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Title: 3rd Infantry Brigade

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LINE	1	0001	<p>Ref. Maps 28/40000 BECELARE 10000</p> <p>On night 30th Sept./1st October 3rd A.I. Bde. relieved 12th A.I. Bde & units of the Brigade were disposed as follows:-</p> <p>2nd & 5th Aust. Inf. Battns in line from about D 28 C:77 to J. 4 B. 2. 7. to J. 4. D. 3. 7. under orders of G.O.C. 3rd A.I. Bde, with the 2nd Battn on the right.</p> <p>9th & 10th Battns on ANZAC RIDGE in J. 3 A & C. with 10th Bn. on right.</p> <p>4th & 48th Battns on WESTHOEK RIDGE with 48th Bn. on right.</p> <p>Bde. H.Q. at J. 1. D. 7. 2.</p>	
		Night 1/2 2200	<p>11th & 12th Battns relieved 47th & 48th Battns resp^{ly} on WESTHOEK Ridge</p>	
		2	<p>all units of the Brigade carrying S.A.A. stores etc. to fill forward dumps for the projected operations of 1st & 2nd A.I. Bdes.</p>	
		2/3	<p>Order received from 1st Division that 3rd Brigade will be in readiness to take over the attack of either of the other Brigades.</p>	
			<p>Weather beginning to break & getting much colder.</p> <p>3rd A.I. Bde. relieved by 1st & 2nd A.I. Bdes. according to Brigade Order 53.</p> <p>(attached as Appendix 10/17/1 to war diary for Sept.)</p>	<p>Appendix 10/17/1 (cancelled)</p>

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	3		<p>Dispositions as follows:—</p> <p>Bde. H.Q. HALF WAY HOUSE</p> <p>9th Batta HALF WAY HOUSE</p> <p>10th " CHINA WALL</p> <p>11th " CHAU. SEGARD Area</p> <p>12th "</p> <p>Battns. all providing carrying parties forward.</p> <p>Brigade Orders 54A & 54B issued being copies of 1st & 2nd A.I. Bde.</p> <p>Orders for the attack - but made applicable to this Bde.</p> <p>Orders attached as Appendix 10/17/2</p> <p>G.O.C met all C.O.'s & Coy. commanders to discuss future operations.</p> <p>During afternoon & evening of 3rd, units of the Brigade moved forward again in accordance with Brigade Order No 55 which is attached as Appendix 10/17/3.</p>	<p>Appendix 10/17/2</p>
	4	0600	<p>Bde H.Q. still at HALF WAY HOUSE, other units as shown in above Order No. 55.</p> <p>1st & 2nd A.I. Bdes. attacked enemy.</p>	<p>Appendix 10/17/3</p>

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	4		<p>a little rain fell throughout the night, but 1st + 2nd Bdes took red + blue objectives up to time & consolidated on a line approximately from D.29.B.1.6. to J.5.B.3.2.</p> <p>Flanking Brigades also took all objectives.</p> <p>Units of Brigade carrying - some working with Engineers + others on tramway work.</p> <p>3rd M.G. Coy on machine gun barrage work.</p>	
	5		<p>Drizzling rain throughout the day. Reconnaissance of captured area made by officers of all units.</p> <p>3rd A.I. Bde. relieved 1st + 2nd Bdes in line in accordance with Brigade Order No 56 which is attached as Appendix 10/17/4. Relief completed by 0400 6th inst.</p>	Appendix 10/17/4
Night 5/6	6		<p>Light rain falling again & country getting very boggy. Communications to front line very difficult especially between ANZAC & BROODSEINDE ridges.</p> <p>Trenches both in front line & support being improved. Day comparatively quiet. Intermittent enemy shelling on our forward lines. Also on WESTHOEK & BELLEWARDE ridge.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Night of 7th	6/7th	2400.	<p>A raid was carried out by parties of 10 off + 30 OR's from each of the 11th + 12th Batts. to secure identifications from the front.</p> <p>Report on raid is attached as Appendix 10/17/5</p> <p>1.M.G. + 15 prisoners were taken all of 448th I.R. of 233rd Division.</p> <p>Above regt. had just come from ST QUENTIN.</p> <p>Success of raid was due to energy + skill of the officers who led the parties. Casualties were only 2 OR's wounded.</p> <p>Carrying parties with pack mules got a number of duckboards forward.</p> <p>Raining all day.</p> <p>At about 10.30 enemy shelled whole of our area heavily being particularly severe on dump at WESTHOEK + roads in vicinity of BELLEWARDE ridge. This together with state of ground made transport most difficult + thus we were unable to get much material, duckboards etc forward.</p> <p>Two more prisoners were obtained by a patrol just in front of 11th Batt. belonging to 450th I.R. of 233rd Division.</p> <p>A lot of useful information concerning enemy's movements + reliefs obtained from prisoners</p>	Appendix 10/17/5

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	7 th	1630	<p>at about 1720 enemy opened a heavy barrage on our front line + rear areas + at 1700 1715 SOS signals went up all along the front, commencing on the Left Division, then on the Right Division + finally on our own front. Although parties of enemy were seen advancing on our right no infantry attack developed on our front. Violent artillery fire continued on both sides until 1830 when situation became normal again. Communications extremely difficult forward. 9th + 10th Battns relieved the 11th + 12th Battns resp^y. in the line in accordance with Brigade Order No 57 attached as Appendix 10/17/6</p> <p>Major A. STEELE D.S.O. Temp. comd 11th Battn killed by shell fire. Major J.E. NEWMAN assumed command.</p> <p>Divisional order No received re. operations by us on 'X' day. Lt Col Telligan + Lt Col Rafferty re-join their battns from ROUGE CROIX. Instructions for the raid to be carried out by the 10th Battn on 'X' day issued (attached as Appendix 10/17/7)</p>	Appendix 10/17/6
	8 th			Appendix 10/17/7 not included

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	8th		<p>Just at dusk S.O.S signals were sent up by both flanking Divisions. Enemy put down heavy barrage but no attack developed on our front.</p> <p>Weather still unsettled but a strong wind throughout the day had dried the ground considerably.</p> <p>7th Aust Bn under orders of G.O.C 3rd Aust Bde. relieved 11th Bn in the support lines on the left.</p> <p>4th Aust. Bn relieved the 1st Bn on ANZAC RIDGE</p>	
	8th	Night		
	8th	8/9th		
	9th	0520	<p>"X" day. In cooperation with troops of 2nd Aust Division on the left, a party of 5 officers + 100 ORs of the 10th Bn raided at ZERO HOUR (0520) CELTIC COPSE in D.29. D.</p> <p>Considerable opposition was met & hand to hand fighting ensued. Our party gradually working their way through & mopping up the whole of the COPSE.</p> <p>Although our casualties were heavy (40 all ranks) considerable losses were inflicted on the enemy it being estimated that 40 were killed & 30 wounded.</p> <p>Great difficulty was experienced in withdrawing from the copse on account of enemy machine gun fire which necessitated a number of men staying out till dusk.</p>	

Amendment map

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	9 th		Considerable enemy shelling throughout the day on all front lines & also on rear communications.																						
	Night 9/10 th		3rd A.I. Bde + attached battalions relieved by 8 th + 15 th Brigades of the 5 th Aust. Div. Relief was completed by 0120 on 10 th with only slight casualties, all except the line battalions being relieved before dusk.																						
			Brigade H.Q. & units moved to DOMINION CANAL Area Order for relief & move is attached as Appendix 10/17/8 (B.O. No. 58) Casualties from the 1 st October in all units were.	Appendix 10/17/8																					
			<table border="0"> <tr> <td>3rd Bde. H.Q.</td> <td>Off.</td> <td>OR's</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9th Batta</td> <td>10</td> <td>146</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10th —</td> <td>10</td> <td>196</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11th —</td> <td>3</td> <td>84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12th —</td> <td>4</td> <td>103</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd M.G. Coy</td> <td>—</td> <td>23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd A.L.T.M. Bty.</td> <td>—</td> <td>5</td> </tr> </table>	3rd Bde. H.Q.	Off.	OR's	9 th Batta	10	146	10 th —	10	196	11 th —	3	84	12 th —	4	103	3 rd M.G. Coy	—	23	3 rd A.L.T.M. Bty.	—	5	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	10 th		3 rd A.I. Bde less (M.G. Coy) moved to DOMINION Area in accordance with Brigade Order No 59. attached as Appendix 10/17/9.	Appendix 10/17/9
	Night 10/11/17		Units all bathed + refitted with clothing. 3 rd M.G. Coy under orders of C. M.G.O. relieved + moved into the Corps M.G. Camp.	
	11 th to 23 rd		During this period the Brigade remained in the Rest Area. Training was carried out according to Syllabi attached as Appendices 10/17/10 + 10/17/11.	Appendices 10/17/10 10/17/11
			On the 23 rd a parade was held of 1 Coy from each battn + the Corps Commander presented medals + ribbons.	
			On the 14 th G.O.C. proceeded to England on 10 days leave + Lt. Col. R.A. Rafferty D.S.O. 11 th Battn assumed command of the Brigade.	
	24 th		3 rd A.I. Bde less M.G. Coy moved into YPRES Area with Bde H.Q. at INFANTRY BARRACKS, YPRES according to B.O. No. 60 which is attached as Appendix 10/17/12. Brigade acting as Divisional Support to the 2 nd A.I. Bde. in line.	Appendix 10/17/12
	25 th		All units proceeding with training of specialists + improvements of billets which were in a very filthy condition.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES	26 th		"O" day. In conjunction with a Canadian Division on the left the 2 nd A.I. Bde. pushed forward its left flank. Repat timed 0815 said all objectives gained.	
	27 th		Counter attack by enemy at dawn caused Canadians to withdraw to their original line, and thus 2 nd Bde had to vacate their post in DECLINE COPSE.	
	27 th to 30 th		All units working on improvements to billets, communications etc. increasing accommodation & making them habitable for the winter. Reconnaissances of forward areas also being made by officers & N.C.O's.	
	30 th		At 0550 operations planned for 5 th day took place & Canadians established themselves well up towards PASSCHENDAELE ridge.	
	Night 30/31 st		2 nd A.I. Bde. dug post in DECOY WOOD D. 18. A. for purpose of keeping in touch with Canadians. During the 30 th & the night 30/31 st 3 rd Bde relieved 2 nd Bde in line in accordance with B.O. No. 61 which is attached as Appendix 10/17/13. Relief completed with very slight casualties by 2050.	Appendix 10/17/13

M. A. M. Major

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LINE	31 st		<p>Ref Map. ZONNEBEKE 1/10000.</p> <p>Bde in line. HQ at. D.26 C.2.3., 11th + 12th Battns in front line with 12th Battn. on the right, 9th Battn in support & 10th Battn in reserve.</p> <p>Quiet day & work commenced everywhere improving accomodating & communications. Definite working policy began under works officers in touch with engineers.</p>	

W. L. ...
Bde. Major 3rd Aus. Inf. Bde. Major.

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3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 24.A.

Reference map 2801400, 1/10,000.

Brigade Headquarters.
3rd. October 1917.

1. The brigade will be forced up and the attack carried ^{out} as follows:-
- (a) 12th. Battalion on a two company front to take and consolidate the 2801400.
 - (b) 10th. and 9th. Battalions in rear of 12th. Battalion. 10th. Battalion on right, each Battalion on a two company front; to pass through the 12th. Battalion and take and consolidate the 2801400.
 - (c) The 11th. Battalion will occupy the front line and form a brigade reserve.
2. To ensure connection with flanking battalions, special parties of 1 S.C.C. and 2 men will be told off as follows:-
- (i) to meet parties of 29th. Brigade at:-
forked road J.5.A.2.1. by 12th. Battalion.
 - (ii) Train line J.5.A.25.20. by 10th. Battalion.
- to meet parties of 2nd. Aust. Infantry Brigade at:-
- (iii) corner of 2801400 S.22.2.1. by 12th. Battalion.
 - (iv) 2801400 by 9th. Battalion.
3. Each objective will be consolidated in depth by the troops who have captured it.
Strong posts will be constructed by 1st. Field Coy. at the following points:-
- Post A.- J.5.A.18.15.
Post B.- J.5.A.20.70.
Post C.- S.22.2.10.00.
Post D.- J.5.A.25.25.
- A garrison of 1 platoon each for Posts A. and B. will be detailed by 12th. Battalion and for Posts C. and D. by 9th. Battalion. Posts to be concealed by camouflage.
4. Mopping up parties under specified commander will be detailed for area traversed by each unit and special parties in addition to " mop up " each known strong point.
5. One section 1st. S.C. Company will advance in rear of each 10th. and 9th. Battalions under order of S.C. 1st. S.C. Company.
6. 2 sections 1st. A.S.T.M. Battery will be attached to 12th. Battalion, and 1 section to each 10th. and 9th. Battalion.
7. 2801400 - as in brigade order No. 24, Supplement No. 1.
10th. and 9th. Battalions to carry an extra 100 rounds of S.A.A.

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4. Contact aeroplanes will call for flares by sounding flares horn at 2200 + 30 minutes and 2200 + 120 minutes. The most advanced troops only will light 100 flares.

Contact aeroplanes will be distinguished by a black streamer on the left wing.

Code calls for communicating with aeroplanes in this brigade are:-

1st. A.I. Bde.	-	A. F.
2nd. "	-	A. H.
9th. Battalion.	-	A. H. B.
10th. Battalion.	-	A. H. C.
11th. Battalion.	-	A. H. D.
12th. Battalion.	-	A. H. E.

The following codes will be used by the A.F.C. for reporting enemy movements:-

* Enemy advancing from	Succession of B's.
* Enemy collecting at	" " C's.
* More than an Battalion	L.S.
* Less than a Battalion	S.S.

Map references will be given in clear. Thus a message to say "Enemy collecting at A.C.D. - more than a Battalion", would be sent - "400 A.C.D. L.S."

5. Commanders will report by wire when their respective units are in position by the message "gun has been issued."

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..... Major
Brigade Major, 2nd. Light Infantry Bde.

Issued at 2200.

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- 1 - 8. 9th. Battalion.
- 4 - 8. 10th. Battalion.
- 7 - 8. 11th. Battalion.
- 10 - 12. 12th. Battalion.
- 12 - 12. File.

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 54-B

Reference map BECHLAERE. 1/10,000.

Brigade Headquarters.
3rd. October 1917.

This Order is identical with 3rd. Aust. Infantry
brigade Order No. 54-A., except that for paras 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 read:-

- 2. Party of 18th. Battalion to meet party of 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade at SHAW'S WOOD, D.29.C.5.1. and party from 8th. Infantry Brigade at ROCKERS WOOD, D.29.B.28.22.
- Parties of 10th. Battalion to meet party of 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade at CHERIC.
- Party of 8th. Battalion to meet party of 8th. Aust. Infantry Brigade at D.29.B.28.22.

- 3. Strong Posts will be constructed by 2nd. Field Coy. at:-

Post D.	-	D.29.B.28.40.
Post E.	-	D.29.A.28.10.
Post F.	-	D.29.A.45.40.
Post H.	-	D.29.C.40.05.

- 5. One section of M.G. company will be attached to each 8th. and 10th. Battalions.
- 6. For 1st. A.L.S. Battery read 2nd. A.L.S. Battery.
- 8. Code calls for communicating with aeroplanes for 1st. Aust. Infantry Brigade, substitute 2nd. Aust. Infantry Bde - N. U.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. D. Rogers
 Major.
 Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Infantry Brigade

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HEADQUARTERS ANZAC SECTION G.H.Q. 13 NOV 1917

Reference to BEELMAN. 1/10,000
Brigade Headquarters
Brigade Major

This order is identical with No. 1000
except that for items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
Party of 10th Battalion to meet party of 1st
Infantry Brigade at BEELMAN; 1/10,000
Party of 10th Battalion to meet party of 1st
Infantry Brigade at BEELMAN; 1/10,000
Party of 10th Battalion to meet party of 1st
Infantry Brigade at BEELMAN; 1/10,000

Having posts will be constructed by 10th
Battalion as follows:

Post A	-	1/10,000
Post B	-	1/10,000
Post C	-	1/10,000
Post D	-	1/10,000

One section of 10th Battalion will be
attached to 1st Infantry Brigade
for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th

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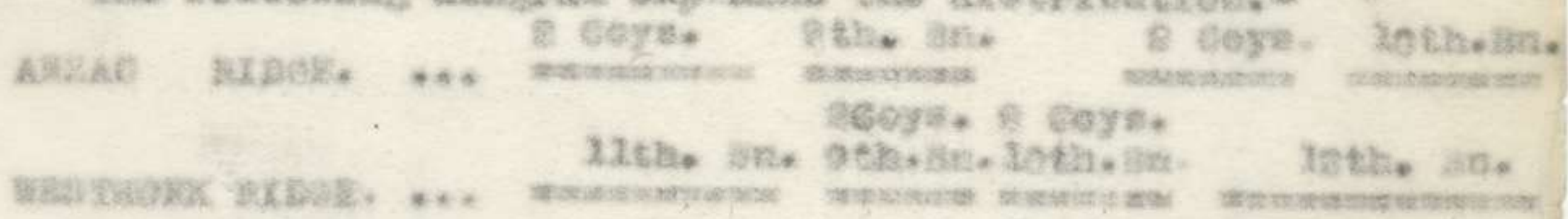
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3rd. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 85.

Brigade Headquarters.
3rd. October 1939.

- 2. Units will move to-night, October 3rd., into position in Divisional Reserve in accordance with attached Table.
- 3. It will be noticed that the 9th. and 10th. Battalions are to thin out on ANZAC RIDGE by leaving 2 companies on WESTWICK RIDGE.

The following diagram explains the distribution.-



- 3. Troops will move into position in small parties with considerable distances between, at the discretion of commanding officers.
- 4. Units will report completion of movement by the word.-
ROSBATA.
- 5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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..... Major.
Brigade Major. 3rd. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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- 1. 9th. Battalion.
- 2. 10th. Battalion.
- 3. 11th. Battalion.
- 4. 12th. Battalion.
- 5. 1st. Aust. Infantry Bde.
- 6. 2nd. " " "
- 7. 1st. Aust. Division.
- 8. File.
- 9/10. War Diary.
- 11/12. Spares.

MOVE TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 2nd. Brigade ORDER No. 88

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UNIT.	STARTING POINT. Location	TIME.	ROUTE.	DESTINATION	REMARKS.
8th. Bn.	Warr Cross Roads.	2200.	2nd. Brigade Route.	2 Coy ANZAC RIDGE. 2 Coys WESTOCK RIDGE.	To former position. In relief of 2 right Coys of 2nd. Bde.
10th. Bn.	Warr Cross Roads.	2345.	do.	2 Coys. ANZAC RIDGE. 2 Coys. WESTOCK RIDGE.	To former position. In relief of 2 left Coys of 1st. Bde.
11th. Bn.	do.	0050.	do.	WESTOCK RIDGE.	In relief of 1 1/2 Bns., 2nd. Bde.
12th. Bn.	do.	0115.	do.	do. do.	In relief of 1 1/2 Bns., 1st. Bde.

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3rd. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 56.

Brigade Headquarters,
4th. October, 1917.

- 1. The 3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade, (less Machine Gun Company) will relieve the 1st. and 2nd. Aust. Infantry Brigades in the line on the night October 5th. as under :-

RELIEF UNIT.	FROM.	TO	OUTGOING UNITS	REMARKS
12th. Battn.	WESTHOEK RIDGE	FRONT LINE	2 Bns. 1st. Bde.	Locations of H.Q. of Units in RED and BLUE Line may be had on application to Brigade Hdqrs. WESTHOEK RIDGE.
11th. Battn.	do	do	2 Bns. 2nd. Bde.	
10th. Battn.	ANZAC RIDGE	RED LINE	1st Bn. 1st. Bde.	
9th. Battn.	do	do	1 Bn. 2nd. Bde.	
3rd. A.L.T.M.Bty.		LINE	1st. & 2nd. A.L.T.M.Btys.	

- 2. The relief of the front line Battalions will be set in motion as early as possible after nightfall, under arrangements to be made by Unit commanders concerned, in order to complete before moonrise.

The relief of support battalions will be completed by day.

- 3. Completion of relief will be reported to Brigade Headquarters at WESTHOEK RIDGE Code Word MAFISH.

- 4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

.(SGD)...A.W..HUTCHIN..... Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Infy. Bde.

Issued at 1100 -

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| 1. 9th. Battalion | 2. 10th. Battalion. |
| 3. 11th. Battalion | 4. 12th. Battalion. |
| 5. 3rd. A.M. G. Coy. | 6. 3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty. |
| 7. 1st. Aust. Div. | 8. 2nd. Aust. Div. |
| 9. 7th. Division. | 10. 1st. Aust. Infy. Bde. |
| 11. 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. | 12. Staff Captain |
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1st. Australian Division.

The following are copies of reports of Officers of 11th. and 12th. Battalions, who conducted raid on CELTIC COPSE on night 6/7th. October.-

11th. Bn. H.Q.
7/10/17. 0900.

Report on CELTIC WOOD Raid.

3rd. A.I.BDE.

1. Orders to raid CELTIC COPSE in conjunction with 12th. Bn. were received at 1543 on 6/10/17. I at once consulted with Major DARNELL, "A" Coy., and arranged for a party consisting of Lieuts. VOWELS and GUDGEON and 30 other ranks to be held in readiness.
2. Immediately after making these preparations I went to 12th. Bn. H.Q. and saw the C.O. Lieut-Col. ELLIOTT D.S.O. kindly consented to allow me to issue the orders and be responsible for the raid.
3. Composition of the raiding party was as per attached order No.32.
4. Brigade's message No.A.W.H.355 requiring Zero to be delayed until midnight was not received by 11th. Bn. until 2307.
5. Arrangements for covering fire of artillery, Stokes Mortars, and Vickers and Lewis Guns are shown on attached order No.32.
6. At 0002 what seemed to me to be only one Battery of 18 pounders commenced a desultory fire on the arranged lines. There affect was so feeble that the 2nd. M.G.Coy's guns who were to assist in the Box Barrage, did not think it was time to commence and we thus lost valuable support.
7. Although rather in doubt as to whether, or no, the barrage was down Lieut. VOWELS, 11th. Bn., O.C. Raid, led the party forward at 0002. This Officer moved into the wood with such vigor, that the enemy was completely surprised, were mostly caught in their funk-holes and were killed and captured quite easily.
8. At 0010 the return signal was fired and by 0025 O.C. Raid, had reported by wire that he had been successful. A preliminary report was sent to Brigade at 0040, 7/10/17,
9. By 0040 O.C. Raid had reported to 11th. Bn. H.Q. and all the 11th. Bn. portion of the Raid had reported through "A" Coy. H.Q. Contrary to the order I had issued, the 12th. Bn. portion of the Raid did not report back through 11th. Bn. H.Q. nor have I had any report from Lieut. DAVEY, 12th. Bn. C.O. 12th. Bn. reported that their portion of the raid had taken 10 prisoners and 1 machine gun. Casualties 12th. Bn. 1 other rank wounded.

10. Results.-

Prisoners of 448th. Regt.	-	12 O.R.
Afterwards secured by 11th. Bn. patrols in Raid	-	3
	TOTAL.	<u>15</u> O.R.
Machine Guns.	-	1.
Estimated enemy killed	-	20. (11th. Bn. portion only)
Enemy wounded, approx. only	-	30

Identifications complete.

Our casualties.

Killed	-	None.
Wounded.	-	2. (11th. Bn. 1, 12th. Bn. 1.)

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Summary.

- (a) I am of the opinion that ample time was given to the artillery to arrange their barrage for Zero at 2300. The one hours postponement, owing to the difficulty of communication forward might easily have spelt failure, and did ~~mean~~ mean the party had to lie in NO-MANS-LAND for One hour.
- (b) When put down the fire of the guns was so feeble as to be negligible.
- (c) The 3rd. A.L.T.M. Battery, 2 guns under Lieut. MILES, rendered assistance as per attached Battalion Order No.32
- (d) The guns of the 2nd A.M.B. Coy. did not come into action owing to not knowing when the barrage was down.
- (e) If the box barrage as per my order had been even reasonably carried out by the artillery, many of the enemy, who were seen running away from the East side of the wood, must have become casualties, or have been forced to surrender.
- (f) Prisoners cross-examined state there were 2 Lieuts. 150 other ranks and 3 machine guns in CELTIC WOOD. They also state that the ~~vigor~~ vigor of our attack completely surprised them, and left very little chance of resistance.
- (g) The ground crossed was marshy, and very heavy going.

I would like to sum up by stating that the success of the raid seems to be due to the skill and energy of the Officers, (particularly Lieut. VOWELS) to the good arrangements and accurate fire by the 3rd. A.L.T.M. Battery, and to the fine spirit of the men.

I desire to bring to your notice the excellent work done in the above raid by.-

Lieut. P.E.M.VOWELS, 11th. Bn.

Lieut. A.H.MILES. 3rd. A.L.T.M. Battery.

(SD) A. STEELE Major.

Commanding 11th. Battalion.

12th. Battalion.

Report on raid on CELTIC WOOD, 6/7th. Oct. by 2/Lieut
A.L.S.DAVEY. 12th. Battalion.

My party consisted of Sgt. CHERRY and 10 men of "B" Coy, and Cpl. MILLER and 15 men of "C" Coy.

We were formed up and started to advance out of the Front line trench at 2245 when word was received that the barrage did not start until 2400. We stayed in shell holes till our 18 pounders opened and then advanced. We went about 100 yards into the WOOD and came back when the two rockets were fired from our front line.

There was no wire and no trenches. Three dug-outs were bombed; they were fairly deep underground and had staircases. We captured a machine gun and its crew of 10 men and brought them back prisoners, one man who was about to fire the gun being shot. The WOOD appeared to be lightly held and there was very little resistance. We did not see any concrete pill boxes.

One man states that he saw a field gun fire from a concrete emplacement concealed in an old building on the right of the WOOD (? D.29.B.95.40). He saw the gun fire through the rafters, it was protected by 2 machine guns.

The ground was very wet and Swampy, and the WOOD very much knocked about. Casualties.- 1 other rank wounded.

I did not see the 11th. Bn. party after the advance commenced.

(SD) A.L.S.DAVEY. 2/Lieut.
"C" Coy. 12th. Bn.

.....
Brig-Genera
Commanding 3rd. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 57

Brigade Headquarters.
7th. October 1917.

1. It is probable that the Brigade will be relieved and move to reserve on the night 9/10th. October.
2. The 10th. and 9th. Battalions will relieve the 12th. and 11th. Battalions respectively in the Line during the night 7/8th. October. 12th. and 11th. Battalions will move into positions vacated by 10th. and 9th. Battalions respectively.
3. Relief will commence immediately after dusk to-night, all details being arranged mutually by Battalion Commanders.
4. Completion of relief will be wired to Brigade Headquarters by the word, - CHEERIO.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Handwritten signature]

..... Major.
Brigade Major. 3rd. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 1200.

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 58.

1. The Brigade will be relieved in the Line tomorrow night, 9th./10th. October, by the 8th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

2. RELIEF TABLE.

In	Out	Move from	Move to	Remarks
32nd. Bn.	10th. Bn.	Line	Canal Area	
29th. Bn.	9th. Bn.	Line	do	
30th. Bn.	12th. Bn.	Support	do	Relief of Battns. other than those in front line will be carried out in daylight on the 9th. Oct.
Bn. of 15th. Bde.	11th. Bn.	Anzac	do	
31st. Bn.	7th. Bn.	Support	Dickebusch	
Bn. of 15th. Bde.	4th. Bn.	Anzac	Swan Area	
8th. A.L.T.M.Bty.	3rd. A.L.T.M.Bty.	Line	Canal Area	

3. Detail of relief will be arranged by Unit Commanders concerned.

4. Trench stores, trophies, etc. will be handed over to incoming Units and receipts taken.

5. Troops will move out via HELLES Track.

6. Guides for incoming Units will report in accordance with my A.W.H. 385 and 386 issued separately.

7. Advance parties will report to Rear Brigade Headquarters as early as possible, 9th. instant, to arrange billeting.

8. Machine gun reliefs will be carried out on the night 10th./11th. October under divisional arrangements.

9. Command will pass on completion of relief, and Brigade officers will open CHATEAU SEGARD at 12 midnight.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sd) *A. Leitch*
..... Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Infantry Bde.

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| 6. | 3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty. | 14. | 7th. Battalion. |
| 7. | Aust. Infy. Bde. | 15. | 1st. Aust. Infy. Bde. |
| 8. | Right Brigade
(via 7th. Div.) | 16. | 2nd. Aust. Infy. Bde. |
| | | 17/18. | War Diary. |

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 59.

Reference map sheet - 28 -
1/40,000.Brigade Headquarters,
9th. October, 1917.

1. The 3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade will proceed by route march to the DOMINION Area on the 10th. instant, in accordance with the following March table :-

UNIT.	TO	STARTING POINT	TIME TO PASS STARTING POINT.	ROUTE
11th. Battn. & Transport.	DEVONSHIRE CAMP G.22.B.8.8.	CROSS ROADS H.16.D.1.1.	1000	H.16.D.1.1. to
12th. Battn. & Transport.	G.17.D.3.3.	do	1030	H.14.E.4.8. to
3rd. Bde. H.Q.	G.22.B.4.3.	do	1100	G.24.D.1.0.
9th. Battalion	DOMINION CAMP G.23.B.4.4.	do	1330	do
Transport	G.24.A.4.4.	do	do	do
10th. Battalion	DOMINION CAMP G.23.B.4.4.	do	1400	do
Transport	G.24.A.4.4.	do	do	do
3rd. A.L.T.M.Bty.	SCOTTISH CAMP G.23.A.	do	1430	do

3rd. M.G. Coy. SCOTTISH CAMP To move under orders of Divisional
G.23.A. Machine Gun Officer.

maintained:-

2. The following distances will be maintained:-

Between Battalions	-	800 yards.
Between transport of Units and Companies	-	400 "
Between Companies	-	200 "

3. Advanced parties will be sent direct to Camps mentioned above, under Unit arrangements, Parties from 9th. and 10th. Battalions reporting to Commandant, DOMINION CAMP.

4. Brigade Headquarters will close at CHATEAU BELGE at 1200 and open at G.22.B.4.3. at same hour.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 2330 to -

1. 9th. Battalion
3. 11th. Battalion.
5. 3rd. M.G. Coy.
7. 1st. Aust. Div.
9. Staff Captain
11. Brigade Signal Officer.
13. War Diary
- 16 15/17 Spares.

J. D. Rogers Captain
for Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aus. Infy. Bde.

2. 10th. Battalion.
4. 12th. Battalion.
6. 3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty.
8. G.O.C.
10. Camp Commandant.
12. Commdt. DOMINION Area.
14. 15 War Diary.

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3RD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No. C.1115
Date 12/10/17
Brigade Headquarters, 12th. October, 1917.

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Syllabus of Training for Week Ending - Friday 19th.

FRIDAY - 12th. - Morning - Reorganisation and refitting.
Baths.
Afternoon - Recreational Training.
Evening - Concert.

SATURDAY - 13th. - Same as for Friday 12th.

SUNDAY - 14th. - 10 am. - Brigade Church Parade.

MONDAY - 15th. - Morning - Specialist Training
Musketry
Afternoon - Recreational Training.
Evening - Concert.

TUESDAY - 16th. - Same as for MONDAY, 15th.

WEDNESDAY - 17th. - do.

THURSDAY - 18th. - Company Drill
Musketry and Specialist Training.

FRIDAY - 19th. - Battalion Drill
Musketry and Specialist Training.

Autour
..... Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Infy. Bde.

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1st. Aust. Division.

TRAINING PROGRAMME.

The following extract from a memo issued in connection with forthcoming operations covers the collective training of the Units of this Brigade for the ensuing week:-

" 2. DRILL & TRAINING.

- (a) Attack Practice. - Battalions will renew practice attack on lines similar to those employed in the POLYGON operations.
- (b) Strong Posts. - One Company in each Battalion will be selected and trained to rapidly move to and establish posts on either flank of our advance, linking the objective line with the jumping off line.

3. WIRING. IN conjunction with (2) b, wiring parties will be selected and trained to rapidly set up obstacles in front of and between posts. "

In addition, specialist training is being carried out daily and a school is being held for Scouts and Observers.

I am not specifying days and hours during which certain subjects will be given.

(signed) A.W.HUTCHIN. Major
for
.....Lieut. Colonel.
T/Commanding 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 60

Reference sheet ZONNEBEKE
or BECELARE, 1/10,000.

Brigade Headquarters.
22nd. October 1917.

RELIEF. 1. The 1st. Australian Division will relieve the 4th. Australian Division in the Line on the 23rd. inst. and the night 23/24th.

BOUNDARIES. 2. The divisional Boundaries on completion of the relief will be -

NORTH - YPRES - ROULERS Railway line.

SOUTH - The line GARTER POINT - D.27.B.95.25 - road junction D.22.D.55.50 - thence E along BROONSEINDE ROAD to D.23.C.3.6. - thence line to BUSY WOOD.

DISTRI- BUTION. 3. The 2nd. Aust. Infantry Brigade will relieve the 4th. Aust. Infantry Brigade which is now holding the Divisional Front.

The 3rd. Aust. Infantry Brigade will move to a position of support in the vicinity of YPRES, with 1 Battalion in RAILWAY DUGOUTS. The 3rd. A.M.G. Company will be detached to the Corps Machine Gun Camp. See Move table overleaf.

OPERATIONS. 4. Operations are set down for "O" Day. The role of the 1st. Australian Division will be the protection of the right flank of the 4th. Canadian Division. This will be effected by joining up from our present front about the NIEUWMOLEN SPUR to and including DECLINE COPSE, (South of the Railway). This task will be carried out by the 2nd. Aust. Infantry Brigade which will establish posts in the vicinity of D.19.A.6.6. and D.17.B.95.30.

SUBSEQUENT RELIEFS. 5. It is expected that the respective Brigades will remain in the Line for the following periods approx. -

2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde.	-	24/31st. Oct.
3rd. " " "	-	1/6th. Nov.
1st. " " "	-	7/12th. Nov.

Further detailed instructions will be issued in due course.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

..... Major.
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Infantry Bde.

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| 7. | 1st. Aust. Divn. | 8. | 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| 9. | 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. | 10. | 3rd. F. Coy. Engrs. |
| 11. | 4th. Aust. Division. | 12. | 4th. Canadian Div. |
| 13. | Staff Captain. | 14. | 4th. Coy. A.A.S.C. |
| 15. | Bde. Intell. Offr. | 16. | Bde Sig. Offr. |
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Date.	Serial No.	Units. (in order of march)	From.	To.	Remarks.
Oct. 23rd.	1.	Advance Parties less (M.G.Coy.)	DOMINION and RENINGHELST Areas.	Vicinity of YPRES.	By lorry leaving VAUXHALL at 0900. One Officer and 4 Other Ranks per Battalion. 1 O.R. 3rd. T.M.Bty.
	2.	Advanced Party M.G.Coy.	do.	CHATEAU SEGARD Area.	Under Unit arrangements. Report to D.M.G.O. ON arrival.
Oct. 24th.	3.	9th. Battalion. 12th. Battalion. 11th. Battalion. 3rd. A.L.T.M.Bty. <i>3rd. A.L.T.M.Bty.</i> 10th. Battalion.	do. do. do.	Vicinity of YPRES. RAILWAY DUGOUTS.	The Brigade will move by Bus in two Echelons. "A" Echelon - 9th. and 12th. Bns. Starting Point G.29.B. Time 10 a.m. "B" Echelon - 11th. Bn., 3rd. A.L.T.M.Bty., 10th. Bn. Starting Point G.29.B. Time 2 p.m. Units will be in column of bus parties in the order set down, on the OUDERDOM - BUSSEBOOM ROAD, facing OUDERDOM, and clear of the traffic. Transport will move independently under Unit arrangements.
Oct. 24th.	4.	3rd. A.M.G. Company.	do.	CORPS MACHINE GUN AREA.	By march route under Unit arrangements.
					Personnel to be left out of the Line will be moved to CAESTRE, under instructions from Division "I".

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3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 61

Reference Map -
Sheet 23 1/40,000.

Brigade Headquarters,
29th. October, 1917.

1. The 3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 2nd. Australian Infantry Brigade in the line during the 30th. October and the night 30th./31st. October, in two stages as below :-

STAGE 1. 11th. Battalion will leave at 0900 and relieve 7th. Battalion on WESTHOEK RIDGE. Headquarters, SEXTON HOUSE, J.1.B.65.10.

12th. Battalion will leave at 0900 and relieve 8th. Battalion on WESTHOEK and ANZAC RIDGES, the two front line. Companies moving to ANZAC RIDGE. Headquarters, J.3.A.15.35.

STAGE 2. 11th. Battalion will leave WESTHOEK RIDGE at 1600 and relieve 6th. Battalion in the line. Headquarters, D.16.D.3.1.

12th. Battalion will leave ANZAC RIDGE at 1600 and relieve 5th. Battalion in the line. Headquarters, MOULIN FARM, D.22.D.45.55.

9th. and 10th. Battalions will relieve 12th. and 11th. Battalions respectively arriving at the above positions at 1600.

2. During the relief, ZONNEBEKE DUCKWALK will be available to the Left Battalion and the ANZAC DUCKWALK to the Right Battalion.
3. Relief of 2nd. Trench Mortar Battery by the 3rd. Trench Mortar Battery will be arranged direct between officers commanding. Headquarters will be at D.28.A.20.65.
4. 7 Runners per Battalion will report fully equipped to Lieut. R.F. STANISTREET, Brigade Signal Officer, at Brigade Headquarters at 0600 on 30th. instant.
- As far as possible, men who were on this duty before will be sent.
5. All movement in rear of ANZAC RIDGE will be made by platoons at approximately 200 yards interval.
6. Copies of receipts for all stores taken over from Units relieved will reach Brigade Headquarters by 2200 on 31st. instant.
7. Separate instructions have been issued with reference to Advanced Parties.
8. Brigade Headquarters will close at YPRES at 1400 and open at D.26.C.2.3. at the same hour.

P.T.O

9. Completion of relief will be wired by the code word

"MACONACHIE"

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. Curran

..... Major
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Infy. Bde.

Issued at 1500 to -

Copy No. 1.	9th. Battalion	2.	10th. Battalion
3.	11th. Battalion	4.	12th. Battalion
5.	3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty.	6.	3rd. M.G. Coy. (for informa- tion)
7/8.	1st. Aust. Div.	9.	3rd. Fld. Coy. A.E.
10.	4th. Coy. A.A.S.C.	11.	G.O.C.
12.	Staff Captain	13.	Bde. Signal Officer.
14.	1st. Aust. Inf. Bde.	15.	2nd. Aust. Infy. Bde.
16/17.	War Diary	18/20.	Spares.

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