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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>QUELMEZ</u>	1/4/17		Church parade (Battm) afternoon training JH	
"	2/4/17		Training contact work with aeroplanes. (aeroplane failed to arrive) Order No 27 issued (Appendix A) JH	Appendix A
"	3/4/17		Training continued Order No 28 issued (Appendix B) JH	Appendix B
"	4/4/17		Training. Brigade in attack. Lt General GODLEY inspected training. JH	
"	5/4/17		Brigade less than battalions marched to WALLON CAPPEL. 39 <sup>th</sup> Batt marched to ST MARTIN-AU-LEERT. 40 <sup>th</sup> Batt marched to ARQUES. Bde HQ at MAIRIE WALLON CAPPEL JH	
WALLON CAPPEL	6/4/17		Brigade less than battalions marched to ARMENTIERES. 39 <sup>th</sup> & 40 <sup>th</sup> Batt on train at STOMER for STEENWERCK and then marched to ARMENTIERES. Bde HQ at GON. JH	
ARMENTIERES	7/4/17		Brigade Headquarters moved to GON. Brigade order No 29 issued (Appendix C) JH	Appendix C
"	8/4/17		Brigade relieved 9 <sup>th</sup> Bde in HOUPLINES - EPIVETTE section JH	
"	9/4/17		Situation normal JH	
"	10/4/17		Situation normal JH	
"	11/4/17		Situation normal JH	
"	12/4/17	10.25pm	Enemy attempted raid near HOBBS FARM. Raid repulsed by 40 <sup>th</sup> Batt. No enemy reached our line. JH Report attached Appendix D	Appendix D
"	13/4/17		Situation normal JH	
"	14/4/17		Situation normal. Brigade Major returned from Hospital. JH	
"	15/4/17	7.50pm	At 7.50 pm. enemy heavily bombarded front & support lines in C.17. a and c enemy principally trench mortars and shrapnel JH	
"	16/4/17		Situation normal JH	
"	17/4/17		On night 16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> 37 <sup>th</sup> Bn relieved 39 <sup>th</sup> Bn in EPIVETTE Sector & 38 <sup>th</sup> Bn relieved 40 <sup>th</sup> in HOUPLINES sector over attack JH	Appendix D
"	18/4/17		" " JH	
"	19/4/17		" " JH	
"	20/4/17		" " JH	
"	21/4/17		" " JH	
"	22/4/17		" " Attached marked Appendix D 2 is Order No 31; owing to relief this function not carried out by this Bde. JH	Appendix D
"	23/4/17	12.35AM	At 12.35 AM enemy put down barrage on localities 5.6.7. & 8 extending through net as heavily to locality 4. Enemy attempted to raid our trenches but was observed leaving his wire & was repulsed. Report attached Appendix E JH	Appendix E
"	24/4/17		Situation normal JH	
"	25/4/17		On night 24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> advanced parties 2/5 <sup>th</sup> KLR moved into L'EPINETTE Sector. Lewis Guns of 2/5 <sup>th</sup> KLR moved into HOUPLINES Sector during afternoon JH	
"	26/4/17		Subsidiary line of L'EPINETTE Sector. Advance parties 2/6 <sup>th</sup> KLR moved into HOUPLINES Sector during afternoon JH	
"	27/4/17		On night 25 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> 37 <sup>th</sup> Bn relieved by 2/5 <sup>th</sup> KLR & Lewis Guns 2/6 <sup>th</sup> KLR moved into Subsidiary line HOUPLINES Sector JH	
"	28/4/17		On night 26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> 39 <sup>th</sup> Bn relieved by 2/5 <sup>th</sup> KLR & 40 <sup>th</sup> Bn relieved by 2/7 <sup>th</sup> KLR. Brigade command passed to 6 pm. Orders for relief attached marked Appendix F JH	Appendix F

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ARMENTIERES	26/4/17	"	Bde Hqrs moved to Rue SADI CARNOT <i>Ind</i>	Appendix "G"
"	27/4/17	"	Relief of 11 <sup>th</sup> Bde AIF in accordance with 10 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bde Order No 33 (appendix "G") attached was commenced <i>Ind</i>	Appendix "G"
"	28/4/17	"	37 <sup>th</sup> Bn relieved 41 <sup>st</sup> Bn 38 <sup>th</sup> Bn relieved 42 <sup>nd</sup> Bn <i>Ind</i>	Appendix "G"
BRUNEGAYE	29/4/17	"	Relief of 11 <sup>th</sup> Brigade in PLOEGSTEERT. STYVES Sector completed on night 28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> April at 4 A.M. <i>Ind</i>	Appendix "G"
"	30/4/17	"	Night 29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> April enemy after heavy bombardment + under cover of smoke entered our trenches at two unoccupied bays but was quickly ejected + left two dead in our lines + some in NO MAN'S LAND. Report attached marked exhibit "H" <i>Ind</i>	Appendix "G"

*H. Ramsay McNeill*

Brigadier-General

Commanding 10th Australian Infantry Brigade



10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 27

2nd April 1917

REFERENCE MAPS.

BELGIUM 1/100,000 Sheet HAZEBROUCK  
1/20,000 FRANCE 27 A S.E.

INTENTION 1.

The 10th Australian Infantry Brigade less 33 Officers and 700 Other Ranks of each of the 39th and 40th Battalions, accompanied by 868th Company A.A.S.C. and Section "B" 10th Field Ambulance will move from QUELIMES ON April 5th, arriving in the Divisional Area on April 6th and move direct to billets in ARMENTIERES.

On night 5th/6th April the troops will be billeted at WALLON CAPPE L.

33 Officers and 700 Other Ranks of each of the 39th and 40th Battalions will proceed by train from ST. OMER to STEENWERCK on 6th April thence by route march to billets in ARMENTIERES.

MARCH TABLE

2.

March Table "A" issued herewith.

TRANSPORT

3.

1st Line Transport less 3 travelling kitchens of each of the 39th and 40th Battns will march with units.

2nd Line Transport less that required for units entraining at ST. OMER will be brigaded and will march in rear of column.

MECHANICAL TRANSPORT

4.

Mechanical transport for purpose of carrying blankets will be provided on following scale.

- 1 Waggon Brigade Headquarters and T.M.Btty.
- 2 Waggon per Battn
- 1 waggon for 39th Battn details marching to ARMENTIERES.
- 1 waggon for M.G.Coy.

Instructions as to loading and destination of Motor Lorries will be issued by Staff Captain.

BILLETS

5.

Billeting instructions will be issued by Staff Captain.

REPORTS

6.

Reports to head of column

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*Jack Hamilton* Captain  
A/Brigade Major  
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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- 9 Brigade Major
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- 11 38th Bn
- 12 39th Bn
- 13 40th Bn
- 14 10th M.G.Coy.
- 15 10th T.M.Btty)
- 16 Sec "B" 10th F.A.)
- 15 868th Coy. Div. Train)
- 17 Bde. Sec. Div. Train)

by Runner at 6-30 p.m. 2/4/17



Unit	From	to	Starting Point	Hour to pass Starting Point	Route.
Brigade Hqrs. 4th Sig. Sec. 10th M.G. Coy. 10th A.L.T.M. Bty	QUELLES Area	WALLON CAPPEL	ETRECHEN, Cross Rds. at V.16.b.95.95.	9-30 a. m.	ETRECHEN, ST. OMER ARQUES, WALLON CAPPEL.
37th Batta	"	"	" " "	9-39 a. m.	" " "
38th Batta	"	"	" " "	9-49 a. m.	" " "
39th Batta	"	"	" " "	10.9 a. m.	" " "
Sec. "B" 10th F. Ambulance	"	"	" " "	10-15 a. m.	" " "
2nd Line Transport	"	"	" " "	10-21 a. m.	" " "

APPENDIX 7

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MARCH TABLE ACCOMPANYING 10th AUST. INF. BRIGADE ORDER No. 28

Date	Hour of reaching Billets	Unit	From	To.	Notes.
April 5th	12 Noon	39th Battn	DIFQUES	ST. MARTIN-AU- LAERT	{ To entrain at ST. OMER on 6th April for STEENWERCK.
"	12-15 p.m.	40th Battn	TATINGHEM	ARQUES	
April 6th	On arrival at STEENWERCK	39th Battn } 40th Battn }	STEENWERCK	ARIENTIERES	Report to Brigade Hqrs RUE SADI CARNOT, ARIENTIERES.

APPENDIX B







U N I T.	NIGHT OF.	A R E A.	I N S T R U C T I O N S.
10th Infantry Brigade less 39th and 40th Battalions.	April 5/6.	WALLON CAPPEL - LES CINQ RUES - SERCUS.	Billeting parties consisting of 1 Officer per Battalion and 1 N.C.O. per Company mounted or on bicycles will proceed ahead and report to the Staff Captain at the Church WALLON CAPPEL at 4 p.m. on the <u>4th</u> instant.
39th Battalion A.I.F.	April 5/6.	ST MARTIN AU LAERT.	Billets to be arranged in advance with the TOWN MAJOR, ST. <del>OMER</del> . Battalion Billeting Officers should report to him at 3 p.m. on the 4th instant when full particulars will be supplied.
40th Battalion A.I.F.	April 5/6.	ARQUES.	
10th Infantry Brigade.	April 6/7.	A R M E N T I E R E S.	Billets arranged with Town Major - Advanced parties should report to him.  B r i g a d e H. Q. Rue Sadi Carnot. "B" Group. 37th Battn H.Q. 6 Rue de Strasbourg. "H" " 38th " H.Q. 60 Rue Sadi Carnot. "G" " 39th " H.Q. Hospice Mahieu. "X" " 40th " H.Q. 3 Rue Bayard. 10th M. G. Company. Ecole de Music. 10th A. L. T. H. Dty. 50 Rue Jules Lebleu and 23 Rue Sadi Carnot.



## 10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 20

7th April 1917.

REFERENCE MAP:-HOUPLINES Sheet 36 Edition 6 1/10,000  
BOIS GRENIER, 36 N.W. 4 Edition 3 1/10,000RELIEF

1. The 10th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade in the HOUPLINES-EPINETTE Section. Relief to be completed by Midnight on the night of 8th/9th April.

10th  
MACHINE  
GUN COY.

2. The 10th Australian Machine Gun Coy. will take over from the 207th Machine Gun Coy. in the ARMENTIERES defences. Relief to be completed by 12 Noon on 8th instant.

207th  
MACHINE  
GUN COY.

3. The 207th Machine Gun Coy. will relieve the 9th Aust. Machine Gun Coy. in the HOUPLINES-EPINETTE Section on 8th instant, relief to be completed by 6 p.m.

10th AUS.  
LIGHT  
TRENCH  
MORTAR  
BATTERY

4. The 10th Aust. Light Trench Mortar Battery will relieve the 9th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery, relief to be completed by 12 Noon on 8th instant.

DETAILS  
OF  
RELIEF

5. The 39th Battalion will relieve the "A" Battalion in the EPINETTE Section and the 40th Battalion will relieve the "B" Battalion in the HOUPLINES Section.

Advanced Parties and Specialists will move into the front line on afternoon of 7th instant. Guides from the 9th Aust. Inf. Brigade will meet the 39th Battalion parties at 3 p.m. at LUNATIC ASYLUM, I.I.B. 85.85 and conduct them to "A" Battalion Headquarters.

40th Battalion Parties will proceed to "B" Battalion Headquarters where guides will meet them at 4 p.m.

The remainder of Infantry relief to commence at 8 p.m. on 8th instant. Details of relief will be arranged personally between C.O.s concerned.

TRENCH  
STORES

6. Trench Stores, Defence Schemes, Log Books, etc., will be taken over by Unit Commanders. Copies of receipts given will be forwarded to this office by 12 Noon on 9th instant.

TRENCH  
ORDERS

7. This Order is to be read in conjunction with 3rd Australian Divisional Trench Standing Orders.

REPORTS

8. Reports on completion of relief to Brigade Headquarters at G.O.3.

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*John Hamblin*  
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A/Brigade Major.  
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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S E C R E TINSTRUCTIONS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH 10th AUST. INF.BRIGADE ORDER No. 29

Headquarters,  
10th Australian Inf. Brigade  
8th April 1917.

In accordance with the Defence Scheme, 38th Battalion will become "C" Battalion and will be billeted in C.26.c, under instructions from the Staff Captain, which will be issued later, with Battalion Headquarters in 53 RUE d'YPRES, ARMENTIERES.

The 37th Battalion will become "D" Battalion with Battalion Headquarters at 14 RUE SADI CARNOT, ARMENTIERES.

"D" Battalion will be one of the Divisional Reserve battalions.

With reference to the above battalions special attention is directed to paras. 14 and 16 of Defence Scheme (9th Australian Infantry Brigade).

The 10th Machine Gun Coy. will also be considered as part of the Divisional Reserve and will take over the whole of the defences of ARMENTIERES and not only the part formerly held by the 207th Machine Gun Coy.

Place of assembly, routes to be followed and action to be taken by the Divisional Reserve will be as dictated by the tactical situation.

With exception of the 38th Battalion these dispositions will take effect forthwith.

*Law A. Lambden* Captain  
A/Brigade Major,  
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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th, 39th, 40th Battns  
Coy., 10th T.M. Btty  
Machine Gun Coy.  
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J.J.C.

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Headquarters,  
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
14th April 1917.

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Headquarters, 3rd Australian Division.

REPORT OF ATTEMPTED ENEMY RAID ON OUR TRENCHES  
AT HOBBS' FARM, HOURLINESSE SECTION ON NIGHT OF  
12th/13th APRIL 1917.

ENEMY  
ARTILLERY

(1)

Opened at 10-17 p.m. on Localities 14, 15, 16, and 17, consisting of Minnenwerfer on Front and Support Lines and H.E. on Support Line. Continued until about 11-30 p.m.

OUR  
ARTILLERY

(2)

The S.O.S. Signal was sent up from Locality 14 at 10-21 p.m. Barrage opened at 10-25 p.m. from Right Group Artillery. Subsequently a liaison barrage was put down by Centre Group Artillery. The 10th A.L.T.M. Battery also opened fire on their S.O.S. lines.

Artillery ceased fire at 11-10 p.m.

COMMUNICA-  
TIONS

(3)

Almost immediately the barrage commenced communications were cut in the unburied portion of the line between Battalion Headquarters and Companies. Linesmen and signallers were immediately sent out to repair the breaks, which were many. These were mended and communication restored at 12-50 p.m.

ENEMY  
RAID

(4)

At 10-45 p.m. an enemy raiding party, number estimated at 40, reached the outer edge of our wire but were driven back by Lewis Gun and Bomb fire. The enemy withdrew and a fighting patrol was immediately sent out from our trenches to search for casualties and identifications but failed to find any.

IDENTIFI-  
CATIONS

(5)

No identifications could be found on night of the raid but on night of 13th/14th April the body of one dead German was brought in, on whom was found a disc showing him to belong to R.J.R. 228, 2 K N R, 1144. His equipment and rifle were also found together with other portions of equipment and many stick bombs. The equipment had in most cases been made in SAXONY. The rifle was from DANZIG (1916). On a belt found in NO MAN'S LAND an under-officer's sword-knot was attached.

It is probable that other casualties occurred but we have no direct proof of this except that the Germans withdrew hurriedly.

OUR  
CASUALTIES

(6)

Our casualties were slight, resulting wholly from shell fire, and numbered 1 Officer (2nd Lt. H.E.O. WHITAKER) and 15 Other Ranks (Wounded)

The remainder of the night was quiet.

*W. Ramsay McNeill*

Brigadier-General

BM/926/145

Commanding 10th Australian Inf. Brigade



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10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 30.

14th April 1917.

INTENTION

1. The following reliefs will take place on night April 16th/17th, commencing at 8 p.m.

37th Battn will relieve 39th Battn in the right sub-sector

38th Battn will relieve the 40th Battn in the left sub-sector

Specialists together with Gas N.C.Os will proceed to the trenches at 7 p.m. on the 15th instant.

Command will pass to C.Os and Company Commanders of relieving Battns at Midnight on night 16th/17th April.

GUIDES

2. Guides from Battns in line at the rate of 1 per platoon will meet the relieving Battns at their Headquarters at 7-30 p.m. on 16th April.

ROUTES

3. C.Os concerned will make mutual arrangements as to routes to be traversed.

MOVEMENT

4. The relieving Battns will move from billets by platoons at 5 minutes intervals.

BILLETS

5. 39th Battn will occupy billets vacated by 37th ("C") Battn.  
40th Battn will occupy billets vacated by 38th ("D") Battn.

DISPOSITION

6. At completion of relief, 39th Battn will be "C" Battn and 40th Battn will be "D" Battn and will form part of the Divisional Reserve.

TRENCH STORES

7. Lists of trench stores taken over will be forwarded to Staff Captain. Receipts will be given and taken for all log books, trench stores, maps etc.

TRENCH ORDERS

8. This memo is to be read in conjunction with 3rd Australian Divisional Standing Orders.

REPORTS

9. Commanding Officers will report to this office the date and time of completion of relief.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*James A. Lambden* Captain  
A/Brigade Major.  
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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	10	37th Battn by runner	at 6.30 p.m.	14/4/17				
	11	38th	"	"	"	"	"	"
	12	39th	"	"	"	"	"	"
	13	40th	"	"	"	"	"	"
	14	10th M.G. Coy.	"	"	"	"	"	"
	15	10th A.L.T.M. Btty	"	"	"	"	"	"
	16	207th Machine Gun Coy	"	"	"	"	"	"
	17	176th Army Field Arty Bde	"	"	"	"	"	"
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	20	10th F. Coy. Engrs.	"	"	"	"	"	"
	21	11th Field Ambulance	"	"	"	"	"	"
	22	8th Aus. F.A. Bde	"	"	"	"	"	"
	23	868th Coy. Div. Train	"	"	"	"	"	"
	24	Bde. Sec. Div. Sigs.	"	"	"	"	"	"

10th Australian Infantry Brigade  
A/Brigade Maj. or  
Captain



A.C.C.

SECRET.Headquarters  
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
23/4/17.

To, Headquarters, 3rd Australian Division..

REPORT ON ATTEMPTED ENEMY RAID NIGHT 22/23RD APRIL 1917.

At 12.35 a.m., enemy put down heavy barrage on the front and support lines of "C" and "D" Companies 37th Battalion A.I.F., Localities 5, 6, 7, and 8 extending, although not so heavy, Southwards to Locality 4.

Our Artillery commenced firing on S.O.S. Line at 12.40 a.m. and our firing had reached its height at 12.45 a.m.

At 12.40 a.m. C. C. "D" Company reported that the enemy was heavily barraging both front line and support lines in his Locality at the same time. He then asked for more retaliation as the firing on his line was increasing in intensity. This increased retaliation was given.

At 1.30 a.m., a party of about 50 enemy was seen from Localities 7 and 8 leaving the enemy wire in the direction of our line, but was dispersed by Lewis Gun fire from these two Localities.

At 1.45 a.m., a party from "D" Company moved out into NO MANS LAND to endeavour to ascertain if any casualties had been inflicted on the enemy. They returned without finding trace of any such casualties.

Our Casualties were :-

KILLED.

2nd/Lieut. R. W. HUNTER.  
(37th Battalion A.I.F.)

Four Other Ranks.

WOUNDED.

2nd/Lieut. C. R. LONG  
(37th Battn. att'd A.I.T.M.B.)  
2nd/Lieut. M. G. McNICOL.  
(37th Battalion A.I.F.).

Eleven Other Ranks.

*A. Ramsay McNeill*



SECRET

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10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.31

22nd April 1917.

MAP REFERENCES:- 1/10,000 Sheets, 36 N.W. 2 and N.E.1 (parts of); and 36 N.W. 4

INTENTION 1. It is intended to discharge gas and smoke on the Brigade front on the night 22nd/23rd April if weather conditions are suitable or on the first suitable date following.

OBJECT 2. The object of the release of gas is to destroy as many as possible of enemy personnel and the object of release of smoke is to cover patrols mentioned in Paragraph 4.

LOCATION 3. Gas and smoke will be discharged by "L" Special Coy. R.E. from following portions of Brigade front. -

I.10.b.98.39 to I.11.a.08.82.  
C.29.c.32.28 to C.29.a.10.02.  
C.29.a.25.76 to C.23.c.18.16

Gas and smoke will be discharged by "N" Special Coy. R.E. from following portions of Brigade front.

C.23.a.15.10 to C.23.a.20.38.  
C.17.c.27.60 to C.17.a.05.25

OPERATION 4. From ZERO to ZERO PLUS 20 MINUTES gas will be discharged.

From ZERO PLUS 15 MINUTES to ZERO PLUS 75 MINUTES smoke will be discharged.

At ZERO PLUS 75 Minutes or later, in accordance with advice of Special Coy. R.E. Officers infantry patrols as hereunder will follow up smoke cloud and enter enemy trench at the following points for the purpose of ascertaining result of discharge of gas.

Lieut. KILLINGSWORTH and 20 O.R. 38th Battn will enter at C.17.a.65.10.

Lieut. DUNN and 20 O.R. 38th Battn. will enter at C.22.a.65.60.

Lieut. MURDOCH and 20 O.R. 37th Battn will enter at I.11.a.58.40.

Lieut. HAMILTON and 20 O.R. 37th Battn will enter at I.11.a.58.65

Full instructions have been given to each of patrol leaders.

Officers Commanding "N" and "L" Special Coys. R.E. will arrange to send with each patrol 2 of the personnel of the Special Coys.

Officers Commanding patrols will consult with Special Coy. R.E. Officers in charge of their respective gas sectors as to advisability of moving out at ZERO PLUS 75 MINUTES or delaying until some time later; the responsibility of saying whether patrols to go out resting with the Special Coy. R.E. Officers.

PRECAUTIONS 5. (a) The front line from which gas is to be discharged will be cleared to a distance of 250 yards on either flank of the gas with the exception of sentries, machine gunners, and one Infantry Officer per gas sector, all of whom will wear their box respirators fully adjusted from ZERO MINUS 5 MINUTES to ZERO PLUS 30 MINUTES.



PRECAUTIONS 5. (b) The infantry officers remaining in the gas sectors will keep in touch with the Special Coy. R.E. Officer in charge of their sector.

CODE 6. (a) The following code will be used for giving warning of gas discharge. -

"Candidates will report today at (11) o'clock".

This will mean that gas will be discharged that night at 11 o'clock.

(b) In the event of O.C. Special Companies, R.E., finding the weather conditions unfavourable, prior to Zero hour, the Zero hour may be postponed for one or more hours, in which case a message will be sent as follows:-

"Candidatee report (1) hour later".

This will mean Zero has been advanced one hour.

(c) In the event of weather conditions being so unsuitable as to preclude any possibility of discharge of gas that night, the following messages will be sent:-

"Candidates will not report today".

(d) The decision as to whether conditions are suitable for gas discharge is left entirely with the O.C. "A" Special Coy., R.E., who will be able to give provisional opinion one hour before Zero. The final decision at Zero hour as to suitability of the weather is left entirely to the discretion of the Officers of the Special Companies, R.E., in the gas sectors.

#### ARTILLERY ACTION

7. Artillery will stand by for retaliation from ZERO in case enemy replies to gas waves.

#### MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS

8. O.Cs 39th and 40th Battns will place regimental stretcher bearers at the disposal of the officers commanding "N" and "L" Special Coys. R.E., at the following points.-

##### 39th Battn

(1) 4 Stretcher Bearers with 2 stretchers to report to R.E. Officer in front line at top of VAUXHALL.

(2) 6 Stretcher Bearers with 3 stretchers at C.28.d.90.70 (concrete dugout LONDON ROAD).

(3) 4 Stretcher Bearers with 2 Stretchers at FRYPAN.

##### 40th Battn

(1) 6 Stretcher Bearers with 3 stretchers at junction of EDMEDS AVENUE and 2nd Support Line.

(2) 6 Stretcher Bearers with 3 stretchers at junction of IRISH AVENUE and 2nd Support Line.

#### SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES

Watches will be synchronised by reference to Brigade Headquarters at 6 p.m. on 22nd and, if gas is not released on that day, daily at the same hour until this operation is completed.

#### GAS ALERT

10. The gas alert will be ordered for all troops from front line to Subsidiary line inclusive from ZERO to ZERO PLUS 30 MINUTES.



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REPORTS 11.

(a) Cos "M" and "L" Special Companies will be responsible for keeping Brigade Headquarters informed as to progress of operations from ZERO MINUS 3 HOURS until after the operation of cancellation thereof.

(b) Reports from patrols to G.O.C. at earliest possible moment.

*W. J. Connelley*  
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Brigade Major.  
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Headquarters,  
10th Aust. Inf. Brigade  
22nd April 1917.

C.Os 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th Battns  
10th M.G. Coy., 10th A.L.T.M. Btty.  
207th M.G. Coy., 176th Army Field Arty.  
11th Aus. Field Ambulance, 10th F. Coy. Engrs.,  
3rd Aust. Pioneer Battn.

Referring to 10th Australian Infantry  
Brigade No. 31 of even date, candidates will not report today.

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*Joe Hamblin* Captain  
A/Brigade Major  
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 32

23rd April 1917.

MAP REFERENCES.-- 1/10,000 Sheets, 36 N.W. 2 and N.E.1 (parts of); and 36 N.W. 4.

INTENTION

1. The 10th Australian Infantry Brigade will be relieved by the 171st Inf. Brigade; relief to be completed by 4 a. m. on 26/27th April.

RELIEFS

2. The following will be the order of reliefs.--

NIGHT 24th/25th APRIL.37th Battn.

Advanced parties 2/5th K.L.R. will move into the 1'EPINETTE Sector.

Lewis guns 2/5th K.L.R. will move into the Subsidiary Line of 1'EPINETTE Sector, reporting to 37th Battn Headquarters. The relief of Lewis Guns of 37th Batt n to take place during day on 25th April.

C.O. 2/5th K.L.R. will arrange with C.O. 37th Battn rendezvous and times for guides.

10th Machine Gun Coy.

Advance party of 171st Machine Gun Company will move into line with 207th Machine Gun Coy.

10th Aus. Light Trench Mortar Battery.

The 10th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery will be relieved by the 171st Light Trench Mortar Battery. A proportion of the former will remain in the line with the latter until they are acquainted with the line, but not longer than 24 hours.

25th APRIL.40th Battn.

The 40th Battn will be relieved by the 2/7th K.L.R. during afternoon of 25th April. The 40th Battn will not move from its present billets.

38th Battn

Advance Parties 2/6th K.L.R. will move into HOUPINES Sector. Guides from 38th Battn. of rate of 1 per Coy, to meet parties at ERQUINGHEM Railway Crossing at H.5.b.95.82, hereinafter called Railway Crossing, at 3 p.m.

NIGHT 25th/26th APRIL.37th Battn.

The 37th Battn will be relieved by the 2/5th K.L.R., relief to commence at 8 p.m. 37th Battn will move to billets in ARMENTIERES, in reference to which instructions will be issued by Staff Captain.

Lewis Guns 2/6th K.L.R. will move into Subsidiary Line HOUPINES Sector, reporting to 38th Battn Headquarters. (Relief of Lewis Guns of 38th Bn. to take place on day of 26th April.) 38th Battn will detail a guide to meet this party at Railway Crossing at 7.30 p.m.



RELIEFS 2.

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26th APRIL39th Battn.

The 39th Battn will be relieved by the 2/8th K.L.R. on the afternoon of 26th April. The 39th Battn will not move from present billets.

NIGHT 26th/27th APRIL.38th Battn

The 38th Battn will be relieved in the HOUPINES Sector by the 2/6th K.L.R. The 38th Battn will detail guides at rate of 1 per platoon to meet 2/6th K.L.R. at Railway Crossing at 7 p.m. Billets of 38th Battn will be arranged by Staff Captain

All further details of relief

DETAILS OF RELIEF

3.

will be arranged direct between C.Os and their opposite numbers.

TRENCH STORES

3.

All Trench Stores, log books, maps, Defence Schemes and intelligence records, will be handed over to incoming units and receipts obtained.

Receipts in case of Trench Stores to be in duplicate, one copy to be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters within 24 hours after relief.

COMMAND 5.

Command will pass in case of Units upon completion of reliefs.

BRIGADE COMMAND

6.

Brigade Command will pass at 6 p.m. on the 26th April at which time Brigade Headquarters will close at its present location and open at RUE SADI CARNOT, ARMENTIERES, at B.30.d.25.05.

## ACKNOWLEDGE.

*John Connell*  
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10th Australian Infantry Brigade

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10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 33

23rd April 1917.

MAP REFERENCES. - 1/20,000 Sheets, 28 S.W. Edition 3 D and  
36 N.W. Edition 6 C.

INTENTION 1. The 10th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade in the PLOEGSTEERT-ST. YVES Sector; relief to be completed at 4 a. m. night 28th/29th April.

RELIEFS 2. The following will be the order of reliefs.

27th APRIL

40th Battalion The 40th Battalion will relieve the 44th Battalion ("B" Battn); relief to be completed by Noon.

NIGHT 27th/28th APRIL

39th Battalion Advance parties all Lewis gunners with guns, and percentage of other specialists of 39th Battalion move into line with 43rd Battn ("A" Battn). Time to be arranged between C.Os concerned.

Lewis Gunners of 43rd Battn with guns will move out leaving Nos. 1 and 2 with each gun until Battalion relief complete.

10th Machine Gun Coy., and 10th Aus. Light Trench Mortar Battery.

The 10th Machine Gun Coy. will withdraw from the ARMENTIERES Defences and will relieve the 11th Machine Gun Coy., and 10th Aus. Light Trench Mortar Battery will relieve the 11th Aus. Light Trench Mortar Battery; both reliefs to be completed by 6 a. m. C.Os of 10th Machine Gun Coy., and 10th Aus. Light Trench Mortar Battery will arrange with their opposite numbers for a proportion to move into the line the night before the relief.

28th APRIL

37th Battalion will relieve 41st Battn ("C" Battn) relief to be completed by Noon.

38th Battn. will relieve 42nd Battn ("D" Battn) relief to be completed by 6 p.m.

NIGHT 28th/29th APRIL

39th Battalion will relieve 43rd Battn ("A" Battn) relief to commence at 8 p.m. and be completed by 4 a. m.

ROUTES 3.

Units of 10th Aust. Inf. Brigade, except the 38th Battalion will use following route:-

ARMENTIERES - PONT DE NIEPPE - LAMERON FME - N.W. of CHAPELLE - ROMPU, thence North Westerly through C.7.c., B 12 b past SOYER FME to PLOEGSTEERT.

C.Os will arrange routes North of PLOEGSTEERT and guides if necessary with opposite numbers.

The road from CHAPELLE ROMPU, PLOEGSTEERT to HYDE PARK CORNER will not be used.

37th, 39th and 40th Battalions will move by platoons at 5 minutes intervals.

38th Battalion will move by Companies at 5 minutes intervals and will move via PONT DE NIEPPE past DOUANE and along PAVE FRUET.



RECONNAISSANCE 4.

On the 24th April and succeeding days until relief completed Battalion Officers at rate of 1 per Company and one officer from each of 10th Machine Gun Coy. and 10th Aus. Light Trench Mortar Battery will proceed to unit which they are relieving for purposes of reconnaissance.

TRENCH STORES

5. Defence Schemes and intelligence records will be taken over on relief and receipts given, copies of which will be kept. A copy of receipt given in the case of Trench Stores will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters within 24 hours of completion of relief.

COMMAND

6. Command of Units will pass upon completion of reliefs and 10th Aust. Inf. Brigade units will take particular care that all duties, working parties, carrying parties &c., are taken over from the hour when command passes so as to ensure continuity of work.

TRANSPORT LINES

7. present location. Transport lines will remain in their

MECHANICAL TRANSPORT

8. Captain for Mechanical Transport to carry packs and blankets of 39th Battalion, and blankets only of other units who will move in marching order.

BRIGADE COMMAND

9. night 28/29th April when Brigade Headquarters will open at BRUNE GAYE, B.10.c.10.90 and until such time, units of 10th Brigade within 11th Brigade area will be under the command of Brigadier of 11th Inf. Brigade to whom all operation and intelligence reports will be rendered.

Routine and administration returns etc., will be rendered to 10th Inf. Brigade Headquarters at RUE SADI CARNOT, ARMENTIERES, at B.10.d.25.05 after 6 p.m. on 26th April and at BRUNE GAYE, B.10.c.10.90 from 2 p.m. 28th April.

## ACKNOWLEDGE.

*John Connolly*  
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19 11th Aus. Inf. Brigade

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Headquarters,  
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.  
23rd April 1917.

Referring to 10th Australian Infantry Brigade  
Order No. 33 of 23rd instant, Paragraph 9, three last lines, for

"RUE SADI CARNOT, ARMENTIERES, at B.10.d.25.05 after 6 p.m.  
"on 26th April and at BRUNE GAYE, B.30.c.10.90"

Read, "RUE SADI CARNOT, ARMENTIERES at B.30.d.25.05 after 6 p.m.  
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30th April 1917.

Headquarters, 3rd Australian Division.

REPORT ON ENEMY RAID ON NIGHT 29th/30th APRIL.Reference Map:- PLOEGSTEERT Edition 4 B 1/10,000.4.17 a. m.

Enemy put down an extremely heavy barrage on our Front and Support Lines in Square U.15 and U.21.b. Hostile fire came from both flanks as well as from front and consisted of shrapnel and H.E. of all calibres up to 5.9, and also trench mortars.

4.22 a. m.

Some enemy were noticed in NO MAN'S LAND.

4.24 a. m.

The barrage was converted into a "box", the third side of which was put down as far back as HOPE HOUSE at U.14.d.67.08, Headquarters of "A" Battalion.

Left Group Artillery commenced firing.

4.25 a. m.

Parties of enemy estimated at 90 approached our line in three waves, screened by a cloud of smoke formed by smoke bombs, and Lewis gunfire, Vickers gunfire, and rifle fire were opened on them, some of the party being seen to fall.

Two small parties got into our front line at unoccupied bays at U.15.d.38.90 and U.15.d.55.70, but did not get past the front line and were driven out by rifle fire and bombs.

A Lewis gun team in the vicinity of the most Northern point of entrance by the enemy fought its gun until jammed with mud, when the team, three of whom were wounded, retired to shell holes in rear of the front line from which they fired with rifles on the enemy. One man from this Lewis gun team is missing. A close examination of the bay in which this Lewis gun team was posted disclosed the fact that the enemy must have passed into it when in the front line as a German cartridge and the tops of 2 stick grenades were found on the duckboards. There was a good deal of blood on the duckboards and in one of the dugouts, and it was smeared up the side of the parapet to the top. It was noticed that in this bay things such as Very pistols and their cartridges, equipment, &c., were all untouched, which seems to point to the fact that the enemy discovered the missing man wounded and, probably, in the dugout where he would crawl for concealment, and dragged him over the parapet. Were they not thus occupied they would in all probability have collected the available booty above indicated and amongst which was also some letters addressed to men of the 11th Brigade and which they would have regarded as establishing identity

4.34 a. m.

Left Group Artillery concentrated on U.21.b. and U.15.d. on request from these Headquarters.

5.10 a. m.

The "box" was lifted and the barrage again put down.

5.20 a. m.

The "box" was again put down for a few minutes again changing to the barrage, which eventually ceased at 5.25 a. m.



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5.21 a. m. Informed Left Group Artillery that hostile fire had eased off and that batteries could reduce their rate of fire.

5.28 a. m. Left Group Artillery were informed that they could cease fire.

IDENTIFI-  
CATION Two enemy dead were left in our line. Both killed by rifle fire.  
Identification was 5th Coy. (2nd Batta)  
5th Bav. Res. (Normal).  
Another dead German is in NO MAN'S LAND beyond our wire, and several others were seen to be carried away from in front of our trenches.

DEMOLITION  
CHARGES Six demolition charges, each containing 8 packets of high explosive each weighing 2 lbs, were found in our front line. From this fact in conjunction with the depth of his "box" and the strength of his raiding party it would appear that the enemy knew of and intended to destroy the ST. YVES sap heads.

BOOTY Close examination of NO MAN'S LAND today disclosed a number of bomb bags with stick grenades in them and a number of stick grenades lying about ; 3 rifles, 2 gas masks and a silver watch and chain.

FLAGS Four white flags were tied to the enemy wire, apparently as a means of guiding the raiders back to the gaps in their wire.

GAPS IN  
OUR WIRE Our wire was apparently sufficiently destroyed by shell fire to enable enemy to get through it, a very definite gap being noticed close to the Northern point of entrance to our trenches

CASUALTIES Our casualties were. KILLED  
1 Officer  
8 Other Ranks.  
WOUNDED  
2 Officers  
50 Other Ranks.  
MISSING  
1 Other Rank.

All caused by Artillery fire.

*W. J. Ramsey*

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Brigadier-General  
Commanding 10th Australian Infantry Brigade.