

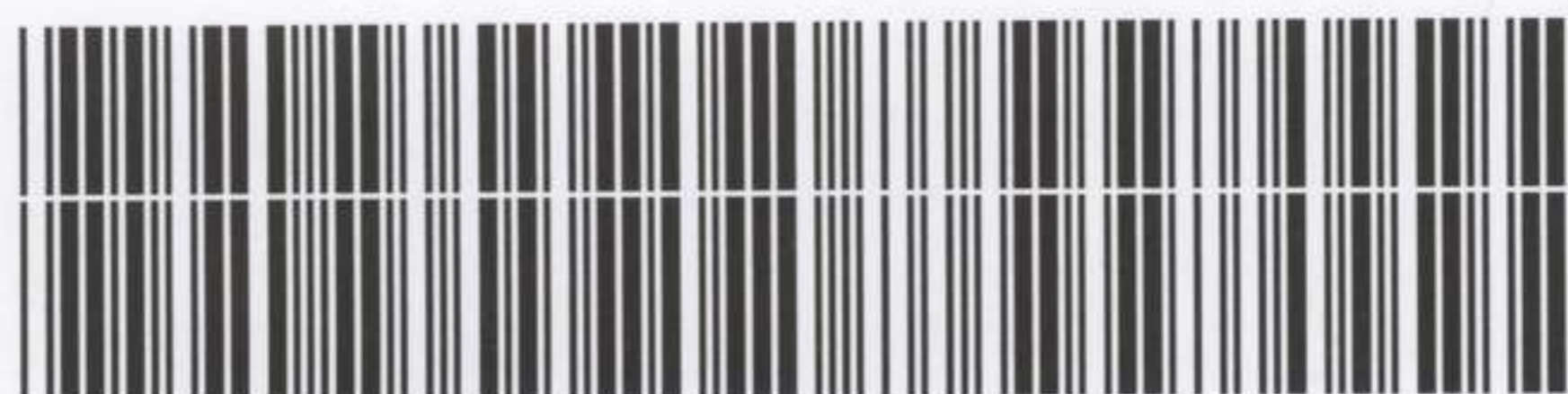
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<i>Wet weather.</i>	
SEREUS	31-8-17	5 pm	Brigade-Route March was to be carried out at night, but owing to the uncertainty of the weather it was cancelled.	Appendix 36.
	1-9-17	8.30 pm	Companies carried out Platoon Training	
		2 pm	has. drill was carried out for 15 minutes.	
	2-9-17	9 am	The Coy E and O.P.D Church. Parades were cancelled owing to the wet weather, there was a voluntary service held in the M.C.A at 10 am. R.C Parade was held in Parish Church at 8.45 am.	
		3 pm	C.O, 2 nd in Command, Adjutant and Company Commanders attended a Conference at Brigade. After the B.G.C had spoken on the New German gas-shell, and explained the importance of training Specialists with the Small Gas Respirator, he dictated a General & Special Idea for a scheme to be carried out without troops to take place on Wednesday next. Major H.G.L. Cameron is in Command of the Battalion.	Appendix 37.

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			Fine weather.	
SERCOS	2-9-17		Lt. Col. H. Marshall having gone on leave and Major J. Trickey having gone to Hospital.	
			The Training Programme for week ending 8-9-17 is received from Brigade	Appendix 38.
	3-9-17	9am	The Battalion carried out a Route-March. The men marched very well. No one fell out.	Appendix 39
		3pm	The C.O. 2 nd in Command, Adjutant and all Company Commanders reconnoitred the ground, relating to the scheme to be carried out without troops tomorrow. On arrival back in billets the C.O. went over the whole scheme, and read over 55574. "The Construction of Defensive Position"	Appendix 40.
			An amended Brigade Training Syllabus is received Gas drill was carried out by Platoons for 15 minutes.	
	4-9-17	6:30am	Companies carried out Platoon training. A short lecture was given on the latest enemy tactics and instructions in repelling counter attacks.	

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			<i>Fine weather.</i>	
SEREVS	4.9.17	9am	<p>A scheme without troops was carried out. The C.O 2nd Commandant and all Company Commanders taking part. The B.C.C. held the first conference at 9am, and explained the scheme, which was as laid down in 55574. Tasks were then proceeded with, and handed in at the next conference which was held at 11.30 am, when the whole scheme was discussed, and criticised.</p>	Appendix 37.
		2pm	has. drill was carried out for 15 minutes.	
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	5.9.17	8.30am	Companies carried out Platoon training and lectures were given on the latest enemy tactics and instructions on the	

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SERCUS	5-9-17	8:30am	repelling of counter attacks.	
		10.am	The CO 2 nd in Command, Adjutant & all Company Commanders reconnoitred the ground to be carried out with troops & be carried out ^{by} the Coy unit.	APP 42.
		4pm	Scheme to be carried out on Coy unit was received from Brigade. The Battalion Order was drawn up in accordance with Brigade Order	APP 43 APP 44.
		2:30pm	Gas-drill was carried out for 15 minutes.	
	6-9-17	9:30am	The Brigade Scheme as shown in Appendix 43, was carried out, with troops, - during the morning. This was carried out as a rehearsal for tomorrow.	
		5pm	At 5pm the B.C.C held a conference at the Bde H.Q.'s school, of all Officers and N.C.O's, when the whole scheme was gone over, orders criticised, and faults pointed out.	
	7-9-17	5:30am	The scheme which was carried out yesterday, was to be carried out again today, but is postponed	

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SERCUS	7.9.17	8.30am	<p>till tomorrow. The Co held a conference of Coy Commanders and Platoon Commanders, and went over the scheme with them.</p> <p>9am Companies carried out Platoon training.</p> <p>2.30pm Gas Drill was carried out for 15 minutes.</p> <p>8.9.17 9am The Brigade scheme which was rehearsed with troops on 6 inst, was carried out. The Army Commander, and the Divisional Commander were present. After the scheme was carried out the Army Commander spoke on the manner in which it was done, and explained very fully, the new human defensive tactics.</p> <p>Time weather.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="791 1431 2373 1809"> <tr> <td>Effective strength</td> <td>In Hosp.</td> <td>Off</td> <td>OR</td> </tr> <tr> <td>45</td> <td>1018</td> <td>3</td> <td>66</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>In Bde area</td> <td>34</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Ant do</td> <td>71</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Actually with unit</td> <td>847</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td><u>1018</u></td> </tr> </table>	Effective strength	In Hosp.	Off	OR	45	1018	3	66			In Bde area	34			Ant do	71			Actually with unit	847				<u>1018</u>	APP 45
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			<i>Fine weather</i>	
SEREIS	9.9.17	9. am.	Church. Parades were held as follows: C of E & O. P & S at 9.30 am at Serens. A Voluntary Service was held in the YMCA at 7 pm. The R.C. Parade was held at the Parish Church at 8.45 am.	
		2 pm	Gas-drill was carried out for 15 minutes.	
	10.9.17	9.00 am	A Brigade Route March was carried out. The men marched splendidly, no one falling out.	APP. 46.
	11.9.17	8.30 am	Platoons carried out tactical training. Engagement of "Strong Point." Each company-commanders submitted a scheme in writing, and during the morning the C.O visited each company, and pointed out faults etc.	
		2 pm	Gas-drill was carried out for 15 minutes.	
		3 pm	A Conference of C.O's was held at Brigade.	
	12.9.17	9. am.	The C.O 2 nd Command & all company Commanders went over the ground with the B.C.C, in relation to a tactical scheme to be carried out tomorrow	

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SERCUS	12-9-17	9 am	Companies carried out Platoon training with special reference to the cross form strong point.																													
		3 pm	Company Commander took their Platoon Corder and NCO's over the ground in the relation to tomorrow's scheme.																													
			Gas drill was carried out for fifteen minutes.																													
	13-9-17	8 am	A Brigade scheme was carried out with troops. The Divisional Commander was present, and expressed his appreciation in the manner in which it was carried out.	APP 4-7																												
		3 pm	Gas drill was carried out for 15 minutes.																													
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<i>Fine weather.</i>	
SEREVS	14-9-17	8:30am	Companies carried out Platoon-training, special reference being made to the uniform strong-point	
		2:30pm	Gas-drill was carried out for 15 minutes.	
	15-9-17	8:30am	Companies carried out a thorough inspection, in preparation of our move forward. Gas drill was also carried out for 15 minutes.	
			Effective strength.	
			Off	O.R.
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			Actually with unit.	77 O.R. 25 853
			In Hospital	4 70
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			Out Bde Area.	15 64.
				<u>45 - 1019</u>
	16-9-17	9 am	Church Parades were held as follows: Coy 8 & O.P.D. in field near Brenns. Holy Communion was held at the conclusion of the Parade. Roman Catholic Parade was held in the Parish Church at 9 am.	

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Place	Date	Hour	The weather	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SERCUS	17.9.17	9am.		The Battalion marched to STEENVORDE, arriving in billets about 3pm.	
STEENVORDE	18.9.17	8.15am.		The Battalion marched from STEENVORDE to the Corps Forward Area, arriving at Dominion Camp about 1pm.	App-48.
DOMINION CAMP		4.30pm.		The C.O. attended a Conference at Brigade, when the B.C.C. discussed matters in general, and gave preliminary instructions regarding our move into the Line.	
	19.9.17	8.30am.		Companies carried out Platoon training, troops wearing the Small Gas Respirator.	
			Effective Strength.	Actually with unit.	Off O.R.
			Off	In Hospital	25 833
			O.R.	In Gas Area	4 82
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					<u>44 - 1017</u>
	20.9.17	8.30am.		Companies carried out Platoon training with gas masks in position.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Fine weather	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices										
DOMINION CAMP	20:9:17	11.45am		C.O. attended a conference at Brigade Headquarters with B.G.C. in reference to future operations.											
	21:9:17	8.30am		General cleaning up of camp prior to departure. Lectures by Divisional Gas Officer to all Companies.											
		3pm		Conference of Adjutants with Staff Captain at Brigade Headquarters.											
		4pm		Conference of C.O.'s with B.G.C. in reference to future operations.											
		8.30pm		Enemy aeroplanes were active above the Camp.											
	22:9:17	8.30am		Preparations for moving out of Camp.											
		12.30pm		C.O. attended a conference with B.G.C. in reference to future operations.											
		2.30pm		Squadrons moved out to their camp.											
		5.30pm		Battalion moved out by march route to CAFE BELGE area arriving at	APP 49										
				7.30 pm. Unit accommodated in hessian huts and shelters.											
CAFE BELGE	23:9:17	8.30am		Men rested during the day.											
		5.15pm		A fatigue party of 1 officer and 100 other ranks left to report to Captain KEEN at HOOGE DUMP.											
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Place	Date	Hour	Fine weather	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CAFE BELGE HOOGE AREA	24.9.17	4pm	<p>Battalion marched out to HOOGE Area between HOOGE and CLAPHAM JUNCTION</p> <p>The troops were accommodated for the night in shell-holes old trenches and dug-outs Headquarters being in the MENIN Tunnel SHELLING was fairly severe one officer - LIEUT. SENARD and twelve other ranks being wounded.</p> <p>The C.O. attended a Conference at Brigade Headquarters with the B.G.C. on the forthcoming operations.</p>	Appx 50	
			<p><u>Effective Strength:</u></p>	<p>Actually with unit 21-721 In Field Ambulance 3-71 In Brigade area 2-38 out of Brigade area 18-181 44-1011</p>	
HOOGE AREA	25.9.17	9.30am	<p>The Divisional Order for attack No. 162 was received by this unit at 1.30am and Brigade Order No. 116 at 10 am</p> <p>In consequence of a wire from Brigade Headquarters "B" Company were at once ordered to report to the 58th Battalion Headquarters on eastern edge of GLENCORSE WOOD. C.O. conferred with the B.G.C. and as a result "A" Company was also sent forward to reinforce the 58th Battalion while "C" Company was ordered to report to CAPTAIN KEEN Brigade Bombing Officer at GLENCORSE WOOD. After further consultation with the B.G.C.</p>		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HOOGH AREA	25.9.17	Fine weather	<p>The C.O. went forward with the I.O. to 58th Battalion Headquarters leaving instructions for "D" Company to follow at once. When the C.O. arrived at Headquarters "A" Company was in reserve on edge of GLENCORSE WOOD and half of "B" Company in the front line and half in close support. At this stage the enemy were threatening the 58th Battalion's right flank. At 6.10 pm "D" Company arrived at 58th Battalion's Headquarters and was given instructions to get forward at once to line indicated on right flank of 58th Battalion to push forward as far as possible on high ground get in touch with 58th Battalion on their left and establish a strong post on their right. At 6.40 pm the Battalion had established connection with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and the Middlesex Regiment on the right. Owing to heavy casualties instructions were asked for as to whether the attack would be carried out as arranged. viz. this Battalion to take RED LINE objective and 57th and 59th Battalions BLUE LINE objective. At 8.17 pm a wire was received from Brigade changing the dispositions. 59th Battalion to take RED LINE and two battalions of 8th Brigade to take BLUE LINE and this Battalion to be responsible for guiding units</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">R. R.</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Time weather	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices																
FRONT LINE AREA	25.9.17			to pumping off positions. Tapes were laid out on assembly positions between 11pm and 2am. The C.O. went forward to BLACK WATCH CORNER and established his headquarters there in a pill-box. The 29 th , 31 st and 59 th Battalions were guided to their respective assembly positions reaching same by 5am on 26 th inst.																	
	26.9.17			During the day this Battalion reinforced the 31 st Battalion on the right flank. During the night we pushed forward our line on the right flank almost to the RED LINE from which the 31 st Battalion had retired from the afternoon owing to threatened counter-attacks. During this manoeuvre CAMERON HOUSE was captured.																	
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	27.9.17			Early in the morning the B. G. C. came to see the C.O. at BLACK WATCH CORNER and following on his orders this Battalion in conjunction ^{linked up} with the 31 st Battalion on the left and the Royal Welsh Fusiliers on the right ^{right and} advanced towards JOIST FARM finally capturing and consolidating																	

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FRONTLINE AREA	27.9.17			a position on the BLUE LINE to the right of the MEMIN ROAD. In the afternoon the Royal Welch Fusiliers advanced and linked up with our right. At 11 pm this Battalion was relieved by the 32nd Battalion and reached the CHATEAU SEGARD AREA about 2 am.	
			<u>Effective Strength</u> Off. OR 36 1011	Actually with unit 15 - 720 In Field ambulance 3 - 74 In Brigade area 2 - 137 out of Brigade area 16 - 156 ----- 36 1011	
CHATEAU SEGARD AREA DICKBUSCH AREA	28.9.17			The Battalion rested during the day and bathed in the afternoon. The Battalion proceeded by march route to the DICKBUSCH AREA where accommodation was found in tents. Reorganisation of the Battalion is being proceeded with.	
DOMINION CAMP AREA	30.9.17	3.20 pm		The Battalion moved out by march route to DOMINION CAMP Area which was reached about 4.40 pm.	Map 51.
			<u>Effective Strength</u> Off. OR 34 729	Actually with unit 14 - 433 In Field ambulance 4 - 82 In Brigade area 2 - 87 out of Brigade area 14 - 177 ----- 34 729.	

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60TH BATTALION ORDER No. 36

Ref. Sheet 50A.
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31ST AUGUST 1917.

1. Brigade will move on night 31st Aug./1st Sept. to a position of assembly on the line HAREBROUCK - STERNBECCQUE - AIRE Road and will there await instructions for an attack.
2. The 60th Battalion will move to N.E. - S.W. Road through D.85.C. N. of CHY.
3. Starting Point - Village Church at 8.45 p.m.
4. Order of March - Headquarters, "A" "B" "C" and "D" Companies.
5. Dress - Full Marching Order, with steel helmets.
6. There will be no intervals between Companies.
7. Ammunition pack animals will accompany Companies. Remainder of Transport will remain in billets.
8. Companies will form up on their roads to the Starting Point in order as per passing at 8.45 p.m.
9. Strict night march discipline will be observed throughout.
10. Officers' Chargers to be at Village Church at 8.35 p.m.
11. Parade States to reach B.O.R. by 7.30 p.m. Every available man must be on parade.
12. Reports to Battalion Headquarters at Head of Column.
13. Watches will be synchronised at B.O.R. at 6.30 p.m.
14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

D. E. WEBSTER, Lieut.,
A/Adjutant, 60TH BATTALION. AIF.

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SCHEME TO BE CARRIED OUT ON 4TH SEPT. 1917.

GENERAL IDEA. Red Force based West of Roman Road and occupied advanced positions running through SERCUS - WIL FOUNTAIN - BOESCHUM.

Blue Force based East of Roman Road and advanced trenches along general line of that road.

G.O. Blue Force issued printed documents "Construction of Defensive Position", in accordance therewith a support line is chosen running through G.34; G.18; G.18; G.6.

SPECIAL IDEA. Your Battalion, plus one section W.G. Company is in support (BLUE) in western sector G.13; G.17; G.16.

TASK. Having regard for instructions in SS 374.

- (a) Select a position of support lines in rear of crest of sector and decide plan of defence in your sector.
- (b) Reconnoitre the ground forward of Roman Road.
- (c) Draw up the order to carry plan into effect.
- (d) Make an enlarged sketch showing disposition of your troops, when enemy attack commences (must include Battalion holding front line).

Lieut.,
A/Adjutant, 60TH BATTALION. AIF.

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DATE	TIME	LOCALITY	WORK	REMARKS/
SUNDAY				
2ND SEP.				
			CHURCH PARADES.	
MONDAY				
3RD.	Pass at 9 a.m.	SERCUS - LE LABOUREUR - BLARINGHEM - BOESEGHEM - ROMAN ROAD. Same circuit for both Units.	58TH & 60TH BNS. Route march.	STARTING POINTS: 58th Bn. I.3.B.5.8. 60TH Bn. C.8.D.7.6.
TUESDAY				
4TH.	Rendezvous later.	C.II; 17; 23 & 24.	58TH & 60TH BNS. on Battalion Operations to be arranged by Bde.	Battalion Staff & Coy. Commanders on Schemes. Re- mainder setting up drill, & Elementary Musketry Instru- ction and Standard Tests.
WED.				
5TH.	Pass at 9 a.m.	Circuit: BELLE HOTESSE - C.I3.B.0.7. - SERCUS - C.I6.C.3.8. - D.I9.D.4.3. - STEENBECQUE.	58TH & 60TH BNS. ROUTE MARCH.	STARTING POINTS: 58th Bn. I.3.B.5.3. 60th Bn. C.9.D.8.4. thence to C.I6.C.3.8. - D.I9.D.4.3. and on same circuit as 58th has covered.
THURS.				
6TH.	8.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Battalion Areas.	58th and 60th Bns.	To include at least one Platoon Training. hour musketry instruction.
FRIDAY				
7TH.	8.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Later.	BRIGADE DAY.	
SATURDAY				
8TH.			At disposal of Battalion Commanders.	It is recommended that as many junior officers and N.C.O's as possible be taken over the ground covered by schemes during the week and set tasks as for their com- mands.

S. B. R. Drill will be carried out for 15 minutes daily.

Brigade N.C.O's School will carry out syllabus of work already issued.

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60TH BATTALION ORDER No. 38.

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2ND SEPT. 1917.

1. The Battalion will route march tomorrow, 3rd inst.
2. Route: SERCUS - LE LABOUREUR - BLARINGHEM - BEOSEGHEM - ROMAN ROAD.
3. Starting Point: C.S.D.7-6. at 9.0 a.m.
4. Order of march: Headquarters, "D", "C", "B" and "A" Companies.
5. Usual distances will be kept.
6. Dress: Full marching order; Steel helmets, straps to be worn at point of chin.
7. First Line Transport will accompany.
8. Parade States to reach B.O.R. by 8.30 a.m.
9. Officers' Chargers to be at H.Q. Officers' mess at 8.45 a.m.
10. Attention is drawn to the order regarding rifle covers.
11. Watches to be synchronised at B.O.R. at 8.0 a.m.
12. Halts for 10 minutes at 10 minutes to the clock hour.

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Lieut.,
A/Adjutant, 60TH BATTALION. AIF.

Issued to:			
O.C.	"A" Company	Copy No.	1
"	"B"	"	2
"	"C"	"	3
"	"D"	"	4
T. O.		"	5
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H. Q.
15th Aust. Inf. Bde.,
3rd Sept. 1917.

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The following amendments to the Brigade Training Syllabus will be made in accordance with the instruction received to lay special stress on the training in the action required to deal with the latest German methods of defense:-

TUESDAY, 4th. Route March 57th and 59th Battalions cancelled. Substitute Lectures on latest enemy tactics and instruction in the repelling of counter-attacks.

To be carried out in Battalion areas.

WED. 5th. All Battalions as for 57th and 59th for 4th inst.

THURSDAY, 6th. All Battalions:
Platoon Training Tactical.
Battalion Staffs and Company Commanders scheme without troops. Rendezvous later.

FRIDAY, 7th. BRIGADE Day. Scheme with troops. Rendezvous later.

O.C. 15th M. G. Coy. and O.C. 15th T.M.B. will attend scheme for 58th and 60th Battalions on Tuesday, and Brigade Schemes on Thursday and Friday.

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APP 41
60th Battalion. A.I.F.
4TH SEPT. 1917.

ADVANCED BATTALION ORDER.

INFORMATION. Enemy occupies advanced positions running through SERCUS -
in FONTAINE - BOESEGHE.
Our troops have their advanced troops E. of the Roman Road
running through C.I6.; C.I7.; C.I8. The 59th and 60th
Battalions are allotted to the defence of this sector.

INSTRUCTIONS. The 59th Battalion will hold the Front line and Strong Points;
60th Battalion will be in support.

"A" Company 59th Battalion will take over the squares
C.I6. A. & B. E of Roman Road.
"B" Company C.I6.C. & D. E of Roman Road.
"C" Company C.I7. A. & B.
"D" Company C.I7. C. & D.
Two Vickers guns will be allotted to "C" Company, and two to
"D" Company.

SPECIAL
INSTRUCTIONS. "A" and "B" Companies will establish and occupy forward shell
holes, increasing in number as they increase in depth.
"C" and "D" Companies will establish strong points in their
sectors, having regard for the support of the forward Companies
and have one platoon in readiness for immediate counter attack.
Commanders of small units and posts must act on their own
initiative, and resist till the last.

Where possible, with due regard for concealment, wire entangle-
ments will be erected and shell holes connected by drives.
Gaps will be left in the wiring to enable supporting troops
to counter attack.

Machine Gun positions will be selected, with due regard to
concealment, and enfilade fire.

In the event of a heavy bombardment by the enemy the garrison
will retire to the previously selected strong points in
C.I6.B. & D. and C.I7.

Company Commanders will submit sketches of their dispositions
to Headquarters at C.I7.D.I-9.

Reports to Battalion Headquarters.

D. E. WEBSTER, Lieut.,

Issued verbally to all Company Commanders
and copy sent to O.C. Machine Gun Coy.

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60th Battalion.

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S U P P O R T B A T T A L I O N O R D E R.
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4th Sept. 1917

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- (1). A.B.& C. companys will take up entrenched and wired position on reverse side of "Hill" in C.I8.A.&C.
- (2). D Company will be in support at C.I8.B.7.2.
- (3). In the event of the enemy making good their attack; A.B. & C. Companys will immediately counter attack.
- (4). The formation to be adopted by each company will be; one line of one platoon extended to five paces; followed by three platoons in Artillery Formation.
- (5). Ground previously occupied by our troops is to be made good.
- (6). The I.O. will establish forward O.P.- On the crest of hill C.I8.C
- (7). Reports to Head Quarters at C.I8.C.

D.E.WEBSTER.Lieut& Adj
60th Battalion.A.I.F.

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BRIGADE SCHEME FOR 6TH INST.

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Ref. Sheet 36A.
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GENERAL IDEA.

A RED Force based on the west of the Roman road occupies advanced positions immediately west of that road.

A BLUE Force, based East of the Roman Road, has its advanced positions on the general line of that road.

RED is preparing to attack and capture the BLUE positions to the general line of the STEENBECQUE River.

The 5th RED Division occupies the sector bounded by a line BLARINGHEM - BELLE HOTESSE on the South, and LYNDE - SERCUS - C.I.O.A.7.8. road on the north.

SPECIAL IDEA.

The 15th RED Infantry Brigade (Bde. H.Q., 57th, 60th, 61st, 62nd Bns, M. G. Coy. and Trench mortar Battery) occupies a sector C.I6.C.0.7. to C.I0.C.3.2.

The 57th Bn. and 60th Bn. move into Front line and Support trenches on the night of 3/4th Sept. to prepare for the attack.

Brigade Order is issued :

- (a) Reconnoitre the ground and consider your dispositions prior to the attack.
- (b) Write Battalion Orders for the attack in accordance with Bde. order already issued.

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BRIGADE ORDER No.

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4th Sept. 1917.

1/15,000 Sketch
Attached.

1. The Brigade will attack and occupy the enemy's positions up to the line C.I7.C.0.4. to C.I7.A. 3.8. on the 6th Sept.
The 8th Infantry Brigade on our right and the 14th Infantry Brigade on our left are attacking with objectives on the same line.
2. The boundaries for the attack will be:-
On the South the line C.I5.D.0.8. to C.I7.C.5.4.
On the North the line C.I9. D.5.3. to C.I7.A.8.7.
3. The attack will be carried out by the 57th Battalion and the 60th Battalion with objectives as below (also see sketch attached). The 61st and 62nd Battalions will act as Brigade Reserves.
The 57th Bn. will reach and consolidate the line of the road C.I6.D.3.5. to C.I0.D.0.3. and mop up the area covered to that line.
The 60th Bn. will pass through the 57th Bn. and capture and consolidate the line C.I7.C.0.4. to C.I7.A.3.8. mopping up the area between the 57th Battalion objective and their own position.
4. The 57th Bn. will construct their own assembly trenches and the 60th Battalion will construct their own assembly trenches on the night 4/5th September in the areas allotted in the attached sketch.
5. These will form the jumping off trenches for the attack and will be occupied at zero minus one hour.
6. The 61st Bn. will move at 0 plus one hour to the present front line and 57th Battalion assembly trenches. The C.O. 61st Battalion will keep in close touch with the 57th and 60th Battalions and be prepared to take action in case the attack is definitely held up.
The 62nd Battalion will move at 0 plus 1-1/2 hours to the assembly trenches constructed by 60th Battalion and await orders.
7. A creeping barrage will be put down at zero on the line C.I6.C.2.7 - C.I0.C.4.2. and will advance by 100 yard lifts at the rate of 100 yards in 5 minutes, to the line C.I6.D.5.5. - C.I6.B.6.2. - C.I0.D.0.5 and will remain there till 0 plus 95.
At 0 plus 95 barrage will advance in 75 yard lifts at the rate of 75 yards in five minutes to the line C.I7.C.2.4. to C.I7.A.5.8. and will remain there until 0 plus 3 hours when it will die down.
Details of lifts are shown in attached Artillery table.
This line will form the S.O.S. Barrage line until definite information is received as to the exact line we have reached.
8. The O.C. Machine Gun Coy will arrange for one section M.G.Coy to occupy position on the line of the present Front Line. These guns will support the attack until the final objective has been taken when they will be moved forward under arrangements to be made between O.C. Machine Gun Coy and the 60th Bn.
The M. G. Coy. less one section will be utilised in providing barrage fire in accordance with the Machine Gun table attached.
9. The O.C. Trench Mortar Battery will place one section at the disposal of each of the 57th and 60th Bns. The O.C.'s of these sections will report before 4 p.m. 5th inst. to their Battalion and receive orders as to their action during the attack.
The Trench Mortar Battery (less two sections) will move with the 61st Bn. at 0 plus one hour to about C.I5.D.5.3. and await orders.
10. Contact patrols will be in the air at the following times:-
0 plus 15, 0 plus 35, 0 plus 1 hour 35, 0 plus 2 hours, 0 plus 2 hours 30, 0 plus 2 hours 45 minutes.

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- II. The S.O.S. signal will be given by the firing of two red and one green light.
Attacking Battalions will arrange for S.O.S. relay posts to be established near their forward command posts to repeat S.O.S. signals.
12. DUMPS.
A Brigade Dump is to be formed at C.I5.A.0.5.
Battalion dumps will be formed under Battalion arrangements at C.I5.B.9.4. (57th Bn.) and C.I5.B.9.8. (60th Bn.) by 6 p.m. on 5th inst.
Those Battalions will also choose sites for forward dumps in the areas they are to consolidate.
A Brigade Dump will be formed at C.I5.B.9.4. on the night 5/6th September which will be available to supply the Battalion Dumps forward of that point.
Material will be collected in these dumps in accordance with Administrative addenda attached.
13. Watches will be synchronised with Brigade H. Q. at 12 midnight 5/6th and 6 a.m. on 6th Sept.
14. The Brigade Forward station will be established at about zero plus
Advanced Brigade Headquarters will remain in its present position at C.I5.A.0.6.
15. Zero hour will be notified later.

(sgd) R.G. LEGGE, Capt.
for Bde. major,
15th Aust. Inf. Bde.

No.	Issued to
1	57th Bn.
" 2	60th "
" 3	61st "
" 4	62nd "
" 5	15th m.G.Coy.
" 6	15th ALTmB.
" 7	Division.
" 8	Right Bde.
" 9	Left "
" 10	O.C. Nth F.A.Bde.
" 11	15th F. Amb.
" 12	Filed
" 13	War Diary
" 14	Spare.

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H.Q. 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.,

5th Sept. 1917.

The following arrangements have been made to facilitate the carrying out of the scheme on 6th and 7th inst.

The RED Barrage is to be represented by white signalling flags. These will be controlled by Lieut. McIvor, Brigade Intelligence Officer and two officers and 56 other Ranks of the 58th Bn.

There will be no BLUE Barrage actually represented by for their counter attack.

The Company Commanders of the two front companies 58th Bn. will act as umpires. The two former and Lieut. McIvor will decide when the flags representing the two forward companies are to be pulled down as having been put out of action. These decisions must be strictly impartial and the umpires must be guided in their decisions by consideration of the weight of the barrage and the strength of the forces engaging the posts. The O.C. left rear Company 58th Bn. (after his local counter) will act as umpire to halt the main counter attack. This will be halted on the line shown in sketch issued to 58th Bn.

The two forward Companies of the 58th Bn. are to be represented each by 30 men carrying red flags. These will be placed in accordance with instructions already issued and each flag will represent a post of five men, two flags together representing a machine gun position and detachment.

Flags will be waved when garrisons are in action, and must be controlled carefully while the barrage is on them.

The 58th Bn. will launch and halt local counter attacks as already instructed.

Attention is directed to the necessity of impressing on the men that as little damage as possible is to be done to cultivated fields. Beet and potato fields are passable to a certain extent, but bean fields must on no account be crossed.

Breaches may be cut in hedges where necessary, but these will be limited to the fewest possible. The 58th Bn. are detailing 2 Companies (less 2 officers 60 men) to report to Capt. SMITH, Brigade H. Q. at C.15.A.0.6. at 11.30 a.m. These men are to be employed to follow up the 60th Bn. and block up any breaches that have been made in hedges and close all gates, openings, &c.

The Brigade Signal Section is establishing stations at C.10.D.0.0. and C.16.B.3.8. Battalions of all Brigades will establish visual communication with one or each of these points. This is not included in the scheme but is for control purposes only so that stations need not be concealed.

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60TH BATTALION ORDER No.

APPENDIX

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5TH SEPT. 1917.

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INFORMATION. I. The 8th Infantry Brigade will attack on our Right and the 14th Brigade on our left; their objectives being on the same line.

INTENTION. I. The 15th Inf. Bde. will attack and occupy the enemy's positions up to the line C.I7.C.0.4. to C.I7.A.3.3, on 6th Sept.

2. The Boundaries for the attack will be, on the south: the line C.I5.D.0.8 to C.I7.C.5.4. On the north the line C.9.B.5.3. to C.I7.A.8.7.

3. The attack will be carried out by the 57th Bn. and the 60th Battalion, with objectives as below:

The 57th Bn. will reach and consolidate the line of the road C.I6.D.3.5. to C.I0.D.0.3. and mop up the area covered to that line.

The 60th Bn. will pass through the 57th Bn., capture and consolidate the line C.I7.C.0.4. to C.I7.A.3.8. mopping up the area between the 57th Bn. objective and our own position.
Bearing 110°.

The 61st and 62nd Battalions will act as Brigade Reserves.

4. The 60th Battalion Assembling Trenches are from C.I5.C.7.8. to C.9.D.I.4.

5. This will form the Jumping Pff Trenches for the attack, and will be occupied at zero minus 1 hour.

6. A creeping barrage will be put down at zero on the line C.I6.C.2.7. - C.I0.C.4.2. and will advance by 100 yard lifts, at the rate of 100 yards in 5 minutes to the line C.I6.D.5.5. - C.I6.B.6.2. - C.I0.D.0.5., and will remain there till 0 plus 95. At 0 plus 95 the barrage will advance in 75 yard lifts, at the rate of 75 yards in 5 minutes, to the line C.I7.C.2.4. to C.I7.A.5.8., and will remain there until 0 plus 3 hours, when it will die down.

This line will form the S.O.S. barrage line, until definite information is received as to the exact line we have reached.

7. One section of m.G.Coy. and one section A.L.T.m.B. will be at the disposal of the 60th Bn. in the attack.

8. Contact patrols will be in the air at the following times:

- 0 plus 15
- 0 " 35
- 0 " 1 Hr. 35
- 0. " 2 "
- 0. " 2 " 30
- 0 " 2 " 45 minutes.

9. The S.O.S. Signal will be given by the ~~following~~ firing of two red and one green light.

10. Dumps. The Brigade Dump will be formed at C.I5.A.0.5.
57th Bn. Dump at C.I5.B.9.4.
60th Bn. " C.I5.B.9.8. by 6 p.m. on 5th inst.
A Brigade Dump will be formed at C.I5.B.9.4. on the night of 5/6th inst.

II. Advanced Brigade H.Q. will remain at C.I6.A.0.6.

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INSTRUCTIONS. I. The 60th Battalion will attack in the following formation:

"B" Company will advance in one line extended to about 5 paces over the whole frontage, keeping about 250 yards in rear of the 57th Bn. at zero hour.

"C" Company will advance in column of sections, at about 40 yards interval, and 50 yards distance from "B" Company, at zero hour, plus 2-1/3 minutes.

"D" Company will advance in column of platoons at 175 yards interval, and 50 yards distance from "C" Company, at zero hour plus 5 minutes.

"A" Company will be in Reserve, moving off in artillery formation, at 300 yards distance from "D" Company, at zero plus 20 minutes.

2. ~~"A" Company will not go further forward than C.I6.B.6.0. until further orders.~~
2. "B" Company will pass through the 57th Bn. objective at zero plus 95 minutes, followed by the other Companies maintaining their distances.
3. "A" Company will not go further forward than C.I6.B.6.0. until further orders.
4. Mopping Up Parties. O.C. "A" Company will detail I platoon to report to O.C. "B" Company to act as moppers up, wearing white armlets.
5. Dress and Equipment. All officers taking part in attack must be dressed exactly the same as the men, which will be fighting order.
6. Ammunition. 170 rounds per man will be carried.
7. Wire cutters and breakers will be carried by the leading Coy.
8. "C" Company will consolidate and each man will carry the proportion of 1 pick to 4 shovels.
9. Each Company will carry S.O.S. rockets and ground flares.
10. Strong points have been located at C.I6.A.7.2. - C.I6.B.0.7. - C.I6.C.7.5. - C.I6.D.2.1. Particularly strong points at C.I6.B.9.0. - C.I7.A.8.8 - C.II.C.2.6.
11. Every man will carry 48 hours iron rations, water bottles filled, three sand bags, two grenades. Bombers will carry 15 grenades per man. The two grenades carried by each man will be collected under company arrangements and dumped in the front line, and thrown only by grenadiers.
12. S.O.S. Relay Station will be at Advanced Bn. H.Q. at C.I6.B.6.0
13. Reports to Bn. H.Q. at C.I5.A.8.7.
14. Watches will be synchronised at 12 midnight 5/6th inst. and at 6 a.m. on 6th inst.
15. Zero hour at 10 a.m.

Lieut & Adjt.,
60TH BATTALION. AIF.

Issued to :-

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60TH BATTALION. ORDER No.
-----Ref. Sheet 36/A.
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7th SEPT. 1917.

APPROVED

INFORMATION. 1. The 8th Infantry Brigade will attack on our right, and the 14th Infantry Brigade on our left; their objectives being on the same line.

- INTENTION. 1. The 15th Infantry Brigade will attack and occupy the enemy positions up to the line C.I7.C.0.0. to C.I7.B.8.8. on 8th Sept.
2. The boundaries for the attack will be:- On the South, the line C.21.B.5.9. to C.25.B.10-95. On the North the line C.9.D.5.3. - C.I7.A.8.7.
3. The attack will be carried out by the 57th Battalion and the 60th Battalion with objectives as below:-

The first objective (blue line in sketch attached) is to be carried and consolidated by the 57th Battalion. It includes the road C.I6.D.3.3. to C.D.10.0.3. taking in the remainder of the houses in each of those points. The Battalion will be responsible for mopping up the area covered.

The 2nd objective (Black line) will be taken by the 60th Battalion. It consists of the forward slope of the ridge C.I7.C.0.0. - C.I7.A.3.8. including the strong point at C.I6.B.9.0. The 60th Battalion will have to pass through the 57th Battalion to reach this line, and the flanks will be directed on the ruins at C.23.B.10.95 (right flank) and C.I7.A.8.7. (left flank.)

The bearing is 95°.

The 61st and 62nd Battalions and 2 sub-sections of T.M.B. will act as Brigade Reserves.

4. The 60th Battalion assembly trenches are from C.I5.C.7.8. to C.9.D.1.4.
5. This will form the Jumping Off trenches for the attack and will be occupied at zero minus 1 hour.
6. A creeping barrage will be put down at zero on the line C.22.A.1.9. - C.I0.C.4.2. and will advance by 100 yard lifts at the rate of 100 yards in 5 minutes to the line C.22.B.4.9. - C.I6.B.6.2. - C.I0.D.4.0. and will remain there till 0 plus 95. At 0 plus 95 the barrage will advance in 75 yard lifts each 5 minutes to the line C.I7.C.2.0. to C.I7.A.5.8. and will remain there until 0 plus 3 hours, when it will die down. This line will form the S.O.S. barrage line until definite information is received as to the correct line we have reached.
7. One section of M.G. Coy. and one section of A.L.T.M.B. will be at the disposal of the 60th Battalion in the attack.
8. Contact patrols will be in the air at the following times: 0 plus 15, 0 plus 35, 0 plus 1 hour 35, 0 plus 2 hours, 0 plus 2 hours 30 minutes, 0 plus 2 hours 45 minutes.
9. The S.O.S. signal will be given by the firing of 2 red and 1 green light.

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10. DUMPS.

The Brigade Dump will be formed at C.I5.^A3.0.5.
 57th Battalion Dump at C.I5.B.9.4.
 60th Battalion Dump at C.I5.B.9.8. by 6 p.m. on 7th inst.
 The Brigade Dump will be formed at C.I5.B.9.4. on the night of 7/8TH inst.

11. Advanced Brigade H. Q. will remain at C.I6.~~XXXX~~^{A.O.6.}

12. Advanced battalion dump will ~~not~~ be formed at C.I6.B.6.0.

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Company Boundaries.

"B" Company's right boundary - a line C.21.B.5.9. to C.25.B.10.95. Left Boundary - C.I5.B.0.3. - C.I7.C.0.8 (exclusive).

"C" Company's right boundary C.I5.B.0.² to C.I7.C.0.8. inclusive. Left boundary C.9.D.5.5. to C.I7.A.8.7.

2. The 60th Battalion will attack in the following order:

"B" and "C" Companies in front line, "B" Company on the right and "C" Company on the left, keeping about 250 yards in rear of 57th Battalion at zero hour.

"D" Company will act as Hoppers Up, maintaining a distance of 50 yards from the Front Line Companies.

"A" Company will be in reserve at 100 yards distance from "D" Company.

3. Enemy strong points have been located at C.I6.A.7.2.- C.I6.B.0.7.- C.I6.C.7.5.- C.I6.D.2.1; particularly strong points at C.I6.B.9.0.- C.I7.A.8.8.- C.II.C.2.6.

4. FORMATION.

"B" and "C" Companies will detail 2 platoons to act as screens, extended to about 8 paces over their front, the remaining two platoons in shallow columns at 50 yards distance

"D" Company will move in two platoons in rear of "B" Company at 50 yards distance in shallow columns, and 2 platoons in rear of "C" Company at 50 yards distance in shallow columns.

"A" Company will move in Artillery Formation at 100 yards distance from "D" Company, and will act as Reserve Company.

5. TIMES.

"B" and "C" Companies will move at zero hour; "D" Company will move at zero hour plus 5 minutes; "A" Company will move at zero hour plus 10 minutes.

6. It must be impressed on O.C.'s Flanking Companies that they are responsible for their own protection although units on each flank of the Brigade are endeavouring to carry out the same ~~task~~^{TASK} as ourselves.

Special attention is drawn to Front Line Companies to select points~~x~~ to march on, paying particular attention to their flanks.

7. "D" Company, as Hoppers Up, will be responsible for thoroughly clearing up the area between the 57th Battalion and our own objectives, and will also garrison strong point when cleared up. C.I6.B.9.0.

"C" Company Commander will be responsible for ~~bringing~~^{driving} the enemy out of the strong point C.I6.B.9.0. "B" Company will be ready to cooperate if necessary.

8. COMMUNICATIONS.

Constant communication must be maintained with Battalion H.Q. at C.I5.A.8.7.

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9. Advanced Battalion H. Q. will be established at C.I6.B.5.3. at about zero plus 100.
 10. R. A. P. will be at C.I6.A.1.5.
 11. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT.
All officers taking part in attack must be dressed exactly the same as the men, which will be Fighting Order - Box Respirators in "Alert" Position.
 12. AMMUNITION.
170 rounds per man will be carried.
 13. Wire cutters and breakers will be carried by the leading Coy.
 14. Each Company will carry S.O.S. rockets and ground flares.
 16. Bombers will carry 15 grenades per man.
The two grenades carried by each man will be collected under Company arrangements and dumped in the Front Line, and thrown only by Grenadiers.
 15. Every man will carry 48 hours iron rations, water bottles filled, three sand bags, two grenades.
 17. S.O.S. Relay stations will be at Advanced Battalion H.Q. at C.I6.B.6.0.
 18. Watches will be synchronised at 12 midnight 7/8th inst, and at 6 a.m. on 8th inst.
 19. Zero hour at 10.30 a.m.

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESERVE COMPANY.

8/9/17.

The Company is to be kept intact as long as possible. It will follow close to Attacking and Mopping Up troops, but will not become involved in any local fighting.

It will be used in emergency and C. C. Company will have to act on his own initiative to a great extent.

In the case of being called to assist in counter attack, as soon as enemy are repulsed Company must be re-organised.

If flank Brigades are held up the Company will have to assist in protecting flank.

Company must not be drawn into any consolidating work.

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BATTALION ORDER No. 39

Ref. Sheet. 36A.
I/40,000.

9TH SEPT. 1917.

1. The Battalion will take part in a Brigade Route march tomorrow, 10th inst.
2. Route: C.I6.B.3.8. - C.29.A.6.4. - STEENBECQUE - I.9.B.20.35. - I.7.D.6.4. - BLARINGHEM - C.I3.B.7.2. - LYNDE - (B.6.D.55.60) C.I.B.0.2. - BILLETTS.
3. Starting Point: Village Church at 9.0 a.m.
4. Order of march: Headquarters, "C", "A", "D" and "B" Companies,
5. Usual distances will be kept.
6. Dress: Full marching Order; steel helmets; mid-day meal will be carried.
7. First Line Transport will accompany, including Field Kitchens.
8. The first halt will be made from 10.20 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.
9. The mid-day halt will be called when the head of the Brigade Column reaches about B.23.D.7.7.
For this halt distances will be closed up to 50 yards between Companies, and 100 yards between Battalions.
The march will be resumed at 1 p.m. and halts thereafter will be at 10 minutes to the clock hour.
10. Officers' Chargers to be at H.Q. Officers' mess at 8.45 a.m.
11. Parade States to B.O.R. at 8.30 a.m.
12. Watches will be synchronised at B.O.R. at 8.0 a.m.
13. O.C. "B" Company will detail a rear-guard.

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APP 47
BATTALION ORDER No. 6/

Ref. Sheet 36A.
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12TH SEPT. 1917.

- INFORMATION. 1. The enemy is holding a series of fortified shell holes in craters in various strong points on the line C.I8.B.6.8. - C.I8.Central - C.I7.D.5.7. - C.I7.2.6.6. - C.II.C.5.3. - extending northwards up to and beyond the BOIS DES HUIT RUES.
2. The 8th Infantry Brigade will attack on our right, and the 14th Infantry Brigade on our left, their objectives being on the same line.

- INTENTION. 1. The 15th Infantry Brigade will attack and occupy and capture that part of the enemy position up to the line C.II.D.4.6. - C.II.B.7.0. - C.I2.D.9.7.
2. The boundaries for the attack will be: On the East the line C.I8 Central; C.I2 Central; and on the West the line C.I7.B.3.0. - C.II.B.5.0.
3. The attack will be carried out by the 57th, 58th, 59th and 60th Battalions with objectives as below:
- 1st Objective: Red Line in attached sketch is to be carried and consolidated by the 58th Bn.
- 2nd Objective: Blue Line in attached sketch is to be carried and consolidated by the 60th Bn.
- 3rd and Final Objective: Green line in attached sketch is to be carried and consolidated by 57th and 59th Bns. The Battalions to be responsible for mopping up the areas covered.
4. The 60th Battalion will pass through the 58th Bn.
5. The 60th Battalion Assembly trenches are from C.I7.D.4.4. to C.24.A.8.8. This will form the Jumping Off trenches for the attack, and will be occupied at zero minus 1 hour.
6. The 58th Bn. Assembly trenches will be on the General line of the road in ~~XXXXXX~~ C.I7.D. and C.I8.C.
7. The bearing is due north.
8. The barrage will be put down 150 yards in front of the Jumping off trench of the 58th Bn. at zero.
- XX (a) Troops will move up close under the barrage at zero and the barrage and the barrage will not move forward till zero plus 3 minutes, when it will advance 200 yards at the rate of 100 yards in 4 minutes.
- (b) Thereafter and up to the red line (58th Bn. objective) the barrage will advance at the rate of 100 yards in 6 minutes and will halt 150 yards in front of the red line for 25 minutes.
- (c) Thereafter and up to the blue line (60th Bn. objective) the barrage will advance at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes, and will halt 150 yards in front of the ~~red~~ ^{blue} line for 35 minutes.
9. The S.O.S. signal will be the firing of 3 red and 1 green light.
10. On section of M.G. Coy. and one section of A.L.T.M.B. will be at the disposal of the 60th Battalion during the attack.

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11. Dumps. Battalion dump will be formed at C.17.D.9.S.

12. Brigade H.Q. will be established at C.31.S.8.S. and Advanced H.Q. will be at C.31.S.8.S. at 9.0 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS. Company Boundaries.

1. "A" Company Right Boundary - a line C.18.Central -
Left boundary - a line C.18.C.4.S. - C.19.S.5.S. (exclusive).
- "B" Company Right Boundary - a line C.18.C.4.S. - C.18.C.2.S.
(inclusive). Left boundary - a line C.17.D.8.4. - C.18.C.0.1.
(inclusive).
- "C" Company Right Boundary - a line C.17.D.8.4. - C.18.C.0.1.
(exclusive). Left boundary - C.17.S.8.S. - C.18.S.8.S.
(inclusive).
- "D" Company will be in Reserve.

2. Formations.

The front line Companies will attack in the following formations in accordance with attached plan, the screen being extended to about 5 paces.

"D" Company will move in Artillery Formation at about 50 yards distance from the Front Line Companies.

This Company is to be kept intact as long as possible. It will follow close to attacking and mopping up troops, but will not become involved in any local fighting. It will be used in emergency and C.O. Company will have to act on his own initiative to a great extent. In the case of being called to assist in a counter attack as soon as enemy are repulsed Company must be re-organised. If flank Brigades are held up the Company will have to assist in protecting flanks. Company must not be drawn into any consolidating work. "A" Company will pay particular attention to their right flank as on information received it is quite possible that counter attacks may come from this direction.

3. Signs.

"A" "B" "C" and "D" Companies will move at zero plus 5 minutes.

4. It must be impressed on C.O. Flanking Companies that they are responsible for their own protection, although units on each flank of the Brigade are endeavouring to carry out the same task as ourselves. Special attention is drawn to front line Companies to select points to march on, paying particular attention to the flanks.

5. Companies are responsible for mopping up their own area.

6. Communication.

Constant communication must be maintained with Bn. H.Q. at C.18.C.0.S. The Advanced Battalion H.Q. will be established at C.18.A. Central at zero plus 100.

7. R.A.P. will be at C.17.D.4.S.

8. Dress and Equipment.

Troops will wear Fighting Order, and all officers taking part in the attack must be dressed exactly the same as the men. Box Respirators at the "Alert" position.

9. Ammunition.

170 Rounds per man will be carried.

10. Wire cutters and breakers will be carried by the leading Coy.

11. Each Company will carry 500 S. rockets and ground flares.

12. Every man will carry 48 hours iron rations, water bottles filled, three sand bags, two grenades.

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- 13. Bombers will carry 15 grenades per man. The two grenades carried by each man will be collected under Company arrangements and dumped in the front line, and thrown only by grenadiers.
- 14. S.O.S. Relay Stations will be at Advanced Battalion H.Q. at C.I.S.A. Central.
- 15. Watches will be synchronised at 12 midnight 18/15th inst. and at 6.0 a.m. 15th inst.
- 16. Zero hour at 10 a.m.

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PLAN TABLE OF EVENTS.

ZERO.	58th Battalion advance to within 40 yards of barrage.
ZERO plus 3'	Barrage moves forward.
ZERO plus 41'	58th Battalion reach RED LINE
ZERO plus 66'	The 60th Battalion passing through 58th Bn.
ZERO plus 100'	The 60th Battalion reach BLUE LINE.
ZERO plus 141'	57th and 59th Battalions passing through 60th Battalion move behind barrage towards their objectives.
ZERO plus 196'	All troops stand up and positions will be checked.

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APP 48

Copy No. 13

COMBINED DETAILED ORDER NO.

Ref. Sheets
27 & 30A.
1/50,000.

10th SEPT. 1917.

1. The 6th Australian Division (less artillery and detached Units) is moving by march route on the 17th and 18th Sept. to the STEWARTS Area, and thence to the Forward Areas of the 1st ANZAC Corps.
2. The 60th Battalion will take the following route on the 17th inst. (Sheet 27): K Roads U.S.S.S.S.S.S.S. - LORRAINE CROSS - U.S.S.S.S.S. - BURNING LOOP - ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH - P.S.S.S.S.S. - P.S.S.S.S.S. - thence to billeting area as allotted.
3. Starting Point: Village Church at 9.0 a.m.
4. Order of march: Headquarters, "A" "B" "C" "D" Companies, and First Line Transport.
5. The Battalion will be billeted in the STEWARTS Area on the night of the 17/18th inst. and the march will be resumed at an early hour on the 18th inst. taking the following route; (Sheet 27) ABBERS - L.S.S.S.S.S. - BURNING LOOP - G.S.S.S.S.S. - G.S.S.S.S.S. to Dominion Camp at 6.30 a.m. The march is to be completed by 8.0 p.m.
6. Distances: From BURNING LOOP TO STEWARTS AREA
 (a) 800 yards between battalions
 100 yards between Companies.
 (b) From STEWARTS AREA to Forward Area.
 500 yards between battalions and other Units,
 100 yards between transport of Units, and other troops.
 100 yards between Companies.
 Companies will be responsible for communication from front to rear.
7. Lieut. COLLINS is detailed to keep a look-out for hostile aeroplanes. If a hostile aeroplane is sighted the column will be halted and the men will be ordered to remain steady at the side of the road and not look upward.
8. A halt of 15 minutes will be made at 10 minutes before each clock hour. A halt of one hour will be made for dinner at 12 noon on 17th inst. Troops will be concentrated for the meal on any stable or ploughed ground in the vicinity.
9. Troops will carry the unexpended portion of the day's rations, and water bottles filled.
10. All blankets and oil cloths will be dumped at 6.00 a.m. on 17th inst. at G.S.S.S.S.S. area. Blankets must be rolled in bundles of 16 and clearly and securely labelled.
11. All billets must be left scrupulously clean, and certification to that effect handed to Adjutant by 4.0 p.m. on 18th inst.
12. All trenches that have been dug for training purposes must be filled in before the move and all soil ground distinctly marked with a notice board.
13. Lieut. COLLINS and four other ranks will report to the Staff Captain at Brigade H.Q. at 6.0 a.m. on 17th and 6.0 a.m. on 18th inst. with bicycles and 24 hours rations.

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- 14. O.S. 2nd Company will detail 2 U.S.O.'s and 50 men as rear guard. S/Lieut. CANNY will be in charge. He will report to Adjutant on parade for instructions.
- 15. Officers' mess are to be at H.Q. Officers' Mess at 6.45 a.m.
- 16. Parade starts to reach B.O.H. by 7.0 a.m.
- 17. Watches to be synchronised at B.O.H. at 7.0 a.m.
- 18. Routine for 17th Inst. will be:

REVIEWS	-	6.30 a.m.
CHECK MARCH	-	6.0 a.m.
BREAKFAST	-	7.0 a.m.

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60TH BATTALION ORDER No..

Ref. BELGIUM.
Sheet/I/40,000.

22ND SEPT. 1917.

1. The 60th Battalion will move to the CHATEAU, SEGARD Area, by march route today.
2. Route: Sheet 28. G.30.C.2.7. - OUDERDOm - ST.HUBERTSHOEK - HALLEBAST - DICKEBUSCH - CAFE BELGE.
3. Starting Point: Parade Ground at 5.20 p.m.
4. Order of march: Headquarters, "A" "B" "C" "D" Companies, and 1st and 2nd Line Transport.
5. Distances: Units will move in file and maintain the following distances:

Between Platoons	50 Yards.
" Companies	200 "
" Battalions	800 "
" Troops and Transport	400 "

Companies will be responsible for communication from front to rear.
6. One Officer per Company will be detailed to keep a look out for hostile aeroplanes.
If a hostile aeroplane is sighted column will be halted and the men will be ordered to remain steady at the side of the road and not look upwards.
7. Watering points in the CHATEAU SEGARD Area are under:
 - H.34.A.3.9. For Water Carts.
 - H/23.C.9.I. For Horses.
8. Blankets must be rolled in bundles of 15 and clearly and securely labelled.
9. C.C. "D" Company will detail One officer and 12 other Ranks as rearguard. The officer will report to the Adjutant on parade for instructions.
10. Officers' chargers to be at H.Q. officers' mess at 5.10 p.m.
11. Parade States to reach B.O.R. by 4.15 p.m.
12. Watches to be synchronised at B.O.R. at 5.0 p.m.

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60TH BATTALION ORDER.

Ref. BEIGIU.m.
Sheet 28.
I/40,000.

24TH SEPT. 1917.

1. The 60th Battalion will move by march route to the HOOGE Area today.
2. Starting Point: CAFE BELGE (Sheet 28) H.29.B.7.5. at 4.0 p.m.
3. order of march: Headquarters, "A" "B" "C" "D" Companies.
4. Distances: The following distances will be maintained:

Between Platoons in File	-	50 Yards.
Between Companies	-	300 Yards.

 Companies will be responsible for communication from front to rear.
5. One Officer per Company will be detailed to keep a Hook-out for hostile aeroplanes. Usual precautions will be taken.
6. Dress: Fighting Order with Waterproof sheets, and water bottles filled.
Rations: 24 hours rations, iron rations, and emergency rations.
7. Overcoats will be placed in packs, and blankets will be rolled horse-shoe fashion round packs. Packs will be dumped at Q.m.'s Store at 10.30 a.m.
8. O.C. "D" Company will detail an officer and 12 Other Ranks as Rear-guard.
9. Parade States to B.O.R. at 3.0 p.m.
10. Watches to be synchronised at B.O.R. at 3.0 p.m.

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60TH BATTALION ORDER NO.

Ref. Belgium
Sheet 1/40000

30TH SEPTEMBER 1917

1. The 60th Battalion will move to DOMINION area by march route today
 2. Route: Sheet 38 H. 33 C. 55. - 85 - HALLIBAST - ST. HUBERTSBOEK G. 30 C. 2. 7.
 3. Starting point : Parade ground at 13-~~22~~ *22* h.m.
 4. Order of march : Headquarters "A" "B" "C" "D" Companies and First Line Transport
 - (5. Distances : Units will move in file and maintain the following distances

Between Platoons	50 yards
Between Companies	200 "
Between Battalions	800 "
Between Troops and Transport	400 "
- Companies will be responsible for communication from front to rear
6. Snd LIEUT. OLVER will keep a lookout for hostile aeroplanes
Usual precautions to be taken
 7. Blankets must be rolled in bundles of 16 securely and clearly labelled and be dumped at Q.M'S store by 11 a.m.
 8. Officer's valises to be at Q.M'S Store at 11 a.m.
 9. O.C. "D" Coy. will detail one officer and 8 other ranks as rear guard
 10. Officer's chargers to be at B.O.R. at *12.45 pm*
 11. Parades states to reach B.O.R. by 13 noon
 12. Watches to be synchronised at B.O.R. at 13 noon.

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15TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE TRAINING SYLLABUS - WEEK ENDING 15.9.17.

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DATE	TIME	LOCALITY	WORK	REMARKS.
SEPT. 9.			DIVINE SERVICES.	
MON. 10TH.	BRIGADE STRATING POINT- C.29.A.6.4. at 9.30 a.m.	S.P.C.29.A.5.4.- STEENBECQUE - L.9.B.20.35- I.7.D.6.4.- BLARINGHEM- C.I3.B.7.2.- LYNDE- (B.6.D.55.60) C.I.B.0.2. BILLETTS.	BRIGADE ROUTE MARCH.	Starting Point for 59th, 60th Bns. M.G.Coy. & T.M.B. & C.I6.B.3.8. 59th pass that point at 9.5 am. Remain der follow in order as shown. Order of march of column from Bde. Starting Point- Bde H.Q.- 57th Bn- 58th - 59th - 60th - M.G.Coy.T.M.B 57th & 58th Bns.move to billets via C.I0.A.7.2.
TUES. 11TH.	8.30a.m.- 12.30 p.m.	BATTALION AREAS.	Platoon Tactical Training Engagement of Strong Points.	6
WED. 12TH.	8.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	do.	Company Tactical Training with troops.	
THURS. 13TH.	8.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	do.	Platoon Tactical training.	Battalion Staff and Coy. Commanders on Brigade Work Rendezvous later.
FRI. 14TH.		Later	BRIGADE DAY.	
SAT. 15TH.			AT DISPOSAL OF UNITS.	

The present course at the Brigade N.C.O's School continues until Wed. when a new class of 80 N.C.O's will join.
S.B.R. Drill and Gas lectures will be carried out daily.
The M.G. Company will train independently except on 10th and 13th inst. unless otherwise ordered.
T.M.B. as for M.G. Coy.

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