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WAR DIARY

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10th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
T2 C 40-70	1/7/17		all units training <i>W.S.</i>	
"	2/7/17		" " " <i>W.S.</i>	
"	3/7/17		" " " <i>W.S.</i>	
"	4/7/17		" " " <i>W.S.</i>	
"	5/7/17		" " " <i>W.S.</i>	
"	6/7/17		" " " <i>W.S.</i>	
"	7/7/17		" " " <i>W.S.</i>	
"	8/7/17		" " " <i>W.S.</i>	
"	9/7/17		Brigade Competitions in Military events. Syllabus attached (Exhibit "A") <i>W.S.</i>	Exhibit "A"
"	10/7/17		Brigade Sports Programme with results Appendix "A" 1 sheet. <i>W.S.</i>	" "A"
"	11/7/17		Night 10 th /11 th July 39 th + 40 th moved in accordance with Brigade Order No 55 (Exhibit "B") <i>W.S.</i>	" "B"
"	12/7/17		Night 11 th /12 th July relief of Support Brigade by 10 th A. Inf Bde in accord with Brigade order No 55 completed. Situation normal. <i>W.S.</i>	" "B1"
T6 C 74.78	13-7-17		all available men on working parties. <i>R.L.</i>	
" "	14-7-17		" " " <i>R.L.</i>	
" "	15-7-17		" " " <i>R.L.</i>	

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B.S.
1/8/17

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T6c 74 78	16.7.17		All available men on working parties R.L.	
"	17.7.17		" " " " R.L.	
"	18.7.17		" " " " R.L.	
"	19.7.17		" " " " R.L.	
"	20.7.17		Inter-battalion relief on night 20/21 st R.L. vide B.O. No 56. R.L.	Appendix C
"	21.7.17		All available men on working parties R.L.	
"	22.7.17		" " " " 3 rd Aust. Divisional Horse Show. M	
"	23.7.17		" " " " R.L.	
"	24.7.17		" " " " W.S.	
"	25.7.17		" " " " W.S.	
"	26.7.17		" " " " W.S.	
"	27.7.17		" " " " W.S.	
"	28.7.17		" " " " W.S.	
"	29.7.17		" " " " W.S.	
"	30.7.17		Night 29 th /30 th , 39 th + 40 th Bns became "C" + "D" Bns (See Bde Order No 56 Appendix D herts) W.S.	Appendix "D"
"	31.7.17		Offensive by 11 th Bde. Action of 10 th LTMB per 3 rd Aust L.T.M. Division Circular No 1 (Appendix E "herts") Action of 10 th M.G. Coy see 3 rd Aust Divn. Diversion Circular No 3, and 3 rd Aust Div Order No 49 W.S.	" "E"

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10th M.G. Coy see 3rd Aust Divn. Diversion Circular No 3, and 3rd Aust Div Order No 49

TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. LEWIS GUN

Section of 1 N.C.O. 6 Men.

- (a) Turn out of section, appearance &c. 20 pts.
- (b) Examination of guns, spares, magazines 20 pts.
- (c) (1) DRILL - Smartness, accuracy, details &c.)
- (2) Mounting and Dismounting gun &c.) 60 pts.
- (3) Action.)

Judges :- Capt. E. W. LATCHFORD Lieut J. STEWART

B. BOMBING

Throwing - Standing

Section of 8 throwers, each to throw 5 grenades

Target - Shell hole 4'6" diam, surrounded by sandbags.

Range - 25 yards.

Scoring - 1 point for each grenade in shell hole.

- (a) Falling direct
- (b) Hitting sandbags and falling in
- (c) Should grenade fall in hole and bounce out 1 point is scored.

THROWING - Kneeling

Range - 20 yards Other conditions as above.

Judges :- Lieut. A. J. MURRAY
Lieut. J. L. WHITEHEAD

C. RIFLE GRENADES

Section of 8 firers each to fire 3 grenades.

Targets - Intersection of trenches 2'6" wide, longer axis 10 yards; shorter axis 5 yards.

Range - 65 yards to nearest end of trench

Scoring - 4 points for landing grenade at intersection of trenches.

3 points for landing in any other part of trenches.

2 points for landing on sandbags at edge of trenches

1 point for landing inside area outlined by chipped line.

Judges :- Lieut. L. H. BIDDULPH
Lieut. F. de C. MANN

D. MUSKETRY

Section of 8, each to have 30 dummy cartridges in chargers.

Test - As Section 299 (1X) p.120 Musketry Regs 1.

Scoring - 50 pts. maximum; 1 pt. deducted for each man for each second taken in excess of 1 minute. Points to be deducted for 1 incorrect position of rifle or other faults.

Judges :- Lieut. L. J. BEATTIE
Lieut. C. SHARLAND.

E. CLOSE ORDER DRILL

Platoons will be required to carry out movements as ordered. Points given for turn-out: smartness and correctness of movement.

Scoring - 50 points maximum

Judges :- Lieut-Col. C. H. DAVIS D.S.O.
Lieut-Col. W. J. SMITH

BAYONET FIGHTING

- 1. 2nd Control Charge 10 pts.
- 2. Class Work
 - Long Point (Stationary) 5 pts.
 - Advancing rear foot 5 pts.
 - Long and short point 5 pts.
- 3. Ring.
 - Instructor with blob 10 pts.
 - Class facing outward.
- 4. Final Assault Course 10 pts.

PHYSICAL TRAINING

- 1. 1st Leg Exercise 5 pts.
- 2. " Arm " 5 pts.
- 3. " Trunk " 5 pts.
- 4. Quickening 5 pts.

Total 65 pts.

Judges :- Staff Instructors.

GAS TEST

Each Platoon examined in - squads of 6 in Practice C.

Scoring - Maximum 20 pts. Average time of each platoon to count.
Points deducted for faulty adjustment of Respirator.

Judges :- Lieut. S. H. SMITH
Sgt. A. BROOKSBANK.

TACTICAL EXERCISE

- Simple scheme for capture of a tactical point.
- Scoring -
- (a) Plan 50 points.
 - (b) Orders issued 40 "
 - (c) Control (by Platoon Commander & N.C.Os.) 30 "
 - (d) Execution of Plan. 50 "
 - (e) Information sent back including messages actually written for transmission to Coy. Commander. 30 "
- 200 "

Judges :- Lieut-Col. C. H. N. JACKSON C.M.G., D.S.O.
Major. E. W. CONNELLY.

SCORING FOR TOTAL

In order to allot points so that the various branches of the competition may score according to their importance judges will hand in final scores adjusted to following totals.

- Lewis Gun 50 pts.
- Bombing 25 pts.
- Rifle Grenades.. 25 pts.
- Musketry 20 pts.
- Close Order
- Drill 50 pts.
- Bayonet Fighting 50 pts.
- Gas. 20 pts.
- Tactical Exercise 200

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TENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

TIME TABLE BRIGADE COMPETITIONS

9th July 1917.

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MORNING

	9.0 to 9.15	9.15 to 9.30	9.30 to 9.45	9.45 to 10	10 to 10.30	10.30 to 11.	11 to 11.30	11.30 to 12
37th Batta	A	B	C	D	E		F	
38th Batta	B	C	D	A		E		F
39th Batta	C	D	A	B	F		E	
40th Batta	D	A	B	C		F		E

- A - Lewis Gun
- B - Bombing
- C - Rifle Grenade
- D - Musketry

) Specialist Sections only

- E - Close Order Drill by Platoons
- F - Bayonet Fighting by Platoons.

AFTERNOON

	1.0 to 2.0 p.m.	2.0 to 3.0 p.m.	3.0 to 4.0 p.m.	4.0 to 5.0 p.m.
37th Batta	Tactical Exercises	Gas Test		
38th Batta	Gas Test	Tactical Exercises		
39th Batta			Tactical Exercise	Gas Test
40th Batta			Gas Test	Tactical Exercise

APPENDIX A

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Appendix A(i)

Australian Imperial Forces



10th Infantry
Brigade



SPORTS



HELD BEHIND THE LINES
TUESDAY 10-7-17
Somewhere in Belgium



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PRESIDENT.

Brigadier-General W. RAMSAY MAC NICOLL, D. S. O.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Lieut.-Col. C. H. DAVIS D. S. O.
 Lieut.-Col. J. E. C. LORD, D. S. O.
 Lieut.-Col. W. J. SMITH.
 Lieut.-Col. R. O. HENDERSON.

COMMITTEE.

Capt. D. F. MIDDLETON (39) President.
 Capt. Chaplain A. J. DAVIDSON (37).
 Capt. Chaplain H. A. HAYDEN (38).
 Capt. Chaplain W. HOWES (40).
 Capt. Chaplain J. BEST (39).
 Mr ROSS JONES Y. M. C. A.
 Lieut. A A W. DOWNIE (40).
 Lieut. J. WHITEHEAD (38).
 Lieut. V. SMITH (M. G. C.)
 2/Lieut. G. S. BROWNE (T. M. B.)
 2/Lieut. C. J. TAYLOR (37) Hon. Sec.

JUDGES.

Majors. E. W. CONNELLY (Bde) J. P. CLARK., (40)
 H. O. A. D. BURROWES (39). W. Mc. CORMACK (10 Eng.)
 G. HURRY (38) E. KNOX KNIGHT. (37).

OFFICIAL RECORDER.

2/Lieut. T. G. Cranswick (40). (*Unable to act. Chaplain Davidson substitute*)

TIME KEEPERS.

Major. L. T. PAYNE (40) Capt. R. LAMBLE (B. D. E.)
 Capt. R. C. N. ANDERSON (T.M.B.) Capt. G. A. WARDELL (M.G.C.)

STARTERS.

Capt. C. C. Mc VILLY (40) Capt. C. R. HUTTON (39)
 Capt. J. LATCHFORD (38) Lieut. J. STEWART (39)

CLERK OF COURSE.

Major C. B. STORY (37)

Brigadier General W. RAMSAY MAC NICOLL D. S. O., has kindly donated a trophy for the Individual Championship of the Brigade. This Trophy will be won by the competitor who gains the highest aggregate number of points in the following Championship events: —

2, 3, 4, 5, 22, 23, and 25.

A cup valued at Five Guineas will be presented by the Y. M. C. A. to the unit which succeeds in winning the Brigade Championship. This cup will be retained by the winners. *The Championship events are marked with an asterisk.*

Championship events will be awarded as follows :

In all Teams Events :

3 points for a won.
2 points for second place.

In other Championship Events :

3 points for First place.
2 points for Second place.
1 point for Third place.

Spikes are prohibited.

All Ties will be run off.

All Trophies will be presented by the President at a Pierrot Concert to be held at the Brigade Stadium, at p. m. on the evening of the Sports.

TIME TABLE OF EVENTS

N ^o	TIME	EVENT & COMPETITORS	VALUE OF TROPHIES FRANCS	RESULTS
1	10.0 a.m.	100 yds Other Ranks (1st. Heat) 1 Pte Charleston L. L. 40 2 Pte Dwyer H. M. G. C. 3 Pte Kelly A. N. 37 4 Pte Tyers J. N. 39 5 Sapper Dunn Bde 6 Pte Campbell LW. 38 7 Spr Bowkett L. Eng	40 25 15	M.G.C. 40 th 37 th 1 Dwyer 2 Charleston 3 Kelly
	10 5	(2nd Heat) 1 Pte Garrett R. 40 2 Cpl Brydie W. T. M. B. 3 Pte Hill A. W. 37 4 Pte Gardiner J. W. 39 5 Pte Bowden Bde 6 Pte McPherson M. 38 7 Spr Lewis C. R. Eng		T.M.B. Bde 37 th 1 Brydie 2 Bowden 3 Hill
2	10. 10	Siamese Race 1 Ptes Mc Donald & Mc Hugh 40 2 Ptes Stott & Alford 40 3 Ptes Court & Sullivan M.G.C. 4 Cpls Binks & Kelly M.G.C. 5 Ptes Hardy & Hill 37 6 L-Cpl Brindley & Pte Noonan 37 7 Ptes Gardiner & Forbes 39 8 Ptes Stewart & Tyers 39 9 Sprs Munday & James Bde 10 Spr Dunn & Pte Bowden Bde 11 Cpl Sheldrick & Pte Myers 38 12 Ptes Barker & Kirsch 38 13 Sprs Blackmore & Mc Knight Eng 14 Sprs Bloomfield & Mc Innes Eng	10. 10 5. 5	39 th M.G.C. 1 Stewart & Tyers 2 COURT & Sullivan

3	10 20 a.m	High Jump	25. 15. 10	37 37 39	1 Fren 2 Sim 3 Benton
		1 Pte Young R.C. 40 2 Lieut Foster 40 3 Pte C. Denman M.G.C. 4 Pte Mc Kenzie M.G.C. 5 Cpl Frew J.W. 37 6 L-Cpl Sim W. 37 7 Pte Benton L.A. 39 8 Pte O'Dee A. H. 39 9 Pte Rego Bde 10 Pte Sadler Bde 11 Pte Connelly M. J. 38 12 Pte Chalmers A. G. 38 13 Spr Bell R. Eng 14 Spr Bloomfield L. Eng			Height ft. 5. 2 1/2
4	10. 45	Sack Race	15. 10. 5	40 37 39	1 Garrett 2 Stephens 3 Perkins
		1 Pte Thompson A.A. 40 2 Pte Garrett R. 40 3 Gnn Dunn L. V. TMB 4 Gnn Deans E. R. TMB 5 Pte Perkins H 37 6 Pte Skinner AG 37 7 CSM Stephens W.H.B. 39 8 Cpl Clayton E. F. 39 9 Dvr Martin Bde 10 Spr James Bde 11 Pte Lawford R.S. 38 12 Pte Campbell L.CE. 38 13 Spr Mutimer J. Eng 14 Spr Cull J. Eng			
5	10. 55	120 yds Hurdles (Open)	40. 25. 15	37 Bde	1 Rule 2 Bowden
		(1st Heat)			
		1 Cpl Downie C.T. 40 2 Pte Rule F.E. 37 3 Pte Stewart A.A. 39 4 Pte Bowden Bde 5 Pte Holmes C.J. 38			
	11. 0	(2nd Heat)		MGC 40	1 Denman 2 Honner
		1 Pte Honner 40 2 Denman C. MCC 3 Pte Gardiner I.W. 39 4 Chalmers A.G. 38 5 Spr Bell R. Eng			

	11 5 a.m	(3rd Heat)			Amb 1 Stone M.G.C 2 Saunders
		1 Pte Saunders G. MGC 2 Spr Mundy (Amb) 3 Cpl Frew I. W. 37 4 Spr Bloomfield L. Eng 5 Adams (Amb.)			
6	11. 10	Boot Jumble	15 10. 5	37 38 40	1 Sinclair 2 Stephenson 3 Bourke
		1 Pte Bourke C.J. 40 2 Sgt Statton P.C. 40 3 Gnr Mc Kinney G. TMB 4 Gnr Lennox T. TMB 5 Pte Stephenson J. 38 6 Pte Smith E. 38 7 Pte Langford D.S. 39 8 Pte Baugh E. A. 39 9 Spr Mundy Bde 10 Spr James Bde 11 Pte Koch E.G. 37 12 Pte Sinclair 37 13 Spr Bell R. Eng 14 Spr Gibbons Eng			
7	11. 20	Putting the Weight	25. 10. 5	37 40 ENG	1 Mathieson 2 Arnold 3 Furness
		1 Pte Blake W T 40 2 Lieut Crosby Arnold W T 40 3 Pte H G Mc Vicker MGC 4 Lieut Mc Kay-F. MGC 5 Pte Mathieson N.A. 37 6 Lieut Mac Farlane 37 7 Lieut Baxter F J. 38 8 Pte Chalmers P. 38 9 Lieut Barker L E S 39 10 Pte Tyers J N. 39 11 Pte Sanderson Bde 12 Pte Wentworth Bde 13 Sgt Furness E. Eng 14 Spr Figgins R. Eng			25 ft 3 in.
8	11. 45	Final 100 Yds O.R.			M.G.C. 1 Dwyer 40 2 Charleston 37 3 Kelly Time: 12. SECS.
		1 Dwyer M.G.C. 2 Charleston 40 3 Kelly 37 4 Brydie T.M.B. 5 Bowden Bde. 6 2d Lt 37			

9	11.50 a.m.	Standing Long Jump	15.	10.	5
		1 Lieut Downie A.A.W. 40 2 L-Cpl Witney A. J. 40 3 Gnr Mildren C J TMB 4 Pte Saunders G MGC 5 Lieut Brewer L J 37 6 Pte Rule F E. 37 7 Pte Campbell L W 38 8 Pte Barker L. E. 38 9 Pte Beaton L. A 39 10 Sgt Lynch P. J. 39 11 Sgt Corrigan Bde 12 Pte Whitmore Bde 13 Spr Bell R Eng 14 Spr Bloomfield L Eng.	37 th 37 th 38 th	1 Rule 2 Lt Brewer 3 Campbell.	

10	12.40 p.m.	Officers' 100 Yds	40.	25	15
		(1st Heat)	37 th 39 th 40	1 Lt Barnes 2 Lt Richards 3 Lt Crosby.	
	12. 45	(2nd Heat)	37 th 38 th 40	1 Lowells 2 Lt Howard 3 Lt Barnett.	
		1 Lieut Crosby W. T. 40 2 Lieut Rowbotham H MGC 3 Lieut Brewey L. J. 37 4 Lieut Mc Kenzie D 38 5 Lieut Richards W. 39 6 Lieut Payne G C Eng			
		1 Lieut Barnett L W. 40 2 Lieut Mc Kay F. MGC 3 Lieut Wells A W. 37 4 Lieut Heward F. L. 38 5 Lieut Pater son W. T. 39 6 Lieut Mahy C Eng			

11	12. 20	220 Yards O.R.	40.	25.	15
		(1st Heat)	40 th 39 th Amb	1 Charleston 2 Stewart 3 Kelso.	
		1 Pte Charleston L L. 40 2 Pte Harmer A. G MGC 3 Pte Hill A W. 37 4 Pte Wearne W. A 38 5 Pte Stewart A.A. 39 6 Spr Tomlinson Bde 7 Spr Lewis C. R. Eng			

	12.25 p.m.	(2nd Heat)			
		1 Sgt Adams 40 2 Pte Saunders G MGC 3 Pte Makin W. 37 4 Pte Mc Pherson M 38 5 Pte Tyers J N 39 6 Spr Dunn Bde 7 Spr Bell R Eng	Amb 40 th M.G.C.	1 Stone 2 Adams 3 Saunders.	
		Stone W. R. Hd Amb			

LUNCH

12	2 0 p.m.	Throwing Cricket Ball	20.	15.	5
		1 Pte Pointon G E. 40 2 CSM Parry 40 3 Cpl Binks H. MGC 4 Pte Shaw G. MGC 5 Pte Melbourne A 37 6 Pte Morrell H 37 7 Pte Fox M. C 38 8 Pte Offerman R W. 38 9 Pte Wilson A. 39 10 Pte Marner R G. 39 11 Pte Jones Bde 12 Pte Rego Bde Bde 13 Spr Bloomfield K Eng 14 Spr Bruce G Eng	39 th 40 th 40 th	1 Wilson 2 Parry 3 Pointon	Distance 88 yds.

13	2 25	Wheelbarrow Race	10	10	5
		1 Pte Garret & Sgt Emms 40 2 Pte Fisher & partner 40 3 Ptes Hatty & Levings MGC 4 Cpl Kelly & Pte Flynn MGC 5 Ptes Sim & Newton 37 6 Pte Worthington & Cpl Perkins 37 7 Ptes Symes & Nichols 38 8 Ptes Ballinger & Swanson 38 9 L-Cpls Nelson & Clayton 39 10 CSM Stevens & Cpl Clayton 39 11 Ptes Treweck & Trevascas Bde 12 Ptes Vince & Jones Bde 13 Cpl Phair & L' EStrange Eng 14 Sprs Booker & Vincent Eng	53 th 40 th	1 Newton & Sims 2 Garret & Emms.	

14	2.30 p.m.	Alarm Race	15 francs per Competitor	Winning Unit.
		1 37th Battalion, (Sgt Wilkinson) 2 38th Battalion, (Sgt Griffiths) 3 39th Battalion, (Sgt Briese) 4 40th Battalion, (Sgt Alexander D D.) 5 M G C & T. M. B., (Sgt Taylor) 6 Engineers, Sgt Cay and Team		1. 37 th 2. 40 th 3. 38 th
15	3.10	Final 120 yds Hurdles		* Stone 1 Lt Brewer 2 Lt Wells 3 Lt Howard. 2 Rule 3 Saunders 4 Honner
		1 Rule 37 th 2 Bowden Bde. 37 th 3 Stone Amb. 38 th 4 Denman M.G.C. 40 th 5 Honner 40 th 6 Saunders Amb.		
16	3.15	Final Officers' 100 Yds		1 Lt Brewer 2 Lt Wells 3 Lt Howard.
		1 Lt Brewer 37 th 2 Lt Richards 39 th 3 Lt Crosby 40 th 4 Lt Wells 37 th 5 Lt Howard 38 th 6 Lt Barnett 40 th		
17	3.20	Egg & Spoon	15. 10. 5.	1 Lawson 2 Lonsdale. 3 (No finish).
		1 Sgt Mc Gee 40 2 Cpl Crawford 40 3 Pte Lawson H. M. G. C. 4 Gnn Lennox T. T. M. B. 5 Pte Nankivell G. 37 6 Pte Spalding J 37 7 Pte Wilson G 38 8 Cpl Byrne V B 38 9 Pte Annett A. V. 39 10 Pte Lonsdale S W. 39 11 Sgt Rooke Bde 12 Pte Neale Bde 13 Spr Allen R C. Eng 14 Cpl Mc Laughlan G Eng	M.G.C. 39	
18	3.30	Final 220 Yds		* Stone 2* Kelso 3 Charleston 4 Adams 5 Stewart
		1 Charleston 40 th 2 Stewart 39 th 3 Kelso Amb. 4 Stone Amb. 5 Adams 40 th 6 Saunders M.G.C. 39 th	Amb 40 th Amb 40 th 40 th 39 th	

* fld Amb. sending only individual competitors were not eligible for places for the cup event

19	3.35 p.m	Kicking the Football	25. 10. 5.	1 Lt Ashmead 2 Beaton 3 Forbes
		1 Lieut Crosby W. T. 40 2 Pte Forslund 40 3 Pte Mc Guinness F M. G. C. 4 Pte Proctor M G C. 5 Lieut Ashmead C 37 6 Sgt Wright W. 37 7 Pte Ingleton R A. 38 8 Pte Chalmers A G 38 9 Pte Beaton L. A 39 10 Pte Forbes R A 39 11 Pte Martin Bde 12 Pte Morrissey Bde 13 Spr Mc Laughlan Eng 14 Spr Strickland Eng		
20	4.0	Tug of War (Final)	20 francs each Competitor	Winners Engineers Team Second 37 th Team
		First Tie 37 beat M.G.C. 38 beat 39 th Engs beat 40 th Second Tie Engs beat 39 th 37 th abye FINAL Engineers beat 37 th		
21	4.15	440 yds	40. 25. 15.	* Bodington 2 Adams 3 Dunn & McPherson.
		1 Sgt Adams 40 2 Pte Charleston L. L. 40 3 Cpl Brydie W. T. M. B. 4 Pte Denman C M. G. C. 5 Pte Gundrill A 37 6 Pte Hardy P. S. 37 7 Pte Mc Pherson M. 38 8 Pte Wearne W. A. 38 9 Pte Tyers J. N. 39 10 Pte Marnier R G. 39 11 Sapper Dunn Bde 12 Pte Bowden Bde 13 Spr Lewis C. R. Eng 14 Spr Bell R Eng 15 Bodington Amb 16 Stone Amb	Amb 40 th Bde 38 th	

22	4. 25 p m	Officers' Relay Race	20 francs per competitor	Winning Team 37 th Second 40 th Third 39 th
23	4. 35	Relay Race Other Ranks	20 francs per Competitor	Winning Team <i>Ambulance</i> Second <i>T.M.B.</i> Third <i>ENG^{rs}</i> Fourth 39 th
24	4. 45	Tent Pitching	15 francs per competitor	Winners 38 th Second 40 th Third M.G.C.

25	5. 0 p.m.	Mile (open)	40. 25. 15	1 McPherson 2 Hewat 3 Adams.
26	5. 15	Running Long Jump	25. 15. 10	1 Frew. 2 G. Welch 3 Tyson.
27	5. 35	Obstacle Race	30. 20. 10.	1 Huggard 2 Warren 3 Fergie

- Lieuts Barnett, Crosby, Jackson & Loane 40
- Lieuts Rowbotham, Mc Kay, Woods & Humble M G C.
- Lieuts Brewers, Wells, C'lack & Simpson 37
- Lieuts Boxter, Mc Kenzie, Steward, Kirkbride 38
- Lieuts Richards, Barker, Paterson, Lowe 39
- Lieuts Payne, Mahy, Moore & Williams Eng

- Sgt Adams Cpl Downie Ptes Garrett & Charleston 40
- Cpl Brydie Ptes Saunders Dwyer & Pillar TMB
- Sgt Lynch Ptes Tyers J Gardiner Crosstimthe 39
- Sgt Hayes Ptes Mackie Koch & Rule 37
- Cpl Sheldrick, Ptes Campbell Mc Pherson, Phillips 38
- Sgt Strong Ptes Bowden Sprs Dunn & Tomlinson Bde
- Sgt Thomas & Sprs Bowkett Lewis & Bell Eng
- Stone Adams Kelso Bonington (Amb)*

- 37 Battn Cpl Murray & Team
- 38th Battn, Cpl Fiven & Team
- 39th Battn, Sgt Walters & Team
- 40th Battn, Sgt Rawson & Team
- M G.C & T M B. Sgt Bloomfield & Team
- Engineers, Sgt Cay & Team

- Sgt Adams 40
- Cpt Speed 40
- Pte Blampied MGC
- Gnr Hennessey TMB
- Pte Walker 37
- Pte Gundrill 38
- L-Cpl Kelly J. 39
- ~~Pte Marner R.~~ 39 *Hewart*
- Pte Mc Pherson M. 38
- Sgt Shilliday J. S. 38
- Spr Dunn Cde
- Spr Hoggitt Bde
- Spr Lewis C. R. Eng
- Spr Bell R Eng
- ~~Spr Wright~~
- ~~Spr Greenall~~

- Cpl Speed 40
- Pte Waring W. 40
- Pte Denman C. MGC
- Pte Court T. MGC
- Cpl Frew J W 37
- Lieut Wells A W. 37
- Pte Tyers J. N. 39
- Pte Beaton L. A. 39
- Pte Campbell L. W. 38
- Pte Chalmers A G 38
- Pte Sanderson Bde
- Spr Mundy Bde
- Spr Bloomfield L. Eng
- Spr Bell R. Eng

- Sgt Statton D. C. 40
- Lieut Mills R. 40
- Sgt Fergie C. MGC
- Gnr Waters M. TMB
- Pte Walker 37
- Pte ~~Murphy~~ 37 *Huggard.*
- L-Cpl Nelson J. De N. 39
- Pte Forbes R. A. 39
- Pte Warren T. F. 38
- Pte Bevis F. A. 38
- Sgt Rooke Bde
- Pte Freeman Bde
- Spr Bloomfield L. Eng
- Spr Cull J. Eng

28	5.50 p.m.	MULE RACE. OTHER RANKS. POST ENTRY.	15. 40 5 38 M.G.C. Bde	1 Sexton 2 Ralls 3 Wilson
29	6.0	MULE RACE. OFFICERS. POST ENTRY.	15. 40 5	1 Lt. Richards 2 Maj. Story 3 Lt. Sutton
30	All day	Best sustained character in fancy dress. To be judged by the President.	20. 40. 5 Charles 40 The Coy. 39 The Sadgists 40	1 Molross O. 2 Carter R.H. 3 M.O.L. 7011 R.H.

GOD SAVE THE KING !



HAZEBROUCK, IMP. A. KIEKEN

BRIGADE CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING TABLE

UNIT.	100 YDS O. R.	400 YDS OFFICERS	RELAY RACE O. R.	RELAY RACE OFFICERS	220	440	1 MILE	HIGH JUMP	ALARM RACE	TUG OF WAR	TENT PITCHING	RUNNING LONG JUMP	120 YDS HURDLES	TOTAL
37 th Batt ⁿ	1	5	3					5	3	2		5	3	27.
38 th Batt ⁿ		1				1	3				3			8
39 th Batt ⁿ					1		2	1				1		5
40 th Batt ⁿ	2			2	5	3	1		2		2		1	18
10 Field Coy Engineers			2							3				5
10 th Brigade Hqrs						2								2
10 th M G Com & 10 th T. M. B	3		3										2	8.

RESULTS : —

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37th Battalion

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40th Battalion

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38th M.G.C. & T.M.B. Equal

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. — } Sergeant J.W. FREW (37th)
 2. — } Corporal W.R. STONE (Amb)
 3. —

Equal :

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10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.55

MAP REFERENCE :- Sheet 1/20,000 28 S. W. 6-7-17.

RELIEF 1. By daylight on 12th July the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade as Support Brigade.

On completion of relief the Headquarters of Units of the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade will be located as follows.-

- 37th Battn will be "E" Battn at U.1.d.70.66
- 38th " " " "F" " " O.32.a.80.45
- 39th " " " "G" " " T.6.d.35.34
- 40th " " " "H" " " T.9.c.25.40
- 10th M.G.Company(part in line)" U.3.a.10.10
- (" training)" T.19.b.90.05
- (ALDERSHOT CAMP)
- 10th A.L.T.M.Battery " T.19.b.90.05

On night 10th/11th July the 39th Battalion and 40th Battalion will relieve the 36th Battn and 35th Battn respectively at above locations.

39th Battalion will be clear of their present location by 11 p.m. and 40th Battalion by 12 p.m.

On night 11th/12th July the 37th Battalion and 38th Battalion will relieve the 33rd Battn and 34th Battns respectively at above locations.

37th Battn will be clear of present location by 10 p.m., and 38th Battn by 11 p.m.

10th Machine Gun Company will complete relief of 11th Machine Gun Company at above location, having relieved 25% of guns which the 11th Machine Gun Coy., now has in support, under arrangements to be made between C.Os of Companies.

10th Aust. Light Trench Mortar Battery will relieve 11th Aust. Light Trench Mortar Battery at above locations.

DETAILS OF RELIEF 2

C.Os of Units will complete all further details of reliefs with their opposite numbers.

ROUTES AND PRECAUTIONS 3.

C.Os will ensure that all Officers and selected other ranks carefully reconnoitre routes to be used and will see that necessary precautions are taken to reduce to a minimum possibility of casualties from hostile shelling.

WORKING PARTIES 4.

Care will be taken in taking over duties of Support Brigade that there is continuity of work.

TRANSPORT 5.

Transport will move under instructions to be issued by the Staff Captain.

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On completion of relief the Headquarters of the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade will

BRIGADE
HEAD-
QUARTERS
AND
REPORTS

Reports of progress and completion of all reliefs will be sent to Brigade Headquarters which will close at its present location and open at T.6.c.74.78 at 12 Midnight on the 12th July.

- 6.
- 7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Robert Tomes

Major.
Brigade Major.
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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- 2 Brigade Major.
- 3 Staff Captain
- 4)
- 5) 3rd Australian Division by D. R.
- 6)
- 7) 37th Battn. by Runner
- 8) 38th Battn " "
- 9) 39th Battn " "
- 10) 40th Battn " "
- 11) 10th M.G. Coy. "
- 12) 10th A.L.T.M. Btty by Runner.
- 13) 10th F. Coy. Engrs. " "
- 14) 668th Coy. Div. Train by D. R.
- 15) 9th Aus. Inf. Brigade by runner
- 16) 11th Aus. Inf. Brigade " "
- 17) C.R.A.
- 18) C.R.E.
- 19) Bdc. Sec. Div. Sigs.
- 20) FILED
- 21) WAR DIARY
- 22)
- 23) Spare.

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10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 56

18th July 1917.

MAP REFERENCE:-

Sheet 1/20,000 28 S...

RELIEF.

1. On night 20/21st July, 37th and 38th Battalions will be relieved by 39th and 40th Battalions respectively.

10th Machine Gun Coy will arrange relief of personnel in support line by those who have been training at Aldershot Camp.

10th A.L.T.M.B. will remain at present location.

On completion of relief Units will be located as follows:-

37th Battn will be G. Battalion Headquarters at T.18.b.49.70.

38th " will be H Battalion " at T.9.c.25240.

39th " will be E Battalion " at U.1.d.70.66.

40th " will be F. Battalion " at O.32.a.80.45.

10th M. Gun Coy (part in line) " at U.2.c.72.80.

Do. (part in training) at T.19.b.90.05.

(Aldershot Camp)

10th L.T.M. Battery (in training)

at T.19.b.90.05.

(Aldershot Camp)

DETAILS OF RELIEF.

2. C.Os of Units will in consultation arrange all details of reliefs and will ensure that Officers and senior N.C.Os reconnoitre routes previous to day of relief.

PRECAUTIONS.

3. All necessary precautions are to be taken to minimise effects of hostile shelling which may occur while relief is in progress. No movement of troops will take place East of a line running North and South through WULVERGHEM before 9.30 p.m.

WORKING PARTIES.

4. Battalions will take over Working parties of Units they relieve. Parties which are due to commence work at 10 p.m. on 20th will not be sent out but parties commencing at 3 a.m. or 4 a.m. 21st or later will be supplied by the new Unit. Prior to the relief Officers and N.C.Os must reconnoitre sites of new tasks and routes thereto.

TRANSPORT.

5. Transport will not move from present locations.

REPORTS.

6. Reports of completion of relief will be sent in code to Brigade Headquarters.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Rambo
Captain.
A/Brigade Major
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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- 6)
- 7 37th Battn by Runner.
- 8 38th Battn " "
- 9 39th Battn " "
- 10 40th Battn " "
- 11 10th M.G.Coy " "
- 12 10th A.L.T.M. Battery by Runner
- 13 10th F.Coy. Engrs. " "
- 14 868th Coy Div. Train by D.R.
- 15 9th Aus. Inf. Bde. by runner.
- 16 11th Aus. Inf. Bde. By D.R.
- 17 C.R.A. " "
- 18 C.R.E. " "
- 19 Bde. Sec. Div. Sigs.
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10th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 56 A

28th July 1917.

REFERENCE:- 1/10,000 Map.

1. The 11th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 9th Australian Infantry Brigade in the line prior to Zero day.

The relief will be carried out as follows:- Specialists and proportion of personnel of 41st. and 44th Battalions will go into the line on the night of July 28/29th. The remainder of 41st and 44th Battalions will move in on the night of the 29/30th., taking over from "A" and "B" Battalions of the 9th Brigade. The Command of the line will pass from the G.O.C., 9th to the G.O.C., 11th Brigade at 3 a. m. on July 30th. All Machine Gun Companies and all Light Trench Mortar Batteries will remain in their allotted positions to carry out the Minor Offensive operation referred to in Divisional Order No. 49. The 4 Battalions and Headquarters of the 9th Brigade will move back during the night of the 29/30th.-

Two Battalions will go to the DOUVE River Camp, where the 11th Brigade now are, taking over the lines of the 41st and 44th Battalions.-

The two other Battalions will be accommodated one at HILLSIDE CAMP and one in NEUVE EGLISE.-
Brigade Headquarters at NEUVE EGLISE.

The duties of "C" and "D" Battalions of the 9th Brigade will be taken over by the "E" and "F" Battalions of the 10th Brigade, but it will not be necessary for these last Battalions to move. They will merely be in tactical support to and under the orders of the G.O.C., 11th Brigade from 9 p.m. on the night of the 29/30th. C.Os of "E" and "F" Battalions will arrange to take over these duties, and will make themselves familiar with the defence scheme of the Front Line Brigade.

2. On "Y"/"Z" night the 42nd and 43rd Battalions will move up for the Minor Operation. On "Z"/"A" night, subject to conditions being satisfactory, the G.O.C., 11th Brigade will be empowered to move them back to their lines in the DOUVE River Camp.

3. On a date to be notified later (probably on "B"/"C" night), when the 42nd and 43rd Battalions have rested, they will move forward and take over the duties of "E" and "F" Battalions of the 10th Brigade. 10th Brigade Headquarters and these 10th Brigade Battalions will move back to the 9th Brigade Camps at NEUVE EGLISE and HILLSIDE. The 9th Brigade will move to the lines of the 42nd and 43rd Battalions in DOUVE River Camp, to leave room for the 10th Brigade Battalions to come in; thus XXX by "C" day the 9th Brigade will be concentrated at the DOUVE River Camp, the 11th Brigade will be holding the forward area, "E", "F" and "H" Battalions of the 10th Brigade will be in the vicinity of NEUVE EGLISE, "G" Battalion of the 10th Brigade will be in reserve to and under the orders of the 11th Brigade.

3. It will come under the orders of the 11th Brigade at the time that the 10th Brigade Headquarters move back to NEUVE EGLISE.

Billeting instructions will be issued by the Staff Captain.

4. If and when the New Zealand Division takes over half of the forward area at present held by the Third Australian Division, "AE" Battalion of the 11th Brigade will replace "G" Battalion of the 10th Brigade, and a new Camp will be found for this 10th Brigade Battalion in the vicinity of the remaining three Battalions, near NEUVE EGLISE.

5. There will be no inter-battalion reliefs.

6. C.O.s will keep in mind the possibility of relieving the 37th Division in the Sector immediately North of our present Divisional Sector.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

John Connolly

Major.
Brigade Major.
10th Australian Infantry Brigade.

DISTRIBUTION.

Issued at 1 p.m. 20th July 1917.

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2.	Brigade Major.			
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5.)	3rd Aust. Division by D. R.	at 4-5pm		
6.)				
7	C.R.A.	"	"	"
8	C.R.E.	"	"	"
9	37th Battalion by Runner			
10	38th	"	"	"
11	39th	"	"	"
12	40th	"	"	"
13	10th M.G.Coy.	"	"	"
14	10th A.L.T.M.Btty	by D. R.	at 4.5 p.m.	
15	9th Aus. Inf. Bde.	"	Runner	
16	11th " "	"	D.R.	at 4.5 p.m.
17	868th Coy. Div. Train	"	"	"
18	Div. Sig. Coy.			
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN LIGHT TRENCH MORTARS.

DIVERSION ORDER NO.1.

Headquarters,
10th. A.L.T.M. Battery.
23/7/17.

Map Reference - WARNETON (Trench Map).
INFORMATION.

1. See :-

- 11th. Infantry Brigade Diversion Circulars Nos.1 & 2.
- 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery Operation Order No.26.
- 3rd. Australian Divisional Diversion Circular No.1.
- 3rd. Australian Divisional Order No.49.

INTENTION.

2. In conjunction with other operations to be carried out by Flank Divisions on 'Z' day, the 3rd. Austln. Division intend to :-

- (a). Create a Diversion, and make the enemy think that a serious attack is intended.
- (b). Carry out an attack on Enemy's Posts established in NO MAN'S LAND, and gain the upper hand there. On 'Z' day, at 'Zero' hour, two Battalions of the 11th. Australian Infantry Brigade will :-
 - (a). Mop up the enemy's posts and works in NO MAN'S LAND opposite that portion of our front extending from O.35 central to U.5.d.5.4.
 - (b). Establish Posts - 3 to 8 - marked in RED in ROMAN numerals on attached map, and dig the line C.D.E.F.G., marked in RED.

ACTION OF

3" L.T.M.'s.

3. For this operation, it has been decided to group the three Batteries of the Division :-

10th. A.L.T.M. Battery under command of Lieut. DENCH.

Six Mortars of the 10th. A.L.T.M. Battery operating in O.35.a. Central, and O.35.a.4.4. will be employed on the North. Two (2) Mortars being kept in reserve by Battery Commander.

9th. A.L.T.M. Battery under command of Capt. SMITH.

Eight guns of the 9th. A.L.T.M. Battery in the centre will operate in O.35.c.80.00 and U.5.a.75.15.

11th. A.L.T.M. Battery under command of Lieut. PORTER.

Four guns of the 11th. A.L.T.M. Battery in the south will operate in U.11.a.87.60, U.11.b.4.7., U.11.b.5.9, and U.5.d.25.50. These guns are firing shell. Four guns firing Varley's Smoke Bombs will operate in U.11.b.

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ACTION OF

10th. A.L.T.M. Battery.3" L.T.M's.
(Continued).

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(a). At 'Zero' to 'Zero' plus 3 minutes, 4 guns will barrage the enemy's new trench astride the MILITARY ROAD, from O.35.b.90.05 to O.35.b.60.65.
Two guns will barrage enemy's No.2 Post and Crater at approximately O.35.b.1.6. on MILITARY ROAD.
Rate of Fire :- 25 rounds per gun per minute.

At 'Zero' plus 3 minutes to 'Zero' plus 15 minutes, fire will be slowed down to six rounds per gun per minute, then cease fire, and 'Stand by' for S.O.S.
No.2 gun, firing on the south of enemy's new trench, will cease fire at 'Zero' plus 5 minutes and 'Stand by' for S.O.S.

(b).

9th. A.L.T.M. Battery.

At 'Zero' to 'Zero' plus 1 minute, 8 guns will barrage enemy's posts Nos.7,8,9 and 10., and COMMUNICATION TRENCH along SUNKEN ROAD.

Rate of Fire :- 25 rounds per gun per minute
Then cease fire and 'Stand by' for S.O.S.

(c).

11th. A.L.T.M. Battery

At 'Zero' to 'Zero' plus 8 minutes, 4 guns will barrage enemy's Post No.15 and Machine Gun position at U.5.d.73.28.

Rate of Fire :- 'Zero' to 'Zero' plus 3 minutes
25 rounds per gun per minute.

'Zero' plus 3 minutes to 'Zero' plus 8 minutes -
8 rounds per gun per minute.
Then cease fire, and 'Stand by' for S.O.S.

(d). Four guns, firing Varley's Smoke Bombs,

From 'Zero' to 'Zero' plus 1 hour 50 minutes, will, if the wind is favourable, form a smoke barrage in NO MAN'S LAND, and protect our RIGHT from observation from WARNETON. If it is found that the Smoke Barrage put down by the Smoke Candles is efficient, these guns will not continue firing Smoke Bombs, but at once take up position, so as to cover the S.O.S. lines of this Battery.

(e).

S.O.S. orders and lines.

After 'Zero' plus 1 hour 50 minutes, the 10th. A.L.T.M. Battery, as shewn on map in BLACK ENCHORED LINE from O.29.d.40.05 to CINEMA ROAD inclusive at O.35.d.8.9.

9th. A. L. T. M. Battery :-

After 'Zero' plus 2 hours, protect our Posts Nos.5, 6 and ~~7~~ and RED DOTTED LINE by firing at least 150 yards EAST of our own Posts, as shewn in Map in BLACK ENCHORED LINE.

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3. Action of
3" L.T.M.'s
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Special precautions will be taken by O.C., 9th Battery in order that the garrisons of the Posts, and the protective detachments, in front of them, may not suffer casualties from our own fire.

11th. A. L. T. M. Battery :-

After 'Zero' plus 1 hour 50 minutes, as shewn in BLACK HACHURED LINE, from U.6.c.0.5. to U.12.a.0.5. and U.6.a.15.40 to U.6.c.30.68. The 4 guns of this Battery, if not required, for Varley's Smoke Bombs, will 'Stand by' to engage targets, and at 'Zero' plus 1 hour 50 minutes will 'Stand by' for S.O.S.

It must be understood that all Mortars will be prepared to quicken their rate of fire, if hostile machine guns become active.

4. ASSEMBLY AND
WITHDRAWAL OF
BATTERIES.

Batteries will be in position with guns laid on barrage lines by 9.30 p.m. on 'Y' Night, and reports furnished to the D.L.T.M.O. that this has been carried out.

Withdrawal of the 9th. and 10th. Batteries will be complete by 3 a.m. on 'Z/A' Night.

Withdrawal will not commence until ordered by the D.L.T.M.O.

5. DRESS.

Fighting Order, as per S.S.135., para, XXI.

6. RATIONS.

24 hours ration, in addition to the iron ration will be carried in haversack. Waterbottles to be filled.

7. SYNCHRONISING
OF WATCHES.

Watches will be synchronised daily from now on by Divisional Staff Officer.

Details with regard to this have already been issued to Brigades.

8. REPORTS.

Reports to the new 11th. Infantry Brigade Headquarters at U.2.c.30.80.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. L. T. M. O. Capt.
D.L.T.M.O.

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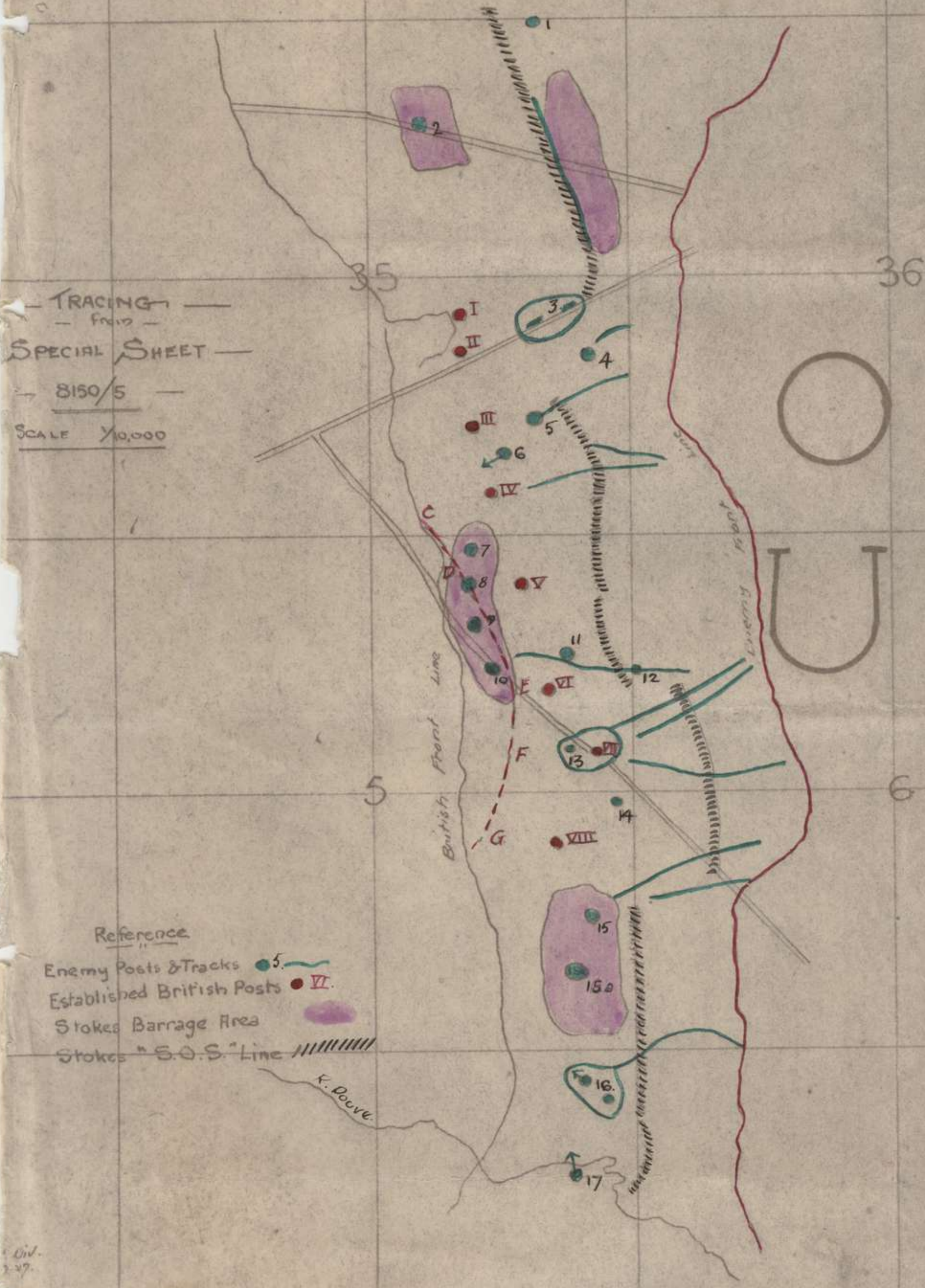
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3" STOKES' MORTARS

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Reference

- Enemy Posts & Tracks ● 5
- Established British Posts ● VII
- Stokes Barrage Area [Purple Shaded Area]
- Stokes "S.O.S." Line [Dashed Line]

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,
1st August, 1917.

ACCOUNT OF OPERATIONS BY 43RD AND 42ND BATTALIONS AGAINST ENEMY WORKS IN FRONT OF WARNETON LINE JULY 31ST.

The 43rd Battalion on the right attacked to the right of a line drawn through about U.5.b.45.60 and U.6.a.50.76.

The 42nd Battalion attacked to the left of that line.

43RD BATTALION.

Approach March took Seven hours.

"A" and "C" Companies in forward Assault Line, "D" Company moving up and consolidating Posts Roman VI, VII and VIII. "B" Company digging RED DOTTED LINE.

In the assault enemy Post No.10 gave a lot of trouble with bombs and machine gun fire. One machine gun was captured at this place. Posts 11 and 12 did not appear to exist. At Post 13 the WINDMILL itself was not occupied, but three good dug-outs were found beside the road just behind it. Behind the WINDMILL considerable opposition was met from the enemy in the trench from HIRONDELLE Road just South-Eastwards of WINDMILL, running North-Eastwards towards WARNETON line. About 100 yards S.E. of the WINDMILL is a very strong dug-out on HIRONDELLE Road, where many of the enemy were seen. At least 7 of the enemy were shot as they came out of it. There is a trench running, as already located, down the HIRONDELLE Road from WINDMILL towards WARNETON, and some of the enemy counter-attacking parties came up this trench.

The forward assaulting party lay up in front of the digging parties about 30 to 50 yards East of WARNETON line wire. There was no enemy shell fire on them while they were lying up here. The withdrawal of these men took place at ZERO plus one hour, according to programme.

Roman VIII Post could not be established until about 9 a.m. because our men were hung up by machine gun fire from No.15 post which was not adequately covered by our Artillery barrage and also by machine gun fire from WARNETON line.

For about two or three hours after the attack developed enemy 7.7 cm. fire was very quiet. On the other hand after his aeroplanes discovered that we were not going further forward 7.7 cm. fire began. It seemed as if the enemy first made up his mind we were pressing the attack and was withdrawing his guns.

Machine Gun fire on the right was also experienced from direction of KIWI Farm.

The Artillery barrage at 6.30 a.m. was bad on the right, and some of it came down on Roman VII Post. After it had been lengthened 100 yards it was alright.

P. T. O.



CONDITION OF POSTS UP TO ABOUT MIDNIGHT JULY 31ST/ AUGUST 1ST.

Roman VIII Post (U.5.d.65.82) was only fairly well consolidated and communication trench to it from our front line in U.5.d. was not completed. Digging was delayed by enemy bombardment. Has about 25 yards of digging done to it with fire-bays. C.T. to it begins about 30 yards South of ADELAIDE AVENUE, and about 30 yards of it is dug. About 70 yards more required to be dug.

Roman VII Post (about U.6.a.08.18) is situated about 100 yards East of WINDMILL. Has 6 or 7 fire-bays. Left of Post is about 50 yards from HIRONDELLIE Road. Communication trench is about 200 yards from RED DOTTED LINE, and is completed though shallow in parts. This C.T. crosses road at U.5.b.70.30, but is not dug through the road.

Roman VI Post (about U.5.b.80.45) is well consolidated. The Communication trench to RED DOTTED LINE is about 90 yards long and completed. Post is about 80 yards out, N.E. from ruins about U.5.b.68.40, and near the ditch shown on Map. Post has 7 fire-bays.

Red Dotted Line on Right Battalion front is down about 4 to 5 ft. and in good order, is traversed and fire-bayed. Battalion had to dig about 150 yards of this line and had practically no casualties while digging it. The trench has been dug through the HIRONDELLIE Road.

A Platoon, plus Lewis Gun, was left in each Post (30 men). Wire was put out in front of Roman VI Post, and some was carried up for the other posts also.

COUNTER-ATTACKS.

Counter-attacks took place at 6.30 a.m., 9 a.m., 2.30 p.m., and 9 p.m. Enemy barrage was very heavy on Posts. Under heavy fire during the last counter-attack Roman VII Post had to be evacuated.

At 12.30 a.m. a counter-attack on Roman VII Post was made by one Platoon of "D" Company. The attackers were hung up within 40 yards of the Post by machine gun fire, and sent back for help. Another Platoon was sent up and the Post was captured about 3.30 a.m. by flank and frontal attack. Only about two or three of the enemy actually ran away from the Post. Snipers in the neighbourhood were very bad.

Communication between Companies and Battalion caused a lot of anxiety and Runners had much difficulty in getting through. The Pigeon service was very bad. One message by Pigeon sent off at the time of the enemy counter-attack at 6.30 a.m. reach the Battalion Commander 12 hours later.

Machine Gun barrage was excellent and caused considerable casualties to the enemy.

Enemy killed estimated at over 100 during first attack.

42ND BATTALION.

Approach March took five hours.

Forward assault wave consisted of "A" and "B" Companies. "D" Company in second wave did mopping up and consolidation of Roman Posts III, IV, and V. "C" Company dug RED DOTTED Line.

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The assaulting wave found one Machine Gun in each of enemy Posts 8 and 9 and captured these guns. Another Machine Gun was captured at enemy Post No. 7A. After the capture of Posts 8 and 9 the enemy put up no resistance except for some hand to hand fighting near small post at U.6.a.05.78, near the enemy's communication trench. This C.T. was only about 2ft. deep. A dug-out was found on KIWI Road where previously located (U.5.b.85.95). This was a Dressing Station. The enemy had put up wire behind Posts 8 and 9 which was found uncut, but was cut by riflemen.

An enemy pineapple thrower was captured at the Rendezvous about O.35.d.6.0. Enemy Posts 11 and 12 were not found.

On the North no opposition was found at the crater of enemy Post No.3. Enemy communication trench running S.E. from this Post was mopped up and a block put in it where it ran into enemy wire. Enemy Post 4 was garrisoned by the enemy and captured. The Constellation of Posts in O.35.d was attacked from both North and West and overcome without difficulty, and a machine gun was captured here. This gun was mounted later in one of our Posts and used against the enemy. The assaulting wave lay up just West of enemy WARNETON Line wire. No shell fire was experienced by the men while lying up here.

CONDITION OF POSTS.

Roman V Post (about U.5.b.7.9), 75 yards of trench dug here $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. deep and fire-bayed. Communication trench to it runs along old enemy trench ^{beside} KIWI Road.

Posts Roman IV (O.35.d.6.2.) and III (O.35.d.66.38) are practically connected. 150 yards of trench dug and fire-bayed, depth about 3ft., except for one bit of 20 yards which is only about $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft. down.

Post Roman IIIA (O.35.d.55.50). This post was put in owing to nature of ground which did not afford good view of enemy on Left Flank from Post Roman III. At Roman IIIA 36 yards of trench is dug, fire-bayed and traversed to a depth of about 3 ft.

DISTANCES BETWEEN POSTS STILL TO BE DUG.

Between Roman V and Roman IV about 30 yards.
 " " IV " " III practically connected.
 " " III " " IIIA 50 to 60 yards.
 " " IIIA " " II about 80 yards.

Communication trench between RED DOTTED LINE and these Posts exists only along KIWI Road as already stated.

Communication Trench from front line to RED DOTTED LINE runs through enemy Post 7 and is mostly 4ft. deep. A few gaps exist in this trench.

RED DOTTED LINE. Is dug slightly forward of line as planned, continues from connection with Right Battalion digging up to about O.35.d.4.2., then comes a gap for a short distance, then another section of the RED DOTTED LINE behind bushes in hedge about O.35.d.30.35, then another gap of about 80 yards to old front line. Fifty yards of enemy wire was put out in front of RED DOTTED LINE. Wire taken from behind enemy Posts 8 and 9.

P. T. O.

ENEMY SHELLING DURING ATTACK.

Between 5 and 7 a.m. quiet. Men dug hard and were reorganised. Between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. enemy was ranging with 15 cm. on RED DOTTED LINE. Between 2 and 5 p.m. enemy shelling was very heavy. Diggers were withdrawn temporarily to old front line.

CASUALTIES.

Estimated about 150 of the enemy killed during first attack.

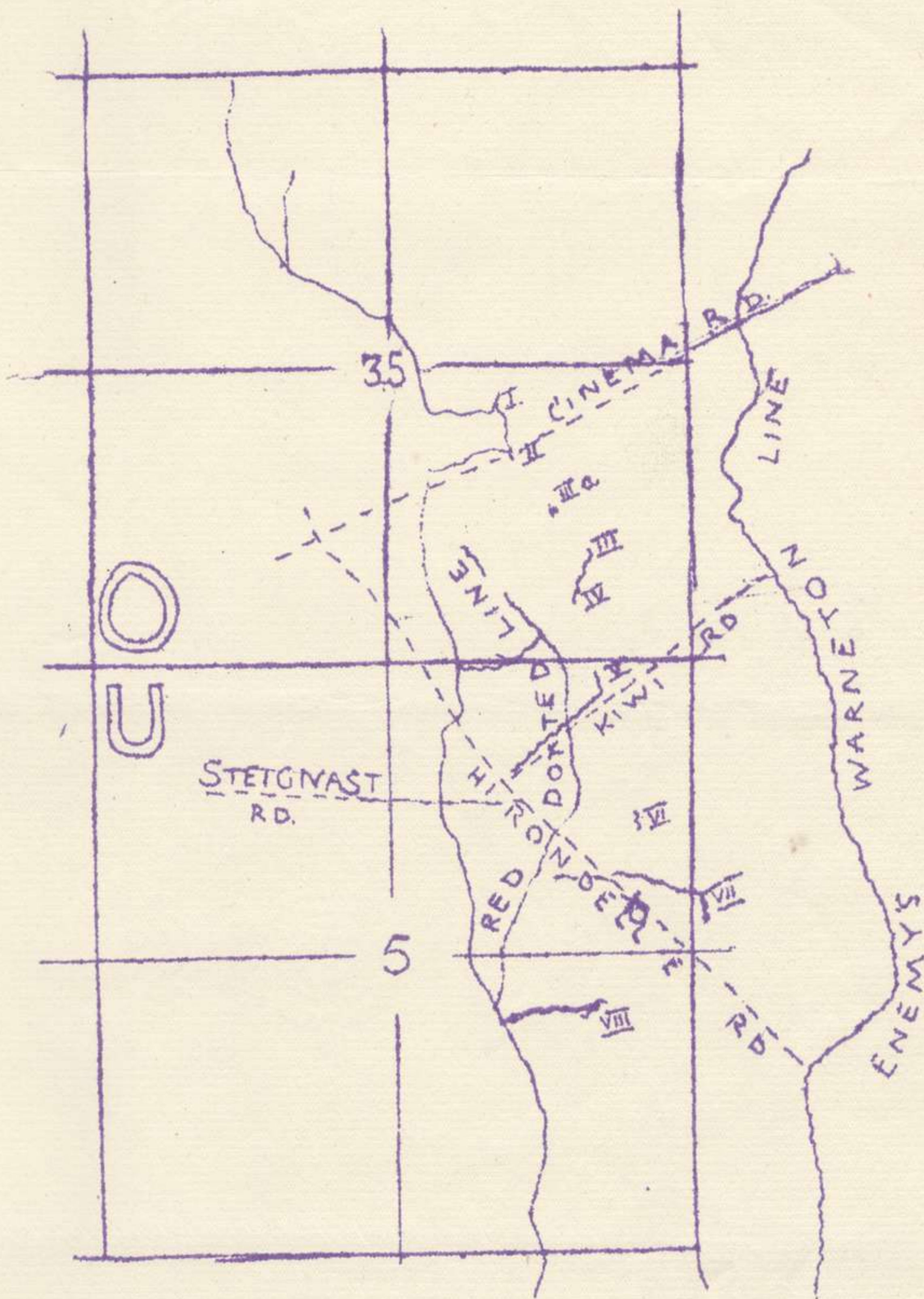
FOR POSITIONS ON RED DOTTED LINE AND POSTS SEE MAP ATTACHED.

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Sketch to accompany notes on operations of 43rd and 42nd Battalions, July 31, 1917.



APPROXIMATE POSITION
NEW LINE AND POSTS (IIIa to VIII)
3RD AUSTRALIAN DIV.

at about midnight
July 31/Aug 1, 1917

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10,000'

