

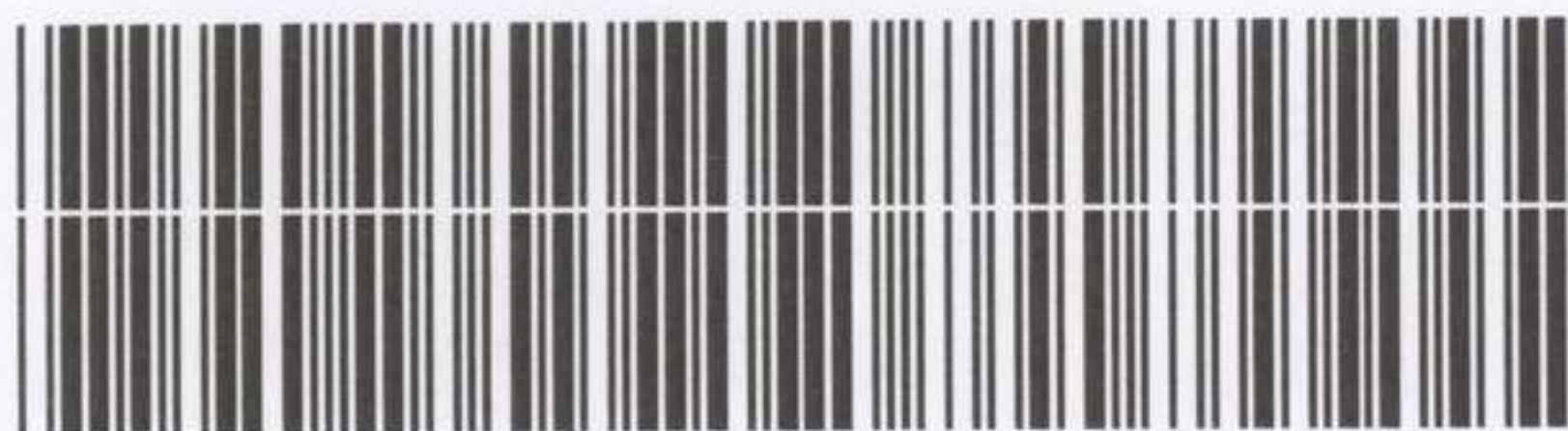
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LA ROLANDIERE	1/6/16		<p>Wiring parties and patrols were active. On "B" front 36 coils of barbed wire were put out. Wiring parties on "A" front were out from 9pm till 1am. Officer in charge of Salient party was wounded. (Lt HOBBS 18" M.) There were 5 patrols sent out.</p> <p>7am Our artillery fired on target in rear of enemy trenches.</p> <p>11am Our artillery fired on Disbelling + on house near it 16 direct hits.</p> <p>8pm 20 shells fired on enemy front line trench opposite sec 54.</p> <p>1.50am Enemy front line trench opposite Secs 56 + 57 was shelled.</p> <p>7.30pm We fired about 50 rifle grenades in reply to 5 aerial torpedoes. Enemy shelled Sec 57 between 1 + 2pm with 9 HE + again between 4pm + 5pm with 10 HE.</p> <p>8.5pm Enemy shelled BOIS GRENIER with 50. 4.2 + 5.9 HE.</p> <p>From 2pm to 6pm about 40 men were seen walking in woods + three on road at O963. At 7pm 30 men in single file were seen on the same road.</p>	

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LA ROLANDERIE	1/6 16	330pm	Party of 20 men at O11C17 seen moving north.	
		4pm	fatigue party seen working on 3 rd line 15-30 from OP at WHITE CITY.	
		6.15pm	party of 40 men seen marching in file on bearing of 120pm same OP. The ESCOBECQUES - ENNETIERES. road was used by great number of wagons during the day. A large number of men passed O11692	
		7.15pm	2 parties of 25 men moved from benches in neighbourhood of BRIDOUX to LE MAISONIL EN WEPPE - RADINGHEM.	
		3.30pm	A large Biplane bearing our markings flew overhead towards ENNETIERES and descended near viaduct at O4C90 1/2 After landing smoke was seen coming up from that spot for an hour afterwards. 'B' Co report that anti aircraft Bty at I20 der fired on the plane.	
		7.30pm	on Observah balloons up from NIEPPE broke adrift. Observed descended by parachute north of ARMENTIERES.	

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LA ROLANDERIE	2/6/16		<p>Our artillery fired on enemy trenches opposite sect 57 between 5- and 8 pm.</p> <p>Owing to enemy M G fire little wire was put out in front of the Salient. Along the rest of the front 83 coils of barbed and 20 coils of French wire were put out 4 barbed went out during the night.</p> <p>Between 10 am + 11 am 5 HE Shrapnel were fired on Sacs 56 + 57; supports and front line were intermittently shelled between 12 noon and 2 pm. with 51 HE shell.</p> <p>11:30 am Gun fired 3 long bursts from M.G.s before were in front of Salient.</p> <p>Throughout the night sounds of work were heard in Fort BRIDoux. The enemy is reworking a new trench in rear of his firing line here. Another working party was heard working to the left of BLANCO BAY and also on were opposite sect 57.</p>	

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A ROLANDERIE	2 6 <u>16</u>		Trench previously reported near anti aircraft bty 112° for I 10 d 48 - a railway cutting. 3 p.m. men seen carrying lumber from FME HOUSSEIM to rear of Fort BRIDoux. Our sniper accounted for one of the enemy who was watching the bombardment of 7 th Bde during the afternoon. Siren and Stomber horns were heard well to left of 'B' Bn at 1.30 am on 3 rd nit. At 1.40 am a red flare was seen in same direction and siren was again on. Jan. 2 horse wagon seen going South on road 03a 6 p.m. 2 horses seen on same road.	
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LA ROLANDERIE	3/6/16		<p>'B' Battalion (19th) was relieved by 'D' Bn (17th) on night of 3rd - 4th June. Relief was completed by 10.45 pm. 2 patrols sent out. Our artillery was active. Between 10 am + 1 pm the trenches opposite Section 54 + 56 were shelled with Shrapnel. At 11 am our guns fired a salvo. 6 HE burst among an enemy working party at 02 a 1 1/2 6 and dispersed it. From 4.50 pm to 5.40 pm our guns ranged on trenches opposite Section secs 48 + 49. 3 enemy loopholes were destroyed. Enemy trench opposite sec 56 shelled from 5 pm to 6 pm. 7.15 am Enemy shelled BREWERY with 20 77 mm Shrapnel. Between 8 am + 10 am PRINCES 8th + Section 54 were shelled with 16 Shrapnel. Enemy shelled Salent at 6.40 pm + 11.30 pm. 11.20 pm Our 2" mortar effectively dispersed an enemy working party. BRIDoux FORT a Telescopic periscope was destroyed by our sniper + between 5 pm + 6 pm during the shelling of 7th Bde an enemy observer was shot. Fresh soil + grass has been thrown out of fire trench opposite trenches of 56 + 57.</p>	

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LA ROLANDERIE	4/6/16		<p>Our Snipers were active during the day and scored 4 effective hits on enemy ^{observed} opposite sec 52.54, 56 & 57. We sent out 4 patrols up till 1 pm. Enemy rifle & MG fire was quiet but gradually increased in intensity during afternoon & evening.</p> <p>Enemy artillery was active from yesterday afternoon onwards. Between 3 pm & 4 pm 32 shells fell near left of sec 57 & between 4 & 5 pm 14 more fell in same place. One man slightly wounded.</p> <p>At 6 pm trench 57 & vicinity left of Park Row shelled with 60 HE. From 6.40 pm to 7 pm the enemy shelled trench 51 & 52 with 77 mm WATER FARM & FLAMENGRIE FARM with 4.2 HE & Stanway Post & SPARTESBURY AV with 5.9 HE. About 250 shells fell. The above area was shelled again from 7.5 to 7.20 pm with another 350 shells. Minor damage, no casualties. Gun flash seen. appear to have come from vicinity of house at I 27 c 11.</p>	

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LA ROLANDERIE	5/6/16		<p>The 24 hours passed quietly. In accordance with instructions the Bns in the front line stood by from 9.15pm to 1.15am. No patrols or working parties were sent out in front of our parapet in view of proposed operations on our left.</p> <p>11.15am our Observers saw a large party of enemy at 011234½. about 100 men were counted dispersed at 1.20pm by our artillery.</p> <p>9am enemy ranged on secs 51 + 52 with 20 77mm. minor damage</p> <p>3.30pm enemy shelled BOIS GRENIER with about 40 4.2 HE shrapnel 1 OR wounded. at 5.10 pm enemy fired 16 HE (4.2 + 5.9) on Sec 57 10 ftm Lt. Rowther wounded at duty 2 OR wounded one seriously. New barbed wire has been placed out in BLANCO BAY AREA opposite Section 51 + 52. There are also 11 square openings in enemy parapet between I 32 a 67 + I 32 a 55. They are very conspicuous some paved with concrete slabs. some rooted with sods & some with wood. Enemy barbed wire entanglements between 1st & 2nd line trenches opposite secs 47 + 48 have been checked considerably.</p>	

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LA ROLANDERIE	5/6/16	2.45am	<p>a party of 5 men was seen to leave FME HOUSSAIN. They had evidently been carrying timber to the house. From observation of the ground and examination of aeroplane photographs there appears to be a trench tramway to this farm.</p> <p>a fatigue party with picks + shovels was observed working on hill opposite sec 54. Seemed to be digging trench.</p> <p>Smoke seen coming from LEBAS HAV. + houses at 0120 & 7 to 0843 during the day.</p> <p>New screen has been put across the road from FME HOUSSAIN to RADINGHEM.</p>	

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LA. ROLANDERIE	6/8/16		<p>A quiet day until the operation planned by the 7th Bde. Our artillery opened fire at 11.15 pm. As soon as our artillery opened up the enemy sent up rockets which burst into 2 red stars from all along his line. These were soon followed by retaliation. The enemy systematically swept our front with all varieties of shells HE + Shrapnel. Our parapets were breached in several places. These have since been repaired. Minor damage was done to the front + support line; heads of communication trenches and Stanway post. Casualties 7 OR killed and 16 OR wounded. Only one patrol went out on account of operations on our left. This patrol left sector 52 at about 9.30 pm and worked its way across the enemy wire entanglements. Pte Fidge & C patrol deceived German listening post by speaking in German. Our patrol got round behind German working party and captured the. Returning in safety to our trenches.</p>	

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LA ROLANDERIE	6/6/16	4pm	Enemy fired 10 HE 5.9 in vicinity of SHAFTESBURY COTTAGE. The enemy was quick to retaliate both after our artillery first and second shorter bombardment. Quantity of flares were fired during the operation. A light gun drawn by 2 mules + 7 men was placed in position behind tree at 0200. Hoopholes in BLANCO BAY AREA have had 4'x4' steel plates in them and the all but the openings covered with sand bags + sods.	
		230pm	Traffic seen on LA VALLÉE - ESCOBECQUES Rd. looking path seen at BLANCO WOODS and at 5:15 am at 0200, + at 7:15 pm at 0100 c.e. At 7 am 6 men carrying party seen behind Fort BRIDoux. Small enemy mine was dug up on Salent. $7\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{3}{4} \times 2$ from center of cap fuse 6" long projects. on 2 sides are copper wire leads with small circular hole between. Zinc with cap at end painted red.	

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LA ROLANDERIE	3 6 16		<p>20th (C) Battalion relieved 18th (A) Bn in front line trench.</p> <p>The relief was completed by 10.15pm. We sent out 2 patrols. Our artillery fired on FME HOUSSAIN at 3.45 am this morning. Good shooting was done; but more is reqd to smash the building completely.</p> <p>Artillery during afternoon fired 17 shells on 'B' Bn sector.</p> <p>4.45hr A German aeroplane dropped two bombs on position approximately I 30 to 95 and I 19 C $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$. No damage done.</p> <p>At 6 am + 6.15 am enemy aeroplane flew over our lines and was charged away with rifle + anti aircraft battery fire.</p> <p>Judging by sounds enemy was busily engaged in working in + around BRIDoux SALIENT. Party of 20 men were seen moving bricks, revetment material and timber in and out of FME HOUSSAIN from 3 am to 5 am. At the same time a party of 30 men were seen repairing a damaged trench 200' to right of the farm.</p>	

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LA ROLANDERIE	8/6/16		<p>our mining parties and patrols were active.</p> <p>during the morning our artillery shelled Bulding in the vicinity of Dischley. Radinghem and Periscope house were shelled intermittently during the day.</p> <p>Our engineers were active and opposite trench 56 claim an effective shot with shell piercing bullet against a troublesome sniper.</p> <p>M.G. fire was directed on an enemy working party opposite the salient.</p> <p>Enemy shelled support line of Sect 56 & 57 at 9.15 with 12 HE and BURNT FARM on supports of Sect 57 at 12 noon.</p> <p>11.30 p.m. 2 aerial torpedoes fired into trench 50. We replied with 2 2" mortar bombs and silenced enemy.</p> <p>2 p.m. Explosion occurred in trench line opposite centre of Sect 57 10 yds in front of our parapet. Apparently a mortar exploded in a listening post throwing up dirt etc.</p>	

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LA ROLANDERIE	8/6/14		<p>During afternoon enemy waved a number of small canvas flags (dirty white colour) over their parapets also one triangular black flag (2 feet long each way). About 9 pm enemy caused a dense cloud of smoke 20 feet high and 20 feet across to come from behind the parapet opposite the centre of sec 5). The wind at the time was not suitable for enemy gas attack.</p> <p>During the last 3 nights away to the rear of enemy line flares have been observed. Last night muffled sounds of bombs were heard from same locality. It would appear that the enemy are practising some kind of stunt flare.</p>	
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LA ROLANDERIE	9/6/16		<p>M.G. + rifle fire was normal during the day. Our Snipers claim one effective hit. 5 patrol went out during the night 2 of the scouts were wounded. Our artillery replied to enemy shelling & shelled trenches opposite sec 52 with good effect. Our aeroplanes were very active during the afternoon.</p> <p>Between 3 & 4 pm enemy shelled H29 centre with 20 5.9 HE.</p> <p>6 pm In retaliation enemy shelled sec 52 with 30 77 mm Shrapnel & 40 42 HE.</p> <p>6.45 pm B. Bn section was shelled with 110 77 mm Shrapnel & 5.9 HE.</p> <p>Secs 53, 54, 55 & 57 were shelled. minor damage. 2 OR wounded one seriously.</p> <p>8.30 am Taube flew over A.P. line towards Egunflon.</p> <p>5.30 pm + 7.12 pm Taube flew up & down enemy line. when fired on by our M.G. it dropped signal made of 5 floats killed enemy movement noticed at Fm Hovesam & BRIDoux Trench.</p> <p>Suspected enemy Snipers position 100 x behind enemy front fence opposite sec 49 in line.</p>	

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LA ROLANDERIE	10/6/16.		Our m-g claim to have put an enemy m-g out of action opposite trench 51. 3 patrols were sent out in front of 51 50 + 57	
			Our artillery shelled buildings in & round RADINGHAM, and enemy front line trenches opposite secs 51-52 were shelled at 3 am.	
		10.45 am	Enemy shelled sec 57 with 12 4.2 HE. minor damage 1 OK killed 3 OK wounded.	
			Very little movement was noticed in front and support lines. A party of 5 was seen working in trench opposite sec 54.	
		1.15 pm	On road at O.H. 26 there were parties of about 30 men working on something that could not be distinguished.	
		7 pm	2 horse vehicle was seen to drive into RADINGHAM from left and another 1 horse vehicle left RADINGHAM moving towards the right	

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LA POLANDERIE	11/6/16		Our snipers were active. Wire was put out in front of the Salient. 5 Rounds were fired from Sec 54 by 2" T.M. 10+y apparently with good effect. 3 patrols went out during the night. An enemy patrol was met and bombed. Acting on information received from the patrols our m. g.s fired in direction of localised enemy working parties. At 1:30 am our listening post in front of right of Sec 53 saw a patrol in front and fired. The enemy patrol disappeared.	
	4:30 pm		Enemy shelled section 55 with 13 4.2 HE for about 10 minutes.	
	8:15 pm		Sec 52 shelled with 30 4.2 HE + Sec 53 with 29 4.2 HE.	
			Bombardment lasted till about 8:40 pm. minor damage.	
	5 pm		20 rifle grenades + aerial torpedoes were fired into the Salient. In the enemy parapet at 01279 there are 2 large square openings, about 3 feet square apparently closed by doors. A great deal of traffic was seen on road near ESCORBEQUES PARADIS + RADINGHEM.	

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LA ROLANDERIE	12/6/16		<p>The day passed quietly. We sent out 2 patrols. Our artillery was very active and shelled enemy territory at various times during the day. An enemy working party opposite sec 50 was shelled. Red conical shaped tower at Chateau de FLANDRES 015c was shelled. Enemy front line trench opposite sec 48 shelled. Between 2:30 & 3:30 pm enemy trench opposite sec 52 was shelled. From 5 pm to 5:30 pm about 200 HE & Shrapnel were fired on enemy front line opposite section 47 & 48. At the same time about 40 bombs from our 2" mortars were fired with good effect. Our artillery opened up again. BRIDoux fort was heavily bombarded. The 6" Pvr on our right carried out a most successful raid capturing 6 prisoners and destroying 2 mortars & 1 mg.</p> <p>5 pm Enemy replied to our artillery and trench mortar fire with about 40 77mm and some aerial torpedoes.</p>	

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LA ROLANDERIE	12/6/16		<p>2nd reply to our artillery fire at 12-55 am the enemy shelled "A+B" Bn front. On "A+B" front + line trench about 200 77 mm shrapnel, bombs of all sizes, 100 4.2" + 100 5.9" (numbers approximate) were sent over on "B" Bn front section 54 received about 100 4.2" HE as soon as artillery fire died down enemy rifle + M G fire became brisk. Casualties 1 officer Lt. CAMPBELL RE wounded at duty. 1 OR wounded 5 OK killed.</p> <p>Considerable traffic was noticed on roads near ESCOBECQUES, leading to RADINGHEM, and ELBOU road I 28 rd. and in vicinity of small red house at CHATEAU de FLANDRES</p> <p>6am Enemy working party on parapet opposite sec 57 dispersed with rifle fire</p> <p>2pm Heavy column of smoke was observed coming from house 50' to right of Fme HOUSSAIN Oza.</p>	

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LA ROLANDERIE	13 6 16		<p>Our Snipers were active. 3 patrols went out last night. Our artillery was active throughout the day, retaliating to enemy shelling with some effect. They fired on enemy line opposite secs 48, 49 51 62 & 53. Enemy was fairly active during the day firing on spots all along our line. At odd times throughout the day single shells or two at a time came over into our lines. During the whole day no damage was caused by enemy shell fire.</p> <p>10 am Enemy fired 15 HE along a rough line from old "B" Pn H9 Stanway Post Emma Post & in front of Hudson's Bay. From 12:40 pm until 1:10 pm enemy shelled the vicinity of sec 54 with 20 77 mm.</p> <p>2:5 pm Sec 55 shelled with 20 77 mm. Between 2:45 pm & 3 pm the enemy using 77 mm shrapnel & HE shelled crossroads at H29 C99.</p> <p>3:30 pm 30 shells of same calibre burst near "C" Pn H9 at H30 a 85. Minor activity observed in enemy front & support lines opposite sec 54, near Five Houses. where 2 men were seen pushing what seemed small hand truck) and lat</p>	

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LA ROLANDERIE	13 6 16		<p>point opposite sec 50; also at Chateau de FLANDRES.</p> <p>at I 31 d 3 2½ a small white flag seen on roof a dugout.</p> <p>There appears to be a loophole in enemy parapet at I 31 d 97 about 5 yds out in wire directly in front of the opening is a white stake about 3 ft high.</p> <p>There was a constant stream of traffic on road on skyline between LA VALLÉE, LES BAS CHAMPS & RADINGHEM. Wagon guns, limbers and men on foot & on horseback were seen passing along road between hours of 11 30^{am} & 12 50^{pm}.</p> <p>Mostly going from left to right.</p> <p>The road running from the left into RADINGHEM was being used again last night by transport.</p> <p>Suspected position of enemy gun (77 mm) is at I 32 C 4½ 3½.</p>	

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LA ROLANDERIE	14/6/16		Fairly quiet during the day. Our snipers were quiet very few targets presenting themselves. Lewis guns were active during the night.	
		2.30pm	Our artillery at intervals fired about 30 to 40 rounds shrapnel.	
		5.30pm	and H.E. on enemy front line trenches opposite secs. 48 to 52 inclusive.	
		12 noon	We fired about 30 rifle grenades into FORT BRIDOUX to draw	
		1pm	hostile mortar fire & were successful in locating three at following points I. 31. d. 3 1/2. 2 1/2., I. 31. d. 1/2. 3., and I. 31. d. 1/2. 2..	
			Enemy rocketed with 12 aerial torpedoes into the SALIENT no damage was done. Enemy were fairly active with artillery.	
		1.45pm	Enemy fired about 20 H.E. 5.9 shells into BRIDOUX SALIENT and	
		2.20pm	CHORD LINE. A steel cupola dugout smashed in & torn with casualties 2 Officers killed (Capt Ferguson & St Bampling) 1 Officer slightly wounded (St Barlow) and 2 other ranks wounded.	
			The parapet was also breached near apex of SALIENT	
		2pm	10 H.E. 4.2 fell in vicinity of BOIS GRENIER LINE. Parapet badly	
		3pm	breach and one dugout destroyed	

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LA ROLANDERIE	15 6 11		<p>Rifl + M. G fire normal during the day. 3 patrols went out during the night. Our artillery were active throughout the day, registering enemy front line at BRIDOUX FORT and opposite sections 52 + 53. at 12.20 pm FIVE HOUSCAIN and Saps leading into it were shelled. at 1 pm our artillery fired in retaliation for enemy trench opposite sec 54 + opposite sec 55 at 2.15 pm. In retaliation for enemy shelling near of Section 52 our artillery fired at 2 pm on to enemy front line opposite secs 52 + 53 with good effect. Between 6 pm + 7.30 pm RADINGHEM was fairly heavily shelled. Our 2" mortar fired from emplacements in Section 54 at 2.15 am + 4.10 am. Between 8.45 am + 12.20 pm about 11 77 mm shells were fired into Section 48, 50 + 51. Between 1.35 pm + 1.50 pm enemy fired about 100 shells (77 mm 4.2" + 5.9" into area in rear of Section 52 damaging front parapets + some old B. M. H.Q. Shaftsbury Avenue.</p>	

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LA ROLANDIERE	15 6 16		<p>Enemy shelled in front of secs 53 + 54 with 8 77 mm between 2.45 pm + 3.15 pm. Vicinity of Sec 57 was shelled between 4 pm + 4.25 pm with 7" 4.2" HE + one 77 mm.</p> <p>There was again a good deal of movement near red conical shaped house at Chateau de Flandres. at 5.30 am. A red cross motor ambulance passed here at 2.12 pm and men were again seen here at 5.10 pm. The road along skyline in front of ESCOBECQUES Stupa was used at 1.10 pm 1.15 pm 9.15 + 9.25 pm by men on foot and wagon traffic. There seems to be more movement on the roads round RADINBHEM + ESCOBECQUES than usual during the past 2 or 3 days.</p> <p>No much movement was observed in enemy's front support line. Men were seen working on 2nd line opposite sec 49 at 5.30 am + opposite sec 57. at 1 am a searchlight light of sec 57 was flashed into NO MAN'S LAND opposite sec 58.</p>	

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LA ROLANDERIE	16/6/16		<p>Sniping & machine gun fire was normal during the day. Lewis guns were active during the night, playing on enemy parapets & wire. Our artillery was active during the afternoon firing upon FORT BRIDOUX, RADINGHEM, & front line trenches opposite secs. 49 & 50. Three two inch trench mortars bombed enemies front line opposite secs 49 & 50 with good effect. A patrol reported enemy engaged upon entanglements, our machine guns causing them to seek cover, no enemy patrols were met. The enemy's artillery was fairly active during the day.</p> <p>8.30am to 9am One of our working parties engaged upon wire along CITY ROAD was dispersed with 7.5 mm shrapnel, about 15 shells being fired. One man was wounded.</p> <p>2.20pm 24 4.2 HE were fired into BREWERY O P at I 319 1/2 3 which was damaged.</p> <p>3.20pm 25 HE 4.2 shells fell in rear of sections 51 & 52 no damage done.</p> <p>6pm 11 HE 4.2 fell in vicinity of sect. 57 just in rear of support line. No damage.</p> <p>During the day 17 shells fell about the centre of BOIS GRENIER line, no damage was done. Observers reported that for last 10 days the group of heavy guns on the LILLE-ARMENTIERES Railway have been silent.</p>	

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LA BOUDRELLE	16/6/16		<p>Today however they were firing from this position so probably they had been moved for that period.</p> <p>Enemy working parties were busy on their trenches during the night. The traffic in rear of enemy's lines was normal.</p> <p>Over enemy's trench opposite sect 46 five signal rockets were fired which had a tail of about 10 yellowish white lights apparently attached together equidistant, the whole being about 200ft long. One of our aeroplanes was operating near this area at the time & shortly afterwards dropped a signal light.</p> <p>At about 12.35am Strombus horns were heard on our enticement left followed by a heavy bombardment. At the same time green parachute lights were noticed almost due N of WHITE CITY.</p> <p>11pm A big explosion was heard in enemy trench at about I. 26. C. 8. 1</p>	

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LA ROLANDERIE	17/6	12.30am	The relief of "B" Battalion (17 th) by "D" Battalion (19 th), in front line trenches was completed. Sniping & machine gun fire was normal during the day, our machine guns were active during the night completely keeping down enemy's fire. Three patrols left our trenches during the night; one encountered & drove an enemy patrol into its own lines.	
			The 24 hours passed very quietly, our artillery firing occasionally on special targets. The enemy's artillery was less active than usual the chief targets being WHITE CITY, THE BREWERY & BOIS GRENIER	
		9.25am	14 HE were dropped in front of WHITE CITY. No damage	
		6.5pm	The BREWERY was shelled with 14 77 mm & BOIS GRENIER at 7.45pm with 10 77 mm. No results.	
		5.20pm	Enemy fired 9 bombs into sect. 50. During the night enemy working parties were heard opposite sections 54 & 55; from noises, apparently strengthening entanglements. Enemy trench mortar positions were located by flash to be approximately at I.31.d.3 1/2.3 & I.31.d.9 3/4.6	

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LA ROLANDERIE	18/11/16		<p>Due to artillery activity our patrols did not leave sects 52-57 one patrol left from sect 48 and reported indications of enemy activity in NO MANS-LAND. During the afternoon a few shots were fired by our artillery who registered on enemy trenches opposite BRIDOUX SALIENT. During the night enemy positions opposite RUE DU BOIS & BRIDOUX SALIENTS were bombarded; enemy did not retaliate.</p> <p>2pm Enemy shelled area between WHITE CITY & Support line with ^{on "B" Battalion} 12 HE 4.2 with slight damage to QUEER ST. Between 3 & 4pm 10 HE fell near BOIS GRENIER line between SHAFTESBURY AVENUE & TRAMLINE AVENUE. At 7.55pm QUEER ST was shelled with 5 HE.</p> <p>12.5am Board & support lines of secs 48 & 51 were shelled in retaliation for our bombardment with 77mm HE & shrapnel 4.2 HE & bombs. The damage was comparatively slight. Other ranks killed 1 wounded 4 & slight damage to parapets & QUEER ST. Enemy ceased fire about 12.30am but at 1am opened up with about 50 HE 4.2. Practically no sniping or machine gun fire during the day.</p>	

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LA	18/6	6.33pm	17 bombs were thrown into area in rear sects 49 & 50	
ROLANDERIE	18/6	1 am	<p>Opposite left Brigade front enemy threw about 5 rocket bombs which left a trail of red fire & came slowly to earth. On contact the explosion was very loud. Two more trench mortar positions were located at I 31 d & 3 1/4 I 31 d 55 which were engaged by the 106th Howitzer Battery. Traffic in rear of enemy lines normal. There were no enemy observation balloons up during the morning but 4 were visible from our front in the afternoon; one on the right of our position broke away at about 3pm. At 3.50pm a small red balloon was seen floating over NO MAN'S LAND in a SW direction. During the bombardment it was noticeable that that no red flares went up but enemy's artillery was not long in retreating, majority of enemy flares were fired in direction of SALLY PORT Sect 54. At 11.15pm gasgongs were heard from direction of Smentieros. At 5.30 am 19th mist 1 loud blast of locomotive whistle was heard, & 2 more at 5.45 am opposite Sect 54.</p>	

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LA ROLANDERIE	29/16		<p>Fairly quiet day, work of repairing trenches & construction of strong points proceeded satisfactorily. During the afternoon our artillery fired upon enemies works breaching the parapet in several places & destroying an emplacement of Sally Port constructed of logs. Five patrols left our lines during the night one of which drove in an enemy listening post. The enemy's artillery was not very active "B". Battalion area receiving no fire at all. Between 5.30 pm & 7.30 pm 77 mm shrapnel & HE were fired into "A" Battalion area.</p> <p>10.55 pm About 20 HE 4.2 fell into area behind support line between QUEER STREET and SAFETY ALLEY very slight damage was done. Movement in rear of enemy lines was normal. Rifle & machine gun fire was very light.</p>	
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LA ROLANDERIE	21/6/16	11.45pm	<p>The relief of the 20th (A) Battalion, in the front line trenches, by the 18th (B) Battalion was completed satisfactorily on the night of 21st/22nd. Three platoons of the 13th & 15th Bns. went to the front line trenches for a 3 day tour of duty, being attached to "A" & "B" Battalions respectively.</p> <p>Sniping was normal during the day.</p> <p>Four patrols left our lines during the night, locating enemy working parties which were dispersed by our Lewis guns.</p> <p>Our artillery was active throughout the day, principal targets being enemy parapets, which were breached in several places, & RADINGHEM & the RADINGHEM-LA VALLEE ROAD.</p> <p>Enemy artillery shelled various targets in our forward positions ineffectively also shelled BOIS GRENIER ROAD & RUE de CHARLES with H.E. Traffic was normal behind enemy lines. Very little work was observed in enemy lines, one working party being dispersed.</p>	

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LA ROLANDERIE	22/6/16		<p>The day passed quietly. The construction of strong points & repairs to dugouts was continued. Due to bombardment of enemy trenches only one patrol left our lines which reported enemy cutting grass in front of parapets.</p> <p>11 pm Our trench mortars supported by artillery fired on I 26 c 9 1/2 1 1/2 enemy parapets being badly damaged.</p> <p>Enemy artillery were more active shelling several localities such as STANWAY POST, QUEER ST, WHITE CITY, & JOCK'S JOY with 4.2, 5.9, & 77 mm HE & shrapnel. Enemy mortars were fairly active between 4 pm & 5 pm.</p> <p>Enemy snipers were more active than usual during the day. Enemy working parties on wire were dispersed by our Lewis guns.</p> <p>Traffic in rear of enemy lines light all day.</p>	

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LA ROLANDERIE	23/16		<p>Work on our lines continues satisfactorily, the wire being strengthened to the right of the SALIENT.</p> <p>Three patrols left our lines during the night, one being fired upon by enemy listening post, retaliated by bombing both the post & trenches & returned safely.</p> <p>Our artillery were fairly quiet during the day. Between 12.30 am & 12.50 am artillery & mortars cooperated upon enemy parapets & wire.</p> <p>Enemy artillery fire was light throughout the 24 hours special attention being to our wire & front line.</p> <p>During our artillery & mortar bombardment the enemy's machine guns were active, playing on NO MAN'S LAND & along our parapets.</p> <p>Enemy appear to be carrying out a great deal of timber work in their trenches.</p> <p>Traffic was normal in rear of enemy line.</p>	

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LA ROLANDERIE	24/6/16		<p>Due to our artillery operations no patrols were sent out from our lines. Our artillery fire was light during the day firing particularly on targets in the enemy's rear. During the night at 11 pm & 1 am fire was opened by our artillery on enemy parapets & wire. at I 320 1 1/4 9 & I 260 9 1/2 2. An enemy working party was repairing parapets when fire was opened the second time. Enemy artillery was moderately active during the day. During our bombardment enemy machine guns were very active. Several enemy working parties were seen in support lines. The emergency road connecting LA VALLEE with ERQUINGHEM has been screened.</p>	

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LA ROLANDERIE	25/6/16	11:30pm	<p>Our artillery was active during the day engaging various targets in enemies forward works.</p> <p>Our artillery preparatory to enemy trenches being raided bombarded enemy trenches opposite Sect. 54 in conjunction with 2" Trench Mortars. The raiding party left our trenches prior to bombardment & under cover of a barrage successfully penetrated enemy's trenches at I 26 c 9 1/2 1 1/2 returning with 4 prisoners. Due to artillery activity no patrolling was done. During the day enemy's artillery actively retaliated for our fire most of their fire being directed on "A" battalion area. The damage was not serious but general, communication trenches being slightly damaged. The work in enemy trenches was normal. There was no movement out of the usual in rear of enemy lines.</p>	<p>For raid see appendix O.O. No 14 off line 23rd and 2 reports</p>

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LA ROLANDERIE	26/1/16		<p>No patrols left our lines during the night.</p> <p>Our artillery was active especially during the night and early morning. At 12 midnight fire was opened upon enemy front line trenches & wire by our artillery & trench mortars preparatory to a raid on enemy trenches.</p> <p>Under cover of a barrage a party from 18th Bn entered enemy trenches at I 32 C 1 1/2 g on night 26/27th returning with 4 prisoners. About 60 dead were left in enemy trenches our casualties being 1 killed & 12 wounded.</p> <p>Our aircraft were active, at 8 pm 3 enemy observation balloons were bombed & destroyed on left of our sector. Throughout the 24 hours enemy artillery was fairly active. Between 9.10 pm & 10.15 pm enemy opened up a heavy fire on sections 52 & 53 in form of a barrage.</p> <p>At 10 pm an enemy patrol of 6 men approached our trenches near BOIS BLANC road, which was driven off with loss.</p>	<p>For raid see O.O. No 15 of June 24th and report.</p>

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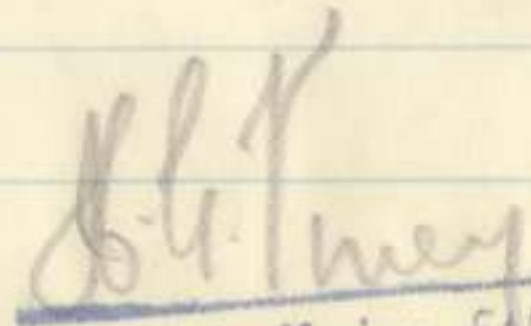
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LA ROLANDERIE	27/6/16		<p>The 24 hours pass very quietly, our artillery fire was light being chiefly directed against enemy forward works.</p> <p>The Relief of 5th Inf Bde by 4th Inf Bde was commenced on night 27th/28th in platoons of 13th & 14th Bns. relieving six platoons of 18th & 19th Bns respectively.</p> <p>Enemy's artillery was very quiet during the 24 hours.</p> <p>Work in enemy lines was normal.</p> <p>Movement in rear of enemy lines was normal.</p> <p>A special patrol of 2 officers & 4 other ranks went out from sect. 57 at 12 midnight returning at 2 a.m. No enemy patrols were seen, & no work was being carried out on his wire. Working parties could be heard repairing damage to parapets, made by our bombardments of the two previous nights.</p>	For relief see O.O. No 16 of June 26 th
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LA ROLANDERIE	28/6/16	2am	During the night of 28/29 th inst. the relief of the 18 th & 19 th Bns (5 th Bde) in the front line trenches was completed by the 13 th & 14 th Bns of 4 th Bde.	See appendix 00 No 16 of June 26 th
			No patrols left our lines during the night but scouts visited listening posts of Sects. 48, 49, 50, & 51. One of our listening posts in front of Sect. 56 was fired upon by enemy patrol, wounding * 1 officer & 1 other rank, who were bombed by our post & driven off leaving 3 wounded prisoners in our hands.	* He fell 19 th who died the following day
		3pm	Enemy artillery ranged on QUEER STREET, CHORD LINE & BREWERY which ceased at 4pm about 30 77mm shrapnel being fired at the same time STANWAY POST & Sect 51 were shelled 10cm shrapnel.	HE
		11pm	QUEER STREET & BREWERY were again shelled.	
		1-15am	Lachrymatory gas shells & shrapnel were used against billets at H 23 c 33 & H 22 b 74	
		3pm	Four trench mortar shells of new type fell in our right battalion area under cover of artillery fire craters were 15-20ft deep & 5-10ft deep.	

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LA ROLANDERIE	29/6/16	1 am	On the night of 29/30 th the relief of 17 th Bn (5 th Bde) by 16 th Bn (4 th Bde) in the reserve of "D" Battalion Area was completed.	See appendix 00 No 16 of June 26 th
		11 am	Our artillery was active engaging targets in enemy front line	5 OR slightly wounded
		3 pm	4 cooperating with Stokes Mortars on BRIDOUX SALIENT at 12 midnight	1 OR killed by enemy shelling.
			Due to our artillery operations no patrols left our lines during the night.	
			Our machine guns engaged enemy working parties opposite Sects 56 & 54; heard repairing damage to parapets caused by our bombardment during the day.	
			During the 24 hours enemy artillery was fairly active on the whole of the forward works & was also engaged searching for batteries.	
			At CAPE BLANCO work destroyed by our artillery is gradually being replaced.	
			At FORT BRIDOUX work in front of 3 rd line trench is being strengthened.	
			Otherwise work being carried out in enemy lines is normal	
			Movement in rear of enemy lines was normal	

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LA ROLANDERIE	30/6/16	12:15pm	At midnight on the night of 30 th June/1 st July the relief of 20 th Bn by 15 th Bn (4 th Bde) in the BOIS GRENIER LINE was completed. The 5 th Bde Hdqrs then withdrew to ERQUINGHEM & took over the command of the Reserve Brigade Area & handed over the command of the Right Brigade Area to the 4 th Bde Hdqrs.	See appendix 00 No 16 of June 26 th
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23rd. June, 1916.

Reference:

1/10,000 Trench Map BOIS GRENIER, 38 N.W. 4. Edition 6 (Redrawn) B.
Plan of NO MAN'S LAND, 1/5,000.

1.....INFORMATION.

The information obtained by preliminary reconnaiss-
ance etc. concerning the hostile Trenches to be entered,
and the portion of NO MAN'S LAND to be traversed has
been communicated to all concerned.

2.....INTENTION.

On a date to be notified later, after a preliminary
artillery bombardment, a party of volunteers from the
Brigade will raid the enemy's Trenches at I.26.c.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$.
for the purpose of :-

- (a) Obtaining Prisoners.
- (b) Inflicting casualties on enemy.
- (c) Capturing any Machine Guns, Trench Mortars,
etc., that may be in the vicinity.
- (d) Destroying Machine Gun Emplacements, Dug-outs,
etc- that may be in the vicinity.
- (e) Gaining information of the enemy's method
of constructing and holding Trenches.

3.....COMPOSITION OF PARTIES.

The following Officers and other ranks will be
employed in the raid :-

O. C. ATTACK PARTY: Major R. J. A. Travers, D.S.O.
17th. Battalion.

DEPUTY O.C. ATTACK
PARTY: Lieut. R. R. Harper, 20th.Bn.

(A) SCOUTS: 2/Lieut. C. Wallach, 19th.
Battalion and five (5)
other ranks.

(B) ASSAULT PARTY: Under Capt. K. Heritage,
19th. Battalion, consisting
of Right and Left Parties as
under:-

DEPUTY O.C. ASSAULT
PARTY: Lieut. L. B. Heath, 19th.
Battalion.

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RIGHT PARTY

O.C. Lieut. J. J. Fay
17th. Battalion.

Right Bombing Party:-

1 N.C.O. & 7 men. (3 bayonet men)
(4 bombers)

Right Parapet Party:-

1 N.C.O. and 2 bayonet men.

Right Blocking Party:-

1 N.C.O. & 2 men (1 bayonet man)
(2 bombers)

Intelligence:-

1 N.C.O.

Machine Gunner:-

1 Man.

Stretcher Bearers:-

2 Men.

Escort for Prisoners:-

2 Men.

Engineer:-

1 Man.

Telephonist:-

1 Man.

Linesman:-

1 Man.

Runners for O.C. Assault Party:-

2 Men.

(C) COVERING PARTY.

Capt. E. W. Kirke, 18th. Batt-
alion.

2 N.C.Os. & 10 men.

TOTAL STRENGTH:-

6 Officers, 66 Other Ranks.

4.....ACTION OF PARTIES.

(A) The Scouts will leave our trenches at Minus 60 Zero time, by Sally Port in Trench 54 (I.26.c.5.6½.) and take up a position about 150 yards from the enemy until our artillery fire lifts. They will guide Assault Party to, and precede them through, the enemy's wire, cutting any strands not destroyed by the preliminary bombardment. After the entry of the Assaulting Party into the enemy's trench, the Scouts will breach the parapet to facilitate retirement from the trench.

O. C. Scouts will detail :-

(1)....One man to lay luminous tape through gap in enemy's wire from his parapet, for 100 yards towards our trenches.

(2)....Two men to deal with each of listening posts marked 'R' and 'S' on attached plan.
(Appendix 'A').

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The telephonist and linesman will accompany the Scouts, laying the telephone line behind them, to bendin Ditch 22. (I.26.c.8g.4. They will follow the Scouts through the enemy's wire and will establish communication from a point just outside the enemy's parapet.

(B) The Assault Party will leave our trenches by Sally Port in Trench 84 at Minus 45 Zero time, and will follow the Scouts and telephone line to a position about 150 yards from enemy's trench, where they will wait until the artillery lifts. The Assault Party will then follow the Scouts through the enemy's wire.

(a)....Right and Left Bombing Parties will clear the trench for about thirty yards from point of entry respectively. (Points marked 'Y' and 'Z' on Appendix 'A').

(b)....Right and Left Parapet Parties will not enter the trench, but will move along parapet slightly in rear of Bombing Parties watching the ground between enemy's front and support trenches to prevent any of enemy from entering the trenches in rear of the Bombing Party.

(c)....Right Blocking Party will advance about twenty yards down trench marked 'P' on attached plan, (Appendix 'A') and block it.

(d)....Left Blocking Party will deal with trench marked 'Q' on attached plan, (Appendix 'A') for a similar distance.

(e)....Intelligence Men will search all dead and dug-outs and will bring back:-

Pay Books
Identity Discs
Shoulder Straps
Letters
Pocket Books
Samples of Flares, Grenades, Gas Helmets,
etc.

They will be prepared to report on design and construction of enemy's trenches and dug-outs.

(f)....Machine Gunners will search for and seize any hostile machine guns, trench mortars, etc. Those that cannot be removed will be destroyed.

(g)....Engineers will be prepared to demolish Machine guns, trench mortars, or their emplacements. They will work in conjunction with Machine Gunners.

(h)....Escort for prisoners will immediately bring back all prisoners handed over to them. No time is to be lost in getting them well clear of the enemy's trench.

(j)....Stretcher bearers will follow immediately in rear of Scouts; they will not enter the trench. Stretcher will be used, if required, to cross any uncut wire.

(k)....Runners will report to O.C. Assault Party as soon as soon as they enter the trenches, and will be available for keeping touch with all parties and ensuring that the withdrawal is correctly carried out.

5.....FORMATIONS.

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5.....FORMATIONS.(a)....Bombing Parties:-

1st. Bayonet Man
 2nd. Bayonet Man
 1st. Thrower
 1st. Carrier
 Leader
 2nd. Thrower
 2nd. Carrier
 1 Spare Man.

(b)....Blocking Parties:-

1 Bayonet Man
 1 Thrower
 1 Carrier
 Leader.

6.....COVERING PARTY.

The Covering Party will follow the Assault Party from our trenches, and will take up a position in extended order as under :-

Right Party:-

1 N.C.O. and 5 men will line Ditch 22 from
 I. 26. c. 8. 4. facing South.

Left Party:-

1 N.C.O. and 5 men will line Ditch along Cinder
 Track, parallel to enemy's trench, from
 I. 26. c. 8. 4. facing East.

The whole party will remain in position and will cover the withdrawal of the Scouts and Assaulting Party.

7.....POSITION OF LEADERS.

- (a) O.C. Attack will take a position in our front trenches near I. 26. c. 5. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$. with two telephonists and three orderlies (from 'B' Battalion). He will be accompanied by Centre Group Liaison Officer, who will be in direct communication with O.C. Centre Group, a selected Battery, and the D. T. M. O.
- (b) O.C. Assault Party, when enemy's trench has been entered will direct operations from near point of entry.
- (c) Lieut. R. R. Harper, 20th. Battalion, will remain in the vicinity of O.C. Attack during operations, and will take over the duties should the latter become a casualty. He will not be in the same dug-out.

8.....WITHDRAWAL.

The Assaulting Party will not remain in the enemy's trench longer than 10 minutes; but may be withdrawn any time less than that period at the discretion of the O.C. Assault Party. The signal for withdrawal will be a series of flares, fired by O.C. Assault Party in the direction of enemy's support trench. The color of the flares will be notified later. The runners will be used for warning parties, if required.

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All ranks will be warned that any unnecessary delay in withdrawing may be attended with serious results; but at the same time, if any party is actively engaged, they should hold on for a short time to enable those parties, not pressed by the enemy, to retire first. Should this be necessary an immediate report will be made to O.C. Assault Party.

Wounded men will be returned to our trenches as soon as possible.

After leaving the enemy's trench, parties will move as quickly as possible back along the luminous tape towards the bend in ditch 22. (I. 28. c. 8. 4.).

O. C. Assault Party will use his discretion whether to return direct to our trenches or remain in NO MAN'S LAND until hostile retaliation ceases. In the latter case he will inform O. C. Attack of his intention and the situation so that our barrage may be discontinued.

Prisoners and wounded sent on ahead should be brought in as soon as possible, and O. C. Attack will arrange for them to be sent to Advanced Brigade Headquarters direct, additional escorts being obtained from 'B' Battalion if necessary.

All captured documents, arms, etc., will be brought to Advanced Brigade Headquarters, and O. Cs. Attack and Assault Parties, with the two intelligence men, will also report there as soon as possible after their return to our trenches.

9.....ASSEMBLY PLACES.

The Raiding Party will assemble at old 'B' Battalion Headquarters off SHAFTESBURY AVENUE, prior to the operation; 5 spare men will be in attendance in case of any casualties before the party leaves our trenches.

Every member of the Raiding Party will be carefully inspected by O. C. Attack before leaving their billets to see that neither officers nor men are carrying anything likely to be of value to the enemy. They will also be inspected at point of assembly.

Arms and equipment should have all marks indicating the unit, obliterated, if possible.

10.....DRESS.

All ranks taking part in the attack will wear British Army Pattern Uniform. Hats will not be worn. Faces and hands will be blackened. A band of white material, three inches wide, will be worn round each arm. This will be covered with a piece of khaki cloth, loosely tacked on, which will be removed before entering hostile trenches. Gas Helmets will be carried by all ranks.

11.....ARMS AND EQUIPMENT.

List of Arms and Equipment carried by each man is shown in Appendix 'B'.

12.....COUNTERSIGN.

A countersign will be arranged for parties leaving our trenches.

13.....ACTION OF 'A' and 'B' BATTALIONS.

In order to avoid casualties, should enemy's

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artillery retaliate, the front line trenches will be thinned. Half of normal front line garrison will be withdrawn to Support Line.

Machine Guns and Lewis Guns in covered emplacements will remain in position with their crews. Patrols and Listeners will be brought in. This thinning of Front Line will be completed by Zero time. As soon as enemy artillery retaliation has ceased, trenches will be fully manned, and, unless it is too light, patrols and listeners again sent out.

14.....ACTION OF ARTILLERY.

The supporting Artillery and Trench Mortar action will be as shown in Appendix 'C'.

At Zero Time the Right and Left diversions will commence.

At 0.10 the Artillery and Trench Mortars will open fire on point of attack and will continue on it for 5 minutes.

At 0.15 (0.15) the fire on point of attack will be lifted, and assault party will advance and enter enemy's trenches. On the receipt of a telephone message "PARAPET" from O. C. Attack, the third Phase of the Artillery action will commence.

"CEASE FIRE" will be given by O. C. Attack.

In case telephone communication between O. C. Attack and O. C. Centre Group breaks down, the signal for the Third Phase of the Artillery action will be two blue rockets fired from our front trench towards the BOIS GRENIER Line.

This signal, if used, will be repeated immediately from trenches 50 and 57.

15.....ACTION OF MACHINE GUNS.

O. C. 5th. Australian Machine Gun Company will arrange for two guns to bring indirect fire to enfilade the communication trench I. 26. d, 3. 6. to I. 26. d. 10. 4½.

Firing will commence at 0.10 Zero Time, and will be carried on continuously until the Artillery ceases fire. In addition the O.C. Fifth Australian Machine Gun Company will detail two guns to occupy temporary emplacements in front line between I. 26. c. 3½. 4. and I. 26. c. 1½. # 0. and two between I. 26. c. 6½. 8½. and I. 26. a. 8. 2½. with orders to engage any hostile machine guns which may open fire on our assault party, either from German Trenches or NO MAN'S LAND. No firing is to take place on ground between points I. 26. c. 6½. 8½. I. 26. d. 8½. 3½., I. 26. c. 3½. 4. and I. 32. a. 8½. 8½.

16.....COMMUNICATIONS.

The 5th. Brigade Signal Officer will arrange for the following special telephone lines to be laid immediately and tested frequently:-

- 1 Line from Advanced Brigade Headquarters to O.C. Attack in front Trench.
- 1 Line from Group Artillery Officer to Liaison Officer.
- 1 Line from selected Battery to Liaison Officer.
- 1 Line from D. T. M. O. to Liaison Officer.
- 1 Line from D. T. M. O. to each 2" Battery (Trench Mortars) Headquarters.

17.....ZERO TIME.

The code signal notifying that the raid will take place will be as follows, and will be sent to all concerned on the date fixed :-

" HOLMES LEAVES FOR PARIS AT.....P.M. TO-NIGHT. ACKNOWLEDGE.

This message, if possible, will be sent by D.R.L.S.

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Zero time will be the time given in the foregoing message. Watches will be synchronised at 9.30 p.m.

18.....RECONNAISSANCE.

Careful reconnaissance will be made on the nights prior to attack by the Scout Officer.

All ranks taking part will make themselves familiar with means of approach under guidance of Scout Officers to within 100 yards of enemy's wire.

19.....BOMBS.

The Brigade Bomb Officer will provide all bombs required. He will carefully inspect them all, both before and after being fused.

20.....AID POST.

The R. M. O. of 'B' Battalion will be prepared to deal with casualties and will arrange for six special spare stretchers to be placed in trench 54 near SALLY PORT.

21.....REPORTS after 10 p.m. to Advanced Brigade Headquarters -

I. 10. c. 6. 6.

22.....ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. H. May Major,
Brigade-Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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SPECIAL REPORT ON RAID ON GERMAN TRENCHES

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FIFTH BRIGADE, A. I. F. on 25/6/16.

1. Strength and Composition of Parties.

The Officers, N.C.Os. and Men were volunteers from the 17th., 18th., 19th. and 20th. Battalions, 5th. Field Company Engineers, 5th. Australian Machine Gun Company, and 5th. Brigade Signallers, and consisted of 9 officers and 73 other ranks.

2. Training.

The men had been on fatigue work both in and out of the trenches for 10 weeks and were "stale", so a progressive course of training for the first three days, to brighten the men up, consisted chiefly of physical training, organized games, and a little bomb throwing and bayonet fighting. During this period a marked improvement was noticed; the men were brighter, quicker and happier.

A Trench was constructed under the supervision of the 5th. Field Company Engineers, of a type similar to the German Trenches, the aeroplane photograph being enlarged. This trench was very similar in the main, to the trench raided.

The party was told off into right and left parties, scouts, and Covering Party, and all ranks were trained in all work. A progressive course of bayonet fighting, bombing, revolver shooting, clearing trenches, "nut-cracking", and carrying wounded, together with instruction in night firing and aiming with rifle in direction of sounds, all combined to keep men keen and gave each man a knowledge of the duties of every other man.

Lectures were delivered by Captain Mair (Divisional Staff) on "Intelligence", Captain Smith, A.M.C. (R.M.O. 17th. Battalion) on "Field Dressings and Bandages, and Methods of Carrying Wounded", and by Captain Frizelle, A.M.C. (Brigade Gas Officer) on "Gas Helmets and Methods of dealing quickly with Gas Attack".

As the training progressed the men were selected for the special jobs, and thereafter more attention was paid to each individual being expert in his own particular branch. The men armed with rifles were given more bayonet practice and instruction in night firing. Those armed with revolvers were given more practice in "snap shooting" with ammunition in trenches, and bombers were practised continually, both with live and dummy bombs. Engineers experimented with explosives and methods of carrying same. Signallers and runners were given every opportunity to practice sending and carrying messages.

All the officers and N.C.Os. were sent out into "NO MAN'S LAND" in order to gain a thorough knowledge of the area over which they would have to work.

The party were exercised frequently in the special trench and also on other trenches totally dissimilar, and were very efficient in dealing with them in every detail.

Rehearsals each night were practised with and without explosives. The large wire-cutters proved very useful and stretchers were used to cross wire in ditches, these also proved quite suitable, although they were not required for this purpose on the night of the raid.

Too much stress cannot be laid on this preliminary training and organization.

The men were taken each day to the Divisional Baths for a cold plunge, and were given a rum ration at night.

wire obstacles, and
occasionally with
live bombs and

It is suggested that extra rations be given to any future parties, the men all were eating heartily.

3. ARTICLES CARRIED.

List of the articles carried is shown in Appendix "B" of Brigade Orders. The scouts, however, carried a tomahawk in lieu of live preserver, and were able to hack the trench raided in order to make an easy exit for the party.

The Bayonet men of the assaulting party carried torches bound on to the rifles, and the torches worked admirably.

4. CAMPAIGN.

Scouts from the party reconnoitred the ground thoroughly each night, and the information gained proved correct in all details and very valuable.

An observer was posted in an O.P. well in rear, and continuous observation was also maintained in the front line for several days.

The artillery and trench mortars a few days prior to the raid, bombarded the enemy trench and cut the wire. A suspected machine gun slightly to the flank was also "blown out". Our machine guns kept the enemy from repairing his wire.

On the night of the raid the scouts preceded the raiding party into "NO MAN'S LAND", and later reported to the O.C. Assault that the enemy was working on his wire. The party had to crawl out to the jumping-off place in single file along ditch 22 and then formed file. From this point the party dashed forward after the artillery lift, the scouts ahead to cut any wire required. The party then entered the trench and cleared it for a distance of 30 yards each side of the point of entry. The covering party moved forward and swept the ground on either flank up to the enemy's wire. Listening posts in the enemy's wire were dealt with by the scouts, who also ran out white tape back through the wire towards the jumping-off spot. The moving of portion of the covering party to the wire was necessary as it was thought that the enemy would have a covering party but protecting the men working on the wire. Prisoners taken were brought back by escorts provided. Telephone communication was maintained throughout. The party withdrew from the trench without any signal other than the code word used. This was sent to each party, and caused no trouble whatever. As each man withdrew he followed the tape, doubling back to the jumping-off place.

All this was carried out in practice, and no hitch whatever occurred from beginning to end, the last to leave being the O.C. Assault.

5. ACTION OF ENEMY.

Three days prior to the raid, the enemy ranged on ditches 21 and 22 in "NO MAN'S LAND" with Shrapnel and H.E. On the afternoon of the raid our trenches were heavily bombarded in this vicinity, and particular attention seemed to be paid to the Sally Port used. (This Sally Port has been in use for some months and no alteration had been made for some considerable time). Prior to the scouts leaving considerable rifle fire was directed at this Sally Port.

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The Scouts were subjected to machine gun fire and this was maintained at frequent intervals right up to, and during the preliminary bombardment, but the party managed to get to the jumping-off spot without casualties. After our artillery lifted, the enemy machine gun fire became more intense, directed across the front of the trench entered, and sweeping back across trench along ditch 22; we were again fortunate in having no casualties. Once in the trenches no serious opposition was met with; one bomb exploded in front of Lieut. Lane, knocking him down. The German and his mate were shot by the parapet party. Other Germans were in dug-outs and offered no resistance. After withdrawing from the trench, machine gun fire again swept ditch 22, and at this time the German artillery seemed to drop. 5.9 and 4.2 shells which were directed on support line previously, came on to the front parapet, and 77mm. shells (shrapnel and H.E.) swept "NO MAN'S LAND" between ditches 21 and 23. This shell fire caused 14 casualties to the party. One officer, Lt. Heath, wounded in hand; one other rank killed, and 12 other ranks wounded.

Communication by telephone was also cut.

Twenty five minutes after our artillery ceased firing, the enemy artillery fire stopped.

Twenty minutes after the party had left the German trench, the enemy bombed through his trench from either flank, towards the point of entry.

6. OUR ARTILLERY.

The artillery and trench mortars co-operated splendidly. The wire was cut satisfactorily, although a tortuous route had to be followed. The barrage was excellent, and all are enthusiastic in describing it as a box.

7. Communications. OUR ARTILLERY.

A telephone was taken out with the party, and all signals were received and submitted without any trouble whatever, until the wire was cut after the party had withdrawn from trench. Considerable care was taken in practice, and the G.O.C. Brigade was kept informed of the progress of the party right up to this time. The following signals were used:-

D D	"Everything satisfactory")	
"JUMP"	"Dash for trench"	)	All these
"WHISKY"	"In enemy trench"	)	signals
P P	"Two prisoners"	)	were
P P P	"Three prisoners"	)	received.
"MONSTER"	"Withdrawal from trench")	

Had communication by telephone failed, it was intended to send up a green flare to signify withdrawal, and communication in our trench by 4-p from 4 points by phone was arranged to transmit this to the O.C. Attack.

The following history of events is recorded:-

10.26 P.M.	Scouts left.
10.48	Party left.
10.52	All clear.
11.10	Brigade Testing Line.
11.11	Burst of Machine Gun Fire.
11.11½	do. do.
11.17	Brigade Testing Line.
11.21	do. do.
11.22½	Burst of Machine Gun fire.

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11.25 Burst of Machine Gun fire, prolonged.
 11.27 Brigade Testing Line.
 11.30 Artillery commenced Diversion.
 11.30½ Burst of Machine Gun fire, prolonged.
 11.31 Brigade Testing Line.
 11.33 D D (This signified 'Party ready for dash').
 11.34 D D do.
 11.34½ Burst of Machine Gun fire.
 11.34¾ Brigade Testing Line.
 11.34¾ D D (This signified 'Party ready for dash').
 11.35 Burst of Machine Gun fire.
 11.36 D D
 11.39 Brigade Testing Line.
 11.40 Artillery commenced on Objective.
 11.41 Brigade Testing Line.
 11.44 Burst of Machine Gun Fire.
 11.44 Retaliation on our Parapet.
 11.44 Brigade Testing Line.
 11.45 do. do.
 11.45½ "JUMP" (This signified 'Party dashing for trench').
 11.48 Retaliation fierce, also Machine Gun fire.
 11.48½ Brigade Testing Line.
 11.49 "WHISKY" (This signified 'Party in trench').
 11.50 D D ('All satisfactory').
 11.51 D D do.
 11.52 P P ('Two prisoners').
 11.53 D D ('All satisfactory').
 11.54 "MONSTER" (This signified 'Withdrawal').
 11.55 P P P ('Three prisoners').
 11.55½ Brigade Testing Line.
 11.57½ do.
 11.57½ Heavy artillery now on parapet.
 12.0 Midnight. do. Brigade testing line.
 12.2 A.M. do. do.
 12.3 Men arrived with prisoners.
 12.3 Heavy artillery now on parapet.
 12.5 Spoke to Brigade-Major.
 12.7 Machine Gun fire. Heavy artillery now on parapet.
 12.8 "PARAPET" (Signal for Artillery, Third Phase).
 12.10 "CEASE FIRE"
 12.18 Machine gun fire. Heavy artillery retaliation.
 12.23 do. do.
 12.25 Casualties reported by runner.
 12.26 Brigade line cut.
 12.38 Enemy ceased fire.
 12.52 All parties in and wire in front of Sally Port replaced.

8. INFORMATION GAINED, etc.

Four prisoners belonging to the 231st. Regiment were taken ~~prisoners~~; a fifth man who caused trouble and would not come out into "NO MAN'S LAND" had to be killed in their wire.

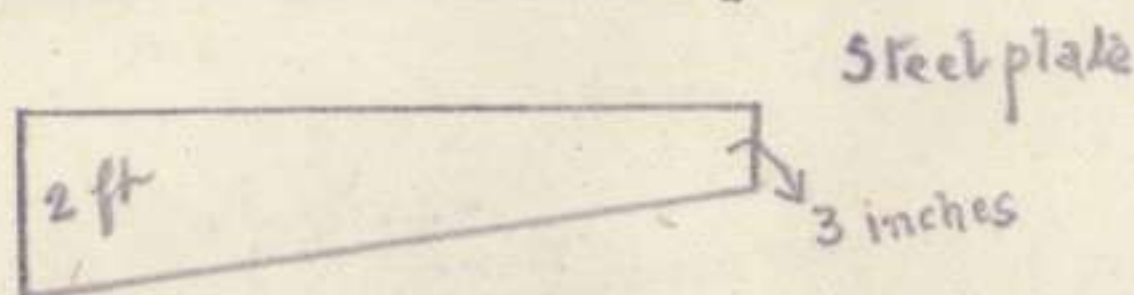
Thirty killed is a moderate estimate of the enemy casualties in the sector assaulted, the chief damage being done by trench mortar and artillery fire before entering the trench.

No machine guns or trench mortars were found, but a large bomb store, 8' x 4' x 4' full of bombs, was blown up by the sapper with the Right party, and a smaller bomb store, 2' x 2½' x 2', was blown up by the sapper with the Left Party.

Samples of bombs, gas helmets and rifle grenades were brought back, together with other information.

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The enemy's parapet was 18' to 20' thick. The borrow pit was about 6' wide and from 4 to 5' deep, filled with wire - gaps every 9' or so. This pit had about 3' of water in it. Dug-outs were in front parapet, below level of trench, steps leading down and small doorways (size of our own dug-outs). Parapet revetted with baton hurdles and sandbags. Parados was revetted with brushwood hurdles, height about 4'. Depth of trench about 7'6" to 8' from duckboards with a width at bottom about 3'. Good batten bays and traverses about size of our own. Small communication trenches leading from trench extended for a distance of a few yards only, and were only brushwood hurdles with no earth behind. A small communication trench with overhead cover lead into an ordinary dug-out. One man reports that this dug-out had another exit, but this is not confirmed. A loophole with a rifle in it was a wooden box arrangement with a steel plate in front ~~in~~ the parapet.



Two listening posts were discovered. The left one 25 yards in wire, had a 3' deep duckboarded sap leading to it, the post protected by 4 steel loopholed plates strongly wired round. A copper bell and a box of bombs were found, also a heavy iron life preserver. The post would hold 4 men. A doorway lead through the parapet. The right listening post was thirty yards from parapet, one steel loopholed plate, slight wire, no duckboards and no bombs.

9. Lessons Learned.

More attention should be paid to party left in our trench to assist return of raiding party. A little confusion took place when wounded were being brought in, which may be avoided had this party been more carefully trained and schooled.

A short intense bombardment of from 3 to 5 minutes is sufficient, provided trench mortars can cut the wire in the time.

Signal wires to O.C. Attack should be well dug in.

Cutting enemy's wire a few days before a raid takes place enables him to range on "NO MAN'S LAND" and the vicinity with shrapnel.

Careful training and organization is required, and the party should be practised to meet all contingencies.

A well-trained party, well lead, will carry out a raid under adverse conditions as coolly as in practice.

Travers

Major, 17th. Battn.

O.C. Attack.

SECRET

COPY No. 16

OPERATION ORDER No. 15BYBRIGADIER-GENERAL W. HOLMES, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.COMMANDING FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

24th June, 1916.

Reference:

1/10,000 Trench Map, BOIS GRENIER, 36 N.W. 4. Edition 6 (Redrawn) B.
 1/5,000 Plan of NO MAN'S LAND.

AEROPLANE PHOTOGRAPH, 15..b. 4. 1.

1. INTENTION: After a short preliminary artillery bombardment, a raid will be made on the enemy's trenches at I.32.o.1½.9. by the 18th Battalion, on a date to be notified later, for the purpose of.-

- (a) Obtaining prisoners for identification.
- (b) Capturing a 'Minnenwerfer' and a Machine Gun suspected in this locality.
- (c) Gaining information regarding the design and construction of enemy defences.
- (d) Doing as much damage as possible.
- (e) Destroying the enemy's morale, whilst maintaining the offensive spirit in our troops.

2. Composition of Parties.

The composition of the raiding force is as shown in Appendix "B".

3. Assembly Places

- (a) The raiding force will assemble at old "B" Battalion Headquarters, off SHAFTESBURY AVENUE, at 9.30 p.m. 5 spare men will be in attendance to replace casualties which may occur prior to leaving our trenches. Every member will be carefully inspected by O.C. Attack before leaving billets to ensure that neither officers nor men are carrying anything likely to be of value to the enemy. As far as possible, all marks on arms and equipment will be obliterated.
- (b) The party will assemble in the Front Trench in rear of SALLY PORT at Trench 51 (I.31.b.7.3½) and be ready to move out 45 minutes after Zero time.

4. Preliminary arrangements

- (a) Duck Walks will be prepared for crossing COUR AU RIVER and placed at SALLY PORT in Trench 51 (I.31.b.7.3½) in readiness to be taken forward when party moves from trench.
- (b) Mats for crossing barbed wire will be prepared and held in readiness at DITCH 14.a. in case the enemy's wire is not sufficiently cut.

5. Action of Parties

Parties will reach the enemy's parapet in the following order.-

Scouts,
 O.C. Assault,
 Stretcher bearers,
 Left Bombing Party, Right Bombing party
 Left Parapet Party Right Blocking party
 Telephonist and Linesman Right Parapet Party.
 Runners
 Escort for prisoners. Centre bombing party.

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5. Action of Parties (a) THE SCOUTS will leave our trenches by SALLY PORT in Trench 51 30 minutes after zero time and will reconnoitre the ground for 75 yards beyond ditch 14.A. to which place they will ^{then} return. They will remain there until the Assault Party joins them - one scout having returned to SALLY PORT to guide the latter party to the

DITCH 14.A. When the artillery fire lifts, they will guide the Assault party through the enemy's wire, cutting any strands not destroyed by the preliminary bombardment. They will then make an easy exit for the party, remaining to guide them on withdrawal.

One scout will be detailed beforehand to lay luminous tape from enemy's parapet, through the gap in his wire, for 100 yards towards DITCH 14.A.

The telephonist and linesman will move out in rear of the scouts and lay the line as far as the junction of DITCHES 14 and 14.A., and remain there until Assault Party moves forward.

They will accompany the O.C. Assault through the enemy's wire, and establish communication from a point just outside enemy's parapet with O.C. Attack.

(b) THE ASSAULT PARTY will leave our trenches by SALLY PORT in trench 51, fortyfive (45) minutes after Zero time and will follow the scout guide and telephone wire to DITCH 14. A. When the Artillery bombardment begins, the O.C. Assault Party will move his men forward as far as possible (compatible with safety) and be ready to assault the moment our fire lifts.

(a) The right blocking Party will work along front trench as far as point 'A' marked on attached plan (Appendix 'A') and block it.

(b) The right bombing party will work along trench 'B' (see Appendix 'A') to points marked 'X' and 'Y' and block it at those points.

(c) The centre bombing party will work down trench 'C' (see Appendix 'A') to junction of Trench 'D' and then turn to the right along Trench 'D' to 'Minnenwerfer' emplacement, (point marked 'Z')

(d) The left bombing party will work along front trench to its junction with Trench 'D'. They will block both trenches about 5 yards beyond the point of junction.

(e) Right and left parapet parties will not enter the enemy's trench; but will move along parapet slightly in rear of bombing parties, watching the ground between the front and support trenches to ensure that none of enemy enter the trenches in rear of bombing party.

(f) (1) The Intelligence men will.-

Examine dug-outs and trenches, note dimensions and material used in construction.

Search for papers, maps, letters, steel helmets, arms and equipment, flares and grenades. Search dead for identity discs, pay books, papers and documents, gas helmets, shoulder straps and caps.

(2) Engineers will be prepared to demolish any 'Minnenwerfer', machine guns, etc. that cannot be removed; also their emplacements.

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- (3) Escort for prisoners will immediately bring back to our lines all prisoners handed to them. Every care will be taken to ensure that they do not get rid of, or destroy any papers, etc.
- (4) Runners will report to O.C. Assault Party as soon as they reach the parapet and will be available for keeping touch with all parties.
- (c) THE COVERING PARTY (who will be in 2 sections) will follow the assault party from our trenches and take up a position in extended order as under:-
- Right section, along FLARE SAP (See appendix "A")
- Left section, along DITCH 14, 40 yards in advance of DITCH 14.A.
- Left Section will detach one man to accompany scout to listening post (Marked L.P.), left of ditch 14, (see appendix "A")
- The covering party will remain in position until the order to withdraw is given by O.C. Assault.

6. Position of Leaders

- (a) The control station of O.C. Attack will be at machine gun dugout near SALLY PORT in trench 51.
- (b) Captain Kirke will take post near O.C. Attack and be prepared to take his place if necessary. He will not occupy the same dugout.
- (c) O.C. Assault party, when enemy's trench has been entered will direct operations from near point of entry.

7. Withdrawal

The assaulting party will not remain in enemy's trenches longer than (ten) 10 minutes; but may be withdrawn sooner at the discretion of O.C. Assault party. The signal for withdrawal will be a series of flares, fired in quick succession by O.C. Assault towards enemy's support line. The colour will be notified later. The runners will be employed to warn parties if necessary.

O.C. Assault will report by 'phone to O.C. Attack immediately the withdrawal from the enemy's trench is complete. In the event of the telephone failing, the special flare provided by 5th Field Co. Engineers, will be fired on enemy's parapet.

All ranks will be warned that no delay must occur in leaving the trenches once the signal to withdraw has been given; but if any party is actively engaged with the enemy, they will hold on for a short time to allow those parties not engaged to retire first. In such a case an immediate report will be made to O.C. Assault party.

Assaulting party will return to DITCH 14.A. as soon as possible, and thence by DITCH 14. to our trenches as soon as enemy's fire permits. If compelled by enemy's barrage to remain in NO MAN'S LAND, the situation will be reported immediately to O.C. Attack.

Wounded and prisoners will be moved to NO MAN'S LAND without delay. If enemy's fire permits, they will be brought into our trenches at once. Prisoners will be searched as soon as brought to our trenches by order of O.C. Attack. They will not be questioned; but at once sent to advanced Brigade headquarters (I.19.c.6.6.) via 18th Bn. headquarters. 18th Battalion will furnish escorts.

8. Dress.

All ranks taking part in the attack will wear British Army Pattern Uniform. Hats will not be worn. Faces and hands will be blackened. A band of white material three inches wide, will be worn round each arm; this will be covered with a piece of khaki cloth, loosely tacked on which will be removed before entering hostile trenches. Gas helmets will be carried by all ranks.

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9. Countersign

A countersign will be arranged for parties leaving out trenches.

10. Arms and Equipment

List of arms and equipment carried by each man is shown in appendix 'C'

11. Action of 'A' and 'B' Battalions

Commanding officers of 'A' and 'B' Battalions will take the necessary precautions to prevent casualties in case of hostile artillery retaliation.

12. Action of Artillery

The supporting Artillery and Trench Mortar action will be as shown in Appendix 'D'.
The following time table will be observed.-

Note by AWRKs for amendment see page 68

~~0.00 Bombardment of point of assault for 10 minutes.~~
~~0.30 Left diversion (1.27.a.0.8 $\frac{1}{2}$.) commences and continues for 10 minutes.~~
~~1.30 Bombardment of point of assault and left diversion for three (3) minutes.~~
~~1.35 Barrage at point of assault completed and Assault Party enters enemy's trench.~~

On receipt of a telephone message 'ALL CLEAR' from O.C. Attack the 'Third Phase' of the Artillery action will commence and will continue until the O.C. Attack gives the command 'CEASE FIRE'

In case telephone communication between O.C. Attack and the supporting Artillery Headquarters breaks down, the signal for the 'Third Phase' of the Artillery Action will be four (4) blue rockets fired from trench 51 towards BOIS GRENIER LINE.

The commanding officer of supporting artillery will arrange for an artillery liaison officer to be with O.C. Attack during the operation.

13. Action of Machine guns

O.C. 5th Australian Machine Gun Company will detail 4 machine guns to occupy temporary emplacements in front line, on the flanks of the area to be raided. These guns will be prepared to engage any hostile machine guns which may open fire on our assault party, either from the enemy's trenches or NO MAN'S LAND.

The Lewis Machine Gun sections of 'A' and 'B' Battalions will also co-operate by engaging any known or suspected Machine gun positions on the flanks of the area to be raided.

14. Communications

The 5th Brigade Signal Officer will arrange for the following special telephone lines to be laid do and tested frequently.-

1 line from 18th Battalion Headquarters to O.C. ATTACK
 1 line from Group Artillery Commander to Liaison officer
 1 line from Selected battery to Liaison officer.
 1 line from D.T.M.O. to liaison officer.
 1 line from D.T.M.O. to each 2 inch trench mortar Battery Headquarters.

15. Zero time

The code signal notifying the raid will take place will be as follows and will be sent to all concerned on the date fixed.-

'WISDOM EXPECTS TO ARRIVE ATp.m. TO-NIGHT.
 ACKNOWLEDGE'

The message, if possible will be sent by special messenger.

Zero time will be the time given in above message.
 Watches will be synchronised at 9.30 p.m.

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16. Recon-
naissance

Careful reconnaissance will be made by the scout officer on the nights prior to the attack.

All ranks taking part will make themselves familiar with means of approach under guidance of Scout officer to within 100 yards of enemy's wire.

17. Bombs.

The brigade bomb officer will provide all bombs required. He will carefully inspect them all, both before and after being fused.

18. Aid Post

The R.M.O. of 'A' Battalion will be prepared to deal with casualties and will arrange for 6 spare stretchers to be placed in trench 51 near SALLY PORT.

19. Reports

After 10 p.m. to Advanced Brigade Headquarters.-
I.19.c.6.6.

(Sd) H.G.VINEY,
Major,
Brigade-Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

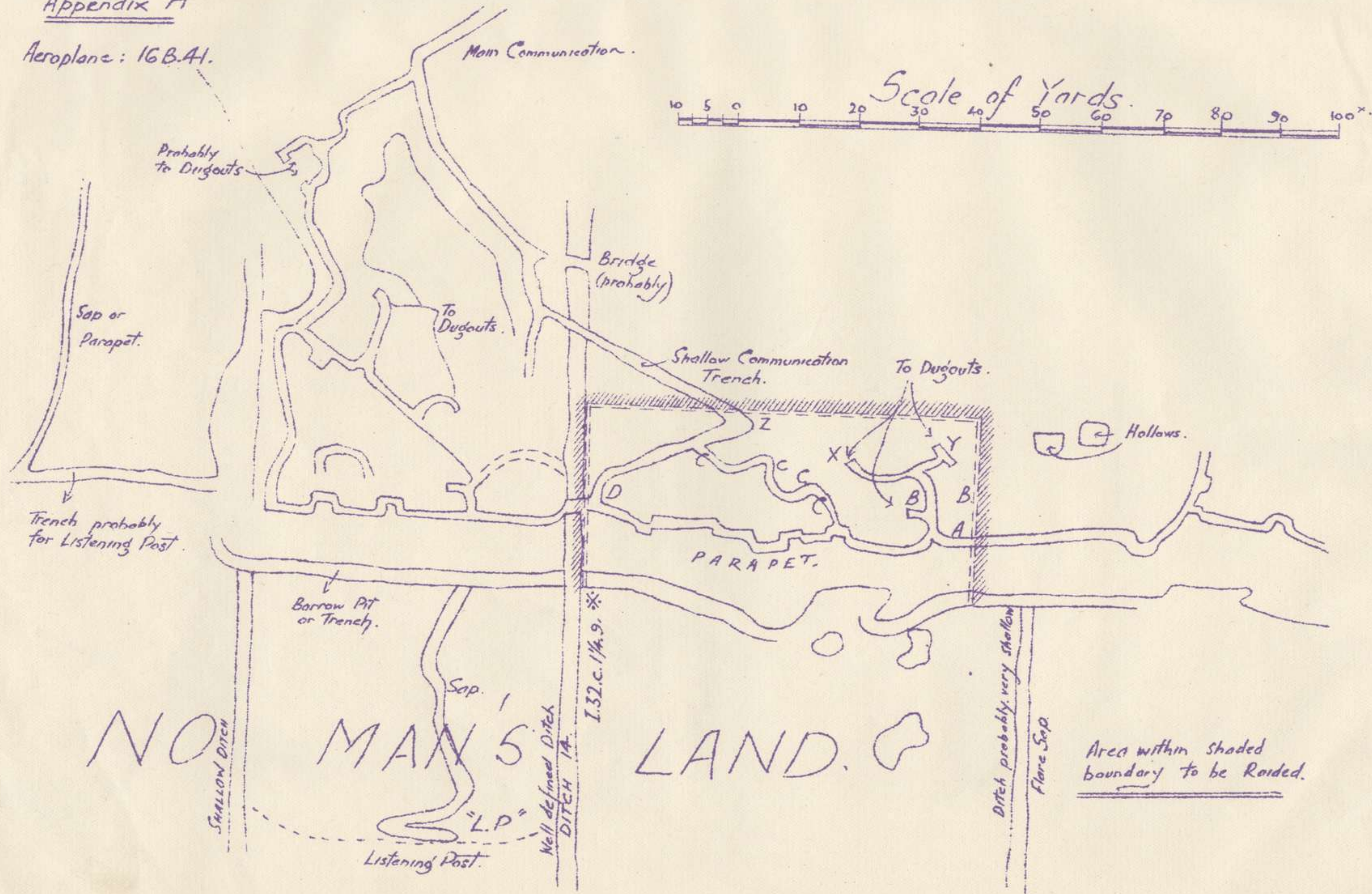
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11 17th Battalion
12 18th "
13 19th "
14 20th "
15 5th Aust. Machine Gun Co.
16. War diary
17 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
18 4th -do-
19 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
20 File.

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	Officers	N.C.O's	Others
(a) <u>O.C., ATTACK.</u> - Major S.P.Goodsell	1	-	-
(b) <u>SCOUTS</u>	-	1	3
(c) <u>ASSAULT PARTY as under.</u> O.C. Capt. H.L.Bruce.	1	-	-
(A) Right Blocking Party	-	1	3 (2 bombers, 1 Bayonet Man)
(B) Right Bombing party for trench B. (See appendix A) - O.C. Lt. Bolton Wood.	1	1	8 { 3 bayonet men, 3 bombers 1 intelligence, 1 spare man)
(C) Centre bombing party for Trench C. (See appendix A.) - O.C. Lieut Docker	1	1	6 { 2 bayonet men, 2 bombers, 1 engineer, 1 spare man)
(D) Left bombing and blocking party O.C. Lt. Walklate	1	2	8 (2 bayonet men, 6 bombers)
(E) { Right parapet party	-	1	5 { 3 bayonet men, 1 bomber)
{ Left Parapet party		1	5 { 1 intelligence man) 3 bayonet men, 1 bomber,) 1 engineer)
(F) { Telephonist & Linesman	-	-	2
{ Escort for prisoners	-	-	4
{ Runners	-	-	2
{ Stretcher bearers	-	-	2
(d) <u>COVERING PARTY</u> - O.C. Lt. Harrison	1	2	11 (10 bayonet men, 1 scout)
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APPENDIX "C"

LIST OF ARTICLES TO BE CARRIED BY EACH MAN

1. OFFICERS Revolver 1, Bombs 4, Bomb Belt 1, Life Preserver 1, Electric torch 1.
2. BAYONET MEN Rifle 1, Bayonet 1, Bombs 4, Bomb belt, 1, Life Preserver 1, 20 rounds S.A.A.
3. PARAPET PARTY Rifle 1, Bayonet 1, Bombs 4, Bomb belt 1, Life preserver 1, 20 rounds S.A.A.
4. BOMB THROWERS Bombs 8, Bomb belts 2, Life preserver 1, Electric torch 1, Revolver 1.
5. CARRIERS Same as Bomb Throwers, only with 12 bombs and 3 bomb belts.
6. SPARE MEN Same as carriers.
7. SCOUTS Revolver 1, Life preserver 1, Wire-cutters 54, Bombs 4, Bomb Belts 1.
8. MACHINE GUNNERS Revolver 1, Bombs 4, Bomb belt 1, Life preserver 1, Electric torch 1, Spanner adjustable 1.
9. TELEPHONIST & LINESMAN Telephone 1, Revolver 1, Life preserver 1, Bombs 4, Bomb Belt 1.
10. STRETCHER BEARERS Revolver 1, Stretcher 1, Life preserver 1, Bombs 4, Bomb belt 1.
11. COVERING PARTY Bombs 4, Bomb belt 1, rifle 1, bayonet 1, Life preserver 1, 50 rounds S.A.A. and web equipment.
12. RUNNERS, with O.C. Assault Revolver 1, bombs 4, bomb belt 1, life preserver 1.
13. INTELLIGENCE MEN Revolver 1, Bombs 4, Bomb Belt 1, Life preserver 1, Electric torch 1, Haversack 1.
14. ENGINEERS Revolver 1, Life preserver 1, Bombs 4, Bomb Belt 1, Electric torch 1, Gun cotton for demolition.

Torches will be carried in left breast pocket, which should be buttoned up.

Bayonets will be painted with dark paint and carried fixed.

All life preservers will have a thong through handle.

Additional wire cutters will be issued, two to each bombing party, to be carried by spare men. One to each parapet party, one to Machine Gunners, one to Intelligence men and one to each officer.

APPENDIX

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY TASK TABLE.Bombardment of point of assault
for ten minutes.

BATTERY	TIME	TASK	AMMUNITION	RATE of FIRE
1 battery 2" T.M.	0.00 to 0.10	I.32.c.1 $\frac{1}{8}$.9. to I.32.c.1 $\frac{1}{4}$.9 $\frac{1}{4}$.	H.E.	One round per mortar per minute
106th.	0.00 to 0.10	I.32.c.1 $\frac{1}{4}$.7 $\frac{1}{4}$. I.32.c.1 $\frac{1}{8}$.7 $\frac{1}{4}$. I.32.c.1 $\frac{3}{8}$.8. I.32.c.2.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.	H.E.	One round per gun per minute.
105th.	0.00 to 0.10	I.32.c.4 $\frac{1}{8}$.8. I.32.a.4 $\frac{3}{4}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. I-32.a.5 $\frac{1}{4}$.0. I.32.c.5.8.	H.E.	One round per gun per minute.
17th.	0.00 to 0.10	I.32.c.0.7. to I.32.c.1 $\frac{1}{8}$.9.	H.E.	X. F. 20 Secs.
21st.	0.00 to 0.10	I.32.c.1 $\frac{1}{4}$.9 $\frac{1}{4}$. to I.32.c.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.	H.E.	X. F. 20 Secs,
18th. (two guns)	0.00 to 0.10	I.32.c.0.7. to I.32.c.2.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.	H.E.	X. F. 20 Secs.
15th.	0.00 to 0.10	I.32.a.4 $\frac{3}{4}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. to I.32.a.4 $\frac{3}{4}$.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.	H.E.	X. F. 20 Secs.
16th.	0.00 to 0.10	I.31.d.5.5. to I.31.d.7.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.	H.E.	X. F. 20 Secs.
10th. (two guns)	0.00 to 0.10	I.32.a.6.1. to I.32.c.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.	T.S.	X. F. 20 Secs.
20th.	0.00 to 0.10	I.32.a.4 $\frac{3}{4}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. to I.32.c.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.	H.E.	X. F. 20 Secs.

RIGHT GROUP TASK TABLE.

PHASE I.

BATTERY	TIME	TASK	AMMUNITION.	RATE OF FIRE	REMARKS
2 nd Ms.	I.25 to I.25 ⁷	I.32.c.I $\frac{1}{2}$.9. to I.32.c.I $\frac{1}{2}$.9 $\frac{1}{4}$.		One round per mortar per minute.	wire cut- ting and enemy's parapet.
06th.	I.25 to I.29	(1) I.32.c. $\frac{1}{2}$.7 $\frac{1}{2}$. (2) I.32.c. $\frac{1}{2}$.7 $\frac{1}{2}$. (3) I.32.c. $\frac{1}{2}$.8. (4) I.32.c.2.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.	H.E.	One round per gun per minute.	
105th	I.25 to I.30	(1) I.32.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.8. (2) I.32.a.4 $\frac{1}{2}$. $\frac{1}{2}$. (3) I.32.a.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.0. (4) I.32.c.5.8.	H.E.	One round per gun per minute	
17th	I.25 to I.29	I.32.c.0.7. to I.32.c.E I $\frac{1}{2}$.9.	H.E.	X.F.20 secs.	Enemy's parapet.
21st	I.25 to I.29	I.32.c.I $\frac{1}{2}$.9 $\frac{1}{4}$ to I.32.c.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.9 $\frac{1}{2}$	H.E.	X.F.20 secs.	..
18th (2 guns)	I.25 to I.30	I.32.c.0.7. to I.32.c.2.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.	T.S.	X.F.20 secs	Search Com munication tranches
20th	I.25 to I.30	I.32.a.4 $\frac{3}{4}$.I $\frac{1}{2}$ to I.32.c.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.	H.E.	X.F.20 secs	
15th.	I.25 to I.30	I.32.a.4 $\frac{3}{4}$.I $\frac{1}{2}$ to I.32.a.2 $\frac{1}{2}$.4 $\frac{3}{4}$.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.	H.E.	X.F.20 secs.	
16th (4 guns)	I.25 to I.30	I.3I.d.5.5. to I.3I.d.7.5 $\frac{1}{2}$	H.E.	X.F.20 secs.	
10th enfilading.	I.25 to I.30.	I.32.a.6.I. to I.32.c.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.	T.S.	X.F.20 secs.	

RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY OPERATION ORDER.T A S K T A B L E.PHASE 11.

BATTERY	TIME	TASK	AMMUNITION	RATE OF FIRE.
106th.	1.29 to 'ALL CLEAR'	I.32.c.1.7 $\frac{1}{2}$. I.31.d.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.6 $\frac{2}{3}$. I.32.c.1 $\frac{3}{4}$.7. I.32.c.2.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.	H.E.	one round per gun per minute
105th.	1.30 to 'ALL CLEAR'	I.32.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.8. I.32.a.4 $\frac{3}{4}$. $\frac{1}{2}$. I.32.a.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.0. I.32.c.5.8.	H.E.	one round per gun per minute
17th.	1.29 to 'ALL CLEAR'	I.32.c.1 $\frac{1}{8}$.5. to 8 I.32.c.3.6.	T.S.	X.F.20 secs.
21st.	1.28 to 'ALL CLEAR'	I.32.c.3.6. to I.32.c.4 $\frac{1}{2}$.8.	T.S.	X.F.20 secs.
18th.	1.30 to 'ALL CLEAR'	I.32.c.0.7. to I.32.c.2.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.	T.S.	X.F.20 secs.
20th.	1.30 to 'ALL CLEAR'	I.32.c.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.9 $\frac{1}{2}$. to I.32.c.4 $\frac{3}{4}$.9 $\frac{1}{2}$. to I.32.c.5.8.	T.S.	X.F.20 secs.
15th.	1.30 to 'ALL CLEAR'	I.32.a.4 $\frac{3}{4}$.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. to I.32.a.4 $\frac{3}{4}$.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.	H.E.	X.F.20 secs.
16th.	1.30 to 'ALL CLEAR'	I.31.d.5.5. to I.31.d.7.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.	H.E.	X.F.20 secs.
10th. enfilading	1.30 to 'ALL CLEAR'	I.32.a.6.1. to I.32.c.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.7 $\frac{1}{2}$.	T.S.	X.F.20 secs.

PHASE III. RIGHT GROUP ARTILLERY TASK TABLE.

BATTERY	TIME	TASK	AMMUNITION	RATE OF FIRE
17th.	'ALL CLEAR' to 'CEASE FIRE'	As in Phase I.	T.S.	X.F. 20 Secs.
21st.	'ALL CLEAR' to 'CEASE FIRE'	As in Phase I.	T.S.	X.F. 20 Secs.
18th. (2 guns)	'ALL CLEAR' to 'CEASE FIRE'	I.32.c.0.7. to I.31.d.7 $\frac{3}{4}$.5 $\frac{3}{4}$.	T.S.	X.F. 20 Secs.
20th.	'ALL CLEAR' to 'CEASE FIRE'	As in Phase I.	T.S.	X.F. 20 Secs.
15th.	'ALL CLEAR' to 'CEASE FIRE'	As in Phase I.	T.S.	X.F. 20 Secs.
16th.	'ALL CLEAR' to 'CEASE FIRE'	As in Phase I.	T.S.	X.F. 20 Secs.
10th. enfi- lading.	'ALL CLEAR' to 'CEASE FIRE'	I.26.d.0.2. to I.32.a.8 $\frac{3}{4}$.8.	T.S.	X.F. 20 Secs.

0.00 Bombardment of point of assault
0.10 Bombardment of point of assault ceases
0.15 Diversion commences
0.25 Diversion ceases
1.25 Bombardment of point of assault and diversion commences again.
1.28 Lift at point of assault and diversion commences
1.30 Barrage placed at point of assault and also at diversion "Assault"

SECRET.

REPORT ON A MINOR ENTERPRISE

carried out by the

18th. BATTALION, FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE,
SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION, on the night of the 26th./27th. June, 1916.

REFERENCES: (1/10,000 Map BOIS GRENIER, 36 E.W.4. Edition 88 redrawn.
(Plan of "NO MAN'S LAND" 1/5,000.
(Aeroplane Photo. 18 E. 41 of 3/5/16.

1. Objects of Operation.

The enterprise took the form of a raid on the enemy's trenches at I. 32. c. 1 1/2. 9., for the purpose of:-

- (a) Obtaining prisoners for identification,
- (b) Capturing or destroying a machine gun and minenwerfer suspected in this locality.
- (c) Gaining information as to the design and construction of the enemy's defences.
- (d) Doing as much personal and structural damage as possible.
- (e) Destroying the enemy's morale, whilst maintaining the offensive spirit in our troops.

2. Strength and Composition of Force.

The Raiding Party consisted of 7 Officers, 10 N.C.Os. and 36 men. The detailed distribution is given in Appendix A'. The number was decided upon as the result of a close study of the aeroplane photos of the trenches to be entered; the least number of men consistent with ensuring the success of the enterprise being employed in each task.

3. Selection of the Objective.

The point selected for the raid is a slight projection of the enemy's line between ditches 14 and 15 and opposite our trench 51; the actual point of entry being I. 32. c. 1 1/2. 9.

The reasons for the selection of this position were :-

- (a) A machine gun was known, and a minenwerfer was suspected of firing from this locality.
- (b) Preliminary reconnaissance had established the fact that the vigilance of the enemy was not as great at this point as at some other parts of their line, and that only one listening post existed, which could be avoided.
- (c) The wire in front of this ^{position} listening post was weaker than in most parts of their front.
- (d) Aeroplane photos showed that the communication trenches were not numerous and could be effectively blocked.
- (e) Ditch 13, which runs parallel to our front, could be crossed at its junction with ditch 14, and the latter affords a good covered line of approach, by means of which the listening post (referred to above) could be avoided.

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4. Preliminary Preparation and Training.

The personnel of the Raiding Party was selected from volunteers, who were billeted by themselves away from the trenches and close to their training ground. Ten days were available for training; which, for the first few days consisted mainly of Physical Exercises, Bayonet Fighting and Bombing, with the idea of getting the men quite fit, as they were somewhat "stale"; (a result of their long sojourn in the front line). A cold bath each morning was also indulged in.

On the fourth day the various parties were organized and attention was concentrated on more specialised training, consisting of Bombing, Bayonet fighting, revolver shooting, trench clearing for the Bombing and Blocking parties, and Bayonet fighting, bombing and night firing for the Parapet Parties.

The Intelligence Files and Log Books were carefully scrutinised and all information bearing on the operation was noted and made use of.

A Plan to scale (1" = 20 yards) based on aeroplane photos of the portion of the enemy's trench to be attacked, was prepared by the O.C. 5th. Field Company Engineers. Trenches were constructed in accordance with this plan for the rehearsal of the raid. These trenches in the main proved to be very similar to the German defences entered.

At first these rehearsals were carried out slowly as a drill in daylight; then, when each man was fully cognizant of the part he had to play, the party was exercised at night under conditions as closely approximating to the real thing as was possible.

The men were also instructed in first-aid, carrying wounded, etc., as well as regularly practised in rapid adjustment of Gas Helmets.

5. Preliminary Reconnaissance.

The Battalion Scouts, under Lieut. A. R. Brotherton, made preliminary reconnaissances prior to the selection of the point of attack; during the whole training the patrolling was kept up by them in order to learn more about the enemy's wire and to prevent any attempt to strengthen it.

All the Officers and N.C.Os. of the Raiding Party were taken out into "NO MAN'S LAND" and made familiar with the ground and the approaches to the point of attack. Selected men from each party were also taken out. The ground was kept under close observation day and night.

Aeroplane photos showing the enemy's trenches on right and left were carefully examined, and possible positions from which machine guns could be brought to bear, either from the trenches themselves, or from "NO MAN'S LAND" were marked down.

Neighbouring units were consulted and arrangements made for co-operation, particularly in dealing with flanking enemy's machine guns.

The places for crossing ditches 13 and 14A were selected and light bridges prepared for use in case they were required. It was however, not necessary to use them on the night of the attack.

The G.O.C. Divisional Artillery and the Officers Commanding Artillery, Trench Mortars and Machine Guns supporting the attack, visited the trenches, and the various positions were pointed out to them.

6. Preliminary Artillery Preparation.

Several days before the date of attack, the Artillery registration of the point of assault, etc., was carefully carried out.

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In order not to arouse the enemy's suspicion this was done at other points also, under cover of an artillery demonstration in retaliation for a hostile bombardment of our trenches. The wire at the point of assault was cut two nights prior to the attack, and the position was then kept under close observation and subjected to artillery and machine gun fire whenever an attempt was made to repair the damage.

Points in the enemy's line thought to contain machine guns were subjected to heavy bombardment during the days prior to the night of the assault.

7. Preliminary Arrangements at Point of Exit.

A Control Station for the O.C. Attack, the Artillery Liaison Officer, and their Deputies was selected near the Sally Port in Trench 51, from which the Raiding Party was to emerge into "NO MAN'S LAND". Special dugouts were provided or adapted, and the following lines laid:-

- 1 Line from Advance Brigade Headquarters to O.C. Attack in front trench.
- 1 Line from Group Artillery Officer to Liaison Officer.
- 1 Line from Selected Battery to Liaison Officer.
- 1 Line from B.T.M.O. to Liaison Officer.

Each line was duplicated and laid on the ladder principle. Arrangements were also made for telephonic communication with the raiding Party.

8. Narrative of Events - 25th./26th./27th. June. 1916.

Liaison Officer Wounded: Lt. Burke - the Artillery Liaison Officer - and his substitute Lt. Isor, were unfortunately wounded on the afternoon of the 25th. June. As these two Officers were fully acquainted with the whole position, this was a real loss.

Lt. Shorthouse, however, filled the gap most efficiently.

Rehearsal: A final rehearsal took place on the night of the 25th. Capt. Bruce, O.C. Assault reported that this was quite satisfactory, and he was confident that every man knew exactly where to go and what to do.

Examination: The members of the Raiding Party were carefully examined before leaving their billets on the night of the 26th./27th. June, to make sure that they carried nothing on their persons which would be of value to the enemy, if captured, etc.

At 8.40 p.m. they assembled at old 'B' Battalion headquarters, off SHAFTESBURY AVENUE, where their faces and hands were blackened and a final examination took place. They were visited by the C.O. 18th. Battalion, who reported that he found all ranks in high spirits and full of confidence.

9. Enemy Bombardment.

At 9.15 p.m., while the Raiding Party was still at old 'B' Battalion headquarters, the enemy opened a heavy bombardment on this place, and the approaches from it to the Front Line, as well as other communication trenches to the left. This bombardment lasted for about an hour. The ammunition for the E" Trench Mortars was being carried up to the Front Line from its store at old 'B' Battalion Headquarters at this time. The fatigue party had delivered one load and were returning for second lot when the bombardment opened. This prevented them from completing their task by 10.30 p.m., the time fixed for our preliminary bombardment to take place. At 11.10 p.m. the enemy again bombarded the same vicinity as before, but it was not of long duration.

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Zero Time:

10.30 p.m. was originally fixed for Zero Time, but, owing to the delay in getting up the Trench Mortar ammunition, it was decided at 10.15 p.m. to postpone it until 11 p.m. At 10.50 p.m. the O.C. Trench Mortars reported to the O.C. 18th. Battalion that he would not be ready to start at 11 p.m. On this being reported to the S.O.C. 5th. Brigade, Zero Time was again postponed for one hour (i.e. until 12 midnight), and directions were given for extra fatigue men to be told off to get up the Mortar ammunition.

Raiding Party:

Owing to the second postponement of Zero time, not reaching some of the Batteries before 11 p.m., a few rounds were fired at that hour, but they were soon stopped.

As soon as the enemy's artillery fire slackened (about 10 p.m.) the Raiding Party proceeded to the vicinity of Trench 51. Just prior to this, Major Goodsell (O.C. Attack) slipped on the wet duckboards near the Control Station and sprained his ankle so badly that he could not carry on. Major Murphy (Second in Command, 18th. Battalion) took his place and Captain E. W. Kirke stood by as substitute.

Preliminary Bombardment:

At 12 midnight (Zero Time) the preliminary bombardment of the point of assault commenced, and lasted for ten minutes. At 0.15 bombardment at the point of diversion started. This ceased at 0.25.

Scouts:

At 0.30 the Scouts, Telephonist and Linesman proceeded to the sally port in Trench 51 to move out. When within a few yards of the sally port, several H.E. shells fell in the vicinity, knocking the overhead cover, woodwork and duckboards to pieces; setting fire to the woodwork, blocking the sally port and wounding the linesman. An opening had to be made through the debris and a substitute for the linesman found. Owing to this delay, the Scouts could not move out till 0.35.

Assault Party:

At 0.40 the enemy's shells again fell round sally port in Trench 51 and delayed the moving-out of the Assault Party until 0.53. When about half of the Assault Party had gone through the sally port, some eight or ten H.E. shells fell about thirty yards in front of them, right on the track being used. The men who had gone out were compelled to scatter somewhat to avoid this fire, and the covering party was delayed at the sally port until 1.8.

Second Bombardment:

At 1.5 a message was received from ditch 14A by telephone that the scouts were out beyond that place and that all was quiet in front of them.

At 1.25 our artillery again intensely bombarded the point of assault and the diversion for three minutes after which they commenced to lift at both places. By 1.30 the barrage was completed.

The Assault:

At 1.28 a signal (three dashes) was received by telephone that the Assaulting Party had reached Ditch 14A. This was confirmed one minute later by a verbal message on the telephone. This was the last message received over the telephone, the wires of which were cut soon after. At 1.28 when our artillery fire commenced to lift, the Assaulting Party was formed up with its head about 40 yards on the enemy's side of Ditch 14A. They then moved cautiously forward, and at 1.31 dashed towards the enemy's trenches.

Enemy's Wire:

On reaching the wire, it was found to be intact; the party then moved about 15 yards to the left where the craters made by the trench mortar bombs could be seen. All the wire was not cut, some three or four rows remaining. These were at once attacked by the men carrying wire-cutters. Those men that had no wire-cutters set to work to pull up the stakes or to beat the wire.

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down with clubbed rifles. The wire delayed the party for about 3 or 4 minutes, during which time the enemy attacked them with rifle fire and bombs.

Borrow Pit:

Once through the wire, the party took cover in the borrow pit which fortunately was found to be clear of water or wire, although some stakes were seen. The party reformed under the cover of the borrow pit, the enemy's bombs going overhead. Here a small sap was discovered leading to a listening post in the wire. At the enemy's end of this sap a German in green uniform was shot by Captain Bruce.

Assault on Parapet:

As soon as the first party reformed they rushed the parapet, but owing to the opposition of the enemy, who met them with rifle fire and bayonets, they were compelled to fall back into the borrow pit where by this time most of the Assault Party were concentrated. The party was rallied by Captain Bruce (O.C. Assault) who again led them over the parapet.

Fight in the Trench:

This time the enemy's trench was entered. A hand to hand fight ensued, but the right and left parties at once commenced to move down the trench towards the flanks clearing it as they went. They were assisted greatly by the Parapet Party who had followed them from the borrow pit and taken up their position on the enemy's parapet.

Enemy attempt to Counter Attack:

At this time a German in rear of Point 6 (see attached Sketch, Appendix 'B') was seen flourishing a revolver and apparently trying to induce some men, whose bayonets could be seen over the parapet of Trench 'C', to counter-attack. A few responded, but on being bombed by the Parapet Party they fell back. About half a minute later, the leader emerged leading a party of about 20 across the open towards the point of our entry into their trench (Point 1).

When they had covered half the distance, the Centre Bombing Party (O.C. Lieut. Docker) appeared on the parapet and jumped into the trench. On seeing this the enemy's party hesitated, and during this pause, about a dozen bombs thrown by the Parapet Party fell among them, wounding several. The remainder turned and fled. The leader was fired at by Captain Bruce and two of the Parapet Party, and was seen to fall.

The Centre Bombing Party forced their way down Trench 'B' for about 20 yards, clearing it as they went. They were unable to proceed further as they found the Trench completely destroyed and filled in. The result of our artillery fire. This party discovered a machine gun, which they tried to remove; but as it was too heavy to get away, it and its emplacement, which was of concrete, were destroyed.

Withdrawal:

After remaining in the enemy's trenches 9 minutes the party was withdrawn without difficulty by runners. Green flares were fired as the signal to withdraw but they were only distinguished by some of the party.

Ditch 14A was reached without difficulty - a good path having been cut through the wire by the Scouts and a white tape laid to show the way. This proved to be of great assistance. On reaching Ditch 14A the German barrage was met and the party were compelled to take cover. As part of the barrage was on this ditch, Captain Bruce worked his party along to ditch 14 and down it to the COURAU RIVER where they took cover until the hostile artillery fire ceased. While the party were sheltering under the banks of the COURAU RIVER, the enemy's rifle fire was very heavy, but there was no machine gun fire. On the barrage ceasing, the party returned to our trenches without further trouble - Captain Bruce being the last in - at about 2.20 a.m.

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Our Casualties.

The casualties to the Raiding Party were:-

Major Goodsell S. P.	}	All slightly wounded
Lt. Bolton-Wood A.		and
Lt. Docker C. T.		remaining on duty.

Other Ranks.

Wounded 11. (Three seriously but not dangerously
 Wounded and Missing 1.

The missing man was badly wounded while in the enemy's trench, and it was not possible to get him away, owing to his being a heavy man (15 $\frac{1}{2}$ stone), and the trench being about 10 feet deep at this point.

Most of the wounds were slight, many of the men remaining on duty. Practically all the casualties occurred in forcing a passage through the enemy's wire.

Four men were wounded in the hand to hand fighting in the enemy's trench, of whom three were got away. The fourth man - referred to above - was believed to be dead when he was left. The Germans have since put up a notice to the effect that the man left behind "is being cared for and is hopeful".

10a. DAMAGE DONE BY ARTILLERY:

Our artillery fire all through was most effective and precise. The portion of the enemy's trenches entered by us was found to be badly knocked about, the parapet being breached in several places, and the trenches leading to the rear, blocked with debris. At least Two Dug-outs were blown in and a machine gun emplacement was destroyed by the artillery fire. This one was additional to the emplacement blown up by the Raiding Party.

11a. COMMUNICATIONS:

A telephone was taken out by the Assault Party, but was not very satisfactory. It worked well until the party left Ditch 14a. in their dash for the enemy's trench. The cause of the failure cannot be traced, but possibly the wire was injured during the struggle to force a passage through the enemy's entanglements. The wire itself was not cut by shell fire, but was probably damaged and short-circuited.

The special White Flares prepared, fired from the enemy's parapet to signify 'ALL CLEAR' were not able to be distinguished owing to the number of various coloured flares being used by the enemy.

At 1:39 am. the wires to the C. C. Attack. were cut, but communication was maintained through the artillery wires from the Company Headquarters back to the P. O. O. at Battalion Headquarters at WHITE CITY. The direct line from the artillery Liaison Officer was also cut by the enemy's shells during their retaliation.

9. Action of the Enemy.

About the time the Raiding Party withdrew from the enemy's trenches, their artillery fire lessened on our parapets, and a barrage of shrapnel and H.E. was put up in "NO MAN'S LAND"; this was fiercest in the vicinity of Ditch 14A., but was also directed along the COURAU RIVER, although not so intensely.

While our party was returning the enemy evidently counter-attacked along the trenches vacated by them. Their bombing could be distinctly heard during the retirement to the COURAU, and while the party was there.

10. Damage done to Enemy.

A lamp, which was discovered on the parapets of the enemy's trench throwing a light in the direction of their support trenches, was destroyed by a bomb. It looked like a motor lamp and had a tube connected to it leading round a traverse to some position in rear. It probably burnt acetylene gas.

A machine gun with its emplacement was blown up by guncotton.

Five Germans were taken prisoners, of whom one attempted to escape and was shot. The remaining four were brought in. They all belonged to the 230th. R. I. R., 50th. Reserve Division. (For 10a. see opposite sheet)

11. Enemy's Casualties.

About six dugouts were found in the front trench. All contained Germans; two or three men being in each. These were all bombed. Another that contained 8 men was found in Trench 'C'. Four bombs, all of which exploded, were thrown in and the door shut. Two other dugouts were seen, blown in by our artillery fire. Both contained occupants, but it is impossible to say how many. Over a dozen Germans were either shot or bayoneted by the assaulting party during the fight, and quite ten others were seen lying about, victims to our artillery fire. As enemy's bayonets could be seen in their support trenches, it is very probable that more casualties occurred there. It is a fair estimate to assume that the enemy's losses must have been at least sixty, killed or wounded. (For 11a. see opposite sheet)

12. The Enemy's Defences.

The following information was gained regarding the enemy's position :-

1. Grass in "NO MAN'S LAND": The grass which is about three feet high in this portion of "NO MAN'S LAND" was cut very closely for about thirty yards on our side of the enemy's wire.

2. Enemy's Entanglements; There were four distinct rows of entanglements:-

- (a) Two rows of Chevaux de Frize, well anchored to the ground with Apron Fences on our side.
- (b) A row of French wire, interlaced with barbed wire. This was about 8 yards wide.
- (c) A row of trestles that were easily removed. These looked fairly new and this portion of the entanglement was probably in process of construction.

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There was also wire in the borrow pit; this was however not continuous; most of it seemed to be new

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and incomplete. In some places there were stakes but no wire. It would appear as if this wiring was being newly done.

3. Listening Posts: The listening post on the left of ditch 14 (marked L.P. in Appendix 'B') was much damaged by shell or mortar fire. Its front was protected by sandbags. The sap leading from it to the borrow pit was 4'6" deep and very narrow, there being just sufficient width for a man to pass along. The listening post (marked 5 in Appendix 'B') is not shown on the aeroplane photo of 5/5/16. A sap ran from their wire (in which there was a small dugout) to the borrow pit. This sap was very narrow, about 5'6" deep and duckboarded. What appeared to be a tunnel led from the borrow pit, opposite this sap, through the parapet. A strong door (which was fastened and wired) was seen in the trench opposite this tunnel.

4. Borrow Pit: The Borrow pit was about 4' deep in front sloping to a depth of 2' in rear. It was about 10' wide, and wired in places as already described.

5. Parapet: The Parapet was about six feet wide at the top and eighteen to twenty feet at the bottom. It was sand-bagged on the top and then covered with earth.

6. Trenches: The trenches were from 8 to 10' deep, revetted with brushwood hurdles and very narrow - about 2'6" at the bottom. They were fire-stepped in places and provided with duckboards. The parapet was about 6' high. Reports as to the revetting of the parapets vary - some state brushwood hurdles and others sandbags. It possibly varied in different parts of the trench.

What appeared to be telephone wires were seen in the trenches.

One of the Raiding Party reports having seen in one of the bays, three shaded electric lights and a short pole with small white insulators; but his report is not confirmed by anyone else.

7. Dugouts: Some of these were in the front trench under the parapet. These had low entrances under the fire step of various sizes and were difficult of entrance. The floors were about two feet below the level of the trench and steps led down to them. They would accommodate four men. Two dugouts were seen in Trench C. (see Appendix 'B') These were about 3'6" high and had doors. In one of them there were six men.

13. Lessons Learned.

1. The plan of enemy's trenches prepared by the Engineers was found to be correct in the main. It would be better, however, if training trenches were constructed about 9' deep and narrow. Men should be practised in removing wounded from these deep trenches.

2. The necessity for the most complete arrangements for communication was made evident by the failure of the telephone and also of the flare signals. The use of flares is of very doubtful value and efficiency. They could be of value to the enemy as indicating the evacuation of

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Brigadier-General,
Commanding 5th, Australian Inf. Brigade.

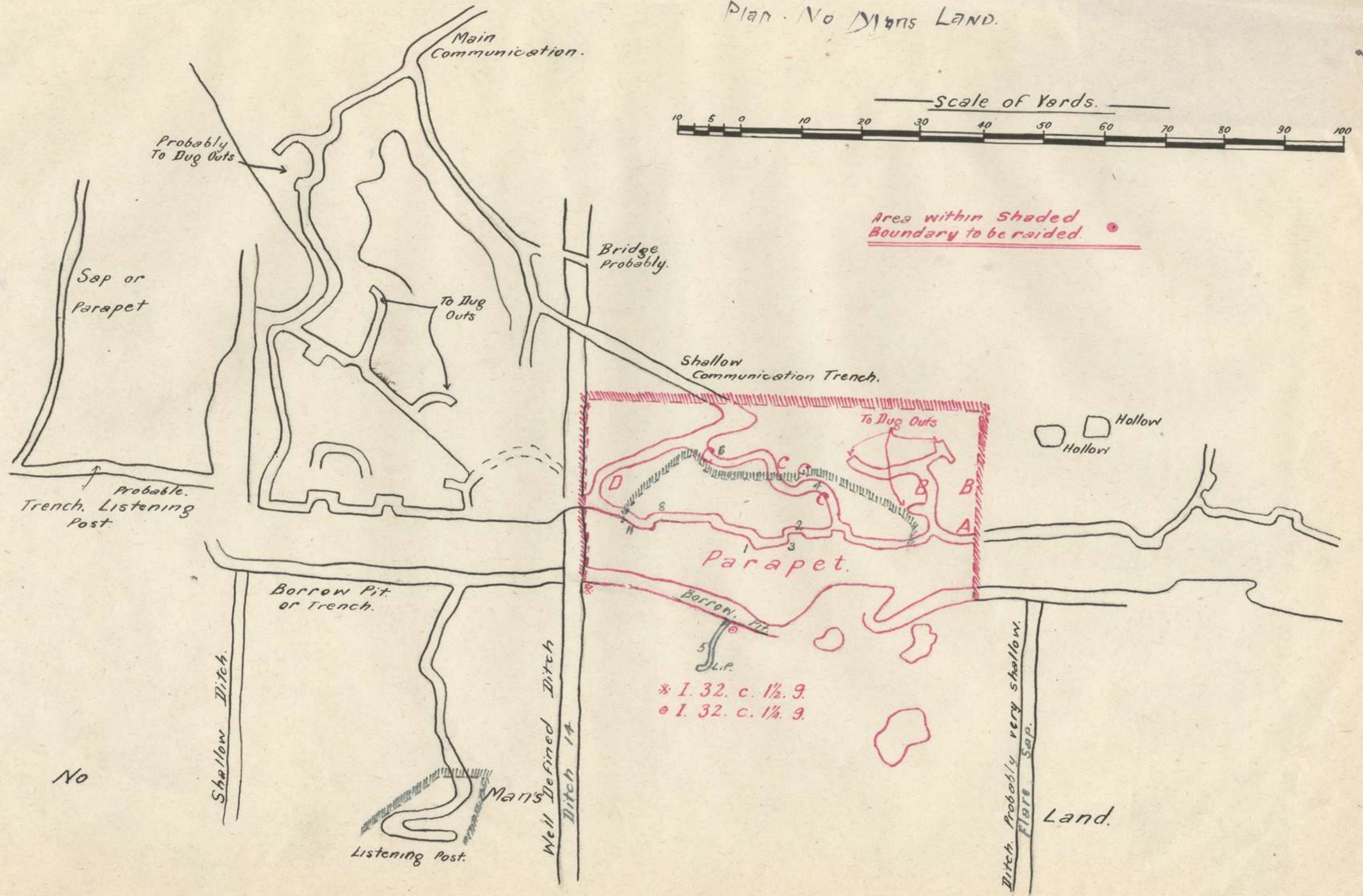
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				<u>Officers</u>	<u>N.C.Os.</u>	<u>Others.</u>	
(a)	<u>O.C. ATTACK.</u> - Major G.F. Murphy	1	-	-	
(b)	<u>DEPUTY O.C. ATTACK.</u> - Capt. E. W. Kirke	1	-	-	
(c)	<u>SCOUTS.</u>	...	...	-	1	3	
(d)	<u>ASSAULT PARTY as under.</u> - O.C., Capt. H. L. Bruce	...	...	1	-	-	
(A)	Right Blocking Party	...	...	-	1	3	(2 bombers, 1 bayonet man)
(B)	Right Bombing Party, for Trench B. (see Appendix B) - O.C. Lt. Bolton Wood.	...	...	1	1	8	(3 bayonet men, 3 bombers) (1 intelligence, 1 spare man)
(C)	Centre Bombing Party for Trench C. (see Appendix B) - O.C. Lt. Docker.	...	...	1	1	6	(2 bayonet men, 2 bombers) (1 engineer, 1 spare man.)
(D)	Left Bombing and Blocking Party O.C. Lt. Walklate	...	...	1	2	8	(2 bayonet men, 6 bombers)
(E)	(Right Parapet Party	...	...	-	1	5	(3 bayonet men, 1 bomber)
	(Left Parapet Party	...	...	-	1	5	(1 intelligence man.) (3 bayonet men, 1 bomber)
(F)	(Telephonist and Linesman	...	...	-	-	2	(1 engineer.)
	(Escort for Prisoners	...	...	-	-	4	
	(Runners	...	...	-	-	2	
	(Stretcher Bearers	-	-	2	
(e)	<u>COVERING PARTY.</u> - O.C. 2nd/Lieut. Harrison	1	2	11	(10 bayonet men, 1 scout)
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APPENDIX "C"LIST OF ARTICLES CARRIED BY EACH MAN.

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| 1. | OFFICERS | Revolver 1, Bombs 4, Bomb belt 1, Life Preserver 1, Electric torch 1. |
| 2. | BAYONET MEN | Rifle 1, Bayonet 1, Bombs 4, Bomb belt 1, Life Preserver 1, Electric Torch 1, (bound on bayonet), 20 Rounds S.A.A. |
| 3. | PARAPET PARTY | Rifle 1, Bayonet 1, Bombs 4, Bomb belt 1, Life Preserver 1, 20 Rounds S.A.A. |
| 4. | BOMB THROWERS | Bombs 8, Bomb belts 2, Life preserver 1, Electric torch 1, Revolver 1. |
| 5. | CARRIERS | Same as BOMB THROWERS, only with 12 Bombs and 3 Bomb belts. |
| 6. | SPARE MEN | Same as carriers. |
| 7. | SCOUTS | Revolver 1, Axe, hand 1, Wire cutter 1, Bombs 4, Bomb belt 1. |
| 8. | MACHINE GUNNERS | Revolver 1, Bombs 4, Bomb belt 1, Life Preserver 1, Electric torch 1, Spanner, adjustable 1. |
| 9. | TELEPHONIST & LINESMAN | Telephone 1, Revolver 1, Life Preserver 1, Bombs 4, Bomb belt 1. |
| 10. | STRETCHER BEARERS | Revolver 1, Stretcher 1, Life preserver 1, Bombs 4, Bomb belt 1. |
| 11. | COVERING PARTY | Bombs 4, Bomb belt 1, Rifle 1, Bayonet 1, Life Preserver 1, 50 Rounds S.A.A. and web equipment. |
| 12. | RUNNERS, with O.C. Assault | Revolver 1, Bombs 4, Bomb belt 1, Life Preserver 1. |
| 13. | INTELLIGENCE MEN | Revolver 1, Bombs 4, Bomb belt 1, Life Preserver 1, Electric Torch 1, Haversack 1. |
| 14. | ENGINEERS | Revolver 1, Life Preserver 1, Bombs 4, Bomb belts 1, Electric torch 1, Gun cotton for demolition, 20 lbs. |

Bayonets were painted with dark paint and carried fixed.

All life preservers had a thong through handle.

Additional wire-cutters were issued, two to each bombing party, to be carried by spare men; one to each parapet party, one to machine gunners, one to intelligence men and one to each officer.

All ranks wore British Army pattern uniform. Arm-bands of white cloth were worn on both arms and were covered with a piece of khaki, (puttees or old socks), loosely tacked on. These were removed while in the position of assembly prior to dashing for the trench.

Gas Helmets were worn by all ranks in position of readiness pinned to the shirt.

OPERATION ORDER No. 16.BYBRIGADIER GENERAL W. HOLMES, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.COMMANDING FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,

26th. June, 1916.

1. The Fifth Australian Infantry Brigade (less the Lewis Machine Gun Sections of 17th., 18th., 19th. and 20th. Battalions and No. 5 Light Trench Mortar Battery) will be relieved by the Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade (less Lewis Machine Gun Sections of 13th., 14th., 15th. and 16th. Battalions and No. 4 Light Trench Mortar Battery) in the Right Brigade Area of the Second Australian Division during the period 27th. June to 30th. June.

Reliefs will be carried out in accordance with Appendix 'A'.

2. Guides at the rate of one (1) per platoon will be furnished by Battalions of the Fifth Australian Infantry Brigade, to meet Units of the Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade, as under:-

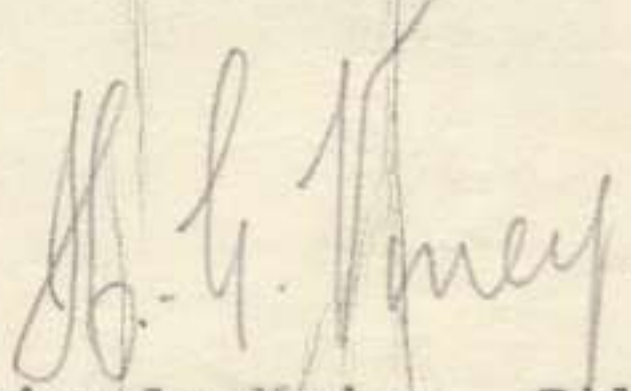
At Level Crossing on RUE du BIEZ :

From 18th. Btn.	at 9.30 p.m.	to meet 13th. Btn. on 27/28th. June
ditto	ditto	ditto on 28/29th. June
From 5th. Aus.		to meet 4th. Aus.
M.G. Coy.	at 9.45 p.m.	M.G. Coy. on 28/29th. June
From 17th. Btn.	at 9.30 p.m.	to meet 16th. Btn. on 29/30th. June
From 20th. Btn.	at 9.30 p.m.	to meet 15th. Btn. on 30th. June
		-1st. July.
From 5th. Aus.		to meet 4th. Aus. on 30th. June-
M.G. Coy.	at 10 p.m.	M.G. Coy. 1st. July.

At Level Crossing on RUE des ACQUETS :

From 19th. Btn.	at 9.30 p.m.	to meet 14th. Btn. on 27/28th. June
ditto	ditto	ditto on 28/29th. June

3. Units will move South of BAC ST.MAUR - ARMENTIERES Railway by parties of 10 at a distance of 100 yards.
4. Intelligence Officers of all Battalions and half of the Headquarters Signal Section, 4th. Australian Infantry Brigade, will take over their duties during morning of 27th. June.
5. All details of reliefs will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers units concerned. The Officers Commanding 18th and 19th. Battalion will hand over the command of 'A' and 'B' Battalion areas, midnight on 28th/29th. June ; but they will remain to assist Commanding Officers of 13th. and 14th. Battalions until 8 p.m. on 29/30th. June. The Commanding Officer 'C' Battalion will hand over the command of 'C' Battalion Area to Commanding Officer 15th. Battalion at 12 midnight on 30th June / 1st. July.
6. No trench, post or billet will be vacated by 5th. Australian Infantry Brigade until occupied by 4th. Australian Infantry Brigade.
7. All trench stores, S.A.A., Grenades, etc., in 'A' and 'B' Battalion Areas will be taken over by relieving Battalions during daylight on 28th June, and those in 'D' and 'E' Battalion Areas on 29th. and 30th. respectively. Receipts in triplicate will be prepared by units of 5th. Australian Infantry Brigade for all articles not included in Trench Log Books. The original will be retained ; one copy will be handed to relieving unit, and one copy will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.
8. Units will make their own arrangements re transport but no wagons are to cross BAC ST.MAUR - ARMENTIERES Railway until 10 p.m. on the nights of the relief.
9. Defence Schemes, Photographs, Plans, Trench Maps, Log Book and trench stores will be handed over to relieving unit and receipts obtained.
10. The service of supply passes over with the Headquarters of the Units. Consequently each Headquarters is responsible for the rationing etc. of all personnel of either Brigade living in its Unit Area.
11. The G.O.C. 5th. Australian Infantry Brigade will remain in command of the Right Brigade Sector until 12 midnight on 30th. June / 1st. July, at which hour G.O.C. 4th. Australian Infantry Brigade will assume command.
12. 5th. Brigade Headquarters after midnight 30th June / 1st. July will be at Reserve Brigade Headquarters, ERQUINGHEM.
13. The Completion of each night's relief will be reported to ~~xxxx~~ Brigade Headquarters.
14. The Light Trench Mortar Battery and Lewis Machine Gun Sections of the 5th. Australian Infantry Brigade will not be relieved under this order-; but will remain temporarily attached to 4th. Australian Infantry Brigade. until those units in the latter Brigade have been equipped and trained. They will then be relieved and rejoin their own Brigade.
15. ACKNOWLEDGE.


 Major,
 Brigade-Major, 5th. Australian Inf. Brigade.

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Copy No. 1.	2nd. Australian Division	7.	5th. Aust.M.G. Coy.
2.	4th. do. Brigade	8.	5th. T.M. Battery
3.	17th. Battalion	9.	1st. Aust. Inf. Bgde.
4.	18th. do.	10.	6th. do.
5.	20th. do.	11.	War Diary

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REFERENCE SHEET 26 H.W. 1/40,000

RELIEF TABLE FOR 27/28th. JUNE - 30th. JUNE/1st. JULY, 1916.

DATE NIGHT	UNIT of 4th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	FROM	ROUTE	TO RELIEVE UNIT OF 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	IN	WHO PROCEED TO	ROUTE
27/28th. June.	(a) 3 platoons and 3 Coy. Commanders 13th. Battalion.	423- RUE DORMOIRE	ERQUINGHEM- RUE DU BIEZ- RUE des CHARLES- RUE d'ANCARDERIE- MOAT FARM AVENUE or SHAFTESBURY AV.	6 platoons and 8 headquarters signallers 18th. Battn.	'A' Batt. Area.	RUE DORMOIRE	RUE d'ANCARDERIE RUE des CHARLES RUE du BIEZ ERQUINGHEM.
	(b) 3 platoons and 3 Coy. Commanders 14th. Battalion.	FORT ROMPU	ERQUINGHEM - RUE des ACQUETS- GRIS POT - LA VASSEE - TRAMLINE AVENUE or PARK ROW.	6 platoons and 8 headquarters signallers 19th. Battalion.	'B' Batt. Area.	FORT ROMPU	LA VASSEE - GRIS POT - RUE DELETTIERRE- RUE DU BIEZ- ERQUINGHEM.
28/29th. June.	(a) Remainder of 13th. Battalion (less Lewis M.G. Section.)	RUE DORMOIRE	As for night of 27/28th. June	Remainder of 18th. 'A' Battalion (less Lewis M.G. Section) Area	'A' Battn. Area	RUE DORMOIRE	As for 27/28th. June.
	(b) Remainder of 14th. Batt. (less Lewis M.G. Section)	FORT ROMPU	DITTO.	Remainder of 18th 'B' (19th) Battn. (Less Lewis M.G. Section) Area	'B' Battn. Area	FORT ROMPU	DITTO.
	(c) Two sections 4th. Aust. M.G. Coy.		ERQUINGHEM - RUE DU BIEZ- RUE DELETTIERRE	Two sections 5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.	H.22.d.7.4.		RUE DELETTIERRE- RUE du BIEZ - ERQUINGHEM.

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DATE NIGHT	UNIT of 4th. Aust. Inf. Bde.	FROM	ROUTE	TO RELIEVE (unit of 5th. A. Inf. Bde.)	IN.	WHO PROCEED TO	ROUTE.
29/30th. June.	15th. Battalion (less Lewis M.G. section)	L'HALLOBEAU	ERQUINGHEM BRIDGE - RUE DU BIEZ - RUE DELETTIERRE.	17th. Battalion (less Lewis M.G. section).	'D' Battn. Area.	L'HALLOBEAU	RUE DU BIEZ - ERQUINGHEM BRIDGE (Coys. in SERREAN) BACON & NEW FARM by RUE des CHARLES.
30th June 1st. July	(a) 4th. Bgde Headquarters and Signal Section.	ERQUINGHEM	RUE DU BIEZ	5th. Bgde. Hqrs and Signal Section.	LA ROLANDERIE	ERQUINGHEM	RUE DU BIEZ.
	(b) 15th. Battn. (less Lewis M.G. Section.)	JESUS FARM	ERQUINGHEM BRIDGE - RUE DU BIEZ - RUE des CHARLES.	20th. Battn. (less Lewis M.G. Section.	'C' BATTN. AREA	JESUS FARM	RUE des CHARLES - RUE Du BIEZ - ERQUINGHEM BRIDGE
	(c) Remainder of 4th. Aust. M.G. Company		ERQUINGHEM - RUE DU BIEZ - RUE DELETTIERRE.	Remainder of 5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.	H.22.d.7.4.		RUE DELETTIERRE - RUE Du BIEZ - ERQUINGHEM.