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| Place    | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information                                                                                  | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|----------|------|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Messines | 1    | 6am  | 43 Btn 'A' Btn 42 Btn 'B' Btn 41 Btn 'C' Btn 44 Btn 'D' Btn<br>operation as per Intelligence Summary<br>Casualties | App 6<br>do 7                        |
| do       | 2    | 6am  | Units in line as above<br>operations as per Intelligence Summary<br>Casualties                                     | App 6<br>do 7                        |
| do       | 3    | 6am  | Units in line as above<br>operations as per Intelligence Summary<br>Casualties<br>BD No 81                         | App 6<br>do 7<br>8                   |
| do       | 4    | 6am  | Units in line as above<br>operations as per Intelligence Summary                                                   | App 6<br>do 7                        |
| do       | 5    | 6am  | Units in line as above<br>operations as per Intelligence Summary<br>Casualties                                     | App 6<br>do 7                        |

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| Place    | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Remarks and references to Appendices |
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| Messines | 6    | 6am  | 41 Btr relieved 43 Btr 44 <sup>th</sup> Btr relieved 42 Btr<br>A Btr 41 <sup>st</sup> B Btr 44 <sup>th</sup> C Btr 43 <sup>rd</sup> D Btr 44 <sup>th</sup><br>Operations as per Intelligence Summary<br>Casualties<br>Relief orders 9082 | App 6<br>do 4<br>do 1                |
| do       | 7    | 6am  | Units in line as at 6 <sup>th</sup><br>Operations as per Intelligence Summary<br>Casualties                                                                                                                                              | App 6<br>do 4                        |
| do       | 8    | 6am  | Units in line as at 6 <sup>th</sup><br>Operations as per Intelligence Summary<br>Casualties                                                                                                                                              | App 6<br>do 4                        |
| do       | 9    | 6am  | Units in line as at 6 <sup>th</sup><br>Operations as per Intelligence Summary<br>Casualties                                                                                                                                              | App 6<br>do 7                        |
| do       | 10   | 6am  | Units in line as at 6 <sup>th</sup><br>Operations as per Intelligence Summary<br>Casualties                                                                                                                                              | App 6<br>do 7                        |

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| Place       | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Remarks and references to Appendices |
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| Meeanee     | 11   | 6am  | C & D Btys relieved by 9 <sup>th</sup> Brigade<br>do. billeted at T 2 Central<br>operations as per Intelligence Summary<br>Casualties<br>Relief order No 83.                                                                                                                    | app 6<br>do 7<br>do 1                |
| do          | 12   | 6am  | A & B Btys relieved by 9 <sup>th</sup> Brigade & command<br>handed to G.O.C. 9 <sup>th</sup> Brigade<br>Brigade billeted at T 2 Central Bde H.Q. T 2 Central<br>Billeted in tents Brigade resting<br>operations as per Intelligence Summary<br>Casualties<br>Relief order No 83 | app 6<br>do 7<br>do 1                |
| T 2 Central | 13   | 6am  | Brigade training Few working parties<br>Casualties                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | app 7                                |
| do          | 14   | 6am  | Brigade training & working parties<br>4 officers 16 NCOs left for Y B                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                      |
|             | 15   | 6am  | Brigade training & working parties<br>8 officers left for T B                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                      |

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| Place   | Date             | Hour | Summary of Events and Information  |    |    | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|---------|------------------|------|------------------------------------|----|----|--------------------------------------|
| T. 2    | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 6am  | Brigade Training & working parties |    |    |                                      |
| Central | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 6am  | do                                 | do | do |                                      |
| do      | 18               | 6am  | do                                 | do | do |                                      |
| do      | 19               | 6am  | do                                 | do | do |                                      |
| do      | 20               | 6am  | do                                 | do | do |                                      |
| do      | 21               | 6am  | do                                 | do | do |                                      |
| do      | 22               | 6am  | do                                 | do | do |                                      |
| do      | 23               | 6am  | do                                 | do | do |                                      |
| do      | 24               | 6am  | do                                 | do | do |                                      |
| do      | 25               | 6am  | do                                 | do | do |                                      |
| do      | 26               | 6am  | do                                 | do | do | Brigade Sports                       |
| do      | 27               | 6am  | do                                 | do | do |                                      |

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|----------------|------|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| T 2<br>Central | 28   | 6am  | Brigade Training & working parties                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Ref maps                             |
| do             | 29   | 6am  | as as as as Relief of 9 <sup>th</sup> Bde<br>commenced as per Relief Order No 85                                                                                                                                                                                | App 1                                |
| Messines       | 30   | 6am  | 41 Bn and 44 <sup>th</sup> Bn relieved 9 <sup>th</sup> Brigade<br>41 Bn A Bn 44 Bn B Bn 39 <sup>th</sup> & 40 <sup>th</sup> Bn in support<br>Relief order No 85<br>Operations as per Intelligence Summary<br>Casualties                                         | App 1<br>App 6<br>" 6                |
| do             | 31   | 6am  | 42 <sup>nd</sup> & 43 <sup>rd</sup> Bn made approach march from<br>Tilcentrat to take part in minor operations<br>for diversion scheme.<br>Zero hour 3:50 am<br>Operation as per Staff War Diary<br>as as Intelligence Summary<br>Casualties & official Report. | App 6<br>as 4                        |

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## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 81.

Brigade Headquarters.

1/7/17.

Reference Map:- Special Sheet 8150/5, 1/10,000.

1. From information received from patrols and aeroplane photographs the enemy hold a series of posts in NO MAN'S LAND including the points U.5.b.42.52, U.5.b.38.63, U.5.b.40.71, and U.5.b.38.95.

2. With a view to at a later date pushing forward our front line in U.5.b., posts will be established on night 2/3 July at:-

- (1) U.5.b.46.52.
- (2) U.5.b.38.61.
- (3) U.5.b.25.78.
- (4) O.35.d.38.70.

parties will leave our front line at 11. p.m.

3.(a). The 43rd Battalion will establish post (1) and the 42nd Battalion posts (2), (3), and (4) of para. 2 above.

(b) C/Os. Battalions concerned will determine the strength of the parties to be used.

(c) At 12.30 a.m. digging parties - strength one platoon each - will work as under:-

41st Battalion from present front line to post 1.

44th Battalion from present front line to post 3.

44th Battalion from present front line to post 4.

(d) posts 1, 2, and 3 will, as soon as established, connect up with each other by a trench EAST of GAPARD - WARRETON Road.

4. Artillery covering the Brigade front is by arrangement standing by from 11 p.m. to 12 midnight.

5. Machine Guns covering the Brigade will stand by from 11 p.m. to 12 midnight on their S.O.S. lines.

6. 11th Trench Mortar Battery, less Guns Nos. 5, 6, and 7 will stand by from 11 p.m. - 12 midnight ready to open on S.O.S. lines.

7. Working parties, other than those detailed in para. 3(c) above, will be as usual. Commanders of parties will, in view of possible enemy artillery action, make arrangements to get their parties under cover at a moment's notice.

8. Watches will be synchronised at 6 p.m.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*L. A. Wasey*

Captain.

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

Issued at 9 p.m.

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|---------------------------|-------|
| 1. G.O.C.                 | By.   |
| 2. Brigade Major.         | Hand. |
| 3. Staff Captain.         | Hand. |
| 4. 41st Battalion.        | Hand. |
| 5. 42nd Battalion.        | D.R.  |
| 6. 43rd Battalion.        | D.T.  |
| 7. 44th Battalion.        | D.R.  |
| 8. 11th M.G. Coy.         | D.R.  |
| 9. 11th T.M. Battery.     | D.R.  |
| 10. 9th M.G. Coy.         | D.R.  |
| 11. 207th M.G. Coy.       | D.R.  |
| 12. 3rd. Aust. Divn.      | D.R.  |
| 13. C.R.A., 25th Divn.    | D.R.  |
| 14. 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.   | D.R.  |
| 15. 11th Inf. Brigade.    | D.R.  |
| 16. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.   | D.R.  |
| 17. 11th Field Coy.       | D.R.  |
| 18. 11th Field Ambulance. | D.T.  |
| 19. 3rd. Pioneer Bn.      | D.R.  |
| 20. File.                 |       |
| 21. War Diary.            |       |



11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 82.

Brigade Headquarters.  
3/7/17.

1. The following reliefs will take place on night 5/6 July.
  - (a) 41st Battalion will relieve 43rd Battalion in Right Sub-sector.
  - (b) 44th Battalion will relieve 42nd Battalion in Left Sub-sector.
2. On relief 42nd and 43rd Battalions will move to positions in Subsidiary and Corps lines vacated by 44th and 41st Battalions respectively.  
Battalions will then become:-
 

|       |   |                |
|-------|---|----------------|
| 41st. | - | "A" Battalion. |
| 42nd. | - | "D" Battalion. |
| 43rd. | - | "C" Battalion. |
| 44th. | - | "B" Battalion. |
3. All details will be arranged direct between C/Os. concerned.
4. A proportion of Specialists of each of 41st and 44th Battalions will relieve an equal number of 43rd and 42nd Battalions respectively on night 4/5 July.
5. Continuity of policy of engineering work will be maintained.
6. There will be no movement of troops on either night before 10.15 p.m.
7. Completion of relief will be reported in code by wire to Brigade Headquarters.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*G. A. Vasey*  
Captain.  
A/Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde., A.I.F.

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| 2.          | Brigade Major.          | Hand. |
| 3.          | Staff Captain.          | Hand. |
| 4.          | 41st Battalion.         | D.R.  |
| 5.          | 42nd Battalion.         | D.R.  |
| 6.          | 43rd Battalion.         | D.R.  |
| 7.          | 44th Battalion.         | D.R.  |
| 8.          | 9th Machine Gun Coy.    | D.R.  |
| 9.          | 11th Machine Gun Coy.   | D.R.  |
| 10.         | 207th Machine Gun Coy.  | D.R.  |
| 11.         | 11th T.M. Battery.      | D.R.  |
| 12.         | 3rd. Aust. Division.    | D.R.  |
| 13.         | 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.     | D.R.  |
| 14.         | 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.     | D.R.  |
| 15.         | 11th Inf. Brigade.      | D.R.  |
| 16.         | 11th Field Coy.         | D.R.  |
| 17.         | 11th Field Ambulance.   | D.R.  |
| 18.         | 3rd. pioneer Battalion. | D.R.  |
| 19.         | 7th Aust. F.A. Brigade. | D.R.  |
| 20.         | 8th Aust. F.A. Brigade. | D.R.  |
| 21.         | File.                   |       |
| 22.         | War Diary.              |       |



## 11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 85.

Reference Map:- FRANCE 28 S.W. 1/20,000.

- 1.(a). The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade in accordance with attached Relief and March Table.
- (b). On relief 11th Australian Infantry Brigade will become Reserve Brigade.
2. Command of line will pass to G.O.C., 9th Australian Infantry Brigade, at 6.a.m. 12th July.
3. All details of reliefs of Units in the line will be arranged direct between C/Os. concerned.
4. All trench maps, aeroplane photographs, and trench stores will be handed over; duplicate copies of receipts will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.
- 5.(a). There will be no movement EAST of MESSINES on either night before 10.15.p.m., nor after 4.a.m. EAST of WULVERGHEM.
- (b). EAST of WULVERGHEM formations will not exceed platoons in file at 50 yards distance.
6. Completion of reliefs in the line will be reported in code and arrivals at Reserve Area in clear to Brigade Headquarters.
7. Guides with knowledge of alternative routes, at the rate of 2 per Platoon, per Battalion Headquarters, per Machine Gun Coy, per Trench Mortar Battery, and per Brigade Headquarters have been arranged by Staff Captain to meet Units at T.S.c.20.55. to guide to Reserve area.
8. Brigade Headquarters will close at U.3.a.1.1. and open at T.2.Central at 6.a.m. 12th July.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*L. A. Tasey* Captain.  
A/Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

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| 3. Staff Captain.           | Hand. |
| 4. 41st Battalion.          | Hand. |
| 5. 42nd Battalion.          | D.R.  |
| 6. 43rd Battalion.          | D.R.  |
| 7. 44th Battalion.          | D.R.  |
| 8. 11th Machine Gun Coy.    | D.R.  |
| 9. 11th T. M. Battery.      | D.R.  |
| 10. 207th H.G. Coy.         | D.R.  |
| 11. 9th M. G. Coy.          | D.R.  |
| 12. Brigade Sig. Section.   | Hand. |
| 13.)                        |       |
| 14.) 3rd Aust. Division.    | D.R.  |
| 15.)                        |       |
| 16. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.     | D.R.  |
| 17. 10th Aust. Inf. Bde.    | D.R.  |
| 18. 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.     | D.R.  |
| 19. 11th Inf. Bde.          | D.R.  |
| 20. 7th Aust. F.A. Bde.     | D.R.  |
| 21. 8th Aust. F.A. Bde.     | D.R.  |
| 22. 11th Field Coy.         | D.R.  |
| 23. 11th Field Ambulance.   | D.R.  |
| 24. 9th Field Ambulance.    | D.R.  |
| 25. 3rd. pioneer Battalion. | D.R.  |
| 26. 370th Coy. A. S. C.     | D.R.  |
| 27. Bde. Transport Officer. |       |
| 28. File.                   |       |
| 29. War Diary.              |       |



| Date.       | Unit.                                  | From.                   | To.              | Relieved By.                                 | Via.                       | Remarks.                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10/11 July. | 43rd Battalion.                        | "C" Bn. Area.           | T.2. Central.    | 35th Bn.                                     | WULVERGHEM<br>-T.4.a.7.0.  | Takes over area vacated<br>by 39th Battalion.                                                                                                                            |
| do          | 42nd Battalion.                        | "D" Battalion.<br>Area. | do               | 36th Bn.                                     | do                         | Takes over area vacated<br>by 40th Battalion.                                                                                                                            |
| do          | 25% of Special-<br>ists 41st Bn.       | "A" Bn. Area.           | do               | Similar Number<br>of 33rd Bn.                | do                         | Billet for one day with<br>43rd Battalion.                                                                                                                               |
| do          | 25% of Special-<br>ists 44th Bn.       | "B" Bn. Area.           | do               | Similar Number<br>of 34th Bn.                | do.                        | Billet for one day with<br>44th Battalion.                                                                                                                               |
| do          | 25% 11th M.G. Coy.                     | Line.                   | Transport Lines. | Similar Number<br>of 10th M.G. Coy.          | WULVERGHEM.                |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| do          | 25% 11th T.M. Batt.                    | Line.                   | do               | Similar Number<br>of 9th T.M. Batt.          | do.                        |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| do          | 25% 11th Bde. Sig-<br>nal Section.     | Line.                   | do               | Similar Number<br>of 9th Bde. Sig. Sec.      | do                         |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 11/12 July. | 41st Battalion.                        | "A" Bn. Area.           | T.2. Central.    | 33rd Bn.                                     | WULVERGHEM<br>- T.4.a.7.0. | Takes over area vacated<br>by 37th Battalion.                                                                                                                            |
| do          | 44th Battalion.                        | "B" Bn. Area.           | do               | 34th Bn.                                     | do                         | Takes over area vacated<br>by 38th Battalion.                                                                                                                            |
| do          | 11th M.G. Coy.                         | Line.                   | do               | 10th M.G. Coy.                               | do                         | Takes over area vacated<br>by 10th M.G. Coy.                                                                                                                             |
| do          | 11th T.M. Batt.                        | Line.                   | do               | 9th T.M. Battery.                            | do                         | Takes over area vacated<br>by 10th T.M. Battery.                                                                                                                         |
| do          | Bde. H.Q. Details<br>and Sig. Section. | Line.                   | do               | 9th Bde. H.Q. de-<br>tails and Sig. Section. | do                         | Takes over area vacated<br>by 10th Bde. H.Q.                                                                                                                             |
| 12th July.  | Brigade Transport<br>and Details Camp. | NEUVE EGLISE.           | do               |                                              | T.3.d.90.20.               | To be clear of present<br>lines at 6 a.m.<br>Move under orders Brigade<br>Transport Officer.<br>Cookers and water carts<br>may be moved at discretion<br>of C/Os. Units. |

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Reference 1/10000 Map.

- (1) The 11th Infantry Brigade will relieve the 9th Infantry Brigade in the line prior to "Z" day.
- (2) "a" On the night 29/30th July the 41st Battalion and 44th Battalion will relieve "A" and "B" Battalions of 9th Brigade respectively, in the front line.  
 "b" Specialists of 41st and 44th Battalions will move into the line on the night 28/29th July.  
 "c" Details of relief will be arranged by Commanding Officers concerned.  
 "d" All trench Maps, trench stores, aeroplane photographs, log books etc., will be taken over by ingoing Units.
- (3) "a" The four Battalions and Headquarters of the 9th Infantry Brigade will move out of the line on the night 29/30th July.  
 "b" "A" and "B" Battalions 9th Infantry Brigade on relief will move back and occupy the Camps vacated by 41st and 44th Battalions.  
 "c" The duties of "C" and "D" Battalions of 9th Infantry Brigade will be taken over by "E" and "F" Battalions of 10th Infantry Brigade, but these Battalions will not move from their present position. They will merely be in tactical support to and under the orders of the G.O.C., 11th Infantry Brigade from 9 p.m., on the night 29/30th July. While under G.O.C., 11th Brigade for tactical purposes "E" and "F" Battalions will continue to be administered by 10th Infantry Brigade.
- (4) The Command of the line will pass from G.O.C., 9th Infantry Brigade to G.O.C., 11th Infantry Brigade at 3 a.m. on July 30th.
- (5) "a" On Y/Z night the 42nd Battalion and 43rd Battalion will move up for their minor operation in accordance with 11th Infantry Brigade Order No. 84.  
 "b" On Z/A night subject to conditions being satisfactory these Battalions will be moved back to their present location.  
 "c" All moves of Units of 11th Infantry Brigade after "Z" day will be notified in subsequent Orders.
- (6) "a" The 11th Machine Gun Company and 11th Trench Mortar Battery will be moved up to the line for the minor operation to be carried out on "Z" day, under orders of the D.M.G.O., and D.T.M.O., respectively.  
 "b" The 9th Machine Gun Company and 9th Trench Mortar Battery are not being relieved for the present, and will remain in the line for the operation on "Z" day, and subsequently, until the situation allows of their being withdrawn.  
 "c" After "Z" day, on relief of the 9th and 10th Machine Gun Companies and 9th and 10th Light Trench Mortar Batteries, the 11th Machine Gun Company and 11th Trench Mortar Battery will take over dispositions for the defence of the whole of the 11th Infantry Brigade front.
- (7) Completion of all moves and reliefs will be forwarded to Headquarters 11th Infantry Brigade, in code, by wire.
- (8) ACKNOWLEDGE.

*G. F. Watson*  
Major.

DISTRIBUTION:  
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2 B.M.  
3 S.C.  
4 41st Battalion.  
5 42nd Battalion.  
6 43rd Battalion.  
7 44th Battalion.  
8 11th M.G. Coy.  
9 11th T.M. Bty.

Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.  
10 9th Aus. Inf. Bde.  
11 10th " " "  
12 1st N.Z. Bde.  
13 63rd Inf. Bde. B.E.F.  
14 3rd Aust. Divn.  
15 C.R.A.  
16 C.R.E.  
17 11th Fld. Coy. Engrs.  
18 D.M.G.O.  
19 D.T.M.O.  
20 3rd Pioneer Bn.  
21 Filo.  
22 War Diary.



"ANCHOR"

For 24 hours ending 6 a.m., 1/7/17.  
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OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Fairly quiet during morning. Several shoots carried out during afternoon, artillery becoming very lively at times. Enemy front line was engaged by 18 pdrs. while back areas confined to the heavies. WARHETON was engaged at 3 p.m. by 18 pdrs. and heavies.

TRENCH MORTARS: Nil. Improvement of positions in progress.

MACHINE GUNS: Active during the night. The following were the principal targets engaged: KIWI FM., U.36.c.5.5.- Road 0.36.a.42.25 - Cross Roads 0.26.b.22.56., over 1,000 being expended.

LEWIS GUNS: Active. Engaged party of enemy who attacked patrol on right sector.

SNIPERS: Four hits claimed on right sector. Enemy moving back at dawn were fired on.

PATROLS: Six patrols operated on right sector; only one saw anything of enemy. Patrol was out at about U.11.1.60.90. as covering party to wipers. When preparing to withdraw at 2 a.m., patrol was attacked by about 10 enemy in two parties, one from the front and one on the left. Enemy threw 6 to 8 bombs: our patrol replied with bombs and rifle fire. Lewis Gun also engaged enemy party, which was quickly dispersed. No further trace could be found of this party although our patrol remained out for some time afterwards. 10 patrols operated on left sector. Patrols report enemy could be heard working near house 0.35.d.8.9. Works are also reported near Willows near 0.35.b.6.6. and vicinity. M.G. fired on patrol from point in 0.5.b., location of which was unable to be given. Nothing was seen of enemy.

DEFENCES: Improvement of positions still in progress. Trenches are in rather a bad state owing to rain.

AIRCRAFT: Nil.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Active throughout the period. During the day about 100 4.2s. fell between U.5.a.50.80. and U.5.d.20.60. About 300 shells of all sizes fell on centre of right sector, batteries operating from direction of U.6.c.58.20. Front line system near STEIGNAST FARM, GAPAARD, shelled intermittently during the day. At 5.30 p.m. large number 4.2s. fell in Fm. de la CROIX. Not much damage was caused to defences. MESSINES, STEIGNAST, GAPAARD, BETLHEEM, back areas and mule tracks shelled during day and night.

MACHINE GUNS: A little more active than usual. Guns located at U.12.a.10.40. and one at approximately 0.29.d.7.3. North of BLAUWEL POORTBEEK.

SNIPERS: Active.

PATROLS: One encountered by our patrols.

DEFENCES: Works reported at 0.35.d.8.9. and 0.35.b.6.6. in vicinity of Willows.

AIRCRAFT: Nil.

OBSERVATION: At 10.45 p.m. a shell was fired on right of left sector (approximately opposite STEIGNAST FARM) which burst into flames and then gave off small yellow lights. Snipers who had a clear view of enemy new line opposite 0.35 Central report no sign of enemy during the day. Wire of this line does not run North of CINEMA Road. Four men seen walking near OTIRA TRENCH opposite STEIGNAST Fm. 8.30 a.m. party of 20 men digging trench behind hedge and back towards Red roofed house at U.12.a.90.40.

9.20 a.m. party still working.

5.30 p.m. Gun flashes in rear of small house U.12.d.50.30.

8.00 p.m. Fire broke out in house along CINEMA Road in 0.36.a.

*R. H. [Signature]*  
Lieut.  
For Captain.  
A/Brigade Major, "ANCHOR".



## Intelligence Summary

"ANCHOR".

For 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 2nd July, 1917.

(Confidential).

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Intermittent fire was maintained throughout the day by 18 pdrs. and hows. . Between 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. 18 pdrs. swept Enemy front line with shrapnel, and again opposite left sector during the afternoon. Between 11.30 a.m. and 1 p.m. heavies carried out a shoot on enemy front line. WARNETON and Back areas also engaged during period.

TRENCH MORTARS: Nil

MACHINE GUNS: Indirect fire carried out during night on Farms, Cross Roads, tracks, enemy front and support lines, over 3,000 rounds being expended.

LEWIS GUNS: Fired bursts across NO MAN'S LAND during the night, also into enemy working party.

SNIPERS: Two hits claimed by left sector. Snipers active during period.

PATROLS: Active throughout the night along the whole front. Work is reported in house at 0.35.d.8.9. and to North and South of it. A covering party was seen some distance out, on which a Lewis Gun was turned. M.G.'s are reported by patrols to be very active from places previously reported, particularly junction of STEIGNAST FARM Road and Road running from HUNS WALK to WARNETON.

DEFENCES: Consolidation of position still in progress. post established at 0.35.d.20.00.

AIRCRAFT: Two of our planes flew over enemy lines between 4 and 5 p.m.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: More active than usual. Front line system was shelled intermittently with 5.9s., 4.2s., and 77's. The different Farms, dugouts, tracks, roads, and MESSINES were paid particular attention. Mule tracks and roads in back areas were shelled as usual during the night.

MACHINE GUNS: Fairly active throughout the night, firing into working parties and sweeping front line system. Now <sup>gun</sup> <sup>posi-</sup> tion observed at U.35.d.50.20. Guns also seen firing from all previously reported positions.

SNIPERS: Active.

PATROLS: None seen or observed, except covering party for enemy working party on which Lewis Guns were turned.

DEFENCES: Work reported at house 0.35.d.8.9. and on North and South side of it.

AIRCRAFT: Three enemy planes flew over our lines at 7.15 a.m.

OBSERVATION: Signal Lamp with red shutter observed at approximately 0.36.a.70.80. during night. Three fires which burned from 11 p.m. - 2 a.m. observed East North East of COMINES.

10 a.m. U.12.c.25.85. Two men working in trench.

10.10 a.m. U.18.b.20.37. Two men working in trench.

10.55 a.m. U.18.c.80.85. )

to U.18.c.95.95. )

Two men walking along trench with great coats on.

11.5 a.m. U.18.c.85.25.

Three men entered red house.

11.20 a.m. U.18.c.85.80.

Five men working near tree.

1.15 p.m. U.33.c.30.10.

Gun flashes observed.

2.0 p.m. U.18.b.20.20.

Seven men walked across field.

2.30 p.m. U.12.b.90.30.

Gun flashes from clump of trees.

4.25 p.m. V.14.a.00.11.

Gun flashes.

V.14.a.30.95.

Gun flashes.

4.30 p.m. U.23.b.10.65.

Gun flashes from house.

6 p.m. U.12.b.55.30.

Gun flashes.

*R. W. [Signature]* Lieut.  
For Captain.  
A/Brigade Major, "ANCHOR".



## Intelligence Summary.

"ANCHOR".

For 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 3/7/17.

(Confidential).

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Fairly quiet during day. Fired at Noon, 5 p.m., and 2 a.m., in retaliation to enemy shelling, on enemy battery positions. Shrapnel was sprinkled at intervals over Enemy front line system.

TRENCH MORTARS: Nil.

MACHINE GUNS: Carried out indirect fire on KINGSCLERE - KIWI Fm. - Cross Roads - tracks and approaches in rear of enemy's lines, over 4,000 rounds being expended.

LEWIS GUNS: Active during the night; engaged enemy working parties and patrols.

SNIPERS: One hit claimed by Left Battalion. Active throughout the day.

PATROLS: Very active along the whole front throughout the night. An enemy patrol was encountered on CINEMA Road, but quickly retired when our patrol moved up. An Officer's patrol encountered very strong opposition at U.11.b.73.93; bombs were exchanged, neither side gaining the upper hand: our patrol returned with three casualties. Enemy covering and working parties were observed at different points along the front on which Lewis Guns were turned. Several fighting patrols operated during the night, but as no enemy patrols were encountered our patrols then lay up, as it was thought that several of these positions could be put to advantage as permanent posts. As good observation was obtainable our patrols dug in. A sap was run out to each of these from our front line. Patrols report several enemy strong points previously reported are held by fairly large numbers.

DEFENCE: Consolidation and improvement of positions proceeded with. Damage caused by enemy barrage was not very great. We now occupy protective posts at O.35.d.35.85., U.5.b.29.77., and U.5.b.35.44. Saps have been run out to each of these from our front line.

AIRCRAFT: Fairly active at times. Enemy's line crossed on a few occasions. Two of our planes were brought down at 2.30 a.m., one which seemed to be under control behind MESSINES; the other came down quickly and fell the last 1,000 feet into NO MAN'S LAND just South of the DOUVE.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Very active throughout the period. At 11.30 a.m. two hundred 10.5 cm. fell on front line system North of GAPAARD, and two hundred 5.9 in vicinity of STEIGNAST FARM, GAPAARD-WELLINGTON AVENUE - OWL TRENCH - The vicinity of U.4. Central - MESSINES - approaches and a few farms in rear portion of sector were also shelled during day and night. At night a few shots fell on front line system. At 11.45 a.m. enemy put down a barrage on Right Battalion and Right Company and portion of Centre Coy. (as far up as GAPAARD) of Left Battalion. This shoot lasted for about 30 minutes, and covered our area as far back as the Corps line.

MACHINE GUNS: Active throughout the night.

SNIPERS: Active throughout the period.

PATROLS: No patrols encountered except one which returned along CINEMA Road on seeing our patrol. Enemy appears to have a series of posts along his front during the night.

DEFENCES: Digging and wiring reported at different points along front, especially on MILITARY Road, O.35.b.6.5., O.35.d.70.80., and at one or two points opposite Fm. de la CROIX.

AIRCRAFT: Fairly active. Two of our planes brought down at 9.30 a.m. Enemy planes flew over our lines between 4. and 7 p.m.

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ENEMY OPERATIONS (Cont'd).

OBSERVATION: Enemy used white and red lights during barrage.  
 10.30 a.m. Enemy dump south of HOUTHEM exploded. Small parties  
 of enemy were observed during the day at U.12.c.80.70., U.18.b.20.20,  
 U.18.b.10.15., U.12.d.20.90.  
 8.30 a.m. Dense columns of smoke from building at U.12.b.40.40.  
 10.5 a.m. Gun flashes U.12.d.30.70. )  
 10.30 a.m. Gun flashes V.7.d.65.70. ) A screen has been erected  
 6.30 p.m. Gun flashes U.12.b.60.32. ) on CINEMA Road at O.35.d.35.8  
 7.15 p.m. Gun flashes U.12.d.55.80. )  
MISCELLANEOUS: Enemy bombed our advanced posts at O.5.b.29.77.,  
 and O.35.d.2.0. at 3 a.m. but without success.

*K. G. Higgins* Lieut.  
 For Captain.  
 A / Brigade Major, "ANCHOR".



## Intelligence Summary.

"ANCHOR".

For 24 hours ending 6.a.m. 6/7/17.

(Confidential).OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Fired at intervals, doing mainly counter battery work in retaliation for enemy shoots. During the afternoon 18 pdrs. fired on to enemy front line. Heavies engaged the WINDHILL strong point during the afternoon. Fired in retaliation of enemy S.O.S. at 1.a.m.

TRENCH MORTARS: Nil.

MACHINE GUNS: Engaged in indirect fire during night on Cross Roads and tracks in rear of enemy's lines, about 4,000 rounds being fired.

LEWIS GUNS: Fired on enemy M.G.'s and working parties during the night and in conjunction with fighting patrols.

SNIPERS: Two hits claimed on each sector.

PATROLS: Several large fighting patrols operated on the front. A fighting patrol of left sector endeavoured to capture enemy M.G. position, and only had to return on account of overwhelming numbers and M.G. fire after inflicting numerous casualties on enemy. Another fighting patrol of two parties endeavoured to capture enemy strong point U.S.b.38.61. The left party of this patrol encountered 8 enemy in a house; 3 were killed and the remainder fled. The right party then rushed enemy post and captured it at 12.50.a.m. At 1.a.m. about 40 enemy made a counter attack in two waves. Our Lewis Gun was put out of action early and the Officer in charge badly wounded. Our men exhausted all their bombs and fired rifles into enemy, causing numerous casualties, but were forced to return to our original post taken the night before. A fighting patrol of right sector attacked strong point at U.S.b.46.52. Heavy fire from rifles, machine guns, rifle grenades, and pineapples was met. An enemy bomb barrage was encountered about 20 yards from the enemy. Our patrol was forced to retire gradually owing to superior numbers and heavy enemy fire and artillery, to the post captured the previous night. All casualties brought in. The enemy made an attack on post at U.S.b.39.77 with bombs, but were driven off with loss. Other patrols report several posts held strongly by enemy along the front (those have been mentioned previously).

DEFENCE: Consolidation and improvement of position still in progress.

AIRCRAFT: Fairly active. A few of our machines crossed the enemy's lines during the day.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Very active throughout the day and night. Left sector was heavily fired on with 5.9s., 4.2s. and 77cm. at frequent intervals during the period. Special attention was paid to GAP-AARD AV.- FANNY AV.- HUNS WALK - RED LINE - OWL TRENCH - and STEIGNAST FARM. Right sector reports that the majority of enemy artillery fire was directed on approaches; The vicinity of the junction of PINE and CROSS AVENUES receiving special attention. Between 10.p.m. and midnight a heavy fire 4.2s. and 77mm. was directed on front line system. Enemy signal was sent up for artillery, which opened heavily on front line system and was sprinkled back as far as the Corps Line. This lasted for about an hour. Then intermittent artillery bursts until 5.a.m. Few gas shells were sent over during the night.

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ENEMY OPERATIONS (Cont'd).

TRENCH MORTARS: Few pineapples were thrown in right sector during the night from direction of U.5.b.46.52.

MACHINE GUNS: Very active during barrage and against our fighting patrols.

SNIPERS: Active throughout the period. Suspected post at U.6.a.80.60.

PATROLS: Few covering parties were observed on which Lewis Guns were turned. No patrols encountered.

DEFENCES: Work reported previous 24 hours still in progress. Movement noticed at WINDMILL strong point.

OBSERVATION: Signal which preceded enemy barrage was red rocket bursting into two red lights. During artillery activity rockets which burst into 2 green lights and rockets which burst into a number of golden balls were used. No action noticed. A patrol discovered 4 underground dugouts about 40 yards out from BOWEN AVENUE containing gas shells. After a salvo from 18 pdrs. 7 enemy were observed to jump up from about 0.35.b.6.6. and run to the rear. Four men ran into KIWI FARM.

4.30.p.m. Six men left trench and ran towards Support line, 0.36.a.60.95.

7.00.p.m. Four men walked from trench to hedge in rear V.7.a.70.20.

8.00.p.m. Three small enemy parties appeared from hedge and walked across open field to mound; four men returning in five minutes.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT: Six planes over *on line at 9.20.a.m.* Four planes came over at 10.5.a.m. Fourteen planes traversed the whole of our trenches at a low altitude between 8.45. and 9.15.p.m.

*R. J. (Bryer)* Lieut.  
For Captain.  
A/Brigade Major, "ANCHOR".



"ANCHOR".

For 24 hours ending 6.a.m. 5/7/17.

(Confidential).OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: During the morning artillery very quiet. At midday Hows. engaged enemy batteries and at different periods during the afternoon in retaliation to enemy shoots. 18 pdrs. fairly active and burst shrapnel over enemy line and works at frequent intervals. At 5.15.p.m. WINDMILL U.S.b. was engaged by Hows.

TRENCH MORTARS: Nil.

MACHINE GUNS: The following targets were engaged. Building on CINIMA Road O.36.a.7.4. - KINGSLEIGH - Cross Roads and approaches in rear of enemy lines, about 4,500 rounds being expended.

LEWIS GUNS: Active throughout the night sweeping NO MAN'S LAND and enemy lines.

SNIPERS: Two hits claimed on left sector, one on right sector.

PATROLS: Continuously patrolled during the night. patrol report work still going on in U.35.b. at Enemy new works. patrol went out to look for traces of a strong enemy patrol which attacked our advanced posts at (O.35.d.20.00. and U.5.b.29.77) and was beaten off with Lewis Gun fire, but were unable to secure identification. A fighting patrol from right sector encountered Enemy Strong point about U.11.b.75.93. patrol threw bombs and enemy hastily retired. Although our patrol followed on no other signs of enemy patrol were seen. Wire discovered by our patrol in NO MAN'S LAND the previous night was found to have been pulled in by the enemy. No other hostile parties were encountered by our patrols.

DEFENCES: Consolidation and improvement of position still in progress. posts at U.5.b.29.77 and O.35.d.20.00. were connected up and C.T dug from the last named to the front line.

AIRCRAFT: Fairly active; flew over enemy lines on several occasions.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Very active throughout the period. Between 7. and 11.a.m. Heavy firing was carried out on F.L., left & centre Coys. of right sector supports and PINE and CROSS AVENUES; STEIGNAST Fm. and front line system of left sector, also vicinity of right B.H.Q., with 5.9s, 4.2s., and 77 mm. What was apparently registration was carried out on front line and advanced posts of left sector with 5.9s. by means of signal lights apparently dropped from aeroplanes. Twenty-five 5.9s. were fired on advanced post at O.35.d.35.85. causing a little damage. Intermittent fire was carried on all day: Front Line systems, C.T's., Fm. de la CROIX, STEIGNAST, GAP-AARD, HUNS WALK, MESSINES, and Farms along the DOUVE Valley receiving particular attention. When our counter battery work began, enemy firing eased off in each case. Between 5. and 8.30.p.m. front line system of both sectors was heavily fired on with 5.9s. at intervals. Intermittent fire went on throughout the night. It is reported that 10% of enemy shells were duds during several of his shoots. 32 consecutive duds are reported to have been fired in region of POTTERIE Fm.

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ENEMY OPERATIONS (Cont'd).

MACHINE GUNS: Fairly active throughout the night.

SNIPERS: Very active. Last night his rifle fire was almost continuous against advanced posts.

PATROLS: At 1.a.m. strong fighting patrol attacked our advanced posts on left sector but were repulsed with Lewis Gun fire. At 5.a.m. another patrol was seen advancing against post at U.5.b.29.77. but was dispersed by Lewis Gun fire. party of 3 men entered dead end of trench on extreme right flank, threw several bombs and then made off. A party from our trenches tried to cut them off, but could find no trace of the 3 enemy. Examination of ground revealed foot marks leading over shell holes through the Wood. An enemy patrol was fired on and dispersed opposite GAPAARD. An enemy party of about 20 attacked post South of STEIGNAST Road, but were dispersed by Lewis Gun and rifle fire.

DEFENCES: Work is still reported to be in progress in enemy new line. Wire is reported to be thicker South of CINEMA Road. Short screw pickets noticed in front of enemy line about 250 yards from centre of right sector.

AIRCRAFT: 5 Enemy planes flew over our lines at 4.30 a.m., 3 at 1.15 p.m., 5 at 7.40 p.m. These were engaged by H.G. fire, A.A., and 18 pdrs.

OBSERVATION: A red rocket breaking into two red stars was sent up early in the night but no action followed. Green lights were also fired but with no results. During artillery activity against right sector in the afternoon and evening, rockets bursting into golden showers were sent up from enemy P.L. When a yellow rocket bursting into three stars was sent up firing ceased. These signals were repeated in the rear at times. At 3.15 a.m. one green and two red rockets were sent up opposite right sector. Heavy artillery followed on F.L. system. 8.a.m. party of 8 men working in trenches, others walking in field near trench left of CINEMA Road O.36.d.20.80. House situated in WARNETON U.12.c.95.30. apparently used as a billet.

REMARKS: Right Battalion report: At 3.a.m. garrison occupying trench near post South of STEIGNAST Road heard a voice, evidently an Officer, in enemy lines apparently urging men to attack our line. An attack followed; strength about 20. It was easily repulsed (See patrols - Enemy Operations).

Lieut.  
For Captain.  
A/Brigade Major, "ANCHOR".

P.S.

OUR DEFENCES: The connecting up of post U.5.b.35.44. was also proceeded with. Trench was dug from this post Northwards for 40 yards, depth 3 feet, and Southwards for 50 yards - depth 3 feet. A trench was also dug from front line U.5.b.25.00 Northwards for 40 yards - depth 3 feet.



## "ANCHOR"

for 24 hours ending 6 a.m. 6/7/17.

(Confidential)

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Much more active than usual. Hows. engaged enemy front line at different times throughout the period; 18 pdrs. also fired intermittently on enemy working parties and FRONT LINE SYSTEM. Back areas were also shelled.

MACHINE GUNS. Active during the night. The following targets being engaged:- Buildings along CINEMA Road, KIWI Fm. Cross Roads O.36.b. and along tracks and approaches, about 6,000 rounds being expended.

TRENCH MORTARS. positions are being constructed.

LEWIS GUNS. Fired bursts throughout the night.

SNIPERS. Very active but no hits claimed.

PATROLS. Front actively patrolled during the night. No signs of enemy reported on left sector but posts in buildings on CINEMA Rd., O.35.d., Willows MILITARY Road O.35.b., junction of Roads U.5.b., were occupied. On right sector a small patrol of three men encountered an enemy patrol of 12 men in a shell hole approx. U.11.b.6.6. Bombs were thrown at our party inflicting 2 casualties. Our party then returned to F.L. and a larger patrol proceeded to attack the Hun patrol, killing one, the remainder decamped. Body was brought into our lines, and identification obtained of 3rd Battalion 68 I.R. A small standing patrol encountered enemy patrol at U.11.b.32.55 which was dispersed by bombs, one or two being apparently wounded, as when in the wood a torch was flashed and one or two forms were seen on the ground.

DEFENSES. Improvement, construction and repairing of trenches proceeded with.

AIRCRAFT. Moderately active. Several planes flew over enemy's lines during the day. One plane reported to have dropped 4 bombs at 11 p.m. into buildings to the North of WARNEWTON at 11.15 p.m. as one of our planes passed over WARNEWTON a loud explosion was heard.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Not quite so active as previous 24 hours, although front line system received more attention, being fired on intermittently throughout the day with 5.9s, 4.2s, 77mm and shrapnel. Activity on Front Line eased somewhat during the night. FME. DE LA CROIX, STEIGNAST Fm, GAPAARD, HUNS WALK were heavily shelled at intervals. Back areas and tracks shelled as usual at night.

MACHINE GUNS. Active, fired on approaches, Front Line and at our working parties.

SNIPERS. Fairly active during period.

PATROLS. Two patrols encountered and dispersed (see Our patrols).

DEFENSES. No fresh enemy work observed. Enemy still occupies the posts previously reported opposite our front.

AIRCRAFT. Active during the afternoon, 5 planes came over our line at 5 p.m., and 3 more were observed later on.

OBSERVATION. German Lamp signals observed at 9 p.m., at 86 degrees T.B. from U.4.b.14.20, in the proximity of KINGSCLERE Fm.

7 p.m. enemy balloon observed to come down on a truck and pushed into shed at a bearing of 122 degrees T.B. from O.5.b.03.80. Gun flashes observed from same place at 117 degrees T.B.

8.30 a.m. U.12.d.45.85 five men disappeared behind ruins, last man wearing dark blue overcoat and cape.

9.45 to 11.30 a.m. P.34.d., engine pushing two trucks observed moving over open space coming from direction of COMINES. Stopped for five minutes behind clump of bushes and then disappeared behind timber. Engine was observed going backwards and forwards at intervals.

11 a.m. V.8.c.2.0. Gun flashes.

11.45 a.m. V.7.b.40.20. large party of men digging in trench.

12.30 p.m. V.14.c.87.15 man in shirt sleeves walked out of one house into another few yards away.

2.40 p.m. V.13.b.45.65 party of men cycling towards the right.

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## Intelligence Summary.

"ANCHOR".

For 24 hours ending 3 a.m. 7/7/17.  
(Confidential).

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Desultory firing during the day. Counter battery was carried out several times during the period. 18 pdr. shrapnel was sprinkled over Enemy Front line and Works at intervals. Between 11.30 p.m. and 12.50 a.m. our artillery was active in giving retaliation for enemy shoot.

MACHINE GUNS: Targets fired on were Cross Roads, tracks, Farms, etc., about 3,000 rounds being expended.

LEWIS GUNS: Fired bursts into enemy working parties.

SNIPERS: One hit claimed on left sector.

PATROLS: Front was actively patrolled throughout the night. No hostile patrols encountered, although working parties and small patrols were observed in the distance and Lewis Gun fire was opened on them. A patrol of left Battalion reports having come across a dead Hun - evidently had been dead for ten days or a fortnight. Shoulder straps light grey, 98 worked in red letters on straps.

DEFENCES: Consolidation and repair proceeded with.

AIRCRAFT: Active during the day; bombs were dropped on

WARMINGTON. An encounter took place at 11.30 a.m., 5 of our planes and 9 enemy. An enemy plane was driven down behind enemy lines and one of ours retired. The remaining Hun planes after a few minutes dispersed.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: During early morning front line system of right sector was fired on with 77mm. shrapnel and H.E. for 3 hours. Intermittent shooting during morning, 5.9a., 4.2a., 77mm. and shrapnel, STEIGNAST FARM receiving particular attention. During the afternoon bursts of 5.9s., 4.2s., 77mm and shrapnel over whole Brigade Sector; GAPAARD, STEIGNAST Fm., Fm. de la CROIX, CROSS AVENUE, CINEMA ROAD, receiving attention. At 11.30 p.m. enemy put a large number of all class of shell on left sector; this lasted for about one hour. At midnight 40 gas shells were dropped behind Fm. de la CROIX.

MACHINE GUNS: Active during the night.

SNIPERS: Not active.

PATROLS: None encountered. A few fired on with Lewis Guns.

DEFENCES: Work was heard during the night East of STEIGNAST FARM and in different places in U.S.b.

AIRCRAFT: Fairly active. 15 planes encountered 5 of ours - one Bosche driven down and others dispersed.

OBSERVATION: From 11 p.m. to midnight red, green and gold don rain rockets were noticed along front. Searchlights noticed East of WARMINGTON to locate our night flying aircraft.

6.25 a.m. Enemy balloon ascended V.7.a.92.25.

6.30 a.m. Much enemy movement noticed on CINEMA Road in rear of KIVI Fm.

7.10 a.m. Railway engine passed along same track as previous day p.m.d.

7.10 a.m. Gun flashes at V.19.a.5.9.

9.15 a.m. Gun flashes at V.13.c.1.4.

10.00 a.m. Gun flashes at U.12.b.3.2.

12.15 p.m. Balloon ascended V.13.c.42.60.

4.30 p.m. Enemy movement seen U.12.b.25.75.

8.30 p.m. Gun flashes behind hedge U.12.b.62.40.

*R. H. H. H.*  
Lieut.  
For Captain.  
A/Brigade Major, "ANCHOR".



"ANCHOR".  
For 24 hours ending 3 a.m. 8/7/17.  
(Confidential).

### OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Intermittent firing throughout the day. 18 ndrs. fired bursts on enemy front line and Strong points. Heavies engaged in counter battery work.  
MACHINE GUNS: Active throughout the night, over 5,000 rounds being expended.  
LEWIS GUNS: Fired bursts during the night also engaged enemy working parties.  
SNIPERS: Active but no hits claimed.  
PATROLS: Front was actively patrolled throughout the night. Right Sector have nothing to report. Left Sector report one patrol seen near CINEMA Road, but it disappeared almost immediately. Work heard at house 0.35.d.7.9. and 0.35.d.7.5.  
DEFENCES: Improvement and repairs to positions still in progress.  
AIRCRAFT: Active. Our planes flew over enemy line on several occasions. Several encounters took place, and 2 planes came down in flames and one driven down. It is not certain whether these were ours or enemy planes or where they came down as they were some distance North.

### ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Fairly active throughout the period. Between 3 a.m. and 8 a.m. intermittent fire on front line system, 5.9s., 4.2s. and 77mm. Between 8. and 11 a.m. forty 5.9s. were put around WELLINGTON C.T. During the day front line system was shelled at intervals. Em. de la CROIX, STEIGNAST, GAPARD, receiving special attention. At 10.30 p.m., 11.30 p.m. and 1 a.m. front line system was heavily shelled with 5.9s. and shrapnel. Retaliation in each case caused enemy to slacken off considerably.  
TRENCH MORTARS: pineapples were fired during the day from 0.35.d.8.8.  
MACHINE GUNS: Very active during the night.  
SNIPERS: Not so active as usual.  
PATROLS: One small patrol seen near CINEMA Road which disappeared immediately.  
DEFENCES: Wiring party was located opposite PINE AVENUE and dispersed with M.G. fire. Work was heard at house on CINEMA Road 0.35.d.7.9. and at 0.35.d.7.5.  
AIRCRAFT: Fairly active. Several encounters took place with our planes. Two planes came down in flames and one driven down. It is not certain whose planes they were. Enemy planes came over our line several times during the afternoon but were driven off by our planes M.G. and A.A. Gun.  
OBSERVATION: Golden rain rockets were again noticed during the night.  
5.40 a.m. 3 pigeons were seen coming from direction of MESSINES and flew over enemy lines.  
1.30 p.m. U.12.b.32.40. Gun flashes behind hedge in front of red roofed building.  
5.25 p.m. U.12.b.4.6. Gun flashes.  
6.5 p.m. U.12.b.25.15. Gun flashes.  
6.10 p.m. U.18.b.1.3. Enemy movement observed.  
MISCELLANEOUS: During digging operations in front of Centre Company of Left Battalion last night, two large explosions were heard and large quantities of earth thrown up at approximately 0.35.d.4.7. Very near Strong point. They are reported as mines of some description.

*W. B. Bayley* Lieut.  
For Captain.  
A/Brigade Major, "ANCHOR".



## Intelligence Summary,

"ANCHOR"

For 24 hours ending a.m. 9/7/17.

(Confidential).

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: 18 pdrs. engaged enemy's front line system at intervals throughout the day. Heavies firing into enemy back areas. At 1.15 a.m. artillery fired in retaliation.

TRENCH MORTARS: Fired 50 rounds at Strong point O.35.d.8.8. and 24 rounds at O.35.b.50.45. direct hits being obtained.

MACHINE GUNS: Indirect fire indulged in as usual, about 5,500 rounds being expended.

LEWIS GUNS: Fired bursts during the night and also fired at enemy working parties, etc.

SNIPERS: Active throughout the period; two hits claimed by 1st Battalion.

PATROLS: Front was actively patrolled throughout the night. One enemy patrol of about 12 were seen but disappeared almost immediately bombs were thrown at patrol from enemy posts. No other sign of enemy observed. patrol from right sector encountered enemy patrol south of the WINDMILL U.S.b. and were held up for a time by the enemy throwing bombs supported by M.G. and several 7.7 cm. shells. Our patrol eventually dispersed hostile patrol with bombs supported by Rifle and Lewis Gun fire. Enemy working party located at head of LA DOUVRE Valley and dispersed by L. G. fire. Crater reported yesterday (O.35.d.4.7) is said to be occupied by enemy M.G.

DITCHING: Consolidation and repairing of trenches proceeded with.

AIRCRAFT: Not active. Only a few of our planes observed.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Active throughout the period. Front line system, subsidiary line, Fm. de la CROIX, CROSS AVENUE, STEIGHAST Fm., GAPARD - were shelled intermittently with 15.c.m., 10.5 cm., 7.7 cm. and shrapnel. At 1.15 a.m. a bombardment of our trenches as far North as STEIGHAST Fm. began and lasted for almost an hour. Occasional bursts then took place until daybreak. Back areas and rail tracks shelled at intervals during the night.

MACHINE GUNS: Very active, especially during bombardment. NO MAN'S LAND was swept at intervals and our patrol were fired on.

SNIPERS: Not very active.

PATROLS: Two patrols were seen, see under heading "OUR PATROLS".

DITCHING: Enemy working parties heard at KIVI Fm. and opposite Fm. de la CROIX.

AIRCRAFT: Two planes came over our lines at 8.30 p.m.

OBSERVATION: At 4 a.m. 8/7/17 North edge of hedge round WIND-

MILL U.S.b. was observed to be screened and sounds of Enemy work heard.

11. p.m. Strongly burning fire observed in BAS WATTON.

12. Noon. Man seen pushing truck towards ruins at O.29.d.5.1.

7. p.m. Gun flashes observed in hedge U.18.b.55.10.

COMBINATION: Usual display of lights noticed during bombardment last night. Red and green lights appeared to bring on the Artillery fire. Red, green, orange, pink and golden rain rockets were noticed.

MISCELLANEOUS: Trenches are in rather a bad state owing to rain.

Lieut.  
For Captain.  
A/Brigade Major, "ANCHOR".



## Intelligence Summary.

"ANCHOR".

For 24 hours ending 7 a.m. 10/7/17.

(Confidential).

## OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: 18 pdrs. fired intermittent bursts on enemy defences during the day. Heavies engaged in counter battery and back areas firing. 4 p.m. 4.5's. carried out a shoot on enemy Strong point at 0.35.b.80.15. and practically demolished it.

TRENCH MORTARS: Nil.

MACHINE GUNS: Engaged in indirect fire during the night on Cross Roads, tracks, etc, about 7,000 rounds being expended.

LEWIS GUNS: Fired regular bursts at night and at enemy patrols.

SNIPERS: No hits claimed. Our snipers very active.

PATROLS: Front was actively patrolled throughout the night. Right

Battalion reports: Three hostile patrols were encountered, one on GABARD Road, two patrols near BUNKER Road U.S.d.3.4. about 400 yards from our line. Their patrols were dispersed by rifle and

Lewis Gun fire. Left Battalion report having seen two strong enemy patrols of about 20 each in vicinity of cottage on CINTRA Road 0.35.d. Our patrol immediately opened rifle fire; several hits were observed and four definite hits claimed. Enemy patrol dispersed. No other patrols were observed along the front.

DEFENCES: Consolidation and repairing trenches still in progress.

AIRCRAFT: Slight activity at 3 a.m. one of our planes flew over

ANCHOR.

## THEY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: During the morning front line system was shelled intermittently with 15 cms., 10.5 cm, 7.7cm. and shrapnel. Fm. de la CROIX, CROIX AVENUE, SEIGNEST Fm., GABARD, receiving special attention. 15cm. shells fired in vicinity of Subsidiary line lately have instantaneous fuses and do not appear to have any definite target, as the shooting is most erratic. A large number of "blind" 7.7cm. shells have been noticed. During the afternoon the same intermittent shelling took place. At 8.10 p.m. 70 gas shells fell in the vicinity of Fm. de la CROIX, and at 12.50 a.m. about 40 7.7cm. and 50 pineapples fell in the same vicinity. In retaliation for 9 p.m. shoot this sector was shelled with 15cm., 10.5cm., and shrapnel for an hour. At 4.15 a.m. Support line in vicinity of GABARD was shelled with 15cm. shells. Back areas were actively shelled during the period.

TRENCH MORTARS: About 50 pineapples were fired onto trenches in vicinity of Fm. de la CROIX, and front line in vicinity of GABARD, from a long range; 25" being counted between the report of the gun and burst of pineapple.

MACHINE GUNS: Active throughout the night.

SNIPERS: Inactive.

PATROLS: Five hostile patrols were observed and were disposed of as per "Our patrols".

DEFENCES: Nothing further to report.

AIRCRAFT: Inactive.

OBSERVATION: When enemy were shelling our front line yesterday, a few shells dropped short and golden rockets bursting into golden spray were sent up from enemy Strong point in vicinity of shelling and range was immediately lengthened. During operations on the left last night, Green rockets bursting into two were fired from flanks and these were then replaced by similar *red* rockets. No doubt these marked the flank of the attack.

Gun flashes were observed at 70½ degrees T.B. from SEIGNEST BARR. 131½ degrees T.B. from U.S.c.30.88. 2 p.m. 128½ degrees T.B. 50 p.m. 118 degrees T.B., 4 p.m. 115½ degrees T.B., all from 0.35.c.72.10. 10.30 a.m. Small enemy parties observed at U.12.b.80.50. There were no hostile balloons up yesterday.

P.T.O.



ENEMY OPERATIONS (Continued).

MISCELLANEOUS: It is now certain that we have gained absolute supremacy as regards sniping on this front, as is shown by the fact that on taking over this Sector enemy snipers were very active and caused much damage, but at the present time very little hostile sniping is observed while our snipers are claiming hits almost every day.

Lieut.  
Fdr Captain.  
A/Brigade Major, "ANCHOR".



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## Intelligence Summary.

"ANCHOR"

For 24 hours ending 3 a.m. 22/7/17.

(Confidential).

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: During the period 18 pdrs. were mainly confined to enemy's front line system and heavies to counter battery and and back area shooting. At 1.30 p.m. 4.5 hows. carried out a shoot on WINDMILL U.5.b.; 18 pdrs. shot on U.5.b.5.5. and at 10 p.m. about 30 rounds were put on roads in U.12.a.

MACHINE GUNS: Indirect fire was carried out during the night on roads and approaches behind the enemy lines; about 6,000 rounds were expended.

LEWIS GUNS: Fired bursts at intervals and at patrols and working parties.

SHIPS: 3 hits claimed by Left Battalion.

PATROLS: Front was continuously patrolled throughout the night. Left Battalion report having observed a patrol in vicinity of O.35.b.6.4., evidently covering party for working party which was observed in rear. Both these were dispersed by rifle and M.G. fire. Working party was discovered by Right Battalion along River DOUVE and dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

DEFENCE: Consolidation and repairs still in progress.

AIRCRAFT: Between 7 p.m. - 8.40 p.m. our planes patrolled enemy territory. At 1.17 a.m. 5 planes, each with lights under wings, were observed flying towards ANCHOR. Our planes were out early this morning.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Front line system and C.T.'s were shelled intermittently throughout the period. Fm. de la CROIX - STEIGMAST - GAPAARD, receiving usual attention. Between 9 and 11 a.m. Support line near STEIGMAST Fm. was heavily shelled with 15cms. During afternoon Support line of Right Battalion was heavily shelled with 15cm. and 10.5 cm. from BAS WARRINGTON. 8 p.m. O.E. Trench in vicinity of was heavily shelled with 15cm. shells. 9.15 p.m. support line North of GAPAARD was heavily shelled. At 10.30 gas shells and 15 cm. were fired along MILITARY Road near support line. 11.45 a.m. 50 gas shells were fired on support line near DOUVE River. Back Areas and batteries were shelled as usual. Attention was also paid to MISSINES.

TRENCH MORTARS: At 7.15 a.m. 10 pinpoints fell near Strong point on CINTRA Road coming from direction of KIVI Fm. At 8 a.m. 10 small Minenwerfer were fired on front line South of CINTRA Road from vicinity of KIVI Fm.

MACHINE GUNS: Active during the night playing along our trenches and approaches.

SHIPS: A little more active than usual.

PATROLS: One patrol observed and dispersed by rifle and M.G. fire.

DEFENCE: Work heard opposite Fm. de la CROIX and at O.35.b.6.4.

AIRCRAFT: Six planes came over our lines at about 9 p.m.

OBSERVATION: Large fire was burning all night outside DEULEMENT.

3.40 a.m. Small party seen at U.18.c.90.95.

3.50 a.m. Small party seen at U.18.b.10.45.

A great deal of enemy movement was noticed passing by point U.12.d.20.40 between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.; parties of from 5 to 40 were observed. Evidently a C.T. begins at this spot as the majority of the parties disappeared into what appeared to be a trench.

5.50 - 4 p.m. Small working party noticed at U.12.d.20.40.

4.10 p.m. Small party observed at U.18.b.10.30.

Gun flashes were observed at :-

2.55 p.m. 120 degrees T.B. 2.58 p.m. 118 degrees T.B. 4.15 p.m.

123 degrees T.B. 5.50 p.m. 128 degrees T.B. 7.30 p.m. 112 degrees T.B. from O.35.d.15.12.

COMMUNICATION: A pigeon was observed to fly towards enemy line from vicinity of MISSINES.

*R. J. O'Keefe*  
Lieut.  
For Captain.  
A/Brigade Major, "ANCHOR".



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"ANCHOR".

For period 8.11.17 to 12.30. a.m. 12/7/17.

OUR OPERATIONS

ARTILLERY: 18 pdrs. engaged principally on Enemy front line system. Heavies on enemy's back areas and counter battery work.

MACHINE GUNS: Indirect fire was carried out during the night on cross roads and tracks in rear of enemy defences, about 5,000 rounds being expended.

LEWIS GUNS: Bursts were fired at intervals.

SNIPERS: Active, but no hits claimed.

PATROLS: Front areas patrolled until 12.30 a.m., but no hostile patrols were observed.

DEFENCES: Very little work was done owing to relief.

AIRCRAFT: Active throughout the period. Several encounters took place during the afternoon, during which three planes were brought down; one in an encounter between two of ours and three enemy planes at 7 p.m. was a German machine - the other two could not be definitely placed. All landed in enemy territory.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY: Not quite so active as on previous days. Intermittent shelling of Front line system, C.T.s and Subsidiary line during the day. MESSINES was also shelled at intervals. During the night roads and approaches were given particular attention.

Track running just South of MESSINES was shelled unceasingly from 11.30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Gas shells were also used.

TRENCH MORTARS: Pineapples were fired onto our front line South of CINTRA Road from the direction of KINI Fm.

MACHINE GUNS: Fairly active, swooning parapet and NO 1A H'S LAND.

SNIPERS: Not very active.

PATROLS: None seen or heard.

DEFENCES: Nothing to report.

AIRCRAFT: Active - at 1.50 p.m. two German planes brought down 3 of our balloons, and returned safely. Several encounters with our planes took place, during one of which at 7 p.m. a German plane was crashed down; two other planes which crashed down could not be definitely placed.

OBSERVATION.:

9.30 a.m. Small party of enemy seen at U.12.d.30.80.

7.00 a.m.)

10.15 a.m.) Train was observed shunting trucks at p.34.d.

10.30 a.m.)

3.45 p.m. Small working party seen at U.12.c75.40.

9.10 a.m. Train was seen at V.5.b.

Gun flashes were observed at:-

6.30 a.m. 118 degrees T.B. 9.30 a.m. 119 degrees T.B.

11.25 a.m. 131 degrees T.B. from U.38d.13.12.

MISCELLANEOUS.:- Relief of 11th Brigade by 9th Brigade was complete by 1.30 a.m.



Lieut.  
For Captain.  
A/Brigade Major, "ANCHOR".



"ANCHOR" INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR 24 HOURS  
ENDING 6 A.M. 30/7/17.

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Occasional shelling of enemy Front Line defences and back areas with 18 prs., and Howitzers. At 3 a.m., practice barrage by 18 prs. and Howitzers on enemy posts, which was quite satisfactory.

TRENCH MORTARS. Nothing to report.

MACHINE GUNS. Carried out indirect fire on buildings and approaches behind enemy Front Line, about 8000 rounds being expended.

LEWIS GUNS. Fired bursts at intervals.

SNIPERS. Nothing to report.

PATROLS. Covering patrols were out along the front throughout the night. No hostile parties were encountered.

DEFENCES. Trenches are in a bad condition owing to the downpour.

AIRCRAFT. Nothing to report.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Intermittent shelling of Support Lines and Communication Trenches by 15 cm., 10.5 cm., 77 cm. - STEIGNAST FARM, HUNS VALK and MESSINES received attention. Approaches in back area were shelled during the night.

TRENCH MORTARS. Nothing to report.

MACHINE GUNS. Fired occasionally on our defences.

SNIPERS. Nothing to report.

PATROLS. None seen or heard.

DEFENCES. Nothing to report.

AIRCRAFT. Enemy plane flew low over our line during early morning.

*R. J. O'Brien*  
Lieut.  
for Major.  
Brigade Major, 11th Inf. Bde. A.I.F.



" ANCHOR " INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR 24 HOURS  
ENDING 6 a.m. 31/7/17.  
(CONFIDENTIAL)

OUR OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Active throughout the period. Several successful shoots carried out on enemy posts and strong points by 18 prs., and Heavies. Harassing fire kept up during the day on enemy back areas. At 3.50 a.m., Zero hour of minor operation, an intense barrage began on enemy posts and trench systems.

TRENCH MORTARS. Very active from 3.50 a.m., onwards.

MACHINE GUNS. Opened up intense fire at 3.50 a.m.

LEWIS GUNS. Fired occasional bursts during the night.

SNIPERS. Nil.

PATROLS. These left our trenches at different points during the night and report all enemy posts occupied. Sounds of talking and digging being heard.

DEFENCES. Repairing damaged trenches caused both by enemy Artillery and the rain.

AIRCRAFT. Two of our machines patrolled our lines at dusk.

ENEMY OPERATIONS.

ARTILLERY. Very active throughout the day and night with 15 cm., 10.5 cm., and 77 cm., from direction of WARNETON and KIWI FARM. Fire directed mostly on Support line and C.T.'s in vicinity of Fm. de la CROIX, STEIGNAST FARM and GAPAARD. GAPAARD and WELLINGTON C.T., and MESSINES were paid particular attention. Between 10 and 12 midnight enemy commenced heavy shelling of our Front line defences and trenches in vicinity of MESSINES. Intermittent firing from 12 midnight to 3.50 a.m. Enemy replied to our barrage at 3.50 a.m., with 15 cm., 10.5 cm., and 77 cm.

TRENCH MORTARS. Occasional pineapples during the day on F.L., near STEIGNAST FARM.

MACHINE GUNS. Fairly active during the night especially at 3.50 a.m.

SNIPERS. None noticed.

PATROLS. patrol of 8 enemy were noticed opposite STEIGNAST FARM and were fired on with Lewis Guns.

DEFENCES. Work heard in the different enemy posts especially posts 3 and 7.

AIRCRAFT. Two enemy planes flew low over our Front and Support lines at 7.45 p.m., and used an M.G., against our troops.

COMMUNICATION AND OBSERVATION.

Visibility bad throughout the day. A smoke cloud was let off from enemy line opposite STEIGNAST FARM at 1.30 p.m., and drifted in a Southerly direction.

MISCELLANEOUS. In accordance with orders issued for minor operation for Diversion Scheme our troops (2 Battalions strong) attacked enemy posts West of WARNETON Line at 3.50 a.m. Satisfactory progress has been made and consolidation of new line is in progress. Enemy's S.O.S. Signals were Green Rockets followed by Green and Red Rockets sent up in pairs.

*R. S. O'Brien*  
Lieut.  
for Major.  
Brigade Major, "ANCHOR"







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# MESSINES SECTOR

FRONT LINE  
SYSTEM  
AS HANDLED OVER  
BY  
11<sup>TH</sup> INF. BDE:  
AT  
6 A.M. - 12.7.17

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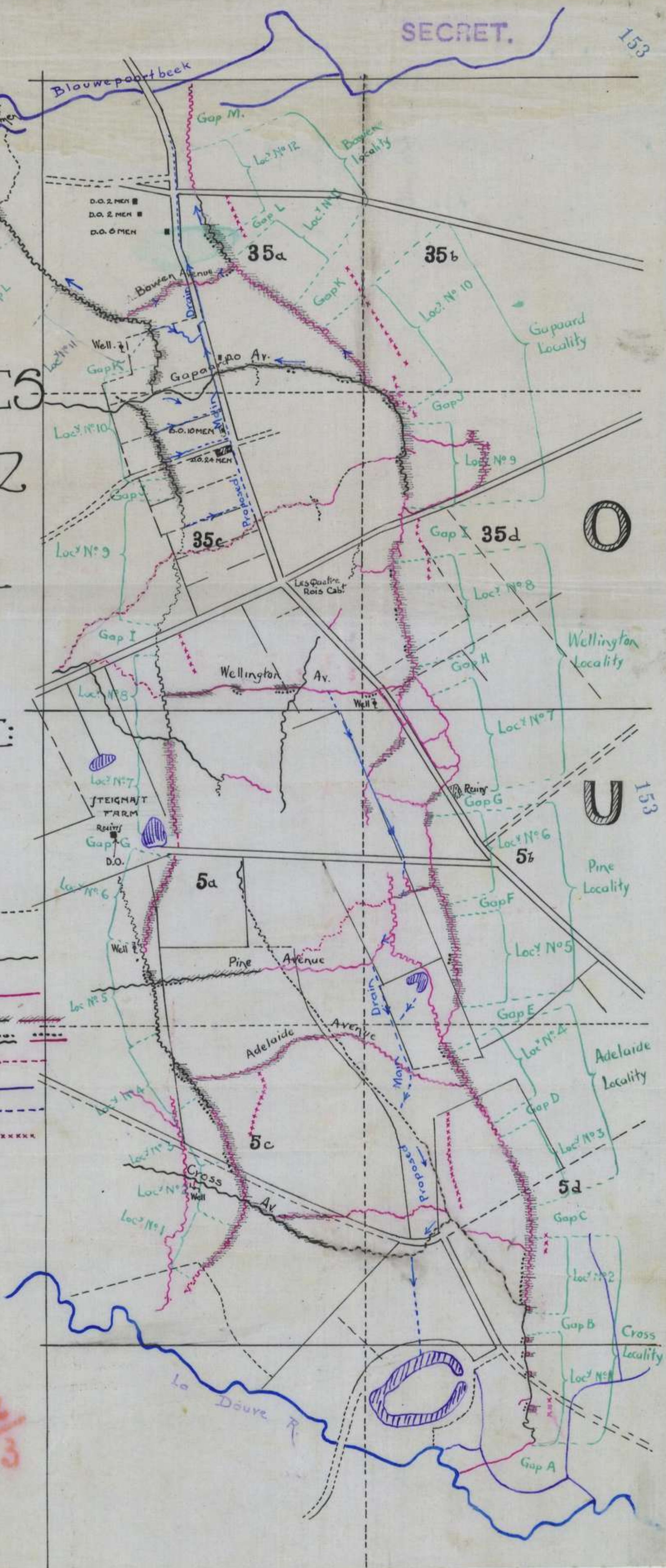
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- Trenches still depth
- Trackboards
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- Wire

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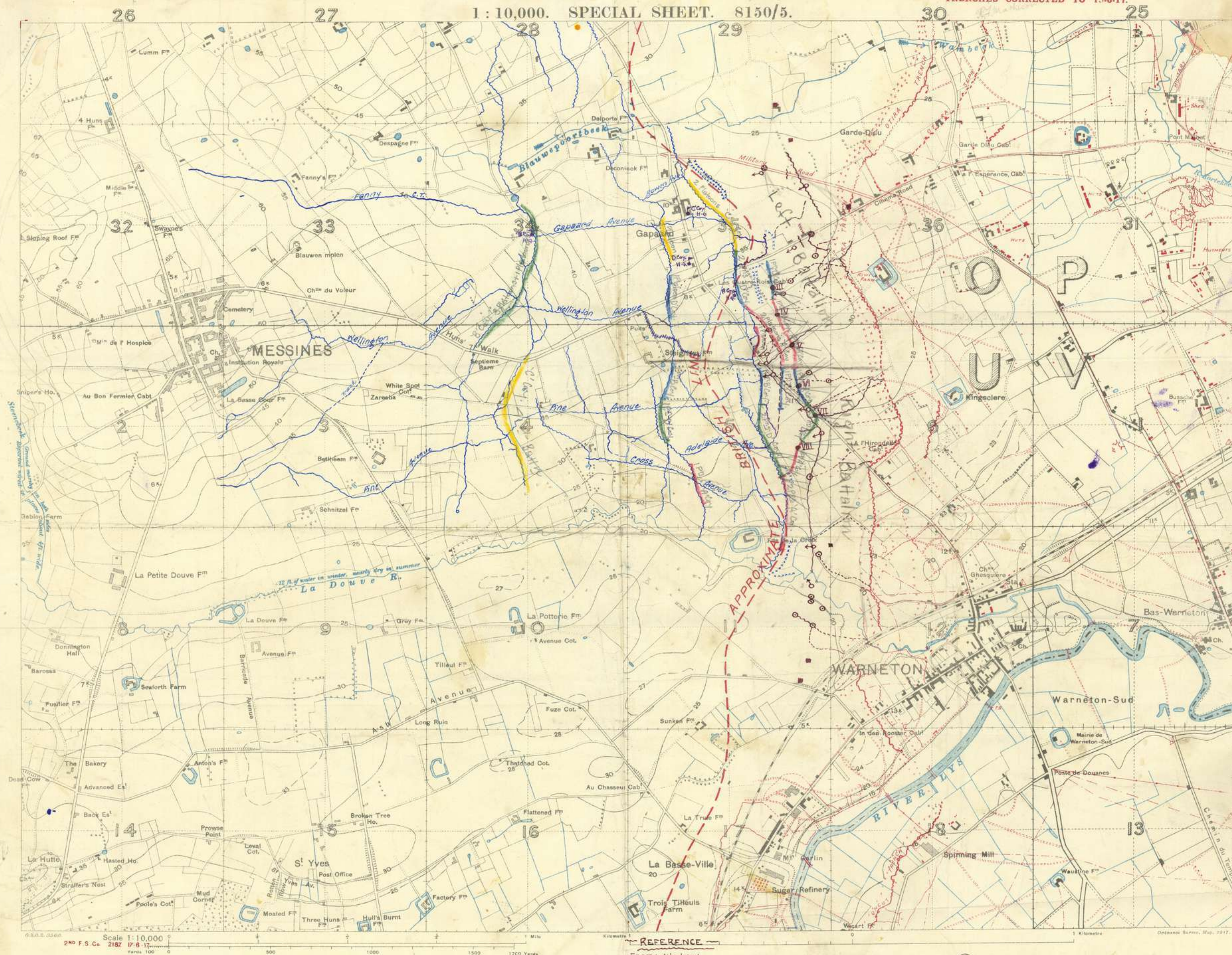


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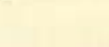
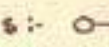


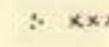

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## REFERENCE

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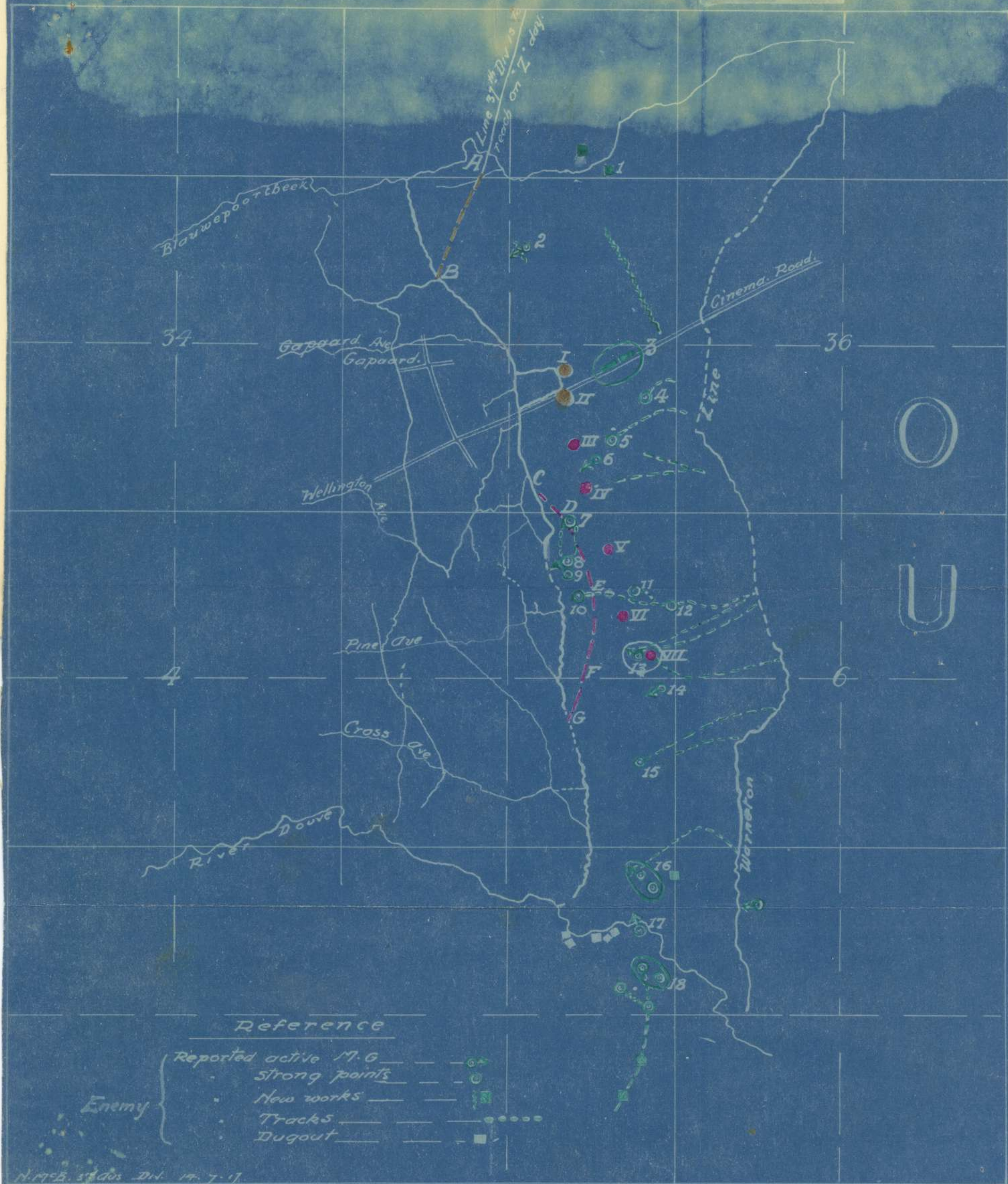
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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters.

9th July, 1917.

Headquarters.

Third Australian Division.

Following on G. 32/143 re Red dotted line and posts in front thereof.

In view of new advanced line and posts we have now established, I am of opinion that a minor operation will easily establish this position.

It is questionable, however, if Windmill posts at U.5.b.80.13 and CINEMA Road (0.35.d.35.70.) can be maintained in advance of red dotted line, and in view of proposed advance of Division on our left flank to 0.29.c.8.0., I recommend (as result of observation from our lines, patrol reports and aeroplane photos.) minor operation to establish blue dotted line as on Map attached.

It would not then be necessary to establish any advanced posts, as the whole of WINDMILL post at U.5.b.80.13 could be wired in and form part of our trench system without any advanced posts.

This would mean going beyond post 0.35.d.35.70., but the 200 yards extra dig is justified, otherwise there would be too much of a re-entrant in the line here.

The establishment of this blue dotted line will mean clearing up of all enemy posts in U.5.b. and 0.35.d.: there is a post in 0.35.b. at 0.35.b.05.60. and a trench system West of trees on MILITARY Road (0.35.b.65.50): there is a small trench system, and it is recommended that in same operation these and all strong points, and machine guns be "mopped up" from our right flank to left flank and between our present line and OTIRA TRENCH, and that flank Divisions be asked to do the same, on right (particularly all posts West of WARNETON and South of DOUVE) and left flank (particularly post at 0.29.d.50.15.).

I consider all these posts, etc., should be engaged by Artillery and Stokes Mortars forthwith, and patrols or posts sent out to report on them, and if possible to establish themselves by day as far out as blue dotted line, and these reports will help to determine final siting of Blue dotted line. The digging will be about 1900 yards.

I consider that one Battalion of strength of 700 in one wave would do the job.

It should be followed by "moppers up" of strength of 350. These moppers up after "mopping up" to OTIRA TRENCH to assist in consolidation of Blue dotted line.

The attacked to establish themselves in or in vicinity of OTIRA TRENCH, and demonstrate with flares, Very lights, smoke, etc., to draw enemy barrage on to that system; otherwise enemy will barrage on to line it is proposed to consolidate.

Following moppers up I recommend 10 Platoon digging parties (no Lewis Gunners and Specialists) of strength of 40 each to consolidate posts at points shown, and with 4 similar platoons to immediately work on C.T.'s (one to each) from front line to posts 2, 4, 7, and 9 as shown.

When darkness comes, I recommend the digging party be augmented by a new full Battalion - strength of 700 plus 4 extra Lewis Guns (20), to augment work on consolidation of posts plus 4 more platoons of 40 each to augment work on each of C.T.'s, and



during night whole assault Battalion and moppers up to be withdrawn from OTIRA TRENCH and vicinity thereof or other advanced posts, and protection of new line from U.5.d.45.45. to BLAUWEP OORT-BEEK to be undertaken by the relief Battalion which has been brought up to complete consolidation.

The relieved assault Battalion plus the 8 platoons on C.T's to be withdrawn at 3.a.m. to our old front and support <sup>and subsidiary</sup> lines in support of new front line.

The defence of right flank from LA DOUVE to U.5.d.45.45. should be undertaken by one Company (strength 200) of another Battalion garrison of front and support line.

Careful orders will have to be given to ensure that the relief Battalion and the 10 consolidation platoons of 40 each do not go back when Assault Battalion and moppers up pass through them between 1.a.m. and 3.a.m. on morning after assault, and a password is recommended.

The relief Battalion will of course establish patrols and posts out in front of Blue dotted line during consolidation night following assault.

The 10 consolidation platoons of 40 each should be withdrawn from Blue dotted line at 4. a.m. on morning after assault.

*R.B.*

(R.B.).

Brigadier General.  
Commanding, 11th Inf. Bde., A.I.F.

*Look out for left flank  
mi casa para mi gente  
34 D.W. on our left.  
Substituting Legions a fine  
right flank.*



Summary of personnel.

|                                                                                    |              |                                                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Assault on whole front.                                                            | 700.         | Relieved to Subsidiary line 3.a.m. morning after Zero day.    |
| Moppers up and subse., )<br>quently to assist con_ )<br>solidate Blue dotted line) | 350.         | Relieved to Support and old front line 4.a.m. after Zero day. |
| Consolidation of posts of )<br>Blue dotted line. )                                 | 400.         | Relieved to Support and old front line 4.a.m. after Zero day. |
| Communication Trenches to )<br>4 posts. )                                          | 160.         | Relieved to Support and old front line 3.a.m. after Zero day. |
| Right flank Coy. to hold )<br>throughout. )                                        | 200.         |                                                               |
| Relief Battalion to consol- )<br>idate and hold Blue dotted )<br>line. )           | 700.         | Comes to Blue line night of Zero day.                         |
| Augment personnel on C.T's )<br>night Zero day. )                                  | 160.         | Relieved when C.T's completed.                                |
|                                                                                    | <hr/> 2,670. |                                                               |



URGENT.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

APPENDIX

S E C R E T.

Divisional Headquarters,  
13th July, 1917.

Headquarters,

9th Aust. Inf. Bde.

11th Aust. Inf. Bde. (for information).

Re attached tracing. Please neglect the BROWN DOTTED LINE except where marked "AB". Neglect the BLUE DOTTED LINE and BLUE Posts entirely. You will notice that the BROWN Posts we have established have been numbered I and II in Roman figures. The RED Posts, which we wish to establish, have been numbered III to VII in Roman figures. The enemy's GREEN Posts have been numbered 1 to 18 in ordinary figures. The RED DOTTED LINE has been lettered C, D, E, F & G, the letters denoting certain points on this line.

It is intended that on ZERO day the 11th Aust. Inf. Bde., employing 2 Battalions, shall dig the RED DOTTED Line and establish the RED Posts. Contributory work for your Brigade on that day will be notified later.

Preliminary work for your Brigade is as follows:-

- (1) Carry out instructions contained in paragraphs 5 and 6 (Safety arrangements and Action by Infantry) of my letter G.1/343/6 of the 12th July.

It will be for you to decide which of the enemy's Posts you will occupy if found vacant during the various reconnaissances. Report of occupation of enemy's posts must be promptly made to all concerned, especially to the Artillery, to avoid losses from our own shell fire.

It may be possible to occupy posts 7, 8, 9 and 10, and it would be an undoubted advantage to do so.

- (2). Your Brigade will dig 125 yards of the RED DOTTED Line at its Northern end, and 150 yards at its Southern end, working by night and either digging or sapping.

- (3). You will establish a post to cover completion of the digging of the BROWN DOTTED Line "AB". This line will be dug on Z/A night, "A" day being held to mean day following "Z" day. The Post to cover.....



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to cover the line "AB" will be established between now and "Z" day.

(4). You will commence the digging of the line "A/B" from its Southern end forthwith, completing some 200 yards or more prior to "Z" day. The completion of this line on "Z" day will be allotted to your Brigade.

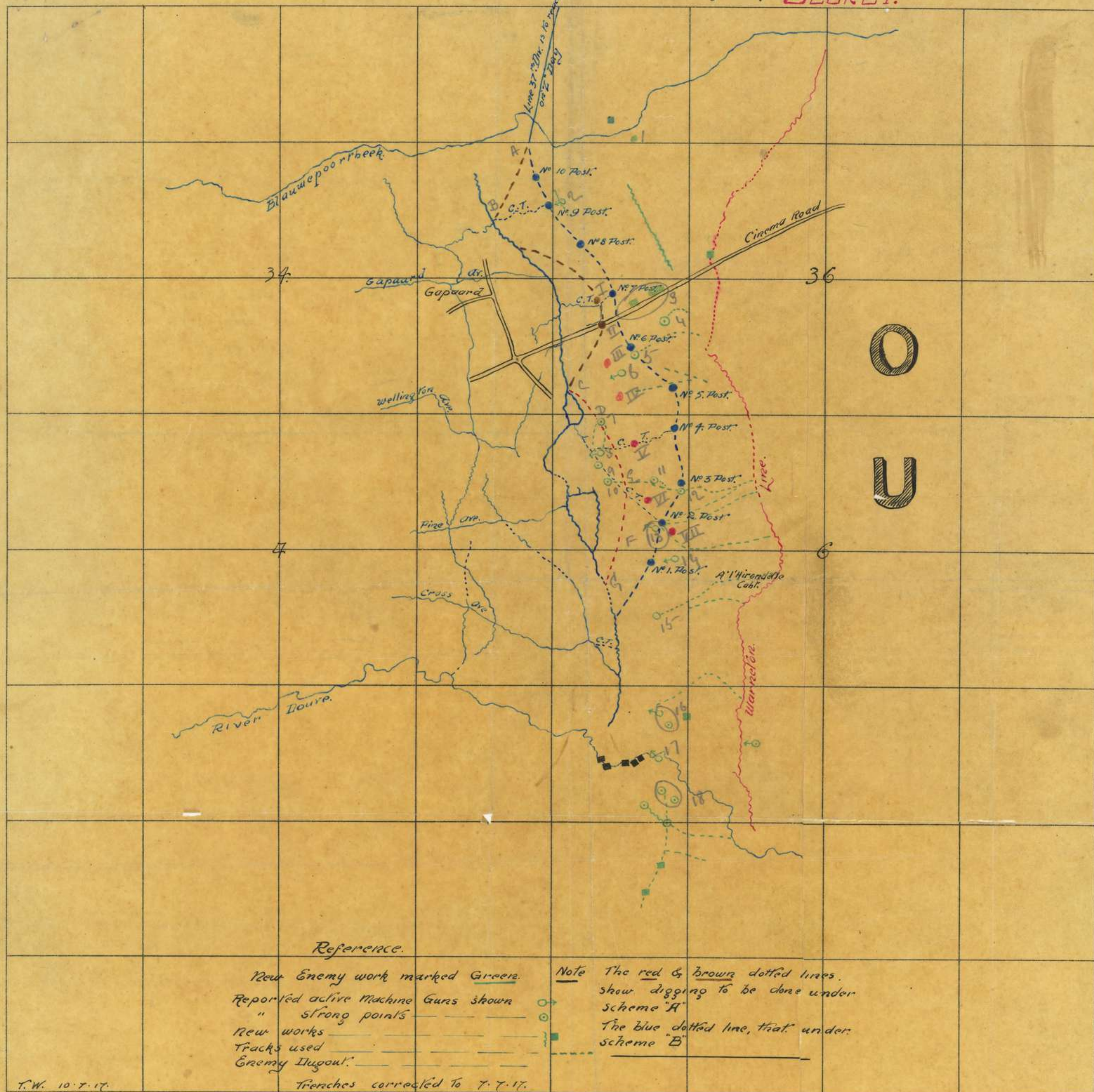
(5). You will forthwith commence Communication Trenches from our front line to the new RED Posts, number III etc., which we propose to establish.

T.C.

*L. H. Jackson*

Lieut-Colonel.  
General Staff.



Identification Trace for use with Artillery Maps. **SECRET.**

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.  
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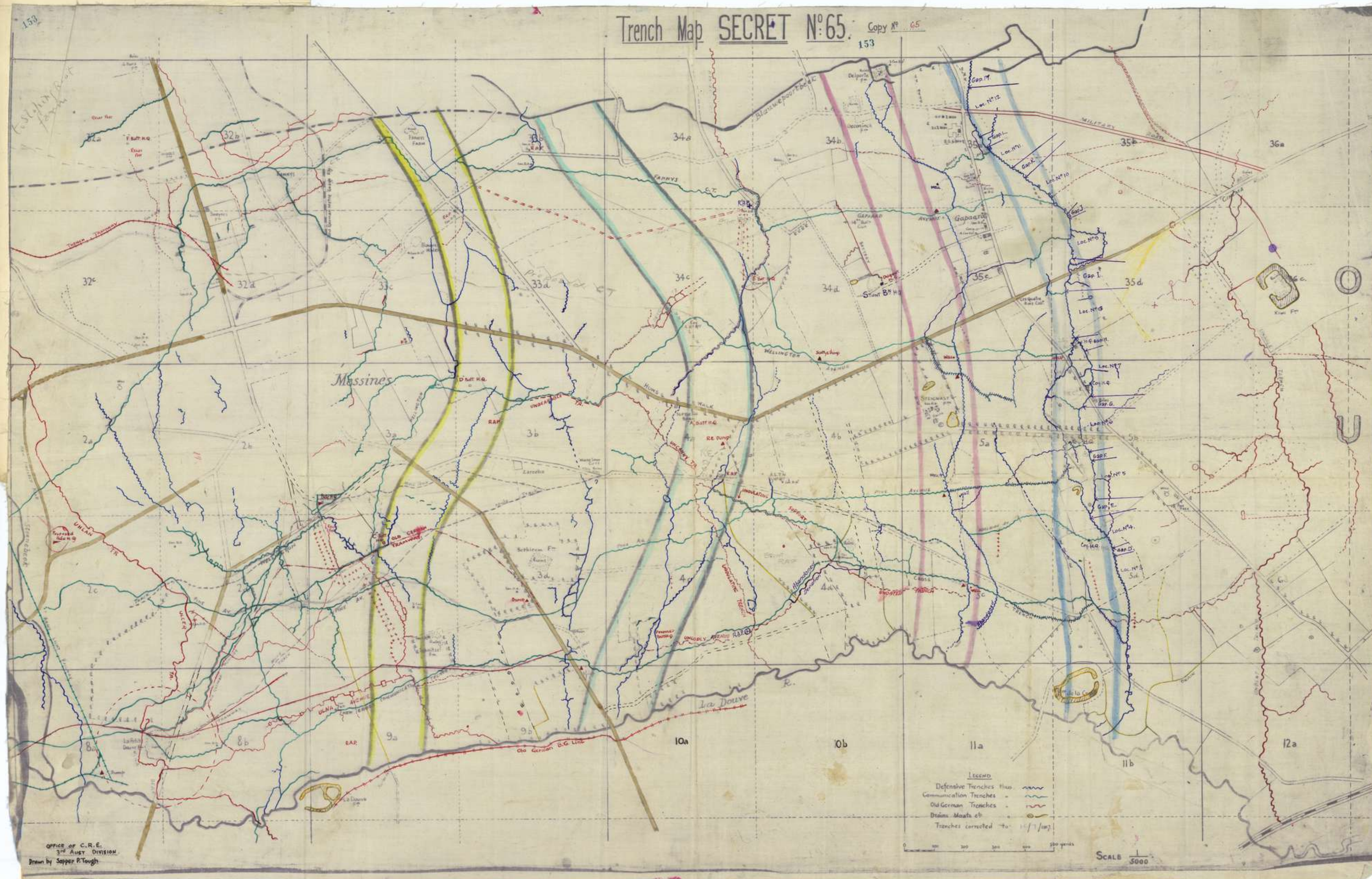
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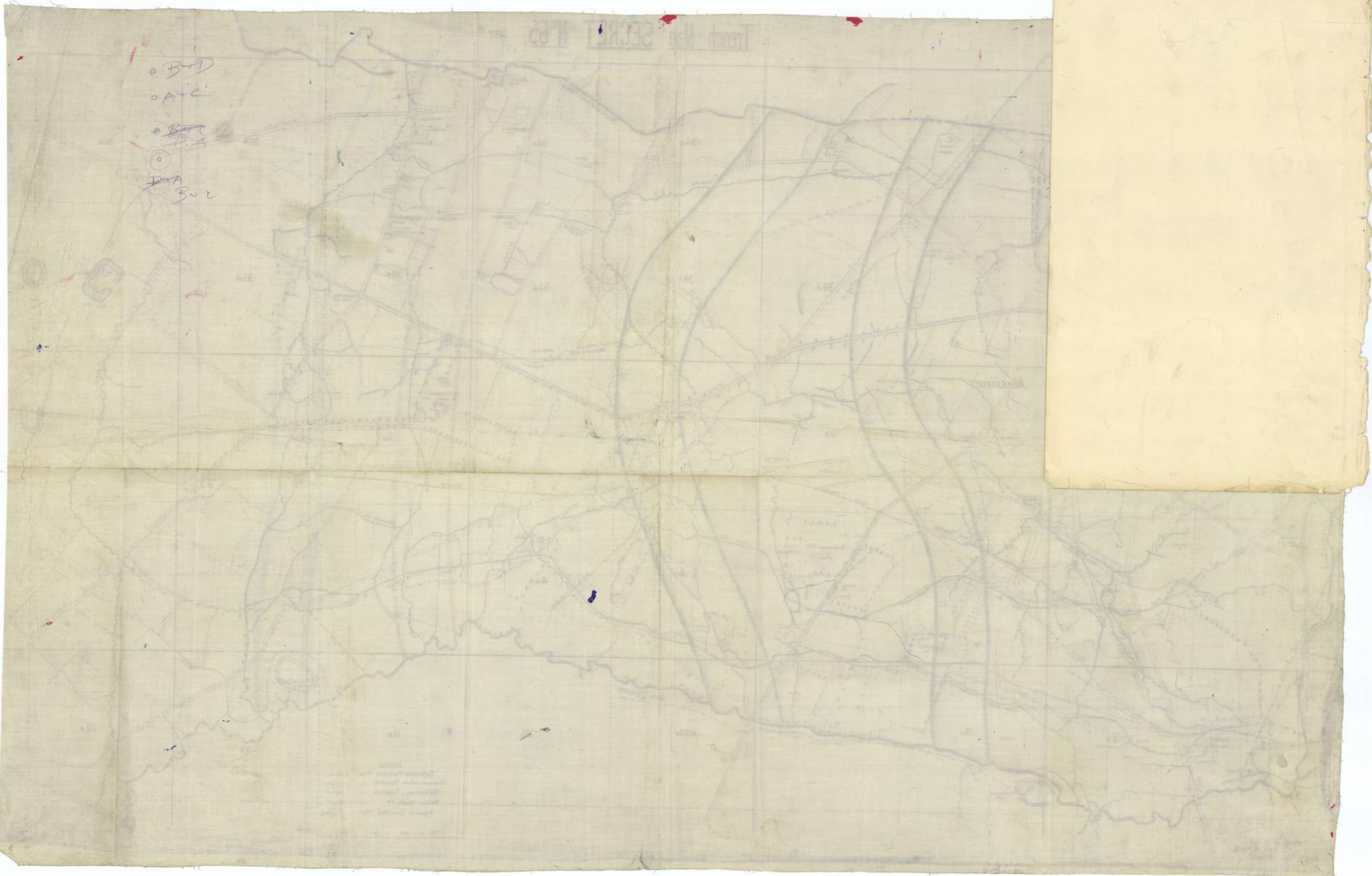
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11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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SECRET.

Headquarters,  
16th July, 1917.

D I V E R S I O N      C I R C U L A R      No.1.

Reference Maps. Tracing "A" attached.  
1/10000 Special Sheet 8150/5.

STRENGTHS, EQUIPMENT, TOOLS ETC.

(1). STRENGTH OF ASSAULT.

| (a) Officers and Headquarters                      | Officers. | Others.               |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Battalion Headquarters )                           | 2 or 3    | 6 or 7 Signallers     |
| C/O, Adjutant and Signalling Officer or Sergeant.) |           | 3 Runners.            |
| Medical.                                           | 1         | 16 Stretcher Bearers. |
| Company Headquarters.                              | 1         | 3 Signallers.         |
|                                                    |           | 4 Runners.            |
| Platoon Headquarters.                              | 1         | 2 Runners.            |

Officers should be sent with platoons to all Red posts and platoons digging Red Dotted Line and C.T's, but only 50% of platoon Commanders of Assault will be Officers, therefore exclusive of R.M.O., Officers will be:-

|                          |   |              |
|--------------------------|---|--------------|
| 1 Battalion Headquarters | = | 3            |
| 4 Company do             | = | 4            |
| Platoon Officers         | = | 12           |
| Total                    | = | 19 Officers. |

(b) SIGNALLERS.

The 5 platoons going to Red posts will each have three Signallers.

| Signallers.              |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Battalion Headquarters | 1 Officer or Sgt. 7 |
| 4 Company Headquarters   | 12                  |
| 2 Platoon posts          | 3                   |
|                          | <u>25</u>           |

As 42nd Battalion have 3 posts to establish they will have 28 Signallers - No other Signallers to be used.

(c) RUNNERS.

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| 1 Battalion Headquarters | 6         |
| 4 Company Headquarters   | 16        |
| 16 platoons              | 32        |
|                          | <u>54</u> |

All Cooks, pioneers, Sanitary Squad, Bandsmen, C.Q.M.S., and such like Administrative details difficult to replace will not be used.

|                                                                   |                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sections - each of 1 N.C.O. (Sgt L/Sgt.Cpl. or L/Cpl) and 6 men = | 7.                      |
| 4 Sections each 7 =                                               | 28 in platoon.          |
| 16 platoons =                                                     | 448                     |
| Batmen to 19 Officers =                                           | 19                      |
| Signallers.                                                       | 25                      |
| Runners.                                                          | 54                      |
| Stretcher Bearers.                                                |                         |
| (Battalion Headqrs.)                                              | 16                      |
| 2 Stretcher Bearers to accompany each platoon                     | 32                      |
|                                                                   | <u>594 Other Ranks.</u> |

If 43rd Battalion and 42nd Battalion cannot supply the 32 Stretcher Bearers the deficiency will be made up from 41st and 44th Battalions. 41st Battalion will attach the required number to 43rd Battalion, and 44th Battalion will attach the required number to 42nd Battalion. These men must be at once trained in First Aid.



STRENGTHS, EQUIPMENT, TOOLS ETC. Continued.

- (2). Fighting Kit as per S.S. 135. para XXII., except:-  
 VI. Only carry 24 hours rations in haversack (no great coat or oil sheet).  
 VIII. 3 Mills Bombs; Bombing Section to carry 14 Bombs and 1 "p" Grenade.  
 IX. Only required if Contact plane operates. Every Officer in Charge of platoon going to either of 5 Red posts must have runner or batman to carry 2 S.O.S. Rockets complete. platoon Officers digging Red Dotted Line also require 2 S.O.S. Rockets each.

X. The following Sand Bags will be carried :-

|                         |     |    |
|-------------------------|-----|----|
| Assaulters              | ... | 5  |
| Red post parties        | ... | 10 |
| Red Dotted Line parties | ... | 10 |
| C. T. parties           | ... | 10 |

Rifle Grenadier Sections will carry 10 Rifle Grenades per man (if possible with separate rods) and 1 "p" Grenade.

Lewis Gun Sections will carry 5 magazines per man, except No. 1 who carries the Gun.

Assaulters will not carry any large entrenching Tool; they will rely on shell holes, filled Sand Bags, and entrenching Tools. Wire Cutters and Breakers at rate of 2 to every Section in first line of the wave will be carried.

Red post Garrison. Each man will carry either 1 pick or 1 shovel in the proportion 2 picks to 3 shovels.

Red Dotted Line and C.T. parties. Every man will carry 1 pick and 1 shovel.

|                          |        |          |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|
|                          | picks. | Shovels. |
| Total for each Battalion | 175    | 200      |

(3). Distinguishing Arm Bands will be worn on right arm 1" below Battalion colour patch, as under:-

|                                           |     |         |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|---------|
| Assaulting Troops                         | ... | Yellow. |
| parties to establish Red posts            | ... | Red.    |
| parties to consolidate Red Dotted Line &) |     |         |
| C.T., parties                             | )   | White.  |

(4). Every Company and platoon Commander will carry a 1/20000 Map showing:- (a) WARNETON Line.

(b) 18 enemy posts bombarded by Artillery.

No other Maps will be carried, nor will any sketches etc., be carried that will convey information to the enemy of our Red posts or new line.

(5). Each platoon will carry 1 stretcher and Battalion Stretcher Bearers 8 stretchers. In addition R.M.O's will arrange for 50 stretchers at each Aid post.



ACTION OF INFANTRY.

(1) The Infantry will be divided into four parties:-

(a) ASSAULTING TROOPS = 8 platoons 42nd Battalion.  
8 " 43rd Battalion.  
16

Each Battalion is to attack on a two Company front in one wave and mop up under cover of creeping barrage all posts between our lines and WARNETON Line, in squares O.35.d - U.5.b. and U.5.d.

These Troops will not advance closer than within 200 yards of WARNETON Line (where it exists) or about 125 yards from enemy wire (where any exists).

It is necessary that all posts reported active are known to Assaulters in order to be ready to envelope and mop them up.

Distance to advance Eastward must be known and recognised on map and ground.

The cleaning up of enemy posts is merely supplementary to the establishment of our Red posts, and also the consolidation of our Red Dotted Line, but it is considered that the clearing of "No mans Land" is necessary to allow of digging to commence on these posts.

At conclusion of advance there should be reorganisation in order to bring Sections of same platoons together.

Lateral touch of platoons and Companies will be necessary, for as the various Sections of Rifle Grenadiers, Riflemen and Bombers withdraw, Lewis Gun Sections must be reassured as to lateral touch, and in the event of Units being spread laterally at certain points, the Sections of Rifle Grenadiers, Riflemen or Bombers will not withdraw until Zero plus two hours, and will then withdraw with Lewis Gun Sections, otherwise Lewis Gun Sections become isolated and are unable to withdraw. The platoon Commander must not therefore withdraw until Bombers are withdrawing.

(b) PARTIES TO ESTABLISH THE RED POSTS.

1 platoon to each of posts III, IV, V, VI, and VII.  
43rd Battalion to supply platoons VI, and VII., and 42nd Battalion to supply platoons for III, IV, and V.

These platoons follow Assaulters, either as a wave or in Artillery formation, and finally mop all country between our Front Line and Red posts III, to VII, inclusive and definitely establish themselves and dig and consolidate these posts with best field of fire and observation to North, East, and South that is offering.

The posts are to be constructed to hold a maximum garrison of one platoon (28 men) and a minimum of two Sections (14 men). Whilst Assaulters are to East of these posts the whole platoon is to be employed on consolidation. It will be necessary to subsequently withdraw Assaulters through these posts to dig Red Dotted Line. Consequently these platoons require to be best Troops and well disciplined and trained and definitely know that our Troops will be passing East to rest through them, but that these post platoons are to remain.

This passing through of Assaulters will be done by Companies by Sections, thus:-

Zero plus 1 hour Rifle Grenade Sections of 4 platoons of each of two Companies of each 42nd and 43rd Battalions.

Zero plus 1 hour 15 minutes Rifle Sections of 4 platoons of each of 2 Companies of each 42nd and 43rd Battalions.

Zero plus 1 hour 30 minutes Bombing Sections of 4 platoons of each of 2 Companies of each 42nd and 43rd Battalions.

Zero plus 1 hour 45 minutes Lewis Gun Sections of 4 platoons of each of 2 Companies of each 42nd and 43rd Battalions.

Therefore at Zero plus 30 minutes the whole of the five posts will establish their Lewis Gun Sections in front or to a flank of their posts (protected by 2 or 3 Bombers) as early protection to the Red post.

Special precautions will be taken to prevent the Lewis Gun Sections covering the Red posts mistaking the first or subsequent wave moving back, for the enemy. When the Assaulters are all back, the protection of the Red posts will devolve on the garrison of the Red posts and their Lewis Gun Sections in front of them. This protection is supplemented by Artillery and Machine Gun fire, on a call for S.O.S.

At night patrols and posts from these posts will furnish local protection 50 yards to East of these posts to give early warning of attack on posts.



ACTION OF INFANTRY.(b) PARTIES TO ESTABLISH THE RED POSTS. Continued.

This local protection will be further safeguarded by patrols sent out from Red Dotted Line as follows :-

43rd Battalion.

Right Company. (Right flank) from U.S.d. 40.75 towards WARWICK Line and protecting attack of No. VII. post from South and to co-operate with 9th Brigade patrols on South.

Right Centre Company. From vicinity of post No. VII. to protect attack of post VII from S.E. and East and to co-operate with Right Coy. and Left Centre Coy., patrols.

Left Centre Company. From vicinity of post VI. to protect attack on post VII from N & N.E. and post VI. from East and co-operate with Right Centre Coy., and Left Coy., patrols.

Left Company. From vicinity VI to protect attack on post VI from N.E. and N., and to co-operate with Left Centre Coy., 43rd Battalion's and right Coy., of 42nd Battalion's patrols.

42nd Battalion.

Right Company. From post V to protect it from S.E. and East and co-operate with patrols on flank.

Right Centre Company. From post IV., to protect it from S.E. and East and V., post from N.E.

Left Centre Company. From post III., to protect it from S.E. and East and IV post from N.E.

Left Company. From post II., (old) to protect it from S.E. and East and No. III., from N.E.

(c). C.T. PARTIES.

1 Platoon for post VII. ) 43rd Battalion.  
1 " " " VI. )  
1 " " " V. 42nd Battalion.

These parties commence digging from the posts and dig westwards to Red Dotted Line. They will move in Artillery formation or as a wave.

(d). PARTIES TO CONSOLIDATE RED DOTTED LINE.

4 Platoons - 42nd Battalion.  
4 " - 43rd Battalion.

4 platoons to move in Artillery formation or in wave. To sight, lay out, dig and consolidate Red Dotted Line. If "C" and "D" (125 yards) and "E" to "F" (150 yards) has been dug by 9th Brigade prior to Zero, it will leave 300 yards to dig, i.e., about 300 yards to each Battalion.

2. On return of 2 Companies to each Battalion of Assaulters to Red Dotted Line they will augment digging parties of Red Dotted Line, and on C.T.'s as follows :-

Two platoons of Right Company of 43rd Battalion Assaulters (less 4 Lewis Gun Sections and Guns) will dig the C.T. to post VII., from Red Dotted Line, and thus augmenting platoon digging from post VII., to West.

Two platoons of this Company will dig C.T. from advanced front line U.S.b. 35.40. to Red Dotted Line U.S.b. 55.45.

Left Company of 43rd Battalion Assaulters will provide one platoon (less Lewis Gun Section and Guns) to dig C.T. to post VI., from Red Dotted Line, thus augmenting platoon digging from post VI., outwards.

The Lewis Gun Sections of the above 5 platoons will remain in old advanced Front Line.

This leaves 7 platoons of 43rd Battalion digging Red Dotted Line.



5.

ACTION OF INFANTRY, Continued.

Right Company of 42nd Battalion Assaulters will supply one platoon (less Lewis Gun Section) to dig from Red Dotted Line to post V., thus augmenting the one platoon digging from post V to Red Dotted Line.

Left Company of 42nd Battalion Assaulters will supply one platoon (less Lewis Gun Section) to dig to post IV.

One platoon (less Lewis Gun Section) to dig C.T. from advanced Front Line at U.5.b.2.8. to Red Dotted Line at U.5.b.45.80. and two platoons (less Lewis Gun Section) to complete dig to post III., from Front Line (It is expected that 100 yards will be dug prior to Zero day). These 5 Lewis Gun Sections remain in our old advanced Front Line.

This leaves 7 platoons of 42nd Battalion digging Red Dotted Line. When platoons have finished C.T.'s., they will help on Red Dotted Line and vice versa.

(3). The centre of the attack is U.5.b.00.60. - U.6.a.00.60. North point is O.35 Central. South point is U.5.d.5.4. This gives 600 yards to 43rd Battalion and 700 yards to 42nd Battalion.

(4). When Assaulters are passing East to West they will leave 25% of their Bombs, Ammunition, Lewis Gun magazines and Sand Bags distributed in posts III., to VII., inclusive.

(5). The governing principle of digging C.T.'s., posts and trenches will be to get under cover by Sections. It is better to have four sections of trench down early to proper depth of 4 or 5 feet with 5 or 10 yards between each, than to have a shallow trench throughout. Sapping under cover and out of observation can go on later and make trench continuous then or at night fall, which will allow digging above ground.

If digging on posts or Red Dotted Line, Bombers and Rifle Sections should dig on right or left flank of platoons as case may be and Lewis Gunners in the centre and generally in advance of the position. Rifle Grenadiers start the C.T., to the rear.

(6). If Machine Guns or Artillery prevent large digging parties on the C.T.'s., or Red Dotted Line by day, an Officer on the spot must thin men down into our two present lines from O.5.d.1. to U.5.d.40.75., and rest them preparatory to a vigorous dig when it gets dark.

(7). a. Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections with Gun and all magazines of platoons of parties "C" and "D" (see para 1 above) for original C.T.'s., and Red Dotted Line will remain in our old Front Line until a position is dug for Lewis Gun, which should be ready for their accommodation at Zero plus 2 hours.

b. The Guns of these platoons which are on C.T.'s., to posts will establish themselves in Red Dotted Line in vicinity of these C.T.'s., so that they can be picked up by their Sections.

(8). Company, platoon, and Section leaders, also runners and signallers will - starting on 18th instant - reconnoitre routes to Front Line.

(9). Stretcher Bearers will reconnoitre routes to new Aid posts.



## ARTILLERY, MACHINE GUN, AND TRENCH MORTAR ACTION.

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(1). Artillery prior to Zero day is to bombard all enemy posts in NO MAN'S LAND, that is, posts 1 to 18 and also strong points in and West of WARNETON Line. Also to cut wire at six places in WARNETON Line.

Artillery plan prior to Zero day (Divisional memo G 1/343/6 of 12/7/17) can be perused at this Office.

On Zero day Artillery will commence barrage on a frontage of 1,500 yards (line O.35.b.-d., on North to line U.5.d.- U.11.b., on South) starting at a point 150 yards East of our present Front Line and posts.

It will remain on this line for three minutes, to give our Assault Troops time to issue from their trenches. It will lift at Zero plus three minutes and creep forward at rate of fifty yards a minute, and will come to a halt on the WARNETON Line.

The barrage will be thickened and continued from U.11.b. on South by Artillery from NEW ZEALAND Division and 3" Stokes Mortars by 11th Infantry Brigade - particularly on enemy posts 16, 17, & 18.

On North the Artillery barrage will be continued from O.35.b., Northwards by 10th Brigade 3" Stokes Mortars and will co-operate with Artillery action of Division on our left. particular attention will be paid by 10th Brigade 3" Stokes Mortars to enemy post No. 2, and enemy trench astride MILITARY ROAD O.35.b.9.1. to O.35.b.7.8. Construction of Mortar positions will be started forthwith.

The barrage will be at rate of four rounds per gun a minute from Zero to Zero plus fifteen minutes - it will then drop to 3 - then 2 - then 1 round a gun a minute. Heavies and 4.5 Hows. reserved for Counter Battery and for shelling back areas.

It is proposed to cease fire at Zero plus four hours. It is not definitely decided whether prior to Zero plus four hours certain guns or Batteries will be taken out to extend barrage of 18 pounds to North or South of 1,500 yards frontage and to cover from DOUVE to BLAWEPOORTBEEK from Zero plus 30 minutes and to quicken fire on this line or the 1,500 yards frontage on a call for S.O.S. to repel local counter attack.

It is quite definitely fixed, however, that after Zero plus four hours the S.O.S. line will extend from LA DOUVE RIVER to BLAWEPOORTBEEK, the line of S.O.S. being U.11.b.85.45., thence to WARNETON Line at U.6.c.37.60., thence along WARNETON Line to O.36.c.1.5., thence to O.35.b.9.1., O.35.b.7.8., O.29.d.45.05. This S.O.S. can be thickened up by 3" Stokes Mortars of all three Brigades, but a re-arrangement of 9th Brigade 3" Mortars will be necessary to fire 150 yards East of newly established Red post and Red Dotted Line.

(2). All four Machine Gun Companies will employ 12 Guns (48 in all) on whole Divisional front, barraging a line 50 yards East of WARNETON Line in squares O.36.c. - U.6.a., and U.6.c., and in squares U.12.a. and O.36.a., barraging on enemy wire, i.e., 50 yards West of WARNETON Line. This barrage will extend to LA DOUVE RIVER on South and to BLAWEPOORTBEEK on North. From Zero to Zero plus 30 minutes fire will be practically continuous, but from Zero plus 30 minutes to Zero plus four hours, fire will gradually slacken, ceasing at Zero plus four hours, but increasing rate of fire on S.O.S.

One Vickers Gun at each U.5.d.25.45 and O.35.d.1.4, crossing at U.5.b.78.27., require to be moved to O.35.d.35.00., and U.5.d.45.10., and to fire to cross and to protect new Red posts - not to come into action until after withdrawal of Assaulters and then only on a call for S.O.S.

(3). Artillery will send Liason Officer to each 42nd and 43rd Battalion Headquarters.

(4). Smoke from either 4" Mortars, Candles or Varley Bombs. will be used in U.11.b. and U.12.a.



7.

CONTRIBUTORY ACTION BY 9TH AND 10TH BRIGADES  
PRIOR TO ZERO.

1. Completion of two Battalion Headquarters (10th Brigade)
2. Completion of four Company Headquarters.
3. Completion of two Aid posts. (10th Brigade)
4. Extension of FANNY C.T. and CROSS C.T. to our old Front Line West of MESSINES.
5. Completion of new switch of WELLINGTON AVENUE, North of HUN'S WALK.
6. 9th Brigade patrols will exploit success of our destructive bombardment of the enemy posts in "No Man's Land" by patrols and permanent posts, and will report on any change of position of enemy posts and Machine Guns.
7. 11th and 10th Brigades will construct suitable emplacements for 3" Stokes Mortars for Zero day, and 9th Brigade will construct new emplacements to cover our proposed new Red posts.
8. Siting and selection of positions for Vickers Guns at O.35.d.35.70 and U.5.d.45.10.
9. Digging Red Dotted Line from "C" to "D" - 125 yards  
from "G" to "F" - 150 yards  
C.T. from present Front Line at O.35.d.1.3. towards Red post III - 100 yards.  
Digging portion of the Brown Line "A" - "B" starting from "B".
10. Establishment of 4 Company Dumps, one at each of  
U.5.b.25.05.  
U.5.b.40.30.  
U.5.b.03.70.  
U.5.b.12.95.

Each Dump is to contain:-

200 Bombs.  
2 Boxes S.A.A.  
500 Sand Bags.

These are in addition to the two Dumps of ricks and Shovels to be established at U.5.b.35.40. and U.5.b.2.8.



Contributory action by 9th Brigade on Zero day.

1. From Zero minus 4 hours to Zero "In" routes will be left clear of troops. These trenches will be policed at the front and support line to prevent any out traffic in them.
2. From darkness to daylight or Zero hour ( whichever arrives first) have patrols active in "NO MAN'S LAND".
3. From Zero minus one hour until Zero Support line will be cleared from CROSS AVENUE to ADELAIDE AVENUE and GAPAARD AVENUE to new Switch of WELLINGTON AVENUE (North of HUNS WALK - CINEMA ROAD) to allow of approach march.
4. From Zero minus 1 hour to Zero plus 15 minutes, the front line also the advanced line in U.5.b. and O.35.d. and the posts in O.35.d. will be cleared from CROSS AVENUE to GAPAARD AVENUE, except for the Lewis Gun Sections and patrols returning from "NO MAN'S LAND" and one Officer per Platoon front.  
 As the 11th Brigade parties leave the trenches the 9th Brigade close in and adopt the normal defensive position, with exception that the front line and advanced front line from O.35.d. 1.2. to U.5.d.40.75. ( a frontage of about 750 yards) remains at disposal of 11th Brigade troops until relieved as per para. 6 below.  
 The Lewis Gun teams of the 9th Brigade remain on this 750 yards frontage as before.  
 Any 11th Brigade troops on this frontage fight under the orders of the G.O.C. 9th Brigade in the event of an enemy counter-attack.
5. At Zero hour 9th Brigade will demonstrate with Lewis Gun and rifle fire on the right and left flanks of the operation, but orders are to be issued to ensure that there is no fire on to squares O.35.d. - U.5.b. - and U.5.d.
6. The 9th Brigade will relieve the 11th Brigade in the Red posts and Red dotted line on Z/A night, commencing at 12 midnight and completing at 3. a.m.
7. The 9th Brigade will take up patrolling N.East and South of the Red posts after midnight Z/A night.
8. On Z/A night they do all patrolling from U.5.d.40.75. to LA DOUVE River and from CINEMA ROAD inclusive to BLAUWEP OORTBEEK.
9. G.O.C. 9th Brigade and his Battalion Commanders remain in <sup>Command of</sup> tactical defence of the line during the whole operation, and in event of attack, the control is in his hands. The G.O.C. 11th Brigade, C/Os. 42nd and 43rd and all Officers and N.C.Os. and men co-operating with Ninth Brigade Officers, N.C.Os. and men to secure defeat of enemy.
10. G.O.C., Brigade Major, and one other Officer 11th Brigade are to be allowed to come into 9th Brigade Headquarters and use their Signal service runners and communications from Zero minus 8 hours until relief of 11th Brigade troops at 3.a.m. on Z/A day.
11. It is considered that by midnight digging will be complete, and if the relieving troops of 9th Brigade could bring up wire and picquets the posts could be partly wired on the same night. No. VII post to be wired on South and South-East back to our front line in vicinity of U.5.d.45.65 and No. III post to North to join up to post II.
12. Observers of 9th Brigade will assist with information re advance and action of our troops.  
 No carrying parties are being provided by 11th Brigade and 9th Brigade are responsible for defence of line the replenishment of the four Company Dumps at U.5.b.25.05.  
 U.5.b.1.3.  
 U.5.b.03.70.  
 U.5.b.12.95.  
 will be under their control.



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GENERAL.

1. Instructions re Contact planes will be issued later.
2. No Engineers or pioneers will assist in the operation.
3. prisoners will be sent under escort direct to Brigade Headquarters.
4. Battalions must evacuate all their wounded prior to being relieved by 9th Brigade Units.
5. Every effort is to be made to bury all dead during night Z/A.
6. There must be liaison by N.C.O's or reliable privates to all flank Battalions, Companies and platoons. Liaison will also be maintained from front to rear between assault Troops and posts, posts and Red Dotted Line and vice versa.

ACKNOWLEDGE.



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

DISTRIBUTION.

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| 2.          | Brigade Major.              | "                |
| 3.          | Staff Captain.              | "                |
| 4.          | 42nd Battalion.             | "                |
| 5.          | 43rd Battalion.             | "                |
| 6.          | 11th Machine Gun Company.   | "                |
| 7.          | 11th Trench Mortar Battery. | "                |
| 8.          | 3rd Australian Division.    | D.R.L.S.         |
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11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
18th July, 1917.

*War  
Diary*

AMENDMENTS

TO

D I V E R S I O N      C I R C U L A R      N o . 1 .  
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page 2, para (2) VI.

After " rations " add " plus iron ration "

page 2, line 17.

Eliminate " and 1 " p " Grenade "

page 2, line 25.

For " 2 picks to 3 shovels " read " 1 pick to 3 shovels."

page 2, line 27.

For " 1 pick and 1 shovel " read " 2 large entrenching tools in proportion of 1 pick and 3 shovels."

page 2, line 28.

For " 175 picks and 200 shovels " read " 100 picks 275 shovels."

page 2, para 3, line 1.

For " 1 " read " 4 inches"

page 3, line 26.

For " Zero plus 2 hours " read " Zero plus 1 hour 45 minutes."

page 3, line 58.

For " Zero plus 30 minutes " read " Zero plus one hour."

page 7, para 10, line 9.

Add after " 500 Sand Bags " - " 50 tins of water."

page 7, para 10, last line.

For " U.S.b.35.40." read " U.S.b.25.37."

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Divisional Headquarters,  
19th July, 1917.PLAN OF NO MAN'S LAND.

The accompanying Plan of NO MAN'S LAND, scale 1/5,000, has been compiled from aeroplane photographs and patrols' reports. It is meant for the assistance of Company Commanders and Patrols in charting NO MAN'S LAND, and in conducting minor Operations.

These Plans should be kept up to date with any necessary alterations or additions by Company Commanders, and at Battalion Headquarters, and should in all cases be handed over to relieving Companies and Battalions of the same or other Brigades.

In addition Battalion Intelligence Officers should make it part of their duty that any alterations or additions made on these Plans are made on all of them, and that such alterations and additions are also communicated to Brigade. Brigades will forward such alterations and additions to Divisional Headquarters.

Any information gained by reconnaissances or raids undertaken by patrols from day to day, and recorded in the Divisional Intelligence Summary, should be automatically put on the Plan at Brigade, Battalion, and Company Headquarters.

By this means everyone from Division downwards will be working on the same Plan and can communicate information to each other concerning NO MAN'S LAND in terms of that Plan.

Brigade Headquarters in the line are in receipt each day of Intelligence Summaries from Flank Divisions. Any information in these Summaries concerning the fringes of NO MAN'S LAND on each flank should be recorded in the same fashion as information concerning our own Sector of NO MAN'S LAND.

Information concerning our lines is not to be entered on this Plan.

T.C.



# PLAN OF NO MAN'S LAND

SCALE 1:5000.



## Legend.

From Airplane Photos 12/7/17 GREEN

- M.W.
- New Enemy Trenches
- - Tracks
- Enemy D.O. or occupied House or fort

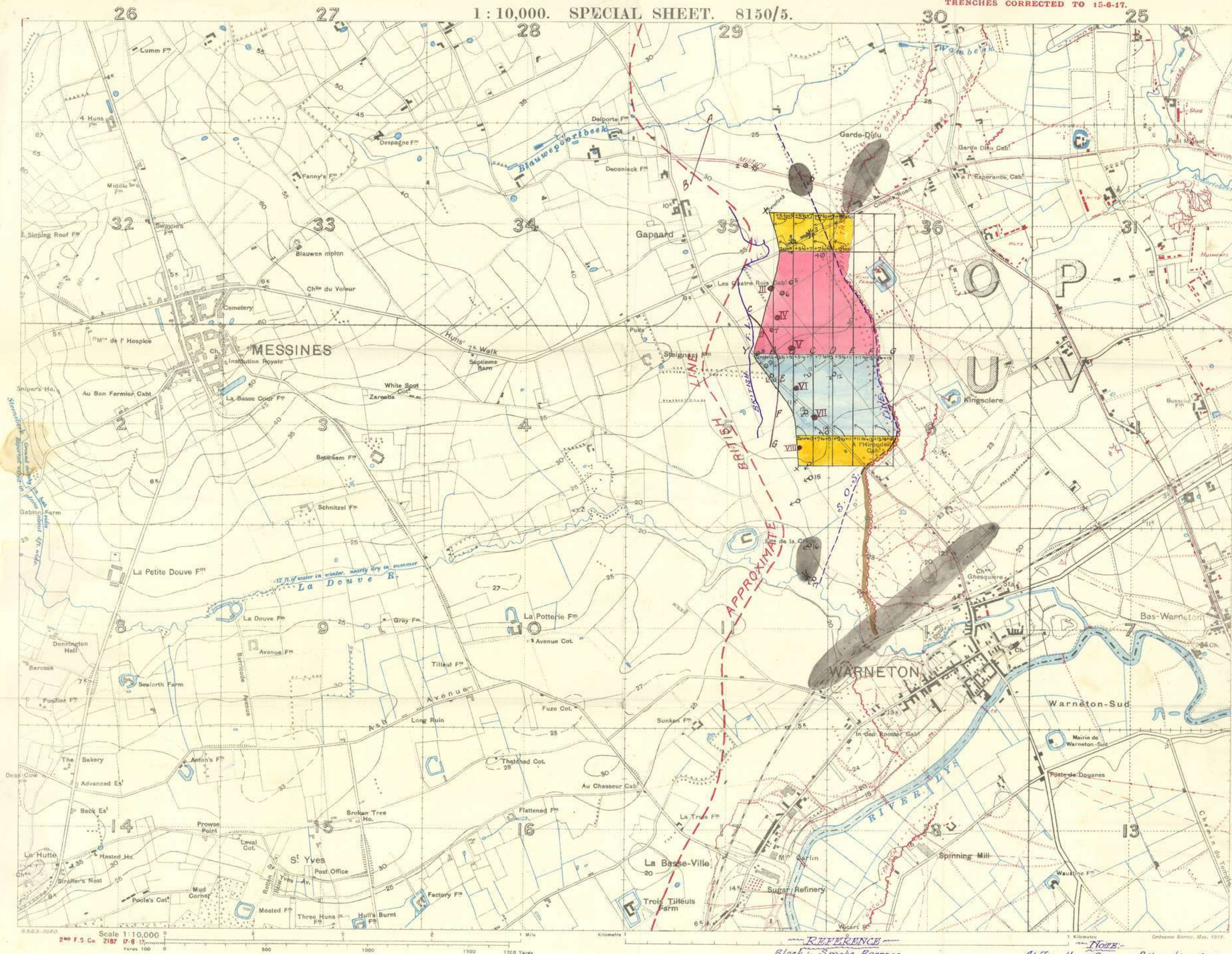
From Patrol Reports 12-13/17 BLACK

- M.W.
- M.O.
- Enemy Post
- Dug Out.



1:10,000. SPECIAL SHEET. 8150/5.

TRENCHES CORRECTED TO 15-6-17.



REFERENCE  
 Black:- Smoke Barrage.  
 Yellow:- 242nd Army Bde.  
 Red:- 7th I.A. Bde.  
 Blue:- 8th I.A. Bde.  
 Brown:- N.Z. Div. Army.  
 Enemy Posts are numbered.  
 25. 7. 17

NOTE:-  
 At Zero Hour Barrage falls on Line X-X.  
 The figures +3 to +5, +5 to +7, etc. represent the  
 space of time, in minutes, after Zero Hour,  
 Barrage rests on ~~line~~ referred to.  
 LINE



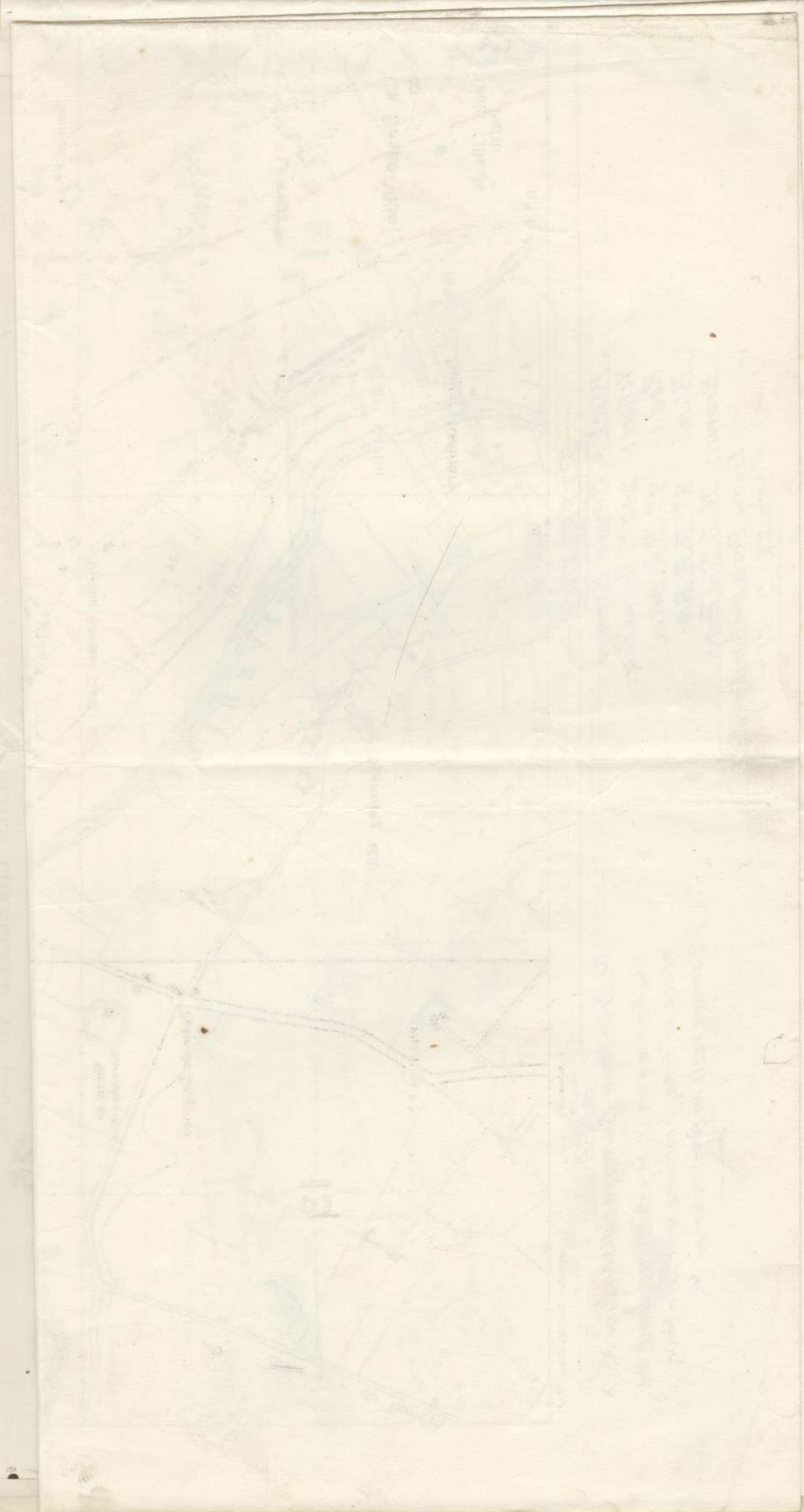
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11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
25th July, 1917.

DIVERSION CIRCULAR No. 2.

(1) SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Following are the arrangements for Signal Communication:-

"a" posts to Company Headquarters.

- i Visual (except from post No. 6)
- ii pigeons (4 birds per post)
- iii Runners (2 men per post)
- IV Flares to Contact plane.

"b" Company Headquarters to Battalion Headquarters.

- i Telephone (D.5) Open wires laid in trenches, one route to each Company Headquarters with laterals providing alternative routes, from Battalion Headquarters.
- ii power Buzzer. One with the right Company Headquarters of each assaulting Battalion, working to amplifier at left assaulting Battalion Headquarters, and alternatively to amplifier at Brigade Headquarters.
- iii Visual, except from left Company of Right Assault Hdqrs. Battalion. Visual may be obtained from Left Company of Right Assault Battalion, through to Brigade Observation post.
- iv pigeons, 4 birds per Company Headquarters (i.e. 2 birds per Company).
- v Runners, 4 per Company, i.e., 8 at each Company Headquarters.

"c" Battalion Headquarters to Brigade Headquarters.

- i Buried Lines. (D.IV) "A" and "B" Battalions will be teed in to Right and Left Assault Battalion Lines respectively so that they can listen and keep in touch with the situation.
- ii power Buzzer. (To Brigade Headquarters' amplifier) The power-Buzzers at present with "A" and "B" Battalion Headquarters will be moved on Y day to the Headquarters of the Assault Battalions. Amplifier at Left Battalion Headquarters can receive power Buzzer messages from Brigade Headquarters.
- iii Visual. (Right Battalion to Brigade Headquarters only).
- iv Runners, 6 per Battalion Headquarters.
- v pigeons, 4 birds to each Battalion Headquarters.

"d" Brigade Headquarters to Divisional Headquarters.

- i Buried Lines.- 3 pairs to Divisional Headquarters.  
2 pairs to L.G. (Artillery Exchange).

"e" One mile of cable will be held in reserve at each Advanced Battalion Headquarters for use as required during the operation.

- "f" i pigeons will be drawn from the Divisional pigeon Refilling point, WULVERGHEM.
- ii After Zero hour pigeons will be drawn from Signalling Office of 9th Brigade.

"g" A Line will be reserved at each Assault Battalion Headquarters for use of the Artillery Liaison Officer with the Battalions concerned. Line will run direct to Artillery Group concerned.

"h" A diagram of Signal Communication is attached.

GAS AND SMOKE /



(2) GAS AND SMOKE.

Smoke will be used on the Southern flank of the operation to prevent enemy observation from WARNETON. The smoke screen will be provided by

"a" Varley Smoke Bombs fired from 4 Mortars of the 11th Trench Mortar Battery operating from our front line in U.11.

"b" Smoke Candles (provided the wind is favourable) operated by Third Pioneer Battalion.

"c" New Zealand Artillery will put a Smoke Screen in squares 12.a., and 12.b.

"d" Third Australian Divisional Artillery will put a Smoke Screen in squares O.35.b., and O.36.a. at Zero

All these Smoke Screens will commence and continue until Zero plus 1 hour 50 minutes.

Smoke Shell will be used by the 18 pounders (on the WARNETON Line) commencing at zero plus 55 minutes, to screen the withdrawal of the advanced Troops (1st wave) through the line of posts. This Smoke Screen will continue to Zero plus 1 hour 50 minutes.

Gas. Gas Shell will be used by the Heavy Artillery in counter battery work.

No Cloud Gas is to be employed.

NOTE. This cancels para (4) page 6 of 11th Brigade Diversion Circular No. 1 of 16/7/17.

(3) MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

"a" For purposes of evacuation during the Diversion, Medical posts will be established as follows:-

|                | <u>R. A. P's.</u> |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 43rd Battalion | U.4.d.3.2.        |
| 42nd Battalion | O.34.a.9.3.       |
| "C" Battalion  | U.3.c.40.80.      |
| "D" Battalion  | O.33.c.70.15.     |

ADVANCED DRESSING POST.  
CURRIE AVENUE. U.7.b.4.8.

ADVANCED DRESSING STATION.  
KANDAHAR FARM. T.10.b.7.6.  
MAIN DRESSING STATION AND DIVISIONAL COLLECTING POST.  
WESTHOF T.19.b.4.5.

DIVISIONAL REST STATIONS.  
RAVELSBURG.  
BAILLEUL.

"b" Lines of Evacuation.

Evacuations will be made from R.A.P's to Tram line heads at

(a) Northern Sector O.32.d.55.75.

(b) Southern Sector U.3.d.70.10.

by hand carriage through Communication Trenches or overland.

"c" Medical Stores, Comforts, Drugs, Dressings etc.  
These will be drawn in the ordinary way.

"d" Spare Blankets and Stretchers.  
These will be drawn from reserve at WESTHOF.

"e" Casualty Clearing Station Cases.  
Cases which do not require dressing before reaching the Casualty Clearing Station will be marked with "O.K." on the bandage in 1" letters

Field Ambulance personnel will clear from R.A.P's WESTWARDS.

ARTILLERY /



(4) ARTILLERY.

"a" prior to Z Day harassing fire will be employed nightly against enemy garrison in NO MAN'S LAND.

"b" I. On Z day the Infantry will assault under cover of a creeping barrage.

II. The barrage will open on a line approximately 150 yards East of our Front line and will stand there for three minutes, it will then advance in lifts of 100 yards every two minutes West to East on parallel N and S lines (thus at U.5.b.7.0. it remains until Zero plus 7 minutes) until it reaches the WARNETON line, where it will stand until Zero plus 1 hour 50 minutes. At Zero plus 55 minutes 25 % of shells of this barrage will be smoke shell. The Smoke Screen thus formed will cover the withdrawal of the advanced infantry.

At Zero plus 1 hour 50 minutes the 18 pounders will search forward from the WARNETON line at the rate of 100 yards per minute, for five minutes, and will stand 500 yards East of WARNETON line for 10 minutes. They will then jump back to the WARNETON line. During this action all guns will be ready to jump back to the S.O.S., line should the S.O.S., signal be fired.

"c" All available howitzers and heavy guns will be employed on counter battery work from Zero onwards, firstly with gas shell and then with destructive fire.

"d" S.O.S., action for the line of posts becomes operative at Zero plus 1 hour 50 minutes.

The S.O.S., signal rocket remains the same as at present.

"e" At Zero plus 4 hours, the Division North of the BLAUWEP OORTBEEK will be operating, and some Third Divisional guns are assisting, but irrespective of above all Third Divisional Guns will be available to us at all times should S.O.S., be called for

"f" Barrage plan and time table is attached. S.O.S., line to cover line of posts is shown purple dotted.

"g" The New Zealand Artillery are co-operating by firing on WARNETON line South of GAP AARD WARNETON ROAD from Zero to Zero plus 1 hour 50 minutes. At Zero plus 1 hour 50 minutes they will conform to the Artillery plan of Third Divisional Artillery, as per sub para "b" above.

NOTE:- The above cancels para (1), page 6 of 11th Brigade Diversion Circular No. 1 of 16/7/17.

(5) TRENCH MORTARS.

9th, 10th and 11th Light Trench Mortar Batteries will co-operate as follows:-

9th Light Trench Mortar Battery will employ 8 guns and bombard posts 7, 8, 9, and 10 and trenches in their vicinity from Zero to Zero plus 1 minute. 25 Shells per Mortar will be fired during this period.

At Zero plus 1 min. 9th L.T.M. Battery will cease fire and will make dispositions for S.O.S., action to fire in U.6.a.

10th Light Trench Mortar Battery will bombard post 2 and crater on MILITARY ROAD, also enemy trench from 0.35.b.90.05 to 0.35.b.60.65., from Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes intensely and from Zero plus 3 minutes to Zero plus 15 minutes at a decreasing rate of fire, ceasing fire at Zero plus 15 minutes. No. 2 Mortar (firing in the vicinity of post 3) will cease fire at Zero plus 5 minutes. 10th L.T.M. Battery will employ 6 Mortars, 2 being kept in reserve.

After Zero plus 15 minutes, 10th L.T.M. Battery will make dispositions for S.O.S., action in 0.35.b.

11th L.T.M. Bty./



11th Light Trench Mortar Battery. Four Mortars of the 11th L.T.M. Battery will be employed for use with Varley Smoke Bombs to create smoke screen N.E. of WARNETON. (See para 2).

Four Mortars will be employed in destructive fire on post 15 and Machine Gun position at U.5.d.73.28, operating from Zero to Zero plus 8 minutes. These Mortars will cease fire at Zero plus 8 minutes and stand by to take on enemy Machine Guns, and for S.O.S. U.6.c.0.5., to U.12.a.0.5.

The detailed dispositions and employment of Light Trench Mortar Batteries will be arranged by the Divisional L.T.M.O.

(6) MACHINE GUNS.

On "Z" day the Artillery creeping barrage will be preceded by a Machine Gun barrage. This barrage will be carried out by 48 Guns, 10 Guns remaining in reserve. There will be four Machine Guns in the front line, two at 0.35.d.35.75., and two at U.5.d.50.10., to protect the flanks of the line of Red posts by oblique fire (these four guns are silent guns - to be kept for S.O.S., action only.) The total Machine Guns thus available is 62.

From Zero plus 30 minutes to Zero plus 1 hour 50 minutes 50 % of the guns employed on the barrage will search the ground to a distance of 100 yards East of the WARNETON line. At Zero plus 1 hour 50 minutes Machine Gun barrage will conform to Artillery plan (as per para 4 "b").

Machine Gun barrage and S.O.S., plan is attached. Detailed Orders are being issued to Machine Gun Company Commanders by the D.M.G.O.

NOTE:- This cancels para (2) page 8 of 11th Brigade Diversion Circular No. 1 of 16/7/17.

(7) AIRCRAFT.

Contact planes will fly at Zero plus 2 hours, and at a later time, to be notified. Distinguishing marks of the plane and other details will be notified later.

(8) PRISONERS.

prisoners will be sent by Battalions under escort to dug-out (U.2.c.30.85) off WOODEN ROAD West of MESSINES where they will be taken over by A.P.M. prisoners must not be allowed to converse. A.P.M. will be informed as to whether they have been searched for papers etc., or not.

NOTE:- This cancels para 3 page 9 of 11th Brigade Diversion Circular No. 1 of 16/7/17.

(9) ASSEMBLY TRENCHES.

Owing to amended Artillery plan new assembly trenches have been constructed by 9th Brigade from 0.35.d.15.15 to U.5.b.28.20., to permit of infantry being assembled 150 yards West of Artillery barrage on this frontage at Zero hour.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*G. J. Anderson*  
Major.

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

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11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
25th July, 1917.

RE DIVERSION CIRCULAR No. 1."CORREGENDA"PAGE 3. "ACTION OF INFANTRY"

para (1) "b". "parties to establish the Red posts", line 1  
after "VII" add "and VIII (U.5.d.7.8.)"

PAGE 4. para (1) "c" C.T. PARTIES.

Delete "1 platoon for post VI".

PAGE 4 para 2, lines 8 and 9.

"Two platoons of this Company will dig C.T.  
from advanced front line U.5.b.35.40 to Red Dotted Line  
U.5.b.55.45." read "Two platoons of this Company will dig  
C.T., from advanced front line at U.5.d.\* to post VIII  
(U.5.d.7.8.)." \* 45.65.

Line 10. For "One" read "Two".

Lines 12 and 13. Delete "thus augmenting platoon digging from  
post VI Westwards".

Line 16. For "7" read "6".

At Foot of page 4 add :-

"C.T., from advanced front line at U.5.b.28.20.  
to the Red Dotted Line at U.5.b.38.18 has been dug by 9th  
Brigade"

"If all above tasks are completed a C.T., will  
also be constructed from advanced front line at U.5.b.25.40 to  
Red Dotted Line at U.5.b.55.45".

PAGE 8 para 5. This is cancelled.

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11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,  
26th July, 1917.

Reference 11th Brigade DIVERSION CIRCULAR No. 1 of  
16/7/17, page 3, line 58, and AMENDMENT thereto issued on 18/7/17.

Delete line 58 ( Therefore x x x x x five ) and read  
" Immediately posts III, IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII have been  
captured each. "

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Headquarters,  
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DIVERSION CIRCULAR NO. 2.

ADDENDA.

Reference 11th Infantry Brigade Diversion Circular No. 2 of 25/7/17:-

PAGE 2, para (2) GAS AND SMOKE.

add " Artillery smoke will also be employed on posts 3 and 13, and in the vicinity of O.36.b.70.50., and the WARNETON Line between the CINEMA ROAD and GARDE DIEU.

PAGE 1, para I SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

add " Messages for G.O.C., 9th Brigade will be addressed 'CAPSTAN G.U.1'. Those for G.O.C., 11th Brigade will be addressed 'G.U.1'. This system will come into force from the time the G.O.C., 11th Brigade establishes his Headquarters at G.U.1, and will continue to be until he leaves that Station.

Following is a list of code names and position calls to be used by advanced Battalion Headquarters and Companies during the operation:-

BATTALIONS.

| U N I T.                       | Map Reference. | position Call. |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 43rd Bn. Right Advanced Hdqrs. | U.4.a.80.20.   | GU 11.         |
| 42nd Bn. Left Advanced Hdqrs.  | O.34.d.90.55.  | FU 21.         |

COMPANIES.

| U N I T. | Company. | Map Reference<br>Coy.H.Q. using. | position Call. | Code name<br>allotted. |
|----------|----------|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 43rd Bn. | B)       | U.5.d.27.80.                     | GU 12          | ROSE                   |
| 43rd Bn. | C)       |                                  |                | TULIP                  |
| 43rd Bn. | D)       | U.5.b.15.45.                     | GU 13          | PANSY                  |
| 43rd Bn. | A)       |                                  |                | VIOLET                 |
| 42nd Bn. | A)       | U.5.b.25.87.                     | GV 1           | LILY                   |
| 42nd Bn. | C)       |                                  |                | DAISY                  |
| 42nd Bn. | B)       | O.35.d.14.12.                    | GV 2           | PINK                   |
| 42nd Bn. | D)       |                                  |                | ASTER                  |

Thus, messages to and from Brigade or Battalion will be addressed by position Call only, but messages to and from Companies are to be addressed by Code Name followed by position Call; i.e., a message to 43rd Battalion from "B" Company, 43rd Battalion would be addressed to 'GU 12' and address from 'ROSE, GU 12', and vice versa. This will also apply to pigeon messages.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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11TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 84.

26th July, 1917.

Reference Map 1/10000, and tracings issued with Diversion Circular No. 1 and tracing "Z" (attached).

(1) INFORMATION.

"a"

The enemy troops opposite the Divisional Front are the 16th Division. The enemy regiment holding the line are probably the 68th and the 28th, the latter holding the Northern portion.

"b"

The enemy system of holding the line is as follows:- One Battalion of each regiment in posts, trenches and shell holes in NO MAN'S LAND, One Battalion in the WARNETON line and vicinity, and the remaining Battalion in rest billets, some distance back.

"c"

Locations of known enemy posts, and machine guns have been issued to all concerned - these have been developed into an all round defended system.

(2) INTENTION.

"a"

On "Z" day at Zero hour, which will be notified later, the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade employing the 42nd Battalion on the left and 43rd Battalion on the right will mop up the enemy trench systems and posts in NO MAN'S LAND opposite that portion of our front from 0.35 Central to U.S.d. 50.40., and within 150 yards of the WARNETON line.

"b"

Establish a line of posts III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII with Communication Trenches to our front line.

"c"

Complete the consolidation of the Red Dotted Line.

The detailed distribution and action will be as set out in 11th Australian Infantry Brigade Diversion Circulars Nos. 1 (amended) and 2.

(3) APPROACH MARCH.

Assault Battalions will depart from T.2 Central in Motor Lorries at Zero minus 6 hours and arrive at T.6.c., at Zero minus 5 hours.

Following will be subsequent times at various places:-

place.

Approximate time of arrival of head of column.

|               |                                          |                           |
|---------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3rd Battalion | WYTSCHAETE-MESSINES-POEGSTEERT Road.     | Zero minus 3 hrs. 30 mts. |
| 2nd Battalion | do do do do                              | Zero " 3 hrs. 30 mts.     |
| 3rd Battalion | Junction of CROSS ANENUE & Support Line. | " " 1 hr. 45 "            |
| 4th Battalion | Junction of GAPAARD & Support Line       | " " 1 hr. 45 "            |
| 3rd Battalion | Assembly trenches.                       | " " 1 hour                |
| 2nd Battalion | do do                                    | " " 1 "                   |

(4) ARTILLERY.

"a"

Artillery action and barrage time table will be as per Diversion Circular No. 2 of 25/7/17.

"b"

The Artillery will be ready to act on the S.O.S., signal at any time after Zero plus 1 hour 50 minutes. Should the S.O.S., go up prior to this the Artillery Task will not be interfered with but the rate of fire will be quickened.

The S.O.S., action will extend along our whole front as shown by the S.O.S., line on the Artillery barrage Map. The S.O.S., rocket will be at once acted upon. There will be no waiting for confirmation by wire.

P.T.O. 5 /



(5) MACHINE GUNS AND TRENCH MORTARS.

The action of machine guns and trench mortars will be as per Diversion Circular No. 2 of 25/7/17.

Messages to and from machine guns and Stokes mortar personnel will be handed in at the nearest Headquarters.

(6) GAS AND SMOKE.

Gas and smoke will be employed as stated in Diversion Circular No. 2 of 25/7/17.

(7) CONTACT PLANES.

Contact planes will fly at Zero plus 2 hours, and at Zero plus 5 hours. Flares will be lit when called for by the plane.

Special planes may fly at other hours in the event of the situation being obscure. In this case Flares will be lit when called for, in the ordinary way.

The markings of the Contact planes will be as follows:-

Two black panels flying from the right lower wing of the Contact plane; size about two feet by one foot.

Red ground flares will be used and will be lit singly.

(8) TIME OF ASSEMBLY.

Assaulting Battalions will be assembled in their assembly trenches by Zero minus 1 hour.

(9) COMMUNICATIONS.

Signal communication arrangements will be as detailed in Diversion Circular No. 2 of 25/7/17.

(10) S.O.S. ACTION.

The S.O.S., action prior to Zero will be as follows:-

Should the enemy attempt to bombard our trenches within 15 minutes of Zero hour, the Field Artillery will not reply to the S.O.S., Signal, in order that there may be no danger of the Infantry mistaking our retaliatory action for the opening of the barrage. Field Artillery retaliatory action will be normal during the remainder of Y/Z night up to Zero minus 15 minutes. Arrangements are being made that any bombardment of our trenches on Y/Z night shall be countered by prompt and overwhelming counter-battery work. Officers Commanding Units will ensure that all ranks are warned that the S.O.S., will be operative up to Zero minus 15 minutes, and that a barrage going down before that hour must not be taken for the advancing barrage.

S.O.S., action during the operations will be as per para 4 "b" and as stated in Diversion Circular No. 2 of 25/7/17.

(11) ASSEMBLY AND WITHDRAWAL OF ATTACKING TROOPS AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFENCE OF THE LINE.

The G.O.C., 9th Infantry Brigade will arrange to keep clear the following Communication Trenches from Zero minus 4 hours until Zero plus 15 minutes:-

FANNY C.T. OWL TRENCH (connecting FANNY and GAPAARD Communication Trenches) GAPAARD AVENUE (from OWL TRENCH to Front Line) WELLINGTON New Switch (Support Line to Front Line) CROSS AVENUE (to Front Line) ADELAIDE AVENUE.

The G.O.C., 9th Infantry Brigade will also arrange to clear the following trenches (except for Lewis Guns and Crews) for the assembly of 11th Infantry Brigade Troops who are due to arrive at Zero minus 1 hour 45 minutes:-

P.T.O. Support /



(11) Continued.

SUPPORT LINE:- CROSS AVENUE to ADELAIDE AVENUE and WELLINGTON NEW SWITCH to CAPAARD AVENUE.

FRONT LINE:- From CROSS AVENUE to CAPAARD AVENUE (with the exception of 9th Brigade Lewis Guns and Crews and patrols returning from NO MAN'S LAND) The 9th Brigade will leave in 1 Officer per platoon Front.

OLD FRONT LINE)  
and  
NEW ASSEMBLY  
TRENCH. ) West of the whole of the Red Dotted Line.

In view of proximity of our Artillery barrage to our Front Line from Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes, 9th Brigade Lewis Guns and Crews will have to provide for their own safety and protection during this period.

From darkness to daylight or Zero hour, whichever comes first on "Z" day, the 9th Brigade will arrange for patrols to be active in NO MAN'S LAND within our own sphere but these patrols will not go out so far as to render them liable to casualties from our desultory Artillery fire during the night. This Artillery fire will not come nearer than 200 yards to our front line. Owing to the amount of Artillery fire concentrated on the enemy's posts, it is possible he may abandon some of them and establish himself in shell holes. It will be the duty of the 9th Brigade patrols to ascertain these new positions and to communicate them to the 11th Brigade prior to Zero hour.

As the 11th Brigade patrols go over the top, the 9th Brigade troops will close in and be responsible for the defence of the front line except that portion of it which lies between the two ends of the Red Dotted Line.

The G.O.C., 9th Brigade will be responsible for the defence of the line throughout, notwithstanding that fact that the above mentioned portion between the extremities of the Red Dotted Line will be defended by the 11th Brigade Troops.

By 3 a.m. on "A" day, the whole of the 11th Brigade Troops will be withdrawn and the 9th Brigade will take over the new Red line and the various posts that will by then have been established. From midnight onwards on Z/A night the 9th Brigade will take over the patrolling in NO MAN'S LAND beyond the Red posts.

The guns of the Machine Gun barrage will remain in their positions ready to support the 9th Brigade with S.O.S., action but the Stokes mortars of the 10th and 11th Brigades will be withdrawn by 3 a.m. on Z/A night under orders to be issued by the G.O.C., 11th Brigade.

(12) WATCHES.

Watches will be synchronised daily between 7 and 9 p.m., from now on by an Officer from Brigade Headquarters. Details with regard to this have been passed to Units concerned.



(13) REPORTS.

Reports will be sent to Brigade Headquarters G.U.I.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*G. Hooten*

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

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23 41st Battalion.  
24 44th Battalion.  
25 Bde. Bombing Officer.  
26 Bde. Sig. Section.  
27)  
28) 10th Aust. Inf. Bde.  
29 C.R.A.  
30 C.R.E.  
31 11th Field Engineers.  
32 9th T.M. Battery.  
33 10th T.M. Battery.  
34 Capt. Anderson, Div. L.T.M.O.  
35 Lt. Bateman, 9th Bde. Hdqrs.  
36 1st N.Z. Bde.  
37 63rd Inf. Bde.  
38 File.  
39 War Diary.



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3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.  
-----OPERATION ORDER No. 27.Map. Refs:

- (1) Warneton Map "C", attached.  
 (2) Warneton Map "D" attached.

1)

ATTENTION.

In conjunction with other operations to be carried out by Flank Divisions on "Z" Day, the 3rd Australian Division intend to:-

(a) Create a diversion and make the enemy think that a serious attack is intended,

(b) carry out an attack on enemy posts established in NO MAN'S LAND and gain the upper hand there.

(2)

INFANTRYPROGRAMME.

On "Z" Day, at Zero hour, two Battalions of the 11th Australian Infantry Brigade will:-

(a) Mop up the enemy's posts and works in NO MAN'S LAND opposite that portion of our front extending from O.35. central to U.5.d.5.4.

(b) establish posts 3 to 8, marked in RED in ROMAN NUMERALS on attached map and dig the line "C", "D", "E", "F" and "G", marked in RED - Map "D".

(3)

ARTILLERY  
PROGRAMME.

Artillery action will be as follows:-

- 18 Pounders.

At Zero hour to Zero plus 3 mins.

7th A.F.A. Bde. will barrage from U.5.b.30.65.  
to O.35.d.50.70.

as shewn in GREEN on Map "D".

8th A.F.A. Bde. will barrage from U.5.b.30.65.  
to U.5.d.70.88.

as shewn in BLUE on Map "D".

242nd Army Bde, ) 1 Bty will barrage  
R. F. A. ) from U.5.d.70.88.  
to U.5.d.70.58.

) 2 Btys will barrage  
from O.35.d.50.70.  
to O.35.b.38.18.

as shewn in YELLOW on Map "D".



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ARTILLERY  
PROGRAMME.18 Pounders (contd).

(Contd)

Zero plus 3 minutes:

The barrage will advance at 100 yards per two minutes from Point "Y" (junction of 7th & 8th A.F.A. Brigades) picking up the remaining guns as it advances until it comes to rest on the WARNETON LINE, where it will remain until Zero plus 1 hour, 50 minutes.

At Zero plus 1 hour 50 mins. the barrage advances at the rate of 100 yards a minute for 5 mins. It then stands until Zero plus 2 hours 5 mins, when it jumps back to the WARNETON LINE.

Fire ceases at Zero plus 2 hrs 10 minutes.

The New Zealand Divisional Artillery are carrying out an operation at the same Zero hour and will continue their 18-pdr barrage from U.12.a.38.50. Southwards until Zero plus 2 hrs 10 mins. - Rate of fire 1 round per gun per minute.

From Zero plus 55 minutes to Zero plus 1 hr 45 mins. 50% of Smoke Shells will be used in the barrage.

Rate of Fire:

|                   |                            |                   |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Zero              | to Zero plus 9 mins        | - 4 rds p.g. p.m. |
| Zero plus 9 mins  | to Zero plus 30 mins       | - 2 ditte         |
| Zero plus 30 mins | to Zero plus 55 mins       | - 1 "             |
| Zero plus 55 mins | to Zero plus 1 hour        | - 3 "             |
| Zero plus 1 hour  | to Zero plus 2 hrs 10 mins | - 1 "             |

4.5" Howitzers.7th A.F.A. Bgdo.

|         |                              |                                                            |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4 Hows. | Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes. | On Posts 0.35.b.7.5.<br>0.35.d.78.90.<br>20% Smoke Shells. |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|

3 rounds per How. per minute.

|       |                   |                                                                                                                                |
|-------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ditto | Zero plus 3 mins  | Put Smoke Barrage on:-<br>Post. 0.35.b.7.5.<br>Points. 0.36.a.28.20.<br>" 0.36.a.28.56.<br>0.36.a.44.74.<br>100% Smoke Shells. |
|       | to Zero 15 mins   |                                                                                                                                |
|       | and from          |                                                                                                                                |
|       | Zero plus 55 mins |                                                                                                                                |
|       | to Zero plus 1 hr |                                                                                                                                |
|       | 30 minutes.       |                                                                                                                                |

Rate of fire.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Zero plus 3 mins            | )- 3 rds per How. per min. |
| to Zero plus 15 mins.       |                            |
| Zero plus 55 mins           | )- 2 rds per How. per min. |
| to Zero plus 1 hr. 30 mins. |                            |

|         |                              |                                  |
|---------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 Hows; | Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes. | U.5.b.85.10. (20% Smoke Shells.) |
|         |                              | 3 rds per How. per minute.       |



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4.5" Hows. (contd)

7th A.F.A. Bde (contd)

|          |                   |                   |   |       |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|---|-------|
| 2 Hows.) | Zero plus 3 mins) | 1 How. KIWI FARM. | ( | H. E. |
| )        | to Zero plus 1    | 1 How. KINGSCLERE |   |       |
| )        | hr. 30 mins.      | FARM & Trenches   |   |       |
|          |                   | about U.6.central |   |       |

1 round per minute.

242nd Army Bgde. R.F.A.

4.5" Howitzer Battery, 242nd Army Bgde, R.F.A., will put up smoke barrage from Zero hour to Zero hour plus 15 mins, and from Zero hour plus 55 mins. to Zero hour plus 1 hour 30 minutes on:-

|        |               |   |                                     |
|--------|---------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Posts  | 16 & 17.      | ) | 1 Howitzer on each<br>Post & Point. |
| Points | U.12.a.40.36. |   |                                     |
|        | U.12.a.70.60. |   |                                     |
|        | U.12.b.00.85. |   |                                     |
|        | U. 6.d. 2. 2. |   |                                     |

3 rounds per How. per minute.

8th A. F. A. Bde.

4.5" Howitzer Battery, 8th F. A. B. will barrage from Zero hour to Zero hour plus 2 hrs 10 mins:-

U.6.c.35.58. to U.12.a.38.50.

Rate of fire.

|                |                 |                   |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Zero to Zero ) | 3 rds per How.) | 50% Smoke Shells. |
| plus 15 mins)  | per minute.)    | 50% H. E.         |
| Zero plus 15 ) |                 |                   |
| mins to Zero)  | 1 rd per How.)  | 50% Smoke Shells. |
| plus 2 hrs )   | per minute.)    | 50% H.E.          |
| 10 mins. )     |                 |                   |

(4)

3" STOKES  
MORTARS.

Bombard areas shewn on Map "D" in PURPLE. - Detailed instructions have been issued to all concerned.

11th Infantry Brigade. - Southern area with Smoke Bombs.

10th Infantry Brigade. - Northern area.

9th Infantry Brigade. - Will be used to thicken barrage on Posts 8, 9, 10, 13 and Trench joining these posts.

(5)

S.O.S.  
ORDERS &  
BARRAGE.

Before Zero. - Up to Zero minus 15 mins. action will be normal.

After Zero plus ) - As shewn on Map "D" in BLUE  
1 hr 50 mins. ) DOTTED LINE.

After Zero plus ) - As per Map "C".  
2 hrs 10 mins.)



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S.O.S.  
ORDERS &  
LINES.

242nd Army Brigade, R. F. A. will superimpose the 7th and 8th A. F. A. Brigades, as shown on Map "C".

Howitzer B.O.S. Barrage will be put down as per Map "C".

S.O.S. will be operative at any time before Zero hour minus 15 minutes and after Zero plus 1 hr 50 mins, and will extend along whole Divisional Front. Rockets will immediately be acted upon without waiting for telephonic confirmation.

Should S.O.S. Signal go up between Zero minus 15 mins and Zero plus 1 hr 50 mins, tasks will not be interfered with, but rate of fire increased.

(6)  
HEAVY  
ARTILLERY.

The Brigadier-General, Heavy Artillery, is arranging for Counter Battery work from Zero hour onwards ~~should~~ ~~the~~ and previous to Zero hour should the enemy put up a heavy barrage on our front line system.

(7)  
LIAISON  
OFFICERS.

One Officer to each Forward Battalion Headquarters in the line, taking part in the operation.

8th F.A.B. will detail the Officer for RIGHT BTN.  
7th " " " " " " LEFT "

They will report before dark on "Y" Day.

(8)  
SYNCHRONISA-  
TION OF  
WATCHES.

Arrangements have already been notified.

(9)  
REPORTS.

Reports to RAVELSBERG CAMP.

(10)

This Operation Order cancels Operation Order No.26, and Map which accompanied same.

(11)

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Headquarters.

*W.A. Nickolls*  
Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aust. Divsn.

Issued at 8 p.m.  
28.7.17.

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11th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters.

1st August, 1917.

Report on Minor Operation carried out by 11th Infantry Brigade  
on "Z" Day up to 8 p.m. 31/7/17.

30/7/17.  
8 p.m.

In accordance with orders issued for Minor Operation for Diversion Scheme, assaulting troops 42nd and 45th Battalions commenced approach march from T.2 Central and despite enemy artillery activity troops were in position well before Zero hour, only slight casualties being recorded.

31/7/17.  
3.50 a.m.

Zero hour.

Our troops advanced to the attack under cover of our artillery barrage, and a smoke screen on either flank South produced by Varley bombs and North by Artillery, both of which were very successful. A Machine Gun barrage from 48 guns was also put down on prearranged lines. Stokes shells were also used.

Enemy S.O.S. barrage came down at Zero plus 2 minutes 11 seconds immediately in response to green rockets followed by red and green rockets sent up in pairs from either flank and opposite our attack at Zero plus 2 minutes. Artillery fire was exceptionally heavy on our Front Line system and main C.T.'s in forward area. Enemy Machine Gun fire was also heavy.

4.35 a.m.

Enemy post No. 7 captured after stiff opposition and consolidation of Red Dotted Line in this vicinity commenced. First capture of prisoners reported.

5 a.m.

All objectives captured after strong opposition with exception of post 8, situation of which was obscure. Consolidation of captured posts and Red Dotted Line in progress. Batches of prisoners continued to come in from captured positions. 2 Machine Guns and one Granatwerfer were taken.

6.50 a.m.

Enemy reported thickening opposite post No. 7, but counter-attack did not materialise, being smashed by our S.O.S.

9 a.m.

Information received that post No. 8 was captured and was being consolidated. We were therefore successful in all our objectives although strong opposition was encountered.

Red Dotted Line, C.T.'s, and posts in process of consolidation.

Throughout the day Enemy kept up a strong intermittent fire both from Artillery and Machine Guns on all our captured positions.

1 p.m.

Enemy again appeared to be thickening on WAINTON Line, but nothing eventuated, being dispersed by our S.O.S.

Consolidation in progress.

Northern posts have been sighted so as to give assistance as regards covering fire on posts 6 and 7. C.T.'s have been commenced from Red Dotted Line towards all posts and lateral communication between all posts has also been commenced. Red Dotted Line is being dug in Platoon locations at intervals of 20 yards and is now down to an average of from 4' 6" to 5' and fire bags are being commenced. Wire has been put up in front of Red Dotted Line for 50 yards on the right flank of the left Battalion Sector. A Bomb block has been constructed in trench at post No. 5.

Work on post VII was greatly interfered with by enemy artillery and Machine Guns.



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Estimated casualties in this enterprise:- 15 Officers, 300 Other Ranks.

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



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11th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

Headquarters,  
8 . 9 . 17.

NOTE

This Casualty list includes losses sustained in  
MINOR OPERATION east of MESSINES, night 30/31st. July.

*W. S. O. R. H. J. L.*  
Lieut.  
Intelligence Officer,  
11th. Inf. Brigade A . I . F .



Appendix 7

## CASUALTIES O.R. FOR END OF JULY &amp; AUGUST

| DATE                                                         | NUMBER OF CASUALTIES |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 27. 7. 17                                                    | 3                    |
| 28. 7. 17                                                    | 2                    |
| 29. 7. 17                                                    | 4                    |
| 30. 7. 17                                                    | 8                    |
| 31. 7. 17                                                    | 439                  |
| 1. 8. 17                                                     | 90                   |
| 2. 8. 17                                                     | 36                   |
| 3. 8. 17                                                     | 32                   |
| 4. 8. 17                                                     | 4                    |
| 5. 8. 17                                                     | 1                    |
| 13. 8. 17                                                    | 1                    |
| 18. 8. 17                                                    | 4                    |
| 19. 8. 17                                                    | 1                    |
| 23. 8. 17                                                    | 1                    |
| <u>626</u> Casualty Total for END OF JULY + Month of August. |                      |

## CASUALTIES FOR END JULY + MONTH OF AUGUST (OFFICERS)

| UNIT               | RANK     | NAME             | DATE      | NATURE OF CASUALTY. |
|--------------------|----------|------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> BN | 2/LIEUT. | HOWARD R. T.     | 31. 7. 17 | WOUNDED.            |
| 3 <sup>th</sup> "  | LIEUT.   | TUCKER F. G.     | 31. 7. 17 | do                  |
| "                  | 2/LIEUT. | TAYLOR H. I.     | 31. 7. 17 | do.                 |
| "                  | "        | TERRELL P. C.    | 31. 7. 17 | do.                 |
| "                  | "        | BURDETT W. J.    | 31. 7. 17 | do.                 |
| "                  | LIEUT.   | HARRINGTON W. G. | 31. 7. 17 | do.                 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> BN | 2/LIEUT. | BORTHWICK J. H.  | 31. 7. 17 | WOUNDED.            |
| "                  | LIEUT.   | FREEMAN N. D.    | 31. 7. 17 | KILLED IN ACTION    |
| "                  | 2/LIEUT. | GILCHRIST W.     | 31. 7. 17 | WOUNDED.            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> BN | LIEUT.   | HEAL J. T.       | 31. 7. 17 | KILLED IN ACTION    |
| "                  | 2/LIEUT. | MUFFATT H. W. S. | 31. 7. 17 | do.                 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> BN | 2/LIEUT. | BEAMISH T. R.    | 31. 7. 17 | WOUNDED.            |
| "                  | "        | HOGG J. S.       | 31. 7. 17 | do.                 |
| "                  | "        | HULL H. A.       | 31. 7. 17 | do.                 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> BN | "        | JACKSON L.       | 31. 7. 17 | WOUNDED.            |



## APPENDIX

T.M. Map C

u s d 25.50 = 1  
 " 20.70 = 1

u s b 81.12 = 1  
 " 81.15 = 1.

035c 8.1 = 2 fm

035a 45.40 = 2

4 11 = 6

9 = 4

10 = 6

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800  
 200  
 100



11<sup>th</sup> Inf.

MAP "C"  
 REFERENCE  
 Green dotted line 7<sup>th</sup> Bde 18 Prs.  
 Do Block " " 45 Hows.  
 Yellow Line 242<sup>nd</sup> Bde 18 Prs.  
 Do Block " " 45 Hows.  
 Blue dotted line 8<sup>th</sup> Bde 18 Prs.  
 Do Block " " 45 Hows.

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British Front Line

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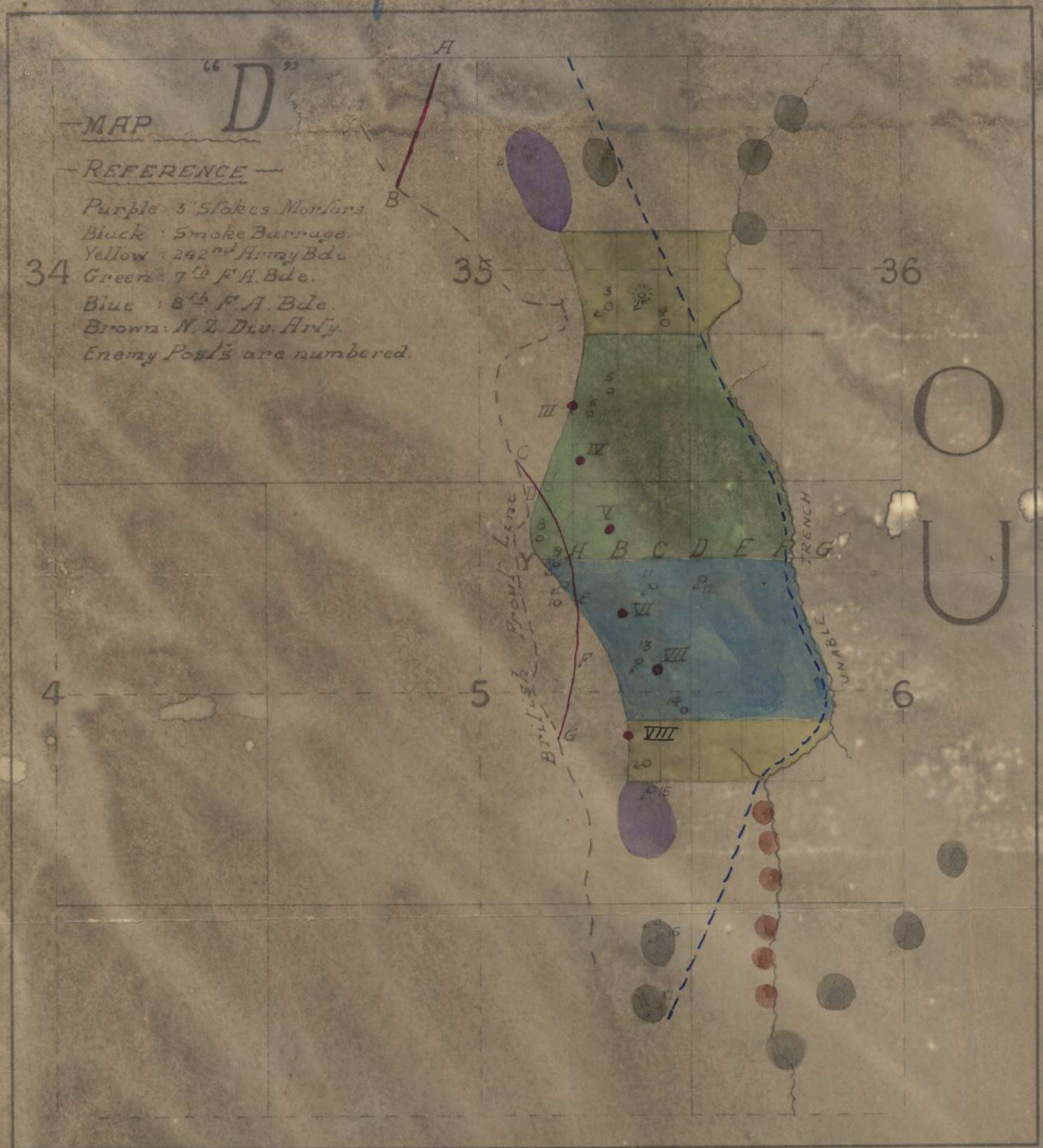
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S.O.S. after Zero + 1 hour 50 minutes  
2<sup>nd</sup>



11<sup>th</sup> Inf



APPENDIX



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## 3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

B.M./S/184/51.

Ref. 3rd Aust. Div. Art. Operation Order No.27.ADDITION.

Four Howitzers, 7th. A.F.A. Brigade, referred to on page 2, will continue firing from Zero plus 15 minutes to Zero plus 55 minutes at the rate of 1 round per howitzer per 2 minutes; H.E. being used.

The Howitzer Battery of the 242nd Army Brigade R.F.A. referred to on page 3, will continue firing from Zero plus 15 minutes to Zero plus 55 minutes; rate of fire being 1 round per howitzer per 2 minutes. - H.E. will be fired.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Headquarters,  
29-7-17.

*[Signature]*  
Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd. Aust. Division.

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Bgde. Mjr. (File)  
Division "G".



SECRET.THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTLY.B.M/S/184/53.

Ref. Map "D" attached to 3rd. Aust. Div. Artly.  
 Operation Order No. 27 of 28-7-17.  
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Amendment to Map "D".FOR.

"BROWN", N.Z. Divisional Artillery.

READ

"BROWN" 8th. A.F.A. Brigade Howitzers.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Headquarters,  
 29-7-17.

*W.A. Nicholls* Major, R.A.,  
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 N.Z. Div. Artly.  
 7th. F.A. Brigade.  
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3rd AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

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B.M. /S/184/54.

Ref. 3rd Aust. Div. Art. Operation Order No.27.

Amendment.

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242nd Army Bgde, R. F. A.

The 4.5" Howitzer engaging Post 16 will, during the smoke barrage to be put up by the 4.5" Howitzer Battery of the 242nd Army Brigade, R.F.A., fire 50% H.E. and 50% B.S., instead of 100% B.S.

Post 17 will not be engaged - The 4.5" Howitzer detailed for this Post will be used to form a smoke screen on House at U.l.c.45.42.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Headquarters.  
29.7.17.

*W.D. Nicholls*

Major, R.A.,  
B.M., R.A., 3rd Aus. Divs.

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Divsn "G"  
9th Inf. Bde.  
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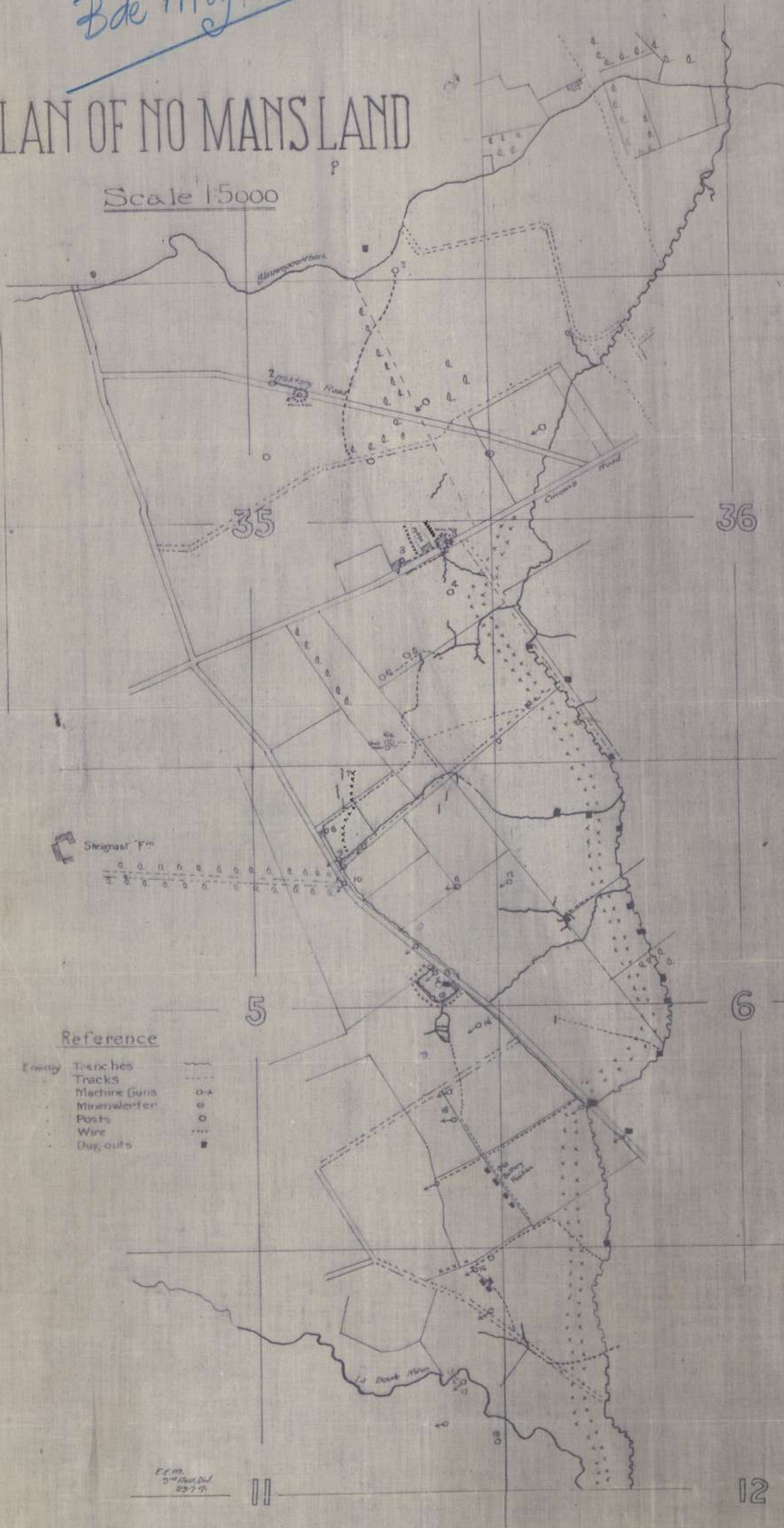


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| Date    | How received or sent | Time of dispatch or receipt | From or To                           | Sender's No | Text of Message.                                                   |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 30.7.17 | Phone                | 11.15 pm                    | Col ① Jackson                        | .           | Had visited 10 <sup>th</sup> Bde Hq all OK. Head of column passed. |
| 31.7.17 | Runner               | 1 am                        | Lt Donald                            |             | Tail do do                                                         |
| 31.7.17 | do                   | 1.25                        | do ①                                 |             | All ready for attack                                               |
| do      | Wire                 | 2.20                        | 42 <sup>nd</sup> Bn RP3/38           |             | Communication cut                                                  |
| do      | do                   | 2.35                        | 43 <sup>rd</sup> Bn T/4              |             | Company.                                                           |
| do      | phone                | 3.50 am                     | Col Butler                           |             | all OK zero.                                                       |
| .       | Wire                 | 3.50                        | GA 28 BM 265                         |             | Assaulting Bn reported all OK                                      |
| .       | do                   | 3.55                        | FOI ④ 44                             | 8c 5        | prior to zero hour situation report.                               |
| .       | do                   | 4.15                        | GA 28 BM 266                         |             | First enemy SOS                                                    |
|         |                      |                             |                                      |             | Rocked on our front                                                |
|         |                      |                             |                                      |             | went up a zero + 2 minutes                                         |
|         |                      |                             |                                      |             | as first enemy shells fell                                         |
|         |                      |                             |                                      |             | at zero plus 2 mins                                                |
|         |                      |                             |                                      |             | 11 secs and this quick response                                    |
|         |                      |                             |                                      |             | due to fact that enemy sent up SOS                                 |
|         |                      |                             |                                      |             | rocked 11 x SOS at zero plus 10 mins.                              |
|         | do                   | 4.40                        | FOI ④ 44 42 <sup>nd</sup> Bn RP 4/31 |             | The information was too thick read lamp                            |
|         |                      |                             |                                      |             | Damage Hums Walk Wellington front line.                            |



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| Date    | How received or sent | Time to dispatch or receipt | From or To   | Sender's No | Text of Message                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3/7/17. | wire                 | 4.25 AM                     | GA28         | BM267       | Barley bombs working effectively and cannot yet determine if smoke candles are being used and FUZI report at 4.10 AM barrage on Huns back, including front line and ramps not readable due to smoke. |
| do      | do                   | 4.30                        | 0 FUZI + 28M | 5           | Code message received through GWH. A.C. Coyd left our trenches time received 4.15 AM. and no other information.                                                                                      |
| .       | do                   | 4.30                        | GA28         | 92          | Can you give me any idea of the intensity of the enemy's retaliation? Where mainly it is being put down are our trenches well under way with CB work.                                                |
| .       | Phone                | 4.38                        | 2021         | .           | One enemy captured 28" Prussian normal barrage continues along our front line. S.O.S. sent up twice on right side front.                                                                             |
| .       | verbal               | 4.45                        | F.O.O.       | .           | Prisoners being sent back.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| .       | wire                 | 4.45                        | 0 GULL 438M  | T17         | 3 more S.O.S. on right side front.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| .       | verbal               | 4.48                        | F.O.O.       | .           | FUZI reported at 4.35 AM enemy lost 7 captured and dug out and one prisoner captured and B.M. report 28" Prussian                                                                                    |
| .       | wire                 | 4.45                        | GA28         | BM268       |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |



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| DATE    | HOW<br>RECEIVED<br>OR SENT | TIME OF<br>DESPATCH<br>OR RECEIPT | FROM<br>OR<br>TO | SENDER'S<br>No. | TEXT OF MESSAGE                                                                                |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 31.7.17 | WMO                        | 4.45 AM                           | D FV21           | B 5.            | Ordinary 7 captured<br>aaa. C Coy digging<br>an message received<br>4.45 AM.                   |
| do      | do                         | 4.46                              | ②GV11            | BM269           | Can you give any<br>identification from<br>prisoners                                           |
| do      | do                         | 4.48                              | ②GA28            | BM270           | Division on our<br>right (our force)<br>have sent up five SOS<br>rockets commencing<br>4.45 am |
| do      | do                         | 4.50                              | ②GV11            | BM271           | Your T6 not under-<br>stood aaa which<br>Ordinary captured<br>(Code) BBB 5123                  |
| * do    | do                         | 4.44                              | ②GV11            | T.6             | Ordinary 7470.7735<br>attack has succeeded?                                                    |
| do      | do                         | 4.50                              | ②GV11            | T8              | BBB 5123.7004<br>attack has succeeded<br>consolidation of obj-<br>ective begun.                |
| do      | do                         | 4.55                              | ②GA28            | BM272           | Right Ptn have<br>commenced consolida-<br>tion of Red dotted<br>line.                          |



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| DATE    | HOW RECEIVED OR SENT | TIME OF DESPATCH OR RECEIPT | FROM OR TO   | SENDER'S NO. | TEXT OF MESSAGE                                                                                                                                |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 31.7.17 | Wire                 | 5.8 AM                      | GA28         | BM275        | work 2 killed<br>wounded all<br>other ranks.                                                                                                   |
| do      | do                   | 5.15                        | FA26<br>GA27 | BM276        | Attack by our<br>troops progressing<br>satisfactorily.                                                                                         |
| do      | do                   | 5.15                        | GA27         | BM38/4       | Situation report.                                                                                                                              |
| do      | do                   | 5.20                        | GA28         | BM277        | Three more<br>prisoners (28 <sup>th</sup><br>Prussians) reported<br>by left pln.                                                               |
| do      | do                   | 5.20                        | FV21         | 9.           | Message received<br>5 AM from GULL<br>four prisoners 28 <sup>th</sup><br>Prussian being<br>sent back.                                          |
| do      | do                   | 5.23                        | GULL         | T9           | Have not come<br>through me.                                                                                                                   |
| do      | do                   | 5.30                        | GULL         | T10          | Twelve                                                                                                                                         |
| do      | do                   | 5.30                        | FV21         | 10.          | Rumor from GVI<br>5.10 AM report all<br>going well at least<br>15 prisoners using<br>some for S.B. see<br>RDL section task<br>done about 3 ft. |
| do      | do                   | 5.33                        | GULL         | T11          | BBB 5227<br>Disposition complete                                                                                                               |

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| 31.7.17 | Wire                 | 5.35 AM                     | GA28       | BM278        | Enemy fort 12<br>Captured and<br>report timed 5.15 AM<br>Message received<br>Gunnel 5.15 AM<br>Consolidating roman<br>fours and three at<br>Ham ordinary found<br>and six everything<br>going well sea<br>bending down.                      |
| do      | do                   | 5.38                        | FV21       |              | Prisoners 18 officers<br>14 others 28 <sup>th</sup> Prussians.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| do      | do                   | 5.45                        | GA28       | BM279        | Our Roman fort 3<br>not being consolidated<br>timed 4 AM and Rt<br>pln have sent down<br>wounded 43 un-<br>wounded prisoners<br>and enemy fort 4 & 6<br>trench systems<br>immediately captured<br>it captured by 4 AM<br>sea all going well. |
| do      | do                   | 5.50                        | GULL       | BM280        | Are this mean all<br>enemy fort 9<br>Roman fort six                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| 31.7.17 | Wire                 | 550                         | 9011       | B280        | new report being Consolidated and observers report troops wondering about near Roman VII and I consolidation of this fort being pushed on with all OK.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| do      | do                   | 556                         | 902        | K97         | Aircraft report planes observed from our rear fort B17 both machine & main seen digging in short lengths of trench and not much shelling where planes observed very heavy enemy bandage astute the Dowie Valley and have also seen in vicinity General Fort 17 implying R2 have reached there and 3 additional prisoners of 28 <sup>th</sup> Russians reported and. |
| do      | do                   | 556                         | 9A28       | 99          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| 31.7.17 | Wire                 | 6am                         | 9A28                                                               | BM281        | Please arrange for artillery to continue barrage until zero plus 20 mins at slow rate to protect until smoke clears                                            |
| do      | do                   | 63.                         | 9A28                                                               | 911          | From information obtained from prisoners hostile counter attack may be expected at any time from 730am onwards and addressed 901 reported Co. heavy artillery. |
| do      | do                   | 65.                         | FU1<br>GU11<br>GU2<br>FU21<br>Major Wells<br>Capt Anderson<br>FA46 | BM282        | From prisoners statements counter attack may be expected from 730am onwards                                                                                    |
| do      | do                   | 68                          | GU11                                                               | T 14         | Assaulting troops have withdrawn                                                                                                                               |
| do      | do                   | 610                         | 9A28                                                               | BM283        | GU11 report R2 have have withdrawn and message times 8am.                                                                                                      |

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| 3/7/17 | wire                 | 6.13                        | GU11         | BM 284       | Enemy MG fort at U66 35.60 is being bombarded by Howitzers and Roman 8 must be established otherwise Roman 7 is in the air acc. N 2 have established a fort at ordinary seventeen                                     |
| do     | do                   | 6.10                        | FU21         | 12           | ASTER report Roman 3 45 being Consolidated message received at 5 am ordinary 8 + 9 after a p a a a enemy bayaging Roman 3 but 80 short acc. During reports 5 25 am Consolidating work going well in touch Roman fort. |
| do     | do                   | 6.15                        | GU11<br>FU21 | BM 285       | Contact plane reports plane shot at Roman 3 to 7 inclusive also ordinary 17 a a a latter established                                                                                                                  |

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| 3/7/17 | wire                 | 6.15                        | GU11<br>FU21 | BM 285       | by our troops on our right                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| do     | do                   | 6.15                        | FU21         | BM 286       | Has ordinary 3 been lifted up                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| do     | do                   | 6.20                        | FU21         | 13           | Leaves our team on right has come back reporting all OK in front and no work of ordinary 3. AAA Reported                                                                                                                                  |
| do     | do                   | 6.25                        | GU11         | T17          | Lieut Hagg Hull Freeman Planchist wounded Casualties not exceptionally heavy no straits occurred. Situation as regards enemy fort is not clear as Roman fort 6 + 7 being Consolidated the situation as regards Roman forts not yet clear. |

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| 3/7.17 | wire                 | 6.35                        | GU 11      | BM 287       | Time has arrived for Coy Comdr responsible for Roman & personally reconnoitre & clear up the situation as a report required here urgently.                                                                                                  |
| do     | do                   | 6.35                        | GA 78      | BM 288       | Position re Roman & still obscure and have instructed Coy Comdr concerned to personally reconnoitre. Report as a light in report having captured 20 or 10 prisoners & one MG. and many enemy killed especially between enemy forts 10 & 13. |
| do     | do                   | 6.35                        | GU 11      | BM 289       | Have put thin protective artillery screen round                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| 3/7.17 | wire                 | 6.35                        | GU 11      | BM 289       | Roman 7 and Howard's intermittently checking 16 & 35 & 60 left as a result. Coy report objective gained not much opposition in touch with 42. Coy consolidating Red fort refort consolidation of No 6 & 7 forts going well & are in touch and No 8 not so satisfactory and Platoon detailed to dig C.T. to No 8 assisting to clear up situation and affix 10 prisoners & one MG but casualties not very heavy 10 killed 3 wounded. |
| do     | do                   | 6.35                        | GU 11      | T 13         | do                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| 3/7/17 | wire                       | 6.45                              | GVII                      | BM 290          | Will you turn off<br>all SOS as soon<br>as possible as<br>ammunition is a big<br>factor                                                     |
| do     | do                         | 6.50                              | GA 28                     | BM 291          | Roman for one to<br>seven being<br>Consolidated also<br>Red letter line as<br>Roman 8 still<br>obscure and<br>otherwise every-<br>thing OK. |
| do     | do                         | 6.50                              | GA 28                     | BM 292          | SOS Roman for<br>seven and enemy<br>reported thickening<br>up in this vicinity<br>just prior to SOS<br>going up.                            |
| do     | do                         | 6.55                              | <del>GA 26</del><br>GA 46 | JB 26           | From BM 282<br>addressed Capt.<br>Anderson Major<br>will underlines<br>and addresses as<br>at 5.0.56 repeat<br>at once urgent.              |



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| 31.7.17 | wire                       | 6.55                              | 4A.28                      | 918            | Aeroplane met 6.30<br>am report our men<br>still seen in 075d<br>and US6 can<br>salient at our No<br>1 and 2 for has<br>been badly damaged<br>by hostile fire and<br>when flying over<br>Admiral's own plane<br>appears to have<br>been heavily fired<br>at by enemy MG<br>from ground and<br>some thing<br>happened when<br>flying in front<br>of some destruction<br>has occurred<br>441 reported 2nd<br>Angac. . . |
| do      | do                         | 7am                               | 9011<br>F621<br>F61<br>902 | PM 293         | General + Admiral<br>Amiel + Armon<br>must confer re<br>thinning down<br>front line to give<br>reserves in 1st<br>Comdr hands                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



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| 31.7.17  | Wire                       | 7am                               | GVI<br>FV1<br>FV1<br>GV2 |                 | Prisoners state<br>they have been<br>specially trained<br>in counter attack<br>and therefore you<br>must make<br>preparations for<br>same                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| do phone |                            | 7.10                              | C/O<br>72a<br>Pgde       |                 | Please take<br>fall wire OK.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| do. Wire |                            | 7.10                              | FV2                      | 16              | Report 6.10 am<br>says R.D.L. well<br>down trenches<br>started on. GVI<br>expect counter attack<br>making all<br>preparations start<br>ing bring on Right<br>Bank. Roman<br>1200 to seem OK.<br>Enemy artillery<br>coming up.<br>Normal prisoners<br>AIRRP sent<br>28 <sup>th</sup> Machine Gun<br>also Private Lee<br>Shows IR 28 <sup>th</sup> |



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| 31 <sup>st</sup> | (Wire<br>Cont)             |                                   |                            |                 | 1.K 242. Have<br>1 Pineapple<br>gun + 1 light<br>M.G. here                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                  | Wire                       | 7.25                              | GA28                       | Bm 294          | FUZI Report 6.10pm<br>Red dotted line<br>well down<br>starting on terrain<br>Enemy artillery<br>generally active<br>Two wounded<br>prisoners at RAP<br>Lieut 28 <sup>th</sup> Mach<br>Kamer also a<br>private Doc<br>Shows JR IK<br>942 Have captured<br>1 pineapple gun<br>+ one light M.G. |
|                  | Wire                       | 7.35                              | GU11<br>FUZI<br>FUI<br>GUZ | Bm 295          | All Roman Posts<br>+ Red dotted line<br>must be held at<br>all costs. Should<br>any post be temp-<br>orarily lost all<br>other posts must<br>hang on + Cooperate<br>in any way                                                                                                               |



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| 31   |                            |                                   |                  |                 | possible with the<br>Counter attack<br>made by our troops<br>to regain the<br>Roman troops<br>temporarily lost<br>Such Counter<br>attack must<br>be launched<br>immediately<br>B <sup>d</sup> Commanders<br>concerned must<br>have plans<br>prepared &<br>promulgated<br>for the Counter<br>attack of all<br>Roman Posts<br>Have no news<br>of ordinary three<br>but think every<br>thing OK. Ordinary<br>fund was hopped<br>up. All Roman<br>posts established<br>& consolidating<br>well down |
|      | Wue                        | 7.45                              | FV21             | 17              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| 31   | Wue                        | 7.50                              | FV21             | 18              | Left assault<br>Coy reports all<br>platoons now<br>back & on<br>appointed task<br>Out 18 pdr heavy<br>fire very short<br>Have endeavored<br>to remedy it<br>through Liaison<br>officer. Also<br>report ordinary<br>3 hopped up<br>practically no<br>opposition<br>We are consol-<br>idating north<br>outside La<br>Basse Ville<br>to railway to<br>U17 & 59 to<br>U11 & 44. One<br>landing party<br>to U12 & 17<br>reports many<br>men dead<br>also captured |
|      | Wue                        | 8.0                               | BM 31/9<br>GH97  | BM<br>31/9      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |



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| 31   |                            |                                 |                  |                 | Several prisoners<br>+ MG's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|      | Wue                        | 8.5                             | GA28             | Bm296           | All going very<br>satisfactorily<br>with left 134<br>Roman Posts<br>3, 4 & 5 also<br>Red dotted line<br>well down<br>Roman VI OK<br>Roman 7<br>receiving consid-<br>erable artillery<br>attention<br>Roman 8 not<br>yet definitely<br>established but<br>CT to it is being<br>pushed by left<br>battalion has put<br>down 2 smoke<br>barrage immediately<br>North of Roman<br>1. Enemy activity<br>very active<br>along whole front<br>particularly<br>right flank |
|      | Wue                        | 8.10                            | GA28             | Bm<br>297       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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| 31   | Wire                       | 8.15                              | GU 11<br>GU 2    | Bm<br>297       | Enemy barrage<br>appears to<br>extend South<br>of River Dume<br>Can counter<br>battery work be<br>accelerated<br>Quotations on<br>our right are<br>Consolidating<br>hither & yon<br>skins of the<br>Barrage Villa -<br>Railway to<br>U17659 ho<br>U11644 |
|      | Wire                       | 8.15                              | FIN 26<br>GH 97  | Bm<br>298       | Our operation<br>successful all<br>posts established<br>+ Consolidated<br>except 1128<br>Red dotted line<br>also well<br>Consolidated                                                                                                                    |
|      | Wire                       | 8.20                              | GA 28<br>FYC     | Bm<br>299       | Ref 3 <sup>rd</sup> Div<br>Army Order No 27                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| 31   |                            |                                   |                  |                 | para 5 Map<br>CRA has been<br>requested to<br>lengthen S.O.S.<br>barrage 100 ft<br>in front of<br>Roman Post<br>34567 & 8<br>Addressed GA 28<br>Replied FYC<br>To supply of<br>ammunition for<br>Vickers guns<br>Satisfactory<br>Would like to<br>be reassured<br>Ref by Bm 297<br>Enemy smoke<br>barrage continues<br>on our right<br>fire has slackened<br>on our front<br>but is heavy<br>on front of<br>division on<br>our right |
|      | Wire                       | 8.30                              | Major<br>WELLS   | Bm<br>300       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|      | Wire                       | 8.35                              | GA 28            | Bm<br>301       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| 31   | Wue                        | 8.55                              | GAZ8             | G25           | Smoke damage<br>reported by you<br>is probably our<br>own put down<br>near GARDE DIEU<br>to help 37 <sup>th</sup> Div.<br>We are taking<br>action to improve<br>counter battery work<br>Report again if<br>still unsatisfactory |
|      | Wue                        | 9.00                              | GAZ8             | G26.          | 19 <sup>th</sup> Div. who are<br>north of WAMBEEK<br>are now being<br>heavily counter<br>attacked. Addressed<br>GVI repeated CRA                                                                                                |
|      | Puma                       | 9.00                              | Observer         |               | 7.50. Enemy<br>plane flew<br>over our line in<br>front of Hamston<br>dropping two red<br>lights.<br>7.50 - 8.40. Enemy<br>shelling our front<br>line also<br>messes                                                             |



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| 31   | Wire                       | 9.20                              | GU 11<br>FU 21<br>FU 1<br>GU 2 | Bm<br>302      | 8.40. Two enemy<br>planes flying<br>over line between<br>Hampton &<br>Dunelmont.<br>Pigeon messages<br>timed between<br>7.30 + 8am<br>State on artillery<br>SOS. Short. From<br>8am. Tracing<br>showing SOS<br>action from<br>Zero plus 2 hrs.<br>10 min is<br>amended + SOS<br>line moved 100'<br>last of line shown<br>on tracing.<br>Reply if this<br>is satisfactory<br>or if further<br>increase in<br>range is<br>required + if so<br>what amount.<br>Repeated FU 1 +<br>GU 2 for inf. |



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| 31     | Wue                  | 9.32                        | GU11        | T22                   | Roman eye is established & being Consolidated Partis very weak                                    |
|        | Wue                  | 9.34                        | GU2         | K99                   | Have conferred                                                                                    |
|        |                      |                             |             | Reply to              | band made                                                                                         |
|        |                      |                             |             | Bm293                 | arrangements                                                                                      |
|        | Wue                  | 9.32                        | GU11        | Bm 303                | Last three words not understood. Only 50 passed through DOWNEY What has become of balance of 5000 |
|        | Wue                  | 9.34                        | GA28        | Bm304                 | GU11 report Roman post is established & is being Consolidated                                     |
| Runner | Wue                  | 9.40                        | Major Wells | D7 in reply to Bm 300 | Yes satisfactory                                                                                  |
|        | Wue                  | 9.47                        | GU11 FU21   | Bm 305                | Following is reported by RFC observer. At 9.30 planes unsuccessfully called for                   |



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| 31   |                            |                                   |                  |                 | <p>Situation at<br/>Roman 7 doubtful<br/>there is trench<br/>dig right up to<br/>it. But not sure<br/>who is holding<br/>and nearest enemy<br/>was not machine<br/>gunned from Roman<br/>7 on Wednesday<br/>here. Hostile<br/>shelling not very<br/>heavy chiefly on<br/>Fam de la Croix<br/>Hazard &amp; Steg-<br/>nast farm. NO<br/>sign of Roman 8.<br/>OO. Coy detailed<br/>capture La Basse<br/>Ville reports<br/>considerable re-<br/>sistance met.<br/>Four M.G. 2 pris-<br/>ons, 2 prisoners<br/>+ considerable<br/>stores taken.<br/>Other prisoners<br/>not taken on</p> |
|      | Wue                        | 10am                              | G1197            | Bm<br>31/10     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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| 31/  |                            |                                   |                  |                 | <p>fighting but many<br/>being killed<br/>Posts established<br/>at U1801225<br/>U17644 U176<br/>56. CO HQ<br/>established at<br/>U17643. Several<br/>plank bridges<br/>destroyed Targets<br/>for rifle fire<br/>planned in<br/>Hampton.<br/>Excellent observation<br/>from position<br/>Our observation<br/>includes several<br/>trains + several<br/>MCO's. 3 platoons<br/>commanded by<br/>Cpls.</p> |

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| 31/7/17 | WIRE                          | 10.10am                           | GU /<br>TO<br>FQ 37<br>FT 1 | AM 380          | <p>Have captured<br/>and am con-<br/>sidering our<br/>posts three to<br/>eight inclusive.<br/>CT's to them.<br/>Also Red dotted<br/>line. You must<br/>be prepared to<br/>carry out any<br/>operations in<br/>connection<br/>with the above<br/>at short notice.<br/>Have you<br/>accurate<br/>information<br/>as to the position<br/>of the various<br/>posts and<br/>trenches &amp; the<br/>dispositions<br/>for holding<br/>same also<br/>a knowledge<br/>of the ground<br/>in the vicinity.</p> |



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|          |                      |                             |                      |             | Of in case you are required for counter attack. Will you come to GVI today about midday to discuss the matter with the Stripper. |
| 31-11-17 | Nine                 | 9-50am                      | FU21<br>to GVI       | 22          | 50 yards of wire has been placed on right of R.D.L.                                                                              |
| 31/11/17 | Nine                 | 9-47am                      | Macovski<br>to G.V.I | 8m/28       | Attack in 1st phase successful 2nd phase also successful though information scarce about 50 prisoners                            |
| 31/11/17 | Nine                 | 1035am                      | FU 12<br>to GVI      | 4391        | Acknowledged                                                                                                                     |
| 31/11/17 | Nine                 | 830am                       | FU21<br>to GVI       |             | Estimated total prisoners to date all 28 <sup>th</sup> Russians                                                                  |



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| 31/7/17 | Runner                 | 10 am      | GD 11<br>To GDI | T26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|         |                        |            |                 | I have sent<br>Assistant for-<br>ward to report<br>on situation<br>and will advise<br>you as soon<br>as received.<br>All Officers<br>in charge of<br>Roman Posts<br>killed or<br>wounded.<br>Have detailed<br>officer from<br>other Coy to<br>take charge<br>of Roman Post<br>VII. Consolidation<br>of Red Dotted<br>line well on<br>way and<br>fine bayonet<br>Roman Post<br>VII down<br>4 feet. |

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| 31/7/17 | Wire                       | 10-55 am                          | GA28            | BM220         | Right Bn<br>reports enemy<br>aeroplanes<br>flying low<br>over our new<br>posts and<br>lines observing<br>for artillery<br>Lieut. Tolley<br>has been<br>forward a<br>reports! -<br>All Roman<br>Posts established<br>and are being<br>consolidated<br>and linked<br>up. All<br>Companies<br>except Heone<br>digging Red<br>Dotted line<br>have had a<br>very bad<br>time and<br>men are not<br>available |
| 31/7/17 | Runner                     | 10-20 am                          | GD 11<br>To GDI | T27           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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|      |                            |                                   |                  |                 | To do digging<br>required. A<br>Platoon from<br>41st has gone<br>forward to<br>assist with<br>digging but<br>I am afraid<br>enemy snipers<br>and MGs will<br>prevent them<br>working until<br>nightfall.<br>Enemy planes<br>are most<br>active flying<br>about 100 ft<br>above our<br>Roman Posts<br>& Red Dotted<br>Line. Cannot<br>see action<br>be taken to<br>keep them<br>off. |

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| 31-7-17 | Runner                     | 10:20am                           | GULI<br>15 GULI.                  | T28             | Herewith<br>Reports just<br>received from<br>my left bay<br>and bay<br>digging. Red<br>Dotted Line.<br>Have just<br>returned from<br>Nos 6 & 7 posts<br>& Red line.<br>Red line is<br>well down<br>& CT 15 No 6<br>post nearly<br>completed.<br>No 6 post has<br>been well<br>consolidated<br>in spite of<br>activity of<br>MGs & snipers.<br>The wearing<br>of post 7 had<br>to be suspended<br>on account of<br>snipers & MGs |
| 31-7-17 | Runner                     | 9:30am                            | Violet<br>10<br>Admiral<br>4 GULI | -               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| 31/7/17 | Runner               | 9-45am                      | Pansy to GVI | D4          | the men from that job are carrying material for tonight and assisting in digging C.T. Red dotted line dug right through & connected on both flanks to average depths about four feet. Casualties one officer eleven OR (Lt Borthwick wounded in foot at start) Observers report smoke being put round Roman 7. Suggest sending more |
| 31-7-17 | Nile                 | 11-17am                     | to GVI       | BAT 221     | BM 221                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 10-11am                     | From FU21  | 24          | out in front with S.O.S. water to give early warning of any enemy move                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 31-7-17 | Nile                 | 11-25am                     | to GVI     | BM 223      | Further increase off 100 yards required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 31-7-17 | Nile                 | 9-20am                      | From GH97  | BM 31/12    | Can you yet reply to BM 302. In continuation of BM 21/10 posts now established at U.11.d.7.1 & near fork roads and U.11.b.3.0 and U.11.b.50.35 twenty prisoners taken at U.11.d.5.0 where seven enemy killed hedged in U.11.d. cleared up. LADY raided to railway at U.12.c.0.6 |



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|         |                      |                             |            |              | but did not clear up bank from D. 11. b. 7.4 to D. 12. c. 2.7 in which enemy established. One M.G. captured in connected shell holes and few prisoners also a number enemy were killed here. aforementioned shell holes were covered with wire netting and earth. |
| 21-7-17 | Wire                 | 11-13am                     | From GA 28 | G 30         | all corps off fifth army and French have taken first objective and have proceeded to second. Tenth Corps gained                                                                                                                                                   |

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|         |                      |                             |            |              | all objectives and 70 prisoners. New Zealanders have taken LA BASSE VILLE and 25 prisoners                          |
| 21-7-17 | Wire                 | 11-2am                      | From GA 28 | A 969        | can you give close estimate of war material and prisoners taken. At once.                                           |
| 21-7-17 | Wire                 | 10.50am                     | From GA 11 | T 29         | think should be satisfactory.                                                                                       |
| 21-7-17 | Wire                 | 11-40am                     | To GA 28   | B 224        | Estimated Casualties. ANVIL officers 4 wounded HOGG. HULL. FREEMAN and GILCHRIST OR. Killed 10. Wounded 75. ADMIRAL |



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|         |                      |                             |                    |              | Officers Killed 1 - Name unknown Wounded 5 includes TUCKER HARRINGTON BURDETT TAYLOR. OR Killed 25 Wounded 75. Addressed F.L. 137 repeated G.A. 28. Please instruct your Lewis Gun Officer or NCO. i/c to take over two anti aircraft <del>guns</del> Lewis Guns from F.V.1 (B. Battalion) at once. |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 11-40am                     | To F.V.1 From FU 1 | Bm 307       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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|         |                      |                             |                        |              | B Battalion will get into touch at once for this purpose. Addressed F.T.I. repeated F.V.1. Lightly had passed through my station at 9.15am all men are working |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 11-10am                     | From G.O. 11 To T 30   |              |                                                                                                                                                                |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 11-45a                      | To G.A. 28 From BM 275 |              | One machine gun one light machine gun one Grenade launcher. We estimate prisoners at 60 but as they were not forwarded                                         |



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| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 11-55 <sup>am</sup>         | To F437 FTI | 308         | Through Battalion or Brigade Headquarters but through A.D.S. and A.P.M. would be glad to know exact number. Reference my Bm 90/94 of 29/7/17. In view of the tactical situation these working parties will not be supplied tonight. Division on our right have established posts at U.11.6.30 & U.11.6.50 & 35              |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 11-55 <sup>am</sup>         | To GULL     | 130         | Casualties reported by two Companies fifty four. In continuation of my Bm 299 left Bm now wishes S.O.S. barrage to be lengthened another 100 yards. Right Bm now satisfied. Please advise if this is approved. Addressed GA28 repeated F.Y.C. Reference conversation re aeroplanes. R.F.C. has been directed to take action |

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| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 11-50 <sup>am</sup>         | From GULL      | 130         | Casualties reported by two Companies fifty four. In continuation of my Bm 299 left Bm now wishes S.O.S. barrage to be lengthened another 100 yards. Right Bm now satisfied. Please advise if this is approved. Addressed GA28 repeated F.Y.C. Reference conversation re aeroplanes. R.F.C. has been directed to take action |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 12-17 <sup>p</sup>          | To GA28 Bm 226 |             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 31/7/17 | Wire                 | 12-27 <sup>p</sup>          | To GULL        | Bm 229      | Reference conversation re aeroplanes. R.F.C. has been directed to take action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 11:51a                      | From GA28  | G 32       | Reference your AM 220. R.F.C. has been directed to take action                                                      |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 12:21p                      | From GA28  | G 33       | 1 Officer and 19 OR are wounded and 1 Officer and 19 OR Mawada passed thro Divisional Cage at 16 11am this morning. |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 11:40am                     | From Fp 37 | LLB 2      | Reference AM 806 pilot on his way to you.                                                                           |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 12:35p                      | From Fp 1. | SG 7       | Partly enemy estimated about 50 strong observed at 0.24.C. 9.25                                                     |

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| 31-7-17 | Verbal               | 11pm                        | From G 11         | -          | running across open returning in the direction. Two minutes later two parties of 12 each bearers followed them. Enemy forming up opposite Roman VIII. Bombs attack expected. |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 9:15am                      | From GA28         | G 42       | Wind 8am S.S.W 1 mph.                                                                                                                                                        |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 10:35am                     | From GA28         | G 44       | Wind 10am S.S.E. 1 mph                                                                                                                                                       |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 12:10pm                     | From meteor G-H Q | 6          | Forecast noon to noon Wind N or NE 10 to 15 mph increasing to 20 or 25 mph. Mainly overcast                                                                                  |

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| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 1-20p                       | To GUL<br>FU 21 Bm 310 |            | Some rain or drizzle likely. Gradually improving later. Cool. Fair visibility. Temp 60 to 65. Barrage will be put down on WARNETON from GAPPAARD WARNETON ROAD southwards forthwith. It will creep forward to the amended S.O.S line and will then creep back to the WARNETON line. This is to mop up enemy reported in front of |

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| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 1-27p                       | From Supper N 89  |            | Roman seven and Roman eight Barrage has been lengthened 100 yards as requested. Repeated to 7th 8th and 242nd Brigade R.F.A. Following enemy aircraft activity enemy is now heavily barraging Red dotted line. Counter Battery has been asked for but so far non-effective. |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 1-37p                       | To AM 3H<br>GA 28 |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| 31-7-17 | Wire         | 2-10pm          | From G.A.28 | G. 35       | Lera informed and necessary action taken.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 31-7-17 | Wire         | 2-50pm          | From G.A.28 | G. 36       | Second Army wire begins. all corps of fifth army report having got BLACK LINE (second objective) except second corps on right where situation is obscure. Understand infantry are held up temporarily opposite INVERNESS CORPS. Ends |

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| 31-7-17 | Wire         | 3-55p           | G.A.28      | G 40        | Following from New Zealand Division begins. 3-15p counter attack developing against BASSE VILLE which is being severely shelled. Seen by MG Barrage groups who opened at once. Our S.O.S down on whole front but enemy does not seem to be pushing along DOUVE. Following advice been received. 24 <sup>th</sup> Division |
| 31-7-17 | Wire         | 4pm             | From G.A.28 | G 39        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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|      |                      |                             |            |             | <p>who are on right of 2nd Corps on BLUE LINE except at the junction of the BLUE and BLACK (J.25 d.4-5). 30th Division are on the BLUE LINE. 8th Division are on BLACK LINE. 19th Corps on GREEN LINE. 18th Corps on GREEN LINE. 14th Corps are across the STEENBECK. French are on the point of taking BIXSHOOTÉ.</p> |

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|      |                      |                             |            |             | <p>48</p> <p>Message continued from Book 12</p> <p>None of the counter attacks reported been at all serious. Order of lines BLUE BLACK. GREEN</p> <p>1917 July 31 Nine 4-5 pm TO I.B.M. Can you give G.D.1 1/31 back hearing and further particulars report shooting.</p> <p>2/8/18 Nine 3-20 pm From SC) Mina NNE 6 MPH<br/>OOY 7 Situation considerable Artillery fire. Both sides increasing at times intensely then dropping. At present moment easier this front but heavy on night Division. Our Artillery 18 par coming from N of MESSINES falling short on H.L. and</p> |



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| 1917 | Sent     | Recd               | To                | No          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |    |
| July |          |                    |                   |             | head of GADPAARD last reported fell 3pm. <del>Head</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |    |
| 21   | Nine     | 4-10 <sup>pm</sup> | From FO21         | 25          | Total estimate of casualties for period commencing night 16/17 <sup>th</sup> July 5 and 150 others                                                                                                                                                                       |    |
| 31   | Nine     | 4-10 <sup>pm</sup> | TO GA28           | 1.B.M. 2/31 | GULL report 3pm 18 pdr from NORTH of MESSINES falling short on F.L. and head of GADPAARD. Please investigate.                                                                                                                                                            |    |
| 31   | Verbal   | 3-2 <sup>30</sup>  | From Colli Butler |             | U. G. C. 40.60 } M. G<br>U. G. A. 65.09 }<br>U. G. C. 25.80 } on Road<br>U. G. C. 45.80 }<br>Minneni at No 7 Roman Whizbang worrying<br>U. G. 620-30. C.T.s<br>finished by dark. Prisoners<br>+ 5 Prisoners 1<br>5<br>1 off 10. 1 M.G.<br>1 Pineapple gun. 1 light-M. G. |    |



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| 1917 July 31 | Wire             | 4:55 am.     | To F.T. 1     | Bm 312     | You are required to supply one carrying party and one officer 5 N.C.O's and fifty men to do one carry of Stokes Mortars shells from ZAREEBA to GAP AAD. Two guides from your T.M. Battery will report to your Bn Hq Qrs at 7 pm tonight |
| 31           | Nine             |              | To GA 28      | Bm 313     | See my Bm 256 of 30/7/17. Another certificate is being sent by O.R.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 31           | 6/30p Nure       | 6/30p        | From H F.V.I. | 394        | Officer of this Str who is to take over Roman No 3 on going up to make a further reconnaissance this afternoon was informed by 42nd Officer that                                                                                        |

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| 1917 July 31 | Nine             | 6 pm         | From FO 21                    | 06         | this post at present does not exist, also was informed that snipers were very bad in ordinary post No. 3                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 31           | Nine             | 5:30p        | From Red Post Strong Pl- No 7 | 1          | Roman III reports a body of German troops in full marching order about 1,000 yards East of Roman III moving back. Have arranged for Artillery time 5:45 pm Pigeon Service. Please notify G.V.II two wounded men been here since morning. No stretcher Bearers available (Repeat to G.V. II) |

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C/O Armour.  
This agrees with my arrangements. I expect my first party to leave F.L. about 1 am. (SGD) AR. Woolcock Lt Col.  
C.O. "ANVIL"

B. H G

Forwarded

31/7/17 (SGD) G. G. H (Armour)

Relief Order - 31-1-17

Map. Warrington 1/10000.

The following is the order of relief for tonight. To be read in conjunction with Bn. Order No 62.

Relief of Posts.

10pm. Relief of No I Post by No 3 Platoon under Lt PAVY.

10.20pm. Relief of No IV Post by No 8 Platoon under Lt DARLING

10.40pm. Relief of No III Post by No 13 Platoon under Lt GAZZ (M.G.)

The relief of these platoons will be conducted as follows:—

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I Firstly the Lewis Gun Team will effect relief together with the relief of the LISTENING POSTS  
Relief of the Bombing Section  
Relief of the Riflemen Section  
Relief of the Grenadier Section  
NOTE The relief of one section must be complete before the relief of further sections is attempted  
RELIEF OF COYS.

(1) "A" Coy will ~~effect~~ relieve the Right Coy of the 42nd at 10-45 pm.

"D" Coy will effect relief by extending their line to take on POST III at 11 pm.

The relief will be conducted on the lines that the relief of one Platoon must be entirely completed before the relief of further platoons is attempted.

(2) The closest co-operation between the units of the 44th and 42nd must be maintained.



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|                 |                  |                      |                 |           | Throught the relief                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| (3)             |                  |                      |                 |           | Completion of relief must be notified to Bln HQ as soon as possible after same is effected.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                 |                  |                      |                 |           | (sgd) M. H. d'Beckett<br>Major<br>C.O. 44 <sup>th</sup> Battalion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1917<br>July 31 | Phone            | 7:30 pm              | 42nd 43rd       |           | S.O.S. reported both Battalions attack in the North as far as Bixsc HOOTE has gone past all its objectives. The STEENBEEK has been passed and our troops are approaching LANGENMARCK. We hold ST. JULIEN and FREZENBERG on front of 9 miles French and British troops have broken into enemy |
| 31              | Wire             | 5:40 pm              | From G GA 41 28 |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|                 |                  |                      |               |           | defences to a depth varying from 2000 to 4000 yards. We have also captured HOLLERBECK. Divisions on our Right and Left have made all their objectives   |
| 1917<br>July 31 | Wire             | 6:20 pm              | From FU 21    |           | In conference with ANVIL I find that Roman 3 is in wrong place but they are righting it as much as possible tonight. CT will be dug as far as possible. |
| 31              | Wire             | 6:30 pm              | TO GA 28. 314 |           | Message from FU 21 begins - Roman three reports body German troops full marching order about 1000                                                       |



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|              |                  |                    |                     |          | yards East of Roman three moving back. Have arranged for Artillery time 5-45 pm. Luds. Artillery fired as above and have now ceased |
| 1917 July 31 | Wire             | 7-42 pm            | From G.U.I. TO GA28 | 315      | S. O. S whole Brigade front: Time 7-35 pm.                                                                                          |
| 31           | Wire             | 7-58 pm            | From FU21           | 27       | G.V.1 and G.V.2 reports no sign of enemy. Have asked Artillery to turn off S.O.S.                                                   |
| 31           | Wire             | 8-22 pm            | To GA28             | 317      | Both Battalions now report OK. All Artillery S.O.S has been asked to stop.                                                          |
| 31           | Wire             | 9-15 pm            | From GU11           | T44      | Up till 5-30 pm total casualties passed through RAP 133 and MO GU.2 treated 40                                                      |

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| 1917 July 31 | Wire             | 9-8 pm             | From FU21                | 29       | Am unable give number Killed. G.V.1 send S.O.S on lamp have passed to Artillery.                                                                                                   |
| 31           | DR.              | 7 pm               | From FL 137 Capt JACKSON | SC 6     | Corries will be at a spot 100 yards WEST of road junction T.S.d. 85.45 on Wulverghem Road at 4-30 am. tomorrow (Acknowledge)                                                       |
| 31           | Wire             | 9-25 pm            | From GA28                | G51      | Presume you are all right for S.O.S. rock etc. If not let me know. If you are all right don't worry to reply.                                                                      |
| 31           | Wire             | 9-25 pm            | From Gen. Monash         | G52      | In conveying the congratulations of the Army and Corps Commanders to you and your Brigade I desire to add an expression of my admiration of the gallantry of the Troops and of the |



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| 1917<br>July |               |                   |                                  |            | skilful direction and execution of today's successful operations.                                                                           |
| 31st         | Wire          | 9-10 pm           | To B.M.<br>GA28                  | 230        | S.O.S. sent up opposite Right Bn at 9-7 pm. Artillery has commenced firing.                                                                 |
| 31           | Wire          | 9-35 pm           | To<br>G02<br>GU11<br>FU1<br>FU21 | 231        | With regard to all S.O.S. action Keys Bde Hd. Qrs well informed by wire and state at earliest possible moment when S.O.S. may be taken off. |
| 31           | Wire          | 10 pm             | To<br>FU21<br>GU11               | 232        | Lorries will be at a spot 100 yards WEST of road junction T.S.d. 85.45. on Wolverghem Road at 4-30 am tomorrow.                             |
| 31           | Wire          | 10 pm             | FL<br>137<br>in reply to SC 6    | 233        | Acknowledged.                                                                                                                               |



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| 1917 July 31 | Wire             | 10-5 p.m.          | To GA 28        | BM 734   | 50 required. Please send as soon as possible.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| "            | Wire             | 10-12 p.m.         | From 4th A.I.B. | BM 76    | M. G. O. and S.C. and two C.O.s will visit tomorrow between 9 a.m. ten.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 31           | Wire             | 10-12 p.m.         | From FU 21      | 32       | G.V.1 Reports OK.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 31           | Wire             | 10-12 p.m.         | Do              | 31       | Have turned off S.O.S. no reports yet to hand from G.V.1. G.V.2. Reports OK.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 31           | Wire             | 10-12 p.m.         | From G.A 28.    | GS 4     | Presume you will issue any orders you deem necessary with regard to Stokes Mortars. Keeping forward those that you deem necessary. You know you have the whole of the mg's as long as required. D.M.G.O. and D.L.T.M.O. are both still at New |

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|      |                  |                    |            |          | Brigade Headquarters. They will act under your instructions. Addressed G.OI repeated D.M.G.O D.L.T.M.O.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 31   | Wire             | 10-30 p.m.         | To GA 28   | BM 735   | As result of last evening enemy counter attack about 9-10 p.m. position re Roman Posts seven and eight is obscure. O.C. Right Bn. has sent forward to here situation cleared up. Definite information will be forwarded to you as soon as possible. S. O. S. Rocket's required for ROMAN POSTS. |
| 31   | Wire             | 8-45 p.m.          | From FU 21 | 28       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 31   | Wire             | 11 p.m.            | To GU 115  | BM 138   | If you find ROMAN SEVEN to have been lost it is considered that counter attack                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|      |          |                    |          |          | <p>should be made under cover of Artillery and Machine Gun S.O.S extending from ROMAN SIX to DOUVE RIVER. The possibility of using Stokes mortars on ROMAN VII must not be lost sight of but other ROMANS must not be endangered by the use of these. Flank attacking parties could co-operate from ROMAN VI and VIII. Send particulars of your plan of action as early as possible</p> |
| 31   | Wire     | 11.10 PM           | To GA 28 | BPM 319  | <p>ROMAN EIGHT definitely in our hands. ROMAN SEVEN definitely lost. Counter attack from ROMAN SIX and frontally has already been</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |



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|      |                         |                          |                                                |             | <p>commenced by troops in the immediate vicinity. No information of result yet received. If this fails counter attack by reserve company frontally and from ROMAN SIX and EIGHT will be made protected by Artillery and M.G.S.O.S. Use of Stokes Mortars on ROMAN SEVEN also being considered.</p> |
| 31   | Wire                    | 11-35<br>p.m.            | TO Major Wells<br>Capt. Anderson<br>F.O.<br>56 | BM 320      | <p>Roman Post-Seven has been lost temporarily. No machine guns or trench mortars will be relieved until orders are issued from this office for relief to be carried out.<br/>Acknowledge.</p>                                                                                                      |



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| July 1917 | wire                | 11-50<br>pm          | From<br>GU 11                                  | T<br>49     | Make Zero hour<br>for counter attack<br>on ROMAN SEVEN<br>12-30 am                                                                                                                                                       |
| 31        | wire                | 11-50<br>pm          | From<br>GA 28                                  | G<br>56     | Would you like a<br>plane to fly tomorrow<br>If so at what time<br>so that arrangements<br>can be made.                                                                                                                  |
| Aug. 1st  | wire                | 12-30<br>am          | From<br>Lt E Gid<br>Win<br>11/12<br>M &<br>Coy | -           | The dug out occupied<br>by Lt. WILSON of<br>L.T.M. and five men<br>have been blown<br>out. Two badly in-<br>jured and Lt. WILSON<br>suffering from<br>severe shell shock.<br>Please advise<br>Lt. PORTER<br>immediately. |
| 1st       | wire                | 12-30<br>am          | From<br>RA 56                                  | 5           | your B. M. 320<br>received.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1         | wire                | 12-34<br>am          | To<br>GA 28                                    | IBM<br>2/1  | Would like Contact-<br>plane to fly at 5 am                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1         | wire                | 12-35<br>am          | From<br>GA 28                                  | G<br>57     | The following<br>received from left-<br>flank Division -                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| 1917    |                     |                      |                                      |             | begins, Report-<br>received that enemy<br>enveloped left flank<br>of Battalion holding<br>RIFLE FARM<br>0.35-10.95 and<br>forced it to with-<br>draw - ends. |
| Aug 1st | wire                | 12-34<br>am          | From<br>GU 2                         | K<br>6      | Roman six and<br>eight have been<br>relieved by me.                                                                                                          |
| Aug 1   | wire                | 12-40<br>am          | To<br>GU 11<br>GU 2<br>GU 21<br>GU 1 | IBM<br>3/1  | Contact plane<br>will fly over<br>Roman posts<br>1 to 8 inclusive<br>at 5 am. Hares<br>must be lit in<br>every post when<br>called for.                      |
| Aug 1   | wire                | 12-58<br>am          | To<br>GU 2                           | IBM<br>6/1  | Was Garrison<br>Roman 6 & 8<br>affected by our<br>artillery Bomb-<br>ardment. Roman<br>7. If so to what<br>extent. Reply<br>urgent important.                |



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| Aug 1 | Wire                   | 1-5 am             | TO MGO<br>GUS   | 322         | Should operation have to be repeated. Will you arrange for your guns to fire intermittently on their S.O.S. Line throughout the night.                                      |
| Aug 1 | Wire                   | 1-5 am             | From GA<br>28   | G 59        | R.F.C. has been asked to supply contact plane. You should arrange flares to be sent up to front with instructions that they should be lit when called for by Contact Plane. |
| Aug 1 | Wire                   | 1-25 am            | From G<br>GA 28 | 60          | What have you done for your recapture of post 7.                                                                                                                            |
| Aug 1 | Wire                   | 1-27 am            | TO GA<br>28     | 18M 5/1     | Here 12-30 am Artillery opened to time. No information received yet.                                                                                                        |

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| Aug 1 | Wire                   | 1-55 am            | From FU21            | 32          | CC. B.B.B. 8192. 0127 2905. 0387. 7135. 8152 8784. 6623. 7376. 9307. 5910. 7148. 5099. 7376. 9195. 9049. 0387. 6651. 0523. A + C Relief Complete moving out 1 am. |
| Aug 1 | Wire                   | 2 am               | From GA<br>28        | G 64        | Report when you can result of your attack for recapture of Red post 7.                                                                                            |
| Aug 1 | Wire                   | 2-5 am             | From FU<br>21        | 33          | B.B.B. 8192. 2780. 3333. 0387. 7135. 8152. 8784. 6623. 7376. 9307. 3750. 7376. 9195. 9049. 0387. 5099. 0253. - B and D bay Relief complete. Moved out 1-30 am.    |
| Aug 1 | Wire                   | 2-15 am            | To 18M<br>Armour 8/1 | 8/1         | Further supply of red contact flares herewith which must be lit as per our IBM 31.                                                                                |



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| Aug 1        | Wire                | 2:25<br>am           | TO<br>Armour             | 1 DM<br>7/1 | State location of<br>Levy Headquarters<br>area what Leays<br>occupy place stated.<br>What are the dispositions<br>of each. Hope wiring<br>is being expedited<br>50x East of Roman<br>Post. 1. 2. 3. 4 & 5. These<br>Posts to closely co-<br>operate with Roman<br>Posts 6 & 7 |
| Aug 1        | Wire                | 2:27<br>am           | From<br>FUI              | 14<br>298   | B B B 8152.<br>Relief Complete                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Do           | Do                  | 2:40<br>am           | From<br>GUZ              | 14.8        | No news any des-<br>cription Admiral<br>or Aerial though<br>yet will advise<br>soon as possible                                                                                                                                                                               |
| July 31      | Wire                | 12:35<br>am          | From<br>Metcon<br>C.H.Q. | 1           | Forecast soon to<br>noon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| July 1       | Wire                | 6:10<br>am           | From<br>Metcon<br>C.H.Q. |             | Forecast for 24<br>hours. Wind North<br>or N.W 15 to 20 mph<br>increasing to 25<br>mph.                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| Aug 1 | Wire                | 2am                  | From<br>GA       | 28 62       | Gaily overcast.<br>Risk of further<br>thunderstorms at<br>first. Some rain &<br>drizzle likely tonight.<br>Probably continuing<br>cloudy tomorrow.<br>Indifferent or fair<br>visibility. Cool. Wind<br>7pm N.N.E. 10 mph.<br>Midnight and 6am<br>N.N.E. 14 mph<br>Left Division line<br>of consolidation<br>has been decided on<br>as follows. From<br>their present trench<br>on the BL 20 we pull back<br>to O.29-c.3-6 thence<br>to O.23-a.5-4. No<br>mention is made<br>of posts in front of<br>this line but it is<br>presumed they<br>will be maintained |
| Aug 1 | Wire                | 3:45<br>am           | From<br>FUI      | 58<br>8     | Wind N.W 5 mph<br>Situation since 3pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |



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|        |          |           |              |        | 31-7-17. Artillery both sides heavy. 7-30pm SOS right Coy. 8-30pm S.O.S. right Coy. 9-1 pm SOS right Coy 9-30 till midnight. Fire much eased off 12-3am intermittent shelling FL supports and C.T.S considerable damage done. Enemy Artillery Active throughout the night. Our Artillery answered S.O.S. rockets at 7-40 pm 9-7 pm 2-50am and 4-10am. Wind N.E. 6 mph. |
| Aug 1  | Wire     | 4:55 am   | From G.H. 97 | 1471   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Aug 11 | Wire     | 5:35 am   | From G.H. 2  | Kg     | Roman seven occupied by one of our Platoon and they are improving.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Aug 1  | Wire     | 5:40 am   | From G.H. 28 | G/7    | What is situation now please re last S.O.S.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Aug 1  | Wire     | 5:40 pm   | From G.H. 97 | 1473   | Situation Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |



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|      |                           |                            |                  |              | Reciprocal Artillery<br>Activity all day<br>especially between<br>3 & 4 PM when<br>enemy heavily<br>barraged La<br>BASSE VILLE.<br>Our line of forward<br>posts now established<br>U.18. 2.1-2. U.7.684<br>U.17.65-2. U.17.6.55-85<br>U.11.6.75.00. U.11.4-5<br>U.11.4.8. U.11.4.4-2.<br>U.11.6.4.4. Wind<br>East 5 mph.<br>Aug 10 Wire 5-50 To AM<br>am GAF 28 324 Roman Post<br>seven is now<br>occupied by<br>one of our Platoons<br>and they are<br>improving and<br>consolidating<br>Aug 10 Wire 5-55 To AM<br>am CRA Right 325<br>982 Left<br>Group<br>Art. We have recaptured<br>Roman Post seven<br>and are improving<br>and consolidating<br>it all Roman |

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| Aug 1 | Wire                      | 7-42<br>am                 | From<br>FOI.     | SC<br>9      | Posts one to eight-<br>inclusive are<br>therefore established.<br>At 4-15 am enemy<br>were observed from<br>Post 3 Roman<br>moving across<br>front in extended<br>order towards<br>Post 5 Roman<br>all listening<br>posts of 3 and 4<br>retired hurriedly<br>and confirmed<br>the observation.<br>Lieut. GAZE tried<br>to put up S.O.S.<br>but failed. At the<br>same time he<br>despatched a<br>runner to night Coy<br>Hors where the<br>S.O.S. rocket was<br>sent up at 4-20<br>am. M.G.s opened<br>immediately<br>and Artillery in |



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|       |                           |                            |                         |            | 415 seconds. enemy made only a feeble attempt and did not get more than 50 yards from their own wire. Barrage was excellent.                                                                            |
| Aug 1 | Runner<br>No              |                            | Aerial                  | R10        | Intelligence Report                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|       | Wire                      | 1235                       | Armed<br>Melior<br>G HQ | 1          | Forecast Noon to Noon. Wind between NW & SW 15 to 20 mph. Overcast. Some Rain or drizzle at first. Showers and perhaps thunderstorms later with fair intervals of good visibility. Cool. Temp 55 to 65. |
| Aug 1 | Wire                      | 5:45 pm                    | TO<br>FL<br>137         | BM<br>241  | Instruct Admiral and ANVIL to send up tonight reliefs of INCO and 6 men for each of their Lewis gun teams                                                                                               |

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OPERATIONS 31st July 1917.

On coming out of the line after the Eighteen Days in MESSINES the Battalion was camped in Le DOUVE VALLEY, and at the Conferences of C.O.s Battalions, it seemed apparent that at an early date the Division would be engaged in active operations. The C.O.s. Battns. were paired off as follows :- Colonel BUTLER D.S.O. (43rd Battn) and Major HERON D.S.O. (41st Btn.) Colonel WOOLCOCK D.S.O. (42nd Battn.) and Major WOOTTEN (11th Brigade Major), Colonel MAINSBRIDGE and Brig. General CANNAN C.B. and asked to prepare Schemes with the object of capturing German posts in N.M.L. west of WANNETON, establish posts ourselves and at the same time to advance far enough beyond these posts, to give the impression that WANNETON was our objective, incidentally this advance beyond the posts, would act as a covering party to the parties digging the captured posts. These Schemes were duly prepared and discussed and all the good points picked out and a final Scheme decided on. In the Scheme the 41st and 44th Battns. were to relieve the Battns. in the line two nights previous to the assault, that is to say, on 29/30 July, and on the night 30/31st the 42nd and 43rd were to take over the line and assault in the morning. It is also necessary to mention that it was the duty of the assaulting Battns. to mop up the posts in N.M.L. and to dig in in the ~~New~~ Posts, connect them laterally and with C.T.s from each post back to the Front line. Amongst the posts to be attacked was the redoubtable windmill, which so far had resisted all efforts. Elaborate preparations for training were undertaken by the assaulting Battalions, the whole of which work we followed carefully in order to be able to intelligibly assist in the attack if it failed. The training included digging replica posts and trenches and many conferences of all officers during which the Brigadier (General CANNAN) would call on any officer to describe in detail to the assembled officers, the part he had to play in the operations and the part of his neighbours. Two days before the operations took place full information was received as to the reason for the attack which was to co-operate in the big attack which stretched from the LYS River North to the sea.

I will wander for a moment. In our training for this period, bayonet fighting, physical fitness and recreation secured main attention and it is worthy of note that at a Brigade Sports Meeting held in the La DOUVE valley in the presence of the Major General J. MONASH C.B. (Divisional Commander), the 44th Battn. won the Brigade Cup for securing the greatest aggregate number of points securing more points than the other three Battalions put together. To resume the 31st July operation.

The Officers on H.Q. and in command of Coys. were Major A.R. HERON D.S.O. (C.O.) Capt. SHERIDAN 2nd in Command, 2/Lt. K.A. MURDOCK Asst. Adjutant, Capt. SWANSON "A" Coy. -O.C., Capt. MORIARTY O.C. "B" Coy. Capt. W. UREN O.C. "C" Coy. and Capt. J. REDMOND O.C. "D" Coy.

The Officers detailed to take charge of posts after capture were 2/Lt. W.M. McLean VII, Lt. Harrison VIII Lt. E.D. Price IX. The Battalion on the night 29/30 July relieved the 35th Battalion A.I.F. in our old Sector east of MESSINES taking over the line from U5a 70.55. to La Douve River without suffering casualties. The day 30th July passed peace uneventfully except for heavy shelling all along the front. The 43rd Battn. who were assaulting on our sector with the 42nd on our left arrived to time and our Coys. moved back slightly in rear trenches and remained there throughout the day, 31st July. Meanwhile at 3.50 A.M. on that morning the attack was delivered with, as I have already stated, the large attack to the north, and to the



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south of us, the New Zealand Brigade took LA BASSEVILLE. About 6 a.m. Bosche prisoners began to stream back and they were the first intimation received that the attack was progressing favorably. Later on word was sent back that the attack had succeeded and the three posts No. VII, VIII, and IX established. ~~During~~ Owing to the heavy casualties sustained the task of connecting up the posts and digging the C.T.s was not carried out. That night 31st/1st Aug. we relieved the 43rd Bttn. and while relief was in progress word came through that the Windmill post (VIII) had been recaptured. A counter attack was organised by the 43rd and with a platoon of 41st the post was reoccupied. Posts VII and IX were relieved without difficulty. Then followed the most trying period that the 41st had yet had to face, as that night it started to rain heavily and kept on almost continuously during our occupancy of the line. The condition of the ground was awful, and the trenches were waist deep in water, in which the few gum boots we possessed were of little value, as the water came in over the top. The garrisons of these posts had a particularly rough time as besides the trenches full of water, it was impossible to improve their position, as the ground fell in as fast as dug, and lateral communication between posts and C.T.s to rear could not be built in the sea of mud. Added to this were the determined counter-attacks made repeatedly without success, the scarcity of hot food of any description, the trouble with rifles and L.G.s clogging due to mud, and the lack of rest. Owing to the water, men could not even sit down and often fell asleep standing up. It is not to be wondered at that the sick rate went up and platoons that went in 35 strong came out with about 5 men. The shelling was also very severe as the posts had been roughly located by the Bosch. On the 3rd morning Lt. Price was shell shocked and his post was taken by Sergt. R. Goodwin. It was originally understood that we would be relieved on night 2/3 Aug. but relief was postponed and men stuck it out until night 4/5th Aug. It is of interest to note that all communications were by O.L. Lamps. On the night 2/3 Aug. two Coys. of 38th Bttn. were sent up to try and dig C.T.s between Posts but were unsuccessful. These Coys. were sent up as we were too weak to attempt it ourselves and the next night these two Coys. were definitely handed over to us to strengthen the garrison. With these men the posts were manned and the exhausted personnel withdrawn and sent back. The covering barrages dropped by the artillery and M.G.s were excellent and it was due to them to a great extent that all the enemy counter attacks failed. The M.G. barrage especially is worthy of mention. Consisting of 68 guns on roughly a front of 1000 yards the S.O.S. Rocket (Golden rain) had scarcely burst in the air when like a mighty electric bell a screen of ~~shells~~ <sup>flares</sup> dropped on the attacking bosch. At 7 a.m. on the morning of the 3rd Aug. we allowed German stretcher bearers to remove dead and wounded who were lying by the score in front of the posts. This seems trivial, but nevertheless was not customary, as the bosch as far as our experiences went was very seldom an observer of the Red Cross flag, in fact rather considered a stretcher party as a ~~stopping~~ target.

On the night of 4/5 Aug. we were at last relieved by a battery of New Zealanders and were taken back in Motor lorries to Deseule Camp between Neuve Eglise and Steenwerck. The men were so exhausted that they had to be helped down from the waggons. A few days rest however had them as lively as crickets again.

*William Gibson*  
 41st Bn  
 12.12.18.



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|         | phone                | 11:45 pm                    | Col ① Jackson            |              | Had visited 10 <sup>th</sup> Bde H & all OK. Head of column passed.                                                                                                                                                        |
| 31.7.17 | Runner               | 1 am                        | Lt Donald                |              | Tail do do                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 31.7.17 | do                   | 1.25                        | do ②                     |              | All ready for attack.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| do      | wire                 | 3.20                        | 42 <sup>nd</sup> RP 3/30 |              | Communication cut.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| do      | do                   | 3.35                        | 43 <sup>rd</sup> T/4     |              | Company all OK zero.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| do      | phone                | 3.50 am                     | Col Butler               |              | Assaulting & reported all OK.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| do      | wire                 | 3.50                        | GA 28 BM 265             |              | Price to zero hours.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| do      | do                   | 3.55                        | FOI ④ 44                 | 8c 5         | Situation report.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| do      | do                   | 4.15                        | GA 28 BM 266             |              | First enemy SOS. Rockets on our front went up, a 2nd 2 minutes later. First enemy shells fell at 3.50 plus 2 mins. 11 Secs and this quick response evidently due to fact that enemy sent SOS rockets at 3.50 plus 10 mins. |
| do      | do                   | 4.40                        | FOI ④ 44 RP 4/31         |              | No information as too thick & red lamp. Barrage Hums back Wellington front line.                                                                                                                                           |

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| 31.7.17. | wire                 | 4.25 AM                     | GA 28       | BM 26        | Varley bombs working effectively and cannot yet determine if smoke candles are being used. A FUZI report at 4.10 am barrage on Hums back welling. For front line as T lamps not readable due to smoke. |
| do       | do                   | 4.30                        | FOI ④ 44    | 5            | Code message received through G.U.I. A+C Coy left our trenches time received 4.15 AM. can no other information.                                                                                        |
| do       | do                   | 4.30                        | GA 28       | 92           | Can you give me any idea of the intensity of the enemy's retaliation? It is very hot & our men are on their feet in the way, with CB work.                                                             |
| do       | phone                | 4.38                        | FOI ④ 44    |              | One enemy captured. 28 <sup>th</sup> Prisoner normal barrage continuous along our front line. SOS sent up twice on right by front.                                                                     |
| do       | verbal               | 4.45                        | FOI ④ 44    |              | Prisoners being sent back.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| do       | wire                 | 4.45                        | G.U.I. ④ 44 | T/7          | 3 more SOS on right Bde front.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| do       | verbal               | 4.48                        | FOI ④ 44    |              | FUZI reported at 4.35 AM enemy fort captured & dug out. Digging made. The area one prisoner captured & sent report 28 <sup>th</sup> Prisoner.                                                          |
| do       | wire                 | 4.45                        | GA 28       | BM 268       |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



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| 31.7.17 | wire                 | 4.45 AM                     | D FUI      | B 5          | Ordinary 7 captured<br>aaa. C Coy digging<br>an message received<br>4.35 AM.                    |
| do      | do                   | 4.46.                       | ② EVII     | BM 269       | Can you give any<br>identification from<br>prisoners.                                           |
| do      | do                   | 4.48                        | ② GA 28    | BM 270       | Division on our<br>right (our forces)<br>have sent up five SAS<br>rackets commencing<br>4.45 am |
| do      | do                   | 4.50.                       | ② GVII     | BM 271       | Your T6 not under-<br>stood as which<br>ordinary captured<br>(Code) 880 5123                    |
| * do    | do                   | 4.44                        | ② GVII     | T.6          | Ordinary 7470.7735<br>attack has succeeded?                                                     |
| do      | do                   | 4.50                        | ② GVII     | T8           | 880 5123. 7004<br>attack has succeeded<br>consolidation of dy-<br>ectric begun.                 |
| do      | do                   | 4.55.                       | ② GA 28    | BM 272       | Right Bbs have<br>commenced consolida-<br>tion filled dotted<br>line.                           |

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| 31.7.17 | wire                 | 5 am                        | ② FUI      | BM 273       | Send prisoners off<br>to cage as per order.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| do      | do                   | 5 am                        | ② FUI      | LC. 6        | Preliminary exami-<br>nation of prisoners<br>NINE ALVIS DEGIN<br>unit 25th<br>Prussians from<br>Coblenz (Hales five<br>others from area all<br>retired from their<br>lines when barrage<br>started and then<br>offered ground in<br>our lines. |
| do      | do                   | 5.5.                        | ② GA 28    | BM 274       | Enemy retaliation<br>very heavy on our<br>front line moderate<br>on support lines<br>all main CT being<br>shelled in forward<br>areas and counter<br>battery work<br>apparently not<br>effective.                                              |
| do      | do                   | 5.5.                        | ② FUI      | 7            | Message received<br>4.45 am Digging<br>on R.D.L. going well<br>and 2000 casualties<br>2 killed 3000 maced<br>other ranks and                                                                                                                   |
| do      | do                   | 5.8.                        | ② GA 28    | BM 275       | FUI report 4.45 am<br>Consolidation of<br>dotted line progress-<br>ing satisfactorily<br>and casualties<br>of Coy on this                                                                                                                      |

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| 31.7.17 | Wire                 | 5.8 AM                      | GA28         | BM275        | work 2 killed<br>wounded all<br>other ranks.                                                                                                   |
| do      | do                   | 5.15                        | GA26<br>GA27 | BM276        | Attack by our<br>troops progressing<br>satisfactorily.                                                                                         |
| do      | do                   | 5.15                        | GA27         | BM277        | Situation report                                                                                                                               |
| do      | do                   | 5.20                        | GA28         | BM277        | Three more<br>prisoners (28 <sup>th</sup><br>Prussians) reported<br>by left Platoon.                                                           |
| do      | do                   | 5.20                        | FU21         | 9            | Message received<br>5 AM from GU11<br>four prisoners 28 <sup>th</sup><br>Prussian being<br>sent back.                                          |
| do      | do                   | 5.23                        | GU11         | T9           | Have not come<br>through me.                                                                                                                   |
| do      | do                   | 5.30                        | GU11         | T10          | Twelve                                                                                                                                         |
| do      | do                   | 5.30                        | FU21         | 10           | Runner from VI<br>5.10 AM report all<br>going well at least<br>15 prisoners being<br>sent for S.B. and<br>RDL section task<br>done about 3 ft. |
| do      | do                   | 5.33                        | GU11         | T11          | RRB 5227<br>Disposition complete                                                                                                               |

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| 31.7.17 | Wire                 | 5.35 AM                     | GA28       | BM278        | Enemy post 12<br>Captured and<br>report time 5.15 AM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| do      | do                   | 5.38                        | FU21       |              | Message received<br>Enemy 5.15 AM<br>Consolidating Roman<br>fours and three at<br>Hans ordinary front<br>and in everything<br>going well and<br>standing down.                                                                                                                                     |
| do      | do                   | 5.45                        | GA28       | BM279        | Prisoners 18<br>Holders 28 <sup>th</sup> Prussians.<br>Our Roman post 3<br>not being consolidated<br>time 4 AM and R<br>Platoon have sent down<br>wounded 43 men.<br>Wounded prisoners<br>and enemy post 4 & 6<br>trench system<br>immediately east of<br>it captured by us<br>and all going well. |
| do      | do                   | 5.50                        | GU11       | BM280        | Here this morning<br>enemy post 9<br>Roman post six                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |



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| 31.7.17 | wire                 | 5.50                        | G011       | B280        | renew fight being consolidated and observers report troops wondering about near Roman VII and I considerations of this fort being pushed on with                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| do      | do                   | 5.56                        | G02        | K97         | all OK.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| do      | do                   | 5.56                        | GA28       | G91         | Aircraft report flares observed from our red forts B17 both inclusive and seen digging in short lengths of trench and not much shelling where flares shown and very heavy enemy bandage cast to some valley and have also seen in vicinity General Fort 17 implying RZ have reached there and additional prisoners of 28 Russians reported and. |

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| 31.7.17 | wire                 | 6am                         | GA28                                                               | BM281       | Please arrange for artillery to continue barrage until zero plus 20 mins at slow rate to protect until smoke clears                                           |
| do      | do                   | 6.3                         | GA28                                                               | G11         | From information obtained from prisoner hostile counter attack may be expected at any time from 7.30am onwards and address G01 repeated long heavy artillery. |
| do      | do                   | 6.5                         | FV1<br>G011<br>G02<br>FU21<br>Major Wells<br>Capt Anderson<br>FA46 | BM282       | From prisoner statements counter attack may be expected from 7.30am onwards                                                                                   |
| do      | do                   | 6.8                         | G011                                                               | T14         | Assaulting troops have withdrawn                                                                                                                              |
| do      | do                   | 6.10                        | GA28                                                               | BM283       | G011 report RZ have have withdrawn and message times 6am.                                                                                                     |

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| 3/7/17 | wire                 | 6.13                        | GUH        | BM 284       | Enemy MG fort at U66 35.60 is being bombarded by Howitzers and Roman 5 must be established otherwise Roman 7 is in the air. 12 have established a fort at ordinary seventeen.                                  |
| do     | do                   | 6.10                        | FU21       | 12           | ASTER report Roman 3 45 being Consolidated message received at 5 am ordinary 8 + 9 muffer appear enemy harassing Roman 3 but 30 short. During report 5.15 am Consolidating work going well in touch Roman 10b. |
| do     | do                   | 6.15                        | GUH FU21   | BM 285       | Contact plane report plane hit at Roman 3 57 inclusive also ordinary 17 am. Later established                                                                                                                  |

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| 3/7/17 | wire                 | 6.15                        | GUH        | BM 285       | by one troop on our right                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| do     | do                   | 6.15                        | FU21       | BM 286       | Has ordinary 3 been lifted up.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| do     | do                   | 6.20                        | FU21       | 13           | Levin. How team on right has come back reporting all OK in front and no work of ordinary 3. AAA Reported.                                                                                                                              |
| do     | do                   | 6.25                        | GUH T17    |              | Levin Hagg Hull Freeman Philchrist wounded Casualties not exceptionally heavy no admits specimens. Situation as regards enemy fort is not clear as Roman fort is being Consolidated the situation reports Roman fort is not yet clear. |



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| 31.7.17 | wire                 | 6.35                        | GU 11      | BM 287      | Time has arrived for Coy Comd responsible for Roman & Reprom - ally reconnoiter clear up the situation - con a report required here urgently.                                                                                           |
| do      | do                   | 6.35                        | GA 28      | BM 288      | Position re Roman & Hue obscure and have instructed Coy Comd concerned to personally reconnoiter. Report aca right in report having captured 20 or 10 prisoners & one MG. aca many enemy killed especially between enemy posts 10 & 13. |
| do      | do                   | 6.35                        | GU 11      | BM 289      | Have put thin protective artillery down round                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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| 31.7.17 | wire                 | 6.35                        | GU 11      | BM 289      | Roman 7 aca how also intermittently checking U6 C 3560 left assaulting Coy report objectives gained not much opposition in trench with 42. Coy consolidating Red post & 42. Consolidation of No 6 & 7 posts going well & are in touch aca No 8 not so satisfactory aca Platoon detailed to dig CI to No 8 assisting to clear up situation aca approx 10 prisoners & one MG but casualties not very heavy 10 killed 3 wounded |
| do      | do                   | 6.35                        | GU 11      | T 13        | do report to                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



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| 31.7.17 | wire                       | 6.45                              | G VII                     | BM 290         | Will you turn off<br>all SOS as soon<br>as possible as<br>ammunition is a big<br>factor.                                                     |
| do      | do                         | 6.50                              | GA 28                     | BM 291         | Roman job one to<br>Rever Henry<br>Consolidated also<br>Reg latter line as<br>Roman & strike<br>obscure and<br>otherwise every-<br>thing OK. |
| do      | do                         | 6.50                              | GA 28                     | BM 292         | SOS Roman job<br>received enemy<br>reported thickening<br>up in the vicinity<br>just prior to SOS<br>going up.                               |
| do      | do                         | 6.55                              | <del>GA 26</del><br>FA 46 | JB 26          | Yours M 282<br>addressed Capt.<br>Anderson & Major<br>well underlined<br>and addresses as<br>at 5.0.56 repeat<br>at once urgent.             |

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| 31.7.17 | wire                       | 6.55                              | GA 28                           | 918.           | Aeroplane mch 630<br>am report our men<br>strike run in 075d<br>and US 6 can<br>salient at our 110<br>lane 2 job has<br>been badly damaged<br>by hostile fire and<br>when flying over<br>Wendell on plane<br>appears to have<br>been heavily fired<br>at by enemy MG<br>from ground and<br>same thing<br>happened when<br>flying in front<br>of some delvhoia<br>see address<br>441 reported 2nd<br>Angas. |
| do      | do                         | 7am                               | G VII<br>FV 21<br>FV 1<br>G V 2 | BM 293         | General + Admiral<br>Amiel + Harmons<br>must confer<br>thinning down<br>front line to give<br>reserves in Pth<br>Comdr hands                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |



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| 31/7/17 | Wire                       | 7am                               | GU11<br>FU21<br>FU1<br>GU2 |                 | Prisoners state<br>they have been<br>specially trained<br>in counter attack<br>and therefore you<br>must make<br>preparations for<br>same                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| do      | Phone                      | 7/10                              | C/O<br>72a<br>Pyde         |                 | Please rather<br>fall were OK.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| do      | Wire                       | 7.10                              | FU21                       | 16              | Report 6.10 am<br>says RDL well<br>down trenches<br>started on. GU1<br>reports Counterattack<br>making all<br>preparations start<br>by being on Right<br>Bank. Roman<br>posts seem OK<br>Enemy artillery<br>coming up<br>Wounded prisoners<br>at RAP Report<br>28 <sup>th</sup> Machine Gun<br>also Private list<br>Shows 1R 28 <sup>th</sup> |

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| 31/7/17 | Wire                       | (Cont.)                           |                            |                 | 1K 242 Have<br>1 Pineapple<br>gun + 1 light<br>M.G. here                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|         | Wire                       | 7.25                              | GA 23                      | BM 294          | FU21 Report 6.10 am<br>Red dotted line<br>well down<br>starting on trench<br>Enemy artillery<br>generally silent<br>Two wounded<br>prisoners at RAP<br>Report 28 <sup>th</sup> Machine<br>Gun also a<br>private list<br>Shows 1R 1K<br>942 Have Capt at<br>1 Pineapple Gun<br>+ one light M.G. |
|         | Wire                       | 7.35                              | GU11<br>FU21<br>FU1<br>GU2 | BM 295          | All Roman Posts<br>fixed dotted line<br>must be held at<br>all costs. Should<br>any post be tempo-<br>rarily lost all<br>other posts must<br>hang on & cooperate<br>in any way                                                                                                                 |



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| 31   |                            |                                   |                  |                 | possible with the<br>counter attack<br>made by our troops<br>to regain the<br>Roman troops<br>temporarily but<br>such counter<br>attack must<br>be launched<br>immediately<br>B <sup>n</sup> Commanders<br>concerned must<br>have plans<br>prepared &<br>promulgated<br>for the counter<br>attack of all<br>Roman P <sup>ts</sup><br>Have no means<br>of ordnance there<br>but think they<br>may be coming<br>and we are hopping<br>up all human<br>resources to<br>consolidating<br>will down |
|      | Wire                       | 7:40                              | FUM              | 17              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| 31   | Wire                       | 7:50                              | FUM                                  | 18                    | Left assault<br>Cor. reports all<br>positions won<br>back & one<br>apparent take<br>but 18 pdr heavy<br>fire very short<br>Have endeavored<br>to remedy it<br>through liaison<br>officer also<br>report ordinary<br>3 dropped up<br>practically in<br>opposition<br>We are consoli-<br>dating northern<br>outskirts of<br>Basse Ville<br>to railway to<br>V17 & 57/5<br>V11 & 44. One<br>machine gun<br>to V12 & 17<br>reports many<br>killing dead<br>also captured |
|      | Wire                       | 8:0                               | <del>B<sup>n</sup> 3/9</del><br>GH97 | B <sup>n</sup><br>3/9 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |



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| 31       |                            |                                  |                  |                 | Several prisoners<br>+ MG's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Wue 8.5  |                            |                                  | GA28             | Bm 296          | All going very<br>satisfactorily<br>with left B's<br>Roman Posts<br>3, 4 & 5 also<br>Red dotted line<br>well down<br>Roman VI OK<br>Roman 7<br>receiving consi-<br>derable artillery<br>attention<br>Roman 8 not<br>yet definitely<br>established but<br>CT to U is being<br>pushed by left<br>barrage has put<br>down further<br>barrage immediately<br>North of Roman<br>1. Enemy activity<br>very active<br>along whole front<br>particularly<br>right flank |
| Wue 8.10 |                            |                                  | GA28             | Bm<br>297       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| 31       |                            |                                  |                  |                 | Enemy barrage<br>appears to<br>extend South<br>of River. Some<br>can counter<br>barrage work be<br>accelerated<br>Barrages on<br>our right are<br>consolidating<br>Northwards<br>sketch of the<br>Barrage Vill. -<br>Railway<br>U17659<br>U11644 |
| Wue 8.15 |                            |                                  | GU11<br>GU2      | Bm<br>297       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Wue 8.15 |                            |                                  | FIV26<br>GH97    | Bm<br>298       | Our operation<br>successful. All<br>posts established<br>+ Consolidated<br>except H2 8<br>Red dotted line<br>also well<br>Consolidated                                                                                                           |
| Wue 8.20 |                            |                                  | GA28<br>FYC      | Bm<br>299       | Ref 3rd Div<br>Any idea N27                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |



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|      |                      |                             |                |              | para 5 Mapc<br>CRA has been<br>requested to<br>lengthen 20's<br>barage 100<br>in front of<br>Roman Post<br>34567 + 8<br>Addressed GA28<br>Repeated FYC<br>To supply<br>ammunition for<br>Vickers Guns<br>Samoan<br>Would like to<br>be reassured<br>Ref by BM297<br>Enemy smoke<br>barage continue<br>Enemy artillery<br>fire has slackened<br>on our front<br>but is heavy<br>on front of<br>division on<br>our right |
|      | Wire                 | 830                         | Major<br>WELLS | Bm<br>300    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|      | Wire                 | 835                         | GA28           | Bm<br>301    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| 31   | Wire                 | 855                         | GA28       | G25          | Smoke barage<br>reported by you<br>is probably our<br>own put down<br>near GARDE DIEU<br>to help 37 <sup>th</sup> Div<br>We are taking<br>action to improve<br>counter battery work<br>Report again if<br>still unsatisfactory<br>19 <sup>th</sup> Div who are<br>north of WAMBICK<br>are now being<br>heavily counter<br>attacked. Addressed<br>GVI repeated CRA<br>7.50. Enemy<br>plane flew<br>over our line in<br>front of Wambick<br>dropping two red<br>lights.<br>7.50 - 8.40. Enemy<br>shelling our front<br>line also<br>messes |
|      | Wire                 | 900                         | GA28       | G26          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|      | Phone                | 900                         | Observer   |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |



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| 31   | Wire                 | 9.20                        | GU11<br>FU21<br>FU1<br>GU2 | Bm<br>302   | 8.40 Two enemy planes flying over land between Hamilton & Penkmon.<br>Pigeon messages timed between 7.30 + 8am<br>State our artillery SOS short. From 8am tracing showing SOS action from 2nd plis 2 hrs 10 min is amended + SOS line moved 100' east of line shown on tracing.<br>Reply if this is satisfactory or if further increase in range is required + if so what amount.<br>Repeated FU1 + GU2 for info. |

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| 31   | Wire                 | 9.32                        | GU11         | T22            | Roman eye is established + being consolidated. Parties very weak.                                                                         |
|      | Wire                 | 9.34                        | GU2          | K99            | Have confirmed band made arrangements last three words not understood. Only 50 passed through DOWNEY. What has become of balance of 5000. |
|      | Wire                 | 9.32                        | GU11         | Bm<br>303      | GU11 report Roman post 8 established + is being consolidated. Yes satisfactory.                                                           |
|      | Wire                 | 9.34                        | GA26         | Bm304          | GU11 report Roman post 8 established + is being consolidated. Yes satisfactory.                                                           |
|      | Runner               | 9.40                        | Major Watson | Reply to Bm300 | Following - Reported by RRC observer at 9.34 planes unsuccessfully called for.                                                            |
|      | Wire                 | 9.47                        | GU11<br>FU21 | Bm<br>305      |                                                                                                                                           |

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Situation at  
Roman 7 doubtful  
there is trench  
dig held up to  
it But not sure  
who is holding  
and nearest enemy  
was not machine  
gunned from Roman  
7 or Warrington  
line. Hostile  
shelling not very  
heavy chiefly on  
Farm de la Croix  
Hazard & St.  
nab farm. No  
sign of Roman 8.  
CO Coy detailed to  
capture La Basse  
Villie reports  
considerable re-  
sistance met.  
took M.C. 2 p.m.  
apple 2 p.m.  
+ considerable  
Stores taken.  
Other prisoners  
not taken being

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fighting but many  
killed killed  
Posts established  
at V150-1225  
U17b 94 U17b  
56. CO. 110  
established at  
U17b+3. Several  
plank bridges  
destroyed Targets  
for rifle fire  
plank in  
Warrington.  
Excellent view  
from position  
Our Channel the  
includes several  
trees + some  
MCOs 3 platoons  
Commanded by  
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| 31/7/17 | Wire                    | 10.10am                     | GU 1<br>FO<br>FQ 37<br>FT 1 | BM 306      | Have captured and am consolidating our posts three to eight inclusive. CTS to them.<br>Also Red dotted line. You must be prepared to carry out any operations in connection with the above at short notice. Have you accurate information as to the position of the various posts and trenches & the dispositions for holding same also a knowledge of the ground in the vicinity |

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| 31-7-17 | Nine                 | 9.5am                       | FU 21<br>FO GU 1       | 22          | if in case you are required for counter attack. Will you come to GU 1 today about midday to discuss the matter with the skipper. 50 yards of wire has been placed on night of RDL. |
| 31/7/17 | Nine                 | 9.47am                      | Macaroni<br>FO<br>GU 1 | BM 128      | Attack in 1st phase successful 2nd phase also successful though information scarce about 50 prisoners                                                                              |
| 31/7/17 | Nine                 | 10.35am                     | FU 13<br>FO GU 1       | 4391        | Acknowledged                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 31/7/17 | Nine                 | 8.3am                       | FU 21<br>to GU 1       |             | Estimated total prisoners to date all 28th Russians                                                                                                                                |



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| 31/7/17 | Rumor                | 10am                        | GO 11<br>to GO 1 | T26        | I have sent Assistant forward to report on situation and will advise you as soon as received. All Officers in charge of Roman Posts killed or wounded. Have details officer from other Coy to take charge of Roman Post VII. Consolidation of Red dotted line well on way and fine bayonet Roman Post VII down 4 feet. |

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| 31/7/17 | Wire                 | 10-55am                     | GA28             | BM220      | Right on reports enemy aeroplanes flying low over our new posts and lines observing for artillery. Lieut Tolley has been forward a report - All Roman Posts established and are being consolidated and linked up. All Companies except Hoone digging Red Dotted line have had a very bad time and men are not available. |
| 31/7/17 | Rumor                | 10-20am                     | GO 11<br>to GO 1 | T27        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |



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|      |                            |                                   |                  |                 | <p>To do digging required. a Platoon from 41st has gone forward to assist with digging but I am afraid enemy snipers and MG's will prevent them working until nightfall. Enemy planes are most active flying about 100 ft above our Roman Posts &amp; Red Dotted line. Cannot see action be taken to keep them off.</p> |

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| 31-7-17 | Runner                     | 10-20am                           | GULI<br>15 GULI.                    | T28             | <p>Herewith Reports just received from my left bay and bay digging Red Dotted Line. Have just returned from Nos 6 &amp; 7 posts &amp; Red line. Red line is well down &amp; CT 15 No 6 post nearly completed. No 6 post has been well consolidated in spite of activity of MG's &amp; Snipers. The wiring of post 7 had to be suspended on account of Snipers &amp; MG's.</p> |
| 11-7-17 | Runner                     | 9-30am                            | Via tel-<br>to<br>Admiral<br>4 GULI | -               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |



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| 31/7/17 | Runner               | 7-45am                      | Pansy to GVI  | D4         | The men from that job are carrying material for tonight and assisting in digging CT. Red dotted line dug right through & connected on both flanks to average depths about four feet. Casualties one officer eleven OR (Lt-Boothwick wounded in foot at start) Observers report smoke being put round Roman 7. Suggest sending man |
| 31-7-17 | Nine                 | to GVI 11-17am              | BM 221 to GVI |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 10-11am                     | From FU21  | 74         | out in front with SOS wires to give early warning of any enemy move. Further increase of 100 yards required                                                                                                                                         |
| 31-7-17 | Nine                 | 11-25am                     | to GVI     | BM 223     | Can you yet reply to BM 202.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 31-7-17 | Nine                 | 9-20am                      | From GH97  | BM 31/12   | In continuation of BM 21/10 posts now established at U.11.d.7.1 & near fork roads and U.11.b.3.0 and U.11.b.5.0.35 twenty prisoners taken at U.11.d.5.0 where seven enemy killed hedged in U.11.d. cleared up. LADY raided to railway at U.12.c.0.6 |



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|         |                      |                             |            |             | but did not clear up bank from U.11. b. 7.4 to U.12. c. 2.7 in which enemy established. One MG captured in connected shell holes and few prisoners also a number enemy were killed here. aforementioned shell holes were covered with wire netting and earth. |
| 21-7-17 | Mine                 | 11-13am                     | From GA28  | G30         | all corps off fifth army and French have taken first objective and have proceeded to second. Tenth Corps gained                                                                                                                                               |

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|         |                      |                             |            |             | all objectives and 70 prisoners. New Zealanders have taken LA BASSE VILLE and 25 prisoners can you give close estimate of war material and prisoners taken. At once. I think should be satisfactory. |
| 21-7-17 | Mine                 | 11-20am                     | From GA28  | AQ698       | Estimated Casualties. ANVIL officers 4 wounded HOGG. HULL. FREEMAN and GILCHRIST OR. Killed 10. Wounded 75. ADMIRAL                                                                                  |
| 21-7-17 | Mine                 | 10.50am                     | From G30   | T29         |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 21-7-17 | Mine                 | 11.40am                     | To GA28    | BM 28       | 224                                                                                                                                                                                                  |



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|         |                            |                                  |                  |                 | Officers<br>Killed 1 -<br>Name unknown<br>Wounded 5<br>includes<br>TUCKER<br>HARRINGTON<br>BURDETT<br>TAYLOR. OR<br>Killed 25<br>Wounded 75.<br>Addressed<br>F.L. 137<br>repeated<br>G.A. 28.<br>Please<br>instruct<br>your Lewis<br>gun Officer<br>or NCO. if to<br>take over<br>two anti<br>aircraft <del>guns</del><br>Lewis guns<br>from F.V.1<br>(B. Battalion)<br>at once. |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                       | 11-40am                          | To FTI<br>G.O. 1 | Bnr<br>307      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|         |                            |                                   |                  |                 | B Battalion<br>will get into<br>touch at<br>once for this<br>purpose.<br>Addressed<br>F.T. 1. repeated<br>F.V. 1.<br>Eighty had<br>passed<br>through my<br>Station at<br>9.15am all<br>men are<br>working<br>One<br>machine<br>gun one<br>light machine<br>gun one<br>grenade<br>launcher. The<br>estimated<br>prisoners<br>at 60 but<br>as they were<br>not forwarded |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                       | 11-10am                           | From<br>G.O. 11  | T 20            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                       | 11-45am                           | To<br>G.A. 28    | AM 275          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |



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|         |                      |                             |            |              | through Battalion or Brigade Headquarters but through A.D.S. and A.P.M. would be glad to know exact number.              |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 11-55 AM                    | To F.T. 37 | 308          | Reference my msg 90/94 of 29/7/17. In view of the tactical situation these working parties will not be supplied tonight. |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | known                       | To G.U. II |              | Division on our right have established posts at U.H. 4, U.H. 630 & U.H. 65035                                            |

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| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 11-50 AM                    | From G.U. II | 130          | Cancelled reported by two companies by four.                                                                                                                                                   |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 12-17 PM                    | To GA28      | 226          | In continuation of my msg 29/7/17. Left. Km now wishes S.O.S. barrage to be lengthened another 100 yards. Right. Am now satisfied. Please advise if this is approved. Addressed GA28 repeated. |
| 31/7/17 | Wire                 | 12-27 PM                    | To G.U. II   | 229          | F.Y.C. Reference conversation re aeroplanes. R.F.C. has been directed to take action.                                                                                                          |



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| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 11:51a                      | From GAZ8  | G 32         | Reference your AM 220. R.F.C. has been directed to take action.                                                         |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 12:21p                      | From GAZ8  | G 33         | 1 Officer and 19 OR are wounded, and 1 Officer and 19 OR wounded passed thro. Divisional Cage at 10:11am. This morning. |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 11:40am                     | From FQ 37 | LLB 2        | Reference AM 206 pilot on his way to you.                                                                               |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 12:35p                      | From FQ 1. | AB 7         | Partly very estimated about 50 strong observed at 0.24 c. 9.25                                                          |

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| 31-7-17 | Verbal               | 11pm                        | From G 11         | -            | summing across of land returning in the division. Two minutes later two parties searched beavers followed them. Enemy forming up opposite Korman Hill. Bombs attack of 200. Wind from S.S.W. 1 mph. Wind 10 am S.S.E. 1 mph. Forecast from 5 to 11 am Wind N or NE 10 to 15 mph increasing to 20 or 25 mph. Mainly overcast. |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 9:15am                      | From GAZ8         | G 42         | Wind from S.S.W. 1 mph.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 10:35am                     | From GAZ8         | G 44         | Wind 10 am S.S.E. 1 mph.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 12-10pm                     | From Meteor G-H Q | E            | Forecast from 5 to 11 am Wind N or NE 10 to 15 mph increasing to 20 or 25 mph. Mainly overcast.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |



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| 31-7-17 | Wire                       | 1-20 p.m.                         | To GWH<br>From 21 Bn 310 |                 | <p>Some rain<br/>or drizzle<br/>likely gradually<br/>improving<br/>later. local.<br/>Fair visibility<br/>Temp 60 to 65.</p> <p>Barrage<br/>will be put<br/>down on<br/>WARNETON<br/>from GADARD<br/>WARNETON<br/>ROAD South-<br/>wards forth-<br/>with. It will<br/>creep forward<br/>to the amended<br/>S.O.S line<br/>and will<br/>then creep<br/>back to the<br/>WARNETON<br/>line. This is<br/>to meet up<br/>enemy reported<br/>in front of</p> |

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| 31-7-17 | Wire                       | 1-27 p.m.                         | From<br>Scupper N 89 |                 | <p>Roman<br/>seven and<br/>Roman eight<br/>Barrage<br/>has been<br/>lengthened<br/>100 yards as<br/>requested.<br/>Repeated to<br/>7th 82 and<br/>242<sup>nd</sup> Brigade<br/>R.F.A.</p> <p>Following<br/>enemy aircraft<br/>activity<br/>enemy is<br/>now heavily<br/>barraging<br/>Red Dotted<br/>line. Gunner<br/>Battery has<br/>been asked<br/>for but so<br/>far non-<br/>effective.</p> |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                       | 1-37 p.m.                         | To<br>AA 24<br>GA 28 | Am 311          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 2-10pm                      | From G.A.28 | G. 35        | Bra informed and necessary action taken.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 2-50pm                      | From G.A.28 | G. 36        | Second Army wire begins all troops of Fifth Army report having got BLACK LINE (second objective) except second troops on night when situation is obscure. Mullen and infantry are held up temporarily opposite INVERNESS CORPS. etc. |

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| 31-7-17 | Wire                 | 3-55p                       | G.A.28      | G 40         | Following from New Zealand Division begins. 3-15p counter attack developing against BASSE VILLE which is being heavily shelled. Seen by MG Barrage groups who opened at once. Our S.O.S down on whole front but enemy does not seem to be pushing along DOUVE. Following advice been received. 24th Division |
| 1-8-17  | Wire                 | 4pm                         | From G.A.28 | G 39         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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Division  
are on the  
BLUE LINE.  
8th Division  
are on BLACK  
LINE. 19th  
corps on  
GREEN LINE.  
18th Corps on GREEN  
LINE. 14th Corps  
are are across  
the STEENBECK.  
French are  
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|                    |                        |                               | Message<br>Book I   |                | continued from                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 1917<br>July<br>31 | Wire                   | 4:5<br>pm                     | TO                  | I.B.M<br>G.D.1 | 1/31                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2/8                | Wire                   | 3:20<br>pm                    | From<br>Army<br>CDY | SC             | 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                    |                        |                               |                     |                | None of the counter<br>attacks reported<br>been at all<br>serious. Order<br>of lines BLUE<br>BLACK. GREEN<br>can you give<br>back hearing and<br>further particulars<br>report shooting.<br>Mud NNE 6 mph<br>situation considerable<br>Artillery fire both<br>sides increasing at<br>times intensely<br>then dropping. At<br>present moment<br>easier this front-<br>but heavy on<br>right division.<br>Our Artillery 18 par<br>coming from<br>N of MESSINES<br>falling short<br>on fl. and |



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| July      |                  |                          |                  |           | head of GAPPAARD last reported fell 3pm. <del>Butler</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 31        | Nine             | 4-10pm                   | From FO 21       | 25        | Total estimate of Casualties for period commencing night 16/17 July 5 and 150 others                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 31        | Nine             | 4-10pm                   | TO GA 28         | 1 BM 2/31 | GULL report 3pm 18/1/17 from NORTH of MESSINES falling short on F.L. and head of GAPPAARD. Please investigate.                                                                                                                                                 |
| 31        | Verbal           | 3-30pm                   | From Col. Butler |           | U. G. C. 40.60 } M. G<br>U. G. C. 65.09 }<br>U. G. C. 25.80 } on Road<br>U. G. C. 45.80 }<br>Minnen at No 7 Roman Whizbang worrying<br>U. G. 620-30. C.T.s finished by dark. Prisoners + 5 Prisoners 1<br>5<br>1 off 10. IMG.<br>1 Pineapple gun. 1 light M.G. |

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| July 31   | Wire             | 4-55pm                   | TO F.T. 1     | BM 312    | You are required to supply one carrying party and one officer 5 N.C.O's and fifty men to do one carry of Stokes Mortars shells from ZAREEBA to GAPPAARD. Two guides from your T.M. Battery will report to your Bn Hd Qrs at 7pm tonight |
| 31        | Nine             |                          | TO GA 28      | BM 313    | See my BM 256 of 30/7/17. Another certificate is being sent by O.R.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 31        | Verbal           | 6-30pm                   | From H F.V. 1 | 394       | Officer of this Bn who is to take over Roman No 3 on going up to make a further reconnaissance this afternoon was informed by 42nd Officer that                                                                                         |



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| 1917<br>July<br>31 | Wire             | 6pm            | From<br>FO21                   | 86         | <p>this post at present<br/>does not exist,<br/>also was informed<br/>that snipers were<br/>very bad in<br/>ordinary post<br/>No. 3</p> <p>Roman III reports<br/>a body of German<br/>troops in full<br/>marching order<br/>about 1,000 yards<br/>East of Roman<br/>III moving back.<br/>Have arranged<br/>for Artillery<br/>fire 5.45 pm<br/>Pigeon Service.<br/>Please notify<br/>G.V. II two wounded<br/>men been here<br/>since morning.<br/>No stretchers<br/>Bearers<br/>available<br/>(Repeat to G.V. II)</p> |
| 31                 | Wire             | 5.30           | From<br>Red<br>Post-<br>Strong | 1          | <p>PI-No<br/>7</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|      |                  |                |            |            | <p>C/O Armco.</p> <p>This agrees with my<br/>arrangements. I expect my<br/>first party to leave F.L. about<br/>1 am. (SGT) AR. Woolcock, Lt. Col.<br/>C.O. 'ANVIL'</p> <p>B. H. G</p> <p>Forwarded<br/>31/7/17 (SGT) E. C. H (Armour)</p> <p><u>Relief Order - 31-1-17</u><br/>Map. Warrington 1/10000.<br/>The following is the order<br/>of relief for tonight. To be read<br/>in conjunction with Bn. Order<br/>No 62.</p> <p><u>Relief of Posts.</u><br/>10pm. Relief of No I Post by No 3<br/>Platoon under Lt PAVY.<br/>10.20pm. Relief of No IV Post by No<br/>8 Platoon under Lt DARLING<br/>10.40pm. Relief of No III Post by No<br/>13 Platoon under Lt GAZE (MO)<br/>The relief of these<br/>Platoons will be conducted<br/>as follows:—</p> |



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| I    |          |           |      | Firstly the Lewis Gun Team will effect relief together with the relief of the LISTENING POSTS<br>Relief of the Bombing Section<br>Relief of the Riflemen Section<br>Relief of the Grenadier Section<br><u>NOTE</u> The relief of one section must be complete before the relief of further sections is attempted<br><u>RELIEF OF COYS</u><br>(1) "A" Coy will <del>effect</del> relieve the Right Coy of the 42nd at 10-45 pm.<br>"D" Coy will effect relief by extending their line to take on POST III at 11 pm.<br>The relief will be conducted on the lines that the relief of one Platoon must be entirely completed before the relief of further Platoons is attempted.<br>(2) The closest co-operation between the Units of the 44th and 42nd must be maintained. |

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| (3)          |          |           |              | Through the relief Completion of relief must be notified to Bn HQ as soon as possible after same is effected.<br>(sgd) M.H. d'Beckett<br>major<br>C.O. 44th Battalion.                                                                                                                     |
| 1917 July 31 | Phone    | 7.30 pm   | 42nd 43rd    | S.O.S. reported both Battalions Attack in the North as far as Bixschotte has gone past all its objectives. The STEENBEEK has been passed and our troops are approaching LANGENMARCK. We hold ST JULIEN and FREZENBERG on front of 9 miles French and British troops have broken into enemy |
| 31           | wire     | 5-40 pm   | From G GA 28 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |



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|                    |                  |                    |            |           | defences to a depth varying from 2000 to 4000 yards. We have also captured HOLLERBECK. Divisions on our Right and Left have made all their objectives in conference with ANVIL I find that Roman 3 is in wrong place but they are righting it as much as possible tonight. CT will be dug as far as possible. Message from FU 21 begins - Roman Three reports body German troops full marching order about 1000 |
| 1917<br>July<br>31 | Wire             | 6:27 pm            | From FU 21 | -         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 31                 | Wire             | 6:30 pm            | To GA 28   | 187 314   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|                    |                  |                    |                     |           | yards East of Roman three moving back. Have arranged for Artillery time 5.45 pm. ends. Artillery fired as above and have now ceased. |
| 1917<br>July<br>31 | Wire             | 7:42 pm            | From GVI            | 315       | S. O. S. whole Brigade front. Time 7.35 pm.                                                                                          |
| 31                 | Wire             | 7:58 pm            | To GA 28 From FU 21 | 27        | GVI and GII 2 reports no sign of enemy. Have asked Artillery to turn off S.O.S.                                                      |
| 31                 | Wire             | 8:22 pm            | To GA 28            | 187 317   | Both Battalions now report OK. All Artillery S.O.S. has been asked to stop.                                                          |
| 31                 | Wire             | 9:15 pm            | From GVI            | T44       | Up till 5.30 pm total casualties passed through RAP 133 and MO GVI 2 treated 40                                                      |



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| 1917 July 31 | Wire             | 9.5 pm            | From FU 21                  | 29         | Am unable give number killed.                                                                                                                                                       |
| 31           | D.R.             | 7 pm              | From F.L 137 Capt TELKE son | SC 6       | G.V.I send S.O.S on lamp have passed to Artillery.<br>Lorries will be at a spot 100 yards WEST of road junction T.S.d. 85.45 on Wolverghem Road at 4-30 am. tomorrow (Acknowledged) |
| 31           | Wire             | 9-25 pm           | From GA 28                  | G51        | Presume you are all right for S.O.S. rockets etc. If not let me know. If you are all right don't worry to reply.                                                                    |
| 31           | Wire             | 9-25 pm           | From Gen. Monash            | G52        | In conveying the congratulations of the Army and Corps Commanders to you and your Brigade I desire to add an expression of my admiration of the gallantry of the troops and of the  |

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| 1917 July 31 | Wire             | 9-10 pm           | To Bn GA 28              | 230        | skilful direction and execution of today's successful operations.<br>S.O.S. sent up opposite Right Bn at 9-7 pm. Artillery has commenced firing. |
| 31           | Wire             | 9-35 pm           | To G02 GUL FU 1 FU 21    | 231        | With regard to all S.O.S. action Keys Bde Hd Qrs well informed by wire and state at earliest possible moment when S.O.S. may be taken off.       |
| 31           | Wire             | 10 pm             | To FU 21 GU 11           | 232        | Lorries will be at a spot 100 yards WEST of road junction T.S.d. 85.45 on Wolverghem Road at 4-30 am tomorrow.                                   |
| 31           | Wire             | 10 pm             | F.L 137 in reply to SC 6 | 233        | Acknowledged.                                                                                                                                    |



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| 1917 July 31 | Wire          | 10-5 p.m.  | To GA 28       | BM 734     | SO required. Please send as soon as possible.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| "            | Wire          | 10-12 p.m. | From 4th A.L.B | BM 76      | M. G. O. and SC and two C.O.s will visit tomorrow between 9 am. ten.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 31           | Wire          | 10-12 p.m. | From FU21      | 32         | G.V.1 Reports OK.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 31           | Wire          | 10-12 p.m. | Do             | 31         | Have turned off S.O.S. no reports yet to hand from G.V.1. G.V.2. Reports OK.                                                                                                                                                                |
| 31           | Wire          | 10-12 p.m. | From G.A 28.   | 4          | Presume you will issue any orders you deem necessary with regard to Stokes Mortars. Keeping forward those that you deem necessary. You know you have the whole of the mgs as long as required. DM.G.O. and D.L.T.M.O. are both still at New |

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|      |               |            |           |            | Brigade Headquarters. They will act under your instructions. Addressed G.O. repeated DM.G.O. D.L.T.M.O.                                                                                                                                           |
| 31   | Wire          | 10-30 p.m. | To GA 28  | BM 735     | As result of last evening enemy counter attack about 9.10 pm position re Roman Posts seven and eight is obscure. C.C. Right Bn. has sent forward to here situation cleared up. Definite information will be forwarded to you as soon as possible. |
| 31   | Wire          | 8.15 p.m.  | From FU21 | 28         | S.O.S. Rockets required for ROMAN POSTS.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 31   | Wire          | 11 p.m.    | To G.U 11 | BM 138     | If you find ROMAN SEVEN to have been lost it is considered that counter attack                                                                                                                                                                    |



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|      |                     |                      |                |              | <p>should be made under cover of Artillery and Machine Gun S.O.S. extending from ROMAN SIX to DOUVE RIVER. The possibility of using Stokes mortars on ROMAN VII must not be lost sight of but other Romans must not be endangered by the use of these. Flank attacking parties could co-operate from ROMAN VI and VIII. Send particulars of your plan of action as early as possible</p> |
| 31   | Wire                | 11-10 PM             | To<br>GA<br>28 | RM<br>219    | <p>ROMAN EIGHT definitely in our hands. ROMAN SEVEN definitely lost. Counter attack from ROMAN SIX and frontally has already been</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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|      |                              |                               |                                                        |               | commenced by troops<br>in the immediate<br>vicinity. No inform-<br>ation of result yet<br>received. If this fails<br>counter attack by<br>reserve company<br>frontally and from<br>ROMAN SIX and<br>EIGHT will be<br>made protected<br>by Artillery and<br>M.G.S.S. Use of<br>Stokes mortars on<br>ROMAN SEVEN<br>also being con-<br>sidered. |
| 31   | wire                         | 11-35<br>p.m.                 | TO<br>Major<br>Wells<br>Capt<br>Anderson<br>F.C.<br>56 | Am<br>220     | Roman Post-<br>Seven has been<br>lost temporarily.<br>No machine guns<br>or trench mortars<br>will be relieved<br>until orders are<br>issued from this<br>office for relief to<br>be carried out.<br>Acknowledge.                                                                                                                             |

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| July 31 | wire                         | 11-50<br>pm                   | From<br>GUTH     | T<br>49       | Make Zero now<br>for counter attack<br>on ROMAN SEVEN<br>12-30 am                                       |
| 31      | wire                         | 11-50<br>pm                   | From<br>GA<br>28 | G<br>66       | Would you like a<br>plane to fly tomorrow<br>if so at what time<br>so that arrangements<br>can be made. |