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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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1st. Anzac Topographical Section.

Month of September 1917.

Place	Date	Hour	Original	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Hazebrouck (France)	1st. to 4th.			Corps resting. Preparatory mapping work for Corps approaching tour of duty in the line.	
Hoograaf. (Belgium)	5th.	12 Noon.		1st. Anzac Corps relieved II Corps in sector of line between HOOGE, YPRES - ROULERS Railway. Office opened at HOOGRAAF. Took over from II Corps Topographical Section. 2 Draftsmen, 1 Clerk and Orderly detached for duty with Branch Intelligence Section, No. 4 Squadron R.F.C.	
"	5th. to 30th.			Drafting staff very busily employed on mapping work in connection with operations carried out by Corps on 20th. and 26th. September.	
"	16th. 22nd. 27th.			Staff temporarily increased by one Draftsman) " " " " " ") Total temporary increase of 3 Draftsmen to cope with extra work.	
"	5th. to 30th.			Record number of maps issued through Section Office. For period 5th. to 30th. September, 30,691 Maps were issued from this Office to troops in the Corps. This includes maps printed by Army and G.H.Q., but does not include issues to Divisions made direct from Army. List of Maps produced during month of September herewith. Copies of all Maps of use for War Records purposes will be taken to LONDON at first opportunity.	
"	14th.	9am.		Field work done during month. Positions of 54 Field Batteries accurately resected. 39 Artillery Boards plotted, mounted and issued. Work recommenced on Corps Model at Sheet 28 G.23.a.2.0. This Model was a replica of Enemy country opposite the Corps front, modelled on a scale of 1/50 Horizontal and 1/13 Vertical. Roads, railways, woods, houses, battery positions, machine guns etc., were shewn by means of suitable conventional signs. Work was kept up to date and corrected from Air photos. Actual construction work on the Model was under direct supervision of an Engineer Officer and a section of Sappers. Number of Infantry employed averaged about 60; 30 on each of two shifts. This Model proved of great use to attacking troops.	
No other entries for September.					

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STATEMENT OF SPECIAL MAPS PRODUCED 1st ANZAC TOPOGRAPHICAL SECTION.

September 1917

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Section Map No.	Particulars on Map.	Sheet.	Scale.	Method of Production.	Copies Produced.	Remarks.
125	Adm. Map shewing Forward Corps Area.	28 N.W.	1/20000	Litho Press.	39	Secret Appendix I to "Q" Admin. instructions.
126	Map shewing Roads, Light Ryls. Duckwalks etc.	-	1/10000	Sun print & Hand color.	9	Secret - Appendix III to "Q" Admin. instructions.
127	Objectives...	Hooge	1/10000	Hand.	12	Secret.
128	Front Line - Corps and Divl. boundaries.	Hooge	1/10000	Litho.	80	For G.O.C., R.A. Secret.
129	Corps and Divl. boundaries and objectives.	Hooge	1/10000	Puttygraph.	18	For G.O.C., R.A. Secret.
130	Reinforcement - Camp Area used.	-	1/20000	Ellams Dup.	70	
131	Principal tracks by enemy and location. shewing signs of occupation.	S.4	1/10000	Litho.	100	(Information supplied by II Corps.
132	Distribution of enemy forces.	D.14.L31.	1/20000	Litho.	100	(
133	Amended objectives.	Hooge.	1/10000	Hand.	14	Secret.
134	Admin. map shewing sub-division of Corps Area.	Second Army Area Map.	1/10000	Litho.	100	Secret.
135	M.G. Barrage Maps.	Hooge.	1/10000	Hand.	16	For C.M.G.O.
136	Roads tracks and duckwalks.		1/20000	Ellams Dup.	300	For operations.
137	Map Message form No 3.		1/10000	(Prepared by	2950	
138	Map Message form No 5.		1/10000	(Topo Section		
				(Printed by	2950	
				(A.P. & S.S.		
139	J.2. to I.16.		1/5000		450	
140	Corps Administrative Map.	27 and 28 paper copies.	1/40000	Litho.	50	Secret - Issued as Appendix II "Q" Admin. Instructions.
141	M.G. Barrage Map.	Hooge	1/10000	Puttygraph.	20	Secret - For C.M.G.O.
142	Objectives, Divisions in Line and Reserves.	Hooge	1/10000	Hand.	20	Secret - Issued as Map No 2 accompanying 1st ANZAC Corps Order No 172 of 18/9/17.
143	Tracks and localities used by enemy d/16/9/17.	S.4.	1/10000	Litho.	200	
144	Areas barraged by enemy in reply to our practice barrages on "Z.A.B & C." days.	Zillebeke	1/10000	Hand.	2	Secret.
145	1st ANZAC Reinforcement Camp Area.		1/10000	Sunprint.	13	
125	Reprints.			Litho.	6	
126	Reprints.			Litho & Hand Colour.	12	

APPENDIX

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STATEMENT OF SPECIAL MAPS PRODUCED 1st ANZAC TOPOGRAPHICAL SECTION. (continued).

Section Map No.	Particulars on Map.	Sheet.	Scale.	Method of Production.	Copies Produced.	Remarks.
146	Barrage Map.	Westhoek.	1/10000	Litho press.	120	Secret. For G.O.C., R.A.
147	Alteration to Barrage owing to adjustment of jumping off line.	-	1/10000	Ellams Dup.	6	
148	Hostile Shelling 15/9/17.	-	1/20000	Ellams Dup.	20	
149	Hostile shelling 16/9/17.	-	1/20000	Ellams Dup.	20	
150	Situation Map dated 20/9/17.	Westhoek.	1/10000	Litho Press.	180	
151	Situation Map dated 21/9/17.	Westhoek.	1/10000	Litho Press.	180	
152	Hostile Shelling. 17/9/17.		1/20000	Ellams Dup.	30	
153	Hostile Shelling. 18/9/17.		1/20000	Ellams Dup.	30	
154	Hostile Shelling. 21/9/17.		1/20000	Ellams Dup.	30	
155	Hostile Shelling. 22/9/17.		1/20000	Ellams Dup.	30	
156	Hostile Shelling. 23/9/17.		1/20000	Ellams Dup.	30	
157	Barrage Map for 26/9/17.	Westhoek.	1/10000	Litho Press.	120	Secret for G.O.C., R.A.
158	D.27 - J.10. First		1/5000	Litho Press.	160	(Map No 1 to accompany 1st ANZAC
159	Map shewing jumping off line and Final Objectives, Corps and Divl. boundaries. for 26/9/17.	Westhoek.	1/10000	Ellams Dup.	18	(Corps Order Secret for operation
160	Map shewing jumping off line and Final Ob- jective, Corps & Divl. boundaries.	Becelaere (layered)	1/10000	Hand.	25	Secret for operations.
161	Light and broad gauge Railways and Roads.	Poperinghe.	1/10000	Hand.	2	
162	Light and broad gauge Railways and Roads.	Ypres.	1/10000	Hand.	2	
163	Muriel Dugout system.	-	-	Roneo.	10	
164	Halfway House Dugouts.	-	20" = 1"	Ellams Dup.	10	
165	Wind chart, 1st ANZAC Corps Area.	-	-	Roneo.	30	For Chemical Adviser.
166	Task Map for M.G. Barrage for 26/9/17.	Westhoek.	1/10000	Ellams Dup.	20	Secret for C.M.G.O.
167	Principal tracks and locations shewing signs of occupations on 22/9/17.	Becelaere (Old edition)	1/10000	Litho.	180	
125	Reprints Appendix I	28 N.W.	1/20000	Litho.	20	
168	Hooze and Rly Wood Area shewing captured dugouts.	-	1/20000	Ellams Dup.	16	
169	German Fuze. Dopp Z.16 Clockwork fuze used with German 15cm. & 24cm. Shrapnel.	-	Full size	Roneo	10	

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Section Map No.	Particulars on Map.	Sheet.	Scale.	Method of Production.	Copies Produced.	Remarks.
170	Situation Map dated 26/9/17.	D.21. K.14.	1/10000	Litho press.	180	
171	Situation Map dated 27/9/17.	BEGELAERE	1/10000	Litho press.	180	
172	Situation Map dated 28/9/17.	D.12. K.14.	1/10000	Litho press.	180	
173	Enemy Dispositions 30/9/17.	WATERDANHOEK	1/20000	Litho press.	100	
174	Hostile shelling 25/9/17.		1/20000	Ellams dup.	30	
175	Hostile shelling 26/9/17.		1/20000	Ellams dup.	30	
176	Hostile shelling 29/9/17.		1/20000	Ellams dup.	30	
177	Hostile shelling 30/9/17.		1/20000	Ellams dup.	30	
178	Graph of Machine Gun Traverses.	-	-	Litho	100	For C.M.G.O.
179	Diagram for Barrage for 3rd Attack.	-	-	Hand	9	
180	Objective Map for 3rd Attack.	BEGELAERE (old edition)	1/10000	Ellams dup.	22	Secret for B.G.G.S.
181	New Corps Area forward of DICKEBUSCH.	Sheet 28	1/40000	Litho	50	Secret for "Q".
182	Forward Corps Boundaries.	BEGELAERE (old edition)	1/10000	Ellams dup.	25	Secret for B.G.G.S.
183)	Message Maps for 3rd Attack.	-	1/5000		2000	
184)				Prepared by	2000	
185)				Topo Section.	2000	
186)				Printed by A.P. & S.S.	2000	