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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
23/11/16. LARK HILL.	11th M.G. Coy. moved : commencement of Brigade movement from AMESBURY (Wilts).	
24/11/16 "	41st Bn. moved :	Ref maps.
25/11/16. "	11th Inf. Bde. Hqrs : Signal Section 42nd 43rd 44th Bns entrained at AMESBURY.	
26/11/16.)	En route for Bailleul Rly Station via SOUTHAMPTON and HAVRE.	36, 36A
27/11/16.)		and
28/11/16.)		36 N.W.
29/11/16. STEENWERCK 2 am) (France 36 N W) 5 am)	BAILLEUL RLY STATION. STEENWERCK Bde Hqrs at "Mairie" Grande Place 41st Battalion billeted at 42nd Bn, " " OUTERSTEENE Sheet 36 43rd Bn. in vicinity of STEENWERCK. 44th Bn " " STEENWERCK. 11th M.G. " " of " T.M. Bty " " " "	Concentration of (France) 11th Brigade Complete.
30/11/16.	Training of units recommenced.	

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"	24/11/16		41st Bn moved:		
"	25/11/16		11th Inf. Bde Hdqrs: Signal Section. 42nd 43rd 44th Bns entrained at AMESBURY.		
{	26/11/16		En route for Bailleul Rly Station via SOUTHAMPTON and HAVRE.		
	27/11/16				
	28/11/16				
	29/11/16				
STEENWERCK (France 36 NW)	29/11/16	2am 5am	BRILLEUL Rly. Station STEENWERCK. Bde Hdqrs at "Maurie" Grande Place		Concentration of 11th Brigade Complete.
			41st Bn billeted at 42nd Bn " " Outtersteene Stal 36. 43rd Bn in vicinity of Steenwerck. 44th Bn " " Steenwerck. 71th MG. " " of " T.M. Bty. " " " "		
	30/11/16		Training of units recommenced		
	1/12/16		" " " Continued		
	2-12-16		" " " "		
	3-12-16		" " " "		
	4-12-16		" " " "		
	5-12-16		43rd 44th Bns inspected by G.O.C. 2nd Army Lieut Gen Sir H. PLUMER.		
	6-12-16		41st & 42nd Bns moved to Billets in Armentières: 2 Bns of Bde in Reserve.		
	7-12-16		Training continued (ARMENTIÈRES)		
	8-12-16		" " " "		
	9-12-16		" " " "		

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TEENWERCK	10-12-16		Training of units continued.	Ref. Map
"	11-12-16		" " " "	36 26A
"	12-12-16		" " " "	36 NW.
"	13-12-16		" " " "	
"	14-12-16		" " " "	
"	15-12-16		" " " "	
"	16-12-16		" " " "	
"	(3pm)		Visit of G.O.C. F.I.F. (Lt Gen Birdwood). Inspection of 43 rd and 44 th Bns at daily work.	
"	17-12-16		Training continued.	
"	18-12-16		" " " "	
"	19-12-16		" " " "	
"	20-12-16		" " " "	
"	21-12-16		" " " "	
"	22-12-16		Inspection of Brigade by G.O.C. B. E. F. (Lt Douglas Haig) Commencement of relief of 9 th Bde in Right Sector of Dwynt Front by 11 th Bde. 43 rd 44 th Bns moved into Armentières.	See App I for Order & March Tables.
ARMENTIÈRES	23-12-16		Relief in process of completion.	
"	24-12-16	2pm	Relief complete: 12 casualties OK. 6 Killed. 6 wounded. Arty Retardation	
"	25-12-16	3pm	Situation normal.	
"	26-12-16		" " Shoot by Arty.	Appendix 3.
"	27-12-16	2pm	Situation normal: Captain Pott A. B Coy 42nd Bn wounded by mine sweeper	
"	"	9pm	Lieut G. B. Harlow " " " " " "	

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ARMENTIERES	28/12/16		Shoot by artillery & I. M. at 12.30 pm. Quick retaliation by enemy. Casualties: 1 Killed 1 Wounded (OK's). 1 Patrol OK wounded at night.	See appendix 3.
"	29/12/16		Shoot by Artillery & I. M. at 12.10 pm: retaliation heavy but did not do much damage. casualties nil: 1 OK wounded by Rifle Grenade.	"
"	30/12/16	4 am	Relief of 41 st and 42 nd Bns by 43 rd and 44 th Bns.	See app.
		11.30	Commenced 4 am: Relief of 41 st complete: 41 st established as "D" Bn	app.
		2. pm	" " 42 nd " : 42 nd " " " " " " } ARMENTIERES.	app. 3 app. 3
	31/12/16		Shoot by artillery as per table. Shoot by artillery as per time table (appendix). Retaliation by enemy: casualties 5. (3 Killed).	
			Simultaneous patrol operating from 1 am to 4 am. Scheme, intention etc attached. Casualties 1 OK wounded.	app. 4.

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ELEVENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 25.

Reference Map 1/10000 Franco.
Sheet 33 N.W.Brigade Headquarters.
21/12/18

- RELIEF. 1. The 11th. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 9th. Australian Infantry Brigade in Right Brigade Sector commencing on 22nd. instant as per Relief and March Tables issued herewith.
- SPECIALISTS 2. Twenty five per cent of the 11th. Machine Gun Company, 11th. Trench Mortar Battery, 11th. Brigade Signalling Section, and 25% of Battalion Lewis Gunners, Signallers, Snipers, Bombers, (Battalion and Company), of 41st. and 42nd. Battalions, will relieve equal number of Specialists of corresponding 9th. Infantry Brigade Units on afternoon of 22nd. inst.
- DETAILS OF RELIEF 3. Fifty per cent of each section of 41st. and 42nd. Battalions will move into the line on 23rd. inst, and the remaining 50 per cent into the line on the 24th. inst. Personnel of "A" and "B" Battalions moving out of line on 23rd. inst will pass under command of 41st. and 42nd. Battalion Commanders respectively. Similarly C.Os. "A" and "B" Battalions of 9th. Brigade will remain in command of their sub sections until relief is completed. LUMATIC LANE is allotted to "B" Battalion and 42nd. Battalion for use during relief, All other details of relief to be arranged by C.Os. concerned
- GUM BOOTS 4. 41st. and 42nd. Battalions will draw Gum Boots at Store (I.2.a.0.6) on their way in. Care must be taken that no congestion occurs at this point.
- PRECAUTIONS. 5. Every precaution must be taken against hostile observation, both aerial and from ground line. Troops will move in parties not larger than sections at two-minute intervals South east of the ARMENTIERES-NOUVEL HOUPHINES railway line. Units when north of ARMENTIERES-BAC ST MAUR railway line will move by Companies or equivalent parties at five minute intervals. Ninth Infantry Brigade Units will always give way to 11th. Infantry Brigade Units.
- HALTS 6. Halts for meals must not be made by troops marching from STEENWERCK to ARMENTIERES. Midday meal should be consumed after arrival of those units in billets at ARMENTIERES. Attention is directed to 3rd. Australian Division Trench Standing Orders para 8.
- TRENCH STORES 7. All trench stores, defence schemes, log books, aeroplane photos, maps, etc., will be taken over by incoming unit, and duplicate receipts will be given therefor.
- BILLETING PARTIES 8. Units will send two billeting parties to new billets on the day previous to which the first troops of the unit concerned occupy the billets.
- TRANSPORT LINES 7. Units will retain their present transport lines with the exception of 11th. Machine Gun Company which will take over those at present held by 9th. Machine Gun Company.

- COMMANDERS. (10) Commanders of 9th. Brigade units of and above the appointment of Company Commander will remain with corresponding Officer of incoming unit for 24 hours after relief is complete, and render new Commander any assistance.
- COMPLETION OF RELIEFS (11) All units will report immediately to Brigade Headquarters daily when relief for that day is completed, and units not going into front line will wire when completely established in new billets.
- COMMAND (12) G.O.C. 11th. Infantry Brigade will assume command of Right Brigade Sector on completion of reliefs on 24th. inst.
- BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS. (13) 11th. Infantry Brigade Headquarters Office will close in STEENWERCK on 24th. inst. at 12 noon, and will reopen at ARMENTIERES (at present 9th. Brigade Headquarters) at same time on same date.
- BLANKETS (14) No blankets are to be taken past the subsidiary line.
- RATIONS. (15) Until completion of relief, 25th. Company A.S.C. will ration E.F.G. and H. Battalions irrespective of the Brigade to which they belong. If any Battalion is temporarily made up of half a 9th. Brigade Battalion and 11th Brigade Battalion the Q.Ms. concerned will feed the Battalion as it stands. 11th. Machine Gun Company and 11th Trench Mortar Battery will be rationed throughout by 25th A.S.C. After completion of relief the 25th. Company A.S.C. will resume ~~normal~~ *normal* procedure.
- TRANSFER (16) Units will requisition through Staff Captain necessary transport for blankets etc.

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5.	Brigade Transport Officer	"
6.	Brigade Signalling Officer	<i>Personally Ordering</i>
7.	41st Battalion	"
8.	42nd Battalion	"
9.	43rd Battalion	"
10.	44th Battalion	"
11.	11th Machine Gun Coy.	<i>D.R.</i>
12.	11th Trench Mortar Battery	"
13.	10th Aust. Inf. Bde.	"
14.	103rd Inf. Bde.	"
15.	9th Inf. Bde.	"
16.	Right Artillery Group	"
17.	11th Field Coy.	"
18.	11th Field Ambulance	"
19.	8th Field Ambulance	"
20.	25th Coy, A.S.C.	"
21.	"L" Coy. 3rd Bn. Special Bde. R.E.	"
22.	2nd Aust. Tunnelling Coy.	"

2pm
27.12.16

RELIEF TABLE

Ref. map: 1/20000 Franco
Sheet 33 N.W. (corrected to 3/8/26.)

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11th. Inf. Bde Order No. 25.

Date	Ingoing unit of 11th Inf Bde	9th. Inf Bde. unit to be relieved. unit. Situated in	Guides for 11th. Inf. Bde. Units				Remarks,
			Furnd. by	No.	Time	Place.	
22/12/16	11th. M.G. Coy (25%)	9th. M.G. First area Coy. (25%)	To be mutually arranged by O.Cs. concerned.				DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS
22/12/16	11th. T.M.B. (25%)	9th. T.M.B. First area (25%)	To be mutually arranged by C.Os. concerned.				TO BE MADE BY
22/12/16	25% Special- ists. 41st and 42nd Bns	"A" Bn "B" Bn First area	To be mutually arranged by S. Os. concerned.				COMMANDING OFFICERS
22/12/16	25% Bde. Sig. Section.	9th. B 9th. Bde. Bde. Hdqrs. Sig. Sect.	To be mutually arranged by C. Os. concerned.				CASE.
23/12/16 UNITS AS ABOVE AS FOR DECEMBER 22.							
23/12/16	43rd. Bn	"C" Bn AR- MENTIERES.	To be mutually arranged by C. Os. concerned.				
23/12/16	44th. Bn	"D" Bn AR- MENTIERES.	To be mutually arranged by C. Os. concerned.				
23/12/16	$\frac{1}{2}$ of 41st. Bn.	$\frac{1}{2}$ "A" Bn "A" Bn area	35 Bn.	17	7 a.m.	1.2.a.0.6	
23/12/16	$\frac{1}{2}$ of 42nd. Bn.	$\frac{1}{2}$ "B" Bn "B" Bn area	36 Bn	17	"	"	
24/12/16	$\frac{1}{2}$ of 41st. Bn.	$\frac{1}{2}$ "A" Bn "A" Bn area	35 Bn	17	"	"	
24/12/16	$\frac{1}{2}$ of 42nd. Bn.	$\frac{1}{2}$ "B" Bn "B" Bn area	36 Bn	17	"	"	
DECEMBER 24 - 50% as per units December 22nd.							
24/12/16	11th. Bde Hdqrs.	9th. Bde. ARMEN- TIERES					

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Appendix No. 1.

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MARCH TABLE

Ref. map: 1/20000 France
Sheet 33 H.W. (Corrected to 5.8.15)

Issued with copy No. 15 of 11th,
Aust. Inf, Bde Order No. 25.

Date.	Unit.	Starting point.	Time	Destination.	How design	Route.	Remarks.
22/12/16	11th. M.G. Coy		After inspec- tion by C. in C	ARMENTIERES		B.19.a2.1 - B.14.c8.4 - B.27.d2.8 - B.28.b. 9.9 ¹ - Wooden Bridge at B.29.c.9.9 - B.30.c.3.1 - to billets	
22/12/16	11th. T.M.B.		After inspec- tion by C in C.	ARMENTIERES		B.19.a2.1 - B.14.c8.4 - B.27.d.2.8 - B.28.b. 9.9 ¹ - Wooden "ridge at B.29.c.9.9 - to B.30.c.3.1 - to billets	
23/12/16	43rd. Bn.	A.17.c.5.3 ¹	10.15 a.m.	ARMENTIERES	"C" Bn.	A.18.d.1.3 - B.19.a. 2.1 - B.14.c.8.4 - B.27.d.2.8 - B.28.b. 9.9 ¹ - Wooden Bridge at B.29.c.3.1 - 9.9 "C" billets.	Div. Stand- ing Orders Section 11 Marches para 8 et seq.
23/12/16	44th. Bn.	Level cross- ing B.28.b.2.3 ¹ .	9 a.m.	ARMENTIERES	"D" Bn.	B.28.b.9.9 ¹ - Wooden Bridge at B.29.c9.9 - B.30.c.3.1 - "D" billets.	Div. Stand- ing Orders Section 11 Marches para 8 et seq.
24/12/16	H.Q. 11th Bde Bde Sig Sect.	Bde Hdqrs. (Mairio)	10 a.m.	ARMENTIERES		Same as for M.G. Coy. New Bde. Hqrs. Present Hqrs. 9th Bdw	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No:1

From 3 a.m. 24th December to 3 a.m. 25th December 1918

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OUR OPERATIONS,

Artillery: Nothing of note occurred during the night 23/24th December. Between 10-30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. our 18 pounder Battery fired at intervals on gap in hedge at J.7.c.3,6. at men proceeding N.W. Over 100 men passed this gap. The same Battery sniped at intervals on sercons at INTACT FARM preventing parties from working there between 10-30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. The shat according to programme was carried out from 2 p.m. to 2-30 p.m. Trench Mortars damaged enemy's parapet at I.5d.4.8. and I.11.a.5.4. Enemy lines were damaged also opposite I.13.4 I.10.1, I.10.6 and I.10.7 by this bombardment.

MACHINE GUNS - Right Bn. Sub-Sec. -

Very little machine gun fire was employed in this sector during the night.

Left Bn. Sub-sec. Guns fired intermittently during the night. At 2-30 a.m. a machine gun dispersed an enemy working party which was hammering at wire at about I.5.d.4.9. On the whole there was very little machine gun activity during the period.

Patrols: Right Battalion Sub-Section. Patrols active throughout hours of darkness, patrolled up to enemy wire but did not effect entrance in view of raid to be carried out by 33rd Battalion. They found enemy's wire badly damaged opposite I.10.6. but still strong opposite I.10.1. They report singing from support trenches opposite I.10.1 in the early part of the night.

Left Bn. Sub-section. Front patrolled continuously from 5-15 p.m. to 3-30 a.m. They report the enemy wire slightly damaged all along the front and badly damaged opposite Centre sector of Left Bn. sub-section. Enemy bombed his own wire during the night at I.5.b.3.4 and I.5.b.3.2

Snipers: Right Bn. Sub-Section. Point I,11.e.35.10 and I,17.a.25.80 were engaged throughout the day by our snipers.

Left Bn. Sub-section: Snipers were not active owing to want of opportunity.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Artillery: Against Right Bn. Sub-Section. At 2.5 p.m. heavy bombardment was commenced on our front and support line by Minnnwerfer, 7.7 cm. and H.E. Considerable damage done to our works on front and support lines. This bombardment ceased at 2.30 p.m. and reopened at 3.15 p.m. for a short burst. Casualties resulting from bombardment 12 - killed 6 wounded.

Left Bn. Sub-section: Shortly after 2 p.m. the enemy bombarded our front and support lines with Minnonwerfer, T.M's. and 7.7. In all 48 Minnonwerfers, 30 T.Ms., and 50 7.7 were fired. 5wo bays were destroyed in the front line. Slight damage was done to JAPAN ROAD and PLANK AVENUE.

Machine Guns:- Right B, Sub-sec. - Occasional burst of fire occurred against out parapet during the night. Exceptionally quiet.

~~Rxxxxx~~, Left Bn. Sub-Sec. - Guns active throughout the night. One gun fired from position I.11.a.58.90 and another from about I.5.d.4.9.

Patrols:- None encountered.

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ENEMY DEFENSES.

No work was observed.

COMMUNICATIONS:- A number of Very Lights were sent up during the night apparently coming from support trenches. Searchlights were fairly active during the early part of the night. One appeared to be used from the support line opposite centre of Right Bn. Sub-section.

MOVEMENTS:- The only movement reported throughout the day was at J,7.e.3.8 as mentioned above.

MISCELLANEOUS:- A hurdle screen has been erected running from RETALIATION FARM to I.12 Central. A giant periscope has been located in enemy's front line at about I.5.b.25.20.

AEROPLANES:- Two enemy planes were observed during the day. They were shelled without effect by anti-aircraft guns.

RAID. A raid was carried out against RAILWAY SALIENT by 33rd Bn. Raiding party. Result - Found enemy's trenches unoccupied and in bad repair. Casualties inflicted - Nil. Received - Nil. Full details of the raid are being supplied by 9th Brigade.

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BRIGADE MAJOR 11th INF. BDE. A.I.F.

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Appendix No 3

Headquarters, 11th Inf, Bde.
25/12/16

Reference WEZ MACQUART Map 1/10000 corrected to 3/4/16,

- (1) The following shoot will be carried out by Right Group Artillery tomorrow 26/12/16.
TIME 1.15 - 1.30 p.m.

WIRE CUTTING.

X Aust. T.M. Battery will cut wire at
I.5.c.60.00 (2 mortars) 30 rounds
I.17.a.20.65 (2 mortars) 30 rounds
A/182 will assist with covering fire on enemy's F.L. system
in I.17.a and F.L. C.Ts. and S.L. in Southern half of
I.11.c. 20 rounds
R/175 will assist with covering fire on enemy's F.L. system
in I.11.a. 20 rounds
B/175 will assist with covering fire on enemy's F.L. system
in I.5.c. and d. 20 rounds
D/175 will stand by

- (2) WATCHES will be synchronised at Group Headquarters at 11 a.m.
(3) The line ^{opposite} ~~about~~ Trench mortar objectives must be cleared of troops
and no troops must be in the line of fire of the Trench Mortars.
(4) Units will take all necessary precautions to minimise effect of
any hostile retaliation.
(5) Acknowledge

McLester
Major
Brigade Major, 11th Inf, Bde. A.I.F.

Distribution,

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7	11th M.G. Coy.
8	Right Group R.A.
9	10th Aust. Inf. Brigade.
10	"L" Coy. Erd Bn. Special Bde. R.E.
11	Officer i/c Tunnelling "B" Bn, Sub, Sec.
12	11th Field Coy. Engineers.
13	3rd Pioneer Battalion.
14	102nd Inf Brigade

11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 2.

From 6 a.m. 25th. December to 6 a.m. 26 December. 1916.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. The night 24/25 was exceedingly quiet. At 0-15 p.m., our Howitzer Battery fired on searchlight which was observed on a T B 136.30 from CHERRY BLOSSOM. At 2-30 p.m. the 18 pounder Battery fired on a group of men at I.12d.85.35 who were carrying some round objects.

Front line Battalions report co-operation of our Artillery with raid on left flank at about 170 from 8-30 p.m. to 9-35 p.m.

MACHINE GUNS. In addition to bursts of fire along enemy's parapet during the night carried out a programme of indirect fire on Level Crossing at I.12.d.04.64 and roads at INTACT FARM I.6.a.5.0. and on roads and trenches round LE TEMPLE I.6.b.8.9.

SNIPERS. Snipers were active throughout the day. One hit claimed by Snipers in Left Company of Right Battalion sub section.

PATROLS. Right Bn. sub section. No. 1 Patrol left I.16.b.65.00 at 5 p.m. remained out till 8.30 p.m. but did not reach enemy's wire being subjected to fire from enemy's Machine Guns when nearing their objective. No. 2 Patrol left I.11.c.25.35 at 9 p.m. and returned at 11.30 p.m. Examined enemy's wire opposite, found it impassable though not in good repair. Talking was heard in front line trenches while they were examining the wire. No. 3 Patrol examined our own wire from midnight to 3 a.m. They report that the wire along the whole of this front needs strengthening.

Left Battalion. Sub Section.- Two patrols left the Right Sector of this sub section, at 8-45 p.m. and 4 a.m. both staying out for a period of two and a half hours. They have nothing special to report with the exception of the weakness of our wire in places.

Centre Sector - Three patrols were engaged in examining NO MANS LAND opposite this frontage. They reported large expanse of water impassable in some parts immediately in front of our wire. Sounds of pumping were heard in enemy front line trenches. Two machine guns were located by these scouts at approximately I.5.d.4.9 and I.5.a.4.1.

Left Sector - Two patrols operated in this area during the night. They report our wire in good sound condition opposite the left of G Gap, and good opposite the right of H Gap.

No enemy patrols were encountered during the night, in NO MANS LAND opposite Brigade frontage.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.-

ARTILLERY. - Very little hostile activity was displayed for this period. Three rounds of 7.7 mm were fired into Gap G at 1.30 p.m. No damage was done. Enemy Trench Mortars threw 6 L.T.M. shells on parapet in Gap H at 11.30 a.m. Very slight damage was done.

MACHINE GUNS. - Almost no activity during the day. During the night rather increased activity was displayed against our wire and on Gap A. Indirect fire on the rear of the subsidiary line also carried out. During the firing the Left Bn. definitely located guns at I.11.a.64.99, I.11.a.6.7, I.11.a.8.9.

SNIPERS - Active throughout the day especially soon after darkness had set in and during the hours just before sunrise. Attempts are being made by observation the nature of this night sniping.

COMMUNICATIONS. - Very lights of very bright nature were in evidence throughout the night. Red rockets were observed rising from trenches apparently opposite HOURLINES.

Searchlights were again active in the forward area.

ENEMY DEFENCES - Work was reported at a point opposite front I.13.4 to I.10.3 in the front lines. Pumping operations were in progress and water was observed flowing through a pipe into ditch in NO MANS LAND.

MOVEMENTS - At I.24.b.4.0 seven men were seen to pass going to and from PREMESQUES disappearing always behind the barrier.

At I.3.d.3.5 smoke was observed in enemys trench at noon.

At J.13.b.6.8 two men in great coats were seen going towards Hall from the direction of PREMENTES - time 11.5 a.m.

MISCELLANEOUS - Enemy frequently bombed his own wire during the night.

G. H. P.
Major.
Brigade Major, 11th, Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NUMBER 3.

From 3 a.m. 26/12/16 to 3 a.m. 27/12/16.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. A combined Trench Mortar and Artillery shoot took place from 1.15 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. as per programme submitted. Observation of result of fire was almost impossible owing to the prevalence of a heavy ground fog throughout the day. Infantry Observation Posts however, report accurate shooting on enemy Observation Post and communication trench opposite Gap G. H. L.T.M. Baty. engaged enemy wire and suspected M.G. emplacement opposite Left Bn. at 5.30 p.m.

MACHINE GUNS. The normal programme of indirect fire was carried out throughout the evening, points engaged being I.12.d.04.64, I.3.a.5.0 I.12.b.9.8. Direct covering fire was also given to our wiring party in front of I.11.a.2.9. A working party of the enemy at I.5.c.6.0 was dispersed by M.G. fire.

SNIPERS. Sniping was hindered by the ground mist, but record one hit at I.11.a.3.9 on a patrol of four men who were passing this spot - dress Field grey, soft caps.

PATROLS. Right Bn. Sub Section. Four patrols operated in this area opposite I.11.a.00.30. Enemy's wire was found damaged but impassable. Suspected M.G. post near Railway line was examined, and it was ascertained that there was no M.G. position in this vicinity. Working parties were located by sound in support lines opposite Locality 2. They found Railway salient occupied during the night, two parties of Scouts observing intermittent rifle fire on both sides of the salient. Left Bn. Sub Section. Seven patrols operated throughout the night. Patrol from Right Sector, Locality 5, endeavoured to examine enemy wire opposite on the BECQUE. They did not reach wire owing to enemy's bombs thrown into wire at this point. Heard considerable talking in the trenches. Located M.G. firing at I.5.c.60.02.

Centre Sector. Wire reported damaged at I.5.c.68.08 and enemy repairing damage to his wire at I.5.c.80.35. This latter party was dispersed by M.G. fire.

Left Sector. Patrols from this sector report enemy's wire opposite very thick and report that fire of a rifle was seen at intervals in different parts of the wire. This fire seemed to be from the rifle of a patrol moving along the frontage. Transport was heard in rear of the line. They report that a searchlight appearing about I.5.a.4.8 seemed to rise up from behind the parapets. (Probably portable on tramway).

ENEMY OPERATIONS. The enemy retaliated to our bombardment at 1.15 p.m. with well directed fire, using Minnowwerfer, 7.7 mm. and shrapnel. They damaged communication trench CENTRAL AVENUE in five places, making it impassable for a period. They badly damaged wire opposite Localities 3 and 4. On the Left Bn. sub section two bays of No. 5 Locality were destroyed, and support lines damaged in rear. Shrapnel was thrown over JAPAN FARM and 7.7 mm. fell on left Locality and Gap H. In all about 20 Minnowwerfer, and 20 7.7 mm. were fired.

MACHINE GUNS. Fired intermittently during the night, sweeping our parapets. Left Bn. sub section report that considerable amount of M.G. fire passed across their sector enfilading trenches of Right Bn. sub section.

SNIPERS Were not very active throughout the period.

PATROLS. No patrols encountered in NO MANS LAND.

COMMUNICATIONS. Considerable number of Verrey lights again in use but no apparent result. Searchlights active, and moving in rear of front or support lines.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Pumping in progress at 7 .m. at I.11.a.4.9. Working party observed at 12.30 at I.5.c.8.2. No other work noticed.

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MISCELLANEOUS Patrols from Right Bn. sub section report that for the past three nights they have heard the sound of a small bell in the enemy's lines during the appearance of the searchlight. Suggested that this may either be a call for "open light" or a warning to take cover from view. It is noticeable that ~~patrols~~ parties which have been seen by the aid of the Veroy lights cannot be seen when the searchlight is sweeping NO MANS LAND.



Major,
Brigade Major, 11th. Snf. Bde, A.I.F.

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Appendix No. 3 Copy No. 8

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OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 1

Brigade Headquarters,
27/12/16

1. Reference map BOIS GRENIER Sheet 36 N.W. 1/10000.

The following shoot will be carried out by Right Group Artillery tomorrow 28/12/16.

TIME 12.30 p.m. to 12.50 p.m.

X Battery xiii L.T.M. A.I.F. will bombard enemy's support line from I.5.d.48.58 to I.11.b.00.98.

(4 mortars) 80 rounds.

Y Battery L.T.M. A.I.F. will bombard support line from I.11.b.00.98 to I.11.a.88.00.

(4 mortars) 80 rounds

B/175 will fire on F.L.system in I.5.c, and d.

25 rounds

A/175 will fire on F.L.system in I.11.a

25 rounds

D/175 will bombard -

INTACT FARM
RETALIATION FARM

I.11.c.88.55 }

I.11.c.88.35 } Minnenwerfer emplacements.

30 rounds.

(2) 11th L.T.M. Battery will at the same time carry out a shoot on the following communication trenches.

I.5.c.95.35 to I.5.d.1.8

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No. of guns, Rounds

1

50

I.5.c.75.15 to I.11.b.0.95

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I.5.c.7.0 to I.11.b.0.85

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1

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(3) Watches will be synchronised at Artillery Group Headquarters at 10 a.m.

(4) Line opposite Trench Mortar objectives must be cleared of troops and no troops must be in the line of fire of Trench Mortars.

(5) Units will take all necessary precautions to minimise effect of any hostile retaliation. Working parties will not work forward of subsidiary line between 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m.

(6) Acknowledge

Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 4

From 6 a.m. 27/12/16 to 6 a.m. 28/12/16

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OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Our Artillery did not fire according to any pre-arranged shoot. Retaliation was given on one occasion for enemy fire over locality No. 5. Extent of damage done was not ascertained owing to ground mist which prevented observation. TRENCH MORTARS: Our medium and Light T.M.s. were active during the day. The Heavy T.M. Bty. engaged point I.11.a.6.7. No observation of result. Light Trench Mortar fired 80 rounds at the following points I.11.a.6.7. I.17.a.20.65, I.5.d.4.9., XXXXXXXX and I.5.c.60.00. This shoot did considerable to enemy's new parapet and trench.

MACHINE GUNS carried out the usual programme of indirect fire on cross roads in vicinity of I.12.b.9.8. & level crossing I.12.d.04.64, roads at CONTACT FARM I.6.a.5.0. The Lewis guns were busy playing along the enemy's fire along the whole front. This fire was carried out at parties reported to be working along the wire. No result observed.

SNIPERS: Right Bn. Subsec. - Our snipers were very active throughout the period. One hit is claimed at I.11.a.37.85 where enemy parapet is very low, another at I.17.a.30.82 on working party of three men in this vicinity. Left Bn. Subsec. - Opposite locality 5 two definite hits are claimed on parties repairing parapet. One hit is claimed opposite locality 7 on party also repairing the parapet.

PATROLS: - Right Bn. Subsec. - Scouts were active patrolling NO MAN'S LAND throughout the night. A wiring party is reported in front of the Mushroom. This party was fired on by Lewis gunners when the scouts returned. Opposite No. 1 locality scouts reported presence of the enemy in his front line. No hostile patrols were encountered and it is reported that suspected machine gun positions in front of RAILWAY SALIENT do not exist.

Left Bn. Subsec. - NO MAN'S LAND was patrolled from 5 a.m. to 6.30 a.m., seven patrols operating. Opposite locality No. 3 an enemy wiring party was reported and Lewis and machine gun fire was directed on to them after the patrols returned. Opposite locality 5 at I.11.a.38.85 working party was distinctly heard. Another party was also reported where the BECQUE de la BLEUE enters the enemy's trenches. These were also fired on by our T.G.s. Opposite locality 7 the scouts examined enemy's wire in vicinity of C.29.c.9.4. They report wire in good sound condition supported on ~~xxx~~ knife rests. The wire here consists of two distinct lines. Some slight damage had been done to various parties. Talking was heard in enemy's trenches. Samples of wire were obtained.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:-

ARTILLERY:- Enemy Artillery was active throughout the day and during the early part of the night. In Right Bn. Subsec. 14 Minnenwerfers were thrown. No material damage was caused. In Left Bn. Subsec. three Minnenwerfer fell on locality 5 at noon. Casualty, 1 officer wounded. At 9 p.m. five Minnenwerfer fell in the same locality. Casualty - 1 officer wounded. Small material damage was done to PLANK AVENUE. Eight Minnenwerfer fell in locality 6 in rear of front line. No material damage done.

Shrapnel was used over JAPAN FARM at 3 p.m., locality 5 at 4 p.m. No damage was caused by these ten shots. This fire was in retaliation to our T.M. bombardment.

RIFLE GRENADES:- Fourteen rifle grenades were thrown at locality 6. Only one fell in front line trench. This did slight damage to parapet and duckboards.

MACHINE GUNS:- No activity during the day. Very active to 3 a.m. They carried out the usual programme of sweeping our parapet and searching in rear of subsidiary line.

SNIPERS:- There was not much activity during the day and single shots were frequent throughout the night. This shooting cannot be definitely traced to individual snipers.

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ENEMY DEFENCES

The presence of working parties in the line and on the wire throughout the night suggests active work on the front lines. Owing to weather conditions the definite location of these parties was almost impossible. To facilitate their working, very few Very lights were fired throughout the night. Only about 10% of the usual number were thrown. No observation of back lines was possible.

COMMUNICATIONS:- Very few Very lights were used. At 7.30 p.m. two red lights were thrown from I.11.c.55.15. No apparent action followed.


OBSERVATION:- An observation window plainly visible in corner of INTACT FA. is still in use.

OUR OPERATIONS:- (ADDENDUM)

Firing parties were busy along the whole sector. "A" Bn. worked one large party which erected 100 yards of new wire. "B" Bn. had three small parties working in front of each locality.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:-

ARTILLERY:- At 12.30 p.m. a great deal of shrapnel burst over support lines in vicinity of PORTE EGAL AVENUE. Intermittent shelling continued till 3.40 p.m. Retaliation was asked for and was given by the supporting batteries.


Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Major

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 26

December 28th 1916

Reference Map RANCE, Shoot 36 N.W. 1/20000.

Relief (1) The following reliefs will take place on the morning of 30th December:-

43rd Battalion will relieve 41st Battalion
44th Battalion will relieve 42nd Battalion.

Designation (2) Designation of Battalions after relief will be -

"A" Bn.	"B" Bn.	"C" Bn.	"D" Bn.
43rd Bn.	44th Bn.	41st Bn.	42nd Bn.

System of relief (3) Relief will be carried out in the following order:-

- (i) Firing line
- (ii) Support line
- (iii) Subsidiary line.

Reference (i) Incoming units will file into front line before "stand to"; outgoing units will file out after "stand down".

Reference (ii) incoming units for support line will not commence to move in until outgoing units of (i) are clear of communication trenches.

Reference (iii). This relief will take place as soon as (ii) has been completed.

Congestion (4) C.O's concerned will in all cases allow sufficient time in Communication trenches between (i), (ii) and (iii) to ensure that no congestion takes place in communication trenches.

Lunatic Lane (5) LUNATIC LANE is allotted to 42nd and 44th Battalions for purposes of relief.

Details (6) Details of relief will be arranged by C.O's. units concerned.

Blankets (7) No blankets will be taken past the subsidiary line.

Precautions (8) Units will move in parties of not more than 20 men. A time distance of five minutes will be kept between parties.

Div. Trench Orders (9) Attention is directed to Divisional Trench Orders para. 4.

Commanders (10) Company and Battalion Commanders will remain for 24 hours after relief and will give now corresponding Commanders all possible information and assistance.

Completion of Relief (11) Completion of reliefs will be reported to Brigade Headquarters by wire.

Acknowledge (12) Acknowledge.
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BRIGADE MAJOR 11th INF. BDE. A.I.F.

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 15 41st Group Artillery
 16 C.O. 11th Bde, Signal Section
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 18 2nd Aust. Tunnelling Coy.
 19 Town Major, Armentieros
 20 A.P.M. Armentieros.

by D.R. at 1.45 pm

personally at 1.15 pm

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Operation Memorandum No. 2

Brigade Headquarters,
28/12/13

Reference Maps BRIS GRENIER } 1/10000
HOUPLES }
Edition 3c

- (1) The following shoot will be carried out by Right Group Artillery tomorrow 29/12/13.

TIME 2.15 p.m. to 2.35 p.m.

X and F. T.M. Batteries A.I.F. will cut wire at

I.5.c.30.00 (2 mortars) 30 rounds
and I.5.b.15.35 (w mortars) 30 rounds
also bombard points
I.5.d.10.08
I.5.d.38.08.
I.5.b.20.58.

60 rounds

A/175 will fire on F.L. system

I.11.a.53.30 to I.5.c.85.30. 25 rounds (AX)

B/175 will fire on F.L. system I.5.c.85.30 to
I.5.b.25.15

25 rounds (AX)

I/R.H.A. will be requested to give covering fire on enemy F.L.
and S.L. in I.5.b.

25 rounds.

D/175 will bombard Minnenwerfer emplacements in I.5.b. and d.
30 rounds.

- (2) 22th Light T.M. Battery will at the same time carry out a shoot on communication trenches as follows:-

Locality	No. of guns	Rounds.
I.5.d.38.08 to I.5.d.70.98 -	1	30
I.5.c.75.15 to I.5.d.95.00 -	1	30
I.11.a.35.98 to I.11.a.97.80 -	1	30

- (3) WATCHES will be synchronised at Right Artillery Group Headquarters at 11.30 a.m. 29/12/13.

- (4) Line opposite Trench Mortar Objectives must be clear of troops and no troops are to be in the line of fire of Trench Mortars.

- (5) Units will take all necessary precautions to minimise the effect of any hostile retaliation. Working parties will not work forward of subsidiary line between 2.15 p.m. and 3.5. p.m.

- (6) Acknowledge.

Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F. Major

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 3

Brigade Headquarters,
20/12/16.

Reference Maps: OIS GRENIER)
HOUPPLINES) 1/10000
Edition c.

1) Operation memorandum No. 2 is cancelled.

2) The following shoot will be carried out by Right Group Artillery tomorrow 29/12/16.

TIMES 2.10 p.m. to 2.20 p.m. 1st Period
2.45 p.m. to 2.55 p.m. 2nd Period
3.15 p.m. to 3.25 p.m. 3rd Period 10 rounds per mortar per period.

X Aust. T.M. Battery will cut wire at I.5.c.60.00 (1 mortar)
30 rounds

Also cut wire and bombard front line parapet at
I.5.b.12.40. (2 mortars) 60 rounds

For first period only the enemy's support line and G.Ts. in rear of above points will be bombarded.

Y Aust. T.M. Battery will cut wire at I.17.a.22.70 (2 mortars)
60 rounds.

Also bombard front line parapet at I.11.a.57.64 (1 mortar)
30 rounds.

For the first period only the enemy's S.L. and G.T. in rear of above points will be bombarded.

D/175 will fire on Minnowwerfor emplacements in I.11.c.
I.5.b.
I.5.d.
60 rounds.

B/175 will bombard BRUNE RUE (1 gun) 5 rounds
INTACT FARM (1 gun) 5 rounds.
remaining guns will stand by ready to retaliate on F.L. and
S.L. in I.5.b. and d. in case of hostile activity.
20 rounds.

A/175 will bombard SPARRO'S NEST (1 gun) 5 rounds
RETALIATION FARM (1 gun) 5 rounds
TRIANGLE at I.11.a.72.28. (1 gun) 5 rounds.
Remaining guns will stand by ready to retaliate on F.L.
and S.L. in I.11.a. and Northern half of I.11.c. in case
of hostile activity. 20 rounds.

A/152 will bombard LA HONGRIE FARM (1 gun) 5 rounds.
Remaining guns will stand by ready to retaliate on F.L.
and S.L. in Southern half of I.11.c. and in I.17.a. in
case of hostile activity. 25 rounds.

(3) WATCHES will be synchronised at Right Group F.A. Headquarters at
11.30 a.m. 20/12/16.

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- (4) Line opposite T.M. objectives must be cleared of troops and no troops must be in the line o. fire of Trench Mortars.
- (5) Units will take all necessary precautions to minimise the effect of any hostile retaliation. Working parties will not be forward of subsidiary line between 2.10 p.m. and 4 p.m.
- (6) Acknowledge.

G. H. W. H. W. H.
Major
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 5.

From 2 a.m. 28/12/16 to 6 a.m. 29/12/16

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OUR OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY. From 12.30 p.m. to 12.50 p.m. our Artillery fired according to programme submitted on F.L. system in I.5.c and d, I.11.a, INTACT FARM, RETALIATION FARM and Minnowwerfer emplacements at I.11.c.68.55 and I.11.c.85. Medium Trench Mortars bombarded support lines from I.5.d.48.58 to I.11.b.00.00 with 80 rounds. Also bombarded I.11.b.00.00 to I.11.a.88.pp with 80 rounds. The L.T.M. Battery shot 150 rounds on communication trenches I.5.c.00 to I.5.d.1.2., I.5.c.75.15, I.11.b.00.95, I.5.c.7.0. to I.11.b.00.35 N.E. of Gde PORTE EGAL fmo. Observers of Left B, Subsec, report our shoot very effective.

MACHINE GUNS:-

The usual programme of indirect fire on tender spots in rear of enemy's line was carried out. Fire being directed on I.12.d04.34, I.18.b.3.3, I.3.b.8.9. roads and trenches around Le Temple, on roads at INTACT FARM I.3.c.5.0. Direct fire was carried out on known gaps in enemy's wire. Enemy's parapet was swept from time to time. Lewis guns at I.10.1. S, of the Mushroom successfully engaged working party opposite the Mushroom. NIPERS. Rifle Battery constructed by Right Bn. was laid on enemy's sap at I.17.a.55.30 opposite PEAR TREE FARM. Its effect on I.17.a.25.60 must have been good on the previous night, for here the enemy erected during the night an iron plate and raised the parapet while the battery was in action. Two hits are claimed in Left Bn. sub section. One opposite centre locality One opposite locality 7. The latter was a German coming down communication trench carrying timber. The trench was blown in and he had to cross the block. OUR DEFENCES. Wiring parties worked in front of both Bns. and erected much new wire and repaired gaps in the old wire. They worked without interference during the night.

PATROLS. Right Bn. sub section. Patrols were active throughout the night. They report wire much cut by our artillery south of railway salient. Here there is a ditch about 15 ft. by 8 ft. which they were unable to cross. No movement was heard in the lines.

No. 3 Patrol penetrated the wire round the Mushroom and found the gap still unrepaired, owing to the activity of our Lewis guns. They report movement in enemy's lines south of the Mushroom. Systematic searches of NO MANS LAND are being carried out by these patrols.

Left Bn. sub section. Opposite No. 5 locality patrols report NO MANS LAND badly cut up by recent bombardment. When hearing enemy's wire the patrol was fired on, presumably by a sniper in the wire, and one man was wounded. He was brought back safely. Opposite the centre sector there is a great amount of water impassable in most places, which makes patrolling particularly difficult. The scouts in this locality report sounds of heavy traffic opposite them, behind enemy's lines.

Left sector. About 30 yards from the enemy's wire patrol reports presence of a deep ditch 10 ft. wide and 5 ft. deep. Following this along they were unable to cross and were unable to complete their objective.

ENEMY'S OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Enemy replied to our bombardment at 12.35 p.m. with Minnowwerfer shrapnel, and 7.7 mm. Twelve shells were fired on support lines in vicinity of CENTRAL AVENUE. Five of these were "duds". A small part of the front line in locality 2 was damaged.

Right Bn. sub section. Enemy retaliated on this section with 20 Minnowwerfer 50 7.7 mm. Minnowwerfer fired on I.5.d.3.4 searching for our T.M. Baty. No damage was done by the remainder of the bombardment. No casualties were incurred by Left Bn. Two were incurred by Right Bn. (one killed, one wounded)

MACHINE GUNS. Intermittent firing occurred along the line during the night. One gun appeared to fire from the vicinity of railway salient. Not so active as during the previous night.

NIPERS. On right Bn. sub section there was little activity. On left Bn. sub section several shots were fired at loop holes in No. 6 locality without effect.

P.T.O.

PATROLS. None encountered or observed.

ENEMY DEFENCES. Work is proceeding in front line opposite locality 3. This is shown by fresh earth on parapet. No work on his wire was reported during the night. As Very lights were again only used very occasionally it would seem that working parties are active in the support lines.

AEROPLANES. Four planes flew over our lines between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. They were engaged by our guns but returned safely.

OBSERVATION. Dull misty weather prevented observation of movement behind the lines. Smoke was observed opposite locality 1 in the support line.

Small parties are reported at I.17.a.55.30, I.17.a.15.65. A working party was seen repairing parapet at I.17.a.40.90.

COMMUNICATION. The absence of Very lights is noteworthy.

J. A. Bickart Major
Brigade Major, 11th. Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

11th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NUMBER 6.

From 6 a.m. 29/12/16 to 6 a.m. 30/12/16.

CONFIDENTIAL.OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. A combined artillery and Trench Mortar shoot took place from 2.10 p.m. to 3.25 p.m. in three periods of 10 minutes each. The objective was (1) destruction of wire, (2) destruction of Minnenwerfer emplacements, (3) destruction of front and support line trenches. The bombardment is reported to have been very effective along the whole front. Patrols report that the wire where bombarded is in most cases very severely damaged. A great amount of debris was thrown up in the enemys trenches during the shoot. The wire which was especially strong, around I.5.c.60,00 was badly damaged. A Minnenwerfer emplacement located about I.5.d.4,5 was effectively silenced by shots from Howitzer battery. A working party about 100 yards north of railway salient was ranged on during the bombardment and offistively dispersed. The medium Trench Mortars co-operated, and did considerable damage to enemys wire.

Light Trench Mortars did not fire throughout the day.

MACHINE GUNS. Very little activity during the day. During the night the usual programme of indirect fire was carried out, and gaps in enemys wire were engaged while the patrols were not operating in that sector.

SNIPERS. A slack day was recorded owing to want of opportunity. A fixed rifle was active against I.17.a.20.60 opposite PEAR TREE FARM.

PATROLS. Right Bn. sub section. An attempt was made to enter railway salient but objective was not attained as the enemy continually bombed his wire in that sector.

South of the salient a patrol found enemy working party which was dispersed by the Lewis Guns.

A patrol examined the wire on the north side of the MUSHROOM and found it still intact.

During the early hours of the morning one patrol operated across the whole frontage, and has nothing to report. No enemy patrols were encountered during their reconnaissance.

Left Bn., sub section. Patrols working opposite No. 5 locality report enemy wire badly damaged by Artillery. The ground in the vicinity of the wire has been badly cut up. No sounds of enemy working parties were heard.

Patrols opposite Centre locality (No.6) submit a similar report.

Patrols opposite Locality 7 were unable to make a reconnaissance of the wire owing to sniping activity which appeared to come from in the wire.

OUR DEFENCES. Right Bn. sub section. No wiring was done in this sector during the night as wire did not

~~xxxxxxx~~ come to hand.

In Left Bn. sub section three wiring parties worked in front of each locality repairing old and erecting new wire. A great deal of repair work was done to the parapet in Locality 6 with the aid of sand bags.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. The enemy quickly retaliated to our shoot on front and support lines engaging I.5.1, I.5.3, I.5.4, I.5.5, I.16.4, I.10.1, I.10.2, and I.10 central with Minnenwerfer, 7.7 mm. 10.5 cm. This retaliation was very considerable.

Right Bn. sub section report that most of the firing took effect between front and support lines. PORTE EGAL FME received considerable attention. Seven yards of PORTE EGAL AVENUE was destroyed at the junction with support line. Slight damage was reported on front line and wire.

Left Bn. sub section. About 50 light shells and T.Ms. fell in this locality without doing any damage. In No. 6 locality 40 7.7 mm shells fell on front and support lines. Slight damage was done. Eight Minnenwerfers fell in neighbourhood of I.5.c.8.3 (EPINETTE). 2nd. HOUSE AVENUE was damaged and rendered impassable for a period, but it was soon cleared. At 8 p.m. 8 T.Ms. fell into Gap 4, but did no damage.

Locality 5, 3 Minnenwerfer and 15 7.7 mm. landed in this locality but no damage was done.

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MACHINE GUNS. Right Bn. sub section. Report very little activity for the period. Suspected night firing position at I.17.a.20.70. Left Bn. sub section report normal firing. There appear to be two guns in this sector which fire at intervals from various positions along the parapet.

SNIPERS. Snipers post discovered at I.17.a.20.70 appears to be constructed of iron with sand bags on sides and top. This point is to be engaged to-day by L.T.Ms. There was very little activity on the whole.

PATROLS. None were encountered.

OBSERVATION. Bn. posts. Two men observed at I.17.a.15.65 at 10 a.m. Dressed - grey tunics, soft grey caps with faded band, appearing white. Brigade C.P.

J.13.b.6.9	10.15 a.m.	Transport waggon going towards PERENCHES.
"	10.20 a.m.	2 " " " "
"	10.35 a.m.	2 men in great coats carrying rifles, "
"	10.55 a.m.	mounted man with cape going towards "
"	11.30 a.m.	1 man with great coat " " "
J.7.c.6.3	9.40 a.m.	Smoke observed at this point.
J.8.c.5.3	9.45 a.m.	" " from chimney.
J.14.a.0.7	11.25 a.m.	Continual traffic of men to and fro where screen is blown away at this point.
"	12.15 p.m.	2 men " " " " " "
I.12.b.4.0	11.40 a.m.	2 men going in the direction of PREMESQUES
"	2.55 p.m.	2 " " " " " "

(Both parties disappeared behind the barrier).

Artillery C.P.

I.12.a.5.9	9.5 a.m.	2 men seen in dark uniform.
J.7.d.5.9	12.45 p.m.	6 Germans seen on the road.
"	10.20 a.m.	1 German on cycle on the road.
J.14.a.7.6	10.15 a.m.	Large volumes of smoke from house at J.14.a.7.6.

COMMUNICATIONS. Searchlight reported at 111 T.B. and 140 T.B. from CHERRY BLOSSOM. They were active throughout the night. Only a few Very lights were used during the night.

MISCELLANEOUS. The enemy frequently bombed his wire during the night. Far greater activity is noticeable along the whole front.

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Major,
Brigade Major. 11th. Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

OPERATION MEMORANDUM No.4.

Brigade Headquarters,
30/12/16.Reference Map BOIS GRENIER)
HOURLINES) 1/10000

- (a) The Right Group Left Divisional Artillery will bombard enemy trenches and traffic roads at the following intervals:-

Night

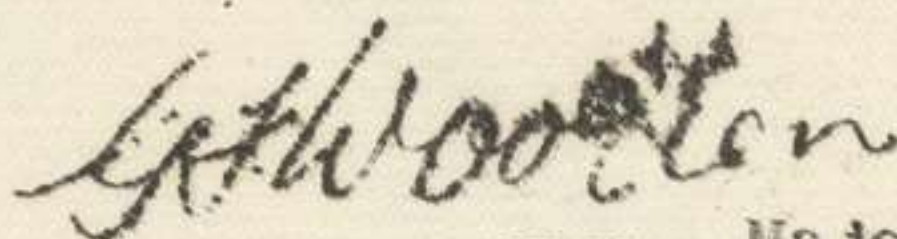
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Hours.

5.15 p.m. 6.50 p.m., 11.20 p.m. 2 salvoes at each
12.30 a.m., 1.5 a.m., 1.50 a.m. of these times
(50% A, 50% A.X.)

A/152	Roadway	I.24.a.95.28 to	
		I.18.c.28.00	3 guns
	Tram Line	I.17.a.88.00 to	
		I.11.c.85.18	3 guns
A/175	Roadway	I.18.b.4.0 to	
		I.18.a.62.98	3 guns
	Roadway	I.12.d.08.90 to	
		I.12.e.0.9.	3 guns
B/175	Tram Line	J.1.c.42.48 to	
		I.6.d.16.75	2 guns
	Trench	J.1.a.12.03 to	
		I.6.central	2 guns
	Roadway	I.12.b.98.85 to	
		J.1.c.88.80	2 guns.

- (2) WATCHES will be synchronised at Group H.Q., R.A. at 3 p.m.
- (3) All units whether in trenches or in ARMENTIERES will take full precautions to minimise the effect of any hostile retaliation.
- (4) Acknowledge.


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Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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- 5 43rd Battalion
- 6 44th Battalion
- 7 11th T.M. Battery
- 8 11th M.G. Coy.
- 9 Right Group R.A.
- 10 10th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 11 "L" Coy. R. E.
- 12 Officer i/c Tunnelling "B" Subsec.
- 13 11th Field Coy. Engineers
- 14 3rd Pioneer Battalion
- 15 102nd Inf. Brigade
- 16 War Diary.



11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 5

Brigade Headquarters,
30/12/16.Reference Maps HOUPHINES)
BOIS GRENIER) 1/10000

- (1) The following programme will be carried out by Right Group R.A. on
-
- December 31st 1916.

		Support	Rate
2-30 p.m.	B/175	C.29.a.8.4.	3 rounds per gun
to		to	per minute
2-40 p.m.		C.29.d.00.55	All (A.X.)

	Points in Support Line	
D/175	C.29.a.38.08	
	C.29.c.76.95	2 rounds per gun
	C.29.c.87.38	per minute.
	C.29.d.38.10)
	C.29.d.58.10) Triangle
	C.29.d.48.02)

2nd Battery 2nd N.Z.Bde.	Support line	
	C.29.c.87.68	3 rounds per gun
	to	per minute
	C.29.d.0.5	All (A.X.)

If retaliation is required orders for same will be given by an
Officer at Right Group H.Q.A/175 will stand by for this ready to fire on enemy front line
and support line in southern half of I.5.b. 100 (A.X.)B/175 will fire, if required, on enemy front line and support
line in northern half of I.5.b. (100) A.X.A/152 will stand by ready to fire on enemy front line and
support line from I.17.a.32.80 to I.17.a.20.56 100 (A.X.)

D/175 will bombard, if required,

I.5.b.48.35	
I.5.b.18.32	
I.5.d.43.50	
I.5.d.12.06 to I.5.d.58.00	60 (A.X.)

Registration with as few rounds as possible will be carried
out by all batteries on above objectives.

- (2) 11th L.T.M. Battery will carry out a shoot as follows:-

Time	Target	No. of guns	No. of rounds per gun.
11.30 a.m.	I.11.a.30.45	2	25
11.30 a.m.	I.5.b.50.30.	2	30
	I.5.b.35.35.	2	30

- (3) WATCHES will be synchronised at Headquarters, Right Group, R.A.
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- at 9.30 a.m.

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- (4) Units will take precautions to avoid casualties from hostile retaliation.
- (5) Working parties will not be forward of the subsidiary line between 2.30 p.m. and 3.10 p.m.
- (6) Acknowledge.

G. H. Loothen

Major
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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- 13 11th Field Coy. Engineers.
- 14 3rd Pioneer Battalion
- 15 12nd Inf. Brigade.
- 16 War Diary.

MEMORANDUM ISSUED WITH
11th BRIGADE ORDER No. 27.

30th December 1916.

1. As result of conference of patrol leaders the arming of all members of the patrols will be decided.
 2. Every member of patrol must receive definite instructions as to his action from O.C. Patrol.
- Officers commanding patrols must peruse SC. 71/2 "Notes on Patrols by N.Z. Scout Officer" and also General Staff Circular No. 14A.
3. If a hostile patrol comes along the trench while our men are in it must be bayoneted and captured if possible, and not bombed or allowed to escape with information which might bring down a hostile barrage on NO MAN'S LAND.
 4. Suitable strength for patrol 1 Officer and 12 O.R. made up as follows:-
 - Right stop 1 N.C.O. and 2 men
 - Left stop 1 N.C.O. and 2 men
 - Communication trench and Central party 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. and 5 O.R.
 - Two bayonet men with each party i.e. 6 men each in patrol. Remainder armed with revolvers, nut crackers and a few bombs for emergency.
 5. G.S.O. is prepared to give any instruction necessary in use of revolver by night to 11th Brigade patrols.
- A revolver shot in a trench does not attract very much attention. No men not trained in the use of revolver will be armed with it.
6. Special arrangements will be made with Brigade Raiding School by units concerned for extra suits of clothing necessary.

G. J. Wootten
Major
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 27

30th December 1916.

- INTENTION (1) On the night of December 31st/January 1st, strong Officers patrols, one from each Company front, will be sent out along the whole Divisional front for the following purpose:-
- (a) To discover enemy's dispositions in his front line trenches.
 - (b) To discover and report on the position and condition of enemy's wire, and trenches in rear of his front line trench.
 - (c) To secure identifications if possible.

WIRE CUTTING. (2) Arrangements have been made with Commander Right Group Artillery to cut necessary gaps prior to zero hour.

PATROLLING (3) Patrolling prior to minus 2 hours on the night of the raid will be normally maintained.

ZERO HOUR (4) Zero hour will be the hour at which patrols are due to enter enemy trenches, and will be notified thus -
Wind reports are now due at _____

ARTILLERY (5) Artillery support if required will be called for by firing a blue Very light by patrol leader, repeated by a blue Asteroid rocket fired from jumping off place in the "Localities" of the front line.
Artillery action will be taken as per Artillery programme attached.

POINTS OF ENTRY. (6) Patrols will enter points as under:-

Patrol.	Bn.	Locality	Strength.			Objective
			Off, N.C.Os, O.R.			
1	"A"	No. 1	1	3	9	I-17.a.20.35
2	"A"	No. 2	1	3	9	I.11.c.55.50
3	"A"	No. 3	1	3	9	I.11.a.35.25
4	"A"	No. 4	1	3	9	I.5.c.65.00
5	"B"	No. 5	1	3	9	I.5.c.80.20
6	"B"	No. 6	1	3	9	I.5.b.18.48
7	"B"	No. 7	1	3	9	I.5.b.23.85

- ACTION. (7) Patrols will make their way to the gaps in enemy's wire prepared for them with a view of entering enemy's front line trench.
- (a) Where resistance is met with no attempt will be made to force an entry.
 - (b) Where no resistance is met with each separate patrol will enter enemy front line trench, and will concentrate there, taking the usual precautions for the safety of its front and flanks. From this point small patrols will be sent out to the front and flanks according to circumstances. In no case will they penetrate to a greater depth than 100 yards.
 - (c) To ensure that small patrols from adjoining parties do not come into collision. Lateral boundaries must be arranged beforehand between adjoining patrols.
 - (d) Fighting is to be avoided except for patrols own protection, or to prevent information of our action being reported to the enemy.

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ACTION
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Operations are to be carried out secretly and silently so not to let the enemy know an entry has been made. Each patrol must therefore move cautiously, even if unable to enter, and must not spoil patrols on its flank from doing their job.

TIME LIMIT (8) Time limit is plus 3 hours after Zero. All patrols will be back in their own trenches by that time.

SUPPORT (9) Fighting patrol of one Officer, three N.C.Os. and 12 men will be held in readiness by both "A" and "B" Bns. but it is only to be used to search for patrol should any patrol not have returned by time limit.

PRISONERS (10) Any prisoners captured will be immediately returned to our lines to place where patrol originally departed from their trenches, and will be handed over to Officer in charge of Rocket at that position. This latter Officer will see that all prisoners are kept separate, and returned at once to Battalion Battle Headquarters. Battalion Battle Headquarters will then forward them on to Brigade Headquarters at ARMENTIERES.

INTELLIGENCE- (11) Lieut. DUNBAR, 42nd Battalion, and Lieut. OSWALD, 43rd Battalion will be at "B" and "A" Battle Headquarters respectively to collect and transmit all intelligence.

CHECKING (12) Each member of patrol on return will have his name carefully checked at the point of original departure of patrol by the officer in charge of Rocket Signal. Patrols will be again checked at Battalion Battle Headquarters. Each patrol must bring in dead and wounded of our own and if possible wounded and dead of enemy.

IDENTIFICATION- (13) All identification except number, rank and name will be removed from our patrols before they leave our trenches.

PASS WORD (14) Code word and pass word of each patrol will be as follows:
AND TELE-
PHONE CODE
NAME.

No. of Patrol,

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BLACKBOY
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WATCHES (15) Watches will be synchronised at Brigade Headquarters at 6 p.m. 31st December 1916.

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Major
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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10 42nd Battalion
11 43rd Battalion
12 44th Battalion
13 11th M.G. Coy.
14 11th T.M. Battery
15 C.R.A.
16 Right Group Artillery
17 102nd Tnside Scottish Bde.

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SECRETRIGHT GROUP R.A. LEFT DIVISION SCHEME IN CO-OPERATION
WITH 11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 27.

30th December 1916

Reference WEZ MACQUART MAP.

1. During operations of strong officers patrols on night of 31st December 1916/ 1st January 1917.
2. Zero hour will be the hour at which patrols are due to enter enemy trenches, and will be notified thus.
Wind reports are now due at _____

3. Patrols enter at	Battery	Guns	Targets.
I.17.a.20.65.	A/152	2	F.L. I.17.a.38.85. to I.11.c.33.35
		2	I.17.a.10.45 to I.17.a.00.25
		2	C.T. I.17.a.45.50 to I.17.a.78.15
I.11.c.50.55	A/152	2	F.L. I.11.c.58.75 to I.11.a.48.06
		2	I.11.c.38.40 to I.11.c.42.00
		2	C.T. I.11.c.76.25 to I.11.d.05.00.
I.11.a.35.25	A/175	2	F.L. I.11.a.55.40. to I.11.a.58.62.
		2	I.11.a.48.06 to I.11.c.60.88.
		2	S.L. I.11.a.85.00 to I.11.a.88.50.
I.5.c.65.00	A/175	2	F.L. I.11.a.58.80 to I.11.a.57.62
		2	S.L. I.11.a.95.80 to I.5.d. 10.08.

BOIS GRENIER MAP.

I.5.c.80.20.	A/175	2	F.L. I.5.c.92.35 to I.5.d.08.50.
		4	S.L. I.11.b.00.95 to I.5.d. 08.20.

WEZ MACQUART MAP.

I.5.b.18.48.	B/175	2	F.L. I.5.b.20.25. to I.5.b.35.00
		4	S.L. <i>1564816</i> to I.5.b.50.67.
	D/175	2	I.5.b.20.68 to
I.5.b.23.85.	B/175	2	F.L. C.29.d.12.08 to C.29.c.92.25.
		4	S.L. I.5.b.50.68 to C.29.d.38.08.
	D/175	2	I.5.b.20.68.

Remaining guns of D/175 will stand by.

Rate of fire

Artillery Programme, Page 2.

RATE OF FIRE
IN ALL CASES. 18-pdrs. 3 rounds per gun per minute reducing after 5 minutes to 2 rounds per gun per minute till order "Cease".

Howa. 2 rounds per gun per minute reducing after 5 minutes to 1 round per gun per minute till order "Cease".

F.O.Os. will ask for Artillery support under instructions to be issued later.

Orders to commence fire will be sent by Group Headquarters.

WATCHES. will be synchronised at Group Headquarters at 6-30 p.m. 31st December 1916.

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 7

From 6 a.m. 30th December to 6 a.m. 31st December 1916.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Our Artillery was very active throughout the day engaging enemy's front line and wire and shot according to programme submitted during the night. Very effective shooting was registered and observers report much debris thrown into the air.

Retaliation was given twice during the day.

Howitzer battery fired 80 rounds on INTACT FARM. Several direct hits were registered, but little damage appeared to be done, suggesting that O.P. is very strongly reinforced with concrete. This battery silenced an L.T.M. firing from I.5.c.65.00. A snipers post at I.5.c.65.00 was destroyed. The 18 pdr. battery fired on and dispersed working parties at I.6.c.7.5 five times during the day. The screen at this place has been extended to about I.6.c.4.2.

MACHINE GUNS: 11th M.G. Coy. carried out the normal programme of indirect fire on roads and trenches in rear of front line.

The Motor M.G. section which is attached to this Brigade fired 1000 rounds at RUELLIE DE LA NOIX and 1000 rounds at junction of roads at I.18.a.65.05.

The gaps in enemy's wire were kept under constant fire while patrols were not operating in the vicinity.

SNIPERS - 41st Bn. sub section. Our snipers were active but record no hit. Left Bn. sub section. One hit is claimed from this section. One man working on parapet is claimed to have been sniped.

PATROLS - Active patrolling was carried out throughout the night. Routes were reconnoitred to proposed points of entry to enemy's trench for the operations to be carried out this evening. Great activity was recorded at all points by the enemy. The wire at I.11.c.55.50 is still insufficiently cut to enable entry. Traverser mats will be necessary to cross the wire. North and south of the railway salient and the MUSHROOM patrols were unable to make a thorough examination of wire owing to enemy activity.

Left Bn. sub section. Patrols were active, and report NO MANS LAND in a very muddy condition, making movement impossible without sound. Several of the ditches in this area have overflowed, thus hampering operations to a large extent.

OUR DEFENCES - Owing to the recent rain, a great amount of repair work on all lines will be necessary. In many places trenches have collapsed rendering it impassable. The wiring of front was carried out ~~and the wire of front was carried out~~

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Very little hostile activity was recorded. Retaliation to our shoot was slight and did no damage.

MACHINE GUNS: - Enemy M.G. were quiet during the day, but during the night displayed activity, swooping our parapet and searching in rear of subsidiary lines.

SNIPERS: - Quiet during the day. It appears that fixed rifles are set on weak points in our communication trenches, and used to a great extent during the night.

ENEMY DEFENCES: - Working parties are reported at the following points -

I.11.a.30.20, south of Railway salient,

I.5.d.1.1, S.E. of EPINETTE,

I.6.c.7.5, S.E. of EPINETTE,

I.12.c.6.8, E of FRELINGHEIM, 12 men carrying timber,

OBSERVATION: - Artillery O.P.

Enemy party working behind screen at I.6.c.7.5 at 9.30 a.m., 12.45 p.m., 2.35 p.m., 3.25 p.m.

Telescope (seen by flash) 3 deg. left of LOMIE CHURCH apparently in dugout. Bearing taken from I.12.b.05.75.

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J.1.c.3.6, , 8 men walking from right to left
 along road (facing enemy).
 Brigade O.P.-
 I.12.d.0.35, 2 men going in direction of WEZ MAC QUART at 9.30 a.m.
 N. of RUELLE DE LA NOIS
 I.16.d.5.6, continual smoke rising from this point all day.
 N.W. of WEZ MACQUART)
 I.12.c.6.8, 3 men carrying timber, one man digging.
 W. of HOLT.
 I.24.d.4.0, 3 men seen 10.3 a.m.
 S. of 5 men seen for 15 minutes 19.15 a.m.
 PREMESQUES 2 men with stretchers
 coming from PREMESQUES 10.50 a.m.
 1 man carrying box 2 x 2
 from PREMESQUES 11.35 a.m.
 A pigeon was seen to fly
 from this point to PRE-
 MESQUES 10.50 a.m.
 J.7.c.5.2 2 men working on wire 11.0 a.m.
 J.14.a.0.7 motor car going towards
 church from PERENCHES 9.15 a.m.
 5 men repairing screen 12.30 p.m.
 J.15.b.6.9 3 motor transports going
 in direction of PERENCHES 1.15 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS. - Very lights were again used in great quantity throughout the night. Searchlights were active, one on a T.B. of 105 deg. from CHERRY BLOSSOM. Another on T.B. of 125 deg. from left of No. 6 locality.

MISCELLANEOUS. = After the artillery bombardment began in the night sounds of shouting and the rattling of wheels and vehicles was heard behind the lines opposite left Bn. sub section.

R. W. 1900
 Major,
 Brigade Major, 11th. Inf. Bde. A.I.F.