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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HONTISBES	1 st	10 am	The enemy suddenly put an intense barrage round the PONT BAILLOT salient i.e. down HEPBURN - S78 - S79 - FINI. This lasted us for about 40 minutes. Our artillery at once replied with a barrage on the hostile parapet. Par. Simultaneously he put about 30 shells into ARMENTIERES. On causing our guns to cease he also ceased & all was quiet. By about 2.30 am our trenches were considerably cut knocked about. Oc 7th Black Watch in left subsector, reported that he was out of touch with all his companies over that GLOUCESTER AVE was completely destroyed ^{blocked}. By about 3.30 am he was again in touch and reported 3 casualties only. The sentry on the HOOPLINE - FREKINCHIE was killed by a shell. He belonged 7th Gordons. Enemy quiet ^{during day}. Our men engaged in repairing the damage caused by the shell fire of the night previous. A relief took place by day final dispositions being as follows: 6th Black Watch Ben Reserve - 7th Black Watch Subsidiary line - 5th Gordons left subsector - 7th Gordons right subsector. Reliefs complete by 6.30 pm.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ARMENTIERES	2 nd		Nothing of any importance occurred. Most of the time spent in repairing damages done by German shelling. Our wire which was not very good at the beginning was somewhat knocked about.	JWH
	3 rd		154 th Bde relieved 68 th Bde on our left N of R.L.Y.S. During the afternoon the artillery were wire cutting. This brought some retaliation with trench mortars & 5.9 shells. HOOPLINES received a few of these. All was quiet however by 6.0 pm. ARMENTIERES also was shelled.	APPI 204
	4 th		Situation normal. Usual artillery firing. Gas was discharged by 152 nd Bde on our right at 10.50 pm. At 11 am we cooperated in a shoot with 152 nd Bde. This lasted for 10 minutes with rifle grenades and trench mortars. About 5 pm HOOPLINES was shelled by a few shells.	APPI 205
	5 th		Nothing unusual in the front-lines. Between 7 & 8 pm ARMENTIERES was heavily shelled with for about 10 minutes with various calibres. Some casualties occurred. A Bde conference was held at CHATEAU ROSE & a plan for four simultaneous raids was agreed upon.	JWH

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ARMENTIERES	6 th		Situation normal till midday when HOBBS FARM was somewhat heavily punished by a heavy minnenwerfer bombing of importance occurred.	
dillo	7 th		Inspection of line by relieving units of 154 th Bde. In the evening about 7.0 pm the town was heavily shelled in 3 bursts. In the last burst a shell burst in one of the rooms of Bde H Q. no harm done. The "heavies" were then turned on LILLE & retaliation was expected here however came.	APP I 206
dillo	8 th		Officers of 152 nd Bde came to inspect line to be taken over. Orders were issued for move of Bde to training camp 1 mile SE of BAILLEUL.	APP I 207 I 224
dillo	9 th		Reliefs commenced in the morning. Under Divisional order 7 th Gordons did not return to camp but were billeted in ARMENTIERES for carrying parties for gas cylinders. Remains of Bde moved as in orders. no casualties reported during relief. Packs of 6 th Black Watch were delayed & did not arrive till 12 midnight. By 10 pm dispositions were as follows.	5084

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ARMENTIERES	9 th		Bel Hq in MAIRIE STEENWERCK. Remainder of bat except 7 th Gordons in training camp 1 mile SE of BAILLEUL. 4 th Gordons left in ARMENTIERES to act as carrying parties.	
STEENWERCK area	10 th		Day spent in "shaking down" & cleaning kits. Battalions ordered to get ready programmes of work.	
"	11 th		Battalions at training chiefly drill & route marching. 6 th Black Watch found a guard of honour of 100 men for presentation of medals to Belgians by 2 nd Army Commander. This took place in the "Place" at BAILLEUL. The parade being under the command of LT COL H. T. BART. 5 th Gordons. It was definitely decided that 7 th Black Watch & 7 th Gordons should carry out a raid on PONT BALLOT salient on 15 th Sept & 5 th Gordons on 16 th on CHICKEN RUN salient. Preparations for raid were pushed forward & full orders received from Division. Remainder of Bat carried out training.	
"	13 th		G.O.C. Division inspected training camp. Memorandum was issued to battalions that they must practice moving behind our barrage & assaulting hostile positions.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEENWEE AREA	14 th		Final instructions for raids were issued. G.O.C. 5 th Div inspected 7 th Black Watch raiding party.	
	15 th		Raids carried out on PONT BALLOT SALIENT by 7 th Black Watch & 7 th Gordons. 7 th Black Watch on point C29c 50.75 & 7 th Gordons on C29a 45.30 (ref 1100 PLINES 1/10,000). In both raids Bangalore torpedoes were used, first cutting the hostile wire. In the case of the 7 th Gordons as the wire was too deep for a 90 ft torpedo it was decided that the outer band of wire was to be cut. This was done successfully, but owing to the poor material of which the torpedo was constructed it buckled on being pushed through the final belts & could not be withdrawn. It was therefore fired, but when the other torpedo exploded but did not cut sufficient wire, so the party returned with one man slightly wounded. The 7 th Black Watch torpedo exploded successfully & they entered the trench & captured one prisoner who was unfortunately killed coming through our own wire by a German shell. 2 dugouts full of Germans were also bombed. The main body of Germans body was brought into our trenches & proved to have been a 1 st JAEGER attached to 10 R Regt & was 1917 class.	APP I 208 I 209 V 3 5107

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STEENWERK AREA	16 th		Raid by 5 th Gordons took place. The raid was entirely successful & a prisoner was captured. The wire was supposed to be cut by a pipe forcing jack but owing to some miscalculation only half was cut. The party however cut their way through the remainder & entered the trench. 13 Germans were killed for certain & others most probably. One prisoner brought back. Our casualties one slightly wounded.	APPI 208 I 209 V 4 H 1
"	17 th		G.O.C. 57 th Divn inspected Machine Gun Coy. Orders issued to 153 rd Bde to relieve 152 nd Bde in right sector.	APPI 210 I 211 H 1
"	18 th		Reconnoitring parties including G.O.C. went round the trenches of right sector. The day was very wet & heavy rain fell all day till 4 p.m. Bde except Bde H & G marched to ARMENTIERES where it went into billets.	H 1
ARMENTIERES	19 th		Bde Relieved 152 nd Bde in the right sector. Reliefs completed by noon 2 p.m. Dispositions as follows 7 th Gordons Right sub-sector, 5 th Gordons left sub-sector, 6 th Black Watch Subsector line, 7 th Gordons Black Watch in reserve in billets in ARMENTIERES. Bde H & G. 98 Rue SADI CARNOT. All transport remained L'EPINETTE (B 27 c & d)	511

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ARMENTIERES	20 th		Situation normal. Trenches not in good condition owing to trench mortars. Particularly bad opposite RAILWAY SALIENT. Very heavy rain most of the day. Drainage system of the trenches pretty good.	
AP "	21 st		Received warning that we should be relieved by 103 rd Bde & would then be billeted in ARMENTIERES.	
"	22 nd		Situation normal but 'gas alert' put on. 7 th Gordon's stated they had seen German carrying parties wearing gas masks as the wind favoured the Germans this pointed to their carrying up gas. 152 nd Bde attempted a raid on the MUSHROOM from our front, but this failed owing to faulty telephones.	
"	23 rd		Advance parties, GOC & Bde Major of 103 rd Bde went over our trenches. Half our artillery was relieved.	APPI 212 I 213 I 214
"	24 th		Relief took place & was complete by 5 pm. Bde Hq moved to 93 Rue SADI CARNOT. Battalions & remainder of Bde to billet in ARMENTIERES. Orders received to march to FLETRIE AREA.	APPI 215 I 216 I 217, 218 I 219, 220

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BEAUVALL	25 th		Bele group to marched to FLETRE AREA & was in new billets by 5.30pm. Dispositions as in map. Belle HQ in main street of METEREN.	APP 1, 2
METEREN FLETRE AREA	26		Units employed in drill & training billets good & weather fine	
"	27 th		ditto	
"	28 th		Army Commander employed distributed medal ribbons to those who had received decorations for raids of 15 & 16 th Sept	APP
"	29 th		units at training. Orders for received for move to DOULLENS AREA - DOKKRENEW	APP 1221 222, 223
"	30 th		Bele commenced move to BEAUVALL & was moving all day & night. Belle HQ arrived at DOULLENS about 8.30pm & moved out at once to BEAUVALL HQ re-established in main street. Remainder of Belle HQ billeted in BEAUVALL	
When Capt. Bob Meyer 15.3 ⁰⁰ left Belle				5/13

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68TH. BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO. 82.

1. The 68th Infantry Brigade will be relieved by the 154th Infantry Brigade on September 3rd. in accordance with attached Table.
2. No Trench will be vacated by 68th Brigade until occupied by 154th Brigade.
3. Relief of Machine Gun Coy. and T.M.B. will be arranged direct between Officers Commanding concerned, to be complete by 2 p.m. but not to commence until after 8 a.m.
4. All Trench Stores, Maps and Defence Schemes will be handed over to Relieving Units.
5. All Troops moving East of PONT DE NIEPPE will maintain an interval of 200 yards between platoons.
6. Completion of all moves will be reported.
7. The Brigade will billet on September 3rd in 2nd AMZAO Training Area. Detail later.
8. Hour for guides will be notified later.
9. Acknowledge.

C. W. Allen
Capt.
Brigade Major.

2/9/16.

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Copy 4 to 12th D.L.I.
Copy 5 to 68th T.M.B.
Copy 6 to M.G.Co.
Copy 7 to 23rd Division.
Copy 8 to 68th Bde.
Copy 9 to 70th Bde.
Copy 10 to 153rd Bde.
Copy 11 to 154 Bde.
Copy 12 to 102nd Fd Co, R.E.
Copy 13 to 128th Fd Co R.E.

Copy 14 to L.G.O. 9th S.Staffs.
Copy 15 to K/23 T.M.B.
Copy 16 to E.T.O.
Copy 17 to 68th Fd Amb.
Copy 18 to Right Group R.A.
Copy 19 - 25 Staff.
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MARCH TABLE ISSUED WITH 66TH BDE OPERATION ORDER NO. 82.

UNIT.	FROM.	RELIEVED BY.	GUIDES.	REMARKS.
128th D.L.I. "A" Battn.	FRONT LINE.	9th ROYAL SCOTS.	MOTOR CAR CORNER. 1 per Platoon, 1 from En. H.Q.	
11th N.F. "B" Battn.	do	4th SEAFORTH HRS.	GASOMETER CORNER, 1 per Platoon, 1 per En. H.Q.	
13th D.L.I. "C" Battn.	1 CO. LYS FARM. 1 CO. PT. RABEQUE. 1 CO. STN. REDOUBT. 1 CO. LE BIZET H.Q.	7th ARGYLE AND SUTHERLAND HRS.	CHAPELLE ROMPUE. 4 for LYS FARM CO. 4 for STN. REDOUBT CO. 1 LE BIZET CO. 1 PT. RABEQUE.	
10th N.F. "B" Battn.	2 Coys. ARMENTIERES. 1 CO. GRAND RABEQUE. 1 CO. FUSILIER TERRACE. PATELISTER.	4th GORDON HRS.	-	2 Coys. in ARMENTIERES, will not be relieved as may march as soon as front two coys. are relieved.
68 H.G.CO.				
69 T.M.B.				

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152nd INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER No. 64.

Reference Map.

BOIS GRNIER.

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3rd SEPTEMBER, 1916.

1. An intense bombardment for 10 minutes of the enemy's front and support lines in squares I.11.A., I.5.C. & I.5.D. will take place on Monday 4th Sept. at 9.00.A.M.

2. The following targets will be engaged :-

51/X. T.M. Battery 20 rounds per gun.

One Gun on I.11.A.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.8.

One Gun on I.11.B.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Two Guns on I.5.C.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - I.5.C.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

152. T.M. Battery. 80 rounds per Gun :-

One Gun on I.11.A.6.4.

" " " I.11.A.6.8.

" " " I.5.C.6 $\frac{1}{2}$.0.

" " " I.5.C.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

" " " I.11.A.9.6.

" " " I.11.A.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.8.

" " " I.5.D.1.4.

" " " I.5.D.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.1.

3. The Rifle Grenade Batteries will be in action and will fire 10 Grenades per rifle. The Brigade Bombing Officer will arrange targets with Battalion Bombing Officers through arrangements to be made with Battalion Head Quarters.

4. All mortars and rifle grenade batteries will be carefully registered and Trench Mortar Officers will check their targets by air-photo to ensure accuracy.

5. The 152nd Coy. Machine Gun Corps will co-operate with enfilade fire on the enemy's front and support lines from I.5.C.6 $\frac{1}{2}$. to I.5.D.4.9.

6. Arrangements have been made for Right Group Divisional Artillery to co-operate as follows :-

One Battery 4.5" Howitzers on Mimenwerfer at I.11.D.0.5.

" " " " Trench I.11.A.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.8. - I.11.B.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Remainder: targets selected by C.O. Right Group on enemy's front, support and communication trenches particularly in squares I.11.A. (Northern half) I.5.C. & I.5.D.

7. Time to open fire will be taken from the Artillery, who will take part in the bombardment. Correct time to be given to Units by the Signal Service at 7.45.A.M.

8. Officers Commanding will make the necessary arrangements to clear their trenches to avoid hostile retaliation.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

F.W. NEWSHER, Captain, B.M.,
152nd Infantry Brigade.

Copy No. 1. 6th Sqn: Mrs.
" " 2. 6th Gord: Mrs.
" " 3. 8th A&S Mrs.
" " 4. 51/X. T.M.B.
" " 5. 152. T.M.B.
" " 6. 8th Sqn Mrs.
" " 7. 8th Sqn Mrs.
" " 8. 7. Right Group. R.F.A.
" " 9. 153rd Inf. Bde.

Copy No. 10. 102nd Inf. Bde.
" " 11. 51st (H).D.
" " 12. H. War Diary.
" " 13. File.

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51st (HIGHLAND) DIVISION.

OPERATION ORDER No. 80.

7th Sept. 1916.

Reference:-
Sheet 1/100000 HAZEBROUCK 5a.

1. The 58th Infantry Brigade will relieve the 154th Infantry Brigade in the Sector on the left bank of the River LYS on the 8th September, under orders issued by the 19th Division.
2. On relief the 154th Infantry Brigade will rejoin the 51st Division, moving into billets in ARMENTIERES.
3. The 154th Infantry Brigade will relieve the 153rd Infantry Brigade in the Left Sector of the line during the night 9/10th September, under arrangements to be made direct between Brigadiers concerned.
4. The usual reconnaissances will be carried out by Officers and N.C.Os. of the relieving Brigade prior to the relief.
5. Lewis and Machine Gunners will go into the line, in sufficient time to make themselves thoroughly conversant with their positions and areas of fire during daylight, 9th inst.
6. The 51/Y T.M. Battery will remain in the line and will be at the tactical disposal of the 154th Brigade.
7. On relief, the 153rd Infantry Brigade will move back into the Training Camp 1 mile S.E. of BAILLEUL, and will be in Corps reserve. (Instructions for Corps Reserve issued to 153rd Brigade only).
8. The A.A. & Q.M.G. will arrange for transport to carry the packs of those Battalions of the Brigade who are in Front and Support lines from ARMENTIERES to the Camp. The Battalion in Reserve will carry its own packs.
9. Headquarters of 153rd Infantry Brigade will be established in STENWERCK.

Jan Stewart

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
51st (Highland) Division.

Issued at 11-10 a.m.

Copy No. 1	152nd Inf. Bde.	9	Signals.
2	153rd Inf. Bde.	10	A.D.M.S.
3	154th Inf. Bde.	11	A.D.V.S.
4	8th Royal Scots.	12	34th Division.
5	C.R.A.	13	19th Division.
6	C.R.E.	14	II A. & N.Z. A.C.
7	"A"	15	War Diary.
8	Divl. Train.	16	Camp Commandant.
	17	File.	

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Headquarters,
153rd Infantry Brigade.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BRIGADE IN CORPS RESERVE.

The Brigade in Corps Reserve is primarily responsible for manning the ARMENTIERES Defences in the event of a serious attack.

The B.G.C. Reserve Brigade will, therefore, detail 1 Battalion and 1 section Machine Gun Company, to each of the 4 Sectors which comprise the Defences, and will arrange that each Battalion reconnoitres the Area to which it is allotted, so that it can move into position without confusion. This reconnaissance must be carried out by evening 9th inst.

Five copies of the plan of Defences of ARMENTIERES are forwarded herewith, viz:- 1 copy for each Battalion and 1 copy for Machine Gun Company. A receipt will be taken for these maps, and they will be withdrawn when the Brigade goes back to the line.

The above does not preclude the Corps Reserve being moved to any portion of the Corps front, but if so, definite orders will be issued.

Jan Stewart

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,

51st (Highland) Division.

7th Sept. 1916.

153RD INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO. 132.

Reference 1100,000 HAZEBROUCK 5a.

8th September, 1916.

1. The 154th Infantry Brigade will relieve 153rd Infantry Brigade in the left sector during 9th September.
2. On relief the 153rd Infantry Brigade will move into a Training Camp 1 mile S.E. of BAILLEUL and will be in Corps Reserve.
3. Reliefs will be as in attached Table.
4. 51/Y Trench Mortar Battery will remain in the line and be at the tactical disposal of 154th Infantry Brigade.
5. All details of relief will be carried out direct between units concerned.
6. All Trench Stores, Log Books, etc. must be handed over to incoming units.
7. Sappers mates and drainage party upon relief will then rejoin their Battalions.
8. Upon relief units will march to camp in parties not larger than platoons till they are W. of NIEPPE. Distance of not less than 300 yards will be kept between parties.
9. Billeting parties will meet Staff Captain at Railway crossing $\frac{1}{4}$ mile E. of last C. L. in BAILLOUL STA.
10. Completion of reliefs to be reported to 153rd Infantry Brigade Headquarters in ARMENTIERES.
11. Arrival of units in camp to be reported to 153rd Infantry Brigade Headquarters at STEENWERCK.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. L. ... Captain,
Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 10-30 A.M.

Copy No.	1	1/5th Gordon Highlanders.
"	2	1/7th Gordon Highlanders.
"	3	1/6th Black Watch.
"	4	1/7th Black Watch.
"	5	153rd Coy. Machine Gun Corps.
"	6	153rd Trench Mortar Battery.
"	7	51/Y Trench Mortar Battery.
"	8	Captain Mitchell, O.C. Sappers Mates.
"	9	Officer i/c Drainage Party.
"	10	51st (Highland) Division.
"	11	152nd Infantry Brigade.
"	12	154th Infantry Brigade.
"	13	Staff Captain.
"	14	File.
"	15	War Diary.
"	16	C.R.A.
"	17	1/1st High. Field Coy. R.E.
"	18	2/2nd High. Field Coy. R.E.

TABLE OF RELIEFS ISSUED WITH OPERATION ORDER NO. 132.

Unit.	To be relieved by.	Time.	Remarks.
1/6th Black Watch.	1/4th Gordon Highlanders.	After 12 noon 9th September.	
1/7th Black Watch.	1/7th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.	After 12 noon 9th September.	
1/5th Gordon Hrs.	1/3th Royal Scots.	To be complete by 12 noon 9th September.	Arrangements to be made direct by units.
1/7th Gordon Hrs.	1/4th Seaforth Hrs.	To be complete by 12 noon 9th September.	
153rd M.G. Coy.	154th M.G. Company.	ditto.	
153rd T.M. Batty.	154th Trench Mortar Battery.	ditto.	
Sappers' Hates of 153rd Bde.	Sappers' Hates 154th Brigade.	To be relieved by 8 a.m. 9th September.	Arrangements to be made direct by Captain Mitchell.
Drainage Party 153rd Brigade.	Drainage Party, 154th Brigade.	To be relieved by 12 noon 9th September.	Arrangements to be made direct by Officer i/c Drainage Party.

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INSTRUCTIONS RE RAIDS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY 153RD INFANTRY BRIGADE
ON THE NIGHTS OF 15/16th AND 16/17th SEPT. 1916.

1. Three raids as specified in attached time tables will be carried out by 153rd Infantry Brigade on nights 15/16th and 16/17th September, 1916.
2 of these raids will be carried out simultaneously on night 15/16th and one on the night of 16/17th.
2. These raids will be carried out from the front held at present by 154th Brigade, the raiding parties going up each day for this purpose.
3. The raids will be designated as follows :-
That carried out by 7th Black Watch and 7th Gordon Highlanders on 15/16th September will be called raid X.
That carried out by 5th Gordon Highlanders on 16/17th September will be called Y Raid.
4. For timings of different raids see attached table.
5. Action of Stokes Mortars will be as specified in Appendix B.
6. Action of Machine Guns and Lewis Guns will be as specified in Appendix C.
7. Artillery barrages will be as in Appendix D.
These barrages should be carefully noted by all raiding parties.
8. Bayonets will be dulled, and faces and hands blackened.
9. Stretchers should be taken with each covering party.
10. In raid X the Officer Commanding each raiding party will assure himself that the torpedo is in position by - 2 minutes. If this is not so he will at once cut the wires and fuze leading to the exploder.
11. 154th Brigade are discharging smoke on each night from HAIGS BREASTWORK from Zero to plus 10 in the case of raid X and Zero to plus 4 in case of Y raid.
12. Zero will be 8.55 p.m. for Raid X, and 8.30 p.m. for Raid Y.
13. Busses will be arranged to take up raiding parties on each night.
14. The parties in Raid X and Y are numbered as follows :-
Raid X.
7th Black Watch No. 3 party.
7th Gordon Highlanders No. 4 Party.
Raid Y.
5th Gordon Highlanders No. 2 Party.
15. The return of raiding parties to our own trenches will be notified as follows:-
"300 rations returned" means No. 3 party returned
"400 rations returned" means No. 4 party returned.
"200 rations returned" means No. 2 party returned.

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These messages will be sent by telephone from nearest Company Headquarters to Battalion Headquarters who will at once repeat to Brigade Headquarters who will repeat to Artillery Group Commander.

In order to duplicate means of communication runners will be kept at all necessary Coy. Headquarters and similar messages will be despatched by them simultaneous with telephone messages.

16. Battalions carrying out raids will be responsible as regards despatch and transmission of these messages, both telephone and runner, from Coy. Headquarters to Battalion Headquarters, they must make all necessary arrangements.

17. "Spectators" in the front line are absolutely forbidden.

18. Acknowledge.

ADDENDUM

Watches will be synchronised under instructions of 154th Infantry Brigade.

Raiding parties should arrange to send one officer to 154th Infantry Brigade Headquarters (formerly 153rd Infantry Brigade Headquarters) on the way up to the trenches, to synchronise his watch.

Issued at 11 16 a.m.

Copy No. 1 1/7th Black Watch.
" " 2 1/7th Gordon Highlanders.
" " 3 1/5th Gordon Highlanders.
" " 4 1/1st High. Field Coy. R.E.
" " 5 C.R.A.
" " 6 Left Group Artillery Commander.
" " 7 D.O.T.H.
" " 8 51/7 Trench Mortar Battery.
" " 9 154th Trench Mortar Battery.
" " 10 154th Coy. M.G. Corps.
" " 11 154th Infantry Brigade.
" " 12 153rd Trench Mortar Battery.
" " 13 51st (Highland) Division.
" " 14 File.
" " 15 War Diary.
" " 16 152nd Infantry Brigade.
" " 17 C.R.E. 51st (Highland) Division.

TIME TABLE RAID Y.

TIME	ACTION.	REMARKS.
15th	Pipe to be forced out	This to be decided by R.E. as to time and distance to which forced.
16/17th - 45 minutes. *	Pipe to be finally adjusted. Machine Guns to fire as in Appendix C.	* Time only approximate, and will be decided upon by the C.R.E.
- 10 minutes	Party to move to jumping off place.	
- 5 minutes	Pipe to be ready	If not ready by now raid to be cancelled
0	Pipe explodes. Party rushes in. Artillery barrage commences. Stokes bombard as in Appendix B. 2" Mortars bombard as in Appendix A. Machine Guns as in Appendix C.	
Plus ?	Raiders return. 2" Trench Mortars cease. Stokes cease. Machine Guns cease.	Return to be notified by telephone as laid down in attached "Instructions"

TIME RAID X

TIME.	ACTION.	REMARKS.
- 30 minutes ? approx. *	Get ting torpedo forward.	* These times are only approximate and are left to the discretion of the commanding officer.
- 30 minutes approx *	Cutting hostile wire where necessary, and placing torpedo in position. Machine Guns should be firing as laid down in Appendix C.	
- 1 minute	Remainder of party to be lined up ready to rush in.	
- 2 minutes.	Torpedo must be ready.	If not ready wire and face to be out.
0	Torpedo explodes. Artillery barrage commences. If trench is not yet bombed as in Appendix A. Stop the bombard as in Appendix B. Machine Guns as in Appendix C.	
Plus ?.	Raiders return If trench is not yet bombed Stop the bombard Machine Guns cease.	It must be satisfied that the raid is successful. Instructions

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APPENDIX. A.

ACTION OF 2" TRENCH MORTARS.

RAID X.

2" Trench Mortars at Zero bombard Front Line, and
Area round G.29.e.75.45. and 50 yards S.W. and
G.29.e.80.80 and 20 yards N. and S. of this point.
They will cease fire when raiders return.

RAID Y.

Commencing at Zero 2 guns will bombard S. side
of CHICKEN RUN salient.

2 guns to bombard G.17.e.8.7., and Southwards but
on no account N. of that point.

They will cease fire when raiders return.

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APPENDIX B.

ACTION OF STOKES MORTARS.

RAID X.

At Zero they will bombard the enemy's front line trenches from point C.29.c.70.58 thence Northwards and from point C.29.c.65.55, and thence Southwards. They will not however bombard between these points.

They will also bombard about point C.23.c.80.65.

They will also bombard the CHICKEN RUN Salient if guns are available.

They will cease fire according to time table.

RAID Y.

At Zero they will bombard with 2 guns from C.17.a.40.30. to C.17.a.47. 20.

With the remaining guns at their disposal they will bombard the CHICKEN RUN Salient and the 4 HALLOTS Salient.

They will cease fire according to time table.

APPENDIX C.

ACTION OF MACHINE GUNS AND LEWIS GUNS.

Raid X. At - 30 the Machine Guns should endeavour to always have one gun firing till zero so as to drown the noise of the torpedo being pushed through the wire. These might be fired on the usual targets in the rear of the enemy so as not to rouse suspicion.

At Zero they should turn on to the parapet of the enemy from C.23.a.8.9. and thence northwards.

They cease fire according to time table.

No gun S. of line E. and W. through C.29.a.1.5. should fire.

RAID Y. At - 45 Machine Guns should be active but not unusually so so as to drown sounds of pipe moving across.

At Zero they should sweep enemy's parapet from C.17.c.77.80. southwards to C.23.c.8.7.

No guns N. of line E. and W. through C.17.c.3.7. should fire.

LEWIS GUNS X & Y RAIDS.

Not to fire except from between points C.23.c.2.0. and C.17.c.3.4. and then only due E.

These should commence fire at Zero on enemy's parapet.

Cease fire when Machine guns cease i.e. when raiders have returned.

TABLE OF BARRAGES BEING PLACED BY THE ARTILLERY FOR RAIDS X & Y.RAID X.

Trench C.29.c.65.58. to C.29.c.88.68.
" C.29.c.88.68. to C.29.a.70.05.
" C.29.c.6.9. to C.29.a.84.32.
" C.29.a.85.45. to C.29.a.84.32.
" C.29.c.4.9. to C.29.a.4.1.
" C.29.a.45.00. to C.29.c.6.9.
" C.29.a.65.45. to C.29.a.70.65.
" C.23.c.85.60. to C.23.c.8.7.

Farm at C.29.c.85.60.

Trench junction at C.29.a.7.1. and C.29.a.72.15.

RAID Y.

Trench C.17.c.72.92. to C.17.a.97.02.
" C.17.a.97.02. to C.17.a.56.36.
" C.17.a.47.20. to C.17.a.56.36.

Area C.17.a.3.2. - C.17.a.2.4. - C.17.a.40.65. -
C.17.a.55.50.

Houses C.17.c.85.90.

Area C.17.a.3.2. - C.17.a.20.35. - C.17.a.40.45. -
C.17.a.45.30.

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ADDENDUM TO 153RD INFANTRY BRIGADE d.443/k.

19. In time table for Raid Y in the column of remarks 3rd paragraph after the word "Cancelled" add "temporarily until further orders are issued from 154th Brigade Headquarters whether the raid shall take place at a later hour on the same night. If the pipe is not ready by - 5 minutes officer i/c pipe will take immediate steps to inform 154th Brigade, Headquarters, Artillery, Trench Mortars, and Machine Guns. This will be done by runners, and telephone which should be arranged by 154th Brigade."

20. The return of the raiding parties should be notified by the discharge of 2 asteroid rockets bursting into 5 stars which change colour.

In raid X this will not be discharged till the last man of both 7th Black Watch and 7th Gordon Highlanders is back.

In Raid Y this will be discharged when last raider has returned.

21. In raid X both 7th Black Watch and the 7th Gordon Highlanders will detail one officer who will remain in our trenches in command of runners, telephone arrangements etc. The officer detailed by the 7th Black Watch will be in command of the whole, and will be responsible for the discharge of the rockets mentioned in para. 20. The officer detailed by the 7th Gordon Highlanders will report to the officer detailed by 7th Black Watch the return of his party.

The 5th Gordon Highlanders will detail a similar officer in Raid Y who will be responsible for discharge of rockets etc.

22. The rockets mentioned in para. 20 are now at 154th Brigade Headquarters and should be obtained from there by the officers mentioned in para. 21 as responsible for their discharge: 3 rockets for raid X, 3 rockets for Raid Y.

23. The officers mentioned in para. 21 should report to 154th Brigade for any instructions which that Brigade may wish to issue.

24. Should any prisoners be taken ^{154th} Brigade Headquarters should be informed using the following code.
2 biscuit boxes missing means
2 prisoners have been taken.

25. Prisoners are not to be questioned but their papers etc. should be taken from them, and each man's effects labelled separately.

26. ACKNOWLEDGE.

14th September, 1916.

H. Lean Captain,
Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.

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S.G. 61/30.

51st (Highland) Division.

INSTRUCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH S.G. 61/14, of 10/9/16.

With reference to this office S.G. 61/14, of 10th Sept., the following arrangements will be carried out in order to co-ordinate the action of the various arms and raiding parties throughout the period of operations.

1. All times in connection with artillery bombardments or raids will be fixed by the clock. Watches will be synchronised from Divisional Headquarters at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily, commencing at 9 a.m., 13th inst.

2. All precautions will be taken to avoid having unnecessary troops in portions of the trenches liable to retaliation during the operations.

3. On night 15th/16th September.

(a) ZERO hour - i.e. hour at which torpedoes will be exploded - for all raiding parties of the 152nd and 153rd Brigades will be notified later.

(b) If the wind is suitable, 152nd Brigade will arrange to release smoke from ZERO to ZERO plus 10 minutes from Trenches 74 - 77, and will open a burst of fire with machine guns and rifle grenades on the hostile trenches opposite that front.

Similarly 154th Brigade will arrange to release smoke from ZERO to ZERO plus 10 minutes on the front of Trenches 83 - 84, and will open a burst of fire with machine guns and rifle grenades on the hostile trenches opposite that front. "P" Bombs only will be employed.

Brigades concerned will draw the necessary stores from the D.A.C.

4. On night 16th/17th September.

(a) The ZERO hour - i.e. in the case of the 153rd Brigade raid, the hour at which the torpedo will be exploded, and in the case of the 154th Brigade raid, the hour at which the bombardment will commence, will be 8.30 p.m.

(b) If the wind is suitable, the 154th Brigade will release smoke from ZERO to ZERO plus 4 minutes from Trenches 83 - 84 and will open a burst of fire with machine guns and rifle grenades on the enemy trenches opposite that front.

5. Owing to the limited ammunition allotment it is of first importance that the earliest possible information of the return of raiding parties should be passed to the Artillery so that unnecessary expenditure may be avoided.

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For this purpose raiding parties will be numbered from right to left and the following code will be employed :-

Night 15th/16th.

"100 rations returned" means No. 1 party returned.) 152nd
"200 rations returned" means No. 2 party returned.) Brigade.
"300 rations returned" means No. 3 party returned.) 153rd
"400 rations returned" means No. 4 party returned.) Brigade.

Night 16th/17th.

"100 rations returned" means No. 1 party returned.-154th Bde.
"200 rations returned" means No. 2 party returned.-153rd Bde.

These messages will be sent by telephone from the nearest Company Headquarters to the Battalion, who will in turn transmit to the Brigade Headquarters. Brigade Headquarters will repeat to Artillery Group Commander and to Divisional Headquarters. At the same time the Artillery Liaison Officer at Battalion Headquarters will pass the message to the Battery with which he is connected, who will distribute the information through Artillery channels.

In order to duplicate means of communication, runners will be kept at all the necessary Company Headquarters and similar messages will be despatched by them to Battalion Headquarters simultaneously with the telephone message.

Brigades carrying out raids will be responsible for all arrangements as regards despatch of these messages from the first line to Battalion Headquarters.

6. All troops, other than those actually taking part in operations and the necessary sentry groups, will remain under cover unless action is required of them.

"Spectators" in the front line are absolutely forbidden.

12th Sept. 1916.

W. Stewart

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
51st (Highland) Division.

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" 34th Division.
" 19th Division.

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51st (HIGHLAND) DIVISION.

OPERATION ORDER No. 81.

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Reference :-

16th September 1916.

Sheet 1/100000. HAZEBROUCK SA.

1. The 153rd Infantry Brigade will relieve the 152nd Infantry Brigade in the Right Sector of the line on the 19th inst.
2. The usual reconnaissances will be carried out by the Officers and N.C.O's. of the relieving Brigade prior to the relief.
3. Lewis and Machine Gunners will go into the line in sufficient time to make themselves thoroughly conversant with their positions and arcs of fire during daylight 19th inst.
4. The 2" Trench Mortar Batteries now in the Sector will remain, and are placed at the tactical disposal of the 153rd Infantry Brigade.
5. All details of the relief will be arranged direct between Brigadiers concerned.
6. Special instructions will be issued later as to the movements of the 152nd Infantry Brigade on relief.

Jan Stewart

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,

Issued at 8.10 p.m.

51st (Highland) Division.

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"	5		C.R.E.
"	6		"A"
"	7		1/8th Royal Scots.
"	8		A.D.M.S.
"	9		Divl. Train.
"	10		" Signals.
"	11		A.D.V.S.
"	12		IInd A.M.Z.A.C.
"	13		34th Division.
"	14		19th Division.
"	15		War Diary.
"	16		File.
"	17		A.D.C. for G.O.C.

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153RD INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO. 133.

REFERENCE MAP :- Shoot 36. - 1/20,000.

17th September, 1916.

1. The 153rd Infantry Brigade will relieve the 152nd Infantry Brigade in the Right Sector of the Divisional front on 19th instant.
2. The line to be taken up will be reconnoitred on 18th September.
3. The following will reconnoitre the line.

C.O. or 2nd in Command	)	
6 Officers (including	)	per Battalion.
Lewis Gun Officer)	)	
16 Other Ranks.	)	
1 Officer	)	
2 Other Ranks.	)	Trench Mortar Batty.
2 Officers	)	
2 Other Ranks.	)	Machine Gun Coy.
1 Officer	)	Brigade Headquarters.
- These numbers are NOT to be exceeded.
Busses will be at Camp at 8 a.m. 18th September, to convey these to ARMENTIERES where they will report to Headquarters 152nd Brigade at 98 Rue SADI CARNOT, where Guides will be waiting them.
4. 7th Gordon Highlanders will relieve the battalion in right sub-sector.
5th Gordon Highlanders will relieve the battalion in left subsector.
6th Black Watch will relieve the battalion in Support Line.
7th Black Watch will be in Brigade Reserve.
5. Details of relief on 19th as per attached table.
6. All sappers mates, and engineer working parties etc. will take over from 152nd Brigade parties from 8 a.m. 19th Sept. The Cable burying party will be relieved at 8 p.m. 18th September. The officer i/c. of this party should report to 152nd Brigade Headquarters at 10 a.m. 18th for instructions as to relief.
7. The remainder of the brigade will march to ARMENTIERES during the afternoon of 18th September and will be billeted as laid down in Staff Captain's Instructions.
8. Battalions will march as far as NIEPPE closed up. E. of that place they will march by platoons at 500 yards interval.
9. Times for march as in attached table.
10. Details of relief of Machine Gun Companies and Light Trench Mortar Battery to be arranged direct between commanders of those units.

11. Brigade Headquarters will be at STEENWERCK till 12 noon 19th instant when they will be 98 RUE SADI CARNOT in ARMENTIERES.

12. Completion of reliefs will be reported in code to 98 RUE SADI CARNOT.

13. Billoting parties will proceed with reconnoitring parties on 18th September.

14. 2" Trench Mortar Batteries now in Sector will remain at tactical disposal of 153rd Infantry Brigade.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. H. Lee

Captain,

Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 6.45 p.m.

Copy	1	to	1/5th Gordon Highlanders.
"	2	"	1/7th Gordon Highlanders.
"	3	"	1/6th Black Watch.
"	4	"	1/7th Black Watch.
"	5	"	153rd Coy. Machine Gun Corps.
"	6	"	153rd Trench Mortar Battery.
"	7	"	152nd Infantry Brigade.
"	8	"	154th Infantry Brigade.
"	9	"	51st (Highland) Division.
"	10	"	D.O.T.M.
"	11	"	File.
"	12	"	War Diary.
"	13	"	Staff Captain,
"	14	"	C.R.E.
"	15	"	C.R.A.

TABLE OF RELIEFS.

Unit.	Relieving.	Place where guides will be met.	Time to meet guides.	Remarks.
5th Gordon Highrs.	Left Battalion.	N. end of BUTRIVE LANE near railway station at HOULINES.	8.30 a.m.	Guides for all platoons will be at meeting place. 8 minutes between platoons.
7th Gordon Highrs.	Right Battalion.	ROUND POINT. (I.I.b.50.65.)	8.30 a.m.	as above.
6th Black Watch.	Support Battn.	ROUND POINT. (I.I.b.50.65.)	11 a.m.	as above.
7th Black Watch.	Battn in Brigade Reserve.	To be arranged between O.C. Units. Battn Headquarters Rue Sadi Carnot.		
153rd M.C. Coy.	To be arranged between O.C. Units. Reliefs to be complete by 12 noon 19/9/18.			
153rd T.M. Batty.	To be arranged between O.C. Units. Reliefs to be complete by 12 noon 19/9/18.			
Lewis Guns.	To be arranged between Lewis Gun Officers of Units to be completed by 12 noon 19/9/18.			

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Time Table for March on 18th September, 1916.

Unit.	Time to leave Camp.	Remarks.
1/6th Black Watch.	11.0 a.m.	Should move by platoons after NIEPPE.
1/7th Black Watch.	12. noon	ditto.
1/5th Gordon Hrs.	1 p.m.	ditto.
1/7th Gordon Hrs.	2 p.m.	ditto.
153rd T.G. Coy. } 153rd T...Batty)	3 p.m.	Should move in detachments after NIEPPE.

Should move into Billots in ARMENTIERES as detailed by Staff Captain.

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Copy No.

153rd Infantry Brigade Operation Order No. 134.

21st September, 1916

1. A raid will be carried out on the night of 22/23rd September, 1916, by the 1/5th Gordon Highlanders of 152nd Infantry Brigade on the German Salient opposite the HUSHROOD in I.11.c.
2. The raiders will enter the German trenches at I.11.c.3¹. I.11.c.3¹.3¹. and I.11.c.4.4. wire in all 3 cases will be cut with torpedoes which will be laid early on the night 22/23rd Sept.
3. There will be no preliminary bombardment and all units will ensure that the night is as "Normal" as possible before the raid.
4. The raid will take place at 10.45 a.m. the artillery firing a combined salvo at that hour, this will be the signal for the firing of the torpedoes and for the Trench Mortars, Stokes Guns and Machine Guns to open fire and the raiders to move in.
5. The 152nd Brigade are arranging for their own Stokes, Guns and Vickers guns to form a barrage.
6. O.C. 153rd Machine Gun Company will assist O.C. 152nd Machine Gun Company in every way which may be required.
7. O.C. 153rd Trench Mortar Battery will detail 4 of his guns to fire on points 1, 2, 3, 4, in attached map (attached to Divisional Operation Order which is issued only to O.C. 153rd Trench Mortar Battery, O.C. 51/X Trench Mortar Battery, and 1/5th Gordon Highlanders)
4 of his guns will bombard enemy's front line from I.5.c.90.25. and I.5.d.3.3.
8. Brigade Bombing Officer will arrange to discharge smoke from our line between points I.5.c.50.55. to I.5.c.8.9. if the wind is suitable.
9. Brigade Bombing Officer will also arrange to bombard enemy's front line between points I.5.c.90.25. and I.5.d.3.3. with rifle grenades.
This will continue till the discharge of one or more rockets showing gold and silver rain or until word is despatched from the O.C. 1/5th Gordon Highlanders.
10. In the event of the torpedoes failing to be in position by 11.45 p.m. the senior officer i/c of the Raiding Parties will inform both 152nd and 153rd Trench Mortar Batteries, O.C. 152nd Machine Gun Company, and O.C. 1/7th Gordon Highlanders that the operation will not take place.
The 153rd Infantry Brigade will notify O.C. 1/5th Gordon Highlanders by sending him the code word FROST, the O.C. 1/5th Gordon Highlanders will be responsible for informing Brigade Bombing Officer that the operation is cancelled.
11. During the progress of the raid O.C. 1/5th Gordon Highlanders and 1/7th Gordon Highlanders will arrange to have the men not necessary in the front and support lines in places of safety.

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12. All relevant personnel should have completed their work by 12.15 p.m. on 22/23rd September.

13. Divisional personnel to be formed at SQUARE FARM I.9.b.05.30 at 6.30 p.m. on 22nd September, 1940. 1/5th and 1/7th Gordon Highlanders, 2" mortars, 152nd and 153rd Trench Mortar Batteries should detail representatives to be present.

O.C. Right Group Artillery should send a representative to 153rd Infantry Brigade Headquarters at 6 p.m. for the time.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. Mackintosh
for *W. H. Mackintosh* Lt. Colonel,
Captain,
Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 3.30 p.m.

Copy	No.	1	1/6th Black Watch.
"	"	2	1/7th Black Watch.
"	"	3	1/5th Gordon Highlanders.
"	"	4	1/7th Gordon Highlanders.
"	"	5	153rd Coy. Machine Gun Corps.
"	"	6	153rd Trench Mortar Battery.
"	"	7	51/X Trench Mortar Battery.
"	"	8	51st (Highland) Division.
"	"	9	152nd Infantry Brigade.
"	"	10	Right Group Artillery.
"	"	11	War Diary.
"	"	12	Filo.
"	"	13	Brigade Bombing Officer.

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Copy No.

51st (Highland) Division.

OPERATION ORDER No. 84.

Reference :-

BOIS GRENIER, 1/10,000,
and Special Barrage Map
issued herewith.

20th September 1916.

1. A raid will be carried out on the night of 22nd/23rd September, 1916, by the 1/6th Gordon Highlanders, 152nd Inf. Bde., on the German Salient opposite the HUSHROOM in I.11.c.
2. The raiders, strength 3 officers and 46 other ranks, will enter the German trenches at I.11.c.3.1.1., I.11.c.3.2.3., and I.11.c.4.4. In all three cases the wire will be cut with torpedoes which will be laid early on the night of 22nd/23rd Sept.
3. There will be no preliminary bombardment and the B.G.C. 153rd Brigade will ensure that the night is as "normal" as possible up to the hour of the raid.
4. The raid will take place at 12.45 a.m., the artillery firing a combined salvo at that hour, which will be the signal for the firing of the torpedoes and for the Trench Mortars, Stokes guns, and machine guns to open fire, and for the raiders to rush in at the gap cut by the torpedoes.
5. The B.G.C. 152nd Brigade will arrange for his own Stokes guns and Vickers guns to co-operate in forming a barrage.
6. The B.G.C. 153rd Brigade will detail 4 Stokes guns to deal with Points 1, 2, 3, and 4 on Special Map issued herewith. He will also detail 4 Stokes guns to bombard the hostile front line between I.5.c.9.2.2. and I.5.d.3.6. Rifle grenade batteries and Lewis guns will co-operate in this latter bombardment and smoke will be released from opposite these points if the wind is favourable.
The above action will take place as a point and will commence at 12.45 a.m., the exact moment being taken from the first salvo from the artillery. 18-prs. of Right Group, not required for targets shown on Special Map, will be employed in bombarding this area.
7. The B.G.C. 153rd Brigade will detail an officer to take Divisional time to O.C. Right Group, O.C. Right Battalion in the line, O.C. 2" Mortars, and O's C. 152nd and 153rd Trench Mortar Batteries, on the afternoon of 22nd Sept. The time will not be circulated by telephone.
8. Targets for Artillery, 2" Mortars and Stokes guns are as per Special Map issued herewith.

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The rate of fire for 2" Mortars and all Stokes guns will be as follows:-

2" Mortars - 1 round per minute for 15 minutes.
Stokes guns - Open with rapid burst of 8 - 10 rounds, followed by 10 rounds per minute for 6 minutes, after which a rate of 6 rounds per minute will be maintained till the rocket mentioned in para. 11 is fired.

Registration of all 2" and Stokes Mortars must be carried out with the utmost care and accuracy.

10. The artillery, after the first salvo, will continue at the rate of 4 rounds per minute for 16-prs., until rocket mentioned in para. 11 is fired, or until the message mentioned in para. 11 is received. Howitzers will fire at a normal rate of fire.

11. On the return of the raiding party, the B.G.C. 152nd Brigade will arrange for one or more rockets showing gold and silver rain to be fired from the MUSHROOM (I.II.C.2.4.), also for a code message to be sent to Right Group, and to 153rd Brigade (CORN) - "OVER" - when artillery will cease fire if it has not already done so on the rocket signal.

12. Should the torpedoes for any reason fail to be in position by 11.45 p.m., the B.G.C. 152nd Brigade will arrange for the code word "FROST" to be sent to Right Group and to 153rd Brigade. (CORN). The receipt of this message will signify that the whole operation is cancelled. The Senior Officer in charge of the raid will be responsible for notifying both 152nd and 153rd T.M. Batteries, 152nd M.G. Co., and O.C., Right Battalion in line verbally if the operation will not take place.

The B.G.C. 153rd Brigade will be responsible for notifying his Left Battalion that smoke will not be discharged in the event of the operation being cancelled.

13. The Vickers and Stokes guns and teams of 152nd Brigade will move into ARMETIERES on the afternoon of 21st inst. "Q" Branch will make the necessary arrangements for transport notifying B.G.C. 152nd Brigade of same.

14. During the raid B.G.C. 153rd Brigade will arrange to clear those trenches he considers necessary.

15. As soon as possible after the conclusion or cancellation of the raid, the M.G.'s. and Stokes guns of the 152nd Brigade will be withdrawn from the line.

J. Stewart

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,

Issued at 10.30 p.m.

51st (Highland) Division.

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" 9 & 10. C.R.A.
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" 12. 34th Division.
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The raid will be carried out on night of 22nd/23rd September, 1916, by 1st/4th Gordon Highlanders, 152nd Inf. Brigade on the German Salient opposite the MUSEUM in I.D.C.

The raiding party, strength 3 Officers and 46 other ranks, will enter the German trenches at I.D.C. 3.1.1., I.D.C. 3.1.3., and I.D.C. 4.4. In all three cases the raid will be led with torpedoes which will be laid early on the night of 22nd/23rd Sept.

1. There will be no preliminary bombardment and the B.G.C. 153rd Infy. Brigade will ensure that the night is as "normal" as possible up to the hour of the raid.

2. The raid will take place at 12.45 a.m., the artillery firing a salvo at that hour, which will be the signal for the firing of the torpedoes and for the Trench Mortars, Stokes Guns, and Machine guns to open fire, and for the raiders to rush in at the gaps cut by the torpedoes.

3. The B.G.C. 153rd Infy. Bde. will detail 4 Stokes guns to deal with Batteries 2, 3, 4 and 5 on the right. Map issued herewith. He will also detail 4 Stokes guns to bombard the hostile front line between I.D.C. 9.2.1. and I.D.C. 1.4.4. Rifle grenades, Lewis guns will co-operate in this matter. The above action will take place as a feint and will commence at 12.45 a.m. the exact moment being taken from the first salvo. The artillery 18 pairs of Right Group, not required for targets shown on issued Map, will be employed in bombarding this area.

4. The Batteries will send a Watch to Right Group Headquarters by evening order of 22nd Inst.

5. Torpedoes for Batteries as in next schedule.

6. 18 pairs will fire as follows :- At 12.45 a.m. SALVO
At 12.45 a.m. to 12.55 a.m. ... 4 rounds per gun per minute.
12.55 a.m. to 1.0 a.m. ... 5 rounds per gun per minute
1.0 a.m. till Infantry return 2 rounds per gun per minute

7. From 12.45 a.m. SALVO
During raid 1 round per gun

8. On the return of the raiding party, the B.G.C., 152nd Brigade will arrange for one or more rockets showing gold and silver rain to be fired from the MUSEUM (I.D.C. 2.4) also for a code message to be sent to RIGHT GROUP, and to 153rd Brigade (CODE) - "OVER" - when artillery will cease fire if it has not already done so on the rocket signal.

9. Should the torpedoes for any reason fail to be in position by 11.45 p.m. the B.G.C. will arrange for the code word "PROST" to be sent to RIGHT GROUP and to 153rd Brigade (CODE). The receipt of this message will signify that the whole operation is cancelled.

10. *over for information*

W. W. Duncan
Lieut. Col. R.F.A.T.,
Commanding RIGHT GROUP.

Battery	Gun	Target	Remarks
A. 255	8	I.17.4.25.75 to I.17.4.4.6	Front Line.
C. 255	1	I.17.4.4.00	
"	1	I.17.4.31.75	
"	1	I.11.0.70.17	See Air Photo.
"	1	I.11.0.67.30	See Air Photo.
"	2	I.11.0.67.00	
"	1	I.11.0.61.00	Junction of C.T. with front line.
A. 256	1	I.11.0.60.00	Junction of C.T. with front line (see Air Photo.)
"	1	I.11.0.65.00	Junction of C.T. with front line (see Air Photo.)
"	1	I.11.0.70.00	Rail in C.T. (see Air Photo.)
"	1	I.11.0.65.00	Junction of C.T. with front line (see Air Photo.)
D. 255	1 How.	I.17.4.40.00	
"	1 How.	I.11.0.66.35	Two on German in C.T.
"	1 How.	I.11.0.67.00	
"	1 How.	I.11.4.70.17	Junction of C.T. with front line.
D. 256	1 How.	I.11.0.43.43	Junction of C.T. with front line.
"	1 How.	I.11.0.00.70	Barbed Wire
"	1 How.	I.11.0.00.00	Junction of C.T. with front line.
"	1 How.	I.11.4.55.11	Junction of C.T. with front line.
B. 255	2	I.0.0.00.00 to I.0.0.0.0.	Front Line.

NOTE: B. 255 will fire a salvo then 5 rounds per gun for 10 minutes for ten minutes then 4 rounds per gun for 10 minutes.

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51st (HIGHLAND) DIVISION.

WARNING ORDER.

19/9/16

1. The 51st Division will probably entrain on the 25th instant.
2. As far as is known at present the following will be the method of relief:-
Sept.
22/23rd. One Brigade 5th Australian Division will relieve 154th Infantry Brigade in the Left Sector. 154th Infantry Brigade on relief moving to ERQUINGHEM.
23/24th. One Brigade 34th Division will relieve 153rd Infantry Brigade in Right Sector. 153rd Infantry Brigade on relief remaining in ARMENTIERES.
The Divisional Artillery will be relieved by one Brigade 5th Australian Division and one Brigade 34th Division. No date named at present.
3. No information is available as regards relief of other units.
4. Staffs will be prepared to move on short notice.

Jan Stewart

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,

Issued at 11.15 p.m.

51st (Highland) Division.

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| 3 | 154th Inf. Bde. | |
| 4 | C.R.A. | |
| 5 | C.R.E. | |
| 6 | "A" | |
| 7 | 1/8th Royal Scots. | |
| 8 | A.D.M.S. | |
| 9 | Divl. Train. | 16 A.D.C for G. |
| 10 | Divl. Signals. | 17 Camp Command. |
| 11 | A.D.V.S. | |
| 12 | IInd A.N.Z.A.C. | |
| 13 | 34th Division. | |
| 14 | 19th Division. | |
| 15 | 5th Australian Division. | |

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51st (HIGHLAND) DIVISION.

OPERATION ORDER No. 83.

Reference:-

Sheet 36 1/40,000.

20th Sept. 1916.

1. The 51st (Highland) Division will be withdrawn from the line, and will be relieved by the Brigade Groups of the 5th Australian & 34th Divisions in accordance with the attached Table of reliefs.

2. The compositions of the relieving Groups will be as follows:-

To relieve 154th Infantry Brigade in Left Sector.

13th Brigade Field Artillery (3 18-pdr and 1 Howr. Batteries).

Y/5 A. M.T.M. Battery.

8th Australian Infantry Brigade with Signal Section.

8th M.G. Co.

8th L.T.M. Battery.

8th Field Co., R.E.

"C" Co., 5th Pioneer Battalion.

8th Field Ambulance.

18th Co., A. A.S.C.

To relieve 153rd Infantry Brigade in Right Sector.

175th Brigade, R.F.A. & A/152nd Battery, R.F.A.

103rd Infantry Brigade with Signal Section.

103rd M.G. Co.

103rd L.T.M. Battery.

Y/34 M.T.M. Battery.

209th Field Co., R.E.

1 Co., 18th Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers.

103rd Field Ambulance.

No. 4 Co., Divisional Train.

3. Artillery reliefs will be carried out under arrangements to be made by the G.O.C. R.A., 2nd ANZAC Corps.

4. Guns and Trench Mortars (Light & Medium) will be exchanged by incoming and outgoing batteries; arrangements being made direct between Artillery & Infantry Brigadiers concerned.

5. Advanced parties of the 8th Australian Brigade will reconnoitre the Left Sector of the line on the morning 21st instant.

Advanced parties of the 103rd Brigade will reconnoitre the Right Sector of the line on the morning of the 22nd instant.

Hours of arrival will be notified later.

Brigades in the line will arrange to have guides available at any time during the above dates.

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6. The Command of the whole Sector will rest with the G.O.C. 51st Division until reliefs are completed, and Brigades, as they arrive in ARMENTIERES will pass under his orders.

7. Field Cos., R.E., Pioneer Battalion and Field Ambulance of 51st Division not accommodated in ERQUINGHEM will remain in ARMENTIERES when relieved by similar units of the 5th Australian and 34th Divisions, the necessary adjustment of billets being made by A.A. & Q.M.G. 51st Division by whom instructions will be issued.

8. Orders regarding the taking over of the line by the incoming Commander and the disposal of 51st Divisional Headquarters will be issued later.

Jan Stewart

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,

51st (Highland) Division.

Issued at 5 p.m.

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3	154th Inf. Bde.
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5	C.R.E.
6	"A"
7	1/8th Royal Scots.
8	A.D.M.S.
9	Divl. Train.
10	Divl. Signals.
11	A.D.V.S.
12	IInd A.M.Z.A.C.
13	34th Division.
14	19th Division.
15	5th Australian Division.
16	A.D.C. for G.O.C.
17	Camp Commandant.
18	War Diary.
19	File
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TABLE OF RELIEFS.
(To accompany 51st Divisional Operation Order No.83).

DATE	UNIT	FROM	TO	REMARKS.
21/22nd Sep.	8th Australian Bde. Group	5th Australian Div. Area.	ARMENTIERES	Billeting parties to report to Town Major, ARMENTIERES at 10 a.m. 21st inst
22/23rd Sep.	8th Australian Inf. Bde.	ARMENTIERES.	Left Sector	Relieves 154th Inf.Bde. Details to be arranged between Brigadiers concerned.
	154th Inf. Bde. Group (includes 1 Fd.Co. & 1 Fd. Amb.)	Left Sector and ARMENTIERES.	ERQUINGHEM.	Billeting accommodation to be provided by 34th Division.
	103 Brigade Group	ERVILLE	ARMENTIERES	Not to commence to arrive before 6 p.m. Billeting parties to report to Town Major, ARMENTIERES, at 10 a.m. 22nd inst.
23/24th Sep.	103rd Inf. Bde.	ARMENTIERES	Right Sector	Relieves 153rd Inf. Bde. Details to be arranged between Brigadiers concerned.
	153rd Inf. Bde.	Right Sector.	ARMENTIERES	Billeting parties to report to Town Major, ARMENTIERES at 10 a.m. on 23rd inst.

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51st (Highland) Division.

AMENDMENT TO OPERATION ORDER No. 63.

21st Sept. 1916.

The relief of Right Sector (153rd Inf. Bde. and affiliated units) by 103rd Inf. Bde. Group will be postponed 24 hours.

Orders affecting this relief will be amended accordingly.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Jan Stewart

Issued at 8 a.m.

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
51st (Highland) Division.

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| 6 | "A" |
| 7 | 1/8th Royal Scots. |
| 8 | A.D.H.S. |
| 9 | Divl. Train. |
| 10 | Divl. Signals. |
| 11 | A.D.V.S. |
| 12 | IInd A.M.Z.A.C. |
| 13 | 34th Division. |
| 14 | 7th Division. |
| 15 | 5th Australian Division. |
| 16 | A.D.C. for G.O.C. |
| 17 | Camp Commandant. |
| 18 | War Diary. |
| 19 | File. |

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153rd Infantry Brigade Operation Order No. 135

23rd September, 1916.

1. 103rd Infantry Brigade will relieve the 153rd Infantry Brigade in the Right Sector of the Divisional front during 24th September.
2. Reliefs will take place as in attached table. All details of relief to be made between O.C. Units concerned.
3. Upon relief 153rd Infantry Brigade will move into billets in ARLENTIERES.
4. Upon relief Units will hand over all log books, trench maps etc. to incoming unit.
5. Both Medium, and Light Trench Mortar Batteries will arrange to hand over their guns to incoming units taking those of relieving unit in exchange.
6. Completion of relief to be reported to 153rd Infantry Brigade 98, RUE SADI CARNOT.
7. On completion of relief Brigade Headquarters will move to 93 RUE SADI CARNOT.
8. Lewis Guns will be relieved by 12 noon under arrangements to be made direct between units concerned.
9. Billeting Parties to report to Brigade Headquarters at 7.30 a.m. 24th September.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. Lean Captain.

Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 5.30 p.m.

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| Copy No. | 1 | 1/6th Black Watch. |
| " | " | 2 1/7th Black Watch. |
| " | " | 3 1/5th Gordon Highlanders. |
| " | " | 4 1/7th Gordon Highlanders. |
| " | " | 5 153rd Coy. Machine Gun Corps. |
| " | " | 6 153rd Trench Mortar Battery. |
| " | " | 7 51/X Trench Mortar Battery. |
| " | " | 8 103rd Infantry Brigade. |
| " | " | 9 8th Australian Infantry Brigade. |
| " | " | 10 51st (Highland) Division. |
| " | " | 11 102nd Infantry Brigade. |
| " | " | 12 C.R.E. |
| " | " | 13 C.R.A. |
| " | " | 14 War Diary. |
| " | " | 15 File. |
| " | " | 16 Staff Captain. |

TABLE OF RELIEF ISSUED WITH 153RD INF. BDE. ORDER NO. 135.

Unit	Unit which relieves.	Time by which relief is to be completed.	Guides to be at	Destination of relieved unit.	Remarks.
1/5th Black Watch	23th Northumberland Fus.	12 noon	ROUND POINT I.1.b.50.65.	E. Billets.	
1/7th Black Watch.	24th Northumberland Fus.	12 noon	—	will not change billets.	
1/5th Gordon Hrs.	26th Northumberland Fus.	6 p.m.	W. end of BUTERNE LANE near HOURLINES Station.	M. Billets.	
1/7th Gordon Hrs.	27th Northumberland Fus.	6 p.m.	ROUND POINT. I.1.b.50.65.	F. Billets.	
153rd M.G.Coy. 153rd T.M.Batty. 51XX T.M.Batty.	103rd M.G.Coy. 103rd T.M.Batty. Y.34 T.M.Batty.	12 noon	Under arrangements between units concerned.		

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51st (Highland) Division.

Administrative Instructions on move
of Division to new area.

Reference:-

HAZEBROUCK Sheet 5A, 36 S.W.
26 S and 27 S.E.

24th September, 1916.

1. Moves as per attached table will be carried out on 25th September, 1916.
2. All transport will move with formations.
3. Lorries to carry blankets are allotted as follows:-

153rd Infantry Brigade.....	6.
151th Infantry Brigade.....	6.
1/8th Royal Scots.....	1.
51/V, X, Y, Z, T.M. Batts.....	4.

Separate instructions are being issued as to time these lorries will report.

4. O. C. Divisional Train will issue march orders for move of Train Companies.

A.D.M.S. will issue march orders for move of 2/1st Highland Field Ambulance, and will report to Divisional Headquarters.

Remaining units will march under orders of their Brigade Group Commanders.

5. 154th Brigade Group will march to ESTAIRES via SAILLY SUR-LA-LYS, and will report by wire tonight, starting point and time.

6. 153rd Brigade Group will march to FLETRE area by the following route :-
ARMINTIERES-NIEPPE - CABT DU BERTHOF, W to level crossing S.27.a.9.1. across CHEMIN DE FER de CALAIS, - skirt latter to S.25.b.8.3. - N.W. across Railway to S.19.d.4.1. - S.W. to X.20.a.7.6. - SWINSEARL - CLAMMANOK - N. to main road RAILI to METTEREN at X.17.c.7.2. - METTEREN.
Sketch map of route is attached to Copy No 20 for 153rd Infantry Brigade.

153rd Infantry Brigade will report by wire tonight starting point and time.

7. Refilling Points on 26th

152nd Inf. Bde. Group.	-	On road from STERNWERCK to STERNWERCK STATION.
153rd Inf. Bde. Group	-	FLETRE - METTEREN road $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S.E. FLETRE.
154th Inf Bde. Group.	-	ESTAIRES - NEUF BERQUIN Road $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N.W. of ESTAIRES.

Time/

2.

Time 11 a.m.

8. Acknowledge by wire.

J. L. Winston Maj

for A.A. & C.M.G.
51st (Highland) Division.

Issued at 7.16 p.m.

Copy No.	1	to	5	to	C.R.A.
	6		9		C.R.E.
	10				Signals.
	11				1/8th Royal Scots.
	12		19		152nd Inf. Bde.
	20		27		153rd Inf. Bde.
	28		35		154th Inf. Bde.
	36		40		Train.
	41		45		A.D.M.S.
	46		47		A.D.V.S.
	48				Camp Commandant.
	49				"
	50				D.A.D.O.S.
	51				Intd. Seco.
	52				A.D.C. to G.O.C.
	53				Comm. Major Armentieres.
	54				S. S. J.
	55				D.O.M.M.
	56				A.P.M.
	57				War Diary.
	58				File.

Date.	Formation or unit.	From.	To.	Remarks.
25th Septr.	Divisional Headquarters. Sanitary Section.	STEINWERCK. ARMENTIERES.	FLEURE. FLEURE.	Billets to be arranged by Camp Comm.
25th Septr.	Hd. Qrs. Div. Engineers.	ARMENTIERES.	STEINWERCK.	Take over billets vacated by Hd. Qrs. Divisional Train.
25th Septr.	2/2nd High. F. Co. R E.	ARMENTIERES.	LA CRECHE.	Take over billets vacated by 2nd and 3rd Cos. Divisional Train.
25th Septr.	1/2nd High. Field Amb.	ARMENTIERES.	LA CRECHE.	Take over billets vacated by 1st (Hd. Qrs) Co. Divisional Train.
25th Septr.	Div. Salvage Co.	ARMENTIERES.	STEINWERCK.	March via NIEPPE, leaving present billets 3 p.m. and report to C.C. Convalescent Co. for billets.
25th Septr.	153rd Inf. Bde. 1/1st High. Field Co. R.E. 1/3rd High. Field Amb. 3rd Co. Div. Train. 51/V F. H. Battery. 51/X, Y, Z. F.H. Batts.	ARMENTIERES. BROUINGHAM ARMENTIERES. LA CRECHE. ARMENTIERES. ARMENTIERES.	FLEURE AREA. FLEURE AREA. do do. do. FLEURE.	Sketch of area attached. to be billeted by 153rd Inf. Bde. do. do. do. Billets to be arranged by Camp Commandant.

25th/

Date.	Formation or Unit.	From.	To.	Remarks.
25th Sept.	154th Inf. Bde.	EMJINGHEM.	ESTAIRES.	Billets to be allotted by Town Major.
	1/2nd H. F. Co. R.E.	ARMENTIERES.	do.	to be billeted by 154th Inf. Bde.
	2nd Co. Div. Train.	LA CRECHE.	do.	do.
	2/1st H. Field Amb.	STEINWERCK.	do.	do.

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153rd INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO. 133.

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24th September, 1918.

Headquarters.
6th Black Watch.
7th Black Watch.
5th Gordon Hrs.
7th Gordon Hrs.
153rd M.G. Coy.
153rd T.M. Batty.
51/X T.M. Batty.
51/Y T.M. Batty.
51/Z T.M. Batty.
1st H. Field Coy.
1/3rd H. Field Amb.

1. 153rd Infantry Brigade Group as now margin will move tomorrow to billets at METTEREN.
2. Starting Point and times of passing as per attached table.
3. Route as per attached table and sketch map.
4. Units will move by platoons as far as the Starting Point with distance of 200 yards between platoons.
At the starting point they will close up into battalions etc. and march each unit with its transport to its billeting area.
5. Units will see that their platoons and transport clear ARMENTIERES in time to prevent blocking of platoons of succeeding unit.
6. Motor Lorries are allotted as per attached table for conveyance of blankets etc.
7. Billeting parties will meet Staff Captain at METTEREN CHURCH at 10 a.m.
8. Brigade Headquarters will close at ARMENTIERES at 9.30 a.m. and reopen at METTEREN at 12 noon.
9. Battalions will give map reference of their new Headquarters when reporting arrival.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

John Captain,
Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 12 p.m.

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| Copy No. | 1 | 5th Gordon Highlanders. |
| " | 2 | 7th Gordon Highlanders. |
| " | 3 | 6th Black Watch. |
| " | 4 | 7th Black Watch. |
| " | 5 | 153rd Coy. Machine Gun Corps. |
| " | 6 | 153rd Trench Mortar Battery. |
| " | 7 | 51/V Trench Mortar Battery. |
| " | 8 | 51st Division. |
| " | 9 | 1/1st H. Field Coy. R.E. |
| " | 10 | 1/3rd Highland Field Ambulance. |
| " | 11 | 51/X Trench Mortar Battery. |
| " | 12 | 51/Y Trench Mortar Battery. |
| " | 13 | 51/Z Trench Mortar Battery. |
| " | 14 | War Diary. |
| " | 15 | File. |
| " | 16 | Staff Captain. |

MAP TABLE ISSUED WITH OPERATION ORDER NO. 136.

Unit.	Starting Point.	Time to start at starting point stop moved up	Route	Destination.	Remarks.
2nd Black Watch.	Road junction just W. of S. in CHAU de KIEPPE. Reference Map No. HALLBROUCK 1/100,000.	9 a.m.	ADVENTURES - NIEPPES - GART	BILLETS as on attached sketch map.	51 X,Y,Z, will proceed to FLEIRE where they will be billeted by Camp Commandant. They should send on billeting party to Camp Commandant.
8th Black Watch.		10 a.m.	crossing S. 27 a. 9. 1. across		
Bde. H.Q.s.		11 a.m.	ABEIN DE MRP DE GALAIS -		
5th Gordon Hrs.		11.15 a.m.	W. to level		
7th Gordon Hrs.		12.15 p.m.	W. to level		
153rd L.S. Coy.		1.15 p.m.	W. to level		
153rd T.M. Batty.		1.30 p.m.	W. to level		
51/V T.M. Batty.		1.45 p.m.	W. to level		
51/X T.M. Batty.)		2 p.m.	W. to level		
51/Y T.M. Batty.)		2.30 p.m.	W. to level		
51/Z T.M. Batty.)		3 p.m.	W. to level		
1/1st H. Field Coy.					
1/3rd H. Field Amb.					

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51st (HIGHLAND) DIVISION.

OPERATION ORDER No. 86.

29th Sept. 1916.

1. Operation Order No. 85 is cancelled
2. The Division will move tomorrow under the train arrangements already issued to a staging area South of DOULLENS, and will march the following day to a billeting area which will be notified later.
3. Divisional Headquarters will close at FLETRE at 10 a.m. 30th instant and will open at DOULLENS at the same hour.

Jan Stuart

Issued at 4 p.m.

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
51st (Highland) Division.

- Copy No. 1 to
- 152nd Inf. Bde.
 2. 153rd Inf. Bde.
 3. 154th Inf. Bde.
 4. C.R.A.
 5. C.R.B.
 6. "A"
 7. 1/8th Royal Scots.
 8. A.D.M.S.
 9. Divisional Train.
 10. Divisional Signals.
 11. A.D.V.S.
 12. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
 13. Camp Commandant.
 14. 1st ANZAC Corps.
 15. 2nd ANZAC Corps.
 16. Reserve Army.
 17. War Diary.
 18. File.

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1st (Highland) Division.

Administrative Instructions for Railway
Movement to Reserve Army Area.

1. Railway time table for move of the division (less Artillery and 1st (Hd.Qrs.) Co. Divisional Train) is attached.

2. The Brigadier Generals commanding Group Areas will issue orders for the march to the Entraining Stations of all units in their areas. The Commander of each train is responsible for the entrainment and detrainment of his train. The A.P.M. will arrange for Police and Traffic Control at Entraining and Detraining Stations.

3. Transport will arrive at the Entraining Stations three hours and personnel one hour before the times of departure shown in the table.

4. All trains are Type Combatant and are composed as follows:-

14 flats to take 4 axles.

33 covered trucks to take 40 men or 8 L.D. or 6 H.D.

1 coach

2 brake vans.

No personnel or stores will be allowed in the brake vans at each end of the train.

5. A complete marching out state showing the numbers of men, horses, 4 wheeled and 2 wheeled wagons, and bicycles, will be sent down with the first portion of every unit entraining, so that accommodation in the train can be checked by the R.T.O., at the beginning of the entrainment.

6. Breast ropes for horse trucks must be provided by the units themselves; ropes for lashing vehicles on the flat trucks will be provided by the railway authorities.

7. Supply and baggage wagons will accompany their own units.

8. Rations for the day following day of detrainment will be carried.

9. Advance Parties will meet units on arrival at Detraining Stations and conduct them to billets. Billeting Areas of Brigade groups will be in the neighbourhood of the following places :-

152nd Inf. Bde.

FRANSU - BRAUNHETZ.

153rd Inf. Bde.

ST OVEN - SURG ALLES.

154th Inf. Bde.

CRIMONT - LONGVILLERS.

The 154th Inf. Bde. Group will march to its billets on detrainment. The 153rd Inf. Bde. Group will use BRACVALL as a staging billet. The 152nd Inf. Bde. Group will use GUELLINCOURT and LONGUEVILLE as a staging billet. Roads will be allotted by/

P.F.C.

by the D.A.A. & C.M.G., at Detraining Stations.

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10. Officers and parties will be detailed as follows :-

152nd Infantry Brigade.

1 Officer to represent the Division and to assist the R.T.O.
BAILLEUL Main Station.

2 Officers 100 men fatigue party at BAILLEUL Main Station.
All to report to R.T.O. at 7.45 a.m. on 30th.

153rd Infantry Brigade.

1 Officer to represent the Division and to assist the R.T.O.
BAILLEUL West Station.

2 Officers 100 men fatigue party at BAILLEUL West Station.
All to report to R.T.O. at 9 a.m. on 30th.

1/8th Royal Scots.

1 Officer to represent the division and to assist the R.T.O.
MERVILLE.

2 Officers 100 men fatigue party at MERVILLE.
All to report to the R.T.O. at 7.45 a.m. on 30th.

A.D.M.S.

1 Medical Officer BAILLEUL Main Station.

1 Medical Officer MERVILLE

To report to R.T.O. by 9 a.m. 30th.

A.D.V.S.

1 Veterinary Officer BAILLEUL Main Station.

1 Veterinary Officer MERVILLE.

To report to R.T.O. by 9 a.m. 30th.

These parties will travel in the last trains.

152nd Inf. Bde, 153rd Inf. Bde, 154th Inf. Bde, A.D.M.S. and A.D.V.S. will detail similar parties for their detraining stations to travel in the first train and report to R.T.O. on arrival.

11. Any telegraphic reports necessary during the journey will be sent by O.C. Trains addressed 51st Division c/o A.D.R.T. 2 and repeated 51st Division c/o A.D.R.T. 3.

12. Railhead will be St RIQUIER from 30th September inclusive.

13. Refilling Points :-

29th September	152nd	STEENWERCK	) Double Refill.
	153rd	PLEURE	
	154th	ESBAINES	
1st October.	152nd	GEZAINCOURT.	
	153rd	BEAUVAL.	
	154th	LONGVILLIERS	

14. Blankets will be carried on the men to the Detraining Stations.
Transport will be provided for carriage of blankets from Detraining Stations. Particulars of Transport to assist P.M. Batteries, etc., will be issued later.

15. Acknowledge.

Lieut: Colonel,
A.A. & M.G.
51st (Highland) Division

20th September 1916.

Issued at 6 a.m.

Copies No.	1	to C.R.A.
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	6	Signals.
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	23 - 26	A.D.K.S.
	27 - 30	Divisional Train.
	31	A.D.V.S.
	32	A.P.M.
	33	D.A.D.O.S.
	34	A.D.C. to G.O.C.
	35	Camp Commandant.
	36	Senior Supply Officer.
	37 - 41	Major Akers-Douglas.
	42	Ind. Amos.
	43	XIIIth Corps.
	44	" " "
	45	A.D.R.E. II
	46	A.D.R.E. III
	47	Detraining Officer BILLY Main Station.
	48	" " " West Station.
	49	" " " MURVILLE.
	50	R.T.O. BILLY Main Station.
	51	" " " West Station.
	52	" " " MURVILLE.
	53	War Diary
	54	Pilo.
	55	D.T.M.O.
	56	Conv. Co.
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	58 - 59	Detraining Officers Douglas N.S.
	60 - 61	R.T.Os " " "
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	63	R.T.O. " "

Railway Time Table for move of 51st (High) Division

Train No.	Identification No.	Unit.	Entrain: ing Station.	Time & Date of depart: ure.	Time & Date of arrival	Detrain: ing Station.	Train Commander.
1	51/31.	1/9th Bn. The Royal Scots Supply Sec. 2nd Co. Div Train.	MERVILLE	30th Sept 11.05.	30th Sept 16.20	CANDAS	O C 1/9th Royal Scots
2.	51/11	1/5th Sec. Highrs. Supply Sec. 4th Co. Div. Train.	BAILLEUL Main.	11.18.	16.19	DOULLENS	O.C. 1/5th Sec. Highrs.
3.	51/21.	1/6th Royal Highrs. Supply Sec. 3rd Co Div. Train.	BAILLEUL West.	12.28.	17.34	DOULLENS S	O.C. 1/6th Royal Highrs.
4.	51/30. 51/35 51/36. 51/37.	Hd Qrs. 154th Inf. Bde. Signal Section. 154th M.G. Co. 154th T.M. Batt. (Light)	MERVILLE.	14.05.	19.05.	CANDAS.	B. Genl. Comdg. 154th Inf. Bde.
5.	51/10. 51/15. 51/16. 51/17.	Hd. Qrs. 152nd Inf. Bde. Signal Section. 152nd M.G. Co. 152nd T.M. Batt (Light)	BAILLEUL Main.	14.28.	19.34.	DOULLENS N.	B. Genl. Comdg. 152nd Inf. Bde.
6.	51/20. 51/25. 51/26. 51/27.	Hd. Qrs. 153rd Inf. Bde. Signal Section. 153rd M.G. Co. 153rd T.M. Batt. (Light)	BAILLEUL West.	15.28.	20.34.	DOULLENS S.	B. Genl. Comdg. 153rd Inf. Bde.
7.	51/32.	1/4th Sec. Highrs.	MERVILLE.	17.05.	22.20.	CANDAS	O.C. Unit.
8.	51/12.	1/6th Sec. Highrs. Conv. Co.	BAILLEUL H.	17.28.	22.34.	DOULLENS N.	O.C. 1/6th Sec. Highrs.
9.	51/22.	1/7th Royal Highrs.	BAILLEUL W.	18.28.	23.34.	DOULLENS S.	O.C. 1/7th Royal Highrs.

Train No.	Identification No.	Unit.	Entrain: ing Station.	Time & date of depart: ure.	Time & date of arrival.	Detrain: ing Station.	Train Commander.
				30th Sept			
10.	51/33.	1/4th Gord. Highrs.	MERVILLE.	20.05.	1st Oct. 1.20.	O. C. unit.	O.C. unit.
11.	51/13.	1/6th Gord. Highrs.	BAILLEUL M.	20.28.	1.34.	O. C. Unit.	O.C. Unit.
12.	51/23.	1/5th Gord. Highrs.	BAILLEUL W.	21.28.	2.34.	O. C. Unit.	O.C. Unit.
13.	51/34.	1/7th A. & S. Highrs.	MERVILLE.	23.05.	4.20.	O. C. Unit.	O.C. Unit.
14.	51/14.	1/8th A. & S. Highrs.	BAILLEUL M.	23.28.	4.34.	O. C. Unit.	O.C. Unit.
15.	51/24.	1/7th Gord. Highrs.	BAILLEUL W.	1st Oct. 0.28.	5.34.	O. C. Unit.	O.C. Unit.
16.	51/93. 51/88.	2/1st H. F. Amb. No. 2 Co. Div. Train.	MERVILLE.	2.05.	7.20.	O. C. Unit.	O.C. No.2 Co. Div Train.
17.	51/01. 51/83. 51/05. 51/08.	Div. Headquarters. Hd. Qrs. Div. R.E. Hd. Qrs. & Hd. Qrs. Sec. Div. Signal Co. Div. Band.	BAILLEUL M.	2.28.	7.34.	O. C. Unit.	O.C. Unit.
18.	51/87. 51/94. 51/95. 51/04a 51/96. 51/97. 51/98. 51/99.	Hd. Qrs. Div. Train. Sanitary Section. Mob. Vet. Section. 1 Co. 4 G.S. wagons & teams 1/8th R. Scots. 51/X T.M. Batt (Med.) 51/Y " " " 51/Z " " " 51/V " " (Rvy.)	BAILLEUL W.	3.28.	8.34.	O. C. Unit.	O.C. 1/8th R. Scots.
19.	51/85.	1/2nd H. F. Co. R.E.	MERVILLE.	5.05.	10.20.	O. C. Unit.	O.C. Unit.
20.	51/91. 51/90.	1/2nd H.F. Amb. No. 4. Co. Div. Train.	BAILLEUL M.	5.28.	10.34.	O. C. Unit.	O.C. Unit.

Train No.	Identification No.	Unit.	Entrain: ing Station.	Time & date of depart: ure.	Time & date of arrival.	Entrain: ing Station.	Train Commander.
21.	51/92. 51/89.	1/3rd H. F. Amb. 3rd Co. Div. Train.	B. ILLIUM W.	1st Oct. 6.28.	1st Oct. 11.34.	B. ILLIUM W.	G. J. 3rd Co. Div. Train.
22.	51/04. 51/09.	1/8th R. Scots loss 1 Co. 4 C.S. wagons & teams. Div. Salvage Co.	MURVILLE.	8.05.	13.20.	G. J. 3rd Co.	O.C. Unit.
23.	51/86.	2/2nd High. F. Co. R.E.	B. ILLIUM W.	8.28.	13.34.	B. ILLIUM W.	O.C. Unit.
24.	51/84.	1/1st H.F. Co. R.E.	B. ILLIUM W.	8.58.	14.04.	B. ILLIUM W.	O.C. Unit.

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Amendments to Administrative Instructions No. 13.

For para. 3. substitute :-

3. Transport will arrive at the Entraining Stations three hours and personnel one and a half hours before times of departure given in the table.

13. Refilling Point for 152nd Infantry Brigade on 1st October 1916 will be at "O" of LONGUEVILLE, instead of at SEZAINCOURT.

A. J. Thomson
Capt.

For D.A.Q.M.G.
51st (Highland) Division.

28th September 1916.

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A.I. No. 14.

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Administrative Instructions for Railway
Movement to Reserve Army Area.

1. The following amendments will be made in A.I. No. 13 dated 28th September, 1916, timed 8 a.m.
2. In second line of para 3 after "personnel" for "one" read "11".
3. Delete para 9 except the first sentence.
4. In para 12 for ST RIQUIER substitute BELLE EGLISE.
5. In para 13 delete Refilling Points for 1st October. These will be notified to Advance Parties by D.A.A. & C.M.G.
6. 1 Officer 12 O.R. 8 horses and 1 cable wagon of the Divisional Signal Company will travel on train No. 8.
7. Acknowledge.

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Lieut: Colonel,
D.A.A. & C.M.G.
51st (Highland) Division.

29th Sept. 1916.

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Copy No. 1	to C.R.A.	Copy No. 61	to R.T.O. MERVILLE.
2 - 5	C.R.E.	62	D.T.M.O.
6	Signals	63	Conv. Co.
7	1/8th R. Scots.	64	Salvage Co.
8 - 14	152nd Inf. Bde.	65-66	Detrain. Offr.
15 - 21	153rd Inf. Bde.		DOULLENS N. & S.
22 - 28	154th Inf. Bde.	67-68	R.T.O.s
29 - 33	A.D.M.S.		DOULLENS N & S
34 - 38	Train	69	Detraining Offr.
39 - 40	A.D.V.S.		CANDAS.
41 -	A.P.	70	R.T.O. CANDAS.
42	D.A.A.	71	War Diary.
43	A.D.C. to G.O.C.	72	File.
44	Camp Commandant.		
45	S.S.O.		
46 - 50	D.A.A. & C.M.G.		
51	Head Arzac		
52	IIIth Corps.		
53	"		
54	"		
55	"		
56	Detraining Offr. BAILLEUL M.		
57	"		
58	"		
59	R.T.O. BAILLEUL Main.		
60	"		

153rd Infantry Brigade Operation Order No. 137.

28th September, 1916.

- Brigade Headquarters. 1. 153rd Infantry Brigade Group as per margin
1/6th Black Watch. will move by train and road to the AREA ST. QUEN
1/7th Black Watch. - SURCAMPES.
1/5th Gordon Highrs.
1/7th Gordon Highrs. 2. Railway time table is attached.
153rd M.G. Coy.
153rd T.M. Batty. 3. Transport will arrive 3 hours and personnel
51/V T.M. Batty. one hour before the times of departure shown
51/X T.M. Batty. in the table.
51/Y T.M. Batty.
1/1st High. Field Co. 4. No personnel or stores will be allowed in the
1/3rd Field Ambulance brake vans at each end of the train.
No. 3 Coy. H.D. Train.
51/Z T.M. Batty. 5. A complete marching out state showing numbers
of men, horses, 4 wheeled and 2 wheeled wagons
and bicycles will be sent down with the first
portion of every unit entraining and handed over
to the R.T.O.
6. Breast ropes for horse trucks must be
provided by the units themselves: ropes for
lashing vehicles will be provided by the Railway
Authorities.
7. Supply and baggage wagons will accompany
their own units.
8. Rations for the day following day of
detrainment will be carried.
9. Advance parties will meet units on arrival
at detraining station.
10. 153rd Infantry Brigade Group will use
BEAUVAL as a staying billet en route to ST. QUEN
- SURCAMPES Area.
11. Roads will be settled at detraining stations
by the D.A.A. & Q.M.G. 51st Division.
12. Captain MILNE, 1/7th Gordon Highlanders will
act as entraining officer at BAILLEUL WEST
Station. He will report to R.T.O. at that
station at 9 a.m. 30th instant and will remain
and proceed by the last train.
Major YOUNG 1/6th Black Watch will act as
detraining officer at DOULLENS S. and will
report to R.T.O. on arrival and remain until
the last train has been cleared.
13. 2 Officers and 100 men of 1/7th Black Watch
will report to R.T.O. at BAILLEUL WEST Station
at 9 a.m. on 30th instant and will remain and
proceed by the last train.
2 Officers and 100 men of 1/6th Black Watch
will report to R.T.O. at detraining station and
will remain until the last train has been cleared.

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14. The Commander of each train is responsible for the entrainment and detrainment of his train.
15. Any telegraphic reports necessary during the journey will be sent by O.C. Trains addressed 51st Division G/o. A.D.R.T. 2. and repeated 51st Division c/o. A.D.R.T.3.
16. Railhead will be at ST. RIQUIER from 30th September inclusive.
17. Refilling Points :-
 29th September ... FLETRE (double refill)
 1st October ... BEAUVAL.
18. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade. Captain,

Issued at 5.45 p.m.

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| Copy No. | 1 | 1/6th Black Watch. |
| " | 2 | 1/7th Black Watch. |
| " | 3 | 1/5th Gordon Highlanders. |
| " | 4 | 1/7th Gordon Highlanders. |
| " | 5 | 153rd Coy. Machine Gun Corps. |
| " | 6 | 153rd Trench Mortar Battery. |
| " | 7 | 51/V Trench Mortar Battery. |
| " | 8 | 51/X Trench Mortar Battery. |
| " | 9 | 51/Y Trench Mortar Battery. |
| " | 10 | 51/Z Trench Mortar Battery. |
| " | 11 | 1/1st Highland Field Coy. R.E. |
| " | 12 | 1/3rd Highland Field Ambulance. |
| " | 13 | No. 3 Coy. H.D. Train. |
| " | 14 | 51st (Highland) Division. |
| " | 15 | Staff Captain. |
| " | 16 | War Diary. |
| " | 17 | File. |
| " | 18 | Captain Milne, 1/7th Gordon Highlanders. |
| " | 19 | Major T.E. Young, @/6th Black Watch. |

Railway Time Table for move of 153rd Infantry Brigade Group.

Train No.	Identification No.	Unit.	Entraining Station.	Time & Date of departure.	Time & date of arrival	Detrain: ing Station.	Train Commander.
3	51/21	2/3th Royal Highrs Supply Sec. No. 3. Co. Div. Train.	BAILLEUL West.	30/9/16. 12.23.	30/9/16. 17.34.	DOULLENS S.	O.C. 1/6th Royal Hrs.
8.	51/30. 51/35. 51/36. 51/37.	Hd. Qrs. 153rd Inf. Bde. Signal Section. 153rd H.G. Co. 153rd T.M. Batt. (Light)	BAILLEUL West	15.28.	20.34.	DOULLENS S.	S.G.C. 153rd Inf. Bde.
9.	51/22	1/7th Royal Highrs.	BAILLEUL West.	18.28.	23.34.	DOULLENS S.	O.C. 1/7th Royal Highrs.
22.	51/23.	1/6th Gordon Highrs.	BAILLEUL West	21.28.	2.34.	DOULLENS S.	O.C. Unit.
15.	51/24.	1/7th Gordon Highrs.	BAILLEUL West.	1st Oct 3.28.	5.34	DOULLENS S.	O.C. Unit.
18.	51/96. 51/97. 51/98. 51/99.	51/X T.M. Batt. (Med). 51/Y T.M. Batt. " 51/Z T.M. Batt. " 51/V T.M. Batt. (Hvy)	BAILLEUL West.	3.28.	8.34	DOULLENS S.	O.C. 1/8th Royal Sects.
21.	51/92. 51/99.	1/3rd H.F. Amb. 3rd Co. Div. Train.	BAILLEUL West.	1st Oct 6.28.	1st Oct. 11.34	DOULLENS S.	O.C. 3rd Co. Div. Train.
24.	51/84.	1/1st H.F. Co. R.E.	BAILLEUL West.	8.58.	14.04.	DOULLENS S.	O.C. Unit.

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153rd Infantry Brigade.

Amendments to Operation Order No. 137.

1. Reference Maps. 1/100,000 Sheet 5a. HAZEBROUCK.
1/100,000 Sheet 11 LENS.

2. For para. 3. substitute :-

Transport will arrive at the Entraining Stations three hours and personnel one and a half hours before times of departure shown in the table.

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A. Hean Captain,
Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.

Copies to 1/6th Black Watch.
1/7th Black Watch.
1/5th Gordon Highlanders.
1/7th Gordon Highlanders.
153rd Coy. Machine Gun Corps.
153rd Trench Mortar Battery.
51/V Trench Mortar Battery.
51/X Trench Mortar Battery.
51/Y Trench Mortar Battery.
51/Z Trench Mortar Battery.
1/1st Highland Field Coy. R.E.
1/5th Highland Field Ambulance.
No. 3 Coy. H.D. Train.
51st (Highland) Division.
Staff Captain.
Captain J. Milne, 1/7th Gordon Highlanders.
Major T.E. Young, 1/6th Black Watch.

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AMENDMENT TO 153RD INFANTRY BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO. 137.

1. In para. 1 instead of AREA St. OVEN - SURCAMPs substitute :
"Will move to a staging area S. of DOULLENS and will
march the following day to an area to be notified later"
2. In para. 3 for "one hour" read "1½ hours".
3. Delete para. 10.
4. In para. 16 for ST. RIQUIER substitute BELLE EGLISE.
5. In para. 17 delete refilling point for 1st October and
substitute "this will be notified to Advance parties by the
I.A.A. & Q.B.G."

29/9/16.

H. L. ...
Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade. Captain,

Copy No: 1	1/6th Black Watch.
" 2	1/7th Black Watch.
" 3	1/5th Gordon Highlanders.
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" 11	1/1st Highland Field Coy. R.E.
" 12	1/3rd Highland Field Ambulance.
" 13	No. 3 Coy. H.D. Train.
" 14	Headquarters 51st (Highland) Division.
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" 16	War Diary.
" 17	File.
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" 19	Major T.E. Young, 1/6th Black Watch.

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Order of the day,

All units in Bde Camp

The following are the provisional arrangements for billets and refilling points on arrival at Detraining stations.:-

Billets.

Divisional Headquarters.	BEAUVAL or DOULLETS.
Trench Mortars. (Medium & Heavy)	BEAUVAL.
153rd Infantry Brigade Group.	BEAUVAL.

Refilling Point.

1st October 1916, main road between BEAUVAL and DOULLETS.

Railroad.

BEAUVAL.

Alfred Edward Cleverly

Major,
Staff Captain 153rd Infantry Brigade.

29th September, 1916.

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Officer Commanding,
1/6th Black Watch.
1/7th Black Watch.
1/5th Gordon Highlanders.
1/7th Gordon Highlanders.
153rd Coy. M.G. Corps.

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1. Upon relief of 154th Brigade. The 153rd Brigade becomes Corps Reserve.
2. The Brigade in Corps Reserve is responsible for the ARMENTIERES defences.
3. A map of the ARMENTIERES defences is attached.
4. 1/6th Black Watch and 1 section Machine Gun Coy is responsible for No. 1 Section.

1/7th Black Watch and 1 Section Machine Gun Coy is responsible for No. 2 Section.

1/5th Gordon Highlanders and 1 Section Machine Gun Coy. is responsible for No. 3. Section.

1/7th Gordon Highlanders and 1 Section Machine Gun Coy is responsible for No. 4. Section.
5. No. 1 Section consists of
ERQUINGEM RD. LOCALITY.
RUE MARLE LOCALITY.

No. 2 Section consists of
LILLE RD. LOCALITY.
ASYLUM LOCALITY.
FERME DES JARDINS LOCALITY.

No. 3 Section consists of
WEST YORKS POST LOCALITY.
HOUPINES SOUTH LOCALITY.
HOUPINES NORTH LOCALITY.

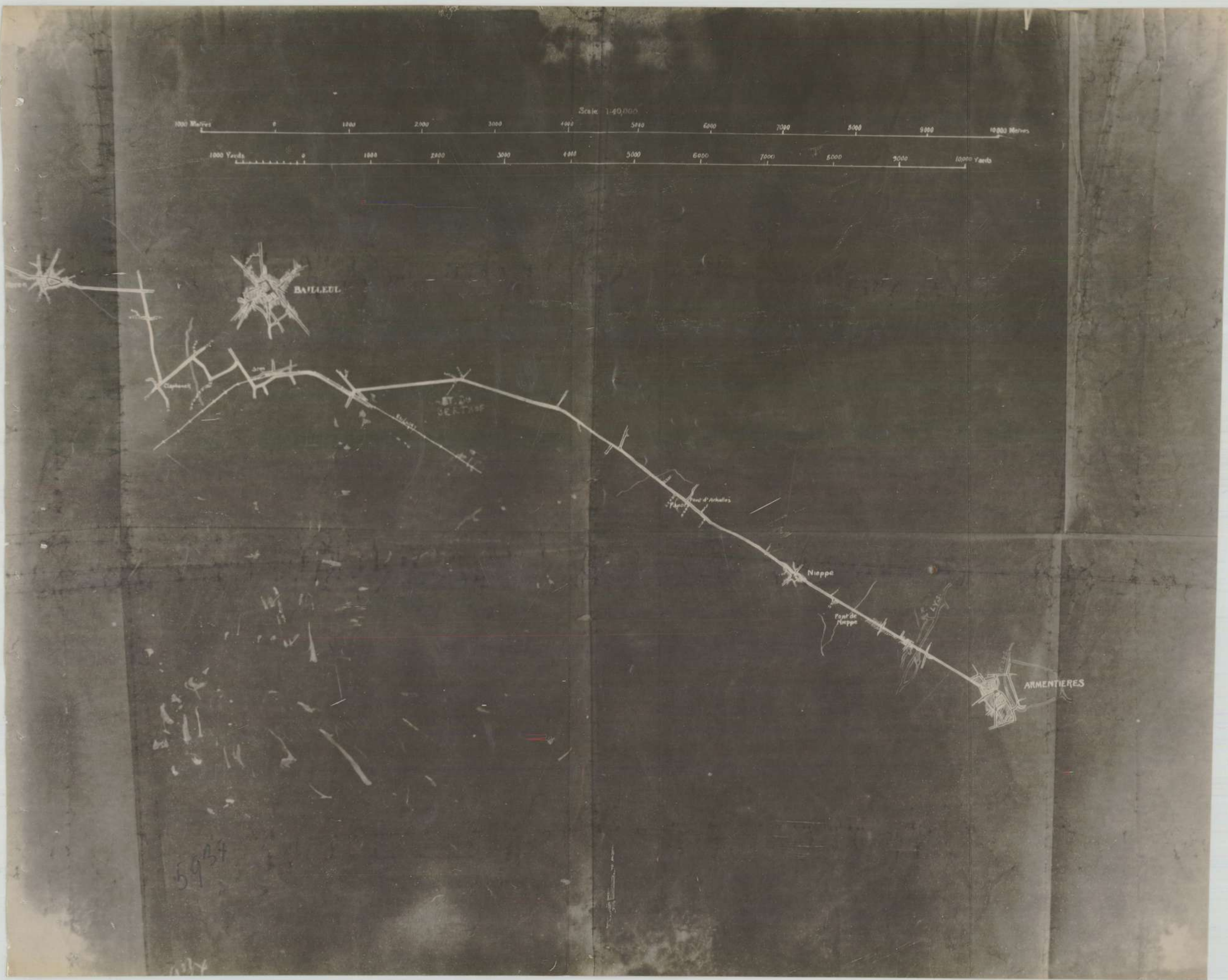
No. 4 Section consists of
WARRINGTON HT. LOCALITY.
AMBATTOIR LOCALITY.
L'ATTAR GET LE LOCALITY.
6. Each Battalion and Machine Gun Section will thoroughly reconnoitre these sections and also routes of approach assuming that the battalion comes into ARMENTIERES by the BAILLEUL RD.
7. Certificates will be rendered to this office by 9 a.m. 9th inst. that these reconnaissances have been made.

8. Please enclose with these certificates a map of the area.
9. These maps will be put into the hands of the Battalion again prior to the relief.

Captain,

7th September, 1916.

Brigade Major 153rd Infantry Brigade.



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REPORT ON 7th BLACK WATCH RAID 15th/16th Sept. 1916.

PREPARATION. 2nd Lieutenant Le Maitre and 6 of the N.C.Os. has all been over the ground several times previously: In spite of this it was found very hard to locate the various positions owing to all hedges, and ditches looking exacting the same.

Party left the trench at 8.15. p.m. and advanced to point B. where they took up their appointed positions. On the way out the torpedo was picked up by the men detailed, and they under 2nd Lieut. Le Maitre advanced towards the enemy's wire. A slight error was made in direction and the torpedo was put in about 40 yards to the left of the previously arranged position. The covering party took up their appointed place 40 yards to the left: the latter party were not directly behind it.

While the torpedo was being shoved through the wire the party were under heavy rifle fire from about 10 Germans. It was successfully pushed under the wire and the party returned to point B to await explosion. It was most successful and made a gap in the wire about 8 feet broad a small amount of trip wire was left in front of the parapet, but the party had no difficulty in crossing it. The separate parties got slightly mixed but worked along the German trench left and right. The left party fell over 2 Germans who were crouching in the trench. One tried to escape but Lieut. Maitre put 2 bullets into him, and Sergt Wood 1, which settled him. The other was taken prisoner.

As the object of the raid has been gained the order to retire was given. Sergt Wood shouted in German down 2 dugouts for the men to fall in but they would not come out. He then fired his revolver and fed them with bombs. There were several men in each dugout. The right hand party saw 3 Germans but they ran off and were not pursued owing to our having already got a prisoner.

The trenches were very like our own and in good repair much new sandbagging and revetting with corrugated iron had been done lately. While the party were in the trench there was considerable rifle fire, we bombed a few traverses. The trenches seemed to be strongly held, but the Germans seemed to retire to their support line as soon as our barrage started. Very few flares were put up and their barrage was not heavy.

Private Gilchrist was killed by a sling bomb or shell on leaving the German trench. He was badly mutilated and could not be extricated from the German wire.

Unfortunately while approaching our own lines a German shell landed among them wounding Lieut. Maitre, and Sergt. Allday, and killing the bosch.

Stretcher bearers brought the wounded in and a search party went back to get the dead German, who was at last found and searched. His body was brought in. Owing to the torpedo being placed 40 yards to the left the party did not return by the proposed route and it was very hard to know when all were in.

Our men behaved excellently. Some going out over and over again to make sure that nobody was left out.

The men speak very highly of the leadership of 2nd Lieut. Le Maitre also of E/Sergt Wood and Private Millar.

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The latter has been with the Regiment since it came out and has been in every raid, and attack.

Casualties 1 killed, 6 wounded : 1 Officer wounded.

It was unfortunately impossible to retrieve Pte Gilchrist's body as it was badly smashed up and lying in the German wire by the Gap made by the torpedo.

All ranks say the artillery barrage was excellent.

Lessons from the raid.

Previous experience should that when retiring men paid no attention to a tape line, probably due to excitement, but I am of opinion that it would have been most useful on this occasion.

All men should come back by the same route otherwise it is impossible to know when they are all in.

sd.....G.R.H.Cheape, Lieut. Col.

Commanding 1/7th Battn The Black Watch.

16th September, 1916.

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Headquarters,

153rd Infantry Brigade.

REPORT ON 5th GORDON HIGHLANDERS' RAID.
NIGHT OF 16/17th SEPTEMBER.

Under 2/Lieut. A. C. Hendry.

At 8.30 p.m. the Tube was successfully exploded and the party rushed forward. The Tube had evidently not been projected far enough, and there were many strands of wire untouched. This may be due to the fact that the German wire came up to 5 feet off the parapet, which was closer than anticipated. This caused a little delay and it was actually 5 minutes before the party entered the German trench. The blankets, ladders, and wire-cutters all having to be used. No fire was opened on party during whole of this time. A little confusion was caused through this, presumably through wire not being cut but the men quickly re-adjusted themselves after entering trench. The point of entry and rough diagram is shown on accompanying sketch. The point marked "P" is where prisoner is thought to have been on duty. On being alarmed he ran along the trench, and was caught at position marked "P2". He fought and struggled and had to be hit over the head with butt of revolver before he was quietened. He fought and struggled all the way back.

The Right blocking party, under CPL. WEBSTER, pursued about 3 or 4 Germans down the trench as far as point "Z". Cpl. Webster emptied his revolver into them, but was unable to pursue them farther owing to proximity of our own barrage at this point. But as they themselves ran straight into it, it is highly probable that none of them escaped unwounded.

SGT. BREMNER in charge of Right centre party proceeded up Communication trench, marked "A" on the right of diagram, which they found blocked. They then turned their attention to bombing the dugout at its head, which is built under the German parapet. The size was about 9 feet square, and 4 feet high, but they are unable to say if it were concreted or not, but its roof was circular iron tubing. Four men were in this shelter. A bomb was thrown in and the party then entered and finished them with their revolvers.

The Left centre party proceeded as far as dugout marked "Q". In front of this dugout was a gas sentry who was instantly shot and bayoneted. In this shelter there were 9 men. They were bombed and shot, and there is no doubt that none were left alive. PTE. LINDSAY met a German running towards him, whom he laid out with his knobkerrie. He remained motionless throughout the raid but it is not certain whether he was killed or not.

The Left blocking party proceeded as far as point "Y", and bombed an open shelter, a sketch of which is shown. This party met no Germans.

The total damage in personnel in the raid is as follows-

14 known to be killed.

1 knobkerried.

3 probably wounded.

1 unwounded prisoner.

598x

Our own casualties consisted of :-

1 man slightly wounded.

The whole party returned without being fired on.

The whole party were back in 18 minutes, having spent 11 minutes in German trenches.

The German trenches were not deep, and ladders were not necessary. The trenches were boarded similarly to our own.

The dugout marked "I" is shown on plan. No. 2 dugout was considerably larger and probably erected for 12 men.

All the Germans were wearing their Gas Helmits.

The prisoner who was taken was probably on sentry duty. The orders for his post being taken, and have been handed in to 154th Brigade Headquarters, along with a sketch map of the trench.

The Communication trench marked "A" was fitted with fire-step facing North.

The barrage was very effective, but perhaps a little more latitude on our right would have been better.

Our experience with the Jack shows that it is most important that it should be carefully patrolled beforehand.

The equipment of men was quite satisfactory and I can suggest no improvement on this.

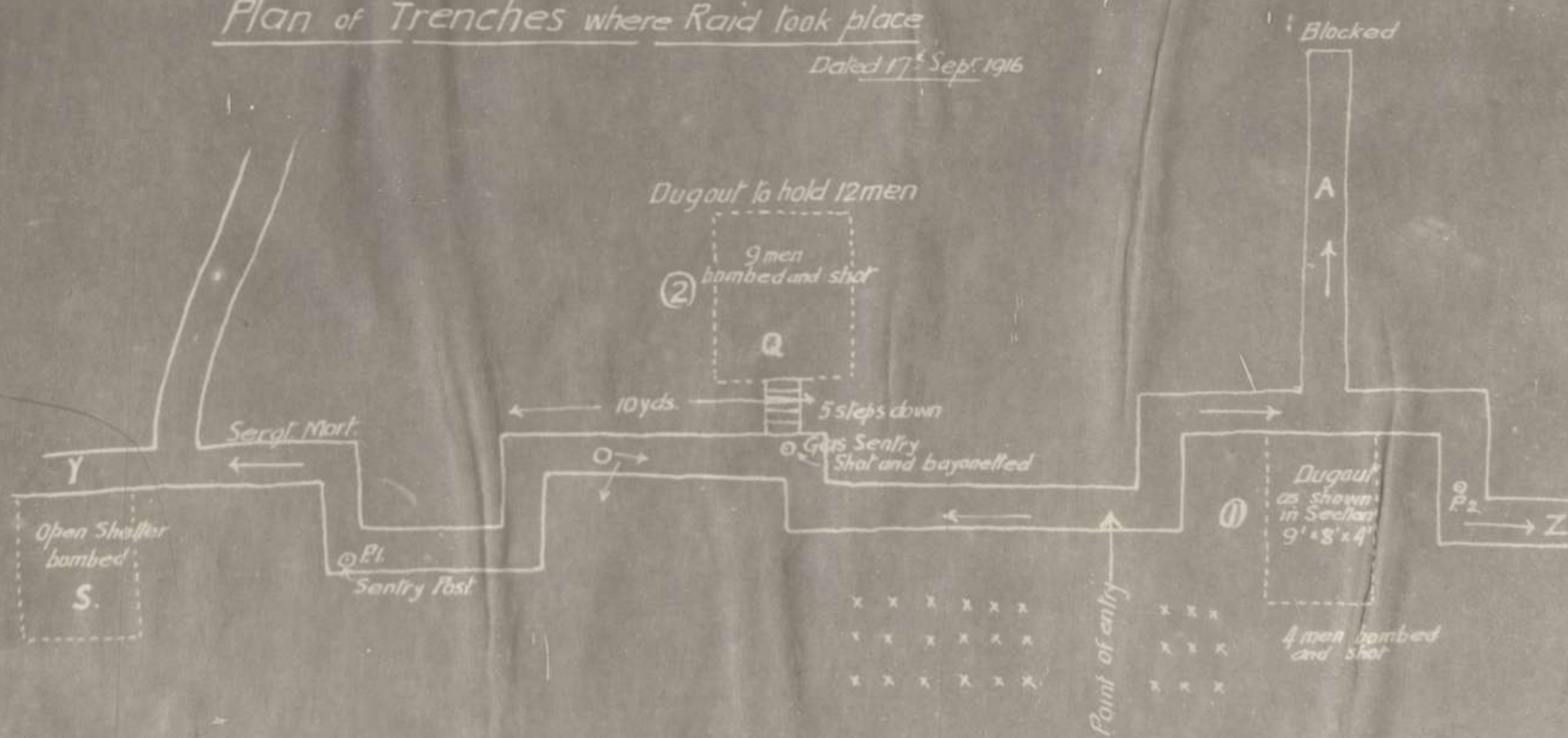
No Gas apparatus was seen in the German trench.

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17/9/16.

Plan of Trenches where Raid took place

Dated 17th Sept 1916



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x 100 yds