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WAR DIARY

7th. Australian Battalion

Army Form C. 2118.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Reference Map Sheet 36.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BALLIEUL AREA.	1st. Sept. 1917.		Route march as per syllabus. Half holiday in afternoon. STRENGTH. 57 Officers. 1152 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. from hospital. (1) O.R. proceeded to 2nd. Aus. Inf. Bde. School. Major F. PARKES, attached to 7th. Aus. Bn. proceeded to England. Lieut. T. P. O'CONNOR reported from 2nd. Tg. Bn., England. Lieuts. W. G. POLLOCK, A. J. O'CONNOR and 7 O.Rs. returned from Bde. Class. (1) O.R. returned from Transport School.	
BALLIEUL AREA.	2nd. Sept. 1917.		CHAPLAIN Church Parades held. Major MILES D.S.O. officiated at Protestant service. 6th. & 7th. Bns.. band in attendance. STRENGTH 57 Officers. 1152 O.Rs. (2) O.Rs. from 2nd. Army School. (1) O.R. from Bde. Gas School (6) O.Rs. proceeded to Bde. Class. (1) O.R. transferred to 1st. Aus. Div. Salvage Coy.. (1) O.R. transferred to 7th. Aus. Bn. from 8th. Aus. Bn..	
BALLIEUL AREA.	3rd. Sept. 1917.		A number of German aeroplanes were over during the night. A very fine day for our Battalion Sports. These lasted all day and <del>xxxxxx</del> produced some very interesting events. A concert was held at night. STRENGTH. 57 Officers. 1149 O.Rs.. (2) O.Rs. from 1st. Anzac Corps Signalling School.	
BALLIEUL AREA.	4th. Sept. 1917.		Training as per syllabus. Another very fine day. Sports meeting continued at 1500 and completed. First PARIS Leave for M.C.Os. received.. STRENGTH. 57 Officers. 1149 O.Rs.. (2) O.Rs. to Hospital. (1) O.R. from hospital.. (1) O.R. transferred from 2nd. Aus. M.G. Coy. to 7th. Aus. Bn.. (1) O.R. accidentally wounded..	Corr. 1.
BALLIEUL AREA.	5th. Sept. 1917.	0830	Very fine day. Training as per syllabus. A German aeroplane came very low over the Battalion about 0830. Although engaged by machine gun fire it got away. STRENGTH. 57 Officers. 1148 O.Rs.. (4) O.Rs. to hospital. (1) O.R. from Hospital. (2) O.Rs. despatched to Prison. (1) O.R. <del>xxxxxx</del> returned from Transport School. (1) O.R. returned from R. E. Workshop. (1st. Anzac.)	Corr. 2



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BALLIEUL AREA.	6th. Sept. 1917.		Training as per syllabus carried out. STRENGTH. 57 Officers. 1156 O.Rs.. (2) O.Rs. to hospital.. (6) O.Rs. from hospital.. (2) O.Rs. returned from 2nd. Training Battalion, England.	Corr. 2
BALLIEUL AREA.	7th. Sept. 1917.		Training as per syllabus. 7 Officers returned from Bde. Class of Instruction. STRENGTH. 56 Officers. 1157 O.Rs.. (3) O.Rs. to hospital. (1) O.R. from hospital. (9) O.Rs. returned from 2nd. Army Rest Camp.. Lieut. J. FOWLER returned from Div. Hdqrs. where he was doing duty. (5) O.Rs. returned from Bde. Class.. Lieut. O. G. REYNOLDS evacuated sick, is struck off strength.	Corr. 2
BALLIEUL AREA.	8th. Sept. 1917.		Battalion did a route march of 15 miles with full marching order, lunching on road - an excellent march, only 5 fell out. STRENGTH. 56 Officers. 1147 O.Rs. (1) O.R. to hospital. (6) O.Rs. from Bde. Class. (2) O.Rs. were despatched to Prison.	
BALLIEUL AREA.	9th. Sept. 1917.		Church parades held. STRENGTH. 56 Officers. 1150 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. to hospital. (5) O.Rs. from hospital. Lieut. H. F. O'NEILL was attached to Bde. as Signalling Officer. (1) O.R. to 1st. Anzac Sig. School. (1) O.R. from Cookery School..	
BALLIEUL AREA.	10th. Sept. 1917.		Training as per syllabus. Lectures by Brigade Musketry Officer. Night march by Companies. STRENGTH. 56 Officers. 1150 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. to hospital. (1) O.R. to Bde. Class as instructor (1) O.R. to Remount Depot, CALAIS. (1) O.R. from G.H.Q. Small Arms School. (2) O.Rs. from Anzac Corps School.	Corr. 3

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Reference Map Sheet 36. and 27.

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BALLEUL AREA.	11th. Sept. 1917.		<p>Training as per syllabus. Gas demonstration by Divisional Gas Officer in afternoon. Brigade issued a special order for Officers and O.R. proceeding to Reinforcement Camp to move on 12th. inst.. Arrangements made and move postponed to 13th. inst..</p> <p>Brigade operation order issued for manoeuvres on 12th. inst. Battalion Operation Order (Corr. 4) and special order (Corr. 5) issued.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 56 Officers. 1150 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. from hospital. 2/Lts. A. E. BEECH, A. P. F. MEYER and 4 O.Rs. to 1st. Anzac Corps School. Captain A. E. PHILLIPS proceeded to Base, HAVRE, as instructor.</p>	Corr. 4 Corr. 5.
BALLIOLL AREA.	12th. Sept. 1917.		<p>Battalion carried out tactical manoeuvre near VIEUX BERQUIN as per Special Order (Corr. 4) and Special Order (Corr. 5).</p> <p>STRENGTH. 56 Officers. 1149 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. to hospital. Lieut. T. A. JARDINE evac. to hospital sick. Lt. J. FOWLER and 2/Lt. F. B. GAULTON proceeded forward on Brigade duty. Lieut. R. W. SWALLOW and (2) O.Rs. returned from Bde. Sig. School.</p>	Corr. 4 Corr. 5.
BERTHEN AREA.	13th. Sept. 1917.	1100 1500	<p>Bn. moved by march route from BALLEUL to BERTHEN Area, arrived at BERTHEN at 1100. No billet accommodation available. Bn. bivouaced for lunch while Interpreter made demands for billets. Billets secured for Battalion by 1500 and all officers and men under cover.</p> <p>Party of 11 Officers and 55 men detailed to remain in Reinforcement Camp while Bn. in line moved from BALLEUL Area to Rft. Camp, CAESTRE. Capt. W. B. CAMPBELL, O/C 7th. Aus. Bn. details. Received preliminary orders for forthcoming stunt in which Bn. to take part.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 56 Officers. 1149 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. to hospital. (1) O.R. to No. 3 Vet. Hospital.</p>	Corr. 6. Corr. 7.
SCOTTISH LINES, 27 c 88	14th. Sept. 1917.	1400 1615	<p>Moved by march route from BERTHEN area to SCOTTISH LINES Camp, G 27 c 88 leaving at 1400 and arrived at 1615. Bn. Mining Platoon detached and moved under Lt. A. J. O'CONNOR into Front line area.</p> <p>STRENGTH. 56 Officers. 1146 O.Rs. (4) O.Rs. to hospital..</p>	born 8



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SCOTTISH LINES. G 27 c 88.	15th. 18th. Sept. 16th. 1917. 17th.		Resting in camp. Lt. Gen. Sir. W. R. BIRDWOOD visited camp and rode through the lines conversing with our men. Resting in camp. STRENGTH. 56 Officers. 1139 O.Rs. (2) O.Rs. from Hospital. (1) O.R. to 2nd. Army Grenade School.	
CHATEAU SEGARD.	18th. Sept. 1917.	0845	Moved from Scottish Lines leaving at 0845 and arriving at CHATEAU SEGARD Area at 1145. Portion of the Battalion bivouaced. STRENGTH. 56 Officers. 1139 O.Rs. (1) O.R. to Cookery School	Corr. 9.
ZILLERBEKE BUND	19th. Sept. 1917.	2300	Moved from CHATEAU SEGARD to ZILLERBEKE BUND. Battalion moving forward in small parties. Bn. complete at BUND at 1345 Bn. moves forward to assembly positions in front line and is in position at 0445 for the assault.	Corr. 10.
DICKEBUSCH STEENVOORDE	22nd. Sept. 1917.	1600 2400	Moved from Firing line on relief by 3rd. Aus. Bn. back to DICKEBUSCH. Bn. complete at DICKEBUSCH Bn. moves to busses on DICKEBUSCH - GLYDE Road and proceeds to STEENVOORDE arriving there at 1900 Lt. L. H. KELLY proceeded forward as advance Billeting Officer. Bn. billeted comfortably. Transport arrives at 2400.	Corr. 11. Corr. 12
STEENVOORDE	23rd. Sept. 1917.		All details left in rear at Rft Camp while Bn. in action, join up. Day spent in reorganizing. STRENGTH 49 Officers. 950 O.Rs. Lt. J. FOWLER and 2/Lt. F. B. GAULTON returned from Bde. Duties..	
STEENVOORDE	24th. Sept. 1917.		Reorganizing and resting. STRENGTH. 50 Officers. 970 O.Rs.. 20 O.Rs. returned from hospital. (7) O.Rs. from Bde. School Lieut. G. ANDERSON returned from 2nd. Training Bn., England..	
STEENVOORDE	25th. Sept. 1917.		Reorganizing and resting. STRENGTH. 50 Officers. 971 O.Rs.. (3) O.Rs. from hospital. (1) O.R. transferred to A. A. S. P "Y" Ammunition Park. (3) O.Rs. to 1st. Anzac Corps School	



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STEENVOORDE	26th. Sept. 1917.		Company reorganization and training. STRENGTH. 50 Officers 971 O.Rs.. (1) O.R. to hospital. (2) O.Rs. attached <del>from</del> from 2nd. Aus. Field Ambulance. Lieut. W. R. BOOTH and (2) O.Rs. returned from duty at 2nd. Aus. Inf. Bde..	
STEENVOORDE.	27th. Sept. 1917.		Baths for 2 companies in morning. Company training. STRENGTH. 50 Officers. 971 O.Rs. (2) O.Rs. to Hospital. (1) O.R. to Bde. Scouts. 28 O.Rs. to Bde. Class. (1) O.R. from 2nd. Army School.	
STEENVOORDE.	28th. Sept. 1917.		Baths for 2 companies in morning. Battalion manoeuvre in afternoon. STRENGTH. 50 Officers. 973 O.Rs. (2) O.Rs. to hospital. (2) O.Rs. from hospital. 25 O.Rs. attached to 2nd. Field Company - Carrying Party.	
STEENVOORDE.	29th. Sept. 1917.		Brigade Church Parade at 8th. Aus. Bn. parade ground. Lecture on Aerial photography to Officers. STRENGTH. 53 Officers 952 O.Rs. (3) O.Rs. to hospital. Lieut. F. H. HOOKER and (5) O.Rs. proceeded to 2nd. Training Battalion. Lieut. H. H. YOUNG and (2) O.Rs. to 2nd. Army School. (1) O.R. Rft. The following were promoted to 2/Lieutenants. 478 Sgt. C. P. CLOWE, 1848 L/Cpl. G. B. RUSSELL, 6371 L/Cpl. A. WISEWOLD. 6555 L/Cpl. K. J. D. MACKENZIE.	
STEENVOORDE.	30th. Sept. 1917.		Church Parades held. STRENGTH. 53 Officers. 969 O.Rs.. Lieut. E. G. ROBB to Vet. School. (5) O.Rs. Reinforcements. 2/Lieuts. A. P. F. MEYER, A. W. MALLEY and 6 O.Rs. returned from 1st. Anzac Corps School. 12 O.R. from <i>hoop</i>	

*W. Herrod Lieut. Col. Rft.  
Commanding the 2nd Aus. Bn.*



7th. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.TRAINING SYLLABUS

Period 2nd. to 8th. September 1917.

Hours of Training - Morning 0800 - 1130. Afternoon 1400 - 1630.

DRESS - FIGHTING ORDER

2nd. September Church Parade.

3rd. September. Battalion Sports.

4th. September. 0800 - 0900. Route march. Company arrangements.  
 0900 - 1030. Model Platoon Training.  
 1030 - 1130. Musketry Training.  
 1400 - 1430. Anti-gas Drill  
 1430 - 1530. Specialist Training.  
 1530 - 1630. Games.

5th. September. 0800 - 1130. Battalion Route March. Feet inspection.  
 1400 - 1430. Anti-gas Drill.  
 1430 - 1530. Specialist Training. & Musketry  
 1530 - 1630. Games.

6th. September. 0800 - 0900. Route march. Company arrangements.  
 0900 - 1030. Model Platoon Training.  
 1030 - 1130. Musketry Training.  
 Afternoon - No Parade.  
 Evening 2000 - 2200. Night march.

7th. September. As for 4th. inst..

8th. September. 0800 - 1130. Battalion Route March. Feet inspection.

Attached circular is issued for information. Instructions contained therein are to be followed.  
 Services of En. Musketry N.C.O. are available by arrangements with O.C. "C" Coy..  
 Services of L.G. Officer and Bombing Officer are available by arrangement.

*D. H. ...* Lieut.  
 Act. Adjutant 7th. Australian Battalion.



7th. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

Com # 2

4th. September 1917..

Training for 5th. inst. will be as under -

0800 - 0830 Anti-gas Drill  
 0830 - 0900 Attack formations following lines laid  
 down in pamphlet "Developments in Minor  
 Tactics".  
 0900 - 1000 Specialist Training.  
 1000 - 1100 Musketry  
 1100 - 1130 Passing of messages.  
 Afternoon. No Parade.  
 Night 2000 Night march.

In regard to attack formations "A" Coy. will practice this at  
 0830 - 0900. "B" Coy. 0930 - 1000, "C" Coy. 1000 - 1030, "D" Coy.  
 0900 - 0930 and will rearrange above work to fit in accordingly.

*OH* ..... Lieut.  
 Act. Adjutant 7th. Australian Battalion.



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7th. AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.

*Com 23*

TRAINING SYLLABUS.

Period - 9th. Sept. to 15th. Sept. inclusive.

Hours of Training. Morning 0800 - 1130. Afternoon. 1400 - 1630.

September 9th. Church Parades.

September 10th. Under Brigade arrangements.

September 11th. 0800 - 0900. Company Route March.  
 0900 - 1000. ("A" and "C" Coys.) Lecture by Brigade  
~~0900 - 1000.~~ ("A" and "C" Coys.) Musketry Officer.  
 1000 - 1100 ( " " ) Attack formations. (See notes.)  
 0900 - 1000. ~~£~~ } Attack formations (see notes)  
 1000 - 1100 "B" and "D" Coys. } Lecture by Brigade Musketry Officer.  
 1400 - 1430. Anti-gas Drill.  
 1430 - 1530. Musketry.  
 1530 - 1630. Games.

September 12th. 0800 - 0900. Company route march.  
 0900 - 1000. Model Platoon Training.  
 1000 - 1030. Anti-gas Drill  
 1030 - 1130. Specialist Training.  
 1400 - 1500. Attack formations (See notes.)  
 1500 - 1530. Musketry.  
 1530 - 1630. Games.

September 13th. Under Brigade Arrangements.

September 14th. 0800 - 0900. Company Route March.  
 0900 - 1000. Attack formations. (See notes)  
 1000 - 1030. Anti-gas Drill.  
 1030 - 1130. Musketry.  
 Afternoon. No parade.  
 2000 Night March.

September 15th. 0800 - 1130. Battalion Route March. Feet inspection.

NOTE. Attack formations are those laid down in Pamphlet "Development of Minor Operations".  
 Notes to Brigade Syllabus issued herewith are to be carefully followed.

*Asst Arthur Dew* ..... Lieut.  
 Act. Adjutant 7th. Australian Battalion.



Md 1782  
7/9/17.

HEADQUARTERS,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade,

7th SEPTEMBER, 1917.



5th Bn.  
6th Bn.  
✓7th Bn.  
8th Bn.  
2nd M.G. Coy.  
2nd A.L.T.M. Bty.  
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Reference Map 36A.

1. Permission has been obtained to make use of the area shaded in blue on the attached tracing for the purpose of carrying out Manoeuvres.
2. The Brigade is allotted the ground on Monday 10th and Thursday 13th instants.
3. Details of exercises it is proposed to carry out will be notified later. Commanding Officers and others will in the meanwhile reconnoitre the area.
4. Units will move to the area on 10th instant as under :-  
 5th and 8th Bns. (less transport) marching in that order. Starting Point L.5.c.6.4. Starting time 0830. Route from L.5.c.6.4. - F.20.d.1.8. - K.6.b.5.8. - E.30.a.7.6. to forming up positions.  
 6th and 7th Bns. 2nd M.G.Coy., 2nd A.L.T.M.Bty. (less transport) marching in that order. Starting point F.16.d.8.7. Starting time 0835. Route from F.16.D.8.7. - F.21.A.4.5. - F.14.G.2.4. - E.30.A.76. to forming up positions.
5. Distances as laid down in F.S.Regts. will be maintained.
6. There will be no halts on the march.
7. Dress - Fighting Orders
8. Cookers will accompany units and mid-day meal will be taken.
9. Acknowledge.

*H. F. Hetherington*

CAPTAIN.  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

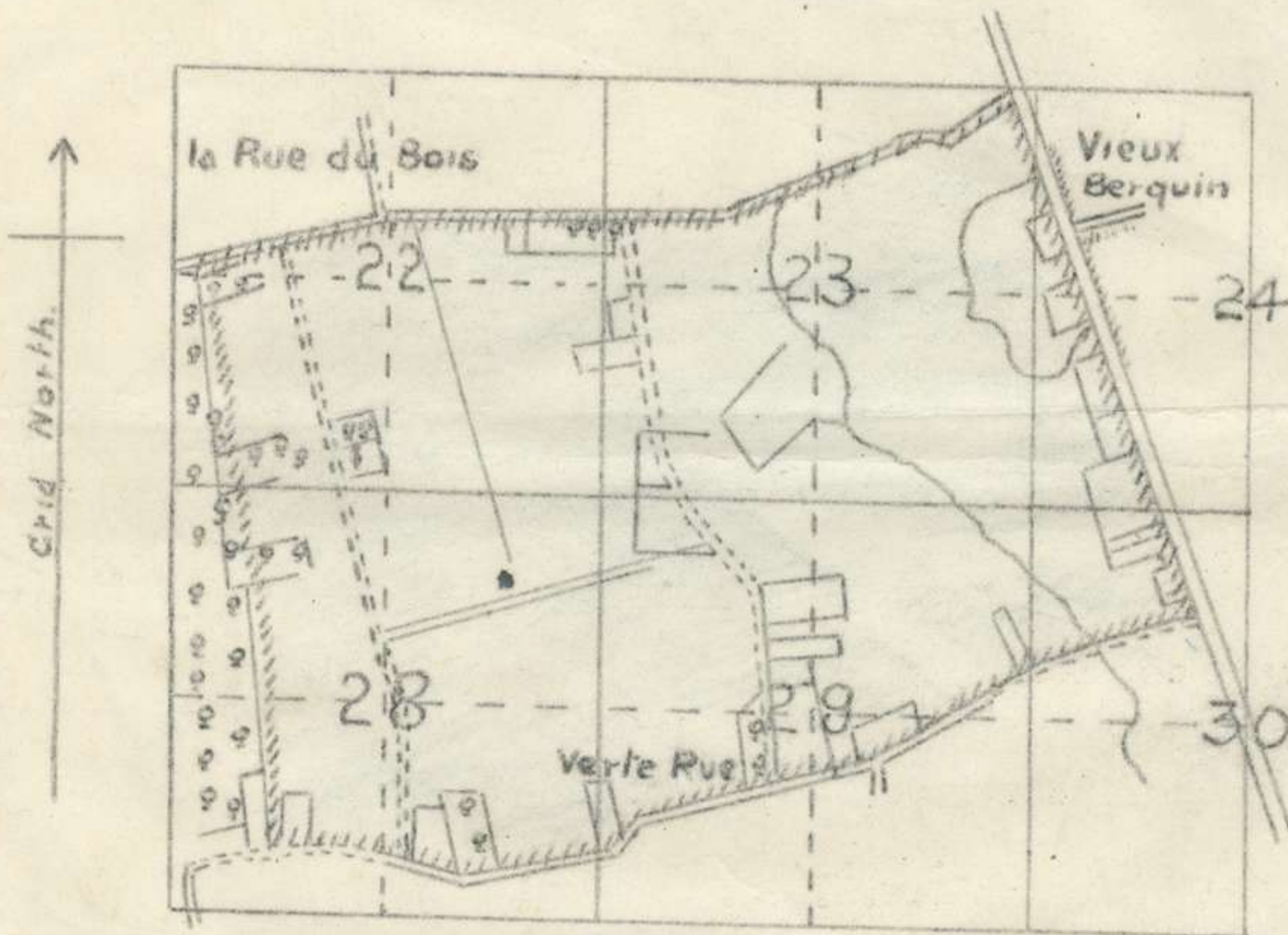
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— Vieux Berquin —

— Training Area —

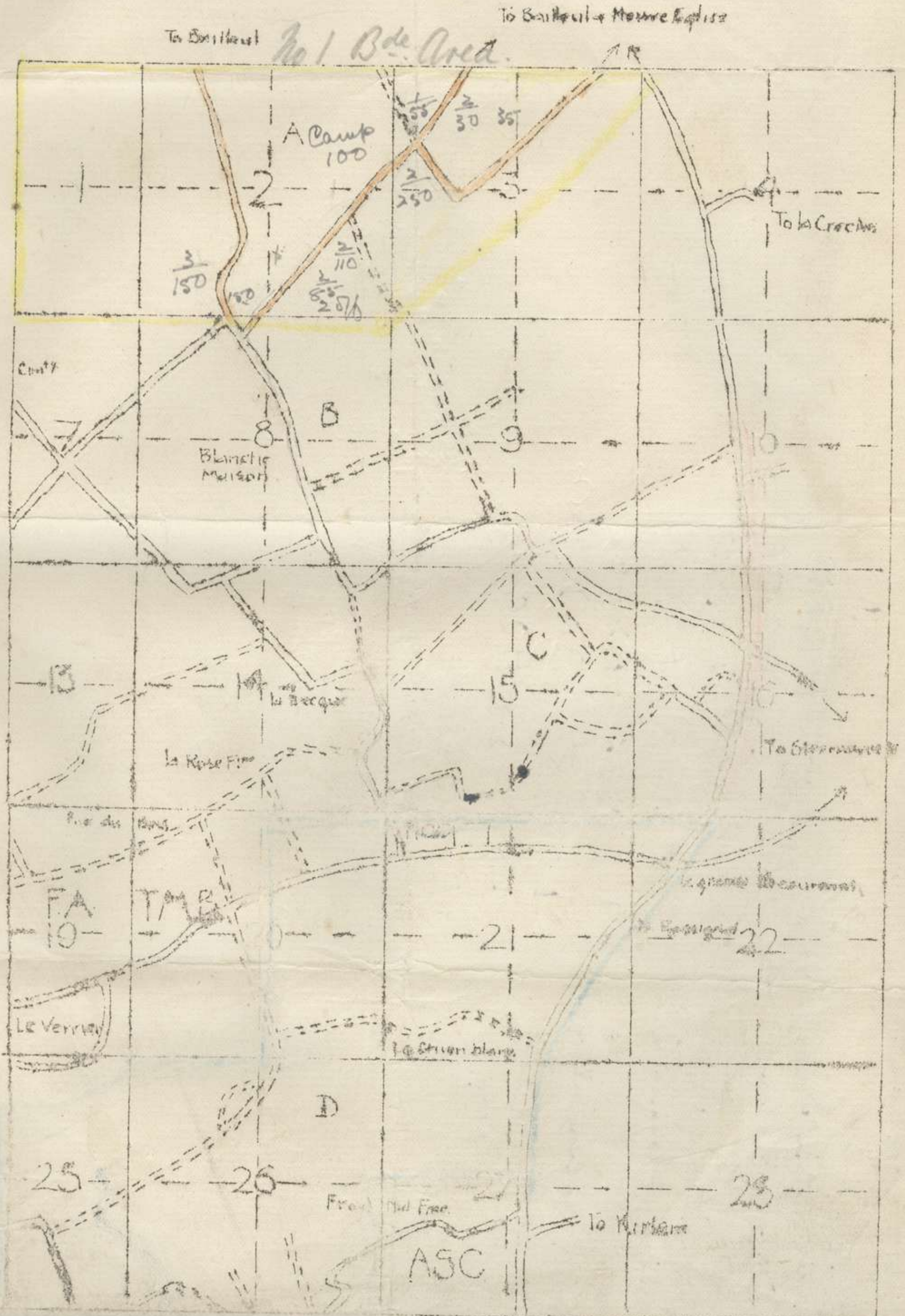


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Bde. Hqs at P. 30. c. 8.9. Sheet 36A

Horse troughs are marked in each area and drinking water; for more can be obtained at S 25 136 Sheet 28; also at A. 48 1/2 Sheet 36 and also at Douleu.



= "A" Bde area      = "C" Bde area      = FA., LTMB. & MG.  
 = "B" " "          = "D" " "          + ASC areas

Douleu in Sg. 4.



all lights screened at  
sunset.

O.C. unit notify Bde of  
any billet not clean.

Complete billeting lists  
Bde office 6 hours after  
arrival.

No of billets, approx map ref.  
No of troops, horses, name  
of owner. remarks.

Men. Water points

L2. C77	F19D99
L7. A37	A14B30
<del>L1 C0530</del>	<del>A8D38</del>
	A7D65
L2 D58	A7D48
L2 C98	A20A48
L9 A87	A2D68
F20 A23	A2C98
F19 C88	

APPENDIX



11th. September 1917.

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Reference Map. 36A. and 36A N.E.

1. 2nd. Aus. Inf. Bde. will practice manoeuvres near VIEUX BERQUIN on 12/9/17..
2. 7th. Aus. Inf. Bn. will move by march route to assembly point.
3. Battalion Starting point A 2 c 8.1..
4. Head of column to pass starting point at 0735 on 12th. inst..
5. Order of March. Hdqrs., Mining Platoon, "A", "B", "C", "D" Coys.
6. Dress - Fighting Order. Steel helmets.
7. Cookers will accompany and midday meal taken. Q.M. to arrange Cookers to follow in rear of Battalion. Water bottles to be filled.
8. Lewis Guns will be carried in one half limber (if possible) with 1 pannier per gun and 4 empty magazines per pannier. O.C. "A" Coy. to detail Sgt. R. S. LAYCOCK to supervise loading and unloading. All Lewis Guns and gear to be at Transport lines at 0630.
9. Sgt. N. WRAITH, Hdqrs. Sigs. to arrange for all necessary signalling apparatus to be at Transport lines at 0630 and will detail one signaller to supervise loading and unloading.
10. GENERAL. Officers to carry prismatic compasses and glasses. Stretcher bearers to carry stretchers. Lieut. A. J. O'CONNOR to arrange direct with Coys. for men of Mining Platoon to report to him.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*O'Hara*  
.....Lieut.  
Act. Adjutant 7th Australian Battalion.

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| 4. C.O.          | by runner | at 2200 |
| 5. O.C. "A" Coy. | "         | "       |
| 6. O.C. "B" Coy. | "         | "       |
| 7. O.C. "C" Coy. | "         | "       |
| 8. O.C. "D" Coy. | "         | "       |
| 9. Q.M.          | "         | "       |
| 10. T.O.         | "         | "       |
| 11. Specialists  | "         | "       |
| 12. Spare.       |           |         |



12th. September 1917.

For Training only.

Reference Map. 36A N.E. 1/20,000

1. INFORMATION. The 2nd. Aus. Inf. Bde. will capture enemy position immediately NORTH of LA COURONNE - VEREE RUE ROAD on 12th. September 1917.  
The 3rd. A.I. Bde. will be making operating on the LEFT  
Zero hour is 1100.
2. BOUNDARIES. RIGHT A line running from E 23 c 27 along road to E 29 a 6.7. (road is inclusive to RIGHT Battalion) to E 29 d 4.7..  
LEFT A line from road junction at E 23 a 5.5. to E 23 c 9.4. to road at E 29 b 90.25.  
Inter Company boundary. E 29 b 3.2..
3. OBJECTIVES. 1st. Obj. 6th. Bn marked RED  
2nd. Obj. 5th. Bn. " BLUE  
3rd. Obj. 7th. and 8th. Bns. - GREEN.  
7th. Bn. on LEFT.  
Attack will be delivered on Leap frog principle.
4. METHOD of ATTACK. (A) 7th. Bn. will attack with 2 companies in the front line and 2 companies in support.  
"B" Coy. on RIGHT and "B" Coy. on LEFT.  
Each Coy. will deploy with 2 platoons in the front line and two in support.  
(B) Coys. will advance in lines of sections in file at 50 yds. distance until 2nd. Obj. is reached when "B" and "B" Coys. will deploy into two lines at 15 yards distance, Rifle and Bomb sections in first line, L.G. and R.G. sections in second line.  
"B" Coy. Rifle and L.G. sections on RIGHT.  
"B" Coy. " " " " LEFT.  
"C" Coy. in support.  
"A" Coy. CAPT. HAMILTON will mop up the whole of the Bn. area from the 2nd. to 3rd. objective and garrison other S.P. in the area.  
No. platoon, LT. ATTWOOD will mop up and garrison S.P. at E 29 b 0.4.
5. BARRAGE At 1100 barrage will be put down on a line 150 yds. in front of our present front line.  
The Bn. will conform to the movement of troops allotted to 1st. and 2nd. objs. by moving forward as soon as possible with the barrage.  
At plus 1 hour 9 mins. barrage will halt in front of BLUE LINE for 15 mins.  
At plus 1 hour 24 mins. the barrage will advance at rate of 100 yds. in 10 mins. to beyond GREEN LINE. "B" and "B" Coys. keeping close to the barrage will capture and consolidate their objective.  
At plus 2 hours 9 mins. barrage will again move forward and outposts will be established.
6. CONSOLIDATION. Each platoon will organize immediately objective is gained consolidate and be prepared to resist counter attacks.

P.T.O.



7. TRENCH MORTARS. One section of T.M.Bty. will move forward in rear of the Bn. to the BLUE line where it will be held in readiness for use as required.

8. COMMUNICATION. A Power Buzzer will be established at E 29 a 7.6. Phone, Visual and runner systems will be established. Intelligence Officer will arrange to lay a white tape along centre of line of advance. Lieut. ROBB will check line of advance by compass.

9. LIATSON. Lt. POLLOCK with 2 runners will report to C.O. 8th. Bn. at 1030 on VIEUX BERQUIN Road. Lt. ... will report to C.O. N th. Bn. at ...

10. ASSEMBLY. Bn. will assemble at E 23 A on VIEUX BERQUIN Road and be in position at 1030.

11. DRESS. Fighting Order. Steel helmets. Small Box Respirators will be adjusted at alert position at Assembly point.

12. REPORTS. Bn. Hdqrs. will be established at about E 29 a 8.6 ..

13. TIME Watches will be sychronised at 1015.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]* Lieut.  
Act. Adjutant 7th. Australian Battalion

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- 5. C.O. by runner 0400
- 6. Adjutant " "
- 7. O.C. "A" Coy. " "
- 8. O.C. "B" Coy. " "
- 9. O.C. "C" Coy. " "
- 10. O.C. "D" Coy. " "
- 11. Lt. POLLOCK. " "
- 12. Lt. ROBB " "

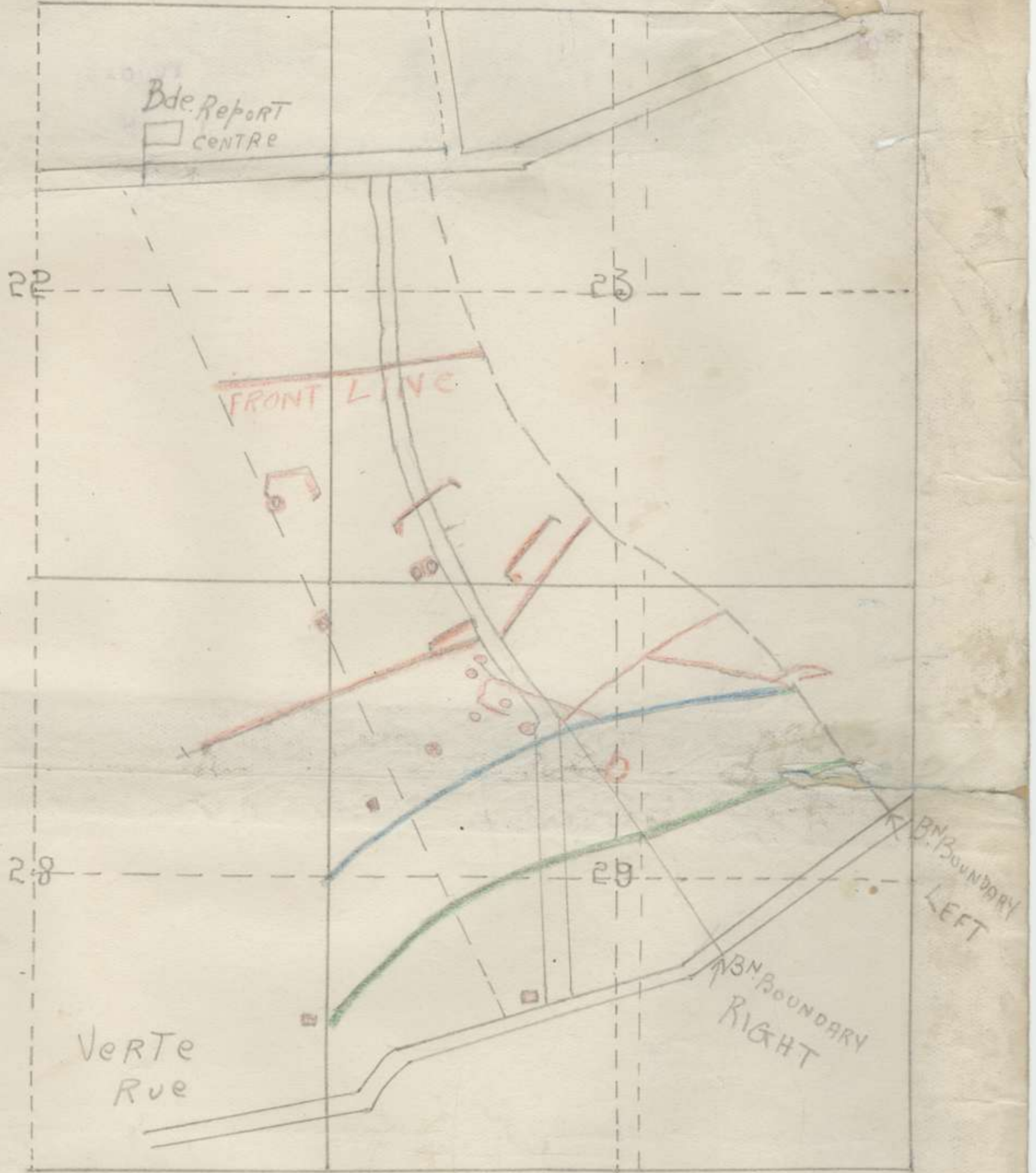


SKETCH MAP  
FOR BRIGADE EXERCISES

12-9-17

SQUARE. Sheet. 36 A

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TRENCHES  
 1<sup>ST</sup> OBJECTIVE  
 2<sup>nd</sup> " " "  
 3<sup>rd</sup> " " "

C. P. [Signature]



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APPENDIX 6

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HEADQUARTERS, 17  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade,  
12th SEPTEMBER, 1917.

WARNING ORDER.

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1. The Brigade Group will move to-morrow to BERTHEN Area.
2. 7th Battalion will be at head of column and will pass S.P. at A.S.A.I.S. at 0825.
3. Details to Reinforcement Camp will move as per Special Brigade Order of 11th instant, but amend para.7 to read "Starting time 0845".
4. Brigade Order for move to BERTHEN Area follows.
5. Motor lorries will be available for blankets etc.
6. These lorries will move CAESTRE details as well as BERTHEN Column.
7. All tents will be lowered and sent to Area Commandant DOULIEU to-day and receipt in duplicate forwarded to Brigade Headquarters to-day.
8. Any surplus gear not likely to be required in the line may be sent to CAESTRE.
9. Wiring material now in possession will be sent to Brigade Headquarters, except that of Brigade Class.

*L. Loach* Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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BRIGADE ORDER No. 44.

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HEADQUARTERS,  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
12th SEPTEMBER 1917Reference Maps. Sheets 27, 36, 36A,  
and 28.  
1:40,000.

1. The 2nd Inf. Bde. Group (less personnel detailed to remain at Divisional Reinforcement Camp) will proceed by march route on 13th and 14th September to BERTHEN and RENNINGHILST Areas respectively in accordance with march table. March Table for 13th September attached.
2. The following intervals will be maintained -  
200 yards between Battalions  
100 " " Coys. and other Units.
3. There will be a halt of 10 minutes at 10 minutes to each clock hour.
4. 8th Battalion will detail Rear Party of 1 Off. & 8 O'Rks. to collect stragglers.
5. 2nd Field Ambulance will detail an Ambulance to follow in rear of Column.
6. Usual cleanliness Certificates will be obtained from Area Commandant and 2 copies sent to Bde. Hqrs.
7. One Motor Lorry per Battalion and one each for T.M. Bty and Bde. Class will be available. These will be used for carrying men's blankets and also for moving CAESTRE Details.
8. Units will report arrival in new Area to Brigade Headquarters.
9. Brigade Headquarters will close at DOULIEU at 0900 and open at BERTHEN at same hour.
10. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*L. Roach*  
CAPTAIN.  
for Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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MARCH TABLE.  
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To Accompany Brigade Order No 44 dated 12/9/1917.

Date	Unit.	Starting Point		Route.	Remarks.
		Place	Time of passing		
13th Sept.	7th Battalion	A.3.A.1.3.	0825	S.27.A.9.3. - BAILLEUL - St JANS CAPEL - BERTHEN	Guides will meet units en route
	6th Battalion	do	0839	do	
	M.G.Coy. ) T.M.Bty. )	do	0900	do	
	5th Battalion	do	0910	do	To move to S.P. via F.29., 25., 16., 17.
	8th Battalion	do	0924	do	To move to S.P. via LE VERRIER and to move S.W. from SCHAEKEN through X.3 to billets
	2nd Fld.Amb. (less 1 Sect)	do	0938	do	
	No 3 Coy. A.A.S.C.	do	0945	do	
	Bde. Hqrs.	do	1000	do	

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HEADQUARTERS

2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.

12th September 1917

5th Battalion  
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 7th do  
 8th do  
 2nd M.G. Coy.  
 2A L.T.M. Bty.  
 Bde. Class of Inst.  
 2nd Field Ambulance  
 3rd Coy. A.A.S.C. (for information)



With reference to Brigade Order No 44 of 12th inst., Rations on 13th Inst. will be drawn and delivered direct to Units at BERTHOFF and on 14th Inst. drawn and delivered to Units in RENNINGHOLST Area.

*L. Roach*  
 CAPTAIN.  
 Staff Captain  
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.



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Headquarters  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
12th September 1917

- 5th Battalion
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- 7th do ✓
- 8th do
- 2nd M.G. Coy.
- 2A L.T.M. Bty.
- Bde. Class of Inst.

Administrative Orders in connection with  
Brigade Order No 44 of 12th Sept. 17.

1. Lorries will report at 0800 on 13th as follows :-
 

1 for Each Battalion	4
1 " Brigade Class	1
1 " 2A L.T.M. Bty.	1
1 " Bde. Hqrs. & M.G. Coy.	1

2. Lorries will be loaded quickly and proceed immediately to CAESTRE. They will then return to present location, load quickly and proceed direct to RENNINGHELST arriving there as near as possible to 1100. One man from each lorry will get out and wait at Church for instructions from Brigade Representative as to where to go.

3. The gear which is put on these lorries will go direct to 1st ANZAC Area and will therefore not be available tomorrow. Guard will be sent on each lorry to look after stuff.

4. One Officer and one O'Rank per Battalion will report at Brigade Headquarters (DOULIEU) with bicycles at 0800 tomorrow and proceed by lorry to 1st ANZAC Area to do billeting.

5. One man from T.M. Bty. will wait at Church DOULIEU from 0730 on 14th to guide lorry to present location of T.M. Bty. to pick up and take Forward Smoke bombs and guns. Lorry will then report to 1st Aust. Division SCOTTISH LINES for instructions where to proceed to find T.M. Battery.

6. T.M. Battery will arrange that these bombs go as far forward as possible.

6. Lorry drivers will be given strict instructions that after having dumped 2nd load in RENNINGHELST area tomorrow, they are to immediately proceed to VIEUX BERQUIN and report to D.A.A.C., 1st Aust. Division.

Sgd. H.N. ROACH      CAPTAIN.

Staff Captain  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.



Appendix 6

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Reference Maps - Sheets 27, 36A, 36, and 28, 1/40,000.

1. MOVE. 2nd. Aus. Inf. Bde. group (less personnel detailed to remain at Div. Reinforcement Camp.) will proceed by march route on 13th. inst. and 14th. inst. to BERTHEM and RENNINGHELST Areas. *Refugees*  
 Guides will meet Bn. en route.
2. ROUTE. BALLEMUL - ST. JANS CAPPEL & BERTHEM.
3. STARTING POINT. Bn. Starting point, 13/9/17, A 3 A 13 (Sheet 36)  
 " " " 14/9/17, will be notified later.  
 Bde. Starting Point, 13/9/17, A 3 A 13.  
 " " " 14/9/17, will be notified later.
4. TIMES. Bn. Starting point on 13/9/17 will be passed by head of <sup>Bn.</sup> column at 0825 and on 14/9/17, at a time to be notified.  
 Bde. Starting Point on 13/9/17 will be passed by head of Bde. Column (7th. Bn.) at 0825..
5. ORDER OF MARCH. Bn. Order of march will be - *Transport*  
 13/9/17. "B", "C", "D", "A" Coys., Hdqrs. details and Mining Platoon  
 14/9/17. "C", "D", "A", "B" Coys., Hdqrs. and Mining Platoon. *Transport*
6. INTERVALS. Between Battalions - 200 yds.  
 " Companies and other Units - 100 yds.
7. HALTS. 10 minutes halts at 10 minutes to each clock hour.
8. REAR PARTY O.C. Rear ~~Rxxxx~~ Coy. each day to detail party of 1 Officer and 8 O.Rs. to collect Battalion stragglers.
9. DRESS. Full marching order less blanket. Hats, Water bottles filled.
10. BLANKETS ~~BLANKETS~~ Blankets to be rolled <sup>shortwise</sup> ~~lengthwise~~ in bundles of ten, bundles VALISES legibly marked and stacked at main billet of each Coy. by VALISES 0615 on morning of 13th. inst..  
 T.O. to arrange for limber to collect at that hour.  
 Officers valises and Company stores to be ready at same places as blankets at 0615.  
 Blankets, valises etc. to be taken by limbers to Bn. Q.M. Store.  
 Company Officers mess gear to be ready at 0745 when mess cart will call for same.
11. Lieut. W.G. POLLOCK is detailed to inspect all billets before Bn. moves off and to obtain certificates in triplicate from Area Commandant that billets left in a clean condition and no claims against Bn..
12. REPORTS Usual certificates ~~in triplicate~~ that billets in a thoroughly clean condition to be furnished by Coy. Commanders to Bn. Hdqrs. by 0730 on 13th. inst. and on 14th. inst. at a time to be notified later.  
On March. to head of column. Arrival in new billets - to Bn. Hdqrs. within half hour after arrival.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE. *J. Harris* Lieut.  
 Act. Adjutant 7th. Australian Bn..  
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12th. September 1917 *Cont 25.*

Reference Maps. Sheet 36A  
Sheet 27.

1. Personnel detailed to proceed to Reinforcement Camp and remain in rear while the Battalion is in action will parade at 0715 on "C" Coy. parade ground. Total personnel - 11 Officers, 95 O.Rs..  
Dress. Full marching order without blankets.  
Blankets. Blankets will be rolled in bundles of ten and be dumped at Q.M. Store by 0700. Senior reserve W.C.O. of each Company will supervise. *C. Coy* will detail one man to report to Q.M. at 0630; this man will act as guard on dump for all blankets, valises, and material for CAESTRE; he will come on by motor lorry with this gear.
2. Capt. W. B. CAMPBELL will assume command of personnel and will carry out the instructions contained in Special Brigade Order.
3. RATIONS. One iron ration per man will be taken in bulk. This ration is not to be consumed.  
Unexpired portion of days rations to be carried on the man. In addition Q.M. to arrange for 24 hours rations to be carried in bulk  
Water bottles to be filled.  
Q.M. to arrange for cooking utensils to be supplied.
4. Officers valises. will be ready at Q.Ms. store by 0700 and dumped with blankets as above.
5. Advance party consisting of Lieut. C. L. BOBBIN and C. S. M. CAREY will report at 0830 to Headquarters Reinforcement Camp at W 10 c 35 (Sheet 27)
6. "C" Coy. will detail an escort of 1 N.C.O. and 2 men to report to R. S. M. at 0700. This party will take charge of a prisoner and will march in rear of column.

*Arthur Dean*

..... Lieut.  
Act. Asst. Adjutant 7th. Australian Battalion.

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9. Q.M. and T.O.
10. Capt. CAMPBELL.



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Bn will be ready to move at 1300 today starting point Bn HQs (R 15 D 52) A Coy to form up near A Coy HQs & join in Bn column as it passes

Order of march C D A B, 14 hrs details 7

Dress full marching order. Water bottles filled.

Transport will join up with Bn at R 9 D 82 (13de starting point & will arrive at that point by 1350

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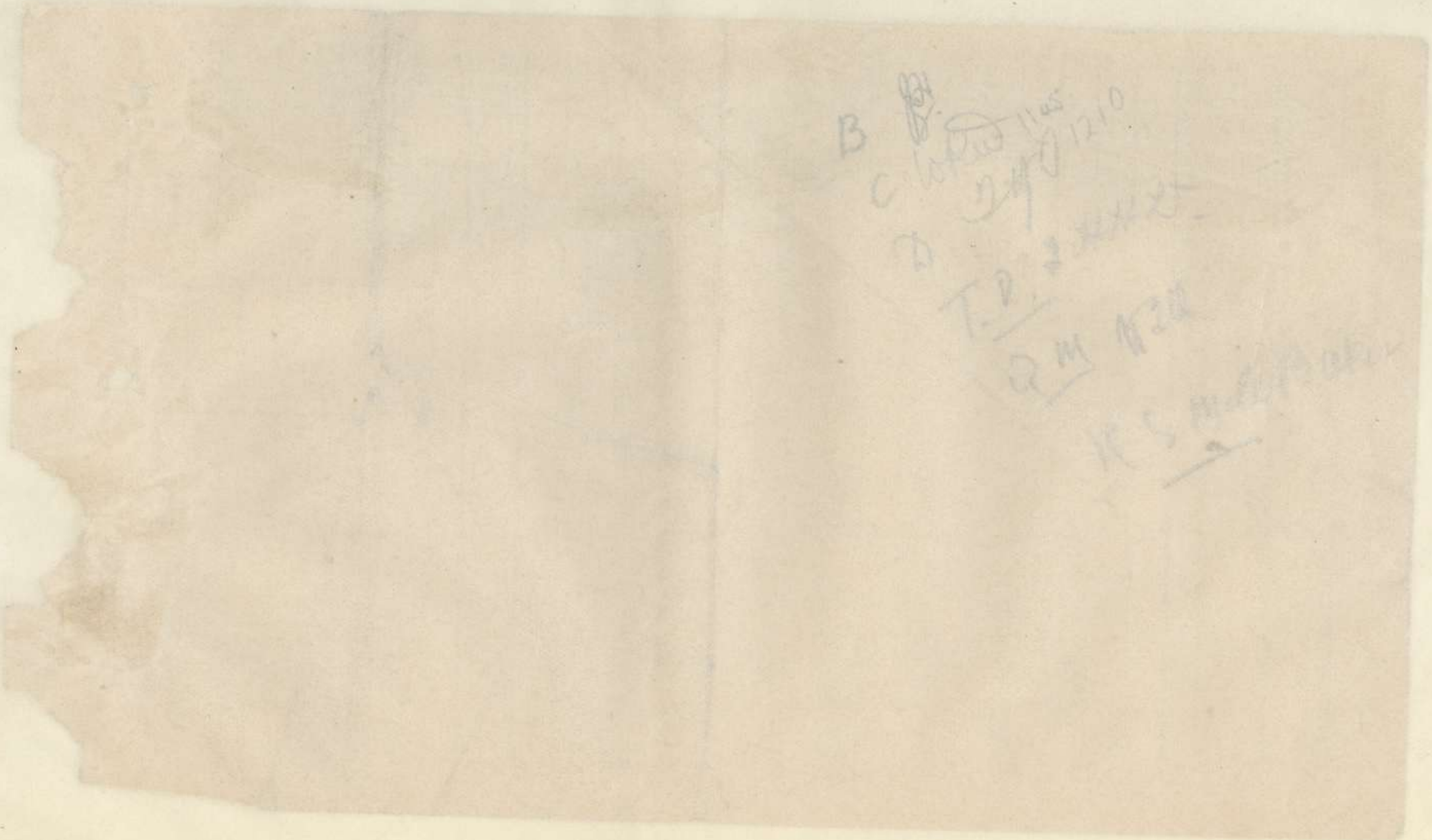
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APPENDIX 8

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ADDENDA  
to  
Brigade Order No 44

Headquarters  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
13th September 1917

Reference Map. Sh. 27 and Sh. 28  
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1. The Brigade will continue the march tomorrow in accordance with 'B' March Table attached. Same conditions will prevail as for march on 13th inst.
2. On arrival at destination, units will immediately clear the road in order to avoid congestion.
3. Advanced parties of 1 officer and 20 O'Ranks per Battn. to pitch tents will proceed in order of attached March Table, 7th Battalion party passing point G.33.C.1.3. at 0900. 8th Battalion party will pitch tents for A.S.C. Coy, 5th Battalion for M.G.Coy. and 6th Battalion for T.M. Battery. Tents will be issued by Area Commandant, also brown staining paint with which tents will be stained immediately.
4. Care will be taken that no light whatsoever is visible from outside and overhead after dark.
5. Rations will be drawn at G.34.B.5.4. on arrival in New Area.
6. Brigade Headquarters will close at BERTHEN at 1400 and open at No 11 Camp (near OUDERDOM) at same hour
7. A C K N O W L E D G E.

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*L. J. Roach*  
CAPTAIN.  
for Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12	3rd Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	"
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14	Area Commandant BERTHEN	"	"
15	Area Commandant RENNINGHELST Staffing Area	"	"
16	Staff Captain	"	"
17	Bde. Int. Officer	"	"
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8 MARCH TABLE.

Reference Map. Sh. 27 & 28  
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In Continuation of Paragraph 1 Brigade Order No 44 of 12th Sept. 1917.

Date.	Unit. (in order of march)	Starting Point Place	Time of Passing	Route.	Destination	Remarks.
Sept. 14th	7th Battalion	Road Junct. R.9.D.8.2.	1400	BOESCHEPE - X Roads N of LAPPE at L.34.D.0.4. due East to G.33.C.1.3. - G.33.A. - Camp	G.27.C.8.8.	
do	6th Battalion	X Roads R.16.C.3.8.	1407	do	G.28.C.8.8.	Guides will meet Battalions at G.33.C.1.3.
do	5th Battalion	do	1421	do	G.28.A.3.3.	
do	8th Battalion	do	1435	do	G.26.D.4.3.	
do	2nd M.G.Coy. ) 2A L.T.E.Bty. )	do	1500	do	G.22.C.8.7. G.22.C.8.8.	
do	Ede. Hqrs.	do	1509	As above but from G.33.C.1.3. - RENNINGHPLST - G.29.B. - OUDERDON	No 11 Camp G.29.D.	
do	No 3 Coy. A.A.S.C.	do	1515	as for 8th Battn.	G.26.D.4.3.	

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16.9.1917.

Reference Map. Sheet 28. N.W.  
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1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus. Inf. Bde moves on 16/18 September 1917.
2. 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion will move on 18<sup>th</sup> September 1917.
3. Route. G 27 c 88 - X Roads G 22 B. OUDERDOM  
- H 3 2 B. - DICKEBUSCH (guides will meet  
Battalion at E end of DICKEBUSCH) - CHAU  
SEGARD area.
4. Starting time and Starting Point. Head of Battalion column to pass  
starting point at Shrine G 27 D 45 20  
at 0845.
5. Order of March. H.Q.s Details, D, A, B, C, Coy Transport.
6. Paces. Hourly
7. Intervals 500 yds between Battalions. 200 yds between  
Coy and the Transport.
8. Dress. Full marching order. Hats.
9. Rations etc. Water bottles to be filled before starting.
10. Reports On cleanliness of billets by 0800 to  
Battalion H.Q.s., on march to head of  
Column. On arrival in new area all  
correct or otherwise within half an hour  
after arrival.
11. Lt J.P. O'Connor to proceed to as Billeting Officer  
on 18.9.1917. reporting at H 29 c 39. at 0930
12. Rear Coy. to detail party of 1 Officer and 8 O.R.s  
to collect stragglers.
13. Values stores to be at Bn & m store by 0645

W. A. Lewis. Lt.  
Actg. Adjutant



1st Battalion Aus. Inf. Bde. Order No 93

12. 11. 1917

Reference Map Sheet 53. V.M.

1. 3rd Bn. Inf. Bde. moved on 10th September 1917.

2. 4th Bn. Inf. Bde. moved on 11th September 1917.

3. 5th Bn. Inf. Bde. moved on 12th September 1917.

4. 6th Bn. Inf. Bde. moved on 13th September 1917.

5. 7th Bn. Inf. Bde. moved on 14th September 1917.

6. 8th Bn. Inf. Bde. moved on 15th September 1917.

7. 9th Bn. Inf. Bde. moved on 16th September 1917.

8. 10th Bn. Inf. Bde. moved on 17th September 1917.

9. 11th Bn. Inf. Bde. moved on 18th September 1917.

10. 12th Bn. Inf. Bde. moved on 19th September 1917.

11. 13th Bn. Inf. Bde. moved on 20th September 1917.

12. 14th Bn. Inf. Bde. moved on 21st September 1917.

13. 15th Bn. Inf. Bde. moved on 22nd September 1917.

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BRIGADE ORDER NO 46

HEADQUARTERS.  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade  
15th September 1917

Reference Map. Sheet 28 N.W.  
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1. The Brigade will move forward in accordance with attached March Table.
2. During all moves by road, the following intervals will be maintained.
  - 500 yards between Battalions and other Units
  - 200 " " Transport and Coys.
  - 100 " " Coys.
3. Billeting party of Section of 2nd M.G. Coy. and of 6th Battalion will report to 1st Brigade Headquarters at H.20.C.9.1. today for instructions. Billeting party of 1 Officer and 1 O'Rank per unit for remainder of Brigade will report to Brigade Officer at H.29.C.3.9. at 1030 on 17th inst.
4. Usual hourly halts will be observed.
5. Units will report arrival to Brigade Headquarters.
6. Transport lines will be at 'Chau' of Chau SEGARD in H.30.C.
7. Administrative instructions will be issued.
8. Brigade Headquarters will close at No 11 Camp at 0930 and open at H.27.D.9.3. at same hour.
9. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*L. Roach* CAPTAIN.  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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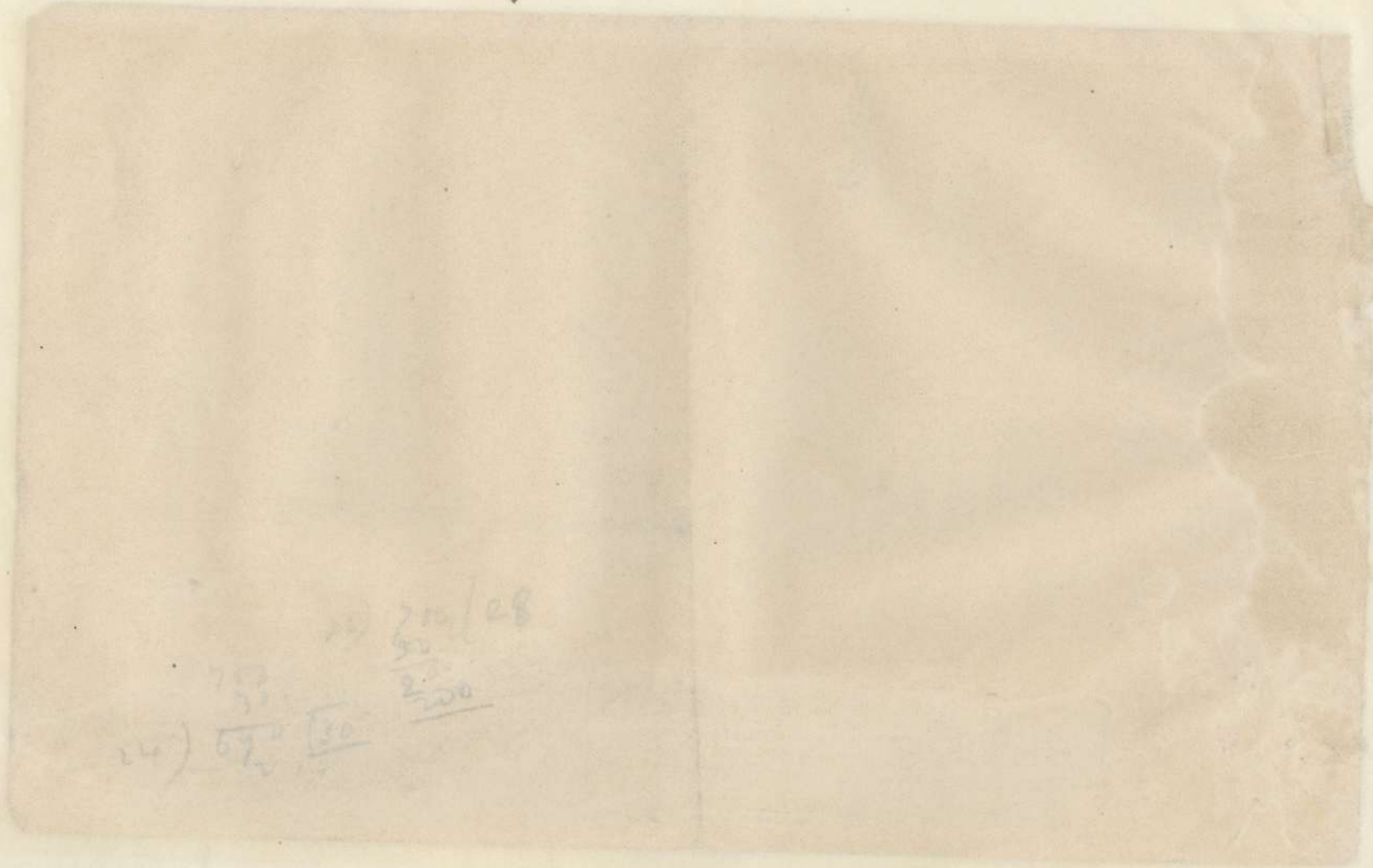
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16/9/1917	6th Battalion	G.34.B.8.4.	0935	G.29.B. - OUDERDOM - H.32.A.- DICKEBUSCH	Chau SEGARD Area	Guides will meet Bn. at H.34.A.1.8. Will come under orders G.O.C. 1st Aust.Inf. Ede. on arrival, and under his instructions will move forward.
do	1 Sect. 2nd M.G.Coy.	do	1000	do	do	
18/9/17	Bde. Hqrs.	Road Junct. G.30.C.1.8. OUDERDOM	0940	H.32.B.-DICKEBUSCH	H.27.D.9.3.	
do	5th Battalion	Cross Roads G.22.B.	0930	OUDERDOM - H.32.B.- DICKEBUSCH	Chau SEGARD Area	
do	7th Battalion	do	0948	do	do	
do	8th do	do	1016	do	do	Guides will meet units at E. end of DICKEBUSCH
do	2nd M.G.Coy. (less 1 Sect)	do	1034	do	do	
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5 Bn moves out at 2300 tonight

B Coy will move into position ~~to follow~~ in sufficient time to follow closely in rear of 5 Bn

Lt Pollock with 2 scouts will report at 5 Bn HQs at 2300 + keep touch with move of that Bn sending word to DC B Coy when rear Coy of 5 Bn moves.

I.O. with guides will meet Coys at point where this Bn leads off from Brigade Route to Bn assembly lines. MG section moves with A Coy. TMs with C Coy

From adyl

Place B.S.D.

Time 2215

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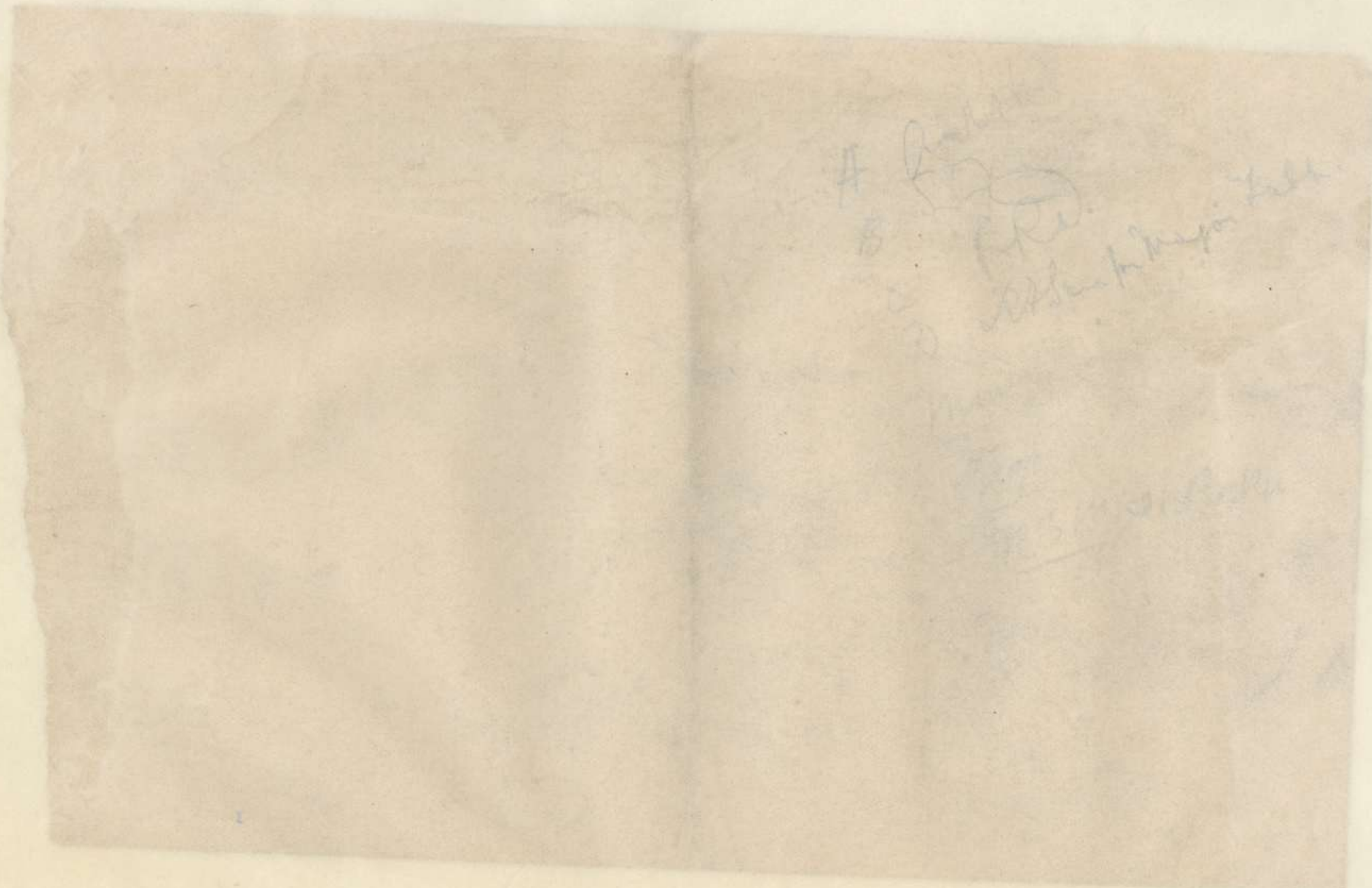
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"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

TO { LATH LEAF LILY LIME LINK LION

Sender's Number. *42B 281	Day of Month. 21	In reply to Number.	AAA
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LAWN less LINK will be relieved by  
 LACE night 21/22 inst AAA Details of  
 relief will be arranged direct between  
 COs concerned AAA LEAF may arrange  
 for relief in daylight taking due precautions  
 AAA captured German MBo will be brought  
 back by units as trophies, all other trench  
 stores will be handed over to incoming  
 units and receipts obtained AAA On relief  
 units will move as under LATH to HOOGE Support  
 LEAF to ZILLEBEKE BUND LILY LIME and  
 LION to DIEKEBUSCH. AAA Last four named  
 units will use track as on march to assembly  
 position AAA completion of relief will be  
 notified to Bde Hdqrs. AAA On completion

From	
Place	
Time	

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	By.....			

TO {


Sender's Number. * <i>A2B 281</i>	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	<b>AAA</b>
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*of relief Bde Hdqrs. will move to DICKEBUSCH AAA Hot coffee will be supplied to troops at HOOGE & ZILLEBEKE BOND AAA. On relief LATH will come under tactical control of GOC LACK. AAA Acknowledge by return*

From			
Place			
Time			

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TO { all Coy's sent ATB Corp

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	A A A
* <u>6K 80</u>	<u>21</u>		

- 1 This Bn is being relieved by LAMB tonight
- 2 All trench stores & dumps will be handed over to incoming Unit receipts in triplicate will be obtained & handed in at present Bn HQs as soon as possible after relief.
- 3 2 guides from each Coy will report at Bn HQs at 1730 today for instructions as to guiding in incoming Unit
- 4 This Bn will proceed by same track as used on 19 inst to ZILLEBEKE BUND where a hot drink will be served by YMCA

From	
Place	
Time	

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.....		By.....			

TO {


Sender's Number. * DR 80	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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5 Coy commanders will on receipt of this order commence to dribble back men to the BUND in parties of 3 at 200 yds distance but Coy commanders must not deplete line below fighting strength

6 Squad will meet Bn at BUND  
7 Captured M Guns will be sent back to HOODE DUMP where Bn pack horses will arrive to carry guns back to new camp

8 No lights smoking or noise on march back to BUND  
Coy will proceed to BUND independently 100 yds between

From  
Place  
Time

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

TO {


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\*  
Platoons

9 Coy Commanders will report personally to C.O. at present BUN 174 on completion of reliefs of their Coys

10 Coys will await orders at BUND. Coy Commanders will keep their Coys together & well under cover at BUND

From Adjutant

Place

Time 1515

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			By .....			

TO { 7<sup>th</sup> \* \* \* \* BWS

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

\* AZB 15 22

Your BWS less transport will be prepared to move at once aaa. Guides will report to you at any minute to direct you to Busses which will convey you to STEENVOORDE

5/11/19

From 2<sup>nd</sup> Inf. Bds.  
Place  
Time 1420

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) R. R. Agnew Lieut. for Bds. Major

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APPENDIX 12  
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BRIGADE ORDER NO 49.

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HEADQUARTERS  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
22nd September 1917

Reference Map. HAZEBROUCK  
5A.

- The Brigade will move in accordance with move table on 22nd and 23rd September.

Date.	Unit	From	To	Remarks.
22nd Sept.	Bde. Hqrs.	No change		Remain at H. 27, A. 5.1.
	5th Battn.	do		" " HOOGE Support
	6th Battn.	ZILLEBEKE BUND	OUDERDOM	To move on night 22/23rd Sept. on relief by 'B' Bn. of 1st Bde.
	7th Battn.	<sup>c</sup> DIKEBUSCH	<sup>o</sup> STEENVORDE	To move by Bus at about 1600.
	8th Battn.	do	do	
	T.M.Bty.	No change		To remain at DISEBUSCH
23rd Sept.	Bde.Hqrs.	DICKEBUSCH	OUDERDOM	Via. ST HUBERTUSHOEK
	5th Battn.	HOOGE SUPPORT	OUDERDOM	Route via SHRAPNEL Corner and to move E. of Canal by sections
	6th Battn.	No Change		To remain OUDERDOM
	7th Battn.	do		" " STEENVORDE
	8th Battn.	do		" " "
	T.M.Ety.	DICKEBUSCH	OUDERDOM	Via ST HUBERTUSHOEK

- Orders for the relief of <sup>v.m.f.c.</sup> 2nd M.G.Coy. will be issued separately.
- During the moves, the following intervals will be maintained.  
800 yards Between Bns, and other Units.  
400 " " Transport of units rear Coy.  
200 " " Companies.
- Administrative instructions will be notified.
- Brigade Headquarters will close at DICKEBUSCH at 0900 and re-open at OUDERDOM same hour.
- ACKNOWLEDGE.

*L.A. Roache* CAPTAIN.  
for Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Copy No	To whom	Time	Method
1	File	1200	
2/4	War Diary	"	
5	1st Aust. Division	"	D.R.
6	5th Battalion	"	"
7	6th Battalion	"	"
8	7th Battalion ✓	"	"
9	8th Battalion	"	"
10	2nd M.G.Coy.	"	"
11	2A L.T.M.Bty.	"	"
12	Brigade Major	"	
13	Staff Captain	"	
14	No 4 Sig. Section	"	
15	Camp Commandant	"	
16	Bde. Int. Officer	"	
17-20	Spares		



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AMENDMENT No. 1 to BRIGADE ORDER No. 49.

HEADQUARTERS,  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
23rd SEPT., 1917.

Reference Map. HAZEBROUCK  
5A.

1. Para. 1. Substitute following move table:-

Date.	Unit.	From	To.	REMARKS.
22nd Sept.	Bde. Hqrs.	DICKEBUSCH	STEENVOORDE	
	5th Bn.	HOOGE Support	Chau SEGARD	
	6th Bn.	ZILLEBEKE BUND	CORNWALL Camp OUDERDON	
	7th Bn	DICKEBUSCH	STEENVOORDE	) Personnel by Bus ) Transport by march route.
	8th Bn	do	do	
	2nd M.C. Coy.	LINE	DICKEBUSCH	
	T.M.Bty.	No Change.		Remain at DICKEBUSCH.
23rd. Sept.	5th Bn.	Chau SEGARD	OUDERDON	via St HUBERT- SUSHOEK. Start- ing time 0900
	T.M.Bty.	DICKEBUSCH	do	) via St HUBERT- ) SUSHOEK. Start- ing time 1030.
	2nd M.C. Coy.	do	do	

Remainder of Brigade Units at STEENVOORDE.

2. Personnel will be prepared to move to STEENVOORDE by Bus on afternoon of 23rd. Move may take place on 23rd or 24th instants.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*L. P. Leach*  
Captain,  
for Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued to all recipients of B.O. 49.

*MA*



7th Bn

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"A" Form, MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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TO

*All Corps*

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number.	AAA
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*Bn. will form up in mass at once in square in front of Bn. Hqs & ready to move to STEEVOORDE by Bus*

*Dress full marching order*

*abarkers to report to R. P. Sell on parade ground immediately, Corps ready to form up*

From	
Place	
Time	

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## TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

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## Preliminary Order No. 37.

Reference Sheet :-

Battalion Headquarters  
11th September 1917

HOOGE 1/10,000

1. INFORMATION. The enemy are holding a series of lines and outposts east of the line WESTHOEK - STERLING CASTLE.  
The system has been partly destroyed by shell fire and now consists of isolated Strong Posts and less damaged portions of trench.  
A careful study of aeroplane mosaic and the attached map, HOOGE 1/10,000, will show these occupied posts, gun pits etc.  
The 1st Australian Division occupy portion of the British front line from J.8.C.7.7. to J.14.C.8.8.  
The 1st Australian Infantry Brigade are holding the line.
2. INTENTION. The 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade in conjunction with the 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade on the right, and the 2nd Australian Division on the left, will capture the enemy defended area, NONNE BOSCHEN - POLYGONEVELD, on a day to be notified.
3. BOUNDARIES. The Brigade Boundaries are :-  
RIGHT. A line from square I.18 central to road junction square J.14.A.50.55. thence through N in GLENGORSE WOOD to J.10.C.9.5.  
LEFT. A line from square I.18.B.9.7., through U in CHATEAU STABLES to edge of wood at square J.13.A.50.95. thence through P in POLYGONEVELD  
The inter-battalion boundary is the point J.9.D.3 9.
4. OBJECTIVES. Objectives are allotted as below, vide attached map.  
1st Objective - 11th Battalion - Line marked RED  
2nd Objective - 13th Battalion - Line marked BLUE  
3rd Objective - Line marked GREEN  
This line will be captured by 3 battalions - 10th Battalion on the right, 9th Battalion on the left.
5. ATTACK. (a) The attack will be delivered on the Leap Frog Principle each Battalion deploying 3 companies in the front line, and 3 in support.  
3rd A.L.I.B.  
1 section will accompany 10th Battalion
- (b) Stages of the attack are as follows:-
1. STAGE 1. The advance to the RED LINE  
The barrage will be put down 130 yards in front of the Infantry line of departure. The whole Brigade will immediately commence to move forward. The 11th Battalion pressing el ~~to~~ up to the barrage.  
At plus 3 the barrage will advance for 200 yards at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes; thereafter and up to the RED LINE it will slacken pace to 100 yards in 6 minutes  
The barrage will halt in front of the RED LINE for 45 minutes  
The 11th Battalion will, under this barrage, capture all enemy Strong Points in this area and the objective line, which will be consolidate.



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11 STAGE 2. The advance to the BLUE LINE.

Between the RED AND BLUE LINES the barrage will travel at 100 yards in 8 minutes. The 13th Battalion will press up under the barrage, mop up the area, and capture and consolidate the BLUE LINE.

In front of the BLUE LINE the barrage will halt 3 hours.

111 STAGE 3. THE ADVANCE to the GREEN LINE.

From the BLUE LINE forward the barrage will travel at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes to beyond the GREEN LINE.

The 9th and 10th Battalions following closely will mop up the area, and capture and consolidate the GREEN LINE.

Subsequently the barrage will move forward 300 yards and outposts will be established.

The protective barrages on the RED, BLUE and GREEN lines respectively, will contain a proportion of smoke to indicate to the troops that the several objectives have been reached.

8. ORDER OF BATTLE. The Battalion will be deployed with 2 Companies in the front line and 2 in support, and when in place of Assembly, i.e., immediately before zero hour, will be deployed ready for advance and will occupy Battalion depth of 50 yards only. This measure being taken to ensure that the Battalion will pass quickly over ~~the 1st objective~~, and keep close touch with the Battalion in advance. *plus one LG and team from No 1 Coy*

"X" and "Y" Companies will be deployed in front line of attack  
 No. 2 Company mopping up  
 No. 1 " Carrying Parties.

"X" Company will be on the left occupying 100 yards front,  
 "Y" Company on the right, occupying about 300 yards front

Both these companies will move up to the 1st objective in column of half platoons in file (Artillery formation)

From then on in column of sections in Artillery formations ;  
 after passing 2nd objective the column of sections will be preceded by rifle sections of leading wave as screen

No. 1 Company will move forward in column of sections throughout. No. 2 Company in column of half platoons up to the 1st objective. From 1st to 2nd objectives column of sections.

No. 3 Company will follow "X" and "Y" deployed across the whole front. No. 1 Company will follow No. 2 Company deployed across whole front with objectives. 2 platoons left dump  
 2 platoons right dump.

Area from 2nd to 3rd objectives to be mopped up will be sub-divided into 4 sections (see sketch) and sections will be allotted as follows. :-

No. 1 section	-	Lieut. Pennington
2 "	-	" Browne
3 "	-	" Ford
4 "	-	" Macdonald.

No. 3 Company after mopping up will become support Company to "X" and "Y" Companies. The Platoon Commanders will report to O's C. "X" and "Y" Companies when mopping up is complete  
 This Company will dig in about 75 yards in rear of front line.



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and construct communication trenches.

No. 1 Company after forming dumps will dig and occupy support position 150 yards in rear of "X" and "Y" Companies

7. ENEMY STRONG POINTS. Definite parties will be told off to deal with and consolidate known strong posts in front of and objective.

After 3rd objective has been taken, all companies must organise garrison to repel counter attacks.

8. CONSOLIDATION. On objectives being established a belt of wire will immediately be erected 100 yards in front. All shell holes behind this will be filled up with loose barb wire for ~~max~~ 45 to 50 yards, another belt of wire at this point.

Behind this, Advanced Posts.

All belts should have a narrow track left in them back to the main line. As time and opportunity allow, belts should be thickened and all shell holes filled up with wire.

Strong posts must be constructed on flanks of each line, thoroughly wired, one by "X" Company and one by "Y" Company Two (one on each flank) by both Nos 1 and 2 Companies.

9. LIAISON. (a) "X" Company will maintain connection with the 9th Battalion by overlapping one platoon, "Y" Company will do likewise with the 2nd Brigade on the right.

Lieut Klenner accompanied by two runners will report to C.O. 7th Battalion (2nd Brigade) on right of "Y" Company, and keep 10th Battalion supplied with information as to advance etc.

(b) To ensure that connection is maintained, O.C. "X" Company after capture of 3rd objective, and throughout will detail left Platoon Commander to keep touch with right Platoon Commander of 9th Battalion. Flanking Brigade patrols of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men will be detailed by O.C. "Y" Company to meet patrol of Brigade on ~~next~~ right at road junction J.O.D. ~~5.4.~~ 3, 3.

Capt. W.F.J. McCann M.C. 10th Battalion will perform liaison duty with Headquarters 7th Brigade.

All liaison officers will report to Headquarters of formations to which they are attached, and will send messages as to the situation at hourly intervals from ZERO onwards, in addition to such special messages as may be necessary.

10. LOCATION POINTS AND FINGER POSTS.

(a) As aids in location of positions, triangular marks colored RED, BLUE, and GREEN respectively will be sent up at points 100 yards in rear of centre of RED, BLUE and GREEN objectives  
O.C. "X" Company will arrange for GREEN signs (3rd objective) to be placed at about J.O.D. ~~4.9.~~ 2.

(b) Finger posts to and from Battalion to Brigade report centre will be placed under arrangements by O.C. "Y" Coy. along line of advance.

In addition O's C. "X" and "Y" Companies will arrange for Battalion signs to be placed between Battalion Headquarters in the 2nd objective and the 3rd objective; also a white tape will be laid under arrangement of O.C. "Y" Coy along centre of Battalion advance.

Lieut Lynch will check the line of advance with prismatic compass.

Posts will be erected under arrangements to be made by the Intelligence Officer, at jumping off point, to indicate right and left of each Platoon.



12.7 COMMUNICATIONS.

- (a) All messages previous to the capture of the 2nd. Objective will be forwarded to ~~Cable Head~~, Battn Hd Qrs
- (b) On the capture of the 2nd. Objective the Brigade Report Centre will be situated at J.2.D.9.4. At this point a Power Buzzer and Amplifier will be installed. Arrangements will also be made at this point for visual Signalling.
- (c) 2 runners per Company will report to Battalion Headquarters at CHATEAU SEGARD at 9 a.m. on the morning preceding the "Attack" day.
- (d) At all times during the operations messages from the then front line will receive priority in despatch to relay post in rear.
- (e) The capture of the various lines will be sent back by Signal Lamp which will show RED, ORANGE, and WHITE for 1st., 2nd., and 3rd. Objectives respectively.

also see attached sketch.

12. CARRYING PARTIES. No.1 Company will act as Carrying Parties. In the first instance they will move forward fully loaded (vide Appendix 7). These stores will be drawn at CHATEAU SEGARD as the Battalion moves up to the position of Assembly.

13. DUMPS. The system of Dumps and Carrying will be as defined below. The Advanced Divisional Dump will be at HOOGE.

(a)

Dump No.	Location.	To be filled by	To be Filled from	Carrying Parties.
1.	JARGON TRENCH J.14.A.4.8.	Brigade Arrangements	Brigade Main Dump.	Brigade Arrangements.
2.	JARGON TRENCH. J.8.C.35.90	do	do	do
3.	RED LINE J.9.C.4.4.	11th. Battn.	Dump No.1	2 Platoons 11th. Battn.
4.	J.9.C.1.7.	" "	" No.2	2 Platoons 11th. Battn.
5.	BLUE LINE J.9.C.3.5.	12th. Battn.	Dump No.3	2 Platoons. 12th. Battn.
6.	J.9.C.3.2.	" "	" No.4,	2 Platoons 12th. Battn.
7.	GREEN LINE J.9.D.3.5.	10th. Battn.	Dump No.5	2 Company 10th. Battn.
8.	J.9.B.3.1.	9th. Battn.	" No.6.	1 Company 9th. Battn.

Note :- For contents of Dumps see Appendix 4.

- (b) Troops in occupation of a line in advance of any dumps will have the right to demand the stores in that dump, and the Units of the Brigade will spare no efforts to keep the flow forward of munitions and stores uninterrupted.



(c) Pack Transport animals will be brigaded and held in readiness at CHATEAU SEGARD. As soon as practicable Dumps Nos. 1 & 2 will be replenished by the Pack Transport under arrangements to be made by the Staff Captain.

(d) As an aid in the transport of tools No.1 Company will arrange to have picks and shovels tied in bundles of 3 or 5. S.A.A. and Bombs at Nos. 1 & 2 Dumps will be put up in Sandbags.

This will also apply to the Brigade Main Dump and temporary dump at CHATEAU SEGARD.

14. DRESS. Fighting Order. All members of the Battalion excepting Signallers, Lewis Gunners, and Runners :-

- |                |   |   |
|----------------|---|---|
| S.A.A.         | - | <i>X/Y</i> 220 rounds. <i>Remainder 150 rnd</i> |
| Sandbags       | - | 3 Sewn on entrenching tool.                     |
| Bombs          | - | 3 One in each top pocket.                       |
| Flares, ground | - | 1 Bottom right hand pocket.                     |
| Rations        | - | 48 hours.                                       |

In addition :-

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bombers will carry              | 3 extra Bombs.           |
| Rifle Grenadiers " "            | 6 Grenades.              |
| Officers and No.1 L.G. Sections | 3 S.O.S. Rifle Grenades. |

Company Officers will be dressed in all respects the same as the men.

In order to distinguish troops detailed for the various objectives it has been decided to paint a patch on the rear of the helmet from top to brim. This patch will be one inch wide and of the following colours :-

- |                     |   |        |
|---------------------|---|--------|
| 11th. Battalion     | - | RED.   |
| 12th. Battalion     | - | BLUE.  |
| 9th. & 10th. Battns | - | GREEN. |

M.G. Company and Trench Mortar Battery details will adopt a similar device, using the same colours as the Battalions with whom they will be chiefly working.

Distinguishing Arm Bands will be worn as follows:-

- |                   |   |         |
|-------------------|---|---------|
| Front line troops | - | Black.  |
| Carrying Parties  | - | Yellow. |
| Moppers Up        | - | White.  |

15. S.O.S. SIGNALS. Any S.O.S. Signal from the Brigade Front or from the fronts of either brigade on the flanks will be repeated by the 11th. Battalion.

The Brigade Intelligence Officer will also repeat these Signals.

16. MINING PLATOON. The Mining Platoon will constitute a Special Carrying Party. This Platoon will report to O.C. 3rd. Aust. Light Trench Mortar Battery 24 hours before the departure of the Battalion from CHATEAU SEGARD.

17. HEADQUARTERS. Brigade Headquarters will be situated at HOOGE Square I.15.B.2.6. and the Cable Head at J.14.B.20.45.

Headquarters for the 9th., 10th., 11th., & 12th. Battalions will be Strong Point in GLENCORSE WOOD



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18. ANTI AIRCRAFT. O's.C. "Y", No. 2, & No. 1 Companies will arrange for 1 Lewis Gun to be placed in position to deal with enemy aircraft as soon after capture of position as possible.

19. BEARING. The Magnetic Bearing of line of advance is 85 degs.

20. SUMMARY OF APPENDICES.

- No. 1. Instructions for 3rd. A.L.T.M.B.
- 2. Battalions on Flanks.
- 3. Route to Position of Assembly.
- 4. Contents of Dumps.
- 5. Notes on dispositions.
- 6. Instructions.
- 7. Loads for Carrying Parties.
- 8. Communication Plans.
- 9. Code for Map Co-ordinates.
- 10. Assembly Positions and Formations.
- 11. General Walker's Mess age.
- 12. HOCGE Map, 1/10,000.

21. MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS. Miscellaneous Orders as to :-

- (a) Pack Transport.
- (b) Medical Arrangements.
- (c) Positions of Assembly and Jumping Off Lines.

will be issued in due course.

22. ACKNOWLEDGE.

  
Captain.  
Adjt. TENTH INFANTRY BATTALION A.I.F.

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2nd Australian Inf. Brigade Order No 45.  
(PRELIMINARY.)

HEADQUARTERS  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
12th Sept. 1917.

Reference Sheet. HOOGE  
1/10,000

1. INTENTION.

The 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. <sup>will</sup> in conjunction with the 69th Imperial Brigade on the Right and the 3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade on the Left will attack the Enemy on a day to be notified later. The 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade will be in Reserve.

2. BOUNDARIES.

The Brigade Boundaries are :-

Right - I.24.A.00.85 - J.14.C.1.9. - along JAP AVENUE J.14.D.2.8. - J.15.A.2.0. - along RUTHELBECK J.15.D.30.85.

Left - A line from Sq. J.18. Central to road junction Sq. J.14.A.50.55 thence through N. in GLENCORSE WOOD to J.10.C.00.50.

Inter-Battalion boundary so far as the 7th and 8th Battalions are concerned is J.14.A.30.25 - J.15.B.35.60.

3. FORMING UP.

The Brigade will be formed up for the attack as under :-

(a) The 6th Battalion will have Two companies on a Taped line 75 yards in front of the present front line posts and two Companies immediately in rear of them.

(b) The 5th Battalion similarly on Taped lines immediately in rear of the 6th Battalion.

(c) The 7th and 8th Battalions <sup>similarly</sup> on Taped lines in rear of the 5th Battalion, with the 8th Battalion on the Right.

(d) The whole of the troops will be in position 30 minutes before ZERO Hour.

4. OBJECTIVES.

Objectives <sup>are</sup> will be allotted as follows :-

1st Objective	-	Line marked RED	6th Battalion
2nd Objective	-	" " BLUE	5th Battalion
3rd Objective	-	" " GREEN	7th and 8th Battalions with the 8th Battalion on the Right.

5. METHOD OF ATTACK.

(a) The attack will be carried out in three stages on the Leap-frog system, each Battalion having 2 Coys. in the line and 2 in Support.

(i) Stage 1. The advance to the RED Line. The line FITZGERALD PARK - GLENCORSE WOOD - J.14.B.80.70. - J.14.L.95.95. will be captured and consolidated.

(ii) Stage 2. The advance to the BLUE Line. The line Sq. J.15.A.55.00 - LONE HOUSE - to POLYGON Trench at Sq. J.9.C.80.70 (excluding BLACK WATCH Corner) will be captured and consolidated



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(iii) The Advance to the GREEN Line. The line J.15.D.30.90. - to CARLYLE FARM - to J.15.E.30.80 - J.9.D.30.35 will be captured and consolidated.

The Barrage will be moved forward subsequently when outposts will be established.

(b) (i) At ZERO hour, the Barrage will be put down 150 yards in front of our present front line posts and the whole Brigade will immediately move forward, the 6th Battalion moving as close to the Barrage as possible, with the 5th, 7th and 8th Battalions keeping close up until clear of our present front line.

+4 to red +3  
150x to red 200x

At ZERO + (4) the Barrage will move forward at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes for (150) yards and thereafter until it reaches the RED Line at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes, when 6th Battalion will capture the 1st Objective and consolidate it. The Barrage will halt for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour in front of the RED Line.

(ii) The 5th Battalion having followed the 6th Battalion in Artillery formation with 100 yards interval between the Battalions will, when the RED Line has been seized, pass through the 6th Battalion and form up as close to the Barrage as possible. On the Barrage lifting from in front of the RED Line, it will move forward at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes till it crosses the BLUE Line when the 5th Battalion will capture the 2nd Objective and consolidate it. The Barrage will halt for (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hours in front of the BLUE Line.

1 $\frac{1}{2}$  hrs to red 2 hrs.

(iii) The 7th and 8th Battalions having followed the 5th Battalion in Artillery formation at 100 yards interval in rear of the 5th Battalion will, when the BLUE Line has been seized, pass through the 5th Battalion and form up as close to the Barrage as possible.

On the Barrage lifting from in front of the BLUE Line, it will move forward at the rate of 100 yards in (10) minutes, till it crosses the GREEN Line, when the 7th and 8th Battalions will capture the 3rd Objective and consolidate it.

to red 100x in 8 mins.

200x beyond

The Barrage will remain stationary beyond the GREEN Line for a period and will subsequently move forward when outposts will be established not more than 100 yards in front of the GREEN Line.

The protective barrage on the RED, BLUE and GREEN lines respectively will contain a portion of Amshets to indicate to the troops that the several Objectives have been reached.

(c) (i) Battalions will detail Special units for the taking of all known Strong Points and garrisoning them.

(ii) Special parties will be detached to help adjoining forces in the reduction of S.P.'s close to the Brigade boundaries.

(iii) A Special Officer will be in charge of the Mopping up parties in each Battalion area, and will report to his Battalion Headquarters as soon as his work has been carried out.

#### 6. 2nd Machine Gun Company.

One and a half sections will be attached to the 6th Battalion.

One and a half Sections to the 5th Battalion, and one sub-section to each the 7th and 8th Battalions. These sections will follow in rear of the Battalion to which they are attached.

Immediately on the capture of the respective Objectives, the guns will be distributed on a Defense basis.



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7. 2A L.T.H. Battery.

One Sub-section (2 Mortars) will be attached to each Battalion and will follow on in rear of the Battalions for the reduction of Strong Posts.

The Battalions will arrange with the O.C. 2A L.T.H. Battery for necessary carrying parties for Ammunition.

CONSOLIDATION.

(a) The three Objectives will be consolidated by a System of detached Posts not more than 100 yards in front of the Objectives - by Strong Posts along the Objective and Strong Posts in rear as Reserves.

(b) Each Battalion will arrange for a Strong Post on its outer flank and to the rear.

(c) The following Strong Posts will be constructed ~~as under~~ :-

6th Battalion - at FITZCLARENCE FARM at J.14. B.5.3. and in the High Bank running from J.14.B.8.6. to J.14.B.8.9.

5th Battalion - at J.15.A.4.1., at LONE HOUSE, at J.14.B.95.30 and at J.15.A.65.75.

8th Battalion - at J.15.D.3.9. CARLISLE FARM.

7th Battalion - at J.15.E.25.75 and J.15.E.0.9.

and other necessary positions in all Sectors.

(d) After each Objective has been captured, the Unit in garrison will be organized to repel Counter attacks. To this end, forward and flank routes will be reconnoitred.

(e) The 6th Battalion will be <sup>so</sup> re-organized as soon as possible that it can be moved forward as a Unit to help any portion of the line.

9. LIAISON.

(a) Each Battalion will supply a Liaison Officer with two runners to be attached to the Battalions on either flank and on its front. Coys. will have N.C.O.'s with Coys. on either flanks and to the front.

These Liaison parties will be responsible for sending all information of the Units work that they are with to their own Units.

(b) In order to ensure that connection is maintained with flanking Battalions, special parties of an N.C.O. and 4 men will be detailed to meet parties from the respective Battalions as under :-

6th Battn.	will meet party from 69th Bde. at	FITZCLARENCE FARM
5th "	" " " " " " at	J.15.C.40.95.
8th "	" " " " " " at	J.15.D.30.80.
6th "	" " " " " " from 3rd Brigade at	J.14.E.80.90.
5th "	" " " " " " at	J.9.C.80.20.
7th "	" " " " " " at	J.9.D.50.40.

These parties will send word back to their respective Battalions as soon as they have gained touch.



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Other orders, appendices will be issued later  
 along with :-

- (a) Synchronization of watches
- (b) Signal Communication
- (c) Barrage Map
- (d) Intelligence
- (e) Medical arrangements
- (f) Dumps and carrying parties
- (g) Equipment
- (h) Prisoners
- (i) Map showing Boundaries and Objectives.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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*H. F. Linton*

CAPTAIN.

Brigade Major

2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX

Headquarters  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
15th September 1917

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- 5th Battalion
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- 2nd M.G. Coy.
- 2A L.T.M. Bty.

APPENDIX A to Bde order  
No 45.

Synchronisation of Watches.

The synchronisation of watches within the Division will be carried out twice daily as follows :-

(a) C.O. 1st Aust. Div. Signal Coy. will detail an Officer to synchronise daily two reliable signal watches at Divisional Headquarters with Corps watches.

The Corps watches will be brought by a Corps Signal Officer to Div. Signal Office at 10-30 a.m. and 6.50 p.m. daily.

(b) After such synchronisation, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. each day, the Signal Officer so detailed will immediately telegraph the time to each Infantry Brigade Headquarters in the Division.

(c) Each Brigade Signal Officer at these hours will synchronise two reliable watches with the time telegraphed from D.H.Q.

(d) Each Brigade will detail an officer to proceed daily at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with these two watches to Headquarters of Battalions and Brigade L.T.M. Bty, and Brigade M.G. Coy.

(e) Battalion Signal Officers and C.O.'s L.T.M. Bty. and M.G. Coy. will synchronise reliable watches with the time indicated on the watches from Brigade Headquarters.

(f) C.O.'s 1st Aust. Pioneer Bn. and 21st M.G. Coy. will detail an officer to synchronise watches twice daily at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with time indicated on watches at Divisional Headquarters.

*H. F. Heath*

CAPTAIN.  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX

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Classification of Watches

Watches are classified as follows:

(a) Watches which are used for the purpose of measuring time in the Division of ...

(b) Watches which are used for the purpose of measuring time in the Division of ...

(c) Watches which are used for the purpose of measuring time in the Division of ...

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(f) Watches which are used for the purpose of measuring time in the Division of ...

(g) Watches which are used for the purpose of measuring time in the Division of ...

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My Name  
[Signature]



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HEADQUARTERS  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
16th September 1917

*7th Aust Bde.*

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Herewith APPENDIX 'B' COMMUNICATIONS to  
accompany 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No 45.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*H. F. Watson*

CAPTAIN.  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.



## APPENDIX 'B'

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## COMMUNICATIONS.

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To accompany Brigade Order No 45.  
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1. Bde. to 1st Aust. Division Telegraph and Telephone via buried cable route. Visual via Central Visual Station at J.17.D.2.3. (YEOMANRY POST) Wireless.

2. Bde. to Battalions Battalions will be connected up to ZERO hour by cable to 'Bde. Cable Head Station' thence via 'Buried Cable route' to Brigade Headquarters. The above lines will be extended by Battalions to site of new Battalion Headquarters as Battalions move forward.

Buried Cable Route.

From Brigade Headquarters to 'Cable Head' at J.14.A.6.9. via OLAPHAM JUNCTION Test Point.

Brigade Forward Station.

Will be established at J.14.B.8.7. Battalion Signal Officers will arrange to lay one Metallic circuit to Brigade Forward Station as soon as their new Battalion Headquarters are established.

Visual.

A 'Central Visual Station' will be established at J.17.D.2.3. (YEOMANRY POST) which will be prepared to accept any visual messages transmitted in the Divisional Area.

Visual Stations will also be established at Brigade Headquarters, 'W.2', and at Brigade Forward Station. Cable Head,

Runner Relay Posts.

Will be established at Brigade Forward Station, Cable Head, 'W.2' J.13.A.9.4., and at Brigade Headquarters.

Power Buzzer and Amplifier Stations.

'P.B.' and 'A' Stations will be established at Brigade Forward Station, Cable Head, 'W.2', and at Brigade Headquarters.

All messages transmitted by means of 'P.B.' will be in 'Cipher' except in special cases of urgency.

Carrier Pigeon Service.

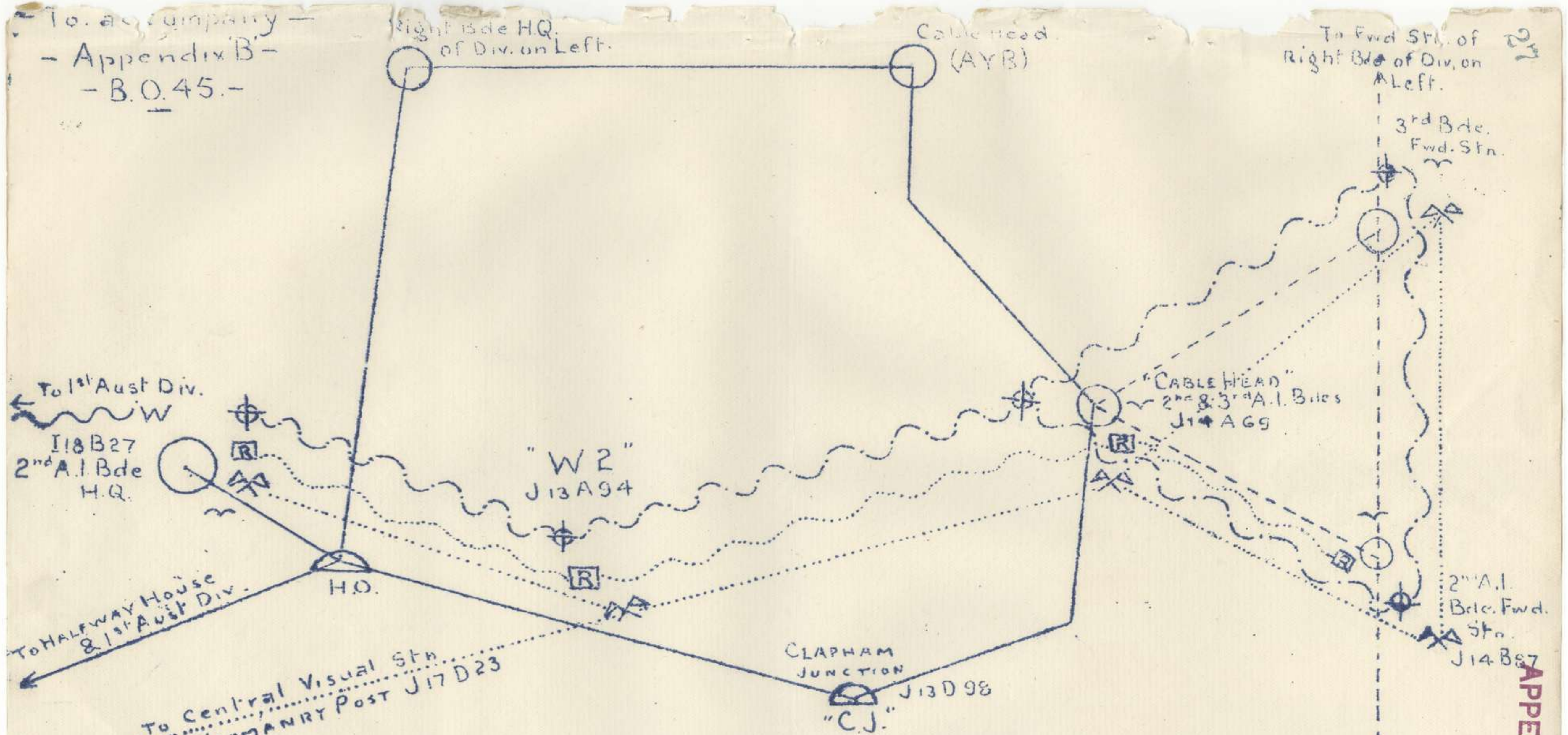
A supply of birds will be available at 'Cable Head' prior to commencement of operations. Battalions will arrange to collect same.

Stations and Code Calls.







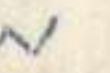
A list of 'Special Calls' for use during the operation will be supplied later.



To accompany  
 - Appendix B -  
 - B.O. 45. -



Reference: - Overland Cable Route - - - - -  
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 P.B & A " - - - - -  
 Runner " - - - - -  
 Visual Sig " - - - - -  
 Wireless " - - - - -

Sig Office   
 Test Point   
 Runner Stn Relay Post   
 P.B & A Stn   
 Visual "   
 Pigeon "   
 Wireless " 

To Fwd. Stn. of Left Bde. of Div. on Right.

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HEADQUARTERS,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade,  
15th SEPTEMBER, 1917.



*7<sup>th</sup> Bu*  
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Herewith Appendix 'D', "INTELLIGENCE", to accompany 2nd  
Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 45 of 12th instant.

Please acknowledge

*A. Leach*  
Captain,  
Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.



PART 1.

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INFORMATION OF THE ENEMY.

The 32 Saxon Division was relieved by the Bavarian Ersatz Division in the Sector opposite our front on the night of the 28/29th August.

The Morale of this Division may now be considered fair.

The Division consists of 28th Ersatz Inf. Regt - 4th Bavarian R.I.R. - 15th Bavarian R.I.R., disposed in the above order from Right to Left and holding the line from line running through J.9.Central - J.10.Central - E.4.Central to line through J.27.A.8.8. - J.28.A.8.8. - J.30.A.8.8.

Our Brigade may therefore expect to encounter elements of the 15th and 4th Bavarian R.I.R.

Holding the Line.

All 3 regiments are in the line each with one Battalion in the forward line, one in Support and one in Reserve in the FLANDERN STELLUNG.

The front battalions have two Coys. each in the front line shell holes and the remaining two Coys. echeloned in rear, mostly in dugouts.

The Support battalions have three Coys. each in the line and the fourth Coy. further back.

Counter Attack.

In previous Counter attack on our captured positions, enemy massed Counter Attack troops in J.4.D.Central and J.10.Central and delivered his attacks along North boundary of POLYGON WOOD and BLACK WATCH CORNER respectively.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

The enemy has no organised continuous trench systems opposite our front and is holding the sector by a system of Strong Posts, Machine gun positions, isolated lengths of trench, fortified shell holes and concrete dugouts.

The positions offering resistance to the capture of the various Objectives are -

'A' FIRST OBJECTIVE.

JAP AVENUE runs along our right boundary to JAP TRENCH at J.14.D.25.70., it is practically obliterated by shell fire. A trench in fair condition runs into our Sector from the right, extending from J.14.C.60.55 to J.14.A.6.2. where it joins a system of trenches forming a Strong Post at J.14.A.60.15. A Communication trench JARGON DRIVE is obliterated except from J.14.A.60.10 to JAP TRENCH at J.14.A.95.15.

JAP TRENCH enters our Sector from the right at J.14.D.23.70 and runs across the Sector junctioning with JARGON TRENCH at J.14.A.90.40. JAP TRENCH only exists as a series of posts which are situated at J.14.D.15.85 - J.14.D.10.92 - A Machine Gun at J.14.B.1.1. - Ordinary posts at J.14.A.99.20 and J.14.A.93.30.

JARGON TRENCH from where it leaves our line at J.14.A.50.65 to its junction with JAP TRENCH is practically non-existent, save for a Strong Post at J.14.A.6.5.

A Machine gun is reported at J.14.B.0.4.

The support line to JAP TRENCH crossing our Sector from J.14.D.42.82 to J.14.A.9.7; is non-existent as a trench but passes FITZGERALD FARM, which though not recognisable on the ground, is stated to be occupied as a Strong Post.

L. FARM at J.14.B.2.3. which is recognisable and occupied and a Strong Post at J.14.A.9.6.

Other Strong Posts not mentioned above are stated to exist at Concrete Structures J.14.B.5.6. and J.14.B.6.6.

A Strong Post in an old gun-pit at J.14.B.8.7. contains a bank 30 feet in height, in which are concrete dugouts. The enemy previously held this strongly with M.G. and bombers and evacuated it by means of mined shafts after a stern resistance.



Positions affecting our flanks.

## (a) Right flank.

A Strong Post is reported at J.14.C.65.80 (20 yards)  
and a M.G. at J.14.D.0.3. (100 yards)

## (b) Left Flank.

The " " sector to our left is strongly held by  
Strong Posts.

Strong Posts at J.14.A.8.9. (100 yards)  
J.14.A.99.90 (70 yards)  
J. 8.C.94.00 (130 yards)

A very strong position exists in Sunken road running  
off from our left boundary at J.14.B.15.85 to J.8.C.95.10.  
This road is Sunken to 20 feet depth and contains dugouts  
accomodating at least 100 men. M.G's are reported in  
this position which affords a strong Defensive position  
not touched by our Artillery in previous attack.

Strong Posts at J.8.D.1.3. (250 yards)  
J.8.D.3.6. (400 yards)  
J.8.D.3.7. (430 yards)  
3 concrete dugouts at J.8.D.9.3. (150 yards)  
J.8.D.8.9. (450 yards)  
J.8.B.75.00 (550 YARDS)  
J.9.C.00.58. (250 YARDS)

'B' SECOND OBJECTIVE:

There is a Strong Post at VERBECK FARM J.14 B.95.50 which  
may affect the capture of the first Objective as well as having to  
be overcome in capture of Second objective.

Another Strong Post at J.15.A.05.30 is connected by a  
Communication trench to the remains of a trench line which it joins  
at J.15.A.45.30. This trench line enters our left boundary as a  
system of trenches around road at J.15.A.5.0. crossing our second  
Objective at J.15.A.8.8. and runs to BLACK WATCH CORNER.

The whole trench system is for the most part destroyed by  
shell fire but from J.15.A.45.30 to BLACK WATCH CORNER the line is  
held as a series of posts.

A small lake exists at J.15.A.2.8.

There is a concrete structure on boundary of Second  
Objective at J.15.A.8.7.

An occupied portion of POLYGONE TRENCH crosses our second  
Objective on the left Boundary running from J.9.C.9.2. to J.9.C.7.6.

Positions affecting our flanks.

## (a) Right Flank.

A M.G. is located at J.14.D.80.42 (200 yards)  
There are a number of dugouts in a destroyed trench  
running past a farm at J.14.D.90.75 (150 yards)  
The remains of a trench at J.15.C.1.9. crosses our  
right boundary.

A concrete dugout is just to the right of our right  
boundary at J.15.C.25.90.

## (b) Left flank.

There are a number of Strong posts and concrete dugouts  
in the sector on our left situated on the destroyed tram lines, the  
nearest being two concrete dugouts at J.9.C.28.28 and J.9.C.5.3.  
(150 yards).

A group of 8 Strong posts 250 yards from our left  
boundary may influence our attack in the event of the Brigade  
on our left, accounting for them.

'C' THIRD OBJECTIVE.

In addition to the remnants of occupied trenches mentioned  
under SECOND OBJECTIVE there are three Strong posts in the badly  
damaged POLYGONE TRENCH crossing our sector from J.15.D.30.85 to  
J.9.C.9.2.



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## (i) Right Battalion

Dugouts are shown at J.15.B.05.10.  
 J.15.B.05.40.  
 J.15.B.05.60.

A Strong Post in CARLISLE FARM at J.15.B.15.25.

Positions affecting our Right Flank.

There are 3 Farms along road from J.15.C.30.75. to J.15.D.2.6. not shown as occupied.

A Group of four dugouts are shown on this road at J.15.C.95.65 200 yards distant.

Another group of 4 dugouts is shown at J.15.D.35.75.

## (ii) Left Battalion

A Strong Post surrounded by 8 dugouts is shown at J.15.B.2.8. 50 yards to the West of a small farm building.

The buildings at BLACK WATCH CORNER are connected to a Strong Post at J.9.D.2.0. by a Communication Trench which runs further to old Tram track at J.9.D.3.0. This Communication trench is shown to be occupied.

A group of 6 dugouts is shown at J.9.D.05.20.

Positions affecting the Left Flank.

There are no positions shown which would affect this flank.

'D' POSITIONS IN FRONT OF OUR THIRD OBJECTIVE.

## (i) Right Battalion

A Farm is shown 250 yards in front at J.15.B.75.00.

A trench is shown 350 yards in front, running North and South from J.16.A.05.05 to J.16.A.00.65.

JUT FARM is 500 yards in front at J.16.A.1.1.

Another trench runs North and South from JUT FARM to CAMERON HOUSE, J.16.A.15.60.

Small dugout is shown at J.15.B.5.6., 50 yards in advance.

## (ii) Left Battalion.

Immediately in front of the Right flank, there are two old gun positions at J.15.B.40.65 (10 yards) and immediately in rear what appears to be a Strong Post at J.15.B.5.7. (100 yards) from which an old obliterated trench system runs back towards CAMERON HOUSE (500 yards).

BARK HOUSE is at J.15.B.78.70 (250 yards) with a small dugout just in rear on road at J.15.B.8.7. (200 yards)

Segments of trenches are shown along North side of road from J.9.D.80.05 to J.10.C.5.0. (300 yards)

A group of three dugouts is shown in POLYGOON WOOD in a line from J.9.D.88.28. to J.9.D.90.32. (300 yards)

Another dugout at J.10.C.10.18 (400 yards)

Two dugouts at J.10.C.05.38. (400 yards)



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PART 11.

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

The country opposite our front consists of a plateau sloping gradually to the East.

The right flank is bounded by REUTELBEEK, a creek which forms no obstacle.

2. REPORT CENTRES AND REPORTS.

(a) An Advanced Brigade Report Centre will be established at ~~CLAPHAM JUNCTION (J.13.D.9.8)~~ to which Battalions will forward all reports, identification and collected information, Documentary or otherwise, Addressed INTELLIGENCE

*On capture of BLUE LINE it will be moved forward to J14 B 87*

(b) Brigade Report Centre will be established at I.18.B.2.5.

3. OBSERVATION.

(a) Observation Posts will be immediately established in Objectives captured, as per following scale, from which continuous and systematic Observation will be carried out and written reports rendered through the proper channels to Brigade Advanced Report Centre as frequently as possible.

Scale - 1 O.P. per Coy. front in Objective to be established and maintained by personnel from Coy. Section.

1 O.P. per Battalion Headquarters to move with and established in vicinity of Battalion Headquarters manned by personnel from Battalion Headquarters Section.

Brigade O.P. will be established at J.13.D.60.66.

(b) No established Battalion O.P. will be moved forward until a suitable new position has been found.

(c) Liaison. Battalions allotted 2nd and 3rd Objectives will detail sufficient personnel for 1 man per forward O.P. who will render information to them until absorbed by Battalions in their advance.

(d) Location of O.P.'s. The locations of all O.P.'s will be stated on all reports sent back.

4. PATROLS.

(a) Search Patrols. 4 Search Patrols per Battalion, consisting of 3 Coy. Scouts and 1 Headquarters Scout each, will be detailed and attached 1 per Coy. These patrols will search carefully the area over which their respective Coys. advanced, and will collect all Documentary information and Intelligence material from dugouts and enemy dead. Patrols will deliver captured material with note, stating locality of collection to Battalion Headquarters, whence they will be forwarded to Advanced Report Centre. Patrols will move with rear wave of Coy. to which they are attached.

(b) Reconnaissance Patrols. Reconnaissance Patrols will be pushed on by Coys. from final Objective as soon as possible after capture and endeavour to locate enemy posts, M.G.'s and also to reconnoitre area in front of position with a view to exploiting the advance.



5. IDENTIFICATION.

As soon as any Identification is established, whether by prisoner or from Dead, it will be sent back immediately by wire or otherwise to Advanced Report Centre stating locality of identification.

6. PRISONERS.

- (a) Searching. Officers and N.C.O's will be searched by officers if possible, if not, by senior N.C.O. as soon as possible after capture and documents will be sent by escort to Advanced Report Centre.
- (b) Interrogation. Prisoners will be escorted to Advanced Interrogation Centre ( HOOGE ) for interrogation and until they arrive there, no unauthorised person will be permitted to speak to them.
- (c) Escort of Prisoners, Officers, N.C.O's and men will be separated as soon as possible after capture and kept separate.
- (d) Advanced Corps Cage. DICKEBUSCH.

7. ESCORTS.

Battalions will arrange for escorts to Advanced Report Centre.

~~From Advanced report Centre to Advanced Interrogation Centre, escort will be provided by personnel detailed to assist Brigade Military Police.~~

*Prisoners will be sent back to Bde Hdqrs under an escort which should not exceed ten per cent of the strength of prisoners in each party. When possible, carrying parties returning stores, and slightly rounded walking cases should be used as escort.*

*Approved by  
Bde Hdqrs  
G/2853.*

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HEADQUARTERS  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
17th September 1917

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Herewith Addenda to APPENDIX 'D'  
INTELLIGENCE PART 11 to accompany 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade Order  
No 45.

ACKNOWLEDGE

*W. H. ...*  
CAPTAIN.  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.



2nd AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE Order No 45.

INTELLIGENCE

PART 11.

INFORMATION OF OURSELVES.

The enemy Strong Post at J.14.C.60.85 on our right flank has been captured and is now held by us.

We hold an advanced post from J.14.N.8.3. to J.14.A.80.75, with a Strong Post at either end. From this post a communication trench runs back from J.14.A.78.50 through JARGON TRENCH to road at J.14.A.5.6. thence along East side of road to our front line at J.14.A.45.78.

INFORMATION OF THE ENEMY.

First Objective.

The ground in J.14.A. is stated to be in good condition.

Strong Post at J.14.C.60.85 is now ours.

Strong Post at J.14.A.60.15 is believed to have been destroyed.

New work in the form of fire bays facing in various directions is reported at -

J.14.A.83.08 - J.14.A.82.33 - J.14.E.28.17.

Trench from J.14.D.3.6. to J.14.A.9.4. is now reported to be generally in a poor condition and to be unoccupied.

Dugouts are reported at -

J.14.E.0.2. - J.14.D.17.93 - J.14.E.45.10.

Trench from J.14.E.1.4. to J.14.A.8.7. is reported to be in good condition.

POSITIONS AFFECTING OUR LEFT FLANK.

A Machine gun is reported at J.9.C.15.40.

POSITIONS IN FRONT OF THIRD OBJECTIVE.

Concrete emplacements are reported at -

J.10.A.14.28 - J.9.D.98.98.

A semi circular battery emplacement is reported at

J.9.D.57.78.



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AMENDMENT TO APPENDIX 'D'  
INTELLIGENCE  
PART 11.



to accompany 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No 45.

Report Centres and Reports, para 2 (a).

The Advanced Brigade Report Centre will be established at *✓* CABLE HEAD in J.14.A., and not at J.13.D.9.8., until the Capture of the BLUE LINE when it will be moved forward to J.14.B.8.7.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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*H. F. Weston*

CAPTAIN.  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.



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HEADQUARTERS  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
16th September 1917

*7<sup>th</sup> Aust Bn*  
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Herewith APPENDIX 'E' - MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS -  
to accompany 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No 45.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*La Roche*  
CAPTAIN.  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.







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HEADQUARTERS  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
15th Sept. 1917

*7<sup>th</sup> Bu*

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Herewith APPENDIX 'F', Dumps, Carrying Parties,  
and Supplies, to accompany 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No 45.

*Please acknowledge.*

*L. Roach  
Capt.  
for Bde Major  
2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Inf Bde.*



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## APPENDIX 'F'

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Dumps, Carrying Parties and supplies  
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To Accompany Brigade Order No 45.

1. Railhead will be at DICKEBUSCH
2. Transport lines will be at ~~H.20.C.~~ H 27 D
3. A.S.C. will deliver to Quartermasters at ~~H.20.C.~~ H 27 D, where Q.M's Stores, Transport lines and Cookers will be.
4. Q.M's will 'Cut up' rations and place in sand bags. A.S.C. will transport rations thence to BAINBRIDGE Road at about I.20.D.
5. Battalion pack train will carry thence to HOOGE, whence Battalions will man handle forward under their own arrangements. As line moves forward pack train may carry further forward as circumstances permit.
6. Water will be drawn under Battalion arrangements from water tin supply in MENIN TUNNEL near CLAPHAM JUNCTION. This is made up of tins supplied by Battalions.
7. Great care must be exercised in returning all Water tins.
8. When the full tins (now in MENIN TUNNEL) have been taken forward, further supplies of water will be drawn in same tins from either Tank supply at CLAPHAM JUNCTION or Water points -  
I.22.E.7.5.  
I.17.D.7.7.  
If the latter water points are used, Pack Transport should be provided.
9. The following dumps will be established \*
 

Main Divisional Dump	H.23.D.0.0.
Divisional 'Stand By'	I.23.D.3.9.
Advanced Divisional	I.18.A.7.6. (W. of HOOGE)
Right Bde. Main dump	in vicinity CLAPHAM JUNCTION. (Off. in charge Lieut. J.FOWLER)
Left " " "	in vicinity SURBITON VILLAS.

In addition, 2 battle dumps will be established in present front line.  
R.E. Dumps will also be at BIRR Cross Roads and at HOOGE.
10. List of Approximate contents of Bde. Dump at CLAPHAM JUNCTION is attached.
11. 1000 Reserve Rations will be stored at CLAPHAM JUNCTION and at HALF WAY House.
12. Bombs and Stokes Shells will be fused at Divisional Dump.
13. The Division will be responsible for the supply of Ammunition, R.E. Material etc. from the Advanced Divisional Dump to the main Brigade Dump
14. As soon as the RED line has been captured, a Forward Brigade Dump will be established at approximately J.14.E.8.6. and a second position will be selected later, officer in charge 2/Lieut. ANDREWARTH. All ammunition and stores carried by the carrying party of the 6th Battalion during the advance will be dumped there. As soon as possible after the RED line has been consolidated, the C.O. 6th Battalion will detail 120 men to be employed as carriers from the Main Brigade Dump to the Forward Brigade Dump. This party under 2 Officers will report to Lieut. J.FOWLER at the Main Brigade Dump CLAPHAM JUNCTION and will be accommodated in the MENIN ROAD TUNNEL.



15. The 5th Battalion as soon as the BLUE Line has been captured and consolidated will detail 100 men under 2 Officers to report to Lieut. ANDREW ARTHA at the Forward Brigade Dump J.14.E.8.C. where they will be accommodated. This party will carry from the Advanced Brigade Dump to all troops forward of the RED Line. It must be recognised principle that preference will always be given to the most forward troops i.e. those holding the GREEN Line.
16. In case of emergency should the party detailed by the 5th Battalion to carry forward from the Advanced Brigade Dump not be sufficient to cope with the work, the Officer in charge Advanced Dump will apply to O.C. 6th Battalion for an additional party. *See*
17. Battalions will establish dumps in their respective lines and will notify Officer in charge Forward Brigade Dump of locations of same. All demands for ammunition and supplies will be sent direct to that officer, giving location of where it is to be sent.
18. Each Battalion will detail men to carry ammunition for the M.G.'s allotted to them, 5th and 6th Battalions 12 men each, 7th and 8th Battalions 6 men each. These men will be sent to the 2nd M.G.Coy. forthwith and will be trained in belt filling. Twenty men from each Mining Platoon will carry ammunition for the Stokes Guns allotted to their Battalion. Each man will carry four shells in sand bags.
19. The two rear platoons of the rear Coys. of each Battalion will act as carrying parties during the advance and will carry the following stores for Battalion.

S.A.A.	25,000
Picks	25
Shovels	200
No 23's	480

These stores will be picked up at CHATEAU SEGARD as will also the following to be taken forward by each man.  
Extra S.A.A., Bombs, Sand bags, Picks, Shovels, Ground Flares, Verrey Lights, Extra Water bottles, Stokes Ammunition.

*L. N. Roach*  
CAPTAIN  
for Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.



CONTENTS OF DUMPS  
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	CLAPHAM JUNCTION
Matches Vesuvian, boxes	100
Parachute Rocket 2 Lights white	100
Grenades Rifle No 27 (Smoke)	1000
Grenades M.S.K.	100
Picks	400
Shovels	800
Long Corkscrew pickets	2000
Short Corkscrew pickets	1300
Coils French wire	500
Coils Barbed wire	400
S.A.A., boxes	250,000
Pistol Wobley	2000
Grenades No 5	9000
Grenades No 23	2000
Cartridges, blank, : special for Rifle grenades	2500
Stokes shells	2000
Cartridges Stokes, Green and Ring charges	2000
Flares, ground, Green or Red	500
Lights, VERY (white 1" 1 1/2")	4000 2000
Lights Parachute S.O.S.	100
Red smoke daylight rockets	100
Port fires	800
Sand-bags	20,000



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FIRST AMENDMENT TO 2nd AUST. INF.  
BRIGADE ORDER NO 45.

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✓ In para 5 (b) (i) line 8 for 'At Zero + 4' read at 'Zero + 3' and line 9 for '150 yards' read '200 yards'.

✓ In para 5 (b) (ii) line 10 for '1½ hours' read '2 hours'.

✓ In para 5 (b) (iii) lines 8 and 9 for '100 yards in 10 minutes' read '100 yards in 8 minutes' and in line 12 after the words 'remain stationary' insert the words '200 yards'.

After para 5 (b) (iii) insert new para reading :-

"The protective barrage on the RED, BLUE and GREEN lines respectively will contain a proportion of Smoke to indicate to the troops that the several Objectives have been reached"

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*H. F. Watson*

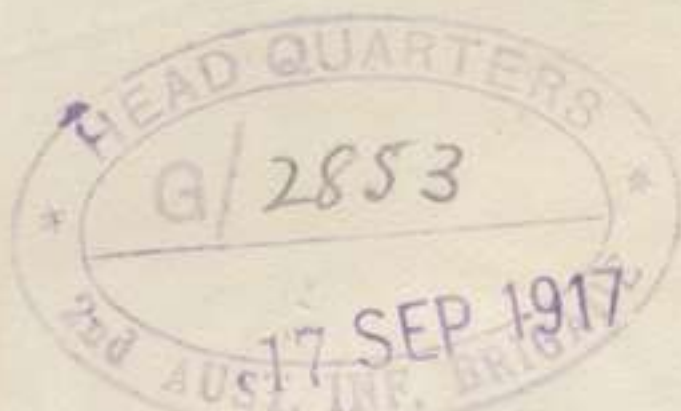
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2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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HEADQUARTERS,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade,  
17th SEPTEMBER, 1917.



AMENDMENTS TO APPENDICES OF B.O. No.45.  
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1. To Appendix "D", Para.7. Delete "From Advanced report Centre ..... to Brigade Military Police" and read as in Para.8, Instructions No.1.

"Prisoners will be sent back to Brigade Headquarters under an escort which should not exceed ten per cent of the prisoners in each batch. Where possible, carrying parties returning stores and slightly wounded walking cases should be used as escort".

2. To Appendix "F", paras. 2 and 3. Transport Lines and Quartermasters' Stores will not be at H.30.c., but will be at H.27.d.

Captain,  
for Brigade Major,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.



HEADQUARTERS,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade,

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17th SEPTEMBER, 1917.



5th Bn.  
7th Bn. ✓  
8th Bn.  
2nd M.G. Coy.  
2nd A.L.T.M. Bty.  
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Reference move to-morrow. It may not be possible for all horses at present in use under Divisional arrangements to return to Battalions in time for move. Vehicles of most urgent importance will, therefore, be moved up first and horses returned to present location to move remainder of vehicles forward.

Transport Lines are now to be located along W. side of road in H.27.d. and not at H.29.c. as stated in Brigade Order No.46. At H.27.d. all packs, stores, Q.Ms' Stores, Cookers etc. will be located and personnel remaining at Wagon Lines will also be located in the vicinity. At present there is no cover for men or horses but this will be provided as rapidly as circumstances permit.

Lorries will not be available to-morrow. T.M. Battery will be moved under Brigade arrangement.

All Stores mentioned in Appendix "F" to B.O. No.45 will be drawn by Units on arrival direct from BRIDGE/ DUMP, H.23.d.O.l.

Rations will be issued at 1100 to-morrow at H.33.a.4.l. near HALLEBAST Corner on DICKEBUSCH Road.

*Handwritten initials: AM, DM, and others.*

*L. L. Loach* Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.



*7<sup>th</sup> Aust. Bn*

INSTRUCTIONS No. 1

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Issued under Brigade Order No 45

Headquarters  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
15th September 1917

1. ASSEMBLY.

- (a) The route to be followed by the Brigade in moving to the position of Assembly will be as shewn marked Red on the attached Map.
- (b) It is essential that a thorough reconnaissance of this route should be made by all officers, both by day and by night.
- (c) At all track junctions and other places where troops might go astray, the Brigade will establish traffic control posts. Men employed on these posts will wear a white arm band.  
From where this track joins the MENIN Road, a taped line will be laid by Brigade to the centre of the taped line on which the most forward troops will form up.
- (d) The forming up taped lines will be laid under Battalion arrangements in accordance with the attached plan.  
These lines will be pegged out the night prior to the attack and the laying of the tapes will be completed four hours before Zero hour.
- (e) 6th Battalion will send out patrols prior to the commencement of the Assembly to see that the forming up position is clear of hostile parties. These patrols will remain out as a screen until the attack commences when they will advance with their Battalion.
- (f) The forming up will be done in perfect silence. As soon as troops are in position, they will lie down and await orders. Fifteen minutes before Zero hour, Platoon Commanders will see that all men are awake. Bayonets will not be fixed until the barrage has opened.

2. ATTACK

At Zero hour, the 6th Battalion will move up as close under the barrage as possible and the three Battalions in rear of it will move forward in conformity.  
At Zero + 3, the 6th Battalion will commence to Advance, keeping close under the barrage and the remaining three Battalions will follow keeping distances as in the Assembly position, until the rear of the 7th and 8th Battalions are well clear of our present Front line, when the three rear Battalions and the rear of the 6th Battalion will halt and lie down until distances have been adjusted.

3. DIRECTION  
GUIDES, ETC.

Special precautions will be taken to prevent loss of direction.  
(a) A taped line will be run out as the Advance progresses from the centre of the Brigade front of Departure to the centre of the GREEN Line. The 6th Battalion will be responsible for the laying of same as far as the RED Line, the 5th Battalion from the RED Line to the BLUE Line and the 8th Battalion from the BLUE Line to the GREEN Line.  
Finger posts will be erected as soon as possible after a position has been captured indicating the route to Battalion Headquarters, Regimental Aid Posts, Dumps etc.



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- (b) Advanced officers will be given a Compass bearing on which to march and will frequently check their direction.
- (c) All officers and other ranks acting as guides, either when forming up or during the actual attack will wear a white patch on their backs. This special marking will be made known to all ranks beforehand.
- (d) In order to aid in distinguishing men in the various stages, distinctive patches will be painted on steel helmets as follows :-

RED Line troops - RED patch from top to rear brim

BLUE Line troops - BLUE patch in similar position.

GREEN Line troops - GREEN patch in similar position.

4. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

The dress and equipment of attacking troops will be as laid down in S.S.135 Sec. XXXI with the following modifications :-

- (a) Troops detailed to the 1st and 2nd Objectives 120 rounds S.A.A.
- (b) Troops detailed to the 3rd Objective 220 rounds S.A.A.
- (c) All troops 48 hours rations.

5. STRONG POINTS.

- (a) A garrison of one platoon for each of the S.P's mentioned in para 8 (c) of Brigade Order No 45 will be told off before the attack commences and will assist in their construction. These platoons will not be otherwise employed except in case of emergency.
- (b) A Field Coy. will be allotted to the Brigade for the construction of S.P's. Each Battalion will detail twenty five men to act as a carrying party for this Coy. and to assist it in its work.

6. INFORMATION.

- (a) The importance of getting back information at all stages must be impressed on all ranks in order that successes may be exploited and adequate artillery support given.
- (b) The capture of the RED, BLUE and GREEN Lines will be announced by the Battalions capturing these positions showing the colours RED, ORANGE and WHITE respectively on the Lucas lamp.

7. 2nd M.G.Coy.  
and  
2A L.T.M.Bty.

- (a) The sections of 2nd M.G.Coy. and the sub-sections of 2A L.T.M.Bty. will join the Battalions to which they are allotted at CHATEAU SFGARD, with the exception of one section 2nd M.G.Coy., which will come under the orders of O.C. 6th Battalion when that Battalion arrives in our present front line.
- (b) The sub-section of the 2A L.T.M.Bty. allotted to the 6th Battalion will on the capture of the BLUE Line come under the orders of the O.C. 5th Battalion, and will be emplaced in the 2nd Objective.

8. PRISONERS.

Prisoners will be sent back to Brigade Headquarters under an escort which should not exceed ten per cent of the prisoners in each batch. Where possible, carrying parties returning for stores and slightly wounded walking cases should be used as an escort.

9. LOCATION BRIGADE HQRS.

Brigade Headquarters will be established at HOOGE, I.18.B.1.5.

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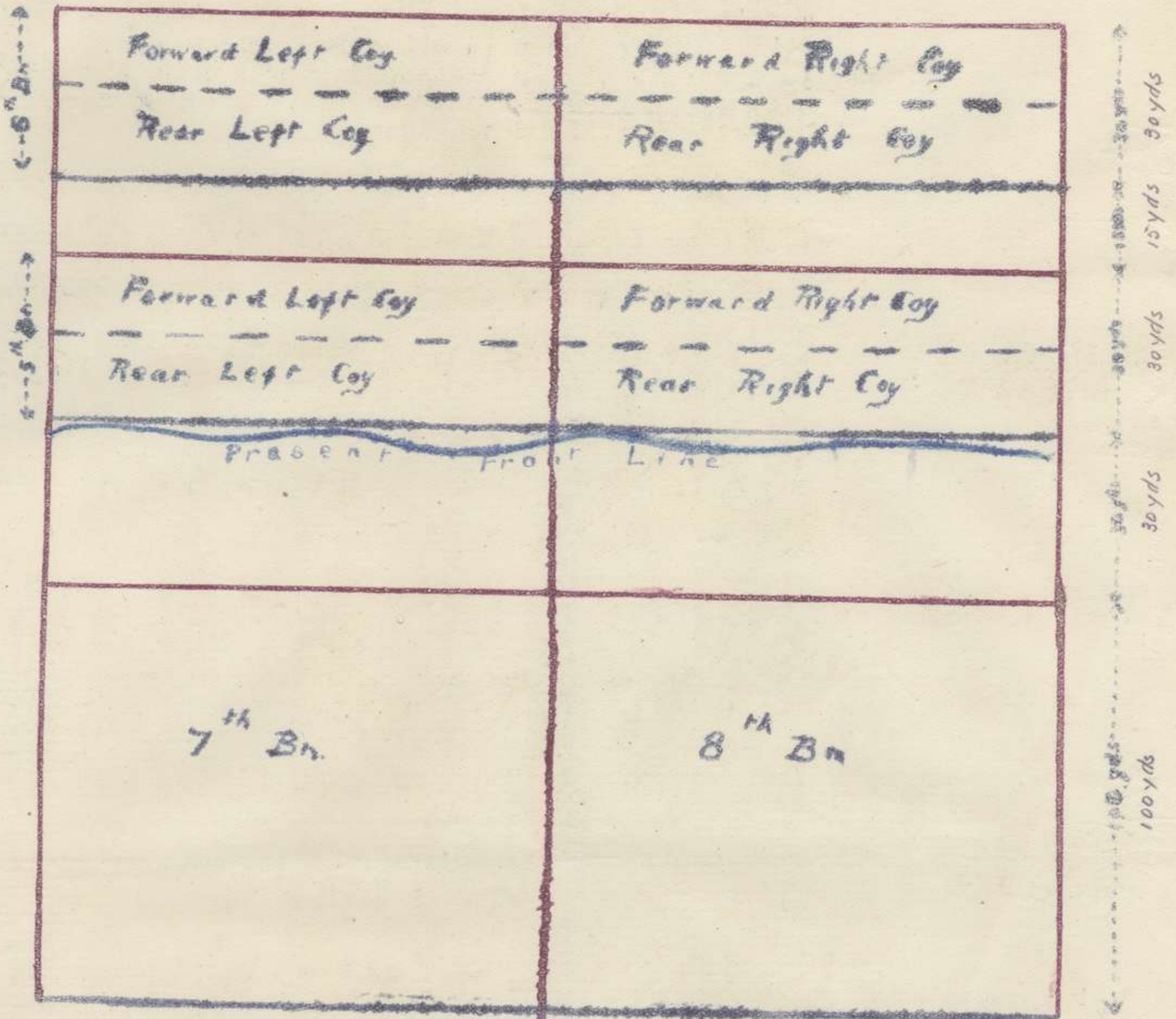
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CAPTAIN.  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade

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BRIGADE IN ASSEMBLY ON TAPED LINES  
To accompany Bde. Order No. 45



Taped Lines ———  
Present Front Line ~~~~~

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## INSTRUCTIONS NO 2

Issued under 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No 45.

Artillery.

- (a) Battalion and Company Commanders will make every endeavour to get and keep in touch with Artillery F.O.O's during the operation and to afford them every facility in their power to assist them. Arrangements have been made for the attachment of forward Liaison officers, Lieuts. O. ROWLAND and TURNER to the 7th and 8th Battalions respectively. These officers will keep in touch with the Artillery Liaison Officer at Brigade Headquarters, Lieut-Col. STEVENSON. C.M.G.
- (b) One complete Brigade of Field Artillery (3 18 pdrs. batteries and 1 4.5" How. Battery) will be superimposed in all barrages in order that it may be free to be taken off to perform any special tasks required by the Infantry. This Brigade will be the 3rd. Army Field Artillery Brigade of 'A' Group.

Application for assistance from this Brigade should be made through Lieut-Col. STEVENSON through Battalion Liaison Officers by Battalion Commanders.

In the same way two 6" Howitzer Batteries of 4 guns each will be superimposed in all barrages and will be available at any time to assist in special tasks as required. Application for assistance from these should be made in the same way through Liaison Officers who will apply to Divisional Artillery Headquarters for this assistance.

Use of Engineers.

- A. at Lane Ho,  
B. BLK WREN CORNER  
C. J11 B09 and  
D. Base room from J14886 to  
J14889

The 2nd Field Coy. will work in the Brigade Sector and will construct the Strong Points laid down in ~~para 8 of Brigade Order No 45.~~ Until the arrival of the parties from the Field Coy., the construction of these Strong Points will be carried out under Battalion arrangements.

Flanking Parties.

In addition to the parties already detailed to meet detachments from units on their flanks at the various objectives, a small reserve of about a platoon each will be maintained by all units to move in rear of their flanks and be prepared to fill immediately any gaps which may occur.

Forming Up.

- (a) In forming up, care must be taken that touch is established with units on either flank. Where the Jumping Off line decided upon is not in exact continuation of the Jumping Off line of the Unit on the right or left, the closest possible touch must be maintained by means of Connecting files.
- (b) As soon as each Battalion has formed up on its Assembly position, it will report same to Brigade Headquarters by sending the word 'YARRA'.

Carrying Parties

The two rear Platoons of the rear Coys. of each Battalion will carry in addition to the material laid down to be carried in para 19 of APPENDIX 'F' to Brigade Order No 45, extra belt boxes for 2nd M.G. Coy. and Ammunition for 2A L.T.M. Bty. These boxes and Ammunition will be picked up at CHATEAU SEGARD. O's.C. 2nd M.G. Coy. and 2A L.T.M. Bty. will make arrangements with Battalion Commanders direct.



## 6. Locations of Headquarters

- (a) Headquarters of Flanking and Reserve Brigades will be as follows :-

1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	HALFWAY HOUSE
3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	HOOGE I.18.E.2.6.
69th Brigade	J.13.C.8.1.

- (b) Battalions will notify Brigade as soon as possible of the locations of their proposed Headquarters at the place of Assembly, and will inform Brigade immediately on moving forward to new Headquarters.

7. Police Arrangements.

- (a) The Prisoners of War Collecting Post will be at I.18.A.6.7. where guides to the A.P.M. and Intelligence Officers who will examine prisoners will be stationed.

- (b) Battle Straggler Posts will be established at -  
 I.18.A.6.7.      I.16.D.6.5.      I.16.D.7.1.  
 I.22.B.7.0.      I.22.B.7.4.

These posts will have a supply of gas helmets, steel helmets, Field dressings and rations.

- (c) Runners will be instructed to obtain any information required from Military Police or Traffic Control men.

8. Machine Guns.

The POLYGOON Road from POLYGONNEVELD N.E. will not be subjected to harassing fire by M.G.'s until orders are issued to do so.

9. Communications.

- (a) All messages by Wireless, Power Buzzer or Visual will be in Code unless the urgency of the messages warrants their being sent in clear, in which case it must be so franked by the officer writing it. Lieut. V.R. DICKENSON will encode and decode messages at Brigade Forward Station as laid down in S.S.148. Units should assist this officer by encoding their messages when possible before handing them in.

- (b) New Station <sup>Code</sup> Calls have just been issued and it will be necessary to ensure that these are understood and adhered to.

- (c) In addition to Liaison, the 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade and its leading Battalion will be placed in telephone communication with the left flank Brigade and Battalion of the 23rd Division under Brigade arrangements.

- (d) (i) With a view to minimising the danger of information being picked up by hostile listening sets prior to operations, all telephones will be withdrawn in front of Battalion Headquarters except the following -

- (a) Telephones for Artillery F.O.O.'s.  
 (b) One telephone to each Company Commander's dug-out.

(ii) The transmission of messages between Brigades and Battalions, and Battalions and Companies, will be carried out by Fullerphone. The sending of messages by buzzer is prohibited. Visual will be used wherever possible.

(iii) Position calls are in abeyance in this Area. The new 'Station Code Calls' will alone be used.

10. Hotchkiss Guns.

Three Hotchkiss Guns with detachments will be allotted to the Brigade.

These detachments will be employed for anti-aircraft work as follows :-

Detachments will move to the Assembly area with the 5th Battalion and will move forward with this Battalion as far as the RED Line where they will halt and take up positions to deal with any enemy aircraft.



11. Telescopic Rifles.

Telescopic rifles will not be taken forward.

12. Wire Cutters.

As it is possible, that despite previous bombardment, there may be much loose wire lying about, wire-cutters will be specially allotted to the leading troops of each Unit.

13. Block Houses.

Attention is drawn to the need of special provision for making openings in our own side of the enemy's concrete block houses. It is suggested that Mining Platoons should be employed on this work.

A C K N O W L E D G E.

*H. F. Watson*

CAPTAIN.  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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AMENDMENT TO INSTRUCTIONS No 2

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Para 2 line 2. After 'Strong Points' delete the words 'laid down in para 8 of Brigade Order No 45' and substitute 'At LONE HO., BLACK WATCH CORNER, J.15.B.0.9. and Bank running from J.14.B.8.6. to J.14.B.8.9. These posts will be known as A, B, C and D. respectively.'

A C K N O W L E D G E.

*H. F. Watson*

CAPTAIN.  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.

To all recipients of Bde. Order No 45.



## INSTRUCTIONS NO 3

Issued under 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No 45

Headquarters  
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
18th September 19171. ARTILLERY  
BARRAGES AND  
FORMING UP

Consequent on the capture of the enemy post at J.14.C.6.8. arrangements have been made for an alteration in the Artillery barrage as laid down in the Secret Army Barrage Map issued. The initial barrage will now be put down 150 yards east of this post. This will enable the Brigade to form up with the Right of its leading Battalion on this post and in touch with the Left of the 69th Brigade who have arranged to conform.

2. ACCOMODATION.

The following arrangements have been arrived at with the Division on our right with regard to accomodation in the vicinity of CLAPHAM JUNCTION.

The Battalion H.Q. at present occupied by the 1st. Aust. Battalion will be handed over to the 69th Inf. Bde. to-day (18th inst).

The 1st Battalion H.Q. will be accomodated in the portions of the HOOGE TUNNEL, D.1., D.2., and D.3., in this Divisional area at present occupied by troops of the 69th Brigade.

Arrangements have been made with 23rd D.H.Q. for these to be handed over to 1st Aust. Div. today 18th inst.

The portion of JUSTA TRENCH within the 1st Aust. Divisional Area now occupied by troops of the 69th Brigade will be retained by the latter.

The accomodation within the Divisional boundary at present occupied by the 23rd Division in the RAILWAY DUGOUTS (I.20.) will be evacuated by them today 18th inst.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

(a) Arrangements have been made to issue a pair of pigeons to each of the parties detailed in Para 9 (b) of Brigade Order No 45 to meet parties of the 69th Bde. on the flanks of the successive objectives. These are to be used for the purpose of reporting the junction, or failure to effect a junction, at the respective points. The pigeons will be issued by the Brigade Signal Officer.

(b) At Brigade Headquarters the following officers will be on the Exchange :-

The Brigade Commander

The Brigade Major

At Battalion and Company Headquarters only the officer Commanding will be allowed to use the telephone. No other persons will be accomodated on the Exchanges in any circumstances.

(P.T.O.)



4. CONTACT AEROPLANES.

Contact Aeroplanes will fly at approximately the following times :-

Zero + 75 minutes over the RED Line  
 Zero + 180 " " " BLUE "  
 Zero + 330 " " " GREEN "

The leading infantry will be ready to light flares at the above hours as soon as the aeroplane calls for same.

The importance of lighting these flares and of only the most forward troops doing so must be explained to all ranks.

5. S.O.S. SIGNAL

The S.O.S. Signal (Rifle Grenade) will be a parachute with three coloured lights - Red over Green over Yellow.

By day, special red daylight S.O.S. Signals fired from a mortar will also be used.

6. SYNCHRONISATION OF WATCHES

Watches will be synchronised in accordance with special instructions already issued in Brigade Memo G/2812 of 15th instant.

## 7.

A C K N O W L E D G E .

*H. F. Watson*

CAPTAIN.  
 Brigade Major  
 2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.

DISTRIBUTION as per 2nd A.I. Brigade  
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## INSTRUCTIONS NO 4

Issued under 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No 45

1. Communications by Wireless
  - (a) A wireless tank section is being provided for the purpose of working back during the forthcoming operation from the captured area to a receiving station in rear at H.27.B.
  - (b) This section is to establish a wireless station at the S.W. corner of GLENCORSE WOOD at 0 plus 2½ hours. The tank will be marked with a blue and white Signals mark and the Corps number. Messages will be accepted there from Battalion H.Q. for transmission.
  - (c) This will be used as an alternative means of communication and will act as an emergency Brigade forward station.
  - (d) Enciphering and deciphering will be done by the wireless personnel.
  - (e) A receiving station is being established at H.27.B. whence messages will be delivered to addressees in clear.
  
2. ATTACK DAY.

The attack will be carried out on 'E' day at a Zero hour to be communicated separately.
  
3. FINAL OBJECTIVE
  - (i) On arrival at the GREEN LINE, which is the final objective, a protective barrage will be put down 200 yards in advance of the line gained, and a special programme of searching barrages forward will be carried out by the Artillery.
  - (ii) Posts will be pushed out to a distance of about 100 yards in advance of the line that is being consolidated.
  - (iii) When the final protective barrage ceases at 0 plus 500 mins. patrols properly supported will be pushed forward all along the Corps front. Tactical points found to be unoccupied by the enemy will be occupied and consolidated.
  
4. CLEANING OF RIFLES

Should wet weather occur during the operation, units will endeavour to provide special places where rifles may be taken for cleaning and overhauling. A plentiful supply of rifle oil, rag, pull throughs etc. will be maintained at these places.
  
5. LIAISON BETWEEN INFANTRY AND AIRCRAFT.

The Code call for Liaison between Infantry and Aircraft for the Brigade is M.U. The addition of W, X, Y or Z to the Brigade Code call will give the particular Battalion of the Brigade according to the order of battle.
  
6. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*H. J. Watson*  
 CAPTAIN.  
 Brigade Major  
 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Distribution the same as for  
 Brigade Order No 45.



## BRIGADE ORDER NO 47

HEADQUARTERS

2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.

18th September 1917

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1. The Assembly for the forthcoming operations will be carried out on the night 19th/20th inst.
2. The 6th Battalion will take over the front of the Attack of the Brigade on the morning of the 19th inst., but will not relieve the Advanced posts which will continue to be held by troops of the 1st Aust. Inf. Brigade. All Advanced posts in front of the line of departure will be withdrawn at Zero minus 30 minutes.
3. The G.O. 6th Battalion will arrange for his Battalion to be in Assembly Position by 0130 and will be responsible for patrolling the area in front of the Assembly position prior to the commencement of the Assembly and until Zero hour.
4. The route as shown on Map issued with Instructions No 1 to Brigade Order No 45 will be used by the 5th, 7th and 8th Battalions forward of I.22.B.8.4. In rear of that point, two alternative routes are available :-  
 (a) The route marked RED in the map issued with Instructions No 1 to Brigade Order No 45.  
 (b) From the Railway Crossing at I.21.D.4.5. - I.22.D.3.8. to HELL ELAST CORNER - I.22.B.8.4.  
 Lieut-Colonel LUXTON D.S.O., 5th Battalion will, taking into consideration weather conditions and hostile shelling, decide which of these alternative routes is to be used and will communicate his decision to G.O.'s 7th and 8th Battalions who will follow the route selected by him.
5. At all track junctions and other places where troops might go astray, the Brigade will establish traffic control posts. Men employed on these posts will wear a white arm band. From where the track shown on the map mentioned in para 3 joins the MENIN Road, a taped line will be laid by Brigade to the centre of the taped line on which the most forward troops will form up.
6. The 5th., 7th and 8th Battalions on the march from ZILFEEKE BUND to the Assembly position, will proceed by Platoons in file with 100 yards distance between platoons and 100 yards between Battalions.
7. No wheeled transport will proceed East of the LILLE Road. Pack transport may accompany Units.
8. The order of march will be 5th Bn., 7th Bn. and 8th Bn.
9. The Starting point will be I.21.D.4.5.
10. Starting time will be 2300.
11. All troops will be formed up on their respective Assembly positions by Zero minus 30 minutes.
12. Battalions will report by wire when they are in Assembly positions by sending the Code word 'YARRA'.
13. G.O.C. 2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade will take over the Command of the Brigade front from G.O.C. 1st Inf. Brigade at 2200 on 19th inst.



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14. Brigade Headquarters will close at DICKEBUSCH at 1330 and open at HOOGE I.18.B.1.5. at the same hour.

15. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*H. F. Lockton*

CAPTAIN.  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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9	8th do ✓	"	"
10	2nd M.G. Coy.	"	"
11	2A L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
12	69th Brigade	"	"
13	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
14	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	"	"
15	G.O.C.	"	
16	Brigade Major	:	
17	Staff Captain	"	
18	Bde. Int. Officer	"	
19	No 4 Signal Section	"	
20-25	Spares	"	



Headquarters

2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.

19th September 1917

1. The 2nd Field Coy. will work in the Brigade Sector and will construct Strong Points at LONE HO., BLACK WATCH CORNER, J.15.B.0.9., and Bank running from J.14.B.8.6. to J.14.B.8.9. These posts will be known as A., B., C. and D. respectively. Until the arrival of the parties from the 2nd Field Coy., the construction of these Strong Points will be carried out under Battalion arrangements.
2. The 2nd Field Coy. will move on the night of the 19th/20th inst. from H.24.A.3.2. to ZILLEBEKE BUND where they will occupy the dugouts vacated by the 5th Battalion. Head of Column will not reach ZILLEBEKE BUND before 0030.
3. O.C. 2nd Field Coy. will arrange to move up sections with attached infantry as carriers as under :-
  - 1 Section to arrive at S.P. 'D' 15 minutes after the capture of the RED Line.
  - 1 Section to arrive at S.P. 'A' 15 minutes after the capture of the BLUE Line.
  - 2 Sections to arrive at S.P.'s 'B' and 'C' respectively 15 minutes after the capture of the GREEN Line.
4. Headquarters 2nd Field Coy. will be situated at I.18.B.2.6.
5. A C K N O W L E D G E.

*H. J. Watson*

CAPTAIN.  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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9	7th Battalion	"	"
10	8th Battalion	"	"
11	2nd M.G. Coy.	"	"
12	2A L.T.M. Bty.	"	"
13	G.O.C.	"	
14	Brigade Major	"	
15	Staff Captain	"	
16-20	Spare		





SUMMARY OF INFORMATION RELATING TO THE  
ENEMY'S SECTOR FACING THE 1st AUSTRALIAN  
DIVISIONAL SECTOR.

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All information has been tabulated under the following headings:-

1. Information about the enemy.
2. NONNE BOSSCHEN AREA.
3. GLENCORSE WOOD AREA.
4. Area between GLENCORSE WOOD and NONNE BOSSCHEN and the POLYGONE.
5. Divisional Area south of the road running from J.14.a.3.3. -  
BLACK WATCH FARM.
6. POLYGONE WOOD AREA.

APPENDIX.

1. Map showing:-
    - (i) the swampy areas around GLENCORSE WOOD during the last attack. This map was compiled when the conditions were not as dry as at present.
    - (ii) Strong points and concrete works.
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## 1. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ENEMY.

## 1. Enemy's troops and frontages;-

The Divisional Boundary of the 121st Division and the Bavarian Ersatz Division would divide the frontage to be occupied by the 1st Australian Division in two. The German Division boundary runs through J.9.Central J.10.Central. E.4.Central. The 121st Division occupies the sector on the North of this line.

## 121st Division.

This Division was identified at ST QUENTIN on the 27th June, at CAMBRAI on the 3rd July, and in its present sector since 15th August. This regiment which has, since it came from RUSSIA to FLANDERS, suffered severe casualties and has shown a fair standard in resisting and fighting.

The Division is composed of the;-

60th Inf.Regt.  
7th Res.Inf.Regt.  
56th Res.Inf.Regt.

## Bavarian Ersatz Division.

On the 23rd February 1916 this Division took part in the battle of VERDUN. Its losses in this battle were estimated at 50%. In October 1916 it went into the GUEUDECOURT Sector. The only action it carried out there was an abortive raid in which it lost 36 prisoners. In November it entered the CRAONNE AREA and were there when the French attacked during the following APRIL. Shortly after this it moved to the WOEUVRE Sector where it remained until late in August. It was identified in the POLYGONE WOOD Sector on the 9th September.

The French at VERDUN thought the morale of this Division to be low, but it is to be remembered that the morale of the German Army as a whole was low at that period. It is therefore quite probable that the morale has improved.

The Division is composed of the following Regiments:-

28th ERSATZ.Inf.Regt.

4th BAVARIAN.Regt.

15th " Res.Regt.

## 32nd Division.

This Division has been recently relieved by the Bavarian Ersatz Division. Prior to the last British attack this Division was used as an assault Division. It is probable that this Division will again assume that role for its group.

## 2. ENEMY TACTICS:-

(A) Counter attack tactics. The enemy during the former attacks that were launched on this sector relied greatly upon a strong counter-attack to draw in our attacks. On several occasions we have occupied GLENCORSE WOOD and the NONNE BOSSCHEN but have been driven out by counter attacks coming by the North and South of POLYGONE WOOD.

In previous counter attacks the Northern German Division concentrated its assault troops in the region of J.4.D.Central. These troops attacked along the high ground on the north boundary of the wood and swung half left on to the NONNE BOSSCHEN. The Southern Division concentrated its counter attack troops about J.10.Central, and counter attacked GLENCORSEWOOD through BLACK WATCH CORNER.

(B) Trench Tactics. It has been the practice of the enemy in this sector when his trench has been destroyed to take to the shell holes in front of the trench and to organise the shell holes.



In approaching the destroyed trench systems in the Divisional sector and especially in the right sector all ranks must be prepared to meet some resistance from shell hole in front of the trenches.

## 2. NONNE BOSSCHEN AREA.

1. The 140th Inf Brigade organised for an attack against NONNE BOSSCHEN late in August. The G.O.C. 140th Inf Brigade gives the following information.-

Little opposition was expected from the strong point at J.8.d.1.5. This post has a bog nearly all round it. The best side to approach it is from the north west. The troops that undertake the capture of this strong point, must expect rifle fire from the strong point at J.14.b.18.90. During previous actions, the enemy has counter attacked this wood violently from the north of POLYgone WOOD and from BLACK WATCH CORNER. The G.O.C. 140th Inf Brigade proposed to consolidate in the wood on the line J.8.b.4.5. - J.8.d.1.4. and to push his posts forward to the line J.8.b.60.45. - J.9.c.15.45. The latter line is along a stretch of solid country which would permit of resistance to be given against an attack from the north of the POLYgone.

2. The 2nd LONDON Regt. noted the following points during their attacks about GLENCORSE WOOD and the NONNE BOSSCHEN.

" The NONNE BOSSCHEN though marshy was passable to troops in extended order.

The ground to the east of NONNE BOSSCHEN rose gradually and was fairly dry but very churned up with shell holes. The soil here was sandy making rapid consolidation almost impossible.

No resistance was encountered in the NONNE BOSSCHEN. "

The following observations have been made by the Flying Squadron, ground observers and troops that have previously attacked this area.-

There are strong points at - J.8.d.15.90.

J.8.b.20.45.

J.8.b.2.5.

There are concrete constructions at = J.8.d.32.30.

J.8.d.32.73.

J.8.d.22.98.

J.8.b.35.10.

3. The attack on this wood will be effected by fire from the strong points about J.14.b.2.3. described under GLENCORSE WOOD.

4. The G.O.C. 167th Inf. Brigade, after the attack on the 10th August 1917 made the following report. " On arrival at the bottom of the Valle A broad belt of mud was encountered. This belt is stated to be about 50 yards broad 4 to 5 foot deep and covered with from 6" to 1' of water. He is of the opinion that his attack failed because of his flank being held up by this marsh. The areas that have been reported as marshy are shown on the attached Map.

## 3. GLENCORSE WOOD AREA:-

GLENCORSE WOOD was found to be very marshy down the slope on the Northern side where passage was almost impossible, even to troops moving in file. The ground was entirely covered with shell holes and fallen trees. The wood has no undergrowth to speak of. Fallen trees helped the passage over the wet ground rather than hindered progress.

The strong points along the line J.14.b.15.90. - J.8.c.98.10. are the most formidable obstacles in the wood. The position includes a bank which lends itself to defence from the North. In this bank



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there is a number of dugouts. The strong point at J.14.b.15.89. has an all round defence. Aerial photos show a machine gun emplacement. It has been stated that at least 100 men hold this line of posts.

Strong points have been reported at -  
 J.8.c.93.10.                      J.14.a.8.9.  
 J.8.d.04.02.                      J.14.b.15.89.    with a M.G.  
 J.14.b.10.91.                      J.14.a.25.62.  
 Machine Guns have been reported at -  
 J.14.b.0.4.                        J.14.b.15.90.  
 Concrete works have been located at -  
 J.14.b.2.8.                        J.14.b.48.58.  
 J.14.b.12.78.                      J.14.b.6.6.  
 J.14.b.12.31.                      J.14.b.30.92.  
 J.14.b.22.85. (2)

#### 4. AREA between GLENCORSE WOOD, NONNE BOSSCHEN and the POLYGONE WOOD.

Immediately east of GLENCORSE WOOD and NONNE BOSSCHEN there are five old gun positions. The positions have dugouts in which the enemy's infantry now live. They are located as follows:-

J.14.b.8.7.    J.9.c.01.30.    J.8.d.8.9.  
 J.8.b.75.01.    J.8.b.6.3.

The two positions on the left are plainly visible from a post we have established in J.8.c.85.90. In previous actions in this locality the enemy has not put up great opposition on this line. The most southerly of these east of GLENCORSE WOOD J.14.b.3. is reported to include a long bank 30 feet high. During the attack on the 13th August the enemy held this position with M.G. and bombers. When our attack succeeded the enemy took to mined shafts from which they came out after resisting strongly.

The road from J.8.c.95.25. to J.14.b.15.90. is sunken and contains dugouts which were entirely undamaged by the last bombardment. At least four are capable of containing 25 men. Although full of men these dugouts offered little resistance during the advance. The bank on the western side is said to be 20 ft high. During the last advance the northern portion of this road was impassable owing to mud and water.

Midway between NONNE BOSCHEN and the POLYGONE WOOD a recent attack on the POLYGONE WOOD met a number of strong points organised for mutual support. The locations of the strong points are -

1. J.9.c.02.58.                      6. J.9.c.42.78.  
 2. J.9.c.12.40.                      7. J.9.c.52.65.  
 3. J.9.c.50.48.                      8. J.9.c.53.52.  
 4. J.9.c.27.60.                      9. J.9.b.48.02.  
 5. J.9.c.35.75.

Recent Aeroplane photographs show clearly the organisation of this system of posts.                      \*\*

#### 5. DIVISIONAL AREA SOUTH of the road running from J.14.a.2.3. - BLACK WATCH CORNER.

1. This area is a table land with a gradual slope downwards towards CAMERON HOUSE. When the Farm house at J.14.b.05.1. has been captured an excellent view will be obtained towards CAMERON HOUSE.

2. The enemy has a post at the Farm at J.14.c.62.85. and another at J.14.a.60.15. The trench J.14.c.6.6. - J.14.a.6.1. - J.14.a.6.2. is in fair order. And in rear of this the enemy has a machine gun position on the edge of INVERNESS COPSE at J.14.d.00.60.

3. The enemy has a line of posts along JAP TRENCH. Posts have been reported at. -



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J.14.d.15.85.      J.14.b.95.50.  
 J.14.d.10.92.      J.14.a.99.20.  
 J.14.a.93.50.

The trench connecting these posts has been mostly obliterated by shell fire.

4. FITZCLARENCE FARM and L.FARM. are occupied and form a third line. Originally a trench connected these posts, but it has been destroyed by shell fire.

5. The gun pits at J.14.b.99.30 are occupied. A line of trenches runs from Road Junction at J.15.c.35.95. to BLACK WATCH CORNER. This has been severely dealt with by Artillery fire. Aerial photographs now show a line of posts on the line J.15.a.5.5. to BLACKWATCH CORNER. This line has been for the most part destroyed by shell fire. Concrete structures have been constructed at J.15.c.3.9, and J.15.a.8.7

6. In rear of this line there is a strong post at CARLISLE FARM and another at J.15.b.2.8.

#### 6. POLYGOONE WOOD AREA.

POLYGOONE TRENCH has been heavily shelled and is for the most part hardly recognisable as a trench on aerial photos. Inside the wood there is no signs of an organised defence. Except a line of holes from J.9.c.15.50 - J.9.c.95.25. and a trench from J.9.c.65.70. - J.9.c.85.95. On the Southern side of the wood there is a trench which runs East and West and is in a fair state of repair. On the S.W. Corner of the Wood there is a strong point from J.9.d.10 to J.9.d.30. There are a number of concrete works in the line. This point has been thoroughly shelled and is scarcely recognisable on aerial photographs.

It has been reported that the knoll at J.10.a.7.8. has a particularly dominating position and is visible from the whole of the wood.

In the racecourse there are a number of concrete structures.

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These posts have been wired but the wire and the posts have for the most part been severely dealt with by artillery fire. Ground observation report that there are two posts which have been recently organised at J.8.c.95.00. J.8.c.95.85.

The following concrete structures other than those appearing in the strong points have been reported.

J.8.d.9.5.    5 dugouts.      J.9.c.67.27.  
 J.9.c.23.23.      J.9.a.2.5.  
 J.9.a.4.1.



ADDENDA TO INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

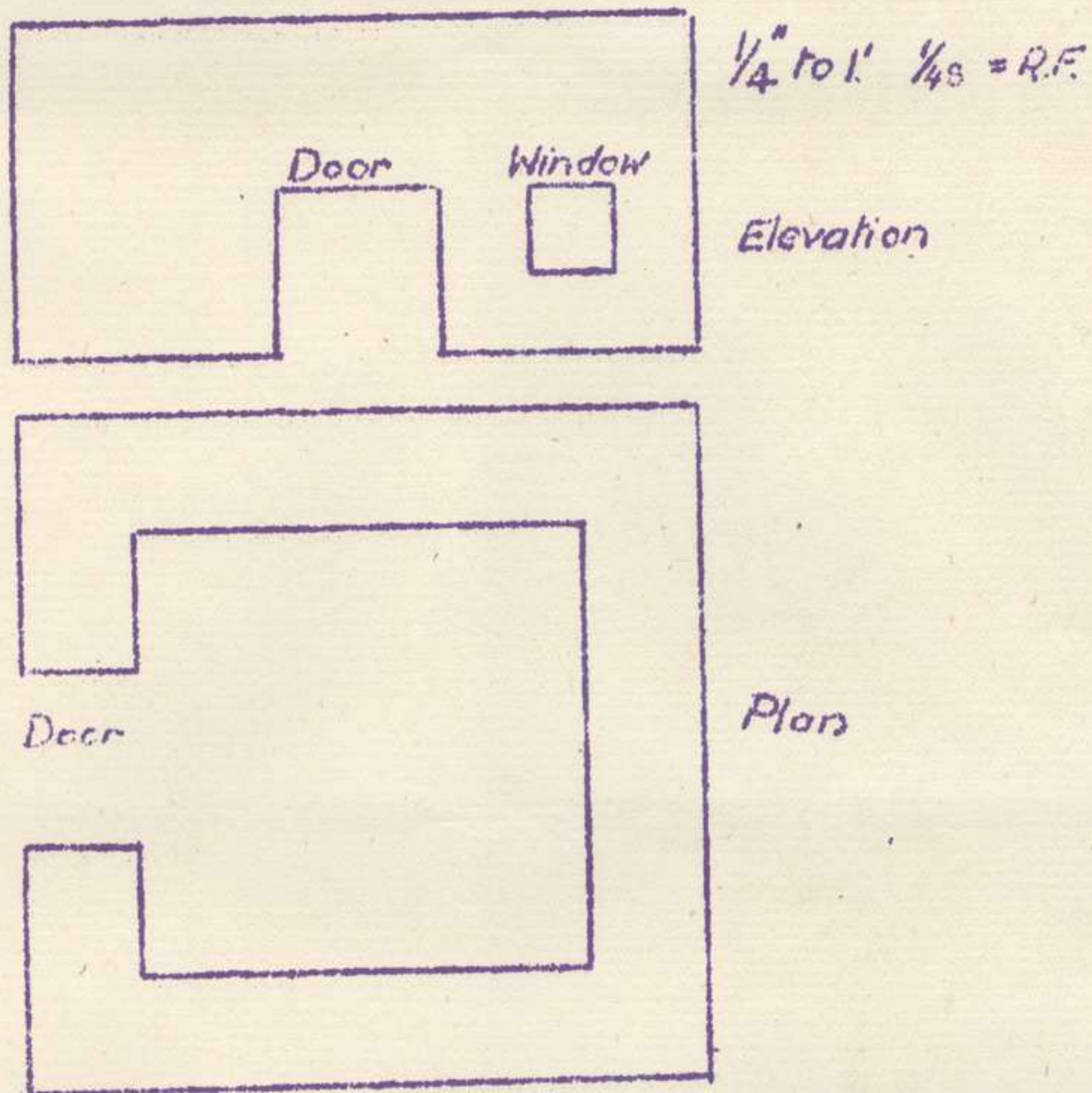
1. The following points were obtained from Colonel A COURAGE MC. Commanding 2nd Brigade M.G. Corps Heavy Branch.
  - A. The Southern edge of GLENCORSE WOOD AND THE Northern edge INVENNESS COPSE shew up distinctly and are useful as land marks.
  - B. The previous troops that attacked on our right sector reported that they were in the trench line running from J.14.D.2.8. to J.14.A.90.45. when they were in the line J.14.C.6.6. to J.14.A.68.15. This is to be guarded against.
  - C. FITZCLARENCE FARM is not recognisable on the ground. L FARM J.14.B.25.30 is easily recognised.
  - D. The line of "gun pits" at.-
 

J.14.B.8.7. J.9.C.01.60. J.8.D.8.9.  
J.8.B.75.01. J.8.B.6.3.

are not gun pits but solid block houses. A diagram of the block houses used ~~is~~ *attached. in this area is attached*
  - E. During one of our attacks in this locality our troops succeeded in establishing machine guns in GLENCORSE WOOD. Small parties of the enemy crept from shell hole to shell hole to bombing range of the guns and bombed the machine guns. This shows the necessity of Machine Guns having covering troops and bombs near at hand in country covered with shell holes.
  - F. Colonel COURAGE laid great stress upon the difficulty troops had in maintaining direction and knowing when they had reached their objectives. He suggests that every man should know exactly the distance he has to traverse to reach the objective, and that compasses should be constantly used throughout the march.
2. It is difficult to obtain information about the exact situation along the road J.14.A.95.40 to J.14.A.70. 10. It is not known at present if the two posts just east of the road are occupied by the enemy.

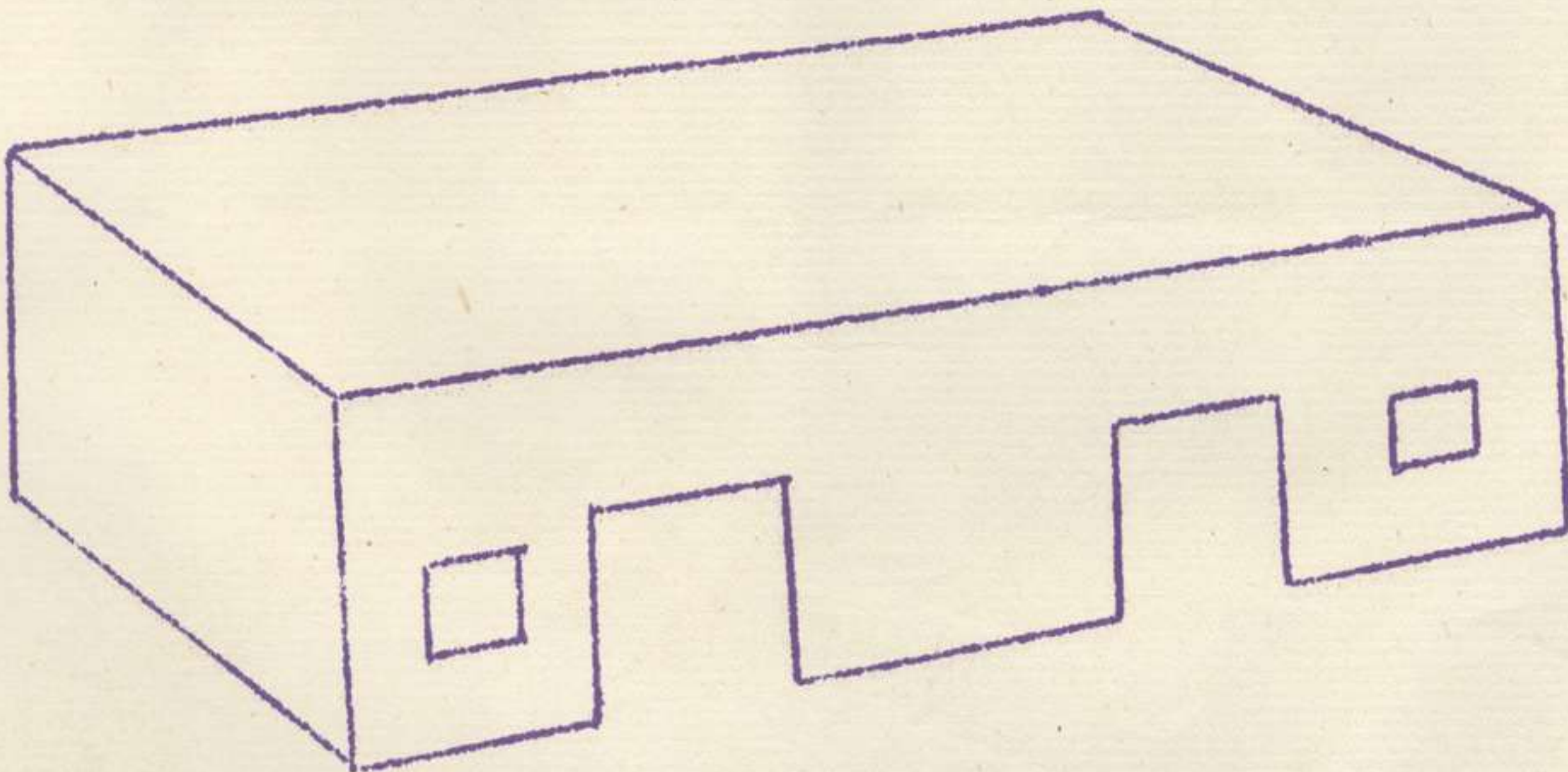


In this blockhouse the level of the floor is 2' below the level of the ground. Other blockhouses were about the same size and shape, but the level of the floor differed according to the nature of the ground.



The blockhouses are made of concrete reinforced with 1" iron bars.

These blockhouses were usually in pairs as shown below. The roof was covered with earth and branches of trees.



CONCRETE DUGOUTS IN SUNKEN ROAD.

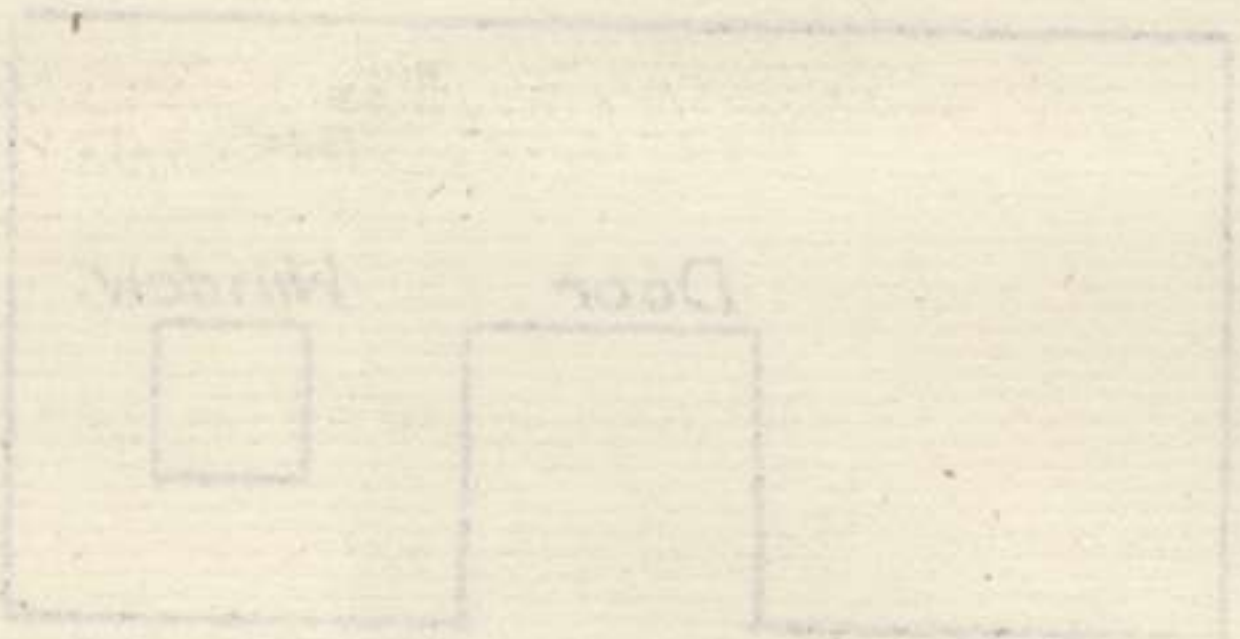


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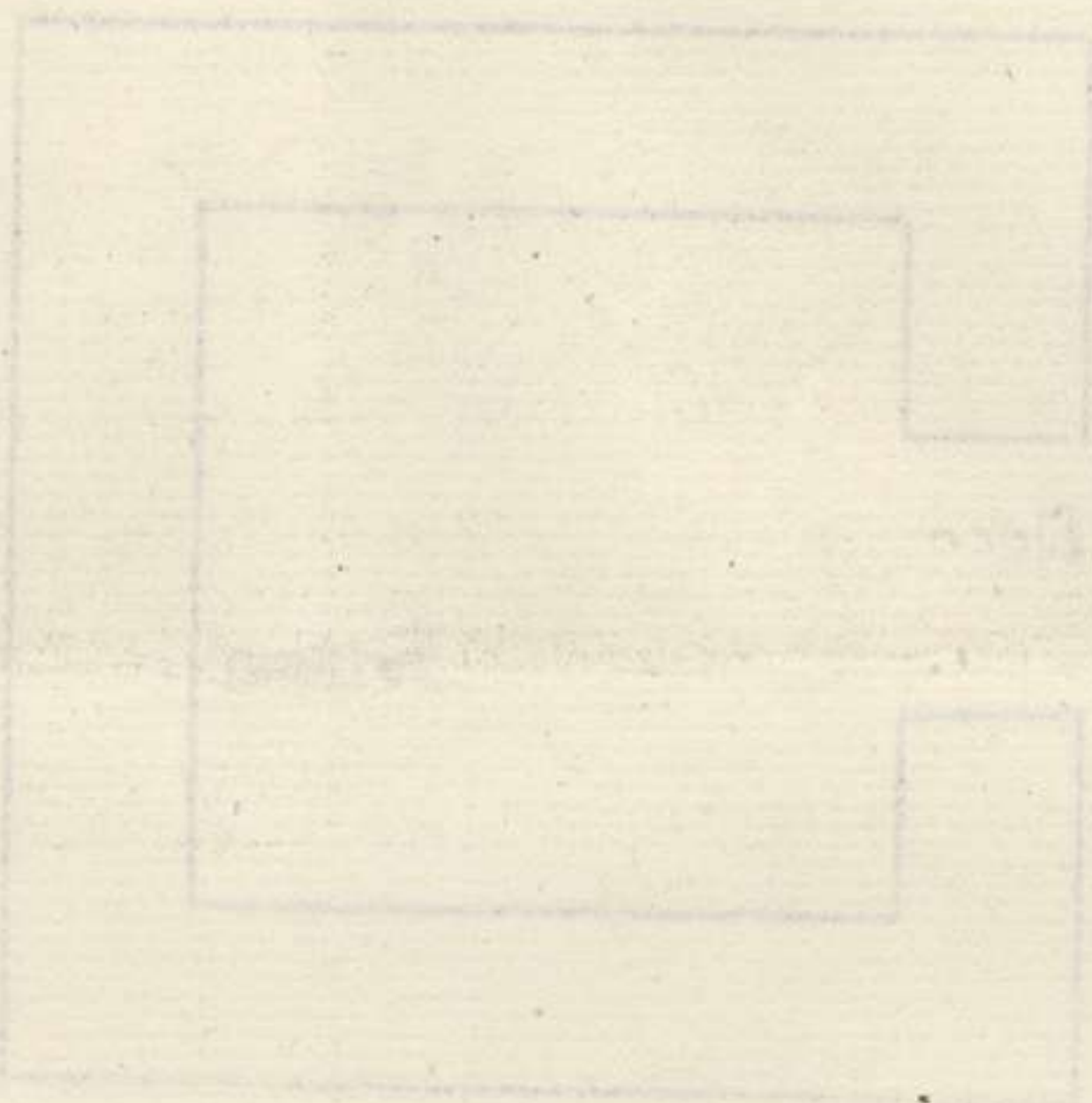
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Elevation

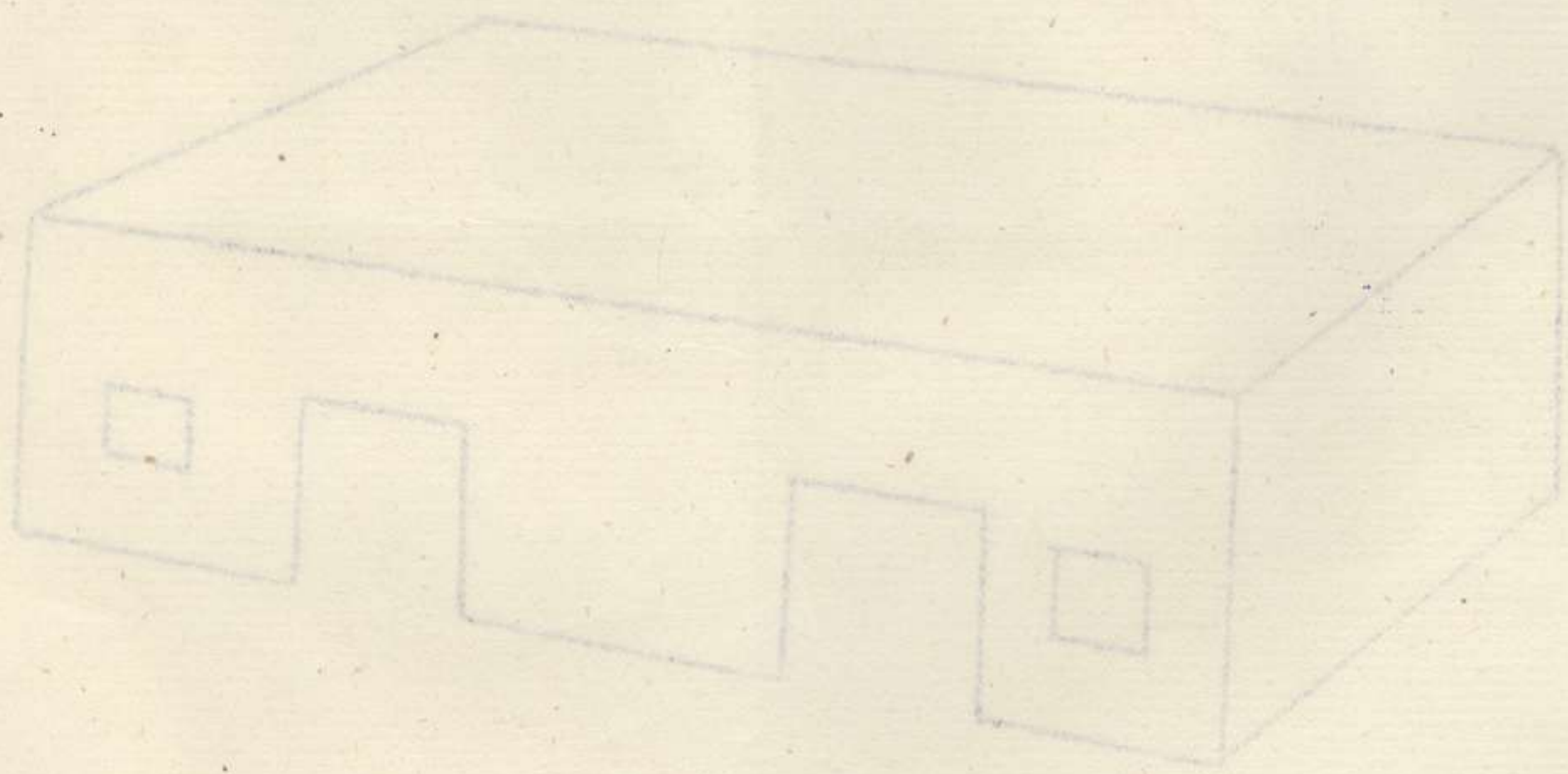


Plan



The blockhouses were each of concrete reinforced with 1" iron bars.

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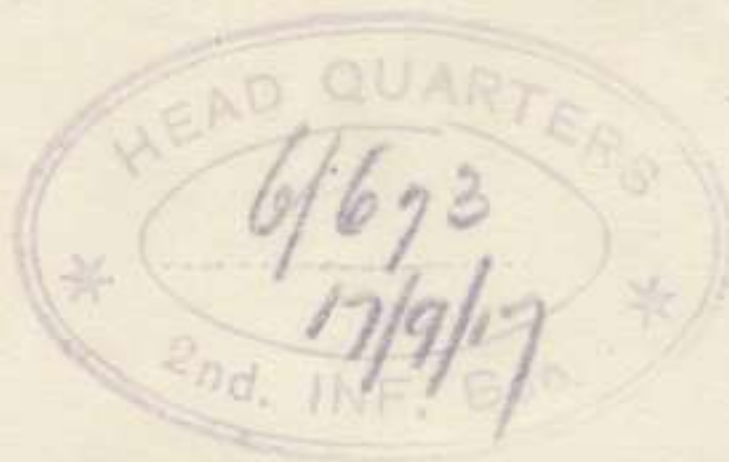
CONCRETE BLOCKHOUSE IN HIGHT BAY.



HEADQUARTERS,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade,

17th SEPTEMBER, 1917. 95

5th Bn.  
6th Bn.  
7th Bn. ✓  
8th Bn.  
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED WITH  
1st AUST. DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 31.  
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In connection with attached instructions, the following will be noted :-

Boundaries - Para.1. These are not quite accurate.

Water - Para.5. It is not quite certain that ten 100 gal. tanks will be filled in time to be of practical assistance, and, therefore, should <sup>not</sup> be relied upon. It will mean, that after the water tin supply in MENIN Tunnel has been exhausted, water must be drawn in same tins from water points as shown.

Salvage - Particular attention is drawn to Para.9. AS far as possible lists of equipment, etc., salvaged will be sent to Brigade Headquarters or Brigade Rear Headquarters at H.27.d.

New Vickers and Lewis Guns may be drawn from DICKEBUSCH Ordnance Dump to replace unserviceable on the production of the unserviceable gun.

*L. Roach* Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
2nd Aust. Infantry Brigade.



S E C R E T.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Divisional Headquarters,  
15th Sept., 1917.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED WITH FIRST  
AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 31.

1. ORGANISATION OF AREA. The forward portion of the Corps Area is organised into 2 Divisional Areas, known as the Right and Left Forward Areas. The Right Forward Area is allotted to the First Australian Division and the Left Forward Area to the Second Australian Division.

The boundaries of the First Australian Divisional Area are:-

NORTHERN BOUNDARY. (Sheet 28.)

J.8.c.5.5.- J.7.d.9.2.- North of HOOGE CRATER to I.17.c.7.8.- North of HALF-WAY HOUSE to I.16.d.30.25.- South side of WARRINGTON ROAD to I.20.b.0.9.- SHRAPNEL CORNER - along North side of road through I.19.d.3.3.- I.19.c.6.0.- I.19.c.0.0.- I.19.a.0.0. and thence along co-ordinate lines to H.23.a.0.0.- H.23.c.0.0.- H.21.a.0.0. H.21.a.0.0.- along North side of road to H.26.a.20.85., thence along North side of road to H.19.b.9.0.- G.24.b.0.0.

WESTERN BOUNDARY.

G.24.b.0.0. - along North-west side of road to G.29.b.5.5. - along North-east side of road to G.30.c.20.75.- along North-west side of road to G.29.d.9.5.- along South-west side of road to G.36.d.95.60.

SOUTHERN BOUNDARY.

J.14.a.0.0. to J.13.c.0.6.- I.18.c.6.2.- I.23.a.6.5. - I.22.b.85.00 South of ETANG DE ZILLEBEKE to I.21.b.85.00 North of TRANSPORT FARM and WOODCOTE HOUSE to I.19.d.7.0.- I.19.c.7.0. South-east of road to H.30.d.3.1. South-west of road to CAFE BELGE and South of the road to HALLE-BAST CORNER and South of road to H.31.b.1.5. and South-east of the road to G.36.d.95.60.

2. COMMUNICATIONS.

(A). ROADS AND TRACKS. The roads and tracks available for the use of the Division are shown on the attached map (Appendix 1.)

(B). TRAMWAYS. Appendix 1 shows the Tramways being constructed for the operation and their proposed subsequent extensions.

3. QUARTERING. Appendix 2 (a) gives the scheme for the quartering of the Infantry of the Division from the 18th instant. Separate instructions for the quartering of Engineers, Pioneers, Divisional Train and Field Ambulances will be issued to the units concerned. Appendix 2 (b) gives the quartering of the Infantry 1st Line Transport from the 18th instant.

P.F.O.



4. SUPPLIES.

(A). The system for the supply of rations will be as shown in Appendix 3.

(B). EMERGENCY RATIONS.

## (a) On the Man -

- (i) 1 Iron Ration.
- (ii) 1 Emergency Ration.
- (iii) 1 Chocolate Ration.
- (iv) The unexpired portion of the current day's ration.

The Emergency Ration and the Chocolate Ration can be drawn from the Divisional Train on the morning of the 18th instant.

## (b) In Dumps.

- 1,000 Emergency Rations at HALF-WAY HOUSE.
- 1,000 Emergency Rations at CLAPHAM JUNCTION
- 1,000 Emergency Rations in the vicinity of J.13.b.3.9.

All rations in Dumps will be controlled by the Staff Captain in the Area in which the Dump is situated, and will be issued on demand to any Officer or on the signature of any Officer.

5. WATER SUPPLY. Water for troops will be drawn from Water Points at -

- I.22.b.7.5. (ZILLEBEKE VILLAGE).
- I.17.d.7.7. (ON ZOUAVE TRACK).

Water bottles and Water tins will be taken from these points by pack to J.13.b.2.2. for the Right Brigade and to the vicinity of J.13.b.3.9. for the Left brigade. At these points also 1,000 gallons of water will be stored in 10 one hundred gallon tanks.

A filled water-tin dump will be established in the MENIN ROAD TUNNEL (Eastern end), holding 2,000 gallons for the use of both Forward Brigades. Water supplies for the horses exist in the vicinity of all horse-lines.

6. AMMUNITION SUPPLIES. The general scheme of ammunition supply is given in Appendix 4.

Units will indent at once on 1st Australian Division "Q" for any extra ammunition to be carried by the troops for the operation.

R.E. STORES.

## 7. An advanced Corps Dump for R.E. Stores is established at BIRR CROSSROADS.

The Divisional Dump is being established at HOGGE and small advanced dumps will be established in the vicinity of CLAPHAM JUNCTION and J.13.b.3.9. All Stores in the small Divisional Dumps likely to be quickly required for consolidation will be made up into suitable men loads beforehand.

Units will indent at once on 1st Australian Division for all R.E. Stores, extra Tools, etc. to be carried by troops in the operation.



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8. ORDNANCE. The normal supply of stores will be continued but an advanced Ordnance Dump will be established at H.28.c.6.3.

9. SALVAGE. Salvage Depots will be established at - ZILLEBEKE VILLAGE, and CAFE BELGE CORNER.

Every empty vehicle, tramway truck, or pack-horse returning from the trenches will bring back a load of derelict arms, stores, etc., and dump them at one of the above depots.

10. TRAFFIC CONTROL.

(A). The Division will be held responsible for the control of all traffic East of the KRUISTRAATHOEK - CAFE BELGE - DEN-GRINEN-JAGER-CAPT ROAD (inclusive).

(B). RESTRICTIONS. By day: Only single lorries may proceed East of the Line HELLFIRE CORNER - ZILLEBEKE.

Infantry moving East of CAFE BELGE will be in small parties at distances of 100 yards. Care must be taken to avoid raising dust which is liable to attract shell-fire.

(C). (i). HEADLIGHTS. (except on motor-cycles), will not be allowed East of the POPERINGHE - RENINGHELST ROAD.

(ii). SIDELIGHTS. Sidelights will be allowed as far East as the VLAMERTINGHE - CAFE BELGE ROAD.

(iii). TAILLIGHTS. Tailights will be lit except when East of the Canal.

(D). TRAFFIC CIRCUITS. Traffic circuits are as laid down in the SECOND ARMY Traffic Map, except that -

(i) Mechanical transport will not use WARRINGTON ROAD, I.13.c.1.7. to I.16.d.6.5. nor the road from ZILLEBEKE VILLAGE, I.22.d.8.7. to I.16.b.3.2.

(ii). WARRINGTON ROAD and the road CAFE BELGE - KRUISTRAATHOEK - SHRAPNEL CORNER - TRANSPORT FARM - I.28.a.15.90. - ZILLEBEKE - I.13.b.3.2. may be used for horse transport both ways.

11. PRISONERS OF WAR.

(A). CAGES.

Divisional Cage - SHRAPNEL CORNER.

Corps advanced Cage - DICKEBUSCH.

Corps Main Cage - RENINGHELST.

(B). The A.P.M. will take over all Prisoners of War at Brigade Headquarters, HOOGE ORATER.

Escorts will be properly instructed in their duties, i.e., to allow no communications between troops and prisoners and to prevent any destruction of documents en route.

Officers and N.C.Os. will be searched as soon as possible and documents sent to the Corps Cage with the escort or as instructed by the Divisional Intelligence Officer. Other Banks will be searched in the first place for concealed arms only, unless seen to be destroying documents.

12. STRAGGLER POSTS. The A.P.M. will arrange for a line of Straggler Posts along the ZILLEBEKE - HELLFIRE CORNER ROAD from 1200 on the 18th instant until further orders.

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13. SURPLUS KIT. Infantry Units will dump packs and all surplus kit in the first line transport lines under Brigad arrangements before 1200 on the 19th instant. Each Battalion will leave a Guard of 1 N.C.O. and 3 Other Ranks in charge of such Dumps.

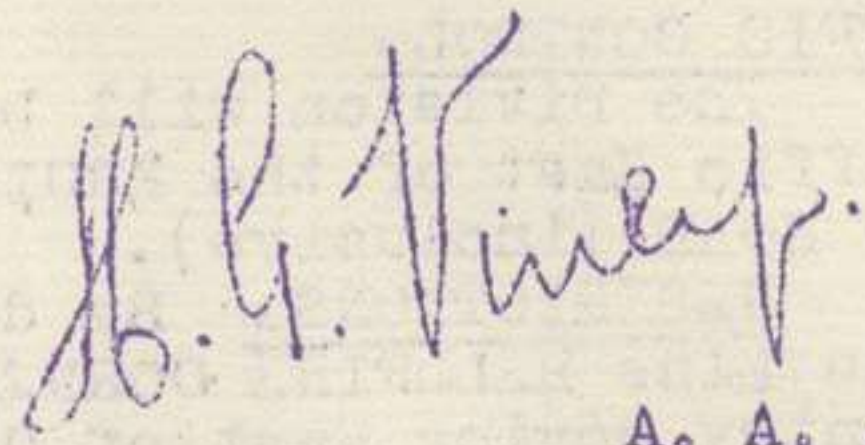
14. COFFEE STALLS, etc. Coffee stalls are being established by the Y.M.C.A. and Australian Comforts Fund as under:-

Y.M.C.A.

AUST. COMFORTS FUND.

OLAPHAM JUNCTION.  
HALFWAY HOUSE.  
ZILLEBEKE BUND.

HOOGE.  
ADVANCED DRESSING STATION.  
TROIIS ROIS.



Lieut.-Colonel,  
A. A. & Q. M. G.,  
1st Australian Division.







Appendix 2(a)QUARTERING OF INFANTRY PERSONNEL FROM 1200 on 18/9/1917.1st Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Brigade Headquarters.	HALF WAY HOUSE.
'A' Battalion.	Front Line Area.
'B' Battalion.	Support Line Area.
'C' Battalion. )	DICKBUSCH Area.
'D' Battalion. )	
1st A.M.G. Coy.	Front Line Area.
1st A.L.T.M. Bty.	Front Line Area.

2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Brigade Headquarters.	DICKBUSCH Area.
'A' Battalion.	ZILLEBEKE BUND.
'B' Battalion. )	CHATEAU SEGARD Area.
'C' Battalion. )	
'D' Battalion. )	
2nd A.M.G. Coy. )	
2nd A.L.T.M. Bty. )	

3rd Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Brigade Headquarters.	DICKBUSCH Area.
'A' Battalion.	HALF WAY HOUSE.
'B' Battalion. )	CHATEAU SEGARD Area.
'C' Battalion. )	
'D' Battalion. )	
3rd A.M.G. Coy. )	
3rd A.L.T.M. Bty. )	

Units will apply to Area Commandant, CHATEAU SEGARD Area, for the locations of their Bivouac Grounds.



APPENDIX 2 (b).QUARTERING OF 1st LINE INFANTRY TRANSPORT FROM 1200 ON 18/9/17.1st Aust. Inf. Brigado.

West of DENGROENEN JAGER CABT - CAFE BILGE Road in Area

H.29.b.6.8. - H.29.b.3.7. - H.29.b.5.3. - H.29.b.8.4.

2nd Aust. Inf. Brigado.

In Area H.30.c.3.8. - H.30.c.6.5. - H.30.c.8.6. -

H.30.a.6.1.

3rd Aust. Inf. Brigado.

In Area H.30.c.8.6. - H.30.c.6.5. - H.30.c.9.1. -

H.30.d.3.1. - H.30.d.2.5. - H.30.d.0.4.



APPENDIX 2.

SYSTEM OF RATION SUPPLY FOR INFANTRY UNITS FROM NIGHT 19/20th SEPTEMBER, 1917.

UNIT.	Railhead and Refilling Point.	How Drawn	Delivered to	Location.	Thence by	To.	Thence by	To	Remarks.
1st Aust. Inf. Bde.	DICKELSCH	Div'l. Train.	Q.M. Stores.	H.29.b.5.8.	1st Line Transport Limbered Wagons.	(a) Bn.H.Q. (b) HOOGE.	Carrying Parties.	Bn.H.Q.	For 2 Bns. For 2 Bns.
2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.	DICKELSCH	Div'l. Train.	Q.M. Stores.	H.30.c.a.d.	Div'l. Train.	Reloading point on SAINBRIDGE ROAD in I.20.c.	Pack animals of 1st Line Transport.	Vicinity of Bn. H.Q. via ZOUAVE TRACK & CLAPHAM JUNCTION.	ALTERNATIVE SCHEMES. (a) Pack to HOOGE thence by tramway to CLAPHAM JUNCTION. (b) By Pack via HOOGE and DIVERSION TRACK to CLAPHAM JUNCTION.
3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.	DICKELSCH	Div'l. Train.	Q.M. Stores.	H.30.c.	Div'l. Train.	do.	do.	Vicinity of Bn. H.Q. via HOOGE and CHATEAU ROAD.	

N.B. On the relief of 2nd and 3rd brigades by 1st brigade in Front Line the Supplies of 1st brigade will be delivered by Divisional Train to Reloading Point on SAINBRIDGE ROAD in I.20.c. and thence to Units by Pack Animals of 1st Line Transport.

APPENDIX



DIAGRAM SHOWING SYSTEM OF SUPPLY OF S.A.A., GRENADES, etc.  
MAIN DIV'L. MAGAZINE (BRIDGE HOUSE DUMP - H.23.d.1.C.)

by D.A.C. Wagons to

Advanced Div'l. Dump.

STAND BY Dump at I.23.a.4.9.

by Tramway or Pack to

By Pack to

Advanced Divisional Dump, HOOGE.

or

BRIGADE DUMPS.

Right Brigade Dump  
CLAPHAM JUNCTION.

Left Brigade Dump  
Vicinity Surbiton Villas.

by Carrying Parties to

by Carrying Parties to

French Dump  
(J.14.e.4.3.)

French Dump  
(J.14.a.4.8.)

French Dump.  
(J.8.c.3.2.)

*Adm. order 31  
Div order 31*



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

TO { 7<sup>th</sup> + 8<sup>th</sup> Bns

Sender's Number. * A29239	Day of Month. 18	In reply to Number.	AAA
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7<sup>th</sup> Bn will move from CHATEAU SEGARD to ZILLEBEKE BUND to-morrow morning 19<sup>th</sup> inst + will occupy dugouts at present occupied by 6<sup>th</sup> Bn who will move to front line to-morrow morning AAA C.O. 7<sup>th</sup> Bn will get in touch with 6<sup>th</sup> Bn + ascertain times latter will vacate dugouts + arrange his move accordingly AAA Parties will be dribbled forward with long distances between parties AAA On arrival at BUND special precautions will be taken to hide men from aerial observation AAA 8<sup>th</sup> Bn will likewise be dribbled forward to BUND to-morrow afternoon or evening according to weather conditions AAA Orders after AAA Completion

From	
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of move will be notified to Bde Hdqrs AAA  
Orders for move to place of assembly will  
be issued this afternoon AAA Cpt Knolly

From 2nd Inf Bde			
Time 1435			

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C2 Coy

Alford 1700

It will look to  
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bring it with  
A + INCO from C Coy 1099  
& 1 runner.

It will look to

A Coy  
C Coy

1700

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return with the runner  
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& all it with  
Coy section by  
show the 1 Coy  
Mawville at  
orderly room

John W  
Hud  
1700



Reference Map. Sheet HOOGE 1/10,000.

1. INFORMATION. (A) (1) The enemy has no organized continuous trench system opposite our front, his defensive system being a series of Strong Posts, Machine Gun positions, isolated lengths of trench, fortified shell holes, and concrete dugouts distributed in depth at irregular intervals and distances.

(2). POSITIONS WITHIN OUR OBJECTIVE. A Strong Post surrounded by 8 dugouts at J 15 B 2.8. about 50 yards WEST of the small farm building at J 15 B 3.8..

The buildings at BLACK WATCH CORNER are connected to a Strong Post at ~~J 9 B 20~~ J 9 B 20 by a communication trench which runs to an old tram track at J 9 B 30.

A group of <sup>6</sup>dugouts at J 9 B 0520.

(3) POSITIONS BEYOND OUR OBJECTIVE. In front of our RIGHT flank, two old gun positions at J 15 B 4065 with what appears to be a Strong Post in rear at J 15 B 5.7, obliterated trenches run back towards CAMERON HOUSE.

JERK HOUSE is at J 15 B 78 70, with a dugout in rear on road at J 15 B 8.7..

Segments of trenches are shown along NORTH side of road from J 9 B 8005 to J 10 c 50..

Dugouts are shown in S. edge of POLYGON WOOD..

(4) A knoll at J 10 A 7.8. has a dominating position and should be visible.

This knoll is on a line with the RIGHT edge of the Racecourse in POLYGON WOOD, and should be a good landmark.

(B) The 2nd. Aus. Inf. Bde. will attack enemy on a day to be notified later.

The attack will be carried out on the leap-frog system, objectives being allotted as follows =

1st. Objective line marked RED	6th. Aus. Bn..
2nd. " " " BLUE	5th. Aus. Bn..
3rd. " " " GREEN	7th. and 8th. Aus. Bns..

The attack being carried out in conjunction with other units, 8th. Aus. Bn. will be on our RIGHT and the 10 th. Bn. on our LEFT



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2. BOUNDARIES. The Battalion boundaries are -  
RIGHT A line from J 14 A 30.25 to J 15 B 35.60.  
LEFT. A line from J 14 A 00.50 to J 14 A 50.55 thence  
 through N in GLENGORSE WOOD to J 9 D 50.35.  
 The INTER-COMPANY boundary is the line J 14 A 00.30 -  
 J 15 B 00.85 - J 15 B 50.98
3. INTENTION. The Battalion will capture and consolidate for defence, all that area between the BLUE and GREEN lines within the above boundaries.
4. DISTRIBUTION. "D" and "B" Coys. in the line.  
 "C" and "A" Coys. in support.  
 "D" and "C" Coys. on the RIGHT.  
 "B" and "A" Coys. on the LEFT.
5. ASSEMBLY. The Battalion will form up in Artillery formation, each Coy. having a ~~max~~ depth of not more than 50 yards on taped lines in rear of the 5th. Aus. Bn. approximately 30 yards behind our present front line.  
 Lieut. *ROBB* will arrange to have these lines pegged out on the night prior to the attack and the laying of the tape will be completed 4 hours before Zero hour.  
 The Battalion will be in position 30 minutes before Zero hour.  
 When troops are in position, they will lie down and await orders.  
 15 minutes before Zero hour Platoon commanders will see that all men are awake and alert.  
 Orders for the march to assembly position will be issued later.
6. BARRAGE. At Zero hour the barrage will be put down 150 yards in front of our present front line posts.  
 At Zero plus 3 minutes the barrage will move forward at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes for 200 yards and thereafter until it reaches the RED line at the rate of 100 yards in 6 ~~12~~ minutes. The barrage will halt for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour in front of the RED line.  
 The barrage will again move forward at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes till it crosses the BLUE line.  
 The barrage will halt for 2 hours in front of the BLUE line.  
 The barrage will again move ~~forward~~ forward at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes till it crosses the GREEN line.  
 The barrage will remain stationary 200 yards beyond the GREEN line for a period and will subsequently move forward.  
 The protective barrage on the RED, BLUE and GREEN lines respectively will contain a portion of Smoke to indicate to the troops that the several objectives have been reached.



7. METHOD of ATTACK. At Zero hour the Battalion will move forward in the same formation and at the same distance as when in the assembly position, until the rear of "A" and "C" Coys. are well clear of our present front line, when the Battalion will halt and lie down. When the rear Coys. of the 5th. Aus. Bn. has moved forward, "B" and "B" Coys. will follow at a distance of 100 yards, "C" and "A" Coys. following "B" and "B" at a distance of 100 yards. When the BLUE line has been seized, "B" and "B" Coys. will pass through the 5th. Aus. Bn. and form up as close to the barrage as possible each Coy. deploying 2 platoons into two lines extended across the front at about 15 yards distance between lines, the remainder being in small columns.

8. MOPPING UP. 2 platoons of "C" Coy. will mop up all that area between the BLUE and GREEN lines within the RIGHT Coys. boundaries. No. 1 Platoon will mop up Strong Post and dugouts at J 15 B 2, 8. and the small farm building at J 15 B 33, consolidate and garrison them.

2 Platoons of "A" Coy. will mop up all that area between the BLUE and GREEN lines within the LEFT Coys. boundaries.

No. 2 Platoon will mop up the group of buildings at BLACK WATCH CORNER and the Strong post at J 9 B 20, consolidate and garrison them.

No. 4 Platoon will mop up the group of 6 dugouts at ~~J 9 B 0520~~ J 9 B 0520..

No. 1 Platoon will assist the 8th. Bn. on our RIGHT.

No. 1 Platoon will assist the 10<sup>th</sup> Bn. on our LEFT.

Lieut. T. P. O'CONNOR will report to Bn. Hdqrs. when the Battalion area has been mopped up.

9. CONSOLIDATION. The area will be consolidated by a system of detached posts not more than 100 yards in front of the GREEN line - by Strong Posts on the GREEN line - and Strong Posts in rear and <sup>to</sup> at the rear of each flank. The Strong Post at J 15 B 2575 will form one of the above. A Strong Post will be constructed at J 15 B 09, and garrisoned by No. 2 Platoon.

R. rear of A.



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LIAISON.

Lieut. W. G. POLLOCK with 2 runners will report to 8th. Aus. Bn.

Lieut. H. E. YOUNG with 2 runners will report to 10th. Aus. Bn..

1 N.C.O. or senior private will be detached detailed by each Coy. for liaison with flanking Coy..

(1) N.C.O. and 4 men from "B" Coy. will be detailed to meet party from 10th. Aus. Bn. at J 9 D 3030.

These parties will send all information of the work of the unit they are with to their own unit.

Further instructions will be issued later.

Lieut. TURNER will be the Artillery liaison officer attached to 7th. Aus. Bn..

11. DIRECTION. Lieut. T. P. O'CONNOR will advance along the centre of the Battalion front.

In addition, one officer from each company will advance along the centre of the Coy. front.

These officers will march on compass bearings and will frequently check the direction.

They will wear a white patch on the back.

Finger posts will be erected as soon as possible indicating various routes.

Distinctive patches will be painted on ~~Steelhelmets~~ helmets as follows :-

RED line	troops	-	RED patch from top to rear brim.
BLUE "	"		BLUE " " " " "
GREEN "	"		GREEN " " " " "

The following paras. will be issued later -

12. DRESS
13. M.G.
14. L.T.M.
15. COMMUNICATIONS
16. MEDICAL
17. DUMPS
18. PRISONERS
19. TIME
20. REPORTS.

*Approved*  
*of adpt.*  
 7. Aus. Bn.



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12. INTELLIGENCE. The capture of the RED, BLUE and GREEN lines will be made known by the battalions capturing their objectives showing the colours RED, ORANGE, and WHITE respectively on the LUCAS lamp.  
Each company will establish an O.P. and send back information whenever possible. All ranks are to be impressed with the necessity of reporting everything seen or heard.  
A search patrol will be detailed by each company, consisting of 3 Coy. scouts and 1 Hdqrs. scouts (who will be detailed by Bn. Intelligence Officer) to carefully search the company area and collect all Documentary information and Intelligence material from dugouts &c. and enemy dead. Patrols will deliver to Bn. Hdqrs. reporting the locality.
13. DRESS. Fighting Order. Each man will carry 48 hours rations, one extra water bottle, extra rifle oil, (2 Mills bombs )  
(2 rods & 2 special blanks)  
220 rounds S.A.A., 2 aeroplane ground fibres, 3 sandbags.  
Orders will be issued later re S.O.S. grenades.  
Very lights, wire cutters..
14. MACHINE GUNS. 2 guns under Lt. SMITH from 2nd. M.G. Coy. will be attached to the Bn. and will be brought forward in rear of the Bn..
15. ~~KYTYKORRANS~~  
L.T. MORTARS. 2 L.T. MORTARS under Lt. GANDON from 2nd. A.L.T.M. Bty. will be attached to the Bn. and will be brought forward in rear of the Battalion.
16. COMMUNICATIONS. Signalling Officer will arrange to lay one Metallic circuit to Bde. Forward station at J 14 B 87 as soon as forward Bn. Hdqrs. are established. Arrangements will also be made to establish communication with companies as soon as possible.
17. MEDICAL. No man other than those authorized stretcher bearers will carry wounded back, unless specially detailed.  
R.A.P. will be established at a location to be notified later.



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18. SUPPLIES  
and  
DUMPS

"D" and "B" Coys. will each establish a forward dump as soon as possible and will notify location of same. The two rear platoons of "A" and "C" Coys. will act as carrying parties during the advance and will carry the following stores :-

- 25,000 rounds S.A.A.
- 25 picks
- 200 shovels.
- 480 No. 23 Rifle Grenades.

Quartermaster will arrange to ~~xxx~~ pick up the required stores at CHATEAU SEGARD.

Each man of the Mining Platoon and Pioneer Section will carry forward 4 Stokes shells.

19. PRISONERS.

Prisoners will be sent back to Bn. Hdqrs. under escort which should not exceed 10% of the strength of prisoners. When possible carrying parties retuning for loads, and slightly wounded walking cases will be used.

Where possible prisoners should be used to clear our wounded. Officers and N.C.Os. will be searched by ~~affers~~ officers as soon as possible after capture and will be separated from men. Prisoners must not be interrogated.

Pay books or identity discs ~~must~~ must not be removed from prisoners.

20. TIME.

Watches will be synchronized twice daily.

Sig. Officer to arrange hours immediately subsequent to daily synchronizations with Bde..

On day of attack watches will be synchronized two hours before Zero hour and 30 minutes before Zero hour.

21. REPORTS.

All reports to Bn. Hdqrs. location of which, and when established will be promptly furnished to all concerned.

*Approx location at zero hour <sup>at 42</sup> captured 14880  
when Blue Line has been ~~at~~ Liatt.  
Act. Adjutant 7th. Australian Battalion.*

P.T.O.

ZERO

*independently*

*J 14A 42  
J 14B 26*



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- 10. Sig. & T.O.
- 11. Q.M. & Transport.
- 12. O.C. "A" Coy.
- 13. O.C. "B" Coy.
- 14. O.C. "C" Coy.
- 15. O.C. "D" Coy.
- 16. Lt. T. P. O'CONNOR
- 17. Lt. H. H. YOUNG.
- 18. Lt. POLLOCK.
- 19. to Spares.

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- 17. Lt. W.G. POLLOCK
- 18. War Diary.
- 19. to Spares.

- 1 Per Coy 2 sketches part of sheet 28 by J. 1/10000
  - 2 Per Coy 1 copy being Barrage map sheet 28 N W with routes marked 1 per Coy
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 BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO.1

APPENDIX

Reference Map, Sheet HOOGE, 1:10,000.

Headquarters,  
 8th. Battn. A.I.F.  
 16 /9/ 17.

INFORMATION.

1 Appendix "A" attached.

INTENTION.

2. The 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade in conjunction with 6th Brigade on Right and 3rd Brigade on Left will attack the Enemy on a day to be notified later. 1st Aus. Brigade will be in Reserve. The Left Battn. of the Brigade on our Right, and which is to capture the 3rd Objective, will be the 10th Duke of Wellington's.

METHOD OF ATTACK

3. When Battn. moves from Assembly position they will keep close up to the leading Troops, to enable our Rear Coys. to clear our present Front line and the Enemy's Barrage. When sufficient distance has been gained, intervals and distances will be increased to 100 yards between Battns. and 100 yards between Coys. Coys. will advance by Sections in file at 25 yards ~~interval~~ interval and 50 Yards distances.

When the 5th Battn. captures the BLUE LINE the Battn. will pass through them, keeping close to the Barrage, at the same time forming a screen of 1 Line in two waves. The two leading Platoons of each Coy. in front forming this, with Riflemen and Bombers in Front wave and Grenadiers and M. Gunners in the 2nd. Wave.

The two rear Platoons of Leading Coys will form the fighting columns, with two Platoons of "A" and "B" Coys. as Moppers Up, under 2/Lieut. A.R. SULTON Left and Lieut. T.R. CASBOULTE, Right, who will from time to time report on his progress to his Coy. Commander, as he advances, who will forward same to Battn. Headquarters.

The leading Coys. after allowing sufficient distance for Rear Coys. to clear old Front Line will not keep too close to 5th Battn. to give forward Troops an opportunity to obtain intervals and distances.

ASSEMBLY

4. The Battn. will form up immediately in rear of the present Front Line on Tape Lines with Right resting on JAP AVENUE, and Left on INTER-BRIGADE BOUNDARY as laid down in para. 6.

Lieut. L.G.P. ERREY, M.C. in conjunction with Brigade Intelligence Officer, will tape out lines on which the Battn. will assemble.

Battn. will form up and move forward as follows-

- "C" and "D" with "D" on Right.
- "A" and "B" with "B" on Right.

OBJECTIVES.

5. Objectives are as follow:-

- 1st. Objective Line marked RED on Map. 6th Bn.
- 2nd. " " " BLUE on Map 5th Bn.
- 3rd " " " GREEN " 7th & 8th Bns

BOUNDARIES.

6. The Brigade Boundaries are -  
 Right I.24.a.00.85 - J.14.c.1.9 along JAP AVENUE - J.14.d.2.8 - J.15.a.2.9 along RUTELBEEK J.15.d.30.85.



LEFT - A line from Sq. J.18.Central to Road Junction, Sq. J.14.a.59.55 thence through N. in GLENCORSE WOOD to ~~XXXXXX~~ J.9.d.3.3.

Battn. Boundary between 7th - is - -  
J.14.a.89.55 - J.15.b.55.69.

BARRAGE TIME. 7. Barrage Table attached. At Zero the Barrage will be put down 150 yds in front of our present Front Line Posts and the whole Brigade will immediately move forward. The 6th. Battn. moving as close to Barrage as possible, with the 7th and 8th keeping close up until clear of our present Front Line. At Zero plus 3 the Barrage will move forward at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes for 200 yards and thereafter until it reaches the RED Line at the rate of 100 yards in 6 minutes, when the 6th Battn. will capture 1st. Objective and consolidate it. Barrage will halt for 3/4 hour in front of RED LINE.

ii. The 5th Battn. having followed the 6th Bn. in Artillery Formation, with 100 yards between the Battns., will, when the RED LINE has been seized, pass through the 6th Battn. and form up as close to the Barrage as possible. On the Barrage lifting from in front of the RED LINE it will move forward at the rate of 100 Yards in 8 minutes till it crosses the BLUE LINE, when the 5th Battn. will capture 2nd. Objective and consolidate it. The Barrage will halt for 2 hours in front of the BLUE LINE.

iii. The 7th and 8th Bns. having followed the 6th Bn. in Artillery Formation at a distance of 100 Yards intervals in rear of 5th Bn. will, when the BLUE LINE has been seized pass through the 6th Bn. and form up as close to the Barrage as possible. On the Barrage lifting from in front of the BLUE LINE it will move forward at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes till it crosses the GREEN LINE when the 7th and 8th Bns. will capture the 3rd Objective and consolidate it. The Barrage will remain stationary 200 Yards beyond the GREEN LINE for a period, and will subsequently move forward, when Outposts will be established.

iiii. The protective Barrage on the Red, Blue and Green Lines respectively will contain a proportion of Smoke Shells to indicate to Troops that the several Objectives have been reached.

COMMUNICATION. 8 The Battn. Sig. Officer will be responsible for communication, and will draw up and submit for approval a proposed scheme. Visual signal stations will be established by all Coys either by Shutter or Lamp. Telephone Lines, if possible, to Coys. will be laid as soon after consolidation as possible.

DIRECTION. 9 Battn. Int. Officer will be responsible that direction is kept. 3 Scouts will be detailed who will be on "D" Coy's Right. They will have a compass and be responsible for the direction. A tape line will be run out as the Advance progresses from the centre of Brigade Front of departure to the centre of the GREEN LINE. The 6th Bn. will be responsible for the laying of same as far as the RED LINE, 5th Bn. from RED Line to Blue Line, and 8th Bn. from BLUE line to GREEN line. Lieut. ERREY will detail 3 Scouts who will be responsible that this Tape is continued on.



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GUIDES 10. All scouts will be sent forward to reconnoitre route which Bn. will take on moving to Assembly position. The 2 Scouts per Platoon will be responsible for guiding their platoon. Lieut. W. GOODWIN, M.C., will be in charge of all guides. He will advise H.Qrs. of the most suitable point at which guides will pick up their Platoons. They will all wear white patches on back.

CARRYING  
PLATOONS.

11. The 2 rear Platoon of the rear Coy. of the Bn. will act as carrying parties during the Advance. They will carry the following Stores for the Battn. -

S.A.A.-	25,000 Rds.
Picks	- - -25
Shovels	200
No. 23's	480.

1 N.C.O. and 20 Men from Mining Platoon will also be attached from Mining Platoon and will carry forward Stokes Ammunition.

BATTALION  
HEADQUARTERS.

12. At commencement of the attack Bn. H. Qrs. will be at J.14.a.10.20 and after objective has been captured at J.14.b.1.1 and will then move forward as the Bn. advances until 3rd Objective has been captured and will establish H. Qrs. in a suitable position in rear of objective.

## LIAISON

13. In order to ensure that connection is maintained with Flanking Units, Officers detailed as under will report and keep in touch with movement of Units to which they are attached. Bn. H. Qrs. will be kept advised of all happenings as frequently as possible 2 Runners will be attached to each.

Lieut. W. Goodwin, M. C. 7th Bn on Left  
" A. D. Temple. 10th D. of W's. Right

## CONSOLIDATION.

14. On the final objective being captured "C" and "D" Coys. will push out and establish Strong Posts not more than 100 Yards ahead and to be in a position where they can get good observation of the enemy's movements so as to give warning of counter-attacks "D" Coy. will consolidate Strong Point at J.15.b.15. 25- ~~XXXXXX~~ (CARLISLE FARM).

2 Vickers M. Guns will be attached to Bn. and will move forward in rear of Bn. They will push forward when 3rd Objective has been captured and consolidated 1 gun each to "C" and "D" Coys.

2 Stokes Mortars will be attached to Bn. and will be with "A" Coy. Coys. will call for them as required.

The Objective will be consolidated by a series of detached posts not more than 100 Yards in front of the objective, by Strong Posts along the Objective, and Strong Posts in rear as Reserve.

"B" Coy. will establish a Strong Post at ~~XXXX~~ J.15.d.2.2 on "D" Coy's right and to the rear.

Coys. will re-organize immediately the Objective has been gained, to meet counter-attacks.

## DUMPS.

15. Bde. Dump will be at CLAPHAM JUNCTION, Lieut. Fowler will be in charge.

- As soon as RED line has been captured a Forward Bde Dump at approximately J.14.b.8.6, 2/Lt. R. V. Andre-wartha will be in charge.

- The 5th Bn. will be responsible that the Troops capturing and holding 3rd Objective are supplied with all requirements.

2/Lt. J.L. Foott will arrange the Bn. Forward Dump is established between 2nd. and 3rd Objectives and that same is kept fully supplied.



Guides will be sent back to report to Lt. Andrewartha 119 when same has been established.

REGIMENTAL AID POSTS. 16. Will be at J.14.a.2.0 at commencement of attack

PRISONERS 17. See Appendix "A" Attached.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS 18. See Appendix "B" Attached.

DUMPS, CARRYING PARTIES, SUPPLIES. ETC. 19 See Appendix "C" Attached.

SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES. 20 All watches will be synchronized with Bn. Sig. Off. at 1100 and 1700 daily.

DRESS. 21. Dress for all ranks will be -

Fighting Order - carrying unexpired portion of, and additional 48 hours rations, n On moving from CHEATEAU SEGARD AREA to Assembly Point every man will be issued with an additional Water Bottle and an additional 100 rounds of S.A.A., making in all 220 rounds per man, 2 Sandbags, 2 Mills Bombs (with the exception of Rifle Grenadiers who will carry 6 rifle Grenades) and proportion of Ground Flares and "Very" Lights. Top portion only of Mess Tin will be carried.

C. S. Norman Lt-Colonel, Commanding 2th Battalion, A.I.F.

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10	2nd. A.L.T.M. Bty.	
11	War Diary.	



INFORMATION OF OURSELVES.

The Enemy Strong Post at J.14.c.60.85 on our Right Flank has been captured and is now held by us. We hold an advanced Post at J.14.a.8.5 to J.14.a.80.70, with a S. Post at either end. From this Post a Communication Trench runs back from J.14.a.78.50 through JARGON TRENCH to Road at J.14.a.6.6 thence along EAST of Road to our Front Line at J.14.a.45.78.

INFORMATION OF THE ENEMY.

The 52nd. Saxon Div. was relieved by the Bavarian Ersatz Div. in the Sector opposite our Front on night of 28/29th August.

The morals of this Div. may now be considered fair.

The Div. consists of the 28 Ersatz Inf. Reg. - 4th Bavarian R.I. R. 15th Bavarian R.I.R. disposed in above order from Right to Left and holding the line, from Line running from J.9.central - J.10.Cent - ~~XX~~ E.4.Cent to Line through J.27.a.8.8 - J.28.a.8.8. - J.30.8.8.

Our Brigade may therefore expect to encounter elements of the 15th and 4th Bavarian R.I.R.

Holding the Line.

All 3 Regts. are in the Line each with 1 Battn in the forward Line, 1 in Support and 1 in Reserve in the FLANDERN-STELLUNG.

The front Battns. have 2 Coys. each in the front line shell holes and the remaining two Coys echeloned in rear, mostly in dug-outs.

The Support Battns. have 3 Coys each in the line and the 4th Coy. further back.

Counter-Attack. In previous counter-attacks on our captured positions, enemy massed counter-attack troops in J.4.d.Central and J.10. central and delivered his attacks along North boundary of POLYGON WOOD and BLACK WATCH CORNER.

Enemy-Defences. - The Enemy has no organized continuous Trench System opposite our front and is holding the Sector by a system of Strong Posts, M.G. positions, isolated lengths of Trench, fortified shell holes and concrete dugouts.

The positions offering resistance to the various positions are-

1 Strong Post in an old Gun Pit at J.14.b.8.7 contains a bank 30' in height, in which are concrete dugouts. The Enemy previously held this strongly with M.G's, and Bombers and evacuated it by means of mined shafts after a stern resistance.

Positions affecting our Flanks

(a) Right Flank- A Strong Post is reported at J.14.c.65.80 (30 yards) and a Machine Gun at J.14.d.0.8 (100 Yards)

(b) Left Flank- The Sector on our Left is strongly held by Strong Posts -

Strong Post at	J.14.a.8.9	( 100 Yards )
	J.14.a.99.90	( 170 " )
	J.8.c.94.00	( 130 " )

A very strong position exists in Sunken Road running off from our Left Boundary at J.14.b.15.85 to J.8.c. accomodation at least 100 men. M.G's. are reported in this position which affords a strong defensive position not touched by our Artillery in previous attack. Strong Posts at J.8.b.1.3 (260 Yards) to J.8.d.3.6 (400 Yds). 3-concrete dugouts at -

J. 8.d.9.3.	( 150 Yards )
J. 8.d.8.9.	( 450 " )
J. 8.b.75.00	( 530 " )
J. 9.c.00.38	( 250 " )

Positions affecting our Flanks.

(a) Right Flank - A M. G. is located at J.14.d.80.42 (200 yds) There are a number of dugouts in a destroyed Trench running past a Farm at J.14.d.90.75 (150 Yards). The remains of a Trench at J.15.c. 1.9 crosses our Right Boundary. A concrete dugout is just to the Right of our Right Boundary at J.15.c.25.90.



(b) Left Flank - There are a number of Strong Posts and a concrete dugout in the Sector on our Left situated on the destroyed Tram Line. The nearest being 3 concrete dugouts at ~~XXXX~~ J.9.c.2.8 and J.9.c.5.3 (150 Yards). A group of 8 Strong Posts 250 Yards on our Left boundary may influence our attack in the event-of the Brigade on our Left not accounting for them.

(c) Third Objective - In addition to the remnants of the occupied trenches mentioned under 2nd Objective, there are three Strong Posts in the badly damaged POLYGON TRENCH crossing our Sector from J.15.d.30.85. to ~~XXXXXX~~ J.9.c.9.2

1. Right Battalion -

- Dugouts are shewn at J.15.d.05.10
- J.15.b.05.40
- J.15.b.05.60

A Strong Post in CARLISLE FARM at J.15.b.15.25.

Positions affecting our Right Flank. -

There are 3 Farms along road from J.15.c.30.75 to J.15.d.2.0 not shewn as occupied. A group of 4 dugouts are shewn on this road at J.15.c.~~XXXX~~ 95.65 (200 yards distant). Another group of 4 dugouts is shewn at J.15.d.35.75

Left Battalion -

A strong post surrounded by 8 dugouts is shewn at J.15.b.2.8 50 Yards to WEST of a small Farm Building. The buildings at BLACK-WATCH CORNER are connected to a Strong Post at J.9.d.2.0 by a communication Trench which runs further to old tram track at J.9.d.3.0 This communication trench is shewn to be occupied. A group of 6 dugouts is shewn at J.9.d.05.20.

PART 11

TOPOGRAPHICAL - The country opposite our front consists of a plateau sloping gradually to the EAST, the Right Flank is bounded by REUTEL-BEEK, a creek which forms no obstacle.

REPORT CENTRES & REPORTS. - An advanced Bde. Report centre will be established at CLAPHAM JUNCTION, J.13.d.9.8, to which Battns, will forward all reports. Identification and collected information documentary or otherwise will be addressed "INTELLIGENCE, LAWN".

(b) Bde. Report Centre will be established at I.13.b.2.6.

OBSERVATION. -

(a) Observation Posts will be immediately established in objective captured, as per following scale - from which continuous and systematic observation and written reports forwarded to Battn. Headquarters thence to Bde. H. Q. -

- Scale - 1 O. P. per Coy. front, in objective to be established and maintained by personnel from Coy. sections.
- 1 O.P. per Bn. H. Qrs. to move with, and establish in vicinity of Bn. H. Qrs., manned by personnel from Bn. H.Q. Section.
- Bde. O.P. will be established at J.13.d.60.66.

(b) Location of all O.P.'s. will be stated on all Reports sent back.

PATROLS -

(a) Search Patrols - 4 search patrols per Battn. consisting of 3 coy. Scouts, and 1 H.Q. Scout each, will be detailed and attached 1 per Coy. These patrols will search carefully the area over which their respective Coys. advanced, and will collect all documentary information and intelligence information from dugouts and Enemy dead. Patrols will deliver captured material, with note stating locality of collection to Bn. H. Qrs., whence they will be forwarded to Advanced Report centre. Patrols will move with rear wave of Coy. to which they are attached.



Reconnaissance Patrols - Reconnaissance Patrols will be pushed on by Coys. from final objective as soon as possible after capture and endeavour to locate Enemy Posts, M. Guns and also to reconnoitre area in front of position, with a view to exploiting advance.

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PRISONERS.

(a) (Searching) Officers and N.C.O's. will be searched by Officers if possible as soon as possible after capture and the cosuments will be sent by Escort to Battn. H. Qrs.

(b) Interrogation - Prisoners will be escorted to advanced Interrogation centre HOOGE for identification, and, until they arrive there no unauthorized person will be permitted to speak to them.

(c) Escort of Prisoners- Officers, N.C.O's. and Men will be separated as soon as possible after capture, and kept separate. They will be escorted back by Carrying Parties or slightly wounded cases.

*C. J. Hummery*  
..... Lt-Colonel,  
*ajad/*  
Commanding 8th. Battalion, A. I. F.

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APPENDIX "B"

- 1 During the move to, and while at, Assembly Point absolute silence must be maintained throughout.
- 2 Those men forming the Screen and Fighting Columns must keep moving as close to the Barrage as possible; if any enemy Posts hold out they will be dealt with by the Moppers Up.
- 3 It is essential that Tools be got forward, and if a man carrying a shovel becomes a casualty, it is the duty of the man next him to carry the casualty's shovel.
4. All ranks must understand that if slightly wounded they must use their Field Dressing and continue to attack. Slightly wounded men will not be permitted to return to the rear when the GREEN LINE is reached.
5. Consolidation must be pushed forward as rapidly as possible but every protection by Posts pushed out in front must be given. Men must understand the value of their entrenching tool and use it to great advantage.
6. Counter-attacks are sure to come, but our line must be held at all cost, and, if the enemy should penetrate at any position, the Flanks will not withdraw, but reinforcements will be sent forward from Support Lines.
7. Concealment of position is essential and every effort must be made to camouflage Posts; movement during the day must be kept down to a minimum.
8. Men must understand that although they are in the Front Line they are organized in depth that many Troops are close up in rear to assist in case of trouble.
9. The keenest watch must be kept for Enemy ruses. Remember he is not to be trusted, and is treacherous to a high degree.
10. Men are to understand that their Rifles must be their first care and must rely entirely upon the Rifle and bayonet to clear and hold their position.
11. The importance of getting back information at all stages must be impressed on all ranks in order that successes may be exploited, and adequate Artillery Support given.
12. The capture of the Red, Blue and Green Lines will be announced by the Battalions capturing these positions, showing the colours Red, Orange and White respectively on the "Ruby" Lamp.

*C. S. Munnery*  
..... Lt-Colonel,  
Commanding 8th. Battalion, A. I. F.  
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	( Sig. Off. )	
8	7th. Battn.	
9	2nd. M. G. Coy.	
10	2nd A. L. T. M. Bty.	
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2nd Aust L.I.M. Battery Operation Order No 7

Reference Map HOOGE Ypres

N. Coy. 2nd L.I.M. B  
18.9.17

7. Information on a date to be notified 2nd Aust L.I.M. Bde will be in the right and 3rd Aust L.I.M. Bde on left will attack the enemy.

Intention The 2nd Aust L.I.M. B will assist the Battalions engaged by (a) Reduction of strong points during attack (b) Defending enemy avenues of approach after objectives have been taken.

Boundaries Bde Boundaries are  
Right I 24 A 00.85 - J 14 C 1.9 - along gap avenue  
J 14 D 2.8 - J 15 a 2.0. -  
along RUTELBEEK J 15 D 30.85  
Left a line from ~~J 14~~ <sup>J 14</sup> Central to road  
junction of J 14 a 50.55 thence through  
N in GLENCORSE Wood to J 10 C 00.50

Inter-Battalion boundary so far as the 7th and 8th Battalions are concerned is J 14 a 30.25 - J 15 B 35.60

Objectives objectives are allotted as follows:-  
1st objective - Line marked RED 1st Battalion  
2nd objective " " BLUE 5th Battalion  
3rd objective " " GREEN 7th and 8th Battalions with the 8th Batten on the right.

DISTRIBUTION one sub-section will be detailed to each Battalion as follows:-  
No 1 to 5th Bn. No 2 to 6th Bn. No 3 to 7th Bn.  
No 4 to 8th Bn.  
These sub-sections will report to their Respective Battalions prior to moving up to positions of formation.



Method of Attack (a) The attack will be carried out in 126  
 three stages on the Leap Frog system, each  
 Battalion having 2 boys in the line and 2 in  
 support.

(I) Stage 1 The advance to the Red Line.  
 The line Kirkcaldie Dam - Glenconce Wood -  
 T14 B 80 60 - T14 B 95. 95 will be captured  
 and consolidated.

(II) Stage 2. The Advance to the Blue Line.  
 The line Sq T15 A 55.00 - Lone house - to polygon  
 trench at Sq T9 C 80.20 (excluding Black Watch  
 corner) will be captured and consolidated.

(III) The Advance to the Green Line  
 The line T15 D 30.90 - to Carlisle Dam - to T15 B 30.80 -  
 T9 D 30.35 will be captured and consolidated.  
 The barrage will be moved forward subsequently  
 when outposts will be established.

(b) (i) At Zero hours The barrage will be put  
 down 150 yds in front of our present front  
 line posts, and the whole Bde will immediately  
 move forward, the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion moving as  
 close to the Barrage as possible, with the 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Battalions keeping close up until clear of our  
 present front line.

At ZERO + 3 the Barrage will move forward  
 at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes for 200 yds,  
 and thereafter until it reaches the Red line at  
 the rate of 100 yds. in 6 minutes, when 6<sup>th</sup> Bn  
 will capture the first objective and  
 consolidate it. The Barrage will halt for  
 3/4 of an hour in front of the Red line.



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(II) The 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion having followed the 6<sup>th</sup> Batta 127 in Artillery formation with 100 yards interval between the battalions will, when the Red line has been seized, pass through the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion and form up as close to the barrage as possible. On the barrage lifting from in front of the Red line, it will move forward at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes till it crosses the Blue line when the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion will capture the 2<sup>nd</sup> objective and consolidate it. The barrage will halt for 2 hours in front of the Blue line.

(III) The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Battalions having followed the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion in Artillery formation at 100 yds interval in rear of the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion will, when the Blue line has been seized, pass through the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion and form up as close as possible to the Barrage. On the Barrage lifting from in front of the Blue line, it will move forward at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes, till it crosses the Green line, when the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Battalions will capture the 3<sup>rd</sup> objective and consolidate it.

The Barrage will remain stationary 200 yds beyond the Green line for a period and will subsequently move forward when outposts will be established not more than 100 yards in front of the Green line.

(C)

During the advance subsections will move in rear of and in close touch with one of the supporting boys to whom demands for their assistance will be sent by forward companies. This company will be definitely named by Batters in order that no delay may be caused in hurrying forward \* mortars to point required.



Consolidation on the objectives being taken the sub sections will take up defensive positions<sup>128</sup> in approx. localities as follows, covering avenues of enemy approach named:

(A) No 1 Subsection about J 15 A 7.7

No 3 " " J 9 D 1.1

These subsections will cover approaches along Southern portion of POLYGON Wood

(B) No 2 Subsection about J 15 A 65.10

" " " " J 15 B 11

covering enemy approaches along REUTELBEEK

All mortars will then be firmly emplaced in readiness to respond immediately to our S.O.S or reports of enemy massing along targets.

AMMUN. SUPPLY Carrying parties as detailed by Battns. will accompany subsections as far as Battn objectives where they will hand over remaining Ammun. to subsection before rejoining their units. Further supplies will be sent forward as soon as possible on requisition to Advance Pde dump through Battns.

Positions Subsections will be rationed by Battns in whose line they take up final positions.

Reports H.Q. will be situated with 8<sup>th</sup> Battn H.Q. at location to be notified and will move forward with Kat Unit H.Q.

Reports will, where possible, be sent via Battalions to save extra runners.

Further orders will be issued later regarding

- (a) Dumps
- (b) Equipment
- (c) Synchronisation of Watches



17.

Acknowledge

James F. Johnston - Capt

Commanding 2A - 27MB

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1	File		
2	War diary		
3	2nd A Bde	1400	Orderly
4	5th Battalion	"	BR L S
5	6th "	"	"
6	7th "	"	"
7	8th "	"	"
8	Spare		



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## NARRATIVE of OPERATIONS.

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Reference Map. HOOGE 1/10,000

19/9/17. Orders received from 2nd. Aus. Inf. Bde. for Bn. to move to-day from CHATEAU SEGARD (H 30 *Antal*) near DICKEBUSCH where Bn. was bivouaced, to assembly positions in front line in readiness for attack on enemy and seizure of enemy front lines.

Bn. moved from CHATEAU SEGARD to ZILLEBEKE BUND in small parties.

Battalion complete at BUND at 1345.

At 1400, C.O. conferred with all Coy. Commanders and Specialists regarding final details for the assault as laid down in Brigade orders issued and which orders are attached. Bde. advised that Zero hour would be 0540 on 20th. inst..

Lt. P. G. GANDON of 2nd. A. L. T. M. Bty. reported at BUND with 2 Mortars and crews.

Lt. SMITH of 2nd. M. G. Coy. reported at BUND with 2 guns and crews. Liason Officer from 10th. Aus. Bn, Lieut. Arthur George KLEMMER with 2 runners reported. ~~at 2300~~

At 2300 the Bn. (under orders from Brigade) moved out from the BUND to the firing line.

All ranks having first been served with a hot meal and Y.M.C.A. served out a hot drink. The night was dark and rainy and the

20/9/17. track up to the line boggy and slippery. The task of "A" and "C" Coys. in carrying necessary Battle supplies forward from the BUND was made doubly difficult by the weather conditions.

Desultory shelling by the enemy occurred but Bn. did not have any casualties before reaching firing line.

Lieut. E. G. ROBB (Bn. I.O.) assisted by Lieut. T. P. O'CONNOR had proceeded to the firing line earlier in the afternoon for the purpose of laying out tapes marking the assembly lines of the Bn..

20/9/17. At 0445 Bn. was in a position on assembly lines and Brigade was duly advised by code word YARRA.

A small dugout immediately in rear of Bn. assembly lines and ~~Brigade headquarters~~ was secured as Bn. Hdqrs. until Zero hour.

At Zero hour (0540) our barrage opened. The whole Brigade moved forward and 7th. Aus. Bn. Hdqrs. moved with Bn...

At 0605, C.O. and Adjutant of 7th. Aus. Bn. were at right edge of GLENCORSE WOOD near FITZCLARENCE Farm and an enemy Strong Post was secured as Bn. Hdqrs., location being about J 14 B 55..

From this point there was excellent observation of the whole Brigade front including all objectives and beyond.

In this dugout were large bunks and much equipment, packs rolled bags of bread, service water bottles filled with wine and bread and on the table, breakfast spread and candle burning. The occupants had evidently only fled a very short time previously.

Subsequently, Col. MALONEY of Bn. Hdqrs. Scouts reported the capture of 20 prisoners in an adjoining dugout immediately after Bn. Hdqrs. had been established.

0610. Bde. advised of approx. location of Bn. Hdqrs., 8th. Aus. Bn..

*also advised at.* 0630. and immediately afterwards Lt. Col. MITCHELL, C.O. 8th. of 8th. Aus. Bn. came into Bn. Hdqrs. and said he was establishing himself in next dugout a few yards away.

0637. Verbal O K message <sup>by runner</sup> from O.C. "D" Coy. Major F. H. TUBB VC.

0705. Message from Lieut. F. S. WYETH, 13 Platoon "D" Coy. giving location of his platoon at J 14 B & C. *message timed 0700*

*at 7.15 in which he is at J 14 B 57 with 25 men message timed 0705*  
0715. Lt. Col. MITCHELL reports line falling back as troops were being cut by our own barrage. (Message timed at 0705.)

0725. Message to Bde. that 20 prisoners sent back by this Bn. including 1 Officer, 1 L/Cpl. and 17 other ranks of 4 and 15 Bavarians, and that none wounded prisoner still held.



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0730. O.C. "B" Coy. (Capt. J. W. HOPKINS) reported personally at Bn. Hdqrs. and stated he was in touch with all Coys. and the whole Bn. was organized.
- Lieut. ~~D. H. TRAVIS~~ of "B" Coy reports he is at J M B S. V. with 25 men. Message timed at 0650.
0730. Lieut. W. H. G. SMITH, "D" Coy. reports by runner he is at (J 15 a a 0570 with 20 men. Message timed 0720.
0730. Lieut. F. S. WYETH reports he is at same location as Lieut. SMITH, Message timed 0718.
0735. Message to Bde. that Intelligence material collected from prisoners being despatched as soon as possible.
0740. Lieut. T. P. O'CONNOR (Officer giving direction by compass to 7th. Aus. Bn.) reported personally at Bn. Hdqrs. that Bn. organized and following up close to barrage. That 7th. Aus. Bn. direction good. 1st. Objective has been taken. Casualties, slight. This information he had also despatched by runner but runner not yet arrived.
- C.O. 7th. Aus. Bn. after short reconnaissance of front, confers with C.O. 5th. Aus. Bn.. Latter has not yet had word from his Bn. as to attack on 2nd. Objective.
0745. O.C. "A" Coy. (Capt. A. N. HAMILTON) reports by runner he is at first objective and casualties very slight. Message timed 0700. Lieut. H. H. YOUNG (7th. Aus. Bn.) reports by runner he is not yet in touch with 10th. Aus. Bn. to which Bn. he is Liason Officer; message timed 0720.
0810. O.C. "C" Coy. (Capt. W. R. D'ALTEIRA) reports his Coy. reorganized and moving forward to BLUE line. Message timed 0800.
0810. Lieut. T. P. O'CONNOR'S messengers arrives with written message but Lieut. O'CONNOR had already given verbal report at 0740. Message timed 0708.
0815. Message to Bde. that from material captured in dugouts, it would appear enemy relief either just completed or about to take place.
0820. "A" Coy reports O K as at 0735.
0820. Message from Major F. H. TUBB V. C. of "D" Coy. that "D" Coy. organized and in rear of 5th. Aus. Bn. who are consolidating their objective. 12 casualties sustained by "D" Coy.. "D" Coy. in touch with 8th. Aus. Bn. and "B" Coy. 7th. Aus. Bn..
0828. Message to Bde timed 0915 from Lieut. ~~J. H. YOUNG~~ H. YOUNG that 10th. Aus. Bn. in touch with 7th. Aus. Bn.. 10th. Aus. Bn. is reorganizing just beyond 2nd. Objective.
0828. Message to Brigade reporting information given by Major TUBB VC. and Lieut. H. H. YOUNG.
0933. Message to "D" Coy. that 7th. Aus. Bn. in touch with 10th. Aus. Bn.
0950. "D" Coy. reports as at 0940 that barrage falling short, and 5th. Aus. Bn. forced to withdraw to rear of their objective, about 200 yards back. "D" and "C" Coys., 7th. Aus. Bn. are together in rear of 5th. Aus. Bn..
1002. Message timed 0950 from Lt. H. H. <sup>YOUNG</sup> ~~YOUNG~~ Liason Officer to 10th. Aus. Bn. asking us to reinforce the 10th. Aus. Bn. as they are held up owing to wastage and to help on 3rd. Objective by extending a little to our left.
1005. O.C. "B" Coy. reports as at 0945, "B" Coy. now on 2nd. Objective with 5th. Aus. Bn.. Our artillery firing short and causing casualties. "B" Coy. not in touch with 10th. Aus. Bn.. Company frontage is J 9 a 85.25 to J 15 a 85 90..
1010. Message to 10th. Aus. Bn. that 2 Platoons from our support Coy. on Left flank will reinforce our front line <sup>and extend our line</sup> towards and connect up with 10th. Aus. Bn. and will give all possible assistance.
1012. Message to "A" Coy. to reinforce "B" Coy. with 2 platoons with the object of relieving assisting 10th. Aus. Bn.
1015. Message to Bde. that 10th. Aus. Bn. held up on right and had asked for our assistance. That we have reinforced front line left flank and extended our line towards our left.

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Message to B Coy that 2 platoons from A Coy have been ordered to report to B Coy at once that 10 Bn in need of assistance & B Coy must extend its line towards & connect up with 10 Bn giving all possible assistance



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1015. Message to Brigade that 10th. Aus. Bn. held up on Right and had asked for our assistance. That we have reinforced front line left flank and extended our line towards our left.
1020. Message to Brigade that front line reports heavies falling short on our troops and troops held up until artillery lengthens range. Approx. present position of front line is immediately in front of BLUE line.
1040. Message from "B" Coy as at 1020 (left flank, front line) that they are in their objective and consolidating at J 9 D 25.25 and J 9 D 12. Posts 50 yards in front of S.Ps. Lieut. F. E. FOERS killed on reaching 3rd. Objective.  
Message to Brigade reporting position on left flank.
1045. Message to "B" Coy. for additional information as to frontage now on.
1055. Message from "C" Coy. as at 1030 that group of 9 S.Ps. near corner of POLYGON WOOD at about J 15 B 2.8. captured. Our artillery falling short. Major F. H. TUBB V.C. is wounded seriously.
1100. Message to Brigade that 9 Posts captured at J 15 B 2.8. Our heavies still shelling this position.  
Message to "C" Coy. giving present position of Bn. as known and to send word to Lieut. T. P. O'CONNOR to take charge of "D" Coy. if Major TUBB V.C. a casualty.
1103. Message from Lieut. H. J. WRIGHT "D" Coy. that "D" Coy. between 2nd. and 3rd. Objectives. Enemy shelling the position.  
Message from "C" Coy. as at 1035 that GREEN line reached by "C" Coy. and picks and shovels required. 5th. Aus. Bn. carrying ~~carrying parties~~ have not yet arrived.  
Lieut. T. P. O'CONNOR reports personally at Bn. Hdqrs. front line in position and everything satisfactory. Major TUBB VC wounded.  
Lieut. T. P. O'CONNOR instructed to <sup>proceed</sup> front line and take charge "D" Coy.
1105. Message to Brigade that Right company has reached objective. Picks and shovels required. 5th. Aus. Bn. carrying ~~parties~~ have not yet arrived.
1106. Message from "B" Coy. as at 1040 that they are in touch with 10th. Aus. Bn..  
"B" Coy. constructing S.P. at J 9 D 25.25 and a supporting post. at Left and Right Coys. 7th. Aus. Bns. in touch. S.P. at J 9 B 27.15. Slight casualties.  
Message to Brigade reporting position..
1110. Message from our Liason Officer to 10th. Aus. Bn. as at 1100 that 10th. Aus. Bn. on 3rd. Objective and in touch with 7th. Aus. Bn..  
10th. Aus. Bn. now digging S.Ps..
1115. Message to 5th. Aus. Bn. that S. A. A., Picks and shovels urgently required by front line and to push forward carrying parties immediately.  
Message to "C" Coy. that supplies will be pushed forward as quickly as possible.
1120. Message to Brigade that as our line thinned out to assist Left Bn. could one company from rear Bn. be ordered up to support our front line and carry up S. A. A. picks and shovels. Enemy is observing (from direction of BECLAERE about J 12 a) very closely our front line movements.
1122. 8th. Aus. Bn. advised our front line OK.
- 1125 10th. Aus. Bn. advised our front line OK, and in touch on both flanks.
- 1125 2 prisoners from ~~xxx~~ "B" Coy. sent to rear.
1125. "C" Coy. reports in touch with both flanks and ~~immediately~~ <sup>consolidating</sup> on GREEN line. Enemy horse and Limber movement on ridge in front. No sign of enemy counter attack. Several prisoners sent back.  
*Can* our barrage be raised. "C" Coy. Hdqrs. at J 15 B 28.  
Bde. M.Gs. with "C" Coy..



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1145. Message from Brigade that enemy counter attack division on march at 9 a.m. and expected about noon at front line.
1200. Message to Brigade with 4 Officers captured by 8th. Aus. Bn. and forwarding papers.  
Message to Brigade with 2 prisoners and that Right Coy. reports much horse and limber movement at J 11 d and J 12 a..
1205. "A" Coy. reports as at 1135 that enemy counter attacking ~~JXXIXX~~ J 10 c Central, J 16 Q 5.6..
1205. "D" Coy. reports consolidating proceeding.
1210. Message to 5th. Aus. Bn. to support front line with one Coy. as we are assisting 10th. Aus. Bn..
1205. Lieut. T.P.O'CONNOR. reports as at 1151 that "D" Coy. consolidating. Our barrage still on our line. In <sup>touch</sup> ~~touch~~ with flanks.
1210. Message to 6th. Aus. Bn. to send forward ammunition, picks, Shovels &c. and to have one company standing by in readiness to support.
1213. Lieut. R.E. SARA, "D" Coy. reports as at 1153 enemy assembling in direction ZONNEBEKE. Our Lewis Guns and M.Gs. in position and consolidation well forward.
1215. Message to 8th. Aus. Bn. that enemy counter attacking and that 5th. and 6th. Aus. Bns. warned.  
Message that Lieut. T.O'CONNOR wounded.
1220. Message to Lieut. W.J. WRIGHT. to take charge of "D" Coy..
1235. Lieut. P.G. GANDON, 2nd. A.L.T.M. Bty. reports No. 1. gun emplaced in position at J 9 c 95.20 and No. 2. Gun out of action.
1237. Lieut. GRANT, T.M. Bty. asks for 500 rounds Stokes Mortar ammunition.  
Bde. forward station advised.  
Sentry reports 6 enemy planes low over our lines.
1240. Brigade advised.
1242. OK from "D" Coy..
1247. "A" Coy. reports 6 prisoners sent back at 1000. 2/Lieut. C.R. ANDERSON wounded and remaining on duty.
1325. "B" Coy. reports as at 1300 consolidation in front and support lines well forward.  
Small bodies of enemy assembling at the "BUTTE" and in the valley in front of GHUPEVET.  
In touch on both flanks. Enemy planes active. "B" Coy. and "A" Coy. Hdqrs. at J 15 B 05.95.
1400. Message to "A" Coy. to advise if our gun troubling them stops firing.
1425. Message to Brigade reporting latest information from "B" Coy..
1450. Message from "A" Coy. that enemy massing at MOUND, J 10 A 7.8., artillery informed.
1450. "A" Coy. reports gun ceased firing.  
Message from 5th. Aus. Bn. that enemy moving along South of POLYGONE WOOD. ALL Coys. informed and to take precautions.
1455. Message from Bde. timed 1323 that 6th. Aus. Bn. to send up 1 Coy. to support front line.
1500. "B" Coy. advised that 1 Coy., 6th. Bn. reporting as support and to use this Coy. as necessary to support Left or Right Coy..  
Message to 6th. Aus. Bn. to instruct supporting Coy. to report to Capt. J.W. HOPKINS, "B" Coy..
1510. "D" Coy. reports enemy removing artillery. Our artillery informed.
1520. Message from Bde. timed 1345 that sappers at "C" S.P. report no garrison there.  
Message to "A" Coy. and informed garrison occupying this S.P..
1550. Liason Officer to 10th. Aus. Bn. advises (1540) enemy with packs are moving up to right of BUTTE into Shelter at BUTTE. Patrols report these men appear to be leaving their packs behind the BUTTE and forming up on Left of BUTTE.  
Enemy appears to be moving to attack 7th. Aus. Bn. front.

1335 A Coy reports our artillery firing on J 15 B 05.95 - Artillery advised.  
1335 Our casualties reported to Brigade.



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- 1555. "D" and "B" Coy. commanders warned verbally of report from 10th. Aus. Bn.. Artillery advised.
- 1600. "A" Coy. reports as at 1547 that enemy appears to be moving to a point 63 ~~yards~~ <sup>yards</sup> East of North from BUTTE.
- 1620. "B" Coy. reports at 1600 support Coy. from 6th. Aus. Bn. not arrived Front line is OK.
- 1645. "D" Coy. reports our 18 pounders firing into us at J 15 B 25.85. Artillery informed.  
"C" Coy. reports our artillery still short. Artillery informed.
- 1650. Message from Bde. timed 1245 to reorganize in depth.  
Congratulatory message from Div. Commander.
- 1700. "D" Coy. reports 18 pounders have not stopped. Artillery informed.
- 1710. ~~XXXXXX~~ Brigade <sup>found</sup> ~~station~~ reports to Brigade that our 18 pounders firing into us.
- 1725. Message to 10th. Aus. Bn. that Liason Officer attached to 7th. Aus. Bn. from 10 th. Aus. Bn., missing.  
Phone message from "C" Coy. that 2/Lieut. H. ATTWOOD killed in action  
Message to Bde. advising.
- 1730. "A" and "C" Coy. reports our heavies firing short. Artillery advised.  
Message to Bde. reporting heavies shelling GREEN line.
- 1815. Heavy firing on our left and S.O.S. sent up.  
"A" and "B" Coyss report OK and that fighting is far to their left. Considerable movement about the BUTTE.  
Message to Brigade that considerable ~~eney~~ <sup>eney</sup> movement enemy movement about the BUTTE. 3 10 a 78
- 1855. Message timed 1739 from Bde. to take a <sup>bearing</sup> to gun said to be firing short and that gun is believed to be enemy gun.  
Message to "D" and "C" Coys. informed them of Bde. message.
- 1900. All Coys. report OK.
- 1910. Message timed 1900 from Bde. to report situation.  
Corps Commander sends congratulations.
- 1935. Message to Bde. that situation quiet on our front and that we are organized and ready to resist attack.  
Message to Bde. reporting wounded being very slowly conveyed to rear and can bearer squads be supplemented, otherwise many wounded will die..
- 1950. Code message from Bde. with particulars of protective barrage being put down at dawn on 21st. Inst.. <sup>their</sup>
- 1956. 10th. Aus. Bn. report no knowledge of Liason Officer to us.
- 2000. All Coys. report OK.
- 2011. Bde. advised report situation quiet.
- 2013. do
- 2035. do.  
Lieut. H. H. YOUNG reports everything normal with 10th. Aus. Bn.
- 2040. Message timed 1955 from Bde. to continue consolidation tonight and to locate enemy posts.
- 2045. All Coys. advised.
- 2115. Bde. asks for particulars of officers casualties.
- 2115. Bde. message timed 2045 that prisoners state it is highly probable that the enemy may counter attack tonight.
- 2115. Bde. message in code timed 2015. "Land to" 0430 on 21st. inst..
- 2140. Bde. <sup>Land to</sup> message repeated to all Coys..
- 2205. Message to Bde. giving particulars of officer casualties.
- 2207. All Coys. asked to report numbers of prisoners captured.
- 2400. Lieut. MINSTER reports with carrying party taking water to front line.  
Message from Hospital that Major TUBB VC. has died of wounds  
L/Cpl. Connell reports from "C" Coy. with prisoners who says he was servant to German officer. Prisoner had a satchel of papers belonging to the officer. Prisoner is despatched to Bde. and acknowledgement asked for.



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- 0015. Wire from Bde. that rations available.
- M message timed 2330 from Bde. that support Coy. from 6th. Aus. Bn. to withdraw ~~and~~ stand down and act as carrying party.
- 0030. All Coys. advised dry rations available.
- 0030. Bde. advised of death of Major TUBB. V.C.
- 0041. Message to "B" Coy. that 6th. Aus. Bn. supports Coy. to withdraw at dawn.
- M message from "B" Coy. that water arrived including some ~~from~~ for 8th. Aus. Bn.. Message to 8th. Aus. Bn. advising and to collect the water.
- 0100. Message from "B" Coy. for permission to push out several small posts in front of our line. ~~message in reply~~  
Message in reply approving.
- 0135. Code message to all Coys. as to "Stand down" at 0430.
- 0140. Message timed 0110 from Bde. that our aeroplanes will fly over our line just before dawn and will fire into enemy front lines.
- 0143. Message from Bde. timed 0115 that L/Col. Connell arrived with prisoner.
- 0215. All Coys. advised *re aer plane*
- 0220. Message from "B" Coy. that Lieut. L. E. BRAWIN wounded. Bde. advised.
- 0455. Brigade advised that we have captured 2 M. Gs. and 93 prisoners.
- 0615. Message from 10th. Aus. Bn., everything OK.
- 0630. Message to 10th. Aus. Bn. " OK.
- 0745. Message from "B" Coy. timed 0720 that support Coy. from 6th. Aus. Bn. had returned to 6th. Aus. Bn. Quiet night. *position now normal. Enemy M. Gun at Cameron House + at J 10 D 33.85.*
- 1000. Casualties reported to Bde., 3 Officers, killed, viz :-  
Major F. H. TUBB V.C., 2/Lieut. H. ATTWOOD., 2/Lieut. F. E. FOERS.  
3 officers wounded, evacuated viz - Lieut. T. P. O'CONNOR, Lieut. A. J. O'CONNOR and Lieut. L. E. TRAWIN.  
3 Officers wounded and remained on duty viz - Capt. J. W. HOPKINS, Capt. A. N. HAMILTON and 2/Lieut. C. R. ANDERSON.  
Other ranks Killed 15  
" " wounded. 89.  
" " missing 23.
- 0745 Position now normal. Enemy M. Gun at CAMERON HOUSE and also at J 10 D 33.85..
- 1127. Message from Bde. timed 1105 to send out patrols and try and establish position at J 15 B 5.6..  
This post was already established. Bde. advised.
- 1440. Message from Bde. that Bn. will be relieved tonight.  
Message to Coys. to give 3rd. Bn. Officers all possible information.
- 1430. Message to Bde. that enemy believed to have captured an Australian soldier belonging to either 7th. or 8th. Aus. Bns.. The man was seen well out in front near a party of Germans and when rescuers went forward, Germans and Australian had disappeared.  
Message from 10th. Aus. Bn. that they are being relieved tonight.  
Relief order to all Coys. with details of relief.
- 1620. Bde. message timed 1610 advising enemy reported to be counter attacking division on our right.  
Message to all Coys..
- 1630. Enemy heavily shelled Bn. Hdqrs. area with 5.9's.. Shelling more or less continuous all day.
- 1815. Enemy planes active over our lines..  
Message to Bde. that 10 enemy planes over our lines and enemy shelling Bn. Hdqrs..  
"C" Coy. reports enemy artillery active from ridge in front of our position at J 15 b 40.75.  
Message to Brigade giving particulars.  
"C" Coy. is not being shelled.
- \* 1530. Message to G. M. arranging details for accommodation of Bn. on relief tonight



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1855. Message from front line reporting heavy shelling of area between BLUE and GREEN lines by the enemy. Brigade advised.
1900. Heavy shelling over BLUE line. ALL communications front and rear from Bn. Hdqrs. are cut.
1908. S.O.S. goes up on our left flank. Our sentry without orders fires our S.O.S.
1910. Sentries report S.O.S. from our front. 5th. Aus. Bn. enquires if we ~~know~~ know position at Front line and inform them S.O.S. has been sent up on our front.
1914. Signallers attempted to penetrate barrage and failed. They report S.O.S. on our front.
1920. Message from 9th. Aus. Bn. that we are advancing on the right. Enemy is attacking on the left. Enemy artillery <sup>fire</sup> very intense.
1930. Artillery Liason fails to establish lamp communication with rear.
1933. Enemy artillery fire ~~slackens~~ slackens slightly.
1950. 5th. and 6th. Aus. Bns. report they have not had any word back from BLUE and RED lines. *ball head* reports ~~intouchwith~~ in touch with Bde..
1955. 10th. Aus. Bn. reports no ~~adverse report~~ adverse report from the front line.
1956. Bde. asks for report.
1957. Brigade advised no adverse reports. Runners and scouts out ~~using~~ feeling their way forward through barrage.
2005. Enemy shelling slackens.
2015. Message from "B" Coy. all OK at 1950. Enemy barrage started at 1715. S.O.S. sent up on our left flank from several units. Our artillery barrage effective.
2020. Message to Bde. reporting all OK on our front.
2021. Message to 5th., 6th., 8th. and 10th. Aus. Bns.
2026. Position normal.
2028. Message from "B" Coy. OK at 2010.
2040. 9th. Aus. Bn. reports Ok. *2300 2 Coy reports death of Lt. Sam Kellid in action*
0050. Relief by 3rd. Aus. Bn. complete and Brigade advised. Bn. moved back to DICKEBUSCH arriving there at 0600. Hot meal served and day spent resting until 0400 when Bn. proceeded in busses to STEENVOORDE area, <sup>1600</sup> arriving there at 2030.

*E. Herrod Lieut. Col*  
 7th. Australian Battalion.



Nominal Roll of Officers who went into Action  
on 20<sup>th</sup> September 1917

Headquarters

Lieut Col. Herrod E. G. Commanding  
Lieutenant Harris O. G. Adjutant  
" Swallow R. W. Sig. Officer  
" Rebb. E. G. Intelligence Officer  
" Pollock W. G. Liaison Officer  
" O'Connor J. P.  
" O'Connor A. J. OC combining Platoons

Captain D. L. Barlow. R. G. C.

"A" Coy

Captain A. W. Hamilton  
Lieut R. L. Piercey  
Lieut J. H. G. Gordon  
Lieut W. C. Scott  
Lieut G. R. Anderson

"B" Coy

Captain J. W. Hopkins  
Lieut H. E. Trawin  
Lieut A. D. Hollyhake  
Lieut J. E. Fooks  
Lieut H. G. Banks

"C" Coy

Captain W. R. D'Altera  
Lieut L. H. Kelly  
Lieut G. B. Hambrook  
Lieut H. R. Hambrook  
Lieut H. Attwood

"D" Coy

Major J. H. Tubb R. G.  
Lieut H. G. Wright  
Lieut R. E. Loran  
Lieut J. L. Wyeth  
Lieut W. H. G. Smith

Brigade Duties in Fighting Area

Lieut J. Fowler Bde. Dump Officer  
Lieut J. R. Dickinson Bde. Intelligence Off  
Lieut H. J. O'Neill Bde. Sig. Officer

Other Ranks in Action. 683

Morris Lieut  
Adjutant 7th Australian Battalion



## REPORT on OPERATIONS.

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## I. ASSEMBLY.

In accordance with 2nd. Aus. Inf. Bde. Order No 45 the Bn. less Transport and plus <sup>2 Sections</sup> M.G. Co. and <sup>1 Section</sup> L.T.M. Battery moved from ZILLEBEKE BUND dugouts by platoons in file at 100 yards distance, head of the column moved out at 2345, and Bn. formed up in assembly position at J 14 a, at 0445 on 20/9/17.. Heavy rain fell for about two hours which made the track very slippery and heavy, this caused the march to position to take longer than was anticipated.

ACTION.

At Zero hour, 0540, the battalion moved forward "en masse" ; owing to the heavy mist it was impossible to see any distance and instead of lying down on entering GLENCORSE WOOD the two Right companies moved forward about 500 yards before halting. The whole battalion was reorganized after crossing the RED line, and moved to the BLUE line in Artillery formation by sections in file, the screen was then formed across the front by deploying the two leading platoons of the two leading companies. The move forward of the screen was carried out almost perfectly, the ~~front~~ <sup>front</sup> line kept about 50 yards behind the barrage which was excellent, no shorts being noticed during the period. There was no resistance by the enemy. Mopping up was completed. 2 Machine Guns and 93 prisoners being captured and sent back. During consolidation we were subjected to a considerable amount of machine gun and rifle fire.

At 1002 a message was received from 10th. Aus. Bn. asking for assistance.

At 1012 I attached 2 platoons of "A" Coy. to "B" Coy., placing these under the command of Capt. J. W. HOPKINS and ordered him to extend the frontage towards and connect up with 10th. Aus. Bn. giving them all possible assistance.

Whilst consolidation was in progress several small parties of 4 and 6 men appeared but Lewis gun fire accounted for these at range of 500 yards.

Patrols were pushed out to a distance of 200 yards and all the intervening ground thoroughly reconnoitred. In consequence of this I advanced the line by establishing two forward posts on the Left company front, one at J 9 d 55.10 and one at J 9 d 50.35. Patrols operated throughout the whole night. On carrying out a personal reconnaissance the following morning I decided to advance the line by constructing and occupying two forward S.Ps. on the Right company front, one at J 15 b 50.60 and one at J 15 b 50.90..

Small parties of enemy ~~were~~ in shell holes were located by our patrols. Light Trench mortars under Lieut. GANDON drove them out of their positions and Lewis Gun fire accounted for many before they could gain cover in other positions. By these means we inflicted many casualties and continued to harass him throughout the day.

At 1127 a message was received from Bde. Hdqrs. to try and establish a post at J 15 b 56, this had already been done and Bde. was advised accordingly.

At 1715 enemy commenced shelling our area heavily with 5.9's and 77's..

At 1815, 10 hostile planes were over the GREEN line.

Continued.



ACTION. Contd. At 1855 enemy shelling became intense.  
 At 1900 all communications were cut.  
 At 1908 S.O.S. signals were sent up from battalion front on our Left.  
 At 1910 S.O.S. signals were sent up from the battalion front on our Right.  
 At 1920 A message was received from the 9th. Aus. Bn. that enemy attacking on the left, but no hostile movement could be seen on our front.  
 At 1957 enemy shelling slackened, runners were sent forward and O.K. reports received and Bde. advised.  
 At 0050 on 22nd inst relief by 3rd. Aus. Bn. completed and the battalion moved back to DICKBUSCH.

ARTILLERY.

Artillery barrage was very effective. The use of smoke shells to denote the various objectives was useful, but the increased rate of fire by 18 pounders was more pronounced and easily distinguished. It is considered that some form of signal be used to stop artillery firing, after S.O.S. signal has been sent up.

MEDICAL.

More Field Ambulance bearer squads were required; if stretchers were available without the Field Ambulance personnel, it would have been possible to clear the casualties quickly by using prisoners and returning carrying parties.

CASUALTIES.

	<i>Off.</i>	<i>Ors.</i>
Killed .....	3	29
Died of Wounds.	2	11
Wounded .....	5	155
Missing .....		5

Lewis Guns destroyed..2.....

ENEMY CASUALTIES. It is estimated that 500 enemy dead were in the area the Battalion passed through. It is estimated that 200 enemy casualties were inflicted subsequent to GREEN line being taken, by Stokes, Lewis Gun and Rifle Fire.

Enemy Machine Guns Captured - 2.

*N. Herrod* Lieut. Colonel.  
 Commanding 7th. Australian Battalion.







## HEADQUARTERS

2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.  
21st Sept. 1917OPERATIONS.

The brigade attacked at 0540 and captured its three objectives by 1800. We captured 17 officers and 600 Other Ranks, 13 Machine Guns and 4 Trench Mortars. The positions gained were immediately consolidated and we now hold the front from J.15.D.4.9. to J.9.D.3.2. Enemy casualties were heavy. Amongst the officers captured were a Battalion Commander and his Adjutant.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Until midnight, no prisoners other than from 15th Bavarian and 4th Bavarian R.I.R. (Bavarian Ersatz Division) had been received. At about midnight, a prisoner of 16th Bavarian Division was received.

ENEMY SHELLING.

Enemy still shells OLAPHAM ridge and MENIN ROAD with 5.9" chiefly mostly as intermittent barrages. The area forward of OLAPHAM is shelled promiscuously with all calibres up to 5.9", the majority being 4.2". More shrapnel has been used than usual, but bursts were high.

ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Bavarian Ersatz Division Morale appeared low, the men offering little or no resistance. They were apparently purely on the defensive.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Enemy planes were very active from mid-day and during the afternoon, flying in large bodies at a low altitude well behind the lines. One enemy plane was reported driven down in flames.

MOVEMENT.

Constant Movement was observed through J.10.A. throughout the afternoon.

ARMS AND EQUIPMENT.

Large quantities of equipment and arms lie strewn over the area which have not yet been able to be salvaged.

ENEMY COUNTER ATTACK.

Enemy Counter Attack Division was observed massing in J.10.A. and artillery being advised, they were dispersed with heavy casualties before the attack was launched.

*H. F. Smith*

CAPTAIN.  
Brigade Major  
2nd Aust. Inf. Brigade.



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RETURN of OFFICERS in ORDER of SENIORITY on STRENGTH of UNIT

as at 1200 on 7th. September 1917.

P R E S E N T

Order	Rank	Name	Initials	Remarks.
1	Lt. Col.	Herrod	E. E.	Commanding.
2	Major	Tubb VC	F. H.	O. C. "D" Coy.
4	Captain	Campbell	W. B.	O. C. "C" Coy.
5	"	Hamilton	A. N.	O. C. "A" Coy.
6	"	Hopkins J	J. W.	O. C. "B" Coy.
7	"	Tubb MC	F. R.	2nd. i/c "A" Coy.
8	"	Phillips	A. F.	2nd. i/c "B" Coy.
10	"	O'Altera	W. R.	2nd. i/c "C" Coy.
12	Lieut.	O'Connor	T. P.	2nd. i/c "D" Coy.
14	"	Young	H. H.	
15	"	Kelly	L. H.	
16	"	Hamilton	W. F.	Acting Q.M..
18	"	Wyeth	F. S.	
19	"	Piercey	R. L.	
20	"	Hollyhoke	A. D.	
21	"	Trawin	L. E.	
23	"	Gordon	J. H. G.	
25	"	Purbrick	K. M.	
26	"	Sara	R. E.	
27	"	Jardine	T. A.	a/Transport Officer.
29	"	O'Connor	A. J.	
31	"	Heaton	G.	
32	"	Nixon	H.	Intelligence Officer.
35	"	Robb	E. G.	
37	"	O'Neill	H. F.	Sig. Officer
38	"	Hooker	F. H.	Transport Officer.
39	"	Harris	O. J. E.	A/g Adjutant.
40	"	Pollock	W. G.	Bomb Officer.
41	"	Bobbin	C. L.	
42	"	Dean	A.	
43	"	Scott	W. E.	a/g asst. Adjutant.
44	2/Lieut.	Edgoose	P. L.	
45	"	Hambrook	M. B.	
46	"	Hambrook	H. R.	
47	"	Gaulton	E. B.	
48	"	Teare MC	A. M.	
49	"	Meyer	A. P. F.	
50	"	Phillips	D. G.	
51	"	Anderson	C. R.	
52	"	Attwood	H.	
53	"	Beech	A. E.	
55	"	Banks	K. G.	
56	"	Tucker	W. L.	
57	"	Boers	F. E.	

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3	Captain	Bastin MC	H. E.	1st. Aus. Inf. Bde. Hdqrs.
9	"	Hillard	R. I.	Instructor. 2nd. Aus. Inf. Bde. Class.
11	Hon. Capt.	Scholes	J. E.	Hospital, sick.
13	Lieut.	Hill	E. W.	2nd. Army School.
7	"	Wright	H. J.	Leave, Paris
22	"	Fowler	J.	Duty, 1st. Aus. Div. Hdqrs.
24	"	Reynolds	O. G.	Hospital, sick.
33	"	Swallow	R. W.	Bde. Sig. Class.
40	"	Smith	W. H. G.	Leave, Paris.
53	"	Bickinson	V. R.	a/Bde. Int. Officer.
54	"	Booth	W. R.	Bde. Bomb Officer.
36	"	Salthouse	A. L.	Instructor, 2nd. Aus. Inf. Bde. Class.
4	2/Lieut.	Mallett	A. W.	1st. Anzac Corps School.

(Sgd. E. E. HERROD..... Lieut. Col.  
Commanding 7th. Australian Battalion.



## RETURN on OFFICERS in ORDER of SENIORITY on STRENGTH of UNIT

at as 1800 on 14th. September 1917.

## P R E S E N T

Order Senty.	Rank.	Name		Remarks.
1.	Lt. Col.	Herrod	E. E.	Commanding.
2.	Major	Tubb VC.	F. H.	O. C. "D" Coy.
5.	Captain	Hamilton	A. N.	O. C. "A" Coy.
6.	"	Hookins	J. W.	O. C. "E" Coy.
10.	"	D'Altera	W. R.	2nd. i/c "C" Coy.
12.	Lieut.	O'Connor	T. P.	2nd. i/c "B" Coy.
14.	"	Young	H. H.	
15.	"	Kelly	L. H.	
16.	"	Hamilton	W. E.	a/g Q.M.
17.	"	Wright	H. J.	
18.	"	Wyeth	F. S.	
19.	"	Piercey	R. L.	
20.	"	Hollyhoke	A. D.	
21.	"	Trawin	L. E.	
23.	"	Gordon	J. H. G.	
25.	"	Swallow	R. W.	a/g Sig. Officer.
26.	"	Smith	W. H. G.	
27.	"	O'Connor	A. J.	
33.	"	Robb	F. G.	Intelligence Officer.
36.	"	Hooker	F. H.	Transport Officer.
37.	"	Harris	O. J. P.	a/Adjutant.
38.	"	Pollock	W. G.	Bomb Officer.
40.	"	Sara	R. E.	
42.	"	Scott	W. E.	
44.	2/Lieut.	Hambrook	M. B.	
45.	"	Hambrook	H. R.	
50.	"	Anderson	C. R.	
51.	"	Attwood	H. H.	
54.	"	Banks	K. G.	
56.	"	Foers	F. E.	

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3.	Captain.	Bastin MC	H. E.	1st. Aus. Inf. Bde. Hdqrs.
4.	"	Campbell	W. B.	Reserves Rft. Camp.
7.	"	Tubb MC	F. R.	do do
8.	"	Phillips	A. F.	Instructor, Base.
9.	"	Hillard	R. T.	" 2nd. Aus. Inf. Bde. Class.
11.	Hon. Capt.	Scholes	J. E.	Hospital, sick.
13.	Lieut.	Hill	F. W.	2nd. Army School
22.	"	Fowler	J.	Duty, 2nd. Aus. Inf. Bde.
24.	"	Purbrick	K. M.	Reserves, Rft. Camp.
28.	"	Jardine	T. A.	Hospital, sick.
29.	"	Heaton	G.	Reserve Rft. Camp.
30.	"	Nixon	H.	" " "
31.	"	Dickinson	V. R.	a/Bde. Int. Officer.
32.	"	Booth	W. R.	Bde. Bomb Officer.
34.	"	Salthouse	A. L.	Instructor Bde. Class.
35.	"	O'Neill	H. F.	Sig. Officer, 2nd. Aus. Inf. Bde.
39.	"	Dobbin	C. L.	Reserves Rft. Camp.
41.	"	Dean	A.	" " "
43.	2/Lieut.	Edgoose	P. L.	" " "
46.	"	Gaulton	F. B.	<del>Reserves Rft. Camp.</del> Duty, 2nd. Aus. Inf. Bde.
47.	"	Teare MC	A. M.	Reserves, Rft. Camp.
48.	"	Meyer	A. P. F.	1st. Anzac Corps School
49.	"	Phillips	D. G.	Reserves Rft. Camp.
52.	"	Beech	A. E.	1st. Anzac Corps School
53.	"	Mallett	A. W.	do do
55.	"	Tucker	W. L.	Reserves Rft. Camp.

... (Sgd.) E. E. Herrod, Lt. Colonel  
Commanding 7th. Australian Battalion



RETURN of OFFICERS in ORDER of SENIORITY on STRENGTH of UNIT

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at 1800 on 25th. September 1917.

## ----- P R E S E N T -----

Order Senty.	Rank.	Name	Remarks.
1.	Lieut. Col.	Herrod	E. E. Commanding.
2.	Captain	Campbell	W. B. O. C. "C" Coy.
4.	"	Hamilton	A. M. O. C. "A" Coy.
5.	"	Hopkins	J. W. O. C. "B" Coy.
6.	"	Tubb MC	F. R. 2nd. i/c "A" Coy.
7.	"	D'Altera	W. R. 2nd. i/c "C" Coy.
11.	Lieut.	Hill	E. W. Temp. O. C. "D" Coy.
12.	"	Young	H. H.
13.	"	Kelly	L. H.
14.	"	Hamilton	W. E. a/g O. M.
15.	"	Wright	H. J. 2nd. i/c "D" Coy.
16.	"	Wyeth	F. S.
17.	"	Piercey	R. L.
18.	"	Hollyhoke	A. D.
19.	"	Fowler	J.
20.	"	Gordon	J. H. G.
21.	"	Purbrick	K. M.
22.	"	Swallow	R. W. a/g Sig. Officer
23.	"	Smith	W. H. G.
25.	"	Heaton	G.
26.	"	Nixon	H.
29.	"	Robb	E. G. Intelligence Officer.
30.	"	Salthouse	A. L.
32.	"	Hooker	F. H. Transport Officer
33.	"	Anderson	G.
34.	"	Harris	O. J. E. a/g Adjutant.
35.	"	Pollock	W. G. Bomb. Officer
36.	"	Dobbin	C. L.
37.	"	Dean	A. a/g Asst. Adjutant.
38.	"	Scott	W. E.
39.	2/Lieut.	Edgoose	P. L.
40.	"	Hambrook	M. B.
41.	"	Hambrook	H. R.
42.	"	Gaulton	F. B.
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46.	"	Anderson	C. R.
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50.	"	Tucker	W. L.

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2.	Captain	Bastin MC	H. E. 1st. Aus. Inf. Bde. Hdqrs.
7.	"	Phillips	A. E. Instr. HAVRE.
8.	"	Hillard	R. I. Bde. Class of Instruction.
10.	Hon. Capt.	Scholes	J. E. Hosp. sick.
24.	Lieut.	Jardine	T. A. do
27.	"	Dickinson	V. R. Bde. Intelligence Officer.
28.	"	Booth	W. R. Bde. Bomb Officer.
31.	"	O'Neill	H. F. Asst. Bde. Sig. Officer.
44.	2/Lieut.	Meyer	A. P. F. 1st. Anzac Corps School
47.	"	Beech	A. E. do
48.	"	Mallett	A. W. do.

(Signed) E. E. HERROD, ~~Commanding~~ Lt. Colonel  
 Commanding 7th. Australian Battalion.



RETURN of OFFICERS in ORDER of SENIORITY on STRENGTH of UNIT

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at 1800 on 28/9/17..

## P R E S E N T.

Order. Entry.	Rank.	Name.		Remarks.
1.	Lt. Col.	Herrod	E. E.	Commanding.
3.	Captain.	Campbell.	W. B.	O. C. "C" Coy.
4.	"	Hamilton	A. N.	O. C. "A" Coy.
5.	"	Hopkins	J. W.	O. C. "B" Coy.
6.	"	Tabb MC	F. R.	2nd. i/c "A" Coy.
9.	"	D'Altera	W. R.	2nd. i/c "C" Coy.
11.	Lieut.	Hill	E. W.	Temp. O. C. "D" Coy.
12.	"	Young	E. H.	
13.	"	Kelly	L. H.	
14.	"	Hamilton	W. P.	a/g Q.M.
15.	"	Wright	H. J.	
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17.	"	Piercey	R. L.	
18.	"	Hollyhoke	A. D.	
19.	"	Fowler	J.	
20.	"	Gordon	J. H. G.	
21.	"	Pudbrick	K. M.	
22.	"	Swallow	R. W.	a/g Sig. Officer.
24.	"	Smith	W. H. G.	
25.	"	Heaton	G.	
26.	"	Nixon	H.	
28.	"	Booth	W. R.	
29.	"	Robb	E. G.	Int. Officer.
30.	"	Salthouse	A. L.	
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49.	"	Banks	K. G.	
50.	"	Tucker	W. L.	

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2.	Captain	Bastin MC	H. E.	1st. Bde. H. Q. Staff Trainee.
7.	"	Phillips	A. F.	Instructor, HAVRE.
8.	"	Hillard	R. I.	Bde. Class of Instruction.
10.	Hon. Capt.	Scholes	J. E.	Hospital, sick.
24.	Lieut.	Jardine	T. A.	do
27.	"	Dickinson	V. R.	Bde. Intelligence Officer.
31.	"	O'Neill	H. F.	Ass. Bde. Sig. Officer.
44.	2/Lieut.	Meyer	A. P. F.	1st. Anzac Corps School
47.	"	Beech	A. E.	do
49.	"	Mallett	A. W.	do

(Signed) E. E. HERROD, Lieut. Colonel.  
Commanding 7th. Australian Battalion.



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War Diary  
September 1917

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