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WAR DIARY

OF

15th Battalion AIF

FOR

October 1918

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CROUY	Oct. 1		<p>Strength of Battalion including detached 36 Officers 520 Other ranks.</p> <p>Battalion busy training and re-organising. During the morning the whole Battalion with all available Transport went for a Route March of about 9 kilos. Dress marching order. During afternoon a Soccer match was played between the 15th and 16th Battalions, and we lost by five to one.</p>	
		2.	Training carried out as per Syllabus.	
		3.	Training as per Syllabus. At 5.30 p.m. classes in French, Mathematics, English and Bookkeeping commenced, and are to be held nightly. A large amount of interest has been shown by the men.	
		4.	The morning was spent in cleaning up and getting into shape for Brigade Parade. At 2 p.m. the whole Brigade paraded and were inspected by the G.O.C., Division, who afterwards addressed the Brigade and decorated a few Officers and N.C.O's., one of whom was C.S.M. RUSH, C. who received the French CROIX de GUERRE with Star. At 4.30 p.m. the Officers of the 14th and 15th Battalions congregated at CROUY to wish General BRAND, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who is going on leave to Australia "Bon Voyage."	
		5.	Training as per Syllabus. Inter Company contests during afternoon.	
		6.	Church parade in morning. General sporting events in afternoon.	
		7.	Training as per Syllabus. The debating class has proved a great success, and much interest has been shown by members of the Battalion, and there have been large attendances. The subject discussed on the evening of the 7th inst. was, "Should Australia maintain a standing Army in times of Peace." After a very lively discussion, the question was decided in the negative.	
		8.	Training as per Syllabus. Battalion Sporting Programme being steadily developed, and the devotees of the various branches of sport are taking them up in earnest.	

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GROUY	Oct 9		<p>Weather fine. There was a full turnout of the Battalion on the Route March today. In the afternoon the sporting events occupied the time. In the evening the debating class discussed the subject of Bush v City Life; the adherents of the Bush were in the majority.</p> <p>Today was occupied in Musketry practice on the rifle range. The result of the work was very satisfactory. Inter Company contests were decided during the afternoon.</p> <p>Training as per Syllabus, and usual sports routine.</p> <p>Weather more or less unsettled, but not unpleasant. Training as per Syllabus. The sporting element has been fostered and teams are being licked into shape for the forthcoming Brigade Competition. A match against the 49th Battalion today resulted in a win for our Rugger team by 8 to 0. In addition, inter-Company matches in both Soccer and Rugby Football are being played. The series have been arranged into a competition, and the members of the winning Company's team will receive medals. Tennis still attracts its particular devotees.</p> <p>Usual Church parades were held this morning, the afternoon being given over to recreation.</p> <p>Training as per Syllabus. Sporting events in afternoon. The evening of the 14th was quite an event at the Debating Society. A Mock Election had been arranged, and the subject on which Candidates sought election was "The Abolition of the Upper House." Four candidates presented their claims before the electors, viz. Government, Opposition, Independent, and Socialist. A very large audience attended, including the A/G.O.C. Brigade. A vote taken on the principle of the Secret Ballot resulted in the election of the Independent Candidate.</p> <p>Weather fine, but threatening. General routine being carried on as usual.</p> <p>Murky overhead, but no rain fell. Today witnessed the opening match of the Brigade Rugby Football Competition. Our team were opposed by their old rivals the 13th Battalion. After a very fast game, the 15th Battalion proved victorious by 14 points to nil. The display of our team was very gratifying. The Debating Society set themselves the task of discussing a very interesting subject "What is the best means of absorbing the Army after demobilization without unduly interfering with Social and Economic progress." A very good evening resulted.</p>	

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CROUY	Oct 16 contd		General routine as usual.	
	17		The day proved fine. A little rain had fallen during the night. The syllabus of training for the day was carried out. The first match of the Brigade Soccer Football Competition took place today against the 13th Battalion. Again the 15th proved victorious, the score on this occasion being one goal to nil. The Educational classes are continuing satisfactorily, and on an average good attendances are maintained.	
	18		Weather fine and training carried on as usual.	
	19		Rain fell in the early morning, but day proved fine. Our Rugby Team played the 4th Field Ambulance and scored an easy win by 23 to 3.	
	20		Proved to be a rather wet and unpleasant day. Usual Church Parades were held. Conference of all Officers of the Battalion held to discuss matters of training.	
	21		Weather fine if somewhat cloudy. Full Battalion parade held in morning every available man being present - short address on discipline by the C.O. Afterwards, general training carried on as usual. Arrangements complete to carry on a series of inter-Battalion Debates - this Unit supplying two delegates to the Committee. In the evening the Battalion Debating Society discussed the question "Has Civilization Progressed." The debate proved interesting and instructive. The matter of providing extra billeting accommodation for the troops receiving attention.	
	22		Weather fine and somewhat wintry. Inter-Company football competition carried on. Usual routine.	
	23		Fine day. Training syllabus carried out. Very satisfactory report from A.D.M.S. as to cleanliness of billets and sanitary arrangements. Our Soccer team were unfortunate in their match against the 14th Battalion losing by two goals to nil. Preliminary arrangements initiated in connection with training exercise next week.	
	24		Fine day. Usual training programme proceeded with. C.O. and Coy. Commanders attended	

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CROUY	Oct 24 cont.		conference held in connection with 4th Aust. Division Training programme vide their G.1/558/1 appended. Inter Company sports contests proceeding and causing much interest. This Battalion engaged 14th Battalion in the first of the series of Inter-Battalion Debating contests. The judges gave their decision by the smallest of margins to the 14th Battalion who supported the negative side of the subject "That the Press has a greater influence than the Stage."	
	25		Weather fine but misty in morning. Battalion marched to Brigade Range and spent morning in Musketry practise. Lewis Gunners also working. In the following afternoon the Second round of the Rugby contest was decided, this Battalion again defeating the 13th Battalion. The contest was very close the final scores being 8 to 6. This gives the 15th Bn. the possession of the cup. During the afternoon C.O. attended conference (re Div. Training programme) at Brigade Headquarters. 8 Subalterns also attended a demonstration with a platoon by Lieut. Col. Levy, vide G/5/56 of 4th A. I. Brigade appended. Free Cinema show presented by the Y.M.C.A. in the evening; much appreciated by the troops.	
	26.		Fine day, training programme adhered to; as usual inter-Company sporting contests.	
	27.		Fine weather. Church parades as usual. Brigade Boxing Competition held at Picquigny in afternoon, this Unit's representatives winning two items.	
	28		Weather continues good. Training as per syllabus. Free Cinema show by Y.M.C.A.	
	29		Fine weather. Training as per Syllabus. Soccer match in afternoon 15th v 16th on Brigade Ground at Picquigny. Our team proved winners by 3 goals to nil. The Battalion class debated the subject "That Gold is a greater asset to the State than Petroleum." The discussion was interesting, the majority present favoring the gold side of the question.	
	30		Weather fine. Usual training as per syllabus. In the afternoon the Officers played the Sergeants Rugby Football, and were victorious by 3 to nil after a very even contest. Final preparations were completed for the Brigade Exercise taking place on the morning of 31st inst.	
	31		Showery. Battalion exercise as in attached orders. The exercise was carried out fairly well but the section commanders want more practice in handling their commands in open warfare. The exercise was very instructive and a conference was held afterwards. The C.O. discussed the exercise with all the N.C.O.'s. at 1.30 p.m. in the Y.M.C.A. tent and with the Officers at 6.45 p.m. All ranks are showing great interest in the sporting competitions for the cup. Cross country competitions are being added to the list, and Battalion sports are being held next Wed-	

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CROUY	Oct. 31 cont.		<p>nesday. The scores are as follows:-</p> <table><tr><td>A. Company,</td><td>22</td><td>points.</td></tr><tr><td>B. do</td><td>12</td><td>do</td></tr><tr><td>C. do</td><td>20</td><td>do</td></tr><tr><td>D. do</td><td>13</td><td>do</td></tr><tr><td>H. Q.do</td><td>16</td><td>do</td></tr></table> <p>The Educational classes are going well and many of the men are showing keen interest. A lot of influenza is going about but we have not had a bad time with it - this is attributed to the prompt measures taken.</p> <p>Strength of Battalion including detached, 39 Officers 676 Other Ranks.</p> <p>Evacuations and arrivals attached.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>C. M. Johnston</i>Lieut.Col. <u>COMMANDING 15th BATTALION.</u></p> <p>1st November 1918.</p>	A. Company,	22	points.	B. do	12	do	C. do	20	do	D. do	13	do	H. Q.do	16	do	
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FOR

October 1918

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15th BATTALION, A.I.F.SYLLABUS of TRAINING for week ending 5th OCTOBER 1918.9 a. m. - 12.30 p. m.

MONDAY. Company Inspection, Close Order Drill, Gas Drill (10 mins).
Sept. 30th. Guards and Sentries, Lecturette Saluting Flags flown by
cars etc., Saluting Drill (10 mins). Rifle Exercises.

TUESDAY Company Inspection, Close Order Drill, Guards and Sentries,
Sept Rifle exercises, Lecturette "Sanitation in Billets" Bayonet
Oct. 1st fighting, Saluting Drill(10 mins) Gas Drill (10 mins).

WEDNESDAY Battalion Inspection and Battalich Route march.
Oct. 2nd.

THURSDAY Close Order Drill, Guards and Sentries, Open Order Drill
Oct. 3rd. Saluting Drill (10 mins). Rifle exercises, Gas Drill(10
mins)

FRIDAY Battalion on rifle range, Elementary Musketry, Rapid
Oct. 4th. Loading.

SAURDAY Battalion Inpection and Battalion Route March.
Oct. 5th.

2 P. M. - 3.30 P. M.

Football

Baseball

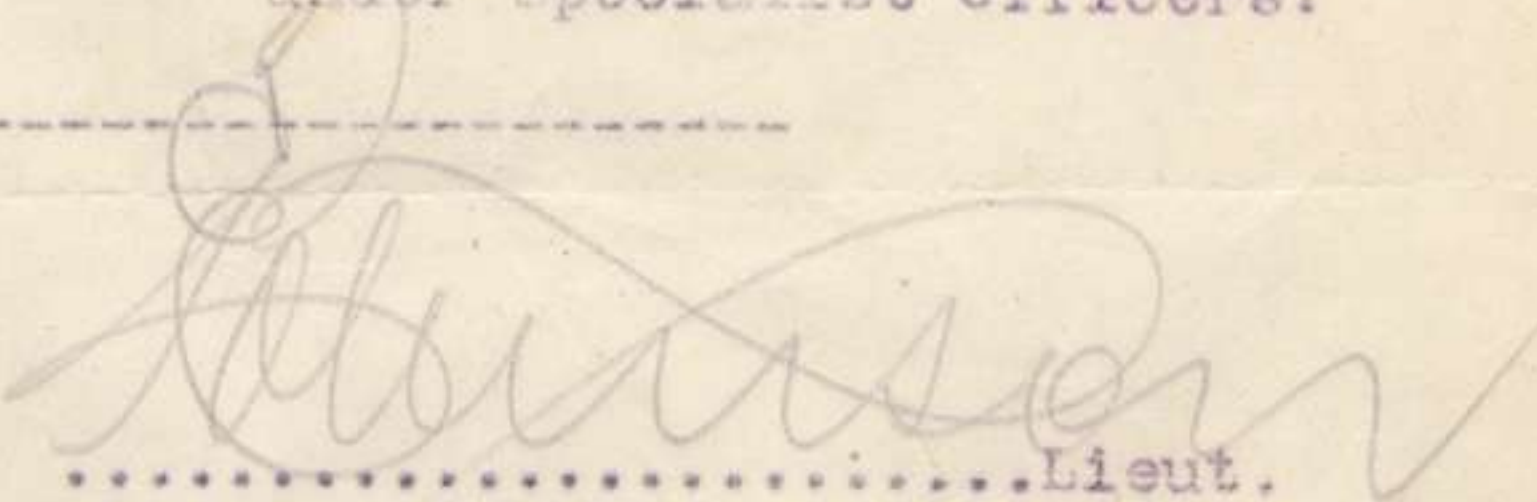
Training for Brigade Sports.

Tennis.

Training for Lewis Gunnere

Scouts

Signallers.

under Specialist Officers.
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.....Lieut.ADJUTANT 15th BATTALION.

Approved: _____
Date: _____

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Major General [Name]

Director

General

Responsible for [Name]

General

Responsible for [Name]

General

General

1914

Installation inspection and maintenance of [Name]

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Installation of [Name]

1916

Close Order Drill, [Name]

1917

Installation inspection and maintenance of [Name]

1918

Close Order Drill (10 min), [Name]

1919

Close Order Drill (10 min), [Name]

1920

Company Inspection, Close Order Drill, [Name]

APPENDIX OF [Name] FOR [Name]

[Name]

APPENDIX

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 12TH OCTOBER, 1918.9. a.m. to 12.30. p.m.

- MONDAY, Oct.7th. Company Inspection, saluting Drill, (10 mins), Guards and Sentries, Rifle Exercises, Close Order Drill, Bayonet Fighting.
- TUESDAY, Oct,8th. Thorough inspection of Gas Helmets by Brigade Gas Officer. Platoon Drill, Company Drill.
- WEDNESDAY, Oct.9th. Battalion Route March, Cookers and 1st Line Transport.
- THURSDAY, Oct.10th. Musketry, whole Battalion on Rifle Range, rapid Loading and elementary musketry instruction.
- FRIDAY, Oct.11th. Battalion Route March.
- SATURDAY, Oct,12th. Battalion Inspection, Company and Battalion drill, Rifle exercises.

2. p.m. to 3.30. p.m.

Football,

Baseball.

Training for Brigade sports.

Tennis.

Training for LEWIS GUNNERS, SCOUTS, SIGNALLERS, under Specialists Officers ; N.C.O's. Classes Daily.

Egd. E. Robinson
.....Lieut.

ADJUTANT 15TH BATTALION.

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15th BATTALION A.I.F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING for week ending 19th October, 1918.

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9 a.m. to 12 30. p.m.

MONDAY, 14th.Oct. Musketry, Battalion on Rifle Ranges.
TUESDAY, 15th.Oct. Baths at HANGEST.
WEDNESDAY, 16th Oct. Route March.
THURSDAY, 17th.Oct. Musketry. Battalion on Rifle Ranges.
FRIDAY, 18th.Oct. Route March.
SATURDAY, 19th.Oct. Platoon Schemes.

2.p.m. to 3.30.p.m.

Rugby Football Competitions.
 Soccer " "
 Tennis Competitions.
 Baseball.
 Training for Sports.

N.C.O's. Class.

Syllabus attached.

Training for Specialists under respective specialists Officers.

Thomson
Lieut.

ADJUTANT 15th BATTALION.

APPENDIX 3

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 26th. OCTOBER 1918.

0900 to 1230

MONDAY 21st. Oct. Battalion Parade, Bayonet Fighting, Bombing, Platoon Schemes.

TUESDAY 22nd. Oct. Baths at HANGEST. Bayonet Fighting on course. "A" Coy. 0900 to 0945 "B" " 0950 to 1035 "C" " 1040 to 1125 "D" " 1130 to 1215

WEDNESDAY 23rd. Oct. Battalion Route March.

THURSDAY 24th. Oct. Battalion Parade, Company Schemes.

FRIDAY 25th. Oct. Musketry, Bombing, Bayonet Fighting.

SATURDAY 26th. Oct. Battalion Parade, Company schemes.

Specialist Training under Specialist Officers.

All Specialists to report to Company Commanders at 1100.

1400 to 1530

Company and Headquarters Rugby Football Competition.
" " " Soccer " "

Tennis Competition - Boxing.

Training for Battalion Sports on 3rd. Nov. 1918.

Officers will meet in READING ROOM each evening at 8.30 p.m.
for Lecture and discussion of the next days work.

.....Lieut.
ADJUTANT 15th. BATTALION

SYLLABUS of TRAINING for week ending 2nd NOVEMBER 1918.0900 to 1230.

MONDAY

28th October Company Schemes.

TUESDAY

29th October Platoon Schemes, Baths at HANGEST, Battalion Parade at 1215.

WEDNESDAY

30th October Route March; Route, Cross Roads I.6.d. - J.15.d. ^{Crouy} PICQUIGNY - CROUY.

THURSDAY

31st October Battalion Tactical Exercise.

FRIDAY

1st November Musketry on Brigade Range.

SATURDAY

2nd November Bombing, Wiring, Bayonet Fighting, Battalion Parade 1200.

Specialist Training under Specialist Officers.

All Specialists to report to Company Commanders at 1100.

1400 to 1530.

Company and Headquarters Rugby Football Competition.

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Tennis Competition - Boxing.

Training for Battalion Sports on 3rd November 1918.

Officers will meet in READING ROOM each evening at 6.30 p. m.
for Lecture and discussion of the next day's work.

M.P. [Signature].....Lieut.

A/ADJUTANT 15th BATTALION.

25th OCTOBER 1918.

15th BATTALION N.C.O's. REFRESHER CLASS.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.
FOR

WEEK ENDING SATURDAY 5-10-18.

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9.	a.m.	till	9.10.a.m.	Inspection.
9.10.	a.m.	"	9.50.a.m.	B. F. and P. T.
9 50	a m	"	10. a m	Smoke
10	a.m.	"	10 30 a,m,	Close Order Drill and Rifle Exercises.
10 30	a m	"	10 50 a m	Organised games.
10 50	a m	"	11 a m	smoke
11	a m	"	11 50 a m	Guards and Sentries.
11 50	a m	"	12 noon.	Smoke
12 noon		"	12 30 p m	Open Order Drill.

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MONDAY, 7th October, 1918.

0900-0910.	Inspection.
0910-0950.	Bayonet Training.
1000-1030.	Close Order Drill.
1030-1050.	Games.
1100-1150.	Extended Order.
1200-1230.	Arms Drill.

TUESDAY, 8th October, 1918.

0900-0910.	Inspection.
0910-0950.	Physical Training.
1000-1030.	Close Order Drill.
1030-1050.	Games.
1100-1150.	Guards and Sentries.
1200-1230.	Arms Drill.

WEDNESDAY, 9th October, 1918.

0900-0910.	Inspection.
0910-0950.	Bayonet Training.
1000-1030.	Close Order Drill.
1030-1050.	Games.
1100-1130.	Arms Drill.
1140-1230.	Lecture. (Sanitation).

THURSDAY, 10th October, 1918.

0900-0910.	Inspection.
0910-0950.	Physical Training.
1000-1030.	Saluting.
1030-1050.	Games.
1100-1150.)	Map Reading. (The meaning of Conventional
1200-1230.)	signs).

FRIDAY, 11th October, 1918.

0900-0910.	Inspection.
0910-0950.	Bayonet Training.
1000-1030.	Close Order Drill.
1030-1050.	Games.
1100-1150.	Guards and Sentries.
1200-1230.	Arms Drill.

SATURDAY, 12th October, 1918.

0900-0910.	Inspection.
0910-0950.	Physical Training.
1000-1030.	Saluting.
1030-1050.	Games.
1100-1150.	Extended Order Drill.
1200-1230.	Close Order Drill.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR N.C.O. CLASSES FOR WEEK ENDING 19-10-18

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MONDAY, 7th October, 1918.

0900-0950- Bayonet Training.
1000-1030 Close Order.
1030-1050 Organised Games.
1100-1230 Map Reading.

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TUESDAY, 15th October, 1918.

0900-0950 Physical Training.
1000-1030 Arms Drill.
1030-1050 Organised Games.
1100-1150- ~~Extended Order.~~ GUARD'S 9 Sentries
1200-1230. Close Order.

WEDNESDAY, 16th October, 1918.

0900-1230. Route March.

THURSDAY, 17th October, 1918.

0900-0950 Bayonet Training.
1000-1050 Close Order.
1100-1120 Organised Games.
1120-1230. Compass.

FRIDAY, 18th October, 1918.

0900-0950 Physical training.
1000-1030 Arms Drill.
1030-1050 Organised Games.
1100-1150 Extended order.
1200-1230 Close Order.

SATURDAY, 19th October.

0900-0950 Bayonet Training.
1000-1050 Close Order.
1100-1120- Organised Games.
1120-1230. map reading.

Johnson

.....Lieut.

ADJUTANT 15th Battalion.

APPENDIX 1

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A. I. F. EDUCATIONAL SCHEME.

In connection with the above the following classes will be held at No.44 Billet, commencing Thursday Evening, 3-10-18.

THURSDAY.	FRENCH.	5 30 to 6 30.p.m.
	MATHEMATICS.	6 30 to 7 30.p.m.
FRIDAY.	BOOKKEEPING .	5 30 to 6 30.p.m.
	ENGLISH.	6 30 to 7 30.p.m.

All are invited and intending students are requested to bring Note Books and pencils.

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In connection with the above the following classes will be held at No 44 Billet, commencing Wednesday the 9th inst.

WEDNESDAY.	ALGEBRA.	4.30-5.30.	Corpl. Flewell-Smith.
	ENGLISH.	5.30-6.30.	Pte. Donnelly.
THURSDAY.	BOOKKEEPING.	4.30-5.30.	L/Cpl. Mathieson.
	FRENCH (Conversation)	5.30-6.30.	Corpl. Iredale.
FRIDAY.	ARITHMETIC.	4.30-5.30.	" Flewell-Smith.
	SHORTHAND.	5.30-6.30.	

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A. I. F. EDUCATIONAL SCHEME.

The following is a schedule of classes for week commencing 21-10-18.

<u>MONDAY.</u> 21-10-18.	FRENCH (Grammar)	4.30 - 5.30 p.m.	Cpl. Levy.
	Debate at Sergeants Mess commencing at 6.30 p.m.		
<u>TUESDAY.</u> 22-10-18	FRENCH (Conversational)	4-30 - 5-30 p.m.	Cpl. Iredale.
	ARITHMETIC	5-30 - 6-30 p.m.	" Flewell-Smith
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> 23-10-18	ALGEBRA	4-30 - 5-30 p.m.	do
	ENGLISH	5-30 - 6-30 p.m.	Pte. Donnelly
<u>THURSDAY.</u> 24-10-18	BOOKKEEPING	4-30 - 5-30 p.m.	L/Cpl. Mathewson
	FRENCH (Conversational)	5-30 - 6-30 p.m.	Cpl. Iredale
<u>FRIDAY</u> 25-10-18	ARITHMETIC	4-30 - 5-30 p.m.	Cpl. Flewell-Smith
	SHORTHAND	5-30 - 6-30 p.m.	Pte Woolfenden
	Debate (at Sergeants Mess) commencing 6.30 p.m.		

Mathewson
Lieut.
ADJUTANT 15th BATTALION.

A. I. F. EDUCATIONAL SCHEME.

The following is a schedule of classes for week commencing 14-10-18.

<u>MONDAY.</u>	FRENCH. (Grammar)	4 30-5 30.p.m.	Padre O'Callaghan.
14-10-18.	Mock Election at sergeants Mess commencing at 6 30.p.m.		
<u>TUESDAY.</u>	FRENCH (Conversation.)	4 30-5 30.p.m.	Corpl Iredale.
15-10-18	ARITHMETIC.	5 30-6 30.p.m.	" Flewell-Smith.
<u>WEDNESDAY.</u>	ALGEBRA.	4 30-5 30.p.m.	" " "
16-10-18.	ENGLISH.	5 30-6 30.p.m.	Pte Donnelly.
	Debate at Sergeants Mess commencing at 6 30.p.m.		
<u>THURSDAY.</u>	BOOKKEEPING.	4 30- 5 30.p.m.	
17-10-18.	FRENCH. (Conversation)	5 30-6 30.p.m.	Corpl. Iredale.
<u>FRIDAY.</u>	ARITHMETIC.	4 30-5 30.p.m.	" Flewell-Smith.
18-10-18.	SHORTHAND.	5 30-6 30.p.m.	Pte Woolfenden.

E. J. Johnson

.....Lieut.
ADJUTANT 15th BATTALION.

A. I. F. EDUCATIONAL SCHEME.

The following is a schedule of classes for week commencing 28-10-18.

<u>MONDAY.</u> 28-10-18.	FRENCH (Grammar) Debate at Sergeants Mess commencing 6.30 p.m.	4.30-5.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	Cpl. Levy.
<u>TUESDAY</u> 29-10-18	FRENCH (Conversational) ARITHMETIC Inter Battalion Debate at Y.M.C.A. at 6.30 p.m. 13th v 15th Bn.	4.30-5.30 p.m. 5.30-6.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	Cpl. Iredale Cpl. Flewell-Smith
<u>WEDNESDAY.</u> 30-10-18	ALGEBRA ENGLISH	4.30-5.30 p.m. 5.30-6.30 p.m.	Cpl. Flewell-Smith Pte. Donnelly.
<u>THURSDAY</u> 31-10-18	BOOKKEEPING FRENCH (Conversational)	4.30-5.30 p.m. 5.30-6.30 p.m.	L/Cpl. Mathewson Cpl. Iredale.
<u>FRIDAY</u> 1-11-18	ARITHMETIC SHORTHAND Debate, commencing 6.30 p.m.	4.30-5.30 p.m. 5.30-6.30 p.m.	Cpl. Flewell-Smith. Pte. J. Woolfenden

W.P. Ash
.....Lieut.
A/ADJUTANT 15th BATTALION.

APPENDIX 131/14

PRELIMINARY NOTES on SPECIAL EXERCISE to be carried out by
15th BATTALION, next week.

1. The general idea of scheme is an attack on an enemy outpost system, somewhat similar to actual attack carried out by Battalion near LE JEANCOURT.
2. Advance will be about 5000 yards carried out as an attack in two phases, two Coys. taking one objective and two Coys. "leapfrogging"
 - "C" Company will attack on Right and
 - "B" do do Left.
 - Right Support in first phase "D" Company
 - Left do do "A" Company.
3. On reaching their objectives, Coys. will dig in.
4. The piece of ground selected for the exercise is (Sheet 62 E). Sqs. C.30, D.25. J.1, 2, 3, 9.
5. The jumping off line will be taped out, and the Battalion will march to the position on the morning of Zero day. Zero hour will be about 5.30 a. m.
6. Dress will be fighting order (without ball ammunition or bombs). Plenty of smoke grenades will be carried.
7. Gas rattles will be provided for each Lewis Gun.
8. The enemy will be represented by the 16th Battalion under the command of Major PARKS, M.C.
9. The barrage will be represented by the 14th Battalion by means of flags.
10. The senior officers of the other three Battalions will act as umpires, and also prevent impossible situations.
11. All prisoners will be marched to the rear under escort.
12. Trench Mortars and Vickers Machine Guns will co-operate.
13. All means of communication available are to be employed; Runners, Telephone, Visual.
14. The ammunition packs will move with Battalion Headquarters fully loaded.
15. Thursday is devoted to Company schemes and they will be carried out with the above end in view.
16. The general outline of this scheme is to be thoroughly explained to all N.C.O's. and men so that even the dullest can understand.
17. On Thursday evening a discussion will be held on this scheme and also on that morning's work.
18. Plenty of notice has been given, and all preliminary arrangements can be made so that the exercise should be very successful as well as highly instructive.

.....Lieut.

ADJUTANT 15th BATTALION.

23rd OCTOBER 1918.

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NARRATIVE.

1. Since the offensive of the AUSTRALIAN CORPS which commenced on the 20th October, the enemy has been driven to the line MONTAGNE - MESGE - C.29.c.central - C.24.c.central, D.19.b.central - YZEUX.

The enemy is holding this line as an outpost system, and his defences are in depth.

I N T E N T I O N .

2. The FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION will, on 31st instant attacking on a two Brigade front astride the SOUES - PICQUIGNY ROAD, establish the line I.18.central - J.7.a.central J.1.d.0.3. - J.2.a.2.9. - CROSS ROADS D.20.

M. G. Ash
.....Lieut.
A/ADJUTANT 15th BATTALION.

APPENDIX

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MARCH ORDER

in connection with BATTALION ORDER No. 1.

1. The Battalion will move by March Route to the "Jumping Off Tape" in following order:-
"C" Coy. "D" Coy. "B" Coy. "A" Coy. Battalion Hdqtrs.
2. Battalion will pass starting point D.13.c.3.0. at 0400.

M. W. Ash.....Lieut.

A/ADJUTANT 15th BATTALION.

REFERENCE 1/40,000.

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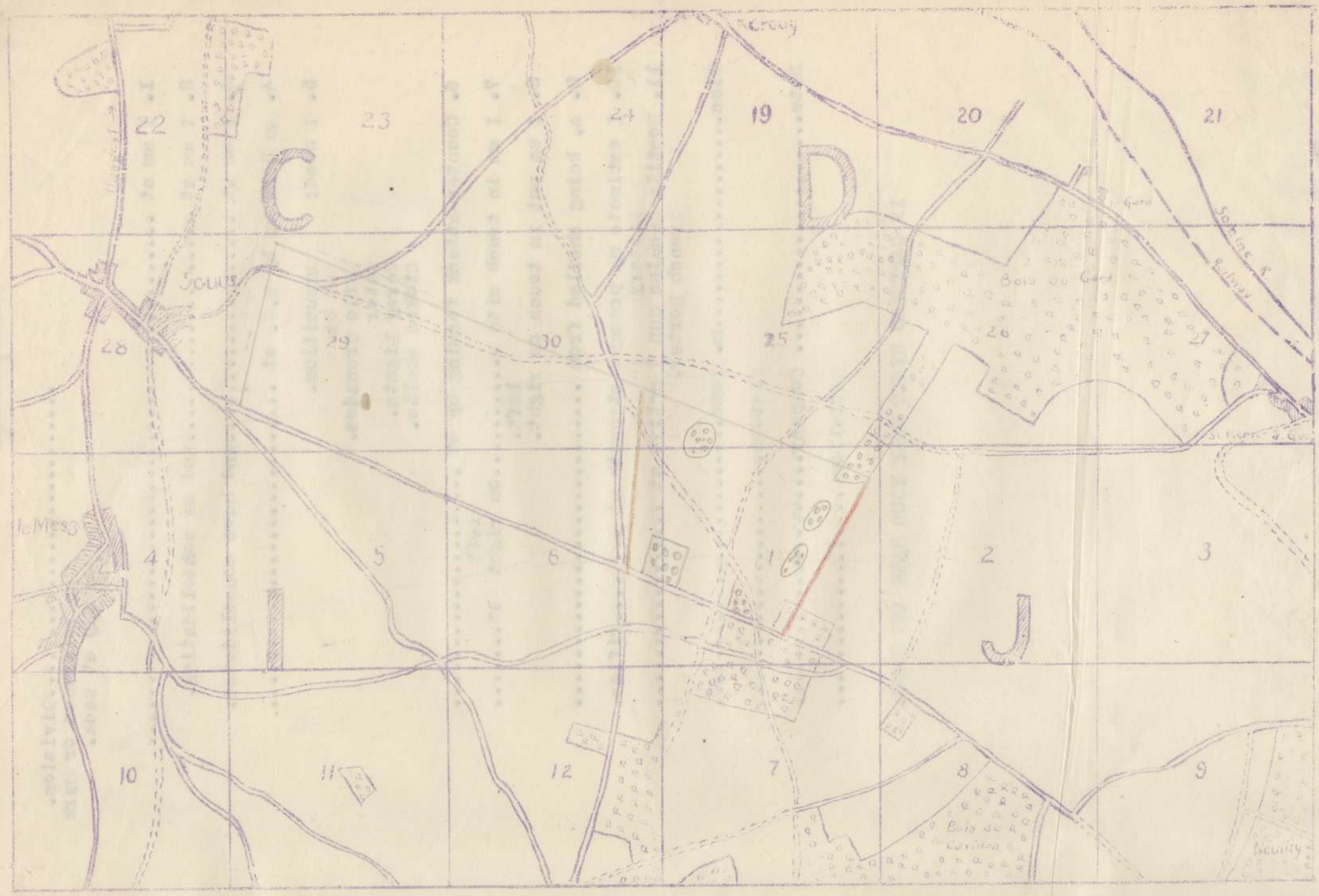
1. The 15th BATTALION, with 49th BATTALION on right and 14th BATTALION on left, will, on 31st instant, capture and consolidate the line J.1.d.O.3. - J.2.a.2.9.

The attack will be carried out in two phases as shown on attached map. The 1st. objective will be captured under a creeping barrage (barrage map attached) by "c" Company on RIGHT and "s" Company on LEFT each on a front of 400 yards.

The 2nd. objective will be captured by "D" company on RIGHT and "A" Company on LEFT each on a front of 400 yards.
2. The left flank of the Right Company in each phase will direct, and an officer will be told off to maintain direction. He will march on a True bearing of 114°.
3. An officers party will be detailed to maintain touch with the flanking Battalions.
4. Pack Mules fully loaded will move with Battalion Headquarters.
5. Flares will be lit when signalled for by aeroplane.
6. The Battalion will be in position on the "Jumping off Tape" 30 minutes before zero hour.
7. At zero minus 30 minutes, Battalion Headquarters will be established immediately in rear of centre of Battalion and will move with Battalion and establish in vicinity of I.6.a.9.5.

During the second phase, Battalion Headquarters will establish in vicinity of J.1.a.central.
8. After zero, R.A.P. will be established in vicinity of I.6.a.9.5.
9. Two Trench Mortars will move with two leading Companies throughout the attack.
10. Password, "BRISBANE."
11. Zero hour will be 0600.
12. Acknowledge.

M.P. Lab.
.....Lieut.
A/ADJUTANT 15th BATTALION.



MESSAGE FORM.

.....Division.
Map reference or mark
on map at back.

- 1. I am at
- 2. I am atand am consolidating.
- 3. I am atand have consolidated.
- 4. am held up by E.C. at

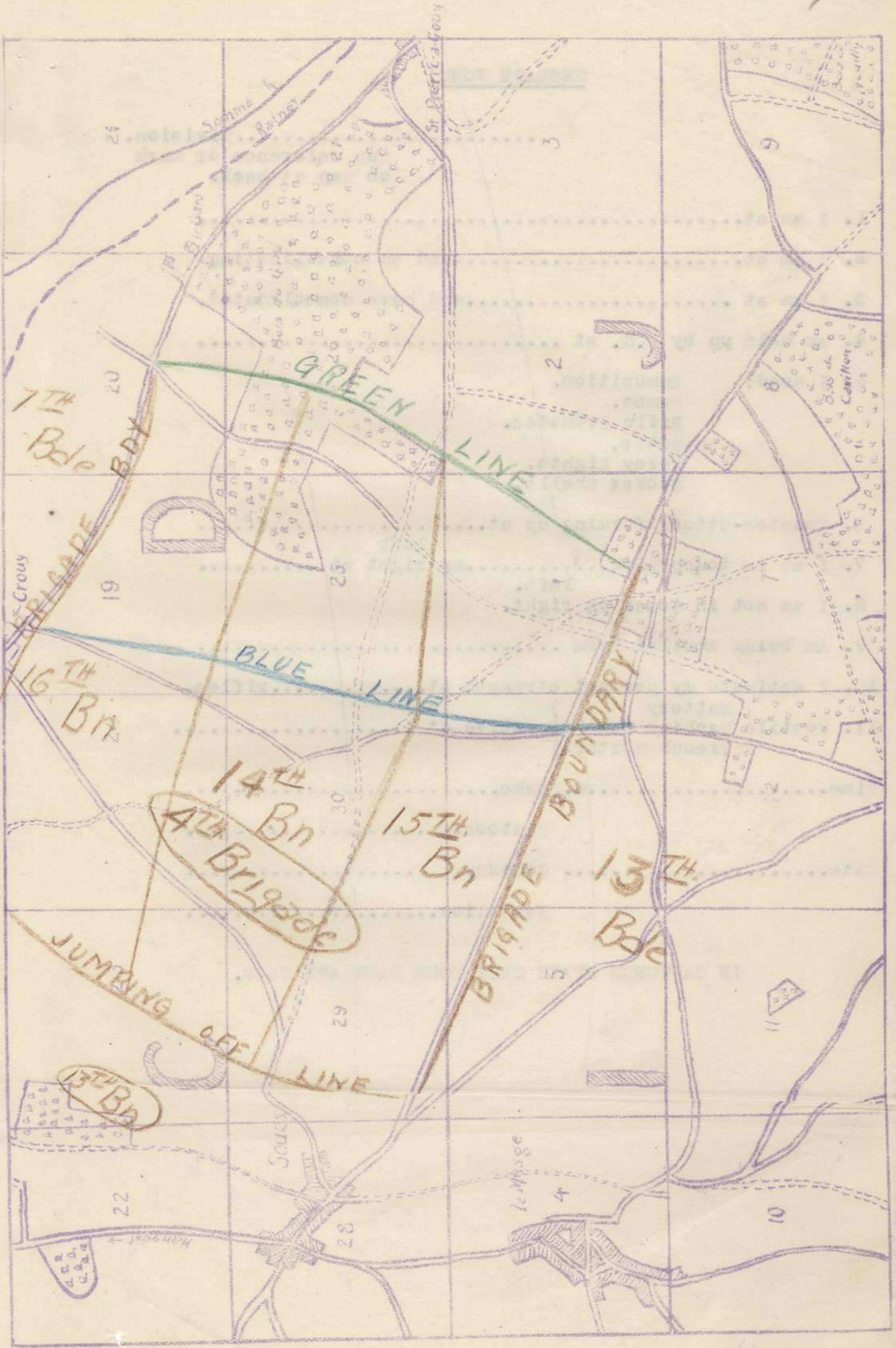
5. I need: Ammunition.
 Bombs.
 Rifle Grenades.
 Water
 Very Lights.
 Stokes shells.

- 6. Counter-attack forming up at
 left
- 7. I am in touch withon right at.....
 left.
- 8. I am not in touch on right.

- 9. A, being shelled from
- 10. I estimate my present strength atrifles.
 Battery
- 11. Hostile Machine gun } active at
 Trench mortar,

Time.....m. Name.....
 Platoon.....
 Date..... Company.....
 Battalion.....

IF CAPTURED STATE ONLY YOUR RANK AND NAME.



SECRET.FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE TRAINING ORDER NO. 1.

29.10.1918.

Ref. Map Sheet. 62.E.1/40,000.

1. On 'Z' Day at "Zerc" near the Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade will capture and consolidate the line J.1.d.C.3 - D.26.Cent. - X Roads, d.20. The attack will be carried out in two phases; to be known as the BLUE and GREEN lines respectively. The 1st phase will be carried out under a creeping Artillery Barrage. (Barrage Map attached). As soon as the BLUE line is captured the Barrage will creep forward 300 yards and there remain for 15 minutes. It will then lift altogether and the exploitation of the GREEN LINE will take place. During the whole operation the heavy artillery will be firing on known strong points, and in the BOIS de CAVILLON and the BOIS du GARA.
2. The 15th Bn. will attack on the right; 14th in the centre and the 16th on the left, 13th Bn. will be in Reserve in C.23.a. Map showing tasks allotted to Battalions attached. The 49th Battalion of the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade will be on the right and the 25th Battalion of the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade on Left.
3. The Brigade will march on a true bearing of 114 Degrees.
4. Advanced Brigade Headquarters C.23.Central.
5. Watches will be synchronised at 6.p.m. X day and 3.a.m.Z day.
6. An Officers party with compass will march on flanks of each Battalion and be responsible for direction and touch.
7. The 4th A.L.T.M.Btty. will allot 4 guns to the 15th Battalion, remaining guns will be in reserve.
8. Password BRISBANE.
9. DRESS. Fighting order with Blanket and Waterproof Sheet. Waterproof Sheet to be carried under flap of haversack, on back. Blanket to be rolled and tied on to belt under haversack.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Hood
 Captain.
 A/Brigade Major.
 4th Aust. Inf. Bdo.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

29.10.1918.

NARRATIVE.

During the offensive operations carried out by the AUSTRALIAN CORPS which commenced on the 20th October, 1918, the enemy has been driven to a line MONTAGNE - MESGE - C.29.c.Cent. - C.24.c.Cent. - L.19.b.Cent. - YZEUX. The enemy is holding this line as an outpost system with defences in depth.

INTENTION.

The 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION will, on a day and a time to be fixed later, and to be known as Z Day, attack on a two Brigade front, astride the SOUES - PICQUIGNY ROAD - and establish a line I. 1 s.Cent. - J.7.a.Cent. - J.l.d.O.3. - D.26.Cent. - ~~the~~ Cross Roads, d.20.

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Captain.

A/Brigade Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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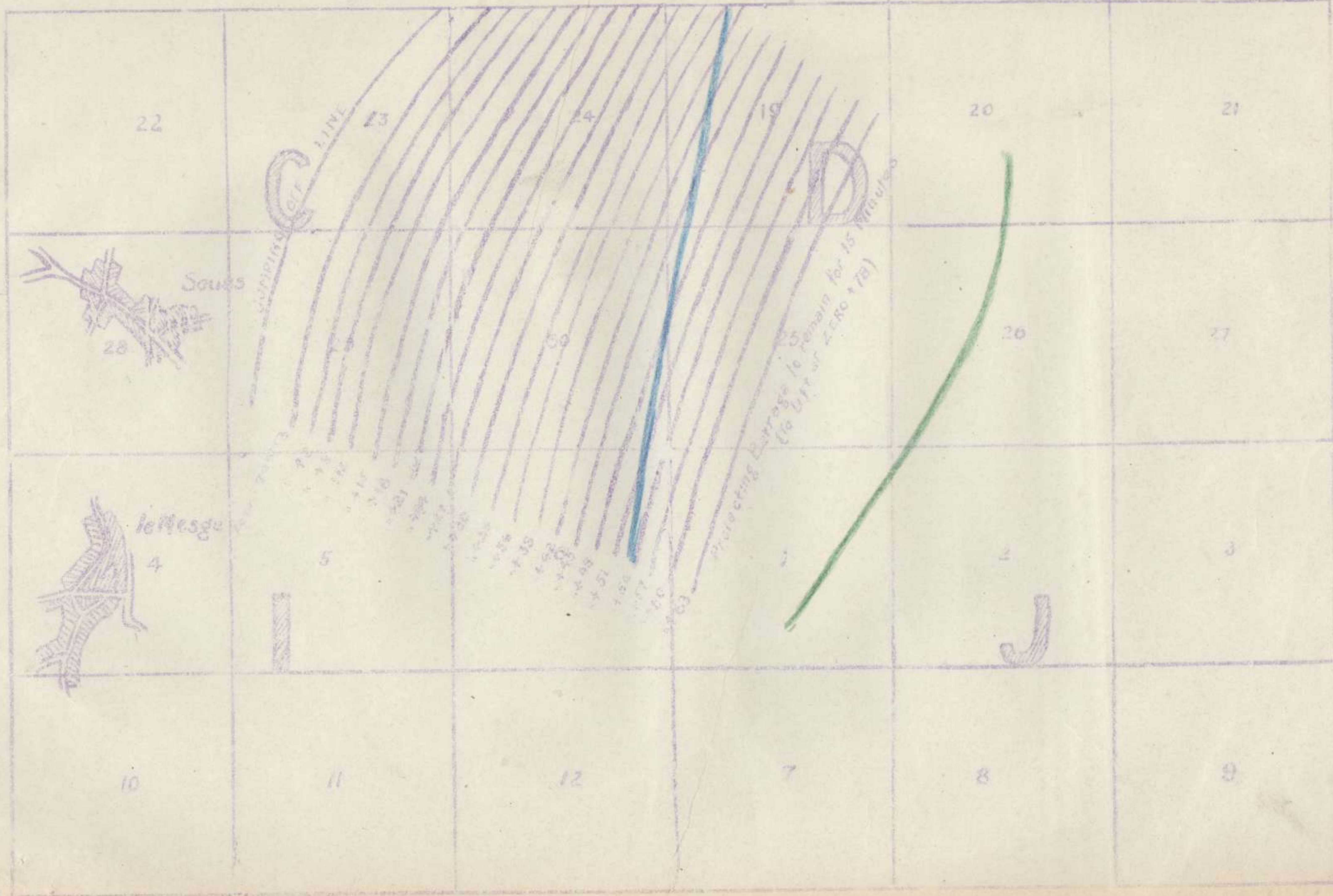
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29.10.1918.

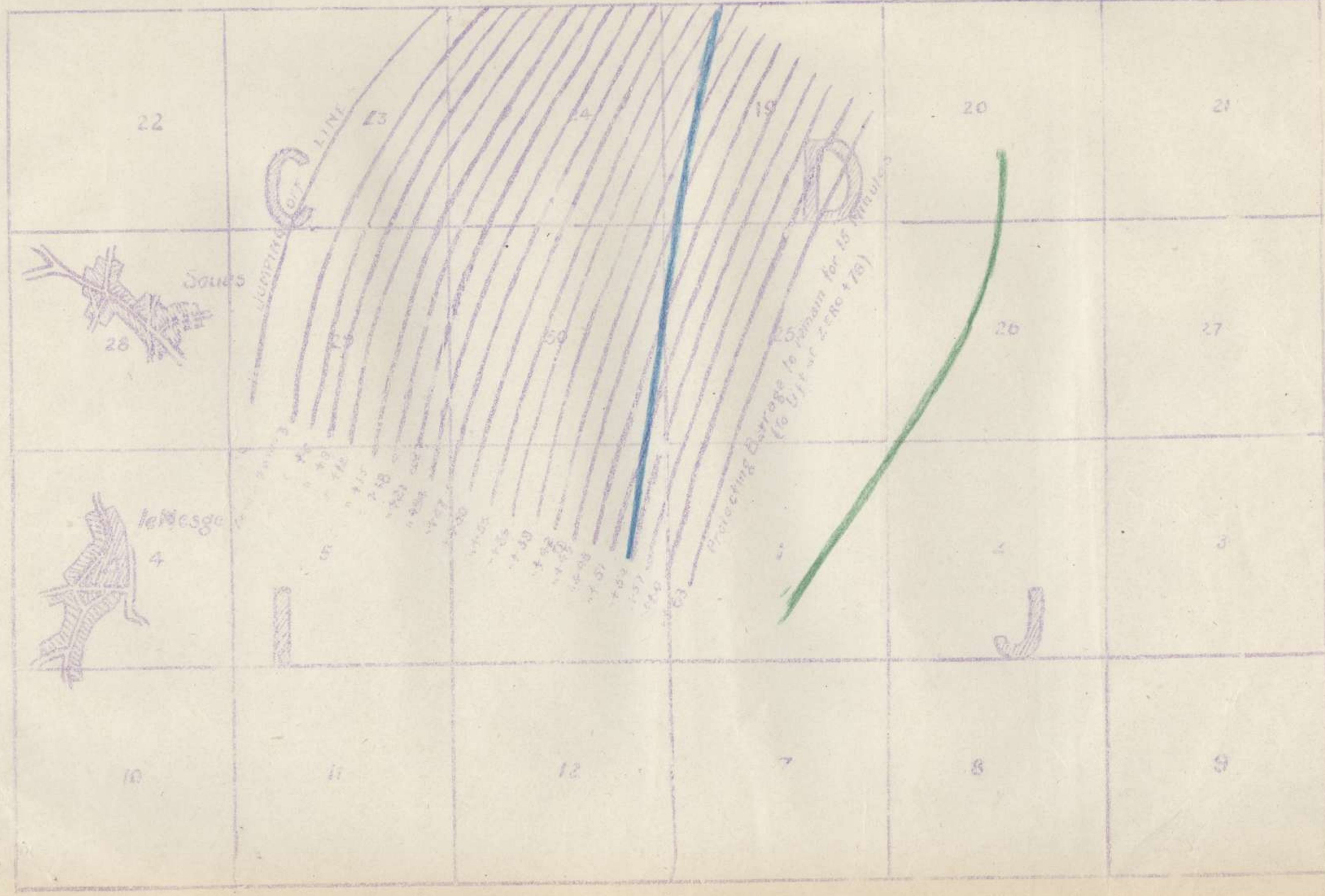
FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
-----NOTES ON TRAINING EXERCISE.

1. The 15th Battalion only will actually carry out the attack. 16th Battalion will arrange for the defence of the Area over which this attack will take place. Tins will be rattled to represent Machine Guns in action. Defending Troops made prisoners will be escorted back to rear.
2. 'Z' Day will be Thursday the 31st instant, and Zero Hour 0-00.
3. C.O's., Seconds in Command and all Company Commanders of the Brigade will be at the jumping off place at Zero Hour and will go through with the attack. They will take notes on the exercise and will all be prepared to discuss it at a conference which will be held immediately it is over.
4. UMPIRES. The C.O's. of the 13th and 14th Battalions together with 2 Senior Officers from each of these Battalions will act as umpires. These will all wear WHITE Arm Bands. They will divide the 15th Battalion front in half; 14th taking the right and 13th the left. They must prevent impossible situations arising.
5. The approach march is to be done absolutely under service conditions and the attacking Troops will be formed up at the jumping off place at least half an hour before Zero.
6. Where defensive points are captured, the garrison is to be sent to the rear under proper escort.
7. The barrage to the BLUE LINE will be indicated by flags waved by the Scouting Section of the 14th Battalion. These scouts will be about 1 to every 200 yards across the front. These lines of men will be at intervals of 100 yards and will each wave their flags for 3 minutes, when the barrage will have passed them. None of the attacking troops must get too close to these lines.
8. Greatest care must be taken to ensure that no troops taking part either in the attack or defence, have any ball ammunition with them.
9. Both the attacking and defending troops will be firing blank Ammunition.

Headquarters
 _____ Captain.
 A/Brigade Major.
 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.



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30.10.1918.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE TRAINING ORDER No.1.

SIGNAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Brigade Headquarters advanced signal Office will be established approx. C.23. Cent. prior to operations. This Office will be in telephonic communication with flank Brigades, and centre and Reserve Battalions. Prior to zero Hour Right and Left Battalions will be in communication with Brigade by runner and visual only.

A Cable head will be established on jumping off line and communication maintained with Brigade Headquarters. Brigade Forward Party under Brigade Signal Officer will move forward in rear of attacking troops of 14th and 15th Battalions and will lay forward and maintain 2 Metallic Telephone Circuits from Cable Head. Brigade forward station will be established in vicinity C.30.d.2.9. Battalions will establish communication with Brigade Forward Station immediately on arrival at final objectives. Lateral and visual communication will be established and maintained. Calls have been allotted as follows:-

Advanced Brigade Signal Office,	ZO
Cable Head,	ZOH
Brigade Forward Station,	ZOR.

A line-man's post will be established at Cable Head and be responsible for maintaining communication between Brigade Headquarters and Brigade Forward Party. After establishing on final objective communication between Brigade and Battalions will be by means of :-

Telephone.
Visual.
Runners.



W. H. ...
Captain.
A/Brigade Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Bde.



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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.
HEADQUARTERS.
22nd. October 1918.

C. O.
15th Bn

Reference G 5/51 and G5/53.

Attention is called to divisional Training Circulars
G1/558/ 1 and G1/558/2 issued to all units. Officers will attend
Demonstrations and Conferences as laid down in these circulars.

Hoady

Captain.
A/Brigade Major.
4th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Tomorrow 24th.
All Coy. Cndrs.
Bn. Cndr.
10 a.m.

25th.
Bk. Hq.
2.45 P.M.

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Headquarters,
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
21st October, 1918.

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.
12th " " "
13th " " "
4th " Div. Engrs.
4th " M. G. Bn.
4th " Pioneer Bn.

TRAINING.

Continuation this Office G. 1/558/1 of 20th instant.

1. The conference and demonstration will take place on October 24th.
2. C.R.E. and Field Coy. Commanders will also attend in addition to those detailed in para. 4.
3. Brigadier-General GUGGISBERG, C.M.G., D.S.O., will visit Brigades on the day preceding and the day after the demonstration, and would like to meet as many officers detailed in following table as are available. -

13th A.I. Bde. at Bde. H.Q. BOVELLES.	2.45. p.m. 23rd inst.	Brigadier, Battalion Commanders C. R. E.
12th A.I. Bde. at Bde. H.Q. PISSY.	10.30. a.m. 25th inst.	Brigadier and Battalion Commanders.
4th A.I. Bde. at Bde. H.Q. PICQUIGNY.	2.45. p.m. 25th inst.	Brigadier, Battalion Commanders, C.O., M.G. Bn. C.O., Pioneer Bn.

C.M.F.

L. Gray Capt
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
4th Australian Division.

Copies to all recipients of G. 1/558/1 of 20th inst.



Headquarters,
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
30th October, 1918.

- 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 12th " " "
- 13th " " "
- 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.
- 4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.

C. J. P.

TRAINING.

1. It is proposed to hold a series of Conferences under the auspices of the Inspector-General of Training, G.H.Q., in the Australian Divisions. Brigadier-General GUNGGISBERG, C.M.G., D.S.O. of the Training Inspectorate will attend each Conference.
2. The object of the Conference is as follows :-
 - (a) To enable the Training Inspectorate to discuss, fully and directly, with Commanders of all grades, the latest methods of training, which are being applied throughout the Army.
 - (b) To enable Commanders of all grades to get into direct touch with the Training Inspectorate, to discuss fully our recent battle experiences, in order to arrive at what are likely to prove the most effective means of training for later phases in the operations.
3. The Conference will be held in the BOVELLES AERODROME (Sheet 62E) P.11.A.2.3. The vicinity of the landing ground will be used for the demonstration to be carried out.
4. The following officers will attend :-
 - Representatives from Divisional and Brigade H.Q., all Battalion and Company Commanders including Machine Gun and Pioneer Bn.
5. The programme of Conference will be as follows :-

(a) 10 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.	.. Training and Organization,
11 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	.. Battle Tactics of the Platoon and Company.
11.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.	.. Platoon Training.
11.45 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	.. Demonstration of Method of Training.

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(a).

- 12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m. .. Lunch.
- 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. .. Demonstration of Method of Training.
- 3.15 p.m. .. Discussion.

(b) As no facilities are available for messing, Officers attending this Conference will have to provide themselves with midday lunch.

6. In connection with the conference, 13th A.I.Bde. will detail an Illustration Platoon. This platoon will consist of four sections each of 7 men (including Section Commanders), two of the Sections will be Lewis Gun Sections. This platoon will be used to give a series of demonstrations under the direction of Lieut-Col. LEVEY, Gordon Highlanders, attached to the Training Inspectorate.

7. Brigadier-General GUGGISBERG and Lieut-Colonel LEVEY will arrive at Divisional H.Q. on the day before the Conference and hope to get personally in touch with Brigadiers and as many Commanders of units as circumstances permit. 13th A.I.Bde. will place at the disposal of Lieut-Col. LEVEY for 23rd and 24th inst. the Illustration Platoon detailed in para. 5.

Brigadier General GUGGISBERG will be accommodated at D.H.Q., 13th A.I.Bde. will make arrangements to billet Lieut.Col. LEVEY for the night 23/24th inst.

8. All officers attending the Conference should be prepared to put forward any points of view or difficulties that they may have in regard to training from the point of view of actual practice.

The Training Inspectorate desires that the result of the Conferences should be twofold - in the first place, that those attending the Conferences should be informed fully as to latest views of the Training Inspectorate in regard to training; and in the second place, to enable the officers of the Training Inspectorate to get in touch with the latest methods actually employed in battle so that they may be kept conversant with the latest developments of the requirements of units in regard to training.

9. Sufficient copies of this memo. are enclosed to issue down to Battalion and Company Commanders.

11. 'Q' of Division will arrange seating accommodation at SOVELLES AERODROME.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

L. Craig. Hays

Extra.

Copies to - A.Q.
Camp. Comm. Aust. Corps.
Capt. CLARK Brig.-Gen. GUGGISBERG, C.M.G., D.S.O. (2 Copies).

Lt. Col. LEVEY
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



No. G.

Headquarters,
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
21st October, 1918.

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.
13th " " "
13th " " "
4th " Div. Engrs.
4th " M. G. Bn.
4th " Pioneer Bn.
A. D. M. S.
4th Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.

TRAINING MEMO No. 3.

Reference this Office No. G. 1/333 of 17/10/18.

1. Brigade training programmes will in future be summarised before being forwarded to this Office. These programmes have to be reduced to a single summary before being forwarded to Corps Headquarters, and the more or less elaborate detail included in Battalion programmes is not required for this purpose.

2. Detail of times and places is only required for the guidance of the Divisional Commander or other visiting Officers. In the case of route marches the time of start, starting point, and route must be given, and in the case of tactical exercises the hour of commencement and the locality or line from which the troops take off.

3. In the same way details should be given in all programmes of other items of training which, in the opinion of the authority forwarding the programme, might be of special interest to the Divisional Commander or other visiting Officers.

4. The programmes must be made up in some sort of tabular form in order to facilitate reference and further summarising.

C.M.F.

Shavarack

Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
4th Australian Division.

Copy to -
AUST. Corps.
4th " " "



Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade,
Headquarters,
24th Octr. 1918.

C.O., *15th Bn.*

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DEMONSTRATION by Lieut-Colonel LEVY.

To-morrow at 2.p.m., Lieut-Colonel LEVY will demonstrate with a platoon on similar lines to the demonstration at ROVELLES to-day: Platoon will be made up as follows :-

13th Bn. - 8 subalterns.	1 to act as Platoon Commander and 1 to act as section Commander.
14th Bn. - 7 "	1 to act as Section Commander.
15th Bn. - 7 "	1 ditto.
16th Bn. * 7 "	1 ditto.

These officers will report at Brigade Pierrot Hall, PICQUIGNY at 1-45.p.m., Dress :- correct fighting order with rifles.

All other officers of the Brigade except Company Commanders, who saw to-day's demonstration will report at PIERROT HALL at 2.p.m.

Cmf.

R. Mackinnon
Captain,
A/Brigade-Major,
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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A Sports Meeting was held on Sunday, Oct 6th, . The following

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representatives were present,

- H. Q. Lieut Cook.
- A. Coy. " Masterson.
- B. Coy. " Crowe.
- C. Coy. " Mudge.
- D. Coy. " Livingstone.

Battalion Sports Secretary, Lieut Heron.

IDEA. The idea is to form each of the above units into the special kind of sport the men desire, so that all will be occupied in some form of recreation during the afternoon.

GAMES. FOOTBALL. Rugby and Soccer, each of the above units should supply a team.
TENNIS. A court is being fixed and racquets will be available in a few days, the court will then be allotted daily to companies in turn and competitions arranged.
BASEBALL. Knowledge of the game is not essential as there are some old players in the Battalion.
OTHER EVENTS such as running and jumping will be catered for.

POINTS. All the Sports are to be run as competitions, points being given the company with the most points at the end of a given time, will be the winner of a silver cup, (presented by Lieut. Col. C.M. Johnston.), so proving themselves the best all round sports. The football points will be as follows,

- Win. 5 points.
- Draw. 3 "
- Forfeit or Bye. 2 "

Football will be the best out of two rounds, the winning team to receive inscribed silver medals.

RULES. RUGBY. No member of Battalion team to play with companies, as this will spoil their combination.
SOCCER. Open.
TENNIS. Open.
OTHER EVENTS. Open.

FIXTURES. Tuesday, Oct 8th. Soccer Match. A. Coy. v B. Coy.
 Wednesday, Oct 9th. Rugby Match. C. Coy v B. Coy.
 Thursday, Oct 10th. Soccer match. C. Coy. v H.Q. Coy.
 Friday, Oct, 11th Rugby Match. A. Coy. v H.Q. Coy.
 D. Coy. drew a bye in both the Soccer and Rugby.

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Strength of Battalion on 30th Sept. 1918.

34 OFF'S. - O.R.'s. 37
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Date	Additions				Total	Evacuations				Total				
	Sick	Rtd	Wnd	Rtd		Rt's	Others	Off.	O.R's.	Sick	Hosp	Other	Off's.	O.R's.
Oct.	OFF.	O.R's	OFF's	O.R's	OFF's	O.R's	OFF.	O.R's	OFF.	O.R's	OFF.	O.R's	OFF's.	O.R's.
1 st									1	1		1	1	
2 nd	8		8		3	1	20				4		4	
3 rd											2		2	
4 th	2						2		1	1	23	1	23	
5 th											1		1	
6 th														
7 th									1				1	
8 th	2	1	6		23	2	1	3			32		3	
9 th														
10 th														
11 th	5		6		12	3	26		2				2	
12 th														
13 th									2				2	
14 th														
15 th	3		5		11		19		1				1	
16 th						2	2							
17 th			1		13		14				4		4	
18 th									1		3	1	3	
19 th														
20 th						2	2				1		1	
21 st	7		7		13	2	29				1		1	
22 nd						3	3				1		1	
23 rd	1						1				1		1	
24 th														
25 th														
26 th	1	1	2		11		2	1	16		1		1	
27 th									1		1		2	
28 th					1		1		1		1		1	
29 th									1		1		2	
30 th	1	5	1	8	32		2	45	1			1		
31 st	1						1							

Strength of Battalion on 31st Oct. 1918: 39 off. 676 O.R's.

3. 11. 18. 39
Report on Transport
for month ending Oct 30th 18

at the beginning of the month after moving from the forward ^{area} back to rest we met with a short period of wet & cold weather & for a few days were unable to obtain any shelter for the animals.

at present all horse mules are in good dry stables & consequently are in good condition & looking well.

The issue of oats & fodder has been quite up to standard & on several occasions we have received issues of BRAN & we trust this issue we be counted.

The water in this area is good as is also the grazing & all animals have been given opportunity of grazing.

all wagons are in a sound state, minor repairs having been effected also the painted all wagons.

all supplies from Ordnance Department have been kept up with the exception of horse shoes & nails there having been a shortage in this line.

P. H. O'Brien
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Q. M.'s Report for the 34
month of Oct - 1918

General

The Post being surrounded by entirely different circumstances from those of the previous months, difficulties surrounding demand and supply, were consequently of a different nature to the experience of several preceding months.

Difficulties of maintaining communications over damaged roads were dispensed with, as was the matter of irregular supplies.

On the other hand difficulties of another character ~~are~~ are fairly numerous under present conditions the most common being -

1. Quantity of supplies of important components of rations, such as fresh meat and vegetables.
2. Variety of reasonable vegetables issued.

The greatest difficulty being

the continuation of variety in the composition of diet sheets, with the present scale of issue

Breakfast The ration as issued at present is insufficient as a morning meal; therefore when porridge is not served, porridge is available. The most common difficulties in connection with the breakfast meal being, the irregular issue of oatmeal, the insufficient issue of milk & sugar - strict economy being always essential, with the last two mentioned components.

Great benefit is derived from various gifts from the A. C. F. which are invariably utilized in supplementing the ordinary scale of issues.

The supply of porridge meal is also supplemented by blending with biscuit flour, which is available in any quantity, which is procured by grinding ordinary biscuit to a very fine powder.

This method has proved very effective & satisfactory

As an equivalent, a substantial
portion of M.V. P.B. or P.M.
is frequently issued, being
served with tea or cocoa.

Lunch

The syllabus of training
frequently interferes considerably
with the preparation of this meal.

~~It~~ It is frequently found
necessary for Cooks to move out
immediately after breakfast, and
provide as far as possible, the
meal en-route. When troops
return to billets for lunch a
suitable meal is provided, which
generally consists of - blue cakes,
biscuit tart, jam roll, biscuit
date pudding, rice pudding,
and occasionally boiled bacon.

Tea or cocoa is also served.

Extensive and effective use
of biscuit flour is made
in the preparation of this meal.

Dinner The evening meal is
considered the most important
of the day, and as great a
variety as possible is
introduced.

Improvised ovens have been
constructed at all cookers, thus
facilitating to a great extent, the
introduction of variety in preparation.

Roast joints are included on
the menu as frequently as possible
served generally with roast
potatoes, boiled cabbage, + when
available boiled carrots.

Rabbits are occasionally issued
in lieu of frozen meat; this
is an appreciable change, and
facilitates the composition of
diet sheets.

The issue of potatoes was
again found to be insufficient.
And it was found necessary
to supplement purchases from
regimental funds. The issue of
green vegetables was totally
inadequate, and when procurable
as at present, two weeks' issues
in sufficient quantities should
be effected.

During the month, H.M.
placed at our disposal, for
a period of five days

the services of a cooking instructor comparisons and suggestions as to methods of preparation were made, and practised, and as a result of the visit, general benefit was derived.

The Diars messing officer also made an inspection of all cookers, in company with the Commanding Officer, and expressed general satisfaction as to the diet plans and methods of preparation.

Insufficient care and judgment is exercised in the selection of cooks. General proficiency in the cook house is just as essential as in the Jewish Gun Section and good cooks are not readily replaced.

3/11/18.

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