

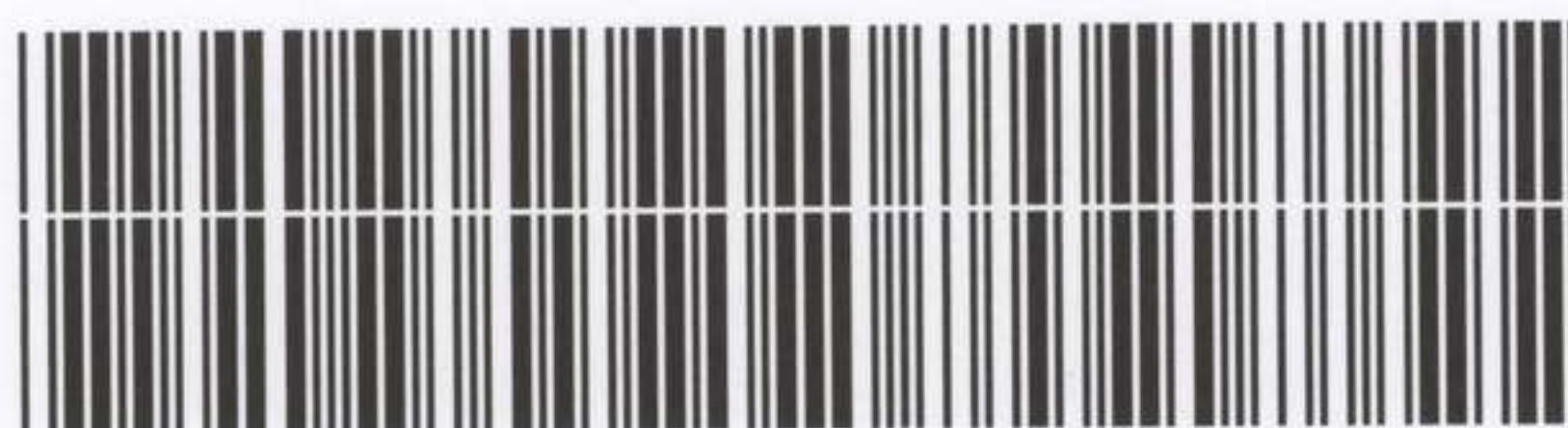
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Rouge-de-bout	11/9/16	5 Pm	<p>The day was fine but cloudy. We have obtained 5 Barr & Stroud Rangefinders per Battalion and a Brigade School of instruction in their use commenced yesterday. The 15th A.L.T.M. Battery fired 20 rds on to the German trench tramway and on parts just behind this parapet. Not much result could be seen but there were several "blinds" amongst our shells. The enemy retaliated with Artillery and rifle grenades but did no damage. The Battery sustained no casualties. Bde Order N^o 35 was issued. (Appendix 28) Capt Doyle (Int Off) wounded by bullet.</p> <p>Casualties - 1 Officer & 2 O.R. W.</p>	Appendix 28
do -	2/9/16		<p>Fine but cloudy - A Gas alert was ordered at about 3.30 pm. The day was quiet until 5.30 pm when a combined scheme commenced. Our h. 2 mortars fired 60 rounds at enemy's parapet which was demolished in 3 places. One suspected M.G. position was knocked out. The h. 2 mortars were also very effective. The enemy's retaliation was slow in coming but he sent in a fairly heavy fire from L.T.M and "Whizzbangs" which did very little damage. All our shells exploded but numbers of the enemy's did not.</p> <p>During the night the 58th carried out the relief detailed in Appendix 28. (to casualties) Lieut Palmour, 57th Bn took over the duties of Bde Intelligence Officer.</p> <p>We are making every effort to complete dug-outs in both lines. The Bond St-Rhonda Sap is waist deep in water and work is much hindered there.</p> <p>We are now using about 60 rifle grenades daily and have compelled numerous working parties to disperse.</p> <p>Casualties - 1 Officer & 2 O.R. W.</p>	

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Rouge-de-Bout	3/9/16		<p>Fine but dull & cold. Capt Scurry, OC L.T.M. Bty, was accidentally wounded in his right hand whilst examining a fuse from an enemy's mortar shell. It was a percussion fuse and must have been very sensitive. Capt Scurry was evacuated.</p> <p>At 9.30 am a ceremonial parade was held at the Div Bomb School when ribbons for all the decorations recently given were presented by the Army Commander (Gen Plummer). One Officer and 40 O.R. per Battalion attended the ceremony which consisted of a Church Parade, the Presentation and a March Past.</p> <p>The locality for the next raid was decided on. The 58th Pw will carry out this raid.</p> <p>The Brigade strength including Sick in 7. Amb. and those at Schools of Instruction is 1210/2684 O.R. = 2805</p> <p>The day and night were very quiet on both sides. Our action was confined to desultory shelling & rifle grenade work. The German's fire a few 5.9" shells on to C.T.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil. Copy of State for 2/9/16 is attached (appendix 29)</p>	Appendix 29																										
No.	4/9/16		<p>Dull & stormy. We fired a few rounds 18th Pw and the enemy retaliated with same quantity. Otherwise the period was very quiet.</p> <p>Lieut TASKER and 23 reinforcements arrived.</p> <p>We are working hard on dug out accommodation and also cable burying. We are hard put to it in finding men for all the work to be done.</p> <p>Casualties - 1 O.R. W.</p> <p>Reinforcements arrive very slowly. We have sustained actual casualties to date as under:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Officers</th> <th>O.R.</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Killed</td> <td>9</td> <td>189</td> <td>198</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wounded</td> <td>36</td> <td>1283</td> <td>1319</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Missing</td> <td>15</td> <td>635</td> <td>650</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td><u>2167</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Total reinforcements received -</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Officers</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>O.R.</td> <td>397</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td><u>399</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Officers	O.R.	Total	Killed	9	189	198	Wounded	36	1283	1319	Missing	15	635	650				<u>2167</u>	Officers	2	O.R.	397	Total	<u>399</u>	<p>2</p>
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rouge-de-Bout	5/9/16		<p>Very cold and rainy. There was no activity until 5.30 pm when our bombardment commenced. It was too hazy to see what damage had been done by our Artillery. Our light trench mortar fired 80 80 yds and made two large breaches in enemy's parapet. One mortar lay in wait for the enemy mortar and when his retaliation commenced fired 20 yds on to the spot where he was firing from. The result was successful and no more was received from that direction. The medium trench mortar fired 13 ^{nos} only - they had some trouble with the new silencers - but the mist prevented damage being observed. The enemy's retaliated promptly with 5.9" & HE, shrapnel & "Principles". A few men were hit ^{slightly} the hill at WINDY POST was struck, and a number of shells fell near PINNEY'S AVENUE. No material damage was done. The night was very quiet.</p>	
do-	6/9/16		<p>Casualties - 1 Officer & 1 O.R. W. Rain and mist. The G.O.C. with about 20 Officers & 20 N.C.O. attend a lecture on "Gas" at the SALLY THEATRE. (Capt Barley, 2nd Army expert gave the lecture). At 4.0 pm we assist the 182nd Brigade with machine gun fire. At 4.30 pm our Artillery and light trench mortars fired a scheme. The L.T.M. Battery has two guns in action - these fired 40 yds on to specially erected points and did a good deal of damage. Owing to the haze and distance the effects of the Artillery fire was not observed. Enemy's retaliation was heavy but only of short duration. Salvoes of Artillery fire during the night drew no response from the Germans. Casualties - 1 O.R. W.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">AW</p>

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Rouge-de-Bout	7/9/16		<p>Day fine and warm. Several of our men have been detailed to assist the farmers to gather the wheat crop - they seem to enjoy the change. Lieut FREEMAN, W.E. is acting as O.C. 15th A.L.T.M. Battery. The morning was very quiet. We are burying our telephone line 6 ft. deep behind the front line parapet; the work which commenced yesterday is very difficult owing to the wet state of the ground. 28 wires in all are being buried.</p> <p>Div. Order N^o 55 was received (Appendix 30). Bde Order Orders N^o 36 and 37 issued (Appendix 30 a and 30 b)</p> <p>At 6 pm we fired a special scheme. Our Artillery and M.T. mortars fired into N 8c doing a good deal of damage. Our L.T. mortars fired 54 rds on to a point where the enemy have done a great deal of work - the wire was torn up and heaps of timber & material was tossed into the air; the parapet was breached here in several places.</p> <p>Today the Lewis Gun Sections drew their handcuffs. The issue of 2 more Lewis Guns per Battalion is proceeding</p> <p>7 G.H.Q Army Cadets completed a 2 days course in the trenches where they were learning platoon commanders duties. 1 Officer (Lieut Holmes) and 12 men were sent to the Heavy Trench Mortar Battery.</p> <p>Casualties - 1 Officer and 1 O.R. W.</p>	<p>Appendix 30 " 30a " 30b</p>
do-	8/9/16		<p>Fine day. Very quiet until 4.30 pm when our L.T.M. Battery fired 74 rds in an endeavour to dislodge a big iron loop-hole plate in the enemy's parapet. Although we battered the parapet badly and shifted a lot of material the plate remained firm. Retaliation only slight.</p> <p>At 9.50 pm our action as in Appendix 30 b. Light-mortars fired 120 rds. Enemy's parapet seemed to be much damaged. We collected 4 picks & 4 chisels from a crater which the enemy had apparently intended to convert into a listening post.</p> <p>The tunnelers reported that one of their galleries had reached the timber of a German gallery about 50 yds from our parapet - this has not been verified so far.</p> <p>Casualties - 1 Officer & 5 O.R. wounded.</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; text-align: right;">AW</p>

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Rouge-de-Bout	9/9/16		Dull and cold. We are pushing out the forward Saps (PETILLON & BOND ST) but the work is slow and difficult; there is about 3 feet of water splash and the duckboards have to be tied down. By tonight we hope to commence on the T Sap joining the two onto RHONDDA Sap. The burying of our latest front line telephone wires was completed. The raid ordered for the 10th/11th has been postponed for a few days. We did not do much ourselves and the Germans were content to be inactive. Casualties - 1 Officer and 2 O.R. W.	
do-	10/9/16		Dull and misty. Our Officers and N.C.O.s left for the Central School WISQUES. Brigade Order No 38 issued (Appendix 30c). The night was very quiet. Our Light Trench Mortar Battery engaged a large steel ^{plate} steel on the enemy's parapet firing about 70 rounds. The enemy retaliated twice with his L.T.M. but on each occasion the parapet ^{parapet} over a burst from our mortars stopped him. Divine Service & Communion held at Bde. H.Q. Casualties - 1 O.R. W.	Appendix 30c
do-	11/9/16		Fine day. At 7.30 am we carried out Scheme detailed in Appendix 30c. The operation was very successful and the enemy did not retaliate. The M.T.M did not fire very accurately but the Stokes were effective. Otherwise the day was quite quiet. Strength Return of 10/9/16 attached (Appendix 31) Bde Order 39 issued (Appendix 30d) Casualties - 3 O.R. W.	Appendix 31 Appendix 30d
do-	12/9/16		Dull & cold. We fired 30 rds from L.T.M. at 7 am. At 9 am the enemy fired about 12 Avnet torpedoes into our parapet near V.C. Avenue - a large hole 15 ft wide was made by one which landed on it. We are refitting the Brigade with box respirators and withdrawing one helmet. Officers	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
Rouge-de-Bout	13/9/16		<p>Officers & C.O.s are being trained at the Gas School. A number of our Officers went to hear a lecture on "the Balkans" at BAILLEUL. A fresh table of minor operations was issued from D.H.Q yesterday (Appendix attached to Div. Order. 56 (Appendix 30e) Brigade orders 39, 40, 41 & 42 issued (Appendices 30f, g, h, i) During the night the enemy fired about 12 Heavy Minenwerfer shells into our lines damaging our parapet but inflicting no casualties. Casualties - One O.R. wounded. Dull and misty. Our L.T.M. fired 130 yds and greatly damaged enemy's parapet, and causing garrison at that point to take to the open where they were shot at by our snipers. Proposals for minor operations for period 18th to 28th inst. submitted to Division. 30 officers attended lecture at SAILLY THEATRE on the "Strategy of JOFFRE". Ob. Field Coy reports that BROMPTON AVE. is now drained and in fairly good condition. The large working party at present on the drainage work is making great improvement. The B.M. left for England on a weeks leave (The Staff Captain carried out duties) Casualties 1 O.R. 58th Killed.</p>
do.	14.9.16		<p>Dull & showery all day with bitterly cold wind N.N.E. Day very quiet except for a stunt at 4 pm. by our artillery. Scheme of forming breastwork beyond PETILLON and RHONDA SAPS abandoned. Trap laid for enemy listening post in front of left section was successful signalling behind our lines seen again coming from FROMELLES. Two men were killed by the explosion of the trap at the listening post before mentioned but enemy removed their bodies before any marks of identity could be got. Casualties 1 O.R. wounded</p>

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Rouge de Bout.	15/9/16.		<p>Day sunny but with cold wind and showers occasionally. French mortars fired 25 rounds this morning with effect on enemy wire. No retaliation. At 3 pm. we carried out a scheme (see App. 30g). French mortars breached enemy parapet and destroyed some timbered work in course of erection.</p> <p>Brigade order 43 issued (Appendix 30-j) cancelling paras of and in addition to P.O. 41 to make it fit with Diamond scheme. Drying rooms scheme begun. 14th Bde carried out raid successfully.</p> <p>Casualties 1 O.R. Killed and 1 O.R. wounded. 57th 1 officer and 1 O.R. went on leave 10 days.</p>	Appendix 30j
Do.	16/9/16		<p>Day bright with cold snaps. French mortars laid for enemy mortar this morning but with one gun only. We got back with his mortar but we could not get at him. 14th Bde report that their raid was successful, obtaining identification marks, but no prisoners & only losing 4 men slightly wounded. Say that enemy used very little retaliation amounting to a few shells. We had a stunt at 4 pm. (see Appendices 30h & 30j) which provoked about 50 rounds 77 mm. 144. and shrapnel widely distributed. We breached enemy parapet badly and damaged his tramline.</p> <p>58th One officer 2 O.R. went on leave to England. Casualties Reinforcements as follows 57th 4 O.R. 58th 15 O.R. 59th 10 O.R. 60th 9 O.R.</p>	
Do.	17.9.16		<p>Day bright & cold. Evening and night wet, showers. (see APP 30i). activity in front trenches during forenoon. At 3 pm. scheme preparing for tonight's raid. Warecutting reported very successfully accomplished 58th Bde Raiding Party are reported fully equipped and anxious to do better than 8th Bde who raided last night successfully bringing in 2 prisoners.</p> <p>Brigade Order No 44 (Appendix 32) issued for relief by 57th Bde.</p>	Appendix 32.

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Rouge de Boot.	17.9.16		<p>(Continued) of the 58th 59th and 60th Bns 57th are to take over the whole line working parties practically suspended except for screening which is progressing.</p> <p>Daily state for 16th inst attached (appendix 33)</p> <p>58th Bn Raid (see appendix 30a) carried out during night 17th, 18th September. Communications excellent events being reported to Brigade and Division within 5 minutes of occurrence and news coming through continually. 33 minutes after reaching the "tee" position and 21 minutes after the entry the raid party was reported back. Trench was found empty and no prisoners were bagged. Sufficient marks of identification were obtained. Casualties for last 24 hours 100 4 OR. missing 17 OR wounded 9 men were casualties by one 77 ym shell (58th)</p>	Appendix 33
ditto.	18.9.16		<p>Day dull and rainy. Movement very difficult on roads and saps. Report from last night's raid shows that the raid was unlucky in not gaining more material success. Regiment opposite was identified as the 2nd Bavarians (normal). Enemy's parapet was badly beached by both our fire and charges laid by engineers in party. Scheme to blow up mine did not succeed as the sapper was blocked + delayed. 2nd Lieut GRATION did not come back & is missing. 4 OR. also reported missing and 6 OR. wounded out of the raiding party. 58th Bn report + Intelligence Report attached</p> <p>No stunts on today. Operation Order NO 45 issued (see App 34b) but subsequently cancelled by receipt of revised Divisional program for the period.</p> <p>57th Bn relieved 58th 59th and 60th Bns (see Appendix 32) and took over whole of front line. Relief well managed and reported complete by 8 pm.</p> <p>Casualties 1 OR killed 2 OR wounded.</p>	App 30a; Appendix 34 b.

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Rouge de Bout	19.9.16		<p>Day dull and wet brightening up in the late afternoon. Today's stunts being cancelled by Division the day was generally very quiet. L.T.M. Battery fired 30 rounds this morning doing some good shooting, shrapnel effects, simultaneous bursts etc and provoked 5 'Whizzbangs' as retaliation on to a newly constructed drain evidently mistaken for their position. LAIES running a bunker after yesterday but water flows well showing that the system is in fair working order lower down.</p> <p>C.O.s. 2nd ANZAC with C.O.s. Division, C.E. 2nd Army C.E. 2nd ANZAC and other engineer officers visited deep dugouts and were apparently satisfied that work was progressing and idea was sound.</p> <p>Casualties for 24 hours nil.</p>	
do	20.9.16		<p>Day wet and cold and windy (N.W.) L.T.M.'s worried the enemy this morning and provoked a few shrapnel as retaliation. No stunts in our area during the day and everything comparatively quiet. Officers and O.R. go on leave each day about 18 per cent from the brigade.</p> <p>Received order tonight to arrange to take over part 8th Pz Sector as present occupied by the 29th Pz. 13th Pz Brigade Order 46 issued (Appendix 35) for the relief which includes the taking over by the 5th Pioneer Battalion of the Subsidiary Line Posts.</p> <p>Casualties nil.</p>	Appendix 35

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Rouge de BouT.	21.9.16		<p>Day dull but not wet. I.M.'s had a shoot this morning but provoked little retaliation. The M.G. Coy took over their portion of the new sector at 9 am, and the 58th had their specialists down at same time, having had patrols and observers down the night before. No stunts on and day comparatively quiet.</p> <p>The 58th Pz completed relief of 29th Pz by 6 pm, taking over in good time. Found trenches in fair condition but with lot of work ahead strengthening parapets and rebuilding dugouts. Also a good deal of cleaning up to do.</p> <p>The Pioneers took over all posts in the subsidiary line in our sector completing by 8 pm. The 59th Pz relieved from the posts were given instructions to billet in area H 25 d 7.7 (Sheet 36 N.W.) leaving their old billets vacant for the 2nd A.M. 2 A.C. Cyclist Battalion which completed its occupation by 11 pm. The 60th Pz remained unchanged.</p> <p>All the changes went smoothly and in good order and were completed up to time except that the Cyclist's were not relieved in the 14th Pz area until late in the evening. Pz Order 47 issued (Appendix 36.)</p> <p>Casualties for 24 hours 1 O.R. wounded.</p>	Appendix 36
do.	22.9.16		<p>Day bright and clear but cold. Everything dried up well and ground much better for walking. I.M. shoot this morning apparently provoked the enemy who answered on to the 75 yard line with 3 or 4 75 mms.</p> <p>at 2 pm Conference of C.O.s to decide the distribution of units to arrange for relief. All personnel at the Div. Bomb School and Pz School sent back to their units to allow the supply of men for</p>	<p>10</p>

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Rouge de Bout.	27-9-16.		<p>(Continued). working parties. Since last relief (18th inst) very little work done in the area because of necessity of permitting the relieved units to bathe. Tomorrow's working parties amount to about 250 men overall with the promise of a slight increase.</p> <p>At 4 pm. Stunt (see Appendix 36.) was carried out the M.T.M.'s doing their work well and the R.T.M.'s carrying on with their task of convincing the enemy that we wished to cut wire at another point altogether.</p> <p>The enemy sent over one large mine-warfer, near R. and casualties 6 men. A crater about 10 feet across and 4 to 5 feet deep was formed and a dugout nearby had one corner damaged.</p> <p>Enemy's machine guns were very active during the night on an M.G. position.</p> <p>They evidently expected a raid after the 4 o'clock bombardment. Casualties for 24 hours. 1 Officer 4 O.R. K. - 3 O.R. W. (Spill) Returned from leave.</p>	
Rouge-de-Bout	28/9/16		<p>Day fine and warm. Our light trench mortars fired about 50 rds in the morning. In the afternoon the 114th Howitzer fired about 100 rds on to the German front line. The enemy's retaliation was confined chiefly to ^{medium type} heavy mine-warfers - several of the latter ^{reached} reached our parapet. Sgt Ross of the 3rd Coy, 1st of our best Scouts, is reported missing from a patrol he took into the enemy's lines. We continued our policy of harassing the enemy with rifle grenades and M.G. fire, and everywhere his works are showing signs of damage. Our trenches and Seps have dried again.</p> <p>Casualties - 4 O.R. W. Bde order 48 issued (Appendix 36)</p> <p>About 5 days ago (vide Div Orders) the G.O.C. was awarded the decoration (3rd class) of the order of St Anne (Russian)</p>	<p>Appendix 36</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rouge-de-Bont.	24/9/16		<p>Day fine but morning very foggy. Surface wells after being strictly prohibited for some time have returned to favour and today we received orders to select sites in conference with A.D.M.S and O.C. Field Coy.</p> <p>The enemy fired several heavy kimmerwers during the day - our parapet was slightly damaged. At about 7am our L.T. mortars about 40 yds and at 12 noon another 130 with good results. We have resurrected one trench catapult and two spring guns & are using them to throw MILLS grenades. Bde Orders 48 and 49 issued (Appendices 37 and 38). Weekly State for 23/9/16 attached (Appendix 39)</p> <p>The area taken over from the 8th Bde is not nearly in as good order as our own old area & much hard work is required to be done there.</p> <p>Today the Divisional Commander presented the Championship Cup won by the Brigade at the Divisional Sports MOASCAR; about one platoon per Battalion paraded for this purpose. A scheme for allowing 18 per Brigade per week to proceed to England for 10 days commenced about a week ago.</p> <p>Casualties - 1 O.R. W.</p>	<p>Appendix 37 " 38 " 39</p>
do-	25/9/16		<p>Fine and warm. 5 Sites were chosen for shallow wells in the 300 yards line. We fired a combined shoot of howitzers, M.T.M. and L.T.M. at 4.45 pm; the enemy's parapet and wire were greatly damaged. The L.T.M. fired 180 rounds. During the night several enemy heavy kimmerwers fired into front line near V.C. Avenue did no damage. As usual the German retaliation was very slight. We have now adopted the principle of always keeping 2 Stokes Guns in the front line so as to be more readily with hostile grenades and bombs but they are withdrawn at night. On our front the enemy is economical with all kinds of ammunition including VEREY lights - this is in marked contrast with our experiences of last month.</p> <p>Casualties - 1 O.R. W.</p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">(Signature)</p>

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Rouge-de-Bout	26/9/16		<p>Warm and fine. Our L.T.Ms. fired 70 rounds and destroyed several m.g. positions and loop hole positions. The day was very quiet except for our action which proceeded normally. The High Commissioner and General Birdwood called at Bde H.Q. and met Bde Staff and Bde Commanders. We issued a new Bde Defence Scheme for the Right Sector. The 59th Pw Raid party went into training again. Today we received 3/3 reinforcements (all our old hands) mainly for the 59th Pw. During the night we received two "Minesweepers" in the same old place. Casualties - 1 O.R. W.</p>	
do-	27/9/16		<p>Warm & fine - wind stronger, gas alert ordered on 24th still maintained. Our L.T.Ms. fired 110 rds early in the morning; enemy retaliated with 4 H.E. on 300 yds line. The remainder of the day was very quiet. Our aeroplanes brought down a drifting German balloon. Casualties - 1 O.R. K & 3 O.R. W.</p>	
do-	28/9/16		<p>Fine day but very misty. The enemy retaliation today was very much stronger than usual on our sector - the 14th Bde wide cutting was probably the cause of this. The 59th Pw raiding party went to the Div. Bomb School to resume training. Our L.T.Ms. fired 110 rds at irregular intervals throughout the day - the idea of this action is to try and catch the enemy's working parties. The gas alert is still being maintained. Bde Order N° 50 issued (Appendix 40). Only one minesweeper was fired today - our artillery opened on it very quickly. 6 reinforcements reported to the 59th Battalion. Our orders received directing concentration of work on 300 yds line. We are putting in two rifle batteries in the 300 yds line in the right sector. Casualties - 1 O.R. K & 1 O.R. W.</p>	<p>Appendix 40 AW</p>

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Rouge-de-Bois	29/9/16		<p>Showing and dull. The G.O.C. left for England on 10 days leave - Lieut Col J.C. Steward is temporarily carrying out the duties of Brigadier. Our L.V.M.'s fired over 100 rds in bursts at intervals during the day - this procedure seems to annoy the Germans very much for they retaliate very quickly to this form of bombardment.</p> <p>A scheme for the provision of dry socks each day was instituted and promises to operate successfully. The system of supplying coffee in the early morning, instituted a week or so ago, is appreciated by the troops in the front line.</p> <p>A number of officers and O.R. attended the Divisional Horse Show.</p> <p>Beyond retaliation to our trench mortar firing the enemy was very quiet. It is reported that our old opponents, the 21st Bavarian Reserve Regt, have been relieved by the 21st Bavarian Infantry Regt and that the former have gone to the SOMME.</p> <p>Casualties - Nil.</p>	
do-	30/9/16		<p>Brigade Order No 57 Issued (Appendix 40 a). Weather fine & cold.</p> <p>The wind is now N.E. and the Gas Alert is removed. During the night in retaliation to our the 14th Bde Raid we received 4 Minenwerfers near head of V.C. Avenue. One man was killed and 4 wounded. Our Stokes guns fired 230 rds at irregular intervals and a good deal of damage was done to enemy parapet and emplacements; enemy's retaliation was prompt but not severe. Hostile artillery appears to be ranging and one new emfilade battery has opened up from the right.</p> <p>The relief mentioned in Appendix 40 was carried out successfully by 8 pm.</p> <p>Casualties - 2 O.R. K</p> <p>Reinforcements - 4 Officers, 164 Other Ranks = 168</p> <p>A new Brigade Defence Scheme was issued for our sector which is now known as the Right Brigade Sector CORDONNERIE Section.</p>	<p>Appendix 40a</p>

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WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.)

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title Pages will be prepared in manuscript.

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Summary of Events and Information

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Place Date Hour

General - Since taking over the Sector the G.O.C. usually accompanied by the B.M. has inspected the front every day. We have now got fairly satisfactory trench discipline. Dugout accommodation is now sufficient and there is a reasonable chance of the men keeping dry. Our trench mortar policy has been changed from big bombardments to "nibbling" and much better results are obtained. The Minnie mortar emplacement at N 15 a 2-6 is evidently very strong - over 4.5" shells make no impression on it. Aeroplanes photos show the Germans to be making new concrete dug-outs in his line & this accounts for the great activity of working parties lately. Throughout the month we have had complete control of NO MANS LAND and at least one trap set caught his listening posts. On this occasion trap wires fired two Stokes shells and killed two men. Our patrols have tried to tempt hostile patrols out into the open without success. We are proceeding with the screening of all roads & open spaces near & in front of the Rue de Bois. The Stokes Guns are now very popular amongst our men & they are always anxious to point out targets to be engaged. The guns are becoming worn and some of them require to be replaced. Our transport animals are keeping in good condition and have good quarters for the winter.

Clifford S. Mason

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Appendix 28

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE - ORDER No. 35

1st Sept., 1916.

Reference - Trench Map Area "L".

1. The 58th Battalion will relieve Headquarters, Lewis Gun Section and the two Companies of the 57th Battalion now in the front trench, during the night 2nd/3rd Sept., 1916.
The two Companies of 57th Battalion remaining in the sector will be attached for duty to the 58th Battalion.
2. When relieved the Headquarters, Lewis Gun Section and two Companies of 57th Battalion will move to billets in Squares G 36 and 29.
Battalion Headquarters will be established at G 36 b 0-5.
3. The details of the relief will be arranged mutually between the C.O.'s. concerned.
4. Working parties, fatigues and duty will be taken over so that there will be no break in the work.
Trench log books, defence schemes, ammunition, trench stores, &c., will be checked, taken over and receipts given.
5. Completion of relief is to be notified to Brigade Headquarters.

Geo. L. Wright

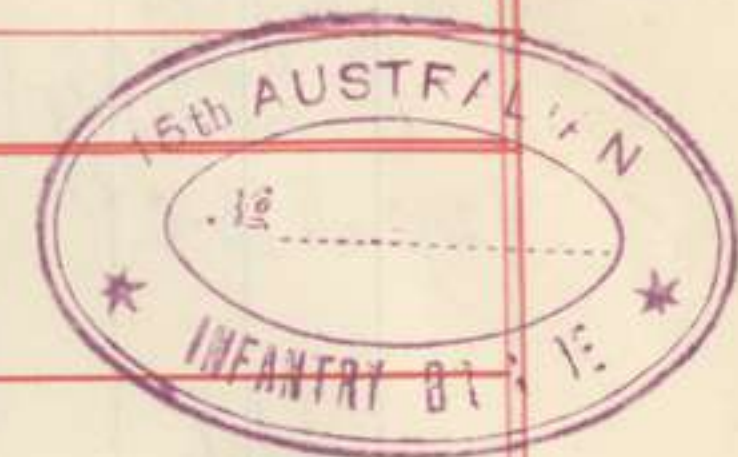
Major.
Brigade Major., 15th Aust. Infantry Bgde.

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 - " 9 15th Field Coy. Engineers.
 - " 10 Right Group Artillery
 - " 11 D.T.M.O
 - " 12 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade.
 - " 13 184th Brigade
 - " 14 Staff Captain.



Appendix 29

Unit	Actually with unit.			In hpl			Detached			Total Effective Strength			Remarks.
	Off	OR	Total	Off	OR	Total	Off	OR	Total	Off	OR	Total	
15 B.H.A	8	22	30	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	22	30	
5 ALTB.	4	44	48	.	.	.	.	2	2	4	46	50	
15 MG Coy.	6	115	121	1	19	20	2	3	5	9	137	146	<u>Includes.</u> 18 OR isolated.
57 th Bn.	29	916	945	.	16	16	.	17	17	29	949	978.	<u>Increase</u> 1 OR ignored from hpl. <u>Decrease</u> <u>Excludes.</u> 1 interpreter attached.
58 Bn.	19	527	546	.	18	18	10	94	104	29	639	668	<u>Decrease.</u> 1 OR wounded.
59 Bn.	15	361	376	1	13	14	3	23	26	19	397	416	<u>Increase.</u> 1 off. Lt. Kenton, rejoined from seconded list. <u>Excludes.</u> 1 interpreter attached.
60 th Bn.	17	317	334	.	35	35	1	26	27	18	378	396	<u>Decreases</u> 1 OR shellshock. 1 off. (Capt DB. DOYLE) wounded
Total	98	2302	2400	2	101	103	16	165	181	116	2568	2684.	



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Details of Detached

15 M.G. Coy		0	OR	57 th Bn		0	OR	58 th Bn		0	OR	59 th Bn		0	OR	60 th Bn		0	OR
14 M.G. Coy	{ 2 nd Light C.C. Sabbidus J.F.	2	2	A.G.'s offic.	1	2/Lt. Gollan & batmans.	1	1	Armourer's school.		1	Bomb school			1				
29 th A.S.C.			1	D.H.Q. cook (PTE. BROWN)	1	Gym staff/cook (1715 PTE. W. HALL)		1	Enginr's (2/Lt. WADESON)	1	3	Enginr's (2/Lt. CAHILL. M.)	1	3					
				Div Salvage Coy.	2	D.H.Q. off mess. (4522 PTE. HARDING)		1	Lewis Gun school (2/Lt. DUNKLEY. R.)	1	1	Salvage Coy			2				
Total		2	3	Div Sig. Coy.	3	Physical culture school		1	Grenade school. (2/Lt. J.S. MANN)	1	1	29 th A.S.C.			2				
				Bayonet & Bomb school	1	A.G.'s offic.		1	Musketry school.		1	Bootmaker's shop			1				
				Lewis Gun school	1	A.P.M. 5 th Div Detention {2186. PTE. A. MADIN 1009 .. E. WOODS}		2	Devil Police. (No. 10. PTE. CHAMBERLAIN)		1	Armourer's school.			1				
				Enginr school.	2	29 th A.S.C.		2	Div Salvage Coy		1	Musketry school			1				
				Musketry school	1	Sig school (2/Lt. ROSS. H.)	1	2	29 th A.S.C.		1	Wireless 5 th Div Sig Coy			1				
15 A.L.I.M.B.				Div Boot shops	1	Enginr ..		2	A.G.'s offic.		1	Deep dug-out fatigues			12				
School of instr.		2		Enginr's (Training off)	1	Lt. Craig APM 5 th Div.	1		Bootmaker's shop		1	A.G.'s offic.			2				
				29 th A.S.C.	3	Reading school {Capt. HDG. FERRES. Lt. ALH. GODFREY 2/Lt. H.V.G. GRATION}	3	60	Deep dug-out fatigues.		11								
						Enginr guard. SALLY		4											
						Musketry school. (Lt. J.M. PARSONS)	1	1											
						Grenade school (2/Lt. THOMPSON. A.R.)	1	2											
						Stoke Gun school. (2/Lt. S.J. TOPP)	1												
						Bootmaker's shops		1											
						Deep dug out fatigues	1	11											
Total		2		Total	17	Total	10	94	Total	3	23	Total	1	26					

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No.55.

Headquarters,
5th September 1916.

1. The minor offensive action detailed in the attached table will be carried out during the period from 8th to 18th September.
2. Formations and units will send a copy of their detailed schemes or orders to Divisional Headquarters the day before that on which operations are to take place. They will issue their orders to all concerned and all taking part in the operation, and will send copies to corresponding formations on both flanks.
3. Zero hours will be notified by the formations or units issuing the orders to all concerned, and to Divisional Headquarters.
4. Special reports on the operations will be included in the Operation Summary sent in on the following day.

Cumwags Tab.

Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff, 5th Australian Division.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
 PROGRAMME OF MINOR OFFENSIVE ACTION
 From 8th to 18th September 1916.

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No.	Date	Formation or Unit	Nature of operation	Approximate objectives	Time	Approximate ammunition reqd. except S.A.A & L.T.M.		
						A & AX	BX	M.T.M.
1	8th Sep.	14th Brigade	Bombardment Art. & T.Ms.	N.6.c. and O.1.a	Dawn	250	50	60
2	8th Sep.	15th Brigade	Bombardment Art. & T.Ms.	N.8.d, N.9.c and d, N.14.b.	Night	180	24	40
3	9th Sep.	Divis. Art.	Bombardment buildings and O.Ps.	N.16 to O.1.2 & 7	Day	600	90	-
4.	9th Sep.	8th Brigade	Bombardment Art. & T.Ms.	N.10.c. and d.	7 p.m.	380	50	40
5	10th Sep.	14th Brigade	Bombardment, Artillery	N.5.b, N.6.b.	) Night,) zero to) be fixed) later.	100	20	-
6.		8th Brigade	Dummy Raid	N.11.d		760	100	40
7.		15th Brigade	Raid	N.10.c.		1230	100	80
8.	11th Sep	14th Brigade	L.T.M. shoot	N.6.c. and d.	Dawn	-	-	-
9.	"	15th Brigade	M.T.M. and L.T.M. shoot, covered by 18-pdrs.	N.9.d, N.10.e.	Day	60	-	60
10.	12th Sep.	8th Brigade	Bombardment, Art and T.Ms.	N.11.a, b, d.	8.15 pm	380	50	40
11.		15th Brigade	L.T.M. shoot	N.9.c, N.9.d	) Day	-	-	-
12.	15th Sep.	14th Brigade	Dummy Raid	N.6.c.		700	100	-
13.	14th Sep.	Divisional Artillery	Combined shoot	Tramways and C.Ts.	Day	420	120	180
14		8th Brigade	L.T.M. Shoot	N.10.b.	Night	-	-	-
15.	15th Sep.	15th Brigade	Artillery, T.Ms. & M.Gs.	N.9.d, N.15.b and d.	Day	180	24	40
16	16th Sep.	14th Brigade	M.T.M. and L.T.M.	N.6.c, O.1.a.	Day	50	-	50
17		Divisional Artillery	Combined shoot	Roads and road junctions	night	576	90	-
18	17th Sep	15th Brigade	M.T.M. and L.T.M. covered by 18-pdrs	N.9.c, N.9.d (wire)	Day	60	-	60
19		8th Brigade	M.T.M. and L.T.M.	N.10.c.	7.30 p.m.	-	-	40

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 36

5th September 1916.

Reference: Trench Map Area "L"
Map of portion of German Trenches.

1. The 58th Battalion will carry out an enterprise against hostile trenches between N 9 d 90-25 and N 10 c 20-30.
Point of Entry - N 10 c 05-30
2. The object of the enterprise is:
 - (a) To take prisoners.
 - (b) To secure identifications.
 - (c) To capture Machine Guns, &c.
 - (d) To damage enemy's works.
 - (e) To harrass enemy.
3. The date and zero time will be notified later.
4. Detailed orders for the operation will be issued by the C.O., 58th Battalion.
5. The number to actually cross our parapet will be:

2 officers
50 other ranks Total 52

This includes 2 engineers and one machine gunner.
Lt.-Col. C.A. Denehy, with the necessary personnel, will co-ordinate action at our parapet and will be known as O.C. At-tack.
6. It has been arranged ~~that~~ for the Right Group Artillery plus 2 Batteries from Centre Group, assisted by Heavy Artillery, Trench Mortars and Vickers Guns, to co-operate and their action will be as laid down in Appendix "A" attached.
7. Attack - The party will assemble in the ditch immediately outside our parapet near bay N 10, 1-2, 15 minutes before Zero.
 - (a) At 0-01½ the party will advance and enter the enemy trench.
 - (b) At 0.14 the party will leave the trench and if the artillery barrage is not severe in NO MAN'S LAND the men will return to our parapet as quickly as possible.
If the barrage is severe the O.C. Raid will telephone "WAITING"; meaning that he will wait near the enemy's parapet.
 - (c) At 0.20 bombardment will cease but Vickers Guns will continue to fire on C.T. in rear of the raided portion.
 - (d) At 0.22, if the party has not already returned it will return to our lines.
 - (e) At 0.23 the trench mortars will reopen on targets as in Phase I, Part II, for 3 minutes.



NOTE - If at 0.22 the O.C. Raid finds the barrage too heavy, he will telephone "HASTE". The artillery bombardment will then be resumed as in Phase III and the party will return under its cover.
Special lamp signals communication will be arranged by O.C., Right Group Artillery, to ensure prompt action.

- (f) The code word "SATISFIED" will be given when the party has returned to our parapet.
- 8. A liaison officer will be provided by the Right Group Artillery and all communication between Artillery and Infantry will pass through him. The liaison officer will arrange to have inner flank guns fired during the previous day so as to indicate the frontage to O.C. Raid.
- 9. The targets for Medium and ^{Light} Trench Mortars will be indicated on the ground by the Brigade Major, 15th Bgde.
- 10. The following communications will be arranged:-
 - (a) Buried cable route from RIFLE VILLA to special dugout at parapet.
 - (b) Alternative line via BROMPTON AVENUE.
 - (c) Through 8th Infantry Brigade right company by permission of the G.O.C.
 - (d) Special lamp communication arranged by Artillery
 - (e) Lamp code signals arranged by ~~with~~ 60th Battn. between O.C. Attack and RIFLE VILLA.
- 11. O.C., 15th Field Coy. Engineers will arrange for charges to be taken and if possible, the mine shaft and adjacent parapet destroyed.
- 12. Prisoners will be forwarded to Rifle Villa and after being searched, handed over to the A.P.M. Identifications and captured equipment, &c., will be sent to Advanced Brigade Headquarters at RIFLE VILLA until 4.30 a.m., afterwards to Brigade Headquarters at G 36 d 9-6.
- 13. Watches will be synchronised by the Brigade Signal Officer at 2 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- 14. Reports until 4.30 a.m. to Advanced Brigade Headquarters at RIFLE VILLA, afterwards to usual place.

Geo. F. Wick

Major.
Brigade Major, 15th Australian Infantry Bde



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APPENDIX "A"

Raid No. 2 (58th Battalion)Artillery

Time	Battery, &c.	Target	Rate	Ammun
Phase I 0-006 0.10	54th Bty. 1 Sec.	N 9 d $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{3}{4}$ to N 9 d $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	ByF 10 secs	60 AX
	1 Sec	N 9 d $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ to N 16 a 1- $9\frac{1}{2}$		
	53rd Bty. & 1 Sec 55th By	N 9 d 6-2 to N 9 d 9- $2\frac{1}{2}$	"	"
	58th Battery	N 9 d 3-1 to N 9 d 6-2	"	"
	55th Bty. 1 Sec	ROUGES BANCS	XF 10 secs	60 AX
	114th Bty 1 Sec	N 9 d $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ to	ByF 15 secs	40 BX
	1 "	N 16 a 1- $9\frac{1}{2}$		
	1,18 pr. Bty. 1 Sec	N 10 c 3- $2\frac{1}{2}$ to N 10 c 3-1	ByF 15 secs	40 AX
1 Sec	N 10 c $2\frac{1}{2}$ -1 to N 16 a 1- $9\frac{1}{2}$			
1,18 pr. Bty.	N 10 c $3\frac{1}{2}$ -3 to N 10 c 6-4	"	"	

Phase II 0.10 to 0.20	54th Battery	As in Phase I	XF 10 secs	120 A
	53rd Bty & 1 Sec 55th By	"	"	180 A
	58th Battery	"	"	120 A
	55th Bty. 1 Sec	"	"	60 A
	114th Battery	"	XF 15 secs	80 BX
	1,18 pr. Batty	"	XF 10 secs	120 A
	1,18 pr. Batty	"	"	120 A

If required by signal

Time	Battery, &c.	Target	Rate	Ammun
From order for Phase III	54th Battery	N 9 d $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ to N 10 c 1- $2\frac{1}{2}$	ByF 15 secs	20 A
	53rd Bty & 1 Sec 55th By	As in Phase I		
	58th Battery	"	Slowing to 1 minute	20 A
	1,18 pr. Batty	N 10 c $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{3}{4}$ to N 10 c 3- $2\frac{3}{4}$	"	20 A
	1,18 pr. Batty	As in Phase I	"	20 A

Raid No. 2 (58th Battalion)

Trench Mortars

Time	Battery	Target	Rate	Ammun
<u>Phase I</u>				
Part I 0.00 to 0.01½	Z 5 A 1 Sec 1 Sec	Wire at N 10 c 1-2½ Targets within frontage of raid.	Best Possible	
	15th A.L.T.M. Battery	Special targets to be pointed out	do	
Part II 0.01½ to 0.20	Z 5 A 15th ALTBty	Bombardment of parapet to flanks of raid frontage - do -	Moderate do	
Phase II 0.23 to 0.26	Z 5 A 15th ALTBty	{ As in Phase I, Part II.	do	
Phase III 0.60 to 1.02	15th ALTBty	As in Phase I	Best Possible	

Vickers Machine Guns

Time	Guns	Target	Rate	Ammun
(a) 0.00 to 0.01	2 (near Bond St)	Fire Trench N 9 d 9½-2½ to N 10 c 3-3½	300 per min.	600
(b) 0.05 to 0.10	2	Sweep and search ground from N 15 d 8-9 to N 16 a 4-9. Southwards in depth 200 yards	150 per min.	1500
(c) 0.10 to 0.23	1 Gun 1 Gun	Enfilade knuckle (N 9 c 9½-1½) Traverse Fire Trench N 9 d 5-2 to N 9 d 7-2 (these guns will also traverse the wire)	150 per min.	3900
(d) 0.20 to 0.25	Guns as in (b)	Targets as in (b)	150 per min.	1500

In addition special arrangements have been made for the 8th Infantry Brigade Vickers Guns to engage machine guns coming into action on our left flank.

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RAID N^o 2
(58th Div)

SKETCH compiled from aeroplane photographs
with aid of captured documents.



Distance between trenches 166^x

2 Sec M.T.M

Point of Entry

← 250^x →

300^x

R = Artillery
B = m. T. M.
G = L. T. M.

Scale of Feet



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MAJOR
BDE. MAJOR
15th AUS. INF. BRIGADE

2/9/16

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
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15th Australian Infantry Brigade order will be carried out as at a time and date to be notified later by the code message:

"Required information will be sent before
.....(a.m.) on theinst."
.....(p.m.)



Captain.

Staff Capt., 15th Australian Infantry Bde.

16-9-16.

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Headquarters,
15th Australian Infantry Brigade.
16th sept., 1916.

War Diary.

Required information will be sent before 12.50 a.m.
on the 18th instant.



R. G. Legge
Staff Capt., 15th Australian Infantry Bde. Captain.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 37

7th Sept., 1916.

Reference: Trench Map Area "L"

1. A bombardment will be carried out by the Right Group Artillery and Medium Trench Mortars during the night 8th/9th Sept.
The 15th M.G. Company and A.L.T.M. Battery will co-operate.
2. Objectives will be as shown hereunder:

Artillery: 0.00 to 0.10

N 8 d 9-1 to N 9 c 1-1
 N 8 d 9½-1 to N 15 a ½-8¾
 N 14 b 9½-9½
 N 15 a ½-8¾
 N 9 c 1½-1 to N 15 a 1-9
 N 15 b 9-9½ to N 15 a 1½-9¾ - 204 rounds

M.T. Mortar: 0.00 to 0.10

N 8 d 9½-1 to N 9 c 1-1
 (* 2 guns on wire) - 40 rounds

L.T. Mortars: 0.00 to 0.10

N 10 c 3-3 - 100 rounds

Vickers M.G.: 0.00 to 0.02

N 9 c 1½-1½ to N 9, c 6-1
 N 15 a 1½-9 to N 15 a 8-8
 N 15 a 3-9 to N 15 a 06-60

0.18 to 0.20
 Targets as above

0.58 to 0.60
 Targets as above - 4000 rounds

3. Zero will be 9.50 p.m.
4. The Light Trench Mortars will stand by and open again on enemy's front line if his retaliation is heavy.
5. Reports to 15th Brigade Headquarters.

Geo. J. Weeks

Major.
Brigade Major, 15th Australian Infantry Bde.



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| " 6 | 60th Battalion | " 13 | 182nd Brigade |
| " 7 | 15th M.G. Company | " 14 | Staff Captain. |

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 38

9th September, 1916.

Reference - sheet 36 S.W.1 and 2

1. One battery Right Group Artillery, Z 5 A M.T.M. Battery and the 15th A.L.T.M. Battery will co-operate in a bombardment of a portion of the enemy's front line system, on 11th Sept., 1916.

2. Fire will be opened at 7.30 a.m.

3. Objectives are as follows:-

Artillery	-	Repairs in N 9 c and d.
Medium Trench Mortars	-	Parapet and wire at N 10 c 05-30 and parapet to flanks.
Light Trench Mortars	-	M.G. Emplacement at N 9 c 85-20, parapet to flanks.

4. Ammunition:

Artillery	-	up to	60	rounds
M. T. M.	-	"	40	"
L. T. M.	-	"	100	"

5. O.C., Trench Mortar batteries, will arrange to reserve fire of flank guns for 5 minutes in order to give time for enemy personnel to move there from points already engaged.

The 15th M.G. Company, with 2 guns from vicinity of BOND STREET, will engage enemy's front trench and tram line from 7.30 a.m. to 7.31 a.m. and from 7.35 a.m. to 7.36 a.m.

The 60th Battalion will fire rifle grenades on the enemy's front trench to the right of the targets engaged by the Light Trench Mortars.

6. Reports to 15th Infantry Brigade Headquarters.

Geo. L. Wright
Major.
Brigade Major, 15th Australian Infantry Bde.

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"	4	58th Battalion
"	5	59th Battalion
"	6	60th Battalion
"	7	15th M.G. Company
"	8	15th A.L.T.M. Battery
"	9	15th Field Coy. Engrs.
"	10	Right Group Artillery
"	11	D.T.M.O.
"	12	8th Aust. Infantry Brigade
"	13	182nd Brigade
"	14	Staff Captain.



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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 39 A

Reference-sheet 36 S.W.1 $\frac{1}{10000}$

12th September, 1916

1. The 15th A.L.T.M. Battery will carry out a bombardment of all known and suspected M.G. emplacements in the enemy's front line in Square N 9 d on 13th sept.
2. Fire will be opened at 6.15 a.m.
3. Two sub-sections will be employed and the mortars of the sub-sections will fire alternate series of 20 rounds each. 160 rounds will be expended.
4. Front line Battalions will arrange to fire rifle grenades at the trench between the targets ~~xxxxxx~~ engaged by the Mortar Battery.
5. One 18 pr. Battery of the Right Group will take action in case of retaliation by hostile artillery.
6. Reports to 15th Brigade Headquarters.

Geo. J. Smith

Major.
Brigade Major, 15th Australian Infantry Bde.



- Copy No. 1 War Diary
 " 2 5th Australian Division.
 " 3 Right Group Artillery
 " 4 15th A.L.T.M. Battery
 " 5 58th Battalion
 " 6 60th Battalion
 " 7 8th Infantry Brigade.

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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 56

Headquarters,
10th September 1916.

1. Under orders from 2nd Anzac the programme of minor offensive action issued with 5th Australian Division No. 55 is modified as follows -
2. Up to, and including item 11, the programme will stand, except as regards Nos. 4, 6, and 7, orders regarding which were given in G.S. telegram No. G22/517 of ninth September.
3. The programme from No. 12 onwards will be as given in the attached table.
4. Zero hours for items 21, 24, 27, and 31 will be fixed by Divisional Headquarters in consultation with neighbouring divisions, who are engaged in similar operations.
5. Heavy artillery cooperation is being arranged for raids, and dummy raids.
6. The allowance of ammunition for field artillery is limited, and the following maximum expenditure for each kind of operation is permitted, such expenditure to include that required for retaliatic

Kind of operation	A & AX	BX
Covering M.T.M. fire	100	-
Bombardment - by day	1000	120
Actual raid	1500	120
Dummy Raid	500	250

7. C.R.A., 5th Australian Division will regulate other expenditure of ammunition accordingly, reserving sufficient for the items of the programme attached, out of the total allotment for the period 8th to 18th September, which is fixed at:-

12,000 rounds	A & AX
1,650 rounds	BX.

Cullwagstaff.

Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff, 5th Australian Division.

Issued at 2 p.m. to:

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AMENDED PROGRAMME OF OFFENSIVE ACTION
from 12th to 18th Sept.

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Number	Date	Formation or Unit	Nature of operation	Approximate objectives	Time	Remarks
12	13 Sep.	Div. Artillery	Bombardment & wire cutting; Artillery and M.T.Ms.	Centre Brigade Sector N.6.b	Day	
13	13 Sep.	14th Brigade	M.T.M. & L.T.M. with 1 Batt 18-pdrs	N.9.d	Day	
14	13 Sep.	15th Brigade	L.T.M. shoot	N.5.d	Day	
15	14 Sep.	8th Brigade	M.T.Ms. and 1 18-pdr. batt wire-cutting	N.5.d	Night	
16	14 Sep.	8th Brigade	Dummy raid	N.6.b	Day	
17	14 Sep.	14th Brigade	L.T.M. shoot	Right Brigade Sector	Day	
18	14 Sep.	Div. Artillery	Bombardment and wire cutting parapets, and C.Ts. Artillery, M.T.Ms.	N.5.d.	Day	
19	15 Sep.	8th Brigade	Further wire cutting. T.Ms. and 1 18-pdr battery.	O.1.a	Day	
20	15 Sep.	14th Brigade	Wire cutting, T.Ms.	O.1.a	Night	
21	15 Sep.	14th Brigade	Raid.	N.9.d	Day	
22	15 Sep.	15th Brigade	Wire cutting by T.Ms. & 1 batt. 18-pdrs	N.11.a	Day	
23	16 Sep.	8th Brigade	Wire cutting, T.Ms. and 18-pdrs.	N.11a.4.6	Night	
24	16 Sep.	8th Brigade	Raid	N.6.b.	Day	
25	16 Sep.	14th Brigade	Wire cutting, T.Ms. and 18-pdrs	N.9.c	Day	
26	16 Sep.	15th Brigade	Wire cutting, T.Ms. and 18-pdrs	N.9.c	Night	
27	16 Sep.	15th Brigade	Dummy raid	N.10.b.	Day	
28	17 Sep.	8th Brigade	Wire cutting, T.Ms. and 18-pdrs	N.6.c.	Day	
29	17 Sep.	14th Brigade	Wire cutting, T.Ms. and 18-pdrs	N.10.c.	Day	
30	17 Sep.	15th Brigade	Wire cutting, T.Ms. and 18-pdrs	N.10.c.	Night	
31	17 Sep.	15th Brigade	Raid			

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- To distract the enemy's attention from operations being conducted by other units the enemy's front line system in N 9 d and N 15 b will be bombarded on the night 16th/17th September.
- The Right Group Artillery, assisted by Medium and Light Trench Mortars and Vickers Machine Guns, will engage targets as shown in Appendix "A" attached.
- Zeró will be notified to all concerned by the code message "COMFORTS arriving at"
- At 0.10 the 58th Battalion will fire one RED asteroid rocket from the head of PINNEY'S AVENUE.
This rocket has no significance as regards the bombardment but is connected with operations to be carried out at a later date.
- Watches will be synchronised with Brigade Signal Office at 5 p.m.
- Total ammunition to be fired - Artillery 340
M. T. M. 40
L. T. M. 100
S. A. A. 1200
- Reports to 15th Brigade Headquarters.



APPENDIX "A"

ARTILLERY

Time	Battery	Target	Rate
Phase I	53rd Battery	N 9 d 2½-½ to N 9 d 5-1½	BYF 15 secs
0.00 to	58th Battery	N 9 d 5-1½ to N 9 d 7-2	
0.05	54th Battery	N 9 d 7-2 to N 9 d 9-2½	
	114th Batty.		XF 30 secs
	1 sec.	N 15 b 3-9	
	1 sec.	N 9 d 9½-½	
Phase II	53rd Battery	N 15 b 2-8½ to N 15 b 5-9	BYF 10 secs
0.05 to	58th Battery	N 15 b 5-9 to N 15 b 7-9½	
0.10	54th Battery	N 15 b 7-9½ to N 9 d 9-½	
	55th Battery	N 15 b 3-2 to N 15 b 6-9	
	114th Batty.	As in Phase I	
Phase III	53rd Battery	As in Phase I	BYF 10 secs
0.10 to	58th Battery		
0.15	54th Battery		
	55th Battery			N 9 d 3-1 to N 9 d 7-2

TRENCH MORTARS

Phase I	Z 5 A	N 9 d 5-1½ to N 9 d 6-2	1 rd. per gun per minute
0.00 to	15th ALTMB	N 9 d 7-2 and wire	
Phase II	Z 5 A	As in Phase I	As in phase I
0.10 to	15th ALTMB		
0.15			

VICKERS MACHINE GUNS

0.05 to 0.07	2 Guns	N 15 b 50-65 to N 16 a 15-85
0.12 to 0.14		

Geo. F. Wright

Major.
Brigade Major, 15th Australian Infantry Brigade,

15th September 1918

Reference - Trench Map Area "L"

1. To distract the enemy's attention from operations being conducted by other units the enemy's front line system in M 9 9 and M 13 9 will be bombarded on the night 16th/17th September.

2. The Right Group Artillery, assisted by Light and Heavy Machine Guns, will be allocated to all concerned units as shown in Appendix "A" attached.

3. Zero will be notified to all concerned units as follows: 5th Battalion 4.05 6th Battalion 4.05 7th Battalion 4.05 8th Battalion 4.05 9th Battalion 4.05 10th Battalion 4.05 11th Battalion 4.05 12th Battalion 4.05 13th Battalion 4.05 14th Battalion 4.05 15th Battalion 4.05 16th Battalion 4.05 17th Battalion 4.05 18th Battalion 4.05 19th Battalion 4.05 20th Battalion 4.05 21st Battalion 4.05 22nd Battalion 4.05 23rd Battalion 4.05 24th Battalion 4.05 25th Battalion 4.05 26th Battalion 4.05 27th Battalion 4.05 28th Battalion 4.05 29th Battalion 4.05 30th Battalion 4.05 31st Battalion 4.05 32nd Battalion 4.05 33rd Battalion 4.05 34th Battalion 4.05 35th Battalion 4.05 36th Battalion 4.05 37th Battalion 4.05 38th Battalion 4.05 39th Battalion 4.05 40th Battalion 4.05 41st Battalion 4.05 42nd Battalion 4.05 43rd Battalion 4.05 44th Battalion 4.05 45th Battalion 4.05 46th Battalion 4.05 47th Battalion 4.05 48th Battalion 4.05 49th Battalion 4.05 50th Battalion 4.05 51st Battalion 4.05 52nd Battalion 4.05 53rd Battalion 4.05 54th Battalion 4.05 55th Battalion 4.05 56th Battalion 4.05 57th Battalion 4.05 58th Battalion 4.05 59th Battalion 4.05 60th Battalion 4.05 61st Battalion 4.05 62nd Battalion 4.05 63rd Battalion 4.05 64th Battalion 4.05 65th Battalion 4.05 66th Battalion 4.05 67th Battalion 4.05 68th Battalion 4.05 69th Battalion 4.05 70th Battalion 4.05 71st Battalion 4.05 72nd Battalion 4.05 73rd Battalion 4.05 74th Battalion 4.05 75th Battalion 4.05 76th Battalion 4.05 77th Battalion 4.05 78th Battalion 4.05 79th Battalion 4.05 80th Battalion 4.05 81st Battalion 4.05 82nd Battalion 4.05 83rd Battalion 4.05 84th Battalion 4.05 85th Battalion 4.05 86th Battalion 4.05 87th Battalion 4.05 88th Battalion 4.05 89th Battalion 4.05 90th Battalion 4.05 91st Battalion 4.05 92nd Battalion 4.05 93rd Battalion 4.05 94th Battalion 4.05 95th Battalion 4.05 96th Battalion 4.05 97th Battalion 4.05 98th Battalion 4.05 99th Battalion 4.05 100th Battalion 4.05

4. At 0.10 the 58th Battalion will be notified to be ready to move from the head of PINNEY'S AVENUE, M 9 9, to the head of M 13 9. This move will be carried out in accordance with the instructions given in the order of the day. The 58th Battalion will be notified to be ready to move from the head of PINNEY'S AVENUE, M 9 9, to the head of M 13 9. This move will be carried out in accordance with the instructions given in the order of the day.

5. Watches will be synchronized with the 15th Brigade Headquarters at 3 P.M. Staff Captains 14

6. Total ammunition to be fired - Artillery 340 M. T. M. 40 J. T. M. 100 S. A. A. 1200



7. Reports to 15th Brigade Headquarters.

APPENDIX "A"

Time	Battery	Target	Rate
Phase I	53rd Battery	M 9 9 2 1/2 to M 9 9 5 1/2	BVF 15 secs
0.00 to 0.05	58th Battery	M 9 9 5 1/2 to M 9 9 7 1/2	"
0.05	54th Battery	M 9 9 7 1/2 to M 9 9 9 1/2	"
	114th Batty.		
	1 sec.	M 15 9 3-9	XF 30 secs
	1 sec.	M 9 9 3 1/2	
Phase II	53rd Battery	M 15 9 2-8 1/2 to M 15 9 5-9	BVF 10 secs
0.05 to 0.10	58th Battery	M 15 9 5-9 to M 15 9 7-9 1/2	
0.10	54th Battery	M 15 9 7-9 1/2 to M 9 9 9 1/2	
	55th Battery	M 15 9 3-2 to M 15 9 8-9	
	114th Batty.	As in phase I	XF 30 secs
Phase III	53rd Battery	As in phase I	BVF 10 secs
0.10 to 0.15	58th Battery		
0.15	54th Battery		
	55th Battery	M 9 9 3-1 to M 9 9 7-2	
Phase I	15th ALBMS	M 9 9 5 1/2 to M 9 9 8-2	As in phase I
0.00 to 0.05	15th ALBMS	M 9 9 7-2 and wire	
Phase II	15th ALBMS	As in phase I	As in phase I
0.10 to 0.15	15th ALBMS		
0.05 to 0.10	2 Guns	M 15 9 50-65 to M 15 9 15-85	

Major, 15th Australian Infantry Brigade

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 40

Reference - Trench Map Area "L"

12th September, 1916.

1. One Battery Right Group Artillery, Z 5 A Medium T.M Battery and the 15th A.L.T.M. Battery will co-operate in a bombardment of a portion of the enemy's front line system on 15th sept., 1916.

2. Fire will be opened at 3 p.m.

3. Objectives are as follows:-

- Artillery - Repairs in N 9 c and N 9 d
- M. T. M. - Parapet and wire at N 9 c 45-20
- M.T.M. - " " " " N 9 c 80-20
- L. T. M. - " " " " N 9 d 40±15



4. Ammunition:

- Artillery - up to 60 rounds
- M. T. M. - " " 40 "
- L. T. M. - " " 50 "

5. The 15th L.T.M. Battery will arrange for one gun to stand by to retaliate against enemy's L.T.M. or Aerial Torpedo gun in vicinity of N 15 a 95-95.

6. Reports to 15th Brigade Headquarters.

Geo. F. Wright

Major.
Brigade Major, 15th Australian Infantry Bde.

- Copy No. 1 War Diary
- " 2 5th Division
- " 3 57th Battalion
- " 4 58th Battalion
- " 5 59th Battalion
- " 6 60th Battalion
- " 7 15th M.G. Company
- " 8 15th A.L.T.M. Battery
- " 9 15th Field Coy. Engrs.
- " 10 Right Group Artillery
- " 11 D.T.M.O.
- " 12 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade
- " 13 182nd Brigade
- " 14 Staff Captain.

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 41

Reference - Trench Map Area "L"

13th September, 1916.

1. A bombardment will be carried out by the Right Group Artillery and Medium Trench Mortar Battery on 16th Sept., 1916.

The 15th A.L.T.M. Battery and 15th M.G. Company will co-operate.

2. Objectives and times are as follows:-

Artillery - 0.00 to 0.10

N 8 d 9-1 to N 9 c 1-1
 N 8 d 9½-1 to N 15 a ¼-8¾
 N 9 c 1½-1 to N 15 a 1-9
 N 15 b 9-9½ to N 15 a 1½-9¾
~~N 14 9½-9½~~ N 9 c 51
~~N 15 a ¼-8¾~~ N 9 c 51

204 roundsM. T. M. - 0.00 to 0.10

N 9 d 65-20 and wire opposite
~~N 9 c 4-1 to N 9 d 2-1~~

30 roundsL. T. M. - 0.00 to 0.10

N 9 c 95-10 and wire opposite

60 roundsV. M. G. - 0.00 to 0.01

(2 Guns)

N 9 c 9-1 to N 9 d 1-0

0.05 to 0.06

As above

0.19 to 0.20

As above

600 rounds

3. Fire will be opened at 3 p.m.

4. Reports to 15th Brigade Headquarters.

Geo. I. Wick

Major.
 Brigade Major, 15th Australian Infantry Bde.

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 " 3 57th Battalion
 " 4 58th Battalion
 " 5 59th Battalion
 " 6 60th Battalion
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 " 8 15th A.L.T.M. Battery
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 " 10 Right Group Artillery
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 " 12 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade
 " 13 182nd Brigade
 " 14 Staff Captain.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 42

Reference - Trench Map Area "L"

13th September, 1916

1. One battery Right Group Artillery, Z 5 A Medium Trench Mortar Battery and the 15th A.L.T.M. Battery, will co-operate in wire cutting on a portion of the enemy's front line on 17th Sept., 1916.

2. Fire will be opened at ^{3 pm.} ~~12~~, noon.

3. Objectives are as follows:-



- Artillery - Repairs to parapet in N 9 c and d and wire opposite these points.
- M.T. Mortars - Wire at N 10 c 05-30.
- L.T. Mortars - Wire at N 9 d 6-3

Great care will be taken to ascertain to what extent the wire is cut at N 10 c 05-30 as this information will be valuable later.

4. Ammunition:

- Artillery - 60 rounds
- M.T. Mortar - 40 "
- L.T. Mortar - 100 "

5. Reports to 15th Brigade Headquarters.

Geo. J. Wick

Major.
Brigade Major, 15th Australian Infantry Bde.

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- " 2 5th Australian Division
- " 3 57th Battalion
- " 4 58th Battalion
- " 5 59th Battalion
- " 6 60th Battalion
- " 7 15th M.G. Company
- " 8 15th A.L.T.M. Battery
- " 9 15th Field Coy. Engrs.
- " 10 Right Group Artillery
- " 11 D.T.M.O.
- " 12 8th Aust. Infantry Brigade
- " 13 182nd Brigade
- " 14 Staff Captain.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 43

Reference - Trench Map Area "L"

15th sept., 1916.

(1) The following corrections are made to 15th Infantry Brigade Order No. 41.

(2) Para. 2 in O.O.41 to be read as under:

"Objectives and times are as follow:)"

Artillery - 0.00 to 0.10

N 9 d 4-1 to N 9 d 6-2
 N 9 d 7½-2 to N 15 b 7-9
 N 9 d 4½-1 to N 15 b 4-7
 N 15 b 3-9 to N 15 b 8-9½
 N 15 b 5-9
 N 9 d 9½-½

228 roundsM. T. M. - 0.00 to 0.10

N 9 d 4½-1 to N 9 d 5½-1½
 Wire and front line.

30 rounds

L. T. M. - As in O.O.41

V. M. G. - As in O.O.41

"

(3) Para. 3 in O.O.41 to read as under:

"Fire will be opened at 4 p.m."

Captain.

for Brigade Major, 15th Australian Infantry Bde.

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 " 3 57th Battalion
 " 4 58th Battalion
 " 5 59th Battalion
 " 6 60th Battalion
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 " 10 Right Group Artillery
 " 11 D.T.M.O.
 " 12 8th Aust. Infantry Bde.
 " 13 182nd Brigade
 " 14 Staff Captain.

Intelligence Report on Raid on night of 17th/18th inst.
Compiled from statements of raiders

1. Condition of NO MAN'S LAND

Owing to the number of shell holes and the condition of the ground caused by the rain it was difficult moving across to enemy wire.

2. Enemy Wire

The enemy wire was not very thick in this sector. The bombardment during the afternoon had very effectively cut the wire and no difficulty was experienced in passing through it.

3. Enemy Trench

The firing line was about 8 feet deep and 3 feet 6" wide at top and 2 feet at bottom and had a fire step about 3 feet from the bottom. It was well revetted with timber and steel wire of diamond shape. There were duckboards in the bottom of the trench which was dry and appeared to be well drained. The trench was not traversed. The parapet was built the same way as the parapet.

4. Sniper's Post

A sniper's post with a steel plate was ^{recessed in} cut into the parapet, level with the fire step, sufficiently to allow a man to stand up and fire while offering protection to flank fire.

5. Machine Gun Position

A machine gun position was also cut into the parapet. It had not steel plates as protection and firing was done through a gap in the bags.

6. Bomb Lockers

Boxes which contained about 8 grenades were let into the parapet at intervals of 2 yards. All these boxes contained grenades.

7. Dugouts

Only one small dugout was examined. A steel cupola was let in to the parapet under the firestep and would hold about 3 men lying down. When inspected it contained nothing but a few bombs.

8. Mine Shaft

The suspected mine shaft was not closely examined owing to the limited time. A wooden door with a square hole about 1' 6" by 1 foot was at the entrance to the shaft head. This was blown out by a bomb thrown through the hole. Two Germans came out; one was ^{his cap brought in} shot and the other, who was wearing a helmet, escaped.

9. Signals

When our raiding party was on the parapet a silver ^{colored} pocket was fired from enemy front trench and about 20 seconds later the enemy opened fire with 77 mm shells on his own trench. Directly our bombardment started 9 red flares were fired from the enemy's support lines immediately in rear of the sector raided.



[Signature]
 Brig-General
 G.O.C. , 15th Australian Infantry Bde.

17th 18/9/18. 40

Headquarters,

15th INFANTRY BRIGADE.



In accordance with Brigade Order No.36 and detailed instructions contained in my Operation Order No.7, a party of two officers and fifty-five other ranks carried out an enterprise against the German trenches on the night of 17th/18th September.

Zero time had been fixed as 12-50 a.m.. All the preliminary arrangements necessary were properly carried out. Artillery fired its right and left flank guns at 11-30 a.m. on 17th and again between 3 and 4 p.m.. The party arrived from the Divisional Bomb School at 8 p.m. and were accommodated in billets in RUE DE BOIS until 11-20 p.m. at which hour they moved to the firing line. The entry through the Sally Port to NO MAN'S LAND was successfully accomplished and the party was in the "lie" position at 15 minutes before zero. This fact was duly telephoned to Advanced Brigade Headquarters.

Exactly at zero time the Trench Mortars and Artillery opened fire. At 1½ minute after zero the party moved and reached the enemy trench without a casualty. The night was wet - it had been raining slightly for some hours - and the party found great difficulty in keeping their apparatus clean. The first hitch in the proceedings occurred when, after getting connection with O.C. Attack, the telephonists attached to the raiding party were unable to send back messages owing to the mud and wet interfering with the working of the instruments. A message notifying the entry of the party into the enemy trench was begun but stopped abruptly before it was completed. This partial message was received at 12-57 - 7 minutes after zero time. Communication from firing line to artillery and to Advanced Brigade Headquarters were maintained throughout the night and worked well.

As the party reached the enemy trench a flare was fired from the enemy front trench back to their support lines. Immediately enemy shell fire was opened on their own front trench and in NO MAN'S LAND a barrage of shrapnel and H.E. was maintained. Every party reached its allotted objective. The enemy did not attempt any resistance from within the area attacked but vacated the position at once and bombed apparently from sheltered positions in rear, whilst machine guns enfiladed the party from both flanks. Very few of the enemy were seen. Several were fired at as they disappeared to the rear. One of the party detailed to attend to the mine shaft, having reached his objective, threw a bomb into the opening. After the explosion a German emerged. He was fired upon by one of our men and hit. He was being searched when another German rushed out and disappeared to the rear; shots were fired at him but he got away. Whilst the man was being searched the order to return was given and nothing more than the man's cap was obtained, which, however, contained identification marks.

The trenches were found to have been smashed to a very considerable extent by the trench mortar bombardment. In most places parapets had been laid flat so that progress along the trenches was very difficult, and dugouts were generally masses of ruins. The Engineers laid at least three mines in the parapet. Only two of these exploded as the lighters had all become wet and it was necessary to cut the fuses and light them with matches. The two that did explode created huge gaps in the parapet. There was not sufficient time to drop a charge down the mine shaft but the D bomb (incendiary) which was thrown in set the place alight.

At the end of six minutes from the time of entry into the enemy trench, Lieut. Godfrey, O.C. Assault, decided that it was impossible for the party to remain longer in the trenches as they were being subjected to a heavy bombardment of shells and bombs and being swept by machine gun fire, especially from the left flank. He therefore gave the code signal to return and waited till there were, as far as he could discover, no more of our men to come. At this juncture he heard a call for help from Sgt. McDonald who was lying on the parapet with a bad wound in the leg. He lifted Sgt. McDonald on to his back and carried him clear of the wire but the weight was too much for him in the torn-up, muddy

earth. He dragged him a little further and then went for assistance. Sgt. Smith, Sgt. Boyde, and Cpl. Williams who were making their way back returned with Lieut. Godfrey and the four of them carried Sgt. McDonald back to our own lines.

When the roll had been called and the First Aid Posts examined it was found that 2nd. Lt. Gration and four other ranks were missing. Search parties went out under Capt. Ferres assisted by Capt. Cameron of 60th Battalion. These parties worked till it was broad daylight and went over the whole of the area traversed by the party in crossing NO MAN'S LAND but no trace of the missing men was found. Besides the five missing there were six other casualties, one of them slight, the rest more or less serious.

It was noticed by the search parties that the enemy was busy endeavouring to repair the damage to his trenches. Machine guns were notified.

Enemy retaliation on our trenches was not very severe, his attention being mainly directed to the area being raided and NO MAN'S LAND. *message "Satisfied" was sent at 1.10 am.*

At this stage I cannot say what articles were captured beyond a cap and some bombs. Everyone with any information to give was sent down as soon as practicable to the Brigade Intelligence Officer.

Most of the casualties occurred in the enemy trenches so that it is, unfortunately, pretty certain that the missing men fell killed or wounded within the enemy's lines. No prisoners were made by our party.



Hasa Denehy Lieut.-Col.
58th Battalion. O.C. Attack.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 7 BY LIEUT-COL. U. A. DENNEY, COMMANDING

7th Sept. 1918

REFERENCES

Trench Map Area "L".
Map of Portion of German Trenches.
Plan Appendix "C".



PRELIMINARY

ARRIVAL OF PARTY.

The party will arrive at V.C. HOUSE at a time to be stated in a later order. They will be dressed in their own uniform and will carry greatcoats and one blanket and the British pattern uniform which they will wear during the operation. Billeting accommodation will be arranged for in RUE DE BOIS where every man will change his clothing. After a meal, which will be provided, they will sleep until 90 minutes before zero. Faces and hands will be blackened and the party inspected by O.C. attack. At 75 minutes before zero time they will leave for the trenches via IMPERTINENCE GAP and PINNEY'S AVENUE. They will leave the trench by Sally Port at Bay N 9.4.18 and assemble in the ditch immediately outside our parapet and be ready to move 15 minutes before zero. Capt. Ferris will personally superintend the exit from the trench. whilst in the ditch the disposition of parties as shown in Appendix "A".

will be

ASSEMBLY IN "NO MAN'S LAND"

One minute before zero, Lieut. Godfrey, the O.C. Assault, will give the caution "prepare to move", which will be passed down the line to both flanks.

"scouts, move"

THE ADVANCE

At 0.15 the order will be given on which nos. 1 and 2 Scouts will at once proceed in single file straight for the point of entry. The actual point of entry will be N. 10. C. 05-30. They will be followed by O.C. Assault, runner and scouts Nos. 3 and 4 who unroll the luminous tape as they go. The two telephonists will follow with their instruments and wire, which will have previously been connected with the dug-out of O.C. Attack, and pay out the wire as they go. Four wires will be used, the third telephonist spreading them with a crook-stick as he follows on.

S/Lieut. Gratton will provide a strong cord 125 yards long with a toggle at each end. He will, while waiting in the jumping-off position, hold one end and Sgt. McDonald the other. As soon as the telephonists have moved, Sgt. McDonald will give a succession of tugs to which S/Lieut. Gratton will reply. Both will immediately leave the ditch simultaneously, retaining the ends of the cord, if possible, for the first 20 yards. Each man of the Right Party will move the instant the man on his left moves, and similarly each man of the Left Party will move the instant the man on his left moves his right moves, and each man will keep a little to the rear and to the outer flank of his inner flank neighbour. The resultant formation will be that of a wedge (see Appendix "B") As the wedge proceeds the sides will gradually approach each other till at the gap in the enemy's wire, the men of the Right party will enter side by side with men of the Left party. The movement across "NO MAN'S LAND" will be performed at a steady double.

The intelligence men and 3 prisoners' escort of the Right Party will assist the engineers by carrying explosives.

ENTRY INTO ENEMY TRENCH

LEADING PARTY

On reaching the enemy's wire the scouts Nos. 1 and 2, will select the most suitable path through the wire, cutting

ENTRY INTO ENEMY TRENCH (con't.)Leading Party
(con't.)

any wire that remains in-tact. The scouts Nos. 1 and 2 will stand aside under enemy's parapet on the right, Nos. 3 and 4 on the left, and the telephonists will establish themselves at a spot close to the O.C. Assault who will remain close to the point of entry. The third telephonist will act as a runner if required. The remainder will enter the enemy's trench in file, the Right Party wheeling to the right, the Left party to the left.

ACTION IN DETAIL AFTER ENTERING THE ENEMY TRENCH.SCOUTS AND
PARAPET MEN.

Nos. 1 and 2 scouts will run along the outside of enemy's wire for 50 yards, lie down, and watch for signs of enemy approach from the right flank. They will not be too close to each other but will keep within speaking distance, No. 1 being close to the wire, No. # 2 further out into "NO MAN'S LAND".

Nos. 3 and 4 having laid the luminous tape right up to enemy parapet through gap in wire, will go to the left and guard that flank in a similar manner to that laid down for Nos. 1 and 2.

Right and Left Parapet Parties will run along top of parapet to their respective flanks and lie flat, sniping and ~~xxx~~ watching for approach of enemy from flanks or rear.

Should either scouts or parapet parties notice any of the enemy approaching, one of them will carry the information to the O.C. Assault, the rest will retire slowly, and get information as to probable numbers and direction they are making in and not lose sight of the enemy.

Special watch must be kept in the vicinity of advanced Listening Post on the right.

O.C. ASSAULT

O.C. Assault will take up a position close to the point of entry whence he will direct operations.

LEADERS OF
RIGHT AND LEFT
PARTIES.

S/Lieut. Gration and Sgt. McDonald will station themselves at points B and A respectively (see Map Appendix "C") whence they will ~~direct~~ direct operations of their parties keeping in touch with and acting under orders of O.C. Assault.

"LOOP" PARTY

The Loop Party~~xxx~~ will deal with the suspected M.G. emplacement and O.P. close to point of entry. They will move to the left to Point "A", proceed down side of loop towards ~~the~~ "L" which spot they will investigate and subsequently move along the rear side of loop towards "B". Before entering the loop they will ascertain the nature and contents of the space in the middle of the loop. Should it prove to be a dugout they will make for the entrance and bomb it.

"MINE" PARTY.

The leading bayonet man of the Mine Party will guide his party to the right halting at point "B" and thenceforth co-operating with the Loop Party by guarding the exit from the loop. The second bayonet man will lead on to point "C" and the thrower of this Party will bomb the forward dugout, No. 12 before the party goes any further. After the explosion the mine party will proceed down the communication trench towards the mine which they will investigate and bomb and proceed to deal with dugouts 4 and 5. They will throw bombs into the communication trench E K.

RIGHT FLANK
PARTY.

The Right Flank Party will deal with dugouts 6 and 7 and proceed to point # Y where a barricade will be made and a guard set to watch for approach of enemy from the flank. They will bomb continuously the front trench beyond Y and the communication trench K.

As it cannot be discovered for certain where the entrance of this communication trench is, great care must be taken by

RIGHT FLANK PARTY.
(cont.)

both Mine Party and Right Flank Party to keep a sharp look out for it and to throw bombs into it as a precaution. Should it be found to have an opening into any part of the trench, it will be necessary to block it.

LEFT FLANK PARTY.

The Left Flank Party will bomb the forward dugouts 12 and 11 and the rear dugout, 3. The leading team will attend to these and pass on, leaving the leading bayonet man to guard the entrances of the 3 dugouts named. The remainder will pass on and deal with nos. 10, 9, 8, 7, 6 and the suspected M.G. emplacement and O.P. in the vicinity. The second team will proceed to point X where a block will be made by blocking party and trench length beyond guarded.

MACHINE GUNNERS.

M.G.'s will search for two suspected emplacements, carry off any gun they can obtain, or destroy it if they cannot move it.

INTELLIGENCE MAN.

These will follow the parties to which they are attached and search trenches and dugouts and collect anything that may be of value for information purposes. They must search especially for papers, badges, designs, crests or numerals on shoulder straps, collars, ~~and~~ etc. Uniforms, arms, equipment, grenades, identity discs, pay-books will be useful. Any dead bodies encountered must be searched for such articles.

The intelligence man of the Right party carrying Engineer's requisites will deposit same near the point of entry just inside the enemy parapet at a spot which the Engineers will indicate.

PRISONERS' ESCORT.

The duty of these men will be to follow the Intelligence men and take over any prisoner who is able to walk, rush him to the parapet with bayonet or revolver pressed into his back and hurry him across to our own trench. Should he become intractable he will be disabled or killed, in which case he must be at once searched and articles of use to us ^{if he} taken from him. Should he become a casualty by other means and cannot be ^{if he} got into our trench, everything of use must be taken from him and brought in. Every effort must, however, be made to get the prisoner in alive. Even if he is killed and it is possible to get his body in, this must be done.

STRETCHER BEARERS

Stretcher bearers will remain outside the enemy trench close to the parapet with intervals of about 10 yards between them. Should wounded men be passed out from the enemy trench to them, they will at once proceed with them back to our own trenches. If during the passage of "NO MAN'S LAND", one of our men is wounded, and unable to proceed, the nearest ~~stretcher~~ stretcher bearer will remove him to the nearest available depression or cover and carefully note the spot.

The stretcher bearers will be the last to leave the enemy trenches along with the O.C. Assault.

ENGINEERS

Engineers will carry out operations in connection with the mine and the front parapet in accordance with special instructions issued to them. They will not light the fuses till the O.C. Assault gives the word to retire.

THE RETURN

At 0.14 the O.C. Assault will give the word "TRACKS" which will be the signal for everyone to leave. Immediately O.C. Assault, Lieut. Gratton and Sgt. McDonlad will cover their torches with green hoods and show a green light along the trenches. Every man will pass the word along, the parapet party passing it to the stretcher bearers and scouts and taking special care to notify the blocking parties. Intelligence men and others who may be searching dugouts etc. will be

RETURN (cont.)

particularly alert to catch the order. It is anticipated that the time spent in the trenches will be 10 minutes. The O.C. Assault will send the code message "HOBSON" to indicate "party leaving trench" and when all are clear and he himself is leaving he will send the code message "MELBOURNE".

Signallers will at once disconnect their instruments and return along the tape to our own trenches.

Should, however, the O.C. Assault find the enemy barrage in "NO MAN'S LAND" too heavy to pass through, he will delay the lighting of the fuses and signal "Waiting", keeping his men under what cover is available. In no case, however, will he wait longer than 0.22. If the party has not by that time left the enemy trench they will do so then as the Trench Mortars will open again at 0.23.

REGAINING THE TRENCHES.

The party will endeavour to find its way back by the luminous tape leading to the Sally Port, but should they miss the direction they should bear to the left remembering that they will by that means reach a drain running back almost to the Sally Port. No time should be lost in taking cover in our own trench. Luminous tape will be laid along trench leading to the dugout of O.C. Attack. Should any of the party reach our parapet at a place other than the Sally Port and have to climb over, he will give the pass word which will be notified on setting out from V.C. HOUSE prior to the raid. Capt. Ferres, Deputy O.C. Attack, will be stationed at the Sally Port and as each man enters he will give the password and his raid number.

It is to be understood that every man must get back as fast and as best he can. If the enemy artillery fire is severe men will take cover in the trench, but as soon as it is practicable they should make their way down PINNEY'S AVENUE to advanced Brigade Headquarters.

Capt. Ferres will have with him a reserve of 4 men for emergencies to assist and direct men on their return

AFTER REPORTING AT ADVANCED BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

Men will report to Brigade Intelligence Officer at Advanced Brigade Headquarters and as soon as possible go to their billet in RUE DE BOIS where hot baths and a hot drink will be ready.

Major Bateman will superintend arrangements at the billet and, as a check, watch that no man's clothes are touched by anyone but their owner.

David Bruce King
Lieut-Col.
Commanding 56th Battalion.

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Stretcher Bearer
Stretcher Bearer
Prisoners' Escort
Prisoners' Escort
Intelligence Man
Machine Gunner
(3 men) Parapet Party

(1 man) Blocking Party
Carrier
Thrower

Leader
Carrier
Thrower
Bayonet Man
Bayonet Man

No. 1 Intelligence Man
Leader
Carrier
Thrower
Bayonet Man

Sergt. McDonald

Runner
Telephonist No. 2
Telephonist No. 1
Scout No. 4
Scout No. 3
Lieut. Godfrey, O.C. Assault
Scout No. 1
Scout No. 2

Left Party

Left Flank Party

Loop Party

Lieut. Gration
Bayonet Man
Bayonet Man
Thrower
Carrier
Leader
~~(1 man) Blocking Party~~

Bayonet Man
Thrower
Carrier
Leader
(1 man) Blocking Party

(3 men) Parapet Party
Intelligence Man
Prisoners' Escort
Prisoners' Escort
Engineer
Engineer
Stretcher Bearer
Stretcher Bearer

Mine Party

Right Flank Party

Right Party

APPENDIX "A"

APPENDIX "B"

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Scout No. 1
 Scout No. 2
 O.C. Assault
 Scout No. 3
 Scout No. 4
 2 Telephonists
 Runner

Sgt. McDonaldLieut. Gratton

Bayonet Man
 Thrower
 Carrier
 Leader

Bayonet Man
 Bayonet Man
 Thrower
 Carrier
 Leader

No. 1 Intell. Man
 Bayonet Man
 Bayonet man
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 Leader
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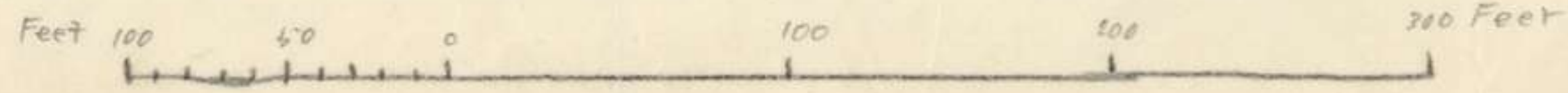
Bayonet Man
 Thrower
 Carrier
 Leader

(1 man) Block. Party
 (3 men) Parapet Party
 Machine Gun
 Intell. Man
 Pris. Escort
 Pris. Escort
 2 Stret. Bearers

Blocking Party (1 man)
 Parapet Party (3 men)
 Intelligence Man
 Prisoners' escort
 Prisoners' Escort
 Engineer
 Engineer
 2 stretcher Bearers



Scale of Feet



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Unit	Actually with units			In hpt			Detached			Ill Effective Strength			Remarks
	Off	OR	Total	Off	OR	Total	Off	OR	Total	Off	OR	Total	
15 B.H.Q	8	22	30							8	22	30	
15 A.L.I.M.B.	3	44	47							3	44	47	
15 M.G. Coy.	4	117	121	1	12	13	4	7	11	9	136	145	
57 th Bn.	25	891	916		16	16	5	36	41	30	943	973	
58 th Bn.	22	532	554	1	18	19	7	85	92	30	635	665	
59 th Bn.	18	359	377	2	15	17	2	25	27	22	399	421	
60 th Bn.	18	322	340	1	12	13	1	26	27	20	360	380	
TOTAL	98	2287	2385	5	73	78	19	179	198	122	2539	2661	



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Details of Detached.

15 M.G. Coy	0	OR	57 th Bn	0	OR	58 th Bn	0	OR	59 th Bn	0	OR	60 th Bn	0	OR
14 M.G. Coy	2	2	A.G.'s office.		1	2/Lt. COLLAN and batman.	1	1	Engrs school		2	Bomb school		2
{ Lt. SAUNDERS J.J. DIGHT C.C }			D.H.Q. cook. (PTE. BROWNE)		1	Gym staff cook & batman (1715 PTE. W. HALL)		1	5 th Div Deep Dug-out fatigue.		12	Salvage Coy.		1
School of Inst (Lt. ELLIOTT C)	1	1	Div Salvage Coy.		3	D.H.Q. off mess. (4522 PTE. J.L. HARRISON)		1	Grenade school (2/Lt. J.S. MANAN)	1	3	29 th A.S.C.		2
Div Gas school. (2/Lt. RIDGWAY N.P)	1	1	Bayonet & Bomb school		1	Physical culture school		3	Div Gas school (2/Lt. T.J. GANNON)	1	1	Engrs. school.		2
Armouris school		2	Lewis Gun school.		1	Div Salvage Coy.		2	Div Police. (No. 10. PTE. C. CHAMBERLAIN)		1	Gas (2/Lt. STEEL)	1	1
29 th A.S.C.		1	Engrs school (Lt. ALLEN)		1	A.G.'s office.		1	Div Salvage Coy		1	Deep Dug-out fatigue		12
			Mushy school.		1	A.P.M. 5 th Div. Detention { 2186 PTE. A. MADIN 1009 - E. WOODS }		2	29 th A.S.C.		1	A.G.'s office.		2
			Etables. (Sig rft)		1	29 th A.S.C.		2	A.G.'s office.		1	Armouris school.		1
			29 th A.S.C.		3	Sig School.		1	Bootmaker's shop		1	Sig school		2
			Deep Dug-out fatigue		20	Engrs school.		2	School of Inst. ENGLAND		1	School of Inst (ENGLAND)		1
			Bayonet school. (2/Lt. DAVIS)		1	Lt. GRAZE. V.V.J. A.P.M. 5 th Division.		1	Sig school.		1			
			Gas school. { 2/Lt. KNUCKEY ROBERTSON }		2	School of Inst ENGLAND		2						
			On leave. (2/Lt. DOUTREBAND)		1	Raiding school. { CAPT. W.R.F. FERRES. Lt. A.L.H. GODFREY 2/Lt. H.V.G. GRATION }		3						
			Div Sig Coy.		3	Bootmaker's shop.		1						
						Armouris school.		1						
						Deep Dug-out fatigue. (2/Lt. G.P. HOOPER)		1						
						Gas school. (2/Lt. H.D. HARVEY)		1						
TOTAL.	4	7	TOTAL	5	36	TOTAL	4	85	TOTAL	2	25	TOTAL	1	26.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 44

Reference - Trench Map Area "L"
and sheet 36 N.W.

16th sept., 1916.

RELIEFS:

- (1) The 57th Battalion will relieve the 58th, 59th and 60th Battalions in the line during the night 18th/19th September, 1916.

The details of the relief will be arranged mutually by the C.O.'s. concerned. Specialists of ingoing unit should report to outgoing unit 12 hours before time of relief.

DISPOSITIONS:

- (2) (a) The 57th Battalion will take over the whole of the present sector front line and supports.

Battalion H.Q. to be at V.C.HOUSE (N 2 d 1-3)

(b) The 58th Battalion, when relieved, will move into billets in area H 19 and 25, G 24 with Battalion H.Q. at H 19 d 1-0 $\frac{1}{2}$.

(c) The 59th Battalion will take over all posts in the subsidiary line, remainder to billet in area G 29 with Battalion H.Q. at G 29 d 10-2.

(d) The 60th Battalion will, when relieved, move into billets in area G.36 with Battalion H.Q. at G 36 b 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4.

TRAFFIC:

- (3) V.C.AVENUE will be used for ~~all~~^{up} traffic and BINNEY'S and EXETER for down traffic during the relief.

TAKING and
HANDING OVER:

- (4) All log books, defence schemes, trench stores and ammunition, etc., will be checked (and inventories taken) and handed over during the day. Receipts to be made out in triplicate, one copy to be forwarded to Brigade.

Rules laid down in D.R.O. 711 will be observed and certificates forwarded to Brigade.

GAS, PRE-
CAUTIONS IN
CASE OF:

- (5) If the wind is favorable for enemy gas ingoing parties will assume "Gas Alert" immediately on leaving billets.

WORKING
PARTIES:

- (6) The 60th Battalion will take over from the 57th Battalion all external fatigues and working parties; i.e., parties for work other than in the defensive line of the sector.

The ordinary chits will be issued for work coming under the latter head.

REPORTS:

- (7) Reports to be forwarded by 57th Battalion to Brigade Headquarters on completion of the relief.

R.G. Legg

Captain.

Staff Capt., 15th Australian Infantry Bde.

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" 2	5th Australian Division	" 9	15th Field Coy. Engrs.
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" 4	58th Battalion	" 11	D.T.M.O.
" 5	59th Battalion	" 12	8th Aust. Inf. Bde.
" 6	60th Battalion	" 13	182nd Brigade.
" 7	15th M.G. Company.		

15th Aust Inf Bde

Daily State.

16th Sept - 1916.

Unit.	Actually with credit.			In hpt			Detached			Total Effective Strength			Remarks.
	Off	O.R.	M	Off	O.R.	M	Off	O.R.	M	Off	O.R.	Total	
15. B.H.Q.	8	22	30							8	22	30	
15. A.L.I.M.B.	3	45	48							3	45	48	
15 M.G. Coy.	4	126	130	2	4	6		8	8	6	138	144	
57. Bn.	24	864	888		6	6	5	68	73	29	938	967	
58 Bn.	24	527	551	1	21	22	9	94	103	34	642	676	
59. Bn.	25	361	386		6	6	2	27	29	27	394	421	
60 Bn.	19	338	357	1	4	5	3	31	34	23	373	396	
TOTAL	107	2283	2390	4	41	45	19	228	247	130	2552	2682	

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Details of Detached

15 M.G. Coy.	0	OR	57 ² Psn.	0	OR	58 Psn.	0	OR	59 ² Psn	0	OR	60 ² Psn	0	OR
14 M.G. Coy.	.	2	A.G.'s office.	.	1	2/Lt. GOLLAN & batman.	1	1	Deep dug-out fatigue	.	12	Div Bomb school	.	2.
Armour's Courav. GALAIS	.	4	D.H.Q. (Lt. H. Brown)	.	1	Gym staff cooks (1715 PTE. W. HALL)	.	1	School of Inst. WISQUES	.	1	Engin school (2/Lt RICHARDS)	1	2
29 ² A.S.C.	.	1	Div Salvage Coy.	.	2	D.H.Q. off mess. (4522 PTE. HARRISON)	.	1	Engin school (2/Lt. D.J. TOONEY)	1	3	Armour's school	.	1
Detention Camps	.	1	Div Sig Coy.	.	3	Physical culture school	.	1	Grenade school (2/Lt. J.S. MANN)	1	2	29 ² A.S.C.	.	2
	.		Bayonet & Bomb school	.	1	Salvage Coy.	.	2	5 ² Div Police. (No. 10 PTE. G. CHAMBERLAIN)	.	1	Div Salvage Coy	.	2
	.		Lewis Gun school.	.	1	A.G.'s office.	.	1	Div Salvage Coy.	.	1	Dug-out fatigue.	.	12
	.		Etables. big rfts.	.	1	Detention Camps	.	7	29 ² A.S.C.	.	1	School. Eng.	.	1
	.		29 ² A.S.C.	.	3	29 ² A.S.C.	.	2	A.G.'s office.	.	1	Officers & NCO's school (Capt. DICKSON) (Lt. GOODE)	2	3
	.		Deep dug-out party.	.	36	Sig school	.	3	Bootmaker's shop	.	1	Sig school.	.	4
	.		Bayonet school. (2/Lt. DAVIS)	1	1	Engin ..	.	2	School of Inst. ENG	.	1	A.G.'s office.	.	2
	.		Wisques school. (Lt. A. AING. ELLIOTT)	2	3	A.P.M.'s office. (Lt. W.J. GRAZE)	1	.	Sig School. BOULOGNE	.	1			
	.		On leave. (Capt. DICKINSON) (2/Lt. DOUTREBAND)	2	1	School of inst WISQUES. (Lt. N.M. FREEMAN)	1	3	Div Sig school	.	2			
	.		Cooks Div Sig school	.	2	School of inst. ENGLAND	.	2						
	.		Div Sig school.	.	2	Raiding school. (Capt. H.D.G. FERRES.) (Lt. A.H.L. GODFREY.) (2/Lt. H.V.G. GRATION)	3	52						
	.		Engin school.	.	2	Deep dug-out fatigue. (2/Lt. HOOPER)	1	12						
	.		Detention camps.	.	8	Div Armour's school	.	1						
	.			.		Bootmaker's shop	.	1						
	.			.		Trench mortar Pty. (Lt. HOLMES)	1	.						
	.			.		On leave. (Capt. F.S. TAIT)	1	2						
TOTAL	.	8	TOTAL	5	68	TOTAL	9	94	TOTAL	2	27	TOTAL	3	31

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 45

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Reference - Trench Map Area "L"

18th September, 1916.

1. The Right Group Artillery with the Z 5 A M.T.M. Battery, 15th A.L.T.M. Battery and 15th M.G. Company will carry out a bombardment during the night 19-20th September, 1916.

2. Fire will be opened at .9.p.m.

3. Objectives are as follows:-

<u>Artillery</u>	-	N 9 c 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ to N 15 b 0-7	
0.0 - 0.10		N 9 d 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ to N 15 b 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7	
		N 15 b 0-6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to N 15 b 4-8	
		N 9 d 0- $\frac{1}{2}$ to N 9 d 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	
		N 15 b 0-6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		N 15 b 3-9	
		N 15 b 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -7 $\frac{1}{2}$	244 rounds

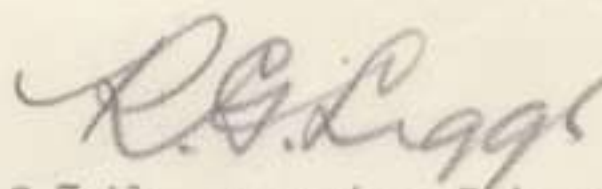
<u>M.T.M.B.</u>	-	N 9 d 1-0 $\frac{1}{2}$ to N 9 d 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	40 rounds
0.0 - 0.10			

<u>L.T.M.B.</u>	-	N 9 c 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ to N 9 d 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	100 rounds
0.0 - 0.10			

<u>Vickers Guns</u>			
0.0 - 0.2		N 9 c 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ to N 9 d 1-0	
0.5 - 0.10		N 9 d 10-3	
0.15 - 0.20		N 15 a 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to N 15 b 0-7	
		N 9 d 3-1 to N 15 b 3-8	
0.20 - 0.25		N 9 d 10-3	4000 rounds.

4. The A.L.T.M. Battery will be prepared to continue if the retaliation warrants.

5. Reports to 15th Brigade Headquarters.



Staff Capt., 15th Australian Infantry Bde. Captain.

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 " 9 15th Field Cly. Engrs.
 " 10 Right Group Artillery
 " 11 D.T.M.O.
 " 12 8th Aust. Infantry Bde.
 " 13 182nd Brigade.

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Headquarters,
15th Australian Infantry Bde.
18th Sept., 1916.

15th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 45
is hereby cancelled.

R. C. Legg

Captain

Staff Captain, 15th Australian Infantry Bde.



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5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION ORDER No. 65.

Headquarters,
20th September 1916.

1. The 5th Australian Division will occupy the present Divisional front with two Infantry Brigades in front line on the 21st September 1916. The Divisional Artillery will be constituted in two groups on the same day. The new organization will take effect from 4 p.m., 21st September.
2. The boundary line between the two Brigades in front line will commence at N.10.b.8.9 and pass West of RUE DE MOULIN crossing the road east of CROIX BLANCHE to H.35.a.9.3 thence north east to cross roads in H.19.a.5.0 and to the railway in H.13.c.0.5. The boundary between the two brigades in front line and the Reserve Brigade area will be the railway LAVENTIE - BAC ST. MAUR.
3. The following formations and units will be withdrawn from the line and other areas, under orders which are issued separately:-
 - 13th Brigade, Field Artillery (3 18-pdr and 1 How. batteries)
 - Y.5.A M.T.M. Battery.
 - 8th Australian Infantry Brigade - with Signal Section.
 - 8th Machine Gun Company.
 - 8th L.T.M. Battery
 - 8th Field Co., Engineers
 - 'C' Company, 5th Pioneer Battalion
 - 8th Field Ambulance
 - 18th Co. A.A.S.C.
4. The 15th Infantry Brigade group will occupy the right (PETILLON) Sector and the 14th Infantry Brigade group will occupy the left (FLEURBAIX) Sector.
G.O.C. 15th and 14th Infantry Brigades will assume command of their respective sectors at 4 p.m. on 21st September.
Troops of the 15th Brigade will take over the line from Mine Avenue to Devon Avenue (inclusive) from troops of the 8th Brigade, on the night of the 21/22nd September, under the orders of the G.O.C. 15th Brigade.
Troops of the 14th Brigade will take over the line from Devon Avenue (exclusive) to their present right from the troops of the 8th Brigade on the same night, 21/22nd September under the orders of the G.O.C. 14th Brigade.
5. C. R. A. will arrange for the necessary moves of batteries to suit the new grouping on the night of 21/22nd September. The Batteries of the 13th F.A. Brigade will be withdrawn on the same night and concentrated in billets in RUE DE QUESNE preparatory to moving off on the 23rd inst.
6. All maps, logbooks and other records and trench stores belonging to the portions of the present centre sector front will be handed over by the 8th Brigade to the Brigades which take over.



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7. 5th. Pioneer Battalion (less 1 Co.) will take over and garrison the posts of the subsidiary line with numbers required for that purpose, the remainder will remain in present billets.
8. 2nd. Anzac Cyclist Battalion will be transferred to the 15th. Infantry Brigade on 21st. September.
9. 8th. Brigade Group will leave one Officer of Field Company, some sappers and special working party at work on deep dugout at CELLAR FARM, also the special party working with 2nd. Aust. Tunnelling Co.

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Lt. Colonel.
General Staff, 5th. Australian Division.

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Reference - Trench Map Area "L"

20th September, 1916.

RELIEF

1. The 58th Battalion of the 15th Infantry Brigade will relieve the 29th Battalion of the 8th Infantry Brigade on the night 21st/22nd September, 1916.

Patrols and observers from each company of ingoing battalion will report to the 29th Battalion tonight for experience. Specialists will report to 29th Battalion by 9 a.m. 21st inst. and take over during the day.

The Right Company 58th Battalion to be in position by 6 p.m. on the 21st inst.

The 5th pioneer Battalion will relieve the 30th Battalion in the subsidiary line posts, CROIX BLANCHE and JUNCTION posts.

1 officer and 4 men per post will report to C.O., 30th Battalion, at H 25 d 9-5½ to take over posts at 7 a.m. on the 21st inst. Garrisons of one platoon per post to be in position before 8 p.m. on 21st inst.

The 5th pioneer Battalion will further arrange to relieve the 59th Battalion in WINTERS NIGHT, WINDY and CHARRED POSTS with a garrison of one platoon. Garrisons to be in position by 8 p.m.

The 15th Machine Gun Company will relieve the section of the 8th Machine Gun Company in the sector above mentioned. They will be in position by 9 a.m. on the 21st inst.

Details of reliefs will be arranged by O's. C. units concerned.

DISPOSITIONS

2. The 58th Battalion will take over the whole of the front line and supports from N 10 c ½-6½ (MINE AVENUE inclusive) to N 10 b 9-10 (DEVON AVENUE inclusive).

Battalion Headquarters will be at the CELLAR FARM DUGOUTS at about N 10 a 3-7.

The 29th Battalion on relief will proceed to the billets at present occupied by the 30th Battalion.

They will remain there until lorries arrive at BARLETTE FME (H 26 a 4-3) at 8 p.m. to transport them to, billets at ARMENTIERES.

The 59th Battalion on relief will proceed to billets already allotted to them in Area G 29.

TRAFFIC

3. For the relief of front line and supports CELLAR FARM AVENUE will be used for UP traffic and YORK and DEVON AVENUES for DOWN traffic.

TAKING and HANDING OVER

4. All log books, documents, trench stores, ammunition, etc., effecting the areas relieved will be handed and taken over and receipts given in triplicate. One copy of these will be forwarded to 15th Infantry Brigade Headquarters on the 22nd inst. Taking over and checking to be begun before noon on the 21st inst.

GAS PRECAUTIONS

5. If wind is favorable for enemy gas relieving units will assume "Gas Alert" on leaving billets.

REPORTS

6. Reports from 58th Battalion and 5th pioneer Battalion to be forwarded to 15th Brigade Headquarters on completion of the relief.



Captain.
Staff Capt., 15th Australian Infantry Bde.

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The 15th Machine Gun Company will relieve the section of the 8th Machine Gun Company in the sector above mentioned. They will be in position by 9 a.m. on the 21st inst.

Details of reliefs will be arranged by O.C. units concerned.

The 58th Battalion will take over the whole of the front line and supports from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (inclusive) to 10 p.m. (inclusive) on the 21st inst. Battalion Headquarters will be at the CHILLAN FARM HOUSE at about 10 a.m. on the 21st inst.

The 58th Battalion on relief will proceed to the billets at present occupied by the 58th Battalion. They will remain there until further orders arrive at 10 p.m. on the 21st inst. to transport them to billets at ABERNETHY.

The 58th Battalion on relief will proceed to billets already allotted to them in Area G 29.

For the relief of front line and supports CHILLAN FARM AVENUE will be used for UP traffic and YORK AND NEWTON AVENUES for DOWN traffic.

All log books, documents, trench stores, ammunition, etc., affecting the area relieved will be handed and taken over and receipts given in triplicate. One copy of these will be forwarded to 15th Infantry Brigade Headquarters on the 22nd inst. Taking over and checking to be begun before noon on the 21st inst.

If wind is favorable for enemy gas relieving units will assume "Gas Alert" on leaving billets.

Reports from 58th Battalion and 5th Pioneer Battalion to be forwarded to 15th Brigade Headquarters on completion of the relief.

[Handwritten Signature]
 Staff Capt. 15th Australian Infantry Bde.

15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 47

Reference - Trench Map Area "L"

21st September, 1916.

1. The Right Group Artillery, Z 5 A M.T.M. Battery and the 15th A.L.T.M. Battery, will carry out a bombardment of the enemy's trenches and wire on the 22nd September, 1916. The 15th M.G. Company will co-operate.
2. The bombardment will commence at 4 p.m.
3. Objectives are as follows:-

Artillery

0.00 to 0.10	N 9 c 3-1 to N 15 a 3-9	
	N 9 c 4- $\frac{1}{2}$ to N 15 a 5-8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
	N 9 c 7-1 to N 9 d 0- $\frac{1}{2}$	
	N 15 a 2-8 to N 15 a 0-6	
	N 15 a 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to N 15 a 0-6	
	N 15 a 2-8	
	N 15 a 5-8 $\frac{1}{2}$	<u>244 rounds</u>

M.T.M.B.

0.00 to 0.10	N 9 c 8-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ (wire)	<u>40 rounds</u>
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A.L.T.M.B.

0.00 to 0.10	N 9 c 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 to N 9 c 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ and wire at N 9 c 5-2	<u>100 rounds</u>
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15th M.G. Coy.

0.00 to 0.10	N 14 d 7-8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to N 15 a 2-9	
	N 15 a 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8 to N 15 a 9-9	
0.15 to 0.20	N 9 c 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 to N 15 a 5-8	
	N 9 c 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 to N 15 a 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -8	<u>5000 rounds</u>

4. The L.T.M. Battery and Vickers Guns will stand by for 30 minutes to answer retaliation if necessary.
5. Reports to 15th Brigade Headquarters.



Staff Capt., 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 48

Reference - Trench Map Area "L"

23rd September, 1916

1. The 15th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery will carry out an operation against the enemy's front trenches in N 9 d and N 10 c on 24th September, 1916.

The O.C., Right Group Artillery, will arrange for one battery to "stand by" to deal with enemy's retaliation.

The Lewis Guns of the 58th Battalion will be prepared to take advantage of opportunities against enemy's personnel.

The 58th Battalion will fire rifle grenades to the flanks of the mortar objectives.

2. Fire will be opened at 12, noon.

3. The actual objectives will be as follows:-

N 9 d 5-2

N 9 d 80-25

N 10 c 3-3 and vicinity.

4. The O.C. 15th A.L.T.M. Battery will arrange for occasional "air bursts" in order to catch enemy's personnel moving along his fire trench.

5. Reports to 15th Brigade Headquarters.



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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 49

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Reference - Trench Map Area "L"

24th September, 1916.

1. The Right Group Artillery, Medium and Light Trench Mortar Batteries will co-operate in a bombardment of the enemy's trenches in N 15 a, N 9 c and N 10 a on 25th September, 1916.
2. The 114th Howitzer Battery will bombard enemy's communication trenches at N 15 a 55-85 and N 15 a 10-70. 60 rounds.
3. Z 5 A M.T. Battery will engage trench and wire at N 9 c 9-1 and vicinity. 40 rounds.
4. The 15th A.L.T.M. Battery will engage a selected target in N 10 d. 100 rounds.
5. Fire will be opened at 4.45 p.m.
6. The Lewis Guns of the 57th and 58th Battalions will engage enemy personnel if opportunity offers as a result of the bombardment.
7. Reports to 15th Brigade Headquarters.

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Unit.	Actually with unit			In hpl			Detached			Total Strength			Remarks.
	Off	O.R.	M.	Off	O.R.	Total	Off	O.R.	Total	Off	O.R.	Total	
15 B.H.Q.	8	21	29	.	.	.	.	1	1	8	22	30	
15 A.L.I.M.B.	4	44	48	.	.	.	.	1	1	4	45	49	
15 M.G. Coy.	4	126	130	2	3	5	1	7	8	7	136	143	
57 th Bn.	25	839	864	.	10	10	7	75	82	32	924	956	
58 th Bn.	22	616	638	1	10	11	10	42	52	33	668	701	
59 th Bn.	21	338	359	.	9	9	6	41	47	27	388	415	
60. Bn.	20	314	334	1	8	9	3	48	51	24	370	394	
Total	104	2293	2402	4	40	44	27	215	242	135	2553	2668	
2.A.N.Z.A.C. Cyclist.	9	172	181	1	9	10	2	101	103	12	282	294	
Attached but on commands	6	211	217	6	211	217	

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 50

Reference - Trench Map Area "L"

28th sept., 1916.

1. The 60th Battalion will relieve the 57th Battalion in the right sector of the front line on the night 30th Sept./1st Oct., 1916.
2. One Company 57th Battalion (not less than 180 All Ranks) and the 2nd ANZAC Cyclist Battalion (less details) are attached to the 60th Battalion for duty during the period this Battalion is in the trenches.
3. The C.O., 57th Battalion, will arrange to attach sufficient Lewis Gunners to enable the 60th Battalion to have 8 guns manned.
4. All instructions, trench maps, trench stores and log books will be handed over to incoming units and receipts given. A copy of all receipts given will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters within 24 hours.
5. Details of the relief will be arranged between C.O's. concerned. Completion of the relief will be notified to Brigade Headquarters by the code word JAMES.
6. The 57th Battalion will proceed to the Right Sector Billet Area with Headquarters at G 36 b 0-5.

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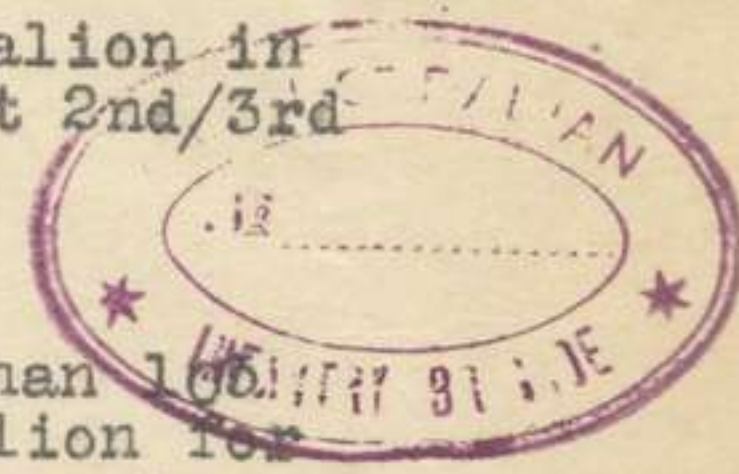
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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 51

Reference - Trench Map Area "L"

29th September, 1916.

1. The 59th Battalion will relieve the 58th Battalion in the left sector of the front line on the night 2nd/3rd October, 1916.
2. One Company of the 58th Battalion (not less than 100 all ranks) will be attached to the 59th Battalion for duty during the period the latter is in the trenches.
3. The C.O., 58th Battalion, will arrange to attach sufficient Lewis Gunners to enable the 59th Battalion to have 8 guns manned.
4. The details of the relief will be arranged between C.O.'s. concerned.
Completion of the relief to be notified to Brigade Headquarters by the code word PETER.
5. All instructions, ammunition, trench maps, stores and log books will be handed over to the incoming units and receipts given. A copy of all receipts given will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters within 24 hours.
6. The 58th Battalion will proceed to the left sector Billet Area, with Headquarters at H 25 d 8-7.



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