

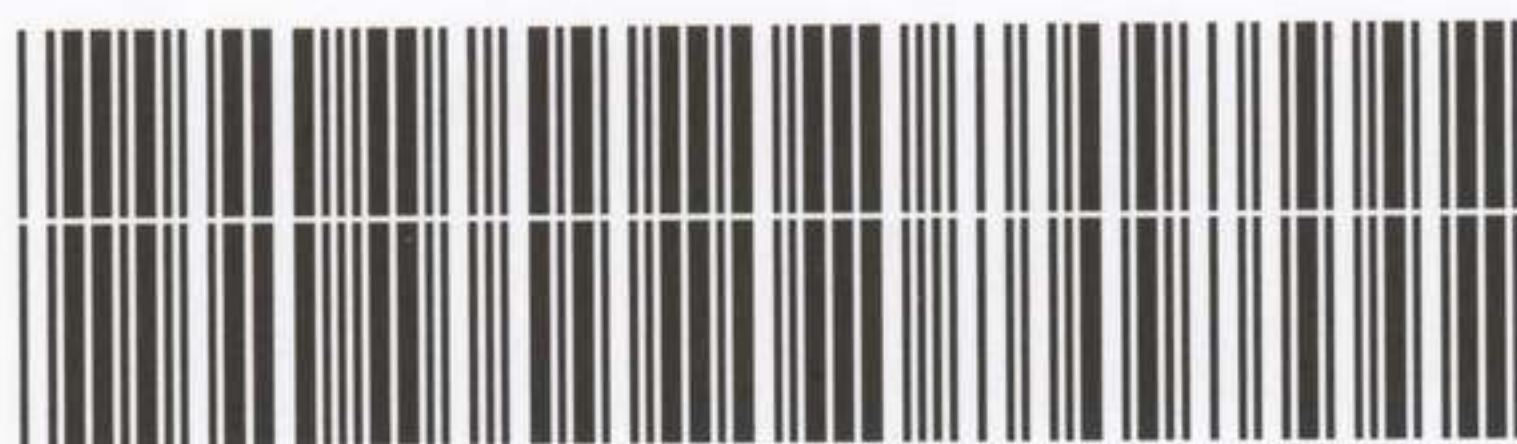
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November 1916



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WAR DIARY

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or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LARK HILL	Nov 7 th	9.30pm	Maj. T.F. BORWICK reported for duty as B.M. 9 th Aust. Inf Bde.	
"	"	8 th 9.0 am	G.O.C. Bde inspected 34 th Bn in quarters.	
"	"	2pm	Inspection continued.	
"	"	9 th 9 am	G.O.C. Bde inspected 35 th Bn. in quarters.	
"	"	2pm	Inspection continued.	
"	"	10 th 8.30 am	G.O.C. Bde inspected 36 th Bn. in quarters	
"	"	2 pm.	" " " Bdequad Transport and 33 rd Bn in column of route	
"	"	11 th 8.30 am	" " " 9 th M. G. Coy. & 9 th Aust. L.T.M. Coy.	
"	"	12 th	G.O.C. on leave for day	
"	"	13 th 11.30 am	Divisional peace route ^{in march} for all arms vide 9 th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No 20 Bde group passed starting point.	Appendix I.
"	"	5 pm	all units Bde reported returned to quarters.	
"	"	14 th	Training continued - 20 Hs. Bde to Havre for disembarkation duty.	
"	"	15 th	"	
"	"	16 th	"	
"	"	17 th	{ Skeleton scheme for all staffs - Staff Capt to Boulogne for advance party duty.	
"	"	18 th	Training continued - orders to proceed overseas received	
"	"	19 th	Holiday.	
"	"	20 th	preparations for embarkation -	
"	"	21 st	Entrainment Bde group commenced, at AMESBURY - Bde. less 36 th Bn. to SOUTHAMPTON. Appendix II All units - less 36 th Bn. embarked for HAVRE.	
"	"	22 nd	Units - less 36 th Bn. disembarked HAVRE - 36 th Bn to SOUTHAMPTON & embarked	

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE GROUP ORDER No. 20.

Reference: 1" Map SALISBURY and STONEHENGE sheet 123. Brigade Head-quarters 12th November, 1916.

- INTENTION 1. The Brigade Group will take part in a Divisional Peace March on Monday 13th inst., moving via CROSS ROADS STONEHENGE INN - AMESBURY - LONGBARROW CROSS ROADS - WINTERBOURNE STOKE - MADDINGTON and NETBUSH to LARKHILL.
- ORDER OR MARCH. 2. The Brigade Group will march in the following order:-
- 9th Inf. Bde. Head-quarters
 - Brigade Signal Section
 - 9th Aust. Light Trench Mortar Battery
 - 9th Machine Gun Company
 - 33rd Battalion (less first-line transport)
 - 34th Battalion (" " ")
 - 35th Battalion (" " ")
 - 36th Battalion (" " ")
 - 1st line transport Brigaded in numerical order of Bns.
 - 7th F.A. Brigade, with Trench Mortar Battery attached
 - 9th Field Company Engineers
 - 9th Field Ambulance
 - 24th Company, A. S. C.

Units will break off to their own lines on return to camp.

TIMES PASSING 3 STARTING POINT 9th Brigade Group will pass starting-point, CROSS-ROADS, STONEHENGE INN, as follows:-

9th Inf. Bde. Hd-Qrs.)	
Bde. Signal Section)	11.16 a.m.
9th A.L.T.M. Battery)	
9th Machine Gun Company	11.17 a.m.
33rd Bn. (less first-line transport)	11.17 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
34th Bn. (" " ")	11.21 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
35th Bn. (" " ")	11.25 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
36th Bn. (" " ")	11.29 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Bn. 1st-line transport (Brigaded)	11.33 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
7th F.A. Bde. with T.M. Battery attached	11.41 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Halt	11.50 "
March resumed	12.00 noon
9th Field Company	12. 6 p.m.
9th Field Ambulance	12.11 "
24th Coy., A. S. C.	12.15 "
Tail of Bde. Group clear of starting-point	12.18 "

9th Infantry Brigade will march to starting point via BACKWAY ROAD in order detailed above, 9th Infantry Brigade Head-quarters moving from Camp 21 at 10.36 a.m.

- INTERVALS. 4. Intervals of 100 yards will be left in rear of Battalions, Infantry Brigades, and Artillery Brigades.
- HALT. 5. 9th Brigade Group will close on to its head and halt for half an hour on reaching LONGBARROW CROSS-ROADS. Battalions will form up in mass, one behind the other, in order of march, SOUTH of the road. Light transport will clear the road and form up on the NORTH side. Heavy vehicles will not leave the road but will close up as far as possible. Note will be made of condition of men and transport during this halt.
- Attention is directed to Third Australian Division Standing Orders for War with reference to marches.

P.T.O.

TRANSPORT.

6. First-line transport will march Brigaded in rear of Brigade, in numerical order of Battalions.

Transport will carry proper loads for service less ammunition and mens blankets. Officers' kits will be packed, weighed and loaded in wagons.

Arrangements will be made to water horses and feed them, so as to leave half an hour clear after feeding before hooking in. A feed will be carried in nose-bags for each horse. There will be no opportunity for watering on the march.

Veterinary aid posts will be stationed at:-

(a). LONGBARRO / CROSS-ROADS

(b). Entrance to MADDINGTON VILLAGE

These posts will be marked by a sign with a white triangle on red ground.

Units will hand over sick, lame, or unfit horses to Mobile Veterinary Section at these posts.

HAVERSACK
RATION.

7. A haversack ration will be carried. Unit Commander will make special arrangements for dinners of these men thus: those passing starting point after 12 noon might have their mid-day meal before moving off - others on return to camp.

WATCHES.

8. Watches will be synchronised at 9th Infantry Brigade Head-quarters at 7.15 a.m. on 13th instant.

REPORTS.

9. Reports to head of Group.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

T. B. BORWICK, Major,
Brigade Major Ninth Infantry Brigade,
A. I. F.

<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>To whom.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Method.</u>
1	File		
2	War diary		
3	D. H. C.	4 p.m.	
4	G.O.C. Bde.	"	B. R.
5	Brigade Major	"	Orderly
6	Staff Captain	"	"
7	O.C. Bde. Sig Sec	"	"
8	Bde Transport officer	"	"
9	33rd Bn.	"	"
10	34th Bn.	"	"
11	35th Bn.	"	"
12	36th Bn.	"	"
13	9th M. G. Coy.	"	"
14	9th A.L.F.M. Bty	"	"
15	7th T.M. Bde.	"	"
16	9th Field Coy.	"	"
17	9th Field Amb.	"	"
18	24th Coy A.S.C.	"	"
19	10th Inf. Bde.	"	"
20	11th Inf. Bde.	"	"

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 21.

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War diary

Brigade Headquarters,
Camp 29, Larkhill.
10th November, 1916.

- MOVES. 1. The Ninth Australian Infantry Brigade and X 3 A Trench Mortar Battery will entrain at AMELBURY STATION commencing Tuesday 21st instant, as per time table attached.
- CAMPS. 2. Attention is directed to Circular Memorandum No. 24 "Instructions for handing over Camps" which must be carried out in every particular.
- ARRIVAL TIME AT AMELBURY STATION. 3. Troops and transport will arrive at AMELBURY STATION at the following times before their trains are due to start:-
 - Dismounted troops baggage) One and a-half hours.
 - 1st fatigue party)
 - Dismounted troops - One hour
 - All animals - One and a-half hours.
- RULE OF ROAD. 4. From AMELBURY VILLAGE to the Station troops are to keep to RIGHT hand side of road in order to leave entrance to station clear for ordinary traffic.
- FATIGUE PARTIES. 5. All fatigue parties to be entrained in rear passenger coaches so that they can assist at the docks if necessary.
- ANIMALS. 6. All animals will be fed and watered before leaving camp. They will be entrained, saddled, and harnessed but before being loaded they must have (a) bits out; (b) head-ropes down ready for fastening; (c) traces hitched up.
- WAGONS. 7. Wagons to be properly sheeted and tied before leaving camp. No chaff or hay to be on open trucks, liners, etc.
- O.C. TRAINS. 8. To report to R.T.O. before bringing troops on the Station.
- WARRANTS. 9. O.C. trains must hand in at AMELBURY STATION a Warrant to cover journey from AMELBURY to DOCKS. These Warrants will be available at Brigade Headquarters at noon on Sunday 19th instant.
- LATRINES. 10. Advance party will dig latrines which are to be screened. These latrines will be filled in after troops have gone under arrangements made by O.C. Superintending Officer Details. Troops must use these latrines only.

F.F. BORWICK, Major
Brigade Major 9th Inf. Bde. A. I. F.

Copy No.	To whom	Method	Time
1	File		
2	War diary		
3	3rd Australian Div	D.R.	8 a.m.
4	G.O.C. 9th Inf. Bde	Orderly	"
5	Brigade Major	"	"
6	9th Inf Bde Hdqrs	"	"
7	Bde Signal Sec.	"	"
8	33rd Battalion	"	"
9	34th Battalion	"	"
10	35th Battalion	"	"
11	36th Battalion	"	"
12	9th M.G. Company	"	"
13	9th A.L.T.M. Battery	"	"
14	X 3 A T.M. Battery	D.R.	"
15	24th Coy. A.S.C.	"	"

T I M E T A B L E.

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Train No.	UNIT.	Officers. O/ranks	Horses Mules	4-wheel wagons	2-wheel wagons	Time due at AMESBURY Station	FROM	TO	Train start-ing times.		Train arrival times.		O.C. TRAINS.
									Day	TIME.	Day	TIME.	
X100	9th Aust Light T. M. Battery X3A T.M. Bty.	446 223	- -	- -	- -	4.35 a.m. "	AMESBURY No 2	SOUTH AMPTON DOCKS	Nov 21st	5.35am	Nov. 21st	7.20 a.m.	Capt. H.P. Brown " " "
X101	9th M.G. Coy	10178	60	14	2	5.35 a.m.	" No 1	"	"	6.35 am	"	8.20 a.m.	Capt. J. Wells
X103	1/3 33rd Bn.	15330	20	5	8	6.50 a.m.	" No 1	"	"	7.50 am	"	9.35 a.m.	To be detld by O.C. 33rd Bn
X105	1/3 33rd Bn.	15329	20	5	7	8.15 a.m.	" No 1	"	"	9.15 am	"	11.0 a.m.	" " " " " "
X107	1/3 33rd Bn.	14329	20	5	7	10 a.m.	" No 1	"	"	11 a.m.	"	12.50 p.m.	" " " " " "
X108	1/3 34th Bn.	15330	20	5	8	10.35 a.m.	" No 2	"	"	11.35 am	"	1.20 p.m.	" " " " " 34th Bn
X109	1/3 35th Bn.	15330	20	5	8	11 a.m.	" No 1	"	"	12 noon	"	1.40 p.m.	" " " " " 35th Bn
X110	1/3 34th Bn.	15329	20	5	7	11.50 a.m.	" No 2	"	"	12.50 pm	"	2.30 p.m.	" " " " " 34th Bn
X111	1/3 35th Bn.	15329	20	5	7	12.15 p.m.	" No 1	"	"	1.15 pm	"	3.0 p.m.	" " " " " 35th Bn
X112	1/3 34th Bn.	14329	20	5	7	12.55 p.m.	" No 2	"	"	1.55 pm	"	3.35 p.m.	" " " " " 34th Bn
X113	1/3 35th Bn.	14329	20	5	7	1.30 p.m.	" No 1	"	"	2.30 p.m.	"	4.15 p.m.	" " " " " 35th Bn
X114	(H.Q. 9th Inf Bde Bde Sig Sec (24 Coy A.S.E)	16101	58	12	1	2 p. m.	" No 2	"	"	3.0 p.m.	"	4.45 p.m.	Capt. McHattie, A.S.C.
X120	1/3 36th Bn.	15330	20	5	8	6.50 a.m.	" No 1	"	22nd	7.50 a.m.	22nd	9.35 a.m.	To be det by O.C. 36th Bn
X122	1/3 36th Bn.	15329	20	5	7	8.15 a.m.	" No 1	"	"	9.15 a.m.	"	11.0 a.m.	" " " " " " " Bn
X124	1/3 36th Bn.	14329	20	5	7	10.0 a.m.	" No 1	"	"	11.0 a.m.	"	12.50 p.m.	" " " " " " " Bn

NOTE: Amesbury No. 1 refers to loading dock on down line side.
" No. 2 " " " " " " " up " " .

Appendix No. 2.

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NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 22.

Brigade Headquarters,
25th November, 1916.

Reference Map 1/100000 HAZEBROUCK 5A.

- RELIEF. 1. The 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve 103rd Infantry Brigade, relief commencing on 26th instant when 35th Battalion will take over "C" Battalion front in the SUBSIDIARY LINE.
- ADVANCE PARTIES. 2. Advance parties as detailed below from 33rd and 34th Battalions will visit front on 26th instant:-
C.O. - Adjutant - Quartermaster - Transport Officer, also
C.O. 9th M.G. Coy.
Following parties from 33rd and 34th Battalions will move into line on 26th instant:-
Lewis M. Gun Officer - Signalling Officer - Bombing Officer - Intelligence Officer - Sniping Officer - one Officer per Company - one M.C.O. per platoon - 30 Lewis Machine Gunners - 12 snipers - 24 signallers - 4 gas M.C.O.'s. - 8 runners.
Above parties will each leave by 4 motor buses according to the following time table:-
- 33rd Battalion from STEINWERCK at 9.15 a.m.
to level crossing at CHAPELLE EM d'ARMENTIERES.
34th Battalion from OUTERSTRENE at 9.15 a.m.
to HOUPLINES Railway crossing.
Guides will meet parties at above destinations and conduct them to "A" and "B" Battalions Headquarters. Buses to move in pairs at 5 minutes intervals.
3 Officers and 51 men of 9th M.G. Coy will leave OUTERSTRENE at 9.15 a.m. and proceed by 2 motor buses to 103rd M.G. Coy. Headquarters whence they will be conducted to front system.
- RELIEF OF "C" BATTALION. 3. 35th Battalion will take over "C" Battalion area two companies to SUBSIDIARY LINE and two companies on ARMENTIERES. First bus for SUBSIDIARY line Companies will leave MERRIS at 9.45 a.m. and first bus for remaining two companies at 12 noon. Buses will proceed at 5 minutes intervals. Guides for SUBSIDIARY line Companies to meet buses at HOUPLINES Railway crossing - guides for remaining two companies to meet buses at level crossing on BAILLEUL - ARMENTIERES ROAD - N.W. of ARMENTIERES.
C.O., Adjutant and Company Commanders 35th Battalion to proceed by first bus. On relief being completed 35th Battalion will come under the command of G.O.C. 103rd Infantry Brigade.
- TRANSPORT. 4. Transport 35th Battalion will leave MERRIS at 8 a.m. and proceed via BAILLEUL and BAILLEUL - ARMENTIERES road to PONT DE MIEPPE where guide will meet and conduct transport to new billets, Transport thereupon coming under command of 103rd Bde Transport Officer.
- TRENCH STORES. 5. All trench stores, maps, defence schemes, plans and all other useful information will be taken over from outgoing unit and receipts given therefore.
- INTERVALS. 6. All troops will move to the front area along communication trenches by half platoons at five minutes intervals.
- MEDICAL. 7. Medical arrangements will be notified later.
- G.S. CIRC. NO. 8. Attention is directed to G.S. Circular memorandum No. 1A M issued to-day.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. J. Bonwick Major.
Brigade Major 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. A.I.F.

COPY NO.	TO	HOLD	METHOD	TIME
1	File			<i>11 pm</i>
2	War Diary			
3	3rd Aust. Division		D.R.	"
4	G.O.C. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.		Orderly.	"
5	Brigade Major 9th A. Inf. Bde.		"	"
6	Bde. Signal Section.		"	"
7	33rd Battalion.		D.R.	"
8	34th Battalion.		Orderly.	"
9	35th Battalion.		D.R.	"
10	36th Battalion.		D.R.	"
11	9th M.G. Coy.		Orderly.	"
12	9 A.L.T.M. Batty.		"	"
13	103rd Bde.		D.R.	"
14	10th Aust. Inf. Bde.		D.R.	"
15	24th Coy A.A.S.C.		Orderly.	"



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Asst J.C. [Signature]
J.O. [Signature]

Appendix IV

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9th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 22

Brigade Headquarters
27th Nov. 1916.

Reference Map :
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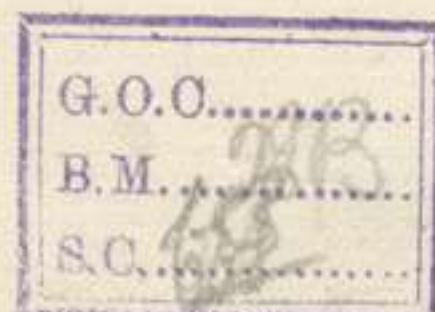
- RELIEF 1 In continuation of 9th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 22, the relief of remaining units of 103rd Infantry Brigade is detailed in relief table attached. Attention is directed to G.S. Circular No. 1A and 3rd Australian Divisional Order No. 8. All other details of relief to be mutually arranged by the Commanding Officers concerned.
- TRENCH STORES 2 All trench stores, maps, plans, log books, defence schemes and other useful information to be taken over from outgoing units and receipts given therefor.
- MOVEMENT 3 Troops will be conveyed from billets to rendezvous by motor lorries. In forward area troops will not move in parties larger than platoons at 5 minute intervals.
- TRANSPORT 4 Half their first line transport will accompany 33rd and 34th Bn on each of 27th and 28th inst.
- MEDICAL & VETERINARY 5 Evacuation of sick and wounded will be carried out by medical personnel attached to 103rd Bde until further orders. Same arrangement holds for veterinary cases.
- COMMAND 6 On completion of relief units will pass under command of G.O.C. 103rd Infantry Brigade. On completion of relief of 103rd Brigade on 29th inst. G.O.C. 9th Australian Infantry Brigade will take over command of sub-sector.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Instructions issued to those specially concerned on 26th instant.

T.F. BORWICK. Major.
Brigade Major 9th Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

Copy No.	To whom	Method	Time
1	File		11 a.m.
2	War Diary		
3	3rd Aust. Div.	D.R.	
4	G.O.C. 9th Aust. Inf. Bde.	Orderly	
5	Brigade Major	"	
6	Staff Captain	"	
7	Brigade Signal Officer	"	
8	" Transport	"	
9	33rd Bn	D.R.	
10	34th Bn	"	
11	35th Bn	"	
12	36th Bn	Orderly	
13	9th A.M. Gun Coy.	"	
14	9th A.L.T.M. Bty	D.R.	
15	X.3.A.T.M. Bty	Orderly	
16	9th Field Coy	D.R.	
17	9th Field Amb.	"	
18	24th Coy. A.S.C	Orderly	
19	103rd Bde.	D.R.	
20	10th Aust. Inf. Bde	"	
21	2nd N.Z. Bde.	"	



asst BM
asst S.C. CARL
J.O.

Date	Unit of 9th Inf. Bde	To relieve		Rendezvous for guides furnished by Units relieved			Remarks
		Unit	In	No.	Hour	Place	
27th Nov.	½ 33rd Bn.	½ 27th Bn. N.F.	A. Bn. Right Section Trenches	9 (1 per plat) & 1 Hdqrs.	9.15am	Level crossing (I.l.d.49)	
27th Nov	½ 34th Bn.	½ 26th Bn. N.F.	"B" Bn left section trenches	9 (1 per plat) & 1 Hdqrs.	9.30 a.m.	Level crossing NOUVEL HOUPLINES (C.27.a.15)	
27th Nov	1 Section 3rd Aust. Sig. Coy.	103rd Sig. Sec.	Bde. area	1	9.30 a.m.	Cross roads B.30.b.58	103rd Brigade Sig. Sec. to remain in control.
27th Nov.	9th Aust. L.T.M. Bty.	103rd T.M. Bty.	Right Sector Trenches	2	9.30 a.m.	Level crossing I.l.d.49	103rd T.M. Bty. to remain in control.
28th Nov	½ 33rd Bn.	½ 33rd Bn	"A" Bn Right section Trenches	8 (1 per plat)	9.15 a.m	Level crossing I.l.d.49	Coys. which moved into front line on 27th to move back into sub- sidiary line and to relieve 35th Bn. 35th Bn. to move after front line relief completed. Guides provided by 27th Bn. N.F.
28th Nov.	½ 34th Bn	½ 34th Bn	"B" Bn. Left section trenches	8 (1 per plat)	9.30 a.m.	Level crossing NOUVEL HOUPLINES C.27.a.15.10	Coys. which moved into front line on 27th to move back into sub- sidiary line and to relieve 35th Bn. 35th Bn. to move after front line relief completed. Guides provided by 26th Bn. N.F.

Date	Unit of 9th Inf. Bde.	To relieve		Bedealous for guides furnished by units relieved			Remarks
		Unit	In	No.	Hour	Place	
28th Nov	1/2 35th Bn		"C" Bn. billets ARIENTIERES				35th Bn. not to move into billets until front line relief completed
28th Nov	9th Aust. Inf. Bde. Hdqrs.	103rd Inf. Bde. Hdqrs.	Right Bde. Hdqrs.				103rd Bde. Hdqrs. to remain in control.
29th Nov.	9th Aus. M. Gun Coy	103rd M. Gun Coy	Right sub-sector trenches	4	9.30 a.m.	Cross roads B.30.b.58	
29th Nov.	36th Bn.		"D" Bn. billets in ARIENTIERES				

G.O.C.
 B.M. 2813
 S.C.

Asst BM
 Asst SC
 J. O.

Appendix No. 4

Strength of Units of Bde on 30th Nov. 1916 Appendix V

Units	Officers	O. R	Attached	
			Officers	O. R
Bde Hd. Qrs	3	25	4	8
3 rd Bn.	33	988		
34 th Bn.	34	984		
35 th Bn.	31	979		
36 th Bn.	34	976		
9 th M. G. Coy.	10	172		
9 th T. M. Batty.	4	44		
	149	4168	4	8

L. P. Bowdler Major.
 Brigade Major Ninth Infantry Brigade.
 A. I. F.

Appendix No

9th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 1

from 6 a.m. 29th November to 6 a.m. 30th November, 1916.

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OUR OPERATIONS. *Artillery fired at 6 a.m. on enemy sniping post.*

Artillery and Light Trench Mortars co-operated in a bombardment of enemy's front and support lines from 3 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. Great amount of timber was seen to be thrown up.

PATROLS. Patrols left from each locality on our Left Battalion Sub-sector and examined our wire. Extreme Left Patrol found gaps in enemy's line in front of I.5.1 still open; no enemy patrols were encountered.

ENEMY OPERATIONS. At 2.55 p.m. MINEWERFER fired 3 bombs at 5 minute intervals which landed behind Right Battalion front line without doing damage. It is possible that this fire was caused by L.T.Ms being seen being carried into position.

Machine Guns and Rifles fired bursts at frequent intervals throughout the night with the aid of searchlights. They appear to have a number of fixed rifles laid on the gaps in our parapet.

ENEMY MOVEMENT. Working party in front line of No. ~~1~~⁴ locality was observed. This was dispersed with L.G. fire at 12.3 a.m.

Enemy wearing round blue caps observed moving in trenches during the day. One of our snipers hit one man looking over parapet. Enemy appears to be renovating his front line opposite I.5.1 Timber was seen being carried along trench and earth was thrown on parapet.

Enemy bombed his own wire three times during night.

MISCELLANEOUS. Verrey Lights and searchlights used by enemy throughout the night. Weather misty and unfavourable for observation during day over 300 yards.

T.F. BORWICK. Major.
Brigade Major 9th Infantry Brigade A.I.F.

30th November, 1916.

Bridge
Intelligence
Summaries

from 30th Oct 1916
to 31st Jan 1917

NINTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Intelligence Summary No. 2.From 6 a.m. 30th November to 6 a.m. 1st Dec. 1916.CONFIDENTIAL.OUR OPERATIONS.Artillery and Light Trench Mortars.

Right Battalion sub-sector - Our artillery was quiet along this front. A test shot was put on left centre Company; time taken 40 seconds.

Right Battalion sub-sector - Our artillery retaliated at 3 p.m. for enemy Minenwerfer bombardment; 12 shots (presumably 18-pdrs.) fired, falling between enemy front and support lines.

Machine Guns.

No. 5 gun fired 750 rounds in I.12 Central I.12.d.0.7 roads, trenches and tracks. No. 6 gun fired 750 rounds I.17.d.8.4 - I.18.c.3.0 Road from LA BLENE - BAS TROU. Indirect fire on I.6.b. 8.9 roads and trenches round LE TEMPLE and I.12.b.9.8 trenches and road. Intermittent light bombardments during afternoon.

Patrols.

From I.10.1 at 9.30 p.m., returning 10.30 p.m. Reached enemy wire and saw enemy repairing his trench and parapet where bombarded on 29th inst. Patrol from I.5.1 following the BECQUE report enemy wire N. of BECQUE much cut up. Met enemy patrol in this locality of three men who quickly retired. Our wire was found to be in good condition with exception of about five yards on left flank of I.5.1. near gap F. A patrol reconnoitred our abandoned trench system in front of I.5.3, being much hampered by enemy Verrey lights and search lights and were repeatedly fired on by enemy snipers.

ENEMY OPERATIONSMinenwerfer.

At about 2.40 p.m. enemy shelled our support area I.5.3 and I.5.4 and then shortened range until several were put in our front line trenches I.5.3, damaging the parapet, knocking down a listening post, and burying a quantity of S.A.A. - 18 shells dropped altogether. No casualties and everything was quickly put in order. Enemy swept parapet of right Battalion sub-sector with Machine gun fire at frequent intervals during the night.

Enemy defences.

Activity shown in construction of communication trench opposite I.5.1. Work also proceeding in enemy front line opposite I.5.5.

Enemy movement.

Enemy, apparently dressed in blue Prussian uniform, seen in trench opposite I.5.1. Enemy bombed his own wire in front of left Company Right Battalion. Enemy fired number of rifle grenades into left Company Right Battalion frontage during afternoon.

Communications.

Verrey lights and searchlights very active along front.

Miscellaneous.

Snipers of Right Battalion estimate that they shot three of enemy during day. Listening posts from Right Battalion report enemy quiet.

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APPENDIX