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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Remarks and References to Appendices

STEENWERCK.

Sept. 1st

At 1 a.m. our Artillery retaliated for hostile bombardment on our front trenches. Trench Mortars fired on various points in front and support lines of enemy's trenches during the day and Machine Guns fired on hostile communication trenches during the night.

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2nd

Our Stokes Guns fired with good effect from Gap D and on Railway Salient I.4.a. Our Machine Guns were active during the night on hostile communication trenches.

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3rd

Several of our Batteries were engaged during the afternoon in wire cutting in C.17.a. & c. Considerable damage to wire and parapet was done at these points. During the night our Machine Guns fired at gaps in enemy's wire and on roads behind his line.

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4th

Successful bombardment by Artillery and Trench Mortars, gaps of 50 yards made in enemy's parapet in places. Gas released astride ARMENTIERES - LILLE Railway. Enemy's artillery retaliation tardy and feeble. (I.11.a.5.4 to I.5.d.5.7).

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5th

Little Artillery activity owing to weather conditions.

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6th

Combined shoot with Artillery, Trench Mortars and Machine Guns drew some hostile retaliation.

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7th

Our Artillery fired on hostile Trench Mortars, and our medium Trench Mortars fired on hostile lines opposite L'EPINETTE. Enemy's minenwerfer replied but ceased when our guns fired on SPARROW'S NEST. Our Artillery and Machine Guns fired on communications and trench tramways at night.

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Sept. 7th (Contd).	Enemy shelled ARMENTIERES with rapid bursts of 3", 4.2" and 5.9". Each burst lasted a few minutes and was intense. Fire was not concentrated, shells falling in various parts of the town.	SAB
8th	Our Trench Mortars fired considerable number of rounds in neighbourhood of GRANDE PORTE EGALE. Enemy's retaliation was silenced by our Artillery. 58th Brigade (19th Division) relieved 154th Brigade in the Sector on the left bank of R. LYS. 154th Brigade rejoined 51st Division. ARMENTIERES was shelled.	} Operation Order No. 32 Appendix No. 1
9th	We exploded a small mine, forming a crater in front of and amongst the enemy's wire, at C.17.a.40.35. Three or four of the enemy started to work on the debris, one of whom was shot. Through the night the crater was kept under Trench Mortar and Machine Gun fire. 154th Brigade relieved 153rd Brigade in the left Sector. ARMENTIERES was shelled.	SAB
10th	Stokes Guns, 2" Trench Mortars and rifle grenade batteries concentrated three times during the morning on enemy's front line from RAILWAY SALIENT inclusive to I.11.c.4.0, doing considerable damage. Hostile retaliation was feeble. Between 11 p.m. and midnight 10/11th Stokes Guns fired on the portion of the hostile trenches bombarded during the morning.	SAB
11th	Our Artillery fired on several points in enemy's front and support lines, including minenwerfer emplacements on which several direct hits were obtained. Stokes and 2" Trench Mortars fired on hostile trenches opposite the MUSHROOM and RAILWAY SALIENT. Our Machine Guns fired at night. Two working parties were dispersed by our Artillery and Snipers respectively.	SAB

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<p>Sept. 12th</p>	<p>Artillery registered several important points. Considerable damage was done by Trench Mortars and rifle grenade batteries to enemy's line opposite PLANK AVENUE &amp; RAILWAY SALIENT. Retaliation was feeble. Trench Mortars fired on tank near C.17.a.2.5, three direct hits broke in the roof. Snipers accounted for 2 of the enemy. Our Artillery and Machine Guns fired at night on the enemy's communications. Hostile working parties heard N. of RAILWAY SALIENT were dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.</p>	<p><i>EnB</i></p>
<p>13th</p>	<p>Three 2 minute bombardments with field guns and 2" Trench Mortars were carried out on C.23.a. &amp; c. The hostile trenches were damaged and 2 gaps made. Enemy's wire successfully cut opposite Trench 73. Snipers accounted for 3 of the enemy. ARMENTIERES was shelled.</p>	<p><i>EnB</i></p>
<p>14th</p>	<p>Our Artillery fired on trenches and wire in I.5.d. &amp; C.17.a. &amp; c. 2 minute bombardments were carried out at 8.20 a.m., 11 a.m., 3.35 p.m. and 6.20 p.m. 2" Trench Mortars co-operated. The results appeared satisfactory, especially round RAILWAY SALIENT and the new crater at C.17.a.4.3. A suspected O.P. was also destroyed at C.29.a.4.1. Working parties were dispersed by Lewis Guns.</p>	<p><i>EnB</i></p>
<p>15th</p>	<p>Our artillery fired on wire &amp; trenches in C.29.c., I.17.a., &amp; C.29.a., with effect. Four raid were carried out. (1) Against I.11.a. by 6th Seaforth Highlanders, (2) Against I.11.c. by 6th Gordon Highlanders, (3) Against C.29.a. by 7th Gordon Highlanders, (4) Against C.29.c. by 7th Royal Highlanders. Of these (2) and (3) failed owing to faulty torpedoes. In (1) 27 Germans were killed in the trench and 4 occupied dugouts were bombed. Many Germans were seen running to the South and were apparently caught in our Stokes Gun barrage. One prisoner of the 156th Regiment was brought in. In raid (4) only 2 Germans were found in the trench; 1 was killed, the other was taken prisoner but killed by shell fire close to our parapet.</p>	<p>Instructions for Raids } Appendix No. 2. <i>EnB</i> <i>27/14</i></p>

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<p>Septr. 15th (Contd).</p>	<p>Two occupied dugouts were bombed. The dead prisoners, papers, etc., shewed him to have belonged to 10th Reserve Regiment.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>PAB</i></p>
<p>16th</p>	<p>Our Artillery fired on enemy's wire and trenches in C.23.c. with good results. Raids (1) by 1/5th Gordon Highlanders on trenches in C.17.c. 25 believed to have been killed and one prisoner was brought back. (2) By 1/9th Royal Scots; entered the enemy's trench at I.5.c. but found it almost deserted. One German was killed and some equipment brought back. The party was heavily fired at from the enemy's support line. Hostile retaliation to our preliminary bombardment was considerable, especially on our Right Sector. Machine Gun fire swept our parapets until 5.45 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Germans <i>PAB</i></p>
<p>17th</p>	<p>Our heavy Artillery fired on enemy's lines in C.29.a. &amp; C.29.c. and our Field Artillery on C.23. In the evening Stokes and 2" Trench Mortars bombarded trenches I.11.c.5.0 to I.11.c.5.5. There was a considerable increase of hostile Machine Gun and rifle fire during the night.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>PAB</i></p>
<p>18th</p>	<p>Stokes and 2" Trench Mortars bombarded hostile front trenches effectively, especially at I.11.a.&amp; c., and C.17.c.&amp; d. At 10-45 &amp; 11.45 p.m. all arms fired on hostile communication trenches, a relief being suspected. Hostile retaliation on our Right Sector was weak; on the Left hostile Artillery fired on CAMBRIDGE AVENUE, Trench 82 and C.22.d.7.4 doing some damage. 153rd Brigade relieved 152nd Brigade in Right Sector.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>PAB</i> } Operation Order } Appendix No. 3 } No. 81 }</p>
<p>19th</p>	<p>Our Artillery fired on various points in enemy's front and support lines, also on a Trench Mortar located at C.23.d.3.6. Our Trench Mortars successfully cut wire at I.17.a.2.7. and shelled the CHICKEN RUN, in addition to several other points in the front line.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>PAB</i> <i>19/9/18</i></p>

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Septr. 19th (Contd).	At night our Machine Guns fired on enemy's support line and communications, enemy's third line in front of LA HOULETTE and lines at the Fme. de CHASTEL were also kept under fire.	} Warning Order issued for move of Div. } Appendix No. 4 248
20th	Artillery damaged hostile parapet at I.17.a.2.6 and I.11.a.6.8. Our Mortars were active on the whole front and destroyed 3 sniper posts opposite our Left Sector. Damage was especially done at C.23.c.9.6., C.29.c.8.4. and C.29.c.6.8. During night our Machine Guns fired on front and support lines and communications, especially WEZ MACQUART and I.18.b.1.5 to I.18.b.7.4. Also on the junction of roads and railway at J.14.a., J.7.c.4.5 to J.7.c.8.5. Our snipers claim to have hit 3 Germans.	} Operation Order No. 83 issued } Appendix No. 5 248
21st	Our Artillery fired on Working Parties. Trench Mortars active on hostile front line, especially opposite our Left Sector. Our Machine Guns fired at night, especially on the road BAS TROU-PRMESQUES, and that round Fme. RUELLE de la BLANCHE, and from WEZ MACQUART along the Railway.	248
22nd	Our Mortars registered during the day on many parts in the hostile front line. Our Machine Guns fired on cross roads at WEZ MACQUART, BAS TROU Road, PREMESQUES Road, Cross Roads and Railway at L.12.c. 154th Brigade was relieved by 8th Australian Brigade in Left Sector and proceeded to billets in ERQUINGHEM. At 12.45 a.m. on 23rd 152nd Infantry Brigade attempted a raid at I.11.c. opposite the MUSHROOM. The torpedo failed and the troops were stopped by uncut wire.	} Operation Order No. 84 } Appendix No. 6 248 248 248 277x
23rd	No change.	
24th	Relief of 153rd Brigade by 103rd Brigade, 34th Division, in Right Sector. 153rd Brigade remained in billets in ARMENTIERES.	

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FLETRE Sept. 25th.	Relief of 51st Division by FRANKS' FORCE. Division moved to FLETRE. 152nd Brigade remained in billets at Training Camp at S.27.b., 153rd Brigade to METEREN, 154th Brigade and Pioneers to ESTAIRES. Divisional Artillery commenced to move south to "L" area by road.	218
26th	Units commenced training. G.O.C., 2nd Army inspected route march of 154th Brigade at cross roads N. of NEUF BERQUIN.	218
27th	Units training in areas as above. G.O.C., 2nd Army inspected route march of 153rd Brigade at COURTE CROIX, W.18.b.1.3. Divisional Artillery at BOUBURE sur BANCHE.	218
28th	Units training in areas as above. G.O.C., 2nd Army presented decorations to 152nd Brigade at Training Camp at S.27.b., after which he inspected Brigade.	} Operation Order } Appendix No. 7. No. 85 issued
29th	Advance parties leave for new areas.	} Operation Order } Appendix No. 8. No. 86 issued
<u>BEAUVAL.</u> 30th	Division moved South by rail into V Corps area. Divisional H.Q. to BEAUVAL, 152nd Brigade to GEZAINCOURT, 153rd Brigade to BEAUVAL, 154th Brigade to CANDAS - FIENVILLERS. Entraining stations BAILLEUL MAIN & WEST & MERVILLE. Detraining at DOULLENS NORTH & SOUTH & CANDAS. Divisional Artillery commence relief of 49th Divisional Artillery, H.Q. at SENLIS.	} Operation Order } Appendix No. 9. No. 87 issued



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51st (HIGHLAND) DIVISION.

OPERATION ORDER No. 80.

Reference: -  
Sheet 1/100000 HAZEBROUCK 5a.

7th Sept. 1916.

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 H.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,

Issued at 11-10 a.m.

51st (Highland) Division.

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| 2          | 153rd Inf. Bde.  | 10 | A.D.H.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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51st (Highland) Division.  
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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.

*J. Stewart*

12th Sept. 1916.

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

- Copies to 152nd Inf. Bde.
- " 153rd do do
- " 154th do do
- " C.R.A.
- " C.R.E.
- " "A"
- " A.D.M.S.
- " IInd A.M.Z.A.C.
- " 34th Division.
- " 19th Division.

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51st (HIGHLAND) DIVISION.

OPERATION ORDER No. 81.

Reference :-

16th September 1916.

Sheet 1/100000. HAZEBROUCK 5A.

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.

*J. Stewart*

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

Issued at 8.10 p.m.

Copy No.	1	to	152nd Inf. Bde.
"	2		153rd do do
"	3		154th do do
"	4		C.R.A.
"	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.
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"	17		A.D.C. for G.C.C.

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Headquarters,  
152nd Infantry Brigade.  
"A" Branch.

1. With reference to Operation Order No.81, para.6, the 152nd Infantry Brigade on relief will move to the Training Camp S.E. of BAILLEUL, and will be in Corps Reserve.

Instructions for Corps Reserve are attached. The 5 copies of the plan of Defences of ARMENTIERES referred to therein will be forwarded later.

2. 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.

3. Headquarters of 152nd Infantry Brigade will be established in STEENWERCK.

17th Sept. 1916.

*J. Stewart*

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

Copies to:-

153rd Infantry Brigade.  
154th Infantry Brigade.  
C.R.A.  
C.R.E.  
8th Royal Scots.  
A.D.M.S.  
Divl. Train.  
Divl. Signals.  
A.D.V.S.  
IInd ANZAC Corps.  
34th Division.  
19th Division.  
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51st (HIGHLAND) DIVISION.

19<sup>th</sup> Sept 1916

WARNING ORDER.

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 ARGENTIERES.

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,  
51st (Highland) Division.

Issued at 11.15 p.m.

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2	153rd Inf. Bde.	
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.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 83.

20th Sept. 1916.

Reference:-  
Sheet 36 1/40,000.

1. The 51st (Highland) Division will be withdrawn from the line, and will be relieved by the Brigades 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-pdx 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.F., 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.

- Copy No. 1 to 152nd Inf. Bde.
- 2 153rd Inf. Bde.
- 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.
- 10 Divl. Signals.
- 11 A.D.V.S.
- 12 IIInd A.N.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
- 20 *Your Mess, Armentieres*



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.  154th Inf. Bde. Group (includes 1 Pc.Co. & 1 Pd. Amb.)  103 Brigade Group	ARMENTIERES.  Left Sector and ARMENTIERES.  MERVILLE	Left Sector  BRQUINGHEM.  ARMENTIERES	Relieves 154th Inf. Bde. Details to be arranged between Brigadiers concerned.  Billeting accommodation to be provided by 34th Division.  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.  153rd Inf. Bde.	ARMENTIERES  Right Sector.	Right Sector  ARMENTIERES	Relieves 153rd Inf. Bde. Details to be arranged between Brigadiers concerned.  Billeting parties to report to Town Major. ARMENTIERES at 10 a.m. on 23rd inst.

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51st (HIGHLAND) DIVISION.

ADDENDUM TO OPERATION ORDER No. 83.

23rd Sept. 1918.

1. With reference to para. 8 of the above noted order, 51st Division Headquarters will move to FICTRE on the 25th inst., on completion of relief of the Division by FRANKS' FORCE.
2. The 51st Division (less Artillery) will entrain on the 30th inst. Orders for the entrainment will be issued by the A.A. & G.M.G. in due course.
3. The 51st Divisional Artillery will move by route march to the new area on the 25th inst., in accordance with March Table issued to C.R.A.

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Issued at 7-30 p.m.

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51st (Highland) Division.

OPERATION ORDER No. 64.

Reference :-

20th September 1916.

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

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 MUSHROOM in I.11.c.
2. The raiders, strength 3 officers and 46 other ranks, will enter the German trenches at I.11.c.3 $\frac{3}{4}$ .1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., I.11.c.3 $\frac{1}{2}$ .3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ., 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 gapeout 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 $\frac{1}{2}$  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 feint 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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9. 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 10-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.I.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 H.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 ARMENTIERES 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.

*Jan Stewart*

Lieut. Colonel,  
General Staff,

51st (Highland) Division.

Issued at 10.30 p.m.

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51st (HIGHLAND) DIVISION.

OPERATION ORDER No. 85.

28th Septr. 1916.

1. The 51st Division will move by train and road on the 30th inst. to the area about DOMART-EN-PONTHIEU.
2. Orders regarding the train movement and routes from detraining station to billets will be issued by the A.A. & Q.M.G.
3. Divisional Headquarters will close at FLETRE at 10 a.m., 30th inst., and will open at DOMQUEUR at the same hour.

*Jan Stewart*

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General Staff,

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51st (HIGHLAND) DIVISION.  
OPERATION ORDER No. 86.

29th Septr. 1916.

1. Operation Order No. 85 is cancelled
2. The Division will move to-morrow 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 Stewart*

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51st (Highland) Division.

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51st (HIGHLAND) DIVISION.

OPERATION ORDER No. 87.

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30th Sept. 1916

Reference Map:-  
1/40,000 Sheet 57 D.

1. The 51st Division will move into V Corps Area on 2nd and 3rd October, (in accordance with attached March Table).
2. The 152nd Brigade Group will move into billets at BOIS DU WAINIMONT, with Brigade Headquarters at AUTHIE, on 2nd October in accordance with attached March Table.  
The 153rd Brigade Group will move into billets at AUTHIE (less Brigade Headquarters 152nd Brigade) and VAUCHELLES LES AUTHIE, with Brigade Headquarters at VAUCHELLES LES AUTHIE, on 2nd October, in accordance with attached March Table.  
The 1/8th (Pioneer) Bn. The Royal Scots and Salvage Company will move to billets at THIEVRES on the 2nd October in accordance with attached March Table.  
The Convalescent Company will move to billets at BARTON on the 2nd October, in accordance with attached March Table.
3. The 152nd and 153rd Brigades will go into the line on the 4/5th October, taking over the front from JOHN COPSE (inclusive) to the HEBUTERNE - 16 poplars ROAD (inclusive), at present held by one Brigade of the 2nd Division. Relief orders will be issued later.
4. No horses are to be stabled on unfinished horse-standings.
5. All billeting to be arranged through Town Majors.
6. Refilling Points for 152nd and 153rd Brigade Groups will be at VAUCHELLES LES AUTHIE on the afternoon of the 2nd October; no change for the remainder of the Division.
7. The remainder of the Division will move on the 3rd October, in accordance with a further March Table to be issued later.
8. Divisional Headquarters will close at BEAUVIL at 3 pm., 1st October, and will open at BUS LES ARTOIS at the same hour.

*P. B. Funderburk*  
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51st (Highland) Division.

Issued at 11.30 a.m.

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| 4          | C.R.A.           | x | 12. | A.D.C. for G.O.C. |   |
| 5          | C.R.E.           | x | 13. | Camp Commandant.  | x |
| 6          | "A"              |   | 14. | V Corps.          | x |
| 7          | 8th Royal Scots. | x | 15. | XIII Corps.       | x |
| 8          | A.D.M.S.         | x | 16. | End Division.     | x |
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MARCH TABLE ISSUED WITH OPERATION ORDER No. 87.

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DATE	UNIT	FROM	TIME	TO	ROUTE	REMARKS
OCT. 2nd.	152nd Inf. Bde. Group 152nd Inf. Bde. 2/2nd High. Pd. Co. R.E. <del>2/1st High. Pd. Amb.</del> 4th Co. Divl. Train. Convalescent Co.	GRAMINCOURT LAGNEUX	10 am.	BOIS DU WARMONT  SARTON	Starting point Road junction A.22.b.4.2. Route Road Junction A.22.b.7.9. - FRESCHVILLERS - SARTON - AUTHIE.	Not to arrive at destination before 12 noon. Convalescent Co. to march under orders of B.C.C. 152nd Bde. as far as SARTON.
2nd.	153rd Inf. Bde. Group 153rd Inf. Bde. 1/1st High. Pd. Co. R.E. 1/3rd High. Pd. Amb. 3rd Co. Divl. Train.	BEAUVAIL HULLEUX	10 am.	AUTHIE (less H.Q. 152nd Inf. Bde.) VAUCHELLES LES AUTHIE	Starting point Road junction G.22.b.2.9. - BRAUQUEMNE - MARIEUX.	Not to arrive at destination before 12 noon.
2nd	1/8th Royal Scote. Divl. Salvage Co.	HARDINVAL	10 am.	THIEVRES	Route HARDINVAL - HEM - thence by Road N. of River - DOULLENS - ORVILLE.	Not to arrive at destination before 12 noon.

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