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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RMENTIÈRES	Feb 1st	6am	operations as per ① Intelligence Summary No 40. Suspected local relief opposite 42nd Bn; movement noticed opposite Epinette more than normal and new types of uniform seen. Casualties app. vii.	app. 6.
	2nd	6am		" "
"	3/2/17	6am	operations as per ① Int. Summary 41. ② Operation Memorandum 26. First Enemy patrol seen for considerable period Infantry cooperation with Artillery good: working parties harassed. Casualties G.A. Drumbar Lieut.	" 7.
	3/3/17	6am		" 6.
				" 3.
				" 4.
"	3/2/17	6am	operations as per ① Int Sum. 42. ② Brigade Order 26. 43rd Bn relieved 41st Bn; 44th Bn relieved 42nd Bn; in accordance with B.O. 26. Enemy artillery quiet. Casualties. ap. vii.	" 6
	4/2/17	"		" 1.
"	4/7/17	6am	operations as per ① Int Sum. 43 Notification received from Div H.Q. that Major C.P. Butler of 43rd Bn was to command 43rd Bn vice Lt Col D.D. Gordon. The latter to return to Australia to relieve staff people for experience.	" 6
	5/7/17	6am		" 6.
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MENTIÈRES	4/17	6am	(Int Sum. 43.) Patrol located large working party and got Artillery fire to disperse. Casualties app. vii.	app. 6. G. Adumbar Lt.
	5/17	6am		
"	5/17	6am	Operations as per ① Int Sum. 44. Major C.P. Pauler relieved Lt Col D.D. Gordon of command of 43 <sup>rd</sup> Bn at 2pm. 5/17. Inactivity of hostile artillery noticeable. Casualties app. vii.	" 6. " 9. " 6. " 7.
	6/17	6am		
"	6/17	6am	Operations as per ① Int Sum. 45. Uneventful day and hostile Artillery rather quiet. Casualties (appendix vii).	" 6. " 7.
	7/17	6am		
"	7/17	6am	Operations as per ① Int Sum. 46 ② O. Mem. 28. Casualties app. vii.	" 6. " 3.
	8/17	6am		
"	8/17	6am	Operations as per ① Int Sum. 47 ② Operation Memorandum 29 Hostile artillery again very quiet	" 6. " 3. G. Adumbar Lt.
	9/17	6am		



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MONTIÈRES	9/2/17	6am	Operations as per ①. Int Sum. 48	app. 6.
	10/2/17	6am	②. Bde Order. 37 41st Bn relieved 43rd Bn; 42nd Bn relieved 44th Bn; according to Bde Order 37. Enemy patrol of 4 men, seen near No 2 Locality Listening Post. This is remarkable in view of the fact that this locality was abandoned from the time of relief.	" 3. " 9.
	10/2/17	6am	Operations as per ①. Int Sum. 49	" 6
	11/2/17	6am	②. Operation Mem. 30. This Artillery shoot had the desired effect of inflicting casualties on enemy working parties; these were repairing damage done by bombardment at 5pm. Enemy artillery again inactive. Enemy patrol dispersed on night of 9/10th left behind cap. - Infantry Pattern giving normal identifications	" 3. " 643
			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>B. A VII</u> 1916. } Bavarian.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Gedumbacht.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">see Int Sum. 50.</p>	" 6



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RMENTIERES	11/2/17 16/1/17	6am 6am.	<p>operations as per ① Int Summ. 50. ② Oper. Mem. 27. ③ File of 41st Bn Raid. }</p> <p>The fighting patrol supplied by 41st Bn failed to gain entrance. Reasons (1) Wire made an knife into probably creates obstacle even when badly damaged ① Delay caused in crossing wire allowed the Hun time to man his front line after barrage lifted. ③ This part of line is evidently very strong: it is thought that good dug outs protected Hun during Phase I + II of artillery: he immediately leaves dug outs + mans benches when barrage lifts. All casualties caused by H.E. or splinters. It is satisfactory to note that dispositions for dealing with enemy M.G. were effective. Lieut R.C. Douglas was wounded in this Enterprise.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Gadner St.</p>	<p>app. 6 " " 4.</p>



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RMENTIERES	12/8/17	6am	Operations as per. ① Int Summary 51.	app 6.
	13/8/17	6am	<p>The most noteworthy point is increased activity E. of Epinette. Suggesting that preparations are being made for landing by Bosche.</p> <p>② "Compte-Epinette" bombardment arranged with C.O. Centre Group Artillery. Casualties appendix 7.</p> <p>Recommendations for Officers for Training Bns. in England fixed. Ca Drumbar Lieut. to 2<sup>nd</sup> D.H.Q. (app. 9)</p>	app 9.
	13/8/17	6am	Operations as per ① Int Summary.	" 6
	14/8/17	6am	<p>② Special report on Raid by Bosches on Locality 5.</p> <p>Interesting features of raid: from accounts and times submitted there was no bore barrage used: entry effected after a lull all along the front line.</p> <p>No attempt to engage party encountered in trenches, in hand to hand fight.</p> <p>Artillery put up "Compte-Epinette" barrage on S.O.S signal being sent until further information obtained by them as to action of hostile parties.</p> <p>Left Group Artillery rendered assistance till called in for S.O.S on No 8 Locality: afterwards assisted again.</p> <p>New ammunition was used. Shell nose-caps - 1917. Stick grenades dated 10/1/17 and 15/1/17. Was this new ammunition for the Island or is it due to fact that supplies come forwarded at once, not being dumped at Rail Head Stores etc.</p>	" 4.



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FRUMENTIERES	13 <sup>th</sup>		(Continued) Enemy barrage mainly Trench mortar barrage - H.E. and much more intense than barrages used to cover raiding parties (not over 50) by us. This is first raid against this Bde. Total Casualties app 70. Gardunbar Lt.	
"	14 <sup>th</sup>	6am	} operations as per ①. Int - Summary. 58. ②. Operation memorandum 31. ③. (Relief) Bde. Order 50. in progress at 6am.	app 6
"	15 <sup>th</sup>	6am		
			The object of shoot at 7.30pm (O.M. 21) was to try and draw fire from 50 P.M. guns in order to mark them down as night of raid to be carried out. Fire was drawn from guns opposite left by subsec but guns opposite Right by subsec. remained quiet. Gardunbar Lt.	



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ARMENTIÈRES	15th 16th	6am 6am	<p>operations as per ① Int Summary. 54. ② Op. Mem. 32. ③ 11th Inf Bde order. 28</p> <p>43<sup>rd</sup> Bn + 44<sup>th</sup> Bn relieved 41<sup>st</sup> &amp; 42<sup>nd</sup> regts respectively. as per Bde order 28.</p> <p>During night of 15/16 Feb: Scouts located numerous working parties and by close cooperation with Artillery successfully dispersed all parties.</p> <p>Enemy Patrol of approx 8 men: seen off. no locality dispersed by L.R. fire.</p> <p>G. Admbat. 16/2/17.</p>	<p>app 6. " 3. " 1.</p>
"	16th 17th	6am 6am	<p>operations as per ① Int Summary 55. ② Op. Mem. 32. ③ Special Bombardment of F.L. at 8 pm and 11 pm.</p> <p>During patrol operations: 2 English Pat. boots 2 S.M.L.E rifle were found in German wire: probable therefore that 2 missing from 42<sup>nd</sup> Bn were taken by raiders. Special patrol reached enemy parapet at point where 43<sup>rd</sup> Bn will raid: Sat cut OK.</p> <p>Result of Special Bombardment + special observation not so satisfactory as had been hoped. Two M.G. deployed SOS. positions.</p> <p>G. Admbat. 17/2/17.</p>	<p>Casualties app 6 app. VII. " 3 " 6.</p>



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Rmentières	17/2/17	6am	<p>operations as per ① Int. Summary. 56.</p> <p>② Brigade Order. 29. issued at 9pm. (Raid order for 432072)</p> <p>Night of 17/18 the food night for patrolling: See Patrols of Int Sum. 56.</p> <p>Identification obtained of enemy raiding party which raided No. 5. Locality on night of 17/18 the Feb.</p> <p>Hum corpse found in No mans Land: Bavarian buttons on tunic, shoulder strap marked 17: steel helmet with body: no papers obtained.</p> <p>Identification normal. 17th Bav. Regt.</p> <p>Bombardment of No 1 and 2 Localities with Minenwerfer: Is this preliminary preparation to Raid on No 1 or 2 Localities: 2 enemy patrols have been seen lately in this locality: Special scheme with Artillery arranged "Centa. Mushroom"</p> <p>Found that "Minenwerfer" cuts wire very effectively, smashing up supports and flattening wire down to ground.</p> <p>Practice in visual signalling &amp; pigeon communication.</p>	<p>app 6.</p> <p>" 4.</p> <p>6</p> <p>" 6</p> <p>app 9.</p>

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(app. 9) Satisfactory results. G. Adamba Lt R/2/17



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<i>ARMENTIERES</i>	<i>18/5/17 19/5/17</i>	<i>6am 6am</i>	<p><i>operations as per ① Int. Summary No 57.</i></p> <p><i>Lieut J Hopps 41st Bn. was killed while on special patrol duty by a burst of m.g. fire sweeping his mans found which in this area is very flat and level.</i></p> <p><i>During the day gas shells were used by enemy against 44th Bn. no casualties:</i></p> <p><i>Gas. light yellow colour: hung low on ground &amp; smell like Calcium Carbide. effect was to produce smarting of eyes: dryness in throat &amp; mouth followed by subsequent headaches &amp; dizziness.</i></p> <p><i>Continued mine warfare activity against No 1 &amp; 2 localities.</i></p> <p><i>②. In connection with raid to be carried out by 43rd Bn. a shoot took place on 18th at 3 pm. See report memo attached. Operation mem. No 38.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Radman</i></p>	<p><i>app 6.</i></p> <p><i>app 6.</i></p>



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ARMENTIÈRES	19 <sup>th</sup> 50 <sup>th</sup>	6am 6am	<p>operations as per. ① Int. Summary. 58          ②. Raid report. 43<sup>rd</sup> Inf AdF (containing operation memo.)          (and see order. 39)          ③ Op. memo. 33.</p> <p>Intensive activity against No 1 and 2 localities again. } Int Sum.          Lachrymatory gas shells used against RFLG subsec. } 58.</p> <p>Raid by 43<sup>rd</sup> Inf AdF. on enemy line north of Rly. Salient.          Party successfully penetrated trenches: no Boches captured          but identification (normal) established by name in steel helmet          (12/17<sup>th</sup> J. R.).</p> <p>It would appear from the way that the Hun shelled his          own trenches and no man land that prisoners have given          details of our method of raiding: Only a very few shells          were fired on our front line in the immediate neighbourhood          of the raiding party: casualties from hostile bombardment of          garrison very slight, but casualties on raiding party nearly 50%</p>	<p>app 6          " 4.          " 3.</p>



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ARMENTIERE	19/20	bam bam	<p>of party: 50% of casualties caused by hostile shelling of T.L. Once again no casualties were incurred from M.G., thanks to observation &amp; marking down of M.G. in vicinity of area of operations. There is no doubt that this is an excellent policy for dealing with M.G., which unless silenced are most dangerous owing to excellent siting. owing to experience gained from this raid it has been decided to make more men carry demolitions &amp; to train more men in the use of explosives } <u>pl. a drumbar. Lt.</u> This will be tried on raid to be carried out by 41st Bn at an early date. Lieut W. Puce &amp; 2 others seriously wounded by H.E. splinters.</p>	



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ARMENTIERES	20 <sup>th</sup> 6 21 <sup>st</sup>	6am  6am	<p>operations as per ① Det. Sum. 59. ②. 11th Inf Bde Order 40. (Rehe!)</p> <p>Enemy again displayed numerous activities against Ripet Bn: this was followed up by an enemy patrol endeavouring to enter A'rap at 3.30 am: patrol driven off by bombs and M.G. fire. New kind of shell fired on 44<sup>th</sup> the Bde subsection: something like Pom Poms. Relief in progress of 43<sup>rd</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> the Bde by 41<sup>st</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Bde respectively.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">L. A. Durbant</p>	<p>Casualties app <u>VI</u></p> <p>app 6 u 1.</p>



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RIMENTIÈRES	21 <sup>st</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6am 6am	<p>operations as per ①. Int. Summary. 60. Casualties app vii.                      ②. Bde Order 40.</p> <p>Relief of 43<sup>rd</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> Bns by 41<sup>st</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Bns completed without any unusual occurrence in accordance with Order 40.</p> <p>Operations hindered by fog: observation poor: nothing unusual: <u>9 a.m.</u></p>	<p>app. 6. app. 1</p>
"	22 <sup>nd</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6am 6am	<p>operations as per ① Int Summary 61                      ② operation Mem. No. 34 Casualties app. vii.</p> <p>Operations again hindered by fog and heavy ground mist: enemy parties active on repair work:                      Patrols again were successful in locating enemy M.D. firing from Sap heads. (See Patrols)                      Enemy patrol seen in vicinity of Epinette, but withdrew on being discovered:</p> <p><u>9 a.m.</u></p>	<p>app 6 " 4. " 6.</p>



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ARMENTIERES	23 <sup>rd</sup>	6am	<p>Operations as per ① Int. Summ. 61A. ②. "W" day bombardment. Operation Mem. 35.</p> <p>Operations again hampered by foggy weather: result of Artillery shoots not ascertainable for this reason. M.T.M cut wire in I. 17. a.</p> <p>"W" day bombardment carried out on trenches to be raided on 26/27<sup>th</sup> night. See special diagram of bombardment in "Raid" by 41<sup>st</sup> Bn.</p> <p>Enemy retaliation heavy - mostly T.M. (mines).</p> <p>Casualties app. 7.</p> <p>Grad.</p>	app 6. " 3
	24 <sup>th</sup>	6am		
	24 <sup>th</sup>	6am	<p>Operations as per ① Int. Summ. 62 ②. Operation Mem. 35 "X" day bombard.</p> <p>for Z day bombardment } see "Raid" carried out by 41<sup>st</sup> Bn. on F.L. in I. 17 a } M.T.M cut wire in I. 17. a.</p> <p>Enemy working parties active but owing to cooperation between Artillery and Infantry Scouts were dispersed in several places.</p> <p>Retaliation again vigorous.</p> <p>Major Malin 2<sup>nd</sup> in Cmd 41<sup>st</sup> Bn transferred to command (Grad.)</p> <p>26<sup>th</sup> Bn A.I. 9<sup>th</sup> Bde</p>	app 6. app 3 app 4.
	25 <sup>th</sup>	6am		



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RMENTIERES.	25th	Even	<p>operations as per Int Summary. 63.</p> <p>Y day quiet day: no infantry or artillery action in conjunction with Z day raids.</p> <p>Nothing of importance to note except that a probable local relief took place opposite Right Bn Subsec: 2 Platoons appeared to be falling in at Premesques: quiet night in trenches: few planes: no work in F.L.: i. suspected relief.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G.A.D.</p>	6.
"	26th	Even	<p>operations as per Int Summary. 64.</p> <p>"Z" day: full detail of Z day operations contained in "Raid of 41<sup>st</sup> Bn File" in app. four. A raid was attempted on enemy F.L. in I. 17. a assisted by Artillery, Hqs. L.G. T. Mortars &amp; Smoke shells &amp; discharge of Smoke.</p> <p>This was southern diversion for large raid carried out by 10th Brigade in C. 23. (Refmap HOUPINES): not a successful venture.</p>	6.



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RMENTIERES	26 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup>	Continued	<p>as a raid as it was found that the mine in this vicinity had either not been sufficiently cut or if cut had been effectively repaired. The latter is more probable as the Hun is in this area very active in repairing mine and many gaps have been cut at times only to be repaired at the earliest possible moment by the Proche.</p> <p>No casualties were incurred by the Party while with Hans Land. due no doubt to the fact that we have successfully located his HQ. and marked them down with Artillery <del>ATM</del>.</p> <p>Smoke was very effective and completely nullified the effect of Enemy Searchlights.</p> <p>Enemy retaliation to our Artillery activity was vigorous and our casualties were heavy. 1st Lieut Lyons of 42<sup>nd</sup> W<sup>g</sup> was killed during this retaliation.</p> <p>Much more shrapnel than usual was used by Enemy and there was a decrease in Minenwerfer activity.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Gadman.</p>	app 4.



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ARMENTIÈRES.	27th	6am	<p>operations as per ① Det Summary 65            ② Relief commenced in accord. with Bde Order 42.</p> <p>Generally very quiet day: except for slight artillery activity, apparently ranging on various places: our wire was cut by 77 mm + machine-guns in E. Gap.            Weather misty.</p>	Casualties approx app 6. u 1.
	28th	6am		<p>Q.A.D.</p>
ARMENTIÈRES.	28th	6am	<p>operations as per ① Det Summary 66.            ② Relief (Bde Order 42).</p> <p>Relief complete according to order: 43rd + 44th relieved 41st and 42nd in trenches.            Wire again cut in several places on the front by enemy artillery.</p>	
	1st	6am		<p>Q.A.D.</p>

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- Relief. (1) The following relief will take place on the morning of 3rd February 1917:-  
43rd Battalion will relieve 41st Battalion  
44th Battalion will relieve 42nd Battalion.
- Designation (2) Designation of Battalions after relief will be -  
"A" Battalion - 43rd Battalion  
"B" Battalion - 44th Battalion  
"C" Battalion - 41st Battalion  
"D" Battalion - 42nd Battalion.
- Billets (3) 41st Battalion will take over billets vacated by 43rd Bn.  
42nd Battalion will take over billets vacated by 44th Bn.
- Details (4) Details of relief will be arranged by C.Os concerned.
- LUNATIC LANE (5) LUNATIC LANE is allotted to 42nd and 44th Battalions for purposes of the relief.
- Precautions (6) Units will move in parties of not more than 20 men. A time distance of five minutes will be kept between parties. All precautions are to be taken to avoid detection by aeroplane or other enemy observation.
- Maps (7) All defence schemes, secret trench maps, aeroplane photographs, log books, trench and billet stores will be handed over between units on relief.
- Div. Trench Orders (8) Attention is directed to Divisional Trench Orders, para 4.
- Completion of Relief (9) Relief is to be completed by 12 noon. Battalions concerned will notify 11th Brigade Headquarters by wire as soon as their relief is complete.

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1st AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE Appendix No. 6

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 39

(From 3 a.m. 31/1/17 to 3 a.m. 1/2/17)

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**OUR OPERATIONS:**

**ARTILLERY:** At 2.30 p.m. a T.M. sheet covered by artillery was carried out against I.5.c.93.37. The effect of the T.M. sheet appeared to be good. Artillery covering fire was effective and threw much debris into the air.

At 4.30 p.m. a cockhouse located at I.17.a.22.35 was fired on by the 18 prs.

During the day registration was carried out by all guns at various points opposite this Brigade Section.

At 4 a.m. artillery, H.M.s. and L.T.M.s. barraged enemy's front line in I.5.c., I.5.d., I.11.a. and I.11.c. with a view to covering a raid carried out by the Infantry B. of DEFINITE.

L.T.M.s. fired approximately 1000 rounds in connection with this operation, at various points of enemy's line opposite Left Bn. Subsec. according to Operation Order 32.

**MACHINE GUNS:** The following targets were engaged with indirect fire during the night.

- I.5.d.42.32 (N.E. of SPARROWS NEST)
- I.5.d.10.20. to I.5.d.00.20 (SPARROWS NEST) 1000 rounds.
- I.11.a.99.90 (S. SPARROWS NEST)
- I.5.d.1.3 to I.5.d.4.5. (Support Line) 750 rounds.
- I.3.a.4.1. to I.3.d.3.1.

Searchlights and Gs. which came into play during the infantry raid were engaged with 2000 rounds.

The usual indirect fire against roads in rear of enemy's lines was carried out, 1000 rounds being fired.

**LEWIS GUNS:** Lewis guns were active during the night engaging damaged portions of enemy trench and wire.

**SPYGLASS:** Very active day is recorded by both Bns. Two definite hits were obtained and an enemy periscope was destroyed opposite Left Bn. Subsec.

**PATROLS:** Right Bn. Subsec.-- Scouts patrolled NO MAN'S LAND until 3.45 am. In no case were they able to reach enemy wire, enemy fire being drawn by each patrol when half way across NO MAN'S LAND. No sound of work in progress was heard but there was undoubtedly exceedingly keen observation.

Left Bn. Subsec.-- NO MAN'S LAND was actively patrolled till 3 a.m. Normal activity on the part of the enemy is reported but no working parties were seen. On the return of the raiding party patrols were immediately sent into NO MAN'S LAND, but they report no sign of activity of enemy patrols.

**OUR DEFENCES:** Work was carried out by both Bn. Subsections and consisted mainly in strengthening existing wire and erection of new wire in rear of gaps. As the result of enemy bombardment of Locality 3 at 3.30 p.m. the front line had been badly damaged.

**ENEMY OPERATIONS:**

**ARTILLERY:** Right Bn. Subsec. a quiet morning was experienced. In reply to our bombardment at 3.30 p.m. the enemy retaliated vigorously over the whole of our front and Support lines with 77 mm H.E. and shrapnel, T.M. bombs and Minenwerfer. The firing of these latter was exceedingly heavy, but was rather badly directed, consequently doing very little damage to our defences.

Left Bn. Subsec.-- at intervals throughout the day No. 3 Locality was subjected to small bombardments of 77 mm H.E. and shrapnel. At 3.30 p.m. an exceptionally bombardment commenced consisting of 77 mm H.E. and shrapnel, T.M. bombs and Minenwerfer. More than 100 Minenwerfer fell in this locality. Considering the bombardment our casualties were extremely slight, two O.R. wounded.

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**MACHINE GUNS:** During the early part of the night the enemy displayed much machine gun activity. Our anti-aircraft lines were occasionally searched. They were very active during the time at which the operation was carried out by the infantry B. of BRITISH.

**SNIPERS:** A sniper active in front of "C" Post. Location top of our periscopes, but his position was located and he was effectively silenced.

**PATROLS:** None encountered.

**ENEMY DEFENCES:** New work is visible opposite Locality 6. New personnel have also been erected in that vicinity. During the day sounds of working were occasionally heard in the vicinity of RAILWAY SALIENT.

**COMMUNICATION:** A large number of Very lights were thrown by the enemy throughout the night. At 4 a.m. on the commencement of our bombardment a red rocket was fired opposite Locality 6. Within a minute of this rocket being fired a shrapnel barrage was put on to NO MAN'S LAND and our support lines were heavily shelled. Searchlights were active opposite both Bn. Subsections. Observations taken on these lights showed that they were all moved at intervals.

**OBSERVATION:** Smoke was observed at the following points:-  
I.17.a.10.58, I.17.a.24.75, I.11.c.47.05, I.11.c.43.35, I.11.a.59.70 and I.11.c.9.7.

A concrete emplacement or dugout is visible at I.5.c.70.17.  
Brigade O.P. report movements as follows:-  
11.20 a.m. to 4.20 p.m. parties of men, (two or three at a time) amounting to 20 were seen constantly moving in the vicinity of I.24.b.3.2. (FRITSQURS).  
2.10 p.m. I.23.a.1.9. (BIZ MAGQUART) On the top corner of a building there appears to be a telescope (suspected O.P.)  
3.10 p.m. I.5.b.5.2. (of BRITISH) a party of three men in trench.

**AIRCRAFT:** Hostile aircraft were active during the afternoon. One plane flew over our lines at 3 p.m. and returned in the direction of PERENCHES.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** It was noted that the enemy did not bomb his wire as frequently as usual during our bombardment.

**RAID:** An endeavour was made to enter enemy's trenches at 4 a.m. Owing to enemy activity and skilful use of H.Gs. the objective was not attained. Special report is being prepared with reference to this operation.

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



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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 26

Brigade Headquarters,  
1st February 1917.

Reference Map WEZ MACQUART 1/10,000.

- (1) On 2nd February 1917 the Centre Group Artillery will fire in enemy trenches in accordance with attached Task Table, in co-operation with the 5" Trench Mortars, and will cover a sheet by 2" Mortars. The latter will cut wire and destroy parapet at I.S. 15.40 and I.S. 25.17.
- (2) C.O. "B" Battalion will detail an Officer to observe each wire cut by 13A Trench Mortar Battery.
- (3) Watches will be synchronised at Centre Group Artillery Headquarters at 12 noon 2/2/17.
- (4) Troops will be cleared of the line of fire of Trench Mortars.
- (5) Units will take all precautions to avoid casualties from hostile retaliation.
- (6) ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Major  
 Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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M.A. 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade

I forward here  
reports from Captain  
Lieut. Ray and Lieut. Yelland  
on the enterprise attempted  
by this Battalion on the  
morning of 1st instant.

I wish to specially  
mention the cool manner  
in which Lieut. Ray handled  
the retirement. Any loss of  
nerve or control could  
quite easily have resulted  
in disaster.

Lieut. Yelland also did  
good work, and succeeded  
in bringing in the body of  
Private Wise but found it  
beyond his strength.

I am mentioning the  
action of Lt/Col Stannard  
the subject of a special  
commutation.

R. W. ...  
Lieut.

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11/2/17

Report on Raid on night of 11/2 Jan / 12 Feb 1917

The Raiding Party started to leave our parapet at 3.25 a.m. and we all reached the Assembly Point at 4.55 a.m. without being fired upon. The Assembly Point was about 100' from our parapet & the same distance from the enemy.

At 4 a.m. the first shot went over our heads about 1 minute afterwards the enemy put sharpshooting over No Man's Land. The barrage to us seemed rather weak & the shots seemed to be missing his trenches, going over it.

As soon as the barrage opened the enemy had one searchlight away to our left and one to our right front fixed on the ground in front of us and he kept sending up very bright flares from his front line right through the barrage.

Before Phase I had ended he put a curtain of Machine Gun fire right along in front his wire about 60' or 70' from his parapet. He had one gun firing from our left. He also had one gun in each of the saps heads in front of us.

In previous reports I have mentioned these saps also that they were occupied. I also pointed <sup>out</sup> their exact position to a Medium G.M. Officer.

These two saps are at I 5026.72 and I 5034.82 (Sheet 26 N.W.). There was another M.G. firing from our right.

At 4.5 a.m. Lieut May sent down word for me & when I reached him we both agreed that we could not go on without getting the whole party wiped out. Word was sent back by phone



about the M.G.s and what we were doing and later on got the order to withdraw.

While we were at the Assembly Point the M.G. fire was chipping up the ridge right along in front of us and this prevented the accents from going forward at the end of Phase I.

At about 4.30 a.m. the artillery slackened off and the enemy stopped putting shrapnel on No Man's Land. At 4.45 a.m. the men started to move back, carefully by small parties. All this time the enemy was sending up very lights continuously. The men took every advantage of cover and only one party moved at a time. The enemy was sweeping the ground between Ditches 23 & 24 with his M.G.s all the time and it was between these ditches that our casualties occurred. As I was the last to come in I could not see how the men got over the parapet. I had reached Ditch 24 at a point about 50' from our parapet & picked up the light covering party, as they were moving back. They had all moved on but Plc Wise & myself. Plc Wise was just going to move when a bullet hit him in the head and killed him instantly. I then started to bring him in when Corp'l Dearman, who had come back with a couple of men to see if all were in, met me and they then brought in the body. It took the Landing Party over one hour to come in.

Lieut May & Corp'l Garman then went out to bring in a Lewis Gun which had been left out.

E. J. Gillman Esq.



1 Brigade School

1/2/14 JDE

Report of No. 1 raid in night 31/1/14

- (1) The approach march to point of exit was commenced at 2.30 AM. & continued without interruption from 18th Co. Sub line to the point of exit which was reached at 3.10 AM.
- (2) at 3.25 or so a party moved over our parapet followed in order by the remainder of the parties.
- (3) at 3.54 am the whole of the parties were in position at the point of assembly & everything OK.
- (4) Throughout the entire operation the communication was good.
- (5) At 4 PM our artillery opened on enemy trenches but did not have the effect of sleeping them down.
- Immediately our barrage opened many
- (6) MGs & rifles became very active & an almost constant stream of very light were thrown over the sector in which our party was operating.
- A search light was operating on our left front & could sweep no man's land immediately in rear of our point of assembly.



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- (4) At about 4.10 a message was received from  
 of assault. That he was unable to proceed  
 being held up by MG fire from the  
 Saps, one on the left of ditch on 24 &  
 one on right.
- (5) at about 4.25 I received the withdrawal  
 of the party.
- (6) The party came back over our own  
 parapet in very small numbers.  
 Mostly in ones & twos. The withdrawal  
 from the point of assembly to our own  
 trench taking a hour.
- (7) During the ~~withdrawal~~ withdrawal the 1st  
 Lt Gunner of the right company was shot  
 dead & was brought in by Lt. May & Lt. Lyle  
 Harman. They then returned for the  
 gun but were stopped by MG fire. Had  
 to return to our own trench. About  
 10 minutes later they again went out  
 to get the gun.
- (8) Casualties, were 1 killed 1 seriously wounded  
 & slightly wounded.

J. Leary, Capt  
 of the 1st School



I have to report, with regard to our operation this morning, that all went well until our artillery barrage started. Our scouts left our parapet at zero-35 and let the party to the point of assembly at which point all arrived at zero-5 in good order and apparently without being observed. As soon as the barrage started enemy machine guns opened fire sweeping the front of our position. The fire appeared to come from saps to the left and right of ditch 24 and also from a point close to where ditch 24 meets his parapet. After phase 1 of artillery another enemy machine gun opened fire across our front from a point some 2/300 yards to our left. We were lying in dead ground but any advance would have brought us into the cross fire of these guns. In the circumstances I held our party in the position and reported by Phone <sup>at about zero + 10</sup> the impossibility of any advance. During our artillery bombardment very lights were continuously sent up from enemy front line and also from saps, and a search light was sweeping no man's land from a point to our left front. In consultation <sup>with</sup> Lt Yelland we decided to withdraw when opportunity offered and reported our intention to O.C. Reid who at about zero + 25 sent word to withdraw carefully. At zero + 45 I started to get the men back in small



parties and they left the point of assembly in good order and without confusion. During withdrawal enemy machine guns, very lights & search lights were active. No casualties occurred until our men were nearing our parapet and then Pte Wise was killed (shot through the head) L/Cpl Hume was badly wounded. Pte Rake & Pte Browning were slightly wounded. As far as I can ascertain these casualties occurred on rising ground just to the right of ditch 24 and about 50 yards from our parapet. Pte Wise & Pte Rake were Lewis Gunners with the Right covering party and their gun was brought in later.

After returning to our parapet L/Cpl Harman went back to assist in bringing in the body of Pte Wise and again went back and after two attempts succeeding in bringing in the Lewis Gun.

About an hour after the first party withdrew from the point of assembly the withdrawal was complete and all our men were inside our parapet.

Richard H. Gray Lt.



## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 40

From 8 a.m. 1/2/17 to 6 a.m. 2/2/17.

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## OUR OPERATIONS.

**ARTILLERY:** Artillery was very quiet throughout the day. At 1 p.m. Howa. fired on Minenwerfer emplacements at I.5.d.05.10. At 2.30 p.m. a few shells were put into enemy front and support lines opposite Gap C. At 7.10 p.m. 18 prs. dispersed a working party opposite Locality 4. L.T. and S. and M.T.'s. were quiet throughout the day.

**MACHINE GUNS:** The usual indirect fire on roads and trenches in rear of enemy front line was carried out.

**LEWIS GUNS** engaged gaps in enemy's wire continuously during the night. A party of four men leaving enemy wire on right of Locality 1 and a working party attempting to wire at RAILWAY S. LIFT were dispersed by the L.Gs. of Right Bn. Subsec.

**SNIPERS:** One definite hit was obtained opposite No. 5 Locality. One man of a party carrying sandbags was shot while passing a gap.

**PATROLS:** Increased vigilance on the part of the enemy is reported by all patrols. They were frequently engaged by enemy M.G. in some cases seen after leaving our own wire.

**OUR DEFENCES:** Wiring in rear of gaps D, E, and F was continued. Wire was strengthened in front of Localities 6 and 7.

Repair work to firebays and duckboards was carried out.

**AIRCRAFT:** During the day several of our planes were seen active in this vicinity.

## ENEMY OPERATIONS:

**ARTILLERY:** Right Bn. Subsec. report exceptionally quiet day. In left Bn. Subsec. enemy displayed considerable activity with T.Ms. (Pineapple) until 10 p.m. These were fired mainly on Localities 6 and 7 and did very little damage, a great number falling in our wire or between F.L. and S.L. a few 77 mm H.M. and chrapnel were fired on QUALITY STREET and front line of Locality 6.

**MACHINE GUNS.** M.Gs. were very active during the night and swept our parapet continuously and fired on patrols in NO MAN'S LAND.

**SNIPERS:** A fair amount of shooting was done by enemy snipers during the day but we suffered no casualties.

**PATROLS:** A patrol of four men was seen to leave enemy wire opposite Locality 1 but were engaged by our Lewis guns and quickly withdrew.

**ENEMY DEFENCES:** Enemy were heard working during the night on front line trench opposite C Post, at RAILWAY S. LIFT and opposite Locality 7.

**OBSERVATION:** Smoke was observed at the following points during the day: I.17.a.11.58, I.17.a.24.75, I.11.a.59.70, I.11.a.9.4, I.17.c.2.8. Brigade O.P.

10 a.m. to 10.47 a.m. a considerable amount of movement was observed at I.24.b.3.2 (House in PRISITSQUTS).

3.40 p.m. I.23.a.3.5 (NEZ MACQUART) Working party observed in building. 10.40 a.m. and 12.25 a.m. the parties of four men were seen on road going towards H. RENCHTS.

3.30 p.m. J.7.c.4.6 Working party of 8 men were seen at this point.

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AIRCRAFT: During the day enemy planes showed considerable activity. His planes were over our lines at 11.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m. and 3 p.m. and were engaged by our anti-aircraft guns.

COMMUNICATIONS: At 5 p.m. one red rocket was fired opposite Right Bn. Subsection which broke into two bright red lights. No apparent action followed. Red rockets were also fired from front line opposite Left Bn. Subsection without any apparent action.

At 4.30 p.m. two pigeons flew from the direction of NOUVEL HOUPLINES across Left Bn. Subsection and seemed to be heading for high ground in rear of enemy's lines.

Suspected Relief: Considerable amount of movement of men in very small parties were noticed in trenches opposite Left Bn. Subsec. between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. Two distinct types of uniform were noticed. Incoming people appeared to be wearing dark uniforms with light blue helmets; outgoing people wore light uniforms, dark caps with a bright badge.

MISCELLANEOUS: Searchlights were practically inoperative during the night.

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



## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 41

From 6 a.m. 2/2/17 to 6 a.m. 3/2/17.

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**ARTILLERY:** At 8.58 a.m. a large working party in the vicinity of I.17.a.20.70 (E. of PEAR TREE) was dispersed by 18 prs. At 9.45 a.m. 5.50 pm and 8.30 p.m. working parties were again active in this vicinity but were dispersed on each occasion by the covering battery. At 1 p.m. Artillery carried out a combined shoot with T.I. according to programme. T.I.s. destroyed sap and parapet at I.11.a.55.42 (E. of GRAND PORT TANK). At 4 p.m. L.T.s. bombarded enemy lines in I.5.d. and I.11.c. with good effect. From observation the shooting of Artillery and T.I.s. was excellent. Much debris was thrown into the air during the process of the shoot.

**RIFLE GRENADERS:** A great number of rifle grenades were thrown into front line and C.I.s. during the day and night. Judging from retaliation received the result of this shooting must have been good.

**MACHINE GUNS:** The following roads and cross roads were engaged with indirect fire during the night:-

I.22.b.90.79, I.23.a.00.75, (W. of MACQUART) 400 rounds.  
I.12.d.10.88, I.12.d.00.55, (S. of HALL) I.17.b.28.08 - 300 rounds.

**LEWIS GUNS** engaged gaps in enemy's wire and parapet and engaged a working party in the South end of RAILWAY SALIENT. A Machine gun firing from enemy front line in the vicinity of the BROUQUET de la BLEU was effectively silenced by a Lewis gun of Left Bn. Subsec.

**SNIPERS:** Two definite hits were obtained by Left Bn. Subsec. on men walking above ground near the support line. Two periscopes were broken and three other possible hits were obtained.

**PATROLS:** Patrols of Right Bn. Subsec. report great vigilance on the part of the enemy. Sounds of work were heard all along the line. Left Bn. Subsec. patrols report less activity on the part of the enemy both in regard to rifles and V.G. fire.

**WIRE DEFENCES:** A great deal of wire in front of support lines, which had been badly damaged by Minenwerfer fire, was repaired by Right Bn. Subsec. Wiring in rear of gaps was continued...

In left Bn. Subsec. wiring parties worked in front of gaps E and F and Nos. 6 and 7 localities strengthening existing wire with extra barbed and French wire.

Repair work was effected to breastworks and trenches.

**AIRCRAFT:** Our aircraft was very active during the day and engaged enemy planes on several occasions compelling them to withdraw in the direction of FRENCHES.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

**ARTILLERY:** Enemy retaliation to our series of shoots during the day was less vigorous than usual and consisted mainly of 77 mm H.E. and shrapnel. 20 4.2 H.E. were fired behind S.P.Y. and along JAPAN ROAD and HUSBURN AVENUE between 1.15 and 1.30 p.m. Attention was also paid to locality C with T.I. bombs (Pineapples) These were thrown first into wire in front of our front line and then on to wire in support line. Approximately 100 bombs of this type were fired into this vicinity.

**MACHINE GUNS:** Enemy M.G.s. displayed increased activity, sweeping our parapet continuously and searching in rear of Subsidiary line. Guns were operating from enemy front lines opposite No. 1 Locality, on the Northern side of RAILWAY SALIENT and in the vicinity of SPARROW'S NEST.

**SNIPERS:** Inactive.

**PATROLS:** A patrol of four men was observed leaving enemy's wire opposite Locality 1. They were engaged by our Lewis guns and withdrew.

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**ENEMY DEFENCES:** The result of the continuous shoot against enemy's front line and wire is becoming very evident. Owing to harassing the enemy whenever any attempt is made to repair wire, it is falling into a bad state of repair. Parapet is breached in several places along the front and has not been repaired, being merely sordoned to prevent observation. Working parties were active during the night in various places but were dispersed by artillery and H.G. fire.

**OBSERVATION:** Smoke was observed at I.17.a.10.58, I.17.a.24.75, I.11.c.47.05, I.11.c.43.35.

All persons observed in enemy's lines opposite Left Bn. Subsec. wore light blue helmets and dark suits with the exception of a few who wore dark capes with a hood. At 11.9 a.m. much movement was observed in enemy's G.T. in I.17.a. and b. Artillery engaged parties moving in this trench. Considerable movement was observed in house at I.24.b.3.2 (PRETSQUES) between 3 and 4 p.m.

At 4 p.m. four men were seen moving behind support lines in I.5.b. Between 8 and 9 a.m. bugles could be heard opposite Left Bn. Subsec. At 3 p.m. a number of Very lights were thrown from Support line opposite Locality 5. These were followed by two red flares opposite Locality 3 and a succession of Very lights from support line in rear.

**COMMUNICATION:** Searchlights were inactive between 5.50 p.m. and 6.20 p.m. several white rockets were fired opposite Right Bn. Subsec. No apparent action followed.

**AIRCRAFT:** Enemy planes were active during the day and were over our lines at 10 a.m., 2.30 p.m. and 3.40 p.m. Their observation was hampered by the activity of our own planes.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Towards dusk a dog was seen crossing NO MAN'S LAND going in the direction of enemy lines. Our snipers were unable to obtain a hit.



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



## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE,

OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 27.

Brigade Headquarters  
7th February 1917.

Reference Map BOIS GRUIER, 1/10,000.

- INTENTION (1) On a date and time to be notified later the 41st Battalion, taking advantage of Centre Group Artillery demonstration, will
- (a) Reconnoitre enemy trenches in the vicinity of I.17.a.12.55.
  - (b) Endeavour to secure prisoners in above trenches.
- ARTILLERY (2) Artillery, 2" Mortars, and Light Trench Mortars programme will be as per Appendix I attached.  
2" MORTARS  
L.T.Ms.
- MACHINE (3) 11th Machine Gun Coy. will co-operate by sweeping communication trenches, roadways and tracks in rear, and by engaging enemy machine guns.  
GUNS.
- STRENGTH (4) Strength of party not to exceed 3 Officers and 40 other  
OF PARTY ranks.
- POINT OF (5) Point of entry to enemy trench will be I.17.a.12.52. Wire  
ENTRY has been cut at this point.
- LIMITS OF (3) Limits of operations of Infantry fighting patrol will be -  
OPERATIONS.
  - (1) Not more than 30 yards North and South of point of entry in front line.
  - (2) Not more than 25 yards North and South of junction of Communication Trench and support line at I.17.a.25.37.
- WITHDRAWAL (7) Party must vacate enemy trenches not later than +20 minutes.
- WATCHES (8) Watches will be synchronised at 11th Infantry Brigade Headquarters at 12 noon and again at 4 p.m. on Zero day.
- GENERAL (9) 11th Infantry Brigade Order No.32 of 21/1/17, paras.9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be embodied into and form part of this order but will be modified to suit units concerned.
- COPY OF (10) Copy of instructions issued by G.O.41st Battalion to O.C.  
INSTRUCTIONS. Patrol will be sent to this office.

*J. H. Cotton*  
Major  
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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APPENDIX I.

A. Bombardment  
B. Barrage.

Reference Map BOIS GRENIER, 1/10,000.

Battery	Guns	Time	T A S K	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	AMMUNITION			Remarks
						A.	AX.	BX.	
<b>PHASE I.</b>									
27th	4	Zero to Zero Plus 1	Wire forward of F.L. I.17.a.25.89 to I.17.a.10.60	A	4 r.p.g. p.m.	6	18		
25th	2	do.	I.11.c.54.55 to I.11.c.45.00	A	do.	2	6		
25th	6	do.	Wire forward of F.L. I.17.a.10.60 to I.16.b.90.50	A	do.	6	18		
107th	1	do.	Saps - I.17.a.28.80 )	A	do.		24	24	
	1	do.	H.G. - I.17.a.14.45 )						
	1	do.	Sap - I.17.a.05.42 )						
	1	do.	" - I.16.d.51.71 )						
	1	do.	" - I.16.b.97.28 )						
1	do.	" - I.16.d.59.91 )							
I.3.A	1	do.	I.17.a.15.60 )	A		8 rounds			
T.15.	1	do.	I.17.a.27.80 )						
Stokes	4	do.	Saps - I.17.a.01.42 to I.16.b.95.30	A	Rapid				
Mortars	4	do.	F.L. & Sap - I.17.a.28.78 to I.17.a.24.68	A	do.				
do.	4	do.	I.11.c.34.35 to I.11.c.45.00	A	do.				
<b>PHASE II.</b>									
27th	3	Zero plus 1 to 3	I.17.a.25.86 to I.17.a.20.70 )	A	4 r.p.g. p.m.				
do.	3	do.	F.L. I.17.a.25.65 to I.17.a.11.53 )	A	do.	6	42		
25th	2	do.	As in Phase I.	A	do.	2	14		
25th	3	do.	I.17.a.11.55 to I.17.a.06.40 )	A	do.	6	42		
	3	do.	I.17.a.00.43 to I.16.b.90.30 )	A	do.				
107th	6	do.	As in Phase I.	A				48	

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Battery	Guns	Time	T A S K	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	AMMUNITION		Remarks
						A. AX.	BX.	
<u>PHASE II. (Contd)</u>								
Y3A T.M.	2	Zero plus 1 to " " 3	As in Phase I.	A		16 rounds		
Stokes Mortars	12	do.	As in Phase I.	A	Rapid			
<u>PHASE III.</u>								
25th	2	Zero plus 3 to " " 5	As in Phase II.	A	4 r.p.g. p.m.	16		
27th	3	do.	F.L.I.17.a.28.80 to I.17.a.25.68 )	A	do.	48		
	3	do.	Lift to S.L.I.17.a.36.52 to I.17.a.27.40 )					
26th	3	do.	Lift to S.L.I.17.a.27.40 to I.17.a.20.25 )					
	3	do.	I.17.a.07.40 to I.16.b.98.28 )	A	do.	6 42		
107th	1	do.	Points - I.17.a.28.80 )					
	1	do.	I.16.d.59.91 )					
	1	do.	I.17.a.59.56 )		do.		48	
	1	do.	I.17.a.17.20 )					
	1	do.	I.16.d.51.71 )					
	1	do.	I.16.b.97.28 )					
Stokes Mortars	4	do.	F.L.I.11.c.34.35 to I.11.c.45.00 )					
	4	do.	F.L.I.11.c.45.00 to I.17.a.28.80 )	A	Slow			
	4	do.	F.L.I.17.a.05.42 to I.16.b.98.25 )					
Y3A			Cease firing.					
<u>PHASE IV.</u>								
27th	3	Zero plus 5 to " " 8	I.17.a.30.80 to I.17.a.25.65 )	A	4 r.p.g. p.m.	36		
	2	do.	S.L.I.17.a.45.62 to I.17.a.35.51 )	A	do.	6 18		
	1	do.	I.17.a.42.40 *	B	do.	12		* & sweep 30"
25th	3	do.	F.L.I.17.a.06.38 to I.16.b.98.27 )	A	do.			
	2	do.	I.17.a.20.28 to I.17.a.13.15 )	A	do.	2 60		
	1	do.	I.17.a.35.22 *	B	do.			* do.

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Battery	Guns	Time	T A S K	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	AMMUNITION			Remarks
						A.	AX.	BX	
<u>PHASE IV. (Continued)</u>									
107th	3	Zero plus 5 to " " 8	As in Phase III.	A	4 r.p.g. p.m.			72	
Stokes	4	do.	F.L.I.17.a.05.35 to I.16.b.92.20 )	A					
Mortars	4	do.	F.L.I.11.c.34.35 to I.11.c.45.00 )	A	slow				
	4	do.	F.L.I.11.c.45.00 to I.17.a.28.80 )	A					
25th	2	do.	As in Phase III.	A	4 r.p.g. p.m.	2	22		
<u>PHASE V.</u>									
27th	3	Zero plus 8 to " " 20	As in Phase IV.	A&B	2 r.p.g. p.m.	12	132		
23th	3	do.	As in Phase IV.	"	do.	12	132		
25th	2	do.	As in Phase IV.	A	do.	4	44		
107th	3	do.	As in Phase IV.	A	do.			144	
Stokes	12	do.	As in Phase IV	A	slow				
<u>PHASE VI.</u>									
27th	6	Zero plus 20 to " " 30	As in Phase V.	A&B	1 r.p.g. p.m.	6	54		
23th	6	do.	As in Phase V.	"	do.	6	54		
25th	2	do.	As in Phase V.	A	do.	2	18		
107th	3	do.	As in Phase V.	A	do.			60	
Stokes			Stand by for possible targets						
<u>PHASE VII.</u>									
25th	2	Zero plus 30 to " " 50	As in Phase VI.	A	1 r.p.g. p.m.		40		
23th	3	do.	As in Phase VI.	A.	do.	12	108		
27th	3	do.	As in Phase VI.	A.	do.	12	108		
107th	6	do.	As in Phase VI.	A				120	
Stokes			Stand by for possible targets.						
TOTAL						118	1084	516	- 1718

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,

5th February, 1917.

SECRET.

Headquarters,

Third Australian Division.

As Centre Group Artillery are making a demonstration on night 11/12, in co-operation with 34 Div. Raid, involving an expenditure of about 800 rounds of ammunition, it is proposed to take advantage of this to put out a party of about 2 Officers and 30 other ranks of 41st Battalion to I 17a 12.52 for following objects.-

- (1) Reconnaissance of enemy's position.
- (2) Endeavour to take prisoners.
- (3) Encourage and practice infantry to "lie up" under artillery barrage.

In order to carry out above, and also to practice a new scheme of artillery barrage which appears to suit raiders for entering enemy trenches, an extra expenditure of 700 rounds of artillery ammunition is requested please.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Brigadier General,  
 Commanding, 11th Inf. Bde., A.I.F.



11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,

12th February, 1917.

SECRET.

C.O.

43rd Battalion.Reference your Battalion raid.

The proposed artillery programme is as follows.

<u>1st Phase.</u> Zero to Zero+2.	) Preliminary bombardment.
<u>2nd Phase.</u> Zero+2 to Zero+4.)	
<u>3rd phase.</u> Zero+4 to Zero+6	Lift to support line. Raiders enter front line.
<u>4th Phase.</u> Zero+6 to Zero+8.	Lifts off support line. Raiders work down communication trench.
<u>5th Phase.</u> Zero+8 to Zero+30.	Lifts further back still from support line and forms back of box.
<u>6th Phase.</u> Zero+30 to Zero+50. and others.	As for 5th phase, but slower rate of fire.

This is an approximate guide. Details can be obtained if you or C.O. raid ( or both ) see Brigade Major.

All information re Machine guns etc. in enemy trenches should be forwarded at once, so that arrangements may be made to deal with them. It is hoped to have a dummy raid shortly at the point, and by having scouts out along the line to pick up enemy Machine guns as was done so successfully by 41st Battalion operation.

for

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.



Fighting Patrol

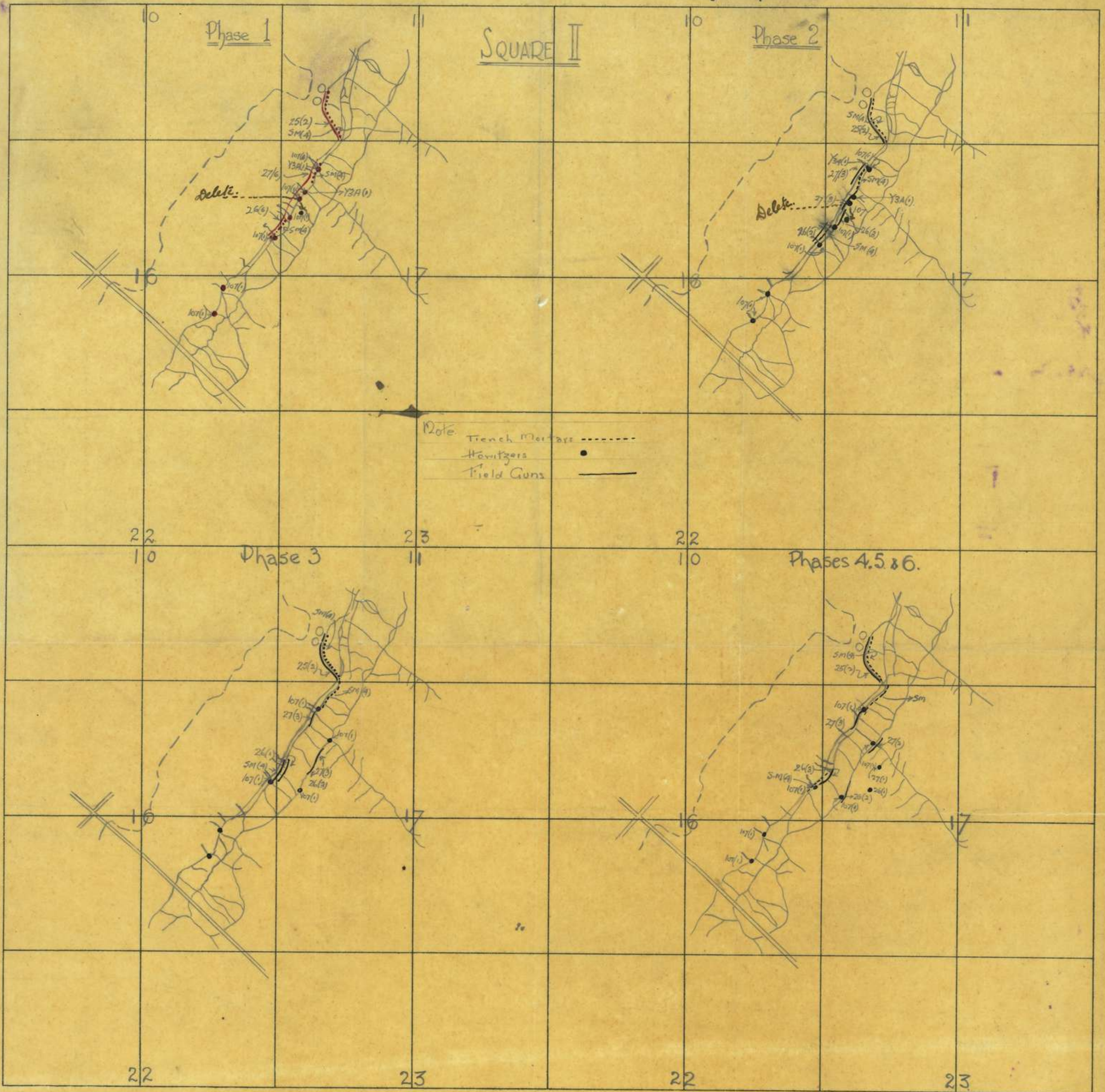
41<sup>st</sup> Bn.

Operation Order for Patrol  
written by C/O 41<sup>st</sup> Bn.

Jan. Li.



Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps.



Note:  
 Trench Mortars - - - - -  
 Howitzers .  
 Field Guns ———

NOTE.—(1) These traces are intended to facilitate the communication of information as to the position of targets, which have been located on a squared map.  
 (2) The squares on this trace are 500 yards in length on the 1/10,000 scale, 1,000 yards in length on the 1/20,000 scale, and 2,000 yards in length on the 1/40,000 scale.  
 (3) The squares on the trace are fitted to the squares of the map showing the targets, which are then drawn on the trace. Sufficient letters and numbers must also be added to enable the recipient to place the trace in the correct position on his own map. A little detail may also be traced, but this is not essential. The name and scale of the map to which the trace refers must be always given. The trace can be used for the 1/10,000, 1/20,000, or 1/40,000 scale.

G.S.G.S. 3023.

Tracing taken from Sheet.....  
 of the 1:10,000 map of Bois-Crenier.....  
 Signature..... Date 7/2/17.

HMWA  
 3/11/85  
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Report on action of Fighting Patrol on night 11.2.17.

The Patrol, strength 2 officers, 38 other ranks left No. 8. Bay of No. 1. Locality for the purpose of reconnoitering enemy trenches in vicinity of I. 17 a. 05. 55 and endeavouring to secure prisoners.

Their advance was covered, <sup>by</sup> Artillery and trench mortar fire assisted by Vickers and Lewis guns.

Telephone line had been laid during daylight as far as our front parapet, ready to extend into no-man's land when the Patrol advanced.

At 7.50 p.m. the Patrol left our front trench and advanced to within 200' of enemy wire, where they awaited the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the Artillery and trench mortar action. The fire of these guns was so accurate that the patrol was enabled to reduce this distance somewhat. On the barrage lifting (2<sup>nd</sup> phase) on to enemy front trench a further advance was made, and when the barrage again lifted (3<sup>rd</sup> phase) the party advanced with the intention of passing through the Boche wire and entering his trench. Enemy machine guns continued to fire from both flanks throughout the duration of the barrage, and our Lewis guns, although active, were unable to silence them.

When the Patrol reached the Boche wire, it was found to be insufficiently cut, and next to impassable without further cutting, except by small numbers at a slow rate of speed. Some of the men got nearly through it, when the Patrol was fired on by enemy Shrapnel & Minenwerfer (or other H.E.) They immediately took cover in shell holes, and commenced to cautiously withdraw in small parties. The Minenwerfer and Shrapnel were maintained, and caused most of, if not all, our casualties. Of one officer and C.O.R. who sheltered in one shell hole,



only the Officer got back unwounded, and as far as can be ascertained, none were hit by machine gun fire.

The enemy also employed "whizz-bangs" and shrapnel on our front and support trenches, and used searchlights from the direction of WEL MACQUART and on our left flank. These lights swept no man's land and "B. Gap" of our front trench.

The telephone lines were cut early in the action, both in no-man's-land and behind our front parapet, and subsequent information had to be procured by runners and phone from A. Coy. Headquarters (H.G.3).

At 9 p.m. a message was received to the effect that the patrol had failed in its mission, and was returning. The Artillery Battys were at once communicated with, through the liaison officer, and its fire stopped. Shortly after our Artillery ceased fire, the enemy Artillery stopped also, and the remainder of the patrol was brought in.

Casualties among Patrol, 1. Officer wounded, 1. O.R. killed, 6 O.R. wounded, most of the wounds were from shrapnel bullets and fragments of shell. All our casualties were brought in.

J. H. Board, Lt Col  
C.O. 41<sup>st</sup> Bn

Square Farm

2. a.m. - 12.2.17.





Supplementary Intel

Enemy  
L.G.s

At 8.18 P.M. enemy gun at 1.11.C4570 was going full blast and at 8.20 he was settled, either the Vickers laid on the point from left, or our Lewis got him, or made it too hot.

Gun at 1.16 b 92.20 chipped in but was silenced by our L.G. in the gap. <sup>(A)</sup> Gun near point by entry did not fire immediately, the guns got it. It was satisfactory to know that our dispositions for dealing with enemy front line guns were effective, as we did not have a single casualty from their fire.

Search Light. A very powerful Search Light operated from point we suspect 1.17 b 70.35 to 1.17 b 55.45 on road near Rue de la Trise.

J. A. ...  
I. O. A.G.S.



## REPORT OF ACTION OF FIGHTING PATROL SUPPLIED BY 41st BATTALION A.I.F.

ON NIGHT OF 11/12th FEBRUARY 1917.

In view of the fact that the Centre Group Artillery was to carry out a preliminary demonstration to precede the raid carried out by 34th Division, it was decided to take advantage of the opportunity to send out a fighting patrol from 41st Battalion.

**OBJECTIVE:** Objective of the patrol was to reconnoitre enemy trenches in the vicinity of I.17.a.05.55 E. of PEAR TREE FARM and to endeavour to secure prisoners.

**STRENGTH:** Patrol consisted of 3 Officers 38 O.R.

**Preliminary preparations:** Wire was cut at the point of entry on 8th February and again on 11th February at noon. This latter cut had been rendered necessary as the scouts had found that a large number of knife rests 4 feet high had been placed in position by the enemy in the gap. Positions of Machine guns had been located by preliminary bombardment carried out under special observation.

**ACTION:** At 7.50 p.m. patrol left No.1 Locality and reached point of assembly approximately 200 yards from enemy wire without hindrance, or detection. At 8.15 p.m. Artillery engaged enemy wire and sap heads in accordance with Phase I of the programme. The shooting was accurate and the patrol moved forward some distance during this phase. At 8.16 p.m. Artillery lifted on to enemy front line and patrol again moved forward and succeeded in getting fairly close to enemy wire. At 8.18 p.m. barrage lifted off the front line in accordance with Phase III of programme and two Officers and the scouts moved forward to examine enemy wire.

Here the patrol first encountered difficulty. The wire which had been built mainly on a system of knife rests, both wooden and iron, found to be insufficiently cut to allow a large party to get hurriedly through. This is accounted for by the fact that the M.T.Ms. will destroying the higher system of wire had really created another obstacle made up of broken knife rests and loose wire which rendered the passage passable for but few men at a time.

While the patrol lay up this advanced party endeavoured to clear a passage through the wire. However the delay caused had allowed the enemy to put up a barrage of H.E. and shrapnel on NO MAN'S LAND and Huns were seen in enemy front line trenches throwing bombs.

During Phase III. seven casualties had occurred to our party and it was decided that further progress was impossible and orders were given for the withdrawal.

The patrol withdrew in small parties bringing in the casualties and returned to our own lines at 9.15 p.m.. All casualties were brought back.

**ENEMY ARTILLERY:** From special observation it was ascertained that batteries operated along a big frontage from due North and South of the point of entry. Retaliation to our barrage was heavy and was directed against both Bn. Subsections as recorded in this morning's Intelligence Summary.

**MACHINE GUNS:** M.G. positions in the vicinity of the scene of operations has evidently been accurately located, for little, if any fire, was experienced from close range. These guns had evidently been silenced effectively by our Artillery. M.G. fire however was brought to bear from the flanks and was specially directed against our own wire and our patrol experienced difficulty and delay in crossing safely through the fire at this point.

**SEARCHLIGHTS:** One large searchlight operating from the direction of VEZ MACQUART was exceedingly active throughout and played continuously on Nos. 1 and 2 Localities. When this was reported a request was made to the Brigade on our right to deal with this light. They reported it as mobile and consequently stated that they were therefore unable to engage it.

**Very lights:** Red Very lights were again used as S.O.S. signal. A combination of green and red lights appeared to call for cessation of Artillery fire.

**Our Casualties:** 1 O.R. killed; 1 Officer seriously wounded; 4 O.R. wounded. All casualties were caused by shrapnel or splinter and concussion. No casualties were caused by enemy M.G.

*L. G. R. [Signature]*  
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A. I. F.



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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121

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Words Charge
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Recd. at.....m
Date.....
From.....
By.....
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { H C I

Sender's Number \* BM 8
Day of Month 11
In reply to Number
AAA

Casualties reported as Killed
1 O.R. and wounded officers
5 O.R. and on left of artillery
from front of support line
scouts and wire cutters found
wire not thoroughly cut and
attempted to cut it and enemy
bombed his own wire and
he mans land also used
many rifle grenades and some
of our shell as patrol could
not advance closer than 40 yards
to enemy trench and owing to
heavy enemy bombing were unable
to effect an entry. etc

From 11th Coy Bde
Place
Time 10.30 pm

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By.
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { H C I

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
\* BM 7 11th AAA

Patrol all returned and
assessments not yet
definitely known

From 11th Inf Bde
Place 10 pm
Time

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

TO { H C I

Sender's Number \* 8m6 Day of Month 11/15 In reply to Number - AAA

Patrol returning a/c
did not expect entry
to enemy trench a/c
No details yet to
hand a/c Artillery
ordered to cease fire
at 9 pm.

From
Place 9.10 pm
Time

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

TO { ~~HC1~~ G09
HC1

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
\* Bm 5 11th - AAA

Cease fire area Repeated
~~HC1~~ HC1

From 11th Inf Bde
Place
Time
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No. of Message.....

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

TO { H C I }

Sender's Number * <u>Bm 4</u>	Day of Month <u>11th.</u>	In reply to Number	<u>AAA</u>
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Slight HE and shrapnel  
damage on our front  
line

From	<u>11th Inf Bde</u>
Place	
Time	<u>8:35</u>

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

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

TO { H C I

Sender's Number *Bm 3	Day of Month 11 <sup>th</sup>	In reply to Number	AAA
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No enemy retaliation  
so far

From 11<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde  
Place  
Time 8.25 pm

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

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

TO { H.C.I.

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number
\* BM 2 11th AAA

Artillery bombardment
commenced on 11th

From 11th Inf Bde
Place
Time 8.11

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
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	Sent			Date.....
	At.....m.			From.....
	To.....		(Signature of "Forwarding Officer.")	By.....
	By.....			

TO { H G

* Sender's Number <i>BM 1</i>	Day of Month <i>11<sup>th</sup></i>	In reply to number <i>—</i>	<b>AAA</b>
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*Fighting patrol has left  
our trench and  
Everything quiet*

From	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Inf Bde</i>
Place	
Time	<i>7.55 pm</i>
<i>The above may be forwarded as now corrected.</i>	
Censor.	(Z) <i>[Signature]</i>
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.	

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## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,

12th February, 1917.

C.O.

Centre Group Artillery.  
 41st Battalion.  
 42nd       "  
 43rd       "  
 44th       "  
 11th Machine Gun Coy.  
 11th Trench Mortar Battery.  
 Third Australian Division.  
 9th Infantry Brigade.  
 10th       do           do.

} By D.R. 3.30 p.m.

Zero hour for raid by 41st Battalion fighting  
 Patrol to-night will be 8.15 p.m.

(sgd) G.F. Wootten,

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

*G. A. Ombank*



## MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTIONS.


Reference 11th Inf. Bde. Operation No. 27.

1. On Zero day the S.O.S. signal will be suspended from Zero — 15 minutes until Zero + 50 minutes. C.O.'s will ensure that all ranks concerned are notified. After Zero + 50 minutes normal conditions will be resumed.
2. In order that a full account may be obtained of the Operations, C.O. 41st Battalion will detail two Officers, who at the discretion of the M.O. will interrogate any Officers or other Ranks who may be wounded whilst carrying out the enterprise.
3. Demolition men must be prepared to meet and take on the destruction of concrete dug-outs with steel doors. If found, these must be entered or destroyed, as they will most probably contain Huns, or equipment of some kind. P. bombs are useful for dugout work.
4. All members of the fighting patrol must be prepared to and know how to destroy enemy Machine Guns should they be found chained up and unable to be removed. In this connection it is to be remembered that the Gun is fixed to the chain by a pin, which may be easily removable, and allow of the Machine gun being brought back to our own lines.
5. Each man, or several men of each party, to have wire cutters, so that they will be able to cut themselves out should they by any chance become held up by wire.
6. All front line garrisons on the night of the demonstration must be made acquainted with the projected movements of the fighting patrol. The greatest care must be taken that no fire is brought to bear on the fighting patrol by excited riflemen or Lewis Gunners, in the belief that the patrol are Germans. Should hostile fire be heavy, it may be necessary for the patrol to scatter and come in at several points to our own lines, at some distance from that normally intended. Front line garrison troops must be warned accordingly.
7. It is to be borne in mind that while every endeavour is to be made to attain all objects laid down for the patrol, it is not intended to drive a vastly superior German force out of the particular section of trench. If, therefore, serious hostile numerical superiority is encountered, it may be necessary.—

- (a) To abandon, or
- (b) To modify

the patrol's Programme.

The artillery programme will not be altered.

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



11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 42.

From 3 a.m. 3/2/17 to 3 a.m. 4/2/17.

CONFIDENTIAL.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Our 18 prs. dispersed working parties during the day as follows:-

12.19 p.m. I.17.a.08.18 (East of CHARDS FARM)

12.45 p.m. I.11.a.50.10 (DIXIE BUSHROO)

Retaliation was given in reply to enemy's retaliation to our T.M. shoot at 9 p.m. against I.17.a.

at 3.15 p.m. Hobs. engaged enemy's front line opposite No.3 Locality. One very loud explosion occurred and a great amount of dark smoke was given off.

at 10 p.m. Hobs. again fired on this locality.

at 3 p.m. T.M. bombard enemy's line in I.17.a., I.5.c., at 9 p.m. the same points were bombarded again and a working party in I.17.a. was dispersed. Enemy retaliation to this shoot was vigorous.

MACHINE GUNS: The following targets were engaged with indirect fire during the night:-

I.12.d.95.45 (RAILWAY LINE), I.17.b.20.15 (RUELLE de la NOIX) 500 rounds

I.12.d.05.30 (Road S. of H.LT) I.18.b.70.90 (Roads & Trenches) 400 rounds

MACHINE GUNS were active during the night against enemy's wire and parapets. Two of the enemy dressed in white were working on wire opposite No.4 Locality one of these was hit by our M.G.s. and was dragged in by the other, at 11.30 p.m. At 1 a.m. a working party opposite locality 1 was also dispersed.

SNIPERS: Enemy snipers were active and displayed dummy heads opposite Right Sub c. Our snipers claim two hits against parties opposite No.5 Locality.

PATROLS: Patrols operated throughout the night. Much talking was heard in enemy line in various places along the front. Several patrols were engaged by enemy M.G.s.

OUR DEFENDING: Firing was carried out in rear of all gaps in our front. Repairs were effected to front line and duckboards.

RIFLE GRENADES were extensively used during the day against movement noticed in enemy lines.

AIRCRAFT: Five of our planes were observed during the day, two of which penetrated well to the rear of enemy's lines.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Very little firing was done against this Section during the day. At 11.40 a.m. ten 77 mm H.E. were fired on No.7 Locality. At 9.30 p.m. after the L.T.M.s. had fired a few rounds rapid enemy sent up a red rocket and artillery immediately replied with shrapnel and T.M. bombs mainly directed against No.1 and No.3 Localities.

MACHINE GUNS: M.G. were active until midnight and fired several bursts whilst our T.M.s. were shooting at 9 p.m. Evidently some action on our part was anticipated.

SNIPERS: Were active but no casualties were incurred by us.

PATROLS: None encountered.

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ENEMY PHENOMENA: Parapet appears to be wired at I.5.c.84.23.  
 Suspected listening post at I.5.c.80.30.  
 There appears to be a dump of planks and wire immediately in rear of the  
 northern crater at the USHROOM. Working parties were observed at  
 I.17.a.25.80, I.13.b.90.20 and in C.T. in I.17.a.

OBSERVATION: Smoke was observed at the following points - I.17.a.40.95,  
 I.17.a.05.30, I.11.c.65.35, I.17.a.40.70 between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.  
 At 12 noon smoke was also seen in the majority of these places.  
 At 7.55 a.m. parties amounting to about 30 men were seen in the vicinity  
 of USHROOM moving South towards C.T. in I.17.a. These were probably a  
 night party which had just been relieved from duty.  
 At 4 p.m. a German was observed opposite No.5 Locality wearing a dark  
 slouch felt hat.

COMMUNICATION: At 12 noon two pigeons flew over Right n.Subsec. coming  
 from the direction of ARMITTILLES.  
 The red rocket is still used opposite this Brigade Section as S.O.S. signal.  
 The usual number of Very lights were thrown.  
 The searchlights are reported active.

AIRCRAFT: Enemy aircraft were active during the day and were over our  
 lines at 9.30 a.m. and 12 noon.

MISCELLANEOUS: Movement of transport in rear of enemy lines is distinctly  
 audible at night opposite right n.Subsec. between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. and  
 opposite Left n.Subsec. between 9 p.m. and 12 midnight.

*G. A. Dunbar-Litton*

Major  
 Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Div. I.F.

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## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 43

From 3 a.m. 4/2/17 to 3 a.m. 5/2/17.

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## OUR OPERATIONS.

**ARTILLERY:** Very little firing was done by our Artillery during the period. During the night a working party opposite Locality 2 was dispersed by 18 prs. at the request of the infantry. Hows. engaged enemy's lines in the vicinity of BRUN RU at 7.45 p.m. L.T.s. engaged enemy front line at two points in I.11.c. and I.5.c. with good effect firing 130 rounds.

**MACHINE GUNS:** Very little Machine gun fire was carried out during the night. The following targets were engaged with indirect fire:-  
 I.12.a.88.15 to I.12.c.90.20 (Transport road) 250 rounds.  
 I.23.a.00.75 (Road in NZ MAGUART) 250 rounds.

**LEWIS GUNS:**

Lewis guns were effectively used to engage Gaps in enemy's wire and fired with good effect on positions from which sounds of enemy working parties could be heard. Enemy working party in the vicinity of USHROOM was also engaged while Artillery fire was being directed against the party.

**RIFLE GRANADES:** Rifles of various makes have been used extensively opposite both Bn. Subsections and are proving very accurate and effective.

**SNIPERS:** Our snipers were active throughout the day and two definite hits were obtained - one by each Bn. Subsec. at I.17.a.2.3. and opposite locality 5. Effective sniping against I.17.a.2.3. caused two bursts of hostile M.G. fire to be directed against a dummy loophole. 14 rifle grenades were also fired at this point.

**PATROLS:** Right Bn. Subsec. Patrols were active throughout the night. No. 1 Patrol discovered enemy working party in the vicinity of the right crater at USHROOM. The patrol lay up and sent back a runner to obtain Artillery fire. Five shots were fired by Artillery with accurate range. Four men of the party were seen to fall and were taken in to the lines by other members of the enemy party. All other patrols in this Bn. Subsec. were fired on by M.G. and rifle fire. Near the RAILWAY SALIENT rifle fire appeared to come from NO MAN'S LAND but the patrol was unable to locate the position definitely. Left Bn. Subsec. Patrols report a very quiet night. A few Very lights were thrown and little firing was done by M.Gs. Talking and whistling could be heard in front of Locality 5.

**OUR DEFENCES:** Wire was erected and strengthened in rear of gaps in our front line. Repair work to defences was carried out.

**ENEMY OPERATIONS:**

**ARTILLERY:** Enemy Artillery was not active during the period. At 11.30 am five 77 mm H. burst in JAPAN ROAD. At 3.30 p.m. in retaliation to our T.M. shoot in 77 mm shrapnel burst over CHICKEN FARM and No. 3 Locality. 20 77mm shrapnel burst over Locality 2 at the same time. Both these shoots were evidently intended to search for our T.Ms. During the day a few T.M. bombs (Pineapple) and rifle grenades were fired along our front line.

**MACHINE GUNS:** During our T.M. shoot enemy M.G. were active. It was also noticed that after 4 a.m. enemy M.G. displayed more than normal activity.

**SNIPERS:** Enemy snipers were active throughout the period and caused one casualty in Locality 5.

**PATROLS:** None encountered.

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ENEMY DEFENCES: The enemy is displaying great activity in endeavouring to repair his defences opposite the Right of the Brigade Section, in I.17.a. Between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. working parties were seen at various intervals in I.17.a.25.70, I.17.a.25.81, I.17.a.20.30, and I.17.a.10.45. At 7.15 a.m. a party of 7 men was seen repairing parapet at I.c.55.15. At 1.55 p.m. a party of 7 men was seen carrying a cylinder or roll of wire netting and placing it beside a shed in the front line at I.11.c.30.55.

Between 7 a.m. and 4 a.m. movement of troops in one's and two's along the front line.

OBSERVATION: Smoke was observed in the vicinity of all the abovementioned working parties. Dense smoke was observed between 7.15 a.m. and 10.45 a.m. at I.11.c.55.30.

Opposite Locality 5 some of the enemy were seen wearing head dress similar to Cap-comforters.

Visibility throughout the day was poor.

COMMUNICATION: At 3.10 p.m. a green light was fired in rear of enemy's lines opposite Right Bn. Subsection. No apparent action was observed. During T.M. shoot at 3 p.m. two red rockets were fired and Artillery immediately retaliated.

Searchlights were active in the early morning.

AIRCRAFT: At 12.50 p.m. enemy plane appeared over our Section coming from the direction of LILLIE and returning in that direction at 1.15 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS: A band was heard at 10 a.m. in the direction of PERTON'S playing a march tune.

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 44

From 3 a.m. 5/2/17 to 3 a.m. 6/2/17

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## OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Very little shooing was done by our Artillery during the day. At 10.10 p.m. 18 prs fired six shots on I.11.a.70.70 and silenced a H.G. operating from that spot.

Working parties were dispersed at I.11.a.8.9 at 7.15 p.m. and 8.35 p.m. by Artillery.

L.T.Ms. constructed several new emplacements and registered various parts of enemy's lines.

MACHINE GUNS: The following targets were engaged with indirect fire during the night:-

I.17.c.65.40 to I.25.c.93.75 (VIZ MACQUART Road)	500 rounds
I.17.b.30.08 to I.18.c.27.00 (Road to PRESSESQUES)	500 rounds.

LEWIS GUNS: Lewis Guns were used to fire on gaps in enemy wire and parapet at intervals throughout the night.

SNIPERS: Active throughout the day. One hit was obtained by Left Bn. Subsec at I.5.b.13.47 and one periscope was broken.

Right Bn. Subsec. report frequent use of dummy heads by enemy at I.17.a.20.70 (E. of BEAR TREE)

PATROLS: Right Bn. Subsec. - At 3 p.m. a patrol operating E. of GRANDE PORTE EGAL was heavily engaged by enemy H.G. from RAILWAY SALIENT. Two other patrols were engaged by rifle fire when operating E. of GDE PORTE EGAL and N. of MUSHROOM. No. 5 Patrol made a thorough reconnaissance of the MUSHROOM craters. The wire on the right crater is good and on the northern crater is weak. There is a distinct gap in the wire at this point. Left Bn. Subsec. Very little opposition from H.G. and rifle fire was encountered. From the SALIENT at I.5.b.20.45 sounds of a truck moving on iron rails could be heard. It stopped at intervals and unloaded some description of tools. Several loud metallic rings could be distinctly heard.

Working parties were located at I.11.a.8.9. by scouts at 7.15 and 8.35 p.m. and were dispersed by Artillery fire.

OUR DEFENCES: Mining was carried out in rear of all Gaps on our front. There is erection of new wire in the support line was commenced in rear of Gap "C"

Revetting is being carried out and repairs to damaged breastworks are in process.

RIFLE GRENADES: A great number of rifle grenades were fired during the day and night on previously registered points. In most cases where retaliation occurred it took the form of T.M. Bombs (Pineapple).

AIRCRAFT: At 3.45 p.m. four of our planes flew over Left Bn. Subsec. in an easterly direction. They were engaged by enemy Anti-aircraft guns without effect. At 4.15 p.m. all planes returned safely and when over our lines dropped three white lights.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Very little hostile fire was experienced during the day. Not a single shot being fired against Left Bn. Subsec. At 4.30 p.m. a few rounds of shrapnel were fired on to support line of Locality 2 and at 5 p.m. 12 rounds were fired on to support line and Locality 2. A few T.M. Bombs were thrown against various parts of our front without doing any material damage.

MACHINE GUNS: With the exception of fire directed against our patrols very little H.G. fire was carried out.

SNIPERS: Quiet opposite Right Bn. Subsec. but fairly active opposite Left Bn. Subsec. especially at dawn and dusk.

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PATROLS: None encountered

ENEMY DEFENCES: A working party of about 12 men was seen carrying planks past I.5.c.55.10 moving South. This party was fired on by our rifle grenade battery. Working parties which were dispersed by Artillery were also active.

At I.17.a.2.8, a pole 10 or 12 above parapet has been erected in enemy's front line.

Suspected M.G. emplacements at I.11.c.20.30 and I.11.c.55.67 and I.11.a. 70.70.

OBSERVATION: Light columns of smoke were observed at various points along the front line. Rifle grenades were fired on these points and smoke was smothered.

A party of four men observed at 9.40 a.m. at I.5.c.65.10 wearing steel helmets and carried rifles along.

Dummy heads observed near I.17.a.20.70.

AIRCRAFT: At 2.10 p.m. an enemy plane reconnoitred the Brigade Section and at 2.40 p.m. withdrew towards PERENCHES:

COMMUNICATION: Searchlights were inactive during the night and very few Very lights were thrown. 14 reddish flares were fired opposite No.4 Locality at 3 p.m. No apparent action followed.

MISCELLANEOUS: At 7.10 p.m. a black dog endeavoured to reach enemy's line via Gap "E" but was shot by Lewis gun. The body has not yet been obtained.

*G. C. Dunbar-Li. M.*  
Major  
Brigade Major, 11th Inf Bde A.I.F.



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## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 28

Brigade Headquarters,  
6th February 1917.

Reference Map BOIS GRENIER, 1/10,000

- (1) On 7th February 1917 Y.3.a. T.M. Battery will cut wire and destroy Saps at I.17.a.28.80. covered by fire from Artillery of Centre Group in accordance with the attached Task Table.
- 3" Stokes Mortars will co-operate by bombarding Sap-heads as shown in Task Table.
- (2) Zero hour will be 2.30 p.m.
- (3) Watches will be synchronised at Centre Group Artillery Headquarters at 12 noon 7/2/17.
- (4) Troops will be cleared of the line of fire of Trench Mortars.
- (5) Units will take all precautions to avoid casualties from hostile retaliation.
- (6) ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]*  
Major  
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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T A S K T A B L E  
CENTRE GROUP.

A. Bombardment  
B. Barrage

Battery	Guns	Time	T A S K	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	AMMUNITION		
						A.	AX.	BX.
26th	4	Zero to Zero plus 2	F.L.I.17.a.20.62 to I.17.a.10.50	A	4 r.p.g. p.m.		32	
26th	2	Zero plus 2 to " " 4	F.L.I.11.c.45.00 to I.17.a.35.88	A	do.		16	
27th	2	do.		A	do.		16	
107th	6	Zero to Zero plus 30		Saps and Front Line - I.17.a.15.60 } I.17.a.08.41 } I.16.b.97.29 }	A	-		
26th	4	Zero plus 4 to " " 6	S.L.I.17.a.32.52 to I.17.a.25.36	A	3 r.p.g. p.m.	4	20	
26th	2	Zero plus 6 to " " 8	S.L.I.17.a.60.88 to I.17.a.52.70	A	do.	2	10	
27th	2	do.		A	do.	2	10	
26th	4	Zero plus 8 to " " 10		C.T.I.17.a.40.59 to I.17.a.88.05	A	2 r.p.g. p.m.	4	12
27th	2	Zero plus 10 to " " 12	F.L.I.11.c.36.35 to I.11.c.47.00	A	do.		8	
23th	2	Zero plus 12 to " " 14	C.T.I.11.c.80.25 to I.17.b.30.85	A	do.	2	6	
						<u>14</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>50</u>
Y.S.A. T.Ks.	4	Zero plus 1 to " " 30	Saps and wire at I.17.a.28.80					50 rounds
3" Stokes Mortars	1	Zero to Zero Plus 3	Sap-heads at I.17.a.12.62					35 rounds
	1	do.	I.17.a.00.45					35 rounds
	1	do.	I.17.a.00.41					35 rounds
	1	do.	I.16.b.92.32					35 rounds.

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## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 45

From 3 a.m. 3/2/17 to 3 a.m. 7/2/17

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## OUR OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY: Our 18 prs dispersed working parties at the following points during the day:-

I.11.c.25.35, (MUSHROOM) at 9.15 a.m., I.17.a.40.95 (S. of MUSHROOM), I.13.b.02.20 (E. of CARDS FARM) at 3.50 p.m.

At 5 p.m. communication trench in I.17.a. was shelled with good effect. A machine gun position at I.11.a.5.3 was engaged at 10.40 p.m. and the M.G. was silenced.

A M.G. E. of PEAR TREE FARM was also silenced at 9.25 p.m.

L.T.M's. At 2.15 p.m. enemy snipers post at I.5.c.90.50 was fired on with success. At 4 p.m. a bombardment of I.11.a.30.90, I.5.d.30.85,

I.11.c.48.55 and I.11.c.58.73 was carried out. A snipers post was destroyed at I.11.c.48.55.

At 7 p.m. enemy front line opposite "D" Gap and at I.11.a.30.90 was engaged.

212 rounds were fired during the day.

MACHINE GUNS: The following targets were engaged with indirect fire during the night.

I.12.d.05.35 (Railway crossing), I.12.d.1.9, (Cross roads)

I.12.d.00.95 (Road and trench), I.12.a.20.78 (Junction of roads)

I.23.a.02.75 (Road, LEZ MACQUART), I.17.b.30.10 (RUELLE de la NOIX)

1800 rounds were fired on these points.

LEWIS GUNS: At 3.40 a.m. L.Gs. of Left Bn. Subsec. engaged a working party opposite Locality 5 and caused casualties. Bursts were fired against gaps in enemy parapet and wire at intervals throughout the night.

SNIPERS: Two definite hits were obtained on working parties opposite MUSHROOM SALIENT at I.11.c.24.22 and opposite No. 5 Locality.

Shots were fired on a working party at I.17.a.40.95 and work ceased. An enemy periscope was broken by snipers of Left Bn. Subsection.

PATROLS: NO MAN'S LAND was patrolled throughout the night, but no fresh information regarding enemy wire or defences could be obtained.

OUR DEFENCES: Right Bn. Subsec. Wiring was carried out in rear of Gaps "D" and "C". A new system of wire was commenced in the support line in rear of Locality 3. 50 yards of new wire was erected in support line from PORTE EGAL northwards.

Revetting of firebays was carried out.

Left Bn. Subsec. Wiring was carried out in rear of Gaps "E", "F" and "G". Revetting of firebays and reconstruction of Locality 3 was carried out.

XXXXX Rifle Grenades: A great number of rifle grenades were used during the day to engage movement in enemy's lines and positions in which new work is visible. Enemy retaliated to our firing on four occasions with T.M. Bombs (Pineapple).

## ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Enemy Artillery was quiet during this period. A few shrapnel were fired on Locality 1 at 4.15 p.m. in retaliation to our T.M. shoot at 4 p.m.

At midday about 20 shells were fired from the direction of LA HONGRIE FARM towards S. of CHAPELLE d'ARMENTIERES. A few "pineapple" were used during the day as retaliation to our rifle grenades.

Left Bn. Subsec. At 9 a.m. four H.E. 77 mm were fired on BUTERNE AVENUE

At 12.30 p.m. in retaliation to our Artillery shoot on the Left a few shrapnel and H.E. were fired on Gap "F". In retaliation to T.M. shoot at 4 p.m. enemy replied with Rifle Grenades and "Pineapples" on front line of Localities 5 and 6.



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MACHINE GUNS: M.Gs. displayed usual activity engaging our patrols and sweeping our parapet at intervals.

A M.G. position has been located at I.11.a.50.30, E. of GRANDE PORTE EGAL.

SNIPERS: Enemy snipers were active and as a result of their activity two sniping posts were located which were engaged by T.Ms.

PATROLS: None encountered.

ENEMY DEFENCES: Several parties were active repairing front line but were dispersed where observed, by our Artillery.

A Trench Mortar position has been located at I.11.c.42.40 (MUSHROOM).

OBSERVATION: Smoke was observed as follows:-

9 a.m. I.11.c.30.30 (MUSHROOM), I.11.c.80.35 (S.L. behind MUSHROOM) at 4.30 p.m.

Owing to heavy ground mist visibility throughout the day was poor.

COMMUNICATION: At 5.22 p.m. six pigeons flew over Locality 3 from ARMENTIERES going in the direction of LILLE.

At 10.15 p.m. a white light followed by two red lights was thrown opposite No. 5 Locality. These appeared to be answered by a white light very high up in the vicinity of ARMENTIERES. About the same time the noise of an enemy plane could be heard overhead, appearing to go towards ARMENTIERES.

AIRCRAFT: At 5 pm an enemy plane flying very high past over our lines coming from the direction of ARMENTIERES. A machine gun was being fired from the plane but the objective of the shooting is not known.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sounds of heavy transport still continue to be audible along LEZ MACQUART road.

SEARCHLIGHTS were inactive and very few Very lights were fired during the night.

*G. C. Dunbar*

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



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## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

## OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 29

Brigade Headquarters,  
7th February 1917.

Reference Map BOIS GRENIER 1/10,000.

- (1) A combined Artillery and Light Trench Mortar shoot will take place on 8/2/17 in accordance with attached Task Table.
- (2) Watches will be synchronised at Centre Group Artillery Headquarters at 5 p.m. 8/2/17.
- (3) Troops will be cleared of the line of fire of Trench Mortars.
- (4) Units will take all precautions to avoid casualties from hostile retaliation.
- (5) ACKNOWLEDGE:

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

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T A S K T A B L E.  
CENTRE GROUP.

A. Bombardment  
B. Barrage

Battery	Guns	Time	T A S K	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	AMMUNITION		
						A.	AX.	BX.
11th L.T. F. Batt.	8	6.30 p.m. to 6.35 p.m.	Enemy F.L. I.17.a.36.88 to I.17.a.25.68		Rapid			
25th	6	6.35 p.m. to 6.37 p.m.	Strong portion of Front line I.5.b.22.28 to I.5.b.40.00	A	4 r.p.g. p.m.	6	42	
27th	2	6.35 p.m. to 6.37 p.m.	Front Line I.11.c.42.08 to I.17.a.42.95	A	4 r.p.g. p.m.	2	14	
25th	3	6.35 p.m. to 6.37 p.m.	Front line I.17.a.08.45 to I.16.b.97.28	A	4 r.p.g. p.m.	6	42	
107th	2	6.35 p.m. to 6.37 p.m.	Series of Dug-outs and M.G. posit- ions, I.11.c.50.08	A	4 r.p.g. p.m.			16
	1	do.	Dugout or emplacement I.17.a.50.71	A	do.			8
	1	do.	I.17.a.43.63	A	do.			8
	2	do.	Saps & F.L. I.17.a.05.40	A	do.			16
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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 37

7th February 1917

Reference Trench Map HOUPLINES) Edition 6c  
BOIS GRENIER 1/10,000.

- Relief (1) The following relief will take place on the morning of 9th February 1917 :-  
41st Battalion will relieve 43rd Battalion.  
42nd Battalion will relieve 44th Battalion.
- Designation (2) Designation of Battalions after relief will be -  
"A" Battalion - 41st Battalion  
"B" Battalion - 42nd Battalion  
"C" Battalion - 43rd Battalion.  
"D" Battalion - 44th Battalion.
- Billets (3) 43rd Battalion will take over billets vacated by 41st Bn.  
44th Battalion will take over billets vacated by 42nd Bn.
- Details (4) Details of relief will be arranged by G.Os. concerned.
- LUNATIC LANE (5) LUNATIC LANE is allotted to 42nd and 44th Battalions for purposes of the relief.
- Precautions (6) Units will move in parties of not more than 20 men. A time distance of five minutes will be kept between parties. All precautions are to be taken to avoid ~~any~~ detection by aeroplane or other enemy observation.
- Maps (7) All defence schemes, secret trench maps, aeroplane photographs, log books, trench and billet stores will be handed over between units on relief.
- Div. Trench Orders (8) Attention is directed to Divisional Trench Orders, para 4.
- Completion of Relief (9) Relief is to be completed by 12 noon. Battalions concerned will notify 11th Brigade Headquarters by wire as soon as their relief is complete.
- ACKNOWLEDGE - (10) ACKNOWLEDGE.  
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*G. J. Macleod*  
Major  
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| 8          | 11th Machine Gun Coy       | D.R.        |
| 9          | 10th Inf. Brigade          | D.R.        |
| 10         | 9th Inf. Brigade           | D.R.        |
| 11         | 25th A.A.S.C.              | D.R.        |
| 12         | 11th Field Coy. Engineers  | D.R.        |
| 13         | C. R. A.                   | D.R.        |
| 14         | Centre Group Artillery     | D.R.        |
| 15         | 11th Bde. Signal Section   | Personally. |
| 16         | "L" Coy. R.E.              | D.R.        |
| 17         | Town Major. ARMENTIERES    | D.R.        |
| 18         | A.P.M., ARMENTIERES        | B.R.        |
| 19         | War Diary                  |             |



11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 46

From 6 a.m. 7/2/17 to 6 a.m. 8/2/17.

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OUR OPERATIONS:

**ARTILLERY:** At 9.15 a.m. our Artillery fired four rounds of shrapnel against party in enemy's trench opposite Locality 5. Registration was carried out during the morning until 1 p.m. From 2.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. the shoot as per Task Table of Operation Memorandum No. 28 was carried out. The objective of the shoot was attained. Wire was cut in two places but owing to the low visibility it is difficult to say if they are passable. The sap head and parapet from I.17.a.00.41 to I.17.a.12.32 were badly damaged. At I.17.a.2.3. what appeared to be solid lumps of concrete were displaced in enemy front line during this shoot. At 3.15 p.m. the 107th Battery obtained a direct hit on enemy Battery 77 mm at I.18.a.20.20 with aeroplane observation. At 3.20 p.m. enemy transport could be heard E. of SPARROW'S NEST and was shelled by Artillery. Retaliation was given on Locality 3 at 6 p.m., Locality 1 at 6.20 p.m., Locality 2 at 7.15 p.m. M.T.Ms. cut enemy wire in the vicinity of I.17.a.28.80 (50 rounds) L.T.Ms. engaged working parties at I.5.c.90.70, I.5.b.30.75 and carried out a programme in connection with Artillery shoot against sap heads in I.17.a.

**MACHINE GUNS:** The following targets were engaged with indirect fire during the night. I.12.d.00.95 (Road and trenches), I.12.a.20.78 (Junction of road and Communication Trench), I.25.a.08.75 (WAZ MAQUART) I.17.b.30.10 (RUELLE de la NOIX) 1550 rounds were expended on these objectives.

**LEWIS GUNS:** L.Gs. engaged enemy wire and parapet during the night.

**SNIPERS:** One hit was obtained by snipers of right Bn. Subsec. against working party in I.17.a.. Snipers of Left Bn. Subsec. destroyed one enemy periscope opposite Locality 5.

**PATROLS:** Right Bn. Subsec. No. 1 Patrol examined Southern crater of the MUSHROOM. M.G. fire was heard to come from points immediately N. and S. of the MUSHROOM. Other patrols operating in this subsection found movement difficult owing to enemy M.G. fire. A sally port in our wire E. of PORTE EGAL was continuously engaged by the enemy. Left Bn. Subsec. A Patrol operating in front of Locality 7 found that the enemy front line system of wire was mainly constructed on steel knife rests. A Patrol opposite locality 5 heard frequent coughing in enemy's lines. All patrols were fired on at intervals during their patrol.

**MX RIFLE GRENADES:** During the day a great many rifle grenades were fired against enemy front line where smoke could be seen and into C.T. at various points. The grenades fired at a new screen opposite Locality 7 caused the enemy to fire a red rocket followed by a green. No action followed.

**OUR DEFENCES:** Wiring was carried out in rear of all Gaps in our front line and wiring was continued in support line in rear of Locality 3. General repairs were effected..

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

**ARTILLERY:** Enemy Artillery displayed very little activity during the day. Retaliation to our shoot at 2.30 p.m. was very light and well distributed. Between 3 p.m. and 7.15 p.m. Localities 1, 2, and 3 were lightly bombarded with shrapnel and T.M. Bombs. Retaliation was obtained from our Artillery and silenced the enemy guns. Left Bn. Subsec. At 9.15 a.m. enemy began firing shrapnel on BUTERNE FARM WILLOW WALK, and the DISTILLERY (10 rounds). At 3.15 p.m. ten T.M. bombs fell in rear of Gap F near the Listening post. At 6.30 p.m. 20 rifle grenades were fired against Gap H without effect.

P. T. O.



MACHINE GUNS: Enemy M.G. were again active sweeping our wire and parapet. One gun was located firing from approximately I.5.c.65.06.

SNIPERS: Were active.

PATROLS: None encountered.

ENEMY DEFENCES: Working parties ~~xx~~ mentioned as dispersed by Artillery fire were active. As a result of the policy of harassing all working parties the front line parapet is still in a bad state of repair. Suspected T.I. emplacement at I.17.a.13.60.

OBSERVATION:

Troops at present opposite Locality 5 are wearing soft caps and grey uniforms.

Brigade O.P. reports -

I.11.d.00.70 Much movement of small parties (1 or 2) of men behind new trench which exists at this point.

10.20 a.m. I.11.a.9.8. (E. of GDE PORTE EGAL) Dense smoke.

10.25 a.m. I.11.a.6.9. ( " " " " ) 2 Germans passed Gap in parapet.

11.20 a.m. I.5.d.4.4. (N.E. of SPARROWS NEST) 2 Germans crossed sunken road and entered trench, at this point.

2.20 p.m. J.19.a.5.6. (FORT de SENARMONT) Much new earth visible on Southern side of fort.

I.17.c.5.4. (Near VEZ MACQUART) 2 Germans left building and walked in the direction of VEZ MACQUART.

3.15 p.m. I.17.d.5.4. (Trench) 1 German carrying box 3 xl.

COMMUNICATION: At 3.30 p.m. a pigeon flew across Locality 4 coming from ARMENTIERES. At 3.10 p.m. a red and green light were fired opposite Right Bn. Subsec. and Artillery fire commenced. Between 6 p.m. and 9.30 p.m. a number of red lights were thrown from enemy Support Line opposite Localities 1 and 2. At 10.30 p.m. enemy fired a group of five white parachute lights. About 10 groups of this kind of light were fired.

AIRCRAFT: At midday an enemy plane flew over Brigade Section from N. to South and was engaged by our Anti-Aircraft guns and L.Gs. At 3 p.m. our planes encountered two enemy planes over enemy lines and caused them to withdraw.

*L. C. Dunbar L. C.*

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



11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 47

From 3 a.m. 8/2/17 to 6 a.m. 9/2/17.

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OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: At 4.30 p.m. our 18 prs. dispersed a party working behind screen at I.11.c.95.55 (E. of MUSHROOM). At 1.20 p.m. the Hows. engaged hostile Battery at J.15.a.55.10.  
 At 6.50 p.m. a combined T.M. and Artillery sheet was carried out against front and support lines in I.17.a.  
 In this vicinity working parties have been active in the early part of the evening.  
 At 11.30 a.m. L.T.Ms. engaged enemy front line opposite Locality 7 where a working party had been observed.

RIFLE GRENADES: Rifle Grenades were fired intermittently throughout the day and night. Retaliation in the shape of T.M. Bombs was given opposite Right Bn. Subsec.

MACHINE GUNS: The following targets were engaged with indirect fire during the night:-  
 I.12.d.00.95 (Junction of roads and trenches) I.12.a.20.80 (Junction of roads and trenches), I.17.b.30.05 to I.17.d.7:7: (Searching road and trenches). Expenditure - 1,000 rounds.

LEWIS GUNS: engaged enemy parapet and wire.

SNIPERS: One hit is claimed by each Bn. Subsec.

PATROLS: The normal programme of patrolling was carried out. Patrols from Right Bn. Subsec. report less activity on the part of enemy M.Gs. Sounds of talking and whistling were heard coming from the chord line of RAILWAY SALIENT.  
 Patrols from Left Bn. Subsec. report no sounds of activity in enemy lines but were subjected to M.G. fire while on patrol duty.

OUR DEFENCES: Wiring was continued in rear of all Gaps. New wire was erected in Support line from CENTRAL AVENUE to the Right of Locality 3, and 60 yards of new wire was completed in front of Support line behind "E" Gap.  
 General repairs were effected.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Enemy Artillery was again very quiet during the day. At noon a few 77 mm H.E. fell into Locality 1. At 5.30 p.m. six rounds of shrapnel burst over JAPAN DUMP. No retaliation occurred in reply to our sheet at 6.30 p.m.

RIFLE GRENADES and T.M. Bombs were fired intermittently throughout the day.

MACHINE GUNS: M.Gs. displayed less activity than has been occurring lately.

SNIPERS: Inactive opposite Right Bn. Subsec. Active opposite Left Bn. Subsec.

OBSERVATION: Very little movement was noticed in enemy's lines during this 24 hours.

Enemy appears to be digging a new trench or constructing new works at I.11.c.95.55. New earth is visible and only the head and shoulders of men working at this point can now be seen.

Movement is noticeable in the buildings in the vicinity of RUELLÉ de la NOIX.

Visibility throughout the day was poor.

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PATROLS: None encountered.

COMMUNICATION: At 5 a.m. on 8/2/17 enemy fired two red rockets followed by a green rocket then another green rocket bursting into two stars. This was followed by a third green rocket bursting into three stars. At the conclusion of this display a loud blast of a horn was heard. Five minutes later 4 177 mm H.E. were fired on Locality 2.

AIRCRAFT: At 10.55 a.m. an enemy plane passed over our lines going South and was not engaged by anti-aircraft. At 11.25 a.m. an enemy plane over Right Bn. Subsec. was engaged by A.A.guns and withdrew.

MISCELLANEOUS: Suspected enemy dump at I.11.c.50.40 (MUSHROOM). Searchlights were active during our bombardment at 6.50 p.m. Less Very lights than usual were used by the enemy.

*W. A. Newborth*  
Major  
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.



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## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

## OPERATION MEMORANDUM No.30

Brigade Headquarters,  
9th February 1917.

Reference Map BOIS GRENIER, 1/10,000.

- (1) On 10th February 1917 the Artillery of Centre Group in co-operation with 1 -18 pdr. and 1 Howitzer Battery Left Group, will bombard enemy front line trenches in accordance with the attached TASK TABLE.

The object being:-

- (a) To destroy enemy parapet in places where it is known to be particularly strong.
  - (b) Catch working parties at night in the places damaged.
  - (c) Divert attention from vicinity of C.28 and C.29 Central.
- (2) 3" Stokes Mortars will co-operate.
- (3) Troops will be cleared of the line of fire of Trench Mortars.
- (4) Units will take all precautions to avoid casualties from hostile retaliation.
- (5) ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. H. C. C. C.*  
Major  
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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TASK TABLE

CENTRE GROUP.

A. Bombardment

B. Barrage,

Battery	Guns	Time	T A S K	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	AMMUNITION.		
						A. AX.	BX.	
<u>1st PHASE.</u>								
25th	6	3 to 3.30 p.m.	F.L.I.5.b.17.65 to I.5.b.20.85	A	Observed	100		
107th	3	do.	F.L.C.29.d.22.00 to I.5.b.22.92	A	"		100	
29th	6	do.	F.L.C.29.d.00.25 to C.29.d.13.10	A	"	100		
Left Group	6	do.	F.L.C.29.c.80.42 to C.29.c.90.32	A	"		100	
108th	6	do.	Cord line I.11.a.62.00 to	A	"			
Left Group	6	do.	F.L.I.11.c.63.91	A	"	30		
27th	2	do.	F.L.I.11.c.65.80 to I.11.c.60.65	A	"	100		
28th	6	do.	F.L. and saps at					
3" Stokes	8	do.	I.17.a.05.42 to I.16.b.95.25		Intermittent.			
Mortars								
<u>2nd PHASE.</u>								
25th	6	8 to 8.1 p.m.	As in Phase I.	A	4 r.p.g.	12	12	
107th	3	do.	do.	A	p.m.		24	
29th	6	do.	do.	A	do.	12	12	
108th	6	do.	do.	A	do.	4	4	
27th	2	do.	do.	A	do.	12	12	
28th	6	do.	do.	A	do.			
3" Stokes	8	do.	do.	A	Intermittent.			
Mortars								
TOTALS						40	370	248

Total 658 Rounds.

Appendix No. 3



11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 48

From 6 a.m. 9/2/17 to 6 a.m. 10/2/17.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: At 8.45 a.m. our 18 pro. fired on a working party at I.11.c.99.75 with effect. At 3.30 p.m. 77 mm Battery at J.7.a.30.52 was engaged by 107th How. with aeroplane observation. Working parties were engaged in G.T. in I.17.a. and in I.11.c.45.20 at 5.55 p.m. and 9.35 p.m. respectively. Searchlights located at I.17.b.3.3., I.11.c.30.05 and I.12.b.97.25 were engaged during the night of 7/8th Feb.

L.T.Ss. At 11.30 a.m. ten rounds were fired on I.5.d.30.30. At 3 p.m. 15 rounds were fired on I.5.b.35.20. At this point a working party had previously been busy. At 7.30 p.m. M.G. position near I.5.b.35.00 was engaged with 20 rounds.

MACHIN GUNS: The normal programme of indirect fire against roads and trenches in rear of enemy's lines was carried out.

LEIS GUNS: L.Gs. engaged gaps in enemy's wire and parapet and were effective in silencing enemy M.G.

A patrol of four men which endeavoured to reach our lines near FUSHROOK SALIENT was dispersed.

SNIPERS: Active, but no hits are claimed.

PATROLS: Patrols were active throughout the night opposite Both Bn. Subsections. Sounds of repair work in progress in enemy's trenches could be heard in several places.

OUR DEFENCES: Firing was continued in rear of all Gaps and support line. Wire was strengthened in rear of "E" Gap and on the north of LOTHIAN AVENUE. General repairs were effected to our defences.

AIRCRAFT: Several of our planes were active during the day.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Enemy Artillery displayed a little activity during the past 24 hours. A few 77 mm shrapnel were fired on FOCHABERS DUMP, S.P.Y. and DISTILLERY.

Rifle Grenades and T.N. bombs (Pineapple) were sent over at intervals into all localities but did very little damage.

It was noticed that several Pineapples fell in enemy wire at the commencement of operations suggesting that these bombs were fired from some distance in rear.

MACHIN GUNS: M.Gs. were quiet throughout the greater part of the night, firing only small bursts at long intervals. Guns operated from RAILWAY SALIENT and opposite Nos. 1 and 3 localities.

SNIPERS: The usual firing from fixed rifles was experienced. A few shots were fired by enemy snipers during the day.

PATROLS: A patrol of four men was observed near our wire at FUSHROOK SALIENT. This party was dispersed by Lewis guns and scouts who went out. Immediately found no enemy casualties but recovered 16 Stick grenades, a bayonet, and a pistol.

ENEMY DEFENCES: Enemy wire appears to have been strengthened opposite No. 1 Locality. Several new barbed wire screens have been erected in enemy support line in I.11.c. and I.5.d. Working parties were heard at various points along the front line during the night.

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OBSERVATION: Lookholes or observation posts are visible at I.11.c.53.67, I.11.a.45.07 and I.11.c.52.53.  
 Smoke was observed at I.17.a.10.58, I.17.a.38.93, I.11.a.30.85, I.11.a.56.84.  
 Five enemy observed passing gap at I.5.c.62.05 wearing black cloaks.  
 One man passed gap at I.17.a.40.95 wearing grey tunic and dark steel helmet.  
 Brigade O.P. -  
 8.40 a.m. I.11.c.9.7. (N.E. of MUSHROOM) working party of 15 observed behind screen and dispersed by Artillery on receipt of information  
 10.30 a.m. I.17.a.9.4. (W. of RUELLÉ de la NOIX) 4 enemy in open at this point.  
 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. I.5.b.15.45 (S.E. of BRUNE RUE) movement of enemy noticed in groups of 3 to five. Artillery informed and shelled this place.  
 11.30 a.m. I.5.b.3.1. (E. of EPINETTE) New dugout visible at this point.  
 11.35 a.m. I.5.b.3.5. (S.E. of BRUNE RUE) New hessian screen.  
 11.45 a.m. I.5.d.5.8. New hessian screen.  
 12.30 p.m. I.11.c.8.7 (N.E. of MUSHROOM) Smoke rising from enemy S.L.  
 11.55 a.m. I.11.c.90.70 ( " " " ) 2 Germans passed gap in screen.  
 2.20 p.m. I.5.d.7.5. Movement noticed behind new hessian screen.

COMMUNICATION: Very lights were used extensively during the night especially during bombardment S. of our Sector. Several green lights were fired at 6.10 p.m. No apparent action followed.  
 Searchlights were active occasionally from RUELLÉ de la BLANCHE and THE KNOLL in I.5.d. and I.6.c.

AIRCRAFT: Enemy aircraft crossed our lines at 9.45 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 11.45 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS: Enemy bombed his wire frequently during the night especially during the bombardment to the South at midnight.

*G. C. Dunbar-Litton*  
 Major  
 Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A. I. F.



## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 49

From 6 a.m. 10/2/17 to 6 a.m. 11/2/17.

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## OUR OPERATIONS:

**ARTILLERY:** At 9.45 a.m. 18 prs dispersed enemy working party at I.11.a.09.70 (E. of GDE PORTE EGAL). From 3 till 3.50 p.m. combined Artillery and T.M. shoot was carried out against F.L. in I.5.b. and I.11.c. and sap-heads at I.17.a.05.42 and I.16.b.05.25. The shooting was very accurate and a great deal of damage was done to enemy parapet especially at I.11.a.63.02 (S. of RAILWAY SALIENT). The effect of the Howa. was clearly visible, immense quantities of debris being thrown up. At 8 p.m. an intense bombardment of the same portions of the line was carried out lasting one minute. Patrols which were out prior to this shoot reported the presence of enemy working parties at points damaged by Artillery during the afternoon. Artillery shoot was again accurate and should have inflicted casualties on enemy working parties. A large number of Rifle Grenades were fired by our Batteries (Grenade) against points at which enemy working parties could be heard.

**MACHINE GUNS:** The normal programme of searching fire along enemy roads was carried out in I.17.b. and I.12.a. and I.12.d. 1,500 rounds.

**LETS GUNS:** Lets engaged gaps in enemy wire and parapets.

**SNIPERS:** Two definite hits were obtained on working parties opposite Left Bn. Subsec. At 8 a.m. one man jumped on to the parapet to do some work there and when shot fell towards our lines. He was dragged in shortly afterwards.

**PATROLS:** Right Bn. Subsec. Patrols were active throughout the night. A special patrol of 2 Officers and 5 O.R. examined enemy's wire in the vicinity of I.17.a.05.55. At this point the wire had been cut by our Artillery but it was found that very heavy knife rests four feet high had been placed in position immediately in front of the parapet. A patrol operating in the vicinity of MUSHROOM discovered four more stick handle grenades left by enemy patrol on the night 9/10th Feb. After the main rose patrols were frequently fired on. Left Bn. Subsec. Patrols were active throughout the night. Working parties were located before 8 p.m. at points bombarded Artillery at 3 p.m. After the shoot at 8 p.m. enemy showed no activity with regard to working parties until 5.30 a.m. this morning. A small party of 2 men were seen early in the night repairing wire. This party was dispersed.

**OUR DEFENCES:** Wiring parties worked in rear of "A" and "D" Gaps in rear of MUSHROOM and all Gaps in Left Bn. Subsection. General repairs have been effected to our defences.

**AIRCRAFT:** Several of our planes were active during the day.

## ENEMY OPERATIONS:

**ARTILLERY:** Enemy Artillery was mainly inactive throughout the period. There was practically no retaliation to the shoot at 3 p.m. Retaliation to 8 p.m. shoot took the form of a light shrapnel barrage on NO MANS LAND and a few H.E. and shrapnel on our front line. Stray shots were fired at intervals during the day on JAPAN ROAD, PORTE EGAL FARM, FOCHABERS DUMP. T.M. activity was very much lessened and was well distributed, along our front.

**MACHINE GUNS:** During the shoot at 8 p.m. enemy M.G. became very active. M.G. were also active towards dusk notably against QUALITY STREET. In most cases enemy fire is very well screened.

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SNIPERS: Inactive except at dusk when firing is directed against exposed places in our C.Ts.

PATROLS: None encountered.

ENEMY DEFENCES: Working parties were active as reported under the heading of Artillery. Hessian screens are visible in many parts of front and support lines to prevent observation.

OBSERVATION: Working parties observed were dispersed by Artillery. Two enemy were observed carrying coils of wire at I.S.C. 82.05. At 10 a.m. uniforms were thrown over parapet in F.L. opposite Locality 6, in order to dry them. At 3 p.m. a suspected loophole at I.17.22.82 was destroyed by our Artillery shot. Gun flashes were observed at intervals during the day and were pointed out to Artillery F.O.O. All enemy observed opposite Left Bn. Subsec. wore light blue or green-grey helmets.

COMMUNICATION: A large number of Very lights were thrown during the night. It was noticed that immediately a red Very light was fired searchlights became operative opposite the locality from which the light was fired. When our shot ceased at 8.1 p.m. enemy fired a number of green lights along the front and his Artillery ceased firing. A very powerful searchlight was operating during the night from VEZ MACQUART.

AIRCRAFT: Enemy planes were over our lines at 12 noon and 1 p.m. Both were engaged by our A.A. guns but withdrew safely in the direction of LILLE.

MISCELLANEOUS: Enemy bombed his wire with considerable vigour during the bombardment at 8 p.m. and continuously throughout the night.

*G. A. Dunbar* for  
Major  
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.



From 8 a.m. 11/2/17 to 8 a.m. 12/2/17.

CONFIDENTIALOUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: At 12 noon a combined Artillery and T.M. shoot was carried out against Front and Support Lines in I.11.c. and I.17.a.

M.T.Ms. covered by this fire cut enemy wire at I.17.a.12.55.

The effect of this combined shoot was excellent and much damage was caused to enemy trenches. A direct hit was obtained on a suspected O.P. near I.11.c.40.4C.

At 2.30 p.m. a shoot was carried out by Hows. of Left Group against positions in I.5.d. One round caused a loud explosion and threw large amount of debris of all descriptions high into the air. A heavy cloud of black smoke hung over this spot for 10 minutes after the explosion.

At 8.15 p.m. our Artillery carried out a preliminary demonstration prior to Artillery bombardment on our right at 10.30 p.m. The demonstration took the form of a creeping barrage and under its cover a fighting patrol endeavoured to gain entry to enemy trenches in I.17.a.

T.M. operations were limited during the day but during the night T.Ms. co-operated with Artillery in creeping barrage and fired 803 rounds. The Artillery shoot was very accurate as far as could be observed.

MACHINE GUNS: M.Gs. fired a programme in connection with Artillery shoot and engaged searchlights appearing S. of RAILWAY SALIENT.

The following targets were engaged during this operation, and later at intervals throughout the night.

Roads and trenches in I.17.b. and I.17.d. LA HONGRIE FARM, M.G. positions N. S. of MUSHROOM.

LEWIS GUNS: engaged gaps in enemy wire and parapet and fired on enemy M.G. which disclosed their positions during the bombardment at 8.15 p.m.

SNIPERS: Five hits were obtained by snipers of this Brigade Section. One of the casualties was probably an officer. He was taking observation at various points along his front line with a telescope. On one occasion he exposed his head fully above the parapet and was hit by a sniper. He was wearing cap with patent leather peak and tilt decorations.

PATROLS: Active patrolling was carried out by both Battalions. Sounds of a large working party were heard in Support Line at RAILWAY SALIENT. Patrols of Left Bn. Subsec. were fired on by enemy snipers from sap-heads when endeavouring to reach his wire.

OUR DEFENCES: Working was continued in rear of Gaps. General repairs were effected to defences.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: There was a marked increase throughout the day in enemy Artillery activity.

Artillery fire against Right Bn. Subsec. consisted of shrapnel, Minenwerfer T.M. Bombs and Rifle Grenades and was well distributed over the area.

Left Bn. Subsec. - More than 200 T.M. bombs (Pineapples) were fired against this Bn. Subsec. during the day. 77 mm H.E. and shrapnel were also fired on Locality 6. This fire being mainly onfilade fire.

Retaliation to our shoot at 8.15 p.m.:

Right Bn. Subsec. - In retaliation to our barrage the whole of this Bn. Subsec. was subjected to a bombardment of 77 mm H.E. and shrapnel and T.M. bombs. A barrage of H.E. and shrapnel was also placed on NO MANS LAND in the vicinity in which our patrol was operating. The damage done to our defences by this bombardment was not great.

Left Bn. Subsec. - Retaliation in this Subsec. consisted of Minenwerfer 77 mm H.E. and shrapnel and T.M. bombs. Locality 3 was given most attention and a great number of shells fell in the vicinity of Company Headquarters. In locality 5 a barrage of shrapnel and H.E. was placed on the head of PLANK AVENUE and AUCKLAND AVENUE. Damage to defences was not great.



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MACHINE GUNS: When the barrage at 8.15 p.m. commenced enemy M.G. were very active opposite Left Bn. Subsec. and continually swept our parapets. Opposite Right Bn. Subsec. enemy M.G. activity was silenced during Phases 1 to 3 of our bombardment although runs operated from flanks beyond area covered by the Artillery. After midnight enemy M.G. activity died away almost entirely.

SNIPERS: Enemy snipers were active opposite Left Bn. Subsec. and caused two casualties in Locality 4; one of these was hit while in the Support Line of this locality.

PATROLS: None encountered. On further examination of the route taken by enemy patrol which was driven off from the MUSHROOM on the night of 9/10th a cap and a pair of gloves were recovered.

CAP - Field grey, infantry (red band). Cockade denotes the BAVARIAN Regiment (white, blue, white) Inside the crown of the cap there are the following markings: - B.A.VII. 1918.

Identification is therefore normal. The gloves recovered are new and made of heavy knitted wool.

ENEMY DEFENSIVE: A 77 mm. Battery was firing from the direction of BOX FARM against Locality 6.

A T. position was located approximately 200 yards S.S.W. of "B" in BRUNNEN. (Reference map Sheet 36 N.W.).

Suspected M.G. position near I.S.c. 36.05.. There appears to be a concrete dugout about I.S.c. 35.02 which probably is used in conjunction with M.G.

COMMUNICATION: On the commencement of barrage at 8.15 p.m. red lights were fired from several points in enemy front line and Artillery fire was immediately brought to bear on our lines.

Searchlights became operative immediately after the firing of the red lights. The cessation of fire appeared to be controlled by a combination of red and green lights.

It was noticed that Very lights were thrown from the flanks outside Artillery range inwards towards the centre of the barrage continuously.

AIRCRAFT: Enemy planes were over our lines at 11 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. Three bombs were dropped in the neighbourhood of AUCKLAND DUMP by the plane over our lines at the latter time.

MISCELLANEOUS: At 1.30 p.m. six shells were fired on to BUTERNE FARM which left a low white cloud on explosion. On examination of one of the nose caps a distinctly smelly smell of calcium carbide was noticed.

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



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 51

From 6 a.m. 12/2/17 to 6 a.m. 13/2/17

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OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: During the morning our Artillery was inactive but from 1 p.m. onwards was fairly active. At 3.30 p.m. and 4.10 p.m. a Minenwerfer position in BRUNE RUE was fired on by 25th Battery with effect. At 1.10 p.m. 107 Hows. engaged I.11.c.52.56 (Snipers post) with effect. At 4.15 p.m. a Minenwerfer at I.11.a.90.70 (BIDDY) was fired on and silenced. At 4.40 an observer in enemy F.L. opposite Locality 5 was seen to be apparently acting as F.O.O. and our Artillery burst three shells in his immediate vicinity. At 11 p.m. transport was heard on BRUNE RUE road and was silenced with effect by our Artillery.

Working parties were dispersed at I.11.e.50.00 and I.17.a.15.57.

MACHINE GUNS: The following targets were engaged with indirect fire

during the night:-

- Trenches in I.17.a. 1500 rounds.
- Road at BASTROU, tracks near RUELLE DE LA BLANCHE, cutting on road at PREMESQUES 1250 rounds.

LEWIS GUNS: Fired on enemy wire and parapet and engaged working parties at I.5.b.20.30 (2 a.m.) and opposite Nos. 3 and 4 Localities.

SNIPERS were active throughout the day and claim five definite hits.

PATROLS: Five patrols operated on this front (Right Bn. Subsec). A wiring party was located at I.11.c.50.00 S. of MUSHROOM, and was dispersed by Artillery. A working party at I.17.a.15.57 was also located and dispersed by Artillery. It was noticed that while this party was working the enemy continually threw bombs on the flanks of the party. The wire in the immediate vicinity of N. of RAILWAY SALIENT is still in very poor condition. Wire opposite "E" Gap has been strengthened in weak places by the addition of knife rests.

Left Bn. Subsec. Five patrols operated during the night. At 2 a.m. a party of enemy was found repairing wire at I.5.b.15.40 (THE PIMPLE) and was dispersed by Lewis gun fire.

Bombs were frequently thrown by the enemy and in nearly all cases fell in front and clear of his own wire.

E. of EPINETTE SALIENT enemy front line appeared to be more strongly held than opposite localities 5 and 7.

OUR DEFENCES: Wiring was carried out in rear of all Gaps and wire damaged by Minenwerfer fire during the day was repaired. General repairs were effected. On the left of "F" Gap parapet was breached in several places and the bay of No. 5 Locality was demolished.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Right Bn. Subsec. At 7.30 a.m. four Minenwerfer were fired on No. 4 Locality. Throughout the day a few shrapnel were thrown without doing any damage.

Left Bn. Subsec.- Until noon enemy displayed a little activity with T. bombs (Pineapple) well distributed along the front. Ten 77 mm H.E. were fired on No. 6 Locality. Between noon and 6 p.m. Artillery displayed greater activity. 18 Minenwerfer fell in Locality 5 and 20 4.2 between AUCKLAND DUMP and AUCKLAND AVENUE. Minenwerfer and 77 mm H.E. were fired intermittently on to Locality 6, Front and Support Lines. Three 77 mm H.E. fell in BUTERNE FARM destroying some of emergency rations.

MACHINE GUNS: There was the usual pronounced activity until midnight. Gun positions have been changed opposite No. 1 Locality.

SNIPERS: Active opposite Left Bn. Subsec.

PATROLS: None encountered.

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ENEMY D FENCES: Minenwerfer positions were located at I.5.b.40.00, I.5.b.50.60, I.5.d.50.50 and I.5.d.40.35. It was noticed that two guns fired from each of these emplacements. A M.G. position was located at I.5.b.25.30. Working parties which were active in enemy front line were dispersed where located, by our Artillery and Lewis guns.

OBSERVATION: Visibility poor. It has been noticed that enemy is frequently seen in greater numbers and more frequently between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7.30 am. This applies opposite both Bn. Subsections. It is therefore probable that enemy 'stands down' at 7 a.m.

MISCELLANEOUS: A part of a shell recovered by Right Bn. Subsec. was manufactured in 1917. This shell was fired by the enemy during the retaliation to our shoot at 8.15 p.m. on the night of 11/12th Feb.

Searchlights were active during the night and were shelled with doubtful success by Artillery.

*G. A. Dunbar Lt. Col.*

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



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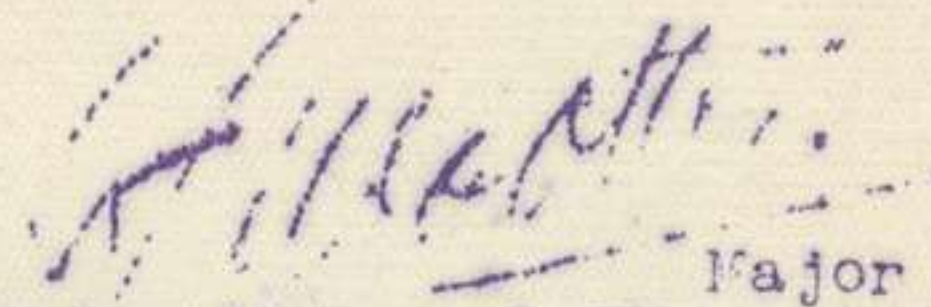
11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 31

Brigade Headquarters,  
13th February 1917.

Reference Map BOIS GRENIER, 1/10,000.

- (1) On 14th February 1917 Y.3.A.2" Trench Mortar Battery will cut wire at the following places :-
  - (a) I.11.a.30.42.
  - (b) I.11.c.63.78.
 covered by the fire of the CENTRE GROUP ARTILLERY according to the attached Task Table.
- (2) The 3" Stokes Mortars will cooperate as per Task Table attached.
- (3) C.O. 43rd Battalion will take advantage of the shoot at 7.30 p.m. and will put out scouts in NO MAN'S LAND to locate enemy Machine guns or Minenwerfer which may come into action during the bombardment.
- (4) Watches will be synchronised at Centre Group Artillery Headquarters at 12 noon and 6 p.m. 14/2/17.
- (5) Time Table  
 Phase 1 - Wire cutting & Covering Fire 2 to 2.30 p.m.  
 Phase 2 - Bombardment 7.30 to 7.31 p.m.
- (6) Troops will be cleared of the line of fire of Trench Mortars.
- (7) Units will take all precautions to avoid casualties from hostile retaliation.
- (8) ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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T A S K T A B L E .

Reference Map BOIS GRENIER, 1/10,000

CENTRE GROUP.

A. Bombardment  
B. Barrage

Battery	Guns	Time	T A S K	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	AMMUNITION	
						A.	BX
<u>PHASE I.</u>							
107th	1	2 to 2.30 p.m.	M.G. Position I.11.a.50.60 )	Observed	-		30
107th	1	do.	Sap I.11.a.61.72	A	-		30
107th	1	do.	M.W. I.11.a.90.70	A	-		20
107th	2	do.	SPARROWS NEST I.5.d.10.09	A	-		20
107th	1	do.	Strong Point I.11.a.64.00	Observed	-		30
27th	2	2 to 2.15 p.m.	F.L.I.11.a.57.31 to I.11.a.38.28	do.	-		30
25th	4	do.	F.L.I.11.a.63.88 to I.5.c.68.13	A	3 r.p.m.	6	12
26th	6	2 to 2.01 p.m.	F.L.I.11.c.57.55 to I.11.c.60.35	A	do.		18
"	6	2.02 to 2.03 p.m.	Lift to Support Line	A	do.		18
"	6	2.05 to 2.03 p.m.	Support Line I.11.a.88.38 to I.11.a.87.12	A	do.		18
"	1	2.15 to 2.17 p.m.	M.W.I.11.c.80.28	A	do.	1	5
"	1	do.	M.W.I.11.c.95.50	A	do.	1	5
Y.3.A.TM	3	2.00 p.m.	Cut wire at (1) I.11.a.60.42				80 rounds.
do.	1	do.	Cut wire at (2) I.11.c.63.78				30 rounds
3" Stokes	4	2.00 to 2.30 p.m.	F.L.I.11.a.47.07 to I.11.c.62.85 )	Intermittent fire			
do.	4	do.	Bombard M.G.I.11.c.42.42, F.L.I.11.c.38.38 ) to I.11.c.35.22				
<u>PHASE II</u>							
27th	2	7.30 to 7.31 p.m.	As in Phase I	A	4 r.p.m.		8
26th	6	do.	F.L.I.11.a.58.31 to I.11.a.60.51	A	do.		24
25th	2	do.	M.G.I.11.a.50.60	A	do.		8
"	2	do.	F.L.I.11.a.60.68 to I.11.a.63.75	A	do.		8
107th	4	do.	SPARROWS NEST I.5.d.10.09	A	3 r.p.m.		12
"	1	do.	I.11.a.90.38	A	do.		3
"	1	do.	Strong Point I.11.a.65.00	A	do.		3

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,

13th February, 1917.



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C.O.

11th Machine Gun Company.

Reference Operation Memorandum No. 31 of 15/2/17-

You will arrange to have enemy Machine Guns which may come into action during bombardment from 7.30 p.m. to 7.31 p.m. located.

Map Reference of positions located will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. G. ...".

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



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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 38

15th February 1917

Reference Trench Map HOUPLINES ) Edition 6c  
BOIS GRENIER ) 1/10,000.

Relief (1) The following relief will take place on the morning of the 15th February 1917 :-  
43rd Battalion will relieve 41st Battalion.  
44th Battalion will relieve 42nd Battalion.

Designation (2) Designation of Battalions after relief will be -  
"A" Battalion - 43rd Battalion.  
"B" Battalion - 44th Battalion.  
"C" Battalion - 41st Battalion.  
"D" Battalion - 42nd Battalion.

Billets (3) 41st Battalion will take over billets vacated by 43rd Bn.  
42nd Battalion will take over billets vacated by 44th Bn.

Details (4) Details of relief will be arranged by C.Os. concerned.

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

Precautions (6) Units will move in parties of not more than 20 men. A time distance of five minutes will be kept between parties. All precautions are to be taken to avoid detection by aeroplane or other enemy observation.

Maps (7) All defence schemes, secret trench maps, aeroplane photographs, log books, trench and billet stores will be handed over between units on relief.

Div. Trench Orders (8) Attention is directed to Divisional Trench Orders, para 4.

Completion of Relief (9) Relief is to be completed by 12 noon. Battalions concerned will notify 11th Brigade Headquarters by wire as soon as their relief is complete.

ACKNOWLEDGE-MENT-(10) Acknowledge, MENT.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.  
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## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

 REPORT ON RAID CARRIED OUT BY GERMANS AGAINST LOCALITY 5  
 ON NIGHT OF 13/14th FEBRUARY 1917.

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During the day enemy's Artillery was active and ranged in the early morning on Localities 5 and 6 with Minenwerfer and 4.2 and also on CHICKEN FARM and "F" Gap with the same type of shells. At 5 p.m. a heavy bombardment of Minenwerfer and 4.2 and shrapnel was carried out against Support Lines of Localities 1 and 2. Throughout the whole day intermittent activity was displayed by enemy Artillery

At 3.45 a.m. a Lewis gun team on Left of No.5 Locality observed movement near enemy wire opposite No.5 Locality. This was considered by the team to be a party engaged in wiring. Three magazines were fired against this party and no more movement was noticed.

At 3.55 a.m. a hostile barrage was put down on Nos.5,6, and 7 Localities. The bombardment of No.5 Locality was directed simultaneously on front and support line and consisted of Heavy and light Minenwerfer, T.M.Bombs (Pineapple) and 77 mm H.E. This bombardment was intense throughout until 4.20 a.m.

At the same time No.6 Locality was bombarded with Minenwerfer, T.M.bombs (Pineapple) directed against front and support line.

"F" Gap and CHICKEN FARM were engaged mainly with 4.2 Hows. No.7 Locality was heavily bombarded with Minenwerfer T.M.bombs (Pineapple) and 88 mm H.E. and shrapnel.

At 4.35 a.m. the barrage on F.L. ceased along the front and at 4.40 a.m. barrage on S.L. was discontinued.

S.O.S. At 4.3 am S.O.S. was called for by No.5 Locality and immediate response was given by Artillery, L.F.Ms. Machine guns, and Lewis guns. No.6 Locality obtained S.O.S.fire before 4.8 a.m. and at 4.15 a.m. No.7 Locality called for and received S.O.S.assistance.

Action of Raiders: As soon as the barrage ceased on F.L. a shower of bombs were thrown into No.5 Locality at the head of PLANK AVENUE. Enemy raiders immediately effected an entrance through a breach in the parapet caused during the bombardment. There were six Huns in a party who entered the trench. The leading Bosche seeing the Officer on duty in this trench immediately shouted, in perfect English, "Hands Up" surrender" and at the same time fired a shot at this Officer. The shot missed its mark and Lieut. PETERSEN fired at the Boscho and wounded him. The whole party including the wounded man turned back and withdrew over the parapet. Blood stains left by the wounded man are clearly visible in the trench and through the parapet. The party left behind a cap and rifle and bayonet.

It is estimated that the party which endeavoured to enter our trenches was comprised of at least 20 men, 14 of whom failed to reach their objective.

No casualties whatever were caused by the raiders while in our trenches which they did not penetrate to a depth greater than ten yards.

Their occupation of the trench could not have lasted more than a couple of minutes.

Casualties: As a result of the bombardment our casualties amounted to - killed - 9 O.R., Wounded 1 Officer, 8 O.R. Missing 2 O.R. These missing men were last seen on the northern or left flank of Locality 5. This position is more than 50 yards from the point at which entry was effected. It is therefore considered most unlikely that these men could have been taken prisoner. A more probable solution of their disappearance is that they have been buried.

Patrols: Immediately after the cessation of our S.O.S.barrage two patrols were sent out from each Locality. They were unable to discover any trace of dead or wounded Huns in NO MAN'S LAND and were withdrawn at 6 a.m. owing to day-break.

P. T. O.



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Identification: The cap recovered is of the ordinary soft Field service grey pattern, red band covered by khaki cloth. There are no signs on it by which identification might be obtained. The rifle contains the following marking - On top of Chamber "AMBERG 1018 6 26 "

Mausser pattern rifle graduated from 4 to 20 (100 metres). There are no signs giving identification of any unit.

*G. A. Dunbar Lt*

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

Lates. See Sub. Summary. No. 56.

One Roche recovered by Patrols of 44th Bn  
Bway across to Mans Land.

Identification obtained

— Shoulder straps with marking 17. }  
Bavarian Buttons on tunic }

17th Bav. Inf Regt. (normal).

*G. A. Dunbar Lt*



## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 52

From 6 a.m. 13/2/17 to 6 a.m. 14/2/17.

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## OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Artillery was active at 7.50 p.m., 8.15 p.m., 9.29 p.m., 10 p.m. and 5.50 a.m. on the night of 12/13th Feb. against working parties repairing damage to trenches in I.17.a. and I.11.c. During the day retaliation was given several times in reply to enemy intermittent activity throughout the day.

Traffic was silenced twice during the night in vicinity of BRUNNEN RUE. Working parties were engaged in I.16.b. and I.17.a. at 8.30 p.m., 8.30 p.m. and 11.50 p.m.

Howe engaged Minenwerfer positions reported active.

MACHINE GUNS: M.G. closely co-operated with Artillery and T.M.s. firing on S.O.S. lines between 4 and 5 a.m. During the night indirect fire was brought to bear on enemy support lines in I.17.a. and against roads in I.18.a. and I.12.d.

LEWIS GUNS: L.Gs. were directed on gaps in enemy wire and also fired on S.O.S. lines in Localities concerned.

PATROLS: Active patrolling was maintained by both Bn. Subsecs. but beyond report on reconnaissance of ground have little to report. A patrol operating in the vicinity of MUSHROOM SALIENT ~~heard no~~ signs of enemy working parties repairing damage done to trenches.

SNIPERS: One hit was obtained by snipers of Left Bn. Subsec.

OUR DEFENCES: Wiring in rear of Gaps was continued. General repairs were effected. Much damage was done to our breastworks as a result of enemy Artillery.

## ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Enemy Artillery displayed activity from 5.30 a.m. 13/2/17 onwards. At intervals throughout the day ranging was carried out on all localities with Minenwerfer, T.M. bombs (Pineapple) and occasional 4.2. At 5 p.m. a heavy bombardment was opened on Support Line of Nos. 1 and 2 Localities with 4.2 and Minenwerfer. As a result of this activity several bays were blown in and damaged was done to C.Ts.

*As reported* enemy barrage at 4 a.m. this morning is contained in special report

MACHINE GUNS: Enemy M.Gs. were active throughout the night.

SNIPERS: Mainly inactive throughout the day.

PATROLS: None encountered by scouts.

RAID: An enemy raid was carried out against Locality 5 at 4 a.m. Six Huns succeeded in entering our trenches but were immediately ejected before penetrating to any depth. They made no attempt to engage our garrison in hand to hand combat and when fired on turned and withdrew.

ENEMY DEFENCES: Working parties were actively engaged endeavouring to repair damage to trenches in I.17.a. and I.11.c.

OBSERVATION: Throughout the day visibility was poor. A small amount of movement of individual men in trenches and in rear on road is reported.

COMMUNICATION: During enemy bombardment at 5 p.m. yesterday a green rocket was fired which burst into five stars. Consequent upon this there was a slight pause in the firing and Artillery lengthened range slightly, and ceased shortly after. Searchlights were again active during the night. A large one operating from approximately I.17.b.7.4.

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



From 6 a.m. 14/2/17 to 6 a.m. 15/2/17

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## OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: At 2 p.m. a combined T.M. and Artillery shoot was carried out against enemy Front and Support lines in I.11.a., I.11.c. and I.5.c. T.M.s. under cover of this fire cut wire at I.11.a.60.42 and I.11.c.63.78. Two distinct lanes were cut in the wire. A machine gun position at I.11.a.50.60 was destroyed by Artillery and throughout the shoot much debris was thrown into the air.

At 7.30 p.m. an intense bombardment for one minute was carried out against the same targets and had the effect of obtaining S.O.S. retaliation from Artillery, T.M.s. and M.Gs.

At I.11.a.60.42 a large enemy working party was caught in the fire of the 7.30 p.m. bombardment. Shouting and sounds of tools being cast away were distinctly heard by scouts.

At 9.20 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. working parties at I.17.a.18.60 and in the ANGLE E. of EPILETTE were dispersed.

Throughout the day active retaliation was given to both Bn. Subsecs.

L.T.M.s. co-operated with Artillery at 2 p.m. on targets in I.11.a. and I.11.c

MAG INI. GUNS: Tracks and trenches in I.17.a. and I.17.c. were engaged with indirect fire during the night.

LEWIS GUNS: Engaged enemy M.G. which fired during the bombardment at 7.30 p.m. and engaged gaps in enemy wire and parapet continuously during the night.

SNIPERS: Two hits were obtained by snipers of Left Bn. Subsec.

PATROLS: Patrols from Right Bn. Subsec. located a wiring party at I.11.a.60.42 at 7 p.m. Wire on the S. of RAILWAY SALIENT was found to be destroyed and passable except for a low entanglement close to the enemy parapet. A wiring party at THE MUSHROOM was located and was eventually dispersed by the fire of Lewis guns.

Patrols from Left Bn. Subsec. were unable to find any trace of Huns who attempted to raid No. 5 Locality, in NO MAN'S LAND, although a thorough search was made. There was little sound of activity in enemy lines, but intermittent M.G. and rifle fire was brought to bear on NO MAN'S LAND. A small wiring party near I.5.c.65.00 was located and dispersed by Lewis gun fire.

OUR DEFENCES: Right Bn. Subsec. - As a result of enemy activity during the day a snipers post was destroyed in Gap E and several bays of Locality 4 damaged. The head of CENTRAL AVENUE was blown in and damage was done to breastwork of trenches in this vicinity.

Wiring was carried out in rear of Gaps and knife rests were put out in front of No. 1 Locality and in front of Lewis gun position S. of THE MUSHROOM.

General repairs were effected as rapidly as possible.

Left Bn. Subsec - Wiring was continued in rear of Gaps. The wire in rear of G. Gap is now complete.

Damage done to our defences by the barrage on the morning of 14th inst. has been to a great extent repaired.

Enemy Artillery activity has hindered progress with repairs.

AIRCRAFT: One of our planes crossed enemy lines at 2 p.m.

## ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: From 3 a.m. onwards enemy Artillery displayed intermittent activity throughout the day and night. In Right Bn. Subsec. all Localities received attention and shrapnel was burst over several working parties engaged in the front line. Retaliation to our bombardment at 2 p.m. was heavy and consisted of Minenwerfer, 77 mm H.E. and shrapnel and T.M. bombs (Pineapple). Retaliation to shoot at 7.30 p.m. was not so heavy and consisted of Minenwerfer and 77 mm H.E.

Left Bn. Subsec. enemy Artillery displayed unusual activity throughout the day. There was not a absence of T.M. and Minenwerfer.

50 77 mm H.E. and 10 4.2 H.E. fell in the vicinity of Coy. H. Gns. 1st Lt. 6 destroying a kitchen.

P. T.O.



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## ENEMY OPERATIONS (Contd)

E.Gap and CHICKEN FARM were also engaged with 4.2 H.E. at 5 p.m. At 5.10 p.m. F.L. and S.L. of Locality were subjected to a small bombardment with 77 mm H.E. as also were QUALITY STREET, DISTILLERY and JAPAN DUMP. Several direct hits are visible on walls of the Distillery.

MACHINE GUNS: From 7.30 p.m. till midnight enemy displayed more than usual activity and were especially active during the bombardment at 7.50.

SNIPERS: Inactive.

PATROLS: None encountered.

ENEMY DEFENCES: The result of the bombardment on morning of 14th inst. is clearly visible on enemy trenches especially opposite Locality 7 where the parapet has been breached in several places.

Working parties were again active endeavouring to repair trenches and opposite Right Bn. Subsec.

Wire: Enemy is using a great number of knife rests 4 feet high to block gaps caused by our F.T.M. in his wire.

OBSERVATION: At 2.35 p.m. (5 minutes after cessation of our bombardment) troops were observed hurrying up C.T. leading into the firing line at I.5.c.65.00. It is considered probable therefore that they abandoned the F.L. during the bombardment, of this sector.

All troops observed opposite Left Bn. Subsec. were wearing blue helmets. Brigade O.P. report. -

2.55 p.m. I.16.d.7.6. (N. of VEZ MACQUART) dense column of smoke.

Between 12.45 and 5 p.m. Germans were seen passing to and fro behind a screen at I.3.a.40.00. The largest number seen at any one time was a party of six.

Between 4.10 and 4.20 p.m. five Germans were seen moving in the vicinity of I.6.a.40.20.

COMMUNICATION: As the result of series of intersections of rays taken on to the largest searchlight operating on this front, the position of the light has been fixed in Square I.17.a. All intersections have been plotted between I.17.a.50.20 and I.17.a.70.40, the majority of points falling in vicinity of House at I.17.a.70.40.

It has been noticed that this light is raised and lowered. A small light which operated in front and support lines S. of the RAILWAY has been proved to be mobile as a result of frequent intersection. Several green asteroid rockets were thrown during the night without any apparent action following.

AIRCRAFT: Enemy planes crossed our lines at 11.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. respectively.

MISCELLANEOUS: Several nose caps of 77 mm shells recovered by Left Bn. Subsec. bear markings showing they have been manufactured in 1917. A All stick handle grenades recovered from raiders bear the date 12/1/17 on the handle.

*G. A. Deunbar*  
Major



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## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

## OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 32

Brigade Headquarters,  
15th February 1917.

Reference Map BOIS GRENIER 1/10,000.

- (1) On 16th February 1917 Y.S.A. T.M. Battery will cut wire at -  
 (a) I.11.a.59.42  
 (b) I.17.a.28.80.  
 Covered by fire of Centre Group Artillery according to the attached Task Table.
- (2) The 11th L.T.M. Battery will co-operate as per Task Table attached.
- (3) C.O. 43rd Battalion will detail two Officers to observe the Y.S.A. T.M. Battery shoot and will forward a report as to the success or otherwise of the operation.
- (4) Watches will be synchronised at Centre Group Artillery Headquarters at 11 a.m. 16/2/17.
- (5) All troops will be cleared from the line of fire of Trench Mortars.
- (6) Units will take all precautions to avoid casualties from hostile retaliation.
- (7) ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Major

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Map Reference: BOIS GRENIER 1/10,000  
 TASK TABLE  
 CENTRE GROUP.

A Bombardment  
 B. Barrage.

Battery	Guns	Time	T A S K	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	AMMUNITION		REMARKS	
						A. AX.	BX.		
Y.3.A.	3	12.30 to 1 p.m.	Cut wire at I.11.a.59.42			60 rounds			
	1	do.	" " " I.17.a.28.80			20 rounds			
107th	1	do.	M.G.E. I.11.a.50.60 )	Observed			40		
	1	do.	Sap I.11.a.58.73 )						
	1	do.	M.W. I.5.d.48.50 )	A			80		
	1	do.	M.W. I.5.d.33.40 )						
	1	do.	M.W. I.5.d.10.09 )						
	1	do.	M.W. I.11.a.90.68 )						
27th	2	do.	M.G.E. I.5.c.68.07	Observed		24			
26th	6	12.30 to 12.32 p.m.	Cord Line I.11.a.62.10 to F.L. I.11.c.63.78	A	3 r.p.g.	6	30		
	3	12.35 to 12.37 p.m.	S.L.I.11.c.96.53 to I.11.c.80.25	A	p.m.	6	30		
	2	12.40 to 1 p.m.	M.W. I.11.c.40.40	Observed			20		
3" Stokes Mortars.	4	11.30 to 12.30 p.m.	F.L.I.5.c.93.37 to I.5.c.80.22		Intermittent.				
	4	do.	F.L.I.16.b.98.28 to I.16.b.30.05.		"				
TOTAL						12	104	120	= 256

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## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,

18th February, 1917.

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41st Battalion.  
42nd "  
43rd "  
44th "  
11th Machine Gun Coy.  
11th Trench Mortar Battery.  
11th Field Coy. Engrs.  
9th Inf. Brigade.  
10th Inf. Brigade.

A shoot by Y. 3 A. Trench Mortar Battery; 11th Light Trench Mortar Battery, and Centre Group Artillery will be carried out between the hours of 3 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. to-day.

Targets for these shoots are situated in---

I 11 a, I 5 a, I 11 c, I 17 a,  
I 5 b, I 5 c, and I 11 b.

All necessary precautions must be taken.

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



11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 54

From 6 a.m. 15/2/17 to 6 a.m. 16/2/17.

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OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY : Our Artillery was active throughout the day. Between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. Artillery fired 20 rounds shrapnel over Locality 5 into enemy F.L. opposite.

At noon Hows. engaged Minenwerfer position in I.5.a. and I.11.c.

At 1 p.m. a combined L.T.M. and L.T.M. shoot was carried out. M.T.'s cut wire in the vicinity of I.17.a.12.55. L.T.Ms. engaged F.L. in I.11.c. and Cor line I.11.a.32.10 to F.L. I.11.c.64.78.

At 4.20 p.m. L.T.Ms. bombarded sniper's post at I.5.c.8.2. and now works I.5.b.3.2. and I.5.b.30.25 with success, several shots bursting on objectives. Working parties were dispersed by 18 p.m. as follows:-

- 6 a.m. I.11.a.6.5. (E. of GRANDE PORTE EGAL)
  - 11 a.m. & 9.35 p.m. at I.11.a.55.35 (N. of Railway) } Right
  - 10.50 a.m. I.5.c.30.10 (S.W. of SPARROWS NEST) } Bn.
  - 11.5 p.m. & 2 a.m. I.17.a.12.55 (E. of PEAR TREE) Wiring party. } Sub-sec.
  - 3.20 a.m. I.17.a.60.27 (C.T.) }
  - 7 p.m. I.5.c.30.10 (S.W. of SPARRO'S NEST) Wiring party. } LEFT
  - 10.30 p.m. I.5.b.15.45 (N.E. of EPINETTE) Wiring party } Bn.
- Parties fired on after 3 p.m. were located by scouts. } SUB SEC

MACHINE GUNS: The following targets were engaged during the night:- I.11.a.40.38, I.11.a.40.42, Gap in wire N. of RAILWAY SALIENT. Roads in I.12.a., I.12.c. and I.12.d.

L.VIS GUNS: Engaged positions where working parties were reported in conjunction with Artillery. Gaps in enemy wire and parapet were also engaged.

SNIFERS: One hit on enemy working party obtained opposite Locality 3.

PATROLS: Patrolling activity was maintained throughout the night and as a result of their activity several targets were located for the Artillery. The patrols lay up to observe the result of Artillery shooting and observed some of the enemy to fall.

A patrol from Right Bn. Subsec. found that the gap which had existed in enemy wire to the right of RAILWAY SALIENT has been re-wired with the exception of a small Sally Port close to the railway. Much talking was heard in enemy lines in this vicinity.

A patrol from Left Bn. Subsec. worked along enemy wire from I.5.c.65.10 to I.5.c.65.25 and found enemy wire in good repair and very thick.

OUR DEFENCES: Wiring was commenced in front of Localities 1 and 2 and was continued in rear of Gaps. As the result of enemy bombardment on 14th Feb. much damage has been done to wire along the front. General repairs have been effected.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Enemy Artillery was active throughout the day chiefly against Right Bn. Subsec. At noon ten 77 mm were fired on CENTRAL AVENUE in rear of Support Line, at the same time S.L. of this Locality was shelled with shrapnel.

Retaliation for shoot at 1 p.m. consisted of 77 mm.H.E. and shrapnel on No. 1 Locality. At 1.55 p.m. 19 Minenwerfer were fired into Locality 4 near S.L.

T.M. bombs (Pincampo) and Rifle Grenades were thrown against all Localities at intervals throughout the day.

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MACHINE GUNS: Enemy M.Gs. displayed the usual activity until midnight.

SNIFERS: Snipers were active opposite Left Bn.Subsec.

PATROLS: An enemy patrol of 8 men was seen and dispersed by Lewis Gun team on the right of No.1 Locality.

ENEMY DEFENCES: Several working parties were located during the day and night endeavouring to repair damaged defences and where located were dispersed by Artillery fire.

M.T.Ms. breached enemy parapet in I.17.a. opposite Locality 1.

OBSERVATION:

2 p.m. I.17.a.2.6 (E. of PEAR TREE) Smoke observed.

4.25 p.m. I.16.1.7.3. (N.of WEZ MACQUART) Dense volume of smoke for 20

4.30 p.m. I.5.b.3.2. (E.of SPINETTE) Smoke seen. 2 Germans working in trench at this point.

Between 12.50 and 5 p.m. small parties of enemy in groups of 5 to 7 were seen passing to and fro behind screen at this point i.e. I.6.a.4.0.

3 p.m. I.3.c.8.6. There appears to be a dugout at this point and two Germans were seen carrying timber here

COMMUNICATION: Enemy searchlights were again active from positions already reported.

Very lights were used extensively during the night. Several red and green lights were fired but no apparent action followed.

AIRCRAFT: Enemy planes flew over our lines at 10 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. both at a very high altitude.

MISCELLANEOUS: An observation balloon was noticed at 4.30 p.m. E.of WEZ MACQUART.

G.A. Dunbar Lt. Major  
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.



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CENTRE GROUP FIELD ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO.19.

Reference Map - BOIS GRENIER - 1 / 10,000. -



The attached Task Tables are for one minute  
Bombardment of Enemy Front and Support Lines.

Date of Operation -- 16th February 1917.

Hour of Operation -- 8.00 p.m. &  
11.00 p.m.

Watches will be synchronised at Group Headquarters  
at 7.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Lieutenant-Colonel.  
*C.O. C.G.F.A.*

Issued at *2:45 pm*.....

<u>DISTRIBUTION :-</u>	Copy No. 1	11th Inf.Bde.	By Orderly
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T A S K T A B L E.

A - Bombardment.  
B - Barrage.

Reference Map BOIS GRENIER.

CENTRE GROUP.

Battery	Guns	Time	Date	T A S K	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	AMMUNITION			
							A	AX	BX	
25th	4	8 p.m. to 8.01 p.m.	16.2.17.	Wire at I.5.c.65.13 to I.5.c.63.00	A	4 r.g.m.	8	8		
25th	2	do	do	Wire at I.15.b.15.45 to I.15.b.22.40	A	do	4	4		
26th	6	do	do	F.L. I.17.a.15.62 to I.17.a.08.47	A	do	12	12		
107th	6	do	do	Stand by for Searchlights						
Patrols will be lying up within 75 yards of this fire to watch effect.								24	24	-
								TOTAL 48 Rounds.		

*[Signature]*  
Lieutenant-Colonel.  
Commanding Centre Group Field Arty.

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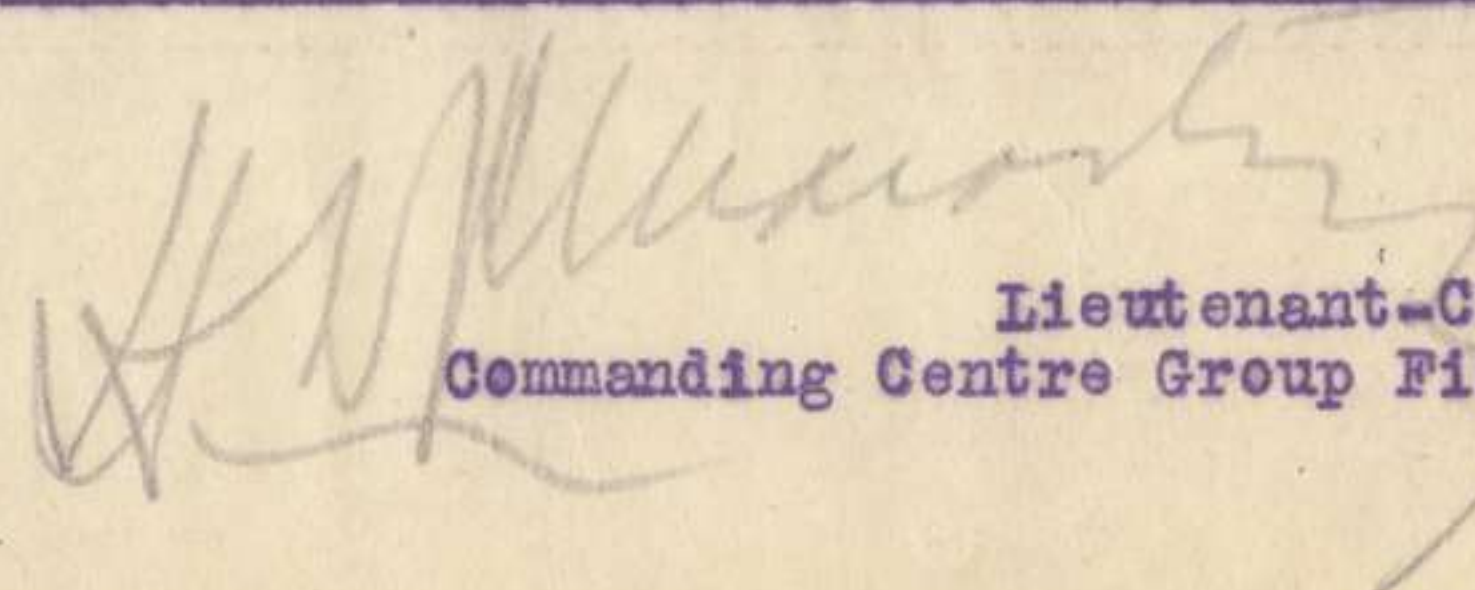
T A S K T A B L E.

A. Bombardment.  
B. Barrage.

Reference BOIS GRENIER.

CENTRE GROUP.

Battery	Guns	Time	Date	T A S K	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	AMMUNITION			
							A	AX	BX	
25th	4	11 to 11.01 p.m.	16.2.17	Wire at F.L. I.11.a.60.50 to I.11.a.59.41	A	4 r.g.m.	8	8		
27th	2	do	do	Wire at F.L. I.11.a.58.42 to I.11.a.58.32	A	do	12	12		
107th	3	do	do	Wire at I.11.a.76.42 to I.11.a.72.30	A	do			12	
do	3	do	do	S.L. I.11.a.88.42 to I.11.a.78.24	A	do			12	
26th	6	<del>8.15 to 8.45</del> <del>8.45 to 9.15</del>	do	I.11.c.52.55 to I.11.c. <sup>33</sup> 53.38	A	do	12	12		
								32	32	24
Patrols will be lying up within 75 yards of this fire to watch effect.								Total 88.		

  
 Lieutenant-Colonel.  
 Commanding Centre Group Field Arty.

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16/17.2.17.

OBSERVATION. The following information was gathered from observation;-  
During enemy artillery activity last night lines were sighted on Minnenwerfer ~~and Machine Gun~~ <sup>Searchlight</sup> emplacements, and this morning bearings were taken on these points and are given below :-

- (1) SEARCHLIGHT. 177 degrees true from I 10d. 65.07 (seen at midnight).  
(2) MINNENWERFER EMP. 140 degrees true from I 10d 65.07,  
(3) " " " 152 " " " I 10d 55.00,  
(taken at 10 p.m.)  
(4) " " " 144 degrees true from I 10d 55.00,  
(taken at 10.5 p.m.)

Reference No.(1) What appeared to be a small light was close to the searchlight (approximately 15 yards) the whole time, and it is suggested that the Hun throws his light from actual lamp or generator placed near the ground, on to a reflector higher up.

Reference No.(3) times were taken of fire action and are as follows :-

Flash to report of discharge 3 seconds.  
Flash to burst - - - 25 seconds.

COMMUNICATION. Morse Code. The light was first noticed in enemy line at 5.45 a.m. 16/2/17 opposite the MUSHROOM, flashing intermittently, and evidently coding some message to a point behind our Subsidiary lines, and at 6 a.m. it was again noticed. At 6.30 p.m. the attached <sup>(attached to this morning's Intelligence Report)</sup> code message sent per Morse from same place was picked up by Sgt. Geytenbeck from Locality 4. About the same time a light apparently signalling was noticed at work by another man in direction of ARMENTIERES, flashing towards enemy lines.

Position picked up and sent on for action if necessary.

Three Minnenwerfer fired on Locality 1. at 1.50 p.m. 17/2/17 from point 193½ degrees true from I 16b 35.65

Major.

H.G.S.



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Special Report on our artillery shoot at 8 pm

At 7.56 pm and before our artillery opened fire a green light bursting into 3 green stars, was put up by the enemy away over on the right in vicinity of the MUSHROOM, this was immediately followed by minenwerfer fire on to the left Batta front or support lines. This was repeated at 7.59 pm. A enemy searchlight played all along the front of both A & B Battas and white flares were sent up continuously. At intervals during our bombardment red rockets were put up by the enemy apparently in the same place where the green rocket was fired. The enemy retaliated with minenwerfer HE on the right pineapples and rifle grenades on locality 5. Two shells appeared to be bursting in enemy's front line trench and immediately in front. An enemy machine gun located at I.5.6.1546 but no minenwerfer emplacements could be located.

At 11 pm ~~our~~ Bombardment. After first shot a horn was sounded in enemy's lines opposite GAP E. no coloured rockets but plenty of white flares. Enemy replied with pineapples & rifle grenades. During both shoots all his pineapples landed in the same place. Head of PLANK A.C. which is therefore regarded as a S.O.S line.



## REPORT OF PATROL &amp; OBSERVATION OF ENEMY'S LINE

NIGHT 16th February 1917

By Lieuts J.H. EPPS &amp; R.R. WOOD.

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I was on observation duty in Sub-Sector occupied by 43rd Battalion during evening of 16th instant.

At 7.40 pm was in No 5 Bay at top of LOTHIAN Avenue. From this point took bearing on to large searchlight, it was 106 degrees Magnetic.

At 7.45 pm located Machine Gun by flash, bearing was 115 degrees. From its sound I should say it was not any further back than enemy Support Line.

At 7.50 pm enemy sent up light opposite right of "A" gap, it broke into three green stars and was followed immediately by about 4 Minnens, falling on our front line in vicinity of PEAR TREE Farm.

At same time the same thing happened opposite No 12 Bay in No 1 Locality.

At 8 pm our Artillery bombarded enemy front line heavily for a few minutes. Bombardment continued away to our right for about 45 minutes. Enemy retaliated with some shrapnel. Also enemy Machine Gun was observed firing very distinctly towards our right, evidently from an alternative position, bearing 117.5 degrees Magnetic.

Sparks from Minen Gun were observed at 119 degrees Magnetic.

At 9 pm a shadow was observed above small searchlight towards WEZ ACQUART. It was thrown on to the clouds and resembled 2 blades or a propeller revolving regularly for about 20 seconds, it might have been thrown from mechanism of the searchlight. The clouds were very low at the time.

16. 2. 1917 (Signed) R. R. Wood Lieut.  
L.G. Officer 41st Battalion A.I.F.

Artillery fired on enemy wire at point I.17.a.2.6. From observation taken this firing seemed to be effective.

On account of operations on our right, I did not deem it advisable to continue patrol until after 10 pm. As it was then not 8.30 pm patrol returned to Billets.

16. 2. 1917 (Signed) J. H. EPPS Lieut.  
41st Battalion A.I.F.



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With a view to engaging working parties which will probably be active tonight the Artillery will carry out a programme of shoots as per Task Tables herewith. Please make the necessary arrangements for special observation to locate enemy M.G. which disclose their probable S.O.S. positions. Very light signals will also be closely watched. Reports in result of observation to be forwarded in the morning Intelligence Summary.

From: 902  
 Place:  
 Time: 5 pm

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

\* This line should be erased if not required.  
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Tasks for Centre Group

8pm - 8.01pm. 16. 2. 17.  
 Wire at 15c 65.13 to 15c 63.00.  
 " " 15b 15 45 to 15b 22.40  
 FL 1.17 a 15. 62 to 1.17 a. 08.47  
 Howo. Stand by for search lights.

11pm to 11.01pm. 16. 2. 17.  
 Wire at I 11a 60.50 to I 11a 59.41  
 " " I 11a 58.42 to I 11a 58.32  
Howo Wire at I 11a 76.42 to I 11a 72.30  
 S L at I 11a 88.42 to I 11a 78.24  
26th Bli I 11.c 52.55 to I 11.c 33.38.

Rate of fire 478 per gun per minute.

Sd. H.D.K. Macartney Lt Col.  
 C-in-charge Centre Group, F. Art.

(Radumba Lt.)



From 6 a.m. 16/2/17 to 6 a.m. 17/2/17.

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## OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Our Artillery was active throughout the day. A bombardment of enemy front and support lines in I.11.a. and I.11.c. was carried out from 12.30 p.m. to 1 p.m. During this shoot Hows. engaged Minenwerfer positions in I.11.a. and I.5.d.

M.T.Ms. cut wire at I.11.a.59.42 and destroyed a concrete emplacement at I.11.a.40.20.

At 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. bombardments of one minute's duration were carried out by Centre Group Artillery against enemy wire and front line in I.5.b., I.5.c., I.17.a. and I.11.a., I.11.c. respectively.

Retaliation was given several times during the day to Right Bn. Subsec.

L.T.Ms. engaged enemy F.L. in I.5.c. and I.13.b. between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

Working parties were dispersed as follows:-

11.30 a.m. I.17.a.25.80 by L.T.Ms.

2 a.m. I.11.a.00.95 by M.G. and L.G.

4 a.m. I.10.d.85.25 by Artillery and M.G.

MACHINE GUNS: Indirect fire was brought to bear on enemy trench at I.5.d.05.10 and on gap in enemy's wire at I.11.a.40.38 to I.11.a.40.42.

LEWIS GUNS: Engaged gaps in enemy wire and parapet and fired on working party opposite Locality 4 at 8 a.m. Fire was also opened on a party in enemy F.L. opposite Locality 5 during the day.

SNIPERS: One hit was obtained by snipers of Right Bn. Subsec. at I.17.a.20.60 and snipers of Left Bn. Subsec. destroyed enemy periscope.

PATROLS: Right Bn. Subsec.- A special Officers patrol operated in the vicinity of MUSHROOM from 7 p.m. till 10.40 p.m. but were unable to locate any enemy working parties or patrols.

An Officers patrol examined enemy wire in the vicinity of RAILWAY SALIENT and found that the gap at I.11.a.50.30 is still open. One sentry was noticed in F.L. Very little other movement was heard or noticed.

Patrols operating after midnight discovered working parties at I.11.a.00.95 and I.10.d.85.25. Patrols lay up to observe fire of Artillery and M.G. which was effective.

Left Bn. Subsec. A patrol working to the N. of BECQUE de la BLEU found enemy wire damaged but impassable beyond the Borrow ditch. Wire exists in this vicinity between the Borrow ditch and parapet which is 15 yards away.

A German helmet was found by this patrol.

A patrol operating in front of Gap E discovered an enemy working party of about 7 men repairing wire at 1.15 a.m.. This party was dispersed by Lewis gun fire.

A patrol working opposite Locality 7 discovered enemy wire consists of two systems, the outer of which consists of knife rests 3 to 4 foot high and is in good repair.

OUR DEFENCES: Wiring was carried out at several points in front of F.L. and the wiring of THE MUSHROOM was continued. General repairs were effected to defences.

AIRCRAFT: A number of our planes were active over our lines during the day.

## ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Enemy Artillery displayed considerable activity throughout the day.

Right Bn. Subsec.- Locality 1 received considerable attention at intervals throughout the day from enemy Minenwerfer, Pineapples, and 77 mm H.E. and Grapnel. Retaliation was called for several times and temporarily silenced the enemy.

During the bombardment of Battalion on left of 10th Brigade a number of Minenwerfer and Pineapples were thrown into No.1 Locality...

During the day several H.E. dropped in the vicinity of SQUARE FARM.

P. T. O.



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ARTILLERY (Contd) -  
 Left Bn. Subsec. Between 6.50 a.m. and 7.30 a.m. Rifle Grenades and Pineapples were fired intermittently into Locality 5.  
 At 10 a.m. 4 shrapnel burst over JAPAN ROAD near S.P.Y.  
 In retaliation to shoot at midday 50 Pineapples were fired on No. 5 Locality and the head of PLANK AVENUE. Pineapples and Rifle Grenades were also thrown in retaliation to our bombardments at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.

MACHINE GUNS: Guns opposite Right Bn. Subsec. were quiet during the short bombardments, but a gun was located at I.5.b.15.46 by Left En. Subsec. The usual activity was displayed until midnight.

SNIPERS: Active opposite Left En. Subsec.

PATROLS: None encountered.

COMMUNICATION: Prior to enemy retaliation of Right Bn. Subsec. with Minomors for at 8 p.m. a green light was fired which burst into three stars. At 2.30 p.m. a pigeon was seen flying from enemy lines over Locality 1 towards ARMENTIERES. At 3 p.m. a pigeon flew over same locality from ARMENTIERES towards German lines. Signals on a lamp were picked up by Right Bn. Subsec. coming from direction E.N.E. of MUSHROOM. The message sent consisted of eight groups of code.

OBSERVATION: Smoke was observed at I.16.b.85.15, I.17.a.03.45, I.17.a.20.70. Visibility poor throughout the day.

AIRCRAFT: At 9.30 a.m. an enemy plane was driven back in the direction of ARMENTIERES by A.A. guns. At 2.30 p.m. enemy plane appeared over our lines and was engaged by A.A. guns.

*G. A. Dunbar* Major

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



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## 11th INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 39

Brigade Headquarters,  
17th February 1917Reference Trench Maps BOIS GRENIER, 1/10,000  
Edition 6c.

Aeroplane photographs to be carefully studied.

- INFORMATION (1) A gap has been put in enemy wire at I.11.a.55.40 and is kept open by Lewis guns and Light Trench Mortars.
- INTENTION (2) A raiding party of the 43rd Battalion will leave our trenches at times as set out in para (7) hereunder from No. 4 Locality at a point to be decided by O.C. Raid and will enter enemy trenches at I.11.a.58.42 and penetrate to enemy Support Line. The raiding party will remain in enemy trenches not later than + 30 minutes.
- Object -
- To take prisoners.
  - To secure identification.
  - To inflict casualties on enemy.
  - To capture machine guns and Trench Mortars.
  - To destroy emplacements, dugouts, and material.
  - To obtain information of all kinds concerning defences.
- The Centre Group Artillery and 11th Trench Mortar Battery will co-operate with -
- Prokiminary bombardment.
  - Box barrage.
- ARTILLERY (3) Artillery action will be as follows:-
- Phase I - Zero to Zero + 4 minutes, Bombardment of enemy front line and saps from I.5.c.49.15 to I.11.a.47.07 and from I.11.c.59.67 to I.11.c.37.35<sup>35</sup> by 18 prs., 4" and 3" Stokes Trench Mortars. Hows. and heavy guns firing at vulnerable points in enemy support line. 2" Trench Mortars cease fire at + 3 minutes.
- Phase II - Zero + 4 min. to Zero + 6 min. 18 prs. lift from front line for a distance of 100 yards N. and S. of point of entry on to -  
Communication Trench I.11.a.59.65 to I.11.a.90.61  
Support Line I.11.a.78.27 to I.11.a.92.55.  
Card Line I.11.a.80.20 to I.11.a.83.05.
- Phase III - Zero + 6 to Zero + 10 min. As for Phase II but 18 prs. lift from Support Line (I.11.a.78.27 to I.11.a.92.55) to (I.11.a.95.15 - I.11.b.02.30 - I.11.b.00.52) Forming back of and completing box.
- Phase IV - Zero + 10 to Zero + 15 min. As for Phase III but slower rate of fire (3 rds. per gun per minute) L.T.M. Battery cease fire, but stand by.
- Phase V - Zero + 15 to Zero + 30 min. As for Phase IV, but slower rate of fire (2 rds. per gun per minute).
- Phase VI - Zero + 30 to Zero + 50 min. As for Phase V, but slower rate of fire (1 rd. per gun per minute).
- Left and Right Groups Artillery and Heavy Artillery will co-operate by request.
- EXH. For details of Artillery action see Appendix I attached.
- C.O., Centre Group Artillery will detail an Officer as Artillery Liaison Officer. This Officer will report to C.O. "A" Battalion at "A" Battalion Headquarters one hour before Zero time.

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- MACHINE GUNS (4) O.C. 11th Machine Gun Coy. will arrange for Vickers guns to co-operate with Artillery barrage and to fire on enemy machine guns, and searchlights which may appear.
- 11th Light T.H. BATTERY (5) Action of 11th L.T.H. Battery will be as per Artillery programme - Appendix I attached.
- DISTRIBUTION (6) The raiding party will be composed as follows:-  
 O.C. Raid - Captain H.S. COPE, 43rd Battalion.  
 O.C. Assault - Lieut. R.C. GUNTER, 43rd Battalion.  
 O.C. Parapot - Lieut. W.D. PRICE, 43rd Battalion.

	Offrs.	N.C.Os.	O.R.
<u>No. 1 Party</u>			
O.C. Raid	1		
Runners			2
Telephonists			2
<u>No. 2 Party</u>			
Scouts and wire cutters		1	3
Telephonists			2
<u>No. 3 Party (Right Covering Party)</u>			
N.C.O. (Lewis gunner) ) with Lewis		1	
Lewis gunner ) Gun.			1
Bombers			2
<u>No. 4 Party (Left Covering Party)</u>			
N.C.O. (Lewis gunner) ) with Lewis		1	
Lewis gunner ) Gun			1
Bombers			2
<u>No. 5 Party (Right Front Line Party)</u>			
1 Bombing squad		1	8
(Two men to be detailed for demolition work)			
<u>No. 6 Party (Left Front Line Party)</u>			
1 Bombing squad		1	8
(Two men to be detailed for demolition work)			
<u>No. 7 Party (1st Right Support Line blocking Party)</u>			
O.C. Assault	1		
Bombers		1	4
<u>No. 8 Party (2nd Right Support line Blocking Party)</u>			
Bombers		1	4
<u>No. 9 Party (Left Support Line Party)</u>			
1 Bombing Squad		1	9
(2 men to be detailed for demolition work)			
<u>No. 10 Party (Parapot Party)</u>			
O.C. Parapot	1		
Escort to prisoners		1	3
Stretcher bearers (with stretchers)			4
	3	9	55
<u>Reserve Party:</u>			
1 Officer to be detailed by C.O. 43rd Battalion	1		
N.C.O.		1	
Other Ranks			5
Stretcher bearers			4
	1	1	9



DUTIES

(7)

No.1 Party will remain in our front line near the point of exit.  
 No.2 Party will leave our front line trench 30 minutes before zero time and will move to a point approximately 100 yards outside our own wire, gaining extra ground as the Artillery action permits. The two signallers of this party will lay cable as they go forward and will each carry a telephone - the telephone of the leading signaller being connected up and ready for use.  
 As soon as Artillery Phase I ceases (or during the action of Artillery, if possible) No.2 Party will immediately go forward and examine wire opposite point of entry and report by phone to O.C. Raid if it is cut. This information will be signalled to O.C. Assault by No.2 Party by torch thus -

- Red = Not cut.
- Green = Cut

Parties 3 and 4 will leave our trenches immediately after No.2 Party and will move to the right and left flanks respectively, taking up positions approximately at I.11.a.10.35 and I.11.a.25.78 respectively.  
 Parties 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 will leave our trenches in the order shown and will go forward behind No.2 Party at a distance to be decided by O.C. Assault.  
 Parties will enter hostile trenches in the following order:-

- No. 5
- No. 6
- No. 7
- No. 8
- No. 9

Parties 5 and 6 will, on entry, at once move along enemy front line to right and left respectively.  
 Nos. 7, 8, and 9 parties will not advance to enemy support line until instructed to that effect by O.C. Assault.  
 No.5 Party will not go further than 50 yards right of the point of entry.  
 No.6 Party will not go further than 50 yards left of the point of entry.  
 No.7 Party will not go further than a point 40 yards along enemy first right support line (I.11.a.75.23).  
 No.8 Party will not go further than a point 30 yards along enemy second right support line (I.11.a.80.26).  
 No.9 Party will not go further than a point 100 yards along enemy left support line (I.11.a.88.44)

Men detailed for demolition work will carry previously prepared charges of guncotton.  
 All enemy dead, dugouts, and earthworks will be searched for shoulder straps, papers, identification marks, arms and equipment.

Two traverser mats will be carried by No.2 Party, and one by each Nos. 5 and 6 parties for the purpose of -

- (a) Crossing front line wire if it is found that a clear lane has not been cut.
- (b) Crossing possible wire in enemy borrow ditch.

The reserve party will be at the disposal of the O.C. Raid. The reserve Officer will keep in close touch with the O.C. Raid and will be ready to take over should the latter become a casualty.

POSITION OF (8) LEADERS.

- (a) O.C. Raid will be in our own front line trench at the point of exit.
- (b) O.C. Parapet will direct operations from a point near point of entry into enemy trench.
- (c) O.C. Assault will proceed to point I.11.a.77.30 and will direct support line operations from this point.
- (d) The reserve Officer will remain near O.C. Raid and in close touch with him and will immediately take his place should the O.C. Raid become a casualty.

S.O.S. (9)

On Zero day the "S.O.S." signal will be suspended from zero - 15 minutes until zero + 50 minutes. After Zero + 50 minutes normal conditions will be resumed.



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SIGNALS

- (10) The following code of signals will be used for communication from O.C. Assault to O.C. Raid :-
- IN ..... Have entered trench.
  - PRISONERS ..... Prisoners are being escorted back.
  - EMPTY ..... Trench not garrisoned.
  - OUT ..... We have left enemy's trench.
  - CEASE ..... Cease babbage.
  - ASSEMBLY ..... Party at point of assembly.

WITHDRAWAL

- (11) Parties will remain in the hostile trenches not later than 30 minutes.
- (a) The order for withdrawal will be given by O.C. Assault, the order for same being the word "OUT". This will be shouted and passed from man to man.
  - (b) The above order will be duplicated by the firing of white Very lights, by O.C. Parapot, towards enemy support line and by O.C. Assault towards enemy Subsidiary line.
  - (c) No. 9 Party will withdraw first followed by Nos. 8, 7, ~~xxxxx~~ 6, 5, 10 and 2 parties in the order shown. parties 3 and 4 will cover the withdrawal of the above parties.
  - (d) The O.C. Assault, on leaving enemy trenches, will decide whether it is advisable for the parties to return together and at once or whether they shall return to our lines independently.

ROLL CALL

- (12) The C.O. "A" Battalion will establish a roll call station at "A" Battalion Headquarters. A nominal roll of all ranks of the raiding party will be handed into Headquarters, "A" Battalion during the afternoon preceding the raid. After the raid all members will report at once to "A" Battalion Headquarters to be checked. The O.C. Raid will check all parties in and out at our own parapet. The N.C.O. in charge of each party, when leaving enemy trench, will report to O.C. Assault at the point of entry whether his men are all out or not.

WATCHWORD

- (13) A watchword and countersign will be used by the raiding party and will be communicated to all members of the raiding party during the afternoon of zero day and to the front line garrison of "A" Battalion one hour before Zero time. The use of watchword and countersign will be practiced during preliminary training.

PRECAUTIONS

- (14) (a) All ranks taking part in the raid must wear or carry nothing that will in any way give identification to the enemy.
- (b) The English issue clothing will be worn by all ranks
  - (c) Bayonets will be sharpened but darkened.
  - (d) Gas helmets will be worn in the 'alert' position.

DRESS AND EQUIPMENT.

- (15) Dress and equipment, other than as set out in para (14), to be worn by all ranks, will be decided by O.C. Raid.

AID POST

- (16) The R.M.O. "A" Battalion will arrange a temporary Aid Post in the vicinity of No. 4 Locality for use on the night of the raid. He will communicate the position of same to O.C. Raid. On Zero day the R.M.O. "C" Battalion will be placed at the disposal of C.O. "A" Battalion so that both the regimental Aid Post and temporary Aid Post may be used simultaneously.

PRISONERS

- (17) Prisoners will be dealt with as follows:-
- (1) They must be separated from each other and not allowed to converse.
  - (2) They will be disarmed and searched at the earliest possible moment, and relieved of all papers, books, badges, shoulder straps, etc.
  - (3) Each man's papers etc., must be kept separate and marked so that he may be questioned concerning papers etc., taken from him.



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PRISONERS  
(Contd.)

- (4) Our own troops must be prevented from crowding around the prisoners.
- (5) All prisoners will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters as quickly as possible.

"A" and "B"  
BATTALIONS.

- (18) "A" and "B" Battalions, just prior to Zero time, will thin their front line systems in anticipation of hostile retaliation. Immediately after the return of the raiders, which will be notified to all concerned, normal conditions will be resumed.

APPROACH  
MARCH.

- (19) The raiding team will move to the point of exit in the following order of parties :-

No. 1  
No. 2  
No. 3  
No. 4  
No. 5  
No. 6  
No. 7  
No. 8  
No. 9  
No. 10

Reserve Party.

and by the following route - BRICKSTACK WALK - SQUARE FARM - thence North-East along road to PORTE EGAL AVENUE - PORTE EGAL AVENUE to Front line - thence to point of exit. C.O. "A" Battalion will ensure that PORTE EGAL AVENUE is kept clear for use by raiders from - 2 hours to + 2 hours.

PRELIMINARY  
RECONNAISSANCE.

- (20) (a) All Officers, N.C.Os. and scouts of the raiding party will make a personally reconnaissance of the actual ground to be gone over on at least two nights prior to the raid.
- (b) All other ranks taking party in the raid will go out into NO MAN'S LAND, on the ground to be covered on the night of the raid, at least once before Zero day.

PATROLLING

- (21) Normal patrolling will be carried out on both "A" and "B" Battalions' fronts until one hour before Zero time.

ZERO TIME  
AND  
ZERO LAY.


- (22) Zero time and Zero day will be notified as follows:-  
"Concert commences at ..... on ..... instant"  
At this time and date Artillery will commence Phase I as per para 3.

WATCHES

- (23) Watches will be synchronised at 11th Infantry Brigade Headquarters at - 6 hours and - 3 hours.

COMMUNICATION

- (24) C.O. "A" Battalion will arrange all telephonic communication from O.C. Raid to H.G.2. He will also provide runners at H.G.2 for use should telephonic communication fail. Lieut. DUNBAR, 42nd Battalion, will act as 11th Brigade H.Q. Liaison Officer and will transmit information from H.G.2 to 11th Brigade Headquarters. He will report to C.O. "A" Battalion one hour before Zero time.

  
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(3)

(a) All personnel will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters as quickly as possible.  
 (b) All personnel will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters as quickly as possible.

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(1) Several personnel will be carried out on both "A" and "B" Battalions' fronts until one hour before zero time.

(2) Zero time and zero day will be notified as follows:-  
 "January commences at 0000 on 1st January"  
 At this time and date Artillery will commence firing 1 an  
 for para 2.

(3) Watches will be synchronized at 11th Infantry Brigade Headquarters at 5 hours and 5 hours.

(4) O.C. "A" Battalion will arrange all telephone communication from O.C. "A" Battalion to H.Q. "A" Battalion. He will also provide numbers at H.Q. "A" Battalion for use of telephone communication staff.  
 Licut. DUNBAR, 42nd Battalion, will act as 11th Brigade H.Q. liaison officer and will transmit information from H.Q. "A" Battalion to 11th Brigade Headquarters.  
 He will report to O.C. "A" Battalion one hour before zero time.

*[Signature]*  
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## MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTIONS.

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Reference 11th Infantry Brigade Order No. 39.

In order that a full account may be obtained of the operations, C.O. 43rd Battalion will detail two Officers who, at the direction of the I.C.O., interrogate any Officers or other ranks who may be wounded whilst carrying out the enterprise.

2. Demolition men must be prepared to meet and take on the destruction of concrete dug-outs with steel doors. If found, these must be entered or destroyed, as they will most probably contain Huns, or equipment of some kind.

P, bombs are useful for dugout work.

3. All members of the Raiding party must be prepared to and know how to destroy enemy Machine guns should they be found chained up and unable to be removed.

In this connection it is to be remembered that the gun is fixed to the chain by a pin, which may be easily removable, and allow of the machine gun being brought back to our own lines.

4. Each man, or several men of each party, to have wire-cutters, so that they will be able to cut themselves out should they by any chance become held up by the wire.

5. All front line garrison on the night of the enterprise must be made acquainted with the projected movements of the raiding party.

The greatest care must be taken that no fire is brought to bear on the raiding party by excited riflemen or Lewis gunners, in the belief that the party are Germans. Should hostile fire be heavy it may be necessary for the party to scatter and come in at several points to our own lines, at some distance from that normally intended. Front line garrison troops must be warned accordingly.

It is to be borne in mind that while every endeavour is to be made to attain all objects laid down for the raid, it is not intended to drive a vastly superior German force out of the particular section of trench. If, therefore, serious hostile numerical superiority is encountered, it may be necessary:-

(a) To abandon, or

(b) To modify the

the raiding party's programme.

6. It may be necessary owing to enemy Machine gun or other fire for the raiding party to lay up in shell holes, or any other cover for some hours before returning to our lines.

All members of raiding team must be warned accordingly and be prepared to do so.



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Reference Map BOIS GRENIER, 1/10,000.

APPENDIX. I.

A. Bombardment.  
B. Barrage.

Battery	Guns	Time	TASK	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	AMMUNITION.	
						A. AX.	BX.
<u>PHASE I.</u>							
25th	2	Zero to Zero plus 4.	F.L. I.11.a.57.32 to I.11.a.60.41	A	4 r.g.m	2	30
do.	4	do.	F.L. I.11.a.59.61 to I.11.a.61.79	A	do.	4	30.
26th	6	do.	F.L. I.11.a.60.41 to I.11.a.59.61	A	do.	6	90
27th	2	do.	F.L. I.11.a.43.30 to I.11.a.57.32	A	do.	2	30
do.	4	do.	F.L. I.11.a.43.30 to I.11.a.35.15	A	do.	4	60
107th	1	do.	M.G.E. at I.5.c.68.05	A	do.		16
do.	1	do.	T.J. " I.11.a.62.10	A	do.		16
do.	1	do.	M.V. " I.11.a.90.70	A	do.		16
do.	1	do.	WIRE " I.11.a.73.37	A	do.		16
do.	1	do.	T.J. " I.11.a.60.27	A	do.		16
do.	1	do.	T.J. " I.11.a.82.20	A	do.		16
3 <sup>rd</sup> T.Ls.	4	do.	F.L. I.11.a.62.80 to I.5.c.69.15	A	Rapid		
do.	4	do.	F.L. I.11.a.39.25 to I.11.a.47.07	A	do.		
do.	4	do.	I.11.c.59.67 to I.11.c.37.35	A	do.		
Y. 3. A.	1	Zero to Zero plus 3, then cease firing	SAP I.11.a.60.56	A	do.		
do.	1	do.	SAP I.11.a.61.72	A	do.		
do.	1	do.	I.11.a.59.30	A	do.		
do.	1	do.	I.11.a.60.18	A	do.		
<u>PHASE II.</u>							
25th	2	Zero plus 4 to " " 6	S.L. I.11.a.73.27 to I.11.a.65.15	A	4 r.g.m.	2	14
do.	2	do.	F.L. I.11.a.59.58 to I.11.a.61.68	A	do.	2	14
do.	2	do.	C.T. I.11.a.59.65 to I.11.a.90.61	A	do.	2	14
23th	6	do.	S.L. I.11.a.76.27 to I.11.a.92.55	A	do.	6	42

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Battery	Guns	Time	T A S K	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	AMMUNITION.			
						A.	AX.	BX.	
<u>PHASE II. (Continued)</u>									
27th	2	Zero plus 4 to	Cord Line I.11.a.60.20 to I.11.a.63.05. As in Phase I.  M.G.E. at I.5.c.68.05 T.J. I.11.a.99.83 H.W. I.11.a.90.70 STRONG POINT I.11.a.62.10 STRONG POINT I.11.a.65.00 I.11.a.90.00	A	4 r.g.m.	2	14		
do.	4	" " 6		A	do.	2	30		
107th	1	do.		A	do.			8	
do.	1	do.		A	do.			8	
do.	1	do.		A	do.			8	
do.	1	do.		A	do.			8	
do.	1	do.		A	do.			8	
do.	1	do.		A	do.			8	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tns.	12	do.		As in Phase I.	A	Rapid.			
<u>PHASE III.</u>									
25th	2	Zero plus 6 to	S.L. I.11.a.85.15 to I.11.a.88.05 As in Phase II,  Lift to I.11.a.95.15 to I.11.b.02.30 to I.11.b.00.52 S.L. I.11.a.92.55 to I.11.a.93.65  As In Phase II, As in Phase II.  As in Phase II.  As in Phase II.	A	4 r.g.m.	2	30		
do.	4	" " 10		A	do.	4	30		
24th	4	do.		B	do.	4	50		
do.	2	do.		A	do.	2	30		
27th	4	do.		A	do.	4	30		
do.	2	do.		B	do.	2	30		
107th	8	do.		A	do.			9 <sup>c</sup>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tns.	12	do.		As in Phase II.	A	do.			
<u>PHASE IV.</u>									
25th	2	Zero plus 10 to		As in Phase III.	A	3 r.g.m.	2	28	
do.	4	" " 15	As in Phase III.	A	do.	4	5 <sup>c</sup>		
24th	2	do.	As in Phase III.	A	do.	2	28		
do.	4	do.	As in Phase III.	B	do.	4	5 <sup>c</sup>		

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Battery	Guns	Time	T A S K	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	AMMUNITION.		
						A.	AX.	BX.
<u>PHASE IV (Continued)</u>								
27th	2	Zero plus 10 to	As in Phase III.	B.	3 r.g.m.	2	28	
do.	4	" " 15	As in Phase III,	A	do.	4	56	
107th	6	do.	As in Phase III,	A	do.			90
3" T.Ms.	12	do.	Stand by for targets					
<u>PHASE V.</u>								
25th	4	Zero plus 15 to	As in Phase IV.	A	2 r.g.m.	12	108	
do.	2	" " 30	do.	A	do.	4	56	
26th	4	do.	do.	B	do.	12	108	
do.	2	do.	do.	A	do.	4	56	
27th	4	do.	do.	A	do.	12	108	
do.	2	do.	do.	B	do.	4	56	
107th	6	do.	do.	A	do.			180
3" T.Ms.	12	do.	Stand by for targets.					
<u>PHASE VI.</u>								
25th	4	Zero plus 30 to	As in Phase V.	A	1 r.g.m.	8	72	
do.	2	" " 50	do.	A	do.	4	36	
26th	4	do.	do.	B	do.	8	72	
do.	2	do.	do.	A	do.	4	36	
27th	4	do.	do.	B	do.	8	72	
do.	2	do.	do.	A	do.	4	36	
107th	6	do.	do.	A	do.			120
3" T.Ms.	12	do.	Stand by for targets					
						152	1738	630
						Total 2520		

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Battery	Guns	Time	T A S H	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	AMMUNITION.		
						A.	AX.	BX
Left Group Howitzers.	2	Zero to Zero plus 10.	M.W. Positions at I.5.d.50.55 and I.5.d.35.42	A	3 r.g.m.			20
do.	2	Zero plus 10 to " " 20	do.	A	2 r.g.m.			40
do.	2	Zero plus 20 to " " 30	do.	A	1 r.g.m.			20
do.	2	Zero plus 30 to " " 50	Stand by to continue on same targets				Total	120
Right Group D/175 18 pdrs.	2 2	Zero to Zero plus 50 do.	Stand by ready to engage searchlights in the area I.17.b. do.					
Heavy Artillery		Zero to Zero plus 50	M.W. Positions at SPARROWS NEST I.5.d.10.10, and to engage Hostile Batteries which prove active during the operation, especially in the direction of L'AVENTURE.					



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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,  
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43rd Battalion.  
Centre Group Artillery  
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C.N.A.  
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Reference 11th Infantry Brigade Order No. 39, Appendix I, Phase I  
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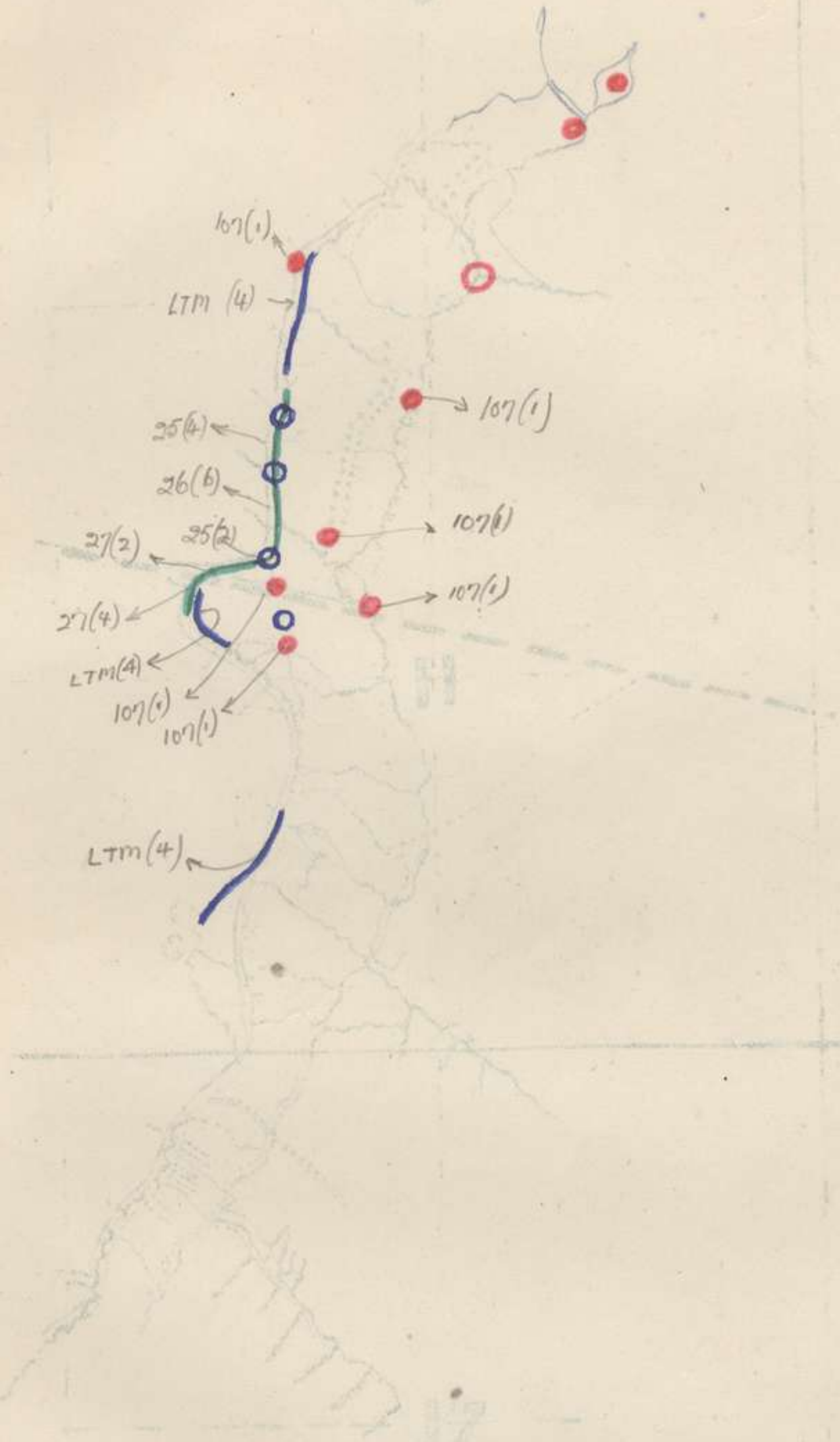
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Phase I Zero to Zero + 4.

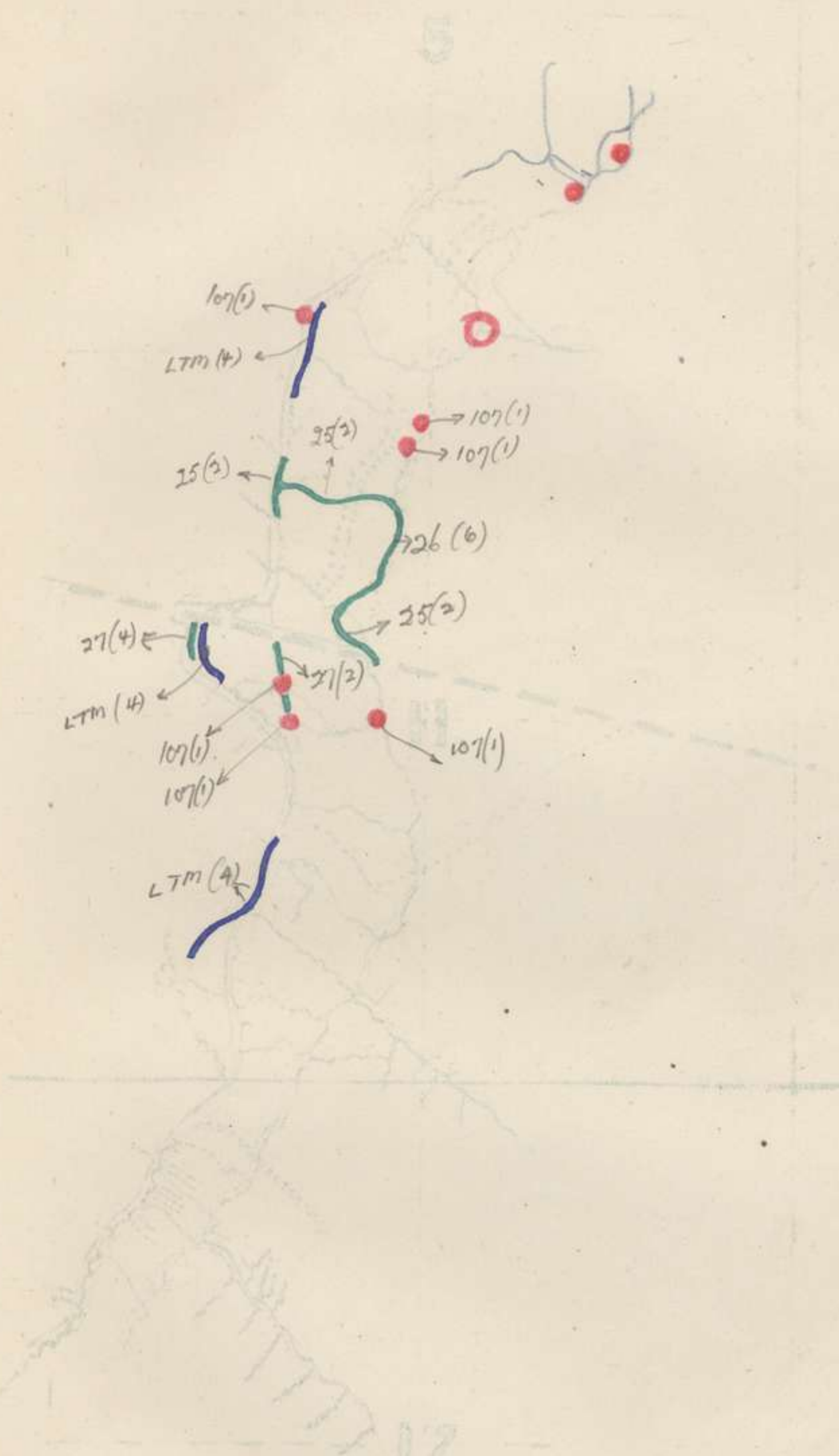
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- Heavy ART Howitzers
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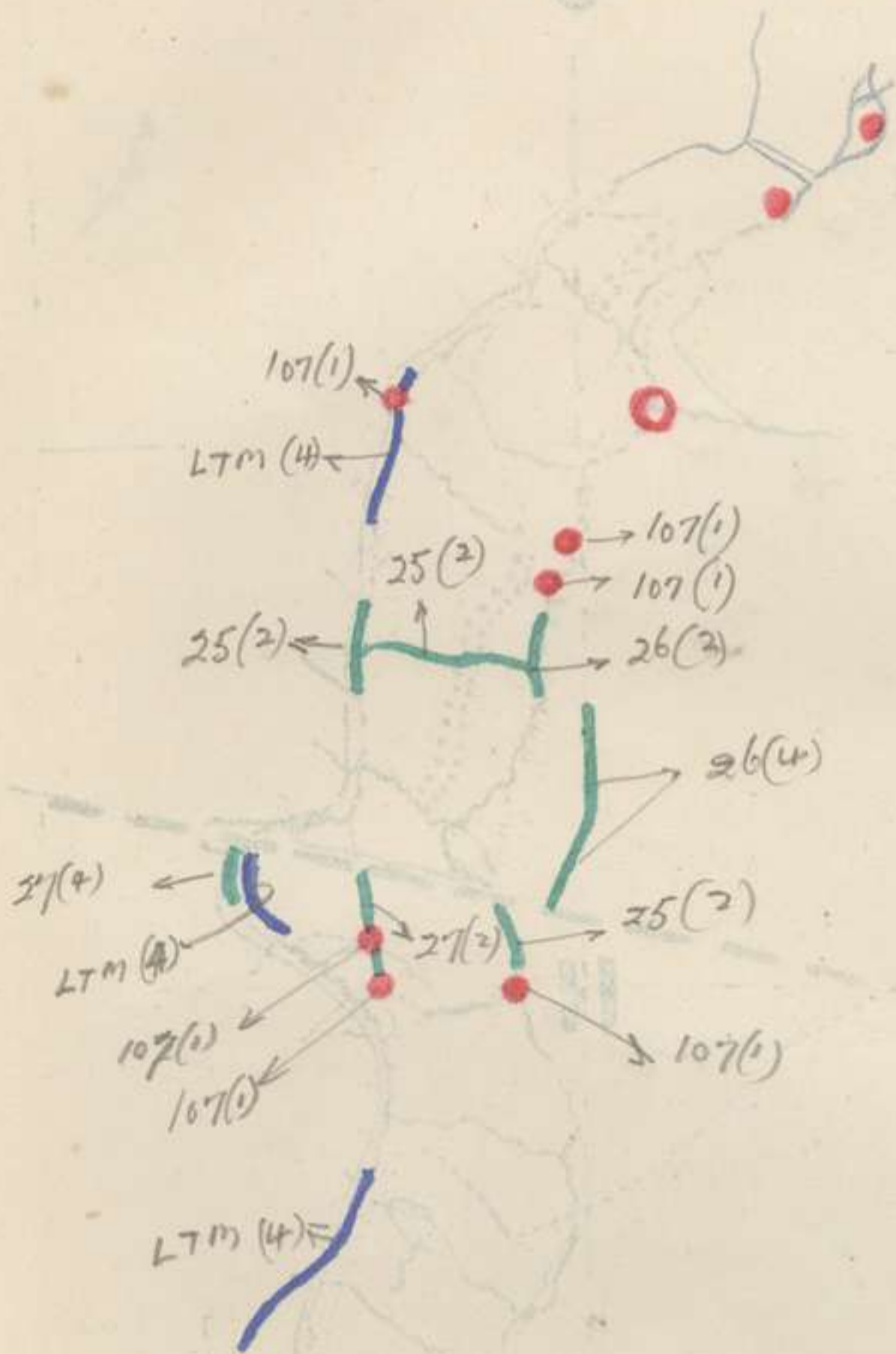


Phase II

Zero + 7 to zero + 6.



BOIS GRENIER  
SCALE 1:10,000.



Phase III Zero + 6 to Zero + 10.

- (iv) } L.T.M. stand by.
- (v) } Decreasing rate of fire
- (vi) } to all Artillery.



APPENDIX

**SECRET.**

C.O. *File*



" Concert commences at 10 p.m. on 19th instant.

*Acknowledges*

*G.A. Ambrose*  
 Major,  
 Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.





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TO *G O 4*

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*all out*

*9.51*



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Out of communication  
with party

10.5 pm

[Signature]

FROM

PLACE & TIME

11.9.17

10.4 pm



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No Retaliation

10.8 pm

*[Signature]*

FROM

PLACE & TIME

10 6 pm



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Handed in at..... Office *10 9 p* m. Received *10 9 p* m.

TO *902*

Sender's Number <i>27</i>	Day of Month <i>19</i>	In reply to Number	<b>AAA</b>
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*Retaliation  
Commenced on  
FL*

*10.9*

*[Signature]*

FROM *1192*

PLACE & TIME *10.8 p.m.*



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TO 902

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	A A A
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Still out of touch  
with party from  
parapet

16.15  
pm  
(Lyle)

FROM H 42

PLACE & TIME 10.2 pm

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	By.....			

TO

H C I

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* 3771	19th		

Party went out safely and communication across the LAND broken at present and 9-18 reported at 10.5 pm that enemy retaliation was then on their front line and

From	
Place	A 0 2
Time	10.17

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TO

Sender's Number <i>402</i>	Day of Month <i>19</i>	In reply to Number	AAA
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*Retaliation consisting partly of mine-thrower*

*10.20pm*

*[Signature]*

FROM

PLACE & TIME

*419*

*10/18 pm*



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TO 102

Sender's Number <i>110</i>	Day of Month <i>19</i>	In reply to Number	<b>AAA</b>
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One man returned  
hit Aaa Retaliation  
1 and 2 localities

*10.20pm*  
*[Signature]*

FROM 112

PLACE & TIME 10 20pm

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Handed in at *N 42* Office *10 30* m. Received *10 36* m.

TO *402*

Sender's Number <i>44</i>	Day of Month <i>19</i>	In reply to Number	AAA
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*cease fire*

*10-30 pm*  
*[Signature]*

FROM <i>442</i>	PLACE & TIME <i>10-30 pm</i>
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	By.....			

TO { G O 9

Sender's Number * BM 2.	Day of Month 19 <sup>th</sup>	In reply to Number	AAA
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Cease fire and stand by

From	G O 2
Place	
Time	10.33 pm

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TO

Sender's Number <i>4710</i>	Day of Month <i>19</i>	In reply to Number <i>402</i>	A A A
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*Nothing quiet here now.*

*10.40 pm*  
*[Signature]*

FROM *4712*

PLACE & TIME *10.40 pm*



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TO *902*

Sender's Number <i>833</i>	Day of Month <i>19</i>	In reply to Number	A A A
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*Party gradually coming in*

*10.40 pm*

*Flw*

FROM *492*

PLACE & TIME *10 42 pm*

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Service Instructions *Receipt*

Handed in at *H 92* Office *1057* m. Received *1057* m.

TO *102*

Sender's Number <i>19</i>	Day of Month <i>19</i>	In reply to Number	<b>AAA</b>
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About half in  
 AAA still fire on  
 NO MANS LAND

*10.50*

FROM *H 92*

PLACE & TIME *10.51 pm*

Wt. 432 - M437 500,000 Pads. H W V 5/16 Forms C. 2123.



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Service Instructions *Priority*

Handed in at *H92* Office *1057p* m. Received *1057p* m.

TO *102*

Sender's Number <i>519</i>	Day of Month <i>19</i>	In reply to Number	<b>AAA</b>
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*Lieut Price back*

*10.55 pm*

*[Signature]*

FROM *H92*

PLACE & TIME *10.56 pm.*

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		To.....			By.....	
		By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			
TO { H.C.I.						
Sender's Number		Day of Month		In reply to Number		AAA
* Bm 3		20th		—		
<p>Before barrage lifted from phase  the enemy were hitting shrapnel  and bombs (mostly all rifle  grenades and pipebombs) into  his own trench and over and  on his own parapet and  There are no reports of enemy  machine gun fire and Raiders  marched through the above enemy fire  and on reaching enemy trench  found it almost destroyed  and the shrapnel and bombs  falling in the enemy trenches and  the water and mud were  very bad and Raiders say  they were bogged over their knees  and Right Party and left</p>						
From						
Place						
Time						
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	At.....m.			From.....
	To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By.....
	By.....			

TO {

HCI

* Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
	20 <sup>th</sup>		

Party each went about 40 yards along front line trench and one party went 30 yards along communication trench and three rifles were collected outside a concrete dug out in front line which could not be forced as demolition party had become casualties and Pades remained in for full period and casualties as reported so far are wounded one officer and twenty seven other ranks and killed one other rank body not yet recovered and missing two other ranks.

From	G 02
Place	
Time	1.23 am

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## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

REPORT ON RAID CARRIED OUT BY 43rd BATTALION A. I. F. ON NIGHT  
OF 19/20th FEBRUARY at 10 p.m.

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**OBJECTIVE:** The objective of the raid and extent of operations are detailed in full in paras. 2 and 7 of 11th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 39. Briefly objective was to enter enemy's trenches at I.11.a.55.40, to penetrate to support line and examine front and support lines and C.Ts. immediately to the North of RAILWAY SALIENT.

**STRENGTH OF PARTY:** 3 Officers, 64 O.R. (exclusive of reserve party) of 1 Officer, 10 O.R.) .

Distribution of duties is contained in para 6 of the above mentioned order.

**PRELIMINARY PREPARATION:** Artillery: M.T.Ms. had cut wire at proposed point of entry during the last week in January in conjunction with the programme of wire-cutting carried out on this front.

For the purpose of locating enemy machine guns, dummy barrages had been used on three occasions after dark, and proved successful.

Dangerous saps had been engaged frequently by Hows., M.T.Ms. and L.T.Ms.

Reconnaissance: During the past fortnight special patrols had been active and as a result of their reconnaissance had chosen definite route to the objective and had ascertained that the wire was cut sufficiently for a party to enter enemy's trenches without hindrance.

Prior to 8 p.m. on the evening of 19/20th a patrol made a final examination of the wire and found it still passable.

**ACTION OF RAIDERS:** At 9.30 p.m. the party left our parapet from position near the head of PORTE EGAL AVENUE and moved forward to the point of assembly approximately 150 yards from enemy trenches without attracting attention. The position was reached about two minutes before Zero hour. At zero hour, 10 p.m., Artillery bombardment commenced and at plus 3 mins. the M.T.Ms. ceased firing and the whole party moved forward under the accurate shooting of the Artillery and took up a position immediately outside enemy wire. By this time the enemy had opened fire with H.E. shrapnel and what appeared to be rifle grenades. Here the first casualty was suffered and within 10 minutes the first man wounded had returned to our own lines.

At zero plus 4 th box barrage was commenced and the party moved forward through the enemy wire and crossed the borrow ditch by means of an extension bridge specially prepared for this purpose. Casualties were now beginning to occur rapidly and several wounded men did not succeed in crossing the borrow ditch.

On entering enemy's trenches the O.C. Parapet directed operations and directed parties as they arrived to their various tasks. The reorganization at the point of entry was exceedingly difficult as at least one man in each party had been wounded by this time.

The right blocking party was first to enter and moved to the right towards the Railway line. Left blocking party entered and was directed to the North along the F.L.. At this stage O.C. Parapet suffered a severe wound in the right leg and knee and handed over to O.C. Assault.

Several men of Nos. 7, 8 and 9 parties succeeded in entering the trenches and moved along to the left till the C.T. was found and immediately proceeded along the trench penetrating to a depth of 30 to 40 yards.

During the whole of this time there is no shadow of doubt that the enemy was systematically bombarding his front line system and wire with H.E. shrapnel and bombs. More than half the casualties incurred were suffered while in enemy's trenches. The necessity for removing these wounded from the path combined with the difficulty experienced in making progress along the badly damaged trenches rendered progress very slow. The trenches were in a remarkably bad state of repair, Even where they had not been destroyed by Artillery fire they were practically impassable owing to mud and water and the lack of duckboards.

P. T. O.



(2)

No. 5 Party established a block as directed in the order and encountered no enemy dugouts or saw any Huns in the length of trench traversed. No. 3 Party, after passing the head of the communication trench, proceeded North for a distance of 40 yards and established a block. On the way a large concrete dugout six feet square with a heavy wooden door was seen, outside of which were found three German rifles. The demolition party attached to this squad had unfortunately become casualties before reaching this point, both men being wounded.

Nos. 7, 8, and 9 parties moved down enemy G.T. for a distance of 30 yards but made slow progress owing to casualties and hindrances in the trench. Here another large concrete dugout was seen six feet square possessing a steel door about 3 feet by 2 feet. When called for the demolition party of this squad were not available for the same reasons as in the case of No. 6 party.

Several casualties occurred among members of this party while in the C.T. which is not more than 3'6" deep in any place. The party could not pass this dugout as the signal had already been fired for the withdrawal. All casualties were collected while returning and all wounded men were brought safely back to our own lines. One man, who had been killed, while in the trenches was removed from the trench and placed between the parapet and borrow ditch. As all available men were being used to bring back wounded men who could not possibly walk it was deemed advisable to bring in the live men as first consideration. The corpse of the dead man had perforce to be left where it was placed. A special patrol was afterwards sent out to recover this body but was unable to do so owing to enemy G.T. activity which had by this time, increased to a large extent and to the extremely difficult nature of the ground.

The total casualties incurred were - Killed 1 O.R. (lying between enemy parapet and borrow ditch) Died of wounds - 1 O.R.. Wounded - 1 Officer, 23 O.R.

Identification was not obtained, but the party brought back four Mauser rifles and two steel helmets. Rifles bear the following markings:- On chamber above bolt head - "Amberg 1915, Amberg 1916, Amberg 1916, and WAFFENFABRIK

MAUSER A.G.  
BERNDORF A /11  
1906."

All rifles have leather slings. The bayonet bears the mark "FERD. ESSER & C.O. ELBERFELD." and is of the pioneer pattern.

On the leather band inside one helmet are the following inscriptions:-

12/17 J.R." *Inf Bummer Troop*

*C. A. Dunbar R. 107*

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



Route taken by Raiders  
Supplied by 43<sup>rd</sup> Gen A.I.F.

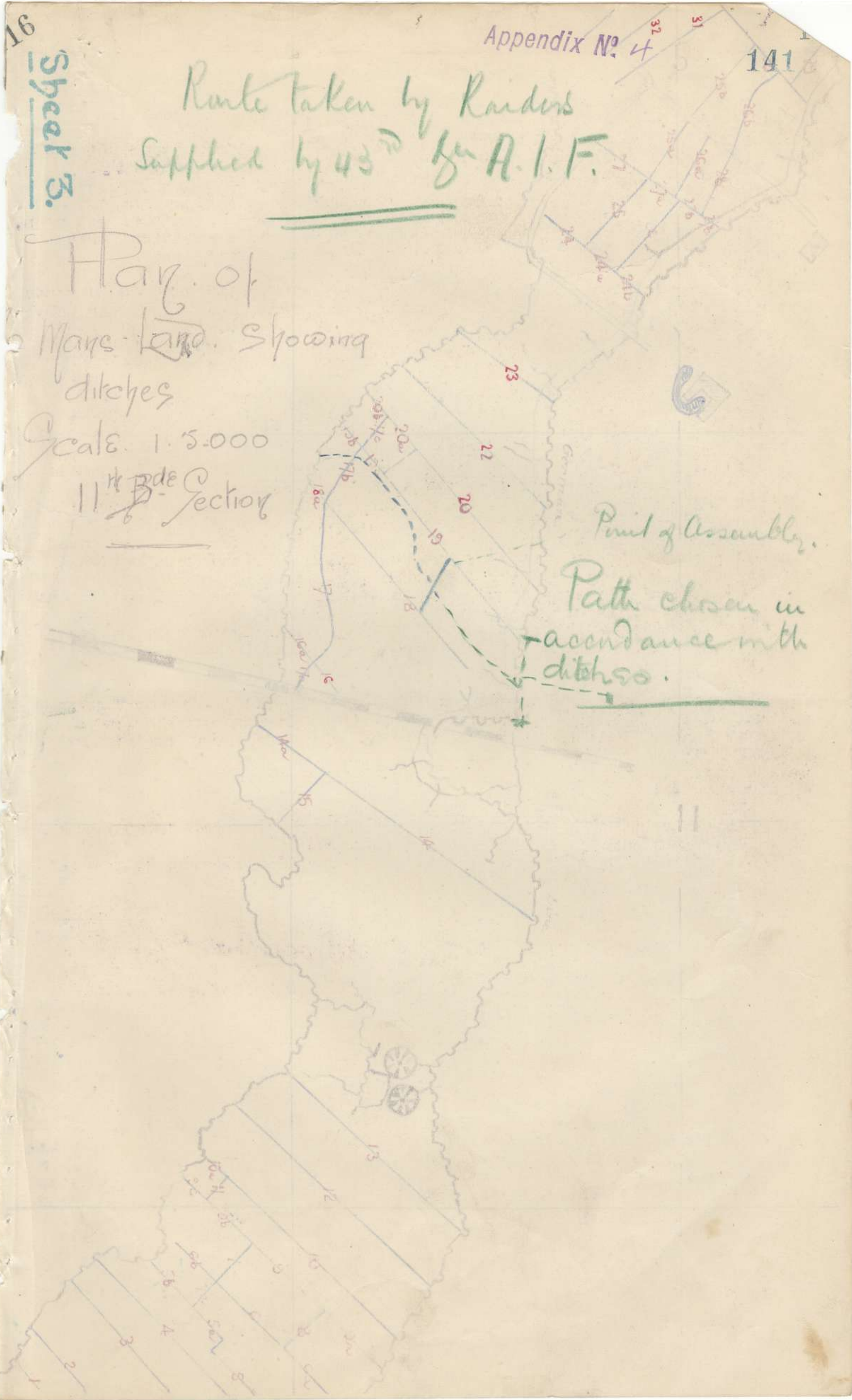
Plan of  
Mans-Land. Showing  
ditches

Scale. 1:5,000

11<sup>th</sup> Bde Section

Point of Assembly.

Path chosen in  
accordance with  
ditches.





From 6 a.m. 17/2/17 to 6 a.m. 18/2/17.

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OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: No programme of shooting was carried out, but Artillery gave retaliation several times during the day and night for enemy Minenwerfer fire on Right Bn. Subsec. On several occasions Hows. engaged Minenwerfer positions.

Working parties were dispersed as follows:-

11 a.m. Opposite Locality 5 by Trench Mortars.

6.40 p.m. I.5.c.65.15 by Artillery

7.5 p.m. Opposite Gap E by Stokes Mortars.

12 noon Opposite Gap A by Stokes Mortars

L.T.Hs. also engaged snipers post at I.5.d.20.40 and suspected M.G. position at I.11.c.60.90 with accurate fire.

MACHINE GUNS: M.Gs. engaged transport roads in I.12.d. with indirect fire and fired intermittently throughout the night on gaps in enemy wire to North of RAILWAY SALIENT.

LEWIS GUNS: Engaged gaps in enemy wire and parapet.

SNIPERS: Snipers of Left Bn. Subsec obtained one hit on a small working party at I.11.a.56.70.

PATROLS: Right Bn. Subsec.- From 6 to 8 p.m. a patrol operated near the MUSHROOM. The craters were continually bombed and prevented scouts from entering. On the right of the MUSHROOM a second patrol located a working party at I.17.a.20.68 and had it dispersed, by L.G. fire.

No.3 Patrol located enemy M.G. firing from approximately I.11.a.85.65.

No.4 Patrol examined enemy wire to the North of the MUSHROOM and found that gap immediately to the left of the crater still exists but that the gap 100 yards North of this has been strongly wired.

In view of the fact that enemy had been paying so much attention to our wire a number of special Company patrols also operated.

Left Bn. Subsec.- A patrol operating opposite No.7 Locality confirmed report submitted in Intelligence Summary No.55 regarding enemy wire.

No.2 Patrol operating opposite No.5 Locality along ditch 23 discovered the body of a German in a shell hole half way across NO MAN'S LAND. This is probably the corpse of one of the raiders when penetrated F.L. on the morning of 14th instant. He had been killed by a bullet wound in the right breast.

No.3 Patrol examined enemy wire immediately S. of THE PIMPLE at I.5.b.15.45. Here the wire is badly damaged in three places. A machine gun was active in front line in this vicinity.

Three other patrols also operated but have nothing special to report.

OUR DEFENCES: Wiring was carried out in front of MUSHROOM, E Gap, No.2 Locality and No.5 Locality and No.6 Locality. During the day wiring in rear of Gap G and in rear of Gap A was carried out. General repairs have been effected to breastworks, and C.Ts.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Right Bn. Subsec. - The enemy has displayed great activity shelling our front line and wire in the vicinity of Gap A, Localities 1 and 2. At 2 p.m. 7 Minenwerfer were fired four of which fell in the wire on right of Locality 1 and three in wire in A. Gap. A number of T.M. bombs (Pineapple) were also fired in this locality during the day.

At 3 a.m. several Minenwerfer were fired on wire and F.L. in Localities 1 and 2. Since 3 a.m. a steady intermittent bombardment of these Localities has been carried out.

Shortly after 4 a.m. a slight bombardment of Nos. 3 and 4 Localities was carried out with Minenwerfer and M.G. fire.

Left Bn. Subsec. Enemy displayed but little activity throughout the period. Retaliation to our T.M. shoots consisted of Pineapples chiefly against Nos. 5 and 6 Localities.

P. T. O.



MACHINE GUNS: Enemy M.G. carried out the usual fire against wire, front and support lines during the night. From sound it appears that enemy M.G. are being used for sniping during the day.

SNIPERS: Active opposite Left Bn.Subsec. Dummy heads are still being used by enemy opposite Right Bn.Subsec.

PATROLS: None encountered.

ENEMY DEFENCES: Enemy parapet has been repaired at I.17.a.20.80 and I.17.a.05.50. Sandbags have been used for this purpose. Minenwerfer emplacement is suspected at I.17.a.00.20 in front of a row of tall trees. Suspected M.G. position at I.11.a.85.65 and at I.5.b.15.45.

OBSERVATION: A small searchlight operated in enemy F.L. in the vicinity of THE MUSHROOM.

Working parties were observed at several places and dispersed by Artillery or T.Ms. Visibility poor.

COMMUNICATION: Pigeons crossed Right Bn.Subsec. flying between ARMENTIERES and PERENCHES at 10.30 a.m. and 11.50 a.m.

At 5.30 am lamp signalling was again observed in rear of enemy lines.

MISCELLANEOUS: When Artillery dispersed working party at I.17.a.20.68 the enemy immediately bombed his wire vigorously in this vicinity. He has evidently concluded that it is our scouts which locate and have these working parties dispersed.

IDENTIFICATION: The body of the dead German found opposite Locality 5 was brought in by the patrol and a thorough search of the body was made. No identity disc was worn. Shoulder straps had been removed from the tunic but in one of the coat pockets a shoulder strap was found. This is made of dark grey cloth with a blue tint and matches the tunic worn. On it are woven in red the figures 17. If this shoulder strap is part of the tunic normally worn identification is normal.

A steel helmet was also found with the body. The body is that of a big German 5'10" or 11" high, well proportioned, probable age 21 or 22.

No papers were found on the body.

*G. A. Dunbar Lt. Col.*  
Major  
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.



SECRET

Copy No.

11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
OPERATION MEMORANDUM No.33

Brigade Headquarters,  
18th February 1917

Reference Map BOIS GRENIEL, 1/10,000

- (1) On 19th February 1917, Y.3.A. Trench Mortar Battery will cut wire at I.17.a.12.55 with 2 guns, covered by fire from Centre Group Field Artillery in accordance with the attached Task Table.
- (2) Hour of operation will be 12 to 12.30 p.m.
- (3) C.O. 41st Battalion will detail an Officer to point actual point out on the ground the point at which wire is to be cut (I.17.a.12.55). This Officer will meet the Trench Mortar Officer concerned at SQUARE FARM at 10 a.m. on 19/2/17.
- (4) In addition to the above the 25th Battery and 107th Howitzer Battery will bombard Minenwerfer positions from 2 to 3 p.m. in accordance with the attached Task Table.
- (5) Watches will be synchronised at Centre Group Artillery Headquarters at 10 a.m. on 19/2/17.
- (6) All troops will be cleared of the line of fire of Trench Mortars.
- (7) Units will take all precautions to avoid casualties from hostile retaliation.
- (8) ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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  - 3 to 7 43rd Battalion
  - 8 to 12 44th Battalion
  - 13 41st Battalion
  - 14 42nd Battalion
  - 15 11th Machine Gun Coy.
  - 16 11th Trench Mortar Battery
  - 17 Centre Group Artillery
  - 18 9th Inf. Brigade
  - 19 10th Inf. Brigade
  - 20 3rd Pioneer Battalion
  - 21 "L" Coy. R.E.
  - 22 War Diary.



TASK TABLE

A. Bombardment  
B. Barrage,

Reference Map - BOIS GRENIER, 1/10,000.

Batter	Guns	TIME	T A S K	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	AMMUNITION.		
						A.	AX.	BX.
Y.S.A. K.T.M.	2	12 to 12.30 p.m.	Cut wire at I.17.a.12.55		60 rounds.			
107th	1	do.	Bombard H.W. Positions at :- ) I.11.c.78.28 ) I.17.a.30.50 ) I.17.a.50.35 ) I.17.a.59.30 ) I.17.a.38.20 ) Head C.T. I.17.a.39.58 )	A.				100
23th	6	12 noon to 12.10 p.m.	Cord line I.11.c.50.09 to ) F.L. I.17.a.33.88 )	A		10	40	
do.	6	12.15 p.m. to 12.25 p.m.	F.L. I.17.a.05.42 to ) I.16.b.98.28 )	A		10	40	
7th	2	12 noon to 12.2 p.m.	Sweep S.L. I.11.c.95.55 to ) I.11.a.75.20 )	A	3 r.g.m.	12		
27th	2	12.5 to 12.7 p.m.	Search C.T. I.17.a.39.58 to ) I.17.a.88.02 )	A	4 t.g.m.	16		
do.	2	12.10 to 12.12 p.m.	Search C.T. I.11.c.80.28 to ) I.17.b.38.78 )	A	3 r.g.m.	12		
do.	2	12.15 to 12.17 p.m.	Sweep cord line I.11.c.50.50 to ) I.11.c.48.00 )	A	3 r.g.m.	12		
do.	2	12.40 to 12.41 p.m.	H.W. at I.11.c.92.52 ) I.11.c.78.30 )	A	4 r.g.m.	8		
23th	4	12.40 to 12.41 p.m.	The line I.17.a.53.45 to I.17.a.35.22	A	do.	16		
do.	1.	do.	I.17.a.30.51	A	do.	4		
do.	1	do.	I.17.a.35.90	A	do.	4		
						104	80	100

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.57

From 3 a.m. 18/2/17 to 3 a.m. 19/2/17

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## OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: At 3 p.m. Artillery carried out a shoot covering E.T.No. which registered positions in I.11.a. Ranging was accurate and during the shoot much damage was done to enemy trenches. Retaliation was given by Hqs. and 18 prs. for enemy Minenwerfer activity against Nos.1 and 2 Localities, at 1.50 p.m., 2.12 a.m. and 4.30 a.m. Working parties were dispersed as follows:-

9.7 a.m. I.5.c.70.20 Artillery.  
 12.21 p.m. I.11.c.90.80 Artillery.  
 3 p.m. RAILWAY SALIENT, Artillery.  
 3.10 a.m. I.11.c.90.80 Artillery. Screen at this point much damaged. L.T.No. destroyed a sniper's post at I.11.a.30.75 and at 3 p.m. carried out a shoot in conjunction with Artillery on points in I.11.a. and I.5.c.

MACHINE GUNS: Gap in enemy wire at I.11.a.40.50 was kept under fire throughout the night.

Roads in I.12.d. and J.7.c. were engaged with indirect fire.

LEWIS GUNS: Gaps in enemy wire were engaged during the night and during the day L.G. fired on figures passing branches in enemy parapet.

SNIPERS: One hit was obtained by snipers of Right Bn. Sub. Co at I.17.a.05.50 on one of enemy working parties.

PATROLS: A special examination of gaps at I.11<sup>41</sup>.50.40 was made twice during the night. Patrols succeeded in reaching enemy parapet on both occasions. A definite gap still exists at this point.

An Officers patrol endeavoured to examine wire at I.17.a.15.50 but encountered serious opposition from enemy M.G. fire and suffered two casualties, both of which were brought back to our lines.

Other patrols operated throughout the night and report much enemy M.G. activity in I.11.c. and I.17.a. Several of the enemy were seen in the vicinity of the MUSHROOM.

Left Bn. Sub. Co.- Six patrols operated on this frontage during the night.

No.3 Patrol found enemy M.G. again active in gap head at I.5.c.87.31.

At I.5.c.95.35 a gap exists half way through enemy wire.

Patrols touched enemy wire at I.5.b.15.45 and I.5.b.15.60 and found same to be in good condition.

OUR DEFENCES: Wiring was carried out in front of all localities during the night. New wire was also erected in rear of Gap A, Gap D and Gap E. General repairs were effected to defences.

## ENEMY OPERATIONS: (Right Bn. Sub. Co).

ARTILLERY: At 12.45 p.m. ten shrapnel burst over PORTE EGAL AVENUE in the vicinity of a working party. At 1.50 p.m., 2 a.m., and 4 a.m. Nos.1 and 2 Localities were subjected to a bombardment by Minenwerfer, and several fire bays in F.L. were damaged. In each case group retaliation was obtained. From 3.10 to 3.25 p.m. enemy bombarded Localities 3 and 4 (wire and Front Line) with H.E. Little damage was done by this bombardment.

Left Bn. Sub. Co.- At 12.30 p.m. ten shells burst on the right of Locality 3 giving off a white-yellow smoke on explosion. At 1.45 p.m. about 20 shells of the same type burst on the right of No.5 Locality and Gap E. The noise caused by the explosion of these shells was very faint. No casualties were incurred.

At 3.30 p.m. in retaliation to our shoot 30 rounds of shrapnel and H.E. were burst over the head of PLANK AVENUE and on CHICKEN PARK.

At 11.15 p.m. 15 77 mm H.E. and four suspected gas shells burst in the vicinity of S.P.Y.

T.M. bombs fell at intervals throughout the day and night on Nos.5 and 6 Localities, many falling short in NO MAN'S LAND.

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MACHINE GUNS: More active than usual and paid special attention to NO MAN'S LAND, especially opposite Right Bn. Subsec.

SNIPERS: Active. Two sniper posts were destroyed at I.5.c.62.05 and I.11.a.62.72 by T.Ms.

PATROLS: None encountered.

ENEMY DEFENCES: New wire is observed at I.17.a.72.80 and I.5.c.70.10. Working parties engaged in repairs where located were dispersed. Suspected M.G. positions exist at I.5.b.20.27 and I.5.c.27.51.

OBSERVATION: Much movement was noticed at intervals throughout the day in support line between MUSHROOM and RAILWAY SALIENT. Artillery shelled this position twice during the day.

At 12.25 p.m. smoke was seen in house at I.17.c.5.3 (N.E. of WEZ MACQUART).

At 1 p.m. five Germans were seen near Railway line at I.12.d.00.35.

At 3.30 p.m. Observation balloon was seen at I.24.c.6.0 (S.W. of PREMESQUES).

Balloon descended at 4.10 p.m. Shortly after our Artillery shoot began at 3 p.m. this balloon was noticed to ascend.

MISCELLANEOUS: Enemy bombed his wire frequently during the night. Very lights were used freely and a large searchlight in I.17.b. was used at intervals.

*M. A. Dunbar Lt Col.*

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

Major



## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 40

19th February 1917.

- RELIEF (1) The following relief will take place on the morning of the 21st February 1917 :-  
41st Battalion will relieve 43rd Battalion.  
42nd Battalion will relieve 44th Battalion.
- DESIGNATION (2) Designation of Battalions after relief will be -  
"A" Battalion - 41st Battalion  
"B" Battalion - 42nd Battalion  
"C" Battalion - 43rd Battalion.  
"D" Battalion - 44th Battalion.
- BILLETS (3) 43rd Battalion will take over billets vacated by 41st Bn.  
44th Battalion will take over billets vacated by 42nd Bn.
- DETAILS (4) Details of relief will be arranged by C.Os. concerned.
- LUNATIC LANE (5) LUNATIC LANE is allotted to 42nd and 44th Battalions for purposes of the relief.
- PRECAUTIONS (6) Units will move in parties of not more than 20 men. A time distance of five minutes will be kept between parties. All precautions are to be taken to avoid detection by aeroplane or other enemy observation.
- MAPS (7) All defence schemes, secret trench maps, aeroplane photographs, log books, trench and billets stores will be handed over between units on relief.
- DIV. TRENCH ORDERS (8) Attention is directed to Divisional Trench Orders, para 4.
- COMPLETION OF RELIEF (9) Relief is to be completed by 12 noon. Battalions concerned will notify 11th Brigade Headquarters by wire as soon as their relief is complete.
- ACKNOWLEDGE- MEET. (10) ACKNOWLEDGE.

*H. J. Cotton*  
Major  
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

Issued at p.m. 19/2/17.

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10	9th Inf. Brigade	D.R.
11	25th Coy. A.S.C. 3rd Div. Train	D.R.
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14	Centre Group Artillery	D.R.
15	11th Bde. Signal Section	By Hand
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 58

From 3 a.m. 19/2/17 to 3 a.m. 20/2/17.

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OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: From 12 noon onward Artillery carried out a combined shoot with T. S. according to Operation Memorandum No. 33. Enemy trenches and parapet w.r. considerably damaged by 18 prs. and Hows.

T.Hs. cut wire in the vicinity of I.17.a.18.55. At 10 p.m. Artillery covered a raiding party which on my's trenches to the North of the RAILWAY SALIENT, with a bombardment of enemy front and support lines and vulnerable points in the preliminary stages and finally with a box barrage. Shooting throughout was decidedly accurate.

L.T.Hs. co-operated with Artillery during the afternoon shoot and during the bombardment at 10 p.m. engaging South side of RAILWAY SALIENT, MUSHROOM and F.L. West of SPARROW'S NEST. Retaliation was given several times during the period for enemy Minnwerfer falling in Nos. 1 and 2 Localities.

MACHINE GUNS: Twelve M.Gs. operated during the night in conjunction with raiding Infantry engaging known enemy M.G. positions, onfilading occupied portions of trenches and engaging searchlight positions. The normal programme of indirect fire was resumed after the completion of the raid.

LEWIS GUNS: Engaged enemy parapet and M.G. positions during the raid.

SNIPERS: One definite hit was obtained opposite No. 4 Locality. A German was working on a breach in the parapet when the fog lifted, he was fired on and seen to fall.

PATROLS: Active patrolling was maintained during the night by both in. Subsecs. except during the period 9.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. Prior to raid scout patrol examined enemy wire at proposed point of entry and reported wire still cut and gap in same condition as on the previous night. South of THE MUSHROOM a patrol could easily distinguish sentries in enemy F.L. Patrols from Left Bn. Subsec. report everything quiet in NO MAN'S LAND. No sound of working parties could be heard in enemy F.L.

OUR DEFENCES: Wiring was carried out in front of Localities 1, 2 and 5 and in front of Gaps B, C, and F. No. 1 Locality was damaged by Minnwerfer retaliation after 10 p.m. and also SECOND HOUSE AVENUE.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Right Bn. Subsec. - Artillery was mainly inactive during the period except for firing about 10 rounds of shrapnel over working party in CENTRAL AVENUE. No. 1 Locality was however, bombarded with Minnwerfer in the early morning, between 5 and 6 p.m. and during our bombardment after 10 p.m. The Minnwerfer being used are of the heavy type. Left Bn. Subsec. - Between 10 and 11 a.m. 20 77 mm H.E. burst near AUCKLAND AVENUE and listening post in Gap E. At 3.15 p.m. six more shells of the same calibre fell in the same locality. In retaliation to shoot at 3 p.m. about 40 77 mm H.E. and shrapnel were distributed along support line. Rifle grenades and pin apples were also fired on Localities 5 and 7. In retaliation to bombardment at 10 p.m. No. 5 Locality was lightly shelled with 77 mm H.E. and shrapnel. At 10.25 p.m. a few lacrymatory shells were fired on No. 5 Locality near Coy's Headquarters. During the raid Right Bn. Subsec. received very little attention from Artillery. Enemy appeared to shrapnel NO MAN'S LAND and bombard his own front line system.

MACHINE GUNS: During the early part of our raid enemy M.Gs. were effectively silenced and our raiding party suffered no casualties from M.Gs. Long range fire was brought to bear on NO MAN'S LAND in front of RAILWAY SALIENT from opposite Left Bn. Subsec.

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SNIPERS: Enemy snipers were active during lifts in fog.

PATROLS: None encountered.

ENEMY DEFENCES: As a result of yesterday's bombardment much damage has been done to enemy F.L. opposite No.5 Locality. Trenches immediately

North of RAILWAY SALIENT which were entered by raiding party were found to be in very bad repair and had been considerably damaged by our artillery, so much so that progress along trenches was rendered extremely difficult. In many places there was a great amount of water in trenches.

OBSERVATION: Visibility poor.

A large periscope is visible in enemy F.L. at I.17.a.9e.40.

COMMUNICATION: Owing to heavy fog it was impossible to follow enemy signals during the night. A large number of very lights were used during operations after 10 p.m.

OUR OPERATIONS Contd.

RAID: A raiding party supplied by 43rd Battalion A.I.F. successfully penetrated enemy front line and C.Ts. immediately North of RAILWAY SALIENT. The party remained in enemy trenches for a period of 20 minutes and examined F.L. trench for a distance of 50 yards on either side of the point of entry and penetrated for 40 yards down C.T.

Several small dugouts in enemy parapet had been destroyed by Artillery fire and trenches had been damaged beyond recognition. In several places the trenches were water-logged. No duckboards were used in this part of the system. One large concrete dugout six feet high, six feet broad was encountered in C.T.

At 10.30 p.m. the party withdrew and brought back three rifles and bayonets and two steel helmets.

*G. A. Dunbar R. S. P.*

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



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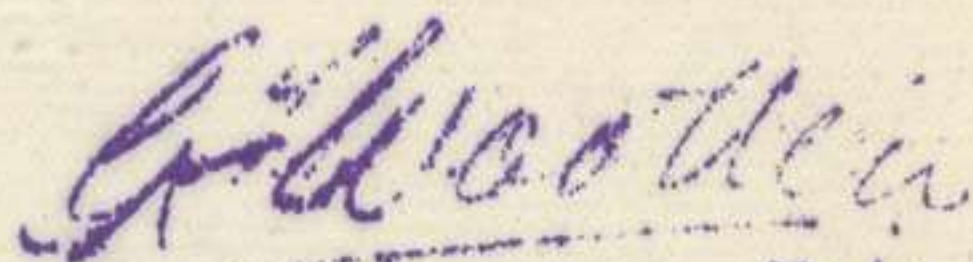
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## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 34

Brigade Headquarters,  
20/2/17.Reference Map BOIS GRENIER, 1/10,000.  
Edition 3 (redrawn) c.

- (1) On 21st February 1917, from 12 to 12.30 p.m. the Y.3.A. Medium Trench Mortar Battery will cut wire at the following places:-  
(a) I.17.a.13.60 to I.17.a.10.52  
(b) I.5.c.92.37.
- (2) The above sheet will be covered by Centre Group Artillery in accordance with the attached task table.
- (3) C.O. 41st Battalion will detail an Officer to point out on the ground, to the Trench Mortar Officer concerned, the place at which wire is to be cut as per para 1 (a). This Officer detailed will meet the Trench Mortar Officer at SQUARE FARM at 10.15 a.m. 21/2/17.
- (4) All troops will be cleared <sup>from</sup> ~~of~~ the line of fire of Trench Mortars.
- (5) Units will take all precautions to avoid casualties from hostile retaliation.
- (6) ACKNOWLEDGE.


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

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TASK TABLE

A. Bombardment  
B. Barrage.

Reference Map BOIS GRANIER.

Battery	Guns	Time	T A S K	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	AMMUNITION		
						A.	BX.	BX
Y.3.A.	3	12 to 12.30 p.m.	Cut enemy wire from I.17.a.13.60 to ) I.17.a.10.52 )	A		80 rounds.		
do.	1	do.	do. at I.5.c.92.37				30 rounds.	
107th	1	12.15 to 12.35 p.m.	H.W. I.5.d.50.57 )					
	1	do.	I.5.d.10.10 )					
	1	do.	I.17.a.52.35 )					80
	1	do.	I.17.a.13.15 )					
	1	do.	I.17.c.92.50 )					
	1	do.	T.J. I.17.a.40.58 )					
25th	2	12 to 12.2 p.m.	F.L. I.5.b.15.52 to I.5.b.23.42	A	3 r.g.m.		12	
	1	12.10 to 12.11 p.m.	M.W. I.5.b.45.92	A	4 do.	4		
	1	12.10 to 12.11 p.m.	I.5.b.50.60	A	4 do.	4		
	2	12 to 12.10 p.m.	M.W. I.5.b.40.00		Observed	30		
	2	12.14 to 12.15 p.m.	Sweep S.L. I.5.d.42.63 to I.5.d.35.35	A	4 r.g.m.	6	2	
	2	12.14 to 12.15 p.m.	" S.L. I.5.d.10.20 to I.5.d.05.00	A	4 do.	6	2	
	2	12 to 12.2 p.m.	F.L. I.5.c.75.15 to I.5.c.67.02	A	3 do.	4	8	
	2	12.4 to 12.6 p.m.	S.L. I.11.a.95.75 to I.11.a.90.59	A	3 do.	4	8	
26th	3	12 to 12.2 p.m.	F.L. I.17.a.45.99 to I.17.a.32.82	A	3 do.	6	30	
	3	12.5 to 12.7 p.m.	S.L. I.17.a.45.65 to I.17.a.30.50	A	3 do.	12	24	
27th	2	12.10 to 12.12 p.m.	F.L. I.17.a.05.40 to I.17.a.02.30	A	3 do.	4	8	
	2	12.15 to 12.17 p.m.	S.L. I.17.a.18.22 to I.17.a.10.10	A	3 do.	6	2	
						76	96	80

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- 41st Battalion.
- 42nd Battalion.
- 43rd Battalion.
- 44th Battalion.
- 11th Machine Gun company.
- 11th Field Company Engineers.
- Centre Group Artillery.
- 9th Infantry Brigade.



Reference Operation Memorandum No. 34. Para. 1(b)  
This wire cut will now be carried out from 2.30 p.m. to 3.0 p.m.

Signed G.F. Wootten Major.  
Brigade Major 11th Infantry Brigade. A.I.F.

*Eventually postponed till 22nd. at times  
as per original O.M. 24. W.A.S.*



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## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

## OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 35

Brigade Headquarters,  
20/2/17.

- (1) In accordance with 3rd Australian Division Order No. 16, para 3, a shoot will be carried out on the 21st instant according to the attached Task Table.
- (2) Zero ~~xxxx~~ hour will be notified later.
- (3) Watches will be synchronised at Centre Group Artillery Headquarters at - 2 hours.
- (4) All trepps will be cleared from the line of fire of Trench Mortars.
- (5) Units will take all precautions to avoid casualties from hostile retaliation.
- (6) ACKNOWLEDGE.

Major

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

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T A S K T A B L E .

Reference Map -BOIS GRENIER 1/10,000.

A. Bombardment  
B. Barrage

Battery	Guns	TIME	T A S K	Nature of Fire	Rate of Fire	AMMUNITION.	
						A.	AX. BX
Zero to Zero			PHASE I.				
26th	4	plus 7	F.L. & Wire I.17.a.36.90 to I.17.a.26.71	A	3 r.g.m	24	60
27th	4	"	F.L.& Wire I.17.a.26.71 to I.17.a.12.55	A	"	24	60
A/175	2	"	F.L.& Wire I.17.a.12.55 to I.17.a.09.48	A	"	12	30
I.R.H.A.	6	"	F.L.& Wire I.17.a.09.48 to I.13.b.97.28	A	"	36	90
B/175	1	"	M.G.E. I.11.c.51.08	A	"		21
"	1	"	M.G.E. I.17.a.14.46	A	"		21
Y.S.A.	1	Zero to Zero	F.L. I.17.a.46.99				
	1	plus 3	Sap & Wire I.17.a.26.80				
	1	and cease fire.	Wire & Parapot I.17.a.12.55)	A			
	1	"	Sap & Wire I.13.b.86.29			30 rounds	
3" Stokes	4	"	F.L. I.17.a.45.99 to I.17.a.28.78	A	Rapid		
"	4	"	F.L. I.17.a.28.78 to I.17.a.05.40	A	Rapid		
			PHASE II.				
26th	4	Zero plus 7 to	Lift to S.L. I.17.a.55.98 to I.17.a.50.71	A	3 r.g.m.	8	28
27th	4	Zero plus 10	" " I.17.a.50.71 to I.17.a.29.45	A	"	8	28
A/175	2	"	" " I.17.a.29.45 to I.17.a.21.35	A	"		18
I.R.H.A.	6	"	S.L. I.17.a.21.35 to I.17.a.10.10	A	"	18	36
3" Stokes	8	"	Continue as in Phase I.		Rapid		

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,  
22nd February 1917.

1. Reference my B.M.53/116 of 21/2/17 and 11th Infantry Brigade Operation Memorandum No.35. Zero times will be 10.30 p.m. on both the 23rd and 24th instant.
2. C.O. 41st Battalion and O.C. 11th Machine Gun Company will arrange to have careful observations made during these shoots to locate enemy Machine Guns or Minenwerfer, on "A" Battalion front, which may come into action.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.59

From 6 a.m. 20/2/17 to 6 a.m. 21/2/17.

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OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Retaliation was given for enemy 'minenwerfer' activity on Right Bn Subsec. at 12.47 p.m., 1.4 p.m., 2.55 p.m., 4.30 p.m., 4.35 p.m. 3.25 a.m. and 5.40 a.m.

Between 12.40 and 1.15 p.m. portions of enemy F.L. in the vicinity of THE BEQUE de la BLU were engaged by 18 prs. At 2.25 p.m. 20 bounds were fired by the same Battery on to enemy F.L. opposite No.5 Locality. During operations what appeared to be a dugout ten yards south of the BEQUE was destroyed and a built up portion of the parapet 40 yards further south was breached.

MACHINE GUNS: The following targets were engaged during the night - SPARROW'S NEST, RUELLIE de la BLANCHE, LA HONGRIE FARM, Gap in wire at I.11.a.50.40 - 250 rounds being fired on each target.

LEWIS GUNS: Engaged gaps in enemy wire and parapet and fired on movement noticed in gap in enemy parapet opposite No.5 Locality during the day.

SNIPERS: Active operations were hindered by heavy mist.

PATROLS: Six patrols operated in front of Right Bn. Subsec. during the night. No sounds of enemy working parties were heard. Six patrols worked in front of Left Bn. Subsec. No signs of enemy working parties were seen.

One patrol found the body of what appears to be an Australian soldier in front of Locality 5 about 60 yards from our parapet. It is in a bad state of decomposition, minus head, arms and legs and could not possibly be moved.

Both Bn. patrols touched enemy wire in several places but owing to the exceptionally heavy fog cannot give an accurate report on the nature of wire beyond that of the front system.

OUR DEFENCES: Wiring was carried out in front of Locality 1, MUSHROOM, Gap C and Gap D.

Left Bn. Subsec. also erected new wire in front of Locality 5, Gap F and repaired wire in front of Locality 6 and 7.

Revotting is being pushed on ~~xxx~~ with all possible speed.

RIFLE GRENADES: A great number of rifle grenades were fired during the day and enemy retaliated in all cases with Pineapples and rifle grenades paying special attention to No.2 Locality.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY : Right Bn. Subsec.- 77 mm H.E. and shrapnel, and Minenwerfer were thrown at intervals throughout the day. Retaliation was given by our Artillery to all these shoots (see Our Operations Artillery).

Practically no damage was done and only one casualty was incurred. Left Bn. Subsec. At 11.30 a.m. several small shells like Pom-Poms fell in SECOND HOUSE AVENUE. At 4.30 p.m. 8 more fell in the same place.

Between 2 and 2.15 pm. four 77 mm H.E. and 3 shrapnel burst over JAPAN DUMP.

During enemy retaliation on No.5 Locality on night of 19/20th a 77 mm H.E. shell penetrated the parapet and entered the parapet of the trench. A bearing was taken on this line and given the F.O.O.

MACHINE GUNS: Displayed less activity than usual. A new gun position has been taken up by the enemy opposite No.4 Locality.

SNIPERS: Quiet.

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PATROLS: At 3.30 a.m. a number of Minonwerfer and H.E. were thrown on No.1 Locality. Immediately firing stopped an onomy patrol endeavoured to penetrate wire in the centre of A Gap. The party was heard by the bombers at Bombing Post in A Gap who threw bombs in the direction of the movement. HJG. on the right of the Gap opened fire on the party. The patrol was dispersed and as soon as our firing ceased scouts went out but could find no trace of the enemy.

ENEMY DEFENCES: A dugout was destroyed and parapet breached opposite No.5 Locality.

An enemy working party was observed about 50 yards in rear of F.L. at about I.5.c.75.05. They were using picks and shovels and working with planks about 9 feet long.

Now wire is visible at I.5.c.65.15.

A party was observed carrying planks down enemy C.T. in I.17.a.

ONSERVATION: Visibility poor throughout the period.

Smoke was observed at irregular intervals at I.5.c.65.10 and at I.17.a.20.72 at 4.30 p.m.

A giant periscope was used by enemy observers in F.L. at I.17.a.40.96.

COMMUNICATION: At 7 p.m. four red lights were fired opposite No.7 Loc. Immediately afterwards a horn was sounded and three Gs. blown on ~~the~~ a bugle. No further action followed.

At 7.5 p.m. two red lights were fired in front of No.6 Locality.

At 7.3 p.m. three red lights were fired opposite Gap F. No apparent action followed either of these.

At 7.10 p.m. a red light was fired opposite Locality 1 without apparent action ensuing.

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 50

From 6 a.m. 21/2/17 to 6 a.m. 22/2/17.

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OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: At 3 p.m. Artillery carried out registration by 107th Battery and did considerable damage to enemy F.L. White material resembling concrete was thrown up several times and parapet was badly damaged in several places.

Working parties were dispersed as follows:-

I.11.Central at 5.10 p.m. by Artillery

S. of MUSHROCK at 10 p.m. by Artillery.

Retaliation was given for Minenwerfer activity at 9.35 p.m.

L.T.Gs. engaged point I.5.c.88.14 with 18 rounds at 4.30 p.m. A working party was engaged here repairing damage done to suspected O.P.

MACHINE GUNS: The following targets were engaged during the night :-

I.12.d.10.90 (Junction of roads) 250 rounds.

I.11.a.55.30 to I.11.a.85.30 (Enemy C.T.) 250 rounds

I.18.a.45.95 (Junction of roads) 250 rounds

I.11.c.30.70 (Enemy C.T.) 250 rounds

LEWIS GUNS: Fired on gaps in enemy wire and on two working parties in I.11.a. and I.17.a.

SNIPERS: One hit was obtained opposite Locality 5 on one of the enemy whose whole body was exposed over the top of the parapet during a temporary lift in the fog.

PATROLS: Right Bn. Subsec. - Patrolling was actively maintained throughout the night. A special reconnaissance was made of route to point

I.17.a.15.52 (E. of PEAR TREE). Working parties were located at I.11.a.50.00 and immediately South of the MUSHROCK.

Left Bn. Subsec. - Patrols were active throughout the night. No enemy working party were heard in F.L.

A machine gun was located firing from gap head at I.5.c.80.31.

OUR DEFENCES: Wiring: Much new wiring was done in front of Localities 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 and in front of C Gap. 50 yards of new wire was also erected in rear of A Gap.

General repairs were effected throughout the line.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Enemy Artillery was mainly inactive throughout the period. Between 6 and 8 a.m. five Minenwerfer fell between front and support lines in Locality 1. At 9.35 p.m. six more Minenwerfer fell in approximately the same position. Very few pineapples and rifle grenades were thrown.

Left Bn. Subsec. - At 2.35 p.m. about 5 77 mm H.E. fell in JAPAN DUMP. Not more than 20 Pineapples were fired on the whole sector during the day.

MACHINE GUNS: From 5 p.m. onwards till midnight enemy displayed much activity with M.Gs. After this hour fire was directed mainly against F.L. parapet.

SNIPERS: A considerable amount of unaimed shots were fired by the enemy during the day.

PATROLS: None encountered.

ENEMY DEFENCES: Owing to heavy fog it was impossible to keep observation for enemy working parties. Three parties discovered by scouts were dispersed by Artillery and Lewis gun fire.

During lifts in the fog a great deal of patch work on enemy parapet could be noticed.

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COMMUNICATION: A large number of Very lights were thrown during the night but were practically useless on account of the density of the fog. Only one searchlight was operative during the night.

MISCELLANEOUS: The patrol which endeavoured to enter A Gap on the night of 20/21st February left behind a pair of wire cutters and a number of bombs. These were secured by our scouts last night. Enemy bombed his wire frequently throughout the night.

OBSERVATION impossible owing to the heavy fog.

*G. A. Dunbar St Jor*

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

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 31

From 3 a.m. 22/2/17 to 3 a.m. 23/2/17.

CONFIDENTIALOUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Very little firing was carried out during the day. Registration was attempted during the morning on I.17.a. and I.5.c. but was found almost impossible, visibility being so extremely low. At 5.50 a.m. 18 pr. Battery and Hows. fired in retaliation for enemy activity against A Gap. Working parties were dispersed by Artillery at RAILWAY SALIENT and opposite No.5 Locality. Trench mortars did not shoot owing to poor visibility.

MACHINE GUNS: During the afternoon 500 rounds were fired on road junctions and Railway crossings in rear of enemy lines. During the night 100 rounds were fired on junction of trenches and road at I.12.d.00.95 and enfilading enemy's trench at I.12.a.20.78.

LEWIS GUNS were active throughout the day and night and engaged hostile W.G. and enemy wire. At 8.30 a.m. during a lift in the fog a party of 5 in front of enemy parapet opposite No.4 Locality was engaged by L.Gs. and casualties inflicted. Two other working parties were engaged by L.Gs. in I.11.c. with good effect.

SNIPERS: Four definite hits were obtained, two by snipers of each Battalion Subsec. Several shots were fired on exposed parties during lifts in the fog.

PATROLS: Right Bn. Subsec. - Taking advantage of the fog an Officers patrol reconnoitred the ground to be traversed by a special party at a later date as far as the point of assembly. As this was done during the day it was possible to pick out all available dead ground at this point. A large working party was located by another patrol at 9.30 p.m. immediately North of RAILWAY SALIENT. Artillery was advised but the patrol, which lay up, was unable to observe if casualties were inflicted, but ascertained that no further work was carried on.

Enemy bombed his wire frequently all along the front.

Left Bn. Subsec. - Patrols were active throughout the night. Very little activity was heard in enemy lines as regards working parties. Sap heads at I.5.c.25.15, I.5.c.80.30, I.5.b.10.20 were occupied by W.G. or automatic rifles. Other sap heads were used by enemy firing Very lights into NO MAN'S LAND.

Enemy frequently bombed his wire at many points.

OUR DEFENCES: Approximately 200 yards of new wire was erected in front of A Gap and Nos. 2, 5, 6, and 7 Localities. Wire was also strengthened in several places by the addition of wire balls and knife rests which had been blown out of position were reassembled.

Reconstruction of parapet, revetting, and raising of duckboards is in progress.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: During the day five shrapnel were fired on No.2 Locality. Apart from this enemy Artillery displayed no activity whatever. A few Pineapples and rifle grenades were fired at various points on the front. At 5.50 a.m. this morning a heavy bombardment commenced on A Gap and support line in rear. Many Pineapples were used and subsidiary line was shelled with 77 mm H.E. shrapnel, a considerable quantity of which appeared to burst also on LEITH WALK. The bombardment ceased at about 6.12 a.m.

MACHINE GUNS: M.Gs. were active throughout the day especially during the later afternoon and swept road in rear of Subsidiary line until 10 p.m. As far as could be ascertained M.Gs. fired from I.17.a.10.50, I.5.c.25.15, I.5.c.30.05 and I.5.c.80.30. Guns firing from these positions were stationary during the night and fired frequently.

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SNIPERS: Enemy snipers were active throughout the day and appeared to be sniping over the top of the parapet as several snipers were seen during the day. Single shot sniping was carried out by M.G. and automatic rifles from sap heads.

PATROLS: An enemy patrol of approximately four men was observed close to our wire in front of Locality 6 (EPINETTE). They were fired on and bombed by the garrison and withdrew.

ENEMY DEFENCES: Working parties were observed during the day opposite Locality 5 and N. of RAILWAY SALIENT. Three small working parties were also noticed repairing parapet and wire opposite Right Bn. Subsec.. There appeared to be little work in progress during the night.

OBSERVATION: Visibility low and observation almost impossible.

COMMUNICATION: At 8.10 p.m. a red light was fired opposite No. 2 Locality and was followed immediately by two sharp blasts on a bugle from approximately support line. The call was repeated by another bugle much further to the rear.

At 9 p.m. three red lights were fired opposite Locality 7 and five opposite Locality 8. Two bugle calls each of two sharp notes were immediately sounded. It was noticed that in both these cases complete silence reigned in Localities from which the lights had been fired for a period of about half an hour after the occurrence.

No Very lights were fired, no bombs thrown, and no M.Gs. firing during this period of silence.

Searchlights: One searchlight operating from enemy F.L. opposite Locality 5 was undoubtedly acting in conjunction with machine guns which was firing from a position apparently in NO MAN'S LAND along the edge of ditch 24.

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## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 61

From 6 a.m. 23/2/17 to 6 a.m. 24/2/17.

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ARTILLERY: During the day shoots were carried out on targets given in Operation Memorandum No. 34. It was impossible to observe the result of the shoot in I.17.a. but from 2.30 to 3 p.m. while Artillery engaged targets in I.5.c. much debris was thrown into the air, especially by Hovs. L.T.Ms. endeavoured to cut wire in I.17.a. but owing to faulty base plates were unable to obtain their objective. Wire was completely cut by L.T.Ms. in I.5.c.97.31 causing a gap 10 to 15 yards wide. Registration was carried out by Artillery at various places along the front.

At 10.30 p.m. Artillery bombardment as laid down in Divisional Order was carried out.

L.T.Ms. dispersed a working party located by sound during the day.

MACHINE GUNS: Enemy trenches were engaged at I.5.d.08.10., I.12.a.20.70. I.12.d.00.95.

LEWIS GUNS: Engaged enemy wire and parapet at intervals throughout the day and night.

At 8.30 p.m. a wiring party opposite No. 1 Locality was engaged by L.G. fire.

SNIPPERS: Snipers of Left and Right Bn. Subsecs. obtained one hit each opposite No. 5 Locality and in the vicinity of the MUSHROOM respectively.

PATROLS: Right Bn. Subsec. - No. 1 Patrol located wiring party opposite No. 1 Locality and had it dispersed by Lewis gun fire. No. 2 Patrol located a wiring party 70 yards N. of the Railway Salient and had this party dispersed by Artillery fire. No. 4 Patrol which operated immediately after the shoot at 10.30 p.m. approached enemy wire in I.17.a. and heard sounds of groaning several times while moving along the wire. These were probably the groans of casualties being evacuated.

Left Bn. Subsec. - Three fighting patrols operated simultaneously on this front, but saw or heard no signs of enemy patrols during the three hours they operated.

One patrol heard signals being exchanged by enemy in F.L. or on wire by means of whistling. One patrol attempted to reach wire near the PIMPLE at I.5.b.16.45 but was engaged with three bursts of M.G. fire.

OUR DEFENCES: New wire was erected in front of D Gap, B. Gap, No. 5, 6, and 7 Localities. General repairs to revetments, duckboards, and parapet are being effected. Drainage is also receiving considerable attention.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Right Bn. Subsec. - In retaliation to our shoot on I.17.a. at noon enemy engaged No. 1 Locality with small Minenwerfer and Pineapples. A large of these M.M. bombs were fired at intervals along the Bn. front during the day.

At 10.30 p.m. in retaliation to our bombardment a shrapnel barrage was commenced on NO MAN'S LAND and front and support lines of Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Localities were engaged with H.E. shrapnel and Minenwerfer. During the bombardment it was noticed that Minenwerfer were being fired directly to their front, not as is usually done - from a flank.

Casualties incurred - five wounded.

Left Bn. Subsec. - In retaliation to shoot at 2 p.m. enemy replied with 77 mm H.E. on WILLOW WALK and AUSTRALIA AVENUE. Retaliation to our bombardment at 10.30 p.m. was severe and extended over the whole Battalion front, Locality 6 being paid special attention. It consisted of small and large Minenwerfer fired mainly on CHICKEN FARM, AUCKLAND AVENUE, PLANK AVENUE and NEW CUT and front and support lines of Locality 6.

77 mm H.E. and shrapnel were also fired mainly on front line and S.P.Y. Retaliation lasted for 20 minutes.

Casualties - 1 killed and three wounded.

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MACHINE GUNS: Were especially active during the bombardment at 10.30 p.m. and then were firing from saps at I.5.c.85.35, I.5.c.95.47, I.5.b.15.45 and from two positions opposite No.1 Locality which could not be definitely located.

Our wiring parties were engaged in two instances by enemy M.G.

SNIPERS: Active, but caused no casualties.

PATROLS: None encountered.

ENEMY DEFENCES: Much new sandbag work is visible opposite No.5 Locality and enemy F.L.. Many new boards, possible frames for concrete, are also visible in this section of enemy trench.

Working parties were active but were dispersed when located. An enemy concrete dugout has been located at I.5.b.22.26.

OBSERVATION: Visibility poor throughout the day. Enemy seen bailing water out of front line opposite Locality 6 at 4 p.m.

COMMUNICATION: A new type of rocket was used by the enemy during the bombardment at 10.30 p.m. Several very large and brilliant pink parachute rockets were used opposite Right Bn.Subsec. One large white rocket was also fired by enemy opposite Left Bn.Subsec. and floated over our lines in the vicinity of CHICKEN FARM. These rockets remained high up in the air for almost a minute before commencing to descend and then descended very slowly.

*G.A. Dunbar*

Major

Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde.



From 6 a.m. 24/2/17 to 6 a.m. 25/2/17-

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## OUR OPERATIONS:

**ARTILLERY:** At 8 p.m. Artillery gave covering fire to H.T.'s which cut wire at I.17.a.12.55. Much damage was done to enemy defences by the Artillery and the shots from H.T.'s fell well in the enemy's wire and damaged the parapet badly. Owing to heavy fog it could not be ascertained whether a definite lane was cut.

At 10.30 p.m. the preliminary bombardment as laid down in Divisional Order was carried out on I.17.a. Shrapnel was observed to burst at a very regular and even height above enemy F.L.. Working parties were active in I.17.a. when this bombardment took place.

Working parties were dispersed as follows:-

I.11.a.56.75 at 5 a.m. and 5.30 a.m. by Artillery.

I.17.a.05.55 at 6.30 p.m. by Artillery.

I.17.a.10.55 at 9 p.m. and 3.30 a.m. by Artillery.

L.T.'s dispersed a working party opposite Locality 2. A concrete emplacement-dugout in course of construction was destroyed by L.T.'s at I.5.d.85.35. Several direct hits were obtained and minor explosions were heard after the seventh shot.

**MACHINE GUNS:** Enemy trenches were engaged at I.5.d.08.10, I.12.a.20.78, I.12.d.00.95.

**LEWIS GUNS:** Engaged known gaps in enemy's wire and dispersed working parties at THE MUSHROOM, N. of RAILWAY SALIENT and fired in conjunction with Artillery on several other working parties. Probable enemy patrol routes were also swept, at intervals.

**SNIPERS:** Active throughout the day. One hit is claimed opposite No. 5 Locality.

**PATROLS:** Right Bn. Subsec.- Six patrols operated on this frontage during the night. Several working parties were located and dispersed by Artillery and L.Cs.

No. 2 Patrol successfully cut enemy wire which had lately been run out from the craters of the MUSHROOM towards our abandoned parapet. Wire was cut between the two craters making possible for patrols an entry to either crater.

Left Bn. Subsec.- Six patrols operated on this frontage during the night. Working parties were located at several places in the front line. Work seemed to consist mainly of revetting and reconstruction. A few enemy were seen in the wire opposite Locality 6. They did not appear to be wiring but were probably making inspection of damage done to wire and parapet.

**OUR DEFENCES:** Wiring in the vicinity of the MUSHROOM and in front of Nos. 1 and 5 Localities was carried out during the night. New wire was also erected in front of Locality 3. Wire was strengthened in rear of MUSHROOM and in rear of G Gap. Repairs and reconstruction are being expeditiously effected to all defences.

## ENEMY OPERATIONS:

**ARTILLERY:** Right Bn. Subsec.- At 10.10 a.m. a few 77 mm H.E. were fired on GDE. PORTE EGAL FAN. This appears to be a ranging mark as at 11 a.m. 12 77 mm H.E. were fired on front and support line of No. 4 Locality from the same Battery.

In retaliation for shoot at 2 p.m. 60 77 mm H.E. and shrapnel were fired into A and B Gaps and between 2.15 and 2.25 p.m. a universal shrapnel burst over front and support lines of No. 3 Locality at the rate of two shots per minute. Retaliation for shoot at 10.30 p.m. consisted of light Minenverfer, 77 mm H.E. and Pineapples mostly falling between LOTHIAN and CENTRAL AVENUES.

Left Bn. Subsec.- Enemy were active with Pineapples on all Localities throughout the day, 50 bombs falling at the head of PLANK AVENUE. At noon ranging was carried out with 77 mm H.E. at various points of the front line. A great number of these shells fell in our wire.

In retaliation for shoot at 10.30 p.m. 77 mm H.E. and shrapnel was well distributed over all Localities. No. 5 Locality was onfiladed by a Battery from the North.

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MACHINE GUNS: Enemy M.G. were again active during the bombardment at 10.30 p.m. and fired from positions given in yesterday's Intelligence Summary.

Intermittent firing was carried out against our parapet and wire throughout the night.

SNIPERS: Active all day. A great amount of desultory night firing still continues without any apparent definite object.

PATROLS: None encountered.

ENEMY DEFENCES: Much new earth is visible on enemy parapet at I.5.d.39.85. New sand bags (other than in places mentioned in yesterday's summary) are visible opposite No.5 and 6 Localities.

E. of GDE PORTE EGAL FARM enemy's parapet is breached almost to ground level for a distance of 30 feet. This breach was probably caused by bombardment which assisted 43rd Battalion raid.

The parapet in I.17.a. is damaged badly at several points as the result of recent bombardments.

Working parties were active at several points but were dispersed when located.

OBSERVATION: Visibility poor throughout the day.

At 8.30 a.m. men were observed carrying "A" frames along enemy F.L. East of EPINETTE.

At 10 a.m. one of the enemy was observed carrying a white case about 18" x 24" E. of EPINETTE.

All enemy observed during the day were wearing steel helmets.

There appeared to be more movement than usual in enemy trenches E. of EPINETTE.

COMMUNICATIONS: Red very lights were sent up immediately our Artillery commenced the bombardment at 10.30 p.m. The cessation of <sup>enemy</sup> Artillery fire appeared to be immediately preceded by the firing of red lights from North to South along the line.

MISCELLANEOUS: Searchlights were again active during the night. ~~xxxxxx~~ For the first time for a week sounds of trains shunting were heard in rear of enemy lines E. of EPINETTE.

Enemy bombed his wire at frequent intervals throughout the night.

*G. A. Dunbar* for  
Major  
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.




## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
25th February 1917.**SECRET.**

Reference 11th Infantry Brigade Order No.41.

Zero hour will be 12.30 a.m. on the night of 26th/27th  
February 1917.The dummy bombardment will commence at 9.40 p.m. and end at  
~~10 p.m.~~ *9.50 p.m.*

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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REPORT ON SOUTHERN DIVERSION CARRIED OUT AGAINST  
ENEMY TRENCHES IN I.17.a. BY 41st BATTALION A.I.F. ON NIGHT OF  
26/27th FEBRUARY 1917.

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OBJECTIVE:

A raid was attempted by 41st Battalion A.I.F. on enemy trenches in the vicinity of I.17.a.12.55 with the object of entering enemy trenches and obtaining identification and materiel and of creating a diversion in connection with the raid carried out by 10th Brigade A.I.F.

The strength of the party assigned this task was 3 Officers, 46 O.R.

The raid was supported by Artillery, Trench Mortars, Machine guns and by the discharge of smoke on the flanks of the party.

ACTION: At 12.10 p.m. the party left our parapet and reach<sup>ed</sup> point of assembly a few minutes before zero hour. At 12.30 a.m. the barrage commenced and after bombardment of one minute on the front line lifted to Support Line remaining there for two minutes. In Phase III of the bombardment Artillery again engaged enemy F.L. for two minutes. During this time the infantry moved forward and took up a position approximately 40 yards outside enemy wire and owing to the accuracy of the barrage O.C. Parapet and scouts commenced reconnaissance of enemy wire. During Phases III and IV the reconnaissance was continued for 50 yards North and South of the proposed point of entry. This party was, however, unable to locate any gaps in enemy wire or find a place which could be traversed by traverser mats, three of which were carried. They report that there were signs that the wire had been cut but had been rendered impassable by the use of large knife rests and loose wire. During this period practically no fire whatever from Artillery or M.Gs. was experienced by the party although there was a barrage on NO MAN'S LAND between the raiders and our own parapet. O.C. Parapet did not think that wire could be cut by hand in sufficient time to allow the party to carry out its objective and consequently ordered the withdrawal of the party. This was carried out and all members of the party returned without any casualties being incurred.

The primary object of the raid which was to enter and penetrate enemy trenches was not effected.

ARTILLERY: The Artillery barrage is reported by all ranks to have been accurate and effective. No lights were fired from enemy F.L. during Phase I but shortly after Phase II commenced red rockets and white Very lights were fired from positions in enemy F.L. which had previously<sup>been</sup> bombarded. The firing of these lights continued until Zero plus 3 when the Artillery again engaged F.L. Many casualties must have been inflicted on the enemy who were evidently unprepared for this action on the part of the Artillery. The firing of lights was discontinued until some time after the bombardment had ceased.

STOKES MORTAR: The smoke from smoke shells thrown into enemy F.L. during Phase II was plainly visible to all members of the party and must undoubtedly have caused great confusion.

SMOKE CLOUD: The discharge of smoke on the flanks of the raiders was very effective indeed and completely nullified the effects of the rays of the searchlight working from WENZ MACQUART. Smoke was dense and hung low on the ground and must have caused alarm and consternation in enemy lines.

In view of the above almost ideal circumstances which could not but have ensured the success of the raid it is regretted that no entry was effected into enemy's trenches and that objectives were not attained.

The cutting of the wire has been difficult but on "X" day a cut had been observed by Infantry Officers and as far as could be ascertained a gap had been caused in enemy's wire. The enemy, however, has displayed great energy and activity on his wire and front line in I.17.a. for some time past, so much so that continuous fire by Machine guns, Lewis guns, and Stokes Mortars seems to be absolutely imperative to prevent the erecting of new obstacles.

In view of the heavy bombardment to which the Centre Brigade Section was subjected on "W" and "X" and "Z" nights it is apparent that the diversion was completely successful and drew a great deal of Artillery fire which would undoubtedly have been directed against raiders of 10th Brigade.

Detailed accounts of these bombardments are contained in Intelligence Summaries.

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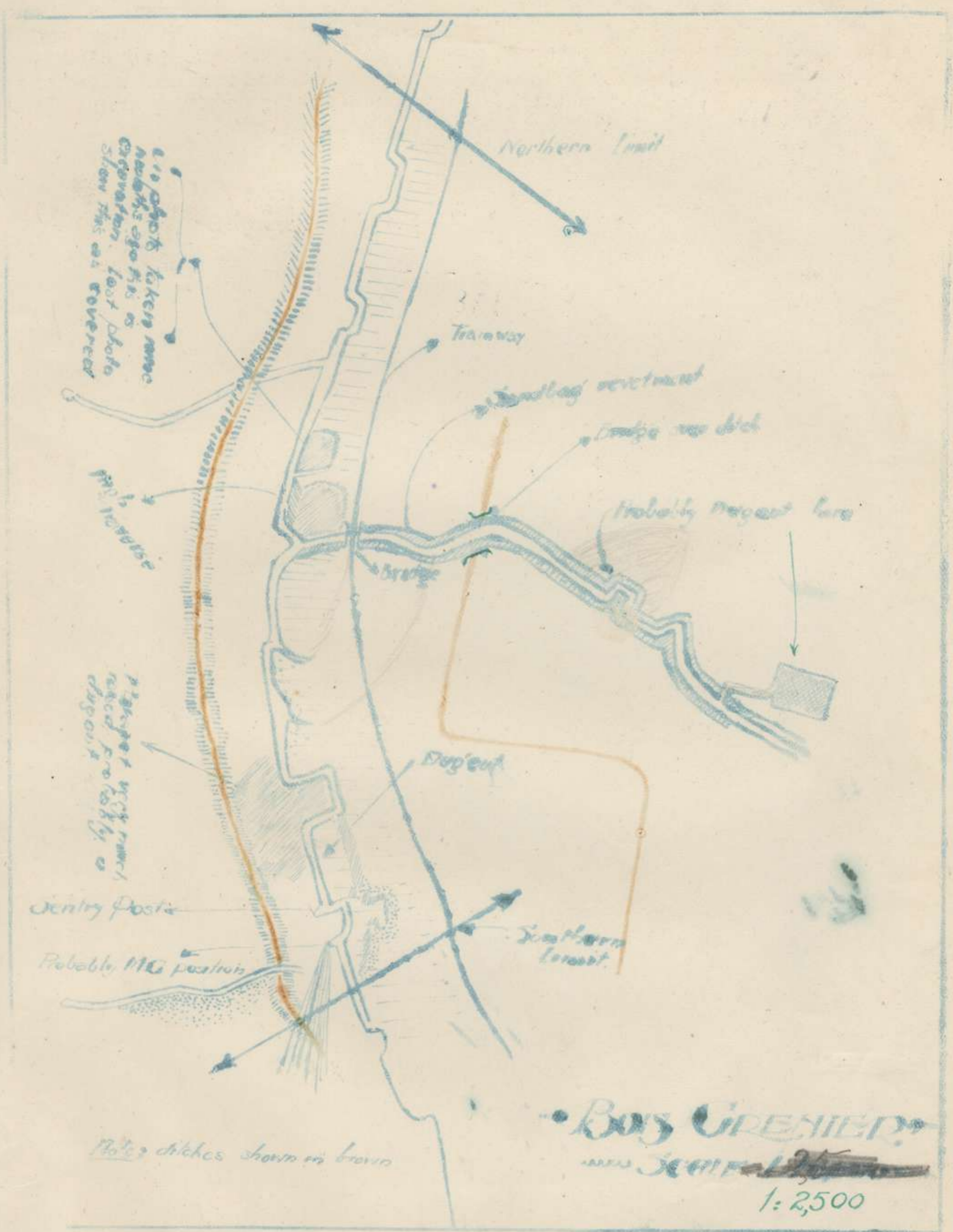
At 11.15 p.m. a noise similar to that made by Strobos Horn was heard in enemy's lines immediately N. of EPINETTE. This was taken up immediately in enemy F.L. and Support Line opposite Left Bn. Subsec. especially East of EPINETTE. Gongs were sounded, horns were blown and electric bells could be heard quite distinctly in Support Lines in this area. It is considered that this was probably an enemy gas alarm.

*G. H. Lester M.A.F.*

Brigadier-General  
Commanding 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.



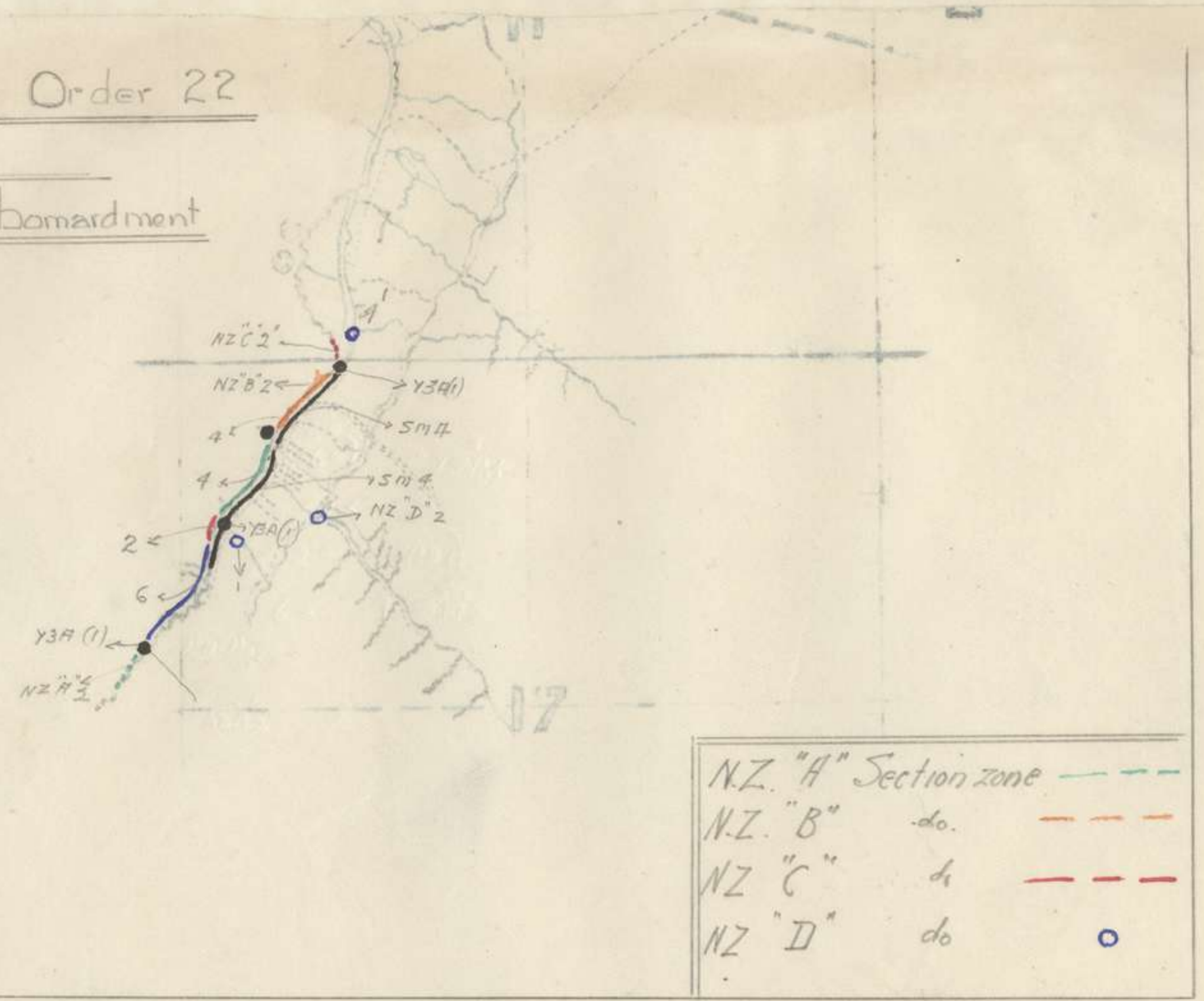
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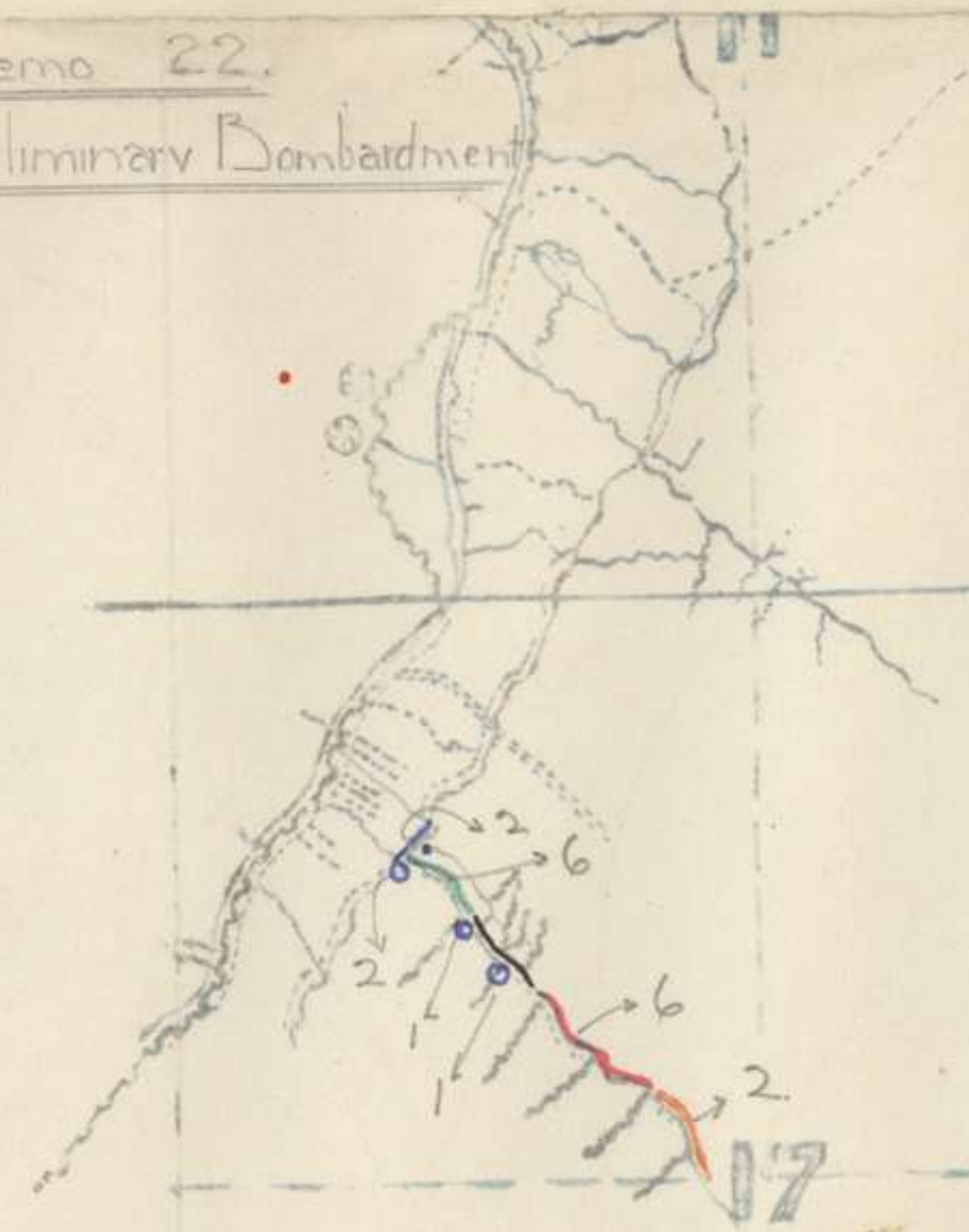


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Phase 1  
"W" & "X" bombardment





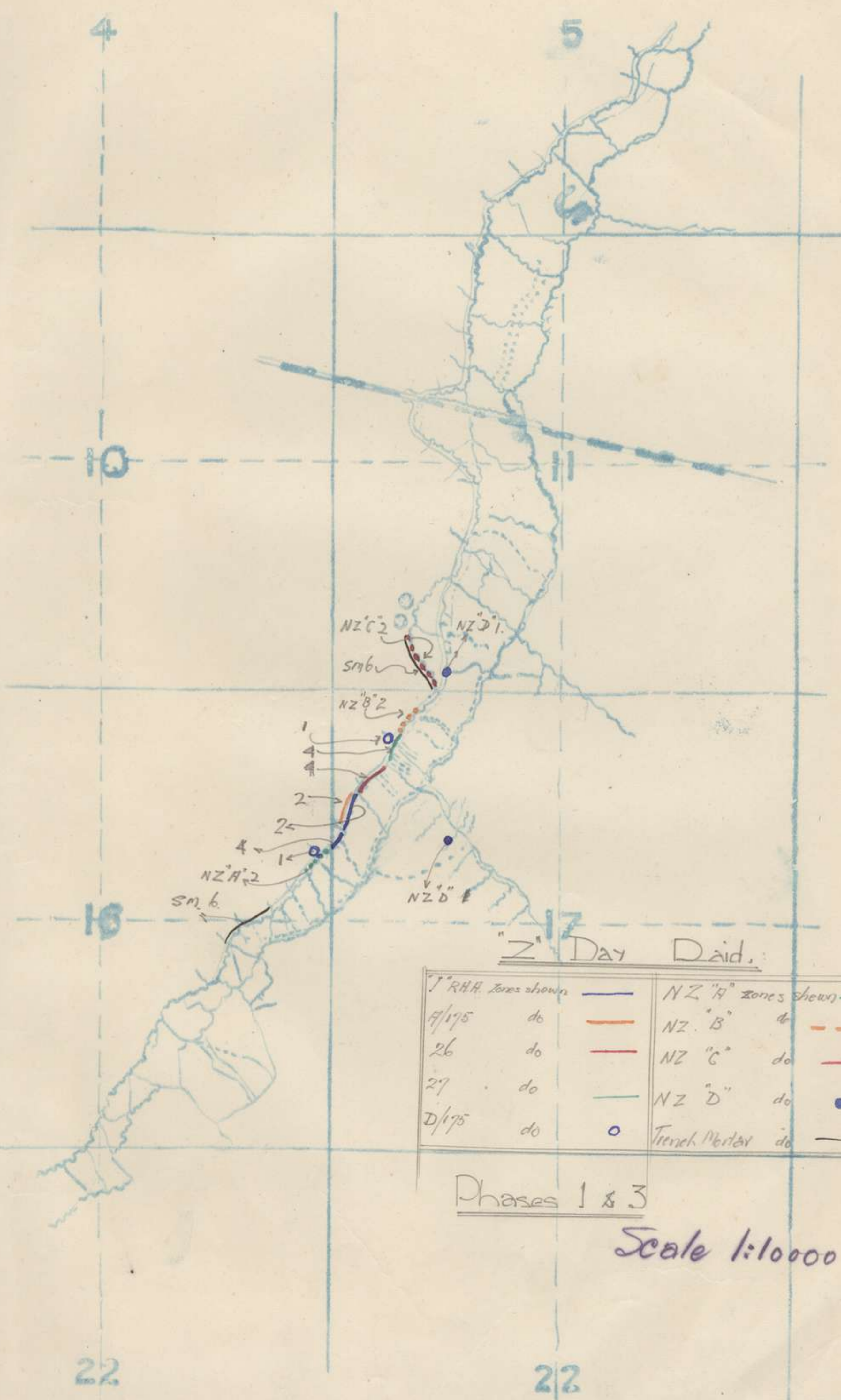
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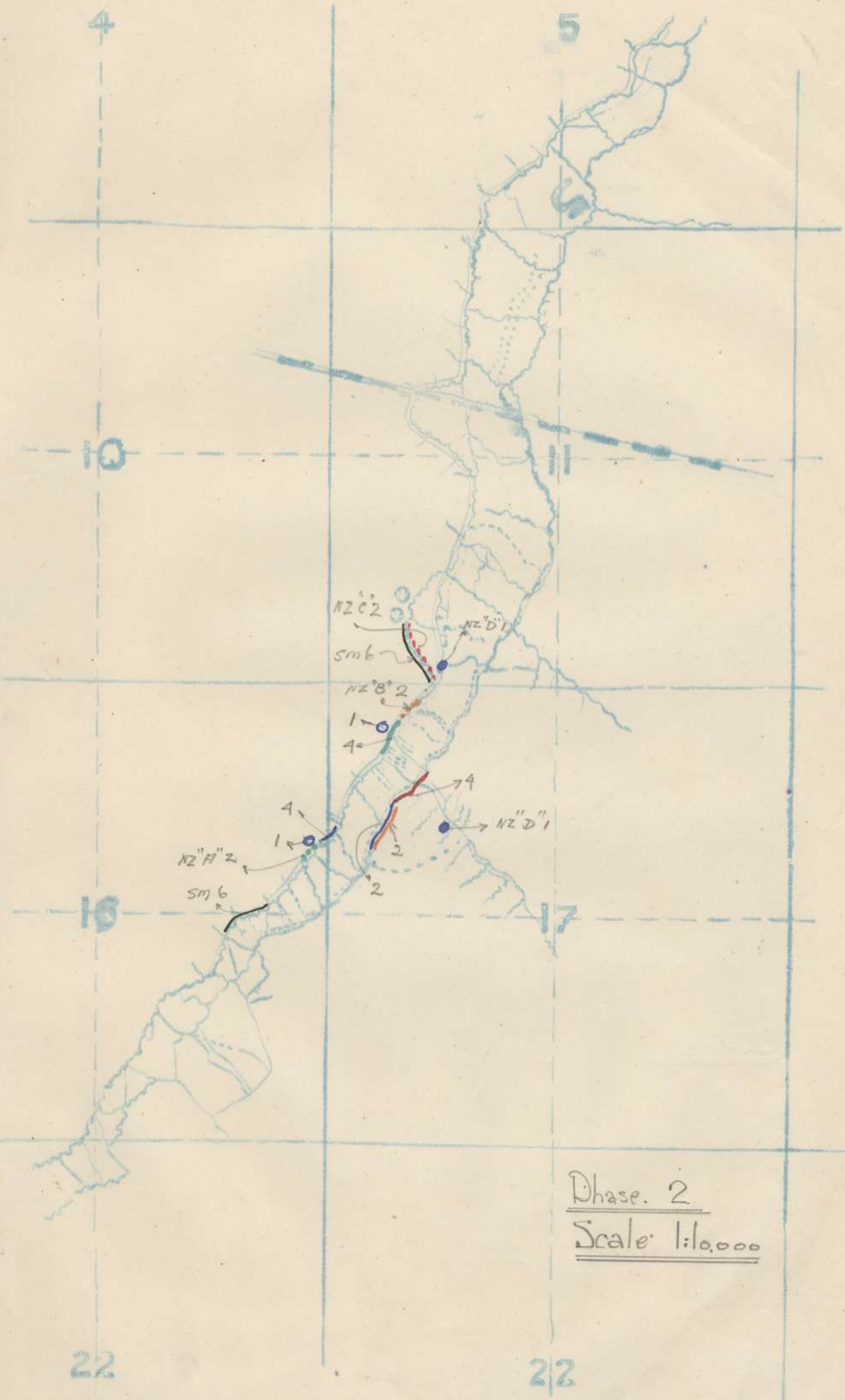




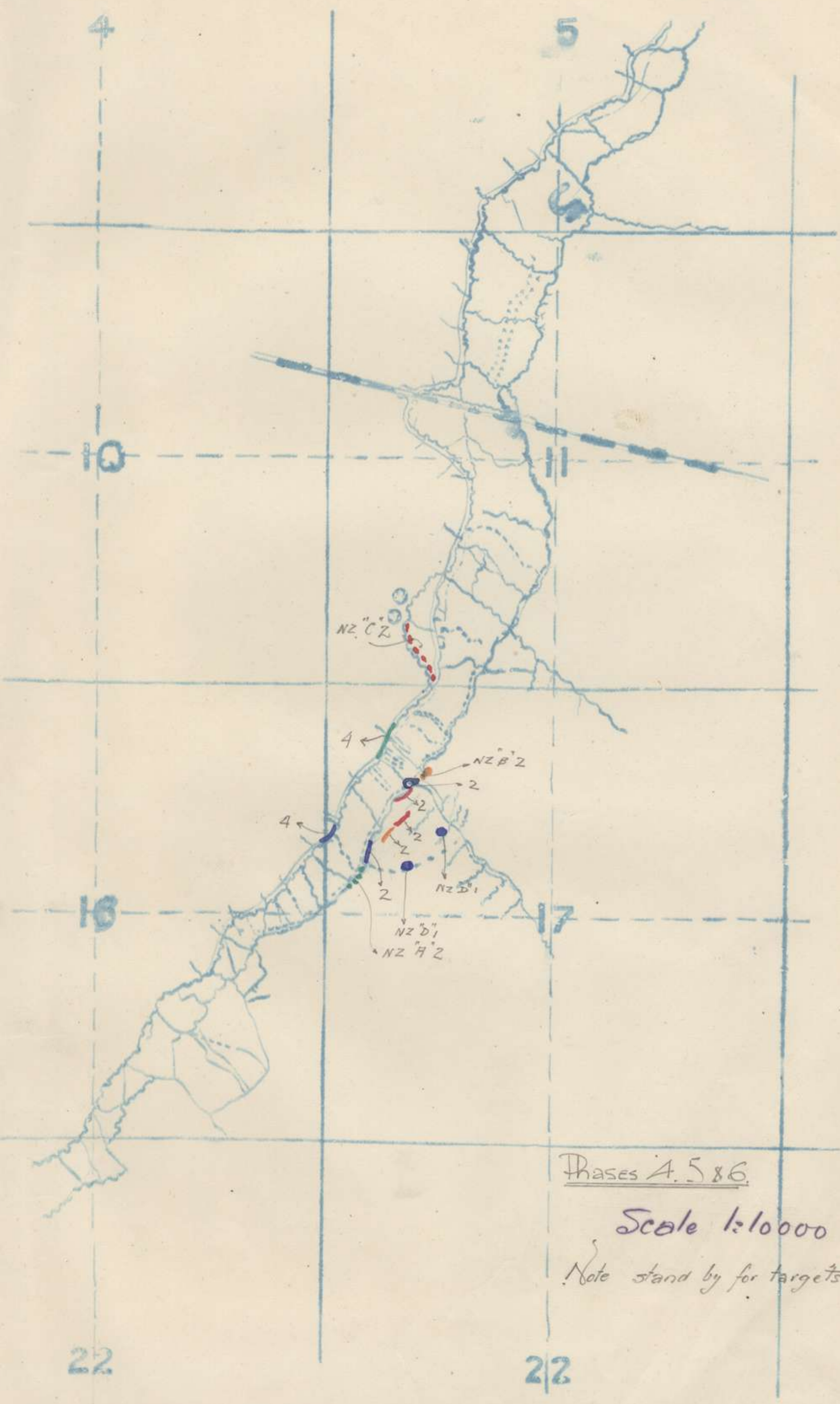
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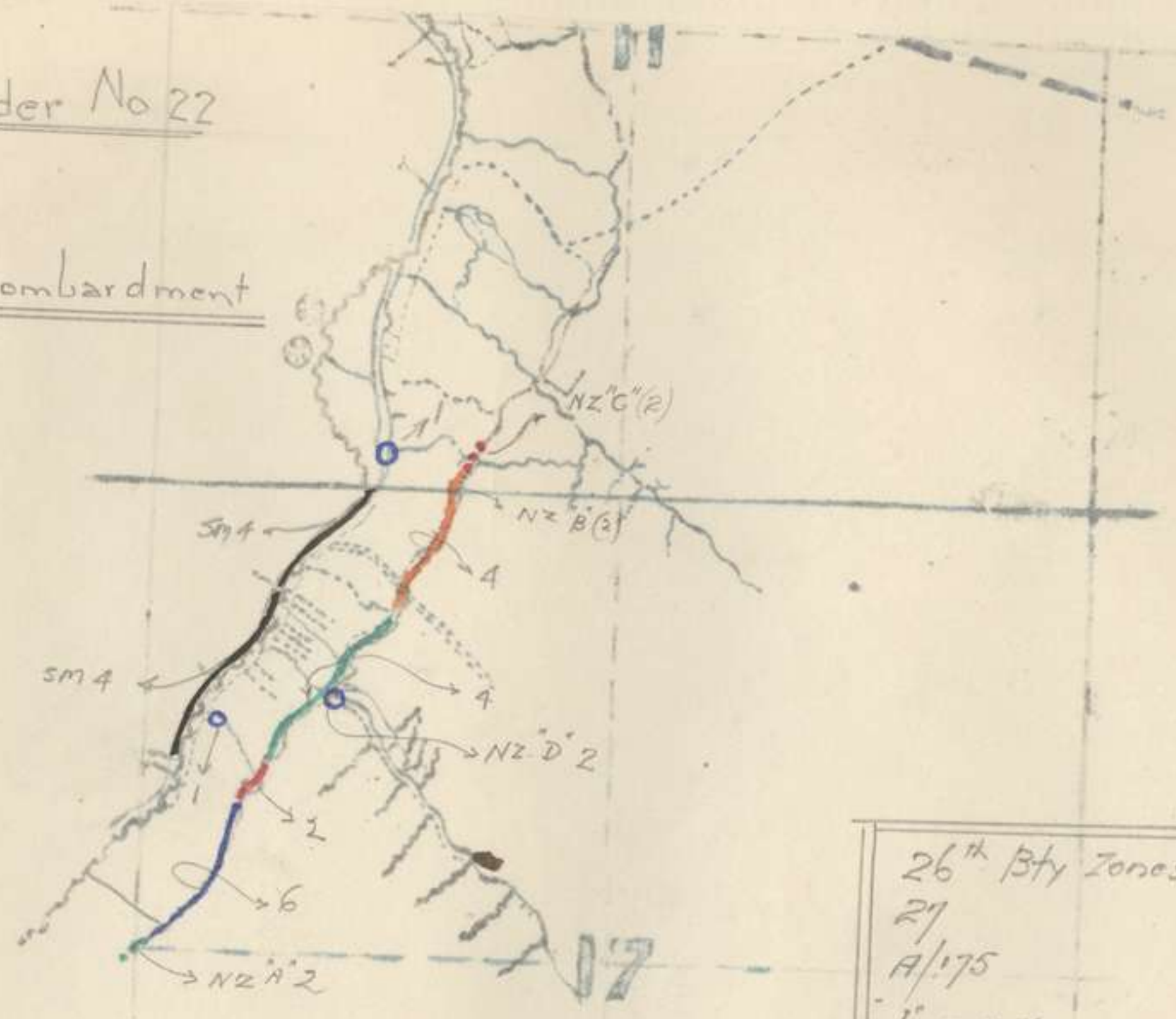
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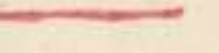


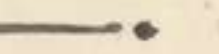
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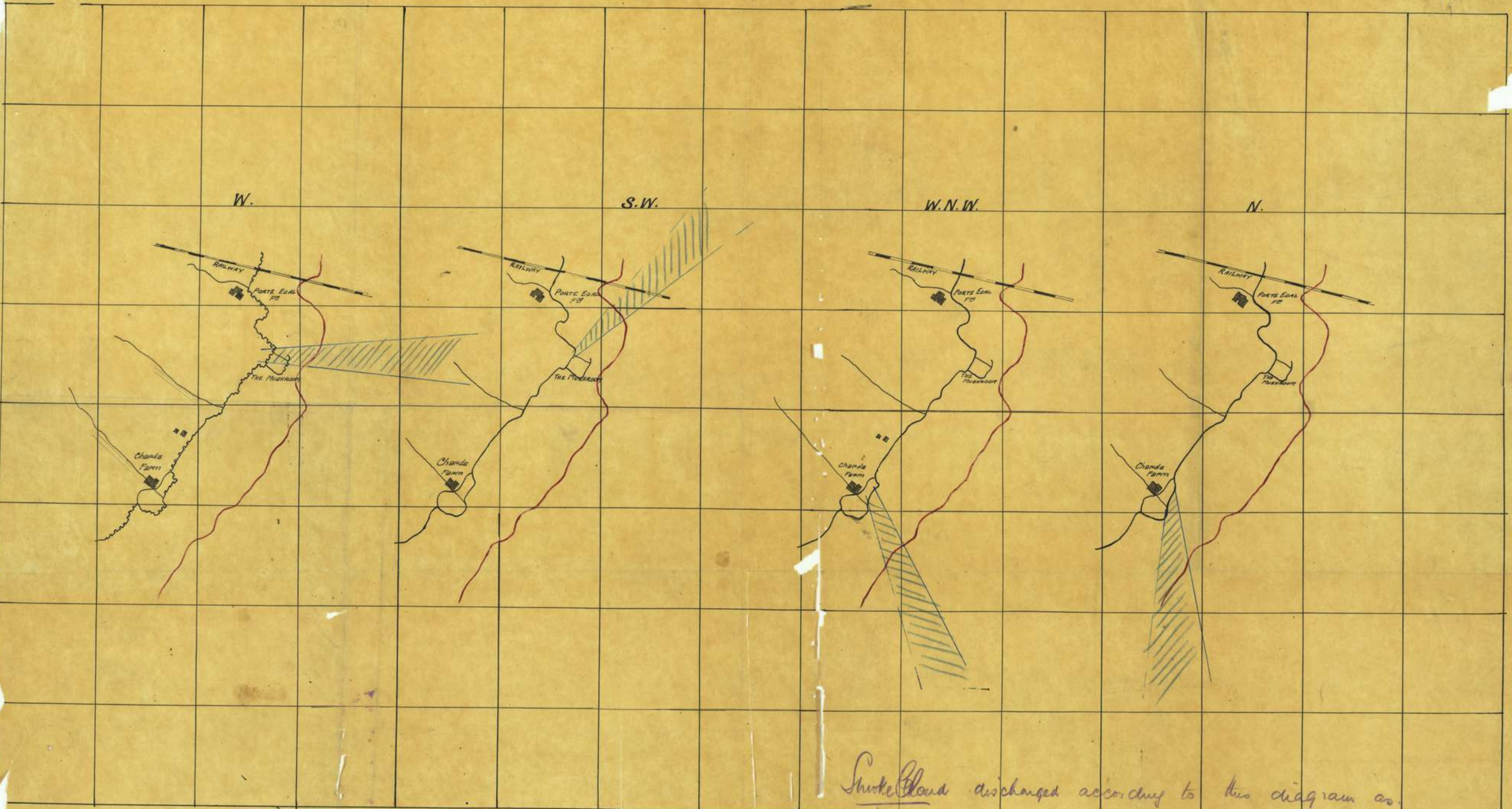


26 <sup>th</sup> Bty	Zones shown	
27	do	
A/175	do	
J RHA	do	
D/175	do	
Trench Mortars	do	

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Smoke cloud discharged according to this diagram as  
Wind was varying from N.W. to N.

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## 11th INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 41

Brigade Headquarters,  
24th February 1917-

Reference Map BOIS GRIMIER 1/10,000  
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- INFORMATION (1) (a) On "Z" day a party from 600 to 800 all ranks of 10th Infantry Brigade will carry out a raid on enemy front C.29.a.40.20 to C.23.c.90.30 at zero hour.  
(b) As the infantry in the above enterprise are returning a diversion will be carried out by the Artillery on enemy's trenches in C.17 opposite HOBBS FARM.  
(c) On being raided the enemy appears to have two distinct courses of action, viz -  
(i) Barrage our front line and portion of NO MAN'S LAND bomb his own wire vigorously and open with flanking machine guns on night lines.  
(ii) Withdraw from his front line and put his Artillery on to it.

On the night of 11/12th February he sent a detachment out into NO MAN'S LAND to get on to the flank of one of our raiding parties.

(d) Wire has been cut at I.17.a.10.55.

- INTENTION (2) (a) At the same zero hour as mentioned in para 1 (a) above a raid will be carried out by a party of the 41st Battalion who will enter enemy trenches at I.17.a.12.55. This raiding party will leave enemy trenches not later than Zero + 25 minutes.  
(b) The objects of the raid are :-  
(a) To take prisoners.  
(b) To secure identification.  
(c) To inflict casualties on enemy.  
(d) To capture enemy machine guns and Trench Mortars.  
(e) To destroy emplacements, dugouts and materiel.  
(f) To obtain information of all kinds concerning enemy defences.

The Centre Group Artillery, 11th Light Trench Mortar Battery and, by request, The Right Group Artillery will co-operate with -

- (a) Preliminary bombardment, and  
(b) Box barrage.

- ACTION ON (3) On "W" and "X" days there will be Artillery activity on PREVIOUS DAYS. enemy lines in (a) C.29.a. and C.23.c.  
(b) I.17.a.

Details of the shoots on the latter area will be issued as a separate memorandum. On "X" day the 9th Infantry Brigade will raid under cover of the bombardment in (a) mentioned above.

On "Y" day there will not be any Artillery or Infantry action.

- ARTILLERY (4) A dummy bombardment lasting 20 minutes on both 10th and 11th ACTION ON Brigade raid areas will be carried out on "Z" day commencing 2 hours 50 minutes before zero time. There will not be any infantry action during this bombardment.  
"Z" DAY. The Artillery programme for 41st Battalion raid will be as follows:-

PHASE I.- Zero to Zero + 1 minute. Bombardment of enemy front line and saps from  
I.17.a.33.91 to I.17.b.92.22 ) Field guns and  
I.11.c.35.28 to I.11.c.48.00 ) Light Trench  
I.16.b.75.03 to I.16.d.59.90 ) Mortars.  
Saps I.16.b.97.28 )  
I.17.a.28.80 ) Howitzers.  
Strong Point I.11.c.49.10) "  
H. W. I.17.a.52.38) "

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ARTILLERY  
ACTION ON  
"Z" DAY  
(Contd.)

PHASE II - Zero +1 to Zero +3 minutes. As for Phase I, but 18 prs. lift from front line trench (from I.17.a.05.35 to I.17.a.28.70) to enemy support line I.17.a.42.60 to I.17.a.20.28.

PHASE III - Zero +3 to Zero +5 minutes. As for Phase I.

PHASE IV - Zero +5 to Zero +15 minutes. Artillery lifts from front line trench (from I.17.a.05.35 to I.17.a.28.70) to form box. The inside of box is defined by the following points :-  
Front Line I.17.a.28.70, Support Line I.17.a.30.49  
rear of Support Line I.17.a.38.40 to I.17.a.28.28  
Support Line I.17.a.20.31 - Front Line I.17.a.05.35  
3" L.T.Ms. cease fire and stand by for targets.

PHASE V - Zero +15 to Zero +25 minutes. As for Phase IV but slower rate of fire.

PHASE VI - Zero +25 to Zero +35 minutes. As for Phase V, but slower rate of fire.

For details of Artillery action see Appendix "A" attached. C.O. Centre Group Artillery will detail an Officer as Liaison Officer. This officer will report to CLQ. "A" Battalion at "A" Battalion Headquarters 3 hours and 50 minutes before zero time.

LIGHT TRENCH (5) Four (4) Mortars from 10th Light Trench Mortar Battery will be made available for 11th Light Trench Mortar Battery on "Z" night.  
MORTARS.  
The action of 11th Light Trench Mortar Battery is shown in Appendix "A" attached.

MACHINE (6) The O.C. 11th Machine Gun Company will arrange for Vickers GUNS. guns to co-operate with Artillery barrage and to fire on enemy machine guns and searchlights which may appear. He will arrange for guns to search enemy main communication trench - I.17.a.40.56 to I.17.a.87.05 and enemy front and support lines in the vicinity of I.16.d.75.95.

DISTRIBUTION (7) The raiding party will be composed as follows:-  
O.C. Raid - Lieut. F.W. STRATFORD, 41st Battalion.  
O.C. Parapet - Lieut. W. SKEVES, 41st Battalion.  
O.C. Assault - 2/Lieut. H.J. WILES, 41st Battalion.

	Offrs. N.C.Os. O.R.	
<u>No. 1 Party.</u>		
O.C. Raid	1	
Telephonists		2
Runners		2
<u>No. 2 Party</u>		
Wirecutters and scouts (also escort to prisoners)	1	3
Telephonists		2
<u>No. 3 Party (Right Covering Party)</u>		
Lewis gunners (with Lewis Gun)	1	1
Bombers		1
<u>No. 4 Party (Left Covering Party)</u>		
Lewis gunners (with Lewis Gun)	1	1
Bombers		1
<u>No. 5 Party.</u>		
O.C. Assault	1	
Right Blocking Party		
(1 to be detailed for Intelligence)		
(1 to be detailed for demolitions)	1	7



DISTRIBUTION (Contd)

	(3)	<u>Offrs. N.C.Os. O.R.</u>		
No. 6 Party (Left Blocking Party)				
(1 to be detailed for Intelligence)				
(1 to be detailed for demolitions)		1		7
No. 7 Party (Communication Trench Blocking Party)				
(1 to be detailed for Intelligence)				
(1 to be detailed for demolitions)		1		7
No. 8 Party (Parapet Party)				
O.C. Parapet		1		
Stretcher bearers				4
Runners (Scouts)				2
	TOTAL =	3	6	40
Reserve Party				
Officer in charge		1		
Scouts				5
Stretcher bearers				4
	TOTAL =	1	-	9

DUTIES (8)

No. 1 Party will remain in our front line near the point of exit.

No. 2 Party will leave our front line *trenches*, from a point previously decided by O.C. Raid, 45 minutes before zero time and will move to a point approximately 150 yards outside our own wire.

The two signallers of this party will lay cable as they go forward and will each carry a telephone - the telephone of the leading signaller being connected up and ready for use. As soon as Artillery Phase III ceases (or during Phase III if possible) No. 2 Party will immediately go forward and examine wire opposite the point of entry and will report to O.C. Raid by 'phone if it is cut. This information will be signalled to O.C. Assault by torch, thus :-

Red light = Wire not cut.  
Green light = Wire cut.

Parties 3 and 4 will leave our trenches immediately after No. 2 Party and move out to the right and left flanks respectively, taking up positions at I.16.b.65.40 and I.16.k.95.80 (approximately) respectively.

Parties 5, 6, 7 and 8 will leave our trenches in the order shown and will go forward behind No. 2 Party at a distance to be decided by O.C. Assault.

Parties 5, 6 and 7 will enter the enemy's trenches at zero + 5 minutes and in the order shown.

Parties 5 and 6 will, on entry, at once move along enemy front line to right (South) and left (North) respectively but neither party will go further than 50 yards from the point of entry.

No. 7 Party will proceed down enemy's communication trench for a distance not exceeding 50 yards, i.e. it will not pass point I.17.a.18.47.

Men detailed for demolition work will carry previously prepared charges of guncotton.

All enemy dead, dugouts and earthworks will be searched for shoulder straps, papers, identification marks, arms and equipment.

At least one traverser mat will be carried by each Nos. 2, 5, 6, and 7 parties.

Light ladders to bridge enemy's borrow ditch will also be carried.

Reserve party will be at the disposal of O.C. Raid.

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- POSITION OF OFFICERS. (9) (a) O.C.Raid will remain in our front line trench near the point of exit.  
 (b) O.C.Parapet will direct operations from a point near the point of entry into enemy trenches.  
 (c) O.C.Assault will enter enemy trenches and be at point in enemy front line trench near the junction of it and the communication trench.  
 (d) The reserve officer will remain near O.C.Raid and in close touch with him and will immediately take over should the O.C.Raid become a casualty.
- S.O.S. (10) On "Z" day S.O.S./will be suspended on the front I.16.b.75.00 to I.17.a.45.95 from zero - 2 hours 50 minutes until brought into operation by order of the G.O.C. 11th Infantry Brigade.
- SIGNALS (11) The following code of signals will be used for communication from O.C.Assault to O.C.Raid :-  
 IN ..... Have entered enemy trench.  
 PRISONERS ..... Prisoners are being escorted back.  
 EMPTY ..... Trench not garrisoned.  
 OUT ..... We have left enemy trench.  
 CEASE ..... Cease barrage.  
 ASSEMBLY ..... Party at point of assembly.
- WITHDRAWAL (12) (a) The raiders will remain in the enemy trenches not later than zero + 25 minutes.  
 (b) The order for withdrawal will be given by the O.C. Assault, the order for same being the word "OUT". This will be shouted and passed from man to man.  
 (c) The above order (b) will be duplicated by the firing of white Very lights by O.C.Assault towards enemy Subsidiary line and by O.C.Parapet towards the enemy Support Lines.  
 (d) No.7 Party will withdraw first followed by Nos.6,5,8 and 2 and in the order shown. Parties Nos. 3 and 4 will cover the withdrawal of the above parties.  
 (e) The O.C.Assault, on leaving enemy trenches, will decide whether (having regard to enemy fire) it is advisable for the parties to return to our lines at once, or whether they shall "lie up" and return to our lines independently, later.
- ROLL CALL (13) The C.O. "A" Battalion will establish a roll call station at "A" Battalion Headquarters. A nominal roll of all ranks of the raiding party will be handed into Headquarters "A" Battalion during the afternoon preceding the raid. After the raid all members will report at once to "A" Battalion Headquarters to be checked.  
 The O.C.Raid will check all parties in and out at our own parapet, and must therefore, have some rapid and workable scheme of checking.  
 The N.C.O. in charge of each party, when leaving enemy's trench, will report to O.C.Assault at the point of entry whether his men are all out or not.
- WATCHWORD (14) A watchword and countersign will be used by the raiding party and will be communicated to all members of the raiding party during the afternoon of "Z" day and to the front line garrison of "A" Battalion one hour before zero time. The use of the watchword and countersign will be practiced during preliminary training.



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- PRECAUTIONS (15)** (a) All ranks taking part in the raid must wear or carry nothing that will in any way give identification to the enemy.  
 (b) The English issue of clothing will be worn by all ranks.  
 (c) Bayonets will be sharpened but darkened.  
 (d) Gas helmets will be worn in the 'altap' position.  
 (e) Faces and hands will be blackened.
- DRESS AND EQUIPMENT. (16)** Dress and equipment other than as set out in para (15) to be worn by all ranks, will be decided by O.C. Raid.
- MEDICAL (17)** O.C. Raid will communicate the position of point of exit to R.M.O. "A" Battalion.  
 The R.M.O. "A" Battalion will arrange a temporary Aid Post in the vicinity of the point of exit and will communicate the position of this Aid Post to O.C. Raid.  
 On Zero day the R.M.O. "C" Battalion will be placed at the disposal of O.C. "A" Battalion so that both the Regimental Aid Post and the forward temporary Aid Post may be used simultaneously.
- PRISONERS (18)** Prisoners will be dealt with as follows:-  
 (1) They must be separated from each other and not allowed to converse.  
 (2) They will be disarmed and searched at the earliest possible moment, and relieved of all papers, books, badges, shoulder straps etc.  
 (3) Each man's papers etc., must be kept separate and marked so that he may be questioned concerning papers etc., taken from him.  
 (4) Our own troops must be prevented from crowding around the prisoners.  
 (5) All prisoners will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters as quickly as possible.
- HOSTILE RETALIATION (19)** During both the dummy bombardment and 41st Battalion raid, front line garrisons will be reduced to the utmost on the front opposite the area raided in order to reduce casualties from hostile retaliation to a minimum.  
 Other than guns engaged in the raid, the garrison should consist only of a few Lewis guns and their crews, each with a small escort of a bomber and a bayonet man. Good lookout must be maintained.  
 "B" Battalion will also take precautions to avoid casualties as a certain amount of enemy retaliation may be expected to fall on "B" Battalion front.
- PRELIMINARY RECONNAISSANCE (20)** (a) All Officers, N.C.O.s and scouts of the raiding party will make a personal reconnaissance of the actual ground to be gone over at least two nights prior to the raid.  
 (b) All Other ranks taking part in the raid will go out into NO MAN'S LAND on the ground to be covered on the night of the raid at least once before Zero day.
- APPROACH MARCH (21)** The raiding party will move to the point of exit in the following order of parties:-  
 No. 1  
 No. 2  
 No. 3  
 No. 4  
 No. 5  
 No. 6  
 No. 7  
 No. 8  
 Route will be decided by C.O. "A" Battalion who will arrange that the route to be used is kept clear for use of raiders from - 2 hours to +2 hours on "Z" day.



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- PATROLLING (22) Normal patrolling will be maintained as far as possible up to zero - one hour. The time at which the dummy bombardment commences may affect patrolling and must be considered when known.
- ZERO TIME (23) AND ZERO DAY. Zero time and zero day will be communicated later.
- WATCHES (24) Watches will be synchronised at 11th Brigade Headquarters at - 6 hours and - 3 hours on "Z" day.
- COMMUNICATIONS (25) The C.O. "A" Battalion will arrange telephonic communication from O.C. Raid to H.G.2. He will also take steps to ensure that all information is rapidly collected and forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.
- LIAISON (26) Lieut. DUNBAR, 42nd Battalion and Captain OSWALD, 43rd Battalion will act as Brigade Liaison Officers with "A" Battalion on "Z" day. These officers will report to O.C. "A" Battalion at zero - 1 hour on "Z" day. C.O. "A" Battalion will provide them with the necessary runners.
- REPORTS (27) Reports should be sent to Brigade Headquarters (G.O.2)

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11th INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 42

25th February 1917.

- RELIEF (1) The following relief will take place on the morning of the 28th February 1917 :-  
 43rd Battalion will relieve 41st Battalion.  
 44th Battalion will relieve 42nd Battalion.
- DESIGNATION (2) Designation of Battalions after relief will be -  
 "A" Battalion - 43rd Battalion  
 "B" Battalion - 44th Battalion.  
 "C" Battalion w 41st Battalion.  
 "D" Battalion - 42nd Battalion.
- BILLETS (3) 41st Battalion will take over billets vacated by 43rd Bn.  
 42nd Battalion will take over billets vacated by 44th Bn.
- DETAILS (4) Details of relief will be arranged by C.Os. concerned.
- LUNATIC LANE (5) LUNATIC LANE is allotted to 42nd and 44th Battalions for purposes of the relief.
- PRECAUTIONS (6) Units will move in parties of not more than 20 men. A time distance of five minutes will be kept between parties. All precautions are to be taken to avoid detection by aeroplane or other enemy observation.
- maps (7) All defence schemes, secret trench maps, aeroplane photographs, log books, trench and billet stores will be handed over between units on relief.
- DIV. TRENCH ORDERS (8) Attention is directed to Divisional Trench Orders, para 4.
- COMPLETION OF RELIEF (9) Relief is to be completed by 12 noon. Battalions concerned will notify 11th Brigade Headquarters by wire as soon as their relief is complete.

ACKNOWLEDGE - (10) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

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## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 63

From 6 a.m. 25/2/17 to 6 a.m. 26/2/17.

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## OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: At 1.30 p.m. 107th Battery silenced enemy Minonwerfers opposite No. 5 Locality. Direct hits were obtained on M.G. emplacements at I.5.b.38.40 and I.11.a.60.95 but the structures were not demolished entirely.

Registration was carried out during the day.

M.G.s. dispersed enemy working party E. of No. 1 Locality and fired on M.G. emplacement at I.11.a.60.95.

At 4.50 p.m. the 26th, 27th and 207th Batteries fired on enemy C.T. and road coming from PRETRESQUES. Infantry observers had noticed approximately two Platoons of infantry falling in near the cutting on the road at PRETRESQUES.

MACHINE GUNS: The following targets were engaged -

I.17.a.12.55 (Gap in enemy's wire)	250 rounds.
I.12.c.30.00 (Junction of roads)	250 rounds
I.12.d.02.39 (Railway crossing)	250 "
I.18.a.50.85 (Junction of roads)	250 "

LEWIS GUNS: L.Gs. of right Bn. Subsec. paid special attention to gap in enemy wire in I.17.a. and fired on enemy working party to the South of the MUSHROOM.

L.Gs. of Left Bn. Subsec. paid special attention to the gap in enemy wire at I.5.c.92.35 and dispersed a working party at this point early in the night.

SNIPERS: Two hits were obtained opposite Locality 5.

PATROLS: Right Bn. Subsec. - Seven patrols operated on this front during the night. The enemy displayed no great activity and patrols examined enemy wire around RAILWAY SALIENT. Here the wire is still badly damaged and could easily be penetrated. No. 3 Patrol examined enemy wire from Railway to the MUSHROOM. There are several rows of wire each strengthened by knife rests. Two gaps were discovered. The gap immediately north of the MUSHROOM is laid with trip wire.

Left Bn. Subsec. - Patrols were unable to reach enemy wire owing to the alertness of the enemy.

NO MAN'S LAND was continuously swept with Machine gun fire and searchlight were being used extensively. The machine gun fired from the PI PLE, I.5.b.15.45 was again active and played on our patrols continuously.

OUR DEFENCES: Wiring was carried out in front of A Gap, Locality 3, Gap E Locality 5, 6, and 7. The wiring party in front of No. 5 Locality was engaged by M.G. fire and Pineapples and suffered one casualty. General repairs were effected to defences and much attention was paid to drainage of F.L.

## ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: At 12.50 p.m. a 77 mm Battery opened fire on No. 4 Locality firing 33 rounds. At 1.5 p.m. the same battery fired shrapnel over B Gap. 8 Minonwerfer were also fired from I.17.a. and I.17.c. into B Gap at the same time.

Registration was carried out by 77 mm Battery on WHITE FARM and S.P.Y.. 12 77 mm H.E. were fired into the wire in front of Gap E but did practically no damage to wire.

Pineapples and rifle grenades were fired intermittently throughout the day on to all localities but no great damage was done.

MACHINE GUNS: Enemy M.Gs. were especially active opposite Left Bn. Subsec. and engaged our wire and parapet throughout the night.

PATROLS: None encountered.

SNIPERS: Were not so active as during the last few days.

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ENEMY DEFENCES: Very little work was carried out by the enemy during the night. A few small working parties were noticed during the day and were engaged by L.Gs. and T.I.s.

OBSERVATION: Between 2.45 p.m. and 3.55 p.m. much enemy movement was noticed in support line between MUSHROOM and RAILWAY SALIENT. At 4.17 p.m. the enemy was first noticed in small groups at I.24.b.40.00 (PREESQUES). At 4.35 p.m. they appeared to be falling in. This information was passed back to Artillery while the party was still there and was brought to bear on the point at which they were assembled. The shots were well placed and the party dispersed but returned some minutes later. From this time onwards it was impossible to follow their movement owing to heavy fog. In view of the fact that the scouts found trenches opposite Right Bn. Subsec. unusually quiet it is thought that a local relief may have been effected.

COMMUNICATIONS: At 6.15 p.m. five red lights were fired opposite Left Bn. Subsec. and two from support lines in I.11.c. At 8 p.m. two red lights were fired simultaneously on the left and right limits of Left Bn. Subsec. Searchlights were again active from I.17.b. and I.5.d. A portable searchlight was also used in enemy front line opposite Left Bn. Subsec. and was forced to move from time to time by Lewis gun fire.

MISCELLANEOUS: Enemy bombed his wire as usual.

*G. A. Acubas Lt Col.*

Major

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



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PRECIS OF ENGINEERING REPORT

FOR WEEK ENDING 25/2/17.

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1. GENERAL. Conditions due to the thaw have caused parapets to subside in several places.
2. FRONT LINE. Wiring in front of Parapet has been resumed and wiring in rear continued. Localities have been maintained in repair. Supervision trench No. 7 Locality 75% complete.
3. COMMUNICATIONS. (F.L. to S.L.). All have been maintained except AUCKLAND AVENUE which has been badly damaged by enemy fire and weather conditions.
4. SUPPORT LINE. Trench to M.G. Position near PETIT PORTE EGAL FARM complete. Reclamation of fire bays continued.
5. COMMUNICATIONS (S.L. to Sub. Line). Have needed careful attention by Pioneer gang. Westralia Walk 95% complete and now Passable.
6. SUB LINE. Sixty-two steel shelters (3 man) now complete. Thirty under construction. Revetting of traffic trenches near BYRNES BOULEVARD 75% complete.
7. DRAINAGE. All main drains have been maintained.
8. DUG OUTS etc. Ammunition store at Square Farm completed and in use. Company Headquarters of Right Battalion fitted with gas proof curtains. Five bomb /proof shelters for M.G. crews commenced ~~XXXXXXXX~~ in Sub. Line.
9. BATTERIES. A great amount of concrete work has been carried out in connection with all Batteries.
10. TRENCH MORTARS. Two positions for M.T.M.'s under repair. Two emplacements for Stokes Guns under way. Ammunition Store for L.T.M.'s in JAPAN ROAD is 95% complete.
11. CAMOUFLAGE. Several camouflage screens have been erected on new gun positions. Trench screen at I 4 b 43 is complete.

(Sgd ) R.J. Donaldson,  
Major.



11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 64

From 6 a.m. 26/2/17 to 6 a.m. 27/2/17.

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OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY. At 7.50 a.m. Artillery dispersed a working party N. of the MUSHROOM. At 12 noon a shoot was carried out in I.17.a. by Heavy and Medium Mortars in co-operation with Hows. and 18 prs. T.Ns. endeavoured to cut wire but owing to base plates failing to hold firm only six rounds were fired.

At 9.40 p.m. the preliminary bombardment was carried out on C.T. in I.17.a. and drew heavy retaliation on both Bn. Subsecs.

At 12.30 a.m. combined Artillery and T. shoot was carried out as Southern diversion to the bombardment to the North. Enemy retaliated vigorously to this fire along the front of both Bn. Subsecs.

MACHINE GUNS: Co-operated with Artillery firing on searchlights, C.Ts. and G. emplacements.

LEWIS GUNS: Engaged enemy M.Gs. during the bombardment and dispersed a working party West of SPARROWS NEST at 10.45 p.m.

SNIPERS: Active. Two hits obtained opposite Locality 1 and Locality 5.

PATROLS: Patrolling was interfered with by Artillery bombardment. One patrol reached German wire opposite Locality 7. No gaps could be found.

Except during periods of bombardment very little M.G. fire was encountered by patrols.

OUR DEFENCES: Wiring was carried out in front of Gap D, in rear of MUSHROOM, and in front of Support Line of CHICKEN FARM. Considerable damage was done to breastworks and C.Ts. of Left Bn. Subsec. as the result of enemy retaliation. SECOND HOUSE AVENUE and NEW CUT were damaged and rendered impassable. Front line parapet was breached in several places and JAPAN ROAD badly damaged.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Right Bn. Subsec.- Enemy displayed intermittent activity throughout the day with 77 mm H.E. and shrapnel paying most attention to Nos. 1 and 2 Localities. Ranging was carried out on Support Line of 1, 2, and 3 Localities between 2 p.m. and 5.15 p.m.

At 9.40 p.m. in retaliation for our dummy bombardment the front and support lines of Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Localities were searched with shrapnel. Most of the mortar firing was carried out against Gaps A and B.

At 12.30 a.m. a brisk retaliation was given to our bombardment and consisted mainly of 4.2 H.E. and shrapnel and small Minenwerfer. Most of the Minenwerfer firing was carried out from the vicinity of WEZ MACQUART. Retaliation continued for the duration of the shoot in I.17.a.

Left Bn. Subsec. During the day Artillery activity was confined to throwing Pineapples on Localities 5 and 6. Retaliation to shoot at 9.40 p.m. was prompt and vigorous. It was intensely severe on Localities 6 and 7 and by no means light on Locality 5.

Retaliation to shoot at 12.30 a.m. assumed a somewhat similar form and was equally as intense. It consisted mainly of 4.2 H.E. and shrapnel 77 mm H.E. and shrapnel, Minenwerfer of all sizes and T.N. bombs.

All C.Ts. were systematically shelled and a barrage was placed at the junction of QUEENSLAND WALK and JAPAN ROAD. BUTERNE LANE, BYRNES BOULEVARDE, S.P.Y., PLANK AVENUE also received considerable attention. The retaliation lasted in the first case for some time after the preliminary bombardment but ceased almost simultaneously with our bombardment which commenced at 12.30 a.m.

REMARKS:- Much more shrapnel was used by the enemy than has previously been experienced. It was noticed that a great deal of Universal shrapnel was used during both bombardments.



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MACHINE GUNS: Active during the early part of the night sweeping S.P.Y. at intervals. The fire of front line guns was well restricted during the bombardments but long range fire was encountered.

SNIPERS: Active throughout the day causing one casualty.

PATROLS: None encountered.

ENEMY DEFENCES: Concrete loopholes are visible at I.11.a.60.95, I.11.a.60.85, I.5.c.88.27 and I.5.c.90.30. Strong concrete structure is visible at I.11.a.80.95. Wire is visible on enemy parapet in the vicinity of I.17.a.25.80.

## OBSERVATION:

- 2.42 p.m. I.24.b.4.0. (PREMESQUES) 1 German noticed moving up and down in front of building as if on sentry go. This movement was observed throughout the afternoon.
- 3.30 p.m. I.16.d.5.5 dense smoke noticed at this point.
- 3.5 p.m. I.12.c.8.6 (S.W. of LA FRESNELLE) Movement of single individuals noticed at this point.
- 3.55 p.m. I.12.b.4.2 (S.W. of LA FRESNELLE) two Huns entered house at this point.
- 4.45 p.m. I.5.d.2.4. (N. of SPARROWS NEST) 4 Huns seen standing at this point for five minutes.

COMMUNICATION: Searchlights were again active from the direction of RUELLE de la BLANCHE, WEZ MACQUART and INTACT FARM.

At 11.40 a.m. a helio appeared to be working from enemy lines towards HOUPLINES. The fact was reported to Corps Intelligence Branch. Red rockets were again used by the enemy as S.O.S. signals and were fired continuously during the first minute of our bombardment. White parachute flares were freely used throughout the night.

AIRCRAFT: At 9.20 a.m. enemy plane passed over Right Bn. Subsec. making west. At 9.45 a.m. four planes too high for identification passed over our lines going North.

MISCELLANEOUS: Casualties incurred from enemy bombardment were heavy. - Killed - 1 Officer 13 O.R.. Wounded - 17 O.R. Shellshock - 2 O.R. Casualties occurred in all parts of front and support lines.

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



## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 65

From 6 a.m. 27/2/17 to 6 a.m. 28/2/17.

CONFIDENTIALOUR OPERATIONS:

**ARTILLERY:** Retaliation was given six times during the day mostly opposite No. 3 Locality. Several of these retaliation shoots had but little effect on the enemy, but a combined shoot of Hows. and 18 prs. successfully silenced his activity at 2 p.m.

No shooting was carried out by M.T.'s. or L.T.'s.

**MACHINE GUNS:** Engaged roads in I.18.a. and road and railway line in I.12.d.

**LEWIS GUNS:** Swept enemy parapet and wire continuously throughout the night.

**SNIPERS:** One definite hit was obtained N. of the MUSHROOM. Three other hits were claimed opposite No. 5 Locality in the vicinity of SPARRO'S NEST.

**PATROLS:** NO MAN'S LAND was actively patrolled throughout the night. No working parties or patrols were seen and patrols were less hampered than usual by H.G. fire. Gap in enemy's wire 50 yards N. of the BECQUE de la BLUJ was found to be still unrepaired.

**OUR DEFENCES:** Repairs were effected to all C.Ts. which were damaged by enemy fire on the previous night. Reconstruction of firebays was also commenced and drainage of Localities continued.

Wiring: New wire was erected in front of Locality 2, 3 and in Gaps D, and G.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

**ARTILLERY:** Right Bn. Subsec. - Between 9 and 11.30 a.m. ranging was carried out ~~xxxx~~ by a 77 mm Battery on to GDE PORTE EGAL FARM. Between 12.25 p.m. and 12.35 p.m. after a few shots on GDE PORTE EGAL this Battery engaged Support Line of No. 3 Locality and obtained two direct hits on Company Cookhouse. Between 12.40 and 2.15 p.m. 77 mm H.E. were fired into our front line from RAILWAY SALIENT to MUSHROOM at the rate of about 2 rounds per minute. Between 12 noon and 3 p.m. intermittent firing was carried out on wire in E Gap. A narrow Gap was cut near listening post in E Gap. Left Bn. Subsec. - During the day Pineapples were fired on all Localities and a few 77 mm H.E. were fired on Front and Support Line of No. 5 Locality. Four small Minenwerfer were fired on SECOND HOUSE AVENUE and four on NEW CUT.

**MACHINE GUNS:** Fairly active at intervals during the night and often quiet for periods lasting from half an hour to an hour.

**SNIPERS:** Active and doing a great amount of firing from fixed rifles, shots from which skim the top of the parapet.

**PATROLS :** None encountered.

**ENEMY DEFENCES:** Enemy parapet has been badly breached at I.17.a.41.95. The gap in enemy parapet N. of RAILWAY SALIENT has not been repaired.

**OBSERVATION:** Visibility poor throughout the day.

At I.17.a.20.35 several of the enemy were observed exposing themselves while passing what appears to be a portion of trench blown in by our bombardment. All were dressed in dark grey uniform and wore dark steel helmets. The fire from a 77 mm Battery appeared to be directed by an enemy F.O.O. moving along front line opposite No. 5 Locality using a small periscope.

**COMMUNICATION:** Red and white lights were fired frequently during the night opposite all Localities. In some cases the red lights were again followed by blasts of a bugle. Three yellow lights were also fired E. of EPINETTE at 10 p.m. Two red lights which burst into a shower of small green lights were fired at 8 p.m. opposite No. 2 Locality. A searchlight immediately played across NO MAN'S LAND in front of this position.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Heavy bombardment to the North at 5.20 a.m.

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From 6 a.m. 28/2/17 to 6 a.m. 1/3/17.

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OUR OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Retaliation was called for several times during the day and was given by Artillery at 1.30 p.m., 1.45 p.m., 2 p.m. 10 p.m. 10.20 p.m. 12.45 p.m. and 3.15 a.m. 18 prs alone did not have the effect of silencing enemy fire at any time, but a combination of 18 prs and Hous. produced the desired effect.

An enemy working party was dispersed at I.11.a.52.54 at 8 a.m. and again at 10 a.m. Another party was dispersed at 9.15 a.m. in enemy F.L. West of SPARROWS NEST.

MACHINE GUNS: Less active than usual, and fired on Road at I.18.a.73.90, road junction I.17.b.3.1, SPARROWS NEST I,5.d.05.10.

LETS GUNS: Engaged enemy wire and parapet at intervals.

SNIPERS: Active but claim no definite hits.

PATROLS: NO MAN'S LAND was patrolled continuously throughout the night in front of both Bn.Subsecs. Enemy riflemen were very alert opposite Right Bn.Subsec. and rendered patrolling difficult, especially to the north of the railway.

OUR DEFENCES: Repairs to wire were effected at several places during the night. During the past few days the enemy has been consistently cutting wire along the whole front with 77 mm and Minenwerfer. During the night the enemy engaged these gaps with Pineapples rendering repair work difficult. Repairs have been effected to defences and drainage continued.

ENEMY OPERATIONS:

ARTILLERY: Right Bn.Subsec.- Artillery was active at intervals throughout the day and fired on wire, front line and supports. A large number of H.E. were used and several 4.2 H.E. and shrapnel burst over Coy.H. track No.3 Locality. Special attention has been paid to PIGOTTS FARM, head of LOTHIAN AVENUE and PORTS LEGAL FARM. A large number of Pineapples were also thrown at intervals throughout the day.

Left Bn.Subsec.- Between 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. enemy cut wire in front of "G" gap with 77 mm. At 10 pm enemy bombarded WILLOW WALK, PLANK AVENUE and JAPAN ROAD with 77 mm H.E. and at the same time fired Minenwerfer into wire in front of Locality 7. At the same time a few Minenwerfer were fired into Gap E. At 10.50 p.m. several shells were fired on Locality 3 which on explosion threw out a large red flare. At 11 p.m. H.E. and shrapnel were fired on Locality 5 and Gap E.

MACHINE GUNS: Enemy M.Gs. were active throughout the night firing on C.Ts. and sweeping wire and front line parapet.

SNIPERS: Less active than usual, firing very few shots.

PATROLS: None encountered.

ENEMY DEFENCES: Working parties were dispersed in F.L. west of SPARROWS NEST and at RAILWAY SALIENT.

OBSERVATION: Visibility poor throughout the day.

COMMUNICATION: At 11 p.m. four star shells burst into light over WILLOW WALK and broke into a shower of golden sparks about 20 seconds after. Immediately after Artillery was brought to bear on WILLOW WALK. At 3.45 p.m. a large number of Very lights were fired from positions well to the rear of enemy lines. This continued at intervals of four minutes for a period of half an hour.

Searchlights were again active especially in the vicinity of VEZ MACQUART.

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## Appendix VII

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CASUALTIES 11<sup>th</sup> BRIGADE

## Officers

DATE	UNIT	RANK	NAME IN FULL	NATURE OF CASUALTY
8.2.17	42 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> LT	PETERSEN, HANS VICTOR	WOUNDED (SLIGHT)
11.2.17	41 <sup>st</sup>	LIEUT.	DOUGLAS, REGINAL CLIVE SLATER	G.S.W. KNEE, BUTTOCK, ELBOW
11.2.17	42 <sup>nd</sup>	LIEUT.	MAY, RICHARD WILLIAM	KILLED
14.2.17	42 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> LT	CLACHER, THOMAS FREDERICK	WOUNDED (SERIOUSLY)
14.2.17	42 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> LT	LATIMER, WALTER EDMUND	WOUNDED (DUTY)
18.2.17	41 <sup>st</sup>	LIEUT.	EPPS, JAMES HERBERT	KILLED
19.2.17	43 <sup>rd</sup>	LIEUT.	PRICE, WALTER DAVIES	G.S.W. (THIGH).
27.2.17	42 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> LT.	LYONS, HOWARD MAITLAND	KILLED



## Appendix VI.

CASUALTIES 11<sup>th</sup> BRIGADE.Other Ranks.

DATE	N <sup>o</sup> OF CASUALTIES
1 . 2 . 17	6
2 . 2 . 17	Nil
3 . 2 . 17	6
4 . 2 . 17	1
5 . 2 . 17	1
6 . 2 . 17	Nil
7 . 2 . 17	1
8 . 2 . 17	4
9 . 2 . 17	1
10 . 2 . 17	4
11 . 2 . 17	27
12 . 2 . 17	4
13 . 2 . 17	3
14 . 2 . 17	<del>3</del> 31
15 . 2 . 17	9
16 . 2 . 17	10
17 . 2 . 17	Nil
18 . 2 . 17	9
19 . 2 . 17	34
20 . 2 . 17	2
21 . 2 . 17	1
22 . 2 . 17	5
23 . 2 . 17	12
24 . 2 . 17	4
25 . 2 . 17	5
26 . 2 . 17	Nil
27 . 2 . 17	22
28 . 2 . 17	16
Total for Month of February	218