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# WAR DIARY

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*Original*  
*October*

Place	Date 1917.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
STEENVOORDE	Oct: 1st ) to ) 3rd.) 4th. 7th.		<p>Battalion at STEENVOORDE engaged in training. Route marches under company arrangements carried out. Specialists engaged under Instructors in their own particular branches of training.</p> <p>Battalion bathed at STEENVOORDE Baths. Church Parade of Division held near STEENVOORDE.</p>	
HALIFAX CAMP	11th.	8a.m.	Battalion marched to HALIFAX CAMP via ABBEELE and RENINGHELST, leaving at 8a.m. and arriving at about 3p.m. (Move Order No: 42 attached. <u>Appendix "A"</u> ).	Appendix "A"
YPRES	12th.		Battalion moved to Dug-outs on YPRES Canal, blankets and surplus gear being left at HALIFAX. (Move Order No: 43 attached. <u>Appendix "B"</u> ).	Appendix "B"
WESTHOEK RIDGE	14th. Sun- day.	noon	Moved from CANAL AREA, YPRES at Noon to WESTHOEK RIDGE. Battalion Headquarters C.30.d.9.6. almost on YPRES-ZONNEBEKE Road, in an old German Concrete Observation Post. Companies dug in on ridge, or in German "pill-boxes" in C.30.d., I.6.b., and J.1.a. Quiet night. No casualties. (Move Order 44 attached. <u>Appendix "C"</u> )	Appendix "C"
	15th. Mon- day.		<p>Following fatigues supplied :-                      (1) 2 Officers, 100 men with shovels, and sufficient N.C.O's. to take charge, burying cable forward from D.26.                      (2) 1 N.C.O. 12 men to Brigade H.Q.</p> <p>Very quiet night. Casualties for 24 hours - 5 wounded. (4 of these happened to the cable-laying party).</p>	
	16th. Tues- day.		No working parties supplied. Normal day and quiet night. One man slightly wounded during night by a flying splinter from a shell.	
	17th.		<p>Nice bright day and the mud drying up. Working parties supplied :-                      (1) 2 Officers, 100 O.Ranks carrying duck-boards from approx: I.4.c., to advanced dump at D.22.d.4.7.                      (2) 2 Officers, 100 O.Ranks burying cable. (3) 1 Officer 12 O.Ranks burying dead bodies on WESTHOEK RIDGE.</p>	

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WESTHOEK RIDGE.	Oct. 17th	(Octd.)	Remainder of Battalion salvaging rifles, equipment etc., etc. Night; Quiet. Rained for several hours making things dirty again. No casualties during 24 hours.	
ZONNEBEKE	18th. Thurs- day.	4.45 p.m.	Working party supplied ;→ 2 Officers, 200 O.Ranks carrying duck-boards from Bn:H.Q. to D.22.d.4.7. Battalion moved from Reserve on WESTHOEK RIDGE (move commenced at 4.45.p.m.) to Supports at ZONNEBEKE and in advance of that place; relieving 13th Battalion, who took over FRONT LINE. 3 Casualties during relief. Very bad night. Shelled heavily throughout with H.E., and Gas. Had to wear Masks for about 2½ hours. (Operation Order 111 attached . <u>Appendix "D"</u> ).	Appendix "D"
	19th. Fri- day.		Working parties supplied :- (1) 100 Men burying cable. (2) 100 Men carrying duck-boards. Fairly quiet day, and nothing out of the ordinary happened. Night fairly quiet too, and no Gas about.	
	20th. Satur- day.		Working party supplied :- (1) 100 men carrying duck-boards. Enemy artillery active throughout day, especially from 4 to 6.p.m. Enemy Aeroplanes exception-ally active; flying low and firing again and again on Men moving about. At dusk the Two companies in ZONNEBEKE moved up and took over Support Line held by 45th Battalion A. Coy: D.23.a.3.2. to D.23.a.2.5. C. Coy: D.22.d.8.7. to D.22.b.8.1. This was made necessary owing to the Divisional Boundary being extended to the right; the 13th Battalion taking over an extra piece of the Front Line. Divisional Boundary now :- Road and Railway Crossing D.17.b.3.2. to Road at D.23.d.1.6. 13th Battalion holding front Line. 16th Battalion in Supports. Night; Normal Acticity. Only 3 casualties for the 24 hours.	
DAIRY WOOD. BROODSEINDE.	21st. Sun- day.		No working parties supplied. Officers of 7th Battalion up to look over position. They relieve us within the next couple of days. Enemy Artillery very active at intervals during day. At dusk two companies went forward to relieve 13th Battalion in right half of their sector. Present position ;→ 2 companies Front Line from DAIRY WOOD to BROODSEINDE-DROOGENBROODHOEK Road at D.23.d.1.6.	

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BROODSEINDE	Oct: 21st. (ctd)		2 Companies supporting. Night; Enemy artillery very active throughout. Over 20 casualties for 24 hours, including 1 Officer wounded (Capt: D.S.AARONS M.C.) (Operation Order 112 for relief attached. <u>Appendix "E"</u> ).	Appendix "E"
	22nd. Mon-day.	5.35 a.m.	Working party 1 Officer, 50 O.Ranks carrying duck-boards from Gasometer dump to Left Bn:H.Q. At 5.35.a.m., a practice barrage was put up by us. It was quite good. No reply was made until 10 minutes after the barrage started, and then in reply to double red flares put up. The reply was quite an effective one.	
		5.45 p.m.	A second practice barrage. Reply even more delayed than this morning and as ineffective. Activity normal during day. Night: Unusually quiet.	
		9.30 p.m.	Special Patrol of 1 Officer, 1 Sergeant and 5 men sent out to ascertain if enemy in occupation of BUSY WOOD. (Report of Reconnoitring Officer attached. <u>Appendix "F"</u> ).	Appendix "F"
	23rd. Tues-day.	5.30 a.m.	Enemy heavily shelled our Front Line and Close Supports at 5.30.a.m. Retaliation asked for and obtained at 5.53.a.m. Practice barrage put down by us at 6.a.m. Both sides quiet by 6.30 a.m.	
YPRES.		4p.m. 5p.m.	Second practice barrage at 4.p.m. 7th Battalion relieved us; relief commencing at 5.p.m., finishing 6.30.p.m. Battalion moved back to YPRES : CANAL DUG-OUTS. (Move Order 113 attached. <u>Appendix "G"</u> ).	Appendix "G"
RENINGHELST.	24th. Wed:		Battalion moved by Bus to RENINGHELST to DEVONSHIRE CAMP. (Move Order 45 attached. <u>Appendix "H"</u> ).	Appendix "H"
	25th. 26th.) Thurs: Fri:)		At RENINGHELST.	
LISBOURG.	27th. Sat:	8.30 a.m. to mdnt.	Battalion moved (as part of the 4th Brigade Group) to the LISBOURG Area. Left Devonshire Camp, RENINGHELST 8.30.a.m. Marched to BRANDHOEK, 2 miles distant and there entrained. By train to WIZERNES, arriving there shortly after 2.p.m. Left WIZERNES by Motor Buses at 8.30.p.m. and arrived LISBOURG just before midnight. Transport: part by road the whole journey, remainder by Train from VLAMERTINGHE to WIZERNES and thence by Road. (Move Order 46 & 47 attached. <u>Appendices "I" and "J"</u> ).	Appendix "I"."J".

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LISBOURG.	1917. 28th.) Sun: ) to ) 31st.) Wed: )		At LISBOURG, re-organising, re-equipping etc. No heavy work to be taken in hand for at least a week, by order of G.O.C., Division.	
<u>SUMMARY OF APPENDICES.</u>				
<p>A. Move Order No: 42            B. do 43            C. do 44            D. Operation Order 111            E. do 112            F. Patrol Report            G. Operation Order 113            H. Move Order 45            I. do 46            J. do 47            K. General Defence Scheme of 4th Division.            L. Comparison of 4th Brigade Casualties.            M. Original. Intelligence Summary.            N. Working Party List supplied by Brigade from 17th to 20th October, 1917.            O. Details of Working Parties supplied by Battalion.            P. Dispositions of Companies and Battalions.            Q. Maps of Divisional Front.            R. Field Messages issued for period 30-9-17 to 23-10-17.</p>				
<p><i>Hoadge.</i>            Capt.,            Adjutant 16th Battn. A. I. F.</p>				

BATTALION OPERATION ORDER No. 43

- by -

MAJOR A. HANCOCK D.S.O.  
Commanding 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

Headquarters,  
16th BATTALION A.I.F.  
10th October, 1917.

1. MOVE The Battalion will move as part of 4th Brigade to HALIFAX SAND AREA to-morrow 11-10-17.
2. STARTING POINT Fork Road Junction at "B" company's billet.
3. FORMATION Battalion will be formed up ready to pass starting point at 7-40 a.m. in the following order:-  
 details  
 Band  
 B company  
 D "  
 C "  
 A "  
 Transport  
 Cooks follow companies. Signallers will lead details. 300 yards interval will be maintained between companies after battalion pass starting point, 400 yards interval between "A" company and transport.
4. INTERVAL
5. MID-DAY MEAL Halt will be made for mid-day meal about 1 mile west of RENTINGHELST. Transport will not halt, but move direct to camp. Cooks will have rations ready by time of halt.
6. BLANKETS  
OFFICERS' KITS  
TENTS Blankets will be rolled in bundles of 10 in usual manner ready to load on limbers at 6 a.m. Limbers will call at A, B, and C companies and collect same. D company and details will dump blankets at C.M. store at 6-30 a.m. Officers' kits will be ready at same time as blankets. All tents will be struck and returned to store at same time. Transport officer will arrange for limbers.
7. LOADING PARTY "D" company will detail loading party of 1 sergeant and 10 men to report to C.M. at 6-15 a.m. sharp.
8. REAR GUARD "A" company will detail full platoon to act as rearguard and march behind battalion transport. Lieut. MCARDNEY will take charge of this party.
9. REHEARSE 33% will report to Captain HANCOCK at B.M.Q. at 6-45 a.m. sharp. Full marching order, rations and blankets. Transport officer and Quartermaster will make necessary arrangements re limbers and cooking gear in terms of para. 10 of Administrative Instructions of 4th Brigade Order No. 167 already issued with Battalion Order No. 537.
11. DISCIPLINE THE TURNOUT OF THE BATTALION MUST BE FIRST CLASS. C's/O. companies will take steps to ensure this. Steel helmets and box respirators will be correctly worn. Packs will be carried.
12. BILLETES Billetes will be left faultlessly clean and clearances obtained on forms issued herewith. Clearances will be handed in to orderly room.
13. ORDERLY OFFICER Will report to Adjutant at 8 p.m. for instructions.
14. MARCHING OUT STATES Will be handed in to orderly room by 6-30 a.m. sharp.

*Hancock*

Captain,  
Adjutant, 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

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13. Details.

Appendix B

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 of  
OPERATION ORDER No. 43.

- by -  
MAJOR. R. HARWOOD D.S.O.  
Commanding FILE.

Headquarters,  
 FILE.  
 11th October, 1917.

1. MOVE The Battalion will move to-morrow (12th instant) to CANAL Area.
2. TIME & ORDER Companies to be ready to move off at 7-50.a.m. in the following order:-
  - Details
  - "A" Company
  - "B" "
  - "C" "
  - "D" "
  - Transport
3. INTERVALS Platoons will move in File with intervals of 50 yards between each Platoon.
4. STEEL HELMETS Steel Helmets to be worn by all ranks, hats to be put in packs.
5. KITS ETC: Kits and Blankets to be at Q.M.Store by 6-45.a.m., blankets rolled in bundles of 10 in usual manner.
6. LOADING PARTY "B" Company will supply Loading Party on 1 Sergeant and 10 Men, to report to Q.M.Store at 6-45.a.m.
7. TRANSPORT LINES Transport Lines will be situate in the vicinity of H.22.b.5.9.
8. SICK PARADE Will be held at 7.a.m.

*Harwood*  
 Captain,  
 Adjutant, FILE.

of *War Diary*  
OPERATION NUMBER No. 44  
 - by -  
MAJ. A. H. WOOD R.S.O.  
Commanding F.I.L.

Headquarters,  
 F.I.L.  
 13th October, 1917.

- 1. MOVE The Battalion will move to BUSHY to-morrow, 14-10-17.
- 2. ORDER order of march:-
  - "D" Company
  - "C" do
  - "A" do
  - "B" do
  - Details.
- 3. MAP Map will move back to transport lines after Battalion moves off.
- 4. TIME Companies will be ready to move from billets at 11-45 a.m. sharp.
- 5. FORMATION Platoons will move in file and 50 yards interval between platoons will be maintained.
- 6. PACKS  
SHOVELS Packs and officers' kits will be dumped at Q.M. store at 10 a.m. shovels at rate of one for every two men will be issued from store at the same time.
- 7. GRENADES Grenades, one blanket and U.P. sheet will be carried on men.
- 8. HOT MEAL Hot meal will be ready at 11 a.m.
- 9. SICK PARADE SICK parade at 8 a.m. at "A" company's billet.
- 10. BILLET Billets will be left clean.
- 11. M.G.'s Lewis machine guns will be dumped at Q.M.'s store at 10 a.m. and carried by transport.
- 12. LINERS Transport officer will arrange liners.
- 13. Q.M. Q.M. will make necessary arrangements re cooking gear.

*Wood*  
 Captain,  
 Adjutant, F.I.L.

- I.S.S.V.R.
- 1. Map
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  - 8. M.G.
  - 9. Adjutant
  - 10. C. O.



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## FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 111

Reference ZONNEBEKE 1/10,000.  
WESTHOEK 1/10,000.

17/10/1917.

1. The following reliefs will take place on 18th instant and night 18th/19th.

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Relieved by.</u>	<u>Present location.</u>	<u>When relieved moves to.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
15th Bn.	13th Bn.	Front Line	RAILWAY WOOD DUGOUTS.	At present occupied by 14th Battn.
13th Bn.	16th Bn.	Support	Front Line	
16th Bn.	14th Bn.	Reserve WEST- HOEK RIDGE J.l.s.	Support.	

2. Reliefs to be carried out as far as possible by day.
3. All details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
4. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Headquarters by code word BAT.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Removed Capt*  
 for Major.  
 Brigade-Major.  
 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Issued at 1.p.m. through Signals.

Extra copies to -

13th Aust. Inf. Brigade.  
 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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## FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 112

Reference ZONNEBEKE 1/10,000.  
WESTHOEK 1/10,000.

20/10/1917.

1. The following reliefs will take place on 21st instant and night 21st/22nd.
  - (a) The 14th Battalion will relieve the 13th Battalion and take over the Front Line from the YPRES - ROULERS Railway to but excluding the post at DAIRY WOOD.
  - (b) The 16th Battalion will hold the front Line from DAIRY WOOD to the BROODSEINDE - DROOGENBROODHOEK RD. at D.23.d.1.6.
  - (c) On relief the 13th Battalion will move back to RAILWAY WOOD dug-outs.
  - (d) The 15th Battalion will move to the area at present occupied by 14th Battalion.
2. The 4th and 24th Machine Gun Companies and 4th A.L.T.M. Battery will remain as at present.
3. Reliefs to be carried out as far as possible by day.
4. All details of relief will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
5. Completion of relief will be wired by Brigade Headquarters by Code Word MALISH.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 12 Noon through Signals.

*C. Johnston* Major.  
Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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148th Infantry Brigade.

REPORT ON SPECIAL PATROL OPERATIONS ON NIGHT OF 22/23rd; IN  
PART OF LINE OF OUTPOSTS HELD BY "FILE" BATTALION.

Map Reference : ZONNEBEKE. 28.N.E.1. 1/10,000.

Strength of Patrol : 1 Officer, 1 Sergeant and 5 Men.

Time of Leaving Front Line : 9-30.p.m. *Task* *Location of Busy wood was occupied by the enemy.*

Time of Returning : 11-30.p.m.

Position of leaving trenches ; (approx;) D.23 central.

Position of re-entering trenches ; (approx;) D.23.b. $\frac{1}{2}$ .4.

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On leaving our No: 3 post, and about 50 yards in front, I met very heavy going and old barbed-wire entanglements. My direction from start was due West true until I reached S. boundary of BUSY WOOD, thence I skirted S. boundary to old track running N. and S. through wood.

I expected no opposition up to this point so adopted a diamond formation, covering about 40 square yards of ground, with myself as a forward apex.

We proceed <sup>ed</sup> in a N. direction through BUSY WOOD in 2 lines of 3 at about 40 paces interval, an emergency on N. side of wood. We skirted wood in a W. direction, again adopting the diamond formation, and on nearing huts in D.23.c., I sent forward an N.C.O. and 1 man to endeavour to locate presence or otherwise of enemy patrols. They reported no movement by pre-arranged whistle signal and I brought the remainder of my patrol up with them, and returned to our lines.

The country passed over was of a nature which forbade the attack of advancing infantry. In some places, parties could move at 100 yards in 10 minutes, and in other places, 10 yards in 100 minutes. Damaged wire was also encountered.

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Arms carried : Revolvers and 2 Bombs per man.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 113

Reference Sheet 28 1/40,000.

21st October, 1917.

1. The 4th Australian Infantry Brigade will be relieved by the 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade as follows :-

23rd October.				
Unit.	Relieved by.	From.	To.	Remarks.
13th Bn.	—	Railway Wood dugouts.	Infantry Barracks YPRES.	Complete move by 2.p.m.
15th Bn.	—	Westhoek Ridge.	Esplanade Cut.	
Night 23rd/24th.				
4th Bde. H.Q.	2nd Bde.H.Q.	D.26.c.1.3.	Infantry Barracks YPRES.	
16th Bn.	7th Bn.	Front Line	Canal dugouts.	
14th Bn.	8th Bn.	Front Line	I.8.d.	
4th T.M. Bty.	2nd T.M.Bty.	Front Line	Esplanade Cut.	
4th M.G.Coy } 24th N.G.Coy }	2nd M.G.Coy.	Front Line	H.23.b.	

2. All details in connection with the above relief will be arranged between the Commanding Officers concerned.
3. All food containers, extra water bottles, wire cutters, extra pack saddles and trench shelters will be returned to BARMY DUMP H.22.b.9.2. by Units and receipts obtained. They will not be handed over to relieving Division. Return of stores so handed in to be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters on 25th instant.
4. On 24th October the Brigade plus 24th Machine Gun Company will move by bus to RENINGHELST Area. Embussment orders and orders for move of 1st Line Transport later. Billeting Parties report to Staff Captain at RENINGHELST CHURCH at 9.a.m. on 24th instant.
5. Personnel from Reinforcement Camp CAESTRE will join Units on arrival in RENINGHELST Area.
6. On completion of relief the word "SLEEP" will be wired to Brigade Headquarters.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*P.W. Fowell*  
Captain.  
for Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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- (11) 24th M.G. Company.
- (12) 148th Infantry Brigade.
- (13) 14th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
- (14) 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.
- (15) "C" Group Artillery.
- (16) "D" Group Artillery.
- (17) 4th Divisional Pack Troop.
- (18) C.R.E., 4th Aust. Division.
- (19) A.P.M. 4th Aust. Division.
- (20) A.D.M.S. 4th Aust. Division.
- (21) Major H.W. MURRAY, 13th Battalion.
- (22) Asst. Staff Captain.

## APPENDIX. G

NOTE.

If it can be arranged for 2 Battalions of 2nd Brigade to move up and relieve the 13th and 15th Battalions on 22nd October, these Battalions will move back on that day to Infantry Barracks and Esplanade Caf respectively.

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OPERATION ORDER No: 45

- by -  
Lieut-Colonel R. HARTDOD D.S.O.  
Commanding 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

Headquarters,  
16th BATTALION, A.I.F.  
23rd October, 1917.

1. Battalion will move to HEMINGHURST as part of 4th Brigade by bus to-morrow 24-10-17.
2. Companies will be told off in parties of 25 under an officer or senior non-commissioned officer and will be formed up by 11-30 a.m. in paddock I.13.a. facing road running from H.13.d.9.6. to H.13.d.4.4. in following order :-  
from left to right - A Coy: B Coy: C Coy: D Coy: -  
Details will be attached to "A" Coy;  
One marker per company will report to Adjutant at Battalion Headquarters at 11-15 a.m. sharp.
3. D R E S S. Full marching order. Blankets carried on the men.
4. Embussing officer - 2/Lieut: KLOPFER.
5. Billets must be left clean on moving out to-morrow.
6. Officers' kits and surplus gear will be dumped at Q.M. store by 6-15 a.m. SHARP.
7. O/C "A" company will detail leading party of 1 M.G.O. and 10 men to report to Q.M. at 8-15 a.m. SHARP.
8. Cocker horses will be hooked into cockers at 8-30 a.m.
9. All extra waterbottles salvaged to be at Q.M. store by 8-15 a.m. sharp.
10. Every man must be FULLY EQUIPPED.
11. Transport will move Brigaded under Major MURRAY V.C., D.S.O. of 16th Battalion, passing starting point CROSS ROADS in H.13.d. at 10 a.m. in the following order :- 4th M.G. Coy: 24 A.M.G. Coy: 4th Brigade H.Q. 4th A.I.F. Coy: 16th Battalion. 16th Battalion. 16th Battalion. Intervals of 300 yards between units.
12. Marching out states to be in orderly room at 9-30 a.m.
13. "A" company will take charge of 2 men in Guard Room, for the move.

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Captain.  
Adjutant, 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

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OPERATION ORDER No: 46.

- by -

Lieut-colonel R. HARWOOD D.S.O.  
Commanding 16th Battalion. A.I.F.Headquarters,  
16th BATTALION. A.I.F.  
25th October, 1917.

The 16th Battalion transport (less that allotted to trains) will move brigaded to the LISBOURG Area to-morrow (26th instant) by road, passing STARTING POINT, G.34.b.6.9. at 9.a.m. in the following order:-

13th Battalion  
15th Battalion  
4th A.M.C. Company  
4th A.L.P.M. Battery  
12th Field Company  
16th Battalion  
14th Battalion.

Interval of 200 yards will be maintained between units.

ROUTE. REMINGHEMST - CAESTRE - HAZEBROUCK - BLARINGHEM -  
AIRE - LAIRES and staging at BLARINGHEM on night  
26th/27th.

Major J.J. CORRIGAN 15th Battalion in Command.

Rations and forage as follows will be carried :-

- 1 Iron ration on the man
- 1 day's rations on the man or in cookers
- 1 day's forage with animals

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Captain.

Adjutant, 16th Battalion A.I.F.

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OPERATION ORDER No: 47.

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- by -  
Lieut-colonel. R. HARWOOD, D.S.O.  
Commanding 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

Headquarters,  
 16th BATTALION, A.I.F.  
26th October, 1917.

1. The Battalion will move as part of the 4th Brigade to LISBOURG Area to-morrow 27-10-17.
2. On completion of move 16th Battalion will be billeted in LISBOURG.
3. Transport will entrain at VLAMERTINGHE :-
  - (a) Loading to train commences at 5.a.m.
  - (b) Transport to be at entraining station 2 hours before time to commence loading.
 Captain FIMWELL will make all necessary arrangements.  
 Move via THEROUANNE and BONY to billets under Major H.W. MURRAY V.C., D.S.O., who will also command train.
4. Troops will entrain at BRANDHOEK :-
  - (a) Time of entraining 9-30.a.m.
  - (b) The Battalion will be ready to move off by 7-15.a.m. SHARP in the following order :-
    - Band
    - "A" Company
    - Details
    - "B" Company
    - "C" Company
    - "D" Company
  - (c) As the cooks will be going after Tea ~~to~~ to-night, there will be nothing hot for breakfast. O/C's Companies will make the best arrangements possible under the circumstances. M & V Breakfast Ration has been issued. Rations will be carried as follows:-
    - 1 Iron ration on the man
    - 1 day's ration on the man or with cooks
    - 1 day's ration in supply section of Divisional Train.
  - (e) Men will be in full marching order and will carry one blanket and W.P. Sheet.
  - (f) Officers' kits, Mens' second blankets, surplus gear and Mess kits to be dumped at side of road where ammunition is dumped by 7.p.m. to-night.
  - (g) Huts and camp lines will be left faultlessly clean
  - (h) Marching out states for to-morrow will be in orderly room by 9.p.m. to-night.
  - (i) SICK PARADE. 6.a.m. sharp.

*Harwood*  
 Captain.

Adjutant, 16th Battalion, A.I.F.

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Appendix K

No. G.32/1416/1.Headquarters,  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
16th October, 1917.4th Aus. Inf. Brigade.DEFENCE OF DIVISIONAL SECTOR.

Brigadiers Commanding Sectors of the line will devote their utmost attention to strengthening our position on the principles mentioned below, and to completing communications. The principles of the defence have been laid down by the Corps and are mentioned in order of importance.

1. A good wire obstacle along the whole front about 80 yards to 100 yards in front of the front line, this should consist of belts of tactical wire which can be flanked by fire, with openings left, which are covered by Lewis Gun and rifle fire, for easy egress if required.
2. The front line may be held lightly by a series of mutually supporting posts, each post to contain not less than one complete Section and preferably a platoon. These posts may be joined by communication trenches and must all be drained so far as the lie of the ground permits.
 

All communication trenches must have regard to winter conditions and a completed line, especially as regards flanking fire and drainage, latrine accommodation etc.
3. Behind the front posts and extending back as far as the TOKIO Spur will be a series of posts arranged chequerwise in which full use will be made of Machine Guns (Both on the forward slope and in rear of it). Such posts will be occupied by support troops and these will be known as support posts.
4. On the TOKIO Spur a line of defence properly wired will be prepared. In and behind this line the regimental reserves will be quartered and the line will be known as the regimental reserve line which will be the rear limit of the front line system.
5. On the ANZAC Spur a Brigade Reserve Line will be marked out and wired. Trenches need not be dug at present except as may be necessary to provide cover.
6. The Divisional reserve line will be on the WESTHOEK Ridge. It also need only be wired at present.
7. Throughout, the principle of defence will be an organization in depth from which prompt counter-attack will be possible. Each body of troops quartered in rear of any post or line will provide the nucleus garrison thereof. The role of nucleus garrisons will be to form a bulwark to stem an attack and to give time for the remainder of the troops to form up for counter-attack or defence.
8. (a) Attached map shows in blue approximate position of defences under course of preparation by 5th Aus. Division on the right. Infantry Brigadiers, in choosing their positions, will conform to those of the 5th Aus. Division.
 

(b) Defences on the high ground north of ZONNEBIJKE Church as far north as the Railway will be sited with a view to covering the front of WINDMILL HILL and the low ground towards DE KNORT FARM.
9. The approximate position of posts, marked by circles, and Machine Guns is shown in green on the map. The actual position will be determined by Brigadiers in consultation with the C.R.E., who will have the wire entanglements on rear lines laid out and constructed, the additional labour required being furnished by Infantry Brigades in the line.

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10. Large scale plans showing exact positions of post and wire will be submitted by C.R.E. after consultation with Brigadiers.
11. Position of tram lines, dumps, aid posts, Headquarters, etc., etc., will be considered and the Divisional Commander will be glad if Brigadiers will forward their suggestions on these points on as early a date as possible.
12. The dotted line on the map shows the dividing line between Brigades as far as responsibility for the preparation of defensive work is concerned.

(Sgd) D.K. BERNARD, Lieut-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Copy to 5th Aus. Division.

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.  
HEADQUARTERS.  
16th October, 1917.

C. O.,

16th Battalion.

NOT TO BE TAKEN FORWARD OF BATTALION HEADQUARTERS.

For information and action.



*C. M. Johnston*

Major.  
Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.  
HEADQUARTERS.  
20th October, 1917.

*2264/16*  
4th Infantry Brigade.

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There will be two bombardments (called A and B) on the following days at hours stated :-

22nd instant	A	Time later. <i>5/35 am</i>
	B	5.45.p.m.
23rd instant	A	6.a.m.
	B	4.p.m.
24th instant	A	9.15.a.m.
	B	5.30.p.m.

Special observations will be taken on the enemy reply to these bombardments -

1. Time of enemy reply.
2. Nature of reply and location.
3. Time of cessation.

*Phillips*

Captain.  
Ass/Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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APPENDIX L

Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.  
HEADQUARTERS.  
17th October, 1917.

C. O.,  
ALL UNITS.

The following are the evacuations from this Brigade  
for period 13th/14th to 16th/17th instant :-

BATTLE CASUALTIES.

	13th Bn.		14th Bn.		15th Bn.		16th Bn.		M.G.Coy.		T.M.Bty.		Total.	
	K.	W.	K.	W.	K.	W.	K.	W.	K.	W.	K.	W.	K.	W.
13/14th	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
14/15th	2	8b	3	15a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	23
15/16th	-	13c	4	18d	3e	27	-	5	3	1	-	2	10	66
16/17th	1	25f	4	38g	3	17	-	1	2	2	-	-	10	33
	3	46	11	71	6	46	-	6	5	3	-	2	25	174

- a. Includes 2/Lieut. W.E.MANNIE.  
b. Includes 4 gassed.  
c. Includes 11 gassed.  
d. Includes Lieut. G.C.NYDE.  
e. Includes 1 Died of wounds.  
f. Includes 16 gassed.  
g. Includes 2/Lieut. E.P.HILL & Lieut. W.BEAMOND.

SICK WASTAGE.

	13th Bn.	14th Bn.	15th Bn.	16th Bn.	M.G.Coy.	T.M.Bty.	Total.
13/14th	-	1	4	-	-	-	5
14/15th	-	5	1	2a	-	-	8
15/16th	-	10b	-	1	2	-	13
16/17th	1	5	4c	3	-	-	13
	1	21	9	6	2	-	39

- a. (one accidentally injured. Crushed between limbers.  
(one self inflicted wounds while marching to line.  
b. (6 sick  
(1 Trench feet  
(3 Shell Shock.  
c. All shell shock.

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IMPERIAL FORCE

A25  
4th Infantry Brigade.

*Alfred Law*  
Captain.  
Staff-Captain.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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## Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.

HEADQUARTERS.

21st October, 1917.

4th INFANTRY BDE.

22 OCT. 1917

No. 4

C. O.,

ALL UNITS.The following are the casualties up to Noon on  
21st October :-BATTLE CASUALTIES.

	<u>13th Bn.</u>	<u>14th Bn.</u>	<u>15th Bn.</u>	<u>16th Bn.</u>	<u>M.G.Coy.</u>	<u>T.M.Bty.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
13/14th	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
14/15th	10	18	-	-	-	-	28
15/16th	13	22	30	5	4	2	76
16/17th	26	42	20	3	4	-	95
17/18th	22	7	11	-	7	-	47
18/19th	5	3	15	21	1	1	46
19/20th	3	1	2	18	1	1	26
20/21st	6	-	5	3	-	1	15
TOTAL	<u>85</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>335</u>

% Includes 47 killed.

SICK WASTAGE.

	<u>13th Bn.</u>	<u>14th Bn.</u>	<u>15th Bn.</u>	<u>16th Bn.</u>	<u>M.G.Coy.</u>	<u>T.M.Bty.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
13/14th	-	1	4	-	-	-	5
14/15th	-	5	1	2	-	-	8
15/16th	-	10	-	1	2	-	13
16/17th	1	5	4	3	-	-	13
17/18th	3	8	2	-	3	-	16
18/19th	2	4	1	-	-	2	9
19/20th	2	3	-	-	-	-	5
20/21st	3	18	5	1	-	-	27
	<u>11</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>96</u>

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IMPERIAL FORCE

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4th Infantry Brigade.

Alex W. L. asu

Captain.  
Staff-Captain.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.  
HEADQUARTERS.  
22nd October, 1917.



C. O.,  
ALL UNITS.

The following are the casualties up to Noon on  
22nd October :-

	BATTLE CASUALTIES.						Total.
	13th Bn.	14th Bn.	15th Bn.	16th Bn.	4th M.G. Co.	T.M. Bty.	
13/14th	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
14/15th	10	18	-	-	-	-	28
15/16th	13	22	30	5	4	2	76
16/17th	26	42	30	3	4	-	95
17/18th	22	7	11	-	7	-	47
18/19th	5	3	15	21	1	1	46
19/20th	3	1	2	18	1	1	26
20/21st	5	-	5	3	-	1	15
21st/22nd	12	6	6	13	-	-	49
TOTAL	97	99	91	66	17	5	375

§ Includes 56 killed.

SICK WASTAGE.

	13th Bn.	14th Bn.	15th Bn.	16th Bn.	M.G. Coy.	T.M. Bty.	Total.
13/14th	-	1	4	-	-	-	5
14/15th	-	5	1	2	-	-	8
15/16th	-	10	-	1	2	-	13
16/17th	1	5	4	3	-	-	13
17/18th	3	6	2	-	3	-	16
18/19th	2	4	1	-	-	2	9
19/20th	2	3	-	-	-	-	5
20/21st	3	18	5	1	-	-	27
21/22nd	2	12	2	3	1	-	10
	13	56	19	10	6	2	106

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IMPERIAL FORCE  
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4th Infantry Brigade.

*P. M. Howell*  
Captain.  
Staff-Captain.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade  
HEADQUARTERS  
22nd October, 1917.



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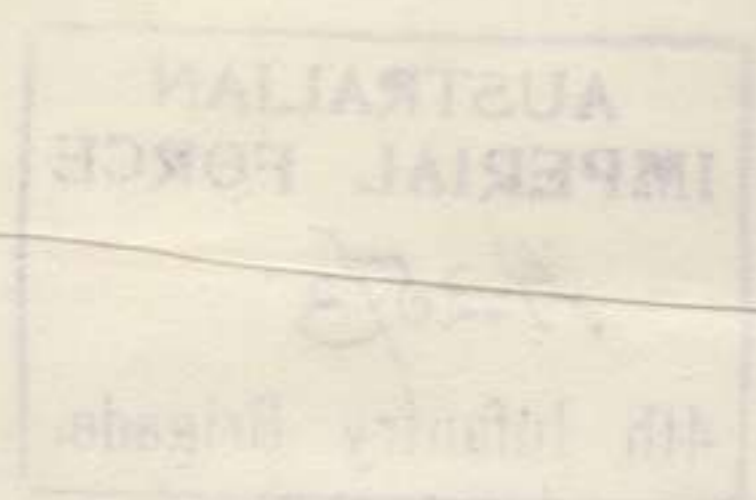
COMPANY	1st Lt.	2nd Lt.	3rd Lt.	4th Lt.	5th Lt.	6th Lt.	7th Lt.	8th Lt.	9th Lt.	10th Lt.	Total
1st	1										1
2nd	1										1
3rd	1										1
4th	1										1
5th	1										1
6th	1										1
7th	1										1
8th	1										1
9th	1										1
10th	1										1
Total	10										10

including 20 killed.

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COMPANY	1st Lt.	2nd Lt.	3rd Lt.	4th Lt.	5th Lt.	6th Lt.	7th Lt.	8th Lt.	9th Lt.	10th Lt.	Total
1st	1										1
2nd	1										1
3rd	1										1
4th	1										1
5th	1										1
6th	1										1
7th	1										1
8th	1										1
9th	1										1
10th	1										1
Total	10										10

Colonel  
Staff-Captain  
4th Coy. 1st Bn.



## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

FILE

OCT 14<sup>th</sup>

## OUR OPERATIONS:—

ARTILLERY:— Activity normal as far as the heavies were concerned. The field guns did not appear to be at all active during the day.

AERIAL:— From midday on a lot of low reconnaissance was done by our planes, most of the heavy ~~seem~~ artillery batteries seemed to be directed by planes.

## ENEMY OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY:— Intermittent shelling by his heavies throughout the day, most of the guns apparently swung from behind M. ~~or~~ ~~the~~ ~~line~~.

AERIAL:— Enemy planes were very active but 1 pm.

Two large flights flew over our lines, one at a high altitude and the other, which consisted of a very large type of plane, probably Cisthas, at a low altitude.

These planes were engaged by our AA guns but without result.

J. Sturges  
10<sup>th</sup> Batta



INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

T.D.  
FACE

Oct 16<sup>th</sup>

OUR OPERATIONS:-

ARTILLERY Our field guns were again very quiet although at 5.45 P.M. in answer to an S.O.S. the group on our right put down a barrage. The heavy batteries kept up their intermittent shooting throughout the day.

AERIAL - Much artillery observation and direction appeared to come by our planes. Large flights were occasionally seen flying over the lines although no fighting was observed.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:-

ARTILLERY Quieter than usual on our particular sector but between 3 and 4 pm a fairly heavy bombardment was put down on D 25d.

AERIAL - Large flights of enemy planes flew over our lines on several occasions these were engaged by FA and on one occasion by some of our planes, during this encounter, at about 3 pm, a plane was seen to crash somewhere about Polygon Wood, whether ours or their's could not be observed.

Our working party on cable burying in D 26 forward fired two Lewis Gun magazines of ammunition at a low flying Hun plane which turned and flew back to its own lines.

J.P. Par  
10<sup>th</sup> and  
16<sup>th</sup> Batt.

# INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

To  
FACE

OCT 17<sup>th</sup>

## OUR OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY - Our heavies were again very active, and kept up their harassing fire on the enemies back area.

## AERIAL

Activities normal

## ENEMY OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY Rather more active than usual during the afternoon. He kept up a heavy strafe in the vicinity of Pit-1st using both HT and Swapsell.

AERIAL - The enemy was not so active as usual during the day, keeping out of range of our AA guns.

10:15 AM

# INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

To  
FACE

OCT 18<sup>th</sup>

## OUR OPERATIONS

### ARTILLERY

Very little activity. Heavies kept up their harassing fire on the enemy back area, and did some effective counter-battery work which resulted in a battery of 5-9 temporarily at least.

### AERIAL

Much activity, both by our scouts and by fighting patrols. At 10:45 a plane was seen to crash in approx. DE B, it was followed down by one of our fighters. It was assumed that it was a Stew.

## ENEMY OPERATIONS

### ARTILLERY

Very little activity. Heavies kept up their harassing fire on the enemy back area, in rear of Westhoek ridge.

### AERIAL

Very active. Heavies kept up their harassing fire on the enemy back area, and did some effective counter-battery work which resulted in a battery of 5-9 temporarily at least.

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The day on two occasions  
 attacking our artillery observation  
 planes - At 11:45 a.m. an enemy  
 fighting plane dived down  
 for one of these scouts the  
 scout jerked back and its  
 shooting was evidently more  
 effective than the attackers,  
 as the latter turned tail  
 and made for its own  
 lines -

10/16/18  
 Quiet  
 10/16/18 Battle

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To  
FACE

OCT 19<sup>th</sup>

OUR OPERATIONS

MOVE - During the early part of  
 the evening the 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion  
 relieved the 13<sup>th</sup> in the support  
 line. Their old place in reserve  
 being taken by the 14<sup>th</sup> -

ARTILLERY

Activities on the part  
 of the heavies during the day  
 normal, intermittent fire by  
 18 pdrs & 4.5s during the night

AERIAL

Scouts and reconnaissance  
 planes active, no activity on  
 the part of our fighting planes  
 noticed -

ENEMY OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY Quiet in the back  
 areas during the day, at  
 11 P.M. a violent bombardment  
 of the area by H.E.  
 and mustard gas was  
 commenced, lasting for two  
 hours and ~~terminating~~

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

To  
FACE

OCT 20

OUR OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY - Activity normal,  
intermittent fire by both Heavy  
and Field Guns

AERIAL

Owing to the low  
visibility very little work  
was done by low planes.

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY -

Very active during  
the early part of the day  
but quietened down towards  
9 a.m. from then on  
intermittent fire only.

AERIAL -

Many planes were  
active during the morning  
and evening making their  
usual reconnaissance of our  
front and support lines.

J.P.S.

the wearing of gas helmets for  
two or three hours after one  
o'clock he quietened and from  
then on intermittently shelled  
this area with 4.2's - (this  
was the calibre used when  
firing gas, also 77's -

AERIAL -

Many planes were  
very active swooping over  
forward positions at a low  
altitude during the morning.

At about 11 a.m. a  
Gotha flew over and dropped  
bombs near Ypres.

At 2.30 p.m. a large  
flight, 17 were counted, flew  
over and dropped bombs on  
our battery positions, one  
bomb dropping near one  
of our billets wounded  
four men of our battalion.

J.P.S.  
16<sup>th</sup> Aust  
16<sup>th</sup> Batt

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# INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

To  
Face

Oct 20<sup>th</sup>

## OUR OPERATIONS

### ARTILLERY -

Harassing fire was kept up by our howitzers and field guns during the day and night.

AERIAL - Very little activity was noticed. At 12 noon a patrol flew over the enemy lines at a low altitude, a few minutes later all except one returned, these had hardly got away when an enemy plane attacked our one remaining plane which put up a great running fight and escaped -

### ENEMY OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY - Very active during the period amount of shrapnel used being very noticeable.

at 2:20<sup>pm</sup> shrapnel barrage was put on ridge at D225. At 4 pm another barrage was placed on D172 + D116. Lasting for 30 minutes it was then switched over to D29 -

### AERIAL -

Much low reconnaissance was again done over our front and support lines. Three planes which flew over at 4 pm dropping flares over our positions. One of these planes which had a red body and the number 5 painted on its under wing then flew very low over as far as Zouneboke where it circled around firing at any movement on the ground -

### BALLOONS -

Two were up for an hour in the early hours of the day and one during the late afternoon all three being put up between MADREFFE and the North of TASSCHENEFLE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

FACE

Oct 20

OUR OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY -

Intermittent fire by our artillery during the period. At 5.30 am a barrage was put down by our artillery the result of which are being observed.

AERIAL -

A little activity on the part of our observation planes during the day. At 6 pm several flights flew over the enemies lines passing

ENEMY OPERATIONS -

ARTILLERY -

Again very active especially along the ~~B~~ BROODSEINDE BRIDGE. Troops again noticeable that the amount of shrapnel used has increased to great deal. At 4.30 a barrage medium was placed on the plateau on D23 and this lasted an hour.

OUR OPERATIONS

PATROLS -

STRENGTH	TIME	ROUTE	REMARKS
1 OFF	10 pm	D23b1.5-	No enemy seen ground very hot but possible
3 OR	12 pm	D23 <del>b central</del>	
		D23b13.	
1 NCO	10-15 pm	D23c9.6-	No enemy seen ground almost impossible
4 ORS	1 am	D23d.3.7-	
		D23 central	

Owing to relief which took place last night patrols were not as vigorous as they will be. Four listening posts were established at intervals along our front about 15 yds in front. There were out all night coming in just at dawn.

## AERIAL -

At several times during the day the enemy planes flew over our front and support lines firing at any movement without effect.

## BALLOONS

Between five and seven balloons were up opposite our front almost all the day.

PATROLS - NIL

SNIPERS - NIL

J.P. Orr  
10th Bde

## Report on Barrage to Dace

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>

When our barrage opened this morning the following points were noted.

### (1) Time enemy took to reply -

There was absolutely no increase in enemy artillery fire until ten minutes after we commenced. Their fire opened in reply to a series of flares which were put up on our left flank. These flares were red and burst into 2 stars.

### (2) Nature of reply & location

The reply was very weak consisting mostly of 7.5's & 4.2's coming as far as could be ascertained mostly from the direction of DAD ZIELE.

During the barrage the visibility was very low owing to the rain and mist.

2 One of our forward Corp line  
bearings from D 23 a 22'25" and  
report that fire came mostly  
from between bearings 70° - 75°  
magnetic.

(3) Enemy cessation - The slight  
increase in enemy fire  
seemed to cease, and it  
dropped back to normal at  
about 6:30 A.M.

In addition to the slight  
increase of artillery fire,  
about two minutes after  
we commenced, fairly  
heavy enemy machine-  
gun fire passed over our  
front and support line  
by this fire was fairly  
high giving the impression  
that the enemy had  
machine guns placed  
in the low ground  
our front.

J.P. W.  
10/15

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

FACE

OCT 23

### OUR OPERATIONS

#### ARTILLERY

Very active during  
the period the practice barrage  
being put on the enemy lines  
also a good deal of intermittent  
shooting during the day.

#### AERIAL

Very quiet during  
the period, visibility was  
very poor in the afternoon  
some planes were seen to  
 ~~Patrols~~ go over the enemy line  
one of these was brought  
down by hostile fire (artillery)  
and fell in the region of  
Forward

#### PATROLS

STRENGTH	TIME	ROUTE	REMARKS
1 OFF	9 a.m.	D 23 into the pond	
4 OR	11:30 p.m.	-	Demolished after leaving our lines and then started the engine



\* PATROLS of wood and ~~top~~ track leading N-S in centre of wood and up track to N. edge of wood working round N of wood to left. The patrol there consisted of 23 B 64. and thence returned to our lines at 23 B 04. having seen no trace of enemy.

STRENGTH	TIME	ROUTE	REMARKS
1 CFF	8.30	D23b71	Rept in touch with unit on left
3 ORs	at periods during the night	-D23b91	
1 NCO	8pm	D23c96	Rept in touch with unit on left
2 ORs	at periods during the night	unit on night	

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY - Artillery was very active in reply to our barrage, concerning this a special report is attached.

AERIAL

From midnight her fire increased in intensity on the front area. 7.8 and 4.25 coming from WATERDAMHOEK were falling around our lines in some quantity retaliation was asked for, and received.

AERIAL:

The Beun made his usual low reconnaissance of our lines in the afternoon after dark large flights were heard passing over our lines.

John  
10/16<sup>th</sup> Batavia



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APPENDIX VI

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

WORKING PARTY LIST NO. 5.

WORKING PARTIES TO BE SUPPLIED DAILY UNTIL CANCELLED.

No.	Strength.	Unit to Supply.	When, where and to whom to report.	Nature of work.	Remarks.
1.	1 Sgt. 30 Men.	15th Bn.	BARMY DUMP (H.22.b. 9.2.) Lieut. CRUMP 1/c. dump.	Detonating bombs, etc	Permanent Live at dump
2.	2 Officers. 100 O.Rks	13th Bn.	5.a.m. CHATEAU D.28.a.2.8. Officer 12th Field Coy.	Carrying duckboards	
3.	6 Men.	13th Bn.	At Bde. Forward Dump (Old Gasometre) D.22.d.central Lieut. STEVENS.	Work on dump.	Permanent Live at dump
4.	1 N.C.O. 8 men.	14th Bn.	MURIEL DUG-OUT 7.a.m. daily Sergt. PORTER.	Pumping out dug-out.	Work from 7.a.m. to 7.p.m.
5.	1 Offer. 50 O.Rks.	14th Bn.	Bde.H.Q. D.26.c.1.3 8.30.a.m. Lieut LAWRENCE 4th Fld. Coy.	Laying duckboards Bde. H.Q. to ZONNEBEKE Road. Construction R.A.P.	No tools.
6.	4 Officers. 200 O.Rks.	16th Bn.	6.a.m. YPRES - ZONNEBEKE Road at C.30.d.3.5.	Carrying duckboards to Advanced Bde Dump - Old Gasometre D.22.d.central.	Duckboards will be brought up to C.30.d.3.5. by motor lorries.

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*R.W. Fowell*

Captain.  
for Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

17/10/1917.  
5.p.m.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.WORKING PARTY LIST NO. 6.WORKING PARTIES TO BE SUPPLIED DAILY UNTIL CANCELLED.THIS CANCELS ALL PREVIOUS LISTS.

No.	Strength.	Unit to Supply.	When, where and to whom to report.	Nature of work.	Remarks.
1.	1 Sgt. 30 Men.	15th Bn.	BARMY DUMP (H.22.b. 9.2.) Lieut. CRUMP i/c. dump.	Detonating bombs, etc	Permanent Live at dump.
X 2.	2 Officers. 100 O.Rks.	16th Bn.	5.a.m. CHATEAU D.28.a.2.8. Officer 12th Field Coy.	Carrying duckboards	
3.	5 Men.	13th Bn.	At Bde. Forward Dump (Old Gasometre) D.22.d.central Sgt. YOUNG.	Work on dump.	Permanent
4.	1 N.C.O. 8 men.	14th Bn.	MURIEL DUG-OUT 7.a.m. daily Sergt. PORTER.	Pumping out dug-out.	Work from 7.a.m. to 7.p.m.
5.	1 Officer. 50 O.Rks.	14th Bn.	Bde.H.Q. D.26.c.1.3. 7.a.m. Lieut. LAW- RENCE 4th Fld. Coy.	Laying duck-boards Bde. H.Q. to ZONNEBEKE Road. Construction R.A.P.	No tools.
6.	2 Officers. 100 O.Rks.	14th Bn.	8.a.m. YPRES - ZON- NEBEKE Road at C.30.d.3.5.	Carrying duckboards to Advanced Bde Dump - Old Gasometre D.22.d.central.	Duckboards will be bro- ught up to C.30.d.3.5. by motor lorries.
X 7.	2 Officers. 100 Men.	16th Bn.	9.30.a.m. DEKWORT Fn. D.28.b.7.7. Capt. SMITH 4th Div. Signal Company.	Burying cable.	100 shovels.
X 8.	1 N.C.O. 15 Men.	16th Bn.	8.a.m. ZONNEBEKE CHURCH. Officer 4th Div. Sig. Company.	Carrying cable.	No tools.
X 9.	1 Sergt.	16th Bn.	At Bde. Advanced Dump (Old Gasom- etre) D.22.d.central	i/c. dump.	Permanent.
10.	1 N.C.O. 10 Men.	14th Bn.	9.a.m. 19/10/17 Bde.H.Q. to Capt. TOVELL.	Work at Bde.H.Qrs.	10 shovels. one day only. Work 4 hours.

*R.W. Tovell*

Captain.  
for Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

18/10/1917.  
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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.WORKING PARTY LIST NO. 7.WORKING PARTIES TO BE SUPPLIED DAILY UNTIL CANCELLED.THIS CANCELS ALL PREVIOUS LISTS.

No.	Strength.	Unit to Supply.	When, where and to whom to report.	Nature of work.	Remarks.
1.	1 Sgt. 30 Men.	15th Bn.	BARRY DUMP (H.22.b. 9.2.) Lieut. GRUMP l/c. dump.	Detonating bombs, etc.	Permanent. Live at dump
* 2.	2 offers. 1000. Rgs.	16th Bn.	5.a.m. CHATEAU D.28.a.2.8. Officer 12th Field Company.	Carrying duckboards.	
3.	5 Men.	13th Bn.	At Bde. Forward Dump (Old Gasometre) D.22.d.central Sgt. YOUNG.	Work on dump.	Permanent.
4.	1 N.C.O. 8 Men.	14th Bn.	MURIEL DUG-OUT 7.a.m. daily Sergt. PORTER.	Pumping out dug-out.	Work from 7.a.m. to 7.p.m.
5.	1 Offer. 20 men.	14th Bn.	6.30.a.m. on duck- boards at ST. JOSEPHS INSTITUTE D.27.a.7.2 to Officer 12th Fld. Company.	Work on duckboards	10 shovels to be carried.
6.	4 Offers. 200 O. Rgs.	14th Bn.	6.a.m. YPRES - ZON- MEREKKE Road at C.30.d.3.5.	Carrying duck- boards to Advanced Bde Dump - Old Gasometre D.22.d.central.	Duckboards will be brought up to C.30.d.3.5. by motor lorries.
* 7.	1 Sergt.	16th Bn.	At Bde. Advanced Dump (Old Gasom- etre) D.22.d.central	l/c. dump.	Permanent.
8.	1 N.C.O. 10 Men.	14th Bn.	9.a.m. 19/10/17 Bde.H.Q. to Capt. TOVALL.	Work at Bde.H.Qrs.	10 shovels Work 4 hours.

19/10/1917.  
3.30.p.m.

*Am. Tovall*  
Captain.  
for Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

WORKING PARTY LIST NO. 8.

WORKING PARTIES TO BE SUPPLIED DAILY UNTIL CANCELLED.

THIS CANCELS ALL PREVIOUS LISTS.

No.	Strength.	Unit to Supply.	When, where and to whom to report.	Nature of work.	Remarks.
1.	1 Sgt. 30 Men.	15th Bn.	BARMY DUMP (H.22.b 9.2.) Lieut. CRUMP i/c. Dump.	Detonating bombs etc.	Permanent. Live at Dump.
2.	1 Sgt. 2 Men.	16th Bn.	At Bde. Forward Dump (Old Gasometre) D.22.d.central. Sgt. YOUNG.	Work on dump.	Permanent.
3.	1 N.C.O. 10 Men.	15th Bn.	9.a.m. 2/10/17 Bde.H.Qrs. to Capt. TOVELL.	Work at Bde.H.Qrs.	10 shovels.
4.	1 N.C.O. 3 Men.	15th Bn.	MURIED DUG-OUT (I.12.c.3.5.) 7.a.m. daily Sgt. PORTER.	Pumping out dug-out.	Work from 7.a.m. to 7.p.m.
5.	1 Offer. 20 Men.	15th Bn.	6.30.a.m. on duckboards at ST.JOSEPHS INSTITUTE D.27.a. 7.2. to Officer 12th Field Company.	Work on duckboards	10 shovels to be carried.
6.	4 Officers. 200 O.Rks.	15th Bn.	6.a.m. YPRES - ZONN-EBEKE Road at C.30. d.3.5.	Carrying duckboards to Advanced Bde Dump - Old Gasometre D.22.d.central.	Duckboards will be brought up to C.30.d.3.5. by motor lorries.

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*R. W. Lovell*

Captain.  
for Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

20/10/1917.  
Noon.

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## WORKING PARTIES supplied :-

- 15-10-17 (1) 2 Officers, 100 men and N.C.O's extra, burying cable from D.28.c.5.8.  
(2) 1 N.C.O., 12 men dig latrines for Brigade H.Q. D.26.c.1.3.
- 16-10-17 N I L.
- 17-10-17 (1) 2 Officers, 100 Men and N.C.O's extra burying cable.  
(2) 2 Officers, 100 Men carrying duck-boards from Dump at I.4.c., to forward dump at D.22.d.4.7.  
(3) 1 Officer, 12 O.Ranks burying dead bodies on WESTHOREK RIDGE. Mostly "Scotties", no identifications.  
Remainder of Battalion salvaging rifles, equipments etc. etc.
- 18-10-17 (1) 4 Officers, 200 O.Ranks carrying Duck-boards from near B Battalion H.Q. to Dump at D.22.d.4.7.
- 19-10-17 (1) 2 Officers, 100 O.Ranks carrying duck-boards forward from the CHATEAU D.28.a.2.8.  
(2) 1 N.C.O., 15 O.Ranks carrying cable from ZONNEBEKE Church D.28.a.1.8.  
(3) 2 Officers, 100 O.Ranks burying cable.
- 20-10-17 (1) 2 Officers, 100 O.Ranks carrying duck-boards forward from the CHATEAU D.28.a.2.8.
- 21-10-17 No working parties.
- 22-10-17 (1) 1 Officer, 50 O.Ranks carrying duck-boards from Gasometer dump to Front Line Battalion H.Q.  
(2) 1 Officer, 50 O.Ranks carrying wiring material to Front Line.
- 23-10-17 No working parties.

Throughout tour the garrison was kept busy both in SUPPORTS and in FRONT LINE, improving positions; making "funk holes" etc.  
Accommodation very much better at end of tour.

DISPOSITION REPORT

FACE

OCT 19<sup>th</sup>

MOVE: During the early part of the night 18/19<sup>th</sup> the 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion relieved the 13<sup>th</sup> in the supporting battalions position. Our present dispositions are:-

BATTN HQ	D22 d 50.55
R.A.P.	D28 a. 05.90
A Coy HQ	D22 c 00.20
Coy	D22 c
B Coy HQ	D22 b 9.9.
Coy	D23 a 2.8. to D22 b 9.9.
C Coy HQ	D22 c 0 2
Coy	D22 c
D Coy HQ	D22 b 9.9
Coy	D22 b 9.9. to D16 d. 65.20

Major Lieut  
10.10.1915

DISPOSITION REPORT

FACE

OCT 22

MOVE: - During the early part of last night the 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion relieved the 13<sup>th</sup> in the front line on our right half sector. Our dispositions now are -

BATTN HQ	D22 d 50.55
R.A.P.	D28 a 05.90
A Coy HQ	D23 a 30.50.
Coy	From D23 a 25.40 to D23 a 30.60
B Coy HQ	D23 a 40.40
Coy	From D23 Central to D23 b 20.50
C Coy HQ	D22 d 80.80
Coy	From D22 d 80.70 to D22 d 80.95
D Coy HQ	D23 a 20.40.
Coy	From D23 c 85.55 to D23 Central

Major Lieut



SECRET.FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.DISPOSITIONS - 6.a.m. 15th October, 1917.Reference Map Sheet 28 1/40,000.

Brigade Headquarters	D.26.c.10.30.
13th Battalion Headquarters	J.1.c.70.10.
R.A.P.	J.1.c.70.10.
"A" Company	J.1.c.60.10. to J.1.d.50.60.
Headquarters	J.1.c.60.00.
"B" Company	J.1.d.00.90. to J.1.d.40.52.
Headquarters	J.1.d.40.50.
"C" Company	J.1.d.30.90. to J.1.d.40.60.
Headquarters	J.1.d.30.90.
"D" Company	Cambridge Dugouts I.11.c.70.20.
Headquarters	I.11.b.70.20.
14th Battalion Headquarters	D.16.d.80.10.
R.A.P.	D.22.c.00.30.
Front Line "D" Company	D.17.d.90.05. to D.17.d.60.70.
Headquarters	D.17.d.40.30.
" " "C" Company	D.17.d.60.70. to D.17.b.30.25.
Headquarters	D.17.d.15.80.
Support Line "A" Company	D.17.d.05.75. to D.17.a.80.10.
Headquarters	D.17.c.85.85.
" " "B" Company	D.17.c.50.55. to D.17.c.70.90.
Headquarters	D.17.c.30.70.
5th Battalion Headquarters	D.22.d.40.50.
R.A.P.	D.22.c.00.30.
"A" Company	D.23.a.20.80. to D.22.b.90.90.
Headquarters	D.22.b.95.80.
"B" Company	D.22.b.90.90. to D.16.d.80.10.
Headquarters	D.22.b.75.80.
"C" Company	D.22.c.
Headquarters	D.22.c.00.30.
"D" Company	D.22.c.
Headquarters	D.22.c.00.30.
16th Battalion Headquarters	C.30.d.30.10.
R.A.P.	C.30.d.90.60.
4 Companies	C.30.d., I.6.b. and J.1.a.
4th M. G. Coy. Headquarters	D.27.a.20.70.
2 Sections )	
6 guns )	D.17.c.10.30. (S.O.S.)
1 Gun	D.17.c.80.60.
1 Gun	D.17.c.80.80.
1 Gun	D.17.c.55.90.
1 Gun	D.17.c.60.95.
4th A.L.T.M. Battery Headquarters	D.27.c.30.50.
2 Sections (2 guns)	D.27.c.30.50.
2 Sections (2 guns)	In Line - not in position.
4 Sections (4 guns)	I.8.d.20.60.

*[Signature]* Lieut.  
 Brigade Intelligence Officer  
 Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

DISPOSITIONS - 5.a.m. 17th October, 1917.

Reference Map Sheet 28 1/40,000.

Brigade Headquarters	D.26.c.10.30.
13th Battalion Headquarters	D.22.d.40.50.
R.A.P.	D.22.c.00.30.
"B" Coy 16 <sup>th</sup> Bth relieves — "A" Company	D.23.a.20.80. to D.22.b.90.90.
Headquarters	D.22.b.90.90.
"D" Coy 16 <sup>th</sup> Bth relieves — "D" Company	D.22.b.90.90. to D.16.d.80.10.
Headquarters	D.22.b.90.90.
"A" Coy 16 <sup>th</sup> Bth relieves — "B" Company	D.22.c.
Headquarters	D.22.c.00.30.
"C" Coy 16 <sup>th</sup> Bth relieves — "C" Company	D.22.c.
Headquarters	D.22.c.00.30.
14th Battalion Headquarters	Railway Woods Dugouts I.11.b.20.50.
R.A.P.	I.11.b.20.50.
4 Companies	Railway Woods Dugouts I.11.b.
15th Battalion Headquarters	D.16.d.80.10.
R.A.P.	D.22.c.00.30.
"D" Company	D.23.b.30.60. to D.17.d.50.50.
Headquarters	D.17.d.10.40.
"A" Company	D.17.d.50.50. to D.17.b.30.20.
Headquarters	D.17.c.60.90.
"B" Company	D.17.d.10.30. to D.17.d.00.50.
Headquarters	D.17.c.60.90.
"C" Company	D.17.d.00.80. to D.17.a.90.10.
Headquarters	D.17.c.60.90.
16th Battalion Headquarters	C.30.d.30.10.
R.A.P.	C.30.d.90.50.
4 Companies	C.30.d., I.6.b. and J.1.a.
4th A.M.G. Company Headquarters	D.27.a.20.70.
(2 Sections)	
(8 Guns.)	D.17.c.10.30. (S.O.S.)
1 Gun	D.17.c.80.60.
1 Gun	D.17.c.80.80.
1 Gun	D.17.c.55.90.
1 Gun	D.17.c.60.95.
(1 Section)	Belgian Chateau (Reserve) H.23.b.
(4 Guns.)	
4th A.L.T.M. Battery Headquarters	D.27.c.30.50.
2 Sections (2 guns)	D.27.c.30.50.
2 Sections (2 guns)	D.17.b.90.90.
4 Sections (4 guns)	I.8.d.20.60.

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Captain.  
for Brigade-Major.  
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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	At..... m.	Service.		From.....
	To.....			By.....
	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO { *FACE* }

Sender's Number. * <i>FW 37</i>	Day of Month. <i>18/10/17</i>	In reply to Number.	<b>AAA</b>
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*Disposition -*

<i>Bth HQ</i>	<i>C30 d 90 to</i>
<i>RAP</i>	<i>C30 d 90 to</i>
<i>A Coy</i>	<i>J1 a 35 to J1 a 37</i>
<i>" HQ</i>	<i>J1 a 36</i>
<i>B Coy</i>	<i>I 6 d 85</i>
<i>" HQ</i>	<i>J1 c 39</i>
<i>C Coy</i>	<i>C30 d 4.1 to C30 d 4.2</i>
<i>" HQ</i>	<i>C30 d 4.0</i>
<i>D Coy</i>	<i>I 6 B 1.8 to C30 d 1.1</i>
<i>" HQ</i>	<i>I 6 B 38</i>

*Reference Map Sheet 28*

From *FILE*

Place

Time

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	To.....			By.....
	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO { *FACT* }

Sender's Number. * <i>FW 66</i>	Day of Month. <i>20/10/17</i>	In reply to Number.	<b>AAA</b>
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*Our disposition as from tonight for 2 Companies supporting your night will be -*

<i>A Coy HQ</i>	<i>D 23 a 25.20</i>
<i>" "</i>	<i>E 23 a 32 to D 23 a 25</i>
<i>C Coy HQ</i>	<i>D 22 d 8.8</i>
<i>" "</i>	<i>D 22 d 8.9 to D 22 d 8.1</i>

*These are as obtained from 45th Bth*

From *FILE*

Place

Time *3 PM*

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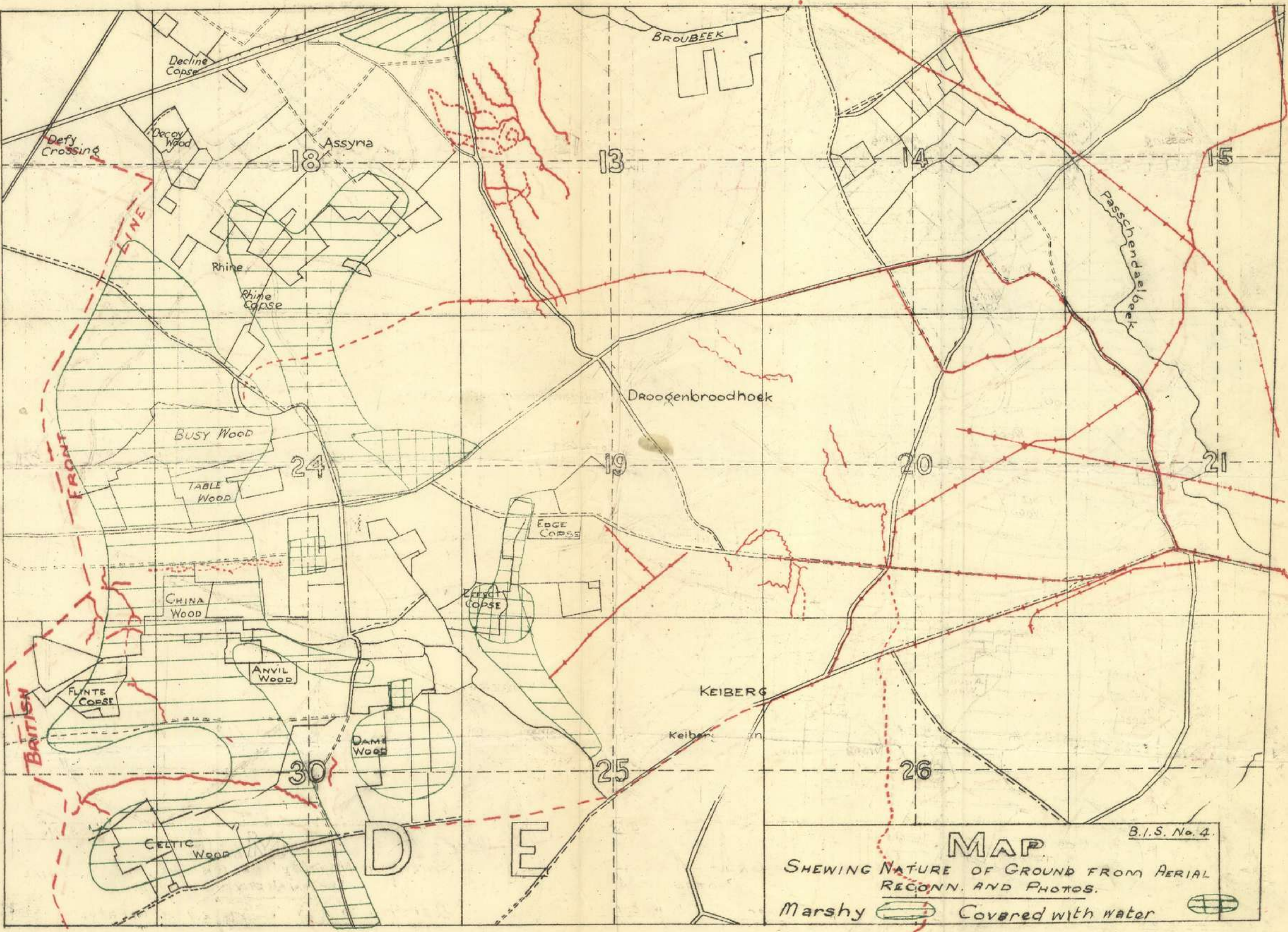
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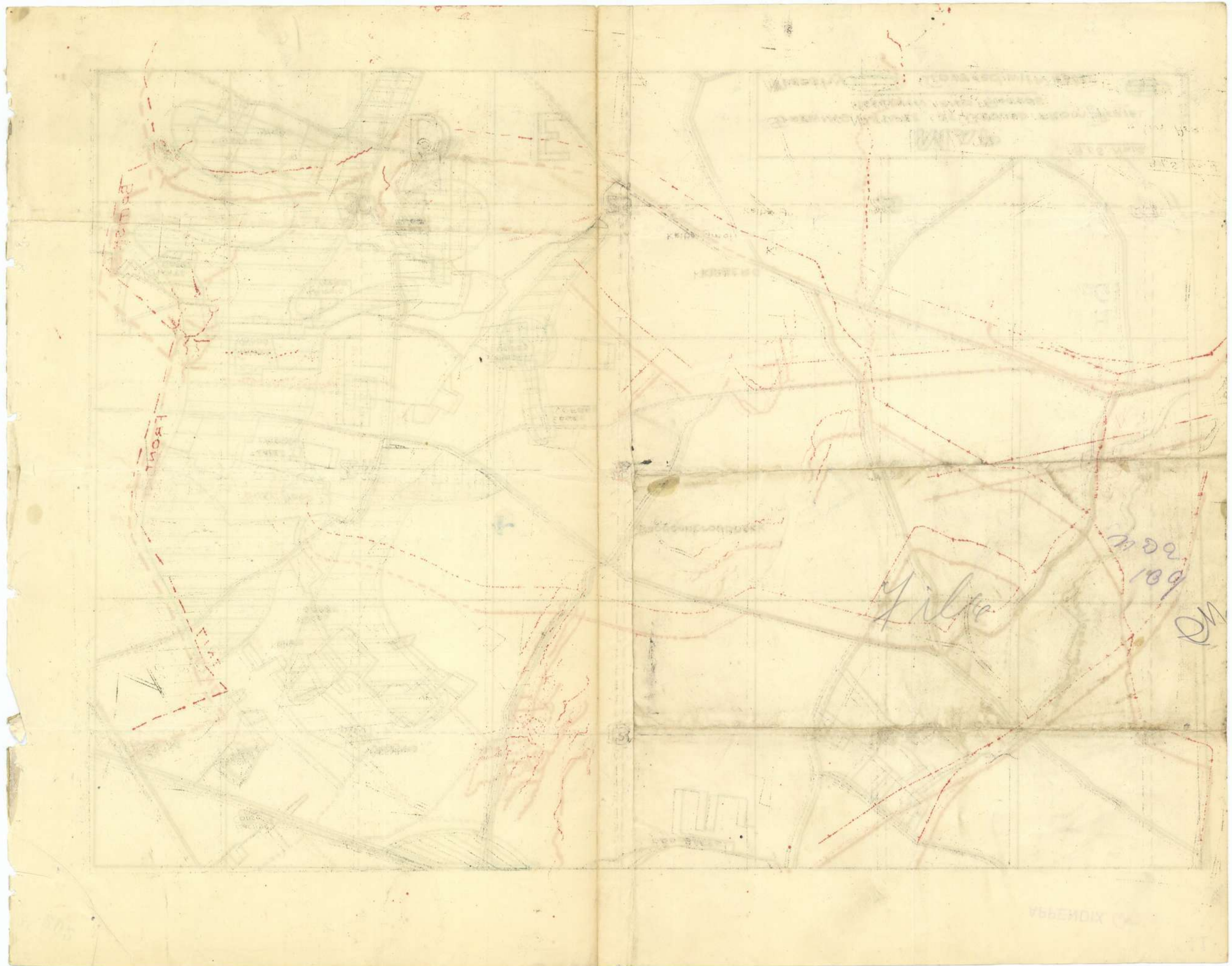
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Trenches corrected to 5-10-17

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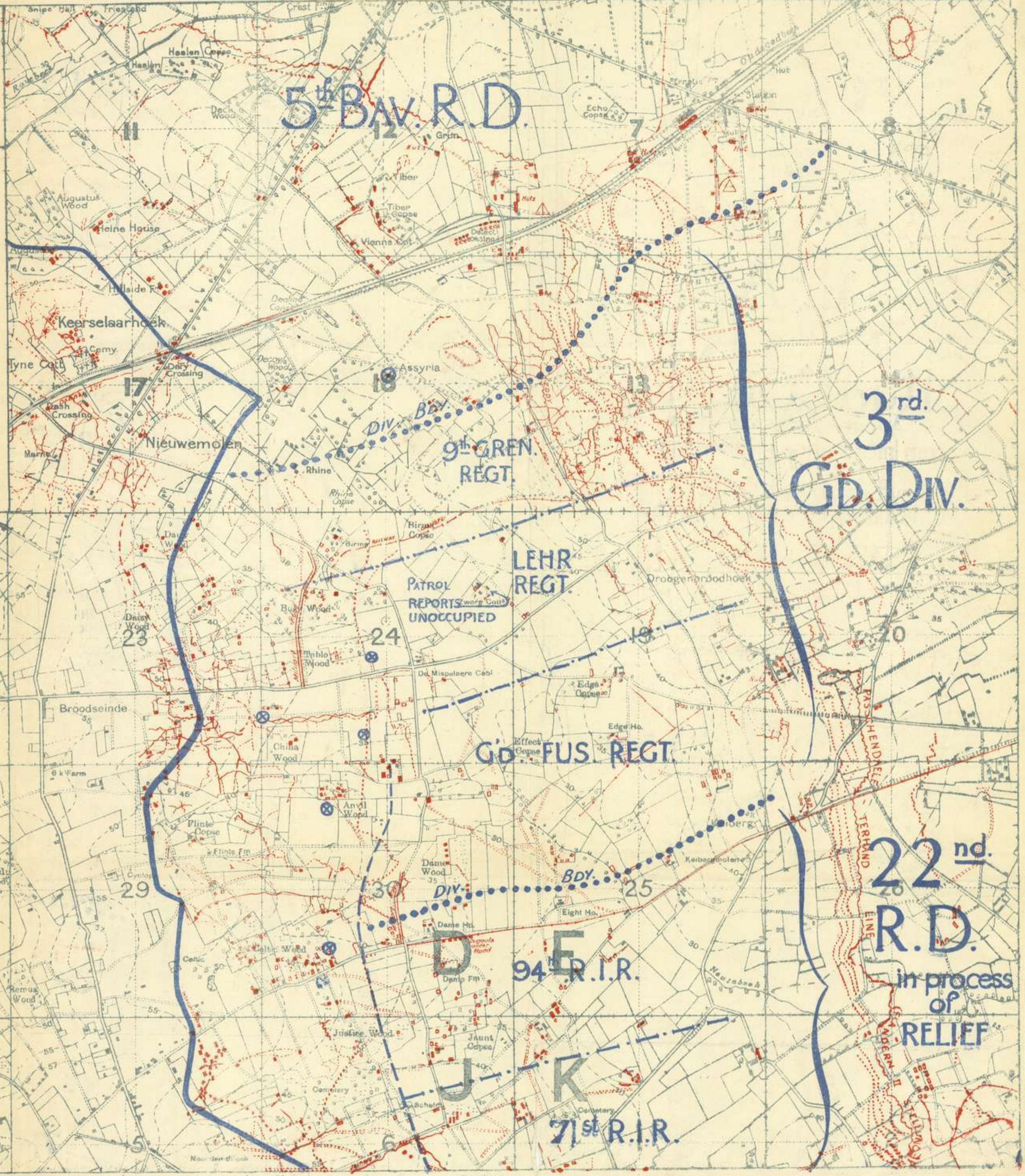
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## E.A.

# Situation Map

APPROX. BRITISH FRONT LINE  
from information received up to 7p.m. 17-10-17

Enemy Posts reported by Patrols 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 10-17  
Approx. Enemy Line reported by Patrols



### 5<sup>th</sup> BAV. R.D.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> G.D. DIV.

### 9<sup>th</sup> GREN. REGT.

### LEHR REGT.

### G.D. FUS. REGT.

### 22<sup>nd</sup> R.D.

### 94<sup>th</sup> R.I.R.

### 71<sup>st</sup> R.I.R.

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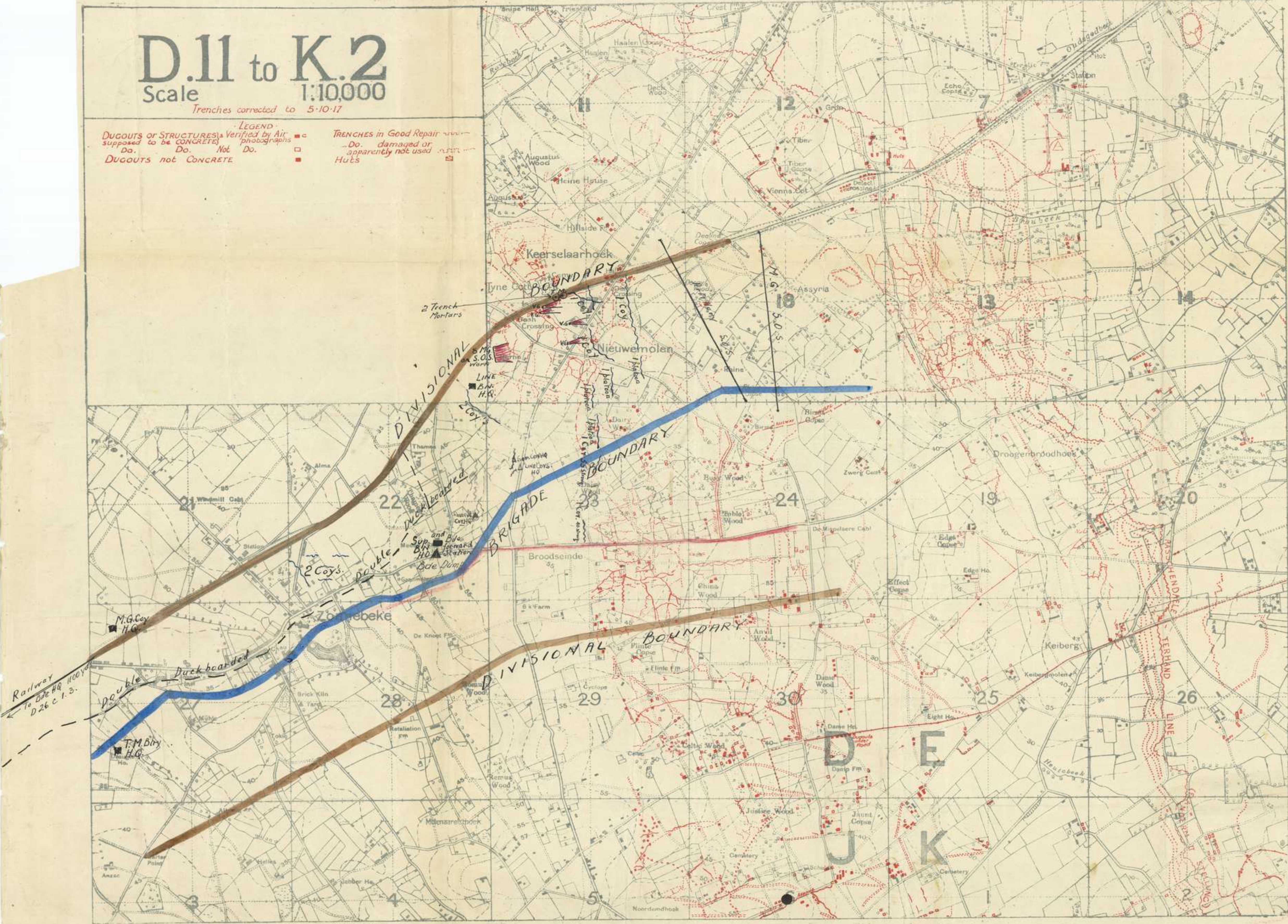
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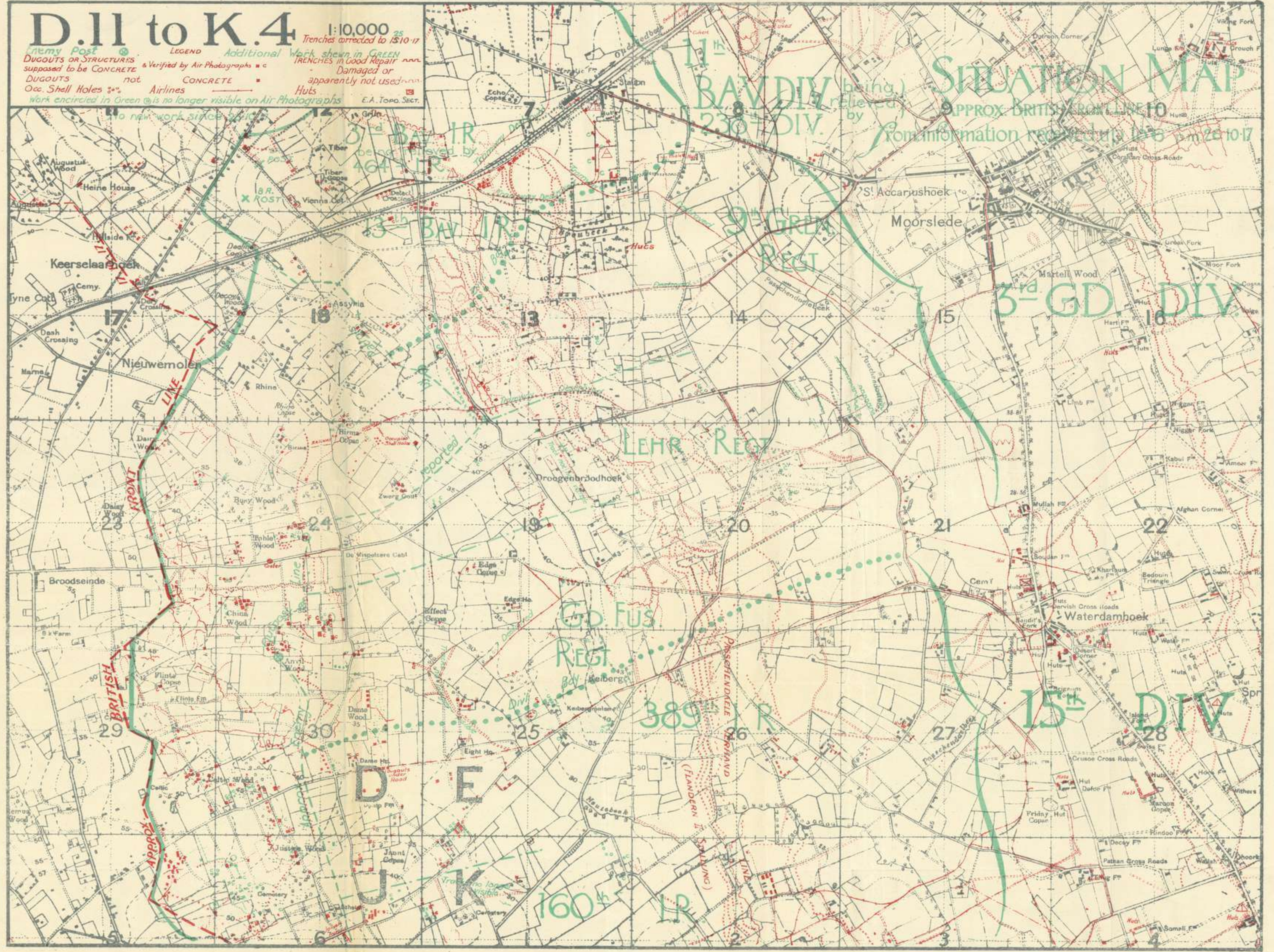
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**LEGEND**

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□ supposed to be CONCRETE  
○ Do. Not Do.  
■ DUGOUTS not CONCRETE

TRENCHES in Good Repair ---  
 Do. damaged or apparently not used ---  
 Huts ■





War Diary

Appendix 9



16<sup>th</sup> May

REGT

3<sup>rd</sup> BATT I.R.

REGT

12<sup>th</sup> DIV

A FORM. Army Form C. 21. (In pads of 100.)  
**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.** No. of Message.....

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						Sent	Date.....
At.....					m.	From.....	
To.....						By.....	
By.....					(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....	

TO { *All Coy & Details of Officers & Embussing Officer*

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<i>910</i>	<i>30/9/17</i>		

*Move to STEENWORDE area per bus this evening. Men carry full packs & blankets, & all cooking gear left behind for making tea to be carried by Companies. Camp to be left absolutely clean. Companies to be ready to move off by 5/15 PM in following order:-*

- Details*
- A*
- B*
- C*
- D*

From	<i>16th Bn HQ</i>
Place	<i>1150 Rm</i>
Time	
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At.....					m.	From.....	
To.....						By.....	
By.....					(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....	

TO { *of A Coy*

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<i>910</i>	<i>11/10/17</i>		

*Following fatigue Party to be supplied by you tomorrow 13/10/17*

*34 Bnks & sufficient NCOs to take charge.*

*The 34 men are to carry shovels & are to be on cable burying. Coy D Coy will supply officers, they will advise you later in the evening when the party is to report, & at what time.*

From	<i>FILE</i>
Place	
Time	<i>4/30 PM</i>
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"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

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			At.....			From.....	
			To.....			By.....	
			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....	

TO { *ofe C Coy*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <i>FW2</i>	<i>14/10/17</i>		

*Fatigue party to be supplied by you tomorrow*

*1 Officer, 33 Men with shovels, 7 NCOs to take charge*

*Party for burying cable from D28 C58 Officer for job to go to this place tonight & first in time & place to report in morning in conjunction with an officer from D Coy*

*Officer will also advise A Coy as to time & place as that Coy supplies 34 men without officer*

From	<i>FILE</i>
Place	
Time	<i>1130</i>

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"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

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			At.....			From.....	
			To.....			By.....	
			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....	

TO { *ofe D Coy*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <i>FW3</i>	<i>14/10/17</i>		

*Following fatigue to be supplied by you tomorrow*

*1 Officer 33 men with shovels & NCOs to take charge*

*Party for burying cable from D28 C58 Officer for job to go to this place & report in morning in conjunction with an officer from C Coy*

*Officer will also advise A Coy as to time & place as that party supplies 34 men without officer*

From	<i>FILE</i>
Place	<i>H30Pm</i>
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]*

\* This line should be erased if not required.

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APPENDIX. K

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A FORM.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

No. of Message.....

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

TO { All Coy

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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\* F104 17/11/14

There are now plenty	of sets available for	exchange you will	require from G.M. from
some time to spare	to a like number	of sets in use	of changing
the opportunity for	there should be	no man for any	feet of
time	any length		

From FILE  
Place 6PM  
Time

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

A FORM.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

No. of Message.....

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

TO { 7th "B" Coy

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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\* FWD

Please detail Party 1100	7 12 Mon to dig latrines	for officers etc at	Bde HQ
so to party take there	to Shovels few sand	bags T some cross	Report to Bde HQ
soon as possible			

From FILE  
Place 7:30 am  
Time

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

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APPENDIX. K.

"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

ARMY FORM C. 2121.  
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

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

TO { FACE }

Sender's Number. * <u>FW 10</u>	Day of Month. <u>15/10/17</u>	In reply to Number. <u>ABM 123</u>	<b>AAA</b>
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Works Officer -  
Lt L.D. MCCARTHY

From FILE  
Place  
Time Noon

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

"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

ARMY FORM C. 2121.  
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

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

TO { FACE }

Sender's Number. * <u>FW 11</u>	Day of Month. <u>15/10/17</u>	In reply to Number.	<b>AAA</b>
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Battalion H.Q. moved to  
C 30 d 31 (Ref Map Sheet 28)

From FILE  
Place  
Time 2 PM

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

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APPENDIX R

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"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

No. of Message.....

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

TO { A+B Coys

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* FW 18	10/10/17		

following working party to  
be supplied tomorrow -  
A+B Coys each 1 Officer and  
50 other ranks  
to report to Engineer  
officer at Cross Roads  
D25C (FRIESENBERG) at 5 am  
to carry duckboards to  
advanced Div. dump railway  
crossing D26B aaa  
Two trips if possible

From FILE  
Place 10/10/17  
Time 10/10/17  
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [Signature]  
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

No. of Message.....

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

TO { C+D Coys

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* FW 20	10/10/17		

C+D Coys will lack  
supply 1 Officer and  
50 men with shovel  
(and a few IICOs)  
as cable burying party  
to report to place  
later

From FILE  
Place 1 PM  
Time 1 PM  
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [Signature]  
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

No. of Message.....

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

TO { *15/10/17* *C4D Coy*

Sender's Number. * <i>FW21</i>	Day of Month. <i>15/10/17</i>	In reply to Number.	<b>AAA</b>
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*Please supply a party of 10 men each to report to tomorrow morning all to carry shovels*

From *FILE*  
Place *SPM*  
Time

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

"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

No. of Message.....

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

TO { *All Companies*

Sender's Number. * <i>FW25</i>	Day of Month. <i>17/10/17</i>	In reply to Number.	<b>AAA</b>
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*100 men up +  
relieve 13th in SUPPORTS  
tomorrow afternoon aaa  
will give you details  
as to which Company  
you relieve there later  
aaa Two officers per  
Company had better go  
up in morning and  
find out all details  
from 13th Btta aaa*

From *FILE*  
Place *19th*  
Time

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

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APPENDIX R.

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"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

No. of Message.....

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

TO { A. B. C. & D Coys

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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working parties to be supplied by you tomorrow.

A Coy. 1 Off. 58 ORanks to carry duck boards. These will be brought up by motor lorry to approx C 30 d 35 at 6 am. You will unload lorry, & then do one trip to D22 d central, handing over duck boards to Lt STEVENS or Sgt JACK at the dump

B Coy 1 Off. 40 ORanks to be at C 30 d 35 at 6/20 am, & carry 1 trip to D22 d central reporting to Lt STEVENS or Sgt Jack at the dump there

From  
Place  
Time

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

"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

No. of Message.....

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

TO {

* Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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C Coy 1 Off 55 ORanks to be at C 30 d 35 at 6/30 am, & carry 1 trip to D22 d central reporting to Lt STEVENS or Sgt JACK at the dump there

D Coy 1 Off 55 ORanks to be at C 30 d 35 at 6/40 am, & carry 1 trip to D22 d central reporting to Lt STEVENS or Sgt JACK at the dump there

If 05pc Coys read the whole message through, they will see how the whole party works in.

From FILE  
Place 2pm  
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

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APPENDIX K

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"A" Form.  
**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

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

No. of Message: .....

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

TO { A.B.C. & D. Coys

Sender's Number. * <u>FW30</u>	Day of Month. <u>17/10/17</u>	In reply to Number.	<b>AAA</b>
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You will release 13<sup>th</sup> Bth  
 (A) follows:-  
 A release "B" of 13<sup>th</sup> somewhere in vicinity  
 of ZONNEBERE church D28A18  
 B "A" at about D16 d 91  
 C "C" somewhere in vicinity  
 of ZONNEBERE church D28A18  
 D "D" at about D16 d 72

Coys to make all arrangements to  
 relief. Move from present area as  
 below:- "D" 4.30 PM "B" 4.40 PM  
 "C" 4.50 PM "A" 5.0 PM  
 Tea before moving off

From FILE  
 Place 3 P.M.C.  
 Time 3 P.M.C.  
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) H. [Signature]  
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

\* This line should be erased if not required.

**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.**

(In pads of 10.)

No. of Message: .....

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

TO { A.B.C. & D. Coys

Sender's Number. * <u>FW35</u>	Day of Month. <u>18/10/17</u>	In reply to Number.	<b>AAA</b>
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Attached find Bde Dispositions  
 which gives those of  
 13<sup>th</sup> Bth in detail you  
 will find them slightly  
 different to those sent  
 out to you yesterday  
 afternoon. Take note of  
 what concern you for  
 guidance in looking over  
 position this morning. aaaa

From FILE  
 Place idea  
 Time idea  
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [Signature]  
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

\* This line should be erased if not required.

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APPENDIX. R

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"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

Prefix..... Code..... m Words. Charge. No. of Message.....  
Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of: Recd. at ..... m.  
Sent Date.....  
At..... m. Service. From.....  
To..... From.....  
By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { H B C & R Coy

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A  
\* FW 40 18/10/17

Working parties tomorrow -

"A" Coy 1 off to Cranks with shovels

"C" Coy 1 " 40 " " "

To report at 5 AM at CHATEAU D 28 a 28 to Officer 12<sup>th</sup> Field Coy for carrying duckboards

"C" Coy 1 NCO 15 ORanks to report to Capt Smith 4<sup>th</sup> Div Sigs at 8 AM at ZONNEBEKE Church D 28 A 18 for carrying cable

From  
Place  
Time

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

\* This line should be erased if not required.

"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

Prefix..... Code..... m Words. Charge. No. of Message.....  
Office of Origin and Service Instructions. This message is on a/c of: Recd. at ..... m.  
Sent Date.....  
At..... m. Service. From.....  
To..... From.....  
By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO {

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A  
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B Coy 1 off 45 OR with shovels

D " 1 " 55 OR

to report to Capt SMITH 4<sup>th</sup> Div Sigs at 9.30 AM at DE KNOET FARM D 28 B 77 for burying cable

Bttn HQ to be advised on completion of relief this afternoon

From FILE  
Place  
Time 1 PM

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

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APPENDIX R

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

TO { *All Coy*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <i>FW 44</i>	<i>18/10/17</i>		

*More from this area  
to be as follows  
this afternoon.*

<i>"C" Coy leaves</i>	<i>4.45 PM</i>
<i>"A" "</i>	<i>4.55 PM</i>
<i>"D" "</i>	<i>5.5 PM</i>
<i>"B" "</i>	<i>5.15 PM</i>

*Alterations are made to such  
CC of 13th BTH.*

From <i>FLK</i>	
Place	
Time <i>2 PM</i>	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]*

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

\* This line should be erased if not required.

Prefix..... Code..... m	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of:	Date.....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.				Service.
Sent		At..... m.	By.....	
To.....				

TO { *NDA*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* <i>FW 44</i>	<i>19/10/17</i>		

<i>aaa</i>	<i>8163</i>	<i>9239</i>	<i>9264</i>
<i>9239</i>	<i>9239</i>	<i>9239</i>	<i>9239</i>
<i>8631</i>	<i>8379</i>	<i>8739</i>	<i>9264</i>
<i>3707</i>	<i>8103</i>	<i>9838</i>	<i>0394</i>
<i>2862</i>	<i>9006</i>	<i>5667</i>	<i>9264</i>
<i>3707</i>	<i>6580</i>	<i>9152</i>	<i>2862</i>
<i>5378</i>	<i>5056</i>	<i>0394</i>	<i>8399</i>
<i>3290</i>	<i>9152</i>	<i>8103</i>	<i>5667</i>
<i>7105</i>	<i>5056</i>	<i>7105</i>	<i>5667</i>
<i>5056</i>	<i>5378</i>	<i>9006</i>	<i>9982</i>
<i>aaa</i>			

*Situation report: enemy artillery  
very active with gas  
during night aaa*

From <i>NTD</i>	
Place	
Time <i>3/45 am</i>	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]*

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

\* This line should be erased if not required.

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APPENDIX. R

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

Prefix..... Code..... m Words. Charge.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *This message is on a/c of:*

Sent Date.....

At.....m. Service.

To..... From.....

By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { 1st Lt B & D Coy

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A

\* FW 45 19/10/17

H5 B Coy strength  
is somewhat depleted, arrange  
mutually to make working  
party up to as  
full strength as possible  
viz - 2 off 100 ORanks  
Treat this as important

From FILE

Place 6/25 am

Time 11/30 am

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *Headquarters*

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

\* This line should be erased if not required.

"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. 6

Prefix..... Code..... m Words. Charge.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *This message is on a/c of:* Recd. at..... m.

Sent Date.....

At.....m. Service.

To..... From.....

By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

URGENT  
TO FACE

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A

\* FW 47 19/10/17

Please supply two to  
three thousand sand-bags to  
meet urgent requirements.  
for building places for  
the men, many of  
whom have little or  
no cover  
aaa

From FILE

Place 9/30 am

Time 11/30 am

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *Headquarters*

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

\* This line should be erased if not required.

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APPENDIX R

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

TO { FACE

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A  
 \* FW51 19/10/17

Reference working party list to,  
 Party No 2 and  
 This party has  
 reported 4 was all  
 by 2 sappers only 25  
 duckboards were at the  
 dump, which we carried  
 forward + the remainder  
 of the party had  
 the trip to the  
 dump for nothing, which  
 was most unsatisfactory owing  
 to severe shelling at  
 the time and  
 owing to casualties,  
 Parties No 2 & 7 will not be  
 more than 80 strong in future

From FILE  
 Place  
 Time 10/35 am  
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Hoare  
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorized to telegraph in his name.

\* This line should be erased if not required.  
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1187)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

TO { B & E Coy

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A  
 \* FW52 19/10/17

Make up between you  
 tomorrow morning the following  
 working parties as near  
 to requirements as possible

- ① INCO 15 CR to report to Capt SMITH  
 4<sup>th</sup> Div<sup>l</sup> Sigs at 8 am at ZONNEBERG  
 Check D28 a 18 for carrying  
 cable to be supplied in fuel.
- ② 2 Off 100 CRanes to report at SAVI  
 at CHATEAU D28 a 28 to offer  
 12<sup>th</sup> Field Coy for carrying  
 duckboards

From FILE  
 Place  
 Time 2 PM  
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) Hoare  
 Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorized to telegraph in his name.

\* This line should be erased if not required.  
 (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1187)

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APPENDIX R.

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"A" Form.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Charge.....	This message is on a/c of: ..... Service.....	Recd. at.....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.....					Sent.....
				At.....	Date.....
				To.....	From.....
				By.....	By.....

TO { A.T.C. Coys

Sender's Number. * FW 53	Day of Month. 19/10/17	In reply to Number. Make up between	AAA
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Tomorrow morning the following party as near to requirements as possible:-

2 Officers 100 <sup>with shovels</sup> Oranjes to report to Capt SMITH 4th Div Sig at DE KNOET FARM D28 B77 at 9.30 am for burying cable

FILE

From JRM	Place Hooge
Time	

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

A FORM.  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words.....	Charge.....	This message is on a/c of: ..... Service.....	Recd. at.....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.....					Sent.....
				At.....	Date.....
				To.....	From.....
				By.....	By.....

TO { A.T.C. Coys

Sender's Number. * FW 54	Day of Month. 19/10/17	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Working party to be supplied today as follows:-

A Coy	10ff	30	Men with shovels
C.	-	20	"
	<u>10ff</u>	<u>50</u>	OR

To report at 1 PM to Capt SMITH 4th Div Sig at DE KNOET FARM D28 B77 of the contents of cable burying.

FILE

From FILE	Place Hooge
Time 11/30 AM	

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

\* This line should be erased if not required.

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APPENDIX R

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Prefix..... Code..... m Words. Charge. No. of Message.....  
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Recd. at ..... m.  
 Sent Date.....  
 At ..... m. Service. From.....  
 To.....  
 By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { c/c B & R Ops

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 \* FW 59 20/10/19

There is no relief tonight area. Tomorrow we take 13<sup>th</sup> place for our night duty, according to present programme.

From FILE  
 Place 7/30 AM  
 Time  
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [Signature]

\* This line should be erased if not required. (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1187.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Prefix..... Code..... m Words. Charge. No. of Message.....  
 Office of Origin and Service Instructions. Recd. at ..... m.  
 Sent Date.....  
 At ..... m. Service. From.....  
 To.....  
 By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { NTA

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
 \* FW 72 20/10

Verbal message from GOC passed on. "Tell Col Marks on completion of teleph to send "DAVIES" to NDA". "DAVIES" is the code word we take it.

From FILE  
 Place 5/40 PM  
 Time  
 The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [Signature]

\* This line should be erased if not required. (3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 650,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1187.)

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APPENDIX. R.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

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

TO { NDA

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* FV 120	23		

SLEEP aaa  
(Relief complete

From	N7D		
Place			
Time	P.M.		
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.		(Z)	
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to act in his name.		

(3796.) Wt. W 492/M1647. 630,000 Pads. 5/17. H. W. & V., Ltd. (E. 1137.)



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APPENDIX. R

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O P E R A T I O N   O R D E R   N o   1.

- by -

"B" Company, 16th Ba.

MAP REFERENCE

5.a. HAZEBROUCK

GENERAL IDEA

To promote Good fellowship amongst Officers of the 16th BATTALION.

SPECIAL IDEA

To get "D" Company Officers DRUNK.

FIRST SITUATION

Representatives of Two Companies of BLUE Troops will move through Outpost Line running E. and W. through N. environs of STEENVOORDE.  
Headquarters O/C. Outpost situated at  $\frac{1}{8}$ " N. of 3rd E in STEENVOORDE, which location will be Starting Point.

TO OFFICERS OF  
"D" COMPANY &  
BN. PADRE.  
DRESS

1. Please report to O/C. Outposts at Starting Point at 7-10 p.m., on 4th October, 1917.
2. Full Mess Order with THIRSTS.

INFORMATION  
ABOUT ENEMY

Owing to suspected treacherous conduct of one, PA GRIEVE, and consequent surprise effect having been lost, it is anticipated that a counter attack has been organised by Town Major, STEENVOORDE at 0  $\frac{1}{4}$  150.

I S S U E.

File  
D. Company  
B. Company  
Padre

OPERATION ORDER No. 2  
- BY -  
"B" Company, 16th Battalion.

MAP REFERENCE

S.a. HANENROUGH.

GENERAL IDEA

To retire in Echelon to starting point as mentioned in OPERATION ORDER No. 1. (Now in Support Line).

SPECIAL IDEA

The attacking troops are being relieved by CHARWORTH.

TO OFFICERS  
OF "B" CO.  
"D" CO.  
PAIRO.

1. At zero 175, relief will be considered as accomplished and units concerned will retire and re-organise at starting point, which will have been constituted a REFILLING POINT.

2. It is officially <sup>DENIED</sup> ~~assumed~~ that PA GRIEVE will perform the function of guide to retirement.

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"B" Company  
"D" Company  
Padre.

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