

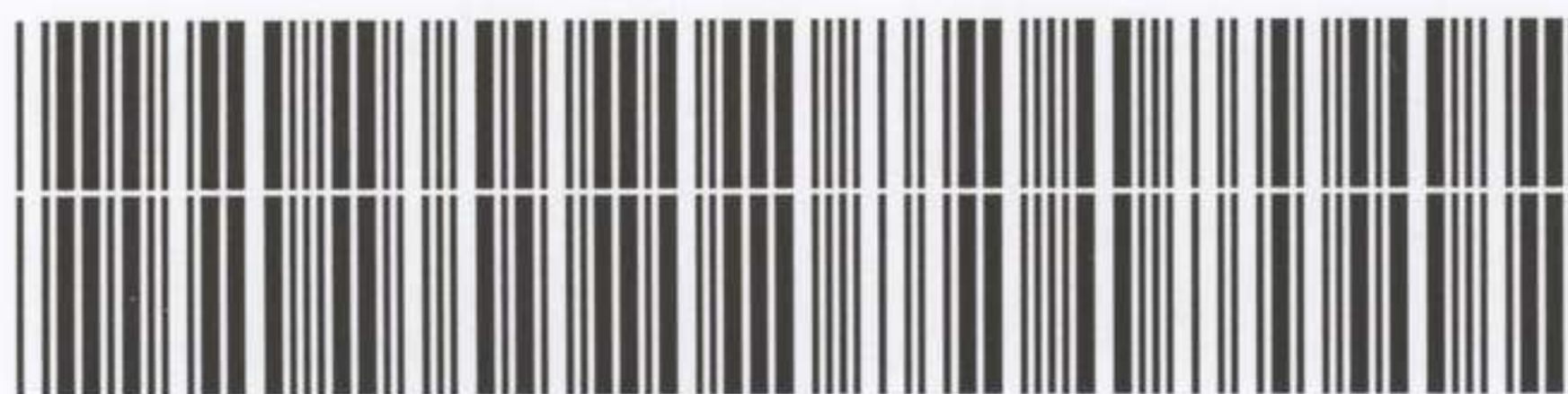
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FRANCE				
NOREUIL	May 1	4am	Released 28 th Bn A.I.F. as support Bn (similar roads on right side of NOREUIL)	
			Reconnaissance by officers and NCOs of HINDENBURG LINE to right of BUELECOURT.	
	2		Final preliminary arrangements for attack on HINDENBURG LINE	
	3		Bn attack in conjunction with remainder of division in accordance with Bn O.D. No 34 of 24 th Apr 1917 on HINDENBURG LINE, also amendments (A 4 th 19 of 2 nd May) Zero hour 3.45am. 19 th Bn right flank battalion of whole attack	I (003W) II (A4/19)
		12.55am	Bn with attached details moved forward through NOREUIL to 'jumburg-off' positions. Starting point passed 1.14am.	
		3.15am	all waves in position and O.K. - instructed by CO. Owing to great number of casualties among officers and NCOs in early stages of the attack, it is impossible to obtain clear statements as to what actually in attack. The various waves moved forward well from 'jumburg-off'	

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			<p>lines, but moved somewhat too much to left in order to keep touch with Bn on that flank. Direction was then changed to try to remedy this, but resulted in much 'bunching-up'</p> <p>On arrival at the wire, the first & second waves with a few men of other waves passed through - the other waves closed up too much & caused some disorganisation of</p> <p>The enemy brought heavy machine gun fire to bear - caused many casualties particularly among officers & NCOs - the machine gun fire was very severe from right flank</p> <p>The D.G.I. was penetrated in places & also communication trench running forward from D.G.I. - this was held during the whole day.</p> <p>During the daytime, it was impossible to get runners forward or back across No Man's Land, owing to heavy machine gun & shelling fire</p> <p>During the day, valuable reconnaissance work was done by officers who were with Bn HQ. acc. to men with Bn HQ</p> <p>They were used to form a defensive flank along road running</p>	

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FRANCOIS	May		in U 29 area.	
			Our casualties - killed 5 officers 16 OR.	
			wounded 5 " 216 "	
			missing 2 " 115 "	
			Total 12 officers 347 OR.	
			14 officers and about 550 other ranks were in the assault.	
VAULX	4	11.10am	Bn. was relieved by 4 th Bn. 912. On relief, the remnants of	
			the Bn. moved to billets at VAULX (divisional reserve)	
		11.30pm	Bn. moved to tented camp BIEFVILLERS.	
BIEFVILLERS	5		Resting	
"	6		Reorganising & re-equipping	
"	7		do.	
	8	11am	Marched to BAPAUME	
		2.15pm	Detained	
		7.45pm	Arrived ALBERT.	
			Marched to C Camp FRICOURT. arrived 10pm	
			beach at Albert	

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FRANCE	May		C. Camp	
FRI COURT	9		Reorganisation	
"	10		do	
"	11		C. Camp Training	
"	12		do	
"	13		do	
"	14		do	
"	15		do	
"	16		do	
"	17	8am	Marched to AVELOI + BOUZINCOURT to SENLIS (3pm) Billed for night	
SENLIS	18	10.30am	Marched via WARLOY to CONTAY arriving 3pm. Billed	
CONTAY	19		Billed Training	
"	20		do	
"	21		do	
"	22		do	
"	23		do	
"	24		do	

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FRANCE	May			
CONTAY	25		Billet Training	
"	26		do	
"	27		do	
"	28		do	
"	29		do	
"	30		do	
"	31		do	
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19th AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

OPERATION ORDER No. 34.

24th April 1917.

Reference Maps: ECUST St. WEIN Edition 2, 1/10,000
Sheets 51b S.W. and S.W. and 57c N.W. & N.E.

INTENTION

1. The 5th Australian Infantry Brigade will attack, in conjunction with the troops on the left, and break through the HINDENBURG LINE - unless the enemy withdraws previously, at a date and hour which will be notified later. In case of an enemy withdrawal, touch will be maintained with him.
2. (a) The 19th Bn. will be the Right Battn. of the assaulting troops.
(b) The 17th Bn. will cooperate in the attack immediately on our left. The 20th Bn. will pass through the objectives captured by us, to further objectives; the 18th Bn. similarly through the 17th Bn.

BOUNDARIES

3. The boundaries for the attack will be --
Bn. Right Boundary: U.29.d.8.C. - U.30.a.1.6, along C.T. (inclusive) to U.30.a.2.9.; thence to U.18.d.00.25.
Bn. Left Boundary: U.29.d.4.C. - U.29.b.55.60. - along C.T. (inclusive) to U.23.d.8.C. - fork road at U.24.a.20.05.
Inter-Co. Boundary: U.29.d.8.C. - U.29.b.80.95. - U.24.c.2.4. to U.24.d.0.4.

JUMPING-OFF LINE

4. A jumping-off line will be taped out on the line U.29.c.8.2. - U.29.d.8.C. Officers will be told off on the flanks of each wave to check the direction of the advance.

FLANK PROTECTION

5. (i) To cover the right flank, five posts which are being dug by the Brigade in the line will be manned as follows:-
"A" Coy. supplying infantry personnel for No. 1 and 2 Posts, and "B" Coy. for Nos. 3, 4 and 5 Posts, when the first wave is forming up on the jumping-off line --
No. 1 Post (approx. U.30.c.25.00.)
1 Lewis Gun with 50% strength crew and 9 other ranks.
No. 2 Post (approx. U.30.c.35.30.)
1 Lewis Gun with 50% strength crew and 9 other ranks.
No. 3 Post (approx. U.30.c.4.5.)
1 Officer, 1 Vickers Gun with 50% strength crew, and 9 other ranks.
No. 4 Post (approx. U.30.c.4.9.)
1 Vickers Gun with 50% strength crew, and 9 other ranks.
No. 5 Post (approx. U.30.a.35.35.)
1 Stokes Mortar and crew and 9 other ranks.
The Officer in No. 3 Post will be in command of the 5 Posts.

(ii) On capture of C.G.1. (Front line, 1st Objective) a Right Flanking Party consisting of 1 Officer, 3 bombing parties (each party 6 bombers 3 rifle grenadiers) 1 Lewis Gun with 50% crew and 1 Stokes Mortar and crew, will work along trench to U.30.a.4.5. One bombing squad then works left up C.T. whilst one works down sap towards wire and the other cleans up and establishes a wire block and sandbag stop about U.30.a.30.45. Lewis Gun and Stokes Mortar assist, and take up positions to cover the right flank.

(iii) On capture of C.G.2. (Support Line, 1st objective), a right flanking party composed as in (i) above, but with 2 Stokes Mortars instead of 1, works along the support trench to the right, to establish a similar block at U.30.a.55.70., sending a bombing party to work down C.T. U.30.a.38.75 - U.30.a.4.5., linking up with bombing party working up from C.G.1. On gaining their objectives, flanking parties from

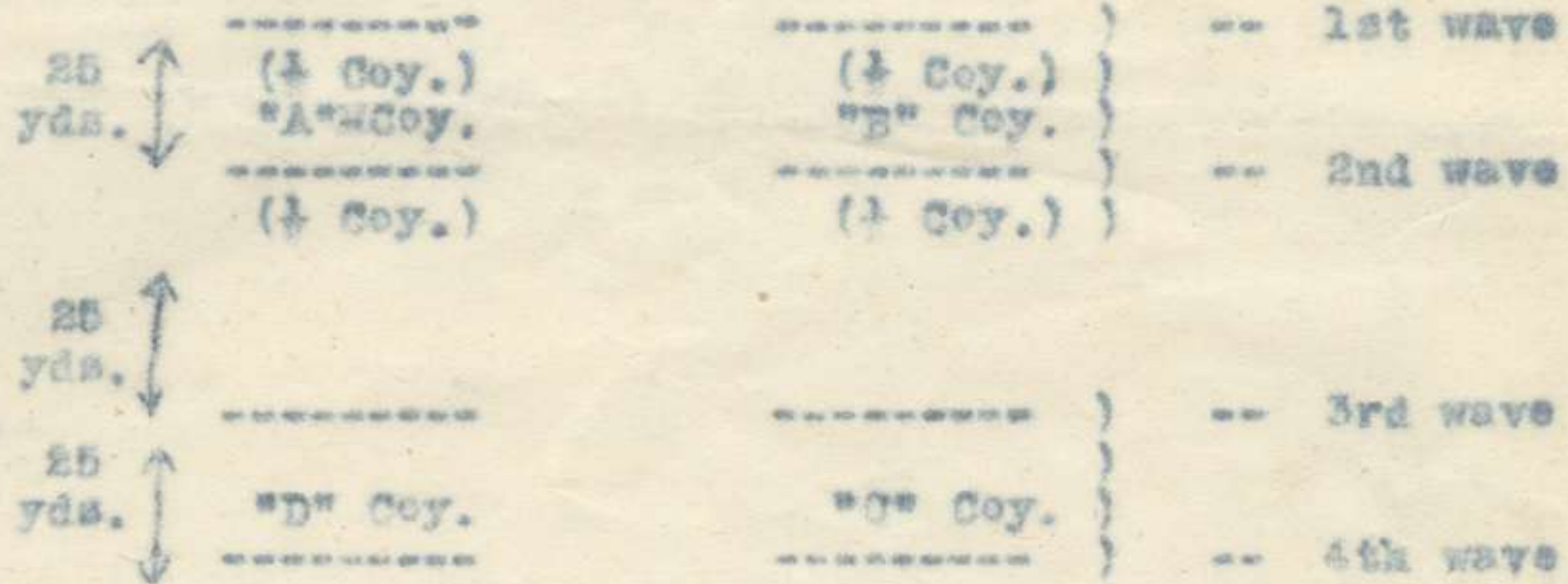
(5) C.G.1. and C.G.2. will consolidate the line U.3C.a.4C.35. - U.3C.a.38.75., linking up on the right with No. 5 Flank Post.

The 83 Aust. Light Trench Mortar Battery will supply the 3 Stokes Mortars detailed in (i) and (ii) and (iii) above.

C.C. "D" Coy. will detail carrying parties of 16 men for each Mortar, for carrying Stokes Mortar Ammunition.

FORMATIONS
FOR ATTACK

6. (a) Companies will form up for the attack as under, the 1st wave forming up on the jumping-off line, with the following waves at their proper distances in rear:-



(b) Each wave will be in one wave and consist of half a company from each company in the wave.

Sections will be kept intact as far as possible. Carrying parties will move in the wave until it is just about to enter their objective.

OBJECTIVES

7. A map has already been issued showing the Divisional objectives. These have been sub-divided and are allotted to waves as follows:-

- 1st Objective { (i) C.G.1. (enemy front line) - 1st wave.
(This includes, for right flank protection, 1 Stokes Mortar, 1 Lewis Gun with crew, 3 bombing squads.)
- { (ii) C.G.2. (Enemy Support Line) - 1st wave.
(This includes, for right flank protection, 2 Stokes Mortars, 1 Lewis Gun with crew, 3 bombing squads.)
- 2nd Objective { (iii) Sunken road through 23.d. and 24.c. - 3rd wave.
- 3rd Objective { 1st phase. (iv) Trench U.3C.a.05.9C. to U.24.c.5.8. -- 4th wave.
{ 2nd and 3rd phase - RIENCOURT-les-CAGNICOURT (18th and 20th Battns.)

5th, 6th, 7th and 8th waves (20th Bn.) will pass through our objectives, face east, and form a defensive flank about 200 yards east of the village of RIENCOURT-les-CAGNICOURT.

Notes: (i) Each right half wave, when it forms a defensive flank, will link up to the left post of the defensive flank formed by the previous wave.
(ii) On capture of 3rd objective and completion of change of direction, 19th and 20th Battns. become front line Battalions, with 17th and 18th Battns. in support in the right and left of the line respectively.
"A" Coy. will be in support of "B" Coy., and "C" and "D" will each have a half company in support of themselves.

ARTILLERY

8. (a) Field artillery barrages will cover the assault on each objective, lifting off them as detailed in para. (ii).
 (b) In addition, heavy artillery will be dealing with the village defences and approaches of RIENSCOURT, and the HINDENBURG and CURANT Lines east and south-east of the objectives.
 (c) Smoke and gas shells will be used on the enemy trenches in U.36.d., C.5.b. and D.1.a., if the wind is favourable.
 These trenches will in any case be kept under fire of field and heavy artillery throughout.

MACHINE GUNS

9. (a) 14th M.G. Coy., 8th M.G. Coy., and 22nd (Divisional) Machine Gun Coy. are covering the advance and supplying guns for the protection of the right flank in case of counter-attack, and for anti-aircraft duty.
 (b) Three guns of 5th Aust. M.G. Coy. have been allotted to this Battalion for the consolidation of gains.
 Two guns will move immediately in rear of 2nd wave, and will take up a position in vicinity of U.36.a.1.6., to cover a counter-attack from the right. When the 3rd objective has been captured, these guns will be prepared to shoot N.E. across new front.
 One gun will move immediately in rear of 3rd wave, and will take up a position at about U.29.b.85.90., to cover counter-attack from village. When 3rd objective has been taken, this gun will be moved to about U.24.c.4.7., to cover counter-attack from the right.

TRENCH MORTARS.

10. Medium. Two medium T.M. have been allotted to 5th A.I. Bde. They will be held in readiness in Cutting C.5.b.1.7. to establish themselves on the line U.36.a.1.6. - U.36.a.2.9., for protection of the right flank, on receipt of an order from the C.C.C. 5th A.I. Bde.
 These Mortars, and the Stokes Mortars mentioned in para. 5, will only open fire when enemy counter-attacks take place.
Light. (a) The 8th Aust. L.T.M. Battery will supply 3 mortars as in para. 5.
 (b) Two mortars, 5th Aust. L.T.M. Battery, will accompany the 4th wave as far as the sunken road in U.23.d. and U.24.c., where they will be at the call of battalion commanders, to deal with any strong points in RIENSCOURT or vicinity.
Smoke: Mortars for the discharge of smoke will be established at C.5.c.6.4. with a view to screening the advance between zero and zero plus 40, if the wind is favourable.

ACTION of 11. INFANTRY

- Zero - 15 minutes
 All units to be in position formed up as in para. 6 (a), with the front wave on jumping-off line.
- Zero - 13
 The whole begin to move forward, waves maintaining their relative positions, 1st wave lying down when close up to the barrage.
- Zero
 Barrage begins to lift and 1st wave moves forward with it, other waves conforming.
- Zero plus 6
 Barrage is clear of wire and 1st wave passes through, getting into position to assault C.G.1.
- Zero plus 16
 Barrage lifts from C.G.1. and 1st wave capture it, and "mopping-up" begins.
 Right flanking party acts as in para. 6 (ii).
 Successive waves follow on, 2nd wave passing over C.G.1., and moving with barrage, whilst remaining waves conform to movements of 2nd wave.
- Zero plus 33
 Barrage lifts from C.G.2., and 2nd wave rush and mop-up. Right flanking party acts as in para. 6 (iii).
 Successive waves move forward until the 3rd wave has closed up to barrage.
- Zero plus 1 hour 40 minutes
 Barrage lifts from 2nd objective. 3rd wave capture and mop-up, while 4th wave passes through up to barrage, other

ACTION of INFANTRY

11. (contd.)

waves conforming to its movements.

As soon as 4th wave passes through, 3rd wave will establish a strong point at U.24.c.1.3., for flank protection.

As the 4th wave moves forward under the barrage, parties specially detailed clean up the C.T.s in U.24.c. and U.23.d. respectively, posts being established in the right C.T. to make good as the advance continues.

Zero plus 2 hours 15 minutes

Barrage begins to move back, and the 5th wave moves with it, the remaining waves conforming.

Zero plus 2 hours 24 minutes

Barrage clears the line marked "FIRST PHASE" on Map "A" and the 4th wave occupy it and begin to consolidate.

The 5th wave immediately passes up to the barrage, through the 4th wave, which establishes a defensive flank on the right, on, or to the east of, the right C.T.

6th, 7th and 8th waves conform to movements of 5th wave. The 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th in turn follow close up to the barrage, through the village, "leap-frog" principle, each wave halting on gaining its objective, and forming a defensive flank approximately 200 yards to the east of the village as the wave in rear passes through it. Each wave, on forming its defensive flank, joins up with the left post of the wave before.

The 8th wave, on gaining its objective (3rd objective) will establish strong posts at or near to the following points:- U.24.a.9.9., U.18.d.05.10, and U.18.c.85.10.

From the 2nd objective onwards, battalions are gradually changing direction to the right, so that when the last objective is gained, and in process of consolidation, the Bds. will be holding a line approximately north and south, facing east, with the 19th Bn. on the right, and the 20th Bn. on the left, in the front line, with the 18th and 17th Battns. respectively in support in rear of them.

CONTACT PATROLS

12. Contact patrol aeroplanes will be over at the following times:-

- (i) Zero plus 1 hour
- (ii) Zero plus 2 hours
- (iii) Zero plus 3 hours.

Front line infantry will mark their position by lighting red ground flares at these times if a contact aeroplane is in sight, and at other times when called for by Klaxon horn or by light.

50 ground flares per Company will be issued.

WATCHES

13. C.C.s Companies will arrange to synchronise watches with Bn. Signalling Officer at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. on the day previous to the attack.

SIGNALS14. (a) The following signals will be used to indicate success:-
1st trench C.S.1. 2 red flares fired simultaneously at intervals of 10 seconds.
2nd trench C.S.2. 3 red flares in quick succession.
2nd objective: 1 red and 1 white alternately, in quick succession.
All signals will be fired in a westerly direction.

(b) Bombing squads will be provided with small yellow and black flags to indicate their position when bombing along a trench. These flags are to be waved for this purpose.

DRESS & EQUIPMENT15. DRESS: Fighting Order, with great coat carried rolled on the back, sheepskin vests or cardigan jackets to be worn. Officers' dress similar to men.

EQUIPMENT: Fighting Order, 2 bandoliers in addition to 120 rounds in pouches, 6 Mills bombs, 4 sandbags, to be carried per man; 48 hours' rations and full water-bottles; 4 "P" bombs per platoon will be carried by "moppers-up."

Every fourth man at least, will be provided with a red ground flare.

Every officer to carry a Very Signal Pistol on lanyard,

DRESS & EQUIPMENT

15. (Contd.)

with one set "S.C.S." signals.

A proportion of picks and shovels will be carried by "carriers."

WIRECUTTERS and MATS

16.

Wirecutters and mats for crossing wire will be carried by 1st, 2nd and 4th waves. Each Company in 1st and 2nd waves will carry 10 mats, and each Company in 4th wave will carry 5 mats. These will be drawn from Forward Battle Dump (C.I.C.c.7.7).

CARRYING PARTIES & MOPPERS-UP

17.

Eight men per platoon will be detailed as carriers. On reaching their objective they will dump their material and act as "moppers-up." When "mopping-up" is completed, they may be used to assist in bringing back wounded, or as escort for prisoners. C.C. "D" Coy. will detail a party of 50 C.R. (an Officer will be detailed later) to report to Bde. Dump Officer at forward Battle Dump (C.I.C.c.7.7.) for carrying forward when objective has been captured.

SUPPLY of AMMUNITION.

18.

(a) Brigade Battle Dumps are situated as follows:-

Forward Battle Dump - C.I.C.c.7.7.

(Lieut. GRAHAM in charge)

Rear Battle Dump - C.S. central.

(Capt. CHRISTIE in charge).

(b) In addition to the 5 bombs carried on the man, each Company will take forward 25 buckets of Mills Bombs - the remaining buckets will be left at Forward Battle Dump until required.

(c) In addition to the 20 grenades per platoon now in possession of rifle grenadiers, each platoon will carry forward 1 box of Mills No. 23 grenades.

(d) On capturing an objective, bombs and rifle grenades will be collected in sandbags and dumped where they are likely to be needed. C.C. "A" Coy. will arrange to supply bombs to "B" Coy. if required.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS

19.

Medical arrangements will be notified later.

COMMUNICATIONS

20.

(a) Communications will be maintained by wire if possible. Bn. Signal Officer will arrange for 2 wires to be run forward, to keep touch with the front line.

(b) A central visual station (C.K.B.) will be established at C.P.d.S.S. to receive messages from any new forward positions. Each message to Bde. Signal Officer must be sent once in its entirety, and then twice again.

(c) Each Company will detail 2 runners to report to Bn. H.Q. one hour before zero, and another 2 on gaining objective.

(d) Procedure laid down in S.S.135 regarding communication with aircraft will be adhered to.

(e) A trench wireless set is being pushed into RIENOCURT on its capture.

PERSONNEL REMAINING BEHIND

21.

Personnel remaining behind in accordance with S.S.135, Section XXV, will report to Maj. H.W. BYERS, M.C., at place to be notified later.

PRISONERS of WAR

22.

All prisoners of war to Bn. H.Q.; thence to Bde. Headqrs., NOREUIL; thence to P.C.W. Gage, C.I.C.c.7.6., where they will be handed over, complete with documents etc., and a receipt obtained.

Escort not to exceed 10% prisoners.

FORWARD REPORT CENTRE

23.

An advanced report centre will be established at C.S.b.1.7. (18th Bn. H.Q.) for receiving messages from forward units.

REPORTS

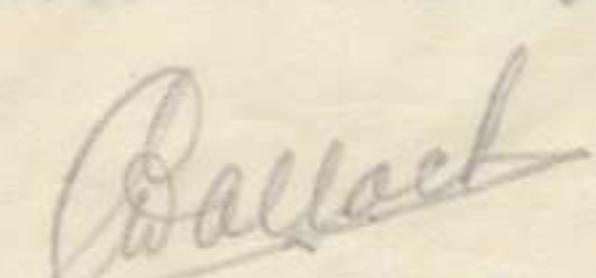
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Reports will be sent to Bn. H.Q. at Railway Cutting C.S.b.

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ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 10am by ragnar.


 Lieut. & Adjutant,
 18th Bn. A.I.F.

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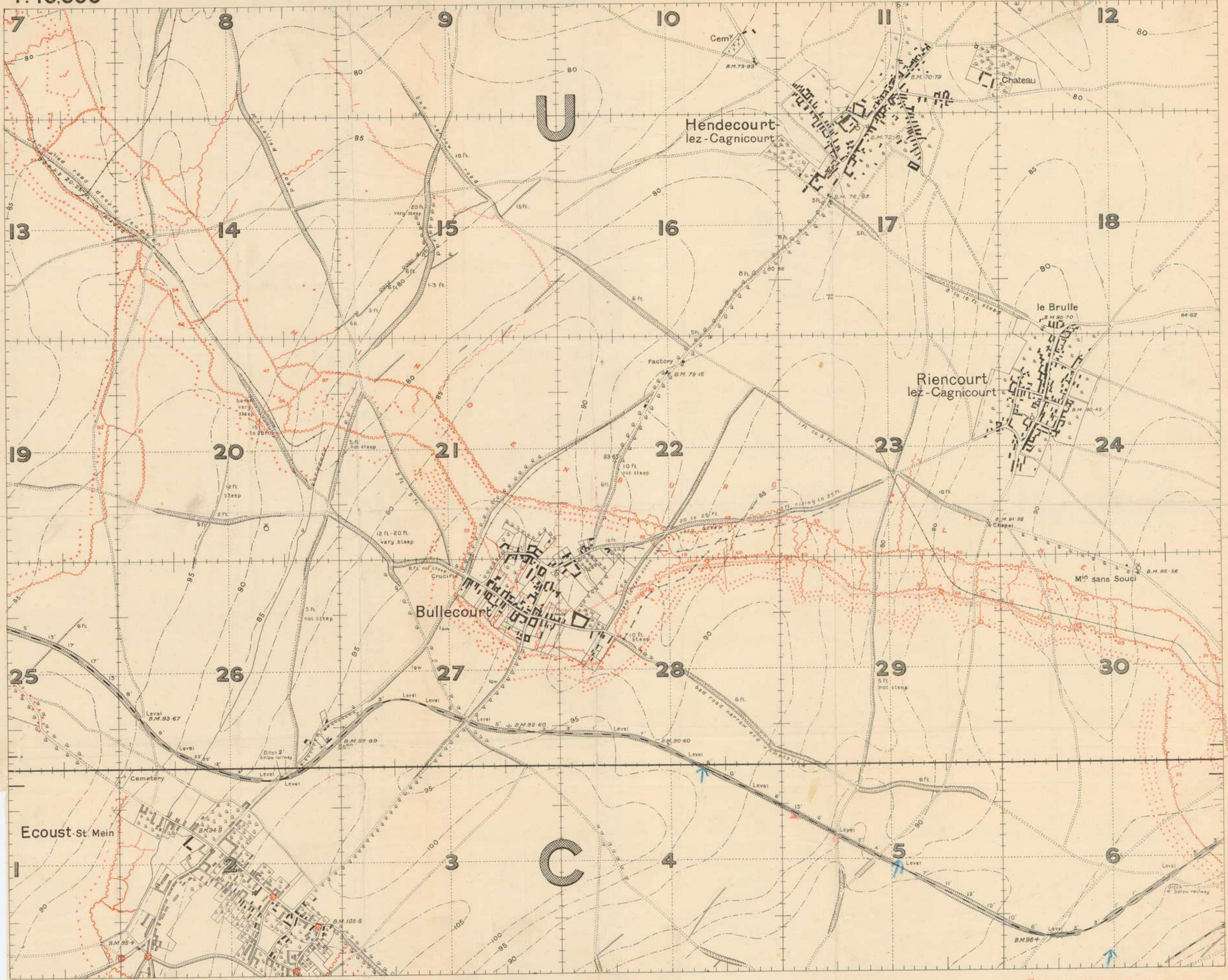
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Headquarters, 19th Battn., A. I. F.
2nd May 1917.

D. Companies etc.

Reference C. C. No. 34, the following amendments and further instructions issued :-

Companies will fall in, ready to move off, at 12.20^{a.m.} to-morrow morning.

Companies to move off in the following order:- "B," "A," "C" and "D." Route via C.C.c.75.30 to C.LC.c.65.90 to road junction C.5.c.55.70, thence to jumping-off tapes via right fork road.

Absolute silence, except when necessary for Officers to give verbal instructions, is to be maintained after passing the starting-point, and no smoking or lights will be permitted.

"A" and "B" Companies will detail patrols and three markers per company. Also all Companies two runners each, to report to Lieut. BRAND at "B" Coy. Headquarters at 8.15 p.m. to-night. This party will report at Brigade Headqrs. at 8.30 p.m.

Patrols will be sent out 200 yards in front of taped line.

Re para. ii "Action of Infantry." All waves move forward at zero. Bayonets will not be fixed until zero hour.

All Companies will synchronise watches with Battn. Signal Officer at 6 p.m. and 12 midnight.

Signals. The following signals will be used to distinguish our attacking troops from hostile troops :-

Sign - - - THCRN
Countersign THROUGH

The word "RETIRE" will on no account be used, but the words "PULL OUT," preceded by "FROM" (name of Officer issuing order) and name of unit message is intended for.

Two of the bombs carried on the man will be dumped by 3rd, 4th and 5th waves in C.G.2, and by 6th, 7th and 8th waves in C.G.1, respectively.

R.A.P. will be established at C.5.d.7.6 (railway).

In the event of communications breaking down, to Bn. Headqrs., a forward report centre will be established at U.29.b.85.90, in charge of Lieut. BLUMER, who will have with him pigeons allotted to this Battn.

11. Full use to be made of prisoners to evacuate wounded.
12. Two bomb screens each, for 1st and 2nd wave, to be carried.
13. That men are to be told off in each wave using mats.
14. At least 16 shovels and 8 picks will be carried by each company. These will be carried fastened on back.
15. Sandbags to be carried as follows:-
One under each shoulder-strap
One wrapped round bayonet scabbard and entrenching tool helve
One in the belt.
16. All water-bottles to be filled.
17. Men to be specially warned against enemy gas attack. Box Respirators to be worn in the "Alert" position.
18. Hun bombs should be used before our own where possible.
19. All ranks to be strictly warned against taking into action any papers, letters or documents likely to be of use to enemy. "B.A.B." Code Books will be handed in to Adjutant.

20. If any man has the misfortune to be taken prisoner, impress on everyone that he must give number, rank, name and regiment; nothing more

21. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Lieut.-Col.
Commanding 19th Battn.

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Signals. The following signals will be used to distinguish our attacking troops from hostile troops:-

Sign - - - - - THROUGH
Counter-sign THROUGH

The word "PRIME" will on no account be used, but the words "PULL OUT" preceded by "THRU" (name of Officer issuing order) and name of unit messages intended for.

Two of the bombs carried on the man will be dumped by 3rd, 4th and 5th waves in C.C. 2, and by 6th, 7th and 8th waves in C.C. 1, respectively.

R.A.P. will be established at C.S. 4.7.8 (railway).

In the event of communications breaking down, to Br. Headquarters, at forward report centre will be established at U.S. 2.5.90, in charge of Lieut. BLUMER, who will have with him pigeons allotted to this Battn.

Will use to be made of prisoners to evacuate wounded.

Two bomb screens each, for 1st and 2nd waves, to be carried. That men are to be told off in each wave using mats.

At least 12 shovels and 8 picks will be carried by each company. Those will be carried fastened on back.

Sandbags to be carried as follows:-
One under each shoulder-strap
One wrapped round breast scabbard and entrenching tool
One in the belt.

All water-bottles to be filled.

Men to be specially warned against enemy gas attack. Box Respirators to be worn in the "Alert" position.

Gas bombs should be used before our own where possible.

All ranks to be strictly warned against taking into action any letters or documents likely to be of use to enemy. "B.A.B." Code Books will be handed in to Adjutant.

