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1st. ANZAC TOPOGRAPHICAL SECTION.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Month of October 1917.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HOOGRAAF. (Belgium)	1st. to 31st.		<p><i>Original</i></p> <p>Drafting staff very busily engaged on mapping work in connection with Operations carried out by Corps on 4th., 9th, 12, and 26th, inst's. Each operation necessitated at least the following maps:- 1/10,000. Objective Maps. Scale of issue approx. 30. " Barrage Maps. " " " " 120. " Up to date Corps Front Map shewing latest enemy work. 500. 1/5,000. Message Map. For use in the battle by attacking troops. 5,000.</p> <p>In addition to special work for OPERATIONS, work was done for "Q" Branch, A.D. Signals, Chemical Adviser and Intelligence. Staff Maps for use of Corps Commander, B.G.G.S., G.S.O. 11 Operations, Intelligence and G.O.C.R.A., were kept up to date from Air photos and reports. Number of Maps issued from this Office during month of OCTober was 20,547. This number includes Maps printed by Army & G.H.Q., but issued through this Office - but does not include maps issued direct to Divisions by Army.</p> <p>List of Maps produced during October herewith. Copies of Maps of value for War Records will be taken to LONDON at the first opportunity.</p> <p><u>FIELD WORK.</u> Positions of 24 Field Artillery Batteries accurately resected. 40 Artillery Boards plotted mounted and issued.</p> <p>22nd. Plane Table survey of "Pill Boxes" in Corps Area commenced. Total fixed for period 22nd. to 31st. 97.</p> <p>Sheet 28. 5th. Work stopped on Corps Model, referred to in Diary for Sept., 1917, as work could not keep pace G.23.a.2.0. with advances.</p>	
			<u>No other entries for October.</u>	
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STATEMENT OF MAPS PRODUCED BY 1st. ANZAC TOPOGRAPHICAL SECTION, MONTH OF OCTOBER 1917.

No.	Particulars of Map.	Sheet.	Scale.	Method of production.	D Copies produced.	Remarks.
187.	Situation Map. 4.10.17.	D.21.K.4.	1/10,000.	Litho.Press.	180.	
188.	" " 6.10.17.	" "	" "	" "	180.	
189.	Hostile shelling. 1.10.17.	-	1/20,000.	Ellams Dup.	30.	
190.	" " 2.10.17.	-	" "	" "	30.	
191.	" " 3.10.17.	-	" "	" "	30.	
192.	" " 4.10.17.	-	" "	" "	30.	
193.	" " 6.10.17.	-	" "	" "	30.	
194.	" " 7.10.17.	-	" "	" "	30.	
195.	Message Map for 4th.Phase.	-	1/10,000.	Prepared by Topo.Sect.	5000.	Printed by No.2 A.P.& S.S.
196.	" " 5th. "	-	" "	" "	3000.	" " " "
197.	D.11.K.2.	-	" "	Litho.Press.	360.	
198.	Objective Map for 5th.Phase.D.11.K.2.	-	" "	Ellams.Dup.	22.	Secret for B.G.G.S.
199.	Diagram for Barrage 4th.Phase.	-	-	Hand.	36.	(4 sets of 9)
200.	" " " " " "	-	-	Puttygraph.	10.	
201.	Objective Map Second Army Front. Polygone Wood.	-	1/20,000.	Ellams.Dup.	21.	Secret.To accompany 1st.Anzac Preliminary instructions No.1 Series. No.4.
202.	Objective Map. 3rd.Phase.	"	"	" "	22.	Secret. To accompany 1st. Anzac Order 183.
197.	Reprints D.11.K.2.	-	1/10,000.	Litho.Press.	855.	
214.	Routes, tracks and localities occupied by enemy.	Waterdamhoek.	1/20,000.	" "	120.	
215.	Enemy dispositions at Zero Hour) on 4.10.17. & on 9.10.17.)	Becelaere.	1/10,000.	Hand.	1.	For.G.O.C.
216.	Zero hour on 9.10.17.	D.11.K.2.	" "	" "	1.	" "
217.	Map showing progress made by 1st. Anzac & Flank Corps since 19.10.17.	Zonnebeke & Gheluvelt.)	" "	" "	1.	" Defence Dept.Australia.
218.	Copy of captured German Sketch showing dispositions of 9th.Inf. Regt. in Flandern II Stellung.	-	1/20,000.	Roneo.	180.	Issued with Intelligence Summary.
219.	Objective Map for 5th.Phase 2nd. Attack.	D.11.K.2.	1/10,000.	Puttygraph.	22.	Secret Map No.1.to accompany prelim.Instr'ns No.2 Series No.5.
203.	Situation Map. 11.10.17.	D.11.K.2.	1/10,000.	Litho.Press.	100.	
204.	" " 12.10.17.	" "	" "	" "	170.	

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205.	Hostile shelling.9.10.17.	-	1/20,000.	Ellams Dup.	30.	
206.	" " 10.10.17.	-	"	" "	30.	
207.	" " 11.10.17.	-	"	" "	30.	
208.	" " 12.10.17.	-	"	" "	30.	
209.	" " 13.10.17.	-	"	" "	30.	
210.	" " 14.10.17.	-	"	" "	30.	
211.	Barrage Map.	-	1/10,000.	" "	86.	Secret for G.O.C.R.A.
212.	Map shewing Wells in WESTHOEK area.	-	1/5,000.	" "	32.	
213.	Proposed Salvage Dump.YPRES.	-	1/2,000.	Sun print.	2.	
181.	Reprints new Corps Area forward of DICKEBUSCH.	28.	1/40,000.	Litho.	26.	Secret for "Q".
220.	Message Map for attack on trenches in E.13.	-	1/5,000.	(Prepared by Topo. Section.	5,000.	Printed by A.P.& S.S.No.2.
221.	Message Map No.24.	-	"	" " " "	2,000.	" " " "
222.	Situation Map. 18.10.17.	D.11.K.2.	1/10,000.	Litho.	170.	
223.	Hostile shelling. 15.10.17.	-	1/20,000.	Ellams Dup.	30.	
224.	" " 16.10.17.	-	"	" "	30.	
225.	" " 17.10.17.	-	"	" "	30.	
226.	" " 18.10.17.	-	"	" "	30.	
227.	" " 19.10.17.	-	"	" "	30.	
228.	" " 20.10.17.	-	"	" "	30.	
229.	" " 21.10.17.	-	"	" "	30.	
230.	New Inter- divisional Bdy.,) forward of Garter point.)	BECELAERE.	1/10,000.	" "	21.	Secret.
231.	D.11.K.4.	-	1/10,000.	Litho.	450.	
232.	Lines of Corps and Army Barrages.	-	1/10,000.	Ellams Dup.	70.	Secret.For G.O.C.R.A.
233.	Map shewing principal Areas shelled and the relative degrees of intensity during period Oct.6th.-17th.) (Polygone Wood))	-	1/20,000.	Puttygraph.	21.	
234.	M.G.Emplacement for Barrage Work.	-	Not to scale.	Ellms.Dup.	39.	For C.M.G.O.
235.	Railway Wood Dugouts.	-	" " "	Sun print.	2.	
236.	Organization for maintenance of) Buried Cables 2.10.17.)	-	" " "	Ellams Dup.	50.	For A.D.Signals.
237.	Third battle of YPRES Map shewing progress made by 1st.) Anzac Corps.)	BECELAERE & HOOGE. Tinted.	1/10,000.	Hand.	4.	For Defence Dept.Australia.
238.	Barrage Diagram.MA.	-	-	Puttygraph.	9.	
239.	" " KA.	-	-	" "	9.	

240.	Alterations to Wippenhoek Reninghelst & Ouderdom Areas.	Sheet 28. Grey.	1/40,000.	Hand.	6.	
241.	British Front Line.	Reg.issues.	1/100,000.	"	1.	For G.O.C.R.A.
197.	Reprints. D.11.K.2.	-	1/10,000.	Litho.	270.	
242.	Situation Map. 25.10.17.	D.11.K.4.	1/10,000.	"	170.	
243.	" " 26.10.17.	"	"	"	170.	
244.	Hostile shelling. 22.10.17.	-	1/20,000.	Ellams Dup.	30.	
245.	" " 23.10.17.	-	"	"	30.	
246.	" " 24.10.17.	-	"	"	30.	
247.	" " 25.10.17.	-	"	"	30.	
248.	" " 26.10.17.	-	"	"	30.	
249.	" " 27.10.17.	-	"	"	30.	
250.	" " 28.10.17.	-	"	"	30.	
251.	Italian (Isonzo Front)	-	1/250,000.	Litho.	200.	
252.	Corps Administrative Area.	Grey. 28 & 27.	1/40,000.	"	80.	<i>Secret for "Q"</i>
253.	Barrage Map. 6th. Phase.) (Attack on DECLINE COPSE)	-	1/10,000.	Ellams Dup.	128.	Secret for R.A.
254.	Aisne Front shewing French advance of 25.10.17.	-	1/20,000.	" "	114.	
255.	Organization for maintenance of Buried Cables 23.10.17.	-	Not to scale.	" "	41.	
231.	Reprints D.11.K.4.	-	1/10,000.	Litho.	340.	
256.	Map shewing Wells in forward Areas.	Polygone Wood.	1/20,000.	Puttygraph.	12.	
257.	Horse lines in Pioneer Canal & Swan Areas.	-	1/10,000.	Sun print	3.	
258.	French victory - Laonnois.	-	-	Roneo.	180.	Issued with Intelligence Summary.
237.	Reprint Third Battle of YPRES shewing progress of 1st. Anzac Corps.	<i>ZONNEBEKE</i> Gheluvelt.	1/10,000.	Hand.	1.	For B.G.G.S.
259.	Proposed New Corps Area.	Reg.issues.	1/20,000.	"	1.	" "
241.	British Front Line.	" "	1/100,000.	"	1.	" G.R.A. 1st. Aus. Division.
260.	Draft shewing destruction of Light Railways by enemy.	-	Squared paper.	"	1.	
261.	M.G. Belt.	Reg.issues.	-	"	4.	
262.	Maps of each Sub-area in Corps Area.	" "	1/10,000 & 1/20,000.	"	1 of each	- 14 for each Area Commandant.

APPENDIX