

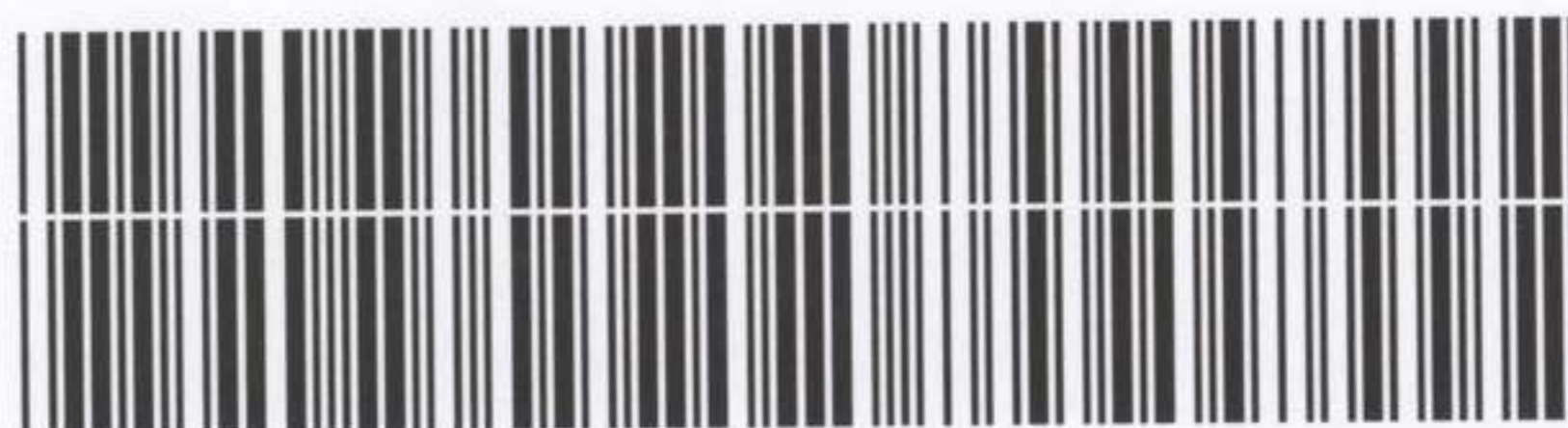
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LACLYTTE	1 <sup>st</sup>		<p>Situation normal enemy shelling more active than usual, <sup>chiefly</sup> on the right <sup>area</sup> sub sector.</p> <p>Relief of Canadian artillery by group of 4<sup>th</sup> Aus. Div Art. under Lt-Col. Rabett.</p> <p>A draft of reinforcements and returned sick and wounded which arrived last night was inspected by Bde Comdr and posted to units. Most of the wounded were slight cases. The reinforcements were of a very good type being largely countrymen who have done from five to ten months training.</p> <p>Work on trenches continues also screening dugouts and trenches to preserve concealment when the leaves fall.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Intelligence summary</p>	<p>Appx I</p>
L.A. CLYTE	2 <sup>nd</sup>		<p>Capt. Salter proceeded on leave. Major Lee took over duties of Brigade Major.</p> <p>The weather which has lately been fine, broke. It was wet and cold.</p> <p>Arranged to send parties to 'pres' to collect bricks for paving horse-standings.</p> <p>Relief carried out between 3 and 5 pm. The distribution now is -</p> <p>A Bn is 46<sup>th</sup> B is 47<sup>th</sup> C is 48<sup>th</sup> Bn, D is 45<sup>th</sup> Bn less 2 Coy.</p> <p>Two companies of the last Bn remained near the HQ of A and C Bns respectively where they will nearer the reserve line and also nearer their work <del>the work</del> at present the troops have to carry their rations and water <del>from</del> 1 1/2 miles to 2 1/2 miles; it is hoped to develop the railway system to reduce this.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Intelligence summary</p>	<p>Appx II</p>



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LA. CLYTTE	3.10.16		<p>Situation normal aaaa weather is dull still with occasional showers                      a draft of reinforcements arrived for the 45<sup>th</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> Bns.                      (300 men in all). They were inspected by the Bde Comdr. They were a fine lot of men. The majority of them were new reinforcements.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Intelligence Summary</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Appx. III</p>
LA. CLYTTE	4.10.16		<p>Situation normal aaaa The enemy's artillery and trench mortars were a little more active than usual.                      Hot drink stalls have been established in all battalion areas. Here hot drinks are served to all men and especially available for working parties at night.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Intelligence Summary</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Appx. IV</p>
LA. CLYTTE	5.10.16		<p>a few details (31 in number) arrived today. Situation normal.                      Drying rooms for drying wet clothes, socks, and gum boots are being established in battalion sectors.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Intelligence Summary</p> <p>Operation memo No. 44 issued</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Appx. V Appx. VI</p>



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LA CYTTE	6.10.16		<p>Situation normal. Our artillery was fairly active. The enemy's was very quiet.</p> <p>Horse standings are being built. Those of the 45<sup>th</sup> &amp; 47<sup>th</sup> Bns near CHIPPEWA CAMP; those of the 46<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> Bns near MURRONS RIDGEE CAMP.</p> <p>Bde. Routine Order No. 120 issued.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Intelligence summary</p>	<p>Appx VII</p> <p>Appx VIII</p>
	7.10.16		<p>Situation normal.</p> <p>A branch of the Brigade Canteen has been opened near VIERSTRAAT. There are now three canteens in the brigade sector. The other branch of the Bde. Canteen is at LA CYTTE. There is also a Y.M.C.A. canteen in RIDGEWOOD.</p> <p>The 13<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde (Aus) relieves the 4<sup>th</sup> Aus. Inf Bde. The 49<sup>th</sup> Bn relieves the 13<sup>th</sup> Bn.</p> <p>The 52<sup>nd</sup> Bn relieves the 16<sup>th</sup> Bn.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Intelligence summary Operation memo 10/16</p>	<p>Appx IX</p> <p>Appx X</p>
	8.10.16		<p>Capt. INGLIS returned from sick leave.</p> <p>Reinforcements. 78 m numbers arrived for the 48<sup>th</sup> Bn and were inspected by the Brigadier. They were a good type of men.</p> <p>Situation normal.</p> <p>The 51<sup>st</sup> Aus. Inf Bn relieved the 15<sup>th</sup> Bn. The 50<sup>th</sup> Bn relieves the 14<sup>th</sup> Bn.</p>	<p>Appx XI</p>



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LA. CLYTTE	9.10.16		<p>The Right Group Artillery at 4.30 pm today <del>to</del> bombarded the BOIS QUARANT the post line was cleared of our troops Lewis Guns being the last to leave and the first to be sent up when the bombardment ceased. The bombardment was to destroy enemy reinforcements known to be in the BOIS QUARANT. It lasted 45 mins. There was very little retaliation. Situation otherwise is normal.</p> <p>The following relief took place in the brigade (The 47<sup>th</sup> Bde) on our right 6<sup>th</sup> Royal Irish relieved the 7<sup>th</sup> Weststers; <del>7<sup>th</sup> Weststers</del> Bde Reserve is the 8<sup>th</sup> Munsters Div. Reserve 6<sup>th</sup> Connaughts</p>	
LA. CLYTTE	10.10.16		<p>The weather has been fine and the ground is drying up. Ⓝ</p> <p>Situation normal. Lieut. GOODE has returned from leave. Works being pushed on in improving the trenches. The Infantry under the engineer supervision are responsible for the post lines; the Pioneers are responsible for the communication trenches.</p>	<p>Appx XII</p> <p>Appx XIII</p>
LA. CLYTTE	11.10.16		<p>Situation normal. General WHITE visited the Brigade Sector and front line today. Weather was very fine today. A gas alarm practice took place this evening.</p>	<p>Appx XIV</p> <p>Appx XV</p> <p>1</p>



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LA-CITYTE	12-1916		<p>Capt. SALIER. returned from leave.</p> <p>Situation normal. The 13<sup>th</sup> Bde carried out a raid tonight. The 12<sup>th</sup> A.L.T.M.B. cooperated and bombarded the enemy's trenches which were afterwards examined by the patrol.</p> <p>Considerable damage was done to enemy's works but mine was practically untouched.</p>	<p>Appendix XVI</p> <p>Appendix XVII</p>
	13-1916		<p>Situation normal, weather fine, enemy's artillery a little more active.</p>	



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L.A. CLYTTE	14 <sup>th</sup> <i>October</i>		<p>weather dull but fine situation normal, operations memo 179 issued, 46<sup>th</sup> + 47<sup>th</sup> Bns relieved by 48<sup>th</sup> + 45<sup>th</sup> Bns respectively. 46<sup>th</sup> Bn moved into support at Ridgewood 47<sup>th</sup> Bn (less 2 cys) moved into reserve at HURUMBIDGEE Camp two cys 47<sup>th</sup> Bn moved into the advanced reserve area at RIDGEWOOD + VIERSTRAAT. relief completed by 5:15 pm. Intelligence summary</p>	<p>appdn XVIII</p> <p>appdn XVIII a</p>
	15 <sup>th</sup>		<p>weather dull cold + showery, situation normal. a party of 45<sup>th</sup> Bn raided the enemy's trench on BOIS QUARANTE at 7:30 pm. the party searched the enemy's trenches for about 70 yards but found no identifications or Germans. The trench was in good repair well roofed with a duckboard floor. our casualties were 4 slightly wounded. Intelligence summary</p>	<p>appdn XIX (over 25).</p> <p>appdn XIX a</p>



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LACLYTTE	16 <sup>th</sup>		<p>weather Showery + cold. enemy artillery very active all day + at between 6 + 7 pm about 100 yds of the front line parapet about N12.1 to N12.2. was blown in, about 30 yds of POPPY LANE communication trench blown in. The enemy endeavored to raid our right subsector but was easily driven off by our Lewis gun fire. our patrols went out about 9 pm <del>and were successful</del> but could find no trace of enemy wounded. <del>However</del> an enemy plane flew over in the early morning. Trenches were repaired during the night.</p>	APPON XX



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LACLYTTE	17 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Enemy's artillery still active POPPY LANE again damaged for about 30 yards.                      weather showery &amp; dull.</p>	<p>Operation Memo. 80                      Intelligence summary</p> <p>Appx. XXI                      Appx. XXI</p>
	16 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Situation normal weather dull &amp; wet during the morning, fine in the afternoon. operation order 89 issued for retaliation on enemy for their activity on 16<sup>th</sup>. The results could not be ascertained owing to the mist.</p>	<p>Appx. XXIII                      Appx. XXIV                      Appx. XXIV</p> <p>Order 89                      Weekly Intelligence summary</p>
	19 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Situation quiet; very wet &amp; cold all day. Conference of Brigadiers at Divl Hq at 4.30pm.</p>	<p>Appx. XXV                      Appx. XXV</p> <p>Intelligence summary</p>
	20 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Situation normal weather fine Plan in case of attack on the DIEPENDAAL sector issued. administrative memo 89 issued</p>	<p>Appx. XXVI                      Appx. XXVII</p>



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LACLYTTE	21 <sup>st</sup> <i>October</i>		weather fine situation normal, Brigadier Gen Clinson D.F.O. and 124 <sup>th</sup> Bde & Battalion Commanders of 124 <sup>th</sup> Bde arrived at 11g at 9am to visit their opposite numbers in the DIERPENDING sector preparing to take over. Brigade orders 90 & 91 issued Intelligence summary	appdx. XXVIII Appdx. XXIX
LACLYTTE - BOESCHERE	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Situation normal weather fine, 124 <sup>th</sup> Infy Brigade commenced to relieve the Brigade at 9am; Relief completed by 6.50pm & Brigade moved to the BOESCHERE area Two Bns in billets near BOESCHERE Two Bns in camp at VICTORIA & KENORA CAMPS Intelligence Summary Operation Memo. No. 81 Bde. Order 92	Appdx. XXX Appdx. XXXI Appdx. XXXII
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		units at the disposal of commanders training & refitting weather fine, very cold.	



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BOESCHEPE	24 <sup>R</sup>		<p>weather wet + foggy with training + refitting, orders received for entrainment at GODEWARDSWELDE for LONGPRE</p> <p>Bygade order issued for the move</p>	<p>appdn. XXXIII</p>
	25 <sup>H</sup>		<p>weather very wet + foggy. Divisional commander inspected the Bygade + distributed congratulatory cards + medals.</p> <p>Preparations for entrainment at GODEWARDSWELDE</p>	
	26 <sup>H</sup>		<p>Bygade entrained at BOESCHEPE commencing at 1.15 am <del>at</del> detrained at LONGPRE + halted at BRUCAMPS, VILLERS-SURAILLY, ETOILE.</p>	
	27 <sup>A</sup>		<p>weather very wet roads very heavy.</p>	



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BRUSCAMPS	28 <sup>th</sup>		weather wet, units training + refitting.	
	29 <sup>th</sup>		weather wet in the morning church parade cancelled. operation memo + administrative memo issued. Divl commander visited Bde Hqrs.	
	30 <sup>th</sup>		weather very wet continuous rain all day making training very difficult. The number of sick increasing slightly owing to the wet + cold.	
	31 <sup>st</sup>		weather cleared up, units practised in the assault: inspected by the Brigade Commander Brigade ordered to move to VIGNACOURT + FLESSELES + BETHENCOURT.	<p>opinion XXXIV</p> <p>Wakerlat Bolton Waker by Bol</p> <p>II</p>



## 12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 9.

From 8 a.m. 30th September to 8 a.m. 1st. October 1916.

OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our Artillery shelled enemy's wire, front line, C.T. and supports during the day with 18 Pdrs. and 4.7 howitzers doing considerable damage. During the night a heavy barrage was put on to enemy's trenches during raids.

T.M. AND BOMBS. Our trench mortars were firing on enemy's positions at N.18.b.2.7. N.18.b.3.3., N.18.b.2½.9. and N.18.b.5.8. They fired on enemy's front line during last night's barrage.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Our machine guns carried out indirect fire on targets 0.13.c.3.9., to 0.13.c.8.0., N.18.b.8.2. along road to 0.13.c.3.9., 0.7.c.3½.2., 0.7.c.6½.2, 0.7.c.3½.8. and 0.7.c.6½.8. Lewis guns were firing on breaches on enemy's parapet and wire. Ammunition expended 7000 rounds.

SNIPING. Sniping was very quiet as no targets presented themselves.

RAID. Two raids were carried out last night; one by 46th Battalion on HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR Salient and the other by 47th Battalion on 0.7.b.4.3. to 0.7.b.4.5. Both were successful. One German of ~~the~~ 117th ~~Verbinder~~ Infantry Regiment was taken prisoner. Other identifications were obtained.

PATROLS. No patrols were sent out last night owing to the raids.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. The enemy Artillery fired on the BRASSERIE and VIERSTRAAT with .77. No damage was done. After the raid shells fell in the vicinity of POPPY LANE and front line M.2. The parapet was smashed in and POPPY LANE damaged. This, is, now, being repaired.

T.M. AND BOMBS. Enemy retaliated to our bombardment with heavy T.M's. 3 landed in P.&O. Trench causing slight damage and 20 fell in rear of 0.1. and N.6. front line doing no damage.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Enemy's machine guns and rifle fire was very light during the day but heavy at night.

SNIPING. Enemy sniping was very quiet.

IDENTIFICATIONS. A number of coils of barbed wire were observed at 0.7.b.1½.1. New sandbags have been placed on front line trench at 0.7.b.2½.2. New timber can be seen in front of parapet at this point and appears to be a sally post under construction. Timber has been placed in rear of trench at 0.7.b.2½.2. wire netting has been stretched for a short distance from tree to tree at 0.7.a.9.1½. Enemy trench mortar fired from N.18.b.5.0. Wire has been strengthened in front of second line at 0.7.b. A machine gun was observed firing from 0.13.a.2.7.

MOVEMENT. A Hun was observed moving about near LOUWAEGE FARM at 0.7.d.8.5½. Smoke was rising from rear of enemy line at 0.7.b.1½.1. at 1-30 p.m. Two Huns wearing caps passed along trench at N.18.b.2.8

AIRCRAFT. No enemy planes were observed over sector yesterday. Our planes patrolled enemy's line and were subjected to a heavy machine gun fire.

MISCELLANEOUS. Pigeons again flew over Right Battalion front line between 4 and 5-30 p.m. and disappeared over GRAND BOIS.

CASUALTIES. Killed - 6. Wounded - 8. Missing - 2.

*W. H. Cuthbert*  
Brigadier General.

Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.10.

From 8 a.m. 1st. October to 8 a.m. 2nd. October 1916.

OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was quiet in the early morning but became very active later in the day. Enemy's front support and C.T. were shelled. A screen in Sunken Road was blown down. The result of all this shelling could not be observed.

T.M. AND BOMBS. Our trench mortars were very active yesterday. Shelling enemy's front line in HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR Salient and BOIS QUARANTE also a working party at N.7.c.4.8. was fired on and dispersed. No. of rounds expended - 81.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Indirect Machine Gun fire was carried out on targets O.13.a.1.5., O.7.d.8.3., O.13.b.6½.8., and O.13.c.9.7. Lewis Guns and Rifle fire was brought to bear on breaches in enemy's parapet and wire.

SNIPING. Our snipers had a very quiet day as no targets presented themselves.

PATROLS. Patrols were out from Right and Left Battalions. Report enemy very jumpy. Sending up a lot of flares and firing into his own wire. No enemy patrols encountered.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Enemy artillery retaliated to our bombardments by shelling S.P.7 and P.&.O. trench to firing line with shrapnel. About 20 5.9 landed in the vicinity of N.10.b.9.4½. and N.11.a.3.0. Slight damage was caused at these places. A lot of shells passed over sector in direction of DICKEBUSCH.

T.M. AND BOMBS. Several heavy trench mortars landed in the vicinity of CHICORY Trench and in rear of front line N.12.c.1.9. causing no damage. P.&.O. Trench was bombed with rum jars causing slight damage

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Rifle fire was very quiet during the day but brisk at night. Machine guns fire at our planes when they approach anywhere near enemy's front line. At night the enemy used indirect fire on roads in and around BRASSERIE.

SNIPING. The enemy's snipers are very quiet.

IDENTIFICATIONS New works can be observed at O.7.a.7.1. Timber has been placed on communication trench at O.13.c.½.4. Trench mortar again observed firing from N.18.b.5.0.

MOVEMENT. A German was observed moving along communication trench at N.12.d.5½.1. Another German was observed at O.13.c.1.4., he wore a grey uniform and dark coloured peak cap with gold braid.

AIRCRAFT. A hostile plane flew over the front of our Sector at 4-30 p.m. Observation balloon at rear of wood O.13.b.5.6. was up for about two hours in the morning and the same time in the afternoon.

MISCELLANEOUS. Two pigeons flew from BOIS QUARANTE over our lines in the direction of VIERSTRAAT and disappeared from view. Two pigeons also flew from RIDGEWOOD to BOIS QUARANTE.

CASUALTIES. Total Casualties - 3 killed 4 wounded.

*J. Heenan*  
for  
Brigadier General.  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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13 - 12th. M. G. Coy.  
14 - Brigade Intelligence Officer.



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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 11.

From 8 a.m. 2nd. October to 8 a.m. 3rd. October 1916.

OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was very quiet. The result of the artillery fire could not be observed.

T.M. AND BOMBS. Our Trench Mortars fired on working parties at O.7.w.4.5. to 4.7. N.18.b.2.7. and N.12.d.5.1. also a few rounds on tramline at O.7.d.2.8. No. of rounds expended - 49.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Indirect machine gun fire was carried out on targets O.13.a.4.3., O.13.c.3.9. and O.19.a.9.8. No. of rounds expended 4,000. Rifle fire was not as *brisk* as usual. Lewis guns were used to disperse an enemy working party at N.12.d.3.1. also to sweep enemy's wire and parapet.

SNIPING. Our sniping was very quiet. No targets presented themselves.

PATROLS. A patrol from the Left Battalion reconnoitred enemy's wire opposite O.7.1. to O.7.9. Report no alteration in wire and no new wire erected. Patrols from Right Battalion report enemy wiring party opposite N.12.1. They were dispersed by Lewis Gun fire. No enemy patrols observed.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Enemy's artillery very quiet.

T.M. AND BOMBS. Enemy's trench mortars were not as active as usual. They fired a few shots in rear of the front line doing no damage.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Enemy's machine guns were active during the night. By day they are used to keep off our planes. The rifle fire was not as brisk as usual.

SNIPING. Hardly any enemy sniping took place yesterday.

MISCELLANEOUS. The weather was dull and misty all yesterday making observation rather difficult.

MOVEMENT. Between 4-0 and 5-30 p.m. seven Germans wearing caps were observed passing along trench at O.7.c.4.8. We have two fixed rifles set on this point and have already got 3 hunns.

AIRCRAFT. No enemy aircraft was observed over Sector. Our planes were about as usual.

CASUALTIES. *None.* 1 Killed.

*H. Lee Major*  
for Brigadier General.  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 12.From 8 a.m. 3rd. October to 8 a.m. 4th. October 1916.OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery shelled enemy's front and support line in HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR Salient in front of Right Battalion. A trench mortar emplacement at N.12.d.5.1. was blown out yesterday.

T.M. AND BOMBS. Our trench mortars retaliated to enemy's trench mortars and fired on working parties at N.18.b.2.8. and O.7.c.4.8. No. of rounds expended - 66.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Indirect fire was carried out on N.18.b.5 O., O.13.a.4.3., O.7.d.5.3 and O.13.c.4.4. These targets are roads and communication trenches. No. of rounds expended 3000. Rifle fire was not as heavy as usual. Lewis guns were firing on enemy's wire and parapet.

PATROLS. Patrols from the Right and Left Battalion were out during the night. No enemy patrols encountered and no movements observed.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Enemy's artillery was more active than usual. On the Right Battalion front H.E. shrapnel shells landed between front and support lines, causing no damage. On the left Battalion front 8 - 5.9 shells landed at S.P.7. 5 of these were duds. During the afternoon shrapnel shells were bursting in rear of the front line from O.72 and O.74. No damage done.

T.M. AND BOMBS. Enemy's trench mortars were very active. Rum Jar Bombs landed in rear of front line O.72., O.73., O.74., O.76., causing no damage.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Enemy's machine gun and rifle fire was not as brisk as usual. During the afternoon machine gun fire was used by the enemy to keep our planes off.

SNIPING. Enemy's snipers were inactive and hardly fired a shot.

IDENTIFICATIONS. At O.7.c.4.8. enemy has deepened his trench. Support trench leading from O.7.c.9.7. has also been deepened and cleaned out. New earth appears on the parapet at this point.

MOVEMENT. In rear of BOIS QUARANTE enemy has been very active between the hours of 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. Working parties were heard digging and hammering iron.

AIRCRAFT. No enemy planes observed over sector yesterday. A scout plane patrolled our sector between 4 and 6 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS. It was noticed last night that enemy did not send up as many flares as usual.

CASUALTIES. 1 Killed  
1 wounded.

*H. Lee Major*  
Brigadier General.  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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10 - 47th "  
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Appendix V  
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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.13.

From 8 a.m. October 4th to 8 a.m. October 5th. 1916.

OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was very active during the day. Enemy's trenches and wire at N.12.b. and N.18.b. was shelled causing considerable damage. We also shelled in rear of BOIS QUARANTE at O.7.d.8.4. The results of these shots could not be observed.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. Our trench mortars were very active during the day shelling the HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR Salient and O.7.b.5.4. where new works is in progress. This shelling caused considerable damage to enemy's parapets. No. of rounds expended 124.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The usual indirect machine gun fire was carried out on targets O.13.b.5.1., O.8.a.4.0., O.7.a.8.5. No. of rounds expended 3000. The rifle and Lewis Gun fire was directed on to enemy's front parapets and wire.

SNIPING. Our snipers were not active as no targets presented themselves.

PATROLS. Patrols from the Right and Left Battalions reconnoitred "No Mans Land" in front of their Sector. No enemy patrols encountered and no working parties observed. Report machine gun fire much below normal.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. The enemy's artillery was active all day. Shells landed in and around P.&O.Trench, Scottish Wood, N.12.b.8.2., Ridgewood, Vierstraat and N.10.b.8.2. causing slight damage.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The enemy's heavy trench mortars were again very active. Shells landed in the vicinity of O.7.a.2.4., N.12.c.6.3 N.12.c.9.1., and O.7.a.3.6. At N.12.c.6.3. 20 rounds of Stokes Gun ammunition was destroyed by a Run Jar.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Enemy's machine gun and rifle fire was very quiet.

SNIPING. No enemy snipers could be observed.

IDENTIFICATIONS. A trench mortar emplacement was observed at O.7.b.2.2. New work is in progress on trench between O.7.b.8.3. to O.8.a.3.6 Near O.7.c.4.8. enemy has cleaned out his trenches, and the concertina wire across the Sunken Road has been removed. Lewis guns were operating on these points during the night.

MISCELLANEOUS. ~~Weather~~ was again dull and bad for observation.

CASUALTIES. 6-O.R. Wounded.

*H. Lee Mason*  
for Brigadier General.  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
OPERATION MEMO. No. 77.

5.10.16.

1. TRENCH TRAMWAY. (i) All trucks taken towards Front Line are to be returned by the party taking them, to the rear dumps either HALLEBAST or CAFE BELGE. If left in forward area they block the line and are not available when wanted.

(ii) Trucks are NOT to travel at a greater rate than 4 miles an hour.

(iii) Tramlines are not to be used other than by properly detailed parties; the casual use of trucks by irresponsible individuals is forbidden.

2. INTERFERENCE WITH CABLE COMMUNICATIONS. (i) Several instances of one unit cutting or reeling up the cable communications of another have recently been reported. In one case serious inconvenience was thereby caused to a battery in action.

(ii) Definite orders against such interference with cable communications will be issued by all unit commanders.

(iii) While it is both desirable and necessary that all spare cable should be collected, this must not be done indiscriminately; the signal unit in the area should be applied to and the existence of spare cable should be brought to its notice.

(iv) On no account will units be permitted to interfere with buried cable test and junction boxes. All alterations in the buried cable system will be arranged through the officer, who, under the Divisional Signal Officer, is in charge of the system.

*Acknowledge.*

*H. Lee*

Major,  
for Brigade Major,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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- 5 - 46th "
- 6 - 47th "
- 7 - 48th "
- 8 - 12th Machine Gun Coy.
- 9 - 12th A.L.T.M. Btty.



SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

Week ending Noon Thursday 5th. October 1916.

SUMMARY No. 2.OUR ACTIVITY.

OPERATIONS. On the night of 30 September/1st. October two raids were carried out, one by the 46th Battalion on HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR Salient and one by the 47th Battalion to the left of BOIS QUARANTE Salient O.7.b.4.3. to 4.5. The raid made by the 46th Battalion was a success, one German, wounded, was taken prisoner and one killed in the trench. At the point of entry, and identification was obtained. The party had only one casualty in the German lines but lost several in our own trenches after returning, through a German shell landing right in the fire trench. The raiding party to enter the German lines at O.7.b.4.3 to 4.5. did not reach their objective owing to the second line of German wire not being cut.

PATROLS. Patrols are sent out every night by the Companies in the line to reconnoitre "No Mans Land" and the enemy's wire. They never encounter enemy patrols and "No Mans Land" is entirely ours. The enemy's wire varies a good deal. It is very weak round the HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR Salient and very strong from the BOIS QUARANTE Salient to O.7.b. Our wire is in good condition along the whole of our front.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery has been very active during the week. They have shelled with H.E. and Shrapnel the enemy's front, support and communication trenches doing a lot of damage. They also claim direct hits on Machine gun and trench mortar emplacements. The enemy's communication has been harassed. The barrage put on the enemy's line for the raid was good.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Our machine guns have carried out indirect fire on different targets, dumps, roads and communications with good results. On several occasions we engaged hostile machine guns and silenced them. The rifle fire has varied. Some nights it was very brisk and other nights quiet. The Lewis Guns are used to disperse working parties and to keep the enemy from repairing breaches in his wire and parapets. On one or two occasions they have silenced an enemy sniper who has been very troublesome at night.

SNIPING. Our snipers have had very few targets to fire at and for that reason have been very quiet. We have done rather good work with fixed rifles on communication trenches. If not actually inflicting casualties on the enemy, we have stopped him moving along these routes.

TRENCH MORTARS. The trench mortars have continually fired on working parties, new works, and any undue movement within their range. When enemy mortars have opened up they have retaliated to their fire and silenced them. On several occasions they have fired on enemy's wire and front line with good results.

ENEMY ACTIVITIES.

ARTILLERY. The enemy's artillery has been more active than usual this week. The shelling has been distributed over the whole front but special attention has been paid to BOIS CARRE, BRASSERIE, VIERSTRAAT, POPPY LANE, CHICORY LANE and P. & O. Trench. Slight damage has been caused in some instances and has since been repaired. The night of the raid, a.9.9. shell got a direct hit in the fire trench near POPPY LANE and caused a few casualties. The Right Battalion H. Qrs. N.10.b.2.9. was shelled the day after the raid. This was the first time for some months.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The enemy has been active with trench mortars shelling S.P.7, P.&O. Trench, POPPY LANE C.T. and in rear of the firing line along the whole front. On one or two occasions damage was done to the communication trenches, but it was only slight. Yesterday a Hum Jar got a direct hit on to one of our Stokes Gun ammunition stores in rear of front line N.12.3. destroying 20 rounds. Rifle Grenades were also fired into P.&O. Trench.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The enemy uses his machine guns by day to keep our planes off as many as 6 guns can be heard at once. During the night they play on our parapets and wire. They put indirect fire in and around the BRASSERIE and from N.11.a.3.3. to N.5.d.6.3g. but without effect.



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The rifle fire varies. Before the raid the fire was very quiet but since then has been very brisk.

SNIPING. The enemy snipers do not show any activity.

IDENTIFICATIONS. The weather has not been good for observing but on the fine days we have been able to locate a lot of the enemy's new works etc. We were able to establish the identifications of the enemy's troops opposite our Sector by the prisoner captured in the raid.

MOVEMENT. Very little movement has been observed in and around the front line. Movement of transport has been heard in rear of the enemy's line also a considerable activity in rear of BOIS QUARANTE. Working parties have seldom been out in front of the line, and have always been observed and dispersed.

SIGNALLING. It was noticed that the enemy put up a number of coloured flares last night. He has been very jumpy since the raid and kept "No mans Land" practically alight.

AIRCRAFT. The enemy aircraft was seldom seen over the Sector and when flying over it was at a great height. Our planes were over the Sector continually and were subjected to hostile machine gun fire.

MISCELLANEOUS. Pigeons still continue to fly from our lines over to the German lines and vice versa. We have not been able to locate where they come from.

GENERAL. Engineering works, draining of trenches, and construction of new trenches are being pushed on with under the supervision of the Engineers. The Machine Gun Company have improved their old emplacements and have several new ones under construction.

<u>CASUALTIES.</u>	Killed	Wounded
	2 Off. 13 O.R.	1 Off. 27 O.R.

*J. H. Lee Major*  
Brigadier General.  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade

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ROUTINE ORDER No. 120.

by

BRIGADIER GENERAL DUNCAN GLASFORD  
COMMANDING 12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

6.10.16

712. CAMOUFLAGE PARTY. A permanent party of 6 men for the erection of camouflage screening for the Brigade Sector will be detailed as follows:

45th Battalion	-	2	O.R.
46th	"	2	"
47th	"	1	"
48th	"	1	"

They will report at R.E. dump HALLERAST CORNER at 8.30 a.m. 7th inst. and be under the charge of Corporal Dalrymple, 12th Field Coy. Engineers.

Lunch will be carried each day, but no waders. These men will be chosen from units ~~xxxxxx~~ in the advanced area and not from those in MURRUMBIDGEE CAMP. They will not be used for any other work.

713. FIELD PUNISHMENT. The Corps Field Punishment Enclosure is situated in POPERINGHE, G.E.c.l.l. All men receiving Field Punishment of seven days and upwards will be forwarded to this enclosure accompanied by the necessary commitment forms. Units should wire the G.C. Enclosure, before sending men, to see if he can take them. Should there not be room, the men will be forwarded to the Divisional Enclosure, RENINGHELST.

714. SOLDIERS UNDER SUSPENDED SENTENCES. Commanding Officers of units will be responsible that when a soldier under a suspended sentence is evacuated sick or wounded a notification showing date of evacuation and particulars of suspended sentence is sent to Administrative Headquarters, Australian Imperial Force, LONDON. If the man subsequently returns to duty the date on which he returns is also to be notified.

715. NECESSITY FOR ECONOMY. It is desired to point out to all officers serving in the present campaign, especially to those in the administrative departments, the necessity for exercising foresight and the most careful regard for the strictest economy, in order to husband the general resources of the Commonwealth.

Every item of expenditure, money or material, which is not demanded in the interest of an efficient and prudent administration is to be avoided.

The Minister for Defence relies on all officers to co-operate with him at this end.

716. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ROUTINE ORDERS. Attention is drawn to 4th Aust. Division Routine Orders

R.O. 171	para	739	-	Winter Underclothing
172	"	741	-	Preservation of Boots
		742	-	Soft Soap
173	"	743	-	R.E. Services
		744	-	Courts Martial

717. 1st ANZAC ROUTINE ORDERS. Attention is directed to 1st ANZAC Routine Orders



No. 120.

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- R.O. 300 - Rate of exchange for October.
- 358 - Baths
- 357 - Level Crossings
- 358 - Preservation of Boots.

718. 2nd ARMY ROUTINE ORDERS. Attention is directed to Second Army Routine Orders

End October, para 484 - Aircraft.  
485 - Ammunition.

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- 4 - 47th "
- 5 - 48th "
- 6 - 12th M. Gun Coy.
- 7 - 12th A.L.T.M. Btty.
- 8 - Staff Captain.

Major,  
Brigade Major,  
12th Aust. Inf. Brigade.



12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.15.

From 8 a.m. 6th. October to 8 a.m. 7th. October 1916.

OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was active during day shelling in the vicinity of N.18.b.7.2., N.18.b.5.3½., N.12.d.5½.1. and O.13.c.2.8½. with H.E. shrapnel. Trench Mortar emplacement at N.18.b.9½.4½. and O.13.a.½.5. were badly damaged. At O.7.c.9.2. artillery fire damaged enemy's screen.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The trench mortars were active. A working party at O.7.c.8½.9½. was fired on and dispersed. The enemy's front line and communication trench P.7.c.3½.6. and front line and wire from N.12.d.5½.1. to N.12.d.3.1. was shelled with good results. Near O.7.c. 5.9. the Stokes Mortars damaged about 12 yards of enemy's bomb proof screen. A Rifle Battery was firing on Red Chateau and Sunken Road N.18.b.8.2. at intervals during the day and night. Stokes Mortar ammunition expended 101.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Our machine guns carried out the usual indirect fire on targets O.13.a.4.3., O.13.C.3.9. to O.19.a.9.8, O.13.a.1. 5. and O.13.b.½.2\* to O.13.b.3.2. No. of rounds expended 7000. The rifle fire was normal.

SNIPING. Our snipers were inactive and only accounted for a couple of periscopes.

PATROLS. Patrols were out along the whole front and have nothing to report. No movement was observed and no enemy patrols encountered.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Enemy's artillery was quiet on the left battalion front and active on the Right Battalion front. Several .77 shells landed in the vicinity of S.P.7 causing slight damage. They also shelled the support trenches at O.1.c.6.6. and N.12.b.7.4. with shrapnel.

TRENCH MORTARS. The trench mortars retaliated to our activity. Shells fell in the vicinity of POPPY LANE N.12.c.8.4., Support line N.12.c.9½.3., Front line N.12.d.2½.8½. and N.12.d.5.9. causing slight damage in each case.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The enemy's machine gun and rifle fire was not as brisk as usual.

SNIPING. Enemy snipers were quiet.

IDENTIFICATIONS. A number of new sandbags can be observed in enemy support lines from N.18.b.7.8½. to :.18.b.4½.6.

MOVEMENT. Seven men were observed carrying timber from N.18.b.8.½. and passed along communication trench at N.18.b.6.2. Two men, carrying sheets of corrugated iron were observed in front line at N.12.d.3½.1.

AIRCRAFT. No hostile planes were observed over Sector yesterday.

MINING. Between 4-30 and 5-30 p.m. yesterday the sentries on duty at S.P.7 reported sounds of mining operations. This information was passed on to the 250th. Coy. who are making investigations.

CASUALTIES. Wounded 1 O.R.

*H. Lee Mann*

Brigadier General.  
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12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
OPERATION MEMO. 78.

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1. Work on the line is still not making sufficient progress; from various causes, working parties are not up to the strength, and sometimes they are late or knock off too early. Officers Commanding Units will review their "duty states" and report the numbers available for work.

2. The following notes made by the Brigade Commander during recent visits will receive the immediate attention of those concerned :-

(i) POPPY LANE is much improved but more overhead traverses are required and in several places the sandbag breastwork needs to be built up higher; at the same time concealment cannot be effected by laying grass, thistles, bushes etc., over new sandbags exposed to enemy view.

(ii) Attention is directed to Brigade Standing Orders pages 22 to 24 on the subject of trench routine. Numbers of men in front line were without gas helmets and equipment yesterday between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m; there would have been considerable confusion in event of an attack. Washing and shaving must be done by not more than one half of the garrison at the same time.

(iii) Sentries over gas alarms, bomb stores etc., must be provided with written orders and must know their duties. Tin rainproof order boards are recommended.

Observation and sniping in the front line, as well as trench routine must be organised.

Troops in the front line must be alert and in constant readiness to fight; although the enemy is quiet on our front at present, any tendency ~~on our part~~ to slackness on our part must be checked at once.

All these points are dealt with in Brigade Standing Orders.

3. Screening dugouts and communications will be carried out by O.C. Units as regards their own areas to ensure concealment when the leaves fall. Bullet proof cover must be put up where bullets from enemy fixed rifles enter our trenches.

4. Waste of all kinds must be checked; loss of tools, wire, sandbags etc., by working parties must be guarded against. All abandoned material will be carried to nearest dump for collection by Salvage personnel.

5. Sentries will report "No. -- Post all correct (or otherwise)" to all Generals and Staff Officers who may pass their posts. This custom is to be rigidly enforced; it ensures that sentries are alert and know their orders, and it also marks a smart Battalion.

6. Revetments must not be steeper than <sup>4</sup>/<sub>1</sub> otherwise they will collapse in wet weather.

7. Notice Boards are required to mark trenches, dumps, Battalion Headquarters etc., these must be revised and kept up to date.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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*A. Bee* Major.  
for Brigade Major.  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.



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Appendix No. 11  
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12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 16.

From 8 a.m. 7th. October to 8 a.m. 8th. October 1916.

OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was again very active shelling GRAND BOIS O.13.a.1.5., front line N.12.d.9.1/2., O.T. N.18.b.7.2., O.7.c.4.6., O.7.c.3.2 1/2., O.7.c.2 1/2.1. & O.8.a.3.8. and BOIS QUARANTE with shrapnel and H.E. causing a fair amount of damage.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The Stokes trench mortars shelled enemy's trench at O.7.c.3 1/2.8., N.12.d.4 1/2.0., N.12.d.4 1/2.1. & N.18.b.5 1/2.7. doing considerable damage to parapet and wire. The train line at O.7.c. & O.13.a. was shelled. The result of this could not be observed. The 60lb. mortars were active in the vicinity of N.12.d.4.1. and O.7.c.5.8. to O.7.c.6.9 1/2. on front line and wire with good effect. ~~XXX~~ Stokes mortar ammunition expended 119.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The machine guns carried out indirect fire on O.13.a.1.5., O.7.d.8.3., O.15.b.6 1/2.8. and O.13.c.9.7. Ammunition expended 3000 rounds. A rifle battery was firing on the RED CHATEAU and ~~XX~~ N.18.b.8.2. The Lewis guns were firing on the enemy's wire and parapets and dispersed a small party at O.7.c.3.5.

PATROLS. Patrols were out along the whole front during the night. A patrol from the Right Battalion reports that a party of 6 men were working on the enemy's wire at O.7.c.3.5. The Lewis guns fired on this point and they were not seen again. The Left Battalion patrols report very little M.G. fire and almost a total absence of flares.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. The enemy's artillery was active during the early part of the day shelling N.10.b.7.5., N.11.a.8.0. & N.11.b.6.2. A lot of shrapnel shells burst in rear of front line at O.7.a.3 1/2.1. causing no damage.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Machine gun and rifle fire was not as brisk as usual.

SNIPING. Enemy's snipers were very quiet yesterday.

IDENTIFICATIONS. The enemy appears to be building up his trench from N.18.b.7.8 1/2. to N.18.b.4 1/2.7 1/2. New earth and sandbags are visible at this point. There appears to be a new O.T. in course of construction from SUNKEN ROAD N.18.b.5.4. to N.18.b.6.4 1/2. A hessian screen about 5/6 yards long has been stretched from tree to tree at O.13.a.1/2.5. Heavy trench mortar was again observed firing from O.13.a.1/2.5. This mortar appears to be on rails and is moved about this locality as the firing does not take place from the same emplacement each day. The enemy has thrown concertina barbed wire over his parapet near O.7.c.6.9. Trench mortar was observed firing from N.12.d.5.0. New sandbags have been placed on parapet from O.7.b.3.3. to O.7.b.6.5.

MOVEMENT. Smoke was observed rising from wood O.13.A.2.4 1/2. between 8 & 9 a.m. The heads of several men were observed in O.T. at O.13.a.4.7 1/2.

AIRCRAFT. No enemy planes observed over secteur yesterday. Our planes were very active until midday and were subjected to heavy fire from enemy's anti-aircraft guns.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 2.55 p.m. a white flag was observed flying from platform on tree in woods at N.18.b.9.3. This was visible for twenty minutes and then disappeared. Pigeons were observed to fly from our lines over to the German lines and vice versa.

CASUALTIES. Nil.

*J. E. Lee Major*  
for Brigadier General.  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.



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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.17.

From 8 a.m. 8th October to 8 a.m. 9th October 1916.

OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery shelled the enemy's front and support line in the vicinity of N.12.d.9.1., O.19.a.6½.8., N.18.b.6.8., O.13.a.4.7½., O.7.c.4.6., O.7.c.4½.4½., O.13.c.2½.8., N.12.d.5.1½., N.18.b.1½.7½. and strong point near Sunken Road with H.E. shrapnel causing slight damage.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. Our stokes mortars were not active during the day. The 60 pound mortars fired on O.7.c.3½.5. N.12.d.3½.0. with good effect.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Indirect machine gun fire was carried out on targets O.13.c.2.6., O.13.a.1.5., O.7.d.2½.6. and O.13.a.7.5½. to O.13.a.9.3. These are roads and communications and the result of this fire is not known. Ammunition expended 6500 rounds. The rifle fire was brisk both day and night. At intervals during the day the enemy used rifle fire on our planes from his support trenches. The Lewis Guns were used on the enemy's wire and parapet.

SNIPING. Very little sniping took place and accounted for a few periscopes only.

PATROLS. Patrols were out along the whole front during the night. One of the right battalion patrols report that 2 blasts on a horn was blown in the enemy front line at 11-30 p.m. The left battalion patrol report that very few flares were being used by the enemy, and that he was bombing his own wire and "No Mans Land" in the vicinity of O.7.c.4.9½. to O.7.a.5.0. No enemy patrols encountered and otherwise all quiet.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. The enemy artillery shelled POPPY LANE N.12.c.2.8. to N.11.d.9.8½. and N.12.a.1½.1., N.11.b.6.2., and O.1.a.6.2. with H.E. causing no damage. Shrapnel fell in the vicinity of P.&.O.trench and S.P.7.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. Enemy's trench mortars were inactive. A few rifle grenades were used on our front line at O.7.2. damaging a dugout.

MACHINE GUNS AND RIFLE FIRE. The machine gun fire was heavy both by day and by night.

SNIPING. No enemy snipers observed.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Near O.7.b.5.4. the enemy has built a dummy M.G. emplacement. It is too prominent to be used. Work is still being carried on in communication trench at N.18.b.7.8½. to N.18.b.4½.7½. to N.18.b.4.5½. New sandbags are visible for about 7 yards on enemy parapet at N.12.d.9½.½. In communication trench at N.18.b.4.6. new timber is visible. Iron girders about 15 feet long can be seen on parapet in front line at N.12.d.8½.0. Smoke was observed rising behind C.T. at O.13.c.2½.8. A good few periscopes were observed along the whole front yesterday.

MOVEMENT. Two Germans wearing steel helmets passed along fire trench at O.7.e.4.8. They were fired on without effect. Four Germans were observed carrying timber along Sunken Road at N.18.b.8½.1½. A good deal of movement took place in Sunken Road at intervals during the day.

AIRCRAFT. No enemy planes appeared over Sector yesterday. Our planes patrolled the front and were fired on by anti-aircraft guns, machine gun and rifle fire. The rifle fire came from the support line in the vicinity of N.12.d.5.0. and N.18.b.5.8.

SIGNALLING. A Morse lamp was operating in rear of the enemy's line at Red Chateau. This took place at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. and lasted for about 15 minutes each time.

CASUALTIES. Killed, 1 O.R. Wounded, 1 O.R.

*H. Lee Mann*

Brigadier General.  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.



12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 18.

From 8 a.m. 9th October to 8 a.m. 10th October 1916.

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OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was quiet during the early part of the day. Between 4-30 and 5-15 p.m. they bombarded BOIS QUARANTE 0.7.c. causing considerable damage. Near 0.7.c.3.2. the parapet was blown in and the sandbag over-head cover was knocked down.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. Our trench mortars shelled 0.7.c.4.4g., N.12.d.4.1., N.15.b.7.8g. and N.18.b.2.8. causing slight damage. Stokes Mortar ammunition expended 89 rounds.

Machine Gun and Rifle Fire. Machine guns carried out indirect fire on 0.13.b.6.4.8., 0.13.c.9.7., 0.13.a.1.5. and 0.7.d.8.3. Ammunition expended 5500. Our rifle fire was fairly brisk during the night.

Lewis Guns dispersed working parties at N.12.d.6.1. and 0.7.c.3.8.

SNIPING. The snipers were active yesterday and accounted for one German at 0.7.c.5.8.

PATROLS. Patrols were out along the whole front. Owing to the brightness of the moon they were not able to move about freely. A Patrol from the Right Battalion observed working parties at 0.7.c.3.8. and N.12.d.6.1. The Lewis Guns dispersed both of these parties. The Right Battalion Patrols report that a searchlight was operating from the direction of St. NLOI. No enemy patrols were observed and otherwise all quiet.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. The enemy's artillery retaliated to our bombardment and shells fell in the vicinity of N.12.a.3.1., N.12.b.3.4., N.12.d.4.4. N.12.c.9.1., N.12.c.7.4., N.12.c.4.3g., N.12.c.3.8.4. and N.12.b.6.7. causing slight damage to our trenches in one or two cases.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The enemy's mortars were very inactive and the retaliation to our bombardment was very weak. A few rifle grenades were used on our front line at 0.7.a.2.4.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The enemy's machine gun and rifle fire was brisk both by day and by night. The rifle fire used on our planes in the afternoon came from the support lines.

SNIPERS. The enemy's snipers were very quiet during the day but were active during the night.

IDENTIFICATIONS. A new emplacement was observed in enemy's front line at N.15.b.6g.9. At N.12.d.9.4. a quantity of new sandbags are visible. Fresh wire and stakes can be seen at N.15.b.5.8g. and 0.13.a.1.7. Trench mortar was again firing from 0.13.a.4.5. A number of blue sandbags have been placed on front line at 0.8.a.3.7.

MOVEMENT. A good deal of movement in Sunken Road N.15.b.8g.1g. between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. yesterday morning. Parties of two and three men were observed carrying away timber from this spot. Two men were working behind the second line at 0.7.b.8.1. they appeared to be digging a hole. Four Germans, wearing Red braided caps and carrying full ~~equipment~~ equipment passed along the front line at 0.7.c.5.8. One of this party was shot by a sniper. Smoke was rising from the house at 0.13.c.

AIRCRAFT. No enemy planes flew over sector. Our planes patrolled the front and were very active between 4-30 and 5-15 p.m. They were again subjected to machine gun and rifle fire which came from the support trenches.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 9-20 a.m. a pigeon flew from rear of VIERSTRAAT over our lines and disappeared from view at BOIS QUARANTE.

CASUALTIES. Killed - 1 O.R. Wounded - 2 O.R.

*J. Lee Major*

Brigadier General.  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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11 - 48th "

12 - 12th. A.L.T.M. Battery

13 - 12th. M. G. Coy.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 19.

From 8 a.m. 10th October to 8 a.m. 11th. October 1916.

OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was active at intervals during the day shelling N.18.b.7.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ . O.7.e.5.6., N.18.b.8.13., and N.18.b.6.9. with H.E. and shrapnel. Twentytwo 4.5 Howitzer shells landed in the vicinity of Sunken Road N.18.b.8.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . and Tramway at N.18.b.9.3. doing considerable damage to the dump and new work in Sunken Road and smashing the Tramline.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The trench mortars shelled, N.18.b.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., N.18.b.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9., O.7.c.5.7., O.7.e.9.2. causing considerable damage to enemy's line.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Our machine guns carried out indirect fire on O.7.d.8.3., O.8.a.3.8., O.8.a.6.0. and O.14.b.3.2. Ammunition expended 3500. The rifle fire was normal. Lewis Guns were directed on the enemy's wire and parapet. Fixed rifles and rifle batteries were firing on dumps and communication trenches at interval during the day and night.

PATROLS. Patrols were out along the whole front last night. The Left Battalion patrols report enemy traversing our wire at intervals with machine gun fire. A patrol from the right sector observed an enemy patrol moving along their wire and parapet in front of HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR Salient. The Lewis Guns were informed and fired on this patrol, otherwise all quiet.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. The enemy's artillery retaliated to our fire by shelling POPPY LANE N.12.c.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., N.12.c.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., N.12.c.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .6., N.11.b.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .5., N.12.d.4.5., CHICORY LANE and RIDGEWOOD. Slight damage was done in POPPY LANE.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. Trench mortars were inactive on the Left Battalion front and on the Right Battalion Sector. Shells landed in the vicinity of N.12.d.1.5., N.12.a.8.9., N.18.a.7.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., and N.12.c.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .2. causing slight damage to the support line POPPYLANE and communication trenches.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The enemy machine gun (were) active both with direct and indirect fire. Traversing fire was used on our wire and parapet in O.7.a. and B. A wiring party working on our own wire in front of O.7.1. was fired on and had one casualty. The rifle fire was fairly heavy at night.

SNIPING. The enemy snipers were more active than usual and broke several periscopes in the front line.

IDENTIFICATIONS. New dugouts are being constructed in front line at O.7.c.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .2. and O.13.a.2.8. New sandbags have been placed on parapet from N.18.b.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9. to N.12.d.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ . $\frac{1}{2}$ . Timber has been dumped near tramway at N.18.b.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .4. New stakes and wire can be seen at O.13.a.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .8.

MOVEMENT. At 3-45 p.m. a man was observing from trench at O.13.c.9.2.

AIRCRAFT. A hostile plane was observed in rear of enemy's front line at 10-0 a.m. Our planes patrolled both our lines and the enemy's and were fired on by machine and anti-aircraft guns.

MISCELLANEOUS. At 3-50 p.m. a German was observed signalling from a platform on a tree at N.18.b.8.3. he used a blue flag for some minutes and then changed to a white one.

CASUALTIES. 1 Officer - Killed.

*Blue man*  
for Brigadier General.  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
14-10-1916.

REPORT ON PRACTICE GAS ALARM.

On the 11th instant a practice gas alarm was given in the Brigade. The result of the alarm and the lessons learnt by all ranks was most satisfactory and proved that all ranks thoroughly understood the small box respirator and the method of adjusting same.

The alarm was carried out quietly and very satisfactorily, Officers and other ranks taking their posts without confusion.

The average time taken to adjust the respirator from the alert position was about 8 seconds.

Gas Horns, gongs and vermoresl sprayers were manned, but not sounded. Machine guns were oiled and covered with blankets and everything carried out as if the alarm was genuine.

All men were found to be in possession of small box respirators which were inspected by Battalion Gas Officers.

*Duncan Campbell* Brigadier General.  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 87.

12th. October 1916.

1. A raid will be carried out by 13th Australian Infantry Brigade tonight (12/13 October); Zero time will be notified later. The enemy's trenches between O.S.a.2.8. and O.S.a.4.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ . will be entered.

In conjunction with this raid the Belgian Artillery will put a barrage on enemy's trenches in vicinity of RUINED FARM; O.S.c.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

A raid is also being carried out tonight by 1st. Australian Division.

2. The medium and light trench mortars of this sector will put a barrage on enemy trenches North West of BOIS QUARANTE O.7.b.6.5. to O.7.b.2.2. Rapid fire will be opened at Zero and continued for ten minutes; after this, fire will slacken and then cease.

3. After the barrage referred to in para. 2 has ceased, the 47th. Battalion will send out two small Officers patrols to the enemy trenches to ascertain the amount of damage done to the trenches and wire and, if possible, to enter the enemy trenches and secure identifications. The time at which these patrols go out will depend upon local conditions and the moonlight; it must be remembered that while it is desirable to wait until normally quiet conditions prevail, the sooner the enemy's trenches are entered the better the results that may be expected.

4. Arrangements will be made for working parties to begin work at 9.0 p.m. tonight, provided that the tactical situation permits, instead of at the hours laid down; the usual tasks will be completed.

5. Acknowledge by wire.

*R. Lee* Major.  
Brigade Major.

12th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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- 10 - O.C. Right Group Artillery
- 11 - 4th. Australian Division.



12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 20.

From 8 a.m. 11th October to 8 a.m. 12th. October 1918.

ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery shelled N.18.b.8.2. Sunken Road, N.18.b.8.3. N.18.b.7.1., O.13.a.5.2., Red Chateau and Piccadilly Farm with H.E. and shrapnel. The result of all this shelling could not be observed.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The trench mortars were active and shelled O.7.c.5.6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., N.18.b.6.9., N.12.d.4.1., N.18.b.6.9. to 7.9., N.18.b.5.6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., O.7.b.8.2. and O.7.b.4.0. Considerable damage was done to enemy's parapet in N.18.b. Stokes mortar ammunition expended 80.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Our machine guns did not carry out any indirect fire last night. The Lewis Guns were firing on enemy's wire and parapet. The usual rifle fire was kept up. Rifle batteries have been firing on Sunken Road where a lot of movement has taken place of late.

SNIPING. The snipers were inactive as no targets presented themselves

PATROLS. Patrols were sent out to reconnoitre "No Mans Land". They report the night was very bad for patrolling owing to the brightness of the moon. No enemy patrols encountered and otherwise all quiet.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. The enemy's artillery shelled out front and support lines with .77. Shells fell in the vicinity of N.18.a.7.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., N.12.d.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9., N.12.c.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., N.12.c.8.9. and N.12.c.9.6. A few 4.2 shells fell in and around BOIS CARRE. No damage was done.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The enemy's light and heavy trench mortars were very active. Heavy trench mortar shells fell in the vicinity of N.12.c.9.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . and N.12.c.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .3. The light mortars were firing on the front line, support trench and at N.12.c.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., N.12.d.2.4., and N.12.d.2.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ . causing slight damage to the parapet.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The machine guns were firing on our planes by day. At night, indirect fire was used on the BRASSERIE, and along road to VIERSTRAAT. The rifle fire was not as heavy as usual.

SNIPING. Enemy snipers very quiet.

IDENTIFICATIONS. New sandbags are visible on enemy's parapet at N.18.b.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .7. also new timber on the parados. Fresh earth has been thrown up on parapet from N.18.b.5.7. to O.7.c.1. New barb wire has been put out in front of GRAND BOIS at O.13.a.8.7.

MOVEMENT. A German dressed in grey clothes and wearing top boots, belt and revolver with shining black holster, walked out of LOUWABGE FARM for a distance of 20 yards stood for about 2 minutes and then returned to the farm. Four men were observed in C.T. at O.13.a.4.8. The O.P. in the tree at N.18.b.8.3. was occupied from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A white flag was flying from a platform in this tree during this time.

MISCELLANEOUS. A blue pigeon was observed flying from the German lines over M and N trench and disappeared from view over VIERSTRAAT.

AIRCRAFT. No enemy planes appeared over sector yesterday. Our planes patrolled the front and were subjected to the usual machine gun and anti-aircraft gun fire.

CASUALTIES. 3 - O.R. wounded.

*H. Lee Major*

Brigadier General.  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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13 - 12th. M. G. Coy.      Copy No. 14 - Bde. Intell. Officer  
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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
OPERATION MEMO. No. 79.

14-10-1916.

1. INTELLIGENCE. It is believed that Germany is still receiving considerable quantities of tinned food, especially Sardines and Smoked Fish, the produce of France and other Allied Countries.

Any tins bearing the mark of Allied Firms found in possession of German Troops will be sent at once to Brigade Headquarters.

2. OBSTRUCTION OF WATER COURSES. It has been reported that low bridges on sandbag abutments have been thrown across the streams at various places on the DIEPENDAAL and WYTSCHAETE Beeks; these are obstructing the course of the water and immediate steps will be taken to have these removed and replaced, where necessary, by Bridges, having a clear span the full width of the Stream, with a floor level at least 4' above its bed. All ranks will be warned against leaving loose material on the banks which can be caught by the rising water and form obstructions.

3. SELF INFLICTED WOUNDS. A number of self-inflicted wounds have been caused by the 1" Very Pistol when opening the pistol to remove a missfired cartridge and occasionally when opening the pistol. All ranks will be impressed with the necessity of seeing that -

(i) The hammer is down when the pistol is opened or closed.

(ii) That the palm of the left hand is clear of the muzzle when opening or closing the pistol.

4. PERISCOPE OBSERVATION POSTS have just been installed; O.C. Units will issue stringent orders that no one is to tamper with these instruments under any circumstances, and that notice boards or other material is not to be removed.

The periscope may be lowered and the object glass cleaned. The cabin door should always be locked when the O.P. is not in use, so that there can be no question on whom the responsibility for any damage done should rest.

5. BUILDING MATERIAL FROM RUINED HOUSES. Units are forbidden to take any bricks or building material from ruined houses except with permission from Brigade Headquarters.

6. POINTS TO BE STRICTLY OBSERVED.

(i) Although the enemy are now very quiet it is very important that men are kept up to the mark and not allowed to get slack.

(ii) Equipment will be worn continuously by at least 50% of the front line garrison by day and by all the front and reserve line garrison by night (including Lewis Gunners). Equipment will be worn under the greatcoat.

(iii) Gas helmets will always be worn while the Brigade is in its present position.

(iv) Ammunition and bombs must be kept separate and thoroughly cleaned and oiled daily. All empty cartridge cases must be picked up before breakfast each morning.

(v) Sentry Groups must be properly posted with a responsible N.C.O. i/c each group who will remain close to his group at all times. Sentries must report "Number....Post all correct" (or otherwise) to Generals, Staff Officers and other officers who may pass their post.

(vi) Sniping and day observation still needs to be more thoroughly organized.

(vii) There are still a lot of local repairs to be done to the trenches, duck boards laid down and draining to be done. These should be pushed on as quickly as possible. A lot of screening still remains to be done.

(viii) All men must know where the nearest ammunition and grenade store is; inventories must be kept up to date at each store.

*W. Allen*  
Captain.  
Brigade Major.  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.



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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 22.

From 6 a.m. 13th October to 6 a.m. 14th October 1916.

OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery bombarded the enemy's front and support lines lightly. H.E. and Shrapnel fell in the vicinity of N.18.b.6.9., N.18.b.2.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., O.7.c.5.7., N.18.b.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., N.18.b.4.5., N.18.b.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .4., N.18.b.8.2., N.18.b.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., O.7.a.9.1. and BOIS QUARANTE ~~xxxxx~~ causing slight damage in several cases.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. Our trench mortars were active and shelled the enemy's line at N.18.b.6.9. to 5.7., N.12.d.5.1. to N.18.b.7.9., O.7.b.4.3., to 1.1., O.7.c.5.7., O.7.c.4.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., N.12.d.4.1., N.18.b.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., and damaged the wire at O.7.b.1.1. and O.7.b.6.5. From observation of the enemy's line we could see 8 dead Germans in the fire trench killed by the Stokes Mortar bombardment of 12/13th Oct.

MACHINE GUNS AND RIFLE FIRE. The machine guns carried out indirect fire on O.13.c.2.5., N.18.d.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .2., O.13.c.3.9., O.13.c.8.0., O.8.d.6.0., O.13.b.2.2. and O.13.b.5.5. The rifle fire was normal. Lewis Guns fired on the enemy's wire and front line. Rifle batteries were firing on the tramline and Sunken Road where considerable damage was done by the Howitzers the previous day.

SNIPING. Our snipers were very inactive, as no targets presented themselves.

PATROLS. Patrols were out along our front and have nothing fresh to report.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. The enemy's <sup>artillery</sup> activity was very active late in the afternoon with .77 and 4.2 shells. S.P.7, Jarvis St., Bombers Alley, Chicory Lane, P. & O. Sap, Snipers Barn, N.5.c.4.2., N.12.b.9.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., N.18.a.7.9. was lightly shelled with H.E. and Shrapnel causing slight damage to the parados in P. & O. Trench.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The heavy and light mortars were not as active as usual. A few shells landed in the vicinity of N.12.c.9.1., N.18.a.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9. P. & O. Trench and S.P.7. Rifle grenades were used against the front and support trenches.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The machine gun fire was very brisk and kept VIERSTRAAT, BRASSERIE, and CAPTAINS POST under indirect fire. The rifle fire was normal.

SNIPING. The enemy snipers were very quiet during the day but were active along the whole front at night.

IDENTIFICATIONS. New timber can be seen at O.7.b.1.5. The parapet has been built up in several places in O.7.a. It appears as if the enemy is constructing two new dugouts at O.7.c.1. A sap is being constructed across tramway at N.18.b.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . The rails have been taken up and are resting against a heap of fresh earth. New timber has been placed in rear of trench at N.18.b.2.9.

MOVEMENT. A working party was observed repairing the trench damaged by our trench mortars near O.7.b.6.5. This party was dispersed by the Lewis Guns. Three Germans were observed working at O.7.c.1. and seven at Sap near tramway N.18.b.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . These parties were fired on and disappeared.

AIRCRAFT. No hostile planes were observed over Sector yesterday, Our planes were not as active as usual.

MISCELLANEOUS. A white and blue flag was again flying from tree at N.18.b.8.3. Another white flag was observed in rear of enemy's lines at N.18.b.2.5. At 3-35 enemy fired 1 white flare from front line trench N.18.b.2.5. whilst our heavy howitzers were firing on his C.T's. No action took place.

CASUALTIES. 1 Officer - Died of wounds.  
1 O.R. Killed, 1 O.R. Wounded.

*W. H. ...*  
Brigadier General.  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.



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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.88.

12-10-1916.

Reference Map. 1:10,000

1. On the afternoon of the 14th October the 48th Battalion will relieve the 46th Battalion in the Right Sub-Sector (A Bn) and the 45th Battalion will relieve the 47th Battalion on the Left Sub-Sector ( B Bn.) of the line.

2. On relief the 46th Battalion will move into support (C Bn) at RIDGEWOOD; the 47th Battalion less two Companies will move into Reserve at MURRUMBIDGEE Camp (D Bn).

3. Two Companies of the 47th Battalion will remain in the advanced reserve area; one company being at RIDGEWOOD, the other in the vicinity of VIERSTRAAT. These Companies will take over the quarters occupied by the two Companies 48th Battalion now in Forward Area.

4. Opposite numbers of the relieving Battalion will reconnoitre their respective Sectors tomorrow.

5. Relief of the Left Sub-Sector will commence at 2-0 p.m. from RIDGEWOOD using P. & O. Trench and CHICORY LANE.

Relief of the Right Sub-Sector will commence at 4-0 p.m. using CHICORY and POPPY LANE.

Troops must take care not to expose themselves during relief.

6. O.C. Battalions will arrange for Control Posts to prevent congestion of traffic.

Movement between RIDGEWOOD and front line will not be greater than Sections at 200 yards.

7. Daily working parties will be taken over on relief and will be found on night of relief by incoming Battalions.

8. All trench stores, maps and other documents relating to the area will be taken over by the relieving Units. Gum boots are included in trench stores.

9. Completion of relief will be reported to Brigade Headquarters by code.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. Lee* Major.  
for Brigade Major.  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 23.

Appendix No. 19.A

From 6 a.m. 14th October to 6 a.m. 15th October 1916.

OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery lightly shelled the enemy front and support lines with H.E. and Shrapnel. Shells fell in the vicinity of N.18.b.6.9., N.18.b.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .6., N.18.b.2.8., Sunken Road N.18.b.8.2., N.18.b.4.2. O.13.b.1.2., N.18.b.8.4., O.7.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .4., Croonaerl Chapel, Bois Quarante and Piccadilly farm causing slight damage.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. Our trench mortars were active and shelled the enemy's lines at O.7.c.4.7., O.7.c.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., N.18.b.2.6., O.7.c.5.7 and N.12.d.4.1. Considerable damage was done to trench at O.7.c.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9 $\frac{1}{2}$  Stokes mortar ammunition expended 73 rounds.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Indirect machine gun fire was carried out on targets O.8.d.6.0., O.19.b.9.9., O.13.c.3.9., O.13.c.7.1. and O.7.d.8.3. Ammunition expended 5000 rounds. The rifle fire was normal. Lewis Guns dispersed several working parties.

SNIPING. Our snipers were very quiet. Rifle batteries operating on dump in Sunken Road at N.18.b.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .2.

PATROLS. Patrols were out along the whole front. A patrol from the Right Battalion reports an enemy wiring party at N.12.b.7.0. This party was fired on by Lewis Guns and dispersed. No enemy patrols encountered and otherwise all quiet.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Enemy's artillery was not as active as usual. A few 4.2 shells fell in the vicinity of S.P.7 Ridgewood and Bois Confluent, causing no damage.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The light trench mortar was again very active shelling our front line at N.18.a.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ .8. and N.12.d.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Rifle grenades were used against the front line of the Left Battalion and S.P. 7. Slight damage was done in both places.

MACHINE GUNS AND RIFLE FIRE. The enemy machine guns kept up indirect fire on VIERSTRAAT and BRASSERIE during the night. Machine Guns fired on our scout planes. Rifle fire was not as brisk as usual.

SNIPING. Enemy snipers were inactive.

IDENTIFICATIONS. New stakes are visible on parapet at N.12.d.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .3. as though the enemy is intending to repair his wire. New sandbags can be observed on C.T.'s at N.18.b.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., O.13.a.4.9. and O.7.c.4.1. A brush barricade is being erected along trench at O.13.a.4.8. and sandbag barricades at O.13.a.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9 $\frac{1}{2}$ . shielding what appears to be a dump. Timber can be seen in parados of trenches at O.7.c.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .4., O.13.a.4.9., O.7.c.4.1. A new C.T. is in course of construction from edge of wood O.13.a.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .7. to O.13.a.2.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Brushwood barricade at N.18.b.8.2. has been enlarged, A quantity of brushwood was observed in C.T. at N.18.b.5.7. New stakes and wire are visible in C.T. at N.18.d.9.9. Light Trench mortars firing from Unnamed wood has been located at O.13.c.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .6. and O.13.c.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .7. Machine gun was observed, again, firing from N.18.b.8.7.

MOVEMENT. Four Germans were observed in front of dugout at N.18.b.5.7 A party of 13 men were seen working in Sunken Road at O.13.c.2.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

AIRCRAFT. Our planes patrolled the front during the day and were subjected to machine gun fire.

MISCELLANEOUS. White flags, pennant shaped, were flying from N.18.b.8.3., N.18.b.2.5. and "No Mans Land" N.18.b.1.1. and N.18.b.1.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

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## ) 12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 24.From 6 a.m. 15th. October to 6 a.m. 16th October 1916.OUR ACTIVITY.

OPERATIONS. A raid was carried out by the 45th Battalion on BOIS QUARANTE last evening. The raiding party entered the enemy's line from O.7.c.4½.9. to O.7.c.5.9. and searched the trench for a distance of about 50 yards. No Germans were encountered and no identifications were obtained. The trench was in good repair, well erected and a duckboard floor. The party regained our lines having had four casualties.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was very active registering the enemy's front line in and around BOIS QUARANTE, Sunken Road and RED CHATEAU. They lightly shelled N.18.c.9.3., O.7.c.1.3., and N.7.c.2.2. with H.E. and shrapnel.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The trench mortars spent the day in registering the enemy's front line. In the evening they assisted the artillery in the barrage on BOIS QUARANTE. No. of rounds expended 402

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The machine guns carried out indirect fire on O.7.c.7½.5., O.7.c.4.0., O.7.c.4.0. to O.7.c.3.5., O.7.c.9½.6½., O.7.c.6½.4½. and O.7.c.7½.5. Number of rounds expended 21000. The rifle fire was normal. Lewis Guns were firing on enemy's wire and parapet and dispersed a wiring party at N.12.c.7.0.

SNIPING. Our snipers were very quiet as no targets presented themselves.

PATROLS. No patrols were sent out last night on account of the raid.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. The retaliation to our bombardment was very weak. A few .77 and 4.2 shells landed in the vicinity of POPPY LANE, P.&O. Trench and CHICORY LANE causing slight damage.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The machine gun and rifle fire was not as brisk as usual.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The trench mortars were active along the whole front and shelled our front and support lines, P.&O. Trench, POPPY LANE, and CHICORY LANE causing slight damage.

SNIPING. Enemy snipers very quiet.

IDENTIFICATIONS. New sandbags are visible on front line at O.2.c.0.4.

MOVEMENT. A wiring party was observed at N.12.c.7.0. and dispersed by Lewis Guns.

SIGNALLING. Two searchlights were operating from enemy lines in the vicinity of PICCADILLY FARM.

AIRCRAFT. No hostile planes were observed over sector yesterday. Our planes were very active.

CASUALTIES. 8 - O.R. wounded.

*Walter Cook*  
Brigadier General.  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
OPERATION MEMO. No. 80.

17-10-1916.

1. TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS must be conducted with the greatest care and nothing which could be of use to the enemy is to be mentioned. This applies particularly to talk about ciphers and codes, which are not to be referred to.

2. GRENADE ACCIDENTS have recently occurred through carelessness either by removing safety pins when cleaning the grenade or by mistaking a live detonator for a dummy.

All concerned will be warned that the safety pin is not to be withdrawn whilst there is a detonator in the grenade; dummy detonators will be painted white or perforated so that they can easily be distinguished.

3. SENTRIES in the front line must never be posted singly; there must always be at least one other man beside the sentry and the remainder of the group be within hail.

Equipment will always be worn by all men of sentry groups whether on sentry or resting.

4. SNIPING. No sniping will be done from positions behind the front line with the sole exception of S.P.7.

5. SMOKE FROM KITCHENS. Every effort will be made to lessen the smoke from kitchens which can be seen by the enemy.

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Captain.  
Brigade Major.  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 25.

From 6 a.m. 16th, October to 6 a.m. 17th, October 1916.

OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was active lightly shelling the enemy's front at BOIS QUARANTE, GRAND BOIS, and N.18.b.9.1. The result of all this shelling could not be observed. They also retaliated to enemy's bombardment of our Right Sector.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. Trench mortars were not as active as usual. They fired on O.7.c.3½.8., N.18.b.5.8. and N.18.b.7.7½. causing slight damage. Stokes mortar ammunition expended 39. Rifle grenades were used by the right battalion with good effect.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The machine guns carried out indirect fire on O.7.d.8.3., O.14.a.2.1., O.13.c.5.5., O.13.c.7.2., and N.18.d.9½.1½. Ammunition expended 6000 rounds. The rifle fire was very brisk. The Lewis Guns were firing on enemy's wire and parapets.

SNIPING. Our snipers were very inactive as no targets presented themselves. Rifle batteries were firing on Sunken Road N.18.b.8½.3.

PATROLS. Our patrols were out along the whole front. No enemy patrols encountered or working parties heard.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

OPERATIONS. About 6-30 last night the enemy attempted to make a raid on our right battalion sector N.12.1. and N.12.2. The raiding party did not enter our trench and were driven back by rifle and Lewis Gun fire. Hand grenades were thrown into our trench and several failed to explode.

ARTILLERY. The enemy's artillery was exceptionally active throughout the day on our right sector., shelling the support and communication trenches. At 5-15 the bombardment became intense on front line and POPPY LANE and lasted until about 7 p.m. causing several breaches in parapet and trench.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. Trench mortars were also very active. They assisted in the bombardment of our front and support line and caused a considerable amount of damage.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. A considerable amount of machine gun fire was carried out on front during the bombardment. The fire became normal about 8 p.m.

SNIPING. The enemy snipers were very quiet.

IDENTIFICATIONS. New timber was observed in sap at O.7.c.6.8. A black dog could be seen on parapet near N.18.b.7.7. Concrete blocks have been placed on parapet in reserve line at N.18.b.9.4.

MOVEMENT. Several Germans, in full marching order, were seen passing N.18.b.7.7. They wore the field grey dress and grey cap with red band. Three Germans were observed moving along sap at N.18.b.8.8.

AIRCRAFT. A hostile plane, flying north, passed in front of our lines. It was fired on by our anti-aircraft guns. Our planes patrolled the front and were subjected to a lot of machine gun fire.

CASUALTIES. Killed - 4 O.R.  
Wounded - 9 O.R.

*for Wright's staff*  
Brigadier General,  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 26.

From 6 a.m. 17th October to 6 a.m. 18th October 1916.

OUR ACTIVITY

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was active lightly shelling O.13.a.5.7., GRAND BOIS, and BOIS QUARANTE with H.E. and shrapnel. A lot of counter battery work took place. Heavy shells passed over sector and burst in rear of GRANT BOIS and BOIS QUARANTE.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. Our medium mortars shelled the enemy's front line at O.7.c.5.4. and O.7.c.6.8. causing slight damage. The Stokes Mortars did not fire.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The machine guns carried out indirect fire on targets O.13.c.3.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ . to O.13.c.5.5., O.13.c.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .5., O.14.a.6.6 $\frac{1}{2}$ . and O.13.a.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ .5. to O.13.b.1.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Ammunition expended 2500 rounds. The rifle fire was very quiet during the day and brisk at night. The Lewis Guns were firing on enemy's wire, parapet, and front line. A working party at N.12.i.3.1. was dispersed. A rifle battery was firing on dump in Sunken Road N.18.b.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .3.

SNIPING. The snipers were active on our right battalion front. They fired on a working party at N.18.b.3.8. and dispersed it.

PATROLS. Patrols were out along the whole front. The weather was not suitable for active patrolling. No enemy patrols encountered and otherwise all quiet.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

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ARTILLERY. The enemy's artillery was fairly active lightly shelling our positions with 7.7, 4.2, and 5.9 H.E. and shrapnel. Shells fell in the vicinity of HICORY LANE, GRANTHAM POST, POPPY LANE, Support line on right and left of POPPY LANE and VIERSTRAAT-BRASSERIE Road. Slight damage was done to support line but otherwise the shelling had no effect.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The enemy's heavy and light trench mortars did not fire yesterday. A few rifle grenades were used against the front line N.12.d.8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .7 $\frac{1}{2}$ . and P. & O. Trench but did no damage.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The enemy machine gun fire was very brisk both day and night. Indirect fire was brought to bear on the BRASSERIE and road to VIERSTRAAT. The rifle fire was brisker than usual. A fixed rifle was firing on N.6.c.2.8. to 2.9.

SNIPING. Enemy snipers were very quiet.

IDENTIFICATIONS. A large stack of timber can be seen at O.13.a.9.3. The breast work across Sunken Road at N.18.b.7.2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . has been repaired. A machine gun was observed firing from O.7.c.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .5 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Telephone wires lead into an old farm at O.7.d.6.8.

MOVEMENT. A German, wearing grey cap and uniform, was observed at N.12.d.4.1.

AIRCRAFT. No enemy planes flew over sector yesterday. Our planes were very active and fired on enemy's front line.

MISCELLANEOUS. Early yesterday morning a Bosche, apparently badly wounded, was seen to crawl over parapet in HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR Salient. He was evidently one of the raiding party of the previous evening.

CASUALTIES. 1 - O.R. killed.

*Walter*  
Brigadier General.  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 89.

18-10-1915.

1. The following ruse will be carried out this evening with the object of killing Germans in retaliation for their bombardment.

2. (i) The Right Group Artillery will at 3-0 p.m. engage the following targets with the object of damaging enemy works:-

Screens at N.18.b.8.2. in Sunken Road, O.13.a.4.8.,  
O.13.a.1.5. to O.13.a.1.3. will be knocked down.

Dumps N.18.b.8.3. and O.13.a.4.9.

Tramline N.18.b.9.2.

Dugout N.18.b.5.7.

New communication trench from N.12.d.9.2. to N.18.b.5.7.  
to N.18.b.5.4.

(ii) At 7-30 p.m., 10-0 p.m., and 2-0 a.m. the Right Group Artillery and 12th. Machine Gun Coy. will engage the same targets for 15 minutes on each occasion with the object of killing working parties who will probably attempt to repair damage.

3. Acknowledge.

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Captain.  
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OUR ACTIVITY.

OPERATIONS. On the evening of the 15th. a raid was carried out by the 45th Battalion on BOIS QUARANTE. The raiding party entered the enemys line from O.7.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9. to O.7.c.5.9. and searched the trench for a distance of about 50 yards. No traces of occupation could be seen and a cartridge pouch was the only identification ~~found~~ obtained. The party regained our own lines having had four casualties. The enemy's trench was found in good repair, was revetted with brushwood lattice and had a good duckboard floor.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery has shown considerable activity during the week. They have constantly shelled the enemy's front, support, reserve and communication trenches with H.E. and shrapnel. Direct hits have been obtained on dumps, trench mortar emplacements and machine gun positions. Sand bag barricades in Sunken Road were also destroyed. An intense bombardment was put on BOIS QUARANTE .7. on the night of the 15th in co-operation with the Infantry ~~and~~ on that point. A lot of counter-battery work has been done by the heavies.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The trench mortars, both light and medium, have continually fired on the enemy's front line defences. On the 13th. the stokes mortars shelled the front line from O.7.b.22. to O.7.b.6.5. and dead ground in rear causing slight breaks in the enemy's wire and breaches in the parapets between these points. They assisted in the barrage put on enemy's trench by the artillery by engaging mortar and machine gun emplacements. We used rifle grenades against the enemy's front line with good effect.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The machine guns carried out indirect fire on roads, dumps etc., in rear of enemy's front defences with good results. They have also engaged hostile guns and silenced them. Trenches and barricades breached by our artillery have been kept under continuous fire and prevented working parties making repairs. The rifle fire has been about normal varying slightly each night. Lewis Guns have traversed the enemy's wire and parapet and dispersed parties at work on the enemy's front line. Fixed rifles have been firing on certain places where the enemy is known to move about.

SNIPING. Our snipers have been more active than usual. They have accounted for two Germans and have fired on parties working in rear of front line by day.

PATROLS. We have patrolled "No Mans Land" as far as the enemy's wire. Enemy patrols are never encountered. Working and wiring parties have been located and Lewis Gun fire brought to bear on same. They report that the usual number of flares were used by the enemy each night. On the night of the 13th. two Officer's patrols followed up the bombardment of the Stokes Mortars and reached the enemy's wire. They were considerably hampered by the constant appearance of the moon.

GENERAL. The repairing of trenches and drawing of saps etc., have been pushed on with under the supervision of Engineers and Pioneers. Screens are being erected in exposed parts to conceal our movements and works from the enemy. Machine Gun emplacements, Lewis and Vickers, have been improved.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

OPERATIONS. On the evening of the 16th. after a heavy artillery fire, the enemy attempted to raid our trenches at N.12.1. and N.12.2. The raiding party only reached our wire and were driven back by rifle and Lewis Gun fire. Several hand grenades were thrown into our trenches but failed to explode.

ARTILLERY. The enemy's artillery fire has been more severe than usual. Special attention has been paid to POPPY LANE, P.&O. Trench, SNEPERS BARN, S.P.7. and REDGEWOOD. On the afternoon and evening of the 16th. an intense bombardment was put on over the front and support line of our Right Battalion Sector. This did considerable damage to POPPY LANE and the support trench. This was evidently a retaliation for our bombardment of the previous day.







12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.NOTE ON RAIDS.

1. Three raids have been carried out by this Brigade :-

- A. Objective N.12.d.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .1. to N.12.d.5.1.
- B. Objective O.7.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .9. to O.7.c.5.9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- C. Objective O.7.b.4 $\frac{1}{2}$ .3. to O.7.b.6.5.

Detailed reports of enemy trenches entered by raids A and B are given in the attached appendices A and B respectively; raid C did not enter the enemy's trenches.

2. The experience gained confirms the "Notes on Minor Enterprises" (S.S.107), recently issued, especially as regards the need for thorough preparation and previous training; each man must know exactly what to do and adhere absolutely to the plan laid down.

3. A very satisfactory feature was the raiders' appreciation of our artillery fire; even if no other result had been obtained, the confidence of all ranks in our artillery support would have, in itself, repaid us for making the raid. It was noticeable, also, that all ranks were impressed with the importance of previous training so that every man knew his job and did it. The men feel that, with proper preparation and the help of our artillery, they can enter the German trenches at any time.

4. Other points are :-

(i) Need for a concealed assembly position outside our trenches and ample time to reach it. Our men should not issue over parapet or from sally ports which are known and observed by enemy. In one case our sally port was known and subjected to heavy enemy fire as soon as raid began. Successive raids should issue from different parts of our line.

(ii) The enemy artillery retaliation was slow in opening and weak in volume, but one of his lucky shells killed 2 officers and 3 others and wounded 4 others in our front line trench after the raiders had all returned. Personally, I am in favour of fixing a rallying position in the middle of "No Mans Land", where the raiders can get cover until all is quiet when they return to our front line.

(iii) Need to warn our own men ~~to~~ not to fire while raiders are out; our own lines should be thinned out, all men keep below parapet, all working parties cancelled and traffic stopped.

(iv) The O.C. Raiders witnessed the artillery registration in company of the artillery observing officer; and throughout the preparation the Infantry and artillery officers worked in very close co-operation.

(v) The signal to withdraw was a red flare, fired from our own front line by an officer specially told off to keep the time; this was followed by a succession of whistle blasts by the officers and N.C.O's of the raiding party. The red flare was distinctly seen and the arrangement worked satisfactorily.

(vi) The Germans, in parts of their line other than that attacked were heard and seen bombing along their communication trenches towards their front line - evidently uncertain as to our objective

(vii) The German "egg" bomb was found to do very little damage.

(viii) Electric torches attached to rifles proved very effective for searching purposes and for blinding the enemy.

(ix) The casualties in Raid A were 1 killed 3 wounded; in Raid B, 4 wounded. In both cases we had about 9 or 10 casualties in our front line due to enemy retaliation after the raid.

5. It was recognised that these raids against the enemy's front line did not promise big results; experience confirmed the belief that the German front line is lightly held. It was hoped to make a more ambitious raid upon the German second line, but this operation necessitated more ammunition than could be made available and the plan had to be abandoned.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 27.

From 6 a.m. 18th October to 6 a.m. 19th October 1916.

OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was very active yesterday shelling O.7.a.9.2 O.7.c.6.5., O.7.d.2.1., O.13.b.6.3., to 9.3., N.18.b.7.2., N.18.b.2.6 O.7.c.2.8., O.7.c.4.3., O.13.a.0.5., O.13.a.5.9., O.13.b.2.8., and BOIS GRAND. The dumps and barricades in Sunken Road were badly damaged. Bursts of shrapnel were put over these places from 9-30 to 10 p.m. and 2-0 to 2-30 a.m. with the object of harrassing working parties.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The trench mortars shelled the enemy's front line and communication trenches at N.18.b.5.5., N.18.b.6.9., and N.18.b.3.8. The parapet was damaged at all these points. Stokes mortar ammunition expended 37 rounds.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Our machine guns carried out indirect fire on roads and communications in rear of enemy's front line. They also co-operated with the artillery fire on HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR Salient N.18.b. and O.13.a. and C. The rifle fire was much heavier than usual Lewis Guns were firing on enemy's wire and parapet to prevent working parties effecting repairs.

SNIPING. Our snipers fired on several Germans but did not see the result. Rifle batteries were firing, at intervals, along Sunken Road to Red Chateau.

PATROLS. Patrols were out along the whole front during the night. No enemy patrols were encountered and no working parties observed. They report all quiet along the sector.

ENEMYS ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. The enemy's artillery fire was not as heavy as usual. They lightly shelled our sector at P. & O. Trench, Snipers Barn, and VIERSTRAAT Road. Slight damage was done in P. & O. Trench.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The trench mortar fire was not as heavy as usual on our left battalion. The right battalion was subjected to a light bombardment of heavy and light mortars. Shells fell in the vicinity of PCPPY LANE and front line N.12.c. and d. and did slight damage only. Rifle grenades were used on the front line at several points but had no effect.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The machine gun fire was very brisk. Our planes were fired on when flying over enemy's front and support lines Our wire and parapets were swept at intervals during the night and the road from the BRASSERIE to VIERSTRAAT was kept under indirect fire. The rifle fire was also very brisk.

SNIPING. Enemy snipers were very inactive and did not trouble us.

IDENTIFICATIONS. A battery of .77 (whizz bangs) has been located on far side of lane at O.13.c.8½.4½. New timber, cut into lengths about 6" x 4" x 16' and short boards can be seen at N.18.b.9½.8. Trench mortar was again firing from O.13.a.1½.2½. New sand bags have been placed on parapet at N.18.b.2.9. for a distance of 10 yards. New concertina wire has been thrown over parapet from N.12.d.4.1. to N.12.d.6.0. A new screen has been erected at O.13.a.3.7. extending for about 30 yards.

MOVEMENT. Two Germans were observed trying to adjust concertina wire at N.12.d.4.1. and 6.0. They were fired on and disappeared. Another German exposed himself at the same place and was fired on.

AIRCRAFT. No enemy planes were observed yesterday. Our planes were not as active as usual owing to the dullness of the day.

MISCELLANEOUS. Yesterday was very bad for observation.

*Malcolm G. ...*  
Brigadier General.  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.



12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 28.

From 6 a.m. 19th October to 6 a.m. 20th. October 1918.

OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was not as active as usual. They lightly shelled the enemy's lines in the vicinity of Red Chateau Sunken Road GRAND BOIS, and BOIS QUARANTE. The result of this shelling could not be observed.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The stokes mortars fired on O.7.c.5.9. causing slight damage. Rifle grenades were used on HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR Salient with good effect.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Our machine gun and rifle fire was brisk. Indirect fire was kept up on roads and communications. The Lewis guns fired on enemy's front parapet and wire.

SNIPING. Our snipers were very quiet. Rifle batteries were firing on Sunken Road dump where movement is often observed.

PATROLS. Patrols were out along the whole front last night. The Right Battalion patrols report that enemy was working on his front line in HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR Salient. Sounds of hammering and driving of stakes were heard. No enemy patrols were encountered and otherwise all quiet.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Enemy's artillery was inactive yesterday, and did not shell our right sector. A few shells fell in the left sector in the vicinity of CHICORY LANE causing no damage.

TRENCH MORTARS. The trench mortars lightly shelled our front and support line in the vicinity of POPPY LANE. No damage was done. A few rifle grenades were used against our front line at N.12.3., N.12.4 and N.12.5., they all fell short.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The machine gun and rifle fire was brisk. Indirect machine gun fire was carried out along the VIERSTRAAT - BRASSERIE Road.

SNIPING. Enemy snipers showed no activity.

IDENTIFICATIONS. New concertina wire has been placed on edge of enemy's parapet from N.18.b.8.9½ to N.18.d. 3.0. and at O.7.c.4.9.

MOVEMENT. A working party was observed moving along sap at N.18.b. 9½.5.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were not as active as usual. They were fired on by enemy's machine guns.

*Elstner Capt*  
Brigadier General.  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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- 4 - 4th. Aust. Division
- 5 - 4th. Aust. Inf. Brigade
- 6 - 47th. Inf. Brigade
- 7 - 12th. A.F.A. Right Group
- 8 - 45th. Battn.
- 9 - 46th "
- 10 - 47th "
- 11 - 48th "
- 12 - 12th. A.L.T.M Battery
- 13 - 12th. M. G. Coy.
- 14 - Bde. Intelligence Officer
- 15 - 13th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.



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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO. No. 9.

20-10-1916.

O.C. Units will see that they are complete in clothing, equipment, arms, identity discs, field dressings and emergency rations.

2. Special attention will be paid to march discipline. The column must be kept well to the right of the road and well closed up in their sections of fours. An Officer must always be at the rear of every Unit. No N.C.O. or man is allowed to fall out on the line of march without special written permission from his Company or Platoon Commander.

Transport drivers will carry their rifles slung. The packs of transport drivers may be carried in the limbers.

Halts will be made for 10 minutes in each hour at 10 minutes before each clock hour.

O.C. Units will see that their men get a good square meal before they commence a march.

Regular boot and feet inspection must be held daily by Company and Platoon Commanders.

3. Special attention must be paid to the fitting of harness and keeping the leather soft and steel work clean. Wheels should be inspected every day to see that they are in good serviceable condition. Vehicles must on no account be overloaded and O.C. ~~Units~~ Units are to see that these are properly and tidily packed when loaded. Limbers and wagons will be washed whenever possible.

4. The attention of all concerned is drawn to Brigade Standing Orders para. 5 "Orders for Billets"; these will be strictly adhered to.

5. O.C. Units will pay very careful attention to the fitting of men's clothing, equipment and boots.

6. In all cases of absence men will be tried by F.G.C.M. for desertion.

7. Rifles are never to be cleaned unless the chamber is empty and the magazine taken out.

8. All articles surplus to the requirements of Units will be returned to the Brigade Dumps.

9. Thorough inspection of their men is required on the part of Company and Platoon Commanders to see their men are properly clean etc.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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- 4 - 45th Battn.
- 5 - 46th "
- 6 - 47th "
- 7 - 48th "
- 8 - 12th. M. G. Coy.
- 9 - 12th. A.L.F.M. Battery
- 10 - 4th. Aust. Division.

*W. Baker*  
Captain.  
Brigade Major.  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.



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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 9D.

Reference Map 1:40000.

The 12th Australian Infantry Brigade will be relieved by the 124th Infantry Brigade on 22nd and 22nd/23rd October in accordance with attached relief table.

2. Details of relief will be arranged between Commanding Officers concerned.

3. The relief of the left sub-sector will commence at 2-0 p.m. from RIDGEWOOD using P. & O. Trench and CHICORY LANE.  
The relief of the right sub-sector will commence at 4-0 p.m. from the BARRIER using POPPY LANE and CHICORY LANE.

4. G.O.C. Battalions concerned will arrange for control posts to prevent congestion of traffic.

5. Forward of DICKEBUSCH - LA CLYTTE Road, movement will not be made in bodies greater than sections at 200 yards interval. Care must be taken to conceal movement in the forward communication trenches.

6. All maps and trench stores will be handed over to the incoming Units ( gum boots are included in trench stores); receipts will be obtained in triplicate; one sent to Brigade Headquarters and one kept by each O.C. Unit.

7. Completion of relief will be reported to Brigade Headquarters. The command of the DIEPENDAAL sector will pass to G.O.C. 124th Infantry Brigade as soon as relief is complete.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Captain.  
Brigade Major.  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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- 5 - 46th "
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- 7 - 48th "
- 8 - 12th. M. G. Coy.
- 9 - 12th. A.L.T.M. Battery
- 10 - 26th. Coy. A.A.S.C.
- 11 - 12th. Field Ambulance
- 12 - Right Brigade
- 13 - Left Brigade
- 14 - 124th Infantry Brigade
- 15 - 4th. Australian Division
- 16 - 12th. Bde. Signal Officer
- 17 - Orderly Officer
- 18 - G.O.C. 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade
- 19 - Staff Captain.



Date	Unit	Relieved by	Place	Guide, meet Unit at	Time	On relief-move to	Remarks
22 <sup>nd</sup>	"C" (46 <sup>th</sup> ) Bn	32 <sup>nd</sup> R. Fus.	RIDGEWOOD	HALLEBAST CORNER	11 am	BOESCHEPE AREA	Details of billeting routes to be taken will be notified later.
"	" (47 <sup>th</sup> ) Bn	26 <sup>th</sup> R. Fus.	HQ + 2 companies MURRUM BIDGEE CAMP 1 Coy RIDGEWOOD 1 Coy "A" Bn H/L MURRUM BIDGEE CAMP	MURRUM BIDGEE CAMP	12 noon	"	
"	"B" (45 <sup>th</sup> ) Bn	21 <sup>st</sup> M. R. A.	LEFT SUB SECTOR	HALLEBAST CORNER	12.45 pm	"	"
"	"A" (48 <sup>th</sup> ) Bn	10 <sup>th</sup> Queens.	RIGHT SUB SECTOR	"	3 pm	"	"
"	12 <sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy	12 <sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy	In the line as arranged by Commanders concerned	as arranged by Commanders concerned		"	"
"	12 <sup>th</sup> J. M. Bty	12 <sup>th</sup> J. M. Bty	In the line as arranged by Commanders concerned	as arranged by Commanders concerned		"	"
"	12 <sup>th</sup> Bde	12 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bde	LA CLYTTE	to be clear by	12.30 pm		



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E C R E T.12th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.91.

21-10-1916.

Reference Map 1:40000.

1. On relief by the 124th Infantry Brigade Units will move to new area as follows :-

45th. Battalion	VICTORIA CAMP		
46th. Battalion	KENORA CAMP		
47th. Battalion	BILLETS.	BOESCHEPE	AREA
48th. Battalion	"	"	"
12th. Machine Gun Coy.	"	"	"
12th. A.L.T.M.Battery	"	"	"

2. One officer from each of 47th Battalion 48th Battalion, 12th Machine Gun Coy., 12th A.L.T.M.Battery will report to Staff Captain at Brigade Headquarters at 6-15 a.m. tomorrow.

The remainder of the advanced billeting parties will report to the Staff Captain at the Area Commandant's Office BOESCHEPE R.10.a.O.O. Sheet 27., at 7 a.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Captain.  
Brigade Major.  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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2 - 45th. Battn.  
3 - 46th. "  
4 - 47th. "  
5 - 48th. "  
6 - 12th. M. G. Coy,  
7 - 12th. A.L.T.M.Battery  
8 & 9 - War Diary



12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 29.

From 6 a.m. 20th October to 6 a.m. 21st October 1916.

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OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was very active yesterday shelling BOIS QUARANTE, UNNAMED WOOD, RED CHATEAU, O.13.b.3.7., O.7.c.3.3. and GRAND BOIS with shrapnel and H.E. causing considerable damage to enemy's trenches.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The trench mortars shelled the front and support lines at N.18.b.2.7., O.7.c.5.4., N.18.b.4.5. and N.18.b.2.6, causing slight damage to a dugout in the front line.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. Indirect fire was carried out on roads, dumps, and communications in rear of the enemy's front line. Lewis Guns were firing on enemy's wire and front line. The rifle fire was brisk.

SNIPING. Our snipers were quiet.

PATROLS. Patrols were out along the whole front during the night. No enemy patrols were encountered and no working parties located. They report all quiet along our front.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Enemy's artillery was quieter than usual. They lightly shelled our front in the vicinity of VIERSTRAAT, BOIS CARRE, S.P.7. and N.12.b.4.4. doing no damage.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The trench mortars were quiet and shelled our lines lightly in the vicinity of POPPY LANE and the firing line N.18. 10. Rifle grenades fell in the vicinity of N.18. a.8.6. but caused no damage.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The machine gun fire was normal. The rifle fire was heavy before midnight but slackened off towards morning.

SNIPING. Enemy snipers were very inactive.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Fresh work can be observed in the new sap being constructed from Sunken Road to the GRAND BOIS.

AIRCRAFT. Two hostile planes flew over our lines early yesterday morning. They were driven off by anti-aircraft guns. Our planes were very active and were subjected to heavy machine gun fire. An enemy balloon was up in rear of the lines all day.

CASUALTIES - 2 O.R. Wounded.

*L. J. R. Laps*  
Brigadier General.  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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: - 47th Inf. Brigade  
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: - 46th "  
: - 47th "  
: - 48th "  
: - 12th. A.L.T.M. Battery  
: - 12th. M. G. Coy.  
: - Bde. Intelligence Officer  
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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 30.

From 6 a.m. 21st October to 6 a.m. 22nd October 1916.

OUR ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Our artillery was active shelling the enemy's front and support lines in the Vicinity of Sunken Road, Red Chateau, O.13.c.3.6 N.18.b.6.2., N.18.d.8.9., Bois Quarante, O.7.d.5.4. to O.7.d.5.9. and Unnamed Wood.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The trench Mortars were active in the vicinity of N.18.b.5.7. to 5.9., N.12.d.5.7. O.7.c.5.7., O.7.b.1.1 N.12.d.3.1., N.12.d.2.2. and N.12.d.4.1. causing slight damage to enemy's front line.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The machine guns carried out indirect fire on O.7.d.8.3., O.14.a.2.1., O.13.c.5.5., O.13.c.7.2. and N.18.d.9.1. Number of rounds expended 4000. The rifle fire was normal. Lewis Guns fired on the enemy's wire and parapet.

PATROLS. Our patrols were out along the whole front during the night. No enemy patrols encountered. A patrol from the right Battalion reports enemy working in his front line trench in HOLLANDSCHESCHUUR Salient.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

ARTILLERY. Enemy's artillery was quieter than usual. They lightly shelled our lines in the vicinity of the BRASSERIE, N.11.b.4.5., N.11.b.6.6., N.11.b.4.8. and CHICORY LANE causing no damage.

TRENCH MORTARS AND BOMBS. The trench mortars were active on front line from POPPY LANE to CHICORY LANE and support line causing slight damage to support line.

MACHINE GUN AND RIFLE FIRE. The rifle and machine gun fire was normal.

IDENTIFICATIONS. Trench mortar firing from O.13.a.5.2. An explosion heard in front of Grand Bois.

Smoke was observed rising from wood at O.13.a.1.5.

MOVEMENT. Two Germans were observed at N.12.d.2.2. A working party was observed at O.7.c.5.9. and dispersed by Lewis Guns.

AIRCRAFT. Hostile planes were very active early in the morning. They were driven off by our Anti-aircraft guns and planes.

CASUALTIES 1 O.R. Wounded  
1 O.R. Missing.

*W. H. ...*  
Brigadier General.  
Commanding 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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- 4 - 4th. Aust. Division
- 5 - Bde. Intelligence Officer



12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
OPERATION MEMO. No. 81.

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22-10-1916.

Units are placed at the disposal of Commanders for training and refitting.

2. (i) Training and Organization will be continued.

The training of all specialists will be pushed on as quickly as possible.

(ii) Close order drill; Battalion movements in lines of small columns, handling of arms and saluting, bayonet fighting, rifle exercises and musketry will be carried out.

(iii) The handling of scouts and patrols by day and night including standing patrol will receive special attention.

(iv) Co-operation with artillery and with aircraft including the use of ground sheets will be explained and practised.

(v) Special attention will be paid to the inspection of men's arms, equipment, clothing and kits, care of feet and fitting of boots and socks.

(vi) Where trenches can be made use of the assault will be practised on the lines laid down in the printed memo recently issued.

(vii) Progressive training in route marching in full marching order will be practised.

Captain.  
 Brigade Major.  
 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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 7 - 12th. A.L.T.M. Battery  
 8 - 4th. Aust. Division  
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 11 - G.O.C. 12th. Bde.  
 12 - Camp Commandant



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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. ORDER No. 92.

22-10-1916.

Reference Map 1:40000

Sheets 27 and 28.

1. Box Respirators (done up in bundles of five) surplus winter clothing, steel helmets and Light Trench Mortars will be dumped by Units at WIPPENHOEK STONE SIDING (near WIPPENHOEK STATION) under the Officers Guard provided by the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade, tomorrow 23rd instant. These will be all properly labelled.

2. Each Unit will detail a party of 2 N.C.O's and 8 men to load these stores and will entrain with them at 6 a.m. on 25th instant.

3. 48 hours rations will be carried by each party.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Captain.  
Brigade Major.  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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9 - 12th. A.L.T.M. Battery  
10 - 4th. Aust. Division  
11 - Bde. Sig. Section  
12 - A.D.M.S.  
13 - 26th. A.A.S.C.  
14 - G.O.C. 12th. Bde.  
15 - Camp Commandant



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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE APPENDIX No. 33

24-10-1916.

Reference Map 1:100000  
HAZEBRUCK 5A.

The 12th Australian Infantry Brigade Group will entrain at GODEWAERSVELDE on 26th October in accordance with attached Table.

2. Transport and one Company of each Battalion will arrive at the place of entrainment 3 hours before the time the train departs; the remainder of Battalions  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours before; other Units will arrive three hours before departure.

3. The D.A.A. and Q.M.G., 4th Australian Division will act as entraining Staff Officer and the D.A.Q.M.G., as detraining Staff Officer.

Capt. McLaughlin 47th Battalion will represent the 4th. Australian Division and be located at the Headquarters of the A.D.R.T II (Chateau du Nouveau Monde, Dunkerque Rd. HAZEBRUCK) during the whole of the ~~move~~ of the Division and will report back to the Division on completion.

4. Marching out states in triplicate will be made out as below:-

Unit	Officers	O.R.	Horses	Mules	Vehicles		Bicycles	Trench mortar carts and Machine Gun Carts.
					2 Whl.	4 Whl.		

One copy will be rendered to this Office. The remaining two will be handed to the Brigade Entraining Officer 3 hours before the time of departure; one copy will be handed by him to the R.T.O.

5. O.C. 45th Battalion will detail an Officer to report to the R.T.O. at GODEWAERSVELDE as Brigade Entraining Officer.

He will remain on duty until the entrainment of the Brigade is completed and follow on in the last train leaving that Station.

6. O.C. 46th and 48th Battalions will each detail 1 Officer and 50 other ranks to report to the R.T.O. GODEWAERSVELDE at 6-0 p.m. on the evening of 25th instant, and remain until the entrainment of the Brigade is completed.

They will arrange direct with the R.T.O. for billeting during the entrainment.

Each party will carry 48 hours rations.

7. Baggage wagons of train will entrain with Units, rejoining train as soon as possible after detrainment.

Supply sections of train (filled) will entrain with their Companies.

Rations will be carried -

Iron Ration on the man.

One day's ration on the man or in Cookers.

One day's ration in supply wagon of train.

8. All ranks will entrain with full waterbottles.

Horses will be watered at as late an hour as possible before entraining.

9. O.C. 45th and 47th Battalions will each detail 1 Officer and 50 other ranks to unload at the detraining Station. These will travel by the first train and report to the R.T.O. at the detraining station on arrival.

10. O.C. 46th Battalion will detail an Officer as detraining Officer to the Brigade. He will proceed by the first train and report to the R.T.O. on arrival at the detraining Station.



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11. The usual advanced billeting parties and two guides from each Unit will proceed by the first train.

12. Sick and men unable to march will report to 12th. Field Ambulance at 9-0 a.m. on 26th instant. The O.C. 12th. Field Ambulance will arrange for the medical attendance of men entraining later, and also for Ambulance wagons to follow in rear of Battalions on the march from detraining station.

13. Attention of O.C. Units is drawn to previous orders issued on entrainment and detrainment and orders for the journey by trains.

14. On arrival Units will report position of their Headquarters to Brigade.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. A. W.* Captain.  
Brigade Major.  
12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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9 - 12th. A.L.T.M. Battery  
10 - Bde. Sig. Section  
11 - 26th. A.A.S.C.  
12 - 12th. Field Ambulance  
13 - 12th. Field Coy. A.E.  
14 - Camp Commandant  
15 - A.D.M.S. - 4th. Aust. Division  
16 - 4th. Aust. Division  
17 - 12th. Bde. Supply Officer  
18 - G.O.C. 12th. Aust. Inf. Brigade  
19 - Staff Captain  
20 - O.C. 4th. Aust. Div. Train  
21 - R.T.O. GODEWAERSVELDE



Date	Station	No. of Train	Unit	Transport #1 Coy to arrive at Station at	Unit arrives at Station at	Train departs at	Remarks.
Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	GODEWAERS-VELDE	1	4 <sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup> Bn	1.13 a.m.	3 a.m.	4.13 a.m.	Detraining Station at LONGPREE
		4	12 <sup>th</sup> Bde Hq. 12 <sup>th</sup> Bde Sig Sect 12 <sup>th</sup> Bde M & Coy 12 <sup>th</sup> A.L.T.M. Bty	4.5 a.m.	5.50 a.m.	7.5 a.m.	"
		10	12 <sup>th</sup> F. Amb.	10.13 a.m.	12 noon	1.13 p.m.	"
		13	4 <sup>6<sup>th</sup></sup> Bn	1.13 p.m.	3 p.m.	4.13 p.m.	"
		16	4 <sup>7<sup>th</sup></sup> Bn	4.13 p.m.	6 p.m.	7.13 p.m.	"
		24	4 <sup>8<sup>th</sup></sup> Bn	7.13 p.m.	9 p.m.	10.13 p.m.	"
27 <sup>th</sup>		22	12 <sup>th</sup> Coy	10.13 p.m. (26 <sup>th</sup> )	12 midnight 26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup>	1.13 p.m.	"

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 94

31.10.16

Reference map Sheet 11 LENS

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1. The 12th Australian Infantry Brigade group will move to-morrow in accordance with the attached march table.
2. O.C. units are responsible that all billets are left thoroughly clean, and all refuse buried or burnt.
3. A mounted officer will be sent ahead of each unit to ascertain the billeting arrangements; he will then return to his unit and lead it.
4. Arrival of units in their billets will be reported to Brigade headquarters.
5. Where more than one unit moves together the transport will follow in rear of all the troops under the senior transport officer.
6. Brigade headquarters will close at BRUCAMPS at 9.0 a.m. and open at VIGNACOURT at 12.0 noon.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Wales*  
 Captain  
 Brigade Major  
 12th Australian Infantry Brigade

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| Copy No. | 1            | Office                           |
|          | 2 & 3        | War diary                        |
|          | 4            | 45th Bn.                         |
|          | 5            | 46th Bn.                         |
|          | <del>6</del> | <del>46th Bn.</del>              |
|          | 6            | 47th Bn.                         |
|          | 7            | 48th Bn.                         |
|          | 8            | 12th M.G. Coy.                   |
|          | 9            | 12th Light Trench Mortar Battery |
|          | 10           | Brigade Sig. Section.            |
|          | 11           | 4th Aust. Div.                   |
|          | 12           | 26th A.A.S.C.                    |
|          | 13           | 12th Brigade Supply Officer      |
|          | 14           | 12th Field Ambulance             |
|          | 15           | 12th Field Company A.E.          |
|          | 16           | G.O.C. 12th Aust. Inf. Bde.      |
|          | 17           | Camp Commandant                  |
|          | 18           | A.D.M.S. 4th Aust. Div.          |



Unit	From	To	Start at	Route	Remarks
12 <sup>th</sup> Bde H.Q. 45 <sup>th</sup> Bn	BRUCAMPS	VIGNACOURT	9 am	BRUCAMPS-LA HAIE FME by the Road N of SURCAMPS - STOVEN-VIGNACOURT	
9.5 am					
9.15 am					
12 <sup>th</sup> J.M. Bty 12 <sup>th</sup> M.G. Coy			9.20 am		
46 <sup>th</sup> Bn 47 <sup>th</sup> Bn	ETOILE	"	9 am	ETOILE-FLIXECOURT - -VIGNACOURT	
9.5 am					
48 <sup>th</sup> Bn	VILLERS-SOUS- -AILLY	BERTHENCOURT	9 am	VILLERS-SOUS-AILLY-MOUFLERS -LA FOLIE-FLIXECOURT - -BERTHENCOURT	Advanced billeting parties will meet the Staff Capt. at the Town Major's office at VIGNACOURT 10 am - 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov
12 <sup>th</sup> Hls Coy	VAUCHELLES - LES-DOMART	FLESSELLES	9 am	VAUCHELLES-LA FOLIE - FLIXECOURT-VIGNACOURT	
12 <sup>th</sup> Hls Amb	BOUCHON	"	9 am	BOUCHON-FLIXECOURT - VIGNACOURT-FLESSELLES	
26 <sup>th</sup> A.A.S.C.	MOUFLERS	"	9 am	MOUFLERS-FLIXECOURT - -VIGNACOURT-FLESSELLES	

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