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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HALIFAX	1917 Oct. 1st & 2nd		All equipment was cleaned and clothing washed. Each Unit was bathed and received clean change of underclothes and socks. Billeting parties proceeded to new area. Enemy Aeroplanes were active during the night, bombing back areas. Orders for move to STEENVOORDE AREA were issued. Dispositions as Appendix.	Appdx. I
			Sick Evacuations Oct. 1st. 1 Officer. 3 Other Ranks. 2nd N I L.	
STEENVOORDE.	3rd		Brigade moved by bus to the STEENVOORDE AREA. Dispositions as Appendix. Sick Evacuations. 2 Other Ranks.	Appdx. II
	4th		Units training, special attention being paid to Lewis Gun and Signal instruction. Sick Evacuations. 5 Other Ranks.	Appdx.
	5th		Major WILTON joined the Brigade and took over duties as Brigade Major. N.C.O. Schools were organised in each Battalion.	Appdx.
	6th		Sick Evacuations. 1 Other Rank. Colonel HERRING D.S.O. left the Brigade to command the Divisional Group in England.	

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STEENVOORDE	Oct.			
	6th		Major FORD was appointed to temp. command the 45th Battalion.	
			I.Os were sent to reconnoitre forward routes on BROODSEINDE RIDGE.	
			Units training.	
			Sick Evacuations. 1 Other Rank.	
			Training as Appendix.	
	7th		The wet weather hampered outdoor training the last few days.	
			Lewis Gun instruction occupied large portion of training hours.	
			Sick Evacuations. 3 Other Ranks.	
	8th		Occasional sharp showers hindered, to a certain extent, outdoor training.	
			G.O.C. visited 2nd Aust. Div. H.Q. with a view to relief.	
			In anticipation of forthcoming operations a conference of Unit Commanders was held at	
			Brigade Headquarters at 6 p.m. The move to forward area and the situation were discussed.	Appendix III
			Sick Evacuations. 5 Other Ranks. Preliminary Instructions No. 1 issued	↑
	9th		The 45th Battalion moved by bus to YPRES and came under orders of 2nd Aust. Division.	
			Owing to the heavy casualties of this Division the 45th Battalion was sent forward and at	
			dusk relieved the 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. in the line.	Appendix IV

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	Oct.			
STEENVOORDE	9th		Scouts, runners, etc., from all Battalions were sent to reconnoitre the accommodation and tracks in forward area.	
			Sick Evacuations. 11 Other Ranks.	
STEENVOORDE	10th		The 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade less 45th Battalion entrained at ABEELE and detrained at YPRES, moving by road to GORDON AREA, to fields immediately in front of MENIN GATE.	Appendix V
GORDON AREA.			At this point battle equipment was issued.	
LINE.			At dusk the Brigade moved up and completed relief of 2nd Aust. Division, with disposition as under.	
			45th Battalion in front and support trenches.	
			46th Battalion in support in trenches forward of ZONNEBEKE.	
			47th Battalion on ANZAC RIDGE and 48th Battalion on WESTHOEK RIDGE in vicinity of KIT KAT.	
			Sick evacuations 8 Other Ranks.	
LINE	11th		G.O.C. visited forward Battalions and warned C.Os of forthcoming attack.	
			At dusk the right Coy of the 45th Battalion withdrew from RHINE and dug a new position about 200 yards in rear.	Appendix VI
			White guiding and forming up tapes were laid as shown in operation map.	

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	Oct.			
LINE	11th		Major FORD, C.O. 45th Battalion, was wounded while returning from the line.	
			Sick Evacuations. 4 Other Ranks.	
	12th		About 3 a.m. a light drizzle commenced which was persistent for the next 24 hours, making the ground heavy.	
			At 5.25 a.m. the attack was launched and we captured the RED LINE (see Appendix). Over 200	
			prisoners were taken.	
			<i>Interim report attached</i>	<i>App VI a</i>
			The Division on our left retired at 5 p.m., leaving our left flank exposed, so that we were	
			forced to retire to the BLACK LINE, which was consolidated.	
			Both Col. LEANE, 48th Battalion, and Col. IMLAY, 47th Battalion, were wounded while reorganising	
			troops in the new position.	
			The 46th Battalion relieved the support Coys of the 45th Battalion and took up defensive	
			position to cover left flank.	
			Sick Evacuations. 1 Other Rank.	
	13th		Orders received for relief by the 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade.	
			The 14th Battalion relieved the 46th Battalion in support. The remaining Coys of the 45th	<i>App VII</i>
			Battalion withdrew from line, moving with 46th Battalion back to the YPRES AREA.	

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	1917			
	Oct.			
LINE	13th		Enemy Artillery were extremely active on all communications. Sick Evacuations. 1 Officer. 2 Other Ranks.	Appendix VIII
LINE.	14th		The 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade completed relief of Brigade by 9:30 p.m.	Appendix IX
YPRES.			Enemy heavy Artillery fired on Pill Boxes and Tracks with Aeroplane observation. Hostile Aeroplanes dropped bombs on WESTHOEK RIDGE and on YPRES. Brigade moved back to YPRES AREA. Brigade H.Q. at the Infantry Barracks. Sick Evacuations. 2 Other Ranks.	
YPRES.	15th		All equipment was cleaned and bathing parades arranged.	
	to		Reinforcements arrived from CAESTRE to replace unfit men from the Battalions and to build	
	18th		the Battalions to a strength of 360 rifles. General BIRDWOOD visited the Brigade and inspected the troops at their billets. On evening of 17th received orders to reconnoitre forward area in 13th Brigade Sector with view to relief. Enemy shelled YPRES with a H.V. Gun and inflicted several casualties. Sick Evacuations. 4 Other Ranks.	

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	1917 Oct.			
YPRES	19th		Commenced relief of 13th Brigade, relieving all troops in rear of ANZAC RIDGE in daylight. Relief complete message was sent at 10 p.m. Dispositions as Appendix. At 11 p.m. received word of probable relief on night of 20th/21st. Sick Evacuations. 15 Other Ranks.	Appendix X
	20th		Orders were issued for relief of Brigade by both 4th Brigade and 5th Aust. Division. On completion of relief Brigade moved to the CANAL AREA, Brigade H.Q. being situated at BELGIAN CHATEAU. During the day hostile Artillery showed abnormal activity, firing on Pill Boxes and Tracks. Sick Evacuations. 2 Other Ranks.	Appendix XI
BELGIAN CHATEAU	21st		Units resting and cleaning up. Full advantage was taken of fine day and the camping ground dried as much as possible. Billeting parties proceeded to HALIFAX AREA. Sick Evacuations. 3 Other Ranks.	Appendix XII
BELGIAN CHATEAU-HALIFAX	22nd		Weather wet and cold, clearing up towards midday. The Brigade moved to HALIFAX AREA. All huts were sandbagged as a defence against hostile bombing. Sick Evacuations. NIL	

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HALIFAX	Oct. 23rd		Hot baths and a clean change of underclothes were obtained for all Units.	
			The 1st ANZAC Picture Show was thrown open to the Brigade for four days.	
			Billeting parties were sent to the BOMY AREA.	
			Sick Evacuations. 6 Other Ranks.	Appendix XIII
	24th		Specialist training was carried on, but generally the troops were rested.	
		The weather was beautiful in the morning, but changed to showery in the evening.		
			Sick Evacuations. 1 Officer. 8 Other Ranks.	
	25th		Exceptionally fine day. The orders for the move to BOMY were issued.	
		Major WILTON was evacuated to LA MOTTE Rest Camp.		
			Sick Evacuations. NIL.	
HALIFAX- BOMY.	26th		Brigade moved to the new area, entraining as per Appendix.	Appendix XIV
			At WIZERNES the troops detrained and moved by bus to their respective billets.	Appendix XV
			Dispositions as Appendix. The move was completed by 9 p.m.	
			Sick Evacuations. 7 Other Ranks.	
BOMY AREA	27th		Training grounds, Rifle ranges, and Bombing courses were investigated.	Appendix XVI
			G.O.C. inspected the Brigade in their billets.	
			Sick Evacuations NIL	

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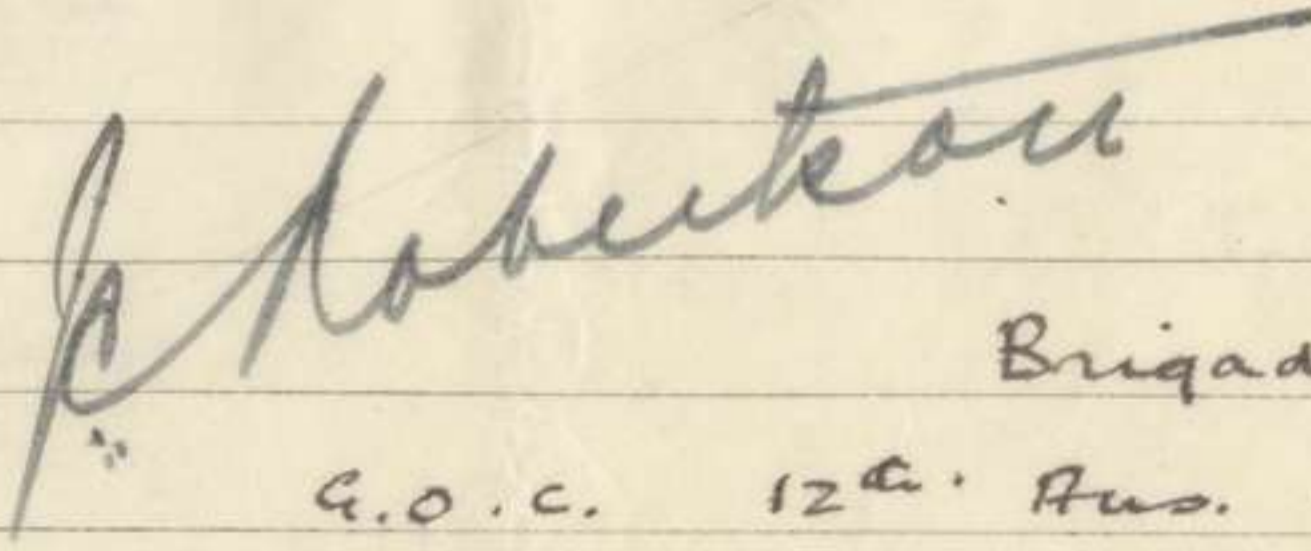
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BOMY AREA	Oct. 28th to 31st		Units training as Syllabus, special attention being paid to all specialist instruction.																	
			Brigade and Battalion Schools were started.																	
			Horse clipping under Brigade arrangements commenced on morning of 31st.																	
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			<i>Daily Strength Return 15-10-17</i>	<i>App XVIII</i>																
			<i>Daily Strength Return 31-10-17</i>	<i>App XIX</i>																
			 Brigadier-general G.O.C. 12th Aus. Inf. Bde.																	

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	to 31st		Brigade and Battalion Schools were started.	
			Horse clipping under Brigade arrangements commenced on morning of 31st.	
			Sick Vacations, October 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st.	
			Other Banks	
			12-10-17	App XVII
			31-10-17	App XIX
			<i>(Signature)</i>	
			G.O.C. 15 th Avn. Inf. Bde.	



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12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 169.

2nd. October 1917

Reference Map 1:40000.

1. The 12th. Aust. Infantry Brigade (less 12th. M.G. Coy) 24th. M. G. Company and C Section 4th. Field Ambulance will move to STEENVOORDE Area tomorrow.

2. (a) Dismounted personnel will move by Bus.

(b) Transport will rendezvous at 10 a.m. at G.24.d.1.0. in the following order and move under the orders of Captain D.B. PAYNE Brigade Transport Officer.

- 47th. Battalion.
- 48th. Battalion.
- 45th. Battalion.
- 46th. Battalion.
- 12th. Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Qrs.
- 12th. A.L.T.M. Battery.
- 24th. M. G. Company.

(c) Baggage wagons have reported to Units today. In addition; one motor lorry per Battalion will report at Brigade Headquarters at 8 a.m. tomorrow. Units will each send a guide to report to the Assistant Staff Captain at that hour.

3. (a) Units will embus in the following order and will be in position ready to embus at 8.30 a.m. with the head of the column resting at H.14.c.3.5. facing VLAERTINGHE.

	Embussing Strength.			
	Officers.	Other	Other	Ranks
46th. Battalion	28	638	"	"
12th. A.L.T.M. Btty.	3	53	"	"
45th. Battalion.	22	507	"	"
47th. Battalion.	31	710	"	"
48th. Battalion.	21	550	"	"
12th. A.I. Bde. H.Qrs.	8	140	"	"

(b) Lieut. STABACK, Assistant Staff Captain, will act as Brigade Embussing Officer. Each Unit will detail an Officer who will be responsible for the embusment and debusment of his Unit, to report to Lieut. STABACK at the head of the column H.14.c.3.5. at 8.30 a.m.

(c) Debussing Point at Q.1.a.9.8.

4. The Divisional Train will deliver rations tomorrow in the new Area. Rations will be drawn by 1st Line Transport on 4th. instant. Time and Location to be notified later.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. H. Allen
Major.
Brigade Major.

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- 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.
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- 13 - C Sect. 4th. Fld. Amb.
- 14 - Bde. Signal Section
- 15 - 4th. Aus. Div. Train.
- 16 - 26th. A.A.S.C.
- 17 - Bde. Supply Officer
- 18 - 24th. M. G. Coy.

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Appendix II

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18th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters.
4th October, 1917.

- 45th Battalion.
- 46th Battalion.
- 47th Battalion.
- 48th Battalion.
- 12th M. G. Coy.
- 12th A.L.T.M.Bty.
- 4th Aust. Division.

Disposition Report.

Brigade Headquarters.	Q 1 b 4.6.
45th Battalion.	K 25 c 8.8.
46th Battalion.	K 25 B 5.8.
47th Battalion.	K 26 c 8.4.
48th Battalion.	K 32 B 5.7.
12th A.L.T.M.Bty.	K 21 A 6.2.
12th M. G. Coy.	K 26 A 20.15.
26th A.S.C.	K 32 c 5.9.
Field Ambulance	K 21 c 7.3.

(Sheet 27)

W. Cornish Capt.
 for
 Major.
 Brigade Major.
 18th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS No.1.

Ref. ZONNEBEKE 1:10000 attached.

8th October 1917.

1. Fourth Australian Division will take over Left Sector of Corps Front from 2nd. Aust. Division at 10 a.m. October 11th.
2. Front Line will run either as shown in BLACK on Map, or in event of 2nd. Aust. Division successfully carrying out an operation in the meantime; as shown in BLUE.
3. (a) The 12th. Aust. Infantry Brigade will take over the Left (5th.) Brigade Sector.
(b) The Dividing Line between Brigades will be about 18.c.30.45. on the BLUE Line and 23.a.85.50. on the BLACK Line.
4. (a) If the 2nd. Aust. Division carries out its operation successfully, the 12th. Aust. Infantry Brigade with 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade on Right and Division on the Left will be called on to advance to the GREEN Line.
(b) The Left Boundary of the 12th. Aust. Infantry Brigade will be the Railway.
(c) The Right Boundary will be as shown on Map.
5. Support and Reserve Battalions will on taking over be located as far back as ANZAC (47th. Battalion) and WESTHOEK (48th. Battalion) Ridges.
6. The Duckboard Track running North of ZONNEBEKE is allotted to 12th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.
7. H. G. Companies will be with their Brigades.
8. Battalions will arrange to reconnoitre Sector tomorrow. Attached Dispositions of 2nd. Aust. Division.
9. (a) 45th. Battalion will move forward by Bus tomorrow 9th. instant. Head of Busses at K.33.d.1.7. (Sheet 28) facing East. Time of embussing 10 a.m. Debussing Point I.13.b.2.7.
(b) Remainder of Brigade will move forward on 10th. instant.
(c) Further instructions later.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Edmund H. H. H. H.
Major.
Brigade Major.
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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9 - 12th. H. G. Coy.
10 - 12th. A.L.T.M. Btty.
11 - G.O.C., 12th. A.I. Bde.
12 - Brigade Major
13 - Staff Captain
14 - A/Bde. Major.
15-18- Spare.

SECRET.12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

(Issued with Brigade Preliminary Instructions No.1, para.9)

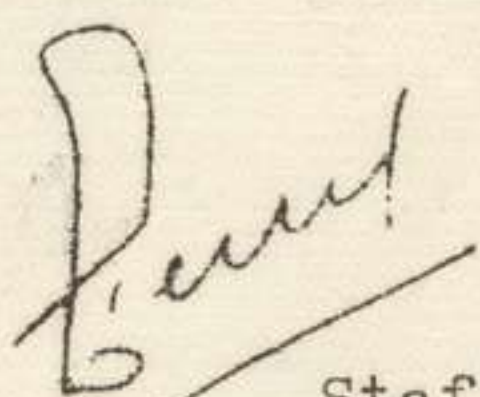
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Sheets 27 & 28 1:40000.

TRANSPORT. First Line Transport 45th. Battalion will proceed by Road tomorrow 9th. instant to Transport Line previously occupied by them at H.22.b. (Sheet 28). On the 21st Battalion, 6th. Aust. Inf. Brigade, vacating these lines the 45th Battalion Transport will take over. Any tentage accomodation required will be demanded for from the Area Commandant, CANAL Area, BELGIAN CHATEAU. Baggage wagons will report to 45th Battalion, 6 a.m. tomorrow.

SUPPLIES. Rations will be drawn from Supply Dump at 8.30 a.m. tomorrow by Q.M. 45th Battalion. A motor lorry will be there and will proceed in rear of Battalion General Column to debussing point where guides will take lorry to position where rations will be issued.

DUMPS. 45th Battalion will establish a Dump of their surplus baggage in the vicinity of the debussing point tomorrow and will move same by the ration motor lorry and First Line Transport to their Transport Lines at H.22.b. tomorrow afternoon. Men will embus tomorrow with their packs ready to dump immediately on debussing. The following will be dumped - Greatcoats, Felt Hats and Packs.


Staff Captain.
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.170.

8th October 1917.

Ref. Sheets 27 & 28.
ZONNEBEKE.

1. The 12th. Aust. Infantry Brigade will relieve the Left Brigade of 2nd. Aust. Division in the Line on the night 10/11th October.
2. Moves and reliefs will take place in accordance with attached Table.
3. (a) Details of relief will be arranged mutually between C.Os. concerned.
(b) Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Headquarters by Code Word VARLEY.
(c) On completion of Brigade Relief command of the Sector will pass to G.O.C., 12th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.
4. Personnel referred to in S.S. 135 will remain in STEENVOORDE and return to CAESTRE under later orders.
5. 12th. A. M. Gun Company will rejoin 12th. Aust. Infantry Brigade at GORDON Area on 10th. instant.
6. Transport will be parked in CANAL Area.
7. Following distances will be maintained by Units on the march -
 - 200 yards between Battalions.
 - 200 Yards between Companies.
 - 400 Yards between Transport and other Troops.
8. Brigade Headquarters will on completion of relief be at D.26.c.1.3.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. A. Underhill
Major.
Brigade Major.
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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Left Brigade, 2nd. Aust. Div.

MOVE AND RELIEF ORDER.

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Date	Unit	From	To	Route	Relieves	Remarks.
Oct. 9th	45th Bn.	STEENVOORDE Area.	YPRES	By Bus	Comes under orders of 2nd Aus. Div. guides from whom will meet Unit at Debussing Point.	Embus 10 a.m. Head of column to be at K.33.d.7.1. facing East. Embus in groups of 25. 6 groups per 70 yards. 49th Bn. embus in rear. 45th Bn. will detail Embussing Officer who will embus Unit.
" 10/11th	45th Bn.		Line Left Sector.		Left Line Bn. 2nd Aus. Div.	Instructions from 2nd Aus. Div. later.
Oct. 10th	12th A.I. Bde. less 45th Bn. & 12th M.G.C.		GORDON Area	By Train from ABEELE.	Left Bde. 2nd. Aust. Div. in Line. Night 10/11th.	By Train entraining at ABEELE for YPRES. Times and further instructions later.
Oct. 10th	12th M.G. Coy.	CANAL Area	GORDON Area	Road	M.G. Coy., in Left Bde. Sector 2nd. Aust. Division.	Rejoins 12th. Aus. Inf. Bde., GORDON Area. Reconnaissance of Sector to be made 9th instant.
Oct. 10th	12th A.L. T.M. Btty.	GORDON Area.			T.M. Btty. in Left Bde. Sector 2nd. Aust. Division.) Relief to be completed as far as possible by daylight, consistent with factors of safety and visibility.) All movement forward of BIRR CROSS) Road to be by Platoons or Section) at distance of 100 yards.)
Oct. 10th	46th Bn.	"			Support Bn. Left Brigade 2nd. Aust. Division.	
Oct. 10th	47th Bn.	"	ANZAC RIDGE			
Oct. 10th	48th Bn.	"	WESTHOEK RIDGE.			

On arrival at GORDON AREA, 12th. Aust. Infantry Brigade will come under orders of 2nd. Aust. Division until 4th. Aust. Division assumes command of Divisional Sector at 10 a.m. 11th October.

APPENDIX.

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12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
BRIGADE AFTER ORDER.

(Issued in conjunction with Brigade Order No. 170.).

9th October 1917.

Reference 27 & 28 1:40000 Maps.

1. Moves to GORDON AREA will take place as follows :-

(a) March by Road from STEENVOORDE to ABEELE Station. Starting Point Road Junction K.32.d.5.0.
Order of March. Times passing S.P. Remarks.

47th. Battalion	6.45 a.m.	Distance of 500 yards between Battalions will be maintained.
46th. Battalion	6.55 a.m.	
48th. Battalion	7.5 a.m.	
12th. A.L.T.M. Battery	7.15 a.m.	
12th. Aus. Inf. Bde. H. Qrs.	7.20 a.m.	

(b) Entrain at ABEELE (400 yards South of Station).

Train. Units. Time Departure. Time arrive YPRES Station. Remarks.

No. 1	47th. Battn. 46th. Battn.	9 a.m.	9.45 a.m.	Units will each detail an entraining Officer who will report to Bde. Entraining Off. Lt. A.V. PATERSON 47th. Battn. 45 minutes before time of departure. They will be responsible for entraining and detraining of Unit.
No. 2.	48th. Battn. 12th. A.L.T.M. Btty. 12th. A.I. Bde. H. Q.	9.20 a.m.	10.5 a.m.	

(c) After detraining at YPRES, Units will march to GORDON AREA as follows -

46th. Battalion	to	I.8.d.7.9.
47th. Battalion		I.8.d.7.4.
48th. Battalion		I.8.d.4.5.
12th. A.L.T.M. Battery		I.8.d.7.9.
12th. Aus. Inf. Bde. H. Qrs.		I.8.d.4.7.
12th. M. G. Company.		Direct into Line.

(d) Units will move forward from this Area under their own arrangements in accordance with Brigade Order No. 170.

2. 47th. and 48th. Battalions will not occupy positions encroaching on 13th. Brigade Area.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. J. M. ... Major.
Brigade Major.
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Issued at *10-30 pm.* through Sigs.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS BY 12TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

NEAR ZONNEBEKE, 11th - 14th OCTOBER 1917.

Reference attached maps.
" 1/40,000 maps.

1. On the night 9/10th October the 48th Battalion moved up in Reserve to 5th Aust. Infantry Brigade, and on the 11th and 11th/12th the 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade relieved the 5th Aust. Infantry Brigade and took over the sector.
Dispositions as in Appendix I.

2. It was intended that the 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade should take part in an advance on a fairly large front, of which the ZONNEBEKE Sector formed the right flank.
This advance was to be carried out on a date and time to be notified later.

3. The Brigade task was the formation of a right defensive flank to the country over which the advance was to pass, linking up the 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade on the right (which was not to advance) and the 9th Aust. Infantry Brigade, which advanced on the left.

4. Upon receipt of instructions from 4th Aust. Division,
(a) The G.O.C. 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade summoned a conference of C.O.s and discussed the situation.
(b) Orders and instructions were issued. Appendix II.

5. Narrative of events from 8 p.m. 11-10-17 to 6 a.m. 12-10-17.

(a) A tape line was laid by 48th Battalion from end of duckboards near ZONNEBEKE, along ZONNEBEKE-BROODSEINDE-NIEUWESOLEN Road to cross roads, and thence to about centre of front line. This was sufficient to guide the assault Battalions to the forming up line.

(b) Immediately after dusk Captain CORNISH, Brigade Intelligence Officer, together with Lieut. MCKEON, 47th Battalion, I.O., and Lieut. HENDERSON, I.O. 48th Battalion, proceeded to lay tape lines across our front as assembly positions for the assault Battalions. During this operation the tape lines were cut no less than three times by hostile fire. Fortunately no casualties were sustained.

(c) At about 11.30 p.m. the 47th and 48th Battalions moved forward from their positions on WESTHOK RIDGE to the tapes. They got into position, despite heavy shelling which occasioned several casualties, well in time before Zero hour.

(d) Material and stores had been pushed forward by carrying parties of the 48th Battalion and two dumps established at D. 17.d.1.3. and D. 17.c.95.70 approx.

(e) At 5.35 a.m. the advance started, and at 6.55 a.m. a message sent prior to the advance stated that the two Battalions were formed up on the tapes and were in good spirits, although their left flank was rather heavily shelled.

From this time onwards messages came in at intervals stating that the advance was progressing well for the first objective, though for some little time ASSERIA resisted capture. After reports of its consolidation the situation as regards the second objective was obscure until 3 p.m., when information was sent

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back by Captain CORNISH to say that an advance beyond the RED LINE had been impossible owing to M.G. and rifle fire from VIENNA COY and high ground to left which remained in the hands of the enemy.

The 3rd Aust. Division had failed to advance beyond the RED LINE, and were over a hundred yards in rear of our left flank.

The situation then, although a trifle obscure, seemed to be as follows.

The 48th Battalion which, owing to the failure of the 3rd Aust. Division to advance in unison with the 18th Brigade, had been committed to the fight from the outset, was greatly depleted in numbers and was digging in on a line running approx D. 18. a. 9.7 to D. 17. d. 9.2 with the 47th Battalion on its right, linking up with 18th Aust. Infantry Brigade at D. 17. d. 9.2.

At 4 p.m. a message was received from the 47th Battalion that the enemy - estimated about a thousand - were advancing in mass against our right flank. Artillery, M.G. and rifle fire were brought to bear and the attack failed to materialise.

At 5 p.m. a message was received from Captain CORNISH to the effect that a heavy attack was being made against the troops on our left who were retiring. This was confirmed at 6.25 by a message from the 3rd Aust. Division through 4th Aust. Division.

At 5.15 p.m. an S.O.S. went up on our left.

Up to this time 3rd Aust. Division had reported troops having gained BLUE LINE and consolidation in progress. They had also stated 18th Aust. Infantry Brigade were in advance of 3rd Aust. Division right flank.

This was a cause of obscurity, as all our reports showed that the RED LINE only had been attained.

S.O.S. barrage was therefore placed in front of BLUE LINE, which as events finally showed was quite useless.

At 6.30 p.m. information was received that, owing to retirement of 3rd Aust. Division, it had been necessary for 47th and 48th Battalions to withdraw in order to avoid flank penetration from the left. They had withdrawn to approximately the old front line.

At 6.40 p.m. the 9th Brigade reported the loss of HILLSIDE FARM.

From this time onward reorganisation and consolidation of the line was carried out and completed by 6 a.m. on the 15th inst., when the dispositions of the Brigade were as in Appendix III.

During the night 13/14th the 14th Battalion relieved the 48th and 2 Coys of the 48th Battalion in support, and on the 14th and night 14th/15th the remainder of the Brigade was relieved by the 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade, the whole relief being complete at 3.30 p.m. on the 14th instant.

6. Trench Mortars did excellent work during the advance under 2nd Lieut. BONE, firing at enemy in BECLINE COPSE and Railway Cutting at D. 18. a. 4.6, and again during the capture of ASSYRIAS.

7. Artillery barrage was fairly effective, though not so thick as on previous occasions.

8. Machine Guns were employed (a) for barrage fire in conjunction with the Artillery, and (b) mobile work, advancing with the attack.

In (b) particularly fine work was done by two guns of the mobile section, which remained till the last and successfully covered the retirement of the infantry. One of these guns and crew was sacrificed and the other had to be left behind owing to all the crew except one becoming casualties.

9. Signal communication.
Brigade Signals Officers report attached, Appendix IV.

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10. Medical arrangements were good but the tremendous carry and the large number of casualties taxed the resources to the utmost.

11. Prisoners. One Officer and 82 Other Ranks officially accounted for, although more than twice this number were captured, but sent back through 3rd Division Camp.

12. Casualties.

Total casualties for the Brigade were

41 Officers

1057 Other Ranks.

LESSONS.

1. Necessity for plenty of time to be allowed for getting attacking troops into position cannot be over emphasized
Vade lateness of 3rd Aust. Division.

2. Necessity for slowness of creeping barrage over swampy ground. 100 yards per 8 minutes not too slow.

3. Necessity for frequent situation reports from front units.

4. Value of pushing up dumps as far forward as possible.

J. Robertson

Brigadier-General.
Commanding 18th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

APPENDIX I.

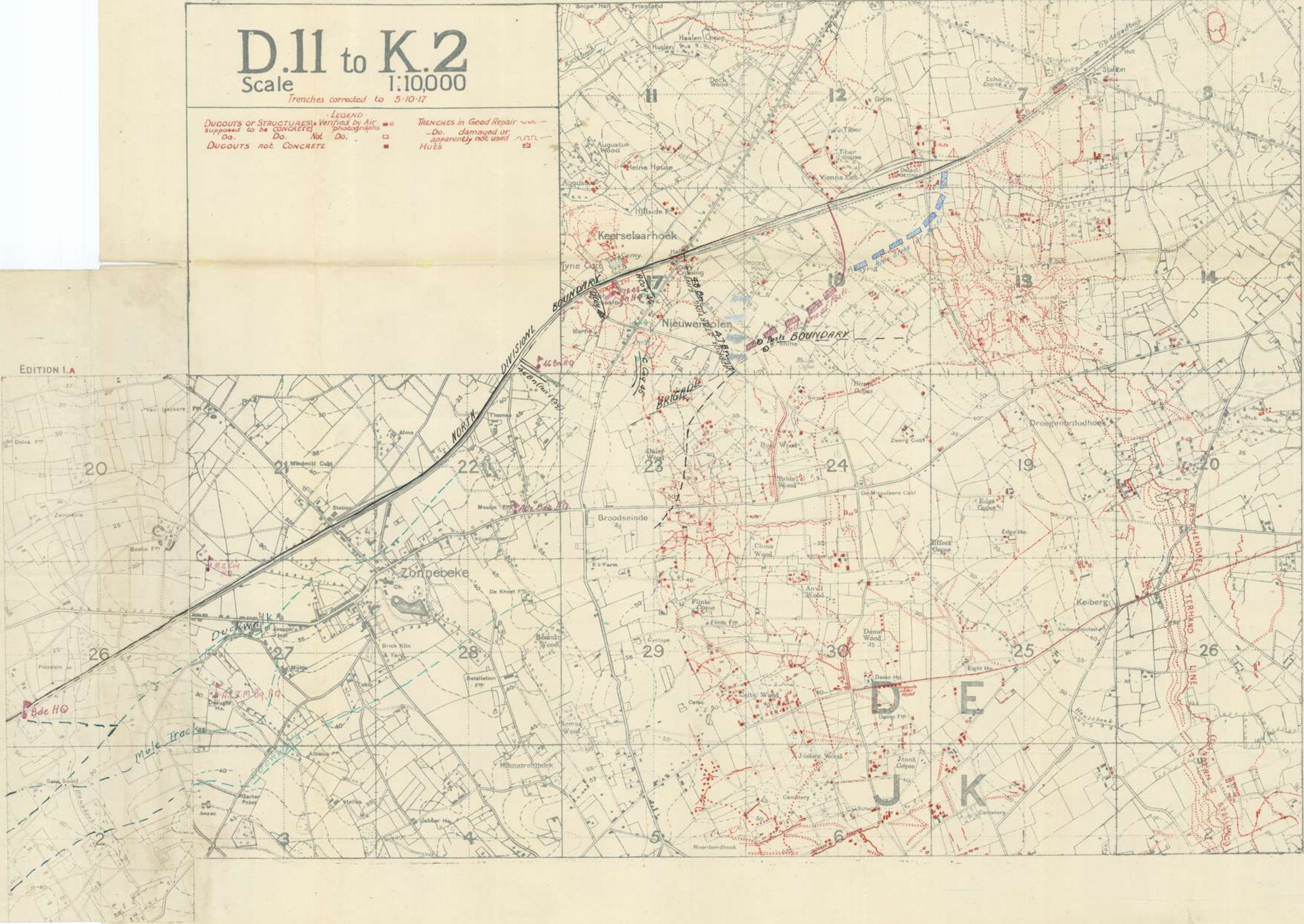
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Copy To.....

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No 171.

Headquarters.

11th October, 1917.

Reference. Attached Sheet.
ZONNEBEKE 1/10,000

1. 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. will advance under cover of Artillery support from present front line to a line running approximately from RHINE to the Railway in E 7 a 15.20.
Date 11th October 1917. Time to be notified later.

2. (a) The operation will be carried out in two stages, the First or RED LINE being taken by the 47th Battalion, and the second, or BLUE LINE by the 48th Battalion. The front will be held by a line of posts.

(b) The 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the Right will not advance. The 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the Left will advance till its right flank rests at E 7 d 1.8 at final objective.

(c) After capturing the BLUE LINE the C.O. 48th Battalion will establish a post on Railway at E 7 c 5. connecting with a post of 3rd Aust. Division.

(d) 12th A.L.T.M. Bty. will supply one mortar with each Battalion. 46th Battalion will furnish carrying party 2 N.C.Os and 16 O.R. to report to 12th A.L.T.M. Bty. 4 p.m. today, 11th instant.

3. The attack will be carried out under a barrage (vide tracing) -
(a) The pace of the barrage will be 100 yards in 8 minutes.
(b) The barrage will dwell for 8 minutes after it first comes down before advancing.
(c) It will remain in front of the RED LINE from plus 70 to plus 180, when it will begin creeping forward to BLUE LINE, in front of which will be placed the final protective barrage till plus 300.

4. (a) A Machine Gun Creeping Barrage will also be used during the advance and consolidation. It will be arranged by the Div. M.G. Officer, who will have at his disposal 8 guns of 12th M.G. Coy. and 12 guns of the 13th M.G. Coy. 5th Aust. Division will also cover our front.

(b) 12th Aust. M.G. Coy. will send one section forward with 48th Battalion to establish 2 guns near DECOY WOOD firing S.W. and two guns in E 18 b 8.2 approx. firing down BROUBEK.

5. 48th Battalion will be responsible for liaison with 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. Curmudellton

Major.

Brigade Major.

12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued at.....

SECRET.12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Special Instructions
Issued in connection with Brigade Order 171.

11th October 1917.

1. Brigade and Battalion Intelligence Officers will tape out Brigade forming up lines on line E 17 d 90.05 to Road Railway Junction at E 17 b 20.25. Direction tapes will also be put out for 50 yards on either side and an inter-Battalion flank tape at E 17 d 65.65 approx. These will be placed out as soon as possible after dark. 46th Battalion will lay a tape line from end of duckboard track near ZONNEBEKE to approx centre of present front line.

2. 45th Battalion will arrange to vigorously patrol the front and deny NO MANS LAND to the enemy, thus covering the forming up of the Brigade.

3. Battalions concerned will reconnoitre route from their units to forming up place. They will be formed up on the tapes one hour before ZERO time.

4. 45th Battalion will arrange for the following -
- (a) To dig a C.T. forward to approx E 18 b 2.1, commencing at ZERO time.
 - (b) To carry forward material and ammunition to dumps as far forward as possible.
 - (c) The rear waves of the attacking units will act as carriers.
 - (d) Special junction will be effected at the RED LINE at D 18 a 95.80 and at DETROIT CROSSING D 12 d 95.10.

5. Prisoners will be sent back to 46th Battalion, who will arrange to escort them to Brigade Headquarters, where they will be handed over to a M.P. escort.

6. The following articles will be carried by each man -

2 Water bottles	48 hours rations.
220 rounds S.A.A.	2 Grenades (Rifle)
4 Sandbags	1 shovel
2 Ground flares, 1 Red 1 White.	

7. When an Aeroplane calls for flares both red and white flares will be lit, as the Germans have got our red flares, which they light.

8. Captain VARLEY will act as liaison Officer with 9th Brigade.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

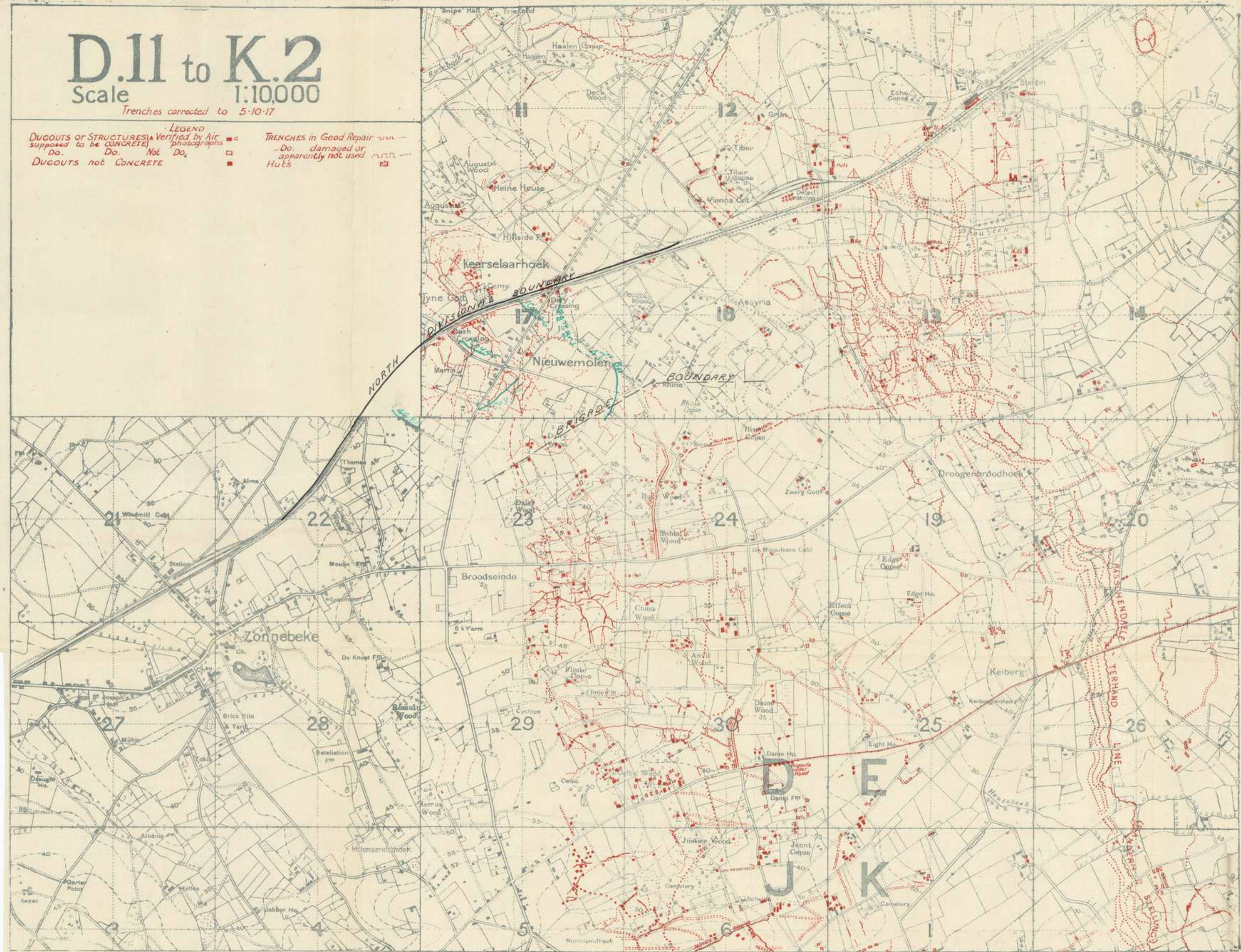
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Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Appendix IV.REPORT

on the Communications of the 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade in
the line from tenth to fourteenth of October 1917.

Summary :-

Communication was maintained by alternative methods without interruption excepting once when lines having been cut forward and visual was being used a smoke barrage interfered seriously with visibility for a few minutes, and power buzzer, although available, was not used owing to no message being offered from forward - nothing being on hand just then for transmission.

On taking over no lines existed forward of Cable Head.

Runners were at an enormous disadvantage owing to natural conditions, but supplied a means of communication which proved that the greatest care is justified in its organisation and the training of each individual comprised by it.

1. Lines.

Cable Head (CH) was at TOKIO (D. 27. d. 97) and from Brigade H.Q. to C H one pair was in use on the buried route.

Eight hours prior to Zero hour the buried route to C H was blown out forward of Brigade H.Q. but was restored by one hour before Zero and from thence on was not re-broken.

Forward of C H.

From C H to MOULIN FARM (C E R) two pairs of ground lines were laid - C E R being used as a Test point.

From C E R to Adv. Brigade H.Q. (N D B A) at D. 16. d. 6. 1 two pairs of ground lines were laid.

From N D B A to Battalion H.Q. (at D. 17. c. 6. 9) which served as H.Q. for both 47th and 48th Battalions in line, two pairs of ground lines were laid.

These forward lines were constantly cut by shell fire but were never out for longer than fifteen minutes at one time - just so long as it took the linesman to find and repair the break.

During 13th and 14th October communication by telephone ^{between any two stations} was never broken as at no time on these two days were both lines broken at the same time.

2. Visual.

Visual Signalling was resorted to for both back and forward work.

D D messages were not sent.

There were two stations forward of Bde. H.Q., one at C E R and one at Adv. Brigade H.Q. (N D B A)

Both these stations worked with the station at Brigade H.Q. (N D B) with great success by day and night.

At times Visual was the alternative method of communication relied on when lines were dis.

The LUCAS Daylight Lamp was used.

At night messages on reception were not written on the station but phoned down to the Signal Office by a special line to be written there.

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Appendix IV (continued)3. Runners.

From Brigade Headquarters to Advanced Brigade H.Q. at D. 16 .d. 61 three runners relay posts were intermediately established and manned each by four runners.

Despatches started on the Relay system from either forward or rear H.Q. were passed without delay from post to post.

The relay system of runners provided a reliable means of guiding individuals and parties forward.

4. Pigeons.

Before Zero hour each assaulting Battalion received sixteen pigeons to carry forward.

The birds were released with messages but communication by them was not successful.

Their failure is apparently due to the inclemency of the weather at the time of release.

Fresh pigeons were sent to Battalions in line daily.

5 Power Buzzer.

A chain of communication by Mobile Amplifier and Power Buzzer was established between Brigade H.Q. and Advanced Brigade H.Q.

This means of communication was frequently tested and found to be O.K. in readiness but was not used, owing to quicker and less dangerous means of communication being always available.

APP V I A

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

4th Australian Division.

INTERIM REPORT ON 12th BRIGADE OPERATIONS NEAR ZONNEBEKE,
12th October, 1917.

According to instructions contained in your Order No. 82 of 11th instant the 12th Infantry Brigade carried out attack on objectives allotted.

The 47th Battalion was given the task of securing the RED LINE and the 48th Battalion that of the BLUE LINE.

The two attacking Battalions moved into the forward area on the night 10th/11th, and were kept in reserve at WESTHOEK and ANZAC RIDGES in as comfortable positions as the wet and wind would allow.

On morning of 11th I held a conference with the C.Os and discussed plans, and consideration was given as to best methods of overcoming difficulties. The same day Coy Commanders, with as many Officers as could be spared from these Battalions, reconnoitred the routes and viewed the objectives. The Dumps were fully stocked with Ammunition, Bombs, and Stokes Mortars. These were pushed up and re-established in the jumping off trench and in advance. There was ample for all requirements. The country over which the operation was to take place and the communications as far back as ZONNEBEKE were as difficult as it is possible to imagine. The whole area is a mass of shell holes and the recent heavy rains have made it a veritable bog. Great trouble was anticipated in getting the attacking force into position at the jumping off spot. A duck walk track was available to a certain point and the Engineers concentrated their efforts in pushing this forward as far as possible, but the tracks ended in the vicinity of the village of ZONNEBEKE. After personal reconnaissance it was considered quite impossible to move troops over the open country at night time, and although the roads which led up were nearly as bad, it was decided to follow the road and chance the shelling which is usually heavy on those parts. In order to ensure direction tapes were laid from the duckwalks to the jumping off trench. Captain CONNISH, my Intelligence Officer, together with the I.Os of the Battalions concerned, laid the assembly tapes parallel to the objectives on the night of the attack. Zero hour had been fixed for 5.25 a.m. and at about midnight, the attacking troops having been previously issued with a double ration, two water bottles, two rifle grenades, and 100 extra rounds of S.A.A. per man, moved off towards the front, and although the distance to be covered did not exceed three miles, it took five hours to cover the ground. The result was the troops commenced their task very much fatigued, although confident and in good spirits. The 47th Battalion had been formed up on the tape with the 48th Battalion slightly in rear and ready to follow up. The Barrage came down sharp to time and apparently fairly solid, although complaints that it was thin as compared with previous ones were received. Unfortunately the line of 9th Infantry Brigade on our left was in rear of our line, which necessitated a barrage arrangement which did not synchronize with that on our front and did not ensure an advance on a general alignment. This proved rather disastrous and it was accentuated by an inclination to stickiness (the Adjutant 48th reports that it was an hour behind time) in the advance of the leading Battalion of the 9th Brigade, and for a considerable time the left flank of my Battalions were under heavy Rifle and H.C. Fire from the higher country on the Northern side of the Railway. This necessitated attention being given to not only the front but both flanks.

Casualties were heavy in this advance and the 48th Battalion, which in the normal course of events would not have been engaged until after the taking of the first objective, was involved in the fighting from the outset and had to bring fire to bear on that flank in order to allow the advance. On account of the 9th Brigade being still in rear and not moving up close enough under their Barrage. The RED LINE was reached at the allotted time and steps taken immediately to dig in, but with only slight success, owing to the quantities of water and churned up nature of the ground. During the wait of two hours on this line the 48th Battalion was subjected to heavy M.G. and Snipers fire from VIENNA COTTAGE and the higher ground about 18 central.

The situation now stood, 47th Battalion on RED LINE, consolidating, and 48th Battalion in advance of RED LINE awaiting the lift of the Barrage.

The right of the 9th Brigade had reached a point on the Railway about 150 yards in rear of RED LINE. At this stage Captain HILARY got in touch with the Officer in command of the Unit on the extreme right of the 9th Brigade, and he was told that it was not the intention to advance further, because the number of men that he had left at his disposal was so small as to render further advance impossible.

The Barrage lifted and continued its course, but no troops followed, the Officer in command of 48th explaining that with the country north still in the enemy's hands it would be unwise to continue the exposure of his flanks by an additional 400 yards.

The operation now remained stationary, and strong efforts were made to consolidate.

ASSYRIA HOUSE, about 18 central, gave a considerable amount of trouble, but with the aid of two Trench Mortars the enemy was overcome. During the whole of this time the area between the end enclosing the original front line was subjected to intense bombardment by the enemy, and heavy casualties resulted. About 5 p.m. my Intelligence Officer, who was at Battalion Headquarters, I 18 D S. 2, noticed a number of men with fixed bayonets returning along the Railway Line. He ran over to enquire who they were and was informed they belonged to the 35th Battalion, which Battalion was holding the line on our left, and that they were retiring. A further party containing about sixty men in charge of a Major was then observed, and Captain CORNISH stopped this party and asked where it was going. The Major said that he was retiring with his men to the CEMETERY in ZONNEBOEK, under instructions from his Battalion Commander. Captain CORNISH pointed out the seriousness of his action in leaving the flank of this Brigade in the air and finally prevailed upon him to return.

About this time I received a telephone message from the G.O.C. advising me that the 9th Brigade had retired and that my left flank was exposed, and instructing me to take steps to protect this flank in order to cover a retirement under cover of darkness, or to retain our position until the 9th Brigade had recovered theirs.

Shortly after this I received a message from the O.C. 47th Battalion advising that an attack by approximately one Battalion had been repulsed on the right, but masses of the enemy were advancing across the evacuated position of the 9th Brigade and threatening to cut off my forward Battalions, and that it was the intention to move back to the original line. The enemy was successfully held in check for half an hour, when a further enveloping was noticed on left flank. The retirement was carried out with a minimum of confusion. The two Vickers remained in position until the last, and successfully covered the movement, and enabled the 47th and 48th Battalions to get back. Unfortunately one of these guns and a crew were sacrificed and the other gun, after being destroyed, was left, the lock being in our possession.

The attack, which comprised at least a Brigade, developed from the direction of PASCHENDABLE and struck the Railway Line in the vicinity of DECLINE COPSE at D 18 A 4.7. From information received the ground south of the Railway Line in 18A and 18B is in a very boggy condition and defies

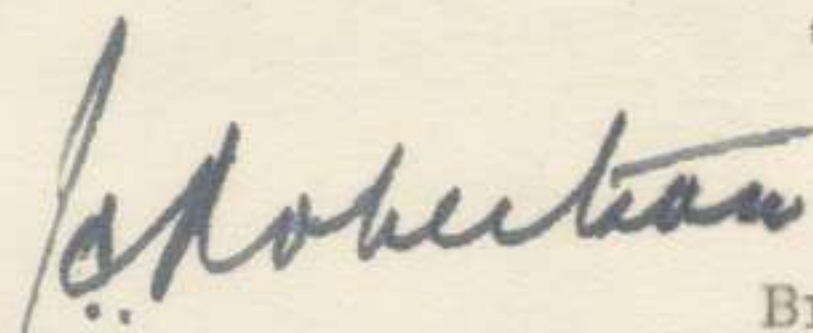
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Consolidation under enemy fire. Machine Guns in 18 C and 13 A and D were active throughout, the barrage not affecting them. From 100 yards in rear of the jumping off trench almost to the RED LINE was dealt with by the enemy in one deep barrage for the whole of the day, and his barrage came down immediately. It was quite evident that the enemy has become acquainted with the methods we adopted during the fine recent attacks, and has altered his tactics to cope with the same, and altered plans will have to be adopted. The communications in rear and available for our use were practically non-existent, and if this operation is to be successfully accomplished under the present weather conditions, time should be devoted to improving same by means of a duckboard track to the front line and roads made passable for pack train. I would impress (1) The necessity of allowing a big margin of time for the attacking troops to get into position, half a mile per hour, with a lengthy halt on the jumping off tape. (2) The imperativeness of forming dumps in the front line and detailing parties from the Battalion in the line to follow up the attacking forces and constitute a dump in rear. (3) The necessity of an adjustment of the S.O.S. Barrage as early as possible.

Our casualties are estimated as follows :-
 45 Officers 1200 Other Ranks.

I would like to place on record the splendid work carried out by certain sections of the 12th M.G. Coy and the two teams of the Trench Mortar Battery.

Over two hundred prisoners were actually taken. These were brought down under guard with instructions to deliver at Brigade Headquarters, but the Medical Officer at BAVARIA HOUSE, an evacuating post, was in extremes for bearers, and the prisoners were all utilised for this purpose. When this fact was ascertained arrangements were made with the Police to collect these prisoners, with a poor result, only 28 being secured. These were moved down under Police escort, but on reaching the YPRES-ZONNEBEKE ROAD the Police of the 3rd Aust. Div. took them over, and they were deposited in the 3rd Div. Cage, where practically all our prisoners made home. Actual receipt for prisoners show 1 Officer 49 O.R.


 Brigadier-General.
 Commanding 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 172.

13th October, 1917

Reference Maps.

ZONNEBEKE 1/10,000
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1. Following reliefs and moves will take place today, 13th instant.
2. Reliefs and moves as in table.

Date.	Unit.	Relieved by	Location.	Unit relieved moves to.	Remarks.
13th	45 Bn.	15 Bn.	WESTHOEK RIDGE	ESPLANADE SAP I 7 d 2.1	Relief to be completed as far as possible by daylight.
"	46 Bn	14 Bn	SUPPORTS	BELGIAN CHATEAU H 23 b 8.8	Relieving unit will move into area occupied by 2 Coys of 45th Bn. also.

3. (a) Details of relief will be arranged mutually between C.Os concerned.
(b) Receipts will be taken for all Trench Stores etc handed over.
(c) As far as possible reliefs will be carried out by daylight.
(d) East of YPRES all movement to be by Sections and Platoons at 200 yards distance.
4. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Headquarters by code word "MUD"
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. Arundell Wilson
Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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- 5 - 45th Battalion.
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- 7 - 47th "
- 8 - 48th "
- 9 - 12th M. G. Coy.
- 10 - 12th A.L.T.M.Bty.
- 11 - 4th Aust.Division.
- 12 - 26th A.A.S.C.
- 13 - A.D.M.S. 4th Aus.Div.
- 14 - 12th Field Coy.
- 15 - Bde.Sig.Section.
- 16 - 4th Div.Train.
- 17 - Bde.Supply Officer.
- 18 - G.O.C.
- 19 - Staff Captain.
- 20 - 4th Aust.Inf.Bde.
- 21 - 13th " " "
- 22 - 9th " " "
- 23 - O.C.Pack Transport.
- 24 - A.P.M. 4th Aust.Div.
- 25 - 13th Aust.Field Amb.

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APP VIII

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE AFTER ORDER

Issued with BRIGADE ORDER 172.

15th October, 1917.

Reference as in B.O. 172

1. 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade (less 2 Battalions) will be relieved on 14th and night 14/15th October and move in accordance with attached table.

Date.	Unit.	Relieved by	Present location.	When relieved to	Remarks.
14th	12 Bde. H.Q.	4 Bde. H.Q.	Rway Dugouts D 26 c 1.3	Inf. Barracks YPRES	Movement E of YPRES to be by Sections at 100 yds. distance.
Night 14/15	47th Batt. 48th Batt.	14th Batt. 14th Batt.	Front Line.	Canal dugouts I 13 a 5.1 I 7 d 85.20 Infantry Bks. YPRES	
14th	12th M.C.C.	- Under orders of Div. M. G. O.			
14th	12th ALTMB.	4 ALTMB.	LINE D 27 c 3.5	ESPLANADE SAP I 7 d 2.1	Relief as far as possible by daylight.

2. (a) Details of relief will be arranged mutually between C.Os concerned.
(b) Receipts will be taken for all Trench Stores etc handed over.
3. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade H.Q. by code word MUD.
4. (a) On completion of Brigade relief command of Sector will pass to G.O.C. 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
(b) Brigade H.Q. will open at I 13 a 5.1 at 6 a.m. 15th inst.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Edward de la Motte
 Major.
 Brigade Major.
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued at *5:30 pm.* through Sigs.

Distribution as for B.O. 172

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters.
15th October 1917.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Relief The relief of the 12th Brigade by the 4th Brigade was completed by 8.30 p.m. Brigade moved to YPRES.

Patrols Touch was maintained on the flanks and listening posts pushed out towards RHINE. No enemy movement has been reported.

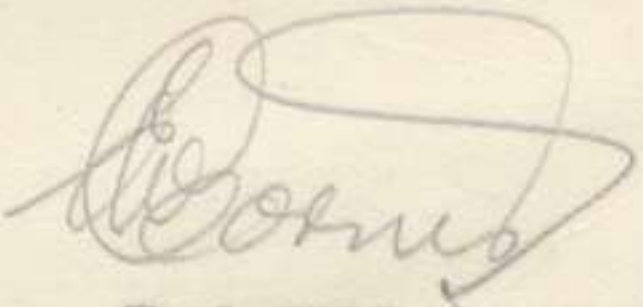
Artillery Activity normal.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery Hostile Artillery was unusually active on back areas, special attention being paid to vicinity of MOULIN FARM. Pill Boxes forward of WESTHOEK RIDGE were shelled with relay action 5.9s.

Aircraft Large numbers of enemy planes of GOTHA type flew over our front at about 2,000 feet. Bombs were dropped on Western slopes of the WESTHOEK RIDGE. Several bombs were dropped in YPRES SQUARE.

Machine Guns showed the usual activity on front line and communications.


Captain.
Intelligence Officer.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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APP X

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Copy No.

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 173

18th October 1917.

Reference Sheet 28 1/100,000
ZONNEBEKE 1/40,000

1. 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade will relieve 13th Aust. Inf. Brigade in Right Div. Sector on 19th and night 19/20th October in accordance with attached table.

Date	Unit.	Relieves.	Moves to	Remarks.
19th	48 Bn.	49 Bn.	Support. 3 Coys ANZAC 1 Coy TOKIO	Relief to be completed by 3 p.m.
19 & 19/20	45 Bn	52 Bn.	Line Left Bn. 1 Coy to TOKIO	Relief of TOKIO Coy by 3 p.m.
19/20	46 Bn	50 Bn.	Right Bn. area Line	
19th	47 Bn.		I 8 d	Moves in when 46th Bn. moves out.
19th	12 ALTB.	13 ALTB.		H.Q. D 29 a 3.8
	12 MG Coy		Under Orders Div. H.G.O.	
19th	12 Bde. H.Q.	13 Bde H.Q.	D 26 c 1.3	On completion of relief command of sector passes to G.O.C. 12th A.I. Bde.

2. (a) Details of relief to be arranged mutually between Commanders concerned.

(b) Completion of relief, which will take place as early as possible in accordance with visibility, will be wired to Brigade Headquarters by code word "RAIN".

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

E. C. Underdell

Major.
Brigade Major.

12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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5 - 45th Battalion.
6 - 46th "
7 - 47th "
8 - 48th "
9 - 12th M. G. Coy.
10 - 12th A.L.T.M. Bty.
11 - 4th Aust. Division.
12 - 26th A.A.S.C.
13 - A.D.M.S. 4th Aus. Div.
14 - 12th Field Coy.
15 - Bde. Sig. Section.
16 - 4th Div. Train.
17 - Bde. Supply Officer.
18 - G.O.C.
19 - Staff Captain.
20 - 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.
21 - 13th Aust. Inf. Bde.
22 - O.C. Pack Transport.
23 - 13th Aust. Field Amb.
24 - Area Comdnt. YPRES.
25 - A.P.M. 4th Aust. Div.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.(Issued in conjunction with Brigade Order No. 173)

18th October 1917.

Reference Map. Sheet 28 1/100,000
ZONNEBEKE 1/40,000BAGGAGE
DUMPS

Dumps of surplus baggage etc will be established as before at Transport Lines, except in the case of the 47th Battalion, who may retain packs etc at Camp in I 8 D. Puttees will be dumped and sandbags issued.

AMMUNITION.

Grenades to complete to two per man will be drawn forthwith from BARMY DUMP. Any other ammunition required by Units will be drawn from advanced Dumps. 48th Battalion will complete from Dump at WESTHOEK (J.7.B.7.7)

RATIONS.

Troops will move forward tomorrow 19th instant with the following rations -

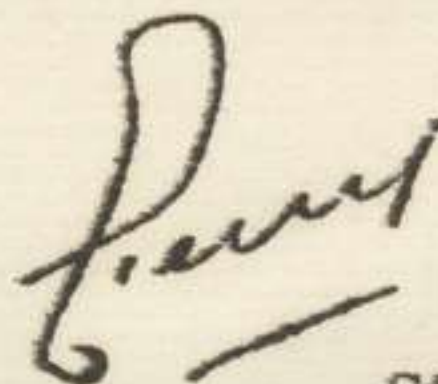
- 1 days Emergency Ration.
- 1 " Rations.

Unexpended portion of current days rations.

Rations will be drawn early tomorrow by Q.Ms and delivered to Units in present location before 11.30 a.m. On the 20th instant rations will be delivered to Units by Pack Transport Troop.

GUARD.

47th Battalion will detail a guard of one N.C.O. and 6 men to report to Brigade H.Q. (D 26 c 1.3) at 5 p.m. tomorrow. 48 hours rations will be carried.

ACKNOWLEDGE.


Captain.
Staff Captain.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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APP VI

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Copy No.....

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 174.

20th October 1917.

Reference 1/10,000 Map

1. (a) 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade will be relieved by 4th and 14th Aust. Inf. Bdes. on night 20/21st October, in accordance with a readjustment of boundary between 4th and 5th Aust. Divisions.

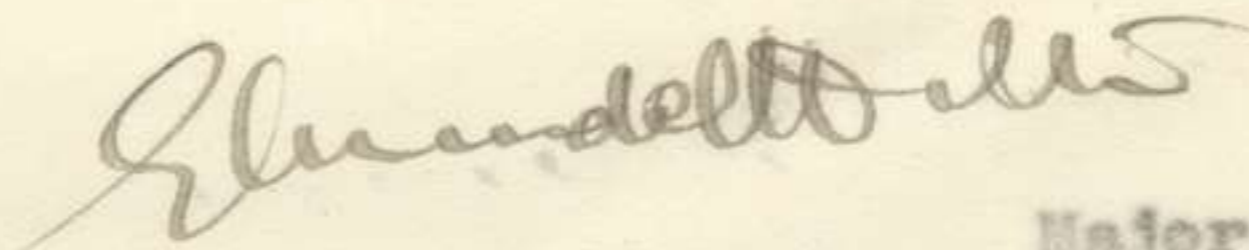
(b) The 4th and 14th Aust. Inf. Bdes. will take over the Northern and Southern portions of the 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade front respectively.

(c) Units will be relieved as under.

Date.	Unit.	Relieved by.	Moves to.	Remarks.
20th	43th Bn.	15th Bn.	CANAL AREA.	Reliefs will be
20/21	45th Bn.	15th & 16th Bns.	Guides WEEK from rear camps will meet Units at	completed as early as possible.
20/21	46th Bn.	56th & 15th Bns.	MENNIE GATE.	
20/21	12 ALBHQ.	4 & 14 ALBHQ.		Opens 8 a.m. 21/10/17
20th	12 ALTB.	4 & 14 ALTB.		BELGIAN CHATEAU.
	24th A.M.S. Coy.		Not relieved.	

2. (a) All details of relief will be arranged mutually between C.Os concerned.
- (b) Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Hqs. by code word "SLEEP."
- (c) On completion of Brigade relief command of each sector will pass to C.O.C. relieving Brigade.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.



Major.
Brigade Major.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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- No. 21 - 14th Aust. Inf. Bde.
22 - C.S. Transport Lines.
23 - Area Commandant, YPRES.
24 - 24th A.M.S. Coy.
25 - Capt. W. C. BROOKE, Eft. Camp, GASTRE.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 175

21st October 1917

Reference 1/40,000 Map.

1. 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade will move to HALIFAX AREA on 22nd instant as per table overleaf.
2. Personnel from Reinforcement Camp, CAESTRE, will rejoin Units at HALIFAX AREA.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

for *AC* *assist* *capt.*
 Brigade Major.
 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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 Area Commandant, HALIFAX AREA.
 A.P.I. 4th Aust. Div.

MARCH TABLE.Starting pointBELGIAN CHATEAU.

<u>U N I T.</u>	<u>Time passes S.P.</u>	<u>Route.</u>	<u>Destination.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
47th Battalion.	9.30 a.m.	Belgian By Corner - DEN GROENEN JAGER CABT - H 14 b 5.8	MONTREAL CAMP.	Usual distances will be maintained within Battalions during march.
48th Battalion.	10 a.m.	DEN GROENEN JAGER CABT - H 14 b 5.8	WINNIPEG CAMP	
12th A.I.B.H.Q.	10.20 a.m.	"	WINNIPEG CAMP	
45th Battalion.	10.30 a.m.	"	HALIFAX CAMP	
12th A.M.G.Coy.	10.50 a.m.	"	HALIFAX CAMP	
46th Battalion.	11 a.m.	"	VANCOUVER CAMP	
12th A.L.T.M.Bty.	11.20 a.m.	"	VANCOUVER CAMP.	
Ede.Transport	9 a.m.		To Unit Camps	Starting point - Transport Lines.

APPENDIX. XII

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Copy No.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

(Issued in conjunction with Brigade Order No. 175)

21st October 1917

Reference Map.
Sheet 28 1/40,000

AREAS. Camps are allotted to Units in HALIFAX AREA as follows -

Brigade Headquarters.	H 19 B 1.1
45th Battn. HALIFAX CAMP	H 14 C 4.4
" " Transport Lines	H 14 A 5.0
46th Battn. VANCOUVER CAMP.	H 14 C 8.8
" " Transport Lines	H 14 A 5.0
47th Battn. MONTREAL CAMP.	H 19 B 5.6
" " Transport Lines	H 13 D 2.3
48th Battn. WINNIPEG CAMP.	H 19 B 3.5
" " Transport Lines.	H 13 D 2.3
12th M.G.Coy. HALIFAX CAMP	H 14 C 4.4
12th A.L.T.M.Dty. VANCOUVER CAMP	H 14 C 8.8

Advance billeting parties will report to Area Commandant at MONTREAL CAMP at 9 a.m. tomorrow 22nd instant.

TRANSPORT. First Line Transport will move out of present camps occupied by them at 9 a.m. direct to HALIFAX AREA. ~~All tents and trench shelters will be returned to Area Commandant CANAL AREA by 9 a.m. and receipts obtained.~~ All details, Q.M. Stores, etc., must be clear of the rear camps by 11 a.m. These camps and lines must be left in a thoroughly clean and sanitary condition.

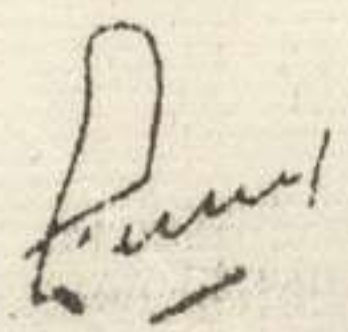
RATIONS. Rations will be delivered to Units in HALIFAX AREA tomorrow by Div. Train. Supply dump on 23rd instant will be notified later.

ADDITIONAL TRANSPORT. Baggage wagons have already reported to Units. One motor lorry per Battalion will report at present camps at 7 a.m. tomorrow for move.

PRESENT CAMPS. All tents and trench shelters on issue to 45th and 48th Batts. will be returned to Area Commandant CANAL AREA (Belgian Chateau) prior to Units moving out. The tents and trench shelters on issue to the 47th Battalion will be handed over to the Area Commandant concerned and receipts obtained.

CASSTRE PERSONNEL AT Personnel at Corps Reinforcement Camp will rejoin Units in HALIFAX AREA.

ACKNOWLEDGE.


Captain
Staff Captain.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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Conv No.

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 172.

23rd October 1917.

Reference Map 1/40,000

1. 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade, 4th Pioneer Battalion (less 2 Coy), 12th Aust. Field Ambulance, and 14th and 26th Coys A.A.S.C. will move by train and bus to BOBY Area on 26th instant (Train to WIZEMES, thence bus).

2. Detailed instructions re entrainment and allotment of billets in new area will be issued. Transport will entrain at HOPOUTRE, other Units at BRANDHOEK.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Major.
Brigade Major.

12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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 10 - 12th A.L.T. Bty.
 11 - 4th Aust. Division.
 12 - 26th A.A.S.C.
 13 - A.D.S. 4th Aust. Div.
 14 - 12th Field Coy.
 15 - Bde. Sig. Section.
 16 - 4th Div. Train.
 17 - Bde. Supply Officer.
 18 - G.O.C.
 19 - Staff Captain.
 20 - 12th Aust. Fld. Amb.
 21 - 4th Aust. Pioneer Batta.
 22 - 14th A.A.S.C.
 23-24 Bde. Entraining Officer.
 25-26 Bde. Embussing Officer.
 27 - O.C. Bde. Transport.
 28 - Area Commandant, HALIFAX.
 29 - Area Commandant, BOBY.

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Conv No.....

12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE AFTER ORDER.In conjunction with Brigade Order 176

25th October 1917

Reference 1/40,000 ans.

1. 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade group will move in two trains from BRANDHOEK to WIZERNES on the 26th instant. First train will take Brigade H.Q., 45th Battalion, 46th Battalion, 12th Field Ambulance, 26th A.A.S.C. and 14th A.A.S.C., 12th M.G. Coy, and 12th A.L.T. Bty. Entrainment will commence at 6.35 a.m.. Train will depart at 7.35 a.m. Second train will take 47th Battalion, 48th Battalion, 4th Pioneer Battalion (less 2 Coys), 4th Aus Div HQ details. Entrain at 9.30 a.m. Depart 10.35 a.m. All troops to be at entraining point, BRANDHOEK Siding, half hour before entraining time. Entrainment from front to rear of train will be in order of troops mentioned above.

2. Transport will proceed in two echelons, details and times as in Administrative Instructions. Captain D.B. PAYNE, 46th Battalion, will be in charge of A Echelon. Lieut. J. MARTIN, 48th Battalion, will be in charge of B Echelon.

3. On arrival of personnel trains troops will embus for BOUY Area. Brigade Embussing Officer, Captain BROOKS, 46th Battalion, will be responsible, with assistance of Unit embussing Officers, for embussment of Brigade group, which will embus in two echelons in same order and of same composition of trains. Personnel of second train will have to wait at detraining point until return of busses from first trip. Busses will each hold 25 men.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Arundell Hill
Major
Brigade Major
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No. 1.

(Issued in conjunction with Brigade Order No. 17A)

25th October 1917

1. ENTRAINMENT TROOPS.

12th Aust. Infantry Brigade, 4th Pioneer Battalion, (less 2 Coys), 12th Field Ambulance, 14th and 22nd A.A.S.C. Coys, will entrain at BRANDHOEK on 26th instant, in accordance with Table A attached.

2. DUTIES.

The following personnel will be detailed.

- (a) Brigade entraining Officer, Capt. ELLIOTT, 48th Battalion.
- (b) Asst. " " " " Subaltern, 4th Pioneer Battalion.

These Officers will report to R.T.O. BRANDHOEK at 6.15 a.m. and will remain on duty until the entrainment of all troops mentioned in Para 1 is completed and will then proceed in last train.

(c) Brigade Detraining Officer, Capt. DIBBS, 45th Battalion. This Officer will proceed by first train and will report immediately on arrival to R.T.O. Detraining Station. He will remain on duty till all troops mentioned in Para 1 are detrained.

(d) Brigade Embussing Officer, Capt. BROOKS, 46th Battalion. Asst. " " " " Subaltern of 47th Battalion. These Officers will proceed by first train and will report on arrival at detraining station to O.C. Bus Coy., and will be responsible for the embussment of all troops.

(e) Loading party of 1 Officer and 50 O/Rs with full kit and 48 hours rations will be detailed by 48th Battalion. This party will report to R.T.O. HOPOUTRE at 5 a.m. 26th inst. and will remain on duty till all A Echelon transport is loaded. They will proceed by last transport train.

(f) Unloading party of 1 Officer and 50 O/Rs will be detailed by 45th Battalion and will proceed by first Transport Train to detraining station. They will remain on duty till all A Echelon is unloaded.

3. TRANSPORT.

Transport will move to new area in two Echelons.

(a) A Echelon will move by rail from HOPOUTRE (L. 17.d. central) to WIZERNES, thence by road. A Echelon will consist of

	Ration waggons 4 wheel	Baggage waggons 4 wheel	Cookers limbered	Waggon limbers double	Maltese & Mess Carts	Horses.
45th Bn.	2	2	4	2	2	
46th Bn.	2	2	4	2	2	
47th Bn.	2	2	4	2	2	
48th Bn.	2	2	4	2	2	
4th Pioneers	1	1	2	2	2	
12th I.G. Coy.	1	1		2	1	
12th A.L.T.H.B.				1		
12th Fld. Amb.	1	2		1		
Bde. Hqs.	2	2		3	1	
22nd A.A.S.C.						
14th A.A.S.C.						
Total	13	14	18	17	12	

Times for entrainment of A Echelon in accordance with Table B attached.

Captain D. B. PAYNE will be in charge of A Echelon.

(b) B Echelon, consisting of Transport complete less A Echelon will march by road to BOMY Area in two stages, halting for the night 26/27th October at BLARINGHEM. Lieut. MARTIN, 48th Battalion, will be in charge of B Echelon.

The T.O. 45th Battalion will proceed with B Echelon also. B Echelon will pass starting point at OUDERDUM Cross Roads at 7 a.m. in following order - 48th Battalion, 47th Battalion, 45th Battn., 46th Battn., 12th Field Amb., 26th A.A.S.C., 14th A.A.S.C., 4th Pioneer Battalion, Bde. Hqrs. Route via HAZEBROUCK and BLARINGHEM, thence to BOMY. Billeting arrangements will be made at BLARINGHEM by O.C. B Echelon.

4. SUPPLIES.

The following will be the supply arrangements for the move. Carried on the man.

- i. Unexpended portion of current days rations.
 - ii. 24 hours rations.
 - iii. 24 hours rations in the supply waggons on train.
- Supply waggons on the train will proceed on detraining to Units in new area with rations for 27th instant. Refilling point for 28th instant will be notified later by wire. Horses will be watered as late as possible prior to entrainment. All troops will entrain with filled waterbottles.

5. BAGGAGE.

Baggage waggons will report to Units today. No additional Transport will be available, therefore Units will move all surplus baggage to Transport Entraining Station, HOPOUTRE, with first line transport today. An Officer from each Unit will proceed to HOPOUTRE Siding and supervise stacking of surplus baggage. Baggage dump will be made in field adjoining Railway Yards.

6. EMBUSSMENT.

Units will embus immediately on arrival at detraining station. Each Unit will detail one Officer to act as Embussing Officer. These Officers will report to Brigade Embussing Officer at embussing point. Billeting parties will meet Units at embussing point.

7. PRESENT CAMPS

Camps at present occupied by Units will be vacated in a clean and sanitary condition. A rear party of 1 Officer and 10 O/Rs from each Unit will remain behind and proceed by last train leaving BRANDHOEK at 10.35 a.m. These parties will obtain a certificate from Area Commandant before entraining.

8. NEW AREAS.

Brigade Headquarters.	DELETTE.
45th Battalion.	ERNY ST JULIEN.
46th Battalion.	COYECQUE.
47th Battalion.	DELETTE.
48th Battalion.	CUSHEM & ERNY ST JULIEN
12th A.L.T.M.B.	PONCHE
12th M. G. Coy.	DELETTE
12th Fld. Amb.	ERNY ST JULIEN
26th A.A.S.C.	COYECQUE

J. Stassach
Staff Captain.
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

T A B L E "A"

Entrainment of Troops.

Train No.	Constitution of <i>IN</i> order of entrainment from front to rear.	Time of commencement of entrainment.	Time of departure.	Approx.time of detrainment.	Approx.time of embussment.	REMARKS.
I	Brigade H.Q. 45th Battalion. 46th " 12th Fld.Amb. 14th & 26th P.A.S.C. 12th M.C.Coy. 15th A.I.T.L.Dty.	6.35 a.m.	7.35 a.m.	11 a.m.	11.30 a.m.	(a) Troops will arrive at entraining station half an hour before time to commence entraining. (b) No troops to enter Station yards till R.T.Os are ready for entraining.
2	47th Battalion. 48th " 4th Pioneer Battn. Sect.Div.H.Q. personnel.	9.30 a.m.	10.35 a.m.	2 p.m.	2.30 p.m.	

APPENDIX. XV

TABLE "B"

Entrainment of "A" Echelon Transport.

Train No.	Constitution in accordance Adm. Instructions.	Time of commencement of entrainment.	Time of departure.	Approximate time of detrainment.	REMARKS.
1	Brigade H.Q. 45th Battalion. 46th " 12th Fld.Amb. 12th A.L.T. Coy.	5.30 a.m.	8.15 a.m.	11.30 a.m.	Transport will arrive at entraining station half an hour before time to commence entraining. Breast ropes for horse trucks to be provided by Units. Lashing ropes for vehicles will be provided by E.T.Os.
2	47th Battalion. 48th " 4th Pioneer Batt. 12th L.G.Coy.	3.15 p.m.	6 p.m.	9.30 p.m.	

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR WEEK ENDING

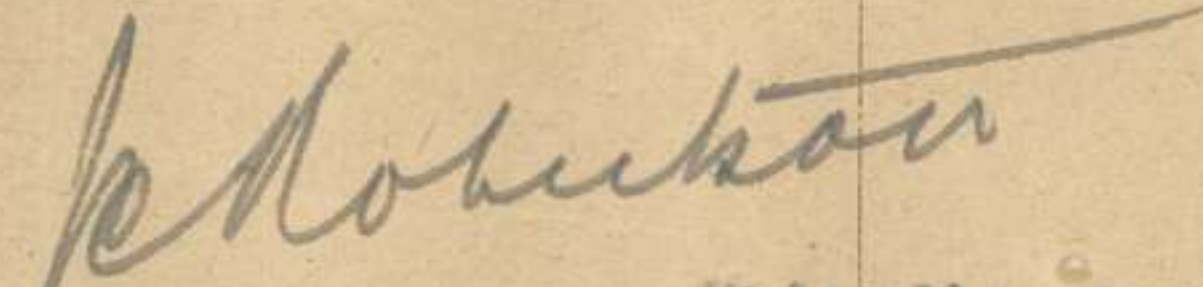
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Corps.	Division and Location of H.Q.	Brigade and Location of H.Q.	Description of Training.	Approximate Date of Commencement and Completion of Training.	REMARKS. (Time and place of Divisional, Brigade and Battalion Exercises.)
1st. ANZAC.	4th Australian BOMY.	12th Aust. Infantry Brigade. XXXXXX DELETTE.	Individual and Platoon Training, Physical Training. Skill at Arms. Musketry. Route Marching. Recreational Training in afternoon. Platoon and Company Exercises. Brigade school for Signallers (2 Weeks) Brigade refresher course for Senior N.C.O's (4 Days.) <u>12th M.G. COY.</u> Gun Drill. Advance Barrage Work. Indirect Fire. Range Practices. <u>12th A.L.T.M. Bty.</u> Individual Training. Gun Drill. Line Firing.		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>COYECQUE RIFLE RANGE</u> allotted</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 Days 46th Battalion, 3 Days 47th Battalion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ERNY St JULIEN. RANGE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">45th Battalion.</p>


 Brigadier-General.
 Commanding 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

APPENDIX. XVI

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Appendix XVII

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF CASUALTIES

From 24/9/17 to 2/10/17. From 10/10/17 to 15/10/17. From 19/10/17 to 21/10/17.

U N I T.	Killed		Wounded.		Wounded at duty.		Missing.		Wounded and Missing		Gassed.		Shell Shock.		Missing believed killed.		TOTAL	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
12th A.L.T.M.Bty.	-	3	-	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	11
12th A.M.G.Coy.	-	9	5	58	-	3	1	6	-	-	-	5	-	1	-	1	6	63
45th Battalion.	2	58	10	187	-	-	1	22	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	13	271
46th Battalion.	-	43	5	163	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	5	238
47th Battalion.	2	65	10	218	-	-	-	123	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	14	406
48th Battalion.	3	53	9	221	-	-	1	111	-	21	-	2	-	-	-	-	13	408
T O T A L.	7	231	39	834	1	4	3	292	-	21	-	9	-	5	2	1	52	1397

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17th Australian Infantry Brigade

Oct 15th 1917.

Daily Effective Strength Return

Unit	Actually with Unit		Sick		On Command. Empty, detached Schools etc.		Total Strength		War Establishment		Required to complete		Attached supernumerary to Establishment		Remarks
	off	of R	off	of R	off	of R	off	of R	off	of R	off	of R	off	of R	
12 th Bde H.Q.	7	25					7	25	6	24			3	3	
12 th A.M.G. Coy.	6	132		2	1	20	7	154	11	175	24	21		2	
12 th A.L.F. M. Bty	4	38				20	4	58	4	46					
45 th Battalion	15	397	8	19	16	261	39	677	39	967		290	1	6	
46 th Battalion	28	677	7		5	153	40	830	39	967		137	1	6	
47 th Battalion	8	165	2	67	24	487	34	719	39	967	5	248		6	
48 th Battalion	11	378	1	8	29	587	41	973	39	967				7	
Total	79	1862	18	96	175	1528	172	3436	177	4113	9	696	5	30	

Previous days total
Increase

188 off 3953 of Ranks
10

188 3963

Decrease

16 527

Total

172 off 3436 of Ranks

G.O.C.
B.M.
P.C.

Attached
 Arm Sgo off of R
 A.A.P.C. 1
 A.A.M.C. 4
 Interpreters 3 22
 Butmen 3 3
 3 30
 Capt Cornish 1
 Lt. Stabback 1
 Total 5 off 30 of Ranks

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12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
Daily Effective Strength Return.

31st October 1917.

Unit	Actually with Unit		Sick		On command Temp. detached Schools etc.		Total Strength		Part of Establishment		Required to Complete		Attached Superannuated to Establishment	
	Officers	O/Rank	Officers	O/Rank	Officers	O/Rank	Officers	O/Rank	Officers	O/R	Officers	O/R	Officers	O/R.
12 th Aus. Inf. Bde H.Q.	2	25	1	.	.	.	3	25	3	25	.	.	4	.
12 th Mo. Gun Coy.	7	145	.	1	3	11	10	157	10	175	.	18	.	2
12 th A.L. T. Co. Bty.	3	54	.	1	1	6	4	61	4	46
45 th Battalion.	23	568	1	11	10	85	34	664	39	967	5	303	2	6
46 th Battalion.	35	675	5	.	5	97	45	772	39	967	.	195	.	5
47 th Battalion.	30	646	1	.	13	37	44	683	39	967	.	284	.	5
48 th Battalion.	22	509	.	6	8	80	30	595	39	967	9	372	.	7
Total	122	2622	8	19	40	316	170	2957	173	4114	14	1172	6	25

Previous Days Total	Officers	O/R.
	170	2961
Increase		
	170	2961
Decrease		4
Total	170	2957

G.O.C.
 B.M.
 S.C.

Attached

Chaplain	1	
A.A. No 60		20
A.P. No.	1	4
Interpreter		1
Armourer Sgt	2	25
Capt. Louch	1	
Capt. Connick	1	
Capt. Varley	1	
Leut. Staback		
Total	6	25

APPENDIX. XIX



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Section	Officers	Privates	Other ranks	Total	Remarks
1st	1	1	1	3	
2nd	1	1	1	3	
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