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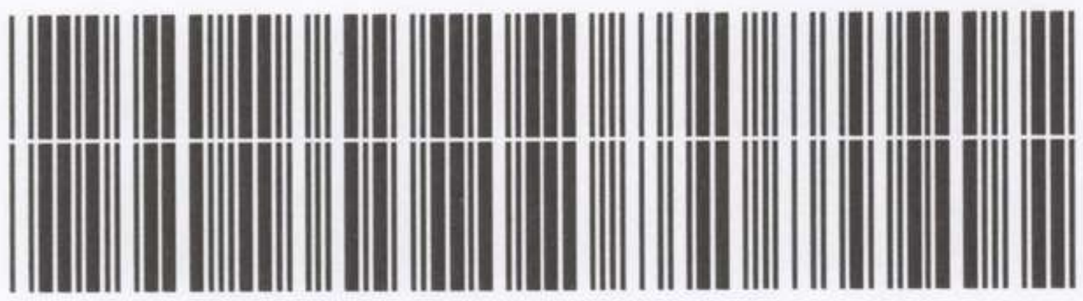

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SABOT COPSE BAZENTIN	1.2.17		Training carried out by all units. Live Bomb throwing Practice by 9th 11th & 12th Bns. Fatigues by forward units — Reconnoitring parties to 1st & 2nd Bde. H.Q. & front line. Bde. Order No. 5 issued for transfer of 9th & 10th Bns. — 9th to ALBERT & 10th to SITE 4 (S8B16) — Casualties to noon — Nil.	APPENDIX "A" BDE. ORDER No. 5
"	2.2.17		Training & fatigues carried out by units. 9th & 10th Bns. transferring billets & camps. 9th at ALBERT — 10th at SITE 4 (S8B16). Move completed by 1600. Order No. 6 issued for 3rd. A.M.G. Coy & 3rd. A.L.T.M. Battery to move from MILLENCOURT to WELSH PIONEER CAMP, FRICOURT. Casualties to noon — Nil.	APPENDIX "B" BDE. ORDER No. 6.
"	3.2.17		Training & fatigues carried out by units. 3rd. Amly. Coy & 3rd. M.T.M. Battery move from MILLENCOURT to FRICOURT in accordance with Bde. Order No. 6.	
"	4.2.17		Training & fatigues carried out by units. Training in attack by 9th Bn. Reconnoitring parties to front line.	
"	5.2.17		Training & fatigues by units. Training in attack by 9th Bn. Reconnoitring parties to front line. Live bomb throwing by all units. Capt. L.S. TOLLENACHE (Brigade Major) returned	

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SABOT COPSE BAZENTIN	6.2.17		Training and working parties. Special training continued by 9th Bn in ALBERT. Reconnaissance of left Bde Sector by all unit representatives continued.	Diary
"	7.2.17		as above.	Diary
"	8.2.17		as above	Diary
"	9.2.17		As above. 3rd Aus Inf Bde Order issued for attack on the MAZE.	Bde Order No 7 Appendix "C" Diary
"	10.2.17		As above. 3rd Aus Inf Bde Order issued for relief of 1st Aus Inf Bde.	Bde Order No 8 Diary. Appendix "D"
"	11.2.17		Relief of 1st Bde commenced. 12th Bn relieve 4th Bn in Left Subsection and 10th Bn relieve 2nd Bn in Support.	Diary
"	12.2.17		Relief of 1st Bde continued. 11th Bn relieve 1st Bn in right subsection. The 9th Bn remain at ALBERT. Relief of 1st Bde completed by 2100. Pending arrival of 9th Bn in the left Bde Area, one Bn at MAMETZ Wood Camp of Reserve (1st) Brigade is placed at disposal of G.O.C 3rd Bde as Reserve Bn.	Diary
HOUGH DROP				

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COUGH DROP EAUCOURT L'ABBAYE Sector	13.2.17		Casualties to 12 noon — Nil — Our artillery were active shelling the MAZE also in retaliation for hostile trench Mortar fire. Our machine Guns carried out Indirect fire against selected targets behind enemy line. Enemy artillery more active than usual. SWITCH DUMP was set on fire by a shell and some 106 rounds were fired in M29A. Our positions in M24 were frequently shelled. Work was continued on deepening and improving the front line bays; also Communications to YARRA BANK and along PIONEER Avenue. GABY GLIDE Avenue was deepened. Work on dugouts at M29A9.0, M24A9.1, M24B2.3 & 1.3, and M17D9.1. Front continues — observation fair	25
"	14.2.17		Casualties to 12 noon:- 11th Bde 3 O/R wounded, 12th Bde 2 O/R wounded. Our Artillery shelled with Heavies GIRD Trenches in M17B and M18C. Fire observed to be very effective. Indirect Machine Gun fire carried out on positions in rear of enemy's line. Our L.T.Ms Battery fired registering shots on HOOK SAP and 40 rounds at selected positions in the MAZE. 2 Patrols from right Battalion and two from left visited enemy wire. ~~Both~~ all 3 report enemy wire considerably damaged and very thin opposite left Bde. Work continued as above. Enemy artillery were active throughout the day — only slight damage was done. Day fine, slight thaw during sunlight, freezing at night, observation fair.	26

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COUGH DROP EAUCOURT L'ABBAYE	15.2.17		Ref Map 57 C S W Casualties to 12 noon : 10th Bn ; O/R wounded, 11th Bn 1 officer (Capt TEAGUE. H.O) killed. 12th Bn 4 O/R wounded. GIRD TRENCH (M 11 A 9.7 to M 18 C 6.2) effectively shelled by our heavies. Our 18 pdrs. active on enemy troops in rear & on T.Ms. in GIRD TR. Our T.Ms. active on front line & M.G. & T.M position opposite. Our planes active - one brought down in direction LE BARQUE. Our M.G.s. active on selected targets by in direct fire. Our patrols active & found enemy wire damaged in places. Improvements to front line - connecting up posts etc. continued. YARRA RESERVE, GABY GLIDE, PIONEER SUPPORT, PIONEER AVENUE work of deepening, widening & revetting. Dugouts by Tunnelling Coy improved & excavation continued. Enemy Artillery more active than usual - this T.Ms. opposite the MAZE were vigorous during night. Weather fine - thaw during day - frost at night	Appx 4
"	16.2.17		Casualties to 12 noon : 10th Bn. 1 O/R wounded 11th Bn. 1 O/R wounded 12th Bn. 5 O/R. wounded 1 O/R killed BAYONET TRENCH and CHORD LINE heavily shelled by our "heavies" & T.Ms. Vigorous retaliation by all for enemy's shelling of our area with T.Ms. M.Gs. active on enemy's approaches. Our patrols active scanning enemy's wire & keeping communication between posts. Enemy's mortars becoming very active. (over)	Appx 4

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EQUANCOURT L'ABBAYE COUGH DROP	16.2.17		Ref Map. 57C. S.W. Enemy occupying THE MAZE showing signs of "jumpiness". On slightest movement heavy T.M. barrages are put up. Great use of flares. Aeroplane activity on both sides. Work on GABY GLIDE, PIONEER SUPPORT, PIONEER ALLEY, PIONEER AVENUE & YARRA RESERVE continued - shelters & dugouts improved. Front line posts & saps improved & saps extended. Excavation on 5 dugouts continued. Brigade Order No. 9 issued - "Operations against THE MAZE" - Cancelling Brigade Order No. 7. Capt. L. S. TOLLEMACHE (Brigade Major) evacuated sick. Capt. H. N. HENWOOD as Acting Brigade Major. Observation good. Thaw continuing.	APPENDIX "E" BDE. ORDER No. 9
"	17.2.17		Casualties to 12 noon: 10th Bn. 4 O/R killed 6 O/R wounded: 11th Bn. 1 O/R killed 3 O/R wounded: 12th Bn. 4 O/R killed 2 O/R wounded: 1 officer (Capt. J.A.W. KAYSER) killed, 1 officer (Lieut. C.N. RICHARDSON) wounded. Enemy T.Ms. active from THE MAZE. Our artillery & T.Ms. fired in retaliation eventually silencing enemy. Our machine guns active with indirect fire on selected targets. Communication patrols reported all correct. 2 Patrols from right reported wire damaged at N 18 C 55.10. Patrol from N 24 A 79 to N 24 A 86 & about 20 yards wire cutting programme arranged with T.Ms. PIONEER ALLEY & SUPPORT revetted & deepened. YARRA RESERVE & front line saps improved. Dugouts continued - excavation continued. Very heavy fog during morning & towards evening.	

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EAUCORT L'ABBAYE — COUGH DROP	18.2.17		Casualties to noon: 9th Bn. 1 O/R killed 2 O/R wounded. THE MAZE was subjected to a heavy shelling by 18 pdrs. combined with T.Ms. Machine guns did indirect fire on tracks etc. in rear of MAZE. 2 Patrols from Rt. flank Bn. examined enemy's wire. A mound at M 21 A 9.6 was examined & is suspected as advanced M.G. position. Lt. Bn. sent out strong bombing party & bombed enemy position with rifle grenades - all returned safely. Work on PIONEER SUPPORT & ALLEY widened & deepened. Excavations for S.A.A. & Grenade Dumps commenced at YARRA BANK 40 yds PIONEER ALLEY duckwalks relaid - draining also done. GLISSADE WALK new duckboards & wired to COUGH DROP. VISUAL Signalling Station being constructed. Enemy less active than usual. Bde. Order No. 10 issued - Relief of 12th Bn. in left subsector by 10th Bn. in support. Visibility low - very misty.	BDE. ORDER No. 10 APPENDIX "F"
"	19.2.17		Casualties to noon: Nil. Effective shooting on THE MAZE & trenches in vicinity by heavies, 18 pdrs. & T.Ms. Machine Guns again swept enemy's approaches throughout	

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EAUCORT L'ABBAYE COUGH DROP	19.2.17		the night. Patrols from Right flank report wire not much broken at M18C52 but somewhat damaged M24338. Work on GABY GLIDE, YARRA trenches, PIONEER trenches reexcavations for dumps of SAA & Grenades continued. Mining Coy on dugouts - excavating. Visual Signal station at Support Bde. H.Q. now completed. Enemy "heavies" active in M24C & M30A & YARRA BANK. Indirect enemy M.G. active during night over right sector. Relief between 10th & 12th Bns. successfully carried out by 2145. (Bde. Order No. 10) Low visibility owing to fogs - Rain during night.	App. 6.
"	20.2.17		Casualties to-hour: 10th Bn. 1 O/R. wounded "Heavies" shelled the MAZE from 1000 to 1800. Fire on M18C reported effective. Enemy's L.D.M. were silenced by our T.M's. M.G. swept enemy's wire during the night & indirect fire on new approaches. Patrols report wire at M24978 considerably broken. Wiring on point of MAZE very thick. Communication patrols active - Nothing unusual to report. Front line trench from M24A56 to M18C3500 improved & duckboards (24 yds) laid. Repairs to Rt Bn. front line continued. GABY GLIDE continued 60 x Com-	App. 6.

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EAUCORT L'ABBAYE — COUGH DROP	20.2.17		struction of 3 for ward ammunition dumps continued. 2 URK AVENUE reached for 12'. Improvements made to PIONEER ALLEY. 3 sets timber on deep dugout at M24 A13 & work continued on 4 others. Bde. Order. No 11 issued — 9th Bn. to move from ALBERT to Site 4 (S8B16)	APPENDIX "G." BDE. ORDER No. 11 [signature]
"	21.2.17		Casualties to 12 noon: 10th Bn. 2 O/R. wounded. Effective shooting by field & howitzers on GIRDTRENCH reported. A 6 min bombardment with field guns on the MAZE from 2030 to 2036 drew no reply. Unusual alertness of enemy from 2100 to 2300. Effective shooting by T-Ms. on MAZE. Indirect V.M.G. position built at M29 D0777. L.M.G. fired intermittently in enemy's wire during night. Patrols report wire damaged at M18 C61. ~~[illegible]~~ Sounds of enemy working on wire behind his trench. Damage to wire at M24 B45-85. NO MAN'S LAND considerably broken up & very muddy. HEXHAM ROAD is being drained. All communications, saps etc. progressed with. EAUCORT L'ABBAYE heavily shelled. Visibility poor owing to fog. 9th Battn. established at SITE 4 by 1600. Bde. Order No. 12 issued. — 9th Bn. to relieve 11th Bn. in right subsector — 11th Bn. to go to Site 4. — on night of 22/23rd. February.	APPENDIX "H" BDE. ORDER No. 12 [signature]

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EAUCORT L'ABBAYE COUCH DROP	22.2.17		Casualties to 12 noon: 9th Bn. 1 O/R wounded; 11th Bn. 1 O/R wounded; 12th Bn. 1 O/R wounded. Our artillery fired on to HOOK SAP. 2 parties of Germans seen to leave their trenches & run across open into other trenches. Machine Guns active on selected targets & indirect fire in vicinity of the MAZE. Our L.T.Ms. silenced 2 enemy T.M. & 1 Machine Gun. Communication patrols active during the night. Relief of 11th Bn. by 9th in Right subsector successfully complete by 2000. Grenade & SAA dumps completed at M24A64, M24B43 & M30B08 (YARRA RESERVE) was widened & deepened for 1100 yds. Work on Saps, PIONEER ALLEY, GABY GLIDE & YARRA RESERVE were improved. V.M.G. emplacement reconstructed at M29B2500. Enemy artillery active during the day – his M.G. swept rear approaches during the night. Visibility – poor. Bde. Order No. 13 issued – Operation on the MAZE – Order No. 9 Cancelled.	APPENDIX "I" BDE. ORDER No. 13. [illegible]
"	23.2.17		Casualties to 12 noon: Effective firing by Heavy artillery & T.Ms. on to the MAZE, GIRD & BAYONET TRENCHES. Enemy retaliated with T.Ms. Indirect M.G. fire brought to bear on enemys tracks & supports	[illegible]

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EQUANCOURT L'ABBAYE COUGH DROP	23.2.17		Improvement to sap communications continued. Mining dugouts progressed with. Bde Order no. 14 issued – 11th Bn. from Sub 4 to relieve 9th Bn in right subsector	APPENDIX "J" Bde. ORDER no. 14 Ans.
"	24.2.17		Casualties to 12 noon: Included in total Casualties for operation. Patrols from 9th & 10th reported unusual inactivity on part of enemy in his front line during night of 23/24th & further patrols were ordered to ascertain if enemy had vacated his front line. On morning of 24th reports from further west confirmed this statement. During night enemy heavily shelled our position and also his own front line. Orders were sent to the 9th & 10th Battn. to send out patrols at 1830 & examine enemy's front line & to send report back by 2030 when whole line would move forward to enemy's position – patrols again to push forward to BANK TRENCH and GIRD SUPPORT. Left Brigade	Ans.

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EAUCOURT L'ABBAYE — COUGH DROP —	24.2.17		Right Brigade would cooperate. Bde. Order. No.15 issued dealing with 9th & 10th moving forward to & beyond enemy front line. 2110 - Order to 9th Battn. to conform as closely as possible to line laid down in Operation Order No.13 - Attack on the MAZE. 2015 - Orders to C.O. 11th Bn. - 1 Coy. to SWITCH DUMP (carrying to left subsector) 1 Coy to TURK DUMP (carrying to Right subsector) 1 Coy to YORK DUMP (pushing on railway) 1 Coy to COUGH DROP as Bde reserve. 11th Bn. moved forward from BAZENTIN at 2135 fully equipped. 2200 - 9th Battn. in new position & patrols push forward to ~~B...~~ BANK TRENCH. 2225 - 10th Battn. moving to GIRD TRENCH. Patrol reported all quiet 2245 - 9th " report good dugouts in new position. 2265 - Enemy shelling the MAZE. 2305 - 9th Bn. beyond BLUE CUT ROAD & line of outposts connected up. 2325 - Orders sent to 9th & 10th that touch with enemy must be maintained.	APPENDIX "K" BDE. ORDER No. 15 Appx 1

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EAUCORT L'ABBAYE — COUGH DROP —	25.2.17		0050 - Order to 10th Bn. that communication with 9th Bn. must be obtained by 0120. 0135 - report received that communication established. 0125 - To 10th Bn. establish line M18A0035 along GIRD SUPPORT to BANK TRENCH & post at M18A80 with 2 L.M.G. & 30 rifles. 02220 - Message to 9th & 10th stating boundaries in advance to be: Left M17 central to H32 central - Centre BLUE CUT through LE BARQUE to N20A00 - Right to YELLOW CUT at N13A0560 along road to N7C53 to N7B5550 to N2C7560 0225 - Enemy encountered at M18B71 - strong patrol sent to deal with them. 0330 - Boundaries for advance now - Left M17 central to H32 central - Centre BLUE CUT through LE BARQUE to N2A00 - Right M18D75 to H33B53 thro' crossroads N2D14. 0845 - Orders to 10th Bn. to attack & take strong point M17B95 with Stokes & rifle grenadiers. 0855 - Report received - contact with left Bde. but left flank only in GIRD TRENCH with right Coy in GIRD SUPPORT. 1010 - Orders to 9th & 10th Bns. - Objective now LIME TRENCH - N13B 0015 - OAT LANE - WHEAT TRENCH. To push forward to new objective & make use of fog - keep communication with	Am. S.

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EAUCORT L'ABBAYE — COUGH DROP —	25.2.17		flanks & push patrols forward. 1100 - Bde. order no. 16 issued for relief of 10th Battn. by 12th Bn. in ~~right~~ left subsector during afternoon. 2 Coys. of 10th Bn. to come under command of 9th Bn. & 2 Coys. under 12th Bn. Bde. HQ. to move from COUGH DROP to YARRA RESERVE (M30A7.5). 11th Bn. to move forward to COUGH DROP from BAZENTIN. 1537 - 2 prisoners 5th Grenadier Guards captured by 9th Bn. 1620 - Aeroplane reports MALT TRENCH bet. LIGNY & BAPAUME ROAD fairly strongly held - confirmed by prisoners. 10th Bn. report when approaching SWITCH TRENCH heavy fire from MALT TRENCH. Artillery support asked for on MALT TRENCH prior to attack. 1700 - 2nd. Battery to move forward 4 Guns to BANK TR. in readiness 1805 - Orders to 9th & 12th Bns. to organise strong bombing parties against MALT TRENCH 2043 - Message to 9th & 12th Bns. that night Bde. orders to occupy BARLEY TR. & to keep touch & move forward to line WHEAT TR. — RYE TRENCH. 2100 - Rt. Bn., left Brigade, report at wire at MALT TR. & trying to find Gaps. When in to shout down towards our left Battn. & maintain touch with our troops.	APPENDIX "L" BDE. ORDER No. 16

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EAUCORT L'ABBAYE — YARRA RESERVE —	25.2.17		2151 - Front line reports with exception~~s~~ heavy shelling - position normal. 2210 - Message to 9th & 12th that 2nd Brigade are to consolidate BARLEY TRENCH night 25/26th. by series of strong posts from N15a A00 to N7 D35-00 - patrols from strong posts to push forward & examine approaches to TILL TR. & THILLOY. 9th & 12th Bns. to attack MALT TRENCH with strong bombing parties with 5th Bde. & to push patrols into LE BARQUE. Artillery will keep TILL TR. under fire all night. 2311 - Message to 9th & 12th Bns that 2nd Bde. report posts in BARLEY TRENCH up to N7D53 - no enemy - enemy shelled position with 77 mm. guns. 9th Bn. to move forward & establish post in RYE TR. & connect with 12th Bn. Line then will run WHEAT, RYE & BARLEY.	App. I.
"	[illegible]		2000 - Bde. Order No. 17 issued - 11th Bn. to relieve 9th Bn. in right subsector & 9th Bn. to move to COUGH DROP. (on 26th Febr.)	APPENDIX "M" BDE. ORDER No. 17
"	26.2.17		0135 - 12th Bn. will push at dawn on MALT TR. from BATTERY COPSE to BLUE CUT ROAD. 5th Bde. will cooperate when possible. Right Battn. will cooperate by keeping touch. 0800 - 12th Bn. unable to gain frontal entrance owing to heavy wire. 0900 - 20 12th Bn. reporting 9th has moved forward	App. I.

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EAUCORT L'ABBAYE — YARRA RESERVE	26.2.17.		1035 - 20 9.2 & 12.2 Bns. Artillery will bombard MALT TR. and LE BARQUE from 1130 to 1330. 9.2 Bn. will endeavour establish posts beyond village & 12.2 to left of village with object of working behind MALT TR. Posts to be established by 9.2 Bn. at N7A70 N7A44 & by 12.2 Bn. at M12B94 & M12B72. 1135 - 9.2 & 12.2 Bn. informed prisoners report road in front of LE BARQUE mined. 5th Bde. will attack MALT TR. from M12 central to BAPAUME ROAD. 12.2 Bn. will cooperate by establishing posts & bombing up MALT TR. from BLUE CUT. 1302 - 2o M.G. Coy to mool 2 more guns to WHEAT TRENCH with view to bombard LE BARQUE if necessary. 1315 - 2o M.G. Coy. to push forward A.A. guns as far as possible. 1510 - 9.2 Bn. sending bombing party along MALT TR. to form bombing stop at M12D5-8 1512 - 12.2 Bn. report bombing party moving up MALT TR. from BLUE CUT ROAD. 1640 - 12.2 Bn. report in occupation MALT TR. up to BATTERY COPSE. 5th Bde. report they are sending up party to push from BAPAUME ROAD. 1915 - 2o 9.2 & 12.2 Bns. 2 Stokes sent forward to cooperate with front line to cooperate with front line troops to deal with strong posts. 12.2 Bns to arrange	W.D.

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EAUCORT L'ABBAYE — YARRA RESERVE —	26.2.17		with 2 guns sent to GIRD SUPPORT to move forward to front line. 1955 - Enemy reported using tear shells over front troops. 2025 - Orders to 11th & 12th for posts ordered to be established round LE BARQUE before dawn, systematic mopping up of village. Posts then to be established at (11th Bn) N7B32, N7B16 & (12th Bn) N7A79, N1C15.20 & in BARK TR. Moppers up to clean up this line.	Appx 1.
"	27.2.17		0100 - Bde order No. 18 issued - Relief of 3rd. Bde by 1st. Bde during night of 27/28th. 0300 - Posts established round LE BARQUE at N7A30, N7A45, N7B94, N12B82 & N12 central. Patrols pushed forward to establish posts around LIGNY at N7B32, N7B16, N7A79, N1C15.20 & BARK TRENCH. Enemy M.Gs. active from LIGNY & our flanks. 0555 - Enemy reported to be destroying his dugouts. 0825 - Line of posts established round LIGNY. Enemy retiring along MISTY WAY towards BAPAUME. 0907 - Message to 12th that 5th Bde. will take over BARK TR. as it is in their area. 0910 - Post being established in THILLOY at BUCHANAN'S CROSS. 0945 - Prisoners of 5th Grenadier Guards captured by 12th Bn.	APPENDIX "N" BDE ORDER No. 18 — Appx 2. — 16

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Place	Date	Hour	Map reference Sheet 57C S.W. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EAUCORT L'ABBAYE YARRA RESERVE	27.2.17.		1005 - Reconnaissance of roads in new area show impassable at present for movement of guns & transport - except horses & small bodies of troops. 1200 - Rt. Bn. of left Bde. occupied MALT SUPPORT - M12A97 - BAPAUME ROAD. Post being pushed forward junction MISTY WAY & BAPAUME ROAD. Rein. left Bn. advancing to MALT TR. from BAPAUME ROAD to LOUPART ROAD 1415 - Establish posts at dusk in advance through THILLOY - 11th Bn. N2C81 - N2C central - N2C06. 12th Bn N1D66 - N1C97 to link with post N1C23. 11th Bn. to mop up THILLOY. Rt. Bde. to establish posts at N8A64 & N8A87. Communication by patrols. When completed to be handed over to relief. 2124 - Line of posts established - 2 prisoners captured. 2135 - Reported enemy evacuated TILL TR. TOTAL VILLAGES CAPTURED - 3 - LE BARQUE - LIGNY - THILLOY APPROXIMATE ADVANCE - 3500 yards (over 1 sq. mile) PRISONERS - 8 (5 Grenadier Guards & Foot Guards) TROPHIES - 2 Machine Guns.	W.D.

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Place	Date	Hour	Map Reference Sheet 57C S.W. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EAUCOURT L'ABBAYE. VARRA RESERVE	27.2.16.		Casualties during Operations — 9th Battn. — 4 officers killed (Lieut. J.F. HILTON — W. ADAMS — L.T. BARNETT — A.A. CAMERON); 15 O.R. killed 63 O.R. wounded 10th Battn. — 2 officers killed (2/Lieut. C.G. WHITEFORD — H.T. COLLISON) 7 officers wounded (Capt. G.C. CAMPBELL — Lieut J.G. SINCLAIR 2/Lieut. E.C. HARVEY — C.R. SUTTON — C.R. ALLANSON — Lieut. J. DEC. HARRISON 2/Lieut F.J.S. MEAD); 7 O.R. killed 50 O.R. wounded. 11th Battn. — 14 O.R. killed 36 O.R. wounded. 12th Battn. — 8 officers wounded (Captains L.E. BURT — J.E. NEWLAND — H. WEBBER — Lieuts. E.W.D. LAING — F. MARRIOTT — F.E. PRIDDY — M. BENSLEY — S.W. DOBSON); 16 O.R. killed 48 O.R. wounded. 3rd. A.L.T.M.B. — 1 O.R. killed 1 O.R. wounded. 3rd. A.M.G. Coy. — Nil. Copy of Summary of Operations attached. Map showing above attacked	APPENDIX "O" SUMMARY APPENDIX "P" MAP
"	28.2.16		Brigade were relieved during night of 27/28 by 1st. Bde. moved back to Camps at BAZENTIN — with exception of fatigue the men were rested during the day.	

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Place	Date	Hour	MAP REFERENCE SHEET 57C S.W. Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAZENTIN				
SITE 5	28/2/17		Instructions were issued to 10th & 12th Battns. to move to DERNANCOURT on 1st. March at 0900 & 0930 respectively - & to carry out training	Ans.
			A. Hemwood Capt. Brigade Major	
			1st March 1917. 3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade.	

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 5.

Brigade Headquarters,
1st. February, 1917.

Reference Map
ALBERT 1/40,000.

1. The 9th. Battalion will move in file to billets occupied by the 10th. Battalion in ALBERT and the 10th. Battalion will move in file to Camp occupied by 9th. Battalion at Site 4 S.8.B.1.6. on 2nd. February.

2. Route via ALBERT-BAPAUME ROAD CONTALMAISON.

3. Hour of start - 1300.

4. Intervals to be maintained on march -

100 yards between platoons and every (6) six vehicles.

5. Advance parties of 1 Officer and 4 N.C.O's. from each Unit will report in advance to take over new areas.
Similar parties will remain behind to hand over camps to incoming unit.

6. No Government property forming part of camp equipment of camps now occupied will be removed.

7. Mutual arrangements will be made between units respecting transfer of transport lines.

8. Advice by wire will be sent on completion of move.

9. Acknowledge.

[signature]
..... Captain
a/Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 6.

Brigade Headquarters,
2nd. February, 1917.

Reference Map
ALBERT 1/40,000.

1. The 3rd. A.M.G. Company and 3rd. A.L.T.M.Battery will move in file to WELSH PIONEER CAMP, FRICOURT and take over site occupied by 10th. Battalion at FRICOURT on 3rd. February.

2. The C.O. 3rd. A.M.G. Company will be in command of the Column on the move.

3. Route -- via ALBERT.

4. Hour of Start - 0930.

5. Intervals to be maintained on march -
200 yards between Transport and marching troops.

6. Advance parties of 1 Officer and 1 N.C.O. from each Unit will report in advance to take over new area.

7. A certificate will be obtained from Town Major MILLENCOURT respecting cleanliness of camps vacated, and forwarded to this Office.

8. No Government property forming part of camp equipment of camps now occupied will be removed.

9. Transport lines previously held by 10th. Battalion at FRICOURT FARM will be taken over by 3rd. A.M.G. Company.

10. Advice by wire will be sent on completion of move.

11. Acknowledge.

.....
a/Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Captain

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 7.

Brigade Headquarters,
9th. February, 1917.

Reference Map -

LE SARS to LOUPART WOOD & LE BARQUE 1/10000.

1. The 9th. Australian Battalion will capture and consolidate that portion of the enemy's trenches known as the MAZE from M.18.D.4.0.. to M.18.C.7.2. and all enemy trenches South of and between these points. The attack will take place by night on a date and at an hour to be notified later. No reference except in code will be made to this operation over the telephone.

2. On the night of the operation attacks will take place or be simulated by special artillery bombardments against points on either flank.
Information regarding the enemy is as promulgated in Intelligence. Summaries issued from time to time.

3. The objective has been subjected to a daily bombardment which will be continued until date of operation.
The Artillery barrage for the operation will be in accordance with attached table.

4. The 9th. Battalion will be distributed for the attack as under while the 11th. Battalion holds that sector of the trenches opposite the objective : -

(a) 1 Company and 1 Lewis Gun will capture and hold BAYONET TRENCH from M.18.D.45.05. to M.24.A.90.75.
(b) 1 Company and 1 Lewis Gun will capture and hold GIRD TRENCH from M.24.A.90.75. to M.18.C.65.20.
(c) 1 Company and 6 Lewis Guns will capture and hold trench from M.18.D.35.00. to M.18.D.0.0. and thence along disused trench to M.18.C.65.20.
(d) Remainder in Reserve for carrying parties etc.

5. The 3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company and Light Trench Mortar Battery will cooperate with fire in accordance with attached table and will provide Liaison Officer at Central Post at M.24.A.95.50.

6. Special Targets for Heavy and Medium Trench Mortars are shown on table attached.

7. At Zero - 10 minutes assaulting parties will be formed up in NO MAN'S LAND on tapes parallel to the objective with a distance of 20 yards between waves.
At Zero enemy trench will be entered and Artillery, Vickers Guns and Trench Mortars will form barrages as per tables attached and will continue firing until daylight, firing rapid fire during first half hour and slackening to medium fire thereafter.

8. The 3rd. Australian Brigade Mining Company will connect YARRA BEND with M.24.B.35.98. and M.18.C.2.2. with M.18.C.7.2.
A communication trench will also be dug between M.24.A.90.75. and M.24.A.95.50. by men of Reserve Company 9th. Battalion.
Work as above to commence at Zero hour.

9. Carrying parties from present front line to objective will be detailed from 9th. Battalion and up to present front line from 11th. Battalion.

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10. Dumps of ammunition bombs and materials required will be established in our line at M.24.B.3.7. M.24.A.95.50. M.24.A.4.9.+ in YARRA BANK.

11. The Brigade Signal Officer will arrange for laying of armoured cable from Control post at M.24.A.95.50 to YARRA BEND and M.24.A.5.9. also for communication between 9th. Battalion, Artillery and Brigade Headquarters.

12. When once the position has been gained it will be held at all costs.

(a) Lewis Guns accompanied by bombers and party of Infantry mentioned in Para. 4 (c) will at once take up a position in shell holes at least 150 yards in advance of new line about M.18.D.3.1. - M.18.D.15.20. - M.18.C.90.30.

(B) Remainder of the Company which attacked the chord line will occupy dugouts in enemy trench and act as supports to the Lewis Gun Line.

(c) The two companies which attacked BAYONET and GIRD TRENCH will garrison those trenches until relieved.

(d) The garrison of the Chord Line and of BAYONET and GIRD Trenches will lodge an immediate counter-attack should the enemy regain the Lewis Gun Line or any portion of it. They will be accommodated in enemy dugouts but have observers to watch for S.O.S. Signals. On S.O.S. Signal being sent up by Lewis Gun Line, they will man their respective trenches, and if these are being shelled heavily, move forward to position of readiness for the counter attack.

(e) On S.O.S. Signal being given, Artillery, Vickers Guns and Trench Mortars will open fire on same barrage lines as for attack vide BARRAGE Table attached.

13. At 0700 on morning of operation a small blue Signal Flag will be placed on both flanks to mark new position. They will be withdrawn at 0800.

14. Watches will be synchronised with Brigade Signal Office at 1200, 1800 and 2400 on day before operation takes place.

15. All reports will be sent to Brigade Headquarters at the COUGH DROP.

16. Acknowledge.

.....Captain
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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TABLE OF ARTILLERY BARRAGE.

In connection with proposed operation on the MAZE.

BAYONET TRENCH. - M.18.D.7.1. to N.13.D.8.3. - Special attention to Machine Guns at N.13.C.20.25.& 30.25.

GIRD TRENCH. - M.18.C.55.35. to M.17.B.9.1. Special attention HOOK SAP and Machine Gun and Trench Mortars on road at M.18.C.4.7.

GIRD SUPPORT. - M.18.C.6.8. to M.18.D.2.3. to M.18.D.7.1. Special attention Machine Gun at M.18.D.2.3.

BANK TRENCH - M.18.A.8.1. to M.18.D.8.5. and Machine Guns at M.18.A.9.2. and M.18.Central.

TRACKS. - From M.18.B.Central to M.18.D.2.3. & M.18.C.9.5.

ROAD. - From M.18.D.2.3. to N.13.A. 1.6.

Le BARQUE and WHEAT TRENCHES.

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TABLE of VICKERS and TRENCH MORTAR BARRAGES.

(a) Vickers Machine Gun Fire to open at Zero Hour.

Position of Gun	Arc of fire
N.19.A.5.9. *	Sweep BAYONET TRENCH from M.18.D.5.1. to N.13.C.30.25.
M.24.B.9.6. YARRA BEND	M,18,D.7.2. to N.13.C.30.25.
M.18.C.13.	M.18,C.45.70 to M.18.C.65.25.
M.18.C.35.00.	do do

(b) Light Trench Mortar Batteries to open fire at Zero Hour.

M.18.C.1.3.	M.18.C.45.70.
M.18.C.3.0.	M.18.C.65.30.
YARRA BEND	M.18.D.6.2.
N.19.A.5.9. *	N.13.C.50.25.

(c) Medium Trench Mortar Batteries to open fire at Zero hour.

Positions to be chosen by O.C.	M.18.D.7.2. N.13.C.20.25. M.18.C.55.50. M.18.C.6.4.

(d) Heavy Trench Mortar Batteries to open fire at Zero Hour.

Positions to be chosen by O.C.	M.18.C.55.65. N.13.C.00.25.

* Those guns are being provided and manned under arrangements made by the G.O.C. 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade Order No.7, dated 9/2/17, is cancelled and all copies willbe destroyed.

NOTE. The table for Artillery Barrage will be forwarded later.

16/2/17.

R. C. Lenwood Captain.
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Infantry Bde.

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO.8. Appendix No D

Reference Map 57 C.S.E. 1/20000.

Brigade Headquarters,
10/2/17

1. The Brigade will relieve the 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade in left Sector of the 1st. Australian Divisional front in accordance with attached Table.

2. Details of relief will be arranged direct between Commanding Officers concerned subject to provisions of this order. Completion of relief will be reported in code to Brigade Headquarters.

3. Orders have been issued for sending forward of advance parties to include a proportion of specialists.

4. Advance and rear parties will be detailed to take over all camps and shelters.

5. All maps, photographs, schemes, plans of work and Trench Stores will be taken over and receipts given. Duplicate receipts will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters by 1200 on 13th. instant.

6. No movement forward of the Southern end of HIGH WOOD will take place before 1730 except in parties of not more than 3 men at 300 yards distance. Commanding Officers concerned will post traffic control posts to ensure that this is complied with.

7. The relief of Machine Gun Company and Light Trench Mortar Battery and Mining Company will be completed by 2100 on ~~13th.~~ 12th instant under arrangements to be made direct between C.O's. concerned.

8. Transport Lines of Units will not alter.

9. Distances of 100 yards will be maintained on the march between Platoons and every six vehicles.

10. Brigade Headquarters will close at SABOT COPSE at 1700 on 12th. instant and reopen same hour at the COUGH DROP.
The Command of the Sector will be assumed by the G.O.C. 3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade on completion of relief on night 12/13th. instant.

11. Acknowledge.

.....Captain
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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RELIEF TABLE ISSUED with 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 8.

Date	Unit	From	To	To relieve	Remarks
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Feb. 11/12th.	12th. Bn.	Sito 1 S.8.B.1.B.	Line Left sub-section.	4th. Bn.	
" "	10th. Bn.	Sito 4 S.8.b.1.6.	Support	2nd. Bn.	Overflow to Pioneer Camp S.8.B.2.8.
Feb. 11-13th.	3rd. M.G.Coy.	FRICOURT	Line	1st. M.G.Coy.	
"	3rd. T.M. Bty.	"	"	1st.L.T.M.B.	
"	3rd.Bde. Mining Coy.	BAZENTIN	"	Mining Platoons 1st. Bde.	
Feb. 12/13th	3rd.A.I. Bde.H.Q.	SABOT COPSE	COUGH DROP	1st.A.I.Bde.H.Q.	
"	11th. Bn.	Sito 3 S.8.C.8.9.	Line Right Subsection	1st. Bn.	
"	9th. Bn.	ALBERT	Site 4 S.8.B.1.6.		Camp vacated by 10th.Bn.

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 9.

Brigade Headquarters,
16th. February, 1917.

Reference Map -

LE SARS to LOUPART WOOD & LE BARQUE 1/10000.

1. The 9th. Australian Battalion will capture and consolidate that portion of the enemy's trenches known as the MAZE from M.18.D.4.0. to M.18.C.75.00. and all enemy trenches South of and between these points. The attack will take place by night on a date and at an hour to be notified later. No reference except in code will be made to this operation over the telephone.

2. On the night of the operation attacks will take place or be simulated by special artillery bombardments against points on either flank.
Information regarding the enemy is as promulgated in Intelligence Summaries issued from time to time.

3. The objective has been subjected to a daily bombardment which will be continued until date of operation.
The artillery barrage for the operation will be in accordance with attached table.

4. The 9th. Battalion will be distributed for the attack as under while the 11th. Battalion holds that sector of the trenches opposite the objective :-

(a) 1 Company and 1 Lewis Gun will capture and hold BAYONET TRENCH from M.18.D.45.05. to M.24.A.90.75.
(b) 1 Company and 1 Lewis Gun will capture and hold GIRD TRENCH from M.24.A.90.75. to M.18.C.75.00.
(c) 1 Company and 6 Lewis Guns will capture and hold trench from M.18.D.35.00. to M.18.C.75.00.
(d) Remainder for carrying parties etc.
In addition one Company of 11th. Battalion will be placed at disposal of C.O. 9th. Battalion and will act as Reserve.
(e) Posts will be constructed and held as follows :-

M.18.D.45.05.
M.18.D.25.05.
M.18.D.05.05.
M.18.C.90.05.
M.18.C.70.05.

5. The 3rd. Australian Machine Gun Company and Light Trench Mortar Battery will cooperate with fire in accordance with attached table and will provide Liaison Officer at Control Post at M.24.A.95.50.
Lewis Guns in battalions in our line will cooperate by bringing fire onto any suitable targets (such as enemy Machine Guns) on flanks of objective.

6. Special Targets for Heavy and Medium Trench Mortars are shown on table attached.

7. At zero - 10 minutes assaulting parties will be formed up in NO MAN'S LAND on tapes parallel to the objective with a distance of 20 yards between waves. Tape line will be laid 50 yards from our line.
At Zero enemy trench will be entered and Artillery, Vickers Guns and Trench Mortars will form barrages as per tables attached and will continue firing until daylight.

8. The 3rd. Australian Brigade Mining Company will connect YARRA BEND with M.24.B.35.98. and M.18.C.75.00. with M.24.A.45.80.
A communication trench will also be dug between M.24.A.90.75. and M.24.A.95.50. by 9th. Battalion (Party (d) Para. 4.).
Work as above to commence at Zero hour.

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9. Carrying parties from present front line to objective will be detailed from 9th. Battaltion and up to present front line from 11th. Battalion.

10. Dumps of ammunition bombs and materials required will be established in our line at M.24.B.5.8. M.24.A.95.50. M.24.A.4.9. & in YARRA BANK.

11. The Brigade Signal Officerwill arrange for laying of armoured cable from Control post at M.24.A.95.50. to YARRA BEND and M.24.A.5.8. also for communicationbetween 9th. Battalion, Artillery and Brigade Headquarters.

12. When once the position has been gained it will be held at all costs.

(a) Lewis Guns accompanied by bombers and party of Infantry mentioned in Para. 4 (c) will at once take up a position in shell holes at least 75 yards in advance of new line about M.18.D.3.0. - M.18.D.05.05.- M.18.C.80.05.

(b) Remainder of the Company which attacked the chord line will occupy dugouts in enemy trench and act as supports to the Lewis Gun Line.

(c) The two companies which attacked BAYONET and GIRD TRENCH will garrison these trenches until relieved.

(d) The garrison of the Chord Line and of BAYONET and GIRD Trenches will lodge an immediate counter-attack should the enemy regain the Lewis Gun Line or any portion of it. They will be accommodated in enemy dugouts but have observers to watch for S.O.S. Signals. On S.O.S. Signal being sent up by Lewis Gun Line, they will man their respective trenches, and if these are being shelled heavily, move forward to position of readiness for the counter attack.

(e) On S.O.S. Signal being given, Artillery, Vickers Guns and Trench Mortars will open fire on same barrage lines as for attack vide BARRAGE Table attached.

13. At 0700 on morning of operation a small blue Signal Flag will be placed on both flanks to mark new position. They will be withdrawn at 0800.

14. Watches will be synchronised with Brigade Signal Office at 1200, 1800 and 2400 on day before operation takes place.

15. All reports will be sent to Brigade Headquarters at the COUGH DROP.

16. Acknowledge.

.....E. Lee Lennard..... Captain
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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TABLE of VICKERS and TRENCH MORTAR BARRAGES

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(a) Vickers Machine Gun Fire to open at Zero - 2"

Position of Gun.	Arc of fire.
N.19.A.5.9. *	Sweep BAYONET TRENCH from M.18.D.5.1 to N.13.C.30.25.
M.24.B.9.6. YARRA BEND	M.18.D.7.2. to N.13.C.30,25.
M.18.C.13.	M.18.C.45.70. to M.18.C.7.2.
M.18.C.35.00.	do. do.

Remaining guns will by indirect fire form Barrage on BANK TRENCH and track leading to MAZE.

(b) Light Trench Mortar Batteries to open fire at Zero - 2" till dawn.

M.18.C.1.3.	M.18.C.45.70.
M.18.C.3.0. (2 guns)	M.18.C.7.2.
YARRA BEND (2 guns)	M.18.D.6.2.
N.19.A.5.9. *	N.13.C.50.25.

L.T.M. B. to fire from Zero - 2 to zero.

ϕ 4 Guns on to trenches to be attacked

(c) Medium Trench Mortar Batteries to open fire at Zero -2".

Positions to be chosen by O.C. — M.18.D.6.1, N.13.C.20.25 & 30.25, M.18.C.55.50, M.18.C.6.4.

(d) Heavy Trench Mortar Batteries to open fire at Zero - 2".

Positions to be chosen by O.C. — ϕ M.18.C.2.8, M.18.D.8.1, M.18.D.0.0.

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* These guns are being provided and manned under arrangements made by the G.O.C. 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

ϕ S.C.S. line will be as above except for the 4 Stokes and 1 L.T.M. firing on trenches to be attacked.

Rapid fire will be required from Zero - 2" to Zero + 15" thereafter slow intermittent fire.

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 10.

Brigade Headquarters,
18th. February, 1917.

Map Reference Sheet -
57 C.S.W.

1. The 10th. Battalion from Support will relieve the 12th. Battalion in the left sub-sector on the night of the 19/20th. February, and the 12th. Battalion will move into support.

2, Details of relief will be arranged between C.O's. concerned.

3. Advanced parties, including a proportion of specialists of 10th. Battalion will be sent forward 24 hours before the relief takes place.

4. C.O's. will arrange that all working parties now being provided will continue on until relieved.

5. All trench Stores, secret maps and documents, Defence Schemes etc. will be taken over and a duplicate receipt will be forwarded to this Office by 1200 on 20th. February.

6. Completion of relief will be wired in code to Brigade Headquarters.

7. Acknowledge.

[signature]
..... Captain
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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11.	4th. Inf. Brigade	"	"
12.	1st. Aust. Division	"	"
13.	1st. Field Coy.	"	"
14.	Left Group Artillery	"	"
15.	1st. Field Ambulance	"	"
16.	Staff Captain	Orderly	"
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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 11.

Brigade Headquarters,
20th. February, 1917.

Map Reference Sheet -
ALBERT 1/40,000.

1. The 9th. Battalion will move in file from billets in ALBERT to Site 4 (S.8.B.1.6.) at BAZENTIN on 21st. February.

The Brigade Band will move with 9th. Battalion and be camped at Site 4.

2. Route - via ALBERT - BAPAUME Road and CONTALMAISON.

3. Hour of Start - 1330.

4. Intervals to be maintained on the march -

100 yards between platoons and every six (6) vehicles.

5. Advance party of 1 Officer and 4 N.C.O's. will report to take over new area.

6. A certificate will be obtained from Town Major, ALBERT, respecting cleanliness of billets vacated and forwarded to this Office.

7. Transport lines will not be moved.

8. Advice by wire will be sent to Brigade Headquarters on completion of move.

9. Acknowledge.

E. Lee Kenwood

..... Captain
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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12.	Town Major ALBERT	"	"
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14.	Staff Captain	Orderly	"
15.	Brigade Signal Officer	"	"
16.	O.C. Deatils, PIONEER CAMP.	D.R.	"

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 12.

Brigade Headquarters,
21st. February, 1917.

Map Reference Sheet 57 C.S.W.

1. The 9th. Battalion from Site 4 (S.8.B.1.6.) will relieve the 11th. Battalion in the Right subsector on the night of the 22nd./23rd. February and the 11th. Battalion will move into Site 4 (S.8.B.1.6.).

2. Details of relief will be arranged between C.O's. concerned.

3. Advanced parties, including a proportion of specialists of 9th. Battalion, will be sent forward 24 hours before the relief takes place.

4. C.O's. will arrange that all working parties now being provided will continue until relieved.

5. No movement forwardof the Southern end of HIGH WOOD will take place before 1745 except in parties of not more than three (3) men at 300 yards distance.

6. All trench stores, secret maps and documents, Defence Schemes etc. will be taken over and a duplicate receipt will be forwarded to this Office by 1200 on 23rd. February.

7. Completion of relief will be wired in Code to Brigade Headquarters.

8. Acknowledge.

E. Wakefield
..... Captain
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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13.	1st. Field Coy.	"	"
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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,
22nd. February, 1917.

3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 9, dated 16th. February, 1917 is cancelled, and attached Order (No. 13, dated 22nd. February, 1917) is issued in lieu thereof.

.....Captain
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 13. Appendix No I

Brigade Headquarters,

Reference Map -

22nd. February, 1917.

LE SARS to LOUPART WOOD & LE BARQUE 1/10000.

1. The 9th. Australian Battalion will capture and consolidate that portionof the enemy's trenches known as the MAZE from M.18.D.4.0. to M.18.C.75.00. and all enemy's trenches South of and between these points. The attack will take place by night on a date and at an hour to be notified later. No reference except in code will be made to this operation over the telephone.

2. On the night of the operation attacks will take place or be simulated by special artillery bombardments against points on either flank.
Information regarding the enemy is as promulgated in Intelligence Summaries issued from time totime.

3. The objective has been subjected to a daily bombardment which will be continued until date of operation.

4. At Zero - 30 minutes assaulting parties will be formed up in our front line.
The field artillery barrage will open at zero on the enemy's line. This will be the signal for the infantry to launch the assault, and for the machine gun and trench mortar barrages to open.
At Zero + 4 minutes the barrage will make the first lift. The infantry will press close up under the barrage, and immediately it lifts will rush the enemy's position. The barrage will creep back at the rate of 25 yards per minute after the first lift.

5. The 9th. Battalion will be distributed for the attack as under, while the 11th. Battalion holds that sector of the trenches opposite the objective :-

(a) 1 Company and 1 Lewis Gun will capture and hold BAYONET TRENCH from M.18.D.45.05. to M.24.A.90.75.
(b) 1 Company and 1 Lewis Gun will capture and hold GIRD TRENCH from M.24.A.90.75. to M.18.C.75.00.
(c) 1 Company and 6 Lewis Guns will capture and hold trench from M.18.D.35.00. to M.18.C.75.00.
(d) Remainder for carrying parties etc.
Inaddition 1 Company of 11th. Battalion will be placed at disposal of C.O. 9th. Battalion and will act as Reserve.
(e) Posts will be constructed and held as follows -

M.18.D.45.05.
M.18.D.25.05.
M.18.D.05.05.
M.18.C.90.05.
M.18.C.70.05.

6. The 1st., 2nd., and 3rd. Australian Machine Gun Companies and the 3rd. Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery will cooperate with fire in accordance with attached table, and the 3rd. Australian Machine Gun Coy. and Trench Mortar Battery will provide two runners each at Control Post at M.24.A.95.50.
Lewis Guns in Battalions in our line will cooperate by bringing fire onto any suitable targets (such as enemy machine guns) on flanks of objective.

7. Special targets for Heavy and Medium Trench Mortars are shown on table attached.

8. The 3rd. Australian Brigade Mining Coy. will connect TARRA BEND with M.24.B.35.98. and M.18.C.75.00. with M.24.A.45.80.
A communication trench will also be dug between M.24.A.90.75. and M.24.A.95.50. by 9th. Battalion (Party (d) Para. 4).
Work as above to commence at Zero + 4 minutes.

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9. Carrying parties from present front line to objective will be detailed from 9th. Battalion, and up to present front line from 11th. Battalion.

10. Dumps of ammunition, bombs and materials required will be established in our line at M.24.B.5.8. - M.24.A.~~8~~.50.- M.24.A.4.9. and in YARRA BANK. 95.

11. When once the position has been gained it will be held at all costs.

(a) Lewis Guns accompanied by bombers and party of infantry mentioned in Para. 4 (c) will at once take up a position in shell holes at least 75 yards in advance of new line about M.18.D.3.0. - M.18.D.05.05. - M.18.C.80.05.

(b) Remainder of the Company which attacked the Chord line will occupy dugouts in enemy trench and act as supports to the Lewis Gun Line.

(c) The two companies which attacked BAYONET & GIRD TRENCH will garrison those trenches until relieved.

(d) The garrison of the Chord Line and of BAYONET & GIRD TRENCHES will lodge an immediate counter attack should the enemy regain the Lewis Gun Line or any portion of it. They will be accommodated in enemy dugouts during bombardments but have observers to watch for S.O.S. Signals. On S.O.S. signal being sent up by Lewis Gun Line, they will man their respective trenches, and if these are being shelled heavily, move forward to position of readiness for the counter attack.

(e) On S.O.S. Signal being given, artillery, vickers guns and trench mortars will open fire on same barrage lines as for attack, vide BARRAGE TABLE attached.

12. At 0700 on morning of operation ~~the~~ a small blue signal flag will be placed on both flanks to mark new position. They will be withdrawn at 0800.

13. Watches will be synchronised with Divisional Signal Company at 0900, 1200 and 1800 on day before operation takes place.

14. No letters, diaries or private documents will be carried. No maps or orders conveying any information as to our position or ourtroops will be taken into the attack.

15. A contact aeroplane will reconnoitre the position at 1000 after the attack. Flares will be lit when the aeroplane sounds a succession of "A's" on the Klaxon Horn or fires a white light.

16. Appendices are attached as follows:-

Artillery Barrage Map - (File, War Diary, 9th. Bn. 10th. Bn. 11th. Bn. 12th. Bn)

Communications - (File, 11th. Battalion).

Medical Arrangements - (File, 9th. Battalion.)
(as per Appendices, Divisional Order No. 8 of 21st. February 1917.)

17. All reports will be sent to Brigade Headquarters at the COUGH DROP.

18. ACKNOWLEDGE.

.....Captain
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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TABLE of VICKERS and TRENCH MORTAR BARRAGES.

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(a) Vickers Machine Gun Fire to open at Zero.

Position of Gun.	Arc of fire.
N.19.A.5.9. *	Sweep BAYONET TRENCH from M.18.D.5.1. to N.13.C.30.25.
M.24.B.9.6. YARRA BEND	M.18.D.7.2. to N.13.C.30.25.
M.18.C.13.	M.18.C.45.70. to M.18.C.7.2.
M.18.C.35.00.	do do.

Remaining guns and certain guns attached from 1st. and 2nd. Brigades will by indirectfire form barrage on BAIK TRENCH and track leading to HAZE.

(b) Light Trench Mortar Battery to open fire at Zero till dawn.

M.18.C.1.3.	M.18.C.45.70.
M.18.C.3.0. (2 guns)	M.18.C.7.2.
YARRA BEND (2 guns)	M.18.D.6.2.
N.19.A.5.9. *	N.13.C.50.25.

ϕ Light Trench Mortar Battery to have 4 guns firing on trenches to be attacked from Zero to Zero + 4 minutes.

(c) Medium Trench Mortar Batteries to open fire at Zero.

positions to be chosen by O.C.	M.18.D.6.1. N M.13.C.30.25. & 30.25. M.18.C.55.50. M.18.C.6,4.

(d) Heavy Trench Mortar Batteries to open fire at Zero.

positions to be chosen by O.C.	M.18.C.2.8. M.18.D.8.1. ϕ M.18.D.0.0.

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* Those guns are being provided and manned under arrangements made by the G.O.C. 2nd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

ϕ S.O.S. line willbe as above except for the 4 Stokes and 1 Heavy Trench Mortar firing on trenches to be attacked.

Rapid fire will be required from Zero to Zero + 15"; thereafter slow intermittent fire.

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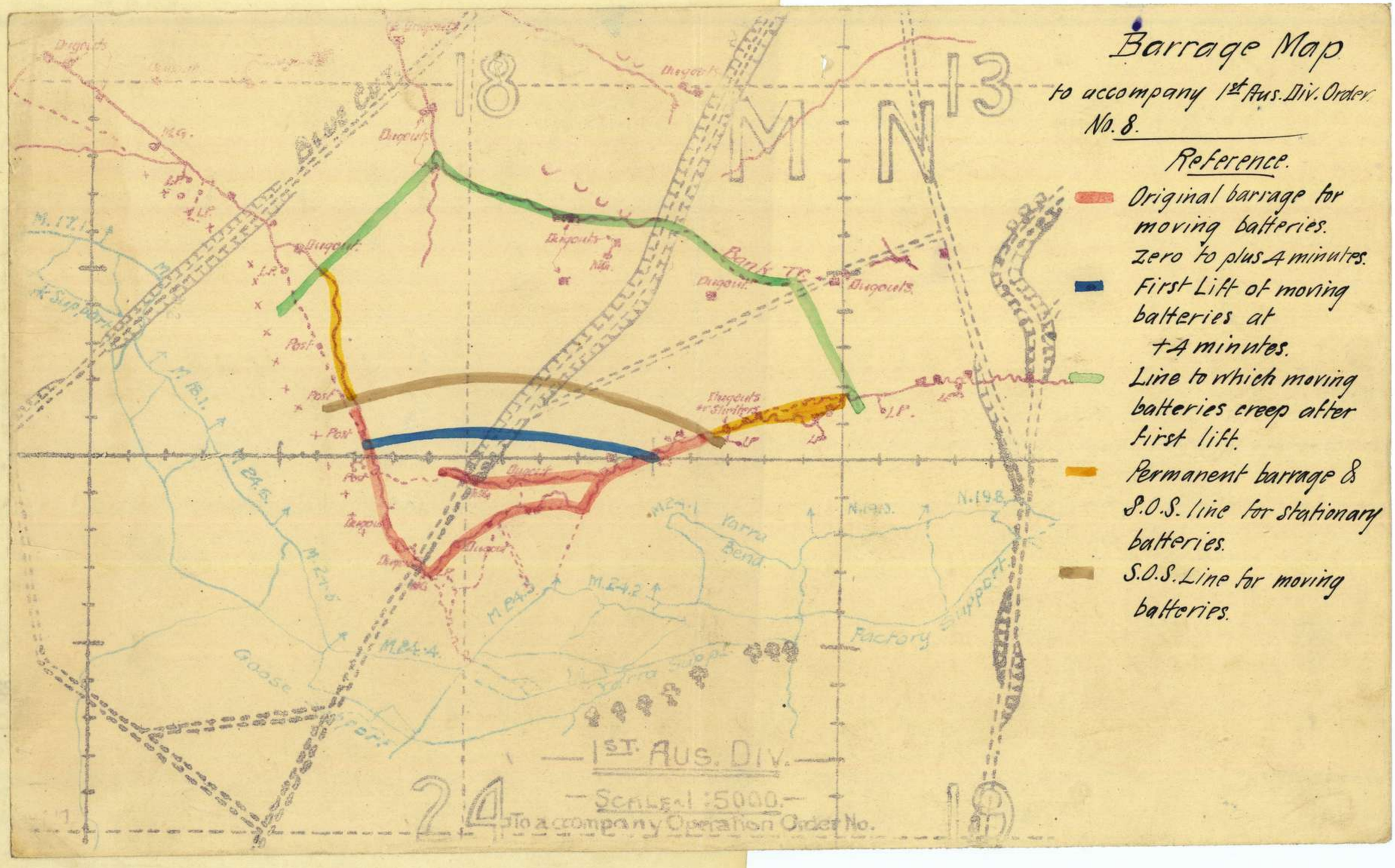

Barrage Map

to accompany 1st Aus. Div. Order No. 8.

Reference.

- Original barrage for moving batteries. Zero to plus 4 minutes.
- First Lift of moving batteries at +4 minutes.
- Line to which moving batteries creep after first lift.
- Permanent barrage & S.O.S. line for stationary batteries.
- S.O.S. Line for moving batteries.

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 14.

Brigade Headquarters,

23rd. February, 1917.

Map Reference Sheet -

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1. The 11th. Battalion from Site 4 (S.8.B.1.6.) will relieve the 9th. Battalion in the right subsector on the night of the 25th./26th. February, and the 9th. Battalion will move into Site 4 (S.8.B.1.6.).

2. Details of relief will be arranged between C.O's. concerned.

3. Advance parties, including a proportion of specialists of the 11th. Battalion, will be sent forwerd 24 hours before the relief takes place.

Advance party of 1 Officer and 4 N.C.O's. from 9th. Battalion will be sent forward 24 hours before the relief to take over camp to be vacated by 11th. Battalion.

4. C.O's. will arrange that all working parties now being provided will continue until relieved.

5. No movement forward of the Southern end of HIGH WOOD will take place before 1745 except in parties of not more than three (3) men at 300 yards distance.

6. All trench stores, secret maps and documents, Defence Schemes, etc., will be taken over and a duplicate receipt will be forwarded to this Office by 1200 on 26th. February.

7. Completion of relief will be wired in Code to Brigade Headquarters.

8. Acknowledge.

B. Lawrence ..... Captain

Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 15.

Brigade Headquarters,

Reference Map -

24th. February, 1917.

LE SARS to LOUPART WOOD & LE BARQUE 1/10000.

1. It is understood that the enemy front line opposite the First Australian Divisional Sector has been evacuated.

2. On the night of the 24th./25th. February, the 9th. and 10th. Battalions will send out patrols to reconnoitre GIRD & BAYONET Trenches and the CHORD line. On reports being received that the enemy has evacuated his present front line, and on the word being given from Brigade Headquarters, the 9th. and 10th. Battalions Front Line Garrison will move forward and beyond GIRD & BAYONET Trenches and the CHORD Line. Patrols will again be pushed forward to ascertain whether GIRD SUPPORT and BANK TRENCH are occupied. If these trenches are not occupied the line will again move forward beyond GIRD SUPPORT and BANK TRENCH and take up a position on high ground running through M.17.B. & M.18.A.& B.

3. Contact will be kept with 2nd. Brigade on our right and 5th. Brigade on our Left.

4. Carrying parties of 1 platoon per Company will be detailed for conveying ammunition, bombs, etc., from present front line. The 12th. Battalion will detail 2 Companies to report to 9th. Battalion and 2 Companies to 10th. Battalion as carrying parties, and to do work under orders of 9th. and 10th. Battalion Commanders.

5. Iron rations will be carried forward and dumped as near to the new line as possible under arrangements to be made by Commanding Officers.

6. Frequent reports will be sent to Brigade Headquarters in order that Artillery may be informed.

7. Every precaution must be taken against mined dugouts and any ruses which might be adopted by the enemy.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Captain
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 16.

Brigade Headquarters,

Reference Map Sheet 57 C.S.W. 25th. February, 1917.

1. The 12th. Battalion will relieve the 10th. Battalion in the Left Subsect or on the afternoon of the 25th. February.

The two companies of the 12th. Battalion now under command of the 9th. Battalion will be relieved by two companies of the 10th. Battalion.

The two companies of the 12th. Battalion now under command of the 10th. Battalion will be relieved by the 10th. Battalion.

2. Details of relief will be arranged between C.O's. concerned.

3. Brigade Headquarterswill move to Headquarters now occupied by 9th. and 12th. Battalions at M.30.A.7.5. on the 25th. February.

4. The 11th. Battalion will move forward and occupy the COUGH DROP on the 25th. February. A reconnoitring party will be sent forwardto ascertain accommodation etc.

5. All trench stores, documents, etc. will be taken over by relieving Units, and a receipt will be forwarded to this Office by 0900 on the 26th. February.

6. Completion of moves will be wired in code to Brigade Headquarters.

7. Brigade Headquarters will close at the COUGH DROP at 1200 and will open at new location at same hour.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

..... Captain
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf.Brigade.

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Map Ref:
LE SARS to LOUPART Wood.
and LE BARQUE 1/10,000.

Brigade Headqrs.
25th February 1917.

1. The 11th Battalion will relieve the 9th Battalion, on the Right Subsector after midday on the 26/27th February, and the 9th Battalion, will move into Area now occupied by 11th Bn.

2. Details of relief will be arranged between C.O's concerned

3. All trench stores, Secret Maps and Documents, Defence Schemes etc will be taken over and a duplicate receipt will be forwarded to this Office by 1200 on 27th instant.

4. Completion of relief will be wired in Code to Brigade Headquarters

5 Acknowledge.

E. Edwards
Captain
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3rd Australian Infantry Brigade
Order No. 18.

Map Reference Sheet
ALBERT 1/40,000

3rd Brigade Headquarters,
26th February 1917.

1. The 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade will relieve the 3rd Aust. Infantry Brigade in the Left Sector of the Divisional Front, on the night of the 27/28th February 1917.

On relief:-

The 9th Battalion will move to BENDIGO CAMP at Sq. S.15.D.1.1.

The 10th Battalion will move to Camp No1. at Sq. S.6.D.1.4.

The 11th Battalion will move to Camp No2 at Sq. S.8. Central

The 12th Battalion will move to Camp No.3 at Sq. S.8.C.8.7.

The 3rd A.L.T.M. Bty and 3rd D.M.G. Company will move to Camp No4 at Sq. S.8.B.2.6.

The 3rd Brigade Headquarters will move to Headquarters Site now occupied by 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade H.Q. at Site 5.

2. All Trench Stores, Aeroplane contact Flares, Maps and Documents of value for the operations, will be taken over by incoming Units, and copies of receipts will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. by 1200, on the 28th February.

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3. If [illegible] conditions forward C.Os. concerned will mutually arrange for relief of whatever portion of the position that can be relieved by day.

4. Wherever possible relieving Units will send on reconnaissance of the Specialists and Gunners to isolated posts, into the new position by day. In cases where this is not done representatives of outgoing Units will remain at their Posts until after daylight on 28th February, with drawing under the orders of the Commander on the spot.

5. The 10th Battalion will detail 5 Lewis Guns and teams to relieve the 1st Aust. Infantry Brigade, on Anti-aircraft duty, and will report to 1st Brigade Headqrs. by 1200 on the 27th February for instructions and locations.

6. Advance parties of one officer and 4 other ranks from each Unit will proceed to new locations on morning of 27th February.

One officer and 2 other ranks from Brigade Headquarters will proceed in advance, to take over 1st Brigade Headquarters on the morning of 27th February

7. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Headquarters.

8. Acknowledge.

H. Hammond Captain,
Brigade Major, 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Summary of Operations by 3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade from 23/24th. till 27/28th. February, 1917.

On the night of 23/24th. there were two Battalions in the line- 9th. on right from M.18.C.1.6. to M.24.B.6.9. 10th. Battalion on left from M.17.D.0.9. to M.18.C.1.6. with 12th. Battalion in support and 11th. Battalion in reserve.

On night 23/24th. February, 10th. Battalion patrols which went out at 2300 reported unusual inactivity in the enemy line, noticing no flares and no rifle or M.G. fire. This was unusual as the enemy had been very active during the previous days.

Both Battalions were immediately ordered to send forward more patrols to verify the suspicion that the enemy had cleared out. The patrols could not hear any movement whatever in the enemy lines. They should have endeavoured to enter the enemy trench to ascertain for certain if the enemy were still in the position. The cause for this omission I put down to the effects of trench warfare.

Next day after a conference with the two C.O's. concerned preparations were made to occupy the enemy trench after return of patrols which were ordered to actually enter the enemy trench at dusk should our suspicions prove correct. The 9th.Battalion sent out their patrol by daylight along a disused sap. This patrol entered the MAZE and found no signs of the enemy. Accordingly at 8.30 p.m. the MAZE was occupied and consolidated.

The left Battalion patrol was slow in obtaining its information. The right Battalion pushed up a bomb squad to beyond BLUE CUT Road meeting no opposition. At 10 p.m. the Left Battalion moved out and occupied GIRD TRENCH with posts at GIRD SUPPORT.

The 5th. Australian Brigade on the left and the 2nd. Brigade on the right moved forward muchlater.

About dawn of 25th. February both Battalions pushed out and occupied BANK TRENCH from M.18.D.7.5. to BLUE CUT Road.

The Left Battalion was held up on the left by a M.G. firing at short range from somewhere about M.18.A.7.1. A bomb squad with rifle bombers under Lieut. WHITEFORD went forward to drive this opposition back. This officer was killed and his men rushed the gun. The enemy fell back and were lost in the fog. Our line was then extended to M.17.B.4.4. Touch could not be got for sometime with 5th. Australian Brigade on the left. The 2nd. Aust. Brigade on the right later on linked up with our right.

Patrols were sent forward towards LE BARQUE. Snipers and M. Guns troubled them. The 9th. Battalion patrol had 4 men hit. At this stage M. Guns and snipers from the left front caused a number of casualties especially to the left Battalion.

At 5 p.m. on afternoon of the 25th. our line moved forward in attack formation and occupied the line OAT LANE - WHEAT TRENCH - LE BARQUE SWITCH. Touch was soon gained with the Brigade on the Right, but sometime elapsed before touch could be got with the Brigade on the Left.

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In this advance our casualties were fairly heavy through M.G. fire and snipers. A few enemy were dealt with in the occupied trench. The fog lifted during the operation, thus giving the enemy an opportunity to effectively employ his machine guns.

Our snipers and Lewis Guns were successful in dealing with enemy in MALT TRENCH, which was well wired and strongly held. The Village of LE BARQUE was a nest of snipers and machine guns. Our casualties here were fairly heavy.

Patrols were sent forward but suffered casualties and withdrew. The 12th. Battalion relieved the 10th. on the Left during the afternoon and evening of 25th. February.

At about 8 p.m. on 26th. February our right swung forward and occupied WHEAT TRENCH and RYE TRENCH and touch was gained with the 7th. Battalion whose left post was at Sq. N.7.D.4.4. though a gap existed between Units.

The 5th. Brigade had gained touch with our left and liaison officers were exchanged by the front line Coys.

Patrols moved forward to MALT TRENCH and found it difficult to take frontally owing to M.Guns and rifle fire and to the wire obstacle. Accordingly the 12th. Battalion bombed up from the right to BATTERY COPSE. The enemy fell back easily. A stop was established at M.12. Central - our left boundary.

The 5th. Australian Brigade sent strong parties out with orders to enter MALT TRENCH behind our stop and bomb towards BAPAUME ROAD. This party did not arrive but later an entry was made into MALT TRENCH and communication established.

Orders were issued to establish a line of posts as follows : - N.7.A.7.0. - N.7.A.4.4. - M.12.B.8.4. - M.12.B.7.2.

Our parties moved out to do this by day on 26th. February but owing to heavy casualties were forced to retire.

The 9th. Battalion were relieved by 11th. Battalion on the right at dusk on 26th. February. The posts as mentioned above were established and LE BARQUE was mopped up. Two prisoners were captured and the remainder of the enemy were killed.

Before dawn a further advance was made and a line of posts established as follows :-

N.7.B.3.2. - N.7.B.2.7. - N.1.C.5.2. - N.1.C.1.3. and thence along BARK TRENCH. A strong enemy bomb post in BARK TRENCH was forced some of the enemy escaping along MISTY WAY. LIGNY THILLOY was mopped up. The 2nd. Brigade established a post at N.7.D.9.8.

A trench 5 feet deep was dug from N.1.C.1.3. around the QUARRY at N.1.C.6.2.tonew posts which were established at N.7.B.7.8. and N.7.B.9.2. A number of casualties were caused by enemy snipers and Machine Guns from THILLOY and TRIP & TRAP TRENCHES. Patrols going forward to THILLOY were forced to retire owing to casualties.

THILLOY was shelled during the 27th. by our 18 pounders and heavy guns, and TONGUE & TILL trenches were also dealt with.

Arrangements were made to make a further advance and establish a line of posts as follows :-

N.2.C.0.8. - N.2.C.4.3. - N.1.D.9.5. - N.1.D.5.6. - N.1.C.9.7.

This was done at dusk on 27th. February.

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The 2nd. Brigade established posts at N.8.A.7.3. and N.8.A.8.6. which linked up with TICK trench on the right.

THILLOY was mopped up with no opposition only 2 prisoners being captured. A few snipers from KNOTTY Post caused annoyance.

The 1st. Australian Infantry Brigade then relieved the 3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade and patrols were sent forward to TILL Trench. A post was established in TRAP TRENCH by 1st. Brigade. TILL TRENCH appeard very lightly held as no flares were sent up and no Machine Gun fire was seen or heard.

The enemy encountered were 5th. FOOT & 5th. GRENADIER Guards. They did their duty well but retired easily on being boldly pressed by our men. They caused heavy casualties by Machine Guns and snipers withdrawing to the North by Night. When LIGNY THILLOY was occupied they were seen to retire by day and our Lewis Guns and snipers claim a heavy toll.

The enemy fought well and only wanted to surrender when our men were so close to them that retreat was hopeless. Altogether 8 prisoners and 2 Machine Guns were captured.

Our casualties were as follows :-

	Officers.		Other Ranks	
	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded
9th. Battalion	4	-	15	63
10th. Battalion	2	7	7	50
11th. Battalion	-	-	14	36
12th. Battalion	-	8	16	48
3rd. T.M. Battery	-	-	1	1
TOTAL	6	15	53	198

The captured territory was fairly well strewn with enemy dead and he suffered more killed than we did.

Too great praise cannot be destowed on the dash and initiative of our officers and men. They kept continuous touch with the enemy and pressed him back by always showing a bold face.

Signal Communication was satisfactorily maintained with the front line and all Units of the Brigade continuously throughout the operations. This necessitated continuous work on the part of the linesmen, who were busily engaged on winding up old line owing to the shortage of wire.

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Jno Ainsworth Capt.
..... Brig-General
Commanding 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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LE BARQUE.

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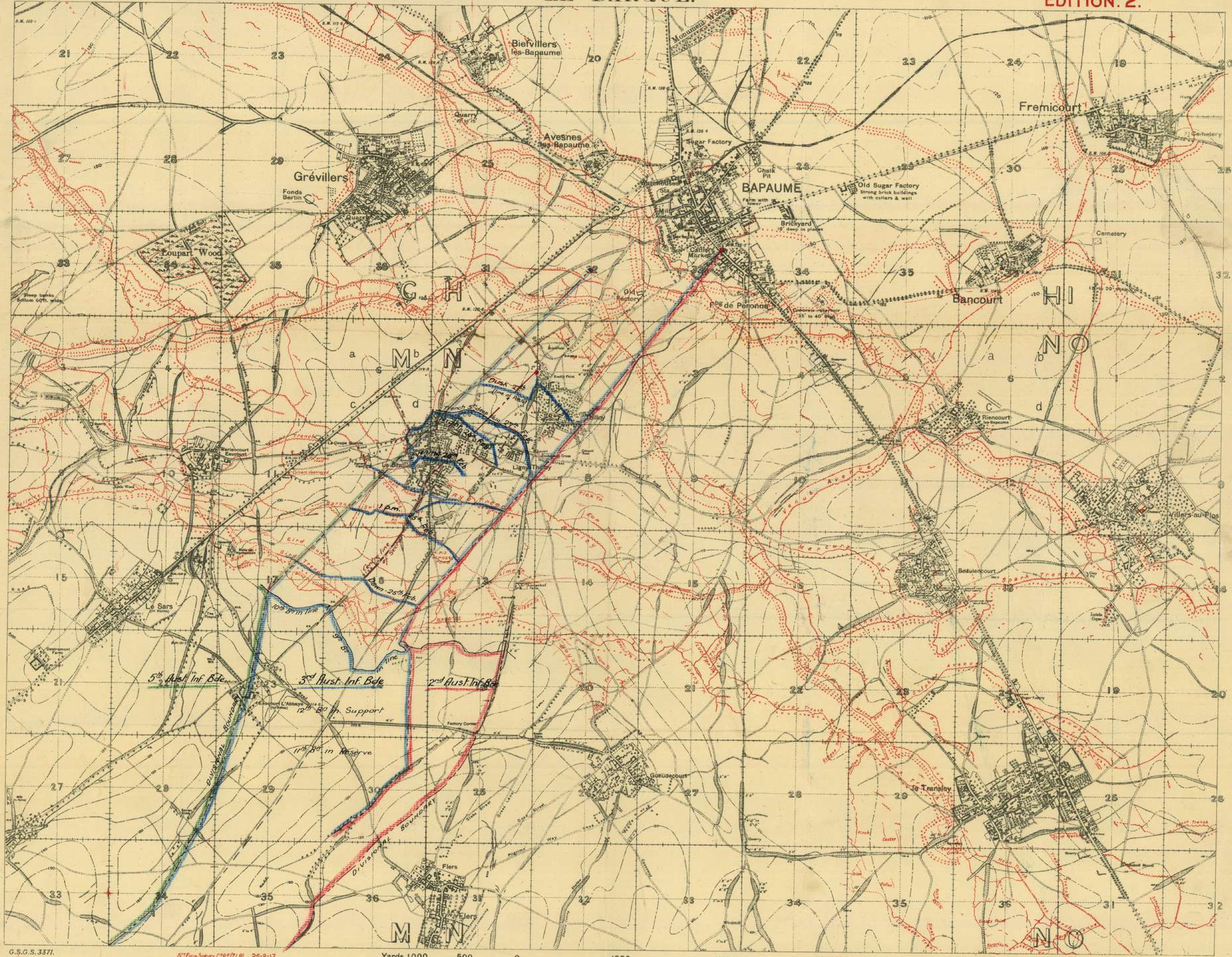

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5th Field Survey Coy RE (718) 25-2-17.

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