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CHATEAU SEGARD AREA near YPRES	1917 Dec	1	Day fine, inclined to be cloudy. Started issuing Battle Stones etc, men rested during day, several officers visited front area. Strength 32 Officers & 618 OR.	
NEAR YPRES		2	Day fine, Bn completed the issuing of Battle Stones and at 2100 Battalion moved out of bivouacs at Chateau Segard and marched to ANZAC RIDGE and relieved 10th Aust Bn. relief completed by 0130. Lieut. F. T. G. SMITH on duty at Divisional Baths RENINGHELST was killed by bomb dropped by enemy aircraft.	
		3	For operations on 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th , 7 th and 8 th inst. See Operation Reports and Sketch attached. Lieut. E. CLARK killed by H.E. Shell on way forward with pack train. Lieut. H. J. F. WATSON killed by H.E. Shell in front line on 4 th & following officers wounded. 2/Lieut. AN. BUCKLEY, W. FELLIOTT. Lieut. G. R. MACDOUGAL, R. B. ALLPORT, 2/Lieut. A. E. SMITH, F. G. FITZPATRICK. Lieut. A. G. CORMACK.	1216 1

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Near YPRES	October		Operations from 3 rd to 8 th inclusive continued	
		5	Capt. A. L. HEWISH killed at Battalion Headquarters by shrapnel pellet through heart, buried next to 16grs.	
			2/Lieut. T. S. RUDKIN wounded.	
		6	2/Lieut. G. B. CHRISTOE wounded	
		7	Capt. R. INGOORE M.C. killed by H.E. Shell which landed on his Company Headquarters killing him & wounding Lieut. L. F. KEMMIS M.C.	
			2/Lieut. from Reinforcements joined Bn & brought forward from transport lines 72 details	
		8	Bn moved back to DICKEBUSCH HUTS	
DICKEBUSCH		9	Day cold & windy. Morning was devoted to cleaning up & checking rolls etc. At 1300 the Battalion moved from DICKEBUSCH HUTS and subsisted to WIPPENHOEK AREA (CONNAUGHT LINES) accommodation very limited & camp very wet & muddy.	1616.

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WIPPENHOEK	1917 Dec	9	(Contd) Strength 28 officers 601 OR.	
		10	Day wet & cold, Battalion carried on with cleaning up etc & men rested during greater part of day. Strength 28 officers 567 OR.	
		11	Day cold & windy & some rain in afternoon. All men were bathed & received a change of clothing. rested during remainder of day. Strength 27 officers 516 OR.	
		12	Day fine during part of morning but became overcast later & rain fell during afternoon. Company Parade & short route march but owing to weather very little training carried out. Lieut. F. T. MAISEY from 12 th Training Battalion Strength 28 officers 530 OR.	
		13	Day very cold & windy & heavy rain fell from about 1000 onwards. Battalion parade at 0930 but had to be abandoned, a little Specialist Training	b16.

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WIPPENHOEK	1917 Oct.		<p>13 carried out in huts, rained all afternoon & cold increased. Lieut Colonel D.T. MOORE DSO to and Lieut H.D. ROBB to leave U.K. Captain Chaplain J.W. DAINES to leave CALAIS. 2 Lieut T.S. NIXON from leave United Kingdom Strength 28 Officers and 559 OR.</p> <p>14 Day fine but cool. Bn Church Parade in morning Bn rested during remainder of day. Capt H.E. BUTLER to U.K. to report to A.I.F. Headquarters. Capt C.F. ELIOTT & 14 OR to 2nd Army post camp. Strength 25 Off. 548 OR.</p> <p>15 Day dull & cloudy Bn Parade & general brushing up work, rain fell during latter part of morning & afternoon Specialist Training carried on in billets Strength 25 Off 541 OR.</p> <p>16 Battalion moved from WIPPENHOEK area to Canal area near SPRES. Embussed at 1000 & move complete by 1300. Day dull & cold inclined to rain at night.</p>	

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NEAR YPRES	1917			
	Oct.	16	Cont: 54 details rejoined from Base. Strength 25 off 591 OR.	
		17	Day fine. Battalion on Light Railway fatigue in forward area. Strength 25 Officers + 584 OR.	
		18	Day cold wet. Battalion on Railway fatigue forward area. Lieut. D. G. DARBY to leave Paris. Strength Lieut. F. W. MORTON to leave C. 14. Strength 23 Officers + 582 OR.	
		19	Day cold & drizzly. Battalion on Railway fatigue. Lieut. A. E. S. MASON from 2nd Army Sleeping School. Corporal A. L. KNOWLES to Cadet Course England. Strength 24 Officers + 589 OR.	
		20	Day fine but inclined to be showery. Battalion still on fatigue work. Strength 24 Off. + 587 OR.	
		21	Day cold wet. Bn on Railway fatigue work. 58 details rejoined from Base. Lieut. W. CHAPMAN from Reinforcements. Lieut. L. W. S. LOVEDAY to hospital.	b. 16.

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NEAR YPRES	1917 Oct	21	(ORCHITIS) Strength 24 Officers & 629 OR.	
		22	Day cold wet. Battalion on Railway fatigue 4 OR wounded, whilst on fatigue strength 24 Officers & 618 OR	
		23	Day cold windy. fatigue work with 9th Canadian Railway Coy. 1 OR killed in action whilst on duty. Sergeants. A. R. ARNOLD, D. ROSS, D. R. DESBOIS and E. HAWKSHAW promoted to Commissioned rank dated 18/10/17. Lieut. A. W. BUTLER to Assistant Area Commandant, Canal Area. Near YPRES Strength 26 Officers & 617 OR.	
		24	Full day & cold. 2 Officers (Lieut C. H. D. CHAMPION & Lieut. A. LITTLE JOHN) & 54 OR. to Div. River Camp Rest of Battalion on Railway fatigue work. Strength Lieut. D. G. GAKLEY from leave Paris Strength 25 Officers & 548 OR.	

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NEAR YPRES	1917 Oct	25	Day fine, inclined to be windy. 1 st Aust. Inf. Bde. moved from WIPPENHOEK to Canal area near YPRES. BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS established at CHATEAU BELGE. Battalion on Railway fatigue 4 OR. Killed 1 OR wounded. Lieut. J. H. STANGER to 4 th Army Signalling School strength 24 Off + 533 OR.	
		26	Day very wet. Battalion on Railway fatigue 13 OR. returned from Brigade School + 26 OR from Base details. Lieut. Colonel D. T. MOORE DSO from leave U.K. Lieut. H. D. ROBB from leave U.K. strength 26 Officers + 563 OR.	
		27	Day dull & wet. Work continues with Canadian Railway troops. 1 OR. Killed whilst returning from work. 2/Lieut. D. ROSS to 1 st Divisional Reinforcement camp. Lieut. C. H. D. CHAMPION to 1 st Aust. Inf. Bde School to relieve Lieut. A. H. BOILEAU to leave U.K. strength 25 Officers and 556 OR.	

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CANAL AREA near YPRES	28		Day fine. Usual working parties carried on with Railway Construction work. No Casualties Strength 25 officers & 549 O.R.	
	29		Day fine. Working parties as usual. Heavy shelling during working hours. 2 Killed and 6 wounded. Capt. C. F. ELLIOTT M.C. & 13 O.R. returned from 2 nd Army Rest Camp Strength 26 officers 548 O.R.	
	30		Day wet & cold. Usual work carried on with 9 th Canadian C.R.T. 1 O.R. Killed 6 O.R. wounded Strength 26 officers and 540 O.R.	
	31		Day fine and cold. Railway fatigue parties same as usual. No Casualties. 2 Lieut. F. G. FITZPATRICK rejoined from wounded (seconded) Strength 26 off. 538 O.R.	

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Lieut. Colonel
Command. 3rd Div.
A.I.F.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMUS

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REPORT ON OPERATIONS FROM 2.10.17 to 8.10.17

3rd Battalion Headquarters,
10. 10. 17.

- (1) 1st Aust. INF. Brigade Orders received stating that the Brigade would attack at 0600 on 4th inst, and that 3rd Battalion would attack and consolidate 1st Objective as shewn on Appendix I.
- (2) PRELIMINARY MOVES.
 2nd inst. At 2200 on 2nd inst Battalion moved out of Bivouac at CHATEAU SEGARD and marched to ANZAC RIDGE.
 On passing HOOGE hostile Aircraft dropped 3 Bombs near end of Column and killed and wounded about Seventeen men of Section of 1st L.T.M. Battery and Carrying party attached - all attached to 3rd Battalion for attack.
 3rd inst. At 0035 on 3rd inst. 3rd Battalion took over from 10th Australian Battalion on ANZAC RIDGE with Battalion Headquarters at J 8 B 6 4.
 4th inst. At 0200 on 4th inst. Battalion moved from ANZAC RIDGE to Assembly tape line.
- (3) *4th inst* At 0345 Battalion was formed up on Tape Line ready to assault.
 Distribution and Strength at ZERO hour as shewn on Appendix 2.
- (4) The Battalion moved forward to the attack at ZERO (6 a.m. *4. 10. 17.*)
- (5) ACTION OF ENEMY.
 Hostile Artillery opened with a heavy barrage of all callibres on our front line at 0530, but as the Tape line was a little in advance of this line very few casualties were sustained by my Battalion.
 This Barrage eased considerably when our own Barrage was put down at ZERO (0600).
- (6) OUR ACTION.
 At ZERO (0600) our Barrage opened and Battalion moved forward in correct order to the attack.
 The first serious opposition was met with at the line of concrete Pill boxes at J 4 B 8 3 to J 4 B 8 7. Here the enemy lined the reverse side of the dugouts. Owing to the width of the top of the dugouts their firing was very high and did not seriously affect our troops who closely followed our barrage. On reaching the line of Pill boxes the enemy held out and inflicted a number of casualties by STICK Bombs. The resistance was quickly overcome.
 During this fight, the extreme RIGHT and LEFT of my line continued the advance.
 On the strong point falling, the enemy retreated through our Barrage in great haste, our men following inflicting casualties.
 A great number of men advanced beyond the RED line in pursuit of the retreating enemy, but were brought back and re-organised before the barrage moved on at 0810.
 The RED line was reached and consolidation started at 0700.
 Companies re-organised ready to move forward if necessary.
 Battalion Headquarters moved to J 4 B 8 6 at 0710.

(6)
(contd)

Contact with 8th DEVONS on RIGHT and 8th Australian Battalion on LEFT gained at 0710.

Touch was maintained throughout with 1st, 4th, and 8th Australian Battalions by means of LIASION Officers.

(7)

Throughout the day 4th and night 4th/5th inst. enemy heavily shelled RED LINE and vicinity of Battalion Headquarters.

RED LINE swept at intervals with indirect Machine Gun fire.

5th inst. Forenoon quiet - consolidation continued and burial of dead proceeded with.

No Infantry action by 3rd Battalion on 5th inst.

(8)

At 1830 on 5th inst, 10th Australian Battalion commenced the relief of 3rd Battalion. A heavy enemy barrage was put down at the time and delayed the relief.

Relief completed at 2230 on 5th inst. and 3rd Battalion moved to ANZAC RIDGE to position occupied on 3rd inst.

(9)

On 6th and 7th inst. Battalion employed in Salvage and improving Trenches.

On 8th inst. Battalion employed in burying Cables.

At 2230 - 4th Battalion relieved 3rd Battalion - and Battalion moved to DICKIEBUSCH Huts.

(10)

The attack was successful, and operations were carried out to timetable.

(11)

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rain fell prior to the move to Assembly position, and made the going very bad, but did not affect the actual attack.

Further rains made movements difficult, especially during the relief on night of 5th/6th inst.

(12)

APPENDICES.

Appendix. 1. Map showing Assembly Tape Line in Showing Boundaries and Objective as consolidated.

Appendix. 2 Sketch shewing dispositions on opening out at ZERO.

Appendix. 3. Copies of Orders issued.

Appendix. 4. Details of our Casualties.

Appendix. 5. Details of Enemy Casualties - our captures of personnel and material.

Appendix 6. Showing Strength at ZERO hour

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Lieut. Colonel.

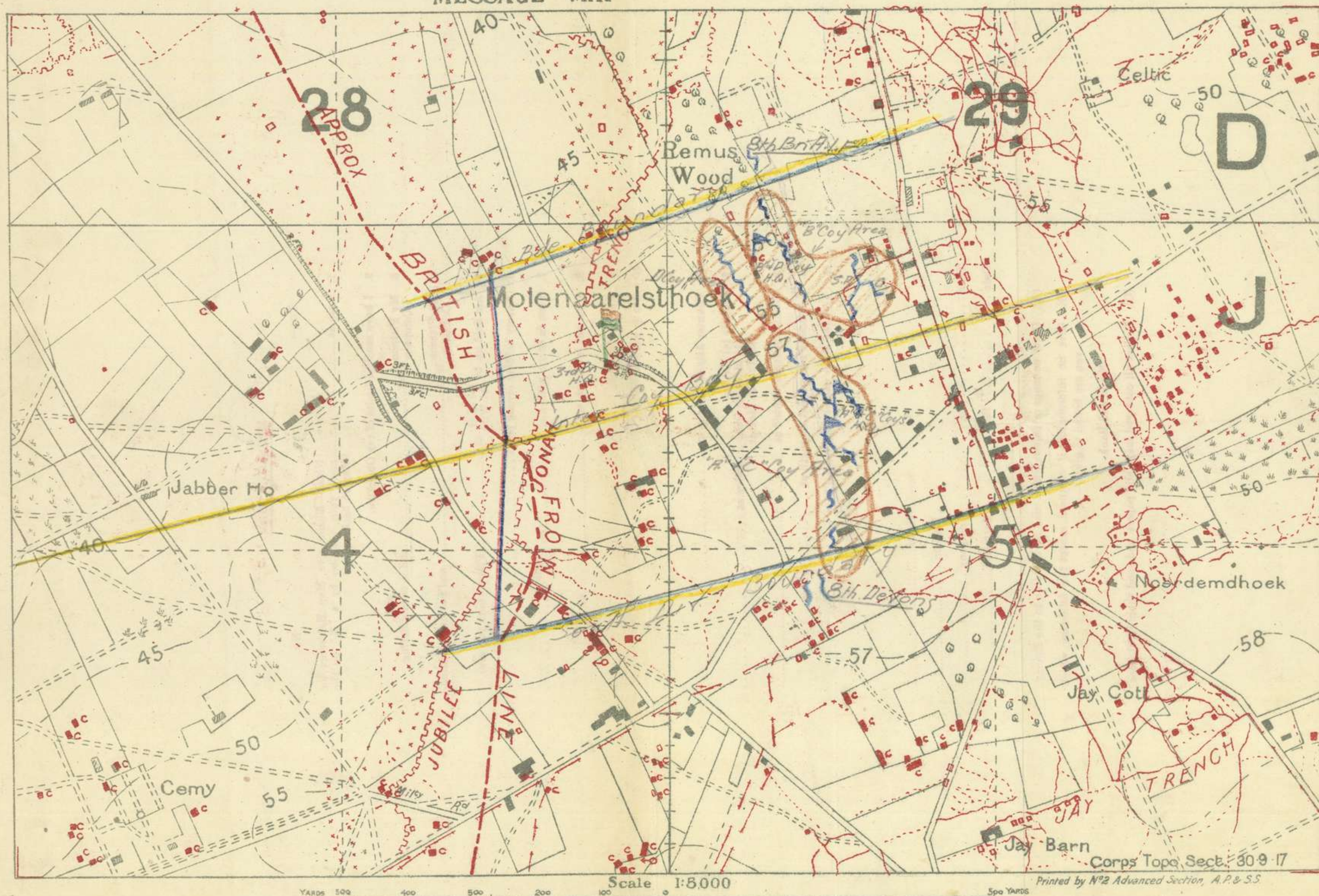
Commanding 3rd Battalion.

A.I.F.

MESSAGE MAP

APPENDIX 1

Trenches corrected to 28.9.17



Old Gun Positions

Old von Fuchs
Frenches in 1000 words

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OUTLINES or STRUCTURES } verified by Air Photographs

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Dugouts Now Covered
Machine Guns.

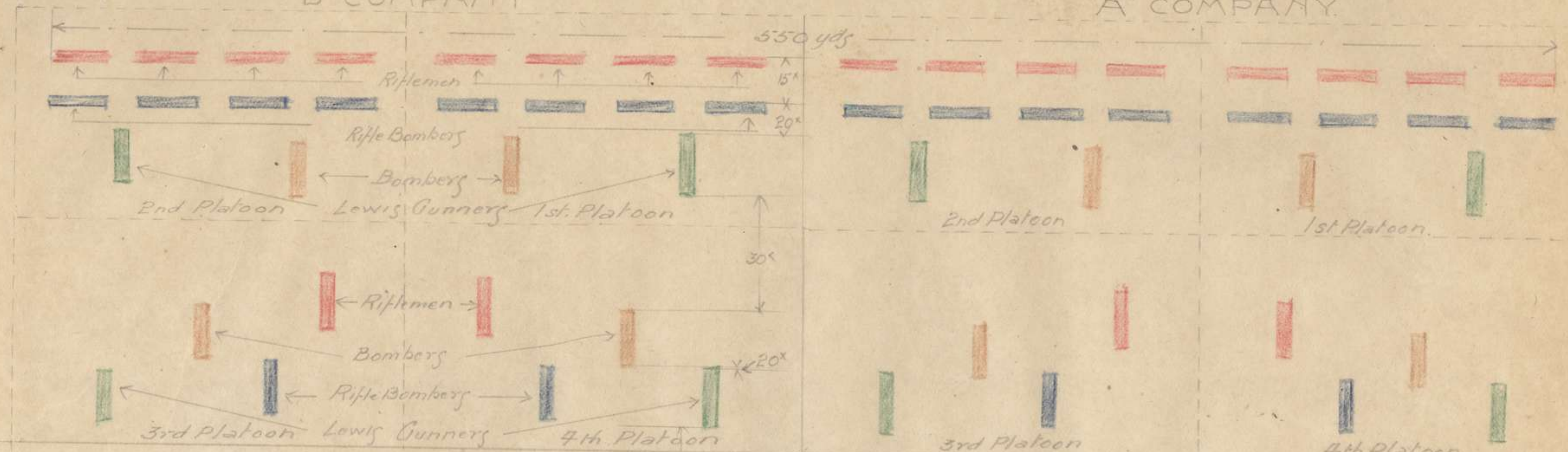
DISTRIBUTION of 3rd Bn after ZERO HOUR

4. 10. 17

Diagram only

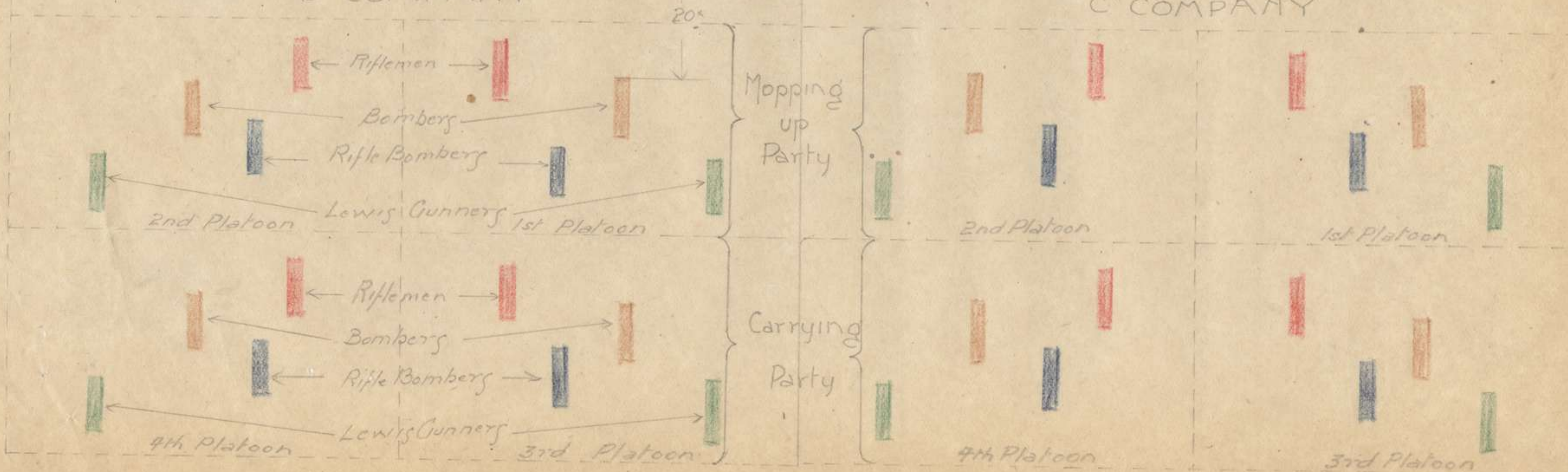
B COMPANY

A COMPANY



D COMPANY

C COMPANY



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APPENDIX 12

3rd BATTALION. A.I.F.
OPERATION MEMO No. 1.

Battalion Headquarters.
1st October 1917

REFERENCE MAP - BECELAERE. 1:10,000.

- (1) (a) The 1st Australian Infantry Brigade in conjunction with 20th Brigade on Right and 2nd Australian Brigade on Left will attack the enemy on a day to be notified later.
(b) For the present the line will be held by a composite Brigade under command of G.O.C. 3rd Australian Infantry Brigade.
- (2) The object of the forthcoming operations by 1st Australian Division is to capture the NOORDEMHOEK-BROODSEINDE Ridge from the re-entrant in J 5 B to the re-entrant in D 29 A. Objectives are allotted as follows :-
First - to 3rd Battalion.
Second - to 4th & 1st Battalions.
- (3) Boundaries are shown on Map issued separately to Companies. Inter-Company boundary is the line J 4 B 4 3 - J 5 A 5 6.
- (4) The Battalion will be formed up for attack as follows :-
A & B Companies in front - A Company on right.
C & D Companies in rear - C Company on right.
C & D Companies will form mopping up parties, Battalion Reserve, and carrying parties.
- (5) The attack will be made in two stages as follows -
(a) The 3rd Battalion will take and consolidate the 1st Objective, the RED Line.
(b) The 4th and 1st Battalions will pass through 3rd Battalion, and take and consolidate the 2nd Objective the BLUE Line.
(c) The pause on 1st Objective will probably be for one hour.
- (6) (a) The 8th Devons will take the 1st Objective on our Right, and 8th Australian Battalion will take the 1st Objective on our Left.
(b) To ensure that connection is maintained between flanking Battalions special parties of 1 N.C.O. and Six men will be told off as follows -
To meet parties of 20th Brigade at Forked Road J 5 A 5 1 by "A" Company.
To meet parties of 2nd Australian Brigade at Corner of REMUS WOOD D29 C 3 1 by B Company.
- (7) The Objective will be consolidated in depth by Troops who take it. Camouflage netting will be used to connect Trenches and strong points as they are built.
- (8) Two Sections 1st L.T.M. Battery will be attached to 3rd Battalion.
- (9) The importance of getting back information at all stages of the forthcoming operations must be impressed on all Officers.

The capture of the RED Line will be announced by firing RED Very Lights towards the rear at an angle of 45 degrees.

The capture of BLUE Line will be announced by firing GREEN Very Lights.

One inch VERY PISTOLS will be used.

Battalion Operation Order No. 1 - -2-

(10) Wire Cutters will be specially allotted to "A" and "B" Companies.

(11) Distinguishing Marks -

RED Line Troops - RED patch on Tin Hat.
BLUE Line Troops - BLUE patch on Tin Hat.

(12) DRESS - Fighting Order.

All Ranks except Runners and Signallers will carry -

120 Rounds S.A.A.
2 Bombs.
4 Sandbags.
1 Ground Flares.
28 Hours Rations.

In addition, Bombers will carry 6 extra Bombs, Rifle Grenadiers 6 Grenades, Officers and No. 1 Lewis Gun Section 1 S.O.S. Signal.

Very Pistols and red Cartridges will be carried under Company arrangements.

See in file

Lieut. & Adjutant.
3rd Battalion. A.I.F.

3rd BATTALION. A.I.F

OPERATION MEMORANDUM No. 2

Battalion Headquarters,
1st October 1917

(1) ARTILLERY.

At Zero the Barrage will be put down in depth by all calibres 150 yards in advance of our front line, for three minutes, i.e., from Zero to Zero plus 3 minutes.

It will then advance for 200 yards at the rate of 100 yards in four minutes.

From that point to the RED protective barrage line (200 yards in advance of the RED Line) it will advance at the rate of 100 yards in 6 minutes.

It will halt on the RED protective barrage line for about 1 hour, and will advance from that line at zero plus 130 minutes at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes to the BLUE protective barrage line, (200 yards in advance of the BLUE Line).

The protective barrage will then remain stationery while creeping barrages in depth beyond the BLUE protective barrage will be carried out.

(2) S. O. S.

The Night S.O.S. Signal will be as for the last operation, a parachute rifle grenade fired vertically and breaking into 3 vertical lights, red over green over yellow.

The daylight S.O.S. Signal will also be as for the last operation, a red smoke mortar signal.

Discretion must be exercised in making the S.O.S. call. It must not be repeated automatically by units on the flanks of the one threatened.

A report must always be rendered by the Officer responsible as soon after the incident closes as possible, to ensure that counter attacks may be reported to higher authority.

(3) COMMUNICATION WITH R.F.C.

RED Flares will be shown by the Infantry in the most advanced line when a contact patrol is seen in the air, and when a contact patrol signals for such flares by sounding its KLAXON Horn.

The various calls for inter-communication between Infantry Headquarters and aircraft are as follows. They have been issued to the O.C. 4th Squadron R.F.C. and all concerned.

3rd Aust. BATTALION. Code letters - M.F.Y.

On attack day a contact aeroplane will watch throughout the day for signs of enemy counter attack. All ranks should be informed of this.

The following code will be used by the R.F.C. for reporting enemy movements :-

"Enemy collecting at	Succession of Q's.
"Enemy advancing from	" R's.
"More than a Battalion "	L.N.
"Less "	S.N.

Map references will be given in clear, no attempt being made to pin point the location by figures. Thus a message to say -
"Enemy collecting at B.6.A, more than a Battalion"
would be sent"Q.Q.Q. B.6.A. L.N."

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- (4) All prisoners will be sent under escort via Battalion Head Quarters to collecting Station at J 8 A 11. They will there be taken over by A.P.M. 1st Australian Division.

As soon as possible prisoners will be sorted into regiments and the Officers and N.C.O's will be kept apart from the men. Officers and N.C.O's will be searched as soon as possible by a responsible Officer or N.C.O. All documents taken off them will be sent back with them (in sacks labelled by regiments) to the Divisional Collecting Station. Sufficient labels will be issued from Division. It is important that captured maps should not be retained by Units in the front line. A responsible Officer or N.C.O. should be sent back with such map to the Divisional Intelligence Officer (at the Collecting Station), J.8.A.1.1.) who will inform the bearer of the information on the map, and will, in the case of a map of importance, cause copies to be circulated to Units concerned.

Other ranks will not be searched. Their papers will be taken from them at the Corps Cage.

All ranks should understand that a prisoners paybook and identity disc should not be taken from him. Escorts and guards will be warned to take special precaution to prevent prisoners from destroying papers.

In dealing with prisoners, the following points should be noted :-

- (1) Officers, N.C.O's and privates should be all separated from one another at once.
- (2) Prisoners who have been interrogated should be kept from prisoners who have not been interrogated.
- (3) A prisoner will not be searched in front of prisoners who are to be subsequently searched.
- (4) In reporting prisoners the following points should be included in report (a) number of prisoners taken, (b) regiment, (c) Locality captured.

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Lieut. & Adjutant,
3rd Battalion. A.I.F.

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3rd BATTALION. A.I.F.
OPERATION MEMO. No. 3.

Battalion Headquarters.
2nd October 1917.

- (1) The 3rd Battalion will move on Q/R night to ANZAC Ridge and relieve 10th Australian Battalion.
- (2) ORDER OF MARCH & TIME.
 "A" Coy
 "B" "
 "C" "
 "D" "
 Headquarters.
 1 Section 1st A.L.T.M.B.
 "A" Company will clear present Camp by
- (3) The following distances will be maintained -
 (a) To Halfway House - 100 yards between Platoons.
 (b) EAST of Halfway House - 50 yards between Sections.
- (4) ROUTE -
 WARRINGTON ROAD - past HALFWAY HOUSE - ZOUAVE TRACK to KANGWAN TRACK at I.18.B.0.3. thence KANGWAN TRACK to J.13.A.6.3. thence north to J.13.A.5.9. thence almost East via JABBER TRACK to JARGON Corner, J.7.D.9.2., thence North to J.8.C.05.95. thence as shewn on attached Map.
- (5) On R/S night 3rd Battalion will move to position of Assembly on Tape Line. This move is to be completed by ZERO minus 45 minutes.
 Tape Line will be laid under Brigade arrangements.
- (6) On Q/R and R/S nights Sentries will be posted along Route to guide Companies.
- (7) Bayonets will not be fixed before ZERO hour and steps will be taken to dull all helmets to prevent them from shining in the moonlight.
- (8) Strict orders must be issued to prevent all unnecessary movement in the forward area. Sentries will be posted to ensure that men do not leave their trenches without an order from an officer. All ranks must be warned against looking up at aeroplanes.
- (9) Company Commanders will report by wire when their respective Companies are in position. The Code words "Rum has been issued" will be used to indicate this.
- (10) Pack Transport will be provided on Q/R night to carry Lewis Guns and Ammunition, Bombs and Rifle Grenades in addition to the two per man - Extra water.
 The Pack Horses will march with Companies and O.C's Companies are responsible for their loads being properly issued.
- (11) Lieut. B. C. BERRY will be responsible for posting ~~Sentries~~ Guides as per instructions issued separately.

(sgd) Cecil. J. Clifton

Lieut. & Adjutant,
3rd Battalion. A.I.F.

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3rd BATTALION. A.I.F.
Operation Memo No. 4.

Battalion Headquarters,
2nd October 1917.

- (1) THE ATTACK. The attack will be carried out in two stages.
(a) Stage 1. The 3rd Battalion will attack the RED Line with two Companies in the line and two Companies in support. The two leading Companies will each have two lines of skirmishers in extended order with 15 yards between lines, with the remainder of these companies following in artillery formation of sections. The two leading platoons of the rear Companies advancing in artillery formation of sections will act as moppers up and the two rear platoons in similar formation will act as carriers.

The 4th and 1st Battalions will move in artillery formation. Special precautions will be taken to prevent the rear companies of a Battalion crowding on to the forward companies and also to prevent the rear Battalions becoming intermingled with the attacking Battalion. Until the RED line is gained a distance of 100 yards will be maintained between the 3rd Battalion and the 4th and 1st Battalions.

(b) Stage 2. On the capture of the RED Line the 4th and 1st Battalions with the 4th Battalion on the right, will pass through the 3rd Battalion and form up under the barrage in the attack formation laid down in the preceding sub-para.

On the barrage lifting they will advance and capture the BLUE Line.

(c) The mopping up parties will be under a specified commander who will be responsible for the mopping up of the area traversed by his Battalion and will report to Battalion Headquarters as soon as the work has been completed.

(2) CONSOLIDATION -

As soon as each Objective has been gained, consolidation will commence.

Each Objective will be consolidated in depth by a line of posts in front of the objective, by a line of posts on the objective and by a line of posts in rear of the objective.

In carrying forward material for consolidation purposes, special care will be taken to bring forward rolls of Camouflage netting to conceal trenches and strong posts as they are constructed.

Companies will establish themselves as follows :-

"A" and "B" Companies on and in advance of RED Line.
"C" and "D" Companies just in rear of RED Line.

"C" and "D" Companies will each detail 10 other ranks to report to Battalion Headquarters at 1900 on 2nd inst - to be attached to Section L.T.M.B. for carrying duties.

(sgd) Cecil J. Clifton

Lieut. & Adjutant,
3rd Battalion. A.I.F.

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3rd AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

Operation Order No. 5.

Battalion Headquarters,

R Day.

- (1) The attack will be carried out on the S Day in accordance with instructions previously issued. ZERO hour will be at 0600.
- (2) 3rd Battalion in front and 4th and 1st Battalions in rear (4th Battalion on right) will form up on Taped lines which will be placed in position by Intelligence Sections.
- (3) Battalion will move in order - A -B -C -D -H.Qrs. A distance of 50 yards to be maintained between Sections. "A" Company to be clear of present area by 0145, "B" Company by 0200.
- (4) Route for all Units is via JABBER TRACK.
- (5) Contact Planes distinguished by a BLACK streamer on left wing, will fly at approximately the following times :-
 - (1) Zero plus 90 minutes (RED Line).
 - (2) " plus 180 " (BLUE ")
- (6) Companies will take necessary steps to ensure strict silence and no smoking is to be allowed on any account.
- (7) When Companies are in position words "Rum has been issued" will be forwarded to point at junction of "A" and "B" Companies on Taped line where an Officer will be stationed to collect them.

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APPENDIX. 4. - CASUALTIES.OFFICERS.KILLED IN ACTION.

Lieut. H. J. F. WATSON.	4. 10. 17
Capt. A. L. HEWISH.	5. 10. 17
" R. I. MOORE. M.C	7. 10. 17

DIED OF WOUNDS.

Lieut. E. CLARK.	3. 10. 17
2nd Lieut. F. T. G. SMITH.	2. 10. 17

WOUNDED.

2nd Lieut. A. N. BUCKLEY	4. 10. 17
" " W. F. ELLIOTT	do
Lieut G. R. MacDOUGAL	do
" R. B. ALLPORT	do
2nd " A. E. SMITH	do
" F. G. FITZPATRICK	do
Lieut A. G. CORMACK	do
2nd " T. S. RUDKIN	5. 10. 17
" G. B. CHRISTOE	6. 10. 17
Lieut L. F. KEMMIS. M.C.	7. 10. 17

OTHER RANKS.

KILLED IN ACTION - 51 (Fifty One).

DIED OF WOUNDS - 8 (Eight).

WOUNDED - 170 (One hundred and seventy).

MISSING. - 10 (Ten).

WOUNDED AT DUTY - 4 (Four).

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APPENDIX. 5..

DETAILS OF ENEMY CASUALTIES - OUR CAPTURES OF
PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL.

PRISONERS (Estimated) 200.

(Receipt is held for
1 Officer
13 N.C.O's
69 Ptes.)

MACHINE GUNS actually
collected and marked. 21.

TRENCH MORTARS (Miniewerfers)
actually marked 6½ inch bore. 4.

FLAMMENWERFERS actually
marked. 2.

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APPENDIX. 6.

STRENGTH ACTUALLY PRESENT WITH UNIT AT ZERO HOUR.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O/Ranks.</u>
"A" Company.	5	95
"B" "	5	112
"C" "	6	98
"D" "	5	118
Headquarters.	6	39
Total -	<u>27</u>	<u>462</u>

BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO.36.

By
Lieut. Colonel D.T. MOORE D.S.O.
Commanding 3rd. Battalion A.I.F.

Battalion Headquarters,
9th. October 1917.

(1.) The 3rd. Australian Battalion will move by Bus from present area to WIPPENHOEK Area at 1230 this morning.

(2.) ORDER OF MARCH.

"D" Coy.
"B" "
"C" "
"A" "
Hd. Qrs.

"D" Company to be clear of present Camp by 1150.

(3) Busses will be drawn up on YPRES-DICKEBUSH Road facing DICKEBUSH - head of Column at H. 28. C. 60.

(4) Companies to be told off in groups of twenty five (25) and if possible will be off the road on right hand side.

(5) DRESS - heavy marching order.

(6) Bussing States to be handed into Battalion Orderly Room before moving.

(7) Transport will move independently.

Accompanied
Lieut. & Adjutant,
3rd. Battalion, A.I.F.