

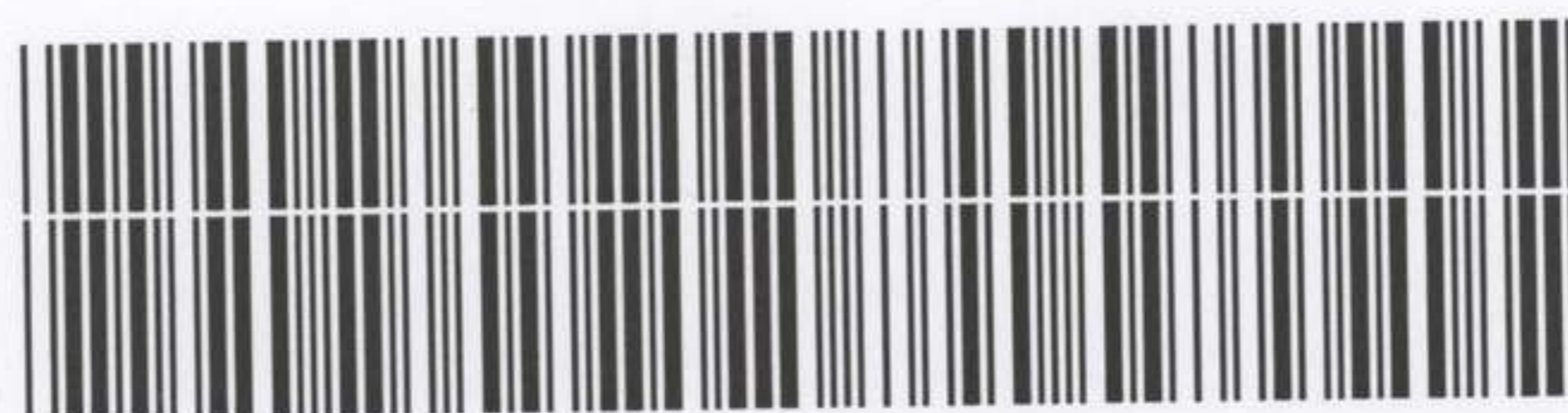
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Place Reference Maps	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BELGIUM & France 1/40,000	1.10.17		The Battalion in camp at Winzeele organising & making general preparations for forthcoming attack. Copy Preliminary Instructions No 1 dated 30.9.17 are attached - vide Appendix I.	Appendix I
ZONNEBEKE 1/10,000				
G. RAVENSTAFEL 1/10,000	2.10.17		Left Winzeele camp 1 p.m. - moved in motor lorries to Ypres - marched through that place to bivouaging area beyond the Menin Gate. Men erected small shelters, and some dug-in for the night.	
PASSCHENDAELE 1/10,000				
	3.10.17		Final organisation and equipments of men. Made known to all ranks that the attack would be on the 11 th . Word received that "zero" hour would be 6 a.m. Approach march was begun at 9.45 p.m. The remainder of the Diary until the 7 th is attached in narrative - vide Appendix II.	Appendix II
	7.10.17		Details & surplus personnel not required for the attack rejoined Battalion from Morbecque. Conference of officers held at 2 p.m. - officially made known that another attack was to take place.	
	8.10.17		Orders received from Brigade Head Quarters re forthcoming attack. Companies began immediate organisation - Conference of officers 2 p.m. Details explained & discussed. Lt. W. V. H. Duff with 21 Reinforcements arrive. Capt. F. G. Moulle died of wounds.	

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	9.10.17		Preparations & organisation still proceeding. Forthcoming attack to be known as Phase 5. Conference of officers held 7 p.m. at which all details were thoroughly thrashed out	Lth
	10.10.17		No entries	Appendix III Lth
	11.10.17		5 reinforcements join Battalion.	
	12.10.17		Battalion attacked.	
	15.10.17		1 a.m. a despatch was received from Brigade that Battalion was moving out of the fighting area to take up billets at Blequin. Left Potijze area at 8.30 a.m. marched to Kruisstraathoek - embussed 12 noon, left 12.30 p.m. - arrived Blequin 9.30 p.m. Boys took up same billets occupied by them previous to moving up for the attack of 4.10.17	Lth.
	16.10.17		Battalion is resting. Conference of officers 7.30 p.m. discussed future arrangements.	Lth.
	17.10.17		Parade 9.30 a.m. to check equipment also reorganisation of platoons.	Lth
	18.10.17		No Entries	
	19.10.17		Men marched to Desvres - 10 miles away - for hot baths - leaving Blequin 8.30 a.m. and arriving back at 6 p.m.	Lth

Diary from 7/10/17 until 16/10/17 is attached in narrative. made Appendix III.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	20.10.17		Washing parade for Companies. The C.O. goes to Boulogne to ascertain particulars from officers who had been wounded in the attack of the 12.10.17. 2/Lt. N.E. Dixon and Kerry rejoin from seconded list. 7/Lt. Browne rejoins from 10 th Training Battalion, 7/Lt. H.S. McFarlane from Hospital. 20 Reinforcements arrive.	1st
	21.10.17		24 other ranks march in from sick & wounded list.	1st
	22.10.17		Commencement of training. musketry etc.; 13 Rfs. march in; Brigade Signalling School in charge of Lieut S.H. Burrell began. A letter of congratulation upon the magnificent work done by Lieut. A.W. Smith in connection with marking for the 2 nd Anzac Corps School was received from Major Platt.	1st
	23.10.17		Training in full progress. 3 Other Ranks marched in to join Battalion	1st
	24.10.17		No entries.	
	25.10.17		On account of the rain, training could not be carried on. Lectures given in the billets.	1st.
	26.10.17		Lieut. S.H. Hebelkine joins Battn. from 10 th Training Battn. 7 Rfs. marched in.	1st
	27.10.17		Lieuts Bean & McNeil rejoin from wounded list. Lieut. Philips rejoins from seconded list with 6 reinforcements.	

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	28.10.17		Two N.C.O's - Sgt. J.V. Gallagher and Cpl. a Stewart proceed to Cadet Battalion in England. Musketry on Rifle Range being carried out by B. Coy.	100																					
	29.10.17		Capt. R. Griev V.C. and Squire R. McKay rejoin unit. Musketry on the range by C. Coy.	100																					
	30.10.17		Wet. Lectures in billets.	100																					
	31.10.17		Musketry on rifle range by D. Coy. - C.O. makes an inspection of Headquarters details.	100																					
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APPENDIX. A

— YPRES BATTLE —

PHASE 3

— PART PLAYED BY 37th BATTALION. —— THURSDAY 4th OCTOBER 1917 —PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTSConferencesReconnaissancesPersonnelIncidentalCONCENTRATION IN FORWARD AREA.LocationIssue of Stores, ammunition etc.APPROACH MARCH AND ASSEMBLY."K" Track.Order of March.Assembly.ATTACK.Zero hour.FormationDispositionsGeneralOn the ObjectiveMedicalRELIEFBy whomBivouacng AreaSUMMARY.CapturesOur Casualties.APPENDICES.

- I. Copies of Orders ~~to~~ dated 29.9.17, 3.10.17 & 5.10.17
- II. Map "GRAVENSTAFEL" 1:2000 showing Objective
- III. Tracing showing "K" track.
- IV. Barrage Map.
- V. Original Messages.

At noon on Friday, 28th September, the Battalion completed its 4 days march from Bleguion, where it had billeted some 6 weeks, training, obtaining reinforcements, equipping etc. in connection with the forthcoming operations, and arrived at the huts in Winizeele. The day was at the disposal of the men, who for the most part took the opportunity of having a well earned rest after their lengthy though extremely interesting march. Nothing was publicly known of anything which concerned the Battalion for the ensuing days. Rumours of an approaching attack were current but were without foundation. A conference of Commanding Officers was called for at 2 p.m. at Brigade Headquarters and it was not until the return of Lieut. Col. E. K. Knight to the Battalion that all rumours disappeared and a programme of definiteness presented itself. The Battalion was concerned in an approaching attack East of Ypres — when? none as yet knew — but time was not to be lost and on the morrow a preliminary reconnaissance was to be made by the Commanding Officer and such officers who would be in command of Companies in the attack. Motor lorries were available to convey these officers to the area — with the result that on the morning of the 29th, Lieut. Col. E. K. Knight accompanied by Major C. B. Story, Capt. F. G. Moule, Capt. P. G. Towl and Capt. F. de Mann set out to reconnoitre the ground over which the attack would be made. Arrangements were immediately made to select the personnel of the companies and by 8 p.m. on the same evening, returns were submitted showing their complete and final organisation. Headquarters personnel was selected and a despatch was sent to the General Officer commanding the 10th Australian Infantry Brigade conveying the complete list of officers engaged in the operations. This list included the following:—

<u>HEADQUARTERS.</u>	Lieut. Col.	E. K. Knight	Commanding Officer.
	Lieut.	J. C. Todd	Adjutant.
		C. H. Colhis	Signalling Officer.
		C. J. Taylor	$\frac{1}{2}$ Carrying Party.
	Capt.	W. H. Collins	B. M. O..
<u>"A" COMPANY.</u>	Capt.	F. de. Mann	Officer Commanding.
	Lieut.	H. E. Bean	
		J. W. M'Donald M.C.	
<u>"B" COMPANY.</u>	Major	C. B. Story	Officer Commanding.
	Lieut.	L. J. Brewer	
		P. Wilkinson	
<u>"C" COMPANY.</u>	Capt.	F. G. Moule	Officer Commanding.
	Lieut.	L. J. Robertson	
		R. J. Smith	
<u>"D" COMPANY</u>	Capt.	P. G. Towl	Officer Commanding
	Lieut.	M. R. Stokes	
		L. S. Dimsey	

Officers detailed for special duties were:-

LIASON with NEW ZEALAND BRIGADE

Major W. F. H. Robertson.

10th AUS. BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

{ Lieut. L. P. Little.
Lieut. S. H. Birrell.

The strength of each platoon inclusive of reserve stretcher bearers was 34. On the return of the first reconnoitring party, a conference of officers was assembled and much discussion took place about the country east of Ypres. This was the country over which certain English and Scottish Regiments had on the 20th September launched a very powerful attack and snatched from the enemy the high important positions and ridges which dominated Ypres and which had tenaciously been held by him for over 2 years. This ground was now pitted with shell holes and strewn with unimaginable debris. Everywhere bore unmistakable evidence to the fact that a deadly battle had recently been made. Shovels, picks, broken duck-boards, tools of every description lay scattered about in large quantities. Tanks lie where they were put out of action by direct hits from enemy shells. Putrified masses of German dead lying in fantastic heaps tarnished the atmosphere beyond pleasantness. "Pill Boxes" still remained though their exteriors were somewhat damaged by our heavy shells. Working Parties

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 were busy, but not on clearing up salvage etc. but in making roads, carting ammunition and generally preparing for the new onslaught to be made. Officers present at this conference saw vividly what was before them and were not deterred by the gruesomeness of the picture which had been luridly painted for them. On the 30th, 6 more of the officers engaged in the operations proceeded to Ypres for reconnaissance and during the day, details and surplus personnel marched from the camp to the Concentration area at Morbecque. The Companies were still busy with organisation and equipping and requisitions were submitted by Commanders for necessary ammunition, bombs, grenades, flares, tapes, picks, shovels etc.. Conference of officers was called at Battalion Headquarters at 8 p.m., the whole operation was explained, maps were amended according to the latest intelligence received, objectives were marked and general details concerning the operation were thoroughly discussed. Orders were received from Brigade Headquarters that the Battalion would supply 1 officer and 124 other ranks for cable burying on the nights of 1/2 Oct. and 2/3rd Oct. - this party was in charge of Lieut. J.W. McDonald M.C. - Each Battalion supplied its quota and the whole party was under Major Mandesley 38th Bn.. Another party of 1 N.C.O and 9 men were to report to Bde. Headquarters as a carrying party during the operations - also 1 Sergeant had to report to the 10th Field Coy. Engineers. Orders were issued to the Companies to prepare themselves to move on the 1/10/17 to forward position beyond the Menin Gate East of Ypres on the main Ypres-Zonnebeke Road where they would bivouac.

CONCENTRATION IN FORWARD AREA.

On the morning of the 2nd, everything was packed & Companies were ready for the move. at 1 p.m. the Battalion left in Motor lorries and halted at the outskirts of Ypres. The Battalion then marched - steel helmets & respirators at the alert - to its bivouacking area, arriving about 10 p.m. This area bordered the main road and was pitted with shells holes made by the enemy long distance guns. Men immediately set about erecting the best shelters possible

and some commenced digging in, even consolidating the shell holes. During the night rain fell, which however did not succeed in damping their spirits. Here the Battalion was under shell fire and during the next day 'twas found necessary to supply an aeroplane guard whose duty it was to signal when enemy machines were about so that the men should immediately take cover from view. Observation by the enemy of movement or concentration behind the lines is his only means of anticipating an attack.

Wednesday the 3rd was the eve of the attack. Men were made thoroughly conversant with their jobs. Ammunition, grenades, sandbags etc. - everything that was required by the individual for the attack was issued. Everybody was fully equipped. No pains were at all spared by the Commanding Officer in equipping his Battalion.

APPROACH MARCH AND ASSEMBLY.

Officers and N.C.O's, during the day took the opportunity of reconnoitering the route from the bivouacking area to the assembly trenches - which were marked by tape laid out by Lieut. L. J. Robertson under the supervision of the C.R.E. This route was known as "K" track and was marked partly by duck-boards and partly by tape. It branched off from the main Ypres-Zonnebeke road to the right passed in and around certain batteries of heavy guns, ran across the open fields semi-circularly for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles when it crossed the Ypres-Zonnebeke road, then wound serpent-like around numerous shell-holes and "Pill-Boxes" right to the assembly trenches. The possibilities of going astray traversing this route by night presented themselves vividly to the Battalion as the main difficulty to be overcome to make the attack successful - however guides were supplied by the Pioneer Battalion at different points en route, consequently the fears in that respect were ultimately allayed.

At 9.45 p.m. the Battalion fully armed & equipped mustered and began the approach march in single file - Headquarters with Lieut. Col. E. K. Knight leading, followed in succession by 2 platoons of B. Coy., 2 platoons D. Coy., C. Coy., 2 platoons B. Coy., 2 platoons D. Coy. with F. Coy. in rear. Intervals

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of 1 minute were maintained between platoons which were linked up by 2 connecting files. A steady slow pace was set by the Leader, which undoubtedly accounted in no small measure for the success of the approach march. The night was cloudy and conveniently hid the brilliancy of the moon. The starting point where the Staff Captain (Capt. S.H. Browther) checked the march was passed on the tick of time. The batteries were firing their usual volleys and the slow moving figures of men silhouetted against the sky from the flashes of the guns presented an awe inspiring spectacle. Not a sound could be heard of these heavily laden men as slowly but surely they wended their way along this unbeaten track. Every man knew his job, knew what was required of him and played the game. At a time like that men realise what they are up against.

The head of the Battalion was nearing the Assembly - 200 yards from which lie the enemy - uncautious, though suspecting. His "Very" Lights which illuminated the gloom could not detect the assembly of the troops. There were 4 Battalions roughly of 500 men each, laden with bombs, grenades, rifles, bayonets, sandbags, stretchers, picks, shovels and equipment, systematically forming up in attack formation right under the nose of the enemy without being seen or heard. 'Tis incredible but nevertheless a hard, solid fact - due to only one thing - Discipline. The men were fast filling the shell holes in the Assembly area and by 1.20 a.m. the Battalion was correctly formed up in Battle formation patiently awaiting the Zero hour of 6 a.m. when it should spring on the merciless Hun.

THE ATTACK.

For the attack the formation was as follows:- The first wave consisted of 2 platoons of D. Coy. on the left with 2 platoons of B. Coy. on the right in two lines followed at a convenient distance by the Moppers up (C. Coy.) in 2 waves in Diamond shaped formation spread over the whole Battalion frontage, then the remaining 2 platoons of D & of B Coys. as the second wave in small

columns in artillery formation, these were in turn followed by the Reserve Company (H. Coy.) in artillery formation.

at 5.30 a.m. the calm of the night was suddenly broken by a Barrage put down by the Huns across the assembly lines. It appeared that our assembly had been discovered - but no - 'twas his preliminary barrage preparatory to an attack which he contemplated making over the ground recently captured from him - Information later obtained from prisoners showed that our attack anticipated the one he intended making by only a quarter of an hour. During this barrage which was extremely ineffective we suffered few casualties - Captain Towl, Officer Commanding D. Coy. being among those slightly wounded. That half hour was nerve-racking but instead of demoralising our assembled troops tended only to develop and strengthen the fighting spirit requisite for an attack. Dawn was fast breaking - the time was fast approaching. Another minute and the twilight would disappear. At the end of that minute, down 200 yards in front of us fell a heavy curtain of metal - what a crash! 'twas our barrage. The opening roar of the Canons was like thunder. For 3 minutes that curtain would hang on to the line where it had fallen, then lift to a line 100 yards ahead from which it would again lift and follow in the course of the programme made out for it and which is attached hereto. "We're in it - boys", shouted someone and then arose as out of the earth some hundreds of fit, athletic men bent only on one thing - the extermination or capture of the enemy and booty encountered or found in the area between their assembly and their objective some 500 yards ahead. Forward they went in attack formation; few fell as the enemy shells and shrapnel burst about them. Machine gun bullets filled the air with whistling noises but soon died down as our barrage caught the emplacements. "Major Stoney's cracked", yelled someone. Two Company Commanders were now out of action. Lieut. L. J. Brewer and M. R. Stokes automatically took charge in their places. Already the appealing cry of "Kamerad" was heard and groups of

pale faced, frightened Huns with hands upraised hurried past back to our lines. These were a poor looking lot though later batches were sprinkled with magnificently well built and soldierly looking men. Most of them belonged to Bavarian Regiments. Pill boxes were rushed by some of the men and dozens of the enemy extracted, unarmed & made prisoners. These Pill boxes are in themselves veritable fortresses from ^{which} the Hun is able to fire on advancing troops without running any risk of being injured by our barrage. They are of solid concrete, the walls and roof being in some cases 6 feet thick. Strong resistance met from one of these places was soon overcome when the men got into close quarters with their bayonets - these they used with remarkable efficiency. After this the Huns willingly surrendered and by the time the first wave of the leading companies had reached its objective some 400 prisoners had been captured and 8 Pill Boxes & Dug-outs mopped up.

at 7.15 a.m. the first message was received by Battalion Headquarters saying that the objective had been captured and that consolidation and reorganisation were in course of progress. Battalion Head Quarters occupied an isolated Pill Box in the vicinity of Waterend House (where 3 Signallers were wounded & 4 runners buried by shell fire soon after going into occupation of same) until midday on the 4th when it moved to the locality of Levi Cottages - 50 yards in rear of the new line. During the day this place was also subjected to intermittent bursts of heavy artillery fire, which however did not hamper the work of successfully reorganising the Battalion. By nightfall, practically all casualties had been accounted for and the remaining men snuggled up in their shell holes making themselves as comfortable as possible under the circumstances. A little rain fell during the night and the ground was getting muddy. On the 5th the Battalion was completely reorganised and was ready to make a further advance if called upon.

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to do so. It was rumored that the Battalion would exploit success by having the honour of a fresh attack on an objective some 500 yards in front of the objective of the 40th Battalion who had on the 4th leapfrogged through us. The men were in high spirits and anxiously awaited orders but none came. Carrying Parties were greatly hampered in their arduous tasks of getting ammunition etc. forward to the most advanced troops. Chain dumps were established on each Battalion's objective and each Battalion's Carrying Party carried to its own dumps. The Battalion was detailed to assist in getting requirements forward and so earnestly did the men settle down to their new job that by 2 p.m. all the ammunition, grenades, wire, tools etc. that had been allotted to the Brigade were pushed right forward to the front line.

The medical arrangements of the Battalion were excellent. The Regimental Aid Post was established at Mitchell's Farm. The work of the Stretcher bearers was difficult as the going over the sodden ground was hard, nevertheless cheerfulness at all times characterised them as they plodded along.

THE RELIEF.

The Battalion had anticipated being relieved early in the evening of the 5th. The men were tired though still extremely fit. They had had no rest for practically 3 days and nights but were still happy and proud knowing that they had done their job, successfully accomplished all that had been asked of them and expected from them. Their attitude did not change when it was made known that they would not be relieved until 3 a.m. on the morning of the 6th Saturday, although the other Battalions - 38th, 39th & 40th, were being relieved that night. Guides were supplied by us for the incoming people and at 10 p.m. the relief for the 40th Bn. passed through our line.

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 At 7 a.m. on the 6th the line was handed over to the relief - an English Battalion and we moved out to our former bivouaging area near Menin Gate where a hot meal awaited us. Later in the day the Battalion moved further back about 1½ miles South of Ypres to Lubmento where the men washed and threw off the shackles of the last 3 days fighting. There was an opportunity of learning experiences and hearing tales of gallantry and bravery displayed by individuals in the attack on the 4th. Lieut. R. J. Smith of B. Coy. had single handed rushed a machine gun position shot the crew with his revolver and captured the gun, later he had again attacked a "Pill Box" & killed the occupants (6) with the bayonet; he also led attacks on 3 separate "dug outs" & captured the occupants as prisoners. Lance Corporal Roy Newport Frazer of "C" Coy captured a German officer, rushed a machine gun position & killed the crew; Private C. J. Mc Coy "F" Coy. rushed at an officer and 50 Hung with his bayonet; the officer fled and the men surrendered to him. Corporal Patrick McCarthy "C" Coy annihilated a machine gun crew with his bayonet. These are but few of the heroic deeds that were done by individuals and mentioned quite casually in the after-battle talk. Every man possessed a souvenir which took the shape of either German caps, badges, numerals, coins, pistols, bayonets, watches etc.. These are prized by the men the same as laurel wreaths were in the days of old. 'Tis after the Battle that the sense of pride most strongly asserts itself and now was here this body of men - haughty in the extreme - needing no thanks, no special commendation from the world, but perfectly content to retain their self satisfaction as their only reward for the glorious deeds they had achieved.

SUMMARY

Summarising the attack we have an area of enemy country penetrated to the depth of 500 yards by a breach of about 500 yards

within which were counted 350 dead Boche, although many more, not seen by our men, were undoubtedly lying dead in shell holes.

Captures.

Prisoners	420
Machine Guns	20

Our Casualties.

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Total
Officers	-	57	-	7
Other Ranks.	47	152	2	201

Officers Wounded

Major C. B. Story
 Capt. P. G. Towl
 Capt. F. G. Moule - since died of wounds
 Lieut. H. E. Bean - since rejoined unit
 " L. J. Brewer
 " J. W. McDonald M.C.
 " L. S. Dimsey - since died of wounds

Since died of Wounds

Capt. F. G. Moule
 Lieut. L. S. Dimsey

Leo. P. Little Lt.

Intelligence

Officer 37th Battalion

1. 11. 17.

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Preliminary Instructions No 1 A
PREP BATTLE
BN PIB 1A 2A 3A 4A 30 9 17

1. Preliminary Instructions Nos 1 2 3 + 4 of the 10th Aust Inf Bde in connection with the forthcoming operation are issued herewith and such instructions will be deemed to be repeated herein *mutatis mutandis*.

Officers commanding Companies will be held responsible that such instructions have been made known to and understood by all ranks.

Approach
March and
Assembly trenches

2. The routes for the approach march and line of assembly trenches will be constructed and kept in thorough order by the 11th Aust Inf Bde and all Officers & NCOs will make a complete and thorough reconnaissance of such routes and lines prior to zero day.

In moving to the Assembly Trenches all Officers & NCOs must enforce absolute silence and ensure that no matches are struck or lights displayed.

The order of march to and assembly in the Assembly Trenches will be notified later.

Carrying
Parties

3. Lieut C J Taylor DCM will be in charge of the Battalion Carrying Party and will ascertain the positions of all Brigade Dumps and will establish in the captured area a Battalion Dump and will ensure that all NCOs & men employed under him are familiar with the routes to and from the Dumps.

The order of importance in carrying will be as under:-

- Bombs &c
- Tools
- S.A.A.
- wire & sandbags
- water
- Flares & rockets
- Rations

As the Battalion Dump will be drawn on to supply the requirements of the 38, 39 + 40th Bns after they leapfrog through this Battalion, Lieut Taylor is to take all measures that will ensure constant replenishment of the Battalion Dump.

The first carrying party will follow immediately in rear of the moppers up. Lieut TAYLOR will keep in constant touch with Bde H.Q. and he should also know the position of the Engineers dump.

- Carrying Parties (Contd) 3. Members of Carrying parties will always carry, in addition to their stores, 5 sandbags per man.
- Liaison 4. The under mentioned Officers & N.C.O. are detailed to report to Units hereunder mentioned for Liaison
 Officer C.P. Ashmead to Bn 14.2 Bgde
 " J. McMichael to Bn 11.4 J. Bgde
 Sergeant J. O'Carroll to 38 Bn A.I.F.
- Dress & Equipment 5. All ranks FIGHTING ORDER
- Distinguishing Badges 6. The following distinguishing Badges will be worn on the left forearm

Scouts	Green
Runners	Red
Reg. Coy. Sigs	Blue
Carrying Parties	Yellow
Moppers Up	White
Salvage	Khaki with "Salvage" in red

 Men equipped with wire cutters or wire Breakers will wear a piece of white tape tied to the right shoulder strap
- Flares lights Rockets 7. Instructions under these heads will be issued later
- Field Engineers 8. 2 NCOs and 6 Sappers of the 10th Field Coy Engineers are attached to the Battalion and will be distributed as follows:—
 1 NCO and 2 Sappers to B Coy
 2 " " to D "
 1 N.C.O. and 2 " to C "
 Company Commanders concerned will make full use of the technical knowledge of these N.C.O.s and men.
- R.A.P. 9. The position of the R.A.P. will be notified when fixed by the M.O. in consultation with the A.D.M.S.
- Official Designation 10. In order to avoid the confusion of this Division with the 3rd British Division and consequent miscarriage of messages the abbreviation "Aust." will be inserted in all addresses
- Battalion Report Centre 11. The forward Bn Report Centre and Relay Post will be established in Captured territory, the position of which will be notified to all concerned.

ACKNOWLEDGE

37th BATTALION ORDER NO. 2

REFERENCE MAP
SECTION 450000
28-00-00
" 140000
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5/10/17

INTENTION

① The 10th Australian Infantry Brigade will carry out an approach march on a day at calculated from a zero hour, both of which will be notified later.

INTENTION

② The 3rd Battalion will march from its present position in the following order -

- NO 5 and 7 Platoons B Coy
- 15 - 13 " D "
- C Company
- NO 6 and 8 Platoons B Coy
- NO 14 - 16 " D
- A Company

B.M.O. will precede the column.
Platoons will march in single file at one minute interval between platoons the head of the column will pass starting point at ZERO MINUS 7 1/2 hours following K route to the assembly trenches. A copy of the map issued by Brigade Headquarters showing this route has been copied by each company.

The Platoon Commander will march at the head of his platoon and an NCO will march in rear. They will ensure that there is no straggling.

NEEDING REISSANCE

③ The approach route will be thoroughly reconnoitred by all Officers and as many NCO's as possible during today.

STARTING POINT

④ Starting point will be I.A.C. 70.50 (where K track crosses road from POTISSE to ZILLEBERG).

FORMATION ASSEMBLY TRENCH

⑤ Companies will form up in the Assembly Trench in the following order -
ON THE TAPPE LINE -

1st LINE OF B - D Coys in extended order B Company on the RIGHT D Company on the LEFT.

IMMEDIATELY IN REAR -
2nd LINE of B and D Companies these two ^{lines} companies forming first wave IMMEDIATELY IN REAR OF 1st WAVE -

C Company in DIAMOND SHAPED FORMATION IMMEDIATELY IN REAR OF C Company -
Remaining 2 Platoons B and D Coys in small columns in ARCADE FORMATION B Company on the right. D Company on the left forming the 2nd WAVE etc

PARA 5
CONT.

IMMEDIATELY IN REAR OF 2ND WAVE
A COY in small columns in ARTILLERY
FORMATION.

The Battalion must not in the formation
exceed a depth of 50 yards.
The whole formation to be complete
by ZERO MINUS 1 HOUR.

TRENCH MORTARS The trench mortar teams attached
to B and D Coys will move with
those Companies.

PRECAUTIONS Every possible precaution will be
taken to minimise the possibility of
casualties from SHELL FIRE + GAS.

NOISE
AND

LIGHTS The march and the formation
in the assembly trench is to be carried
out in absolute silence no smoking
or striking of lights is to be permitted
and there is to be NO talking.
any necessary orders will be
given sufficiently loud enough
to be heard by those concerned.
All Officers and NCOs must pay
particular care to this and must
have constant supervision of
their men.

RATIONS 48 hours rations and Water Bottle
filled by all ranks.

REPORTS Report by Runner to Battalion HQ.
immediately, Companies are in
position.

W. Wood LIEUT.
ADJUTANT

DISTRIBUTION -

- | | | | |
|------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--|
| Copy NO. 1 | 10" AUS INF BDE | By Runner | |
| " 2 | OC A Coy | 12 th 3-10-17 | |
| " 3 | " B " | " - do - | |
| " 4 | " C " | " - do - | |
| " 5 | " D " | " - do - | |
| " 6 | WAR DIARY | | |
| " 7 | FILE | | |

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37th BATTALION ORDER NO 3 A COPY NO 2

3-10-17

BELGIUM + FRANCE SHEET NO 28 400,000

MAP REFERENCE CARVINSTAFEL E221 40900

INTRODUCTION On a day to be known as CODE DAY 3 and at a time to be notified later, 10th AUST. INF. BDE. will attack in accordance with preliminary instructions already issued, and with the provisions of this order.

INTENTION The 37th AUST. INF. BTRY. will attack in accordance with instructions issued from time to time, and with the provisions of this order.

BOUNDARIES OF COMPANIES AND FORMATIONS OF ATTACK
 The boundaries of Companies will be as under:
 B Company from O 21.2.45.18 to O 21.2.50.50
 D " " O 21.2.20.50 - O 21.2.35.89
 These two Companies will attack in 2 lines forming the 1st WAVE
 C Company will follow as MAPPERS UP, and will work in DIAPHRAGM formation over the whole Battalion front.
 The second WAVE will be composed of -
 NO: 6 and 8 Platoons B Company
 " 14 " 16 " " " "
 They will move in small columns in Artillery formation.
 A Company will be Battalion Reserve following in small columns in Artillery formation.

DISTANCES Such distances and intervals as are considered advisable to meet the circumstances of the moment and the configuration of the ground will be maintained.

ENEMY TROOPS The area opposite the DIVI. frontage is at present held by the 4th Bavarian Divi. who were opposite us at MESSINES or 20th PRUSSIAN DIVI. accurate information not at present to hand.

BARRAGE The Official Barrage Map is issued here with.
 There will be 5 BARRAGES - A B C D E.
 A nearest to the Infantry
 E Farthest off.
 Each of these Barrages will be 200 yards apart.
 A Barrage will consist of 18 P.M.S.
 B of 4.5" and 18 P.M.S.
 C MACHINE GUNS.
 D 6" HOWS.
 E 8"-9.2" and 60 P.M.S.
 The 18 Pounder Barrage A is the one affecting the Infantry, it will open for 3 minutes on a line 150 yards in advance of the Infantry tape line (Position of Assembly already notified).

P.T.O.

BARRAGE
CONT.

The 3rd INF BDE is ensuring by active patrolling and action of STOKES MORTARS that no enemy is established within this 150 yards of the NO MANS LAND. Barrage will dwell on the line plus 29 and plus 41, and on the line plus 154 plus 156 to assist leap-frogging. The protective Barrage for the RED LINE already issued, will lift at plus 130 minutes.

The protective Barrage for the BLUE LINE will be placed at a distance of 200 yards in advance of the BLUE LINE. The Barrage will ~~lift~~ advance by lifts of 100 yards throughout its whole length.

The action of the protective Barrage which is shown on para. 21 below must be thoroughly understood by the troops on the Blue line so that they will not push out too far during the pauses on A Barrage, or follow the other Barrages when they search forward.

As a signal to the Infantry that halting places of the Barrage have been reached Smoke Shell will be fired by the 18 Pounds.

Posts will be established inside the protective Barrage approximately 100 yards in advance of the BLUE LINE. The Barrage map only shows lifts of Barrage A.

Special attention will be paid by Barrages D and E to dugouts and strong points etc.

During the protective Barrage for the ~~RED~~ ^{RED} LINE guns other than those of Barrage A will search forward but the 18 pounder on Barrage A will remain stationary.

After the whole protective Barrage for the Blue line has been formed viz - from 182 to 206 the following procedure will be adopted - Barrage A will remain stationary 200 yards in front of the Blue line, and guns will continue to fire as under -

PLS 206 to PLS 221 at 2 rounds per gun per minute
P.T.O.

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BARRAGE PLUS 21 TO PLUS 236 at 1 Round per Gun per Minute
 CONT. PLUS 236 " " 266 guns will cease firing
 " 266 " " 281 " " resume firing at
 1 Round per gun per minute
 " 281 " " 386 there will be another
 break and no guns will
 be firing on the protective
 Barrage line.
 " 386 " " 401 Fire will be resumed at
 1 Round per gun per minute
 " 401 " " Guns will cease fire.

It is during the above periods of cessation
 of fire that Infantry must be careful
 not to go forward even if counter attacked
 during the protective Barrage on the BLUE
 LINE as outlined above Barrages B
 D and E will search forward, the fire
 of these Barrages on B, D, E will finally
 cease at Plus 464, but there will be
 intermediate periods of cessation prior
 to this time. During the periods of cessation
 of fire of DIVS Artillery as shown above
 the guns may be used as required by
 DIVS but they will at once reopen on
 their protective line, that is 200 yards
 beyond the Blue line, if the SOS signal
 is sent up.

After plus 401 when A Barrage finally
 stops Batteries will be used as required
 but will be ready to reopen on the
 protective Barrage for the Blue line
 on observing the SOS ~~signal~~

In order to prevent the enemy MG on
 the high ground about DASHING CROSSING
 and DASH CROSSING interfering with
 our advancing Infantry a smoke
 Barrage will be opened along the
 Railway starting at ZERO hour on
 square 225 it will gradually roll
 up from the SW in order not to
 interfere with Infantry advance.
 The forward movement of the Infantry
 will be covered by a total of 9 field
 Artillery Batteries divided into 3 groups
 these are additional to any heavy
 artillery employed.

CONTACT
 PLANES

(7)

Contact Planes will fly at Plus 100 and
 Plus 220 minutes. Forward troops will
 be ready to light flares at these times
 on the Aeroplane calling for them in
 the usual way on a series A's on the
 Glaucon from 200 yards firing a very light
 flare

P.T.O.

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Figures
(cont'd)

In addition the flares will be lit at any other time when our plans call for them.

A special plan will fly out in morning at a time not yet decided. The time of flying will depend on whether the morning is or is not misty. Exact time cannot be stated, but flares will be lit - some being called for all sort of work with troops of the Div. will be carried out by the 21st Squadron R.F.C.

Contact aircraft will be distinguished by one black streamer on each of the lower planes.

Machines of the 21st Squadron will carry the following distinctive markings -

in evidence working from the observers seat toward the middle -

(1) British Markings (2) a large A in white.

(3) a dumbbell painted in white.

These markings will be on the sides of the fuselage.

Only one contact plane will work on the Corps front at one time.

Flares Nos 1 & 2 will be used. These flares are plainly visible & it is not necessary to light them in groups of three as was the case with the GREEN flares during the MESSINES battle. They are more easily distinguished if lit at the bottom of a trench or shell hole, only advanced troops will light flares.

Commanders on the spot will decide what proportion of flares are lit on each occasion.

8 Guns of the 10th M.G. Coy. will be detailed for barrage work, under D.M.C.O. the remaining 8 will be used in capture & holding of the Blue line in accordance with separate instructions issued to the C.O. of 10th M.G. Coy.

The principle of the puny touch will be maintained by Coys with troops of their House & with each other throughout.

The B.O. Coys will detail small parties to move with adjoining Coys & that detailed by C Coy to move with N. & B Coys will establish touch at the first short halt. The party detailed by C Coy to move with 4th B Coy will establish touch at this halt and a message will be sent to advanced B Coy stating that this has been done.

The advance will be by the right. If gaps occur they must be filled up by troops moving in from the rear.

Old boys will detail an officer with one or two men whose duty it will be to keep direction. Compass bearings will be taken.

C.O. in charge of Coys will ensure that all officers and men take the approximate bearing stations.

P.T.O.

M.G. Coy
ACTIONmaintain touch
at touch

SOS CALLS

(10)

SOS calls sent up by the Infantry between zero hour and zero plus 10 minutes will not be answered by Div Artillery on order that there shall be no chance of the Infantry being confused with regard to zero time and the real opening of the Barrage.

SYNCHRONIZATION WATCHES

(11)

An officer from Battalion HQ will visit Companies prior to the approach march to synchronize watches.

LINES

(12)

The line C.S. will be known as RED LINE, The line F.S. as BLUE LINE.

REORGANIZATION

(13)

Immediately the objective is reached Companies will reorganise and shall take protection improved, no attempt is to be made to dig a line of trench.

FORWARD REPORT CENTRE

(14)

Battalion forward report centre under charge Lieut. McCross will be established at D 200 9060 where all messages are to be sent.

CARRYING PARTIES

(15)

Referring to para 3 of P.L.T.B. No. 1. Coy will detail carrying parties as under -

A Coy	30 OR.
B "	10 "
C "	10 "
D "	10 "

REPORTS

(16)

O.S.C. Coys will send reports to Advanced Bath Report Centre every 10 minutes to the clock hour, in addition to any special reports that the situation may require.

O.C. Coys will also report immediately objective is reached giving number of estimated casualties, and also when Companies are reorganised.

DISTRIBUTION -

- Copy No. 1 to 10th Lt Bde HQ
- 2 - O.C. A Coy
- 3 - " " "
- 4 - " " "
- 5 - " " "
- 6 - 100th BATT
- 7 - F.S.C.

McCross

LIEUT
Adjutant
37 AIF

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SECRET

37th BATTN. AIF ORDER NO 4 5/10/17

INF ① 10th A.I.B. will be relieved by the 199th Bde on 5th October 1917.
② 37th Battalion will be relieved by the 2/8th Manchester.

RELIEF ③ Relief of this Battalion will be carried out as early as possible this afternoon. Guides have been provided who will guide incoming Companies to the opposite Coys. of this Bttn on handing over O.C. will give all possible information to the incoming O.C. obtaining receipts for the line, all stores, dumps, tools etc and will forward same to this office at once.

BULLET ④ Upon relief Coys. will move back independently by platoon in single file, at 1 minute interval between platoons to billeting area at 416 CANT. by shortest route.

Companies will give way en route to all troops moving forward.

Immediately relief is completed on the line Companies will despatch a runner to this office with a report thereof and the abovementioned receipt for line, stores etc.

Until relief is completed O.C. will do everything possible to clear up the situation regarding personnel who may be missing.

On return to billets a hot meal will be ready and immediately after the meal is consumed, Coys will have a careful roll call and check of their Coys. and will forward complete casualty list of all their men, killed, wounded, or missing. Lieut G.H. Collier will be responsible for HQ and Lieut G.J. Taylor for his carrying party. The lists are urgently required.

DISTRIBUTION ACKNOWLEDGE

- NO 1 COPY to 10th A.I. Bde by runner 3.15pm
- 2 - O.C. A Coy
- 3 - " " "
- 4 - " " "
- 5 - " " "
- 6 - War Diary
- 7 - " " "

G. J. Taylor
LIEUT
Adjutant 37th AIF



APPENDIX A

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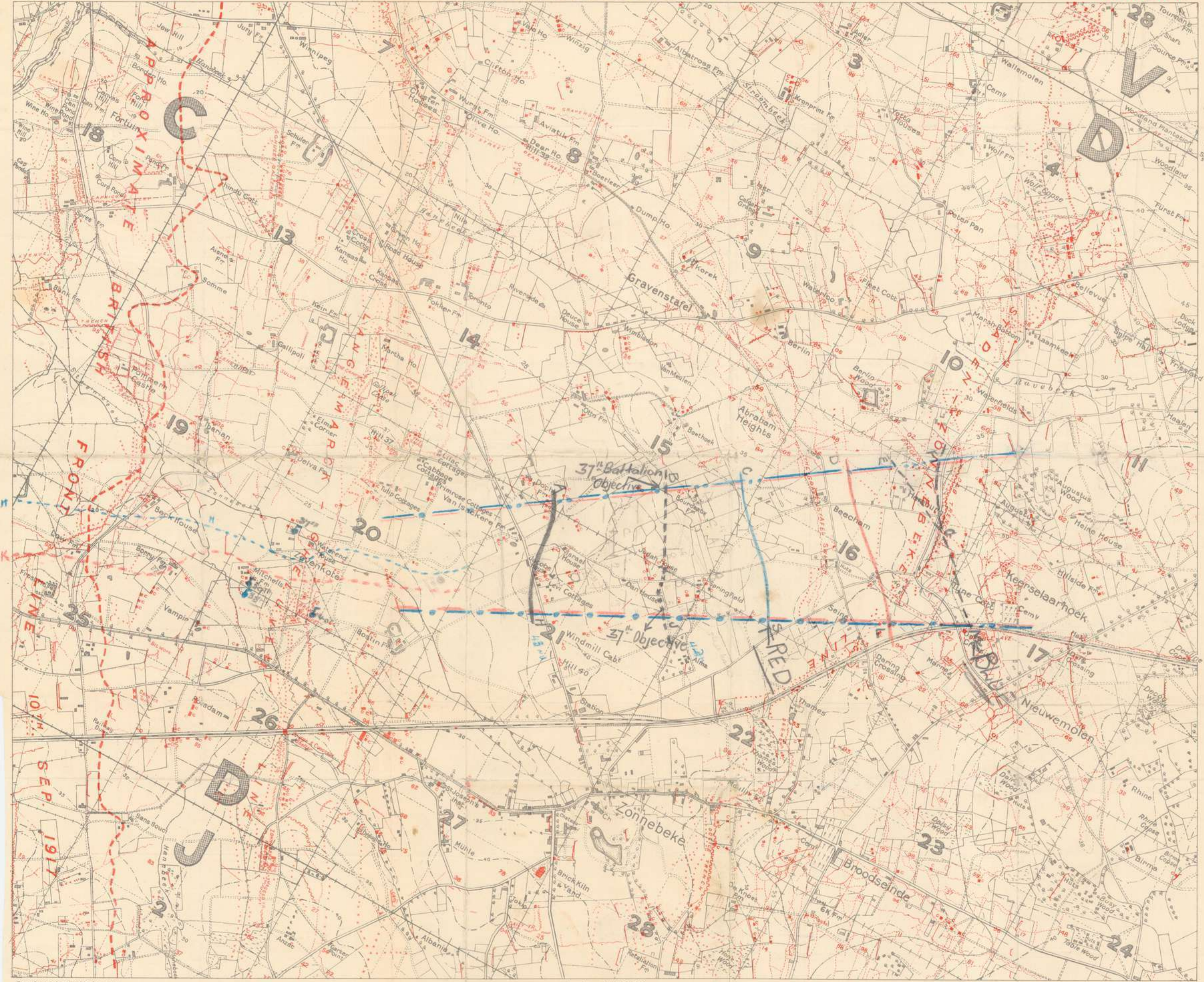
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Battery Positions
(possible strong points)
Probably Timber or Camouflage
Probably Concrete

GRAVENSTAFEL

EDITION I



Field Survey C.P.R.E. (2560) 10-9-17

Machine Gun	□	Dugout	□	Concrete Ho	□
Trench Mortar	□	Supply Dump	□	Concrete Emplacement	□
Anti-tank Gun	□	Ammunition Dump	□	or Dugout	□
Observation Post	□	Buried Cable	□	Organized Staff House	□

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TRENCHES CORRECTED FROM INFORMATION RECEIVED UP TO 11.9.17.

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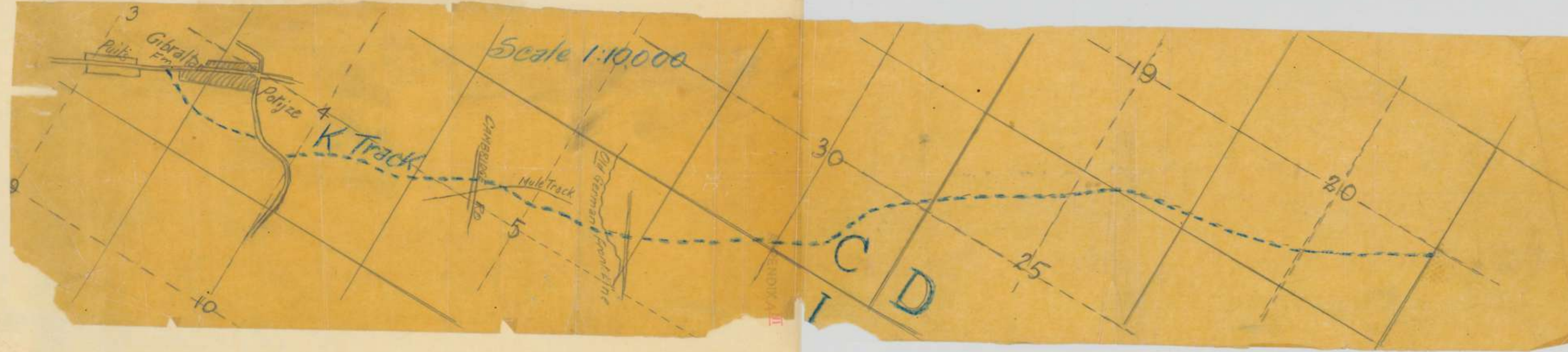
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EDITION I A

PASSCHENDAELE

German Trenches corrected to 27-9-17.

Parts of Sheets 20 & 28

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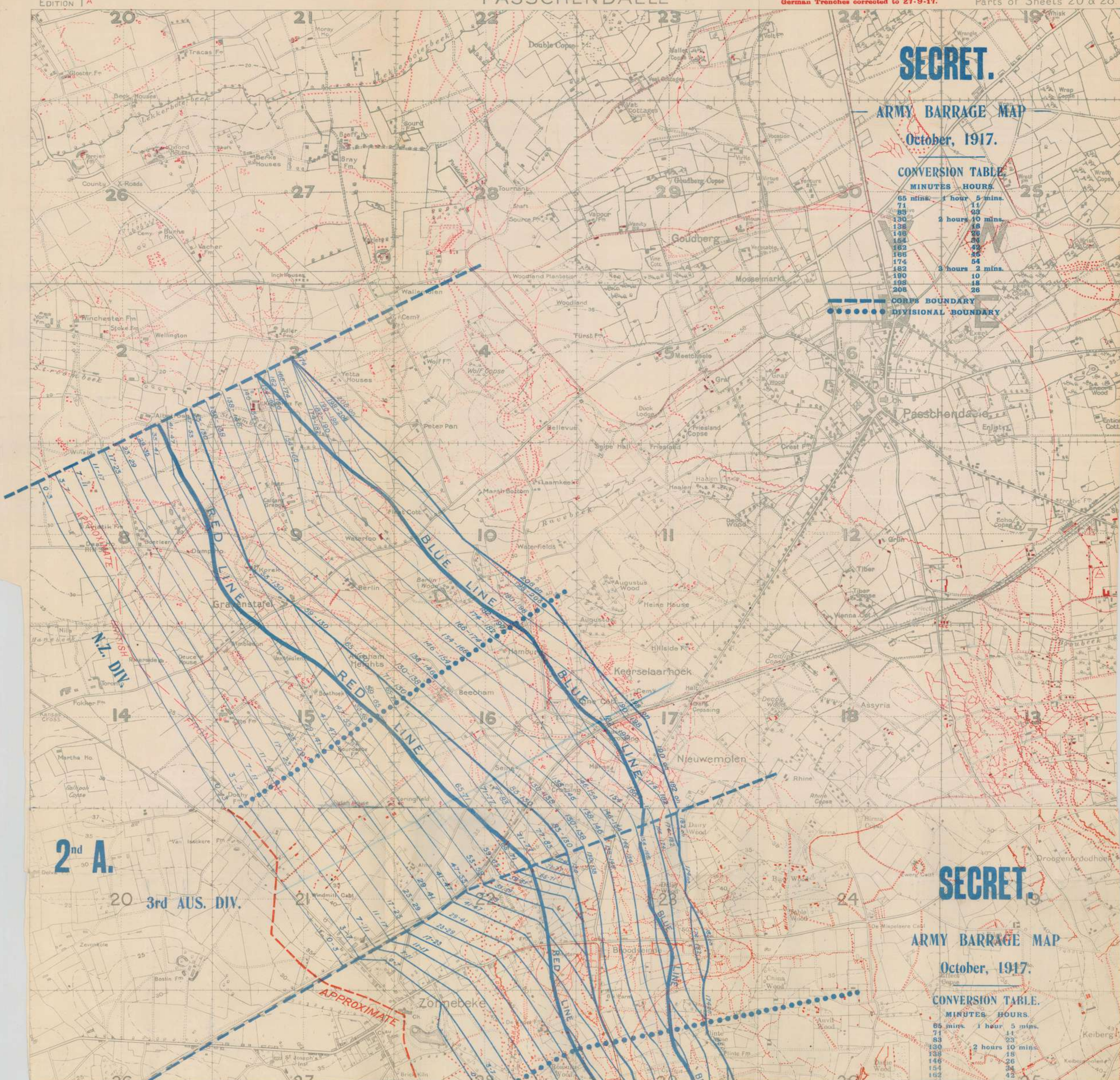
ARMY BARRAGE MAP

October, 1917.

CONVERSION TABLE

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65 mins.	1 hour 5 mins.
71	11
83	23
130	2 hours 10 mins.
136	48
146	26
154	34
162	42
166	56
174	54
182	3 hours 2 mins.
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198	18
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--- CORPS BOUNDARY
 DIVISIONAL BOUNDARY



2nd A.

3rd AUS. DIV.

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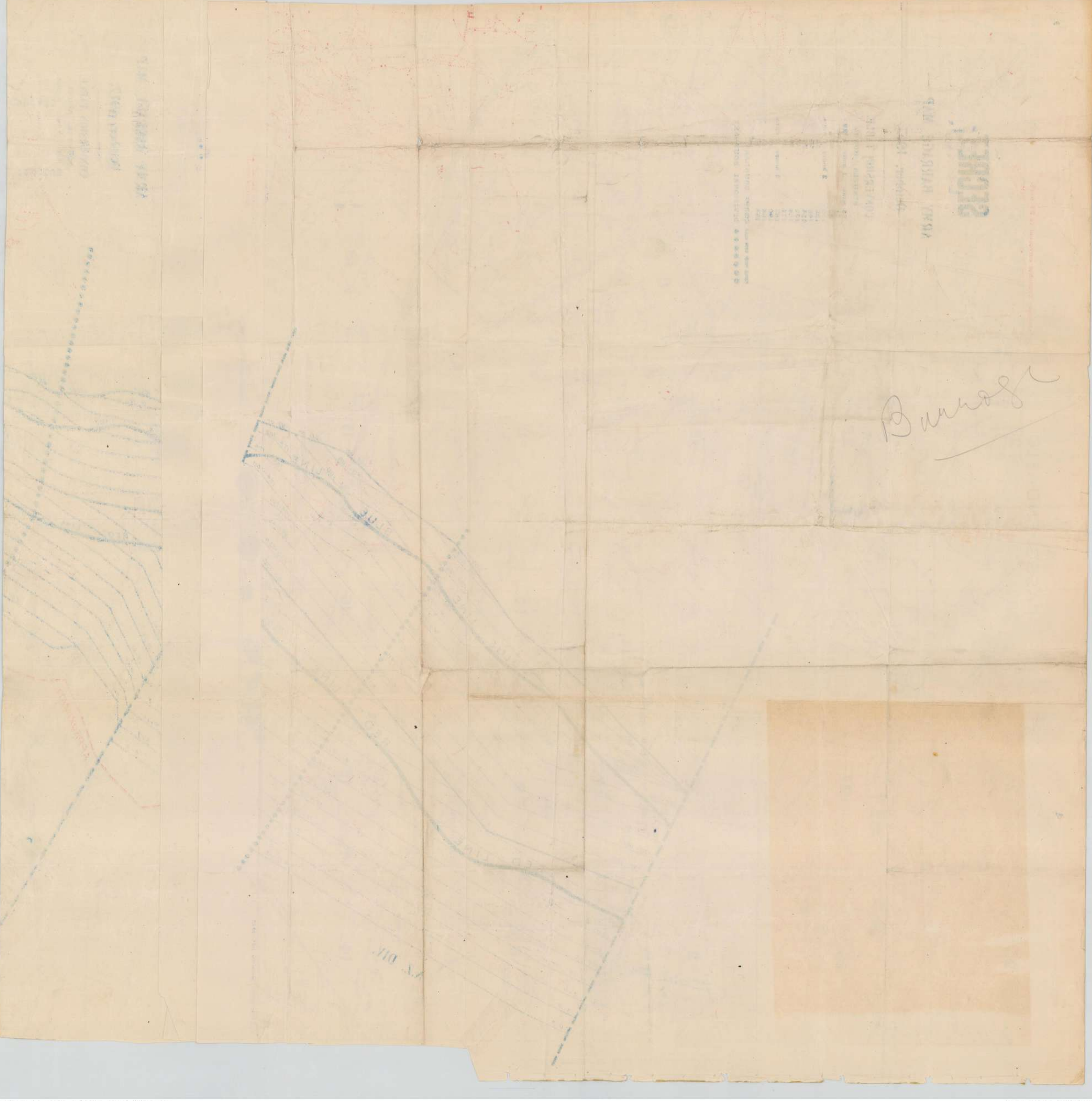
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Barrage

V. D.P.

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form 0.2121
(in pads of 100).
No. of Message

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

TO { RWZ 10 10 B. E.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* JCT. 14	4		

Battalion in position in
"assembly trenches"

From	RGW.
Place	D. 20. G.
Time	2.45 am.
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.	
(Z)	<i>[Signature]</i>
Censor.	Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

* This line should be erased if not required.

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			At	m.		From	
			To			By	
			By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By	X. J. J.

TO { R. G. W. - RWZ

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* B. E. 12	4		

SKIPPER wishes you best
of luck. H.H.H. You
JCT. 14 received

From	RWZ
Place	
Time	3.10 am
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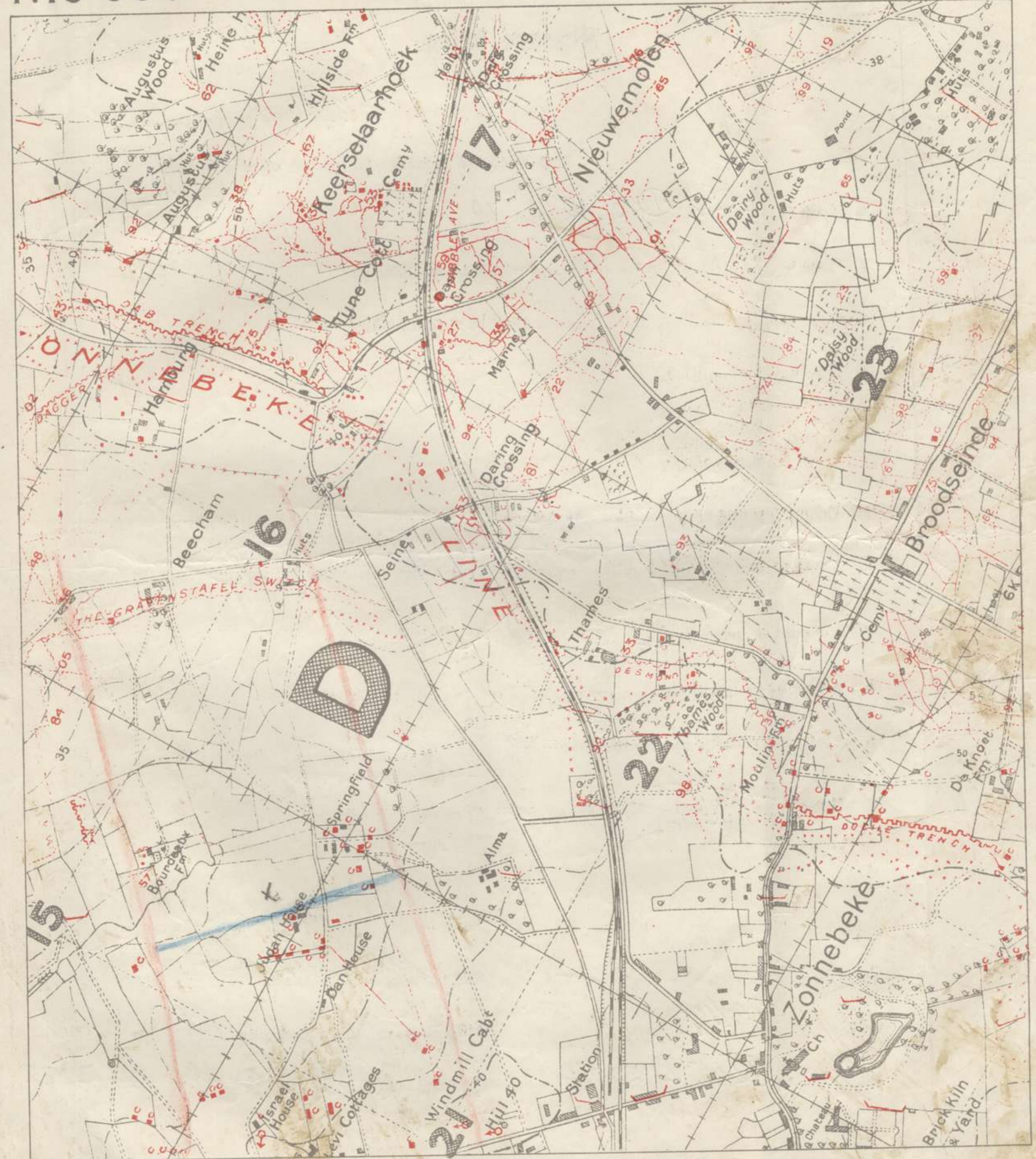
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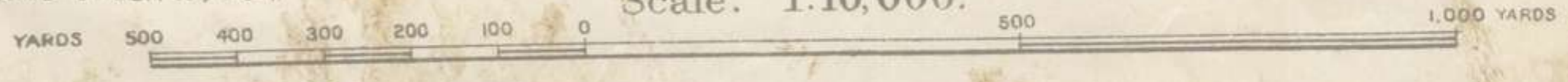
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FIELD SURVEY Coy RE. (2584) 15-9-17

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Message Form

Message Form.

3rd Anzac Div Division.

Map reference or mark own position on Map at back.

1. I am at... *D15 d. 20. 70*
2. I am at... *D15 d. 20. 70* and am consolidating.
3. I am at..... and have consolidated.
4. I need:—Ammunition.
Bombs.
Rifle Grenades.
Water
Very lights.
Stokes shells.
5. Enemy forming up for counter-attack at
6. I am in touch with... *N 2nd Anzac Div* on Right Left at
7. I am not in touch on Right Left *at*
8. Am being shelled from.....
9. I estimate my present strength at... *100* rifles.
10. Hostile

Battery
Machine Gun
Trench Mortar

 active at.....

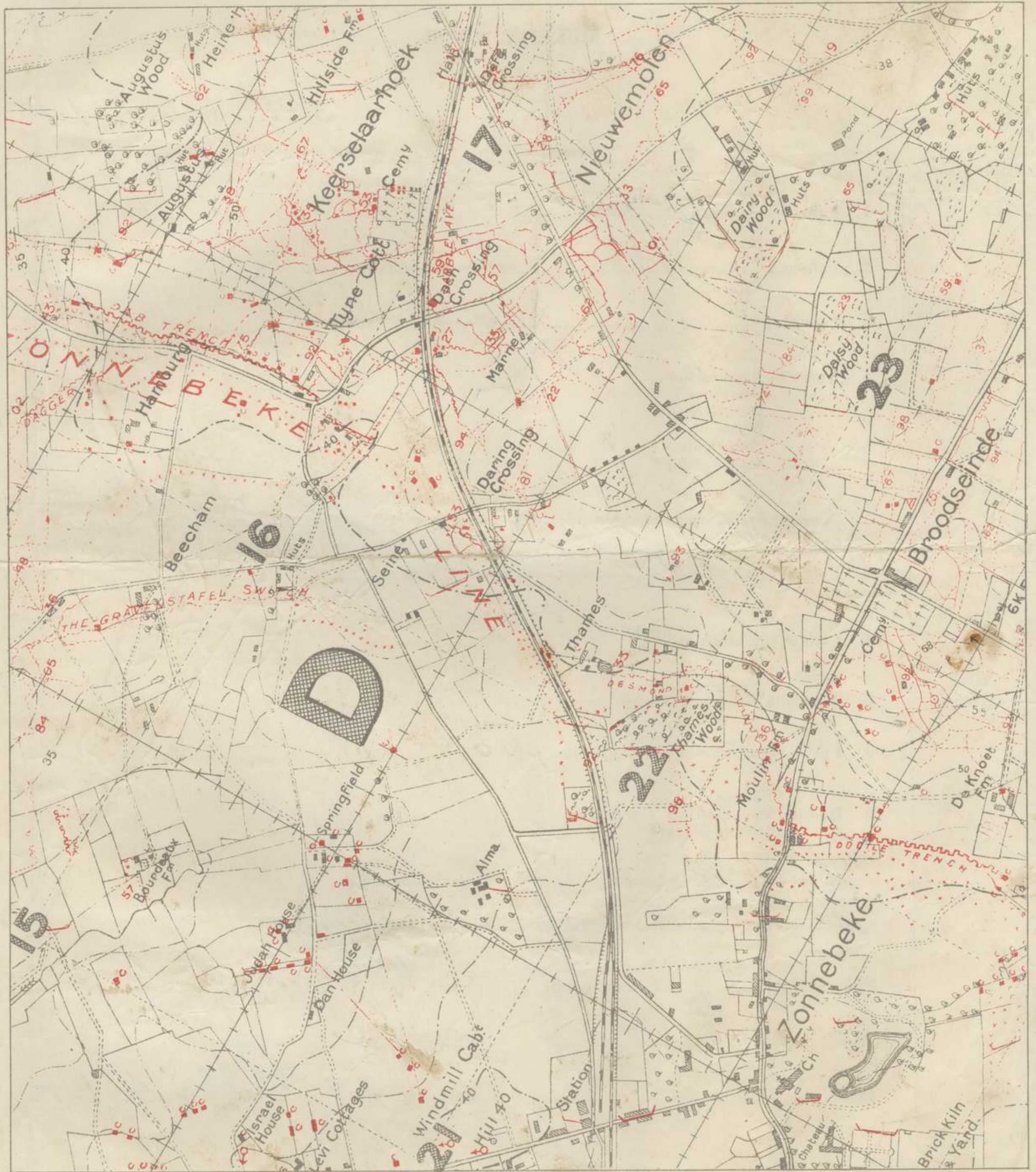
Time... *7* a.m. (p.m.)
 Date... *4/10/17*
 Place... *D15 D 20 70*

Name... *MacStoke C*
 Platoon..... Company... *B*
 Battalion... *3rd Anzac Batt*

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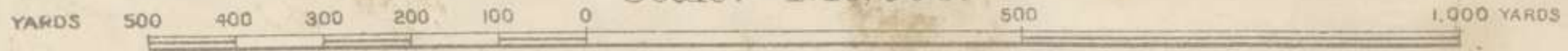
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FIELD SURVEY COY RE. (259A) K-9-17

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Message Form.

3rd Division. A. I.

Map reference or mark own position on Map at back.

- 1. I am at... *15.1.27*
- 2. I am at.....and am consolidating.
- 3. I am at.....and have consolidated.
- 4. I need:—Ammunition.
Bombs.
Rifle Grenades.
Water
Very lights.
Stokes shells.
- 5. Enemy forming up for counter-attack at
- 6. I am in touch with..... on ^{Right} _{Left} at
- 7. I am not in touch on ^{Right} _{Left}
- 8. Am being shelled from.....
- 9. I estimate my present strength at *100*.....rifles.
- 10. Hostile

{	Battery
	Machine Gun
	Trench Mortar

 active at.....

*Have not seen Capt. Monte
Lieut Robertson is with me*

Time.....*9*.....a.m. (p.m.)

Name.....*W. J. Smith Lieut*

Date.....*4.10.17*.....

Platoon.....*C*..... Company.....

Place.....

Battalion.....*37th Bn A. I. F.*

Army Form W. 3431.
MESSAGE PAD.

...DIVISION.
Map reference
or Mark on Map
at back.

1. I am at... *15 d 27* { and am consolidating.
and have consolidated.
 2. I am held up by M.G. at.....
 3. I need :—Ammunition. | Water and rations.
Bombs. | Very lights.
Rifle bombs. | Stokes shells.
 4. Counter attack forming up at.....
 5. I am in touch with... *A* on ^{Right} at... *15 d 27*
_{Left}
 6. I am not in touch on ^{Right} *with Dap same*
_{Left} *place*
 7. Am being shelled from.....
 8. Present strength... *100* rifles. Reinforcements required :—
.....Platoons. |Sections rifle bombers.
.....Sections riflemen. | " Lewis gunners.
..... " bombers.
 9. Hostile ... { BATTERY } active at.....
{ MACHINE GUN }
{ TRENCH MORTAR }
- Time... *7:20 A* m. Name... *Lt Robertson*
Date... *4/10/17* Platoon... *11*
Company... *C*
Battalion... *37*

W1843—B1643 150,000 5/17 H.V.(P740)

*Lieut R J Smith is with me
Have sent as per order Capt Gould*

CH.C.1

To RWG
 From RWGR.
 3/ - has taken
 its objective and
 mopped up. Casualties
 appear very light. No
 word yet from line.
 No communication with
 brigade. Wires cut.

4/10/17.
 7.30 a.m.

Off Collyer
 at Bn. 7. Str.

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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 (in pads of 100).
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					At	From
					To	By
					By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { RWZ }

Sender's Number. OCT 19	Day of Month. 4th	In reply to Number. —	AAA
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Battalion has taken its
 objective and mopped up.
 Casualties appear very slight.
 Reported that wires from farwa
 station to you are cut
 some of capture of objective
 not reported.
 Capt. FG MOUKE has not been seen

From R.G.W.

Place D 20. C

Time 8.28 am

[Signature]

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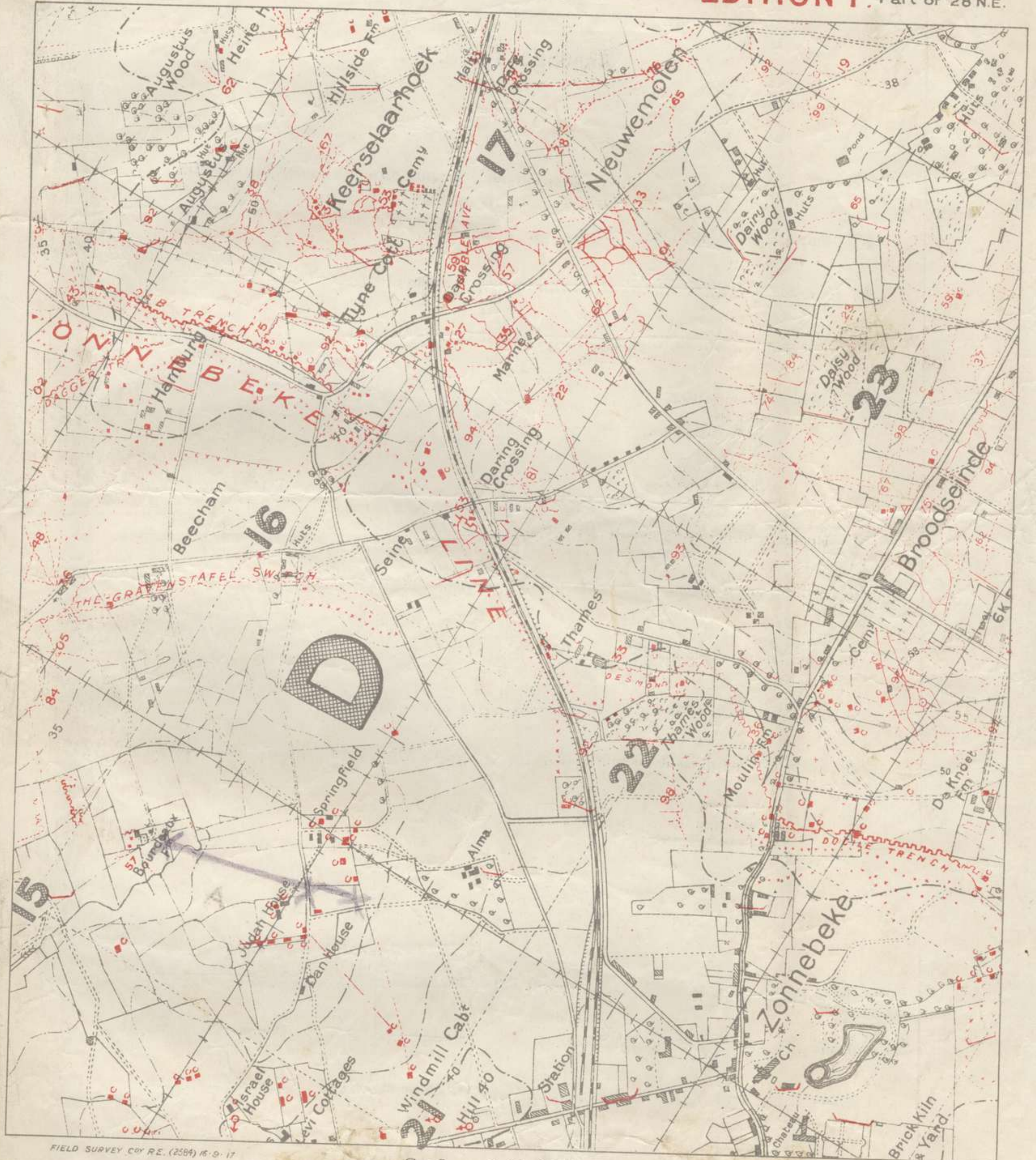
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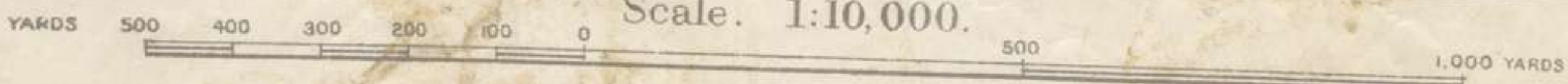
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FIELD SURVEY COY R.E. (2589) 16.9.17

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Message Form.

.....^{2nd} Division.

N3 Ed¹ / Point 28NE

Map reference or mark own position on Map at back.

1. I am at..... A. ...
2. I am at..... DISD 53 and am consolidating on line to X DISD 66 & D21
3. I am at..... and have consolidated.
4. I need:—Ammunition.
Bombs.
Rifle Grenades.
Water
Very lights.
Stokes shells.
5. Enemy forming up for counter-attack at
6. I am in touch with on ^{Right} / _{Left} at
7. I am not in touch on ^{Right} / _{Left}
8. Am being shelled from.....
9. I estimate my present strength at 50rifles.
10. Hostile

Battery
Machine Gun
Trench Mortar

 active at D. 15 D 8 8

Time..... 8a.m. (p.m.)

Name..... Edman Capt

Date..... 4 Oct 1916

Platoon..... 4 Company.....

Place.....

Battalion..... 37th Aust

MESSAGE FORM.

... 3rd Aust. Division.
 N. 3. Edn. 1. Part of 28 N. E.
 Map reference or mark own position on Map at back.

1. I am at.....A. on Map.....
2. I am ~~at~~ About D. 15. d. 5. 3. ~~xxxxxxx~~ consolidating on line
 from D. 15. d. 6. 6. to D. 21. b. 8 7.
3. I am at.....and have consolidated.
4. I need:- Ammunition.
 Bombs.
 Rifle Grenades.
 Water.
 Very Lights.
 Stokes shells.
5. Enemy forming up for counter-attack at.....
6. I am in touch with.....on ^{Right}
_{Left} at.....
7. I am not in touch on ^{Right}
_{Left}
8. Am being shelled from.....
9. I estimate my present strength at.....50.....rifles.
10. Hostile (~~xxxxxxx~~)
 (Machine Gun) active at...D. 15. D. 8. 8.....
 (~~xxxxxxxxxxxxx~~)

Time 8 a.m.

Name F. D. Mann Capt.

Date 4 Oct. 1916.

~~xxxxxx~~...A... Company.....

Place.....

Battalion 37th. Aust.

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form O. 2123
(in pads of 100).
No. of Message.....

Prefix *RA* Code *22* m. Words *27* Charge
Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *RA 22*
At *27* m. Sent
To
By (Signature of "Franking Officer.") *RW*

TO *C.O. 37th BATTN*

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**
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* Situation normal have consolidated position no longer shelled by whizzbangs more heavy material being used

From *L J Robertson Lieut*
Place *930am*
Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

"C" Form (Original).
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Army Form O. 2123.
(in books of 50's in duplicate.)

Prefix *RA* Code *22* m. Words *35* Received
Office of Origin and Service Instructions. *RA 22* From *RW*
Charges to collect By *RW* At *27* m.
Service Instructions. *RW* To
By

Handed in at Office m. Received m.

TO *RW*

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. **AAA**
MS 2 *27*

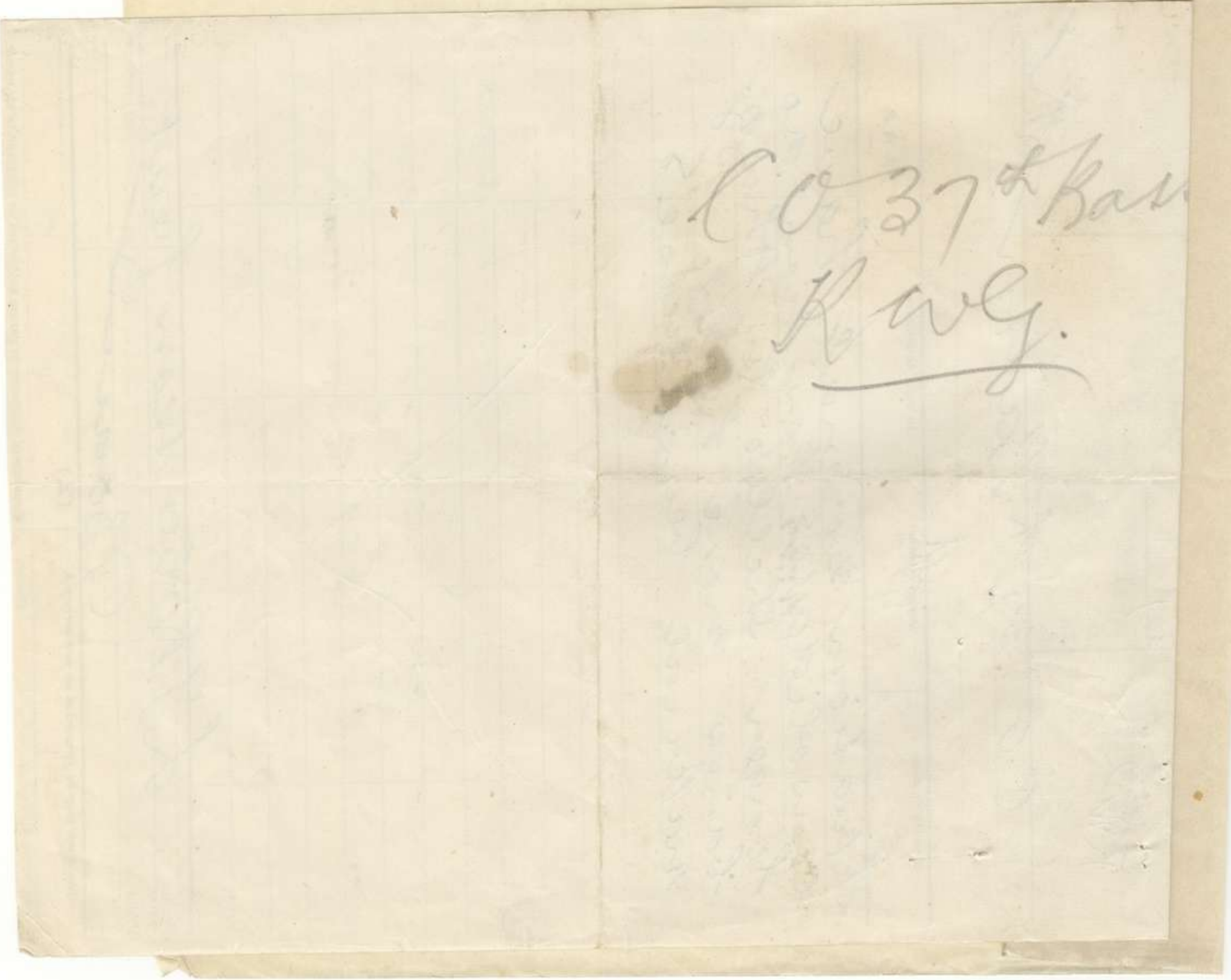
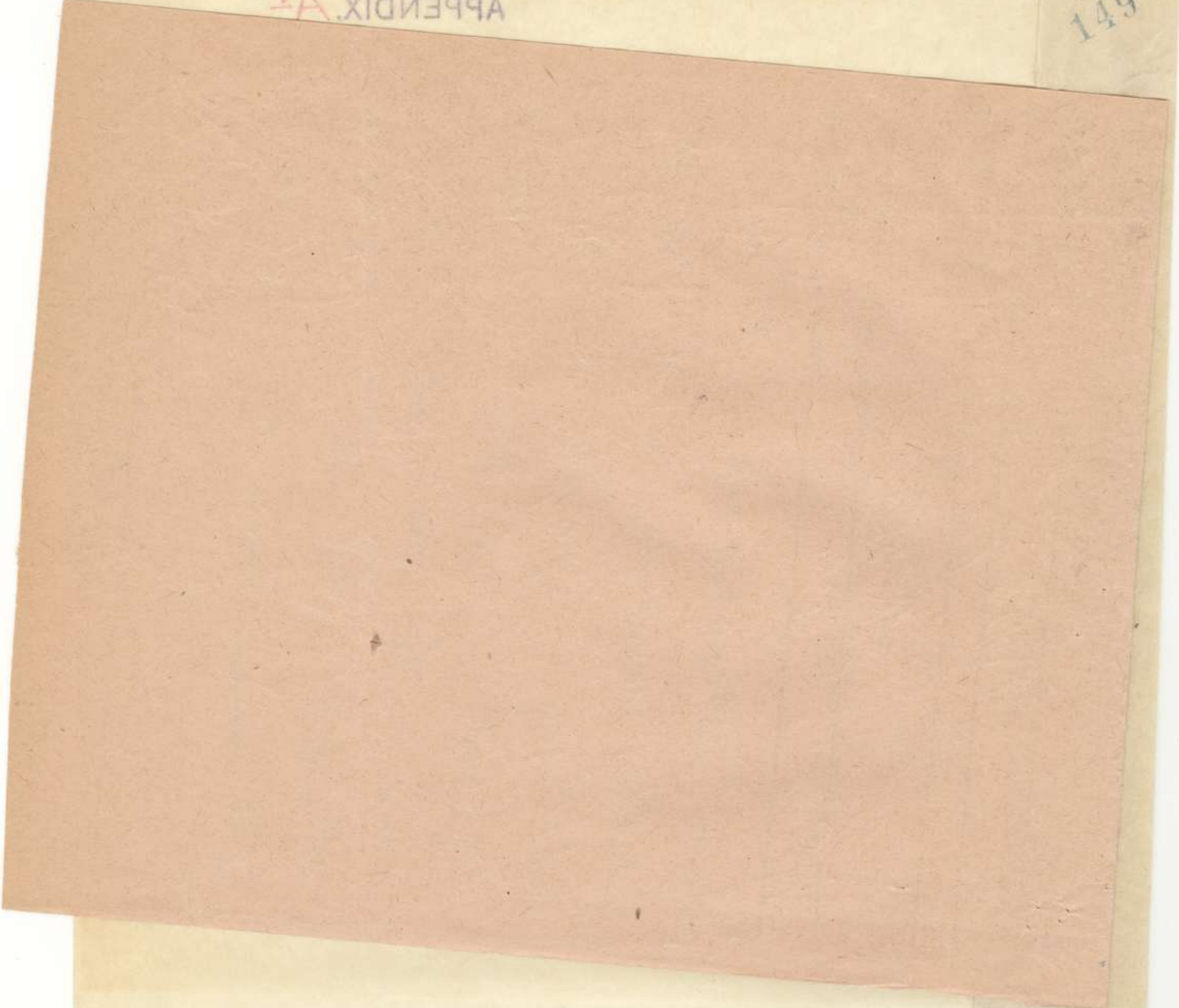
Have consolidated things pretty much and heavy shelling. Companies all mixed but am in touch hard to estimate present strength but am making all endeavours to get same

FROM *Dis Det 6*
PLACE & TIME *9.30am*

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APPENDIX. A¹²

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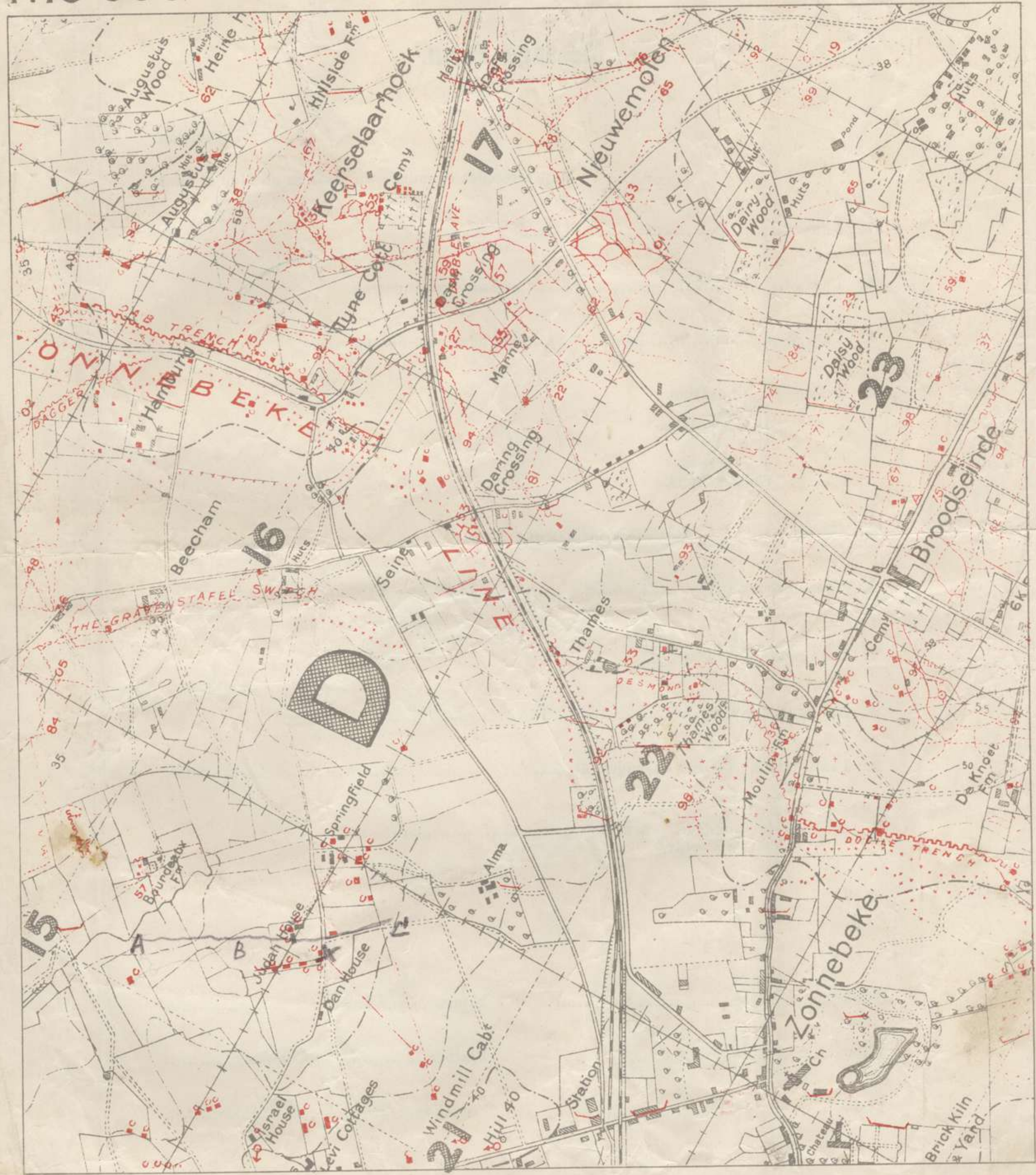
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APPENDIX **AV**

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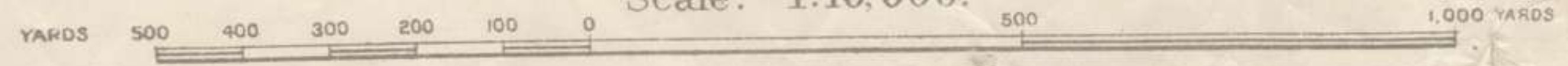
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FIELD SURVEY COY R.E. (2584) 15-9-17

Scale. 1:10,000.



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APPENDIX. **AV**

Message Form.

37th 3rd Division. **AVS**

Map reference or mark own position on Map at back.

1. I am at..... **X**
2. I am at..... **B - C** and am consolidating.
3. I am at..... **B - C** and have consolidated.
4. I need:—Ammunition.
Bombs.
Rifle Grenades.
Water
Very lights.
Stokes shells.
5. Enemy forming up for counter-attack at
6. I am in touch with..... **A Coy** on ~~Right~~ **Left** at..... **Panel B**
7. I am not in touch on ~~Right~~ **Left**.....
43 Platoon on Right A C
8. Am being shelled from..... **directly in front**
9. I estimate my present strength atrifles.
10. Hostile ~~(Battery
Machine Gun
Trench Mortar)~~ active at.....

Time..... **10** a.m. (p.m.)

Name..... **J.P. Brewer**

Date..... **4/10/17**

Platoon..... **B** Company.....

Place..... **X**

Battalion..... **37th Austl**

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

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

TO { A W Z

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* JCT 24	H	DM 15	

"B" Coy reported situated 100 YDS in front of SPRINGFIELD. FM AAA. I have asked for verification AAA.
 "D" Coy on objective & in touch with NEW ZEALAND. B.E. on left.
 "C" Coy between "B" & "D" Coys
 "A" " at JUDAH. HOUSE. AAA
 ESTIMATE D - STRENGTH -
 A Coy 50 Rifles
 B " NO REPORT
 C " 70 Rifles
 D " 100 Rifles.

Withinghams active from D16 d. 64. Nothing seen of Capt DIMSEY
 Towns and 2 (two) identifications

From	R.W.G.
Place	D 20. B.
Time	
The above may be forwarded as now corrected.	
Censor.	(Z) <i>[Signature]</i> Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

A FORM. Army Form C. 2121 (In pads of 100.)
 MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

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

TO { R W Z

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* JCT 47	4th		

estimated total strength of the Baitⁿ including HQs and carrying party -
 11 officers 294 other ranks

From	R.W.G.
Place	
Time	6.11 pm
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"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form 0. 1211.
(In pads of 100.)

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

TO { R W Z

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
* JCTHA 5th no Prisoners etc

Prisoners captured estimated - 450
Grenade M Guns captured - 16
Trench Mortars - NIL

From R W Z
Place
Time 11 am
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [Signature]
Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

ARMY FORM 0. 1211.
(In pads of 100.)

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

TO { R W Z R W Z R W Z

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
* R W Z 5th

The Corps Commander has wired to all ranks of brigade heartiest congratulations on their success of yesterday

From R W Z
Place
Time 12.20 am
The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
Censor. Sig. of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

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"A" Form. Army Form C. 2121.
(In pads of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

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

TO	<i>TO Capt MANN 4 B/C</i>	<i>MANN C/PT</i>	
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Sender's Number <i>*JCT 70</i>	Day of Month <i>6th</i>	In reply to Number <i>—</i>	AAA
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The Battalion will move from the line immediately. Coys will on receipt of this order proceed by the shortest route to BILLETs shown on sketch.

From <i>HQ</i>	
Place	
Time <i>8 40 am</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

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

Censor. Sig. of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.



To Corps etc
~~2019/17~~
6.10.17

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APPENDIX VA

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-YPRES BATTLE- PHASE 5PART PLAYED BY 37th BATTALIONFRIDAY 12th OCTOBER 1917.PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS.

Orders.

Personnel.

CONCENTRATION IN FORWARD AREA

Location

Issue of Stores, ammunition etc.

APPROACH MARCH AND ASSEMBLY

Order of March

Formation Assembly.

THE ATTACK

Zero hour

Formation

Incidental

Situation

Medical.

THE RELIEF.

Bivouacing Area

Withdrawal from fighting Zone

SUMMARY.

Captures

Our Casualties.

APPENDICES.

- I. Preliminary Instructions 9.10.17.
- II. Operation Order N^o 69. 11.10.17.
- III. Battalion Order N^o 70. 11.10.17.
- IV. Original Messages
- V. Map - Passchendaele 1/10000
- VI. Barrage Map.

Copies in list of appendices are attached to Original

On Sunday, the 7th October, whilst billeting in the Ypres South Area, the Battalion received its first official intimation that it would soon be engaged in another attack in conjunction with the other Battalions of the Brigade. Preparations were to be made at once and no time to be lost in completely reorganising the companies and selecting personnel. The companies were somewhat depleted after the attack on the 4th but they were soon brought up to fighting strength on the return of the details and surplus personnel from Morbecque. On the 9th Preliminary Instructions were issued - these are attached hereto. at 2 p.m. the officers assembled in conference and details concerning the forthcoming operation were fully discussed; objectives were marked and maps amended according to the latest secret intelligence received. The officers selected for the operation were:-

HEADQUARTERS.	Lieut Col.	E. K. Knight.	Commanding Officer.
	Lieut.	A. W. Wells.	Adjutant.
	Lieut.	L. P. Little.	1/2 Carrying Party.
	Capt.	W. H. Collins.	R.M.O.
	Lieut.	C. H. Collis.	Signalling Officer.
"A" COMPANY.	Capt.	J. A. Carrodus.	Officer Commanding
	Lieut.	A. Fowler.	
	1/2 Lieut.	J. A. Muchmore.	
"B" COMPANY.	Capt.	R. V. J. Stubbs.	Officer Commanding
	Lieut.	J. Road Knight.	
	1/2 Lieut.	J. McMichael.	
"C" COMPANY	Capt.	W. C. Atkin.	Officer Commanding
	Lieut.	N. C. M'Nicol.	
	1/2 Lieut.	W. Duff.	
"D" COMPANY	Capt.	F. C. Heberle	Officer Commanding
	Lieut.	G. F. Hain	
	Lieut.	L. R. Martell	

Officers detailed for Special duties: -

Major W. F. H. Robertson	Liason with	9 th Brigade	A.I.F.
Lieut. E. T. Stevens	do do	37 th Bn.	A.I.F.
Lieut. S. H. Birrell	10 th Brigade	H.Q.	A.I.F.

CONCENTRATION IN FORWARD AREA.

Instructions were issued that the Battalion would move on the 10th to a forward bivouaging area and preparations were at once made to get everything in readiness for the forward march. The forward area

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to which the Battalion marched on the 10th was situated in the Potijze area well within enemy shelling range. This area was reached about 11 a.m. where the men immediately began erecting shelters. A few tents were pitched, which were camouflaged from view of enemy aeroplanes. 'Twas here that the final selection of the personnel was made. A conference of Commanding Officers at Brigade H.Q. at 3 p.m. was called. On the return of Lieut Col Knight to the Battalion the information was made known that the objective of the 37th Battalion as previously specified was cancelled and that its new objective was the first one - about 600 yards in front of the jumping off line - vide Map Passchendaele attached. Orders were immediately issued and circulated conveying this information - copy of which also will be found attached. A conference of officers was held at 7.30 p.m. and the new scheme thoroughly discussed; maps and plans were amended accordingly. The Companies were instructed of the latest arrangements; men were made conversant with their new jobs, ammunition, grenades, bombs, sandbags etc. were issued and by mid-day on the 11th the Battalion was in complete readiness to move forward for the attack at a minutes notice.

APPROACH MARCH AND ASSEMBLY.

Officers and N.C.O's had previously reconnoitred the route over which the approach march would be made. The route was known as "K" track & was well defined by tape and small lamps. at 8.30 p.m. on the 11th the Battalion was formed up ready to move off on the approach march which began at 8.55 p.m.. The order of the march is appended. The Brigade starting point on the main Ypres-Zonnebeke road with junction of Oxford road was passed on time. All wheeled traffic on roads had been stopped which gave the infantry every opportunity of making a successful march along the main road to its junction with "K" track near Boston Farm. The night was dark and slight rain was falling. The Boche began shelling the vicinity of Boston Farm

and the Zonnebeke with H.E. and Lachrymatory gas shells. This did not in the least hamper the march. We suffered no casualties. Since the 10th October the enemy seemed to have adopted a new policy of attempting to frustrate possible attacks by putting down fairly heavy concentrations, including a considerable proportion of gas shells from about 4 a.m. until dawn over possible assembly positions. These tactics in conjunction with the inclemency of the weather, and the bad state of the ground made the assembly a matter of considerable difficulty. Men had had experience on the night of the 3rd October of a previous assembly and well knew the consequences should their presence in the assembly area be made known to the enemy. Silence characterised the systematic forming up in the shell holes & by 2.30 a.m. the Battalion was correctly formed up in battle formation awaiting the hour of dawn when the attack would be launched.

THE ATTACK.

At 5.25 a.m. - Zero Hour - on the 12th the attack began in the formation being:-

First Wave - Composed of 2 platoons of A. Coy. and 2 platoons of C. Coy. in two lines in extended order - Riflemen & Bombers being in the first line and Lewis Gunners and Grenadiers in the second.

Moppers up - B. Coy. were responsible for the thorough & efficient mopping up of the captured territory and followed in rear of the first wave in diamond shaped formation.

Second Wave - Composed of 2 platoons A. Coy. and 2 platoons C. Coy. moving in small columns in artillery formation and extending into 2 lines when the situation demanded it, assisting the first wave in the capture of enemy territory and of the objective.

Reserve - "D" Coy. moved in rear of the second wave in small columns in artillery formation. A map showing dispositions of Artillery Barrage is attached. The going was

extremely heavy and the Battalion was suffering fairly heavy casualties from machine gun fire and artillery fire. Very little individual fighting took place - those of the enemy encountered readily surrendering and willingly being made prisoners. Most of the officers and N.C.O.'s had become casualties, which did not deter the remainder of the men pushing on in the face of exceptionally strong opposition. At 7 a.m. the objective was captured but in view of the waxy state of the ground and the impossibility of consolidating such ground, a line 50 yards in rear of the objective was chosen, where under intense machine gun fire and under the very nose of well concealed snipers the men commenced to "dig-in" and consolidate their position. Battalion Headquarters was situated at Hamburg Farm which from the hour of zero right up to the relief seemed to be the principal target for heavy enemy artillery fire. Two direct hits were obtained on same which however did not hamper the work of administration nor deter the Headquarters from keeping in constant touch with the Battalion on the line. The chief difficulty was in maintaining communication with Brigade Headquarters some 1500 yards in rear - the lines having been twice blown up. The shelling in the vicinity of Hamburg Farm was too consistent and heavy to enable runners to carry out their important missions, consequently pigeons were utilised in this respect and several important messages were sent through. These messages will be found annexed. A runner carrying a message to D. Coy found the O.C. of that Coy. - Capt. F. C. Heberle in an advanced shell hole with 4 of his men - these had been his Lewis Gun team and had become

casualties during the day. Capt. Heberle himself was now in charge of the gun and had been successfully using it against some of the Boche who were being shelled from their present positions and were about to seek new ones. The new ones were never reached. Capt. Heberle and 7th unit furthermore were the only officers left in the line and they immediately set about collecting those of the Battalion still on the line with a view to taking up a fresh position that had been chosen, this was successfully carried out and a new line established in rear some hundred yards. The wounded were still lying out but the Stretcher Bearers were hard at work and gradually getting those unable to walk back to the aid post in the Dab Trench area. This aid post was subjected to intermittent concentrations of fire by the enemy and Major Clarke of the 34th Battalion who shared the aid post with Capt. W. H. Collins of the 37th was, during the shelling, killed whilst actually relieving the sufferings of men who had been wounded during the fighting of the day. The double pressure of rendering first aid to the wounded thus fell upon Capt. Collins who cheerfully & bravely carried on the noble work until everyone in need had been cared for. Stretcher Bearing over such water logged ground was a more laborious task than could possibly be imagined and more than one man bearing the "S.B." initialled armband succumbed to his arduous duties. The line was now firmly established in its new position and a link made with the New Zealanders on our left and with the 9th Australian Brigade on our right. The Boche made no attempt at counter-attacking possibly because of the chaos that we had caused his troops and of the impassable state of the ground which lay between him and our line.

THE RELIEF.APPENDIX. *B*

On Saturday the 13th an order (attached) was received to the effect that the Battalion would be relieved that day by the 11th Australian Brigade. The Relief began about 4 p.m. and by 9 p.m. the Battalion had evacuated the line and was mending its way to Hussar Farm in the vicinity of Potijze where it had bivouaced on the 10th & 11th. Lieut. Col. Knight remained behind in Headquarters to explain the dispositions of the Line to and assist the incoming Commanding officer on any matters or points likely to arise with which a new-comer would not be familiar. On Sunday the 14th, the Battalion was mustered and a roll call made, after which the men had a general tidy up and spent the remainder of the day enjoying a well earned sleep and rest. Capt. Stierle who had been slightly wounded on the 12th, but had remained on duty, now visited the Advanced Dressing Station, where it was found that a small piece of shrapnel still remained in his back. He was forthwith evacuated. Early on Monday morning orders were received that the Battalion would move back to Bléquin by motor Lorries. At 9 a.m. they moved off from the Potijze bivouacing area, marched through Ypres where they were subjected to enemy long distance shelling - and picked up the Lorries at Kruisstraathoek. Leaving that town at 1 p.m., the Battalion arrived at Bléquin at 9.30 p.m. where men took up the Bunkers they had vacated only a few weeks previously.

SUMMARY.

An area of enemy country some 200 yards in depth by 500 yards in width was captured by the Battalion, also about 100 prisoners who belonged chiefly to Bavarian Regiments.

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OUR CASUALTIES

APPENDIX. B

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Total
Officers	1	9	2	12
Other Ranks	27	170	35	232

OFFICER KILLED

Lieut. J. Roadknight.

OFFICERS WOUNDED

Capt. F. C. Heberle.

Capt. J. A. Carrodus.

Capt. W. C. Atkin.

Capt. R. V. J. Stubbs.

Lieut. G. F. Hain.

Lieut. N. F. M'Nicol. - since rejoined

Lieut. A. Fowler.

Lieut. L. Martel.

2/Lieut. W. Duff.

OFFICERS MISSING

Lieut. E. T. Stevens.

2/Lieut. J. A. M'Michael.

Lieut. G. Little Lt.

Intelligence

~~Intelligence~~ Officer 37 Battr.1. 11. 17.



APPENDIX B

Total	Missing	Wounded	Officers	Other ranks
12	2	9	1	27
232	35	170		

OFFICERS KILLED

Lieut. J. Handright

OFFICERS WOUNDED

- Capt. F. C. Hester
- Capt. J. A. Corobus
- Capt. W. H. Hill
- Capt. R. J. Storer
- Lieut. G. F. Horn
- Lieut. N. E. Marshall - since reported
- Lieut. H. Fowler
- Lieut. L. Marshall
- Lieut. W. Duff

OFFICERS MISSING

- Lieut. R. J. Storer
- Lieut. J. A. Marshall

Handwritten signature

Intelligence Officer 37 Bn

1. 11. 17

APPENDIX. B

- ATTACK - 12-10-17. -APPENDICES.

- I. Preliminary Instructions 9.10.17.
- II. Operation Order N° 69 11.10.17.
- III. Battalion Order N° 70 11.10.17.
- IV. Original Messages
- V. Map. Passchendaele 1/10000
- VI. Barrage Map. = vide Appendix V.

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Distinguishing
Badges
(cont.)

Men equipped with wire cutters or wire breakers will wear a piece of white tape tied to their right shoulder straps.

FLARES

⑦ Instructions under these heads will be issued later

ROCKETS

Field
ENGINEERS

⑧ 2 Hqts and 6 SAPPERS of the 10th Field Coy Engineers are attached to the Battalion and will be distributed as follows -

1 NCO and 2 SAPPERS to B Coy.

2 " " D "

1 " " C "

Company Commanders concerned will make full use of the technical knowledge of these NCOs and men.

R.A.P. ⑨

The position of the R.A.P. will be notified when fixed up by the M.O. in consultation with the A.D.M.S.

OFFICIAL
DESIGNATION ⑩

In order to avoid confusion of this Division with the 3rd British Division and consequent miscarriage of messages the abbreviation AUST. will be included in all addresses.

BATTALION
REPORT
CENTRE ⑪

The forward Battalion Report Centre and Relay Post will be established in captured territory, the position of which will be notified to all concerned.

Acknowledge -

J. Good Lieut

Adjutant 37th Battalion



SECRET

37th BATTALION AIF

COPY NO.

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS FOR YPRES BATTLE PHASE 5

5-10-17

Preliminary instructions No 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 issued by the H^q AIF for YPRES BATTLE Phase 3 and preliminary instructions issued by this Battalion in connection with the same operations shall be deemed to be repeated herein, MATATIS MATANONS, with such reservations alterations and additions as are hereunder set forth. Officers Commanding Companies will be held responsible but the above mentioned instructions and these instructions are made known to and thoroughly understood by all ranks.

APPROACH
MARCH
and
ASSEMBLY
TRENCHES

The routes of the approach march and the line of assembly trenches will be issued to Company Commanders when returned on, and all Officers and NCOs will immediately thereafter make a complete and thorough reconnaissance of such routes up to and including ASSEMBLY TRENCHES.

In moving to the assembly trenches and while lying up in those trenches absolute silence must be enforced by all Officers and NCOs who are also to ensure that no matches are to be struck or lighters displayed.

The order of march to and assembly in trenches will be notified later.

CALLY
1000
TRENCHES

LIEUT L. LITTLE will be in charge of the Battalion carrying party which will be composed of 400 men other ranks to be detailed by Coy Commanders immediately in selecting personnel for this duty Coy Commanders will ensure that only men of high intelligence and stout heart are employed. Lieut Little will arrange for carriers from Battalion down to companies by the most convenient routes which routes should be known to all Officers and other ranks and all Officers and other ranks on the line should know the position of Coy Dumps. The order of IMPORTANCE in carrying will be as under -

66 Ammunition

5 AA

WIRE + SAND BAGS

TOOLS

BOMBS + GRENADES

FLARES + ROCKETS

WATER + RATIONS

The first carry will follow directly in rear of the 'MOPPERS UP' Lieut Little will keep in constant touch with the Officer in Charge Dumps and with this Officer.

P.T.O.

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CARRY-
ING
PARTIES
CONT

Members of Carrying Party will always carry in addition to other stores 5 sandbags per man and one filled Water Bottle. On returning empty to the Battalion Dump from Company Dumps they will always carry back one empty water Bottle per man which will be filled at the Battalion Dump ready for the next forward carry.

DRESS
&
EQUIP-
MENT

All ranks - fighting order.
In addition each NCO and man will carry on his person 170 rounds of SAA except Lewis Gunners who will carry 50 rounds per man.

④

Lewis Gunners - each member of the team will carry four magazines on panniers and in addition NO. 1 will carry 1 magazine on Gun, NO. 2 1 extra magazine.

Each man will carry -

4 sandbags per man

2 Bombs

2 Red Flares

48 hours Rations

Emergency ration

Water Bottle filled

Each Platoon will carry 4 picks and 8 shovels.

Each Company will carry 50.5 Rockets 25

1" very light - 1 Box,

4 1/2" very light 1/2 "

B Company will carry 150 P. Bombs.

ROUTES

③

When the Battalion leap frogs through the 38th Battalion each company will lay out a rope line from the 38th Battalion to the objective routes will also be taped under Coy. arrangements from each company to the Battalion down to the RAP and to Battalion H.Q., the routes to the RAP and Battalion H.Q. should be made known to all stretcher bearers and runners respectively.

As previously ordered for Phase 3.

DISTINGUISHING
BADGES

⑥

OFFICIAL
DESIGNA-
TION

Attention is drawn to para 10 of Preliminary instruction NO. 1 issued by this Battalion on the 30th Sept 191

LIAISON

⑧

The undermentioned Officers are detailed to report to Units hereunder mentioned:

with 38th Battalion CAPT. W. L. ALLEN

" 9th Coy. LIEUT. E. T. STEVENS

" N.Z. Coy. " MR. STORES.

P.T.O.

HEADERS

(9)

The absolute necessity of immediate reports to BATH HQ. is again impressed upon all officers and attention is drawn to Preliminary Instructions NO 1. 10th AIB dated 28/9/17 Sheet 5 Paras. 1, 2, 3, 4. These instructions are to be rigidly adhered to. Companies will make full use of Signaller for visual and lamp signalling to BATH HQ. in addition to sending messages by runner.

REG
POLICE

(10)

The Reg Police will be stationed at RAP to control traffic there and to prevent loitering.

BARONET
and
BITE
SHIRTS

(11)

all Bayonets will be painted and Rifle Slings attached to the filing swivels of rifles immediately.

BOOTS

(12)

Particular care has to be taken to keep a careful record of all Booty captured and to forward such booty to the Bath Pump obtaining a receipt there for from the Officer or NCO. in charge at the time.

CASUALTIES

(13)

The instructions contained in Preliminary Instructions NO 3. 10th AIB. of 30/9/17 sheet 3 Para 6 are to be rigidly adhered to. Reports to reach this Office by 4.30 pm daily.

RE-ORGANISATION

(14)

The paramount importance of rapid re-organisation of Companies to meet probable counter-attacks is again impressed on all ranks and this office should be kept advised from time to time how the re-organisation is proceeding, and when such re-organisation is completed giving the total number of Officers and other ranks in each Company.

HEADERS
THES

(15)

attention is directed to Preliminary Instructions NO 5. 10th AIB dated 1/10/17 Para B.

~~FROM~~ ACKNOWLEDGE

DISTRIBUTION -

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 5 - D.
 6 - WAR DIARY
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J. W. S. Lewis
 A/Adjutant
 37th HQ

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37th BATTALION AIF

COPY NO. 7

ORDER NO 69

11.10.17

INFORMATION

The 10th Australian Infantry Brigade will attack on A DAY at a ZERO hour both of which will be notified later.

(a) Objectives are shown on the maps already issued to all officers are as follows -

- LINE A.C.E.G. boundary between 10th A.I.B. & 12th Div.
- " B.D.F.H " " " " " " " " " " " "
- " A.B. 10th A.I.B. jumping off line
- " C.D. Red line (limit of 1st objective)
- " E.F. Blue line (limit of 2nd objective)
- " G.H. Green dotted line (limit of final objective)
- " Gth Hth Green line, line of consolidation.

The 37th Battalion will capture and mop up all enemy territory from A.B. to C.D.

40th Battalion will capture and mop up all enemy territory from C.D. to E.F.

38th Battalion plus 1 company of the 39th Battalion will capture and mop up all enemy territory from E.F. to G.H. and will consolidate on the green line Gth Hth.

The 39th Battalion (less 2 Coy) will be brigade reserve.

(b) Flank troops the 34th Aust Inf Batta is operating on the right of this Battalion and the 2nd N.Z. Brigade on the left of the 10th A.I. Brigade.

INTENTION

(2) The 37th Battalion will capture, mop up, and hold all enemy territory from the lines A.B. to C.D.

BARRAGE

(3) The barrage will open at ZERO hour on a line approximately 150 yards in advance of our jumping off line where it will remain for 8 minutes, it will then advance by lifts of 100 yards every 8 minutes, coming to rest as a protective barrage on a line approximately 200 yards in advance of the red line where it will remain until ZERO plus 3 hours - it will then continue its advance to further objectives.

FORMATION

(4) The formation of the Battalion on the attack will be as follows -

FRONT WAVE, composed of 2 platoons of A Coy. and 2 platoons of C Company in two lines in extended order with a distance of 15 yards between lines, riflemen and bombers being on the front line and Lewis Gunners and Rifle Bombers on the second line. The Lewis Gunners of A Coy. covering OSWISS and HARLEN COPSE and Lewis Gunners of C Coy covering HARLEN COPSE and FRIESLAND.

MOOPERS UP B Company Capt. W. STUBBS will be responsible for the ~~offensive~~ thorough and efficient mopping up of the captured territory and will follow in rear of the front wave in diamond shaped formation at a distance of about 20 yards. The Q Coy will subdivide the area and will allot definite portions thereof to definite platoons.

P.T.O.

COMPANY
 COMPANY
 DISTANCE
 SUPPORT
 COMPANY
 TRENCH
 IMPROVEMENT
 OF COVER
 REORGANIZATION
 COVERING
 EQUIPMENT

2nd WAVE
 2 platoons of B Coy and 2 platoons of C Company will compose the second wave and will move in small columns in Artillery formation extending into 2 lines where the situation requires and will assist the first wave in the capture of the enemy territory and of the objective. The losses incurred will be dispersed as in the first wave.
 BATTN RESERVE. D Coy (Capt H. HARRIS) will be the Battalion Reserve and will form up and move in rear of the second wave at a distance of about 50 yards in small columns in Artillery formation. These distances will be obtained when the Battalion advances after the first lift of the Barrage.

The boundary separating A and C Coys will be a line drawn from D.I.C. 82.55 to D.H.O. 28.33.
 A Coy (Capt J.A. (ARROUS)) on the right and C Coy (Capt W.C. (ATKIN)) on the left of such line and A Coy will be responsible for the capture of all enemy territory up to and including the objective between that line and the right flank of the Battalion advance (the line B.O.) and C Company will be similarly responsible for the capture of all enemy territory up to and including the objective between that line and the left flank of the Battalion advance (the line A.C.).

The principle of Mutual support will be adhered to throughout the operation.
 On the capture of the RED LINE, A & C Coys will at once send out parties to cover the work of reorganisation and improving cover for the troops, such parties being withdrawn to their Companies after the 40th Battalion has bypassed the Battalion.

Touch will be maintained by Companies with units on their flanks and with each other and in addition C Coy will detail a special party of 1000 and 3 men to establish touch and link up with the N. 2. Battalion at the house C. The code word of the N. 2 Batta is "BRAITH".

Immediately on the capture of the RED LINE Coys will vigorously commence to improve cover for their men.
 D Coy will improve and occupy shell holes and must at all times be prepared for orders for an immediate move to resist counter attack.

Companies will be reorganised as quickly as possible and Batta HQ set up without delay.

Covering parties for each Coy have already been organised and will be under command of LIEUT. L.P. LITTLE.

Equipment to be carried as set forth in P.I. 1. of the Batta issued on 9th inst.

P.T.O.

CONTACT
PLANES
(13)

Aeroplanes will fly over the RED LINE at ZERO + 2 hours 30 minutes, and Companies on the objective will be ready at this time, on the aeroplane calling by a series of A's on the KLAXON HORN or firing of white very lights and will light white and Red flares simultaneously. In addition flares will be lit at any other time when our aeroplanes call for them. Until the 40th Batta. leaping only ~~companies~~ advanced Companies will light flares. Commanders on the spot will decide what proportions of flares are lit on each occasion.

Signals
inc. (14)

Signalling arrangements will be notified by the Signalling Officer to Companies direct.

REPORTS
(15)

Reports are to be rendered promptly and in accordance with preliminary instructions.

CASUAL
H.Q. (16)

Battalion H.Q. will be in the vicinity HAMBURG, on 16.8.20.70

ACKNOWLEDGE

W. D. Williams, Lieut.
Asst. Adjutant
37th BATTN.
AIF

DISTRIBUTION -

- Copy No. 1 of A.C. by Runner on 11.10.47
- 2 - B
- 3 - C
- 4 - D
- 5 - 10. A.I.C.M.
- 6 } WAR DIARY
- 7 }
- 8 FILE

(1) Copy No. (5)

Secret 37th Battalion Order No 70

Map Ref Plygen Wood 420,000.

INFORMATION

(1) The 10th A.I. Battalion carry out approach march from its present bivouacking area to the assembly trenches on a day and calculated from a zero hour, both of which will be notified later.

(a) BRIGADE STARTING POINT

Road Junction of OXFORD RD and POLIZZE-ZONNEBEKE RD at 15.0.55.82.

INTENTION

(2) The 37th Battalion will march from its present location in single file in the following order. No intervals will be maintained between boys or platoons.

	B.N.H.Q.		
No	PLATOON		A Coy
"	"		A Coy
"	"		C Coy
"	"		C Coy
" 5	}		B Coy
" 6			
" 7			
" 8			

ORDER No 70 (Cont.)

No	PLATOON	A Coy
"	"	A Coy
"	"	C Coy
"	"	C Coy

D Coy.

The Platoon Commander will march at the head & a NCO at the rear of each Platoon.

BATTALION (3) Hussar Fine at 4.4.0. 70.50.
STARTING Head of Battⁿ to pass at Zero
POINT. minus 8 hours 30 minutes.

ROUTE (4) N.E. along POLIZZE-ZONNEBERG
R² as far as D 26 a 50.50. and
thence along "K" Track to the
Assembly Bench. All officers and
as many NCO's as possible will
reconnoitre this route prior to Z day.

DRESS (5) Fighting Order & carrying
equipment already laid down.
Box respirators at the alert. Rifles
will be loaded before commencing
the march & safety catches to the
rear. Bayonets will be fixed
prior to Zero hour.

MARCH DISCIPLINE (6) Absolute silence must be
enforced & maintained throughout
the march & on the Assembly

(3)
ORDER NO 70 (cont)

Trenches right up to zero hours.
No smoking, striking matches
or lights are to be displayed.

RATIONS (7) All ranks will carry 48
hours rations and the emergency
ration. Water bottles filled.

PRECAUTIONS (8) All precautions must be
taken to minimise the
possibility of casualties from
shell fire and gas.

REPORTS (9) By special runner to
Batter HQs as explained to
Officers Commanding Companies.

T. J. Mills

LIEUT

ADJUTANT 3rd BATTN. AIF.

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C.2121
(in pads of 100).
No. of Message

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions:			Sent		 Service.
.....			At	m.	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	From
.....			To			By
.....			By			

TO { 37th Bn. }

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* B.I. 19	11		

Message just received from General
PLUMER :-
 "C-in-C. has been informed of
 the Australian flag that is
 prepared for hoisting in
PASSLE AAA He has made
 arrangements such that immediately he
 receives information that this flag
 is elected he will cable
 to **ENGLAND** and to **AUSTRALIA**
AAA He knows well that
 once it is put up
 nothing will take it down"
 Good Luck.

From R.W.Z.
 Place

Time 3 p.m.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

Censor. W. Ramsay McNeill
 Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

TO HEADQUARTERS

No.	Date	PIGEON SERVICE.
612	12/10/17	

TO RWZ
 Objective reached 7 am
 and very heavy casualties
 and no confusion on the
 left nor any sign of
 confusion on the left flank
 and heavy counter attack
 developing on that flank
 at 8 am.

FROM	RWG
TIME	9.25 am a.m. p.m.
PLACE	

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TIME of RECEIPT at LOFT.	
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TO HEADQUARTERS of

No.	Date	PIGEON SERVICE.
746	12/10/17	

TO RWZ
 No reports yet to
 hand and all appears
 to be going well and
 many prisoners coming
 through and by headquater
 under incessant
 heavy shell fire

FROM	RWG
TIME	7 am a.m. p.m.
PLACE	

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APPENDIX BIV

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~~R.W. 4.~~
R.W. 4.

Approximate position
11 c 70 80. Enemy
shelling heavily
cannot move from
position owing to
snipers here are
being dealt with
on our right flank

12.10.19 I 5.
9 55am

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

TO { RWZ

Sender's Number. * ANW 9.	Day of Month. 12	In reply to Number.	AAA
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O.C	D Coy	reports	at
9.50am	that	D & C	Coys
7	this	Battalions	are
on	approximate	line	
dugging	in	AAA	
34#	37#	40#	and
9th Bde	all	mixed	positions
Enemy	shelling	position	heavily.

From			
Place			
Time	10 47am		

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

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				At.....m.		From.....
				To.....		By.....
				By.....	(Sig. of "Franking Officer.")	

TO

CO all units

Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

*mes

12

No further advance today consolidated all captured ground at touch with 9th report exact position foremost troops

From

Place

Time

RWZ

2 pm

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

Sig. of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

RWZ

A + C Coy on approximate line digging in 37th 38th 40th 9th Brigade all moved enemy shelling heavily our position. Shrapnel H.E. 10 carried amongst the party around me. Have not had any messages from front line

J. D.

9.50 pm
12.10.17

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message.....

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

TO { 37th 38th 39th 40th

Sender's Number. * BM 48.	Day of Month. 12	In reply to Number.	AAA
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This Division must hold its present front until tomorrow night 13/14th inst. The present line will therefore be consolidated and made as strong as possible and Lt Col DAVIS will please divide the Brigade front into two subsectors and put a responsible officer in charge of each and Reorganisation will proceed ~~as~~ as rapidly as possible and strength of units to be forwarded to these Bqs as early tomorrow 13th inst as possible and every effort is being made to send forward a hot meal to men in line and also an adequate number of stretcher bearers.

From	R. W. Z	Received	5.10 AM
Place			
Time	11 pm		

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z) *Edward Connelly Major*
Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

Censor.

* This line should be erased if not required.

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

TO ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 10th Aust Inf Bde Order No 71
Copy No 2

Sender's Number. * XXXXXX	Day of Month. 10 th Oct 1917	In reply to Number. AAA
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Map Reference :- PASSCHENDAELE
1/10 000

- The line at present held by the 9th + 10th Aust Inf Bdes will be taken over by the 11th Aust Inf Bde ~~on night 13th 14th Oct 1917~~ on night 13th 14th Oct 1917
- The front held by 10th Aust Inf Bde will be taken over by the 41st Batta and the 42nd Bn will be in support to 41st 250 to 400 yds in rear of front line.
- Upon relief units will move back to camp in vicinity of HUSSAR FARM which they occupied on 11th October and the Brigade will become Divisional reserve.
- The Victoria Guns, which are under Brigade control, will be relieved by 11th MG Coy

From	XXXXXX
Place	and the 10 th ALTM B will be relieved by the
Time	11 th ALTM B.

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

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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

TO PAGE 2
10 Aust Inf Bde Order No 71 (continued)

Sender's Number. * XXXXXX	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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- Upon relief units will obtain receipt for the line + stores handed over to incoming units + will forward copies to Bde Hqs at earliest possible moment.
- All possible information will be given to incoming units.
- C.O.S of 41st + 42nd Bns will get into touch with CO's of this Bde + all further details will be mutually arranged.
- Troops of this Bde as soon as relieving troops arrive will be dribbled back in small parties as much of relief to be completed in daylight as possible.
- Completion of relief to be worded to this RWZ, the code word SWOPPED to be used.

From	XXXXXX
Place	after relief Bde Hqs will be at H 16
Time	central in hub units.

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)
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ACKNOWLEDGE
* This line should be erased if not required.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent		Date.....		From.....	
At.....		m.		By.....		(Sig. of "Franking Officer.")	

TO

Koplan Scherle

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
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* A.W.M. 29

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AAA

You may be relieved any minute now
 Get in one man forward of
 the line including wounded and
 identification of the dead. When
 you are relieved your men MUST carry
 shelter cases for the R.A.P. back.
 Get in touch with Collins
 re this

From	Koplan
Place	24 pm
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) *[Signature]*
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At.....		m.		By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO

R. W. G.

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
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B Coy

'13

A.W.M. 29

AAA

"B" Coy put on stretchers leaving
 all wounded. making arrange-
 -ments with Capt Collins
 re carrying - but wounded
 etc

From	B Coy
Place	B 16. 6 90. 60
Time	

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APPENDIX B IV

37 TH AUSTRALIAN BATTALION.	
No
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The objective of the 37th Bn. was as shown on map of Paschendaele attached as appendix V.

This objective was altered on the 10/10/17 and 37th Bn. took the line marked A.B.

Geo. P. Little Lt
Intelligence officer
37th Bn.
10/10/17

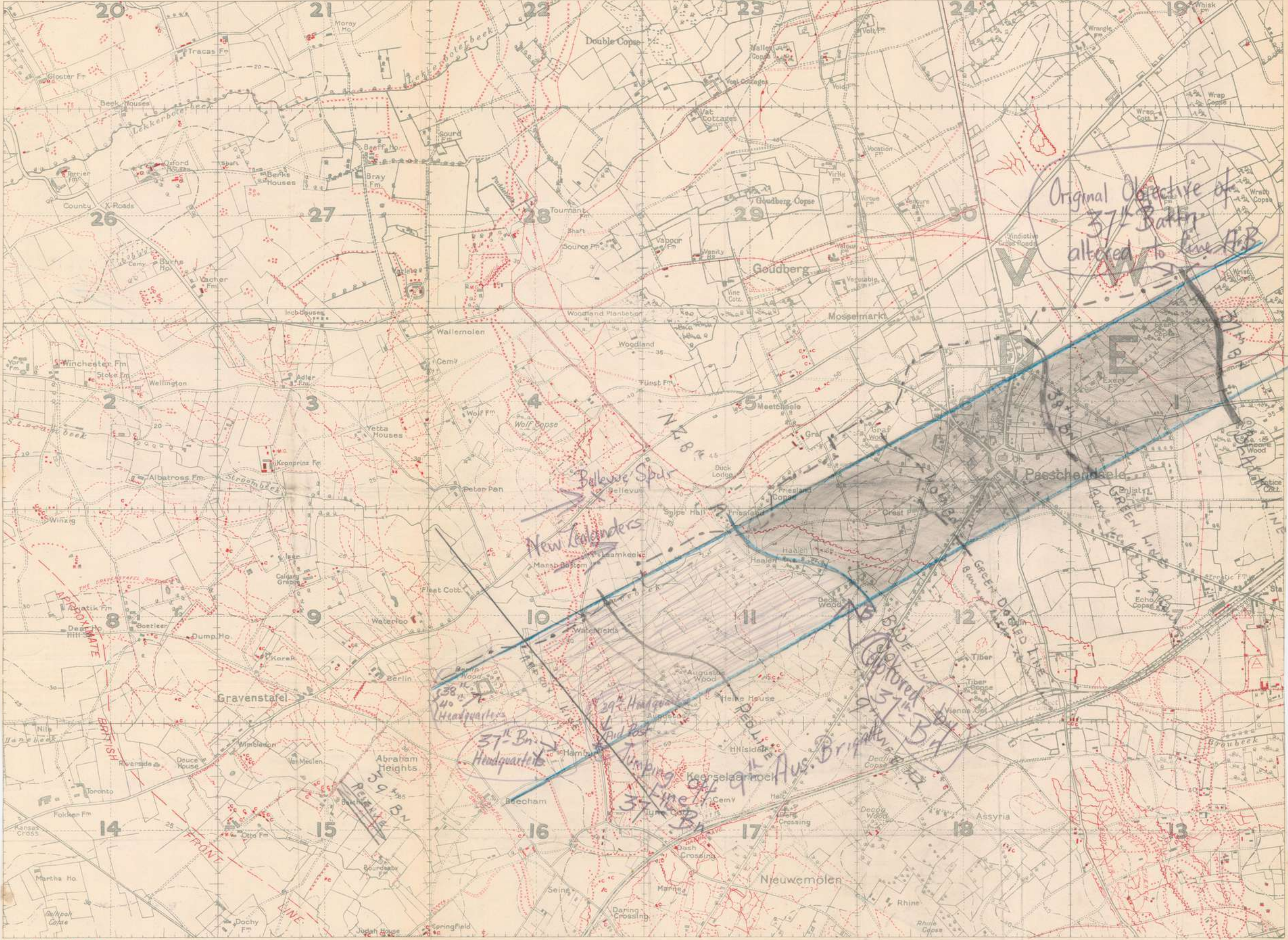
Barrage Map as Appendix VI is unavailable
Particulars (brief) of Barrage are provided on map herewith.

EDITION I A

PASSCHENDAELE

German Trenches corrected to 27-9-17.

Parts of Sheets 20 & 28



Original objective of
37th Bn
altered to line A-B

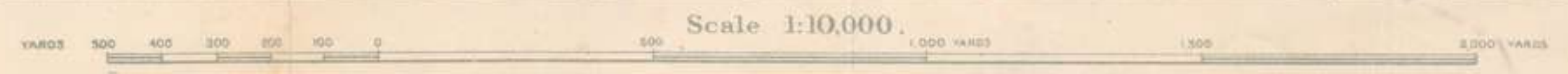
New Zealanders

37th Bn
Headquarters

37th Bn
Headquarters

Captured by
9th Aus. Brigade

F.S. 57 (1918) 22-9-17



Concrete Structures
Organized Shell Holes