches in the neighbourhood of MONCHY-LE-PREUX and returned with a few prisoners. There is a continuance of artillery activity on both sides along the Battle Front. The enemy's artillery fire was directed principally against our new positions in the neighbourhood of PASSCHENDAELE and LANGELARCK, and also to the south of POLYGON WOOD. The ground captured by the British last Friday night north and north-west of PASSCHENDAELE has been consolidated.

PALESTINE FRONT. A British official report states:- "On 17th November JAFFA was occupied by Australian and New Zealand Mounted Troops without opposition. The enemy appears to be continuing his retirement towards the north."

General Allenby also reports that the Turks are said to be endeavouring to prepare an entrenched position north of JAFFA and roughly parallel to the River AUJA.

NAVAL ENGAGEMENT IN HELIGOLAND BIGHT. An Admiralty announcement states:- "We have not yet received any further detailed information regarding the operations of our light cruisers yesterday in the Bight of Heligoland beyond the fact that some enemy forces, consisting of light cruisers, were chased to within 30 miles of HELIGOLAND until they got under the protection of their Battle Fleet and their mine fields, when our Light Forces retired. One of the enemy's light cruisers was observed to be on fire, while another appeared to have received some damage to her machinery, as she was dropping astern. One enemy mine-sweeper was sunk in addition. We sustained no losses and only slight material damage in ships. Our casualties in personnel were also slight."

The German official version says:- "For the first time since the early months of the war, strong British Naval Forces sought to penetrate the German Bight during the morning of 17th November, but they were discovered by the German naval patrols as soon as they had reached the RIFFE-TERSCHELLING Line, and by counter-operations, which were immediately commenced by our advanced forces, were repulsed without difficulty and also without any loss to ourselves."

GERMAN OPPRESSION IN BELGIUM. The Belgian Government has just learnt that on 12th September, the Communal Authorities of the Brussels Area made a vigorous protest to the Diplomatic Representatives of neutral countries accredited to Belgium against a decree of the Governor General (German) dated August 9th, 1917, which stipulated that in the Flemish Administrative region the Flemish language is to be officially and exclusively used by all Authorities and State Agents of the Provinces and Communes. This to apply also to their institutions and other establishments: in short, to all branches of the Public Service, including Benevolent Societies. This decree follows that of 21st March 1917, according to which Flanders was administratively separated from Wallonia. It is clear from this protest, which is couched in clear and energetic terms, that Germany intends placing this before the Powers as an accomplished fact when it becomes a question of negotiating peace conditions.

THE AMERICAN CONTINENT. Of the 22 States comprising the American Continent, 15 are at war or have broken off relations with the Prussian Government. Of the remaining 7, 4 have declared neutrality, but are favourably disposed to U.S.A., whilst 2 are really neutral and 1 alone, Venezuela, openly Germanophile. Prussia has therefore virtually alienated the New World.

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PALESTINE.

A Correspondent telegraphing from PALESTINE says that the British have further advanced, and, having occupied JAFFA, are now in occupation of some places northward. The population of RALIEH welcomed enthusiastically the entry of the British Troops. We also captured another 300 prisoners at LYDDA. The quantity of stores taken is enormous, while the appearance of the battle-field during the last three days confirms all reports of exceedingly heavy enemy casualties.

THE SUBMARINE MENACE.

All journals comment with satisfaction on Mr. Lloyd George's statement in the House of Commons; "Of submarines we no longer have any fear. We are on itstrack, and I am glad to tell that on Saturday we destroyed five of these pests of the sea."

GERMAN WIRELESS.

Powerful Italian counterattacks against the positions captured by us on the northern slope of MONTE TORBA led yesterday to stubborn fighting. Our artillery and machine gun fire cut down the ranks of the enemy, who attacked in dense formation, and our infantry drove him back to his points of departure. Heavy artillery fire continues in this battle sector. On the LOWER PIAVE there is no change to report.

MESOPOTAMIA.

The War Office announces that Lieutenant General Sir Stanley Maude, Commanding the British Expeditionary Force in MESOPOTAMIA, died in MESOPOTAMIA on Sunday evening, 18th November, after a brief illness.

THE CALL FOR ALLIED UNITY OF ACTION.

On the Motion for adjournment in the House of Commons to-night Mr. Lloyd George, answering Mr. Asquith, said that the machinery of consultation between the Allies had become inadequate, and they had suffered grievously owing to the effect of the system. Any criticism which he directed against the past in proposing change was not directed against any Staffs or Commanders-in-Chief in this or any or any other country. Lord Kitchener was the first to suggest an Inter-Allied Council. The business of a Commander-in-Chief was to look after his own particular branch. What was true of Sir Douglas Haig was true of Generals Petain and Cadorna, and all other Chiefs of Armies. He was against Generalissimo for all Forces. He could give answer as to the Italian Front, but preferred not to do so. If there had been an Allied Council, it could have made enquiries as to the position on the Italian Front as well as on other fronts. Arrangements had been made to supply the Paris Council with information on Naval affairs. It would be the duty of the Council to survey the whole field. The New Council would not set up its own Intelligence Staff, but would depend on information from various National Staffs.

NORWAY.

An enquiry having revealed the fact that signals by means of lights are being sent from various points on the Norwegian Coast to submarines and vessels, which have been mysteriously anchored near the land, the Norwegian Government has taken energetic steps to put a stop to the transmission of information by German spies or their agents. It has now been absolutely forbidden to make any signals whatever on the coast, whether by hand, rockets, lights or the discharge of firearms.

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THE OPERATIONS NEAR CAMBRAI. A British War Correspondent with the Armies in France telegraphs that, in so far as prisoners and dead show, we have badly crippled four German divisions and hit hard a fifth. The four chief sufferers are: the 54th, 240th, 20th Landwehr and the 9th Reserve Divisions, also the 107th Division, which had only just arrived from RUSSIA. We have hit the enemy extremely heavily in a most humiliating way. The British Cavalry, in at least two places, charged the German batteries, sabred the gunners, captured the guns, took the villages and dismounted, held them up till the infantry came up. This happened at MARCOING and MASNIERES, two places of critical importance at the crossing of the CANAL. We have penetrated so deeply into the enemy's country that we found the villages full of civilians. We freed over 400 in MASNIERES, and nearly 1000 in another village. This alone would show the completeness of the surprise to the Germans for the first evidence that the Germans are growing fearful in a particular region is the evacuation of all civilians. Some of the newly released cried unexpectantly with joy at the awakening from three years of nightmare. The Correspondent goes on to describe a visit to the German lines overwhelmed at HAVRINCOURT.

Successive German lines were silent and empty, while everywhere were signs of recent occupation. There were places from which the Germans had gone so quickly that they had left their rifles leaning against the trench walls, also blankets, water bottles and many other necessaries that no soldier would think of leaving behind unless in very much of a hurry to get away. The trenches were hardly smashed at all. The Correspondent comments: "Except for trenches, which were very strong looking, the wide and deep country through which we passed was quite peaceful. Here the marvellous impregnable HINDENBURG LINE is no longer a factor in the war; it is almost pathetic that it should have been broken so easily."

LATER A huge gap of at least 10 miles in width and extending to a depth of at least 5 miles, has been made in the HINDENBURG LINE from a point slightly to the north of the BAPAUME-CAMBRAI ROAD to the ESCAUT CANAL near VERDUNELLE. Our cavalry have taken up the work so splendidly commended by the Tanks and infantry. They have been seen 6 miles beyond the broken German front line. Whether the cavalry will be able to take the fullest advantage of the opportunity is not yet known as the weather has turned very bad. It has rained almost incessantly for 24 hours and the ground is very heavy. By the abandonment of the usual preparatory barrage and the substitution of the Tanks the enemy was taken completely by surprise. The Grand Fleet of Tanks was led in person by a distinguished Commander, who sent the following message to his Captains: "England expects that every Tank to-day will do its damnedest". A Paris message now puts the number of prisoners at 10,000, including a General.

THE SITUATION IN RUSSIA. The Russian situation is generally obscure but the news sent through the Wireless Stations in possession of the Extremists shows that Dukhonin, the Revolutionary Commander-in-Chief, having been ordered by the Extremist leaders to offer an armistice to all nations refused to obey the order. The Extremists therefore deposed Dukhonin and appointed Supreme Commander-in-Chief an Ensign named KRYLENKO. The Extremists claim to have commenced pourparlers at daybreak to-day.

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GREECE. Regarding the Greek appeal to the Allies for food supplies of which GREECE is short owing to the disastrous results of Constantine's policy, the London "Times" comments that there is reason to believe that the British Authorities are endeavouring to meet the requirements of GREECE, and that one result of M. Venezelos' visits will be the mitigation or the entire removal of the hardships under which the Greek people are suffering. During his negotiations with the British Authorities, M. Venezelos pointed out the serious condition to which Greece had been reduced. During the first months little hardship was felt, but when the gradually reduced available supplies stopped, people understood that their privations were the direct result of Constantine's policy.

LATE BRITISH OFFICIAL. London, 23/11/17. Operations were continued by us to-day against the enemy's positions west of CAMBRAI. Latest reports show that they are developing satisfactorily.

Hostile artillery has shown great activity during the day in the neighbourhood of PASSCHENDAELE.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL. On the ASIAGO PLAINAU, the enemy, operating from the north against MT. FONDEREGAR - MT. BADENECCHE Front and from the west towards that of MT. CASTILGOLBERTO - CASERA - MELETTA DAVANTI, yesterday attempted an enveloping attack against the point of vantage of the MURATE. The action, preceded by a bombardment with lachrymatory shells, was carried out with extreme violence by large enemy forces who were continually renewed, supported by intense artillery fire. Our parties of the First Army, with most stubborn resistance and continuous counter-attack, succeeded in holding the positions firmly and in repulsing the enemy with very severe losses, capturing 8 Officers and 191 other ranks. Between the BRENTA and the PIAVE, with most violent artillery fire, followed by the advance of dense infantry waves, the enemy at dawn, renewed the attack. The struggle became most fierce and lasted throughout the whole of the day. Several positions were more than once lost and promptly retaken by our troops of the Fourth Army, who distinguished themselves by their aggressive spirit and bravery. Towards the evening the last counter attack definitely stopped the enemy, to whom also in this sector the day cost heavy losses.

AMERICA AND THE ALLIES OF GERMANY. The "New York Times" has received a report from Washington that President Wilson will shortly ask Congress to declare a state of war between AMERICA and AUSTRIA-HUNGARY. It is pointed out that, although there was a possibility of a rupture with Austria before the close of last session, the President did not then have the same reasons which exist now for taking action. Since that time the Austrians have not only continued to foment conspiracies in America but they have begun a campaign of unrestricted terrorism with their submarines in the Mediterranean against merchant vessels of all nationalities. Besides if unity in the conduct of the war is to be realised, this cannot be done completely without war being declared. It is expected that Congress will declare a complete rupture with Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey.

GENERAL NEWS. The King has been pleased to approve the promotion to the substantive rank of General, Lieutenant-General Sir Julian Byng, in recognition of distinguished services in the Field during present operations.

The Admiralty announces that the raid on Constantinople in July was carried out by a Handley Page machine, which flew from England in a series of eight flights to a Mediterranean base. The total distance covered was 2000 miles, the longest cross country journey yet made.

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BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS, London, 24/11/17. Operations were successfully conducted by us yesterday west of CALBRAI. After severe fighting, in which the enemy offered stubborn resistance, our troops stormed the important and high ground about BOURLON WOOD. To the east of BOURLON WOOD some progress was made in the neighbourhood of FONTAINE-NOTRE-DAME. To the west of the wood our troops made further progress along the HINDENBURG LINE astride the CANAL DU FORD in the neighbourhood of MOEUVRES. Further west, between MOEUVRES and QUEANT, the London Scottish Regiment captured an important spur giving observation over the HINDENBURG LINE to the west and north. In the neighbourhood of BULLECOURT our troops gained further ground during the night, capturing a hostile strong point together with a number of prisoners. Since the commencement of operations on 20th inst., over 100 guns have been taken by us, including several heavy guns of calibres up to 8".

Fierce fighting has taken place during the day in the neighbourhood of BOURLON WOOD, where the enemy has made several determined attempts with fresh troops to regain possession of high ground. This morning a strong hostile attack compelled our troops to give ground slightly in this area. Later in the day our troops counter-attacked and re-established our former line. On the extreme right of the Southern Battle front we have improved our positions in the neighbourhood of HANTEUX and have captured several prisoners. On the YPRES Battle Front, hostile artillery has again been active in the PASSCHENDAMME Sector.

Number of prisoners captured in yesterday's operations has not been ascertained.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL. On the mountain front from the ASIAGO PLATEAU to the BRENTA, powerful enemy thrusts, stubbornly carried out after heavy artillery preparation, all failed. In the PLAIN enemy groups who attempted to cross the PIAVE in boats were overturned in the river by artillery fire. 3 enemy machines were brought down by our aviators.

PALESTINE. On 21st, our troops stormed the NEBI-SAMWIL RIDGE, the site of the ancient MIZPAH, which is 5000 yards west of the JERUSALEM-NABLUS ROAD. Repeated counter-attacks by the Turks have been beaten off.

R.N.A.S. OPERATIONS. On 23rd November in the course of fights by patrols of the Royal Naval Air Service 2 enemy aircraft were probably destroyed and 1 driven down completely out of control. On 20th November also 1 enemy machine was destroyed. All our machines returned safely.

AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL. Between the PIAVE and the BRENTA and in the Seven Communities, the enemy counter-attacked again yesterday with strong forces. All assaults broke down, the Italians sustaining heavy losses. Otherwise there is nothing fresh to report.

HONOURS LIST. H.M. The King has conferred an Earldom upon Viscount Reading and a Viscounty upon Lord Northcliffe.

AMERICAN SHIPPING PREPARATIONS. In response to the appeal made by Mr. Lloyd George last Tuesday, asking America for ships aggregating 6,000,000 tons within a year from now to assure victory for the Allies, America replied today by the voice of the Shipping Board that the Allies can reckon on this fleet. The Shipping Board gives the figures, which eloquently demonstrate the gigantic effort America is preparing to make. 1036 vessels are actually on the stocks, totalling 5,924,700 tons. Of these 353 are of wood, 225 steel, 58 composite and 400 of various sorts, for account of the Allies. All these vessels will be ready for navigation before the end of 1918 and more than 1,000,000 tons, to be laid down next Spring. The Acts and necessary Credits have been voted by Congress. America is thus preparing not 6,000,000 tons but 11,000,000 tons for the common cause to secure victory for the Allies.

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BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS, London, 25/11/17. Fighting has taken place in and around BOURLON WOOD and was continued yesterday afternoon with great stubbornness on both sides, the enemy counter-attacking several times. On the night of the 23rd strong hostile counter-attacks forced our troops back from BOURLON VILLAGE, which we had entered in our first advance, and early on the morning of 24th a powerful attack of the enemy further east pressed us back a short distance on the hill in BOURLON WOOD. Later on in the morning a successful counter-attack by our troops drove the enemy from the Hill and before midday had re-established our lines on the northern edge of BOURLON WOOD. Fighting continued throughout the afternoon and at dusk the enemy again attacked with strong forces from the north-east, forcing our troops back slightly in the north-eastern corner of the WOOD. Early in the night our troops again counter-attacked and re-entered BOURLON VILLAGE, capturing it after a fierce struggle in which parties of the enemy offered stubborn resistance in strong points in the village. BOURLON VILLAGE and practically the whole of BOURLON WOOD, including all the high ground within it, are in our possession. In the course of these operations, English Welsh and Scottish Battalions, assisted by dismounted cavalry, have displayed the utmost courage, both in attack and defence.

There has again been severe fighting today west of CAMBRAI. At midday the enemy strongly attacked the positions held by us in the neighbourhood of BOURLON and succeeded in pressing our troops from portions of the village. Our positions in BOURLON WOOD and on the high ground are intact. Fighting has also taken place on the HINDENBURG SUPPORT LINE, west of MOEUVRES, where we have captured prisoners. The number of prisoners taken by us since the commencement of our operations on the morning of 20th inst. has now reached the total of 9,774, including 182 officers.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL. On the ASIAGO PLATEAU, heroic detachments of the First Army, who during the past ten days, have been fighting without intermission and without losing an inch of ground in defence of the principal point of the MELETTES, repulsed several fierce enemy assaults also yesterday and counter-attacked successfully. 2 machine gun sections were captured. On the remainder of the front, there were only artillery actions. On MT. GRAPPE, 2 enemy aeroplanes were brought down by one of our aviators.

AMERICA. The American Naval Department issued the following statement: "One of our torpedo destroyers, on patrol in European waters, observing the periscope of a submarine at a distance of about 250 metres went towards it at full speed. Passing . . . ahead of over the track the submarine was following the torpedo destroyer fired a special bomb, which evidently damaged the submarine. Shortly after the latter rose to the surface about 450 metres away, whereupon 2 of our torpedo destroyers immediately opened fire, circling round the submarine. The latter being disabled, made no reply to the fire. One of our torpedo destroyers finally succeeded in passing a cable to the submarine and was about to take it in tow when it sank."

RUSSIA. The Chairman of Assembly has issued an invitation to all the Deputies from the front to come immediately to a Conference of all the Russian Peasant Deputies.

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BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS. London, 27/11/17. During the night the enemy launched another counter-attack against our position in the north-east corner of BOURLON WOOD. The attack was repulsed.

On the remainder of the front there is nothing of special interest to report.

At dawn this morning, local attacks by our troops in the neighbourhood of the villages of FONTAINE-NOTRE-DAME and BOURLON led to severe fighting. The enemy, strongly reinforced, contested our advance with great stubbornness and the fight has swayed backwards and forwards during the day. We have advanced our line and taken over 500 prisoners. During the afternoon the enemy attempted to attack the position held by us in the HINDENBURG LINE on the Spur west of MOEUVRES, but was driven off by our fire. The enemy's artillery has again shown great activity east and north-east of YPRES.

On 26th inst., the weather was slightly better for flying but low clouds and strong winds again hindered work in the air. Some successful artillery work was done by our aeroplanes and many photographs were taken. The enemy's troops, batteries and transport were constantly attacked by low-flying machines. During the day bombs were dropped on the crossings over the RIVER SENSEE and on the railside near CAMBRAI and north of DOUAI. At night DOUAI Station was attacked and bombs were also dropped at SOMAIN STATION and sidings. Over 3 tons of bombs were dropped in all. A few fights took place, in which 1 hostile machine was brought down and 4 were driven down out of control. Another scouting machine was shot down by fire from the ground. None of our aeroplanes are missing.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL. During yesterday afternoon, after having furiously bombarded our positions on COL BERRETTA (east of the BRENTA VALLEY) the enemy launched a massed attack there, which was carried out by the infantry of an entire division. The fighting was very desperate and our defenders, isolated by violent annihilation fire, would have had to yield under the violence and numerical superiority of the enemy if they had not been reinforced by valiant Sicilians of the old and glorious Acosta Brigade (5th and 6th Regiments) with detachments of the 24th Infantry (Messina Brigade). Having crossed the death zone, our gallant troops rushed against the enemy with irresistible impetus, carrying all before them and forcing him to retire with heavy losses, leaving prisoners in our hands.

GENERAL NEWS. Yesterday throughout the whole of France subscriptions were opened for the 3rd National Defence Loan. Everything points to its being most successful.

Mr. Lloyd George and M. Venizelos left to-day for Paris.

It is understood that the United States will reject or ignore Russian Bolchevik Government's proposal for armistice amongst belligerents.

The Brazilian Government is expecting to lay a Bill before Parliament next week authorising the issue of a hundred millions Loan to cover initial expenses for war preparations.

Bodies of sailors and wreckage from the German submarine "U.5" have been washed ashore on the west coast of Norway.

SOUTHERN BATTLEFRONT. H.M. The King, in congratulating Sir Douglas Haig, Sir Julian Byng and the British troops on the victory, says:—"The complete surprise effected under such novel methods of warfare is received throughout the Empire with great satisfaction, while it holds great hopes for the future. It is especially gratifying that the Tank should have played important part in victory,

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THE SOUTHERN FRONT.

A Correspondent in France, describing the fierce German counter-attacks, says that the enemy launched what is said to be two whole fresh divisions. Masses of the enemy suffered very heavily and the fighting was of a most savage nature in the streets of FONTAINE and on the outskirts of BOURLON WOOD. In the former place we have given way somewhat before the enemy's overwhelming numbers, but we made no impression in BOURLON WOOD where the heights still remain in our possession. We have been using some captured guns against the enemy, and conspicuously useful has been a number of field guns taken in the BOURLON WOOD area. Elsewhere we used 5.9 inch guns and a great number of machine guns. There is an abundance of ammunition for all pieces.

THE RUSSIAN SITUATION.

A Petrograd telegram states that a Conference of Russian Political and Military Leaders, for the purpose of forming a Government representing all parties, is being held at the Army Headquarters. General Dukhonin remains in power. Elections for the Constituent Assembly have begun.

The publication of secret documents in Russia includes record that the German Minister at Stockholm twice approached the Japanese Minister at Stockholm, suggesting the conclusion of peace between Germany, Russia and Japan.

BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS, London, 28/11/17.

Hostile artillery was active last night in the neighbourhood of BOURLON WOOD but no further infantry fighting happened on Northern front. Hostile artillery activity continues east and north-east of YPRES.

SUBMARINE RETURNS.

Arrivals and sailings of merchant vessels of all nationalities 2058 and 2122 respectively. British merchant vessels sunk by mine or submarine (over 1600 tons) -14, under 1600 tons 7.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL.

On the ASIAGO PLATEAU, in the PRIMOLANO BASIN, and to the north of COL DELLA BERRETTA, and on the MIDDLE PLATE, our batteries in co-operation with bombardment flights have carried out concentrations of fire on the enemy troops massed and in movement. 4 enemy aeroplanes were brought down or forced to land by our airmen.

SEMI-OFFICIAL. The enemy is beginning to consider the offensive in VENETIA in a different spirit to which he did during the days of his descent into the FRIULI PLAIN and along the CAMBURN VALLEYS. The Italian retirement had given him a very wrong impression with regard to the conditions and the capacity of resistance of the Italians. Field Marshal Conrad had given instructions to occupy at fixed dates the successive lines on the Plain. The 1st Kaiser Jager Regiment commenced the movement in the GALLIO Area, advancing in column, with the Brigade Commander Ellison at their head. The sudden outburst of the Italian artillery and machine gun fire from the positions previously decided upon to which the Italians had retired, threw the enemy troops into a panic. The officers attempted in vain to reanimate their men by reminding them that they belonged to the assault troops and Imperial "Jager", but under the continuous hail of bullets and shell fire the regiment wavered and fled here and there. Ellison was deprived of his command.

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BRITISH OFFICIAL REPORTS, London, 29/11/17.

A hostile attack delivered against the Belgian positions in the neighbourhood of ASCHOOP was beaten off after sharp fighting.

South of the SCARPE RIVER we captured a few prisoners, during the night in patrol encounters.

On the remainder of the front there is nothing of special interest to report.

There was considerable artillery activity on both sides this morning in the neighbourhood of BOURLON WOOD. West of the WOOD we advanced our line slightly by a successful operation.

Hostile raids attempted early this morning in the neighbourhood of AVION and HOLLEBEKE were repulsed leaving some prisoners in our hands.

The enemy's artillery has shown somewhat increased activity in this sector and also east and north-east of YPRES during the day.

On the 28th there was a slight improvement in the weather and during the day over 130 bombs were dropped on COURERAI, ROULERS, MENIN and THOROUT RAILWAY STATIONS and other targets in the YPRES Battle Area.

At night, in spite of storm, wind and cloud, 17 heavy bombs were dropped on ROULERS RAILWAY STATION and many rounds were fired from machine guns on the huts in the neighbourhood.

One hostile machine was driven down out of control.

3 of our aeroplanes are missing.

ITALIAN OFFICIAL.

On the whole of the front harassing fire on the part of both artilleries. On the LOWER PIAVEA our batteries effected bursts of destructive fire on the enemy's boats.

AMERICAN ARMY.

Early in 1914 at the time of the Mexican trouble, the United States were only able to land 7000 marines at TAMPICO and VERA CRUZ and only 17,000 men were sent to the Mexican frontier, this being, according to General Wood, the Chief of the General Staff, the maximum military effort then possible.

To-day an immense army is preparing to fight in Europe.

The Conscription Act of 18th May, 1917, provides over 5,000,000 men. On this basis the American Government has formed a first contingent, divided into 3 groups: 1/The regular army with a force of 450,000 men composed of those who enlisted voluntarily in the existing regiments and constituting with complement of conscripts 25 to 30 divisions; 2/The National Guard raised by each state in proportion to the numbers called up under the Conscription Act, comprising 500,000 men, who will fight in the complete divisions side by side with the regular army; 3/The National Army, recruited by conscription and now in formation, the first call yielding 500,000 men, namely 30 divisions. A second contingent is being prepared.

Each of the new American Army Corps is fully equipped as regards all branches of the service. The divisions are formed into 60 large camps in America and are transported proportionately to their organisation to France, where the training is continued and completed in special camps in the back areas and advanced zone. Whilst engineering units are opening up new railway lines and pioneers are preparing the materials for installing troops, an almost uninterrupted line of vessels has transported the first elements of the great army, together with material and provisions. A certain number of American infantry and artillery regiments are already holding sectors on the

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SITUATION WIRES FROM SECOND ARMY

25/11/17 - 11.45 p.m. - Situation 3rd Army Front. 7th Corps front situation quiet. 3rd Corps front situation unchanged. Counter attack carried out by enemy at 1 p.m. forced our troops out of BOURENON VILLAGE but detachments are still in the Eastern portion of the village and on the railway in F.1. BOURLON WOOD and the high grounds in our possession. Approximate line E.12.c.9.0. - E.12.c.1.0. - E.22.b.7.0. to CABAL E.21.a. (Lock 5 inclusive). West of Canal E.20.b.9.5. - E.20.d.4.9. - E.20.b.0.2. - thence South of MOUVRES to E.20.a.0.2. - E.19.b.6.4. Fighting continues in support line E.13.b. and D.18.d. Patrols of 6th Corps found enemy advanced posts North of BULLECOURT unoccupied and reached without opposition the BULLECOURT front line road.

26/11/17 - 8.55 a.m. - Wire timed 8.20 p.m. 25/11/17 states that the number of prisoners captured during operations commencing 20th November is 182 officers, 9592 O.R. through Corps Cages and Casualty Stations up to 6 p.m. 25th November. Material captured not yet accurately counted, estimated at - Guns 77 mm. 60, 105 cm. 15, 15 c.m. 11, 21 cm. 2, 11.5 cm. 1, Ant^q Aircraft 6, Machine Guns 171, Trench Mortars 54.

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28th Battalion A. I. F.

H.Q.,	
28TH BATTALION,	
AUSTRALIAN I.F.	
No.
Date

All Battalion Units.

The following men of this Battalion were posted as "Missing" during operations on 4.10.17.

A Court of Enquiry has been convened by the Commanding Officer to sit and enquire into the circumstances surrounding the cases, and to say whether, in its opinion, the men may be posted as "Killed in Action".

Will you please make full enquiries and forward the names of any persons who can give authentic information or who are in possession of any knowledge that would assist the Court in its endeavours, to B. O. R. by 7 p.m. 18th inst.:-

No. 418	Pte. DONALDSON Norman Francis	"C" Coy.
No. 3219A	" NOLAN Henry	"C" Coy.
No. 3240	" Pyke Victor Gerard	"C" Coy.
No. 6367	" McENROE Thomas	"C" Coy.

In the Field.

(Signed)

17th Novr. 1917

J. ROYHOUSE Capt. & Adjutant.

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H.Q.	
28th BATTALION,	
AUSTRALIAN I.F.	
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No.
Date

All Battalion Units,

The following men of this Battalion were posted as "Wounded and Missing" during operations on 3.5.17. A Court of Enquiry has been convened by the Commanding Officer to sit and enquire into the circumstances surrounding the cases, and to say whether, in its opinion, the men may be posted as "Killed in Action".

Will you please make full enquiries and forward the names of any persons who can give authentic information or who are in possession of any knowledge that would assist the Court in its endeavours, to B.O.R by 7 p.m. 28th inst.

No. 5570	Pte Cruickshank	T.W.	A Coy.
5558	" Bamford	G.E.	A Coy.

In the Field.

(Signed)

28th Nov., 1917

J. Roydhouse Capt & Adjt.

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All Battalion Units,

Subject - TOPOGRAPHY.

A series of courses of instruction in Map Reading
And Topography will commence on Tuesday 27th inst, and last for
three weeks.

Each course will finish at 12 noon Saturdays.

Each course is subdivided into two classes.

"A" Class 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Saturdays and Sundays excepted.

"B" Class 12.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays excepted.
9.0 a.m. to 12 noon Saturdays.

For the first course, the following will attend.-

"A" Class.

1 Officer and 8 N.C.Os per Company.

"B" Class

1 Officer per Company and 8 Battn Observers.

Classes will assemble B. O. R. at the above
stated times.

Personnel will take prismatic or ordinary compass
note books, pencils and squared maps of this area.

In the Field. (Signed) J. ROYDHOUSE Capt.

24th November 1917

Adjutant.

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All Battalion Units,

The G. O. C. Brigade will inspect the Battalion
on Tuesday next at 9;15 p.m.

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Transport will be present on this parade.

The G. O. will carry out inspection of the Battalion
on the Foot-ball ground at 10.45 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

Markers will report to R.S.M. at 10.30 a.m.

DRESS Marching Order.

(Signed)

J. ROYHOUSE Capt.

Adjutant.

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PROGRAMME OF TRAINING FOR OFFICERS AND N. C. O'S.

1. Officers.

Date.	Place.	Subject.	Lecturer.
26.11.17 4 p.m.	Aldershot Camp.	Discipline.	Capt. Craig.
28.11.17 4 p.m.	ditto	Consolidation of Trenches.	Lieut. D. Keillor M.C.
30.11.17 4 p.m.	ditto	Reports.	Capt. Meysey-Hammond M.C.

Notes. The Lecturer is allowed 15 minutes to deal with the subject, after which a general discussion follows. The Lecture and discussion are reviewed by the C.O.

2. N. C. O's.

Date.	Time	Subject	Lecturer.
26.11.17	11.-11.30a.m.	Map reading	Capt. Meysey-Hammond M.C.
27.11.17	ditto	do.	ditto.
28.11.17	ditto	Consolidation of Trenches	Lt. Keillor M.C.
29.11.17	ditto	Indication of Targets and Fire Orders.	Lt. Armstrong.
30.11.17	ditto.	Writing of Reports	Capt. Meysey-Hammond M.C.
1.12.17.	ditto	Leadership.	Major P. Currie D.S.O.

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TRAINING PROGRAMME.

NOTES.

1. The training of Specialists is carried out under Specialist Officers.
2. Elementary Musketry is carried out by Companies. It will be progressive in the following order- Fire positions, Loading, Trigger Pressing, Aiming, Rapid Loading, Indication of Targets and Fire Orders. Ten men each morning and ten each afternoon will be detailed by Companies to report to Battalion Musketry Officer on the Rifle Range for Range practice. Nominal Rolls will be kept and Company Musketry N.C.O's will accompany each party.
3. Bayonet Fighting Course at T 14 c 5.5 is allotted to Companies as follows, "A" Coy. 8.30-10 a.m., "B" Coy from 10 - 11.30 a.m., "C" Coy from 1.30-3.30 p.m. on Thursdays and "D" Coy from 8.30 - 10 a.m., Hqrs Details from 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. on Saturdays.
4. Programme of Training for Officers and N.C.O's is attached.
5. Training is carried out on parade ground adjacent to ALDERSHOT CAMP.

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RECREATIONAL EXERCISES.

EXERCISE	FIRST DEGREE	HOW CARRIED OUT.
Arms exercise	(1) Punching the hand.	In pairs. Punching the hand of opposite man.
<u>SECOND DEGREE.</u>		
Arms exercise	(1) Punching the sand bag	Punching the sand bag held by opposite man
<u>THIRD DEGREE.</u>		
Arms exercise	(1) Throwing the medicine bag (2) Hand sawing.	(2) In pairs. Left or Right foot forward. Butchers hook with hands going through motion of working saw.
<u>FIRST DEGREE.</u>		
Neck exercise	(1) Head turning with sand bag	(1) Sand bag balanced on the head.
<u>SECOND DEGREE.</u>		
Neck exercise	(1) "O'GRADY" neck exercise.	
<u>THIRD DEGREE.</u>		
Neck exercise	(1) Slap neck. When class fed up.	
<u>FIRST DEGREE.</u>		
Leg exercise	(1) Changing places sideways, backward and forward. (2) Hips firm marching sideways. (3) "O'GRADY" marching (4) Hopping with leg raising sideways.	(1) Instructor says "places change" ones and twos of front rank change places. (Same with rear rank) Right or Left turn can be given. Class must cover off at once. (4) With hips firm.

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"A" RECREATIONAL EXERCISES (Continued).

EXERCISE	SECOND DEGREE.	HOW CARRIED OUT.
Leg exercise	(1) Sitting down with crossed legs and up to attention. (2) Crows and Cranes. (3) Jumping race, holding sandbag between legs. (4) Jumping the bag.	(1) 1st up to attention. (4) Class in a circle. Instructor in centre with a small sand bag attached to a rope. Instructor swings bag round.

THIRD DEGREE.

Leg exercise	(1) Toe and heel walking race (2) Snatching the block and back (3) Giants and Dwarfs. (4) Relay Race.
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FIRST DEGREE

Leg exercise (Continued)	(5) Feet astride and clapping hands above head (6) Highland Fling
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SECOND DEGREE.

Leg exercise.	(6) Hopping Race. (8) Follow my Leader (7) Two in a circle after the bag (9) Twos and threes.	Class jumps as bag comes round, if bag hits any man he falls out. (Competition).
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FIRST DEGREE.

Balance exercise	(1) Walking in line backwards.
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SECOND DEGREE.

Balance exercise	(1) Walking on low rail under 3'
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THIRD DEGREE.

Balance exercise	(1) Walking on high rail 3' and over.
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EXERCISE	FIRST DEGREE	HOW CARRIED OUT.
Spine exercise	(1) Crucifix backwards. Heels rise and knees bend etc.	Class back to back. Arms sideways raise, catch hold
	(2) Walking with bag on head	(2) Instructor gives "quick march," "Right turn," etc. (Competition).

<u>FIRST DEGREE.</u>		
Stomach exercise	(1) Passing sandbag over head.	(1) Left foot sideways place position

SECOND DEGREE

Stomach exercise	(1) On the hands and up	(1) First down and first up.
	(2) On the back and up	(2) First down and first up
	(3) All fours race.	
	(4) Galloping on hands and feet.	

THIRD DEGREE.

Stomach exercise	(1) Crows and Cranes from on the hands	
	(2) Crows and Cranes from on the back.	

<u>FIRST DEGREE.</u>		
Rib and Muscles exercise	(1) Passing the bag from left to right	

ditto.

<u>SECOND DEGREE.</u>		
(1) Passing sandbag two ranks		
Odd Nos against even Nos.		

ditto

<u>THIRD DEGREE.</u>		
(1) Crows and Cranes ranks back to back.		

<u>FIRST DEGREE.</u>		
Back Muscle Exercises	(1) Passing bag between legs.	

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EXERCISE	SECOND DEGREE	HOW CARRIED OUT
Back muscle exercise	(1) Whip the gap	(1) Class in circle and looking at a spot with hands behind backs. Instructor puts a belt in a man's hand. He immediately hits the man on his right who has to run to a point 50 paces away. The man with the belt will then beat him all the way.

THIRD DEGREE.

Back Muscle exercise	(1) Individual Tag-of-War (2) Wrestling on Horseback. (3) Victoria Cross Race.
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FIRST DEGREE.

Jumping and V. Exercise.	(1) Jumping the rope in pairs, threes etc.
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SECOND DEGREE.

ditto.	(1) High Jump. (1) Competition. (2) Long Jump. (2) Competition.
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THIRD DEGREE.

ditto	(1) Hop, step and Jump. (1) Competition. (2) Obstacle Race.
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"B"

RIFLE COMPETITIONS

No wide shots allowed.

<u>Competition.</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Conditions and scoring</u>
1. GROUPING	25 yds 100 yds	(Bay. fixed. 1, 2, & 3 inch } = 25 points. (From Cover. 4, 3, and " } = 15
2. APPLICATION	25 yds 200-300	Bay fixed Targets and scoring as in M.R. Part I i.e., 4, 3, 2, 1.
3. RAPID	25 yds 200-300	15 rds issued 5 rds Right Pouch, 5 rds left pouch 5 rds magazine. Time 1 minute Scoring 3, 2, 1. 2 points deducted for each pouch left unfastened.
4. SNIPERS	150-250 yds	(a) 10 rds. 5 at loophole plate, target placed behind. 5 at enemy passing gaps in trench Fig. 3 carried on pole by marker, or Fig. revolved on windmill system as in Pract. (5). 3 points per hit.

5. THE REINFORCEMENTS
(V Corps Infantry School)

Object: To teach the men the value of accurate snap-shooting.
Method of Conducting: The man on duty as a lookout, observes some Bosches passing a gap in the trench. Rifle loaded with 10 rds. Bayonet fixed. 1 rd to be fired at each exposure.
Target: 2 Silhouette figures of a Bosche attached to a drum worked with a rope. Each figure in turn appears at a gap in a trench.
Range. 100 yads.
Rounds. 10.
 The figures to be held loosely by a nail to a piece of wood, projecting from the drum.

6. INDIVIDUAL
ADVANCE

10 rds. Fig 3 Targets (1 per firer)
 400 to exposed for 10 seconds at 400 then disappears
 250 yds. for 20 seconds during which the firers advance 50 yds. Exposures and intervals to be same throughout. Competitors to fire 5 rds each at 400, 350, 300, 250, and 200 yds respectively. Scoring 3 points per hit.

7. SHELL HOLE
FIGHT
(Individual)

150 and 200 yds. Rounds. 10.
Targets. 5 tiles or plates 150 yds
 1 Fig. 3 on pole 200 yds.
Method of Conducting. The firers will be drawn up 30 yds in rear of fire position with Rifle loaded and bayonet fixed. On the Command "Advance" Competitors move forward to the fire position. 10 seconds after the command "Advance" a Fig. 3 target (representing Bosche making for shell hole) is exposed for 5 seconds from the gallery. Fire is opened on Fig 3 target and after it disappears fire is transferred immediately to the 5 falling plates, or tiles, representing the enemy in a shell hole. 30 seconds after the disappearance of the Fig 3 it will be exposed again for 5 seconds, after which the practice ceases.

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"coring 2 per plate.
3 per hit on "reinforcement
1 per live rd left if all plates
are knocked over.

- 8 PATROLS. Range unknown (a) Tiles or falling plates worked on
(Teams of 4) (up to 350) the "knock-out" principle, i.e., as
a target is struck, opposing firer
ceases fire. Smart umpires required.
or
(b) "Knock-out" principle by patrols
not individuals, i.e., 2 patrols
best patrol, the one which knocks
down all targets first. 1 umpire
only required.

9. SECTION
CONTROL 200 yds. In all Section competitions fire unit
PARTIES. Assault practice . Bullet and Bayonet points same
(1 N.C.O. & 6 or 8 men) value. Control-Umpire decides suggested 4
points awarded for good control at each
advance

10. FIRE ORDERS Unknown range—2 targets, 10 rds per man
Sections Prac. No. 1 Invisible screen pointed out to
1 N.C.O. & 6-8 men Commanders.
No. 2 Machine gun target exposed from pit
by signal, 10 points awarded for good fire
orders given in responsible time. 1
point per hit. This place premium on
good fire orders.

11. THE PILL BOX Object. To practice men in applying fire
(3rd Army Musk Schl.) at a Pill box.
Number. 1 N.C.O. & 6-8 men
Method of Conducting. The section extend to 1 pace
lies down 50 yds from the firing point. Rifles loaded
with 5 rds, bayonets fixed. When ready the section Com-
mander gives the order. "Advance" and leads his men at a
the double to the firing point. He orders fire to be
opened at the Pill box. 1 minute after the order "
"Advance" the Superintending officer will give orders
"Ceases Fire"
Targets. 4' X 4' (2nd class Fig. Target) coloured
gray or white with black band 8" wide across target,
the top of the band being 1' from top of the target.
Range. 300 yds. Rds. 15 per man
Marking 1 point per hit on the black band, deduct
3 points if fire is opened before the Section Commander
gives order "Fire" Deduct 1 point for each shot fired
after the order "Cease Fire"

- 12 THE ELUSIVE HUN
(3rd Army Mus Sch) Object To practice men alteration of their
point of aim, and to demonstrate the importance of
watching the front and of recharging magazines at first
available opportunity.
Numbers. 1 N.C.O. & 6-8 men.
Method of Conducting. The section assumes a firing
position on the firing point. The use of cover is
optional to the firers. The Superintending Officer
gives the caution "Watch your Front" and signals to
the butts. A target will be exposed 5 times, each time
in a different place for 6 secs. 8 secs interval
between exposures. Unlimited rds may be fired at each
exposure. Target Fig. 3 or 4 (Silhouette)
Range. 200 yds Rds 15 per man Marking 1 point per hit

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13. SUPERIORITY OF FIRE.

Object. To emphasise the importance of reaching the objective quickly and of obtaining superiority of fire when counter attacked.

Numbers 1 N.C.O. & 8 - 10 men

Method of Conducting. The section will be extended to 2 paces 50 yds in rear of firing point, where there will be a sack filled with straw representing a Bosche opposite each man. Rifles to be loaded with 5 rds and held at the High port. Bayonets fixed. When ready the section commander will give the order "Advance" and then "Charge" The men will bayonet their sack and assume the firing position.

15 secs after the order "Advance" 3 - 10 Fig. 3 targets (Silhouette) (according to the number of firers) will appear at the butts. The section will open fire by order of the commander. 10 secs after the first targets appear, 2 more will come up, and similarly after every 10 secs, 2 additional targets will appear. Targets will disappear when hit. If at any time, the number of targets exceeds the number of firers, the order "Cease fire" will be given.

Time limit. 1 minute from the first appearance of the targets. A-sec The section which has the few st targets up at the end of a minute wins.

Range and target. 200 yds Fig 4 or 300 yds Fig. 3.
Rounds 10 per firer.

14. THE BOSCHE PATROL.

1 N.C.O. & 8 men.

Object To train men to watch the front and develop tactical sense. Range. 250-350 (for gallery range)

Rounds. 5 per man. 6 Figs. 3 on poles.

Method of Conducting. Section commander is informed that a Bosche patrol of 6 men has been seen collecting behind a wall. (Represented by a brown screen erected on butt gallery). His orders are to watch for them and try to bag the lot when the section takes up a fire position, the following exposures of targets are made-

1. A Fig slowly looks out from the screen for 6 secs and withdraws.

2. A Fig looks out on the opposite side for a similar period.

3. 3 targets look out for 6 secs 1 on either side and 1 over the top of the screen.

If fire is opened no further exposures take place and the practice is finished. If no shots are fired the whole Bosche patrol 6 Figs move out from cover and proceed at a walk along the gallery traversing a distance of 50 yds to a 2nd screen representing cover.

Scoring 2 points per hit 5 points if all targets are hit.

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15 THE DISABLED BOSCHE MACHINE GUN

1 H.C.O. & 6 men

Object. To train men to watch for these and prevent removal of enemy guns.

Range 250 - 300 yds

Rounds 10 per man

Targets. Screen 4'X3' to represent H.G. 4 Fig 3 Targets

Method of Conducting. Section Commander is informed that the screen represents a Bosche H.G. out of action and his orders are to prevent it being taken away by the enemy.

20 secs after the section has taken up the position 38 Fig 3 will steadily appear (1 on each side of the screen) and will slowly move gun to a flank. Fig 3 targets will disappear if hit and movement of gun cease for 5 secs, after which 4 casualties will be replaced in a similar manner and the gun movement resumed. The practice ceases 1 minute after the firing of the 1st shot.

Hits on Fig 3 targets only to count scoring 3 points per hit.

~~DUTIES OF BATTALION AND COMPANY OR BATTERY GAS N.C.Os.~~1st ANZAC Corps G.90
pages 8, 9BATTALION GAS N.C.Os. The duties of the Battalion Gas N.C.O. will be:-

1. To assist Officers at the inspection of Small Box Respirators, P. H. Helmets, Satchels, etc. Make repairs when possible. Assist the Brigade Gas N.C.O. to replace damaged containers of Small Box Respirators.
2. To keep records of and prepare weekly reports to be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. on the following:-
 - (a) Nominal roll of Company Gas N.C.Os.
 - (b) Number and location of all anti-gas trench stores and appliances in the Battalion area.
 - (c) A consolidated statement of the weekly reports of Company Gas N.C.Os.
 - (d) Inspection of Companies.
3. To inspect all anti-gas trench stores in the area at least twice per week.
4. To see that "Wind dangerous" notices are placed in prominent positions and correctly used.
5. To see that "Strombos Horn" sentries know their duties.
6. To assist Company Gas N.C.Os. with gas-proof doors of Dugouts.
7. To assist Company Gas N.C.Os. in training men in the use of anti-gas appliances.
8. To assist in training reinforcements when required.
9. To inspect at least one Company per week and report on the anti-gas discipline and efficiency in the use of anti-gas equipment.
10. During a cloud gas attack, and after gas shell bombardment, to obtain samples and carry out instructions as in S.S.554. Append.VII.
11. To assist with salvage of anti-gas equipment and trench stores.
12. To assist in Smoke operations when required.
13. To assist Company Gas N.C.Os. in making Wind observations and check their records.
14. On relief, to assist in taking or handing over anti-gas trench stores.
15. He will be attached to Battalion H.Q. and be exempt from all other duties when the Brigade is in the line.

COMPANY OR BATTERY GAS N.C.Os.

The duties of Company or Battery Gas N.C.Os. will be:-

1. To assist Officers at the inspection of Small Box Respirators, P. H. Helmets and Satchels.
2. To keep the following records and prepare weekly reports to be forwarded to Battalion H.Q. on the following:-

P.T.O.

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- (a) Number of inspections held during the week.
- (b) Number of Officers and other ranks in possession of a serviceable Small Box Respirator, P. H. Helmet and Satchel.
- (c) Number of Officers and Other Ranks NOT in possession of a serviceable Small Box Respirator, P.H. Helmet & Satchel.
- (d) Number and location of all anti-gas trench stores and appliances in the Company sector.

To see that record cards of S.B.R's. are correctly entered up.

~~Under~~ the Company Commander. to have charge of, and inspect daily, all anti-gas trench stores as follows:-

- (a) Strombos horns, gongs, triangles, rattles, and see that sentries posted on them know their duties.
- (b) Gas-proof shelters - assist in the erecting of gas-proof doors, and see that they are kept in a serviceable condition.
- (c) Anti-gas fans - see that they are placed in proper positions, and kept in good order.
- (d) Stores of fuel for clearing out dug-outs - arrange to have a supply on hand.
- (e) Vermorel Sprayers - see that they are well protected and kept in working order.
- (f) Gas Sampling Apparatus. - have charge of vacuum bulbs and gas testing tubes, and take samples during a gas cloud attack. Keep a stock of corked bottles and tins with well fitting lids for collecting samples of earth and water after gas shell bombardments - Carry out instructions as in S.S.554, appendix VII.

5. To train men in the use of anti-gas appliances.
6. To see that men detailed for handling gas shells are wearing their S.B.R's. and know how to use them, and that proper precautions are taken at dumps of gas shells and grenades.
7. During frosty weather to see that frequent inspections are made of the rubber valves of S.B.R. and that precautions are taken to prevent them from being closed by moisture freezing in them.
8. To make wind observations every three hours, or more frequently if the wind is in or nearing a dangerous quarter, and report any change of wind to the Company Commander (Reliefs of Gas N.C.Os. for this purpose should be arranged when possible).
9. To make "Wind vanes" and keep them in order, and see that the "Wind dangerous" area is correctly marked on them.
10. To fix "Wind dangerous" notices in position and see that the notices are altered according to orders in regard to "Wind dangerous" and "wind safe."
11. To salvage anti-gas equipment in the area and hand it over to the Battalion Gas N.C.O.
12. To assist in Smoke operations if required.
13. On relief to accompany the advance party and take over anti-gas trench stores (by daylight if possible) and to obtain or give a receipt for same.
14. The Company or Battery Gas N.C.O. is not available for other duties if they interfere with the anti-gas duties laid down.
15. The duties of Gas N.C.Os. of other units will be modified to suit their organisation.

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STANDING ORDERS. (Defended Areas).

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT MACHINE GUN DEFENCE.

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1. SENTRY DUTIES.

One sentry to be posted on the machine guns defending artillery positions during daylight only - on the machine guns defending dumps continuously.

2. ACCOMMODATION.

Accommodation will be within call of sentry on duty. Quarters and surroundings to be kept clean.

3. POINTS TO BE NOTED WHEN FIRING.

- (a) Belts should have tight pockets; these should be tested ex. with the gun vertical, the cartridges are liable to slip out.
- (b) With the Vickers gun the barrel casing should be kept as full of water as possible.
- (c) Too firm a holding while firing should be avoided.
- (d) Fire to hit low flying aeroplanes should not be opened over 3000 ft.
- (e) A plane is within range when, with good atmospheric conditions the K can be distinguished with the naked eye.
- (f) A constant watch must be kept for our own planes crossing the line of fire.

4. FIRING BY DAY.

Fire will not be opened on aircraft until it has been unmistakably identified as hostile. Telescopes or Field Glasses will be used when available to assist identification.

5. FIRE BY NIGHT AGAINST AEROPLANES. (O.B. 1769).

Fire will be opened on any aeroplane located by night which does not either sound its KLAXON HORN or show its navigation lights, or which are unmistakably identified as HOSTILE in the beam of a searchlight.

NOTE:- Navigation lights are four in number, one on the top of the outer edge of the bottom planes, one on the tail and one underneath the machine showing vertically downwards. The port and starboard lights on the plane are red and green respectively. The lights on the tail and underneath are WHITE. The fact that the machine is not showing its navigation lights is not to be taken as proof that it is an enemy machine, providing it is sounding its KLAXON HORN.

Fire by night against airships will not be opened unless the AIRSHIP has revealed its hostile character unmistakably by dropping bombs.

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Monthly.

Return	Copies	Due at	Due to
<u>10th</u> Nomination for Cadet Battn.	3	6.00 p.m.	Bde
<u>14th</u> Machine Guns in Possession	1	9.00 a.m.	Bde
Remount Demand	1	9.00 a.m.	Bde
<u>17th</u> Change in Signalling Officer	1	9.00 a.m.	Bde
Change in Assistant Adjutant	1	9.00 a.m.	Bde
<u>19th</u> Change in Lewis Gun Officer	1	9.00 a.m.	Bde
<u>24th</u> Inoculation Return	1	9.00 a.m.	Bde
Rifles Damaged by Firing Grenades	1	9.00 a.m.	Bde
<u>28th</u> Remount Demand	1	9.00 a.m.	Bde
Horse Census	1	9.00 a.m.	Bde
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<u>29th</u> Machine Guns in Possession	1	9.00 a.m.	Bde
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Animals evac except for Vet reasons	no nil	9.00 a.m.	Bde
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Nature of Return	Copies	Due at	Due to
<u>DAILY</u>			
Fighting Strength	1	9.00 a.m.	Bde.
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Casualty Report	1	12.30 p.m.	Bde
Change in Officers	1	4.00 p.m.	Bde
Expenditure of Ammunition (In Line)	1	9.00 a.m.	Bde by wire
<u>MONDAY</u>			
Requisition for Stationary	1		Stat by post
do " Publications	1		
(when required) Army P. & S. Services			BOULOGNE
Tentage	1	6.00 p.m.	Bde
<u>TUESDAY</u>			
Trained Specialists	1	1.00 p.m.	Bde
Programme of Work	2	12.00 noon	Bde
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>			
Camouflage Required (In Line only)	1	1st D.R.	Bde
Health Report by R.M.O.	1	1.00 p.m.	Bde
<u>THURSDAY</u>			
B 2069	2	6.00 p.m.	Bde
Surplus & Def. in Horse Transport	1	6.00 p.m.	Bde
Absentee Report	1	1.00 p.m.	A.P.M. 2nd Div
<u>FRIDAY</u>			
Weekly Fighting Strength	1	12.00 noon	Bde
Captured Trophies	1	9.00 a.m.	Bde
Men Unsited for Front Line Work	1	9.00 a.m.	Bde
Agricultural Implements Salved	1	9.00 a.m.	Bde
Horses Clipped (until complete)	1	12.00 noon	Bde
<u>SATURDAY</u>			
A.F.B. 213	3	9.00 a.m.	Bde
Mobile Echelon Complete	1	12.00 noon	Bde
Dripping Return	1	12.00 noon	Bde
Horse-hides Returned to Base (no nil)	1	Last D.R.	Bde
Special Strength Return	1	9.00 a.m.	Bde
<u>SUNDAY</u>			
Return of Missing	1	9.00 a.m.	Bde
Grenades and Ammunition on hand	1	9.00 a.m.	Bde

28th. BATTALION A.I.F.

Summary of Departures and Arrivals for month of Nov. 1917

Nov.	ARRIVALS					Total	DEPARTURES					Total
	X. Hospital Sick	Wad.	Rfts.	Tsfr.	7th. Trng. Bn.		Hospital Sick	Wad.	Kld.	Tsfr.	OCB.	
1st.	8					8	1	10	3			14
2		2				2	2					2
3						-	3	11	7			21
4	12					12				1		1
5						-	8	1		2		11
6	3	3				6	7					7
7	4	2				6	13	2				15
8						-	2					2
9						-	1	1				2
10	1-11	7	11		1-0	2-29	1					1
11						-	6					6
12	1	3				4	3	2-0			2	3
13			1-0			1-0	11					11
14	3					3	4					4
15	1					1	7					7
16						-	1					1
17						-	2			1		3
18	9	2				11						-
19	8					8	1-9				1-	9
20	6					6	4					4
21	2			1		3	2			1		3
22	10	9		1	5	25	3					3
23	1		1-0			1-1	2			1	3	6
24	3	2	1-1			1-6	2					2
25	1					1						
26	2	1	1			4				1-0	1-	0
27						-	1					1
28	7	3				10	4			1		5
29	3	2		1	1-2	1-8	1					1
30	2					2	1					1
31												
Total	1- 97	-36	3-13	-3	2-7	6-156	1-101	2-25	-10	1-7	-3	4-146

SUMMARY

Arrivals		Departures	
ex Hospital Sick	1 97	Hospital Sick	1 101
Wounded	36	" Wounded	2 25
Reinforcements	3 13	Killed in Action	10
Transfers	3	Transfers	1 7
7th. Trng. Battn.	2 7	Officers C.Bn.	3
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28th BATTALION A. I. F.

 PROGRAMME OF SPORTS.

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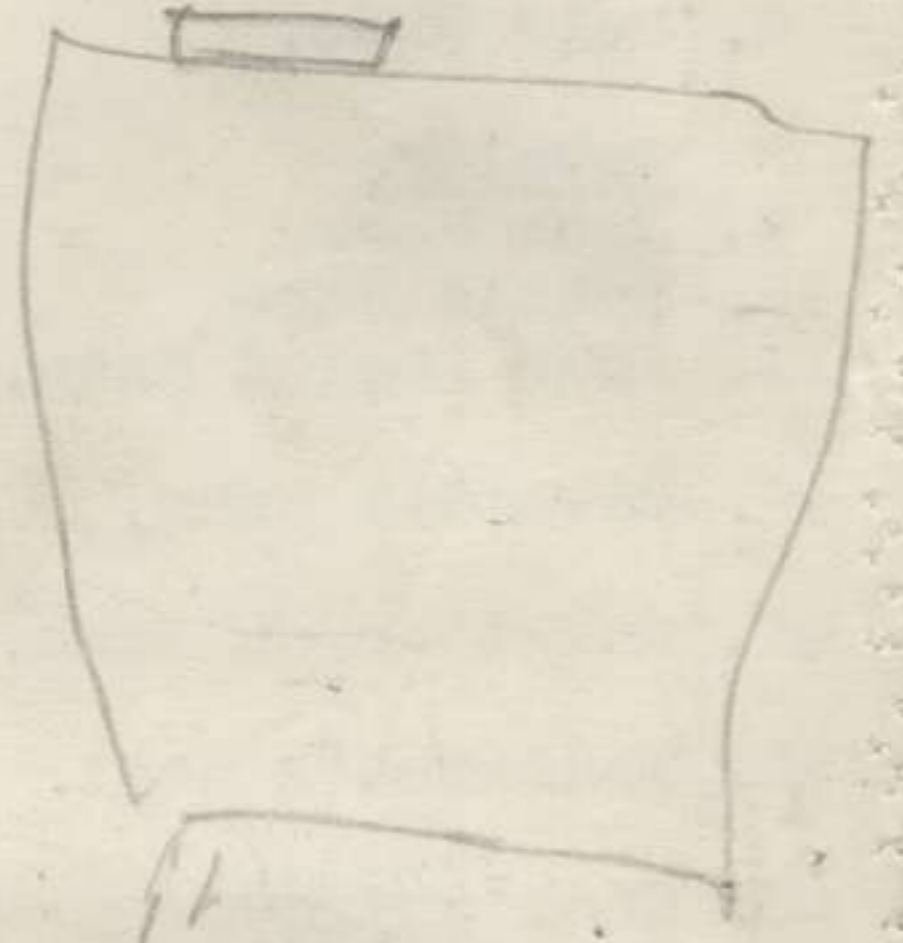
No.	Event.	Conditions.	Prizes.
<u>Running.</u>			
1.	Championship.	100 yds. To be run in heats	50.15.10
2.	Relay Race	400 yds. One team of 4 men each unit	40.20
<u>Jumping.</u>			
3.	High Jump.	3 tries.	20.10
4.	Long Jump.	do	15.
5.	Running Hop, Step and Jump.	do	15.
<u>Transport.</u>			
6.	Best turned out Limber and Driving Competition.		50.
7.	Rapid turn out of Limber and Team	from Picket line to Given Point	50
8.	Mule Race.	440 yds Ridden by Transport Drivers.	15.10.5.
<u>Novelty.</u>			
9.	Sack Race.	50 yds	10.
10.	Potato Race	8 potatoes, 1 yd apart.	10.5.
11.	Four Legged Race.	Competitors run to a point 50 yds distant and return to Starting Point	15.
12.	Reveille Race.	Start breeches and shirt. Full dress and run 50 yds.	15.5.
13.	Wheelbarrow Race.	50 yds. Competitors change and return to Starting Point.	20.
14.	Bandmen's Race.	50 yds Instrument continuously played	15.5.
15.	Cook's Race.	50 yds Each starter to carry 2 dixies of water.	15.5.
16.	Pillow Fight.		20.
<u>General.</u>			
17.	Assembling Lewis Gun. Teams of 2.	Not more than 2 teams per Company.	20.
18.	Bombing.	Teams of 4 per Coy. Best individual throw to count (3 bombs)	20.
19.	Kicking Football.	3 tries. 3 per Company.	10.
20.	Throwing Cricket ball.	1 throw. (3 per unit.)	10.
21.	Stretcher Bearers.		
	Method of Dealing with Casualty.	Team of 6. Sealed orders to be given to each team. Unit in carrying out same to count.	20.
22.	"Old Buffers Race"	Competitors to be over 40 years of age	20.15.10.
23.	Tag-of-War.	One team per Unit. 6' Pull	20.
24.	Best turned and Best drilled platoon.	One entry per Company. Nominal rolls to be submitted by noon 21.11.17.	Barrel of BEER.
25.	Best Unit aggregate on day's sport.	Each 5 francs of Prize Money won to count as 1 point. Items Nos. 6,7,8,14,15,17,21,22, and 24 not to Count for this event.	50 tins of Cigarettes

Note. 1. Any protest against an award must be lodged within 15 minutes after the event and must be accompanied by a deposit of 5 francs which amount will be forfeited in case the protest is not upheld by the Committee whose decision is final.

2. Time-table will be issued later.

"Tattoo" —

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28th BATTALION A.I.F.

SPORTS TIME TABLE.

30.11.17

Time	No. Event	Judges.
9.30 am	24 Best turned out & best drilled Platoon.	Lt-Col. Collett
10	1.100 yds Championship (Heats)	Mjr Currie Capt Harper C.S.M. Gummow.
10.10	19 Kicking Football	Lt Blair
do	20 Throwing Cricket Ball	Capt Roydhouse
do	21 Stretcher Bearers method of dealing with Casualty	Capt Harper
10.25	16 Bombing	Lt Leaver
10.35	17 Assembling Lewis Gun	Lt Tozer
10.45	14 Bandmen's Race	As for No. 1.
10.50	1.100 yds Championship Semi Final	As for No. 1.
10.55	23 Tug of war First round	Capt Roydhouse
11.15	22 Old Buffers Race.	As for No. 1.
11.20	11 Four legged Race	Capt Barry
11.35	3 High Jump	Lt Davies
do	12 Reveille Race	Capt M-Hammond
11.50	Officers' Race	RSM Appleyard, Sgt Pascoe, RQMS Brigatti

INTERVAL FOR LUNCH.

1.30 pm	6)	Lt-Col Collett
do	7) Transport	Lt Brown
do	8 Mule Race	Capt Getty
do	15 Cooks' Race	Lt Walters
1.50	13 Wheel barr w Race	Lt Armstrong
1.55	23 Tug of War Semi Final	Capt Roydhouse
2	1 100 yds Championship Final	As for No. 1.
2.05	4 Long Jump	Capt Getty
do	16 Pillow Fight	Lt Leake
2.15	2 Relay Race	As for No. 1
2.30	5 Hop, step and Jump	Capt Getty
2.40	10 Potato	Lt Baty
2.50	9 Sack Race	As for No. 1.
3	23 Tug of War Final	Capt Roydhouse
3.15	Prize Giving	

- Notes 1. Ground Committee Lt Paterson, RSM Appleyard, Sgt Murphy
 2. Recorder Lt. Davies
 3. Marshall Lt Macdonald.
 4. Officers Race Sweep Stakes of five francs, failure of any officer to start involves a penalty of ten francs to be added to sweep stakes. Lt-Col. Collett will handicap and start the race.
 5. Starter Capt Craig.

Event	Winner	POINTS				Hrs	Tspt
		A	B	C	D		
100 x Championship	Banting	1			6		
	Burns	2			3		
	Nielson	3			2		
Kicking Football	Downey						2
Throwing Cricket Ball	Scudds	2					
Bombing	Gurney						4
Old Buffers Race	Spottiswood				4		
	Butcher		3				
	Wellard	2					
Four legged Race	Hughes Team						3
High Jump	Banting) Hazell)		3		3		
Reveille Race	Moss	1					3
	Nielson	2			1		
Wheelbarrow Race	Hawtin & Forrest						4
Long Jump	Armstrong		3				
Pillow Fight	Gates			4			
Relay Race	D Company				8		
	B do		4				
Hop, Step & Jump	Urquhart						3
Sack Race	Lawson						2
Tug of War	Hrs						18
Potato Race	Willis						3

TOTALS

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Headquarters	36
D Company	27
B Company	13
Transport	6
A Company)	4
C Company)	4

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APPENDIX.

7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

RECORD OF SPORTS, ENTERTAINMENTS etc. held in 7th A.I. Bde
during week ending 30/11/1917.

Date 1917	Nature of Entertainment	Place	Unit
Nov. 23rd	Concert	26th Bn. Recrea- tion Hut.	26th Bn.
" 24th	Concert as per programme appended	26th Bn. " "	26th Bn.
" 25th	Brigade Concert Party trials and rehearsals	26th Bn. " "	28th Bn.
" 26th	Concert	26th Bn. " "	All Bde Units 26th Bn.
" 30th	Military Sports as per pro- gramme appended	M.G. Coy Sports Ground.	28th Bn.
Various	FOOTBALL - 52 Matches as per list appended	various	All Bde Units.

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7th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

record of FOOTBALL MATCHES played during week ending 30 11/17, showing results.

Date	Game	Grade	Teams	Ground	Result	Remarks
24/11/17	RUGBI	A	7th F.E. v M.G. Coy	M.G. Coy	Drawn Game	
"	"	"	26th v 25th	26th	26th. 3 - 0	
"	"	B	25 b v 26 b2	"	25th. 3 - 0	
"	AUSTRALIAN	A	M.G. Coy v 27th	M.G. Coy	27th. 17g, 17b, - nil	
"	"	"	26th v 28th	28th	28th. 7g 11 - 1g 2	
"	"	B	26 b v 27 b2	26th	27 b2, 3g 6b - 3g 5b	
"	"	"	28 b2 v 28 b1	28th	28 b2, 2g 4b - 2g 2b	
"	SOCCER	A	25th v T.M. Bty	27th	25th 4 - 2	Challenge Match
"	"	"	7th F.E. v M.G. Coy	7th F.E.	7th F.E. 5 - 1	
"	"	"	27th v 28th	28th	drawn game.	
"	"	"	26th v B.H.Q.	26th	26th, 2 - 1	
"	"	B	28 b2 v 27 b1	28th	27 b1, 1 - 0	
"	"	"	27 b2 v M.G. b	27th	M.G. b, 3 - 1	
"	"	"	28 b1 v 26 b	26th	28 b1, 3 - 1	
21/11/17	AUSTRALIAN	A	28th v 44	44th	28th, 10g 17b - 2g 2b	Challenge Match
22/11/17	"	"	B. Coy 27 v D Coy 27.	27th	B Coy 27, 4g 8r - 4g 5b	" "
21/11/17	RUGBI	A	25th v 42nd	42nd	42, 25 - 3	
"	"	"	A Coy 26 v B Coy 26.	26th	B. Coy, 6 - 3	Challenge Match.
"	SOCCER	A	C. Coy 26th v D. 26.	26th	Drawn game 1 - 1	" "
30/11/17	RUGBY	A	26th v 41st	41st	" " 3 - 3	" "
"	SOCCER	A	26th v 164th Bty	26th	164th Bty 3 - 1	
20/11/17	RUGBI	A	25th v 7th F.E.	M.G. Coy	25th, 6 - 0	
"	"	"	26th v M.G. Coy	26th	26th, 9 - 0	
"	"	B	25th v 26 b1	26th	Drawn game. No score	
"	"	"	26 b2 v 7th F. Amb.	26th	7th F. Amb, 3 - 0	
"	AUSTRALIAN	A	M.G. v 26th	M.G. Coy	M.G. 3g 6b - 2g 4b	
"	"	"	27th v 28th	27th	28th, 4g 3b - 3g 6b	
"	"	B	26 b v 28 b2	26th	28 b2, 7g 5b - 3b	
"	"	"	27 b2 v 27 b1	27th	27 b2, 3g 5b - 1g 3b	

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Date	Game	Grade	Teams	Ground	Result	Remarks
26/11/17	SOCCER	A	25th v 7th F.E.	7th F.E.	7th F.E. 8 - 0	
"	"	"	7th F.Amb v M.G.	26th	M.G. 6 - 3	
"	"	"	27th v 26th	27th	26th, 1 - 0	
"	"	"	28th v B.H.Q.	28th	Drawn game	No score
"	"	B	28 b2 v T.M.B.	28th	" " "	"
"	"	"	M.G. b v 26 b	26th	26th, 6 - 0	
"	"	"	27 b1 v 28 b1	27th	Drawn game	
28/11/17	RUGBI	A	25th v M.G.	M.G.	25th, 12 - 0	
"	"	"	26th v 7th F.E.	26th	26th, 5 - 0	
"	"	B	25th v 7th F.Amb	M.G.	7th F.Amb, 9 - 0	
"	"	"	26 b2 v 26 b1	26th	26 b1, 14 - 0	
"	AUSTRALIAN	A	M.G. v B.H.Q.	28th	B.H.Q. 1g8b - 1g2b	
"	"	"	27th v 26th	27th	27th 17g12b - 0g3b	
"	"	"	28th v 27 b2	28th	28th, 1g11b - 2g6b	Challenge Match
"	"	B	26 b v 28 b1	26th	28 b1, 5g4b - 2g6b	
"	"	"	26 b2 v 27 b1	27th	28 b2, 2g4b - 3g3b	
"	SOCCER	A	25th v M.G.	26th	M.G. 3 - 1	
"	"	"	7th F.E. v 7th F.Amb.	F.E.	F.E. 2 - 0	
"	"	"	B.H.Q. v 27th	27th	B.H.Q. 6 - 5	
"	"	"	28th v 26th	26th	Drawn game	2 - 2
"	"	"	28 b2 v 27 b2	28th	28th, 3 - 0	
"	"	"	T.M.B. v 28 b1	28th	28th, 2 - 1	
30/11/17	"	A	B.H.Q. v 14th Div	14th Div.	14th Div. 4 - 0	

APPENDIX

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86th BATTALION A. I. F.

Sports Committee

BOXING TOURNAMENT.

Entries for the following weights are invited from all
Units of this Battalion.

Featherweights	9.	stone
Lightweights	9.10	"
Welterweights	10.5	"
Middleweights	11.5	"
Heavyweights.		

Competitors to fight four 3 minute rounds.

One referee and two Judges at Ringside.

6 ounce gloves

Cash Prizes will be given.

Shorts will be provided for Competitors.

Winners of Finals to represent Battalion in
Brigade Tournament.

Entries to be handed in to Company Orderly Room,
Company Representative or Captain Craig.

Entries are required as soon as possible to complete
arrangements.

(Signed)

Cyril G. Craig. Captain
for Sports Committee.

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28th BATTALION CONCERT.

By kind permission of Lieut-Col. H. B. COLLETT, D.S.O., V.D.
Commanding 28th Battalion A.I.F.

PROGRAMME.

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Overture. | "Bound to Win" | 28th Battalion Band. |
| 2. Recitation | Selected | Pte. Hughes. |
| 3. Song (Comic) | Selected | Pte. Wilson 44th Bn. |
| 4. Selection | Selected | 7th Bde. Orchestra |
| 5. Song | "When you come Home" | Pte. Congdon 7th T.M. |
| 6. Slight of Hand Tricks. | 44th Batta | Pte Donald Stuart |
| 7. Cornet Solo | "The Trumpeter" | Bandmaster McCormack. |
| 8. Selection | Selected | 7th Bde Orchestra. |
| <p>***** INTERVAL *****</p> | | |
| 9. Descriptive Fantasia | "A Day with the Huntmen" | 28th Batta Band |
| 10. Song (Comic) | "Never let your Braces Dangle" | Pte Swinsell |
| 11. Lightning Sketches | | Pte Perks. |
| 12. Selection | Selected | 7th Bde Orchestra |
| 13. Recitation | 7th Trench Mortars | Serpl. Kirkham |
| 14. Song | Selected | Lieut Mellish |
| 15. Song (Comic) | Selected | Pte Plumb |
| 16. Cakewalk | "Mumbling Moss" | 28th Batta. Band |

GOD SAVE THE KING.



APPENDIX.

PROCLAMATION.

REINFORCEMENTS.

REFERENDUM.

QUESTION:—ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF THE PROPOSAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT FOR REINFORCING THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE OVERSEAS?

Until America has marshalled her great resources the chief burden of the War must rest upon the British Empire. Every part must do its share. Australia must maintain her five Divisions in Europe and her Forces in Palestine and elsewhere at their full strength. To do this 7,000 men per month are necessary. Voluntary recruiting, though given every opportunity, has proved herself quite inadequate to raise this number.

National safety imperatively demands that Australia should do her duty.

The Government therefore asks the Electors to give it power to raise 7,000 men per month in the terms of the following proposals:—

1. Voluntary enlistment is to continue.
2. The number of reinforcements required is 7,000 per month.
3. Compulsory reinforcements will be called up by ballot to the extent to which Voluntary enlistment fails to supply this number.
4. The ballot will be from among single men only, between the ages of 20 and 44 years, including widowers and divorcees without children dependent upon them.
5. The following will be exempt:—
 - (a) Married men.
 - (b) Persons who are physically unfit for service.
 - (c) Judges of Federal and State Courts and police, special and stipendiary Magistrates.
 - (d) Ministers of religion.
 - (e) Persons whose employment in any particular industry is declared by the prescribed authority to be necessary for the supply of food and material essential for the War.
 - (f) Persons whose religious belief does not allow them to bear arms, but this objection will only exempt them from combatant service.
 - (g) Persons, the calling up of whom for military service would, because of their domestic circumstances, cause undue hardship to those dependent upon them.
6. The Government will prescribe the industries essential to the prosecution of the War and the national welfare of Australia and a special tribunal will determine the amount of labour necessary for their effective operation.
7. Where a family is or has been represented in the Australian Imperial Force by the father or a son or by a brother, one eligible son or brother, as the case may be, shall be exempt.
8. Eligible males of families which now are or have been represented at the front shall not be balloted for until after eligible males of families not so represented have been called up.
9. All ballots shall be so conducted that families will contribute as nearly as possible *pro rata* and that in no case shall the sole remaining eligible member of a family which is or has been so represented be called up for service. Males under the age of 20 will be exempt in addition to the one eligible male over that age.
10. In determining the *pro rata* contribution regard shall be had to all members of the family who have joined the Australian Imperial Force irrespective of age.
11. Ballots will be taken by States on the basis of the proportional number of eligible persons in each State.
12. The tribunals for deciding exemptions will be constituted by magistrates specially appointed and an appeal will be to a Supreme Court Judge.

This is the proposal of the Government upon which the electors are asked to vote. The power asked for is definite and limited. It applies to single men only, and widowers and divorcees without dependants between 20 and 40 years of age.

THE GOVERNMENT GIVES THE ELECTORS A DEFINITE PLEDGE.

1. The power here asked for will be limited to the period of the War.
2. That the limits of the power will not be exceeded.
3. That the total reinforcements including volunteers will not exceed 7,000 per month.
4. That the number of Divisions will not be increased.
5. That if through any cause fewer men than 7,000 are needed for reinforcements in any month only the number actually required will be called up or enlisted.
6. That married men will be exempt.
7. That other classes or persons exempted under the proposal will not be called up.
8. That sufficient labour to carry on the necessary industries of the country, including the rural industries, will be exempted.

(Signed) W. M. HUGHES,
Prime Minister.

16th November, 1917.

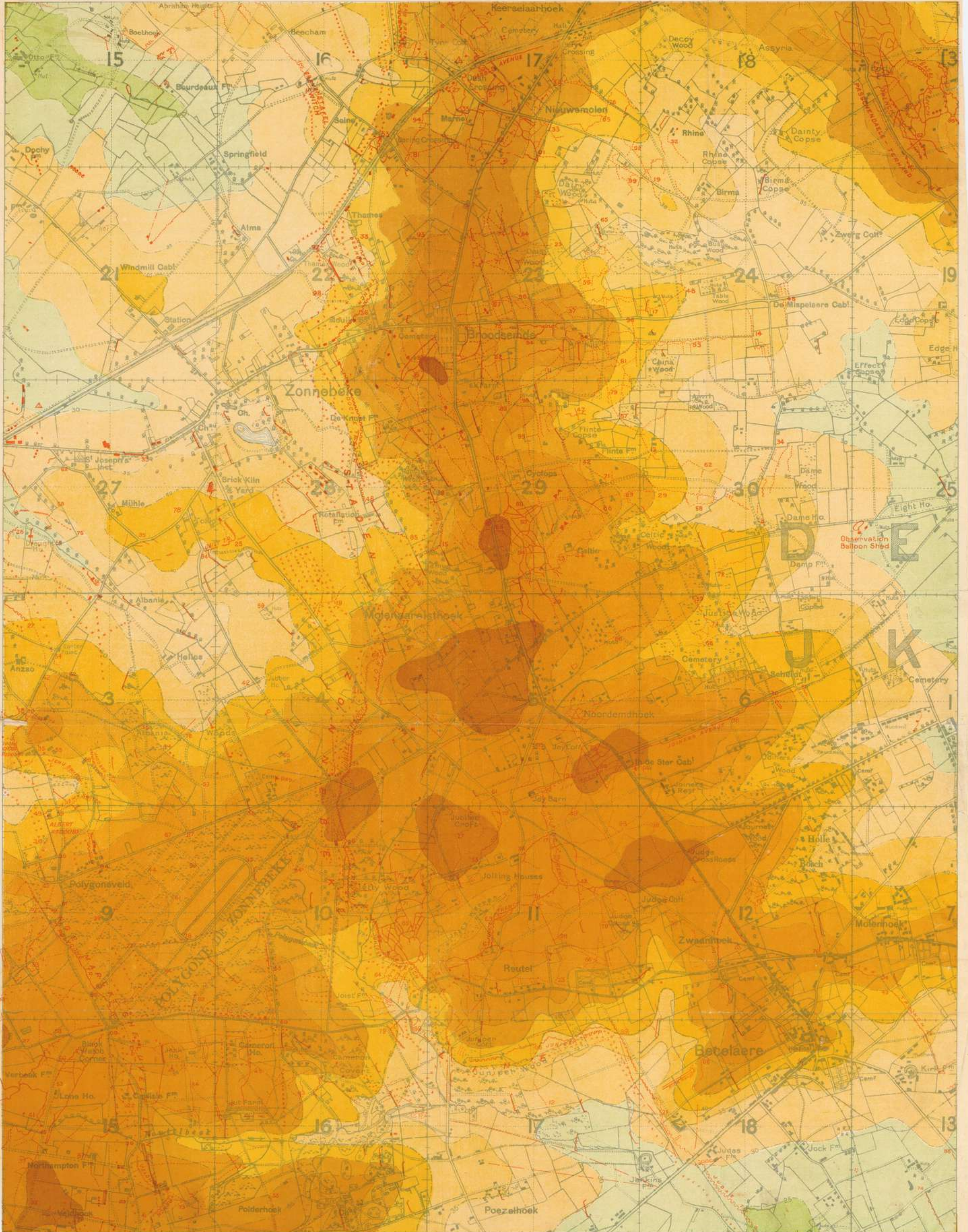
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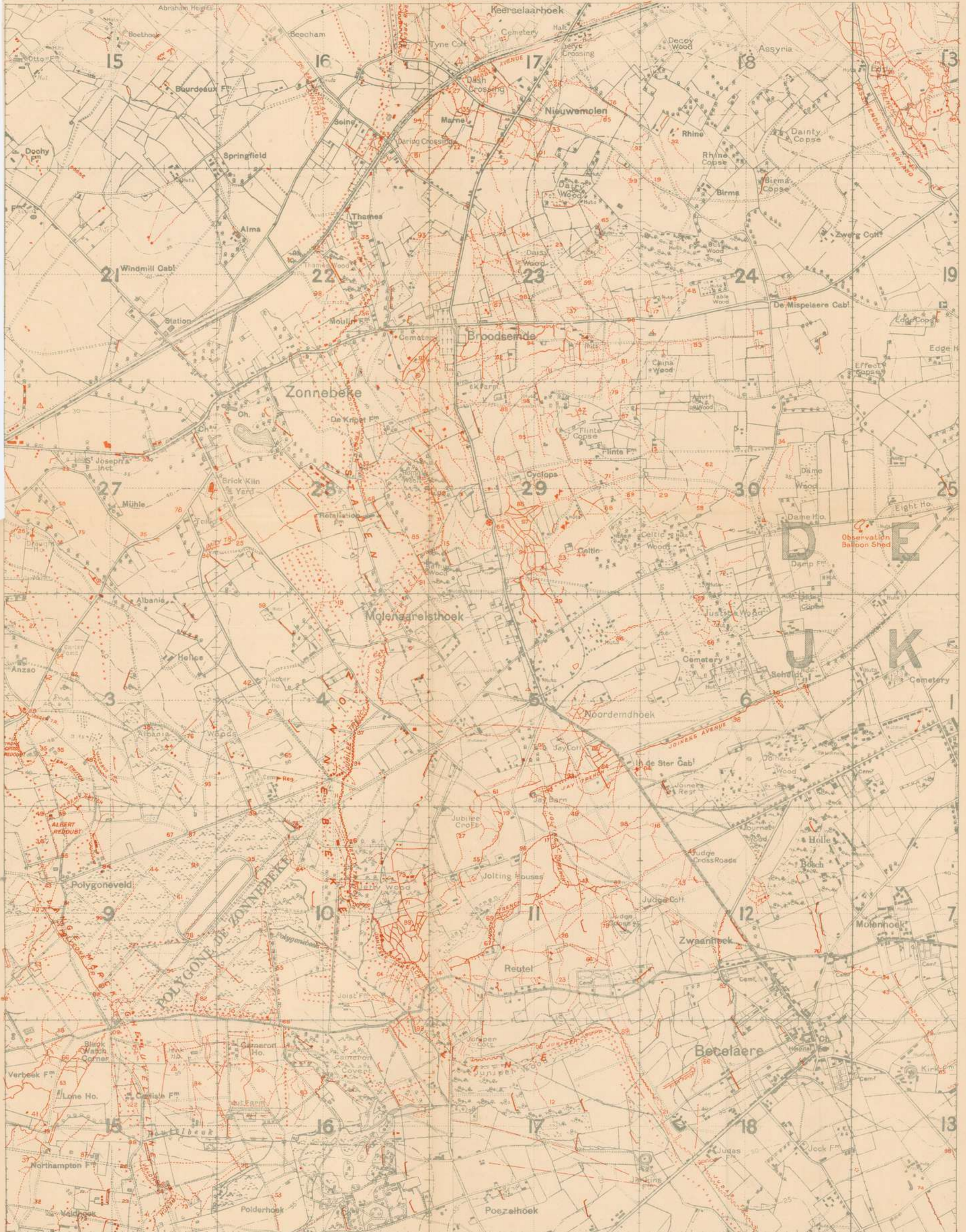
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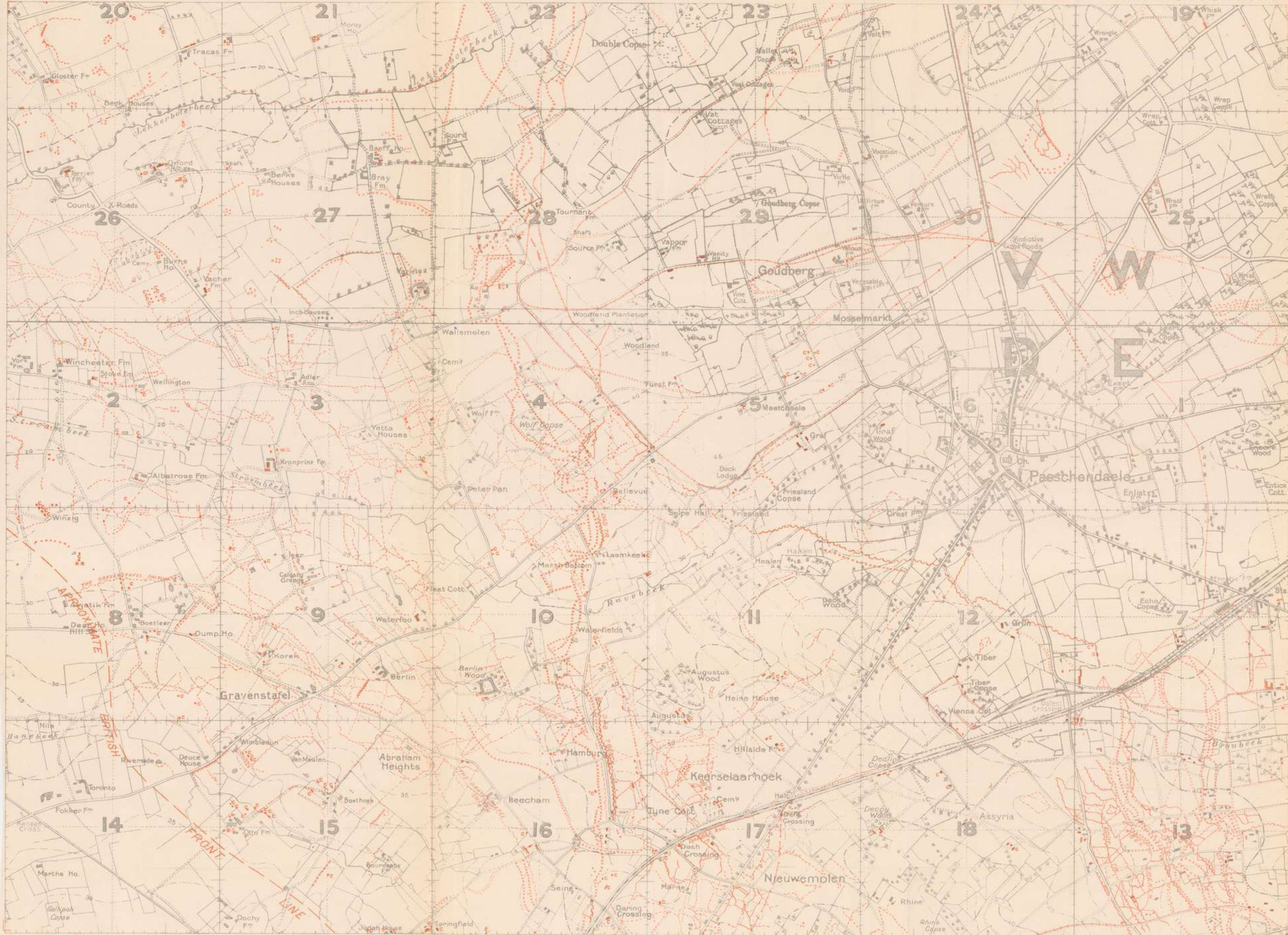
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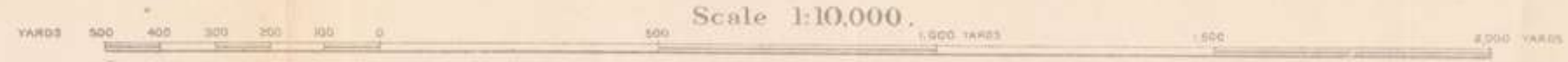
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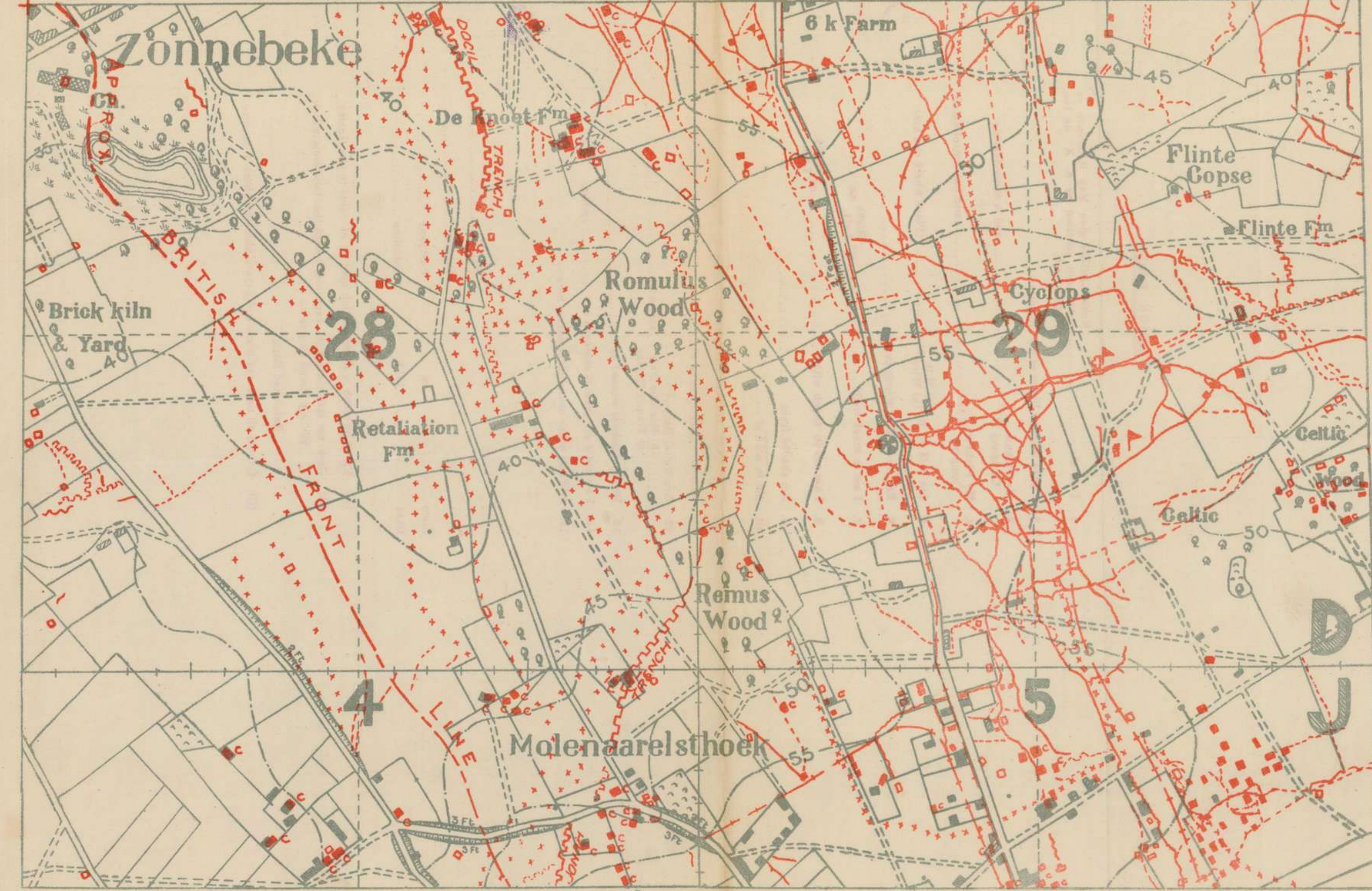


Concrete Structures
 Organized Shell Holes

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MESSAGE MAP

Trenches corrected to 28.9.17



Old Gun Positions
 Trenches in good repair
 Do damaged or apparently not used

DUGOUTS or STRUCTURES
 Supposed to be Concrete
 Do
 Dugouts of Concrete
 Machine Guns

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 Not
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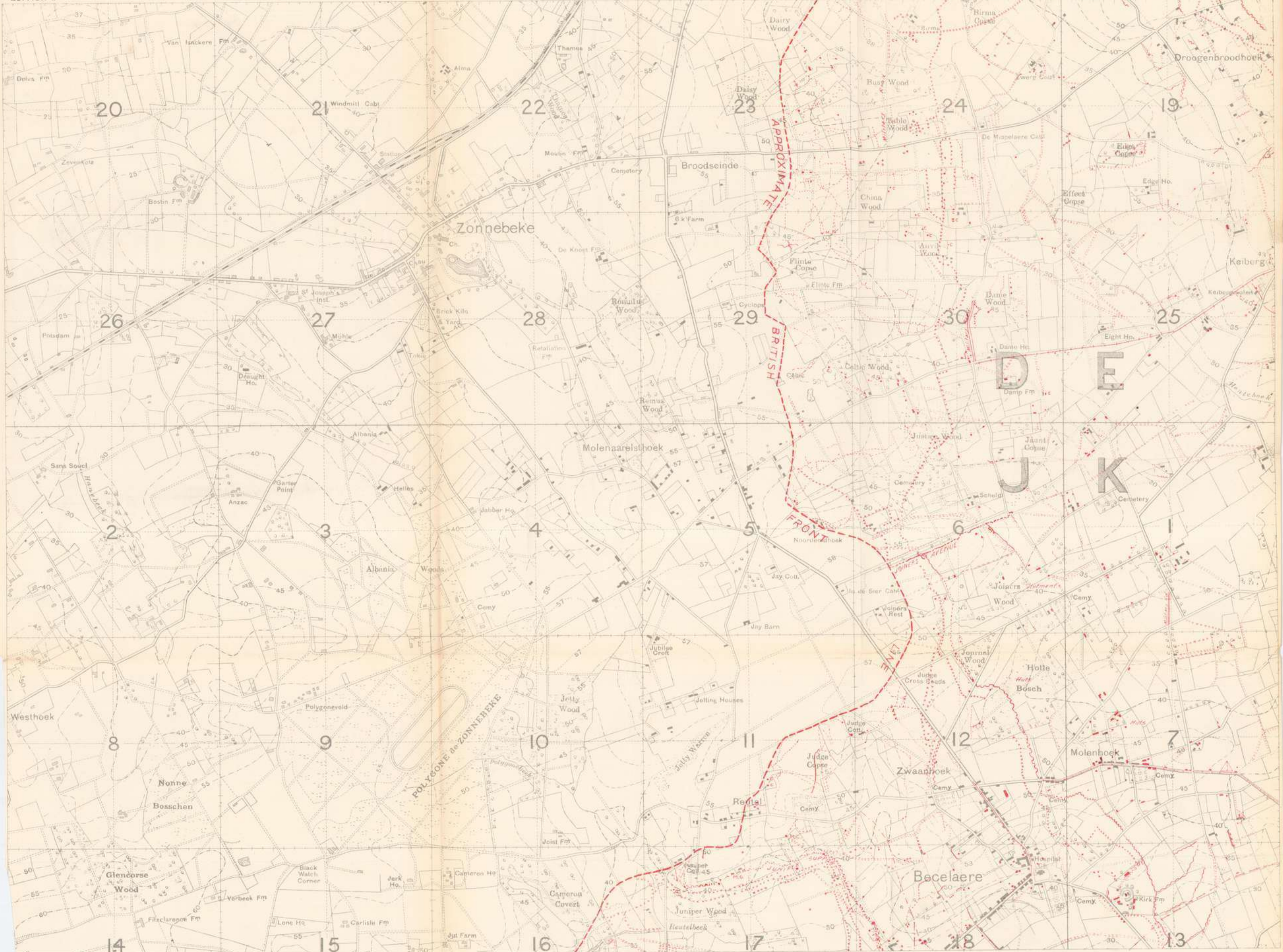
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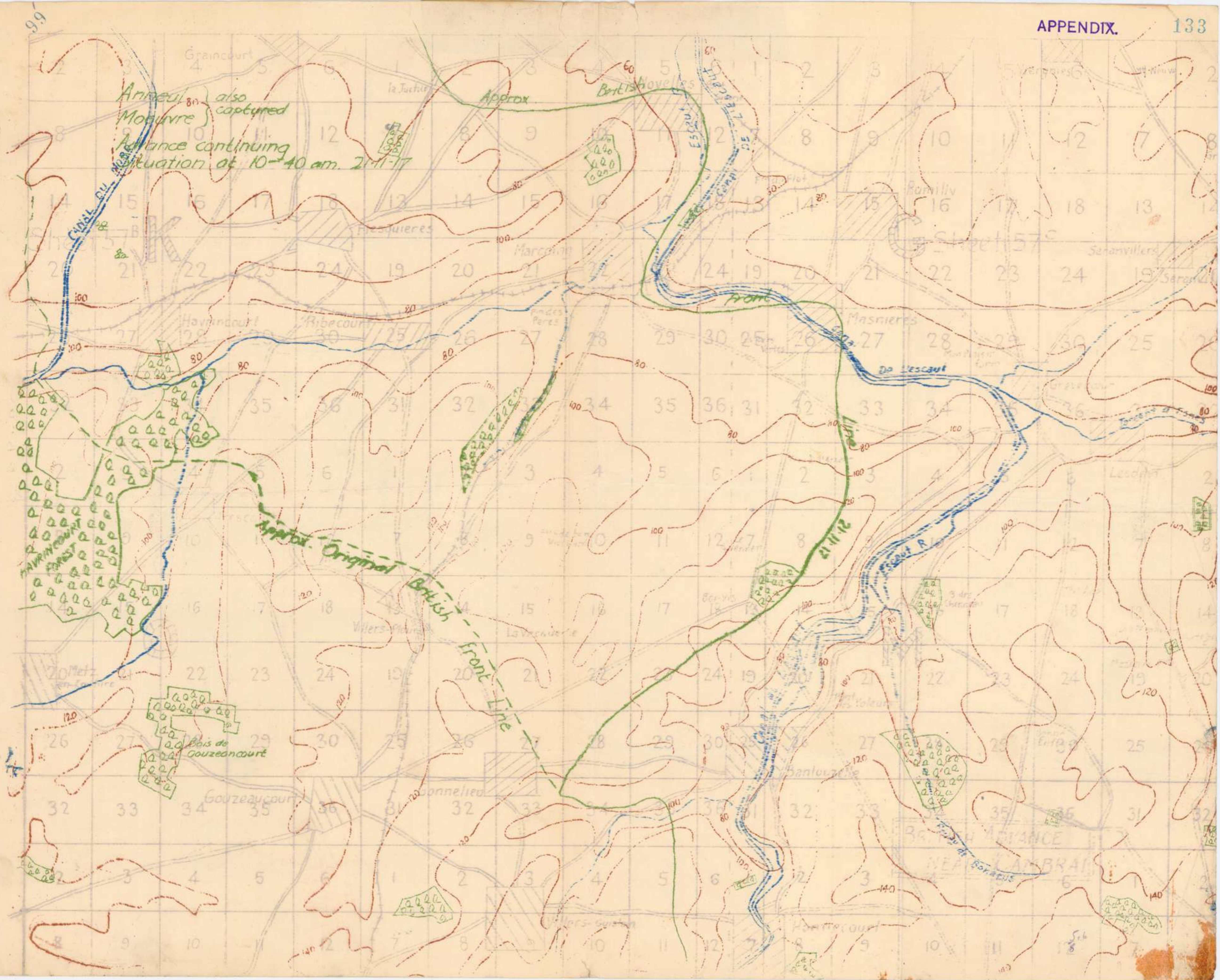
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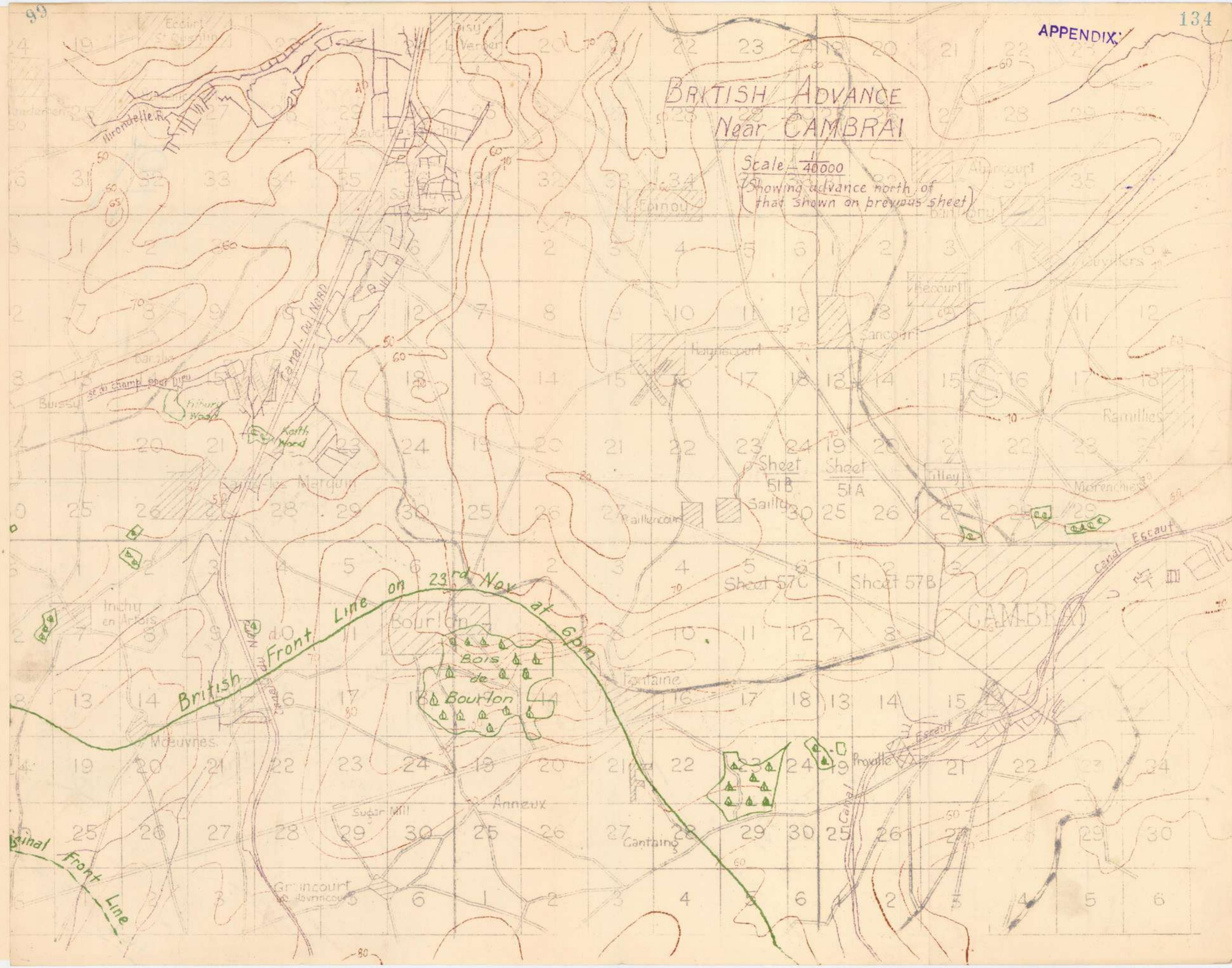


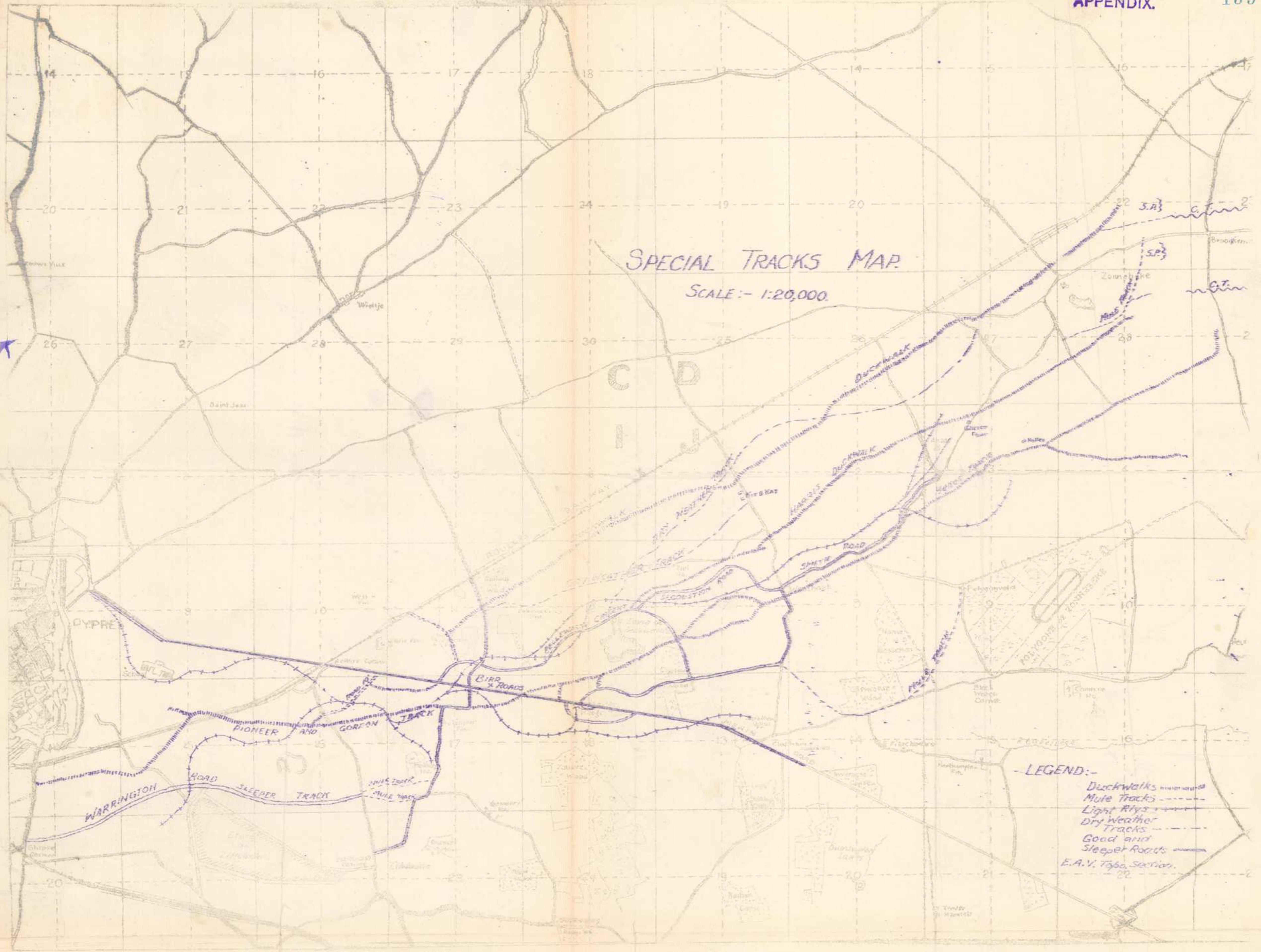
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BRITISH ADVANCE Near CAMBRAI

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Showing advance north of
that shown on previous sheet





SPECIAL TRACKS MAP

SCALE:- 1:20,000

- LEGEND:-
- Duckwalks
 - Mule Tracks
 - Light Rlys
 - Dry Weather Tracks
 - Good and Sleeper Roads
 - E.A.V. Topo Section

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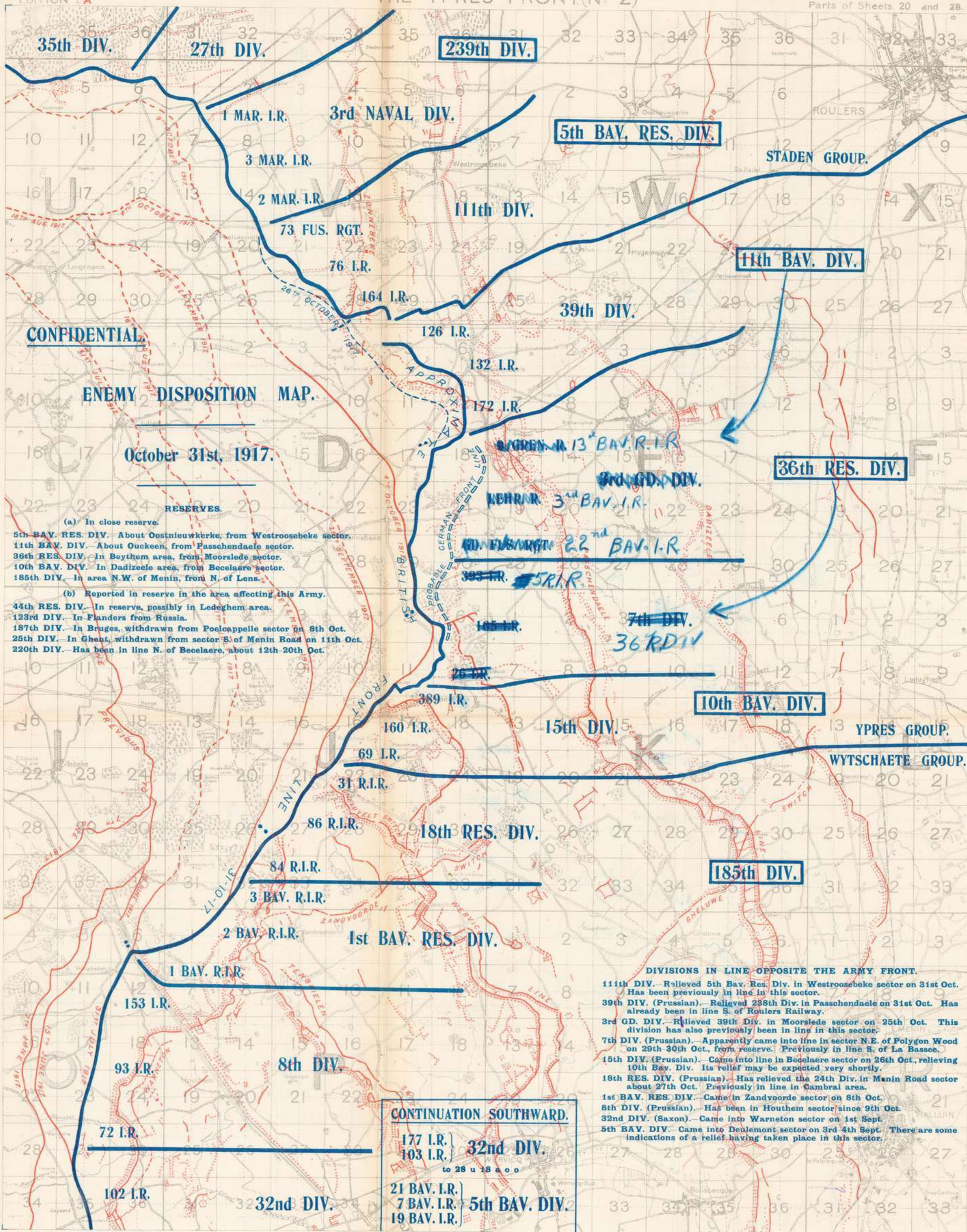
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ENEMY DISPOSITION MAP.
 October 31st, 1917.

- RESERVES.**
- (a) In close reserve.
 - 5th BAV. RES. DIV. - About Oostnieuwkerke, from Westroosebeke sector.
 - 11th BAV. DIV. - About Ouckeen, from Passchendaele sector.
 - 36th RES. DIV. - In Beythem area, from Moorslede sector.
 - 10th BAV. DIV. - In Dadizele area, from Becelaere sector.
 - 185th DIV. - In area N.W. of Menin, from N. of Lens.
 - (b) Reported in reserve in the area affecting this Army.
 - 44th RES. DIV. - In reserve, possibly in Ledeghem area.
 - 123rd DIV. - In Flanders from Russia.
 - 187th DIV. - In Bruges, withdrawn from Poelcappelle sector on 8th Oct.
 - 25th DIV. - In Ghent, withdrawn from sector S. of Menin Road on 11th Oct.
 - 220th DIV. - Has been in line N. of Becelaere, about 12th-20th Oct.

CONTINUATION SOUTHWARD.

177 I.R.	32nd DIV.
103 I.R.	
to 28 u 18 000	
21 BAV. I.R.	5th BAV. DIV.
7 BAV. I.R.	
19 BAV. I.R.	

- DIVISIONS IN LINE OPPOSITE THE ARMY FRONT.**
- 11th DIV. - Relieved 5th Bav. Res. Div. in Westroosebeke sector on 31st Oct. Has been previously in line in this sector.
 - 39th DIV. (Prussian). - Relieved 238th Div. in Passchendaele on 31st Oct. Has already been in line S. of Roulers Railway.
 - 3rd GD. DIV. - Relieved 39th Div. in Moorslede sector on 25th Oct. This division has also previously been in line in this sector.
 - 7th DIV. (Prussian). - Apparently came into line in sector N.E. of Polygon Wood on 29th-30th Oct., from reserve. Previously in line S. of La Bassée.
 - 15th DIV. (Prussian). - Came into line in Becelaere sector on 26th Oct., relieving 10th Bav. Div. Its relief may be expected very shortly.
 - 18th RES. DIV. (Prussian). - Has relieved the 24th Div. in Menin Road sector about 27th Oct. Previously in line in Cambrai area.
 - 1st BAV. RES. DIV. - Came in Zandvoorde sector on 8th Oct.
 - 8th DIV. (Prussian). - Has been in Houthem sector since 9th Oct.
 - 32nd DIV. (Saxon). - Came into Warneton sector on 1st Sept.
 - 5th BAV. DIV. - Came into Deulemont sector on 3rd-4th Sept. There are some indications of a relief having taken place in this sector.

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SECOND ARMY AREA (EAST).

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ENEMY DISPOSITION MAP.

November 15th, 1917.

Last Identification of Division shown in brackets:

One asterisk denotes the division has been in line
 Two " " " " " Twice in line
 Three " " " " " Thrice " " " " "

DIVISIONS IN LINE ON ARMY FRONT.
 (From North to South).

- 35th DIV. (Prussian).— Came into line on Nov. 11-12th. Has already done one tour of 8 days.
- 41st DIV. (Prussian).— Came into line on Nov. 7th according to prisoners' statement. Previously in Champagne.
- 3rd NAVAL DIV.— Came into line on Nov. 11-12th. This is the third tour in this sector.
- 199th DIV. (Prussian).— Came into line on Nov. 10-11th. Previously in reserve at Bruges.
- 25th DIV. (Hessian).— Came into line on Nov. 14th. Previously resting in Ghent area. Has already been engaged in Flanders battle.
- 11th RES. DIV. (Silesian).— Came into line on 8-9th Nov. Has now probably been relieved.
- 39th DIV. (Prussian).— Came into line on Nov. 8-9th. Has already done three tours in line. Probably relieved on Nov. 15-16th by 36th Res. Div.
- 7th DIV. (Prussian).— Came into line on Nov. 12th. The division's second tour in this sector.
- 49th RES. DIV. (Prussian Polish).— Came into line on Nov. 15-16th. Has already done one tour in line. Will be relieved by 18 Res. Div.
- 1st BAV. RES. DIV.— Came into line on Oct. 8th.
- 8th DIV. (Prussian).— Came into line on Oct. 8th. Previously withdrawn from Ypres battle.
- 32nd DIV. (Saxon).— Came into line on Sept. 1st after being withdrawn from Ypres battle.
- 5th BAV. DIV.— Came into line on Sept. 3-4th. Has been in Ypres battle during August, and may be expected to re-appear.

RESERVES in Area affecting this Army.

- (a) Close reserve, relieving every six or seven days:
 - 58th DIV.— Already three tours in line—probably now withdrawn from the area.
 - 239th DIV.— Already two tours in line.
 - 4th DIV.— Already one tour in line.
 - 44th RES. DIV.— Already one tour in line.
 - 11th BAV. DIV. or 11th RES. DIV.— Already two tours in line.
 - 36th RES. DIV.— Already two tours in line.
 - 15th DIV.— Already three tours in line.
 - 18th RES. DIV.— Already two tours in line.
- (b) Fresh Divisions reported in Flanders but not confirmed (prisoners' statements):
 - 38th DIV.— From South of the Scarpe.
 - 1st BAV. DIV.
 - 2nd BAV. DIV. Elements reported to have been in Bruges during November 6-9th.
 - 103rd DIV.
 - 21st DIV.
 - 123rd DIV.— Reported to have been transferred from Russia.
- (c) Divisions already withdrawn from Flanders battle:—
 - 16th DIV.— Reported in Ghent area.
 - 10th ERSATZ DIV.— Reported in Bruges area about 10th November.
 - 119th DIV.— Reported in area South of Bruges on 9th November.
 - 20th DIV.— Reported in Bruges area on 30th October.
 - 40th DIV.
 - 11th DIV.— Recently withdrawn after heavy losses and not likely to re-appear.
 - 5th BAV. RES. DIV.
 - 10th BAV. DIV.

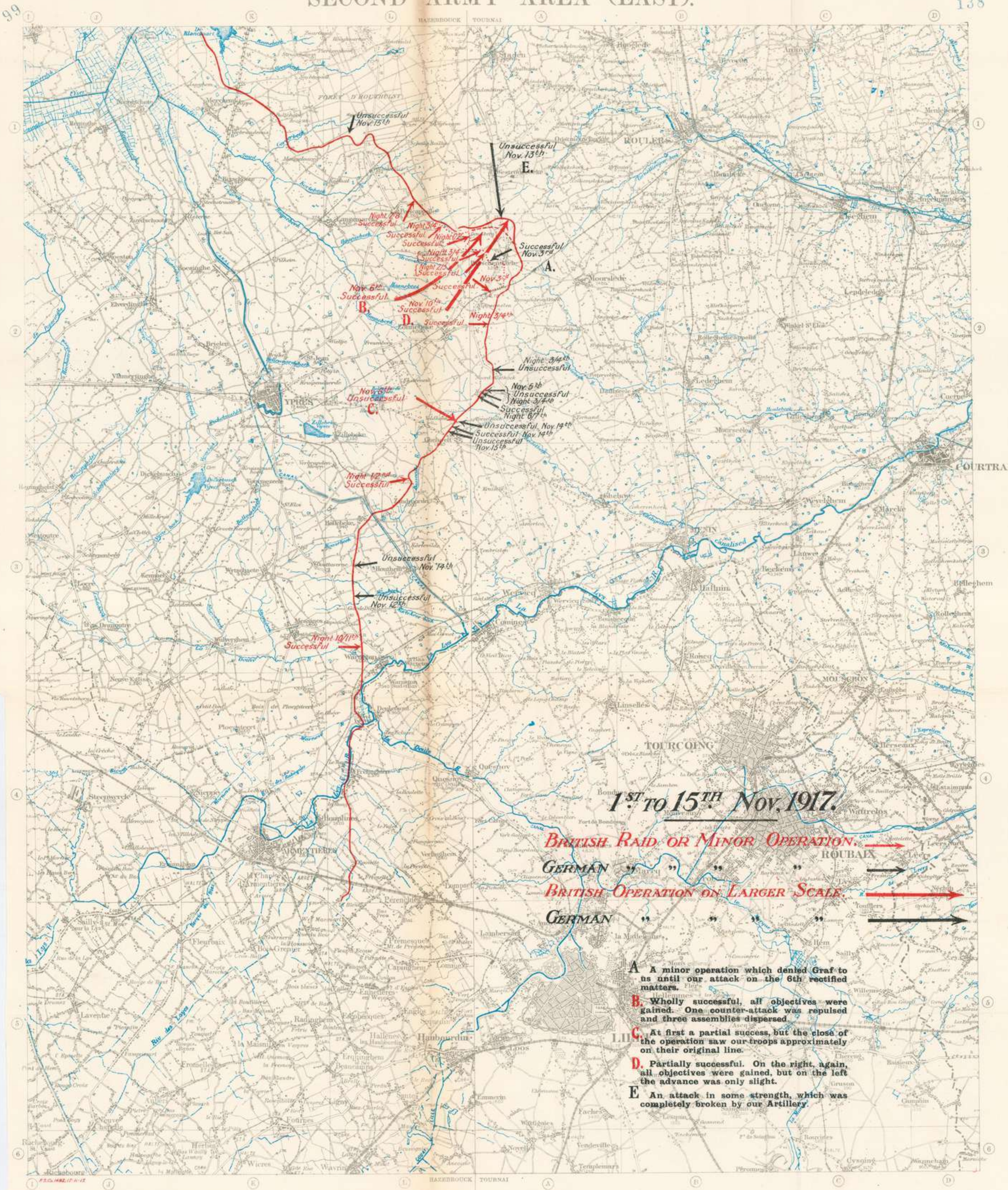
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SECOND ARMY AREA (EAST).



1ST TO 15TH Nov. 1917.

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GERMAN " " " " " " → (Black arrow)

BRITISH OPERATION ON LARGER SCALE. → (Red arrow)

GERMAN " " " " " " → (Black arrow)

- A.** A minor operation which denied Graf to us until our attack on the 6th rectified matters.
- B.** Wholly successful, all objectives were gained. One counter-attack was repulsed and three assemblies dispersed.
- C.** At first a partial success, but the close of the operation saw our troops approximately on their original line.
- D.** Partially successful. On the right, again, all objectives were gained, but on the left the advance was only slight.
- E.** An attack in some strength, which was completely broken by our Artillery.

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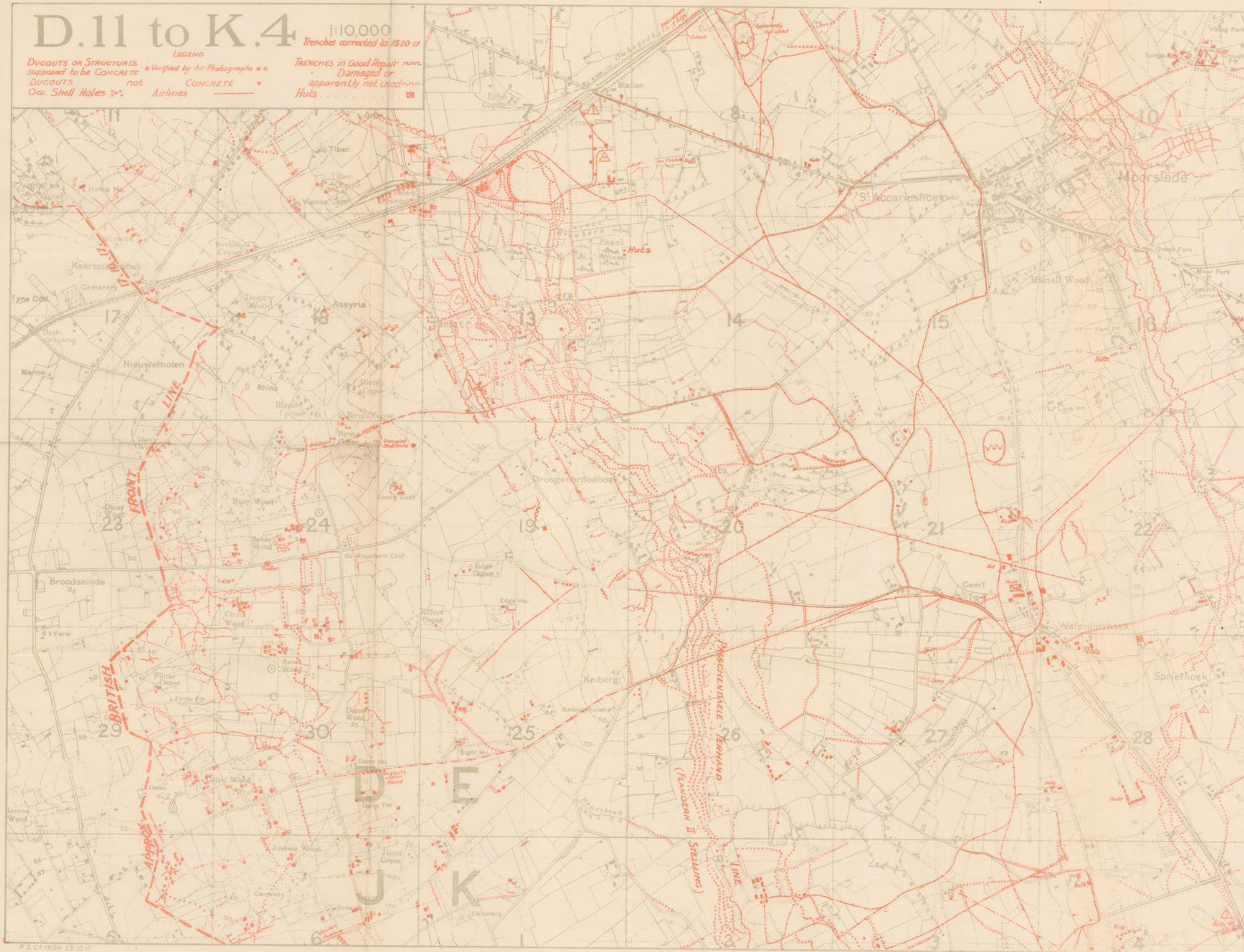
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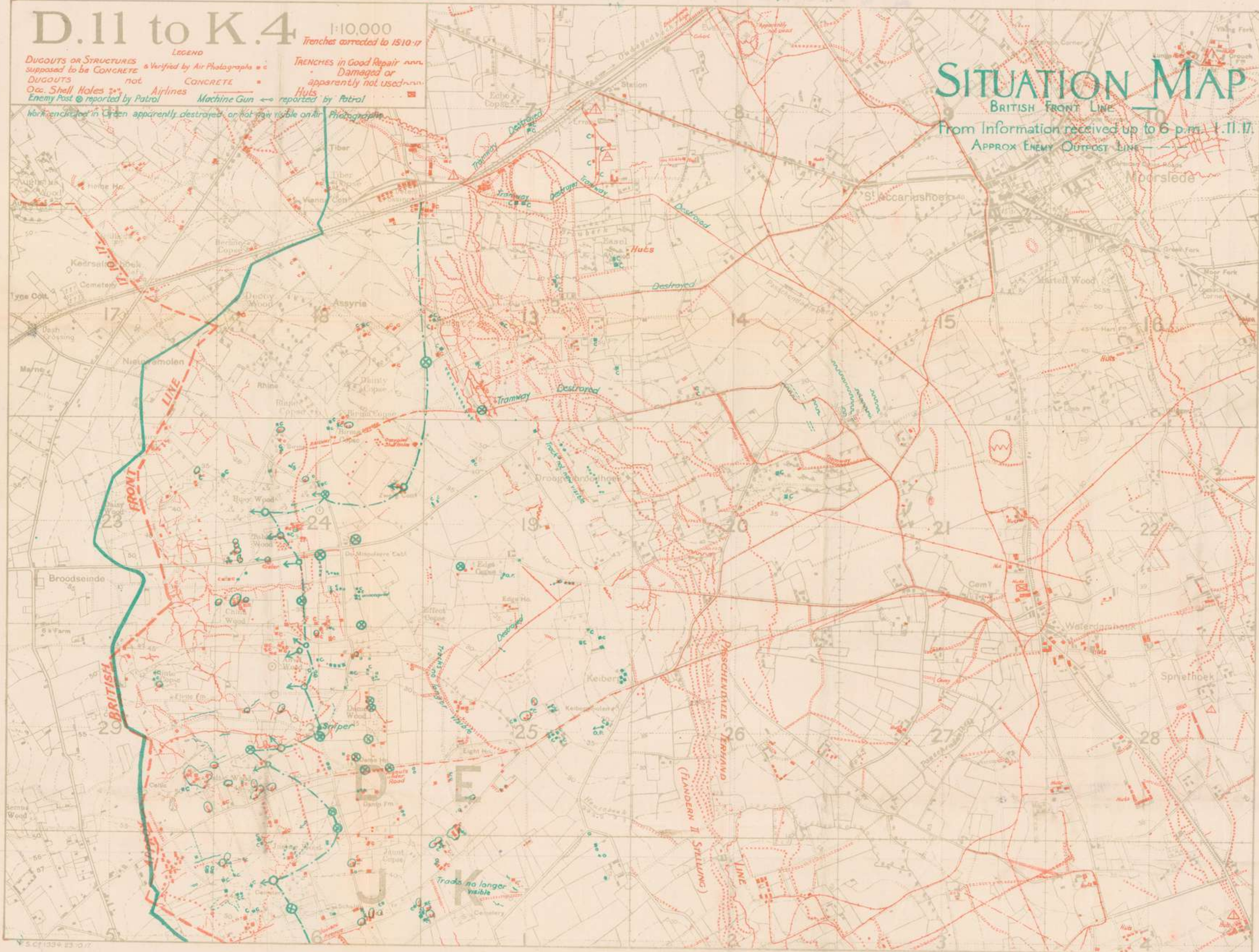
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 Machine Gun --- reported by Patrol

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SITUATION MAP

BRITISH FRONT LINE
From information received up to 6 p.m. 1.11.17.
APPROX ENEMY OUTPOST LINE



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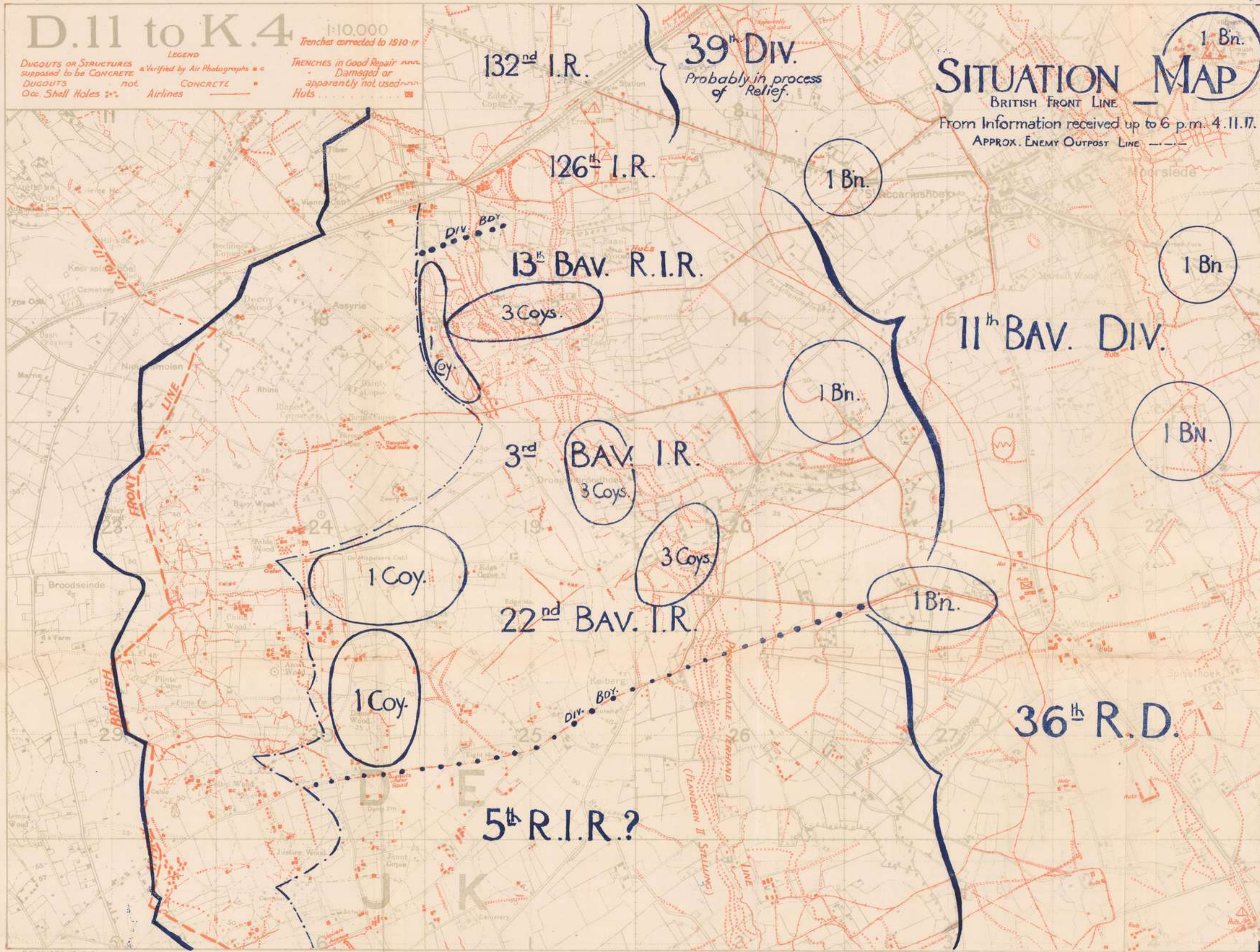
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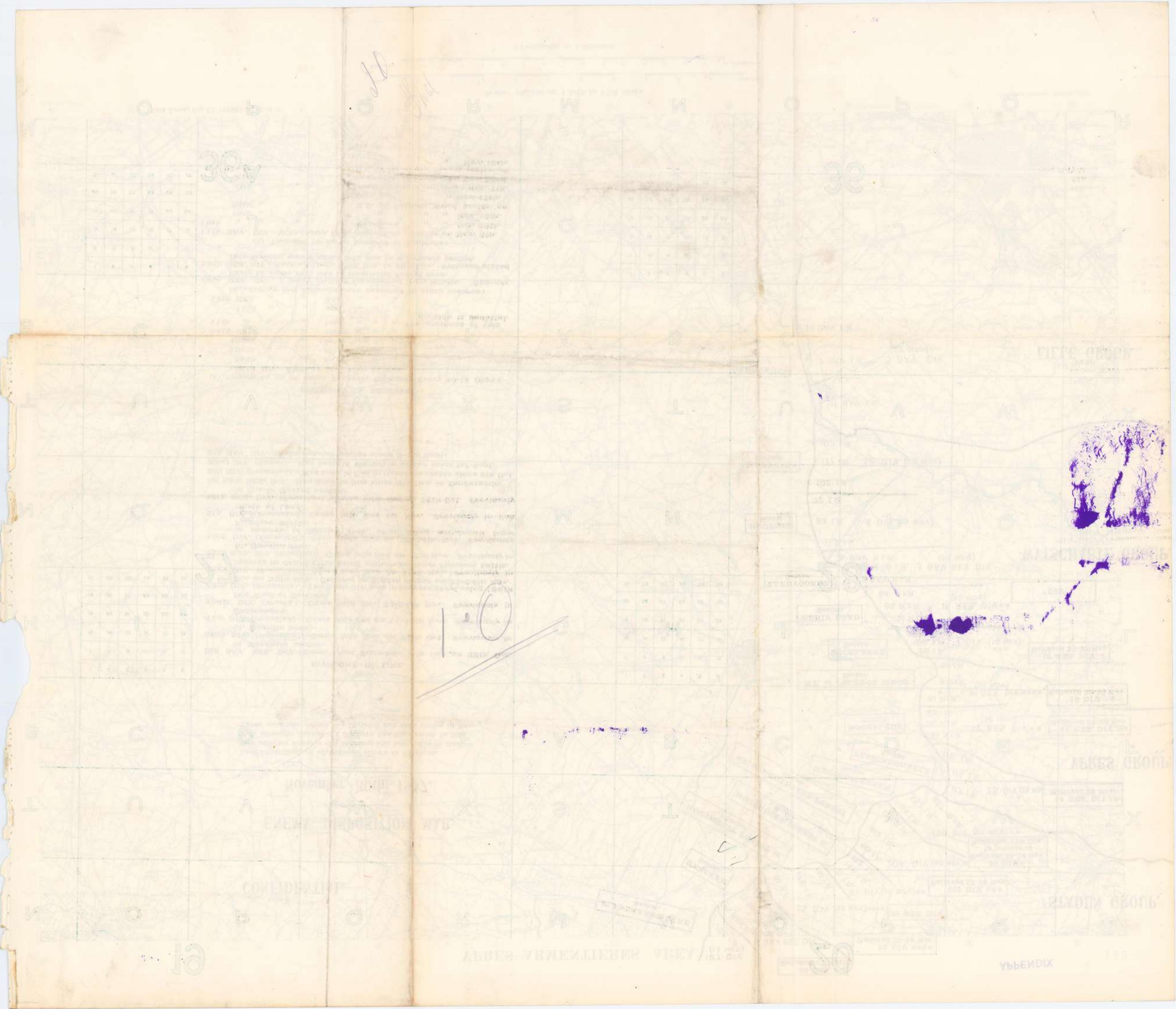
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