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40th BATTALION, A.I.F.

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	1.10.		Left WINNEZEELE in motor busses for H 16 a central, 1 mile S. E. of VLAMERTINGHE.	map 28 1.10,000 - 20NNB3EKE 1.10,000
VLAMERTINGHE	2.10.		Organization & equipping. Reconnoitred position, objective could not be seen owing to Pk. holding the line having lost HILL 40 in D 21d.	atke capt.
	3.10.		Recon. approach Route "K" 8 miles from camp to jumping off line.	
		6.Pm.	At 6 pm. the 40 th Pk., less 10 of. 103 of. sent to MORBEQUE, left billets at H 16 a central for Bivouac at 19a, the evening was very cold & showery & there was no shelter. At 11.30 pm. the Pk. following the 37 th , 38 th & 39 th Pks. left for "K" TRACK at 1.3d 7.6. W. of POTITZE. This track was in good order & duckboarded as far as C 30d 8.7 where it crossed the YPRES-ZONNEBEKE ROAD from where it was a track through shell hole country - the going was	atke capt.

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YPRES.	3.10.17		good, becoming very heavy at the ZONNEBEKE. The 40 th Bn reached the JUMPING OFF LINE at 3.50 A.M. on the 4 th the 37 th	
	4.10.		Bn. was drawn up on a line from D 20c 9.9. to D 21a 5.1. with the 38 th & 39 th Bns in rear, this leaving very little space between the 39 th Bn & the ZONNEBEKE CREEK. in which the 40 th Bn found considerable difficulty in forming up owing to the very wet state of the ground.	
			Bn. HQTS. was established at BREMEN REDOUBT, D 20c 5.6.	
			At 3.50 am. the Enemy put down a barrage, this barrage mostly landed in rear of the Bn. and inflicted about 20 casualties	
			At zero hour, 6 am., our barrage opened and the Brigade moved forward the 37 th Bn taking the 1 st objective D 15d 25.70 to D 21b 98.80	app 9
			The 38 th Bn. taking the second objective, RED LINE D 15b 7.1. to D 16c. 7.1.	
			the 39 th Bn. taking the third objective D 16a 6.7 to D 16d 7.6. the 40 th Bn.	
			taking the fourth objective BLUE LINE D 10d 4.1. to D 17c 3.9.	
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YPRES	1917 4. Oct.		<p>The order of Battle was B. Coy on the Right. D Coy. on the left. A Coy. mopping up + C. Coy. Bn Reserve. The formation as per Appendix II.</p> <p>The first objective was reached with few casualties. On moving from the 1st to the 2nd objective the ground got very wet + boggy towards the Right Centre and the troops opened out to avoid this, this was remedied on the long halt of the barrage for an hour in front of the second objective. The enemy's Barrage which up to this time had been badly directed, together with M.G. fire which became active, caused several casualties and at the request of Capt Mc Villy, OC. B Coy., B Coy was reinforced by two platoons of C. Coy.</p> <p>A certain amount of confusion was caused by the 39th Bn. getting too close to the Barrage at the long halt & having to fall back, thus jamming the Bns in rear who in turn had to fall back.</p>	app II
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YPRES	1917 4.10.		<p>From the second to the third objectives fairly heavy m.g. fire was encountered, and on passing the third objective the Pt. was shaken out from artillery formation into extended order.</p> <p>At this stage the ground became very boggy & the coys. bore over to the flanks to avoid this, thus leaving a gap of about 300' in the centre. Lt. Meagher of A coy & Lt. Gatenby B. coy. seeing this organised a party of A coy. & filled this gap up.</p> <p>Heavy m.g. fire was coming from HAMBURG & DAB TRENCH. Flanking Parties were sent to clean up HAMBURG & two m.g. crews were captured in this strong point. Small parties were sent up in short rushes to deal with DAB TRENCH & on reaching this the Enemy surrendered with 3 m.g. consolidating parties then moved up to the BLUE LINE and commenced digging in at 9.12 A.M.; this was hindered by snipers & m.g. moppers up were sent out to clean up the area</p>	
			<p>about 1000 yards at 1.0. 40th Bn A.I.F.</p>	

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YPRES	1917 4. Oct. 9. 20am		immediately in front & covering posts with L.G. ^s were sent out about 200 ⁺ in front.	map. 28 ZONNEBEKE.
			By this time Bn. HQTS. had moved up to BEECHAM FARM & was connected to Bde. Forward Station at SPRINGFIELD by telephone & supplemented by visual. Coy. were in communication with H.Q. by lamp, LUCAS LAMP proved very valuable. A telephone ^{line} was also laid to the front line & maintained throughout.	
			During the operation the only resistance met with was from M.G. ^s the enemy surrendering as soon as met with. 15 M.G. ^s in all were captured by the Bn. and between 200 + 300 prisoners	
		10.30 am.	At 10.30 am. the enemy were seen assembling near the CEMETRY at D 1727.2 Artillery action was called for & this was dispersed.	
			From this onwards consolidation was carried on under fairly comfortable circumstances, there was a little sniping & enfilade M.G. fire from the Right Front.	
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YPRES	1917 4.10		During the afternoon the Enemy were collecting the wounded under the Red Cross flag & removing them in ambulances to PASSCHENDAELE.	
		2 P.M.	At 2 P.M. the Enemy started to move down from PASSCHENDAELE towards the M.Z. sector on our right left and by 7 P.M. a considerable number had collected. The S.O.S. was sent up & these were dispersed by Artillery fire.	
		9 P.M.	At 9 P.M. a party was dispersed by L.G. fire. During the night several S.O.S. were sent up on our flanks but nothing was seen of the Enemy by us.	
	5.10		During the early morning of the 5 th Enemy Aeroplanes reconnoitred our position flying low. These were unsuccessfully engaged by our L.G. fire. Hot food was got up as well as a dry ration. By this time "K TRACK" had got extremely difficult owing to the traffic & the rain which came down in showers on both days.	

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YPRES	1917 5.10		<p>There were a good many PILL BOXES in our sector, these were very little damaged by Artillery fire and were manned by from 2 to 4 m.g. On being rushed the Enemy surrendered without making a fight for it. Many Enemy dead were to be seen outside these structures.</p> <p>Enemy Artillery was very spasmodic and mostly on the back areas. Our own Barrage was very heavy, but several guns were firing short and inflicted casualties on our own men.</p> <p>There was a distinct shortage of Bearers to keep R.A.P. cleared in Forward Areas. As a consequence of this R.A.P. were not as far advanced as they should have been and men were wounded again by shell fire, drawn no doubt by the number of men round the R.A.P. For 12 hours no cases were evacuated from the R.A.P. occupied by the R.M.O. of the 40th Bn. at LEVI COTTAGE in spite of many urgent messages to the Advanced Dressing Station & the A.D.M.S. Runners were not attached to R.M.O. by Ambulances & messages had to be sent by bearers with cases, a very slow method.</p>	

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YPRES.	1917 6.10		Speaking generally organisation was bad and R.M.O's were working under great disadvantages	
		11 P.M.	The Relief of the 40 th Bn by the MANCHESTERS was complete by 11 P.M. and the Bn. reached billets at VLAMERTINGHE at 5.30 to 7 am. on 6.10.17 X	
			Bn. Strength 42 officers 968 O.R.	
			Taken into Battle (including Pack transport) 16 540 ..	
			Sent to Bde Details Camp 10 103 ..	
			Detached (Schools etc) & attached to Bde. 3 279	
			Attached to other units which took part in battle. 3 46.	
			Casualties	
			Killed in Action 1 42	
			Wounded in Action 6 207	
			Missing in Action 1	
			<hr/> 7. 250 <hr/>	
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YPRES	1917 4.5		Honours + Rewards.	
	Oct.		Capt <u>DUMARESQ</u> , HENRY JOHN awarded MILITARY CROSS.	
			<p>In the attack E of YPRES on the 4th October 1917, his officer who was in charge at the Point of Consolidation did particularly fine work. Under heavy fire he directed the work of consolidation when the final objective was reached, and his ability, resource, and gallantry contributed very largely to the success of the operation. He was finally severely wounded while directing against an enemy counter attack.</p>	
			<p>Lieut <u>BOYES</u>, EDISS. Awarded MILITARY CROSS.</p> <p>This officer, owing to the two senior officers of his Company becoming casualties, suddenly found himself in charge of the Company before the final objective was reached. Without hesitation he took charge and led his men to the attack with great gallantry, captured and consolidated the Enemy Position.</p>	
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YPRES	1917 4-5 Oct.		<p>Throughout the whole operation he showed great initiative, resource and devotion to duty.</p>	
			<p>No 2418 Corporal <u>WOOLLEY</u> William George Edward. Awarded D. C. M. This N. C. O. showed fine leadership, courage and devotion to duty. He showed great gallantry during the advance, and when nearing the final objective, he broke the enemy's resistance at one point by seizing a Lewis Gun, whose team had become casualties, and cleared the enemy out of their position with it. He then organised a Lewis Gun team and acted as a covering party with the team while his company dug in. His work was of the highest order. He showed total disregard of personal danger, and set a fine example to all around him.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Alan Wicks, Capt. I. O. 40th A. I. F.</p>	
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YPRES	1917 4.5		No. 389 Corporal <u>GOURLAY</u> , William Johnstone, awarded MILITARY MEDAL	
	Oct.		This N.C.O. displayed great devotion to duty. During the advance he was wounded, but took a carrying party back for ammunition, He then assisted in consolidation and took charge of a post during the night. He would not go back until ordered to do so by an officer.	
			No. 52 Sergeant <u>YOUNG</u> , Gordon Macswell. Awarded M.M.	
			Displayed great gallantry and ability as Signalling sergeant. He was constantly at work under heavy fire organising his stations and encouraging his men. As a result the Signalling arrangements were all that could be desired.	
			No. 314 Pte <u>EVANS</u> , Henry. Awarded MILITARY MEDAL.	
			During the advance this man carried out the duties of a Company Runner with great courage and devotion to duty. On one occasion he went through a heavy barrage to bring up	

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YPRIS	1917 4-5		reinforcements from the reserve Company. He brought them up into position through particularly heavy fire.	
	Oct.		<p>No. 799 Private <u>COLLINGS</u> Edwin Daniel. Awarded MILITARY MEDAL.</p> <p>While the Company to which he belonged was advancing it was held up by a Party of the Enemy in a strong point. The Lewis gun near him being out of action, Pte COLLINGS pushed forward, with his rifle shot two of the Enemy, and took the remainder prisoner, thus enabling his Company to go forward. He displayed great courage and initiative throughout.</p>	
			<p>No. 48 Private <u>McKINLEY</u> Patrick Francis. awarded M. M.</p> <p>This man displayed conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He established communication between P.M. Hq. 15. and the front line, and frequently rejoined the line under heavy fire. He was wounded while sending a message by lamp but managed to</p>	

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YPRES	1914 4-5 Oct.		complete the message.	
			<p>No. 2146 Corporal <u>SMITH</u> Henry John. Awarded MILITARY MEDAL</p> <p>This M.C.O. did excellent work while in charge of a Platoon</p> <p>He led his men forward under very heavy machine gun fire to the final objective, displaying great coolness and courage. On one occasion while the line was being consolidated, he went into the middle of the barrage to dig out an officer who was buried by it.</p>	
			<p>No. 590 Private <u>SMITH</u> Robert. Awarded MILITARY MEDAL</p> <p>For conspicuous gallantry under fire. Although wounded in the early stages of the advance he kept going until the final objective was reached. Besides doing excellent work at consolidation, he dug out under heavy shell fire some of his mates who had been buried, and refused to go back to the Dressing Station until ordered to by an officer. Throughout the operation he set a wonderful example</p> <p>alauhruidshantst: 1.0. 40' PM A.I.F.</p>	

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YPRES.	1917 4-5		to the rest of the men.	
	Oct.			
			<p>No. 2562 Lance Corporal <u>DAVIS</u> Hubert. Awarded MILITARY MEDAL.</p> <p>This M.C.O. showed great daring and resource as a scout, and in particular brought in most valuable information of the concentration of the Enemy for counter attack, by which information timely help was obtained from the artillery in breaking up the enemy concentration.</p>	
			<p>No. 589 Private <u>SADDINGTON</u> James. Awarded MILITARY MEDAL</p> <p>For conspicuous gallantry under fire. Throughout operations, both during attack and afterwards, he set a wonderful example to the section he led, and showed utter disregard to dangers.</p>	
			<p>Blanchardshaw Capt. 1.0. 40th Bn A.I.F.</p>	
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YPRES	17 4-5		MINNENWERFER Captured.	
	Oct.		1. NO. 3836/9105 JK Spring Barrel	
			2. M 1914 NO 1239 80K Sb 16	
			MACHINE GUNS	
			1 NO 4233	The following were also captured.
			2 " 330	1 listening set.
			3 " 322	1. Signalling lamp with stand, no. 1209.
			4 " 7750	1. Accumulator,
			5 " 329	1 wireless set, dynamo, a bicycle
			6 " 1075	specially fitted.
			7 " 5454	
			8 " 4385	Alaudmilitantent.
			9 " 468.	I.O. 4 ⁰⁰ P.M. A.I.F.
			Six other m.g.s were captured	
			but numbers were not taken	

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H 16a to 42 Central	1917 6.10.		The Bn. slept.	map 28 1.40,000
	7.10		Reorganisation. Preliminary Orders for the "Third Battle of YPRES." PHASE 5.	
	8.10.		Bathing Parades. Personnel sent to MORBEQUE joined up.	
	9.10.		Re equipping etc.	
	10.10	7.15am	at 7.15 am. the Bn. left billets near VLAMERTINGHE for Bivouac Area at 1.40 6.3. between DRAGON & HUSSAR TMS. & men built bivouac shelters from Artillery Amm. Boxes, & iron from abandoned artillery shelters.	
	11.10		Reconnoitering Routes etc. The Order of Battle was: the 37th Bn. to take the 1st objective	1.0. 40th Bn A.I.F.

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YPRES	11.10		<p>RED LINE; the 40th Bn to take the 2nd objective, BLUE LINE; the 38th Bn to take the 3rd & final objectives, DOTTED GREEN & GREEN LINES.</p> <p>The fourth stage phase of the Battle had been a failure owing to the attacking troops being held up by MUD & M.G. fire.</p> <p>At 9 P.M. the Bn left Bivouac at HUSSAR FARM in the following order: 2 Pns. of A & C each of A & C coys forming the first wave; D coy. mopping up; 2 pns. each of A & C coys, forming the 2nd wave; then B coy. in reserve. The Bn moved off in this order to avoid confusion on forming up on the jumping off line.</p> <p>The Route followed was up the YPRES-ZONNEBEKE ROAD as far as D 26a 55.47, thence by "K" TRACK to the jumping off line.</p> <p>The approach march along the ZONNEBEKE ROAD was very slow with numerous halts, owing to a large number of mules carrying 18 pounder Amm. blocking the way. K TRACK was reached at 11.20 P.M. Progress on K TRACK was good for the first mile, after that halts were numerous. Several mustard gas shells fell near the track</p>	<p>map. 28.</p>

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YPRES	1917 11.10		in places the gas was fairly thick and the mouth piece of the S.B.R. was used without putting on the rest facepiece, this worked well and caused no delay.	
	12.10		The Bn. had orders to form up on a 200' front in the centre of the Bde. sector, on reaching the assembly point Lt. PENNY who had been sent up early in the evening to tape this position reported that there was a thick belt of wire running across the right $\frac{2}{3}$ of our sector & that the 37th Bn. was formed up immediately in front of this wire, so the Bn. was formed up on the left $\frac{1}{3}$ where there was 200' unobstructed by wire. This was reported to the Coy. Commanders but it was impossible to make it clear to all ranks, & the 37th Bn. who were reported as extending over the whole Bde. sector had to be relied on to give a line to work on at the JUMP OFF.	
			The Bn. was in position at 3.45 am.	
			The assembly position was not good as it almost coincided with	

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YPRES.	1917 12.10		<p>DAB. TRENCH & the LAAMKEEK - WATERFIELDS - NIEUWEMPLEN ROAD.</p> <p>& the Enemy shelled these prior to zero. Although this fire inflicted few casualties it was very harassing to the men who had to lie in the rain & mud waiting for zero hour. 6.25 am.</p> <p>At zero hour the Barrage opened, this Barrage was very bad and could hardly be seen, even in full daylight with careful observation it was hard to place it with accuracy, and as the Barrage is depended on almost entirely as a guide to position there was a general mix up owing to it being impossible to follow.</p> <p>At the very outset the Bde. came under heavy m.g. fire, and this made it necessary to work by shell holes and reorganisation into waves was practically impossible. Some of the m.g. fire came from Pill Boxes close by & these were cleared up by the men nearest to them. A lot of m.g. fire & sniping came from AUGUSTUS WOOD & nearly all D Coy. were used in mopping up this wood</p>	

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YPRES	1917 12.10		<p>the left flank, which were in the 37th Bns mopping up area. This mopping up gave a good haul of prisoners and these were employed in carrying out our wounded. In this mopping up all wave formation was lost. If the position of these strong points had been known beforehand they could have been taken with much less fewer casualties - less confusion to the attacking formation.</p> <p>M.G. & sniping were still active, it came for the most part from the strong point across the RAVEBEEK on the BELLEVUE SPUR in the N.2. sector, but some came from ahead in the vicinity of CREST FARM; casualties continued very heavy, sections being often reduced to one man.</p> <p>The Troops reached the RED LINE in two & three's of all Coys. in the Bde. mixed together. one Platoon of D Coy was diverted across the RAVEBEEK in an endeavour to clean up the Strong Points on the slope of the BELLEVUE SPUR in the N.2. sector.</p> <p>At 7.45 am. when the Barrage should have halted in front</p> <p style="text-align: right;">alambuntshankst I.O. 40th Bn. A.I.F.</p>	

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YPRES	1917 12.10		<p>for an hour in front of the RED LINE for over an hour, but was in reality non-existent, the troops were approximately on the RED LINE & consisted of about 150 men of all Bns in the Bde. mixed up with some men of the 9th Bde. On the Right the line was continued by the 9th Bde. who reported that their Right Flank was in the air! As our left Flank was in the air and no more men were coming forward it was decided to dig in, as it was impossible to continue any further, unless the N. 2^o gained their first objective, as we were getting flank and Reverse fire from BELLEVUE SPUR. A runner was sent to Bn HQS. in BERLIN WOOD reporting this action.</p> <p>At 9.10 am. part of our line, marked by a prominent tree, came under heavy shell fire and this was echeloned back for about 50^x where it was dug in again. Sniping continued persistent from BELLEVUE SPUR & heads had to be kept down, some very good digging was done under these conditions.</p>	

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YPRES	1917 12.10		<p>Later on in the morning the Enemy began to work down from BELLEVUE SPUR behind our left flank. The position then seemed untenable, with flanks in the air & exposed to enfilade fire and with a chance of being cut off by the Enemy coming behind us from BELLEVUE. Moreover there was a steady drift back from the line occupied by the 9th Bde. on our Right flank, which did not seem under effective control.</p> <p>Major L. J. Giblin^{M.C.} who was in charge of the line, discussed the situation with the officers of the different Bns present, and in absence of instructions in reply to messages reporting the situation at Bellevue a gradual withdrawal was decided on to our jumping off Point where touch could be gained with the N.Z. Bde. on our left. This decision with the reasons for it was reported to Bn. Hq. at 1.33 p.m. All men in the line were warned of this move & small parties moved off under orders at intervals, beginning from the Right. Two officers went back with the first</p> <p style="text-align: right;">alankind bank 1.0. 40th Bn 2.1.17.</p>	

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YPRES	12.10.		party to superintend the digging in on it near the jumping off line. This withdrawal was spread out over an hour but was observed	
		3 P.M.	occasioned a good deal of Artillery + M.G. fire by the Enemy, who distinctly followed groups of 4 or 6 men with H.E. but the casualties were negligible. About 3 P.M., when the withdrawal was almost complete, the Enemy shelled the position heavily with H.E. but owing to his range being too long no damage was done. The withdrawal was	
		3.30 P.M.	complete by 3.30 P.M. and digging in on the new line had made good progress.	
			At 3.30 P.M. a Patrol was sent out to make & keep touch with the N.Z. on our left, and parties were sent out to collect the wounded over the area we had been operating in.	
			There was fairly heavy intermittent shelling on the new position and also on the one we had evacuated but casualties were few.	
			The night was quiet.	
	13.10.		On the 13 th both sides were fully occupied with getting in	

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YPRES	1917 13.10		<p>the wounded and men who had got stuck in the mud and through exhaustion had been unable to extricate themselves; we in our own sector and the Enemy in the N.2. sector. There was a consequent cessation of M.G. fire but shelling was intermittent.</p> <p>A number of men from isolated positions, shell holes & dugouts came in during the day, some of these men had got right into PASSCHENDAELE, this bringing the Bde. strength in the front line to about 400.</p> <p>Instructions for the Relief were received during the afternoon & guides were sent out to the 11th Bde, & a Bde Dump of Tools, S.A.A. &c was formed and handed over to the 11th Bde, who relieved us.</p> <p>The 37th, 38th & 39th Pns & some of the 40th Pn were relieved in daylight but the last relieving Coy. went astray and the rest of the 40th Pn had to stand too for two hours until the supporting Pn was in position. As it was then dark the 40th moved out in one column and had some difficulty in finding the way on "K TRACK". The man had been employed</p> <p>about midnight I.O. 40th Pn A.I.F.</p>	

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YPRES	1917 13.10.		<p>fully during the day in stretcher bearing in very heavy ground, - the mud on K TRACK in the dark made the march back very exhausting, and a number of men had to be helped out of every bad place; Halls were frequent & progress very slow, but the column kept together and only one man was left behind before reaching the Road. Billets were reached at 2.30 A.M. on 14.10.17.</p> <p>The following officers reached the forward line: - Major L. F. Giblin, Lt. Harvard, Lt. Mc. Lutyre, Lt Swan & Lt Mills.</p>	
No	11613 10.		<p>Summary of Operations 12 & 13. 10. 17.</p> <p>The whole failure was owing to the wet weather, & consequent mud, making it impossible to get the Artillery & ammunition forward after Phase III of the Battle. It was owing to insufficient artillery preparation that Phase IV failed & although Phase V was a repetition of Phase IV with a further objective, there was no information as to the cause of the failure of Phase IV & when the N. 2. Division advanced.</p> <p>alanmitchbankat. I.D. 40' B. A.I.F.</p>	

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YPRES	1917 11-13 10.		<p>went over they found strong Points with PILL BOXES with about 30^x of wire untouched by artillery fire & these held up their advance & whole Corps were practically wiped out trying to cut their way through. Had the N.Z. got through & captured BELLEVUE SPUR there was nothing to stop the 10th Bde from going into PASSCHENDAELE as it was the flanking fire from this spur that held up the advance & which caused the majority of the casualties. The whole failure can be put down to insufficient Artillery Preparation & extremely poor barrage, and weather conditions</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Bn. strength. 34 Officers 460 O.P.</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">Officers</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">O.P.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Taken into Battle</td> <td style="text-align: right;">16</td> <td style="text-align: right;">500</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Sent to Bde Details Camp.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">14</td> <td style="text-align: right;">80</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Attached to other units which took part in Battle.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> <td style="text-align: right;">51</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Detached (Schools etc)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">4</td> <td style="text-align: right;">79</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">37</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">710</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: right;">Alan Mitchell Capt.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: right;">I.O. 40 Bn A.I.F.</td> </tr> </table>	Bn. strength. 34 Officers 460 O.P.	Officers	O.P.	Taken into Battle	16	500	Sent to Bde Details Camp.	14	80	Attached to other units which took part in Battle.	3	51	Detached (Schools etc)	4	79		37	710		Alan Mitchell Capt.			I.O. 40 Bn A.I.F.		
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YPRES.	1917 11-13/ 10/		Casualties	
			Killed	Officers 2 P.Y. 31
			Wounded	5 164
			Missing	28
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YPRES.	1917 14.10.		Left in morning. In afternoon got out a casualty estimate.	Map HAZEBROUCH
	15.		<p>at 10 am. the Bn left BIVOUAC at HUSSAR FARM. and marched to Embussing Point at KRUIS STRAATHOEK 2 miles S.S.W. of YPRES.</p> <p>The Bn was marching in single file, it marched into YPRES by the MENIN GATE + out by the LILLE GATE. The Enemy were throwing a number of heavy shells in the vicinity of the LILLE GATE which caused several casualties to the 38th Bn, one coy. of which was preceding the 40th Bn. Several shells burst near the road as the head of the Bn approached this spot, but the shells he through when the Bn was passing were short + the only one that was near enough to do any damage did not burst.</p> <p>The busses moved off at 1 P.M. and went via. LINDENHOEK DRANDEUTRE, BAILLEUL, METEREN, STRAZEELE, BORRE, HAZEBROUCH RENESCURE, FOR ROUGE, ARQUES, HALLINGS, LUMBRES, NIELLES LE BLEQUIN, BLEQUIN, SENLACQUES to BECOURT. arriving there at 11 P.M.</p>	Map CALAIS.

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BECOURT.	1917. 15 6		Resting, Reorganising, Reequipping.	
	21.10			
	21.10 to		Training. Specialist & setting up trainings.	
	31.10.			
			McChord Local Camp	Alaukrickshant Capt. I.O. 40 th Bn. A.I.F.

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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 64

40th BATTALION

1st October 1917.

REFERENCE MAP :- HAZEBOUCK 5 a 1/100,000
Sheet 28 N.W. Ed. 6 a 1/20,000

- INTENTION. 1. The 10th Australian Infantry Brigade will move to areas near YPRES on October 2nd.
- MOVES 2. Units will move in accordance with MOVE TABLE attached.
- DRESS 3. Marching Order, except for 37th and 38th Battalions who will wear Fighting Order and carry either blanket or greatcoat rolled in waterproof sheet. These will be dumped when Battalions move to Assembly Point for the attack, arrangements being made by the Battalions concerned for return to Quartermaster's store.
(less the latter)
- ROAD SPACES 4. When units leave buses or when moving along any roads E. of POPPELINGHE movement will be by platoons in file at 1 minute intervals with 5 minutes intervals between Battalions.
- BILLETS 5. 39th, 40th Batts, Trench Mortar Battery 10th M.G. Coy., will move direct to billets in VLAMERTINGHE No. 3 Area. 37th and 38th Battalions will move by bus as close as practicable to YPRES Asylum. From here march to bivouac ground E. of YPRES, head of 37th Battalion passing ASYLUM at 6 p.m.
Care will be taken that 37th and 38th Battalions are so placed as to be as invisible as possible to aircraft especially during day of 3rd instant.
- BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS 6. Brigade Headquarters will move from its present location at WINNEZELLE at 12 Noon and will re-open at SQUARE FARM C.30.b.85.80 at the same hour.
- CABLE BUYING PARTY 7. The party at present away buying cable will march to billeting area on morning of 2nd and remain there at rest till afternoon. 37th and 38th Battn members will rejoin their Battalions at ASYLUM, YPRES in time to move off at 6 p.m.
- 8. A C K N O W L E D G E.

R. Smith Captain
for Major.
Brigade Major.
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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 2 Bde. Major
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 5) 3rd Aus. Div. by D. A. at 3 a.m. 2/10/17
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 8 38th Bn)
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 10 40th Bn) at 2 a.m. 2/9/17
 11 10th M.G. Coy.)
 12 10th M.L.P.M. Btty)
 13 10th F. Coy. Hng's)
 14 10th F. Ambulance) by D.A. at 3 a.m.
 15 868th Coy. Div. Train) 2/9/17
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MOVE TABLE October 2nd 1917.

UNIT	Embussing point	TIME	BUS DESTINATION.	MARCH TO	(Time to pass) (S.P., Asylum (W. of YPRES	REMARKS
37th Batta	head junction S.E. of church at WINNEZEELE 5/8 ^{mi} S. of S. in ST LAURENT.	1.45 p.m.	As near Asylum (just on west of YPRES) as is possible	Field East of YPRES about squares I.9.a.8.8.	6 p.m.	Lieuts. DIMSEY and KIRKBRIDGE will guide 37th and 38th Battns to bivouac ground by RED ROUTE which follows around N. of YPRES
38th "	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	5 mins. after tail of 37th clear of S.P.	
39th "	-do-	9.0 a.m.	VLAMERTINGHE No.3 Area H.16.Cent.	-do-		
40th "	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-		
10th T.M. Battery (x) (less load- ing party)	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-		(x) small party to remain behind to load lorry which will carry stores at 3 p.m. on 2nd inst.
10th M.G. Coy.	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-		
Bgde Hqs (Signals)	-do-	-do-	MILL COTTAGE I.5.a.2.8.	BORRY FARM D.25.b.5.9.		

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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters
28th September 1917.

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS YPRES BATTLE No. 1

A. EVACUATIONS OF WOUNDED

1. *Stretcher bearers will clear*
Battalions are responsible for clearing the casualties back to Regimental Aid Posts. Field Ambulance stretcher bearers are not to be used for this purpose.

2. Field Ambulances are responsible for evacuation of wounded from R.A.P.'s to the rear.

B. IDENTIFICATION

1. It is of the utmost importance that identification of enemy units be reported by wire to Brigade Headquarters at the earliest possible moment.

Identification not only of the first prisoners captured will be wired but also identification of each different enemy unit met with during the attack. *forwarded to Bn. HQ.*

2. Identity discs must never be taken from living enemy, and all discs taken from enemy dead will be disposed of in the same way as documents mentioned in Paragraph C. sub. para. 3. *clean blast*

C. PROCEDURE RE PRISONERS OF WAR.

1. Collecting Stations.

Locations will be notified prior to operations.

2. Despatch

Units are responsible for delivering prisoners to A.D.M.'s representative at Collecting Stations. They should be despatched with as little delay as possible.

3. Documents

Prisoners should be given no opportunity to destroy or throw away documents in their possession at the time of capture. In the case of Officer prisoners, all their papers and correspondence will be placed in sandbags as soon as possible after capture. This bag will be sent to Collecting Station with the prisoner, for transmission to Divisional Cage

In the case of other ranks they will retain their personal effects which will be dealt with at the Divisional Cage.

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(b) Collecting Station will be notified

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C. PROCEDURE
RE
PRISONERS
OF WAR
cont'd.

Documents collected from dug-outs and dead, will be placed in sandbags and labels indicating approximate locality in which documents were found, will be attached. These sandbags will be forwarded to Collecting Stations for transmission to Divisional Cage with least possible delay.

4. Arms and equipment.

Arms and equipment will be removed from prisoners as soon as possible after capture. These are the property of the Government and should be handed to nearest Salvage Depot for transmission through Ordnance to the Base.

5. Personal effects.

Prisoners are allowed to retain their personal effects and decorations. No personal clothing or property will be removed from prisoners without orders from a Staff Officer or A.P.M.

6. Wounded prisoners of war

Wounded prisoners will be treated in every way similarly to our own wounded. They will be searched at Field Ambulance and all papers, documents, and maps forwarded to Divisional Cage as soon as possible.

7. Interrogation

Any interrogation of or conversation with prisoners by Officers or other ranks not belonging to Intelligence Corps is forbidden.

8. Receipts.

Escorts should always take receipts for the numbers of prisoners and documents handed over. The receipts should be in general terms, i.e., "40 prisoners of war and 2 bags of documents".

9. Death of prisoners

In cases of death of German combatant prisoners of war through other than natural causes, a full report will be rendered to Divisional Headquarters accompanied by such documentary evidence as may exist.

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D. POLICE DUTIES1. Battle Straggler Posts

The A.P.M. will arrange for Straggler Posts, and their duties will be as follows:-

(a) Collect all stragglers (armed and unarmed) seen moving to the rear through the line of posts. Stragglers will be re-armed with rifles and ammunition taken from the wounded, or from the nearest Advanced Dressing Station. Stragglers will be re-formed under cover, or at the Divisional Collecting Station, and sent forward as circumstances permit.

(b) Every man on Battle Straggler Post duty should know the position of the posts on his right and left, the nearest Dressing Station, Field Ambulance, and Collecting Stations for stragglers and for prisoners of war, and the nearest way to them. He should know where the A.P.M. is to be found.

(c) All wounded men, and those who appear to be suffering from gas-poisoning, will be taken to the nearest Advanced Dressing Station, or to the Divisional Collecting Station, unless they can produce a printed medical tally, shewing the nature of the wound, or disability, in which case they are to be allowed to proceed.

(d) Examine all individual N.C.Os and men passing to and from the trenches both by day and night, and ascertain their business. Sacks and bundles carried by men coming from the trenches are to be examined and if found to contain plunder the men are to be arrested, and either handcuffed or placed in close confinement. Men in possession of revolvers or field glasses which look like the property of Officers are to be detained pending investigation.

(e) Ascertain the names and Units of all Officers passing the post at night.

(f) Prevent all civilians from passing the line of posts towards the front. Arrest all civilians seen coming from the direction of the front, and hand them over to the French Gendarmes. If their behaviour excites suspicion they are to be searched. All papers &c., found on them are to be tied into a packet and handed over to the Gendarmes or Military Police. No passes are to be accepted from civilians under any circumstances.

(g) Arrest all civilians found wandering about in the vicinity of the line of posts between 8 p.m. and 5 a. m.

(h) Officers and men in French uniform are not to be allowed to pass the line unless in possession of a pass.

(i) Control the traffic at the post, seeing that cross roads are kept clear for reinforcing troops, and that loaded ammunition carts or lorries, supply vehicles or ambulances are given a clear passage.

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E. CARRYING OF UNNECESSARY ARTICLES.

1. Care must be taken that men do not overload themselves and carry articles which are unnecessary, and additional to those laid down for the attack.
2. Similarly they must not carry important papers which will be of use to the enemy in the event of them falling into their hands.

F. IDENTIFICATION OF OUR TROOPS

Identity Discs

Care must be taken to ensure that every Officer, N.C.O. and man is in possession of the two authorised identity discs; also that these discs are worn round the neck.

G. CONSUMPTION OF WATER.

Strict orders will be given that no water is to be drunk from the men's water-bottles until absolutely necessary, owing to the possible shortage of fresh supplies.

H. REPLACEMENT OF ORDNANCE STORES.

The quick replacement of lost or damaged Ordnance Stores is of great importance, especially in the case of Lewis or Vickers Guns. Units will at once report any such loss or damage by signal message to the Staff Captain.

I. CAPTURED WAR MATERIAL

1. A record will be kept of all important items such as Guns, Vehicles, Machine Guns and Rifles. The registered number of such trophies as Guns, Machine Guns, Trench Mortars &c., which cannot be moved should be noted, and also the unit that lays claim to them.
2. Units will send a wire addressed to the Staff Captain at 2 p.m. daily stating the number of Machine Guns, Trench Mortars, Bomb Throwers, Field Guns, and Howitzers captured during the preceding 24 hours up to 12 Noon. If any return is subsequently found to be incorrect the following day's return will be amended accordingly.

NIL returns will be rendered.

Sheet 5.

P. I. Y. B. No. 1

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J. TRANSMISSION 1.
OF
INFORMATION

The paramount importance of a continuous stream of accurate information, both positive and negative, from front to rear, has already been repeatedly emphasised. Nevertheless, all Commanders must take further measures to ensure that all their subordinates fully understand their duties and responsibilities in this respect.

2. Insist on clear language and clear and large, legible writing, with plain legible signatures without flourishes. - Use HB pencils, not too hard to scratch the paper, not too soft to smudge with perspiration. - Forbid the use of indelible pencils.
3. Whenever possible the clock time of the events reported in the message must be given in the body of the message itself, thus :-

"A Battalion captured enemy support line
"at ten past four a. m."
"All going well at twenty five to five a.m."
"No sign of counter attack up to six o'clock
"p.m."
"Heavy enemy barrage on my left opened at
"seventeen past six p.m."
"No reports received from my centre company
"up to eight o'clock since twenty past seven
"p.m. All going well".
"Enemy Infantry estimated at three Companies
"moving West along HUNS WALK passing UNCANNY
"TRENCH at ten to nine p.m."

4. Runners must carry messages in the righthand breast pocket. If anyone should see a dead or badly wounded runner, they should search in this pocket for the message and take steps that it may reach the person to whom it is addressed. After removing the message, the runner's badge should be removed to avoid others wasting their time in searching for a message that has already been sent on. In sending on the message, the finder should add an endorsement stating time message was found and rough locality e.g. - "Taken from dead runner in NO MAN'S LAND opposite ANTONS FARM at 12 noon"

....."Signature"
....."Date"

K. SUBSTITUTES
FOR
COMMANDERS

Every Commander throughout the Brigade actually selected to command his unit during the forthcoming operations down to Commanders of Companies will forthwith nominate to his immediate superior an Officer of his command eligible to carry on as his substitute in case he himself becomes a casualty. After approval of such nomination by his superior commander concerned he will take all steps necessary to inform such substitute, to fully acquaint him with all his orders and dispositions, and to take him entirely into his confidence regarding all matters affecting the operations and the command of the Unit concerned.

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Sheet 6.

P.I.Y.B. No.1

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E. WATER SUPPLYWater supply East of POPERINGHE

1.

The initial water points in the forward area for the supply of drinking water are located as follows (Sheet 28) water bottles, water carts and water tank lorries can refill at these points :-

Tank No. 6.	at G.15.b.2.6.	yielding daily	11,700	gallons
" " 9.	" H.14.a.9.6.	" "	7,000	"
" " 11.	" G.10.c.4.9.	" "	15,500	"
" " 14.	" H.8.b.9.9.	" "	5,000	"
" " 32.	" G.12.c.5.1.	" "	4,000	"

2.

Forward Water Points

(a) YPRES I.8.b.1.9. - Yield 18,000 gallons a day - 2 scoops chlorination per water cart required.

(b) Canvas Tank CAMBRIDGE ROAD, I.5.c.5.9. capacity gallons.

3.

The horse water supply is from water points, existing streams and ponds and from wells and long shaft wells dug by the units themselves.

Locations as follows :-

(i) Water Points.

G.10.a.2.3.	H.7.b.2.1.
G.12.c.8.4.	H.7.d.4.9.
G.17.b.8.6.	H.18.c.4.9.
	H.18.b.6.3.

(ii) Shallow Wells

G.10.d.1.2.	H.7.b.3.2.
G.11.d.6.1.	G.10.c.2.2.
G.12.b.8.8.	G.15.a.3.3.
G.17.a.7.7.	G.12.c.8.5.
G.18.b.5.3.	G.16.b.2.5.
G. 9.d.3.4.	G.18.a.4.6.
G.14.b.5.6.	G. 9.c.4.4.
G.10.d.7.3.	G.14.a.1.6.
G.11.d.5.9.	G.15.b.9.4.
G.12.d.7.4.	G.15.b.2.9.
G.17.a.5.7.	

The wells are provided with pumps and troughs and can water 40 horses at a time

4.

In the event of an advance, all sources of drinking water must be tested before use by the testing cases in possession of Medical Officers of Units. These testing cases must always be available for use of the M.O. Sentries and warning notices must be posted on suspected water supplies, and samples sent in at once to the nearest Mobile Laboratory for confirmation. Notice boards labelled (a) DRINKABLE or (b) POISONOUS will be erected at all sources of water supply tested during an advance.

Sheet 7.

P.I.Y.B. No.120/9/17.M. BAYONETS,
AND RIFLE
SLINGS

All bayonets will be painted and rifle slings attached to the piling swivels of rifles immediately.

N. STEEL
HELMETS

Particular care must be taken to ensure that all steel helmets are camouflaged. If the issue canvas cover for steel helmets is not available, sand bags or hessian must be used.

O. AMMUNITION,
TOOLS,
&C.S.A.A.

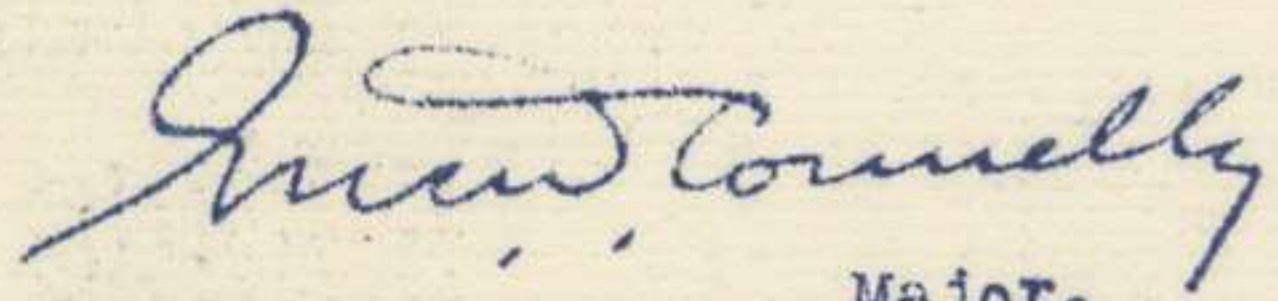
1. Fighting troops will carry ^{at least} 150 rounds of S. A. A.

2. Tools

4 ^{picks} ~~picks~~ and 8 shovels. Every Platoon will carry at least

3. Flares &c.

A proportion of flares, VERY lights and S.O.S. Signals will be allotted by the Brigade Bombing Officer when available.

A C K N O W L E D G E.


Major.
Brigade Major.
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTION FOR YPRES BATTLE, No. 2.

Brigade Headquarters,
29th September 1917.

A. CONCENTRATION CAMP

Reinforcements and all surplus personnel not taken into the fight or employed in the Forward Area, will be quartered at II ANZAC CORPS CONCENTRATION CAMP situated at MORBECQUE near HAZEBROUCK, and under the administration of Lieutenant Colonel Sir. H. McMAHON, D.S.O.

2. Divisional Section of Concentration Camp

The Camp will be organised in Divisional Wings.

3rd Divisional Wing:-

Commanding Officer	Colonel E. A. KETTLEWELL Indian Army
Second in Command	Major. W. W. BERRY 3rd Aus. Pioneer Batta
Adjutant & Quartermaster	2/Lieut. R. H. BLOMFIELD 33rd Battalion A.I.F.

(a) ACCOMMODATION Arrangements for quartering in tents will be made by the Commandant. Officers should provide their own Mess Kit. Cooking utensils will be provided at the Camp.

(b) MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS The following medical personnel will be detailed by the A.D.M.S.

- 1 Medical Officer
- 1 Non-commissioned Officer.
- 4 men.

(c) WATER The 9th Batta. will supply one water cart complete with team and personnel. The 9th Brigade are also supplying one water cart.

(d) SUPPLY Rations will be supplied by Second Army Troops Supply Column by Lorry.

(e) DISCIPLINE Each Brigade will nominate a Commanding Officer for its own section of the Camp including affiliated units. He will have the powers of an O.C. Company. The name of the Officer in charge of this Brigade Section will be notified later.

(f) PROVOST ARRANGEMENTS. Each Infantry Brigade will detail 4 of their Regimental Police, including an N.C.O. to act as a Provost staff under the orders of the Camp Adjutant. These will be supplied as follows:-

- | | |
|-------------|----------|
| 37th Batta. | 1 N.C.O. |
| 38th Batta. | 1 man. |
| 39th Batta. | 1 man |
| 40th Batta. | 1 man |

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A. CONCENTRATION
CAMP.

2 (g) MARCHING-IN STATES Marching-In States will be submitted to the O.C. Camp by Units a duplicate being furnished to the Officer i/c Brigade Party.

(h) MOVE. The 10th Brigade Parties will move independently by March Route to the Camp tomorrow, 30th September, 1917, under arrangements, to be notified later, and on arrival will report to the Commanding Officer.

(j) Reinforcements arriving from Basa will detrain at HAREBROUCK and will be met at the Station under arrangements to be made by the Commandant, Corps School.

(k) Troops will not be sent up to their Units without Corps Authority.

3. A C K N O W L E D G E.

Geo. H. Crowther
Major
for. Brigade Major.
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS YPRES BATTLE No. 3

Brigade Headquarters
30th September 1917.

1. PACK TRANSPORT 1. Organisation of Pack Transport

Pack transport will be organised into three Brigade Troops and one Divisional Troop. Administrative arrangements will be as follows:-

(a) Each Brigade Troop will work under direct orders of its own Brigade and will be used for transport of Ammunition, R.E. Stores, Water, and Rations, according to requirements of the Brigade.

(b) The Divisional Troop will be organised, less the quota from Field Companies, and mobilised as soon as the situation permits. This troop will be held as Divisional Reserve and may be used to supplement Brigade Troops in the event of heavy casualties occurring, or for special work which may be demanded by the tactical situation. Normally however this troop will be regarded only as an emergency.

(c) R.E. Stores will be transported under arrangements to be made by C.R.E.

2. Extra pack saddles and special crates have been allotted to the Brigade and will be distributed as detailed in Appendix "A"

3. Pack Routes

Arrangements should be made with O.C. Divisional Troop for all Officers and N.C.Os and as many drivers as possible to reconnoitre all pack routes both by day and by night in order to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the tracks. If necessary, guiding boards, and well shaded night signs (such as tins with small holes cut and a dim light placed inside) should be placed in position, especially at road or path junctions.

4. Organisation.

The Brigade Troop will be organised into four (4) Groups; each group will consist of 3 sections, and will be in charge of a "Group" Officer.

Organisation of One Section

	Off.	O.R.	Pack Animals	Pack saddles
N.C.O.(x)	-	1	-	-
Drivers	-	6	-	-
Animals	-	-	12	-
Equip-ment.	-	-	-	12
	-	7	12	12

(x) = Section Leader.

40th BATTALION, A.I.F.

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Sheet 2.P.I.Y.B. No. 330th Sept. 1917.A. PACKTRANSPORT5. Requisitions

Any requisition for transport of Ammunition, R.E. Stores, rations and water, will be submitted to the Staff Captain.

All requisitions must clearly state the nature of stores to be carried, and will NOT ask for a specific number of animals.

The following is a specimen of requisition to be submitted :-

"Staff Captain -

"Pack transport required to convey 2,000
"sandbags to (map location) at.....
"(time) today. Guide will report to for
"animals at.....(time)

".....(Signature and
Rank)

"..... (Unit) "

6. Responsibility.

(a) The unit for which stores are being carried will be responsible for furnishing adequate loading party, guide, and unloading party. The guide should be a responsible N.C.O. who will see that the stores are handed over to the correct party. In the case of rations the Coy. Q.M.S. or his Assistant should act.

(b) The pack transport troop will be responsible for the safe loading of stores and that they reach their destination.

7. Salvage.

Every animal returning from the front line should bring back salvaged stores, and dump them at a salvage dump.

8. General.

The N.C.O.i/c each section will have a nominal roll of personnel of his section in his possession at all times, and a copy of this will be held by O.C. Brigade Troop. On return of a section from front line the N.C.O.i/c will at once report to his Group Officer.

Every man proceeding with a convoy will carry his rifle slung and 50 rounds of ammunition.

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B. AMMUNITION 1. RAILHEAD

WESTONHOEK (X.C.A.) which has an Ammunition Depot connected to it by Rail.

Divisional Bomb Store

Main Store	H.7.d.2.7.	<u>Access</u>
Advanced "	I.3.d.4.4.	Road
		"

Brigade Bomb Store

Right Brigade	I.11.a.8.2.	"
and	I.6.c.8.2.	E
Left Brigade	I.4.a.6.2.	"
and	C.30.d.5.5.	"

Salved Ammunition Dump

H.12.a.0.5. L.R.

2. No explosives are to be dumped within 30 feet of any traffic route.
3. Instructions will be issued with regard to drawing Trench Munitions.
4. C.O. 10th Aus. Light Trench Mortar Battery will forward a return by wire of Trench Mortar Ammunition expended during previous 24 hours ending Noon, daily to reach Bde. Headquarters by 12..15 p.m.

C. CASUALTIES: Method of reporting approximate casualties when heavy fighting is in progress.

(a) Infantry Battalions

The system adopted for reporting approximate casualties by telegram when heavy fighting is in progress will be as follows :-

(i) Battalions which have suffered 50 or more casualties will wire the numbers to the Staff Captain not later than 5 p.m. daily. If further heavy casualties have occurred during the night another wire should be sent next morning as soon as the total approximate numbers can be estimated. (But no wire is to be sent unless 50 or more casualties have occurred since the previous wire.)

(ii) The casualties will be reported by "phases", the date of commencing and closing each phase will be notified from this office. The next phase commences Midnight 30th Sept/1st October.

(iii) Each wire will include the numbers already reported since the commencement of the phase, in the previous wire, and will begin with the following words.- "Total estimated casualties from"(here insert date of commencement of phase). The word "additional" will on no account be used in any wire.

C. CASUALTIES

Method of reporting approximate casualties, when heavy fighting is in progress.

(a) Infantry Battalions.

(iv) When a Battalion is resting it will take the opportunity to verify the casualties it has reported for the current phase, and on going into action again for the second or third time, will start reporting from the corrected figures and not from zero, unless in the meanwhile a new phase has been commenced.

(v) The following code will be used in telegraphing casualties:-

E. 37th Battn
F. 38th Battn
G. 39th Battn
H. 40th Battn

(vi) The words "Officers" and "Other Ranks" are not to be employed in these telegrams, numbers simply being used in each case separated by the word "and". If there are no "Officer" casualties the word "Nil" must be used. "AAA" representing full stop, will not be used.

The following is an example for purposes of illustration:-

" PURSER H. C. 1"

"Total estimated casualties from 10th March, E 3 and 150, or E Nil and 200"

A.I.C.G."

(b) Machine Gun Company

Machine Gun Company will wire the numbers of all casualties when they exceed 8 all ranks not later than 5 p.m. daily to Staff Captain. The representative letter to denote Machine Gun Coy., will be as follows:-

E. B.

The casualties will be reported by phase as for Infantry Battalions.

D. BURIAL OF THE DEAD1. The burial of the dead involves :-

- (a) Burial of the dead of our own Forces, of our Allies, and of the enemy.
- (b) Collection and disposal of their effects.
- (c) Registration of graves.

2. Lieut. P. C. HERRING of the 38th Battn is appointed Brigade Burials Officer and he will ensure that the instructions contained in paragraph 3 are strictly complied with.

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D. BURIAL OF THE DEAD

3. Duties of Officers in charge of Burial Parties

(a) To systematically search the area allotted to them for dead.

(b) To collect the dead as opportunities offer, in suitable localities, as little exposed to artillery fire as possible. The suitability of a site demands, among other things, on its being at least 100 metres distance from any groups of houses, whether standing or in ruins, and not near a well or water supply.

(c) To collect identity discs and personal effects in ration or other suitable bags, label or mark them, and hand to the Headquarters of the Unit concerned, or to the Divisional Burial Officer. Green identity discs will be buried with the body.

(d) Bodies of Officers and men of our own Forces, of our Allies, and of the enemy, will be collected separately and interred in separate trenches.

(e) To mark the graves in such a manner as to ensure identification. Each group of graves will be marked with a metal disc on an iron standard. The discs will bear the Divisional sign and be numbered serially from 1 upwards. Where more than one row of bodies are interred in a trench, a separate serial number will be given to each row, and the ends of the trench distinctly marked.

(f) To furnish a return of all burials of Officers and other ranks for transmission to Divisional Burial Officer.

(g) Burials at different places must be given on separate returns.

(h) In addition to Map Reference, a full description of the place, its proximity to houses, roads, kilometre stones, cross roads etc., must be given if possible.

(i) Returns will be furnished on form "Record of Burials" as per Appendix "B"

4. During the periods of heavy fighting, the disposal of the dead and marking of graves becomes a difficult problem. Burials have to be carried out at night or during a lull in the fighting, and it frequently happens that a Unit is withdrawn without being able to bury any of those killed in action, in which case the in-going Unit will undertake the work of burying the dead.

5. These instructions refer only to offensive operations and burials carried out by burial parties, and are in no way intended to interfere with the instructions issued to Chaplains for the carrying out of Regimental Burials in ordinary Trench Warfare, and the regular procedure of rendering Burial Returns on A.F.W. 3314.

E. VETERINARY SERVICE

1. A VETERINARY AID POST is established at H.17.c.4.5. (Sheet 28).

This Post will act as Dressing Centre for minor cases, and a Receiving Centre for animals which are unable to march to a Mobile Veterinary Section.

2. The MOBILE VETERINARY SECTION will be at G.14.b.5.4. (Sheet 28).

F. TRAFFIC CONTROL

Horses going to water or exercise will proceed across country and will not use the roads. Where it is necessary to cross a road, intervals will be left in columns of horses to avoid delay to traffic.

G. BURIAL OF ANIMALS

1. The Unit to which a dead animal belonged is responsible for its burial. Should circumstances prevent the Unit carrying out the burial, the matter will be reported without delay to the A.P. M., giving map reference of the carcass.
2. An A.P.M., an Area or Sub-Area Commandant, and any Officer or N.C.O. of M.P. or a Traffic Control Unit will call upon the nearest Unit to dispose of an unburied carcass and such request will be considered as an order from Divisional Headquarters.
3. Attention is directed to G.R.O. 914. In no case will an animal be buried at a less depth than 4 feet.
4. Care will be taken that carcasses of animals are not buried near any source of water supply, inhabited building or on any recognised camp site.

James Tomlinson

Major.
Brigade Major.
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

P.I.Y.B.No. 3

APPENDIX "A"

10th A.I.BDE. TROOP (12 Sections)

	Off.	O. R.	Pack	Riding	Pack Saddles	Special crates	Light crates	REMARKS
Commanding Officer: (Brigade Transport Officer)	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	(a) Includes 3 from M.G.Coy.
Group Officers :- (3 Battn Transport Officers and one Officer M.G.Coy.)	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	(b) Includes 18 spare drivers. (c) includes 18 spare animals. (d) 44 on charge to bde. Remainder supplied by Division.
N.C.Os (Section leaders)	-	12 (a)	-	-	-	-	-	(e) Supplied by Division
Drivers	-	90 (b)	-	-	-	-	-	
Animals	-	-	162 (c)	-	-	-	-	
Equipment	-	-	-	-	144 (d)	50 (e)	20 (e)	
	5	102	162	5	144	50	20	

The whole of above personnel and animals will be supplied from the Brigade, including Machine Gun Company.

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Appendix "B"

RECORD OF BURIALS

Serial No. of Grave	No.	Rank	Name and Initial	Unit	Date of Death	Map Location	Any further information indicating position of grave

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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS FOR YPRES BATTLE No. 4

Brigade Headquarters
30th September 1917

REFERENCE MAP:- ZONNEBEKE 7 A 1/10,000
Sunprint 1/5,000
GRAVENSTAFEL 1/10,000

A. BOUNDARIES

The boundaries shown on Sunprint are as under:-

- A.H. is our approximate front line on 28/9/17
- A.B.C.D.E.F. = Boundary between 10th Aust. Inf. Bde and New Zealand Division.
- H, J, S, L, M, = Boundary between 11th and 10th Aust. Infantry Brigades.
- B, J, = Approximate position of a 12 min. halt of the barrage.
- C, S, = Line which Infantry reach and halt at, during a 1 hour halt of the barrage.
- D, L, = Approximate position of the support line to be strongly consolidated by us. The barrage will halt for 12 minutes to cover this line, to enable last Battalion to leapfrog and third Battalion to start digging. (This line may possibly be brought a little to the South West).
- F, M, = is our final objective. This is to be captured and a line consolidated there with covering troops pushed a little further East.
- E, G, = Shows how our left is to be refused in case New Zealand Division does not go as far forward as the line F.M.

40th BATTALION, A.I.F.

B. BARRAGE

The barrage will begin 150 yards East of our jump off and stop there for 3 minutes. It will then jump 100 yards in 4 minutes, or 50 yards every 2 minutes for 200 yards. It will then jump 100 yards every 6 minutes or 50 yards every 3 minutes for remainder of its advance, except for the 3 longer halts named above.

C. DISPOSITION OF BATTALIONS

- 37th BATTALION will capture enemy territory up to line just in rear of barrage on B, J.
- 38th BATTALION will pass through and capture enemy territory as far as line C.S.
- 39th Battalion will pass through and capture enemy territory as far as line D.L., which they will strongly consolidate as a Support Line.
- 40th BATTALION will pass through and capture enemy territory as far as F.M., which is to be strongly consolidated.

D. DESTINATION PATCHES

Destination Patches will be worn as follows:-

37th Battn.	-	None
38th Battn	-	White
39th Battn	-	Blue
40th Battn	-	Red.

They will sewn on the back of tunics cornerwise, the top corner just reaching collar of tunic.

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Sheet 2.

P.I.Y.B. No. 4

30/9/17

E. STOKES MORTARS

Stokes Mortars will be allotted as under :-

- 2 Mortars to 37th Battalion.
- 2 Mortars to 38th Battalion
- 2 Mortars and H.Q. of T.M. Battery to 40th Battalion.

The guns with 37th and 38th Battalions will join with the 40th Battalion as this Battalion passes through rear Battalion so that on arrival in its territory 40th Battalion should control 6 Stokes Mortars (less casualties.)

2 Mortars will be in Brigade Reserve.

F. CARRYING PARTIES

Each Battalion will at once establish a Battalion Dump in the area which it captures.

The principle on which S.A.A., bombs, flares, S.O.S. Rockets &c., are carried forward from Brigade Dumps is as follows :-

- 37th Battn carries from Bde. Forward Dump to its own dump.
- 38th Battn carries " 37th Bn. Dump to its own dump.
- 39th Battn " " 38th Bn. Dump to its own dump.
- 40th Battn " " 39th Bn. Dump forward

Each Battalion in rear must ensure that its own dump is kept replenished as supplies are sent forward.

G. PROPOSED HEAD-QUARTERS

of Units.-

The following are proposed Headquarters

- | | | |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Brigade Forward Station | - | SPRINGFIELD FARM D.15.2.90.05 |
| 37th Battalion | - | a site near jumping off place. |
| 38th " | - | JUDAH HOUSE D.15.d.6.0. |
| 39th " | - | BOURDEAUX FARM D.15.d.55.75 |
| 40th " | - | BEECHAM or D.16.a.50.30
Huts near D.16 Central |

H. DIRECTION

Maps should have directions of advance marked beforehand with magnetic bearings, and all instructions should show magnetic bearing to avoid mistakes in the stress of battle.

acknowledged

W. G. G. G.

Major.

Brigade Major.

10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

W. G. G. G.

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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS YPRES BATTLE No. 5

Brigade Headquarters
1st October 1917.

A. ACTION OF 37th, 38th AND 39th BATTALIONS AFTER CAPTURE OF OBJECTIVES

1. As soon as the 37th Battalion has completed the capture and mopping up of its area and the 38th, 39th, and 40th Battalions have passed through, it will be completely and thoroughly re-organised and will be held in readiness for further action, which will be entirely dependant upon orders from Brigade Headquarters. It will immediately notify Brigade Headquarters when it is so re-organised.
2. If after reaching the final line the 40th Battalion is heavily counter attacked and is in danger of being driven back, it will be supported by the 39th Bttn (less its Lewis Guns and teams which will remain on the 39th Battalion line of consolidation D.L.) If the 39th Battalion has thus to move up to support the 40th Battalion it will at once notify the 38th Battalion who will move up and occupy the 39th Battalion line of consolidation (D.L.) which it will hold at all costs.
3. The C.Os of the 38th, 39th and 40th Battalions will each be responsible for notifying Brigade Headquarters immediately they take action under para. 2.

B. AEROPLANES

C.Os must impress upon all ranks that it is essential that the position of our advanced troops must be known, in order that artillery assistance may be arranged and that they must not consider the possibility of the enemy obtaining information through the lights of flares.

On several occasions in recent operations our troops have suffered through the failure to use flares.

ACKNOWLEDGE

W. J. Connelly

Major,
Brigade Major,
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Preliminary Instructions for Battle No 6

Brigade Hqrs

40th BATTALION, A.I.F.

2nd October 1917.

7th Notes on
Signalling
Communication
for proposed
operation

The following means of
communication will be utilised to the
fullest extent.

- (1) Cable (2) Power Buzzer (3) Runners
- (4) Pigeons (5) Visual (6) wireless

Two lines will be run out
from Cable Head to Forward Brigade
Station at SPRINGFIELD FARM.

Second Relay Station will
be at or in close proximity to
37th Brs. Hqrs. The latter should
arrange to get their business back
to the Brigade through this station.
Battalion personnel will also assist
this station in maintaining lines.

Third Relay Station will be
in vicinity of 38th Batts who will
also work on similar lines to 37th.

Brigade Forward Station will
run a line to Forward Station of
Bde on right.

39th & 40th Batts will each
take a line forward from forward
station to their respective Headquarters.

It is essential that 40th line
should pass through 39th Hqrs for
maintenance purposes.

No other lines are to be laid
forward of Cable Head.

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A. notes on
 Signalling
 Communication
 for proposed
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Owing to difficulty of clearing traffic telephone conversations, except in cases of extreme urgency, are not to be allowed. Messages should be as brief as possible consistent with clearness.

Amplifiers and Power Buzzer Stations will be in vicinity of Bde Hqs and also at Forward Bde Stations

One power buzzer will be available for use of 40th Batta, this will work back to Forward Bde Station

Runners will be detailed at Forward Brigade Station and Relay Stations back to Brigade.

A limited number of pigeons will be available. These will be allotted to 39th & 40th Battns.

A visual station will be in vicinity of Z E. Forward Stations will get in touch with this. When communication is established messages will be sent DD DD

Wireless will communicate between Division and Brigade only.

Visual and Power Buzzer Station at Z E will be connected with Brigade by phone.

All wire and equipment will be dumped at SQUARE FARM Battalions and other parties will draw from there on the night preceding the operation.

Whit calls recently issued will be used.

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Calls for aeroplane contact work

10 th Bde	L. A.
37 th Bn.	L. A. N.
38 th "	L. A. X.
39 th "	L. A. Y.
40 th "	L. A. Z.

Allotment of personnel will be notified later.

B. Evacuation
 of
wounded

Wounded will be brought by Field Ambulance bearers from Regimental Aid Posts to BAVARIA HOUSE whence they will be sent to Advanced Dressing Station at POTITZE Chateau.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

John J. ...
 Major
 Brigade Major
 10th Aust. Infantry Brigade

17/230/12

40th BATTALION, A.I.F.

10 INFANTRY BRIGADE A.I.F.

Notes on Signal Communications Phase 5.

40th

The following means of communication will be utilised to the fullest extent.

- ① Cable
- ② Visual
- ③ Runners
- ④ Pigeons
- ⑤ Power Bugger
- ⑥ Wireless

Cable

Two lines will be run out from Brigade Head Quarters at or near HAMBURG D16 63.67, to first relay post D11 d 4.2, and thence to Brigade Forward Station at or near CREST FARM

40th Bn will connect on at first Relay Post and detail 2 linesmen to assist Post in maintaining communications back.

38th Battalion will connect to Brigade Forward Station and detail two linesmen to assist the latter station.

37th Battalion will carry line on from Forward Brigade Station to their Battalion Head Quarters.

Forward Brigade Station will run a line to forward Brigade Station on right.

No other lines should be laid until consolidation is well in hand.

Cable will be drawn at place & time to be notified later.

Visual

Visual stations will be established at Brigade Head Quarters & Brigade Forward Station. Battalions will endeavour to get into communication with either of these two points.

Particular attention should be paid to the use of Lucas Lamp which proved invaluable in recent operations.

39th Battalion will detail 3 men to assist Brigade forward Station with visual & aeroplane contact work.

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Runna Post will be established at Brigade Head Quarters, 1st Relay and Brigade Forward Station Pigeons

Pigeons will be available for use of 37th 38 Battalions and Forward Brigade Station, they will be drawn from BAVARIA HOUSE at 3.0 P.M. on the day previous to operation.

Power Buzzer

Amplifier and Power Buzzer Stations will be established at Brigade Head Quarters and Brigade Forward Station.

A Power Buzzer Station will be available for use of 37 Battalion

Wireless

Wireless Station will be at Brigade Head Quarters for communication to Division.

Diagram of proposed communications attached

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Lieut
Signal Officer

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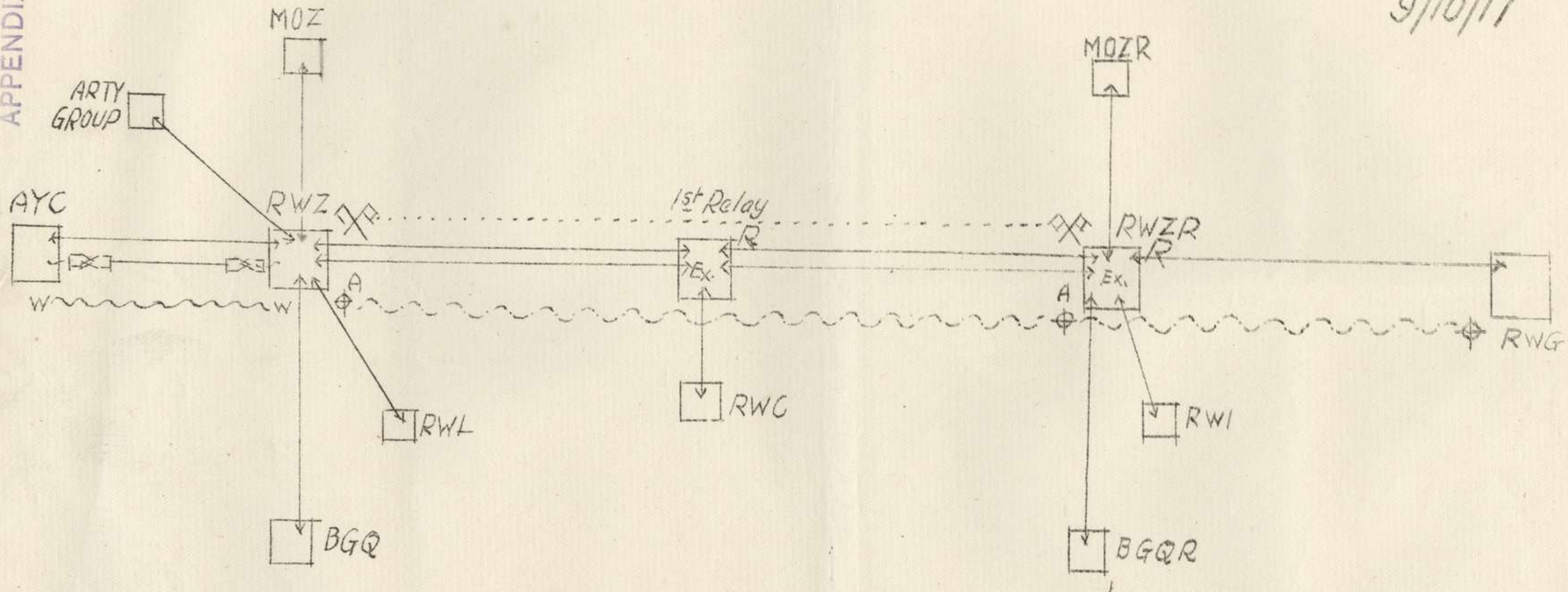
DIAGRAM OF PROPOSED SIGNAL COMMUN^S

3RD BATTLE OF YPRES

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Secret Appendix *Via*

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10th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No 65.

2nd October 1917.

Map Reference:- 1/20,000
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INTENTION 1.

The 10th Aust. Inf. Brigade will carry out Approach March in accordance with March Table attached on a day and calculated from a zero hour both of which will be notified later.

ROUTES 2.

Routes are shown on attached tracing and will be thoroughly reconnoitred by all Officers and as many N.C.Os as possible.

TRENCH
MORTAR
BATTERY

3. Battalions for the operation will move with the Battalions under orders of C. O's of Battalions. The remainder of Trench Mortar Battery will settle in dugouts in U. 29. c.; just N. of Road from MILLCOTT to ZONNEBEKE, reporting locality to Brigade Headquarters as shown on attached.

PRECAUTIONS 4.

Every possible precaution must be taken to minimise possibility of casualties from shell fire and gas.

Reports 5

Reports to Brigade Headquarters at SQUARE FARM C. 30. b. 80. 90.

6.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Ramsay Captain
Asst. Brigade Major
10th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

APPENDIX VI

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7. 37th Batta

8. 38th Batta

9. 39th Batta

10. 40th Batta

11. 10th Mo. G. Coy

12. 10th Aust. L. F. No. 13 Coy.

13. 4th New Zealand Brig

14. 7th Aust. Infantry Brig

by D.R. at.

15. 10th F. Coy. Engineers

8 pm

16. 10th F. Ambulance

2/9/17.

17. 869th Div. Train

18. Bde Sec. Div. Sigs.

19. C.R.A. 2nd A.D.

20. C.R.E. " "

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March Table

10th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No 65

Unit	Starting Point	Time head to pass T.P. so that whole may be on line by Z - 1 hour	Route	Order of Companies	Remarks
37 th BN.	I.4.C.70.50, where K track crosses road from POTISZE to ZILLEBEKE	Z minus 7 1/2 hours	K track	B, D, C, A	
38 th BN.	- do - - do -	Z minus 7 hours	K track	D, C, B, A.	
39 th BN.	Aylum Road junction at H.12. d. 27.40.	6.30 pm on R day	Red route through North of YPRES	B, C, D, A.	To bivouac in area used by 37 th & 38 th Bns about I. q. a. where they will remain until they move forward as detailed below. 39 th & 40 th Bns must reconnoitre bivouac ground beforehand and decide sites to use in case 37 th & 38 th Bns are still in positions when they arrive.
40 th BN.	- do - - do -	7.0 pm on R day	- do - - do -	B, D, A, C.	
39 th BN.	I.4.C.70.50 where K track crosses road from POTISZE to ZILLEBEKE	Z minus 6 1/2 hrs.	K track	B, C, D, A	
40 th BN.	- do - - do -	Z minus 6 hrs	K track	B, D, A, C.	

APPENDIX. VIa

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121.
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Service.
<i>Secret</i>			Sent	<i>Urgent</i>		<i>Appendix</i>
			At			<i>26</i>
			To			
			By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		<i>26</i>

TO { *39th Bn. W pass to 40*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <i>B. 100</i>	<i>3rd.</i>		

*Herewith particulars regarding
dispositions of 4th N.Z. Brigade - on
our left RAA 39th will please read,
instead, time and pass quickly to
38th Bn RAA 39th will
and pass to 39th Bn RAA 39th
will pass to 39th Bn RAA*

*Acknowledgment of these particulars will
be sent to Rde H.Q. at BERRY
FARM by quickest means*

BATTALION, M.A.I.F.
 W.Z.

From _____
Place _____
Time *3.55 PM*

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *Adair*
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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4th N.Z. Brigade. Gen. Hart.

Going over on a 2 battalion frontage.

Two objectives (1) Red line = our C.S. line 38th Ptn
(2) Blue " = our F.M. line 40th Ptn

Support line will be dug in continuation of our 39th line.

N.Z. right Batta at Red line = 3rd Auckland Batta (Col. Blair). Their H.Q. will be in dugouts at D 14 d. 83. 42

The Battalion to be in position at zero - 2 hours

Right battalion on Blue line = 3rd Canterbury Ptn (Col. Row)

H.Q. to be at BOOTHOEK - To be drawn up in

POMMERN REDOUBT^{line} at zero - 2 hours. + move forward not further than ELMS CORNER - GALLIOLI LINE before zero.

Advanced Brigade report Centre at Capitol D 13d 80. 10. Forward Brigade Station at BOOTHOEK.

Battalions for first objective already in the line.

Right Coy's O.C. not known.

40th BATTALION, A.I.F.

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10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.66

3rd October 1917.

MAP REFERENCE :- BELGIUM & FRANCE Sheet 28: 1/40,000
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INTENTION

1. On a day to be known as code day "G" and at a time to be notified later the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade will attack in accordance with preliminary instructions already issued and with the provisions of this order.

ENEMY TROOPS

2. The Area opposite the Divisional Frontage is at present held by the 4th Bavarian Division, who were opposite us at MESSINES, or 20th Prussian Div. Accurate information not at present to hand.

FLANK TROOPS

3. The 7th Brigade, 2nd Australian Division will be attacking on the right of the 11th Aust. Infantry Brigade, and the 4th Brigade, New Zealand Division on our left.

BARRAGE

4. (a) The Official Barrage Map is issued herewith
(b) There will be five Barrages - "A", "B", "C", "D", "E"
(i) "A" nearest to the Infantry
"E" furthest off.

Each of these barrages will be 200 yards apart.
"A" Barrage will consist of 18 pdrs.
"B" of 4.5" and 18-pdrs.
"C" Machine Guns
"D" 6" Hows.
"E" 8", 9.2" and 60 pdrs.

The 18-pdr. Barrage "A" is the one affecting the Infantry. It will open for three minutes on a line 150 yards in advance of the Infantry Tape Line (position of Assembly already notified.)

(ii) The 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade are ensuring, by active patrolling, and action of Stokes Mortars, that no enemy is established within this 150 yards of NO MAN'S LAND.

(iii) Barrage will dwell on the line plus 29 plus 41, and on the line plus 154 plus 166 to assist leap-frogging.

(iv) The Protective Barrage for the RED LINE, vide attached Barrage Plan, will lift at plus 130 minutes. The Protective Barrage for the BLUE LINE, will be placed at a distance of 200 yards in advance of the BLUE LINE.

The Barrage will advance by lifts of 100 yards throughout it's whole length.

(v) The action of the Protective Barrage, which is shown in para. (xi) below must be thoroughly understood by the Troops on the BLUE LINE so that they will not push out too far during the pauses in the "A" Barrage, or follow the other Barrages when they search forward.

40th
DIVISION
INFANTRY

BARRAGE 41

(vi) As a signal to the Infantry that halting places of the Barrage have been reached Smoke Shell will be fired by the 18-pdrs.

(vii) Posts will be established inside the Protective Barrage approximately 100 yards in advance of the BLUE LINE.

(viii) The Barrage Map only shows lifts of Barrage "A".

(ix) Special attention will be paid by Barrages "D" and "E" to Dug-outs, Strong-Points, &c.

(x) During the Protective Barrage for the BLUE LINE guns other than those of Barrage "A" will search forward but the 18-pdrs in Barrage "A" will remain stationary.

(xi) After the whole Protective Barrage for the BLUE LINE has been formed, viz., from 182 to 206, the following procedure will be adopted:-

Barrage "A" will remain stationary 200 yards in front of the BLUE LINE, and guns will continue to fire as under:-

Plus 206 to plus 221	at 2 rounds per gun per minute
" 221 " " 236	" 1 round " " "
" 236 " " 266	guns will cease firing.
" 266 " " 281	guns will resume at 1 round per gun per minute.
" 281 " " 386	there will be another break and no guns will be firing on the Protective Barrage Line.
" 386 " " 401	fire will be resumed at one round per gun per minute.

Plus 401 guns will Cease Fire.

(xii) It is during the above periods of cessation of fire that Infantry must be careful not to go forward even if counter-attacked.

(xiii) During the Protective Barrage on the BLUE LINE, as outlined above, Barrages "B", "D" and "E" will search forward. The fire of these Barrages, viz., "B", "D" and "E" will finally cease at plus 464, but there will be intermediate periods of cessation prior to this time.

(xiv) During the periods of cessation of fire of the Divisional Artillery, as shown above, the guns may be used as required by Divisions, but will at once reopen on their Protective Line, that is 200 yards beyond the BLUE LINE, if the S.O.S. Signal is sent up.

(xv) After plus 401 when "A" Barrage finally stops, Batteries will be used as required, but will be ready to re-open on the Protective Barrage for the BLUE LINE on observing the S.O.S. Signal.

(xvi) In order to prevent the enemy's Machine Guns on the high ground about DARING CROSSING, DASH CROSSING, interfering with our advancing Infantry, a smoke barrage will be opened by the Artillery along the Railway starting at ZERO hour in Square 22.c. It will gradually roll up from the South West in order not to interfere with the Infantry Advance.

BARRAGE 4. (xvii) The forward movement of the Infantry will be covered by a total of 9 Field Artillery Brigades, divided into three Groups. These are additional to any Heavy Artillery employed.

CONTACT
PLANES 5.

Contact planes will fly at plus 100 minutes, and plus 220 minutes. Forward Troops will be ready to light Flares at these times, on the aeroplanes calling for them, in the usual way, viz., a series of A's on the KLAXON HORN, or firing of White Very light.

In addition Flares will be lit at any other time when our planes call for them.

A special plane will fly on "T" morning at a time not yet decided. The hour of flying will depend on whether the morning is, or is not, misty. Exact time cannot be stated, but Flares will be lit upon being called for.

All contact work with Troops of the Division will be carried out by the 21st Squadron A.F.C.

Contact aircraft will be distinguished by one Black Streamer on each of the lower planes.

Machines of the 21st Squadron will carry the following distinctive markings:-

On Fuselage, working from the Observer's seat towards the rudder -

- (a) British markings.
- (b) A large "A" in white.
- (c) A dumbbell painted in white.

These markings will be on both sides of the Fuselage.

Only one Contact plane will work on the Corps Front at one time.

Flares, No. 3 MED will be used. These flares are plainly visible, and it is not necessary to light them in groups of 3 as was the case with the Green flares during the MESSINES Battle. They are more easily distinguished if lit at the bottom of a trench or shell hole.

Only advanced troops will light flares. Commanders on the spot will decide what proportion of flares are lit on each occasion.

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ACTION

6. 8 Guns of the 10th Machine Gun Coy. will be detailed for Barrage work under D.M.G.O; the remaining 8 will be used in capture and holding of BLUE LINE in accordance with separate instructions issued to the C.O. of 10th Machine Gun Coy.

MAINTEN-
ANCE OF
TOUCH

7. Touch will be maintained with formations on both flanks throughout the whole advance. C.O.'s will detail small parties to move with adjoining Battalions.

The parties detailed to move with the New Zealand Brigade on our left will establish touch at each of the short halts, at the long halt, and on reaching the final objective, and a message will be sent to Brigade Headquarters stating that this has been done.

The right of the 11th Brigade which starts on the YPRES-BOULLENS railway will be the directing flank of the Division. If gaps occur they must be filled up by troops moving up from behind.

MAINTENANCE OF TOUCH

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7. C.Os will detail Officers with one or two men in each Company, whose duty it will be to keep direction. Compass bearings must be taken. C.Os will ensure that all Officers note the approximate bearing of the sun and communicate to their men to assist in maintaining direction.

S.O.S. CALLS

8. S.O.S. Calls sent up by the Infantry between ZEH0 hour and ZEH0 minus 10 minutes will not be answered by Divisional Artillery, in order that there may be no chance of the Infantry being confused with regard to ZEH0 time and the real opening of the Barrage.

SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES.

9. A Representative of Brigade will visit Units immediately prior to Approach March to synchronise watches.

REPORTS

10. C.Os will send reports to Brigade Headquarters every clock hour in addition to any special reports that the situation may require.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Ernest Couvelly

Major.
Brigade Major.
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX.

40th Battalion A.I.F.
8th October 1917

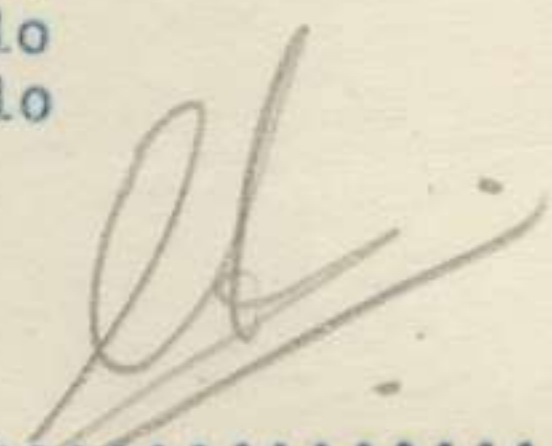
HEADQUARTERS,
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

The following points re shortness of Artillery Range on the 10th Brigade sector on the 4th and 5th October 1917 from comparing the observations of Officers engaged are submitted:-

1. Both 18 pdr. and 4.5 in. fell behind our line. More H.E. than Shrapnel.
2. This short firing took place every time there was a S.O.S. shot, and was worst at the last, about 7 P.M. on 5/10/1917 just before relief.
3. The two guns shortened on the Cemetery in D.17.a. were not concerned. Their shooting was observed to be accurate and useful.
4. The short shelling was general along 10th Brigade sector, and was particularly bad near D.16.b.90.35 and along the section of trench somewhat refused on our left from D.16.b.20.95 to D.16.b.54.85
5. One position along the line was very little, if at all, advanced beyond the line of the final objective. The position of the road which runs along D.A.B. Trench made the right line easy to ascertain with accuracy. The section of trench last mentioned in para 4 was distinctly behind the line to be consolidated.
6. Shells fell more than 200 yards behind our line. Many 18 pdr. recocheted over our line.
7. The number of short shells ran into hundreds.
8. A number of casualties wre the result of our own short shelling which did more harm than the enemy shelling.

These matters were reported at:-

11.30	A.M.	4/10/1917
12.40	P.M.	do
1.	P.M.	do
7.30	A.M.	5/10/1917
2.15	P.M.	do
2.50	P.M.	do
10.	P.M.	do



.....Lieut-Colonel
Commanding 40th Battalion A.I.F.

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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 68

9th October 1917

REFERENCE MAP:- 1/40,000 Sheets 27 and 28
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RESUMPTION OF OFFENSIVE

1. The 10th Australian Infantry Brigade will attack on "A" day.

Operations will be in accordance with Phase 5 as explained to Commanding Officers

OBJECTIVES

2. Objectives have already been outlined to C.Os and are shown on the map issued with this order as follows:-

- Line ACEG - Boundary between 10th Aust. Inf. Bde and N.Z. Division
- " BDFH - Boundary between 10th Aust. Inf. Bde and 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- " AB - Our jumping off line.
- " CD - GREEN DOTTED LINE (limit of 1st Objective)
- " EF - GREEN LINE (limit of 2nd Objective; for line of consolidation see para. 4)
- " GH - Limit of final objective and line of consolidation.

40th Battn will capture and mop up all enemy territory from AB to CD, and as soon as the 38th Battn has passed through the 40th Battn, the latter will take steps to reorganise and support the 38th Battn if necessary.

38th Battn plus 1 Coy. of 39th Battn will capture and mop up all enemy territory from CD to EF

37th Battn will capture and mop up all enemy territory from EF to GH

39th Battn (less 2 Companies) will be Brigade Reserve.

BARRAGE

3. The barrage will advance throughout by lifts of 100 yards every 8 minutes except as follows:-

It will halt 200 yards beyond the GREEN DOTTED LINE (CD) for 26 minutes and 200 yards beyond the GREEN LINE (EF) for 2 hours, and will come to rest on the S.O.S. line 200 yards beyond GH.

Barrage map will be issued later.

CONSOLIDATION

4. During the 2 hour halt of the barrage 200 yards beyond line EF the 38th Battn will consolidate that line as rapidly as possible, then when the barrage has moved forward and the 37th Battn has passed through, the 38th Battn will move forward another 200 yards and will dig the line of consolidation which they will hold. The 37th Battn will consolidate and hold the line GH.

VICKERS GUNS

5.

4 Vickers Guns and teams will be at disposal of 38th Battn and 2 at the disposal of the 37th Battn to move with them to the capture of their respective objectives.

2 Vickers Guns will be in Brigade Reserve and 10th Machine Gun Coy. Hqrs will remain with Brigade Headquarters.

The remaining 8 guns of the 10th Machine Gun Coy will be under the orders of the D.M.G.O.

LIGHT TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY

6.

Six 3 inch Stokes Mortars will be at disposal of 38th Battn to move with it to the capture of its objective. Headquarters of the 10th Light Trench Mortar Battery will move with the 38th Battn.

After the 38th Battn has captured its objective the C.O. of the 10th L.T.M. Battery will report to the C.O.

37th Battn and move with him and the abovementioned 6 Mortars will be at the disposal of the 37th Battn to move with it to the capture of the final objective and to be employed in the holding of the line.

The remaining 2 Stokes Mortars will remain in Brigade Reserve.

CARRYING ORGANISATION

7.

One Company of the 39th Battn will supply Brigade Carrying Parties.

Carrying Organisation is shown in Appendix "A" hereto.

MOVE

8.

Move prior to attack is detailed in March Order issued separately.

This Brigade passes under the Command of the 66th Division when it reaches bivouacing Area East of YPRES and again comes under command of 3rd Australian Division at 10 a. m. on 11th instant.

RELIEF OF 11th BRIGADE

9.

On 2/A night the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade will be holding the line on the Divisional Front and upon assembly of 10th Australian Infantry Brigade this Brigade will take over from the 11th Brigade the left sector of the Divisional front.

EQUIPMENT

10.

All fighting troops will carry not less than 170 rounds of S.A.A. and 2 bombs each. Other equipment is left to the discretion of C.Os

APPROACH MARCH

11.

Approach March Order will be issued later.

CONTACT AEROPLANES

12.

The times at which 'planes will fly will be notified later.

Forward troops will be ready at these times, on the aeroplane calling for them by a series of A's on the KLAXON HORN or firing of white VERY light.

In addition flares will be lit at any other time when our 'planes call for them

Only advanced troops will light flares. Commanders on the spot will decide what proportion of flares are lit on each occasion.

SIGNALLING ARRANGEMENTS

13.

Signalling arrangements will be issued later.

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BATTN
HQRS

14. C.Os will advise Brigade Headquarters of the probable position of their Headquarters as early as possible.

BRIGADE
HQRS.

15. of HAMBURG at D.16.b.63.67
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Major Connelly

Major.
Brigade Major.
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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10TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

APPENDIX "A".

10TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 68.

CARRYING PARTIES.

Dump.	Location.	Sign Post.	Carried by.	Move with.	Officer in charge of Dump.	REMARKS.
37th Btn Adv. Dump.	-	-	1 Section per Coy from 37th Battalion.	In rear of Bn.		Carry forward to Companies.
37th Dump.	D.O. Central.	37	<p style="text-align: center;">↑</p> Lieut. O. T. MASON. 2 N.C.O.s. 20 O.A.	Report to 38th Bn. Dump. Move in rear of 38th Bn with Mes. Company.	Lieut. L. LITTLE 37th Bn.	Carry from 38th Bn to 37th Bn
38th Dump.	CHEST FA.M.	38	<p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> Lieut. W. PATTERSON. 2 N.C.O.s. 20 O.A.	Report to Adv. Bde. Dump. Move in rear of 38th Bn, with Mes. Company.	Lieut. H. McCOLL. 38th Bn.	Carry from Adv. Brigade Dump to 38th Bn.
Advanced Bde. Dump.	HAALEN COPSE or DECK WOOD.	ADV 10	<p style="text-align: center;">*</p> Bde. Pack Transport and Lt. F.A. MITCHELL Lt. H.J. PRICE. 4 N.C.O.s. 40 O.A.	Report to Main Bde. Dump at Zero hour.	Lieut. H. L. FOSTER, 40th Bn.	Carry from Main Brigade Dump to Adv. Bde. Dump.
Main Brigade Dump.	HAMBURG FA.M. or SPRINGFIELD FA.M.	MAIN 10.	<p style="text-align: center;">*</p> Div. Pack. Troop.		Lieut. A. J. MURRAY Bde. Bomb. Officer	
Adv. Div. Dump.	In rear of BREZEMBERG BRIDGE.		↓			
Loading Party.	Adv. Brigade. Dump.		2 N.C.O.'s. 20 O.A.	Report to Main Brigade Dump at Zero Hour.		
Loading Party.	Main Brigade Dump.		2 N.C.O.'s. 20 O.A.	Report to Main Brigade Dump at Zero Hour.		

TOTAL - 4 Officers, 12 N.C.O.'s and 120 Other Ranks to be detailed by 39th Battalion.

Headquarters:
10th Australian Infantry Brigade,
10th October 1917.

C.Os Battalions.
10th M.G.Coy.
10th A.L.T.M.Battery.

In reference to 10th A.I. Brigade Order No.68 the following amendments will be made and C.Os, particularly of the 37th Battalion, will re-adjust their instructions immediately in accordance therewith.

The jumping off line for Phase 5 will be approximately the 1st/Objective of Phase 4. It will probably run through the F of WATERFIELDS and the first S in AUGUSTUS or through the T of WATERFIELDS and the second U in AUGUSTUS .

This means that the line E.F. will be the furthest objective to be taken by this Brigade and that there will be a new objective from the jumping off line to the line A.B.

The 37th Battalion will capture the first objective from the jumping off line up to the line A.B.

The objective of the 40th Battalion will be practically the same as at present.

The objective of the 38th Battalion will be practically the same as at present.

VICKERS GUNS: The two Vickers Guns which were to be attached to the 37th Battalion will now be attached to the 40th Battalion. Otherwise dispositions of Vickers Guns will be the same.
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STOKES MORTARS: The disposition of Stokes Mortars will remain the same except that throughout the Operations the six guns moving forward will remain in the hands of the C/O 38th Battalion

OBJECTIVES: The names of the objectives will be as follows:-

37th Battalion	RED LINE
40th Battalion	BLUE LINE
38th Battalion	GREEN LINE

BARRAGE: The barrage will lift from the protective line beyond the RED LINE at ZERO plus 2 HOURS 30 MINUTES
The barrage will lift from the protective line beyond the BLUE LINE plus at ZERO plus 4 HOURS 30 MINUTES.

RIGHT FLANK TROOPS:

	<u>10th Brigade</u>	<u>9th Brigade</u>
"A" Battalion	37th Battn.	34th Battn.
"B" do	40th do	35th do
"C" do	38th do	36th do

MAP REFERENCE:- BELGIUM and part FRANCE Edition 3 Sheet 28
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- INTENTION 1. The 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. will move from hutments about H.16. Central to a bivouac area W. of FAEZENBEEG on 10th October preparatory to an attack on "A" day in accordance with Order No.68
- MOVES 2. The Movement will take place in accordance with the attached March Table.
- EQUIPMENT 3. Troops will move in Fighting Order, carrying 2 days rations and wearing greatcoats. These greatcoats will be dumped before leaving the bivouac area and Quartermaster's must arrange to collect and store them under cover during the fighting.
- TRANSPORT 4. Each Battalion will take its cookers and water carts which will move in rear of their own units and must be cleared from road at bivouac area. Reconnaissance must be made on 9th instant. When Battalions branch from the road on to "K" track in I.S.d. transport will continue along ZONNEBEKE road to destination.
- TENTAGE 5. Tents or shelters will be provided in the bivouac. Instructions will be issued later as to whether these will be left pitched during the day time.
- PRE-CAUTIONS 6. Precautions are to be taken against observation by enemy aircraft while in bivouac.
- REPORTS 7. Reports will be sent to present location of Bgde Hq's - H.16.Central.
8. A C K N O W L E D G E.

James Connolly

Major.

Brigade Major.

10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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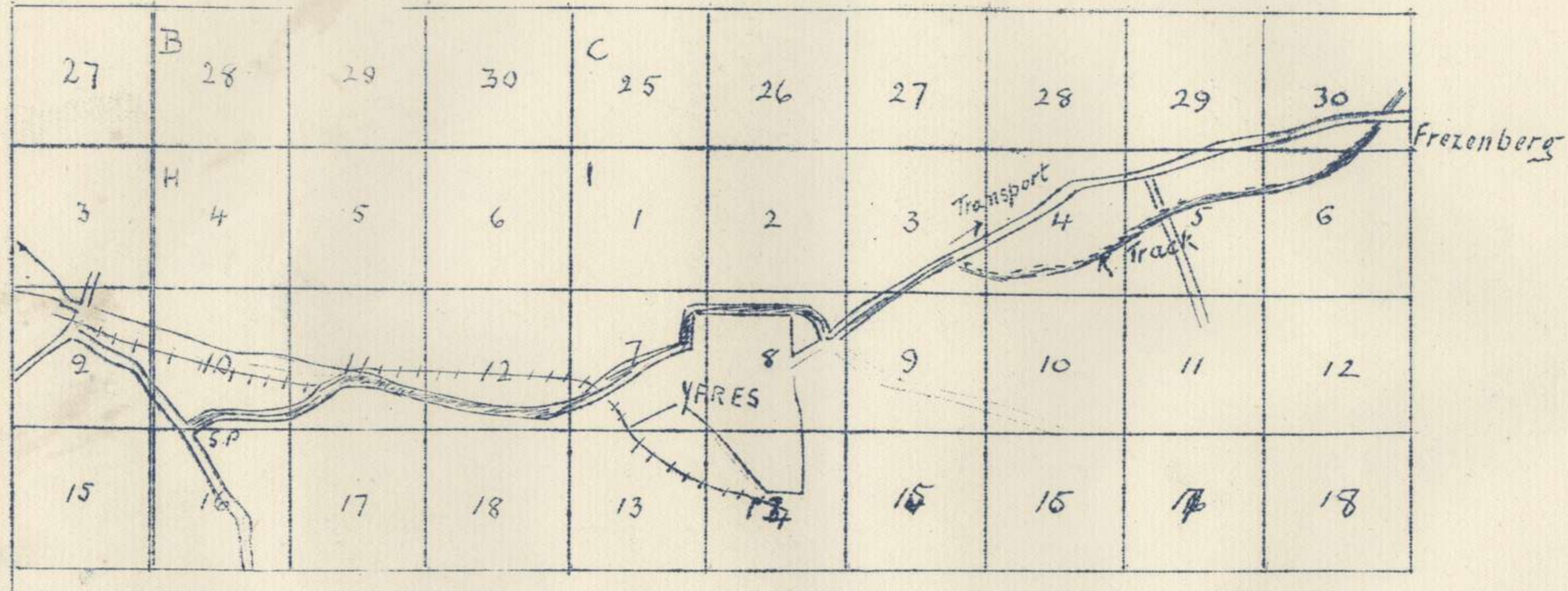
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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

MARCH TABLE - 10th OCT. 1917

Issued with 10th A.I.Bde Order No.6 7

UNIT	Starting Point	Time to pass S. P.	ROUTE	REMARKS
37th Btn	Junction VLAMERTINGHE-KRUISSTRAAT HOEK Rd and road leading from H.10.c.4.0. to GOLDFISH CHATEAU	6.20 a.m.	N.E. to VLAMERTINGHE - YPRES Rd past prison and following road to N. of YPRES joining YPRES-ZONNEBEKE Rd 300 yards East of Meningate - thence along above road to I.S.d.5.5. and thence along K.track to bivouac near ground N. of PREZENBERG Ridge (see Appendix "A" attached)	One minute interval to be kept between platoons, between Companies, and between Battn and its transport. 2 minutes between Battalions. Rear of Trench Mortar Battery must be clear of YPRES by 9.50 a. m. so as to allow 25rd A.M.G.Coy. to clear by 10 a. m.
39th Btn	-do-	6.47 a. m.	-do-	
40th Btn	-do-	7.24 a. m.	-do-	
38th Btn	-do-	8. 1 a. m.	-do-	The usual halts from 10 mins before clock hour to the hour are to be kept.
10th E.G. Coy.	-do-	8.28 a. m.	-do-	
10th T.M. Battery	-do-	8.57 a. m.	-do-	

APPENDIX VII

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code.....m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Reed. at.....m.
Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Sent			Date.....
	At.....m.		Service.	From.....
	To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	By.....
	By.....			

TO

10th Aust Inf Bde Order to 71
Copy No 4

Sender's Number. * BM 64	Day of Month. 13 th Oct 1917	In reply to Number. A A A
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Map Reference - PASSCHENDAELE 1/10000

- The line at present held by the 9th + 10th Aust Inf Bdes will be taken over by the 11th Aust Inf Bde ~~on night 13th 14th Oct 1917~~ on night 13th 14th Oct 1917
- The front held by 10th Aust Inf Bde will be taken over by the 41st Bn and the 42nd Bn will be in support to 41st 250 to 400 yds in rear of front line.
- Upon relief units will move back to camp in vicinity of HUSSAR FARM which they occupied on 11th October and the Brigade will become Divisional reserve.
- The 10th ATMB will be relieved by the 11th ATMB.

From	R. W. Z
Place	and the 10 th ATMB will be relieved by the 11 th ATMB
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

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Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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	By.....			

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10 Aust Inf Bde Order to 71 (continued)

Sender's Number. * BM 64	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	A A A
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- Upon relief units will obtain receipt for the line + stores handed over to receiving units + will forward copies to Bde Hqs at earliest possible moment.
- All possible information will be ~~sent~~ given to receiving units.
- COs of 41st + 42nd Bns will get into touch with COs of the Bde + all further details will be mutually arranged.
- Troops of this Bde as soon as relieving troops arrive will be dribbled back in small parties, as much of relief to be completed in daylight as possible.
- Completion of relief to be used to this R.W.Z. the code word SWOPPED to be used.

From	R. W. Z
Place	after relief Bde Hqs will be at 1116
Time	control by instruments.

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40th BATTALION A. I. F. OPERATION ORDER NO. 26
(PRELIMINARY)

Reference Maps- Z O N N E B E K E 1/10,000
GRAVENSTAFEL 1/10,000
SPECIAL MAP SHOWING OBJECTIVES 1/5000

1. I N F O R M A T I O N: The enemy STADEN-ZONNEBEKE LINE between ZONNEBEKE STATION and BOETLEER is at present held by the 4th Bavarian Division.
2. I N T E N T I O N: (a) The Third Australian Division will attack in a combined offensive on the STADEN-ZONNEBEKE line on Zero day. Zero hour will be notified later.
(b) The Tenth Australian Infantry Brigade will attack with the 37th; 38th; 39th; and 40th Battalions.
3. T A S K S and O B J E C T I V E S. The 37th Battalion will capture enemy territory up to line just in rear of barrage on B J (Special Map) which extends from D 21 a 90 75 (Right) to D 15 d 27 67 (Left) 38th Battalion will pass through and capture enemy territory as far as line C S (Special Map) which extends from D 16 c 78 20 (Right) to D 15 b 93 10 (Left) The 39th Battalion will pass through and capture as far as line D I (Special Map) which they will strongly consolidate as a support line. The line D I extends from D 16 d 64 62 (Right) to D 16 a 60 57 (Left). The 40th Battalion will pass through and capture enemy territory as far as F M (Special Map) which is to be strongly consolidated as the line F M extends from D 17 c 37 93 (Right) to D 10 d 05 25 (Left).
The line C S will be known as the "RED LINE". The final objective F M will be known as the "BLUE LINE".
4. B A T T A L I O N D I S P O S I T I O N S: The 40th Battalion will be disposed as follows:-
B. and D. Companies will form the first two waves each wave being in two lines. B Company will have the right half of the area and D Company the left half. The boundary between the two sectors is marked by a yellow line on Special Map.
A Company will do the "Mopping Up" of the whole Battalion area, and will also "Mop Up" the area between the consolidation line F M and the protecting barrage.
C Company will be Battalion reserve. The two lines of the first wave will move forward in extended order fifteen yards between lines. The "Moppers Up" will move in sections in single file in two irregular lines. They will be fifteen yards behind the second line of the first wave and will be distributed thirty yards in depth.
The second wave will move in sections in single file fifteen yards behind the "Moppers Up"; distributed over a depth of thirty yards.
The reserve Company will move by platoons in file twenty yards behind the second wave, they will occupy thirty yards in depth.
5. B O U N D A R I E S: The boundaries shown on special map 1/5000 are as under:-
A H equals our approximate front line.
A B C D E F equals the boundary between 10th Australian Infantry Brigade and the New Zealand Division.
H J S L M equals the boundary between the 10th and 11th Australian

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11th Australian Infantry Brigades.

B T equals approximate position of a twelve minutes halt of the barrage.

C S equals a line which the Infantry reach and halt at during a one hour halt of the barrage.

D L equals approximate position of support line, to be strongly consolidated. The barrage will halt for twelve minutes to cover this line, to enable 40th Battalion to leap-frog and 39th Battalion to start digging.

F M equals the 40th Battalion objective. This is to be captured and a line consolidated there, with covering troops pushed a little further east.

6. BARRAGE: The barrage will begin 150 yards east of our "Jump Off Line" and stay there for three minutes. It will then jump 50 yards every two minutes for 200 yards. It will then jump 100 yards every six minutes for the remainder of this its advance except for the three long halts mentioned in para 5. Barrage map will be issued later.

7. DISTINGUISHING COLOURS and DESTINATION PATCHES: Arm bands will be worn as laid down in "Training of Divisions for Offensive Action" (S.S.135 para 32). Destination patches will be worn by all ranks of the 40th Battalion consisting of a Red Triangle sewn on the back of Tunics immediately below the collar. Other Battalions will wear destination patches as follows:-

37th Battalion;	None
38th ditto	White
39th ditto	Blue

8. STOKES MORTARS: Two Stokes Mortars and the 10th A.L.T.M. Battery Headquarters will be attached to the 40th Battalion during the operation. Two Mortars will also be attached to the 37th Battalion and two to the 38th Battalion. The guns with the 37th and 38th Battalions will join with the 40th Battalion, so that on arrival in its territory, the 40th Battalion should have six Stokes Mortars (less casualties).

Three of these Mortars under Lieut. Crosby will co-operate with D Company 40th Battalion. The other three Mortars under Lieut. Oliver will co-operate with B Company 40th Battalion. The six Mortars will deal with any targets pointed out and upon reaching objective will lay S.O.S. lines to deal with any counter attacks

9. CARRYING PARTIES: The principle on which S.A.A.; Bombs; Flares; R.E. Stores; etc.; are carried forward from Brigade Dumps is as follows:-

37th BN.	carries from Brigade Fwd. Dump to its own Dump.
38th BN.	" " 37th BN. Dump " " " "
39th BN.	" " 38th " " " " " "
40th BN.	" " 39th " " forward.

Lieut. C.H. Cane will be responsible for getting stores forward from the 39th Battalion dump.

10. AMMUNITION; TOOLS; ETC. As indicated in para 9 all stores will be carried from the 39th Battalion dump, the location of which will be notified later. One section per company will be detailed to carry from this dump. Stores will be carried as follows:-
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|-----------|--|
| S.A.A. | One box per man on Yukon Packs |
| L.G.A. | 8 Magazines in canvas carriers per man |
| TOOLS. | A bundle of 4 picks and 5 shovels " " |
| WATER. | Two petrol tins per man |
| SANDBAGS. | Fifty per man |
| GRENADES. | Two boxes per man |
| WIRE. | One coil per man |

Fighting troops will carry:-

- S.A.A. at least 150 rounds
 - L.G.A. 32 magazines per section
 - Flares. 2 per man, 1 carried in each bottom pocket of tunic.
 - BOMBS. 2 per man and 10 per bombers.
 - Rifle GRENADES. 6 per rifle grenadier.
 - SANDBAGS. 4 per man
 - PICKS and SHOVELS. 4 picks and 8 shovels per platoon.
- VERY LIGHTS and S.O.S.LIGHTS will be allotted later.

11. DRESS and EQUIPMENT: Dress will be fighting order. Box Respirators will be worn at the "ALERT" and P.H. Helmets will be carried. The haversack will contain (a) Towel and Soap, (b) Spare Oil Tin (c) Iron Rations (d) Twenty four hours ration. W.P. Sheet will be carried on top of haversack. Mess Tin will be slung outside haversack. Bayonets will be blackened and Steel Helmets covered. Slings of Rifles will be fixed to the butt swivel and the piling swivel ~~and the rifle slung over the shoulder.~~

12. DIRECTION: Maps should have directions of advance marked before hand with magnetic bearings, and all information should show magnetic bearing to avoid mistakes in the stress of battle. The magnetic bearing of the line of advance of the 40th Battn. will be 71 degrees.

13. S. O. S. The S.O.S. Signal will be a rifle grenade bursting in six coloured lights as follows:-
RED over GREEN over YELLOW

14. TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION: (a) The paramount importance of a continuous stream of information both positive and negative, has been repeatedly emphasised. Nevertheless, all Commanders must take further measures to ensure that all their subordinates fully understand their duties and responsibilities in this respect. (b) The language must be clear and the writing legible. H.B. Pencils must be used. Indelible pencils are forbidden. (c) Whenever possible the clock time of the events reported in the message must be given In the Body of the message itself, thus:-
"40th Battalion captured enemy support line at ten past four A.M. No sign of counter attack up to six P.M."

15. BURIAL OF THE DEAD: Attention is especially drawn to instructions concerning burial of the dead contained in P.O.P. No. 3 issued by the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade. All ranks must be told that in removing identity discs from bodies only the metal disc will be removed. The green disc will be buried with the body.

16. SIGNALLING COMMUNICATIONS:

- Means:
- (1) Cable
 - (2) Power Buzzer
 - (3) Runners
 - (4) Pigeons
 - (5) Visual
 - (6) Aeroplane Contact

Cable: Battalion Headquarters at Beecham Farm will be connected to Brigade forward station at Springfield Farm by telephone. Necessary cable will be picked up at Brigade station at Square Farm.

Power Buzzer: A power buzzer at Battalion Headquarters will work with amplifier at Brigade forward station.

Runners: Runners will work between Battalion and Brigade forward Station. Also between Battalion and Company Headquarters. Runners to work in pairs. Messages to be carried in the right hand breast pocket.

Pigeons: Number of birds available will be notified later. Battalion Headquarters and B and D Companies will be supplied.

Visual: Visual communication will be established between Battalion Headquarters and Brigade forward station and between Company and Battalion Headquarters. Equipment. Battalion Headquarters station and Company stations will be provided each with one signalling lamp and two folding shutters.

Aeroplane Contact Work: Call LQZ. Battalion Headquarters will communicate with contact planes by ground signal panel. Markings for contact planes will be notified later. Flares will be called for by Aeroplanes by a succession of A's on the Klaxon Horn or by dropping white very lights if necessary. Company Signallers must be on the lookout for Aeroplanes calling for flares and notify company Commanders at once.

<u>Calls:</u>	Division	AYG	39th Battalion	RWL
	11th Brigade	BGQ	40th do	RWC
	10th do	RWZ	41st do	BGV
Fwd	10th do	RWZR	40th BN. "A"Co.	LA
	37th Battn.	RWG	40th BN. "B"Co.	LB
	38th do	RWI	40th BN. "C"Co.	LC
			40th BN. "D"Co.	LD

Messages: To allow for messages being sent by alternative means they should be handed to Signal Station in duplicate. Owing to difficulty of clearing traffic telephone conversations except in cases of extreme urgency are not to be allowed.

17. CASUALTIES AMONG COMMANDERS: Company and all subordinate commanders down to section commanders will submit to their immediate superiors the names of the persons who will take their places in the event of their becoming casualties. Such person must have all orders given to them and be informed of their responsibilities.

18. GENERAL: This order will be read in conjunction with "Preliminary Orders for YPRES BATTLE" issued by the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade the contents of which must be carefully explained to all concerned.

..... *Green* Captain
Adjutant
40th Battalion A.I.F.

Cable:

Battalion Headquarters at Beacon Farm will be connected to Brigade forward station at Spring Farm by telephone. Necessarily cable will be laid up at Brigade station at Beacon Farm.

Power Printer: A power printer at Battalion Headquarters will work with amplifier at Brigade forward station.

Runners: Runners will work between Battalion and Brigade forward station. Also between Battalion and Company Headquarters. Runners to work in pairs. Messages to be carried in the right hand breast pocket.

Signals: Number of tubes available will be notified later. Battalion Headquarters and B and D Companies will be supplied.

Visual: Visual communication will be established between Battalion Headquarters and Brigade forward station and between Company and Battalion Headquarters. Battalion Headquarters station and Company stations will be provided each with one signalling lamp and two folding shutters.

Aeroplane Contact Work: Call I.G.R. Battalion Headquarters will communicate with contact planes by ground signal panel. Messages for contact planes will be notified later. Planes will be called for by aeroplanes by a message on the Maxon horn or by dropping white very lights if necessary. Company signallers must be on the lookout for aeroplanes calling for planes and notify company commanders at once.

Cable:

38th	do	RVI	40th Bn. "D" Co.	LD
37th	do	RVG	40th Bn. "B" Co.	LB
10th	do	RWR	40th Bn. "A" Co.	LA
10th	do	RVS	40th Bn. "C" Co.	LC
15th	do	RVE	40th Bn. "E" Co.	LE
15th	do	RVD	40th Bn. "F" Co.	LF

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 Adjutant
 40th Battalion A.I.F.

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40th BATTALION A. I. F. OPERATION ORDER NO. 27

Reference Maps:- BELGIUM and FRANCE 28: 1/40,000 40th Battalion
GRAVENSTAFEL 1/10,000 Headquarters
SPECIAL MAP 1/ 5,000 In the Field
3/10/1917

1. I N T E N T I O N: In accordance with 40th Battalion Operation Order No. 26; the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade will attack on a day to be known as "S" Day. The details are as set out forth in the previous order operation order.

2. M A I N T E N A N C E of T O U C H and D I R E C T I O N:
Officer Commanding "D" Company will detail an N.C.O. and two Runners to keep touch with the troops on his immediate left. Officer Commanding "B" Company will detail a similar party to keep touch with the troops on his immediate right. These parties will establish touch at each halt and on reaching the final objective and a message will be sent to Battalion Headquarters stating that this has been done.

The right of the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade which starts on the YPRES-ROULERS Railway will be the directing flank of the Division. Company Commanders will detail an Officer and two men in each Company whose duty it is to assist in maintaining direction. Compass bearings must be taken. All Officers must note the approximate bearing of the sun and point out to their men how it will assist in maintaining direction.

3. A P P R O A C H M A R C H:
The approach march will be commenced this day. The 40th Battalion will move from the Billet Area at 6 P.M. in the following order:-

Battalion Headquarters
"B" Company
"D" Company
~~"A" Company~~
~~"C" Company~~
10th Australian L.T.M. Battery
"A" Company 40th Battalion
"C" Company ditto

Routes have already been reconnoitred. The Battalion will proceed to Bivouac Area about I.9.a. where it will remain until ZERO minus six hours when it will move to the "Jumping Off" Area by K route in single file. At ZERO hour the 40th Battalion will move forward behind the 39th Battalion towards the objective
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4. P R E C A U T I O N S D U R I N G T H E A P P R O A C H M A R C H:
Every precaution must be taken during the approach march to minimise possibility of casualties from Shell Fire and Gas. Smoking is forbidden. All ranks must understand that they must advance at all costs.

5. P A P E R S: No papers except necessary Maps will be taken beyond Battalion Headquarters.

6. W A T C H E S: Watches will be synchronised while at the Bivouac Area by runners.

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7. REPORTS:

Battalion Headquarters will be at a Dugout at D 20 c. 89. 05 until the ZERO hour when it will move forward behind the reserve Company and will finally be established at BEECHAM D 16 a. 50. 30

Company Commanders in addition to reports of events during the attack will send a report every Clock hour to Battalion Headquarters.

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40th Battalion A.I.F.

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2nd Anzac Artillery Instructions No.12.

Arrangements for S.O.S.

1. When ~~and~~ an S.O.S. Signal is received, all barrages will go down on their Protective Lines as indicated in Appendix 3.
2. "A" Barrage will fire on their Protective Line at two rounds per gun per minute for fifteen minutes, and then cease fire.
3. B, C, D, E, Barrages will fire for two minutes on their Protective Lines, and then creep forward for 500 yards by lifts of 100 yards every two minutes, jumping back to their Protective Lines for two minutes before ceasing fire.
18 Pdrs will fire two rounds per gun per minute, other natures in proportion.
4. If no further message is then received, the Artillery Barrage will cease, but "C" Barrage will continue for a further three minutes.
5. If the S.O.S. signal or message is repeated within five minutes of the end of the above periods, the procedure will be repeated.
6. The above instructions are issued in order to avoid, as far as possible, any unnecessary expenditure of ammunition.

(Sgd) G.E.STRANACK.

October 3rd, 1917.

Major, ~~S.O.S.~~, R.A.,
2nd Anzac Corps.

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To.

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W. A. Nichols

Headquarters.
3.10.17.

Major, R.A.,
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn.

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*This comes into force at 6 AM on
6th October 1917
4th October 1917
J. M. ...
18m 10th AIB*

40th BATTALION A.I.F. OPERATION ORDER NO. 28
(PRELIMINARY)

REFERENCE MAPS: PASSCHENDALE 1/10000
SHEET 28 1/40000
POLYGON WOOD 1/20000

40th Battalion Headquarters
In the Field
9th October 1917

1. INFORMATION: The enemy line West of PASSCHENDALE is believed to be held by the 22nd Reserve Division.
2. INTENTION: (a) The Third Australian Division will attack in a combined offensive on "A" Day. Zero hour will be notified later
(b) The Tenth Australian Infantry Brigade will attack with the 37th; 38th, 39th; and 40th Battalions. 39th Battalion less two companies will be Brigade Reserve.
3. OBJECTIVES: Objectives are marked on special map (PASSCHENDALE) issued with this order, and shown as follows:-

- Line A C E G - Boundary between 10th Australian Infantry Brigade and New Zealand Division
- Line B D F H - Boundary between 10th Australian Infantry Brigade and 9th Australian Infantry Brigade
- Line A B - ^{limit of 1st objective} Our jumping off line
- Line C D - GREEN DOTTED LINE (limit of 1st objective)
- Line E F - GREEN LINE (limit of ^{final} 2nd objective)
- ~~Line G H - Limit of final objective and line of consolidation.~~

The names of the objectives will be -
 37th - Red line
 38th
 40th - Blue line
 39th - Green line

4. T A S K S: 40th Battalion will capture and mop up all enemy territory from A B to C D, as soon as the 38th Battalion has passed through the 40th Battalion the latter will take steps to re-organise and support the 38th Battalion if necessary.

38th Battalion plus one company of 39th Battalion will capture and mop up all enemy territory from C D to E F

(37th ~~37th~~ Battalion will capture and mop up all enemy territory from ~~E F to G H~~ jumping off line to line A. B.

39th Battalion (less two companies) will be Brigade Reserve

5. 40th BATTALION DISPOSITIONS: The 40th Battalion will be disposed as follows:-

"A" and "C" Companies will form the first two waves each wave being in two lines. "A" Company will have the right half of the area and "C" Company the left half. The boundary between the two sectors is marked by a yellow line on PASSCHENDALE map. "D" Company will do the mopping up of the whole Battalion area.

"B" Company will be Battalion Reserve
The two lines of the first wave will move forward in extended order fifteen (15) yards between lines. The "Moppers Up" will move in sections in single file in two irregular lines. They will be fifteen

(DISPOSITIONS-cont) yards behind the second line of the first wave and will be distributed ~~30~~ thirty (30) yards in depth.

The second wave will move in sections in file fifteen (15) yards behind the "Moppers Up" distributed over a depth of thirty (30) yards.

The reserve Company will move by platoons in file twenty (20) yards behind the second wave. It will occupy thirty (30) yards in depth.

6. BARRAGE: ~~The barrage will advance throughout by lifts of one hundred (100) yards every eight (8) minutes except as follows:-~~

~~It will halt for 200 yards beyond the GREEN DOTTED LINE (G D) for 26 minutes and 200 yards beyond the GREEN LINE (E, F) for two (2) hours, and will come to rest on the S. O. S. line 200 yards beyond G H~~

Barrage Map will be issued later

7. CARRYING PARTIES: One Section per Company will be detailed for carrying to Companies from the Battalion Dump which will be in charge of Lieut. R. Penny, and situated in the vicinity of D 119.10.25

8. ARMS and EQUIPMENT: Dress will be fighting order. Box Respirators will be worn at the "ALERT" and P. H. Helmets ~~carried~~ will be carried. W.P. Sheets will be carried on top of Haversack. Mess tins will be slung outside haversack.

Fighting Troops will carry:-

- S. A. A. 170 Rounds
- L.G.A. 32 Magazines per Section
- BOMBS:- 2 per man and 8 per bomber
- Rifle Grenades 6 per rifle grenadier
- Sandbags 4 per man
- Picks and Shovels; 2 picks and 8 shovels per platoon
- Very Lights; S.O.S.Lights; and Flares will be allotted later

9. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS: Stretcher Bearers will be attached to Companies, and will evacuate wounded to Regimental Aid Post which will be in vicinity of ~~D 12.2.50.90~~ ~~D 10 C. 50.20~~

10. REPORTS: The position of Battalion Headquarters prior to and after ZERO hour will be notified later.

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.....Captain
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40th Battalion A.I.F.

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40th BATTALION A. I. F. MARCH ORDER NO. 28

REFERENCE MAP SHEET 28 1/40,000HEADQUARTERS
40th BATTALION A.I.F.
9th October 1917

① INTENTION: The 40th Battalion will move from present area to a Bivouac area West of F R E Z E N B E R G on 10th October 1917, preparatory to an attack in accordance with Order No. 29

② STARTING POINT and TIME: The Battalion will move from Hutments area at 7.15 A.M. in the following order:-
Battalion Headquarters
"A" Company
"C" Company
"D" Company
"B" Company

③ INTERVALS: One minute intervals will be kept between platoons, and between Companies. Transport will be at one minute interval behind Battalion.

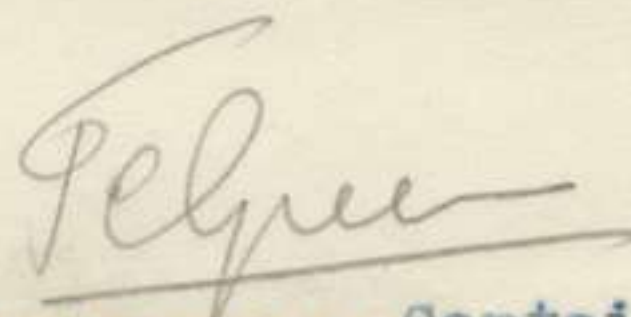
④ EQUIPMENT: Troops will move in ^{marching} fighting order, carrying two days rations and wearing greatcoats. These greatcoats will be dumped before leaving the Bivouac area, and the Quarter Master will arrange to collect and store them during the fighting.

⑤ TENTAGE: Tents or shelters will be provided in the Bivouac area. Instructions will be issued later as to whether these will be left pitched during the daytime.

⑥ TRANSPORT: The cookers and water carts will move in rear of the Battalion and must be cleared from road at Bivouac area, when the Battalion leaves the road and proceeds by "K" track in I.3.d. the transport will continue along Z O N N E B E K E R O A D to destination.

⑦ P R E C A U T I O N S: All precautions are to be taken against observation by enemy aircraft while in Bivouac.

⑧ REPORTS: Battalion Headquarters will be in the Bivouac area.

ACKNOWLEDGE


.....Captain
Adjutant 40th Battalion A.I.F.

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J.J.C.

URGENT

Headquarters
10th Aust. Infantry Brigade
9th October 1917.

C.Os Battns and 10th M.G. Coy.

In reference to "K" track mentioned at the Brigadier's conference this afternoon will each Battalion please detail 2 Officers and 100 men, as many of whom as possible will be those who are not going into the fight, and will the C.O. M.G. Coy. please detail 1 Officer and as many men as he has got who are not going into the fight, for the job of making and marking "K" track for the Approach March.

Major L.H. PAYNE of the 40th Battn will be in charge of all these parties and will represent the Brigade in the matter.

Will the 2 Officers per Battalion and the 1 Officer from the Machine Gun Coy. who are detailed please meet Major PAYNE at Brigade Headquarters at 8 p.m. today when full instructions will be given to them.

Each Battalion will also detail for this party 4 stretcher-bearers with 2 stretchers.

Spencer Tomlinson

Major.
Brigade Major.
10th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

YB/230/29

*Grant
Dunn
Stretcher
bearers*

En + ~~...~~ 20 - A Coy
Hunt 29 B Coy
Runners + ~~...~~ 17 - C Coy
White family 30 D Coy

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J.J.C.

Headquarters,
10th Australian Inf. Brigade.
10th Oct. 1917.

C.Os Battalions.

At the conference of Commanding Officers held on the 9th instant the Brigadier directed that special steps were to be taken to establish touch with the New Zealand Division at four different points.

Owing to the recent amendment of objectives these four points are hereby cancelled, and Battalions concerned will please take special care that parties are detailed to establish touch at the following points in their stead.

- (a) On the RED LINE ✓
- + (b) Cross Roads at D.6.a.82.35 +
- (c) Junction of roads at D.6.b.50.35.
- (d) On the GREEN LINE.

W. Newbould

Major.
Brigade Major.
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

YB/230/35

[Signature]
11/10/17

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A.H.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters,
11th. October, 1917.

34th. Battalion.
35th. Battalion.
36th. Battalion.
37th. Battalion.
38th. Battalion.
40th. Battalion. ✓



At every halt on a protective barrage, the Artillery
will fire Smoke shells for five minutes.

Cledwin
Major.-
General Staff.

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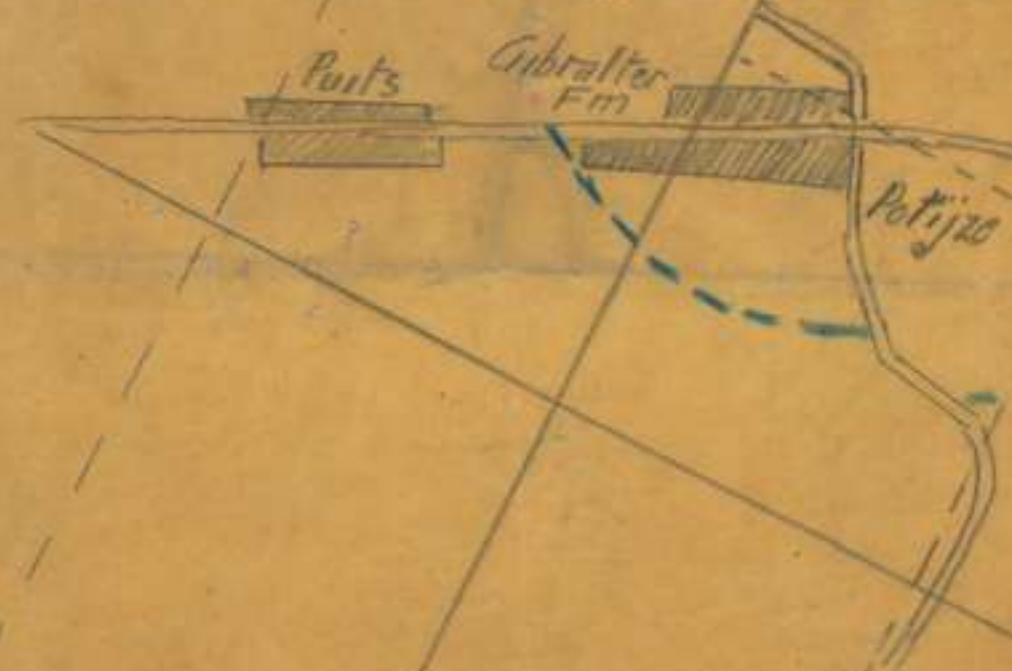
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K Track

Mule Track

Old German Front Line

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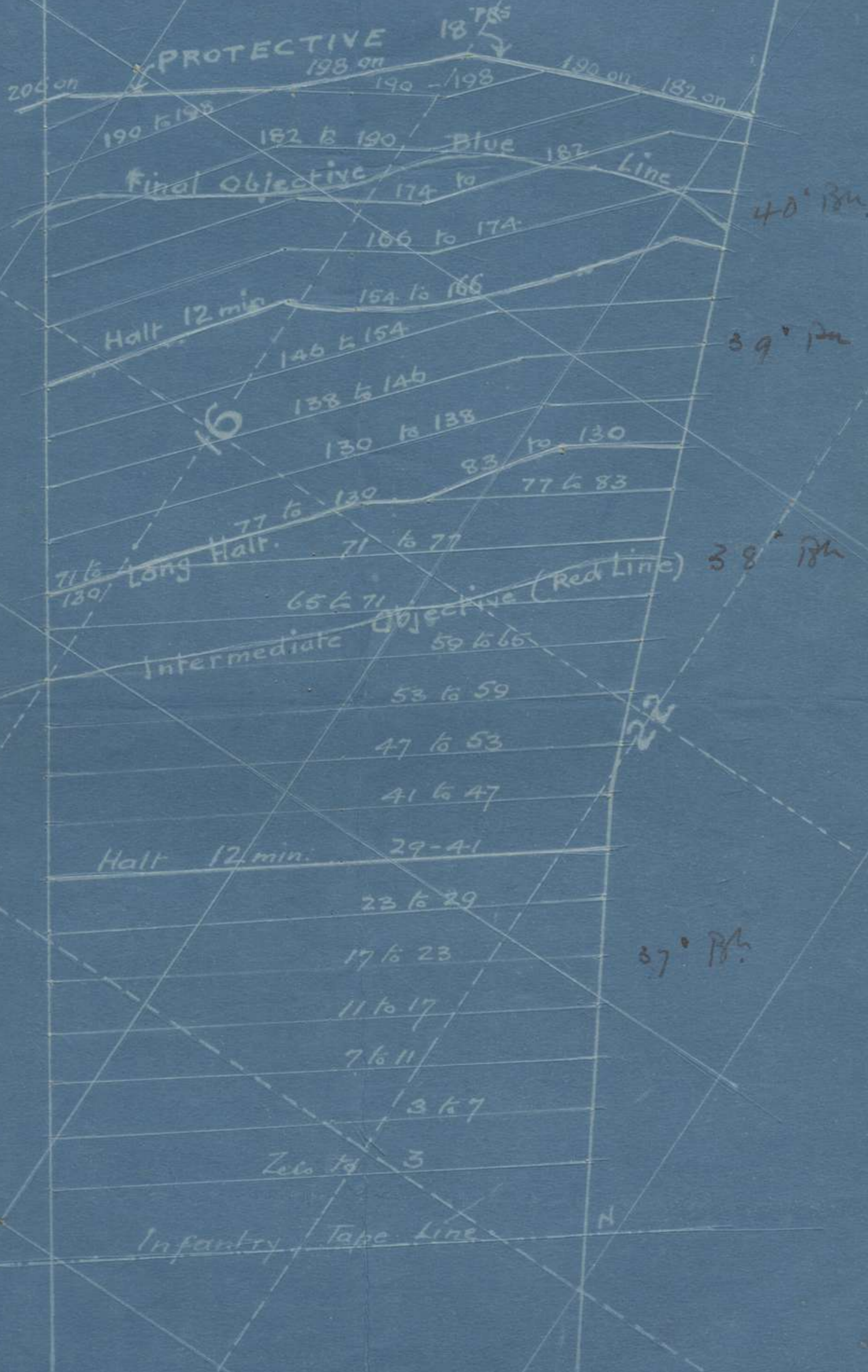
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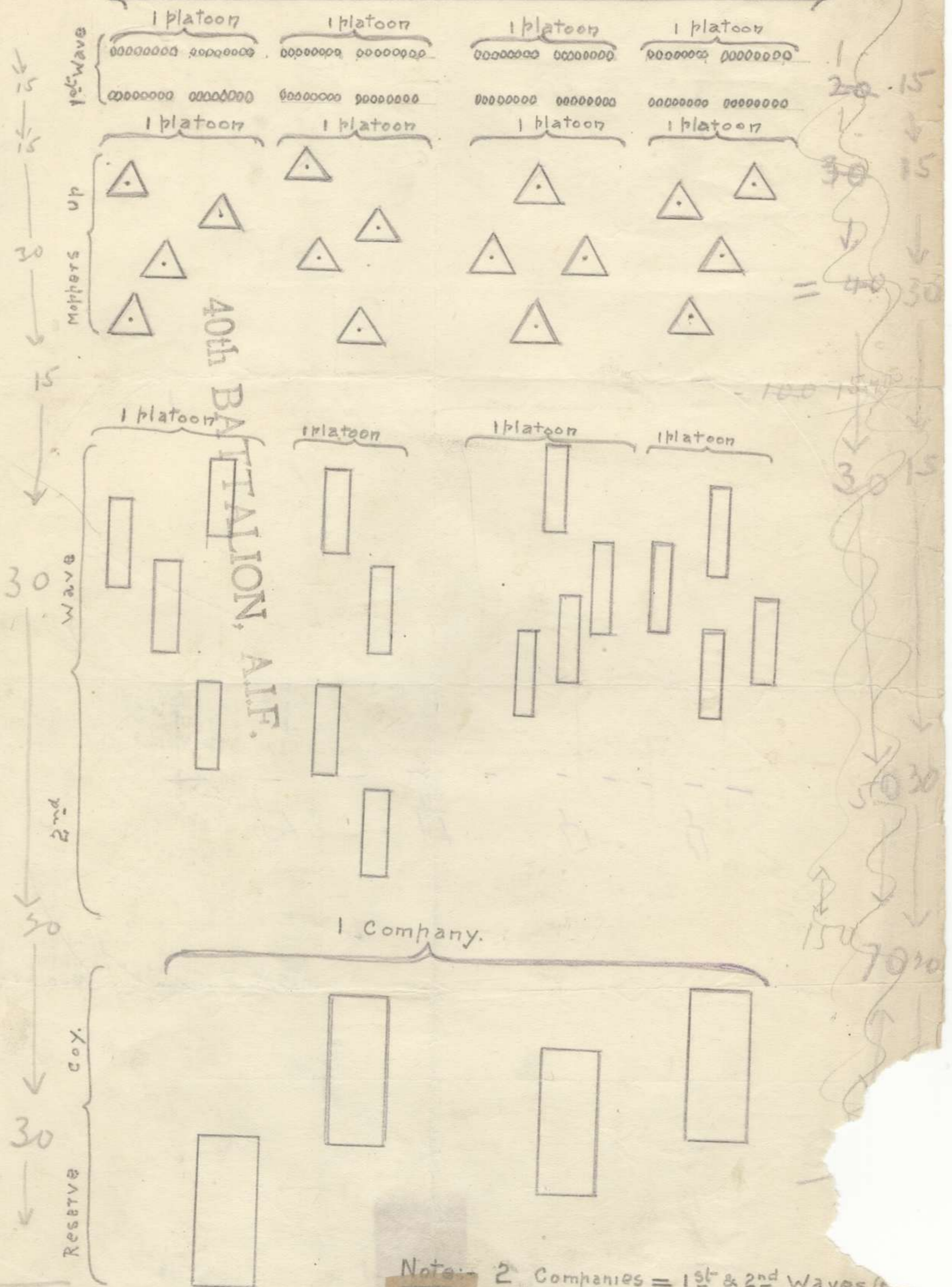
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Formation of 40th Bn during attack.

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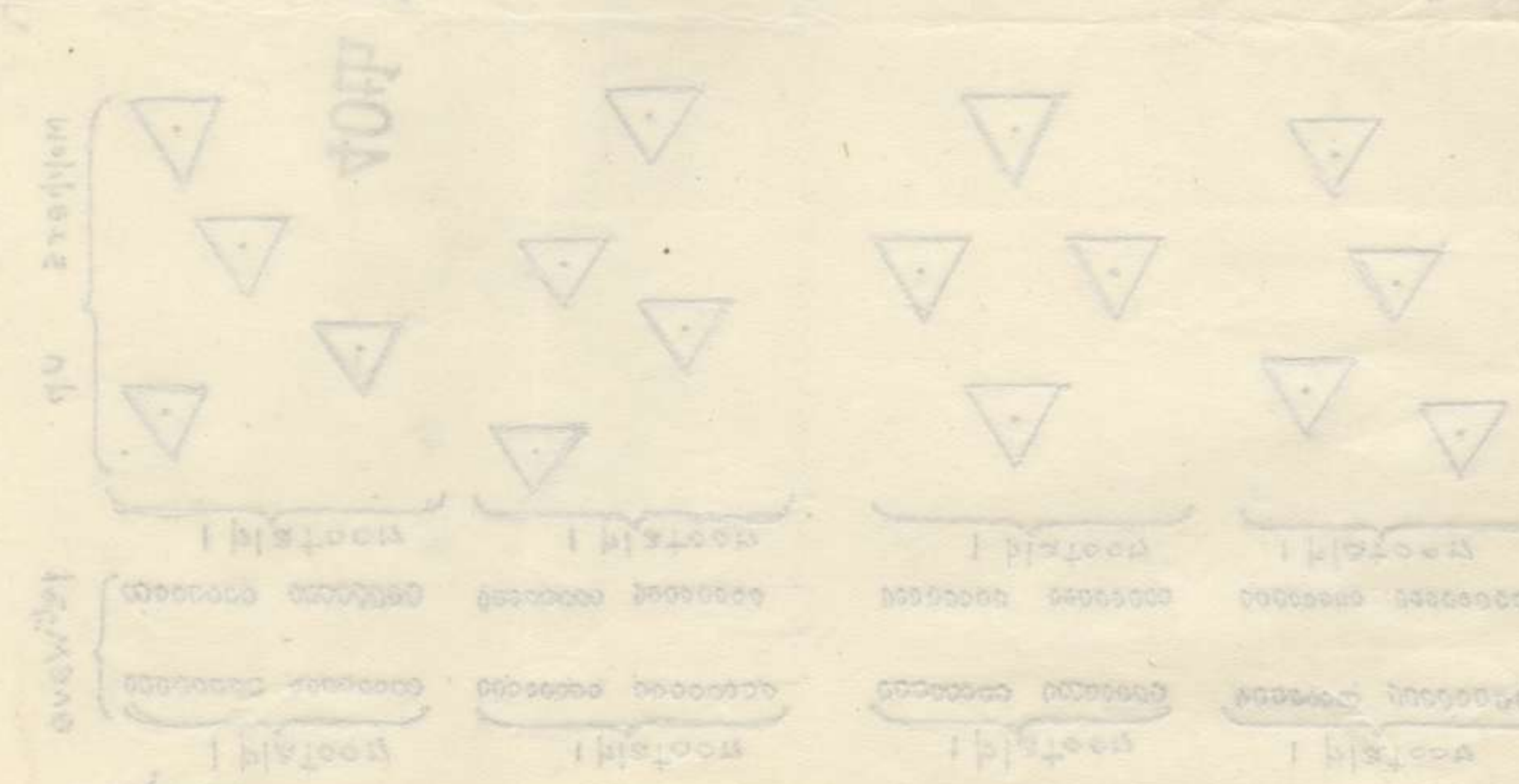
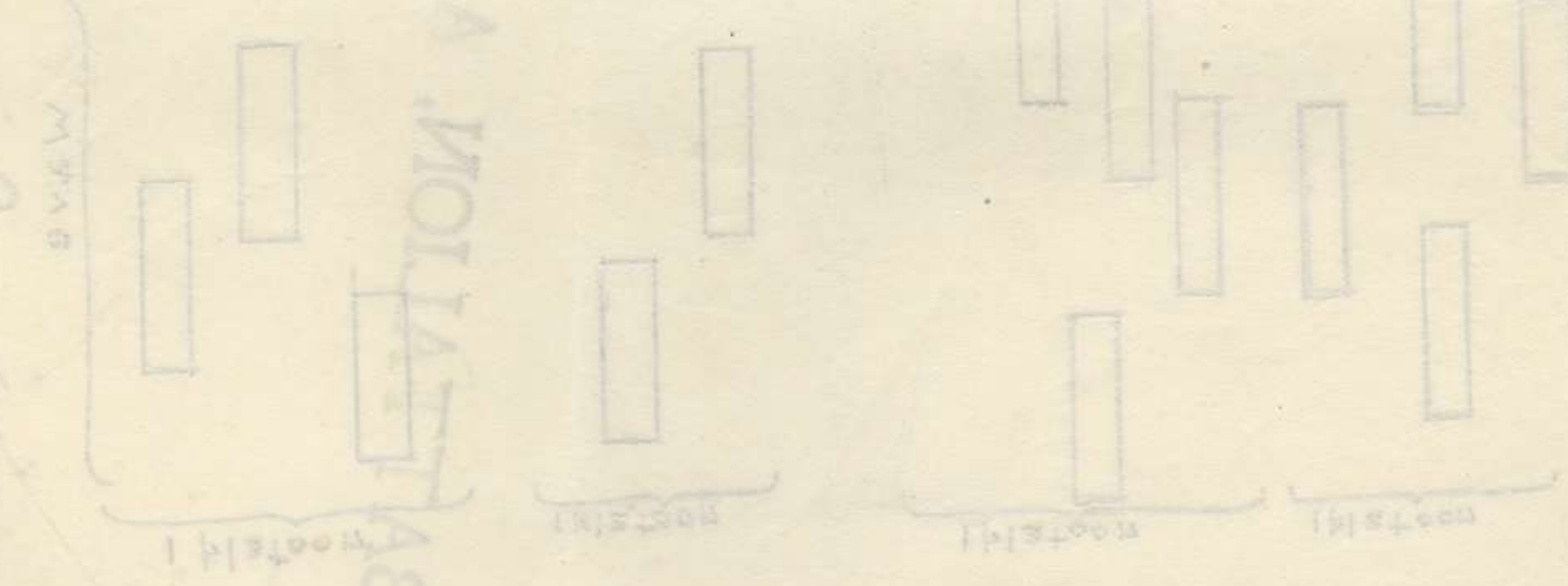
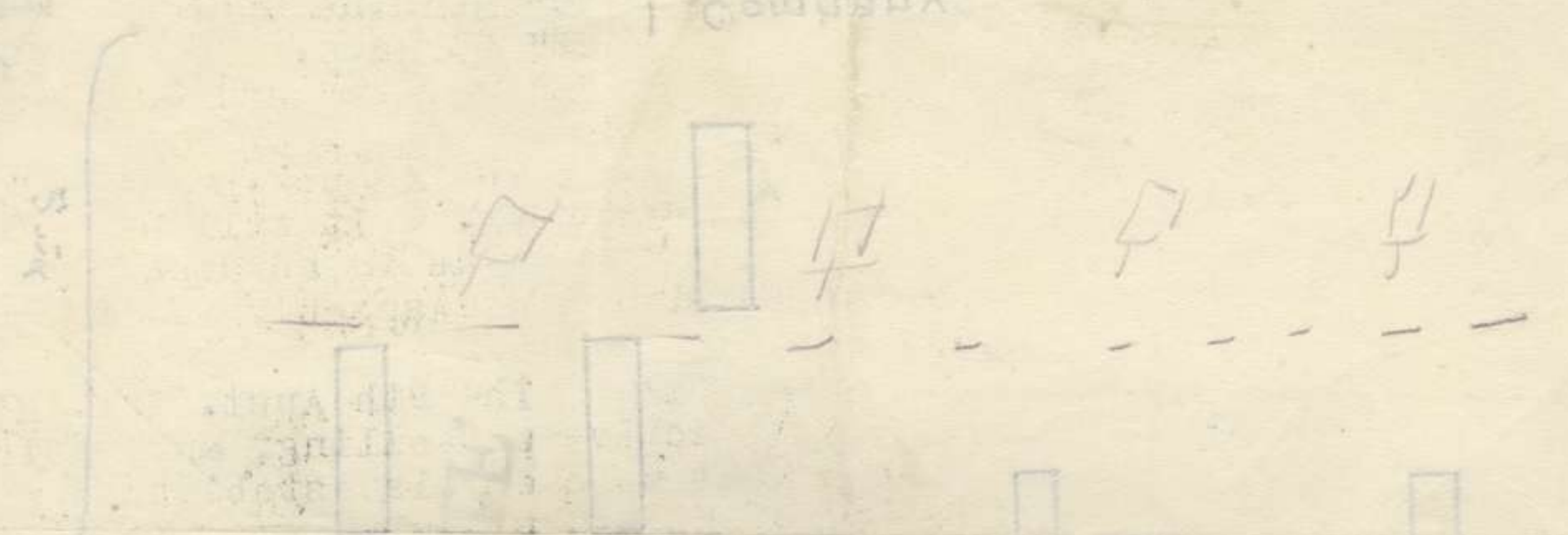
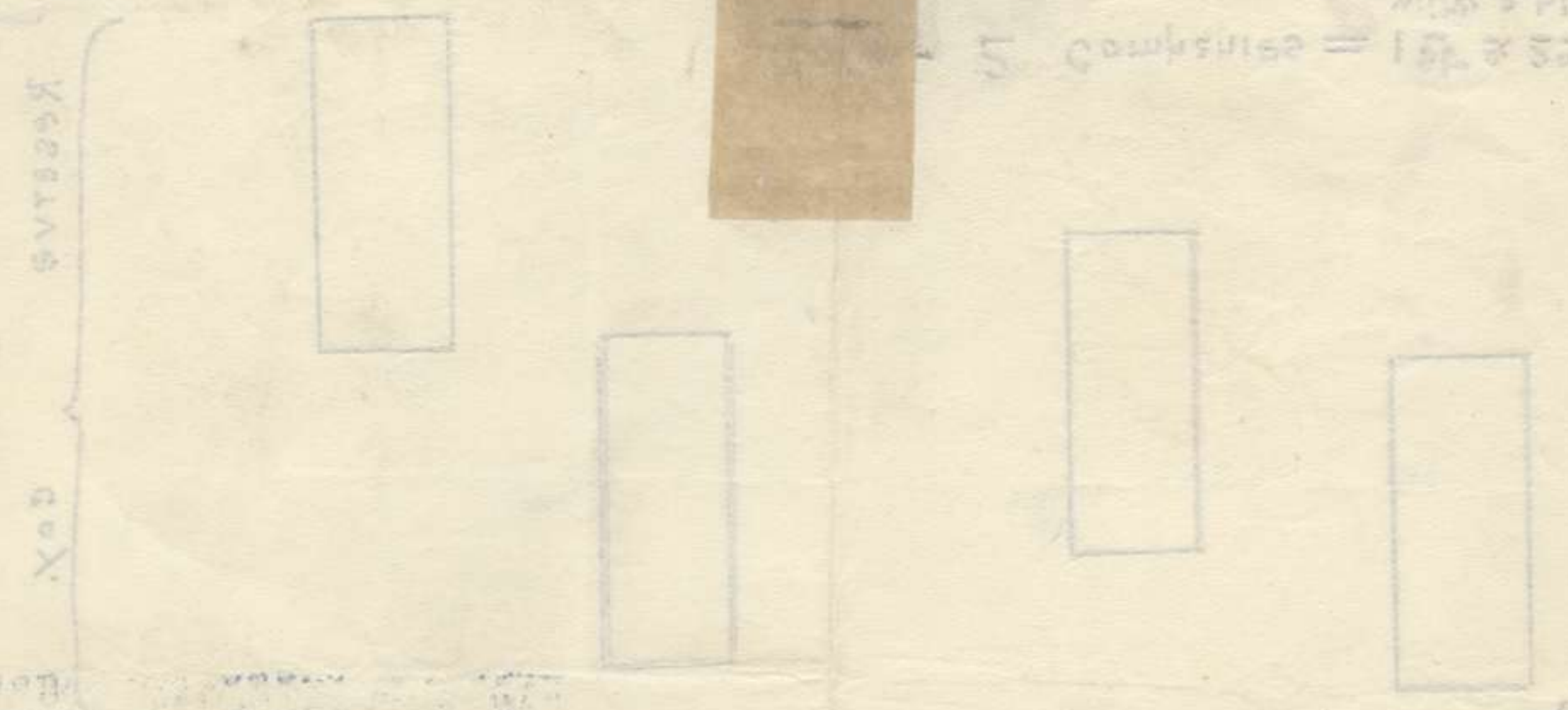
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DISPOSITION 2 BY ENEMY TROOPS

OPPOSITE II ANZAC FRONT 2/10/17

10TH ERSATZ DIV^N

Assembly Post for Counter-attack DIVISION 1 m. N.E. of Passchendaele

92ND I.R.

77TH I.R.

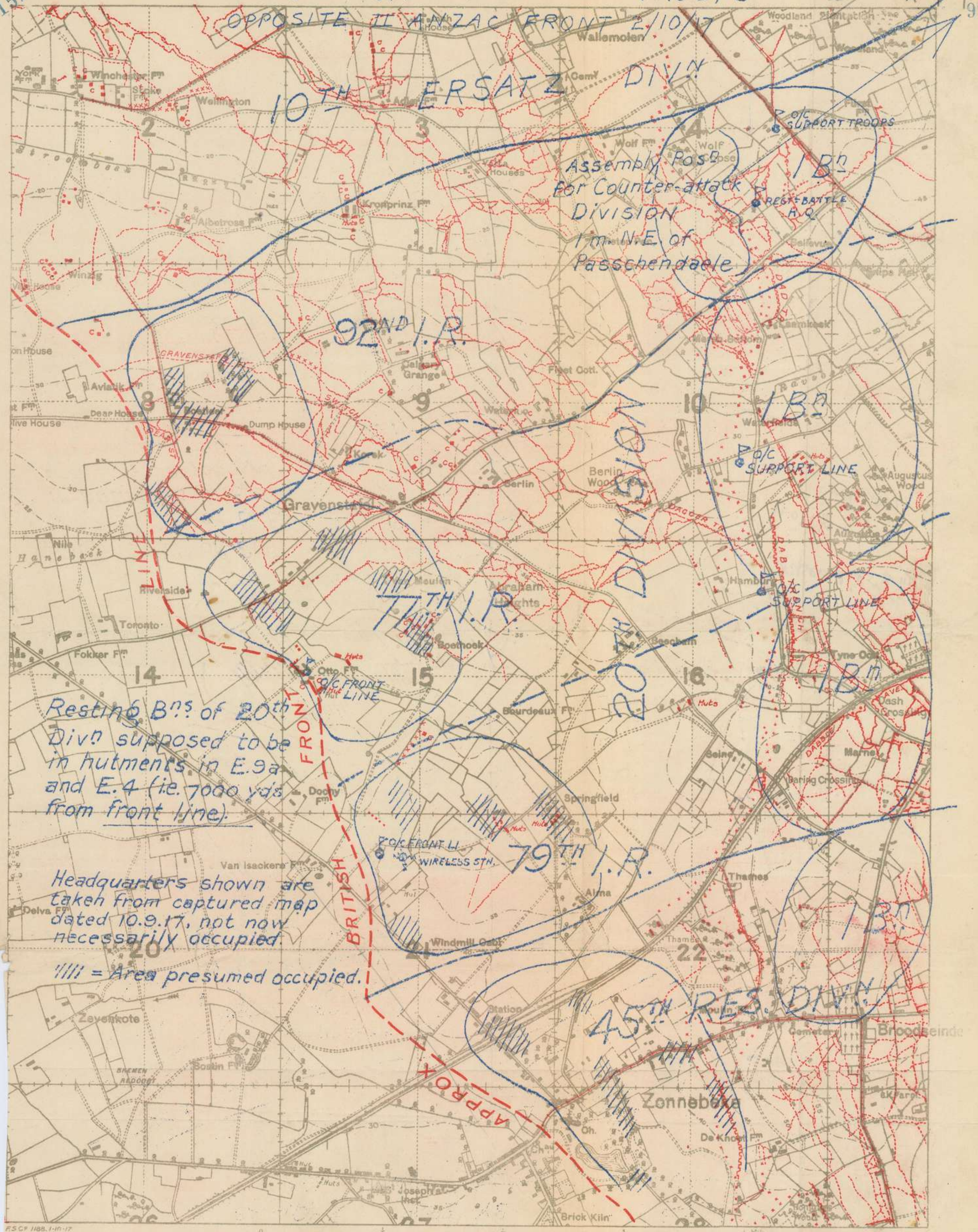
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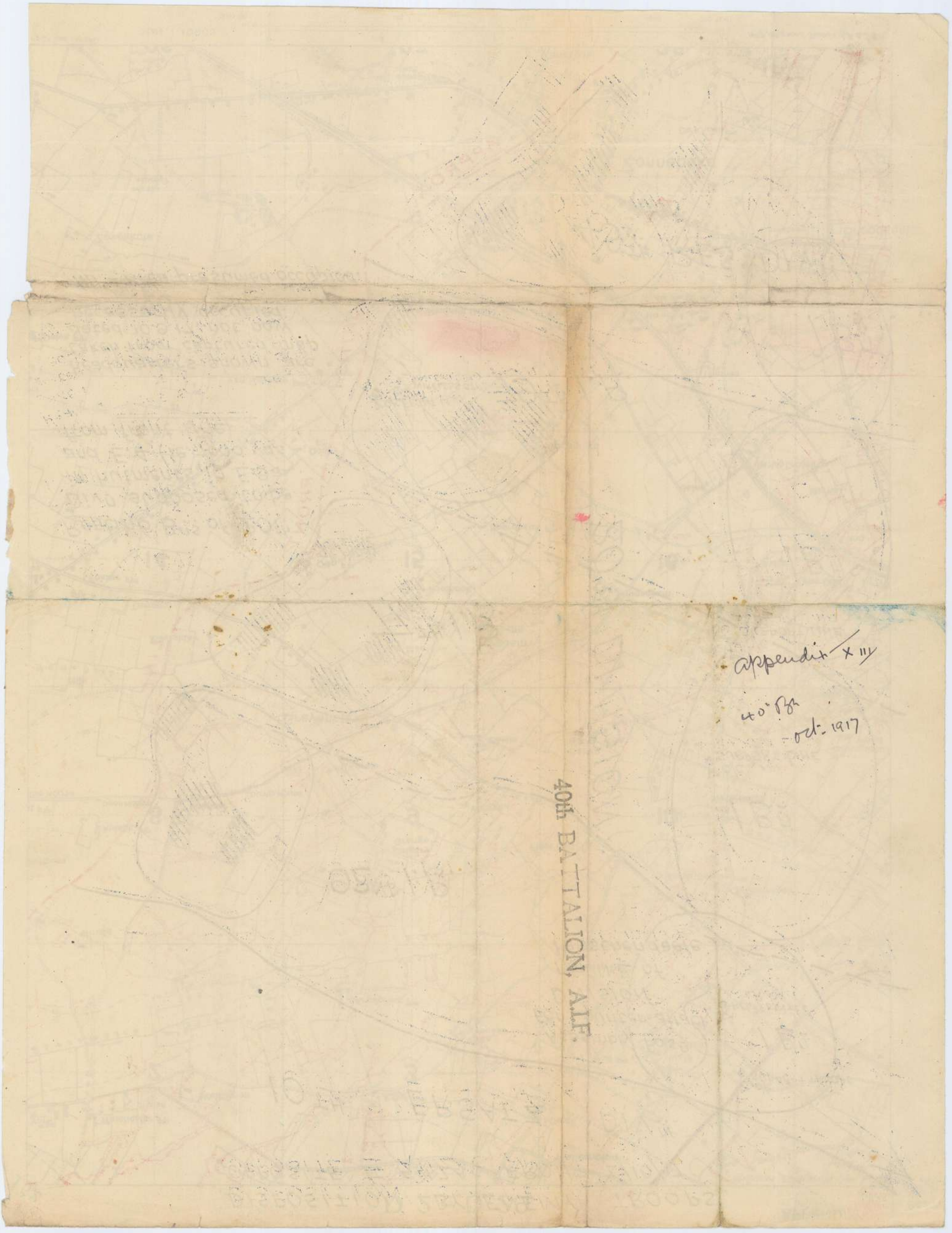
45TH RES. DIV^N

Resting B^{ns} of 20th Divⁿ supposed to be in hutments in E.9a and E.4 (ie. 7000 yds from front line)

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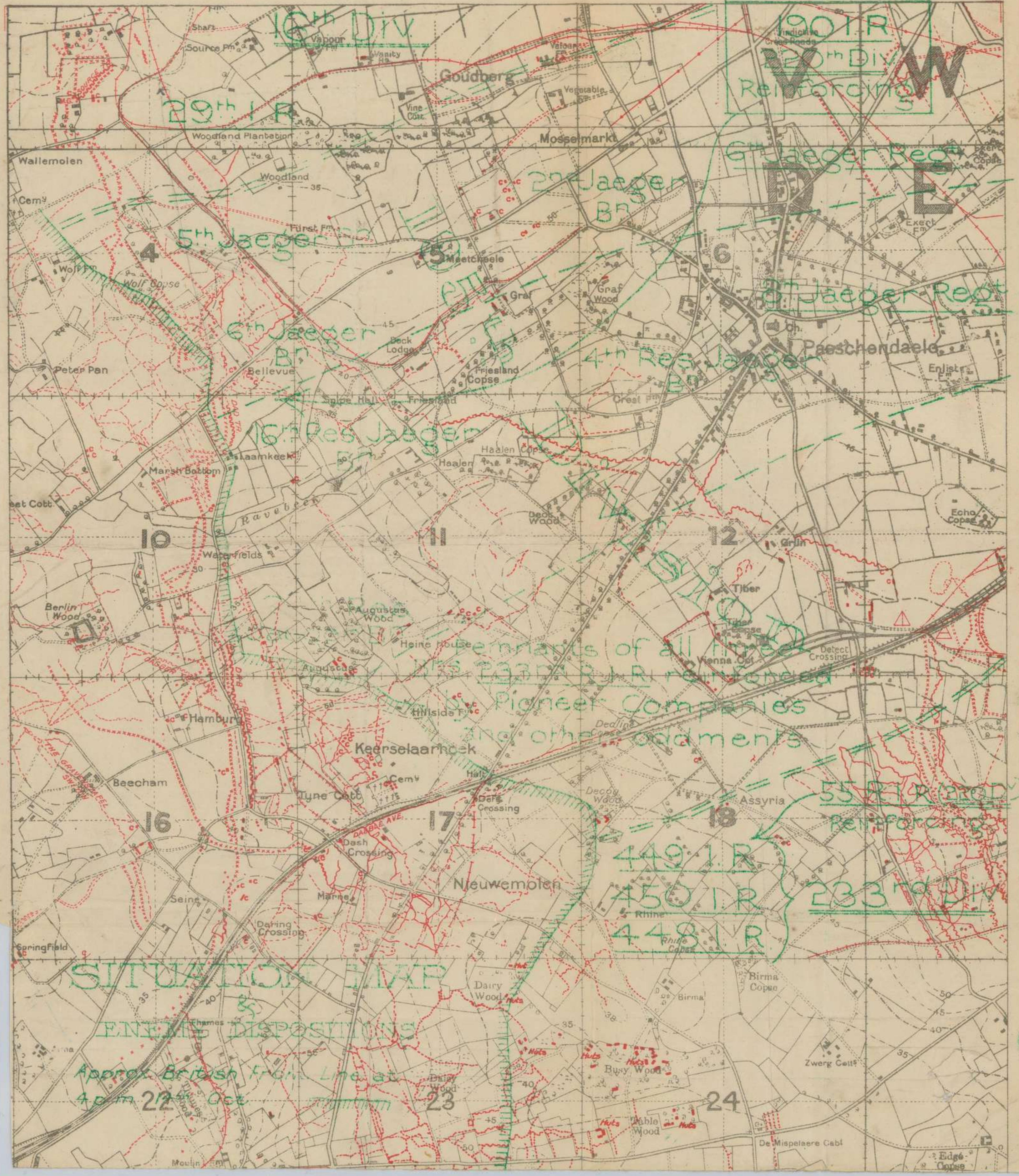
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German Troops contacted to 24-8-17

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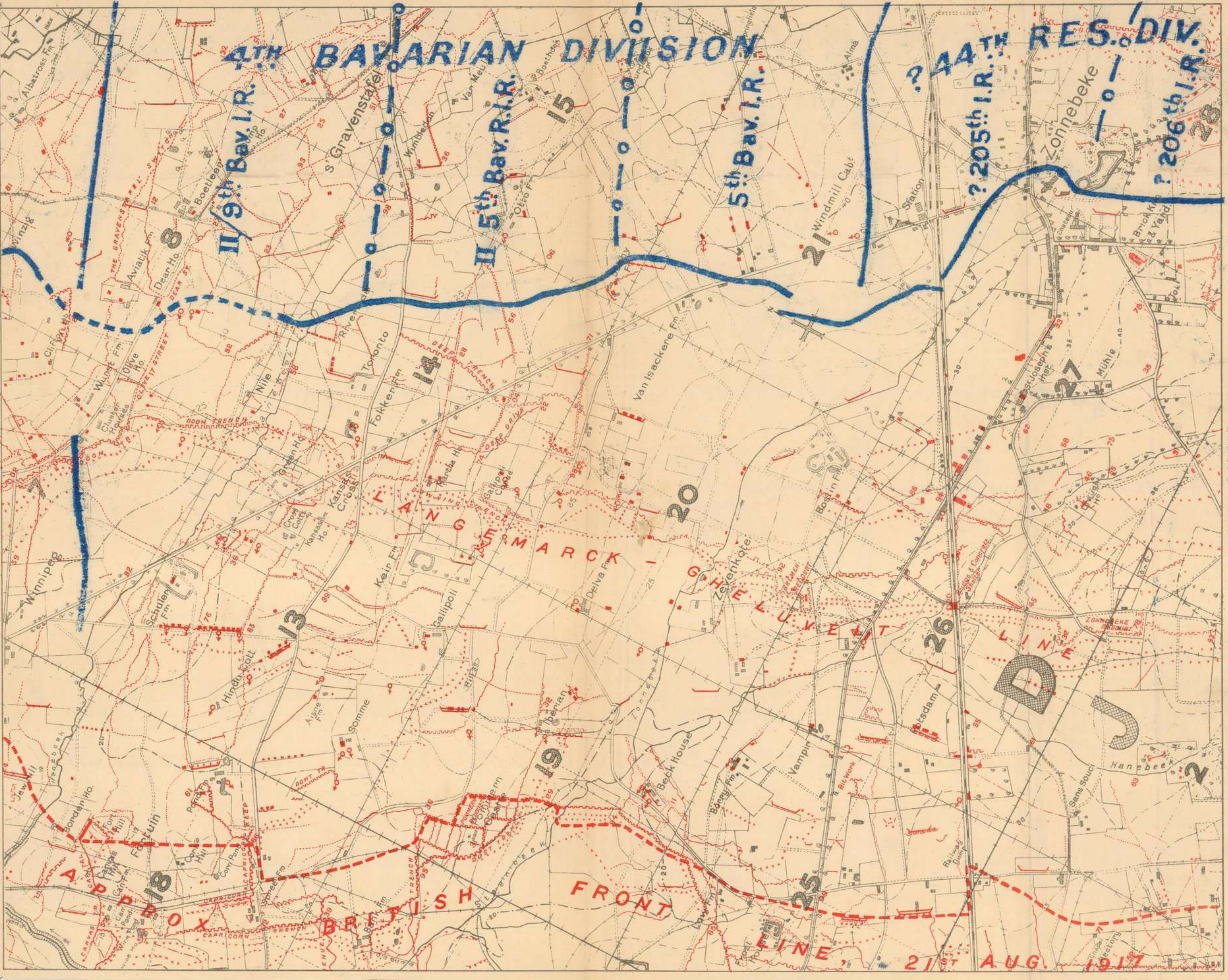
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