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OF

THIRD AUSTRALIA INFANTRY BRIGADE

FOR

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CERISY Amiens 17	1.9.18	10 am	Bishop Long lectured to the Brigade at 10 am and 11 am on the A.I.F. Educational Scheme. The G.O.C. attended. Afternoon G.O.C. visited Divisional HQ. at CORBIE	
"	2.9.18	Morning	G.O.C. and G.S.O.1. visited Battalions - Div. I.O. lectured Brigade on German Morale - past and present. Capt. W.G. Cornish reported to take over temporarily duties of Acting Bde. Major. Capt. Keighley MC proceeded on leave to U.K.	
	3.9.18		Training programme continued, G.O.C. visited Div, HQ in afternoon.	
	4.9.18		Training programme continued - G.O.C. met Aust. Newspaper representatives at Div. HQ.	
	5.9.18		Warning Order received that Brigade would probably move to CLERY AREA on 7th inst. 2.30 pm G.O.C. lectured to all Officers of Brigade on "Information in Battle".	
	6.9.18		G.O.C. proceeded to Aust. Corps in connection with move of Divisions. 4.0 pm 1st. Aust. Div. Battle Instructions received Series 1 and 2. 6.0 pm Brigade Order 144 issued to Bde. Group.	
		morning	Brigade Musketry - Lewis Gun - Bombing Competitions held resulting in 10th Bn. 1st - 9th. Bn. 2nd - 11th. Bn. 3rd - 12th. Bn. 4th.	App. 1 App. 2
		evening	Brigade Concert Party reopened at CERISY	
Sheet 62C	7.9.18	10am	Brigade Group embussed at CERISY and moved to MONT ST QUENTIN - Transport moving by road, On completion of move Bde. HQ - I.15.A.8.9, 9th. Battalion I.17.A.85.40, 10th. Battalion I.22.A.7.9 - 11th. Battalion I.17.A.9.3 - 12th. Battalion I.17.A.4.8 - other details I.16.C.7.2	
	8.9.18	10am	G.O.C., A/Bde. Major, Staff Capt go by car to TINCOURT to view forward country. Brigade HQ. in huts perforated by shrapnel, - raining - engineers busy mending huts. G.3423 issued to Bns. advising probable moves.	App. 2a

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Sheet 62c	9/9/18		G.O.C. proceeded to Tincourt Area to view Brigade New Area - Bde. Order No. 145 in connection with move of Brigade on 10th. inst. issued	Appen. 3
J.18.A.O.5.	10/9/18		Brigade moved to TINCOURT Area - dispositions on arrival - Bde. H.Q. J.18.A.O.5. 9th. Battn. J.17.B.8-8. 10th. Bn. J.17.B.9.8. 11th. Bn. K.9.D.2.3. 12th. Bn. K.31.D.2.3. 3rd. M.G. Coy. K.25.A.O.6. 3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty. J.24.C.8.5. 3rd. Field Amb. Bearer Div. K.15.C.1.7. Bde. in Divisional Support - men mostly in trench dugouts - Night 10th./11th. 1st, Bde. moved from Divisional Support to line positions advanced guard.	
	11/9/18		G.O.C. visited Battalion Area. Showery weather. Div. order defensive line to be dug on general lines.- Square K.9. Central to Square Q.3. Central - 11th. and 12th. Battalions dig platoon posts. G.3444 issued in this connection.	Appen 4
	12/9/18		Wet day. G.O.C. inspects line of posts and makes some alterations.	
	13/9/18		Conference of Unit Commanders at Brigade H.Q. Arrangements proceeding in connection with forthcoming attack. Action in case of attack issued to all Units.	Appen 5
	14/9/18		Fine day. G.O.C. visits battalions. Concert party give performance at TINCOURT.	
	15/9/18		Fine and hot. Enemy H.V. Gun fired during day - G.O.C. visits Divisions in connection with forthcoming attack - Company Officers reconnoitre route to JEANCOURT Area.	
	16/9/18		Fine and hot. Preparations being pushed forward for the attack to take place on the early morning of the 18th. G.O.C. visited 4th. Bde. to discuss the attack and a meeting of Unit commanders was held at Bde. H.Q. at 4.30 p.m. to discuss the arrangements. Method of attack - mopping up - employment of wickers guns and coordination of tape line. The 4th. Bde. is on right 1st. Bde. on left. 2nd. Bde. in Reserve. 2 tanks are available. The attack is to be a leap-frog one - 11th. and 12th. Bns. 1st. Objective - 12th. on right - 9th. and 10th. Bns. second objective, 10th. on right.	
			The night was quiet with the exception of the usual bombing and a little H.V. Gun fire. Bde. Order No. 146 for the operation issued.	Appen. 5

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	17/9/19		Fine cool day after a very violent storm at 2 a.m. this morning - trees were blown down and kite balloons dragged from their moorings. Preparations for the attack are now complete and Battalions move to their assembly positions tonight. The 10th. Bn. at 3 p.m. 9th. Bn. at midnight. 11th. and 12th. Bns. are starting at 3 hours before Zero which is to be 5.20 a.m. on 19th. instant. B.M. visited 1st. Brigade Headquarters to see that Battalions did not interfere with each other during the approach march.	
JEANCOURT		7.15 pm.	Brigade Headquarters moved with O.C. Right Group Artillery to JEANCOURT. The front is very quiet and Units will have no difficulty in getting into position. The Bde. I.O. is coordinating the forming up tapes of Battalions. Rain began to fall at 1 a.m. 18th.	
	19/9/19	4 a.m.	9th. and 10th. Bns. in position.	
		5.6 a.m.	11th. Bn. on tape.	
		5.14 "	12th. Bn. on tape. Division informed.	
		5.19	Barrage commenced.	
		6.10	No news - very foggy and thick smoke.	
		7. 5	12th. Bn. report right progressing but left apparently experiencing difficulty - situation not clear - casualties reported <del>slight</del> heavy - Capt. BURT - Lieuts. NICHOLAS - WALDUCK - wounded - Lieut. BUTLER killed. Reported 1st, Aust. Div. repeated flank Brigades.	
		7.15	Col. NELIGAN reports 12th. Bn. held up 400 yards E of Quarry in L.27. Central - position obscure on left.	
		7.30	Major MACPHERSON reports attack progressing. Lieut. RAFFERTY wanted from wagon lines.	
		7.55	Wireless report from left flank - prisoners coming in freely - casualties light. Division and 1st. Brigade informed.	
		8.15	11th. Battalion report everything going well and troops near 1st. Objective. 9th. Bn. well up.	
		8.30	Liaison Officer 4th. Bde. reports Brigade on 1st. Objective - casualties light.	
		8.50	11th. Bn. report in touch on both flanks and practically on the Brown line.	
		8.51	12th. Bn. on objective - uncertain of touch with flanks.	
		9.5	11th. Bn. <del>establ</del> - estimated casualties - Officers Nil - O.Rs. 7 Killed 23 Wounded.	
		9.20	12th. Bn. H.Q. remaining as at present till blue line is captured. 3.45 verbal report from Right Coy. 12th. Bn. that they had not seen 10th. move through - M.G. Fire very heavy.	
		9.25	9th. Bn. report everything satisfactory - getting forward.	
		9.30	10th. Bn. H.Q. moving forward to FERVAQUE FARM. As far as known everything satisfactory.	

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	9-40		11th. Bn. Artillery Liaison report 11th. Bn. on objective. 23 wounded none killed - 100 prisoners passed through.	
	9.45		9th. Bn. going strong - everything seems good Artillery F.O.O. reports 9th. Bn. on objective.	
	10.10		4th. Bde. Liaison reports red line taken and exploitation battalion moving forward. 1st. Brigade Liaison reports 1st. Bn. L.10.C.0.5. Brown line captured.	
	10.30		10th. Bn. report that as far as known they are on BLUE Line. Headquarters at FERVAQUE Farm but will probably move.	
	10.35		12th. Battalion report Battalion consolidating 200 yards E of Brown Line.	
	11.10		Left Company 9th. Battalion G.7.B.6.0. - G.3.C.00.400 in touch with the left.	
	11.12		Capt. HALLAHAN 11th. Bn. killed - consolidating brown line.	
	11.13		10th. Bn. in touch 9th. and 15th. Coys. 100 Prisoners - 12 M.Gs. one 77 - still going well.	
	11.30		Situation reported to Division - 1st. and 4th. Bdes.	
	11.50		9th. Bn. report occupying BLUE Line and consolidating (Wire A29) detail of prisoners.	
	12 noon		O.P. Reports our men moving along in G.14.D. and G.20.A.	
	12.15		11th. Bn. report that enemy is blowing up bridges approx. 3 - 4 miles E.	
	1.50		10th. Battalion report on blue line, but must do a set piece on G.14.D.	
	3.40		do do movement in sunken roads L.15.A.B. & C.	
	4.2		C.O. 10th. Bn. reports 4.5 hows. shooting short.	
	4.45		C.O. 10th. Bn. requests artillery not to fire on PEARL WOOD until further orders.	
	8.20		Arrangements made for artillery to open with one how. and 1-19 pdr. battery on G.21.A.05.35 from 9 to 9,10 - on artillery lifting 14th. Bn. will capture this trench.	
	10,35		10th. Bn. report that 14th. Bn. did not attack on account of 11 p.m. operation	
	11 p.m,		Barrage for 4th. Div. operation to capture Blue line opened.	
	1 a.m. (19th)		Liaison Officer from Right Bde. reports 14th. and 46th. operations successful about 60 prisoners.	
	19-9-18		Weather again fine - Battalions have settled down and there has been no reaction from the enemy. His artillery fire is weak and evidently all coming from E of the canal. Contact with the enemy has been gained in the main HINDENBURG LINE and with his outposts on the W side of the canal to the South. The whole operation has been completely successful as far as the Brigade is concerned. The captured amount to about 700 prisoners and 25 guns.	

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	19/9/18		(Continued) There are a great number of light and heavy M.Gs on the battlefield. Our casualties amount to about 220 all ranks up to the present.	
	20/9/18		Fine and cool - quiet day with very little shelling - Operations are in progress to the N probably on the 74th. Div. front. G.O.C. and B.M. visited 10th. and 9th. Bns. H.Qs. The 11th. M.G. Coy. has been withdrawn and replaced by 2 Sections of 21st. M.G. Coy. The latter are taking up reserve positions. Considerable enemy movement has been observed all day between NAUROY AND BELLICOURT moving N.W. - our artillery has been working on these targets all day. Action in case of attack issued.	Appendix
	21/9/18		Cool with strong west wind. The night was quiet on the Brigade front except for heavy bombing at night. One enemy bombing machine was brought down by one of our scouts immediately south of JEANCOURT. The 9th. Corps is taking over the line of 4th. Aust. Division to the South but one Battalion (15th) of 4th. Division remain in the line and comes under command of the Brigade at 10 p.m. tonight. Quiet day on the front. Inter-battalion reliefs were complete by 10 p.m. Dispositions are now as follows:- 15th. Bn. RIGHT - 12th. Bn. CENTRE - 11th. Bn. <del>RIGHT</del> LEFT - 9th. Bn. SUPPORT - 10th. Bn. RESERVE. One section of 3rd. M.G. Coy. is to take up positions in the support line of 15th. Bn. sector tomorrow. 10th. Bn. established a post in sunken road G.21.A.3.g. soon after dark. This <del>xxxxxxx</del> makes the left flank of the 15th. Bn. more secure.	
	22/9/18		Fine cool morning but overcast and cold later. The Brigade is to be relieved on the night 23rd./24th. by portion of the Americans. Warning order issued. Certain number of Officers N.C.Os. are to be selected from the Brigade to work with the Australian Mission with the 2nd. American Corps which is operating with American Corps in near future. Brigade Orders 147 and 148 issued.	Appendix
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	23/9/18		<p>Fine and cool morning. During the afternoon troops of the 117th. American Regiment moved in Reserve to the JEANCOURT AREA - guides from all Battalions and Trench Mortars meet at the YMCA near Brosse Woods and at 8 p.m, troops of the 118 American Regiment arrive. 3rd Battalion Americans relieve the front line and 2nd Battalion the Support. Americans are of fine type and although they had marched about 6 miles carrying full packs, not a sign of grumbling or dissatisfaction was noticed. The night fine and clear, bombing was expected but fortunately did not in any way interfere with the relief. All Battalions advise relief complete by 1.30 am Brigade HQ remained at JEANCOURT for the night and the Battalions moved to TINCOURT AREA. It is with much regret that the deaths of Major Darnell DSO and Lieut. Archibald, C.O. and Adj. of 11th. Battalion is recorded. After the relief of their Battalion these two splendid Officers commenced to ride from their Battalion Headquarters in the Line to the new area near TINCOURT. When attempting to pass through ROISSELLE a bomb dropped by E.A. burst near their horses killing Major Darnell and badly wounding Lieut. Archibald who died of wounds shortly afterwards. The news of their deaths came as a great blow to this Brigade as the two Officers mentioned were considered by all to be most capable and at all times "gentlemen".</p>	
	24/9/18		<p>Beautiful weather - Brigade HQ moved from JEANCOURT to TINCOURT WOOD after the handing over to American Brigade. G.O.C. inspected the billeting accomodation of the troops of the Brigade and chatted with men about the recent operation</p>	
	25/9/18		<p>During the afternoon the G.O.C attended the funeral of the late Major Darnell DSO and Lieut. Archibald, a very impressive ceremony and the popularity of the late Officers was proved by the large attendance of Officers and Other Ranks from all Units of the Brigade. Brigade Order for move from TINCOURT to GORENFLOS AREA issued.</p> <p>During the day the Transport of the Brigade moved in accordance with Divisional Instructions to the GORENFLOS AREA</p>	App. 10
Sheet Lens 11	26/9/18		<p>The Brigade entrained at TINCOURT and moved to the GORENFLOS AREA. The men were cheerful.</p>	





# WAR DIARY

OF

THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

FOR

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SEPTEMBER

1918

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 144.

Ref. Map - AMIENS 17.

Brigade Headquarters,  
6th. September, 1918.

1. Information. The enemy is retiring on the Corps Front and is being pressed by our advanced guards. We have taken DOINGT - LE MESNIL - BRUNTEL - and are on the Western edge of ATHIES.
2. Intention. The advance is being contained by the Divisions now in the Line. On a date to be notified later, the 1st. Australian Division will pass through the 3rd. Australian Division, now in the line.
3. Move. The 1st. Australian Division is moving into a suitable position from which it can move to pass through the Division in the line.
4. The 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade Group will move by bus to the New Area tomorrow, 7th. September, 1918.
5. Arrangements are being made by Army for busses to convey troops from CERISY to the new area.
6. One bus column will be formed and the Brigade Group will be disposed as under for the move.

Bus Column Commander - Lieut-Col. L.M. MULLEN D.S.O.  
9th. Battalion.

## Units in order of embussing:-

3rd. A.I. Bde. H.Qrs.  
3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty.  
9th. Battalion  
11th. Battalion  
12th. Battalion  
10th. Battalion  
3rd. M.G. Coy.  
3rd. Field Coy. Engineers.  
3rd. Field Ambulance.  
No. 4 Coy. A.A.S.C.

7. Debussing Point. Is at present uncertain but will probably be in vicinity of MONT ST. QUENTIN.
8. Units will be formed up for embussing in parties of 25 on LEFT of ROAD. Right of Road will be kept clear for Motor Vehicles.
9. Brigade Embussing and Debussing Officer -  
Lieut. H.A. HOLLEY - 3rd. A.I. Bde. H.Q.
10. Numbers on busses will be marked in chalk.
11. 1 Officer and 1 marker from each Unit will report to Embussing Officer,  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before time for troops to be in position.
12. The transport of Units will move to New Area by road, detailed Orders for move and route to be taken, will be notified later.

13. Starting Point for bus column, time for troops to be in position for embussing and number of busses allotted to each Unit will be advised by wire as soon as received from Division.  
( It is anticipated that probable time to embus will be about 1 p.m.).

14. Attention is again drawn to the necessity of warning all ranks in regard to "Booby Traps" left by the enemy:

The FRENCH in advancing today encountered a great number of these traps in dugouts and a number of roads and bridges were found mined.

The enemy is also leaving delay-action shells in his ammunition dumps. It is not possible to distinguish these shells from others.

Troops will be specially warned to avoid quartering themselves near such dumps.

15. Administrative Instructions are being issued separately.

16. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W.G. Coruish*  
..... Captain  
a/Brigade Major, 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 7 p.m.

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14	3rd. Bde. Supply Officer.
15	3rd. Brigade Transport Officer.
16	1st. Aust. Division.
17	Staff Captain
18	Lieut-Col. L.M. MULLEN D.S.O.
19	Lieut. H.A. HOLLEY
20	Bde. Sig. Officer.
21	Brigade Bombing Officer.
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Brigade Headquarters,

6th. September, 1918.

ADDENDUM to BRIGADE ORDER NO. 144.Ref. Maps AMIENS and Sheet 62D.DEBUSSING OF 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. Group.1. Starting Point.

Head of Bus Column will be at Road Junction Q.8.B.9.9.  
facing EAST.

Troops will be in position at 10 a.m. tomorrow 5th. instant.

## 2. Busses will be allotted as under:-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Bus Nos.</u>
3rd. A.I. Bde. H.Q.	1 to 4 (inc).
3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty.	5 to 6 (inc).
9th. Battalion	7 to 27 (inc).
11th. Battalion	28 to 45 "
12th. Battalion	46 to 68 "
10th. Battalion	69 to 88 "
3rd. M.G. Coy.	89 to 94 "
3rd. Field Coy. Engineers	95 to 100 "
3rd. Field Ambce.	101 to 108 "
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## 3. Debussing Point - I.20.B.8.0.

4. Brigade Group ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. G. Lewis*  
.....Captain  
a/Brigade Major, 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bde.

Issued to all Recipients of Brigade Order No. 144.

## THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

9th. Battalion  
10th. Battalion.  
11th. Battalion  
12th. Battalion.



Brigade Headquarters,  
4th. September, 1918.

Brigade MUSKETRY, LEWIS GUN and RIFLE GRENADE Competitions will be held on SATURDAY, 7th. September, 1918.

Ranges allotted for Competitions.-

Musketry and Lewis Gun - 11th. Battalion Range.  
Rifle Grenade Competition - Q.13.B.9.0.

JUDGES. Musketry & Lewis Gun Competitions. - Lieut. HOLLEY  
(Bde. Musketry Officer).

Bombing Competition. Lieut. HOWE (Bde. Bombing Officer).

All Competing Teams will parade at Y.M.C.A. tent near 11th. Battalion at 8.30 a.m. Competitions start at 9 a.m.

No competing teams will be allowed to witness another team's work.

The order of firing in each practice has been drawn with following results:-

ORDER OF FIRE.

Competitions - No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9th. Battalion	3rd.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	4th.	1st.	1st.
10th. Battalion	1st.	3rd.	1st.	4th.	2nd.	4th.	3rd.
11th. Battalion	4th.	2nd.	4th.	2nd.	3rd.	2nd.	4th.
12th. Battalion	2nd.	4th.	3rd.	1st.	1st.	3rd.	2nd.

The marks obtained in each Competition will be added together and the Battalion obtaining the greatest total, declared the winner.

PRIZES. - A meeting of representatives of each Battalion will be called at an early date to decide the question of prizes.

The G.O.C. has sanctioned the suspension of the ordinary morning programme for Saturday, in order that members of the Battalions are able to witness the Competitions.

It is suggested that Battalion Bands be present for the Competitions.

COMPETITION NO. 1. Musketry.

1 Team of 1 N.C.O. and 7 other ranks from each Battalion -  
Range 200 yards.

PATROL PRACTICE. Dummy figures representing an enemy N.C.O. and patrol will be used.

Team will be in prone position at 200 yards from trench.  
5 rounds in rifles. Safety catches back.

Dummy figure will appear above trench and represent enemy N.C.O. making reconnaissance, team will NOT fire. Figure of enemy N.C.O. will disappear in trench and then lead his patrol of 4 along parapet of trench (15 yards) and disappear. After a wait of one minute this patrol will return along parapet 15 yards and disappear into trench at starting point.

On each appearance of the enemy patrol the N.C.O. in charge of team will give necessary fire orders for fire to be brought to bear on targets.

Team will fire as many shots as possible into patrol. Ammunition in clips will be allowed on ground at side of each competitor.

Points. 2 points for each hit on figures.  
10 points for fire discipline.

COMPETITION NO. 2.                      Musketry.

1 Team of 8 other ranks from each Battalion - Range 200 yards.

Snap shooting at disappearing targets.

Team will be in prone positions at firing point. 5 Rounds in Magazine, safety catch back.

8 figure targets (german heads) will appear from trench and remain exposed for 4 seconds. This will be done 5 times in all. One shot only will be fired by Competitors at each exposure. Targets will appear at irregular intervals along a 15 yards trench.

Points. 2 points for every hit on figures.

COMPETITION NO. 3.                      Lewis Gun.

Patrol Practice                      - range 200 yards.

Teams of 1 N.C.O. (not above rank of Cpl.) and 3 privates from each Battalion.

Teams will be on firing point ready to open fire, (magazine loaded etc.) - 3 others loaded at hand.

Targets and trench will be the same as for 1st. Competition (Musketry).

The enemy patrol will operate as in above practice.

Competing teams will not fire on enemy N.C.O.

Patrol will move along trench 4 times disappearing in end of trench for one minute at end of each move. Each member of gun team will fire at the patrol, the change of Nos. 1 being effected during the minute's pause between moves of targets.

The patrol in this practice will move along parapet at steady double. Patrol figures may come up at either end of trench after each pause of one minute.

Points. - Hits on targets 1 point per hit.  
Precision and discipline 10 points.

COMPETITION NO. 4.                      Fire effect on stationary target - range 200 yards.

Team of 1 Cpl. and 3 Privates from each Battalion.

Team will be in prone position as if taking cover. 40 yards in rear of firing point; 4 magazines loaded but none on post, weight off return spring. On whistle blast being sounded they will double forward to firing point, assume correct position, adjust return spring and open fire. At end of one minute from 1st. Blast, cease fire will be blown.

Points. 1 point for every hit on target.  
10 points for precision, discipline and general handling.

COMPETITION NO. 5.                      Bombing.

Team Competition.                      - No. 36 Grenades (dummy with Ballistite Ctges.)

1 Team of 9 other ranks from each Battalion.

Team will be standing in trench, with cups loaded ready for firing, safety catches back.

A target will appear on 5 different occasions between range of zero and 250 yards.

On each exposure each member of team will fire one round.

Points. Bomb landing within 3 yards of target - 3 points.  
" " " 6 " " " - 2 "  
" " " 10 " " " - 1 "

COMPETITION NO. 6.Individual Fire.1 Team of 6 other ranks from each Battalion.

Same targets as Competition No. 5.

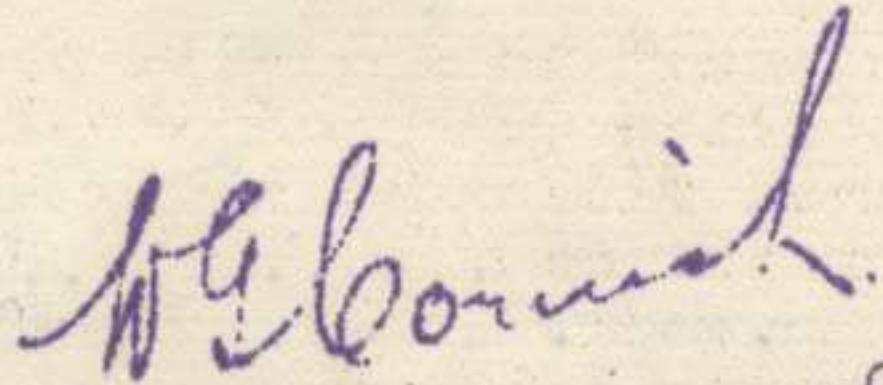
Each member of team will fire 5 separate rounds in all. Time allowed 1 minute for firing of each round.

Scores as for Competition No. 5.

COMPETITION NO. 7.Barrage Fire. - Bombing.Team of 1 N.C.O. and 8 other ranks from each Battalion.

Unknown Range - 8 Bombs per competitor.

Team will be standing in trench with cups loaded. N.C.O. in charge will be shown target (trench 5' x 20 yds.), and will order barrage fire to be placed thereon. From order fire being given by N.C.O. 1½ minutes will be allowed when whistle will be blown and team will cease fire. N.C.O. in charge may fire.

Points. 3 points for each bomb in trench.AMMUNITION.Musketry and L.G. Competitions. Each Battalion will arrange to have 2 Boxes of S.A.A. on ground.Bombing Competitions. Each Battalion will arrange for 15 cases, No. 36. Grenades Complete and requisite number of grenade cups at Competition Ground......Captain  
a/Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.



THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.APPENDIX 2 15Brigade Headquarters,  
6th. September, 1918.Result of Specialist Competition held today

3rd
AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
No. <u>4243</u>
Date

POINTS GAINED.

Competition No.	<u>Musketry</u>		<u>L. Gun.</u>		<u>Bombing.</u>			-	<u>TOTAL</u>
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
9th. Battalion	56½	26	34	48	18	12	9		203½
10th. Battalion	66	10	44	71	6	8	18		223
11th. Battalion	57	20	21	35	17	17	15		182
12th. Battalion	44	2	25	46	5	13	9		144

FINAL RESULTS.

<u>Battalion.</u>	<u>Points Gained.</u>
(1) 10th., Battalion	223
(2) 9th. Battalion	203½
(3) 11th. Battalion	182
(4) 12th. Battalion	144

On arrival in new area a meeting will be held to decide on prizes in connection with Competition.

*W. O. Lewis*  
..... Capt.  
a/Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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3RD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
No. 13423
Date

THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters,  
8th. September, 1918.

Forecast of Probable Moves.

The 1st. Australian Division is relieving the 3rd. Australian Division in the Left Divisional Sector of the Corps Front on the night 10th/11th. September, 1918.

The 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade is taking over the Support Brigade Sector tomorrow, 9th. September and is moving to the line Brigade Sector on 10th. instant.

The Divisional front line sector is held by one Brigade with 2 Battalions in line and two in support.

The 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will take the place of the 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade in Support Brigade Sector on 10th. instant.

Dispositions of the Brigade on completion of this move will be as under:-

Brigade Headquarters	-	J.18.A.O.4.
9th. Battalion	-	Square J.18.
10th. Battalion	-	" J.36.
11th. Battalion	-	" K.14.
12th. Battalion	-	" K.31.

Areas to be occupied by 3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty. - 3rd. M.G. Coy. - 3rd. Field Coy. Engineers - 3rd. Field Ambulance - will be notified later.

Reconnoitring parties from all Units will go forward tomorrow, 9th. instant.

Orders in connection with relief will be issued in due course.



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

## THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 145. APPENDIX 3A

Brigade Headquarters,  
9th. September, 1918.

Ref. Sheets - 62 D. 1/40,000.  
62 C.

1. The AUSTRALIAN CORPS Front now runs approximately along the line E.7. Central - R.1. Central - R.12.B.5.5. - R.13.C.2.3. - R.31.A.5.0.  
There are three lines upon which resistance may be expected, viz:-
  - (a) The HARGICOURT - LE VERQUIER - MAISSEMY-HOLNON Line.
  - (b) The Old British Line VILLERET - PONTRUET - FAYET.
  - (c) The HINDENBURG LINE.
2. The general advance is not being continued until further orders.
3. The Northern boundary of the Left Division of Australian Corps is at present - J.7. Central along East grid to K.11.A.0.0. thence along river COULOGNE as far as TEMPLEUX - LE-GUERARD (inclusive to Australian Corps) - thence from F.26.D.5.0. due East along Grid to F.30.C.0.0.  
The Southern Boundary P.4.C.5.4. - P.6.D.10.80. - Q.4. Central - Q.5.C.10.40. - R.5.C. Central.  
The 74th. Division (iii Corps) is on the left of the Australian Corps and the 4th. Australian Division is holding the Right Divisional Sector of the Corps Front.
4. The 1st. Australian Division (less Artillery) is relieving the 3rd. Australian Division (less Artillery) in the advanced guard position on the night 9th./10th. and 10th./11th. September.
5. The 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade will move into Divisional Support (Left Divisional Sector), tomorrow 10th. instant in accordance with table attached.
6. Advance parties from all Units will move to new area early on 10th. instant.
7. Liaison Officers. Capt. E.W. TULLOCH, 11th. Battalion will act as Liaison Officer between this Brigade and the 1st. Aust. Inf. Bde. (Line), and will report to 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. for instructions tomorrow morning, 10th. instant.
8. Nucleus Battalion will reform on morning of 10th. instant. Personnel forming same will report to Major A.M. PHILLIPS, 11th. Battalion (who will be in command of Battalion) at I.22.B.3.5. at 11 a.m.  
The Nucleus Battalion will be billeted in PERONNE with 1st. Australian Division Reinforcement Camp.  
The Reinforcement Wing arrives at PERONNE tomorrow, 10th. inst. O.C. Nucleus Battalion, will make arrangements for Advance Parties to arrange billeting etc.
9. Transport will accompany Units to New Area.  
Care must be taken in selecting positions for Horse Lines, and in every case must the animals be protected as far as possible from bomb bursts.  
Unit Commanders are reminded that in the present warfare they are responsible at all times for their own protection (F.S.Reg. Part 1, Section 64).  
In view of the above, Inlying Picquets will be maintained in each Unit.  
Gas and anti-aircraft Guards will also be established on arrival in the new area. Not less than 4 Lewis Guns per Battalion and 2 Vickers Machine Guns per M.G. Company being employed on this work.

- 10. Communications. Units will take forward all technical stores, viz:- telephones, lucas lamps, (spare batteries), and all available cable.
- 11. Brigade H.Q. will close at MONT ST. QUENTIN at 4 p.m. on 10th. instant and open at J.18.A.2.4. at the same hour.
- 12. Completion of move will be notified to Brigade H.Q. and location of Headquarters advised.
- 13. Administrative and Medical Instructions will be issued separately.
- 14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. E. Brown*

..... Captain  
a/Brigade Major, 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 3.30 p.m.

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|          | 22    | Ede. Sig. Officer.                  |
|          | 23    | Camp Commandant.                    |
|          | 24    | Brigade Transport Officer.          |
|          | 25    | Brigade Bombing Officer.            |
|          | 26/30 | Spares.                             |

MOVE TABLE to accompany Brigade Order No. 145.

APPENDIX 319

Serial No.	Unit	From	Starting Point	Time for Head of Column to pass S.P.	Route	Destination	In relief of
1	3rd. Bde. H.Q.	MONT ST. QUENTIN	Rd. junction ST. DENIS	4.30 p.m.	Mont St. QUENTIN - I.22.D.8.4. - MON ROUGE - J.18.C.6.2. - Destination	J.18.A.2.4.	1st. Aust. Inf. Ede. H.Q.
2	9th. Battalion	MONT ST. QUENTIN AREA	do	3 p.m.	do	J.18.A. & C. (Bn.HQ. J.18.A.2.5)	3rd. Aust. Inf. Bn.
3	10th. Battalion	do	do	3.30 p.m.	do	J.18.B. & D. (Bn. H.Q. J.18.D.3.7.)	1st. Aust. Inf. Bn.
4	11th. Battalion	do	do	4 p.m.	do	K.9.D. & K.10.C. (Bn. H.Q. K.8.D.2.3.)	4th. Aust. Inf. Bn.
5	12th. Battalion	do	do	2.30 p.m.	Mont St. QUENTIN - I.22.D.8.4. - DOINGT BUIRE - TINCOURT-BOUCLY - Destination	K.32.C. & D. (Battn. HQ. J.30.B.7.1.)	2nd. Aust. Inf. Bn.
6	3rd. A.L.T.M. Ety.	do	do	2 p.m.	do	do	1st. A.L.T.M.Bty.
7	3rd. A.M.Gun Coy.	do	do	2.15 p.m.	do	S.E. BOUCLY (K.25.A.)	1st. A.M.G.Coy.
8	3rd. Field Coy. Engrs.	J.17.	do	4 p.m.	direct	BOUCLY	1st. Field Coy.

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The following distances will be maintained on the march.

Not less than 500 yards between Units.  
200 yards between Companies, and Units and their Transport.

Forward of Squares J.18. - 24 - and 30 - distances will be increased to 100 yards between platoons and 400 yards between Units and their Transport.

Halts of 10 minutes will be made at every 10 minutes to each clock hour.

Whenever possible Units on the march will use tracks well clear of roads.

*W. Brown*  
..... Captain  
a/Brigade Major, 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bde

Unit	Starting Point	Time for March	Route	Destination	In relief of
1. 3rd. Bn.	Base C.S.S.	4.30 p.m.	via ...	1.18.A.S.S.	Inf.
2. 10th. Bn.	do	5.30 p.m.	do	1.18.A.S.S.	Inf.
3. 11th. Bn.	do	4 p.m.	do	1.18.B.S.S.	Inf.
4. 13th. Bn.	do	5.30 p.m.	do	1.18.D.S.S.	Inf.
5. 14th. Bn.	do	8 p.m.	do	1.18.E.S.S.	Inf.
6. 15th. Bn.	do	8.15 p.m.	do	1.18.F.S.S.	Inf.
7. 16th. Bn.	do	8 p.m.	do	1.18.G.S.S.	Inf.
8. 17th. Bn.	do	4 p.m.	do	1.18.H.S.S.	Inf.

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SECRET.THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Ref. Sheet 62C.Brigade Headquarters,  
9th. September, 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH BRIGADE ORDER NO. 145.

1. Dress. Full Marching Order. Steel helmets will be worn.
2. If Trench Shelters are issued, copies of receipts for same when handed over will be forwarded to Brigade H.Q. within 24 hours of completion of move.
3. Nucleus Battalion. Personnel required as witnesses in F.G.C.M. Cases or for special duties will be sent to the Nucleus Bn.
4. Transport. Baggage wagons will move with Unit transport.
5. Rations. Will be issued tomorrow from Supply Dump located at Sh. 62C - J.18.A.1.1. at 10 a.m.  
  
Rations for Nucleus Battalion. Personnel sent to Nucleus will be rationed by Battalions up to and including the 11th. instant, after which date they will be rationed by 1st. Aust. Div. Reinforcement Camp, PERONNE.
6. Units will move with full echelon of Ammunition and Tools.
7. Casualties in horses or mules will be notified to Brigade Headquarters before 12 noon daily, commencing 11th. instant.
8. Location of wagon lines will be notified to Brigade H.Q. immediately after completion of move.
9. Guards. This Office 8/1 of 18th. August is cancelled. The 12th. Battalion will detail a gas guard of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men from their personnel for Nucleus Battalion, to report with 24 hours rations to Brigade Headquarters at J.18.A.2.4. at 6 p.m. tomorrow. This Guard will be shown on strength of Nucleus Battalion.
10. Advanced Ordnance Dump is now located at K.13.C. Central near HAMEL.
11. Water Supply List of Watering Points for drinking water and for horses is issued separately.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*A. Webster.*  
..... Captain  
Staff Captain, 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bde.

Issued to all recipients of Brigade Order No. 145.

Reference B.O. 145 - Para. 1. - For "R.12.B.5.5." read "Q.12.B.5.5."

3<sup>RD</sup> AUS. INF. BRIGADE DISPOSITIONS.

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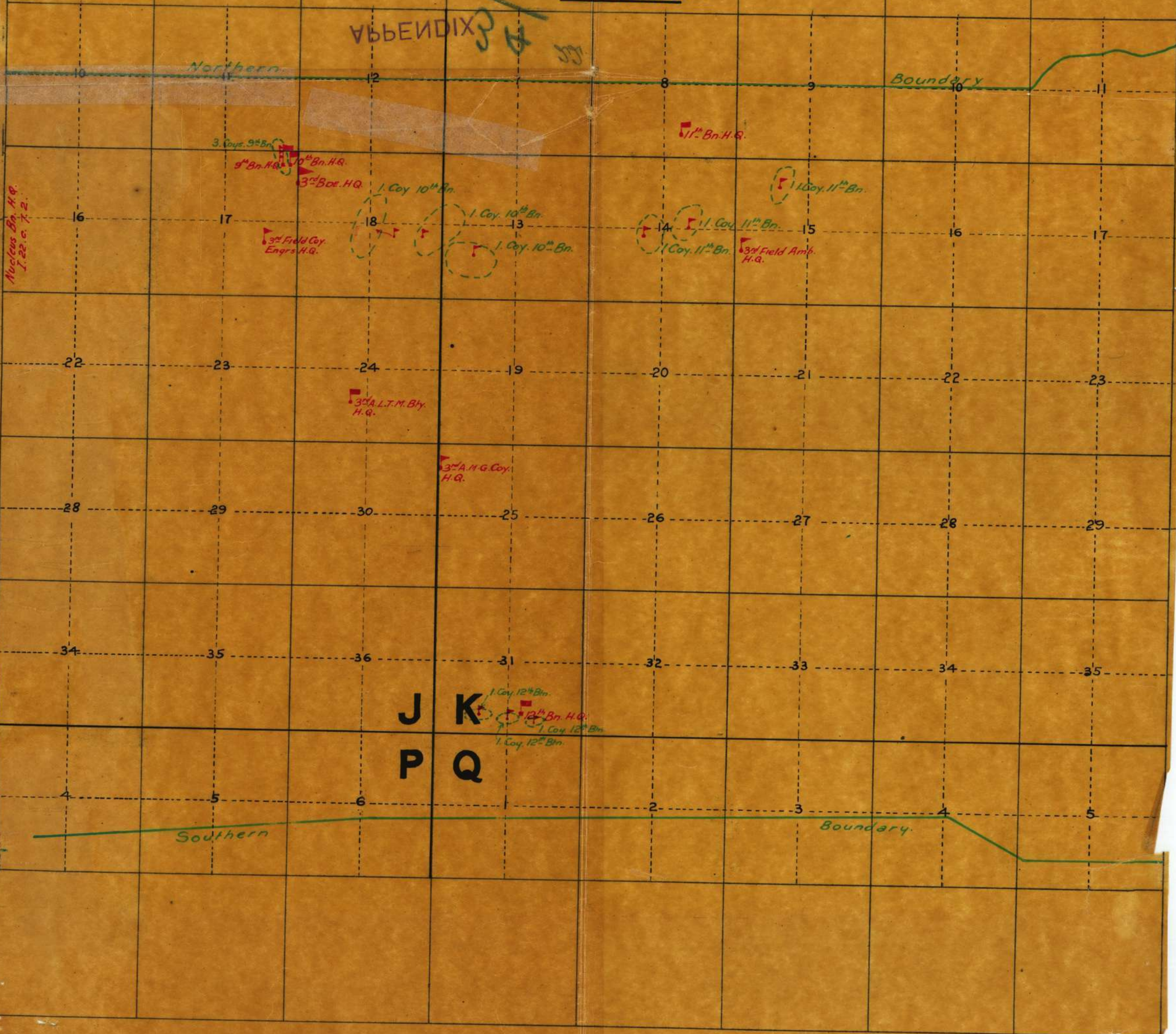
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3RD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.  
No. G. 3444  
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

11th. Battalion  
12th. Battalion  
3rd. M.G. Coy.  
3rd. Field Coy.

Brigade Headquarters,  
11th. September, 1918.

9th. Battalion  
10th. Battalion  
3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty.

Ref. Sheet 62C.

The enemy is known to be holding the lines in front of the Divisional Sector in strength.

A Support Defensive line will be established immediately by this Brigade.

The General Line of Defence will be from Square K.9, Central to Square Q.3, Central.

The 11th. Battalion will forthwith construct posts on the Approx. line K.9, Central to K.21.D.O.O, and the 12th. Battalion will complete line by digging posts on approx. line K.21.D.O.O. to Q.3, Central.

1 Section 3rd. M.G. Coy. will report to 11th. Battalion; guns will be emplaced to cover low ground in Squares K.16, and K.22.A.

1 Section Field Engineers will report to each 11th. and 12th. Battalions to assist in this work.

Nucleus Garrisons from Battalions concerned will occupy posts on completion.

In the event of sudden counter-attack by the enemy, this line will be held by the 11th. and 12th. Battalions.

The 9th. and 10th. Battalion, 3rd. T.M. Bty. and 3rd. M.G. Coy. will act in accordance with previous instructions regarding plan of defence. The 3rd. A.M.G. Coy. will be ready to move all guns at very short notice and the O.C. will reconnoitre positions in readiness to assist in the defence of above localities.

Inlying picquets of all Units must be prepared to move at a moments notice and Units themselves at  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours notice.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. H. ...*  
.....Captain  
a/Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

## THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Ref. Sheet 62C.

Brigade Headquarters,  
13th. September, 1918<sup>RD</sup>AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE.No. *Ry 3449*

Date.....

ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK.

1. The 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade is at present in Support to the 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade in the Left Divisional Sector of the Australian Corps Front.

The Brigade may be called upon to -

- (a) Reinforce any portion of the Divisional Front.
- (b) Form a defensive flank, should there be any danger of the flanks of division being turned.
- (c) Form line of defence in rear of Forward ZONE, to prevent "break through" by the enemy.

To prevent any possibility of a break through by the enemy should a counter-offensive be attempted, defensive positions as shown on attached tracing, have been prepared.

3. The posts on the general line - Square K.9. - Square Q.3. are at present held by nucleus garrison supplied by the 11th. and 12th. Battalions and 3rd. M.G. Coy.
4. Units are bivouaced near their respective lines to be held as defensive position.
5. On receipt from Brigade Headquarters of priority message "STAND TO" all Units will stand to arms, the 11th. and 12th. Battalions and 3rd. M.G. Coy. will at once reinforce their Nucleus Garrison in defensive line.

The 9th. and 10th. Battalions, 3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty. 3rd. Field Coy. Engineers and Bearer Division 3rd. Field Ambulance, will stand to arms in their respective camping grounds.

6. On receipt of message "MOVE TO BATTLE POSITIONS" being received from Brigade Headquarters, the 9th. and 10th. Battalions will at once move to defensive positions as shown on attached tracing.  
The 3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty. will move to positions already selected in defensive line.  
The 3rd. Field Coy. Engineers will await special orders from Brigade Headquarters.  
The 3rd. Field Ambulance Bearer Division will be sent separate instructions of action to be taken.

7. Working Parties of all Units will move to assembly positions or battle positions as the case may be.

8. Transport Regimental transport of all Units will stand to harnessed and loaded and hooked in.

9. Ammunition will not be placed in posts at present but in event of Units occupying battle positions, will be sent forward immediately by pack animals.

10. All routes to forward zone and to Battle positions will be reconnoitred forthwith by all Officers and N.C.Os.

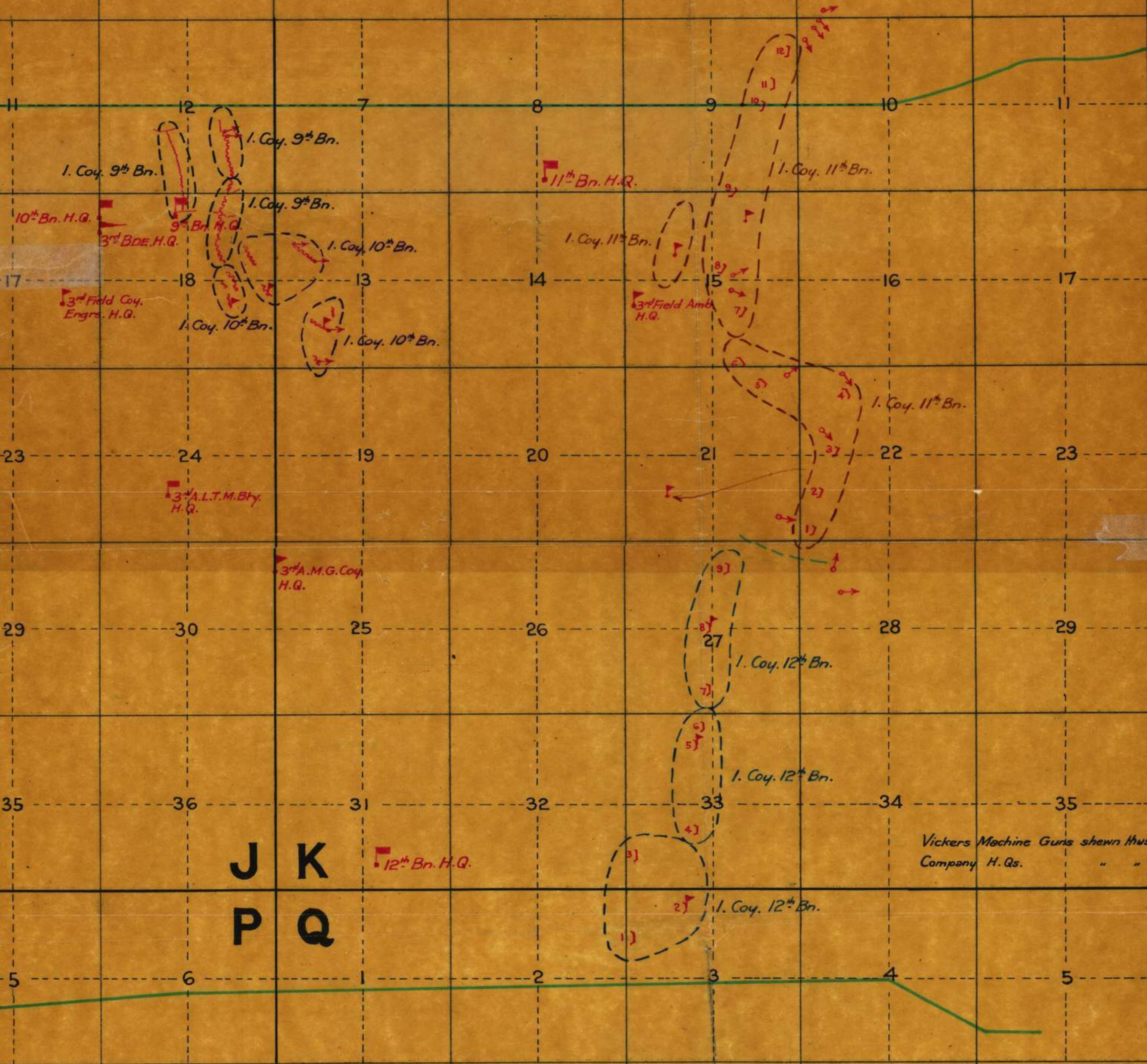


3<sup>RD</sup> AUST. INF. BRIGADE.

Sketch to accompany Order G3449.

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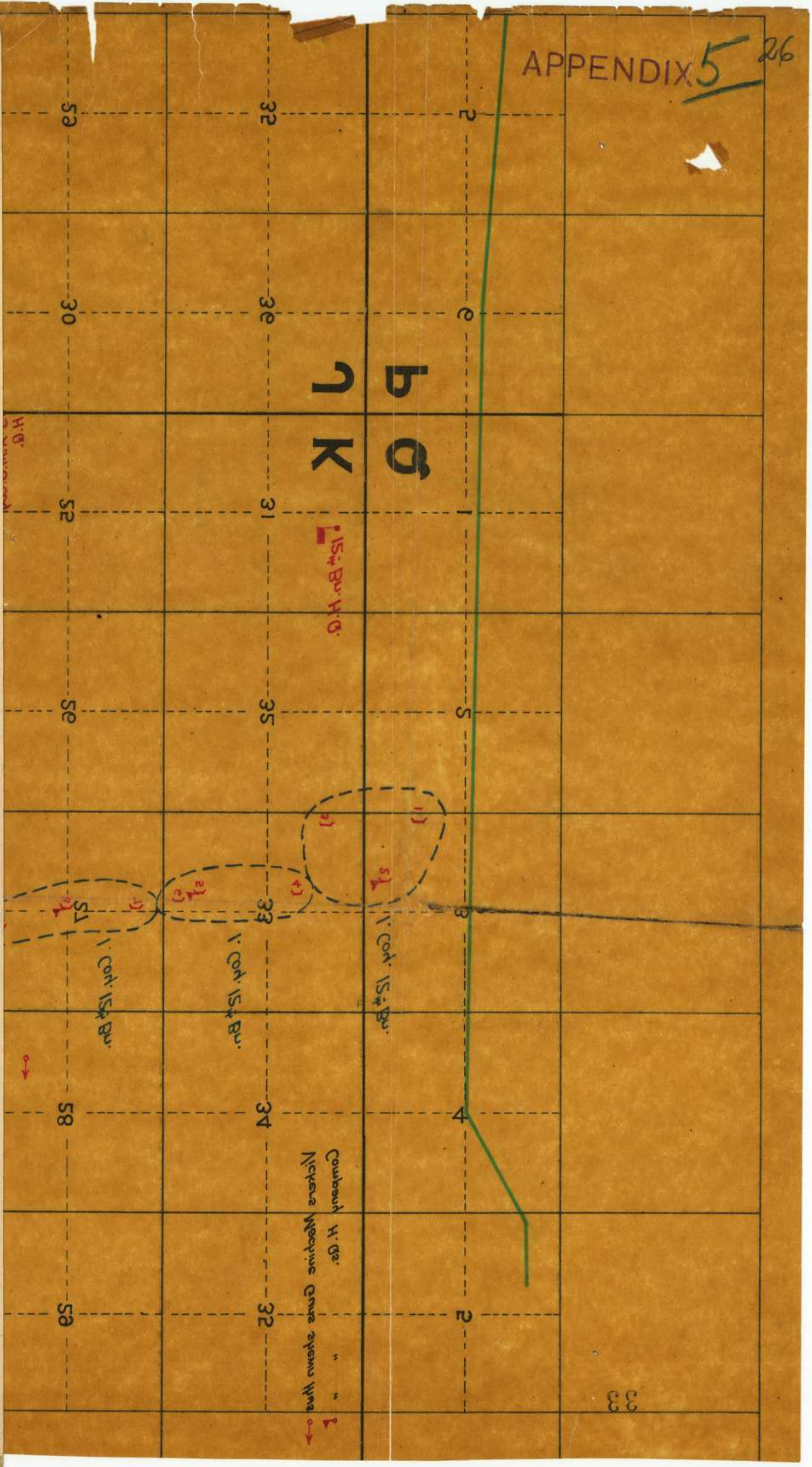
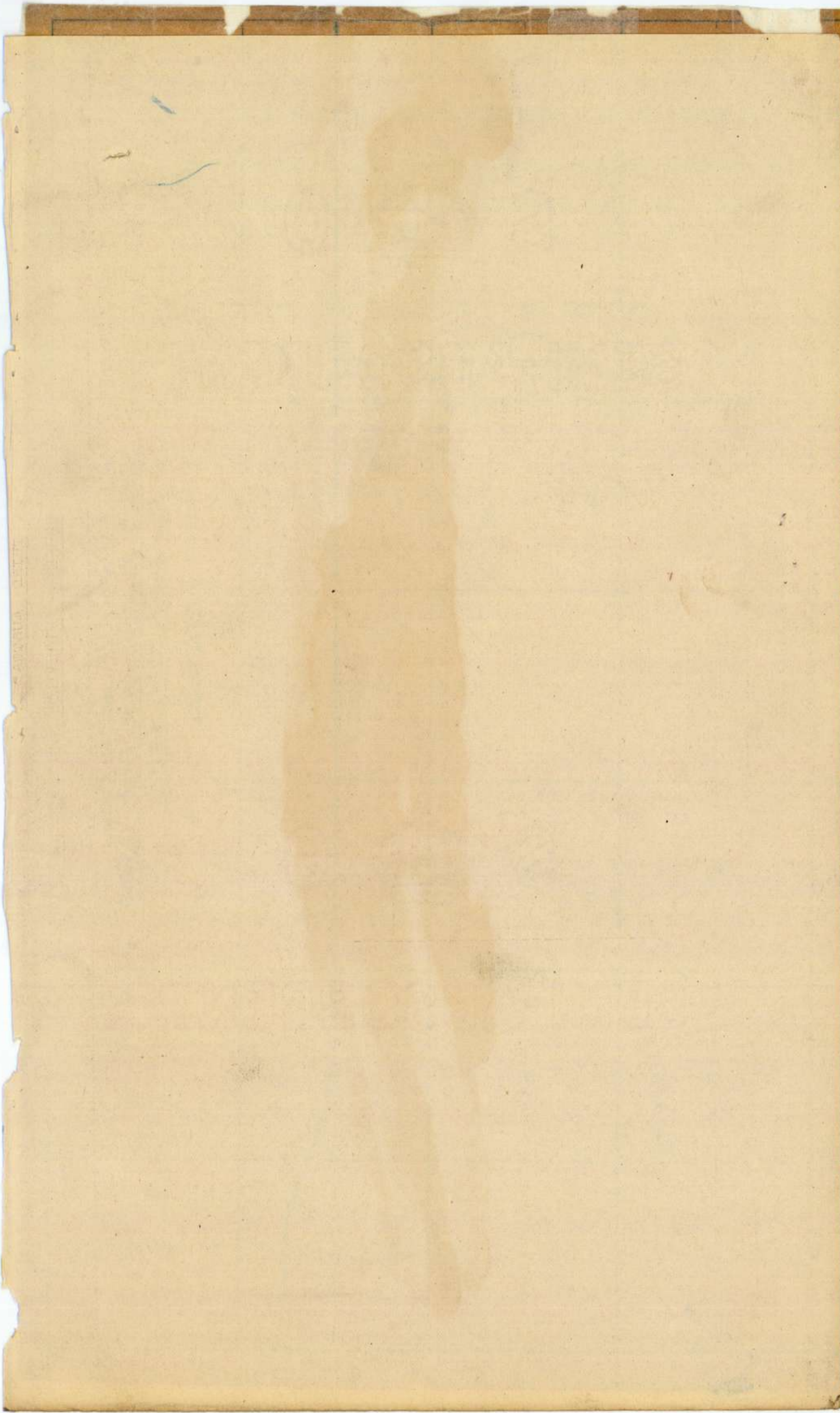
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

WEEKLY FIGHTING STRENGTH RETURN

UNIT	Fighting Strength		Details included in "A"		Available Fighting Strength with Units		Reinforcements, etc. taken on strength during week		REMARKS
	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Offrs.	O.Rs.	
3rd. Bde. H.Q.	8	55	2	3	6	52	-	-	Includes 20ff "36 or attached"
3rd. T.M. Bty.	5	54	2	6	3	48	-	-	10ff UK leave 10ff school 30r leave, 20r school
9th. Battalion	35	604	12	96	23	508	1	-	Statement attached
10th. Battalion	44	592	20	98	24	494	5	17	do
11th. Battalion	40	535	17	97	23	438	1	-	do
12th. Battalion	38	661	18	101	20	560	3	3	do
TOTAL	170	2501	71	401	99	2,100	10	20	

Nature	9th. Battn.	10th. Battn.	11th. Battn.	12th. Battn.
Leave	7	31 8	35 9	36 10 25
Schools	4	9 4	13 3	11 4 8
Sick	1	1	4 4	4 5
Bde. Duties		16	12 1	23 16
Div. Duties		11 1	10	21
Miscellaneous		28 7	24	6 47
TOTAL	12	96 20	98 17	97 18 101

Statement of Officers "Struck off Strength" and "Taken on Strength" attached.

Staff Capt, 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bde.

14<sup>th</sup> September 1918

APPENDIX 5A

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 146.

16th. September, 1918.

Ref. 62 C. N.E. 62B. N.W. and  
Special Map.

1. (i) Information. The 4th. Army in conjunction with the 1st. French Army on the Right and the 3rd. Army on the Left is to attack the enemy's defensive positions in front of the HINDENBURG LINE.
- (ii) The Australian Corps is to attack in the centre of the 4th. Army front, the IX Corps is attacking on the right and the III Corps on the Left.
- (iii) The 1st. Australian Division is to attack on the Left of Australian Corps. The 4th. Australian Division will be attacking on Right and the 74th. Division on the Left of 1st. Australian Division.

2. Intentions.

- (i) The 1st. Australian Division is to attack on a 2 Brigade Front. The 3rd. A.I. Bde. on Right and 1st. A.I. Bde. on Left.
- (ii) Objectives and boundaries are shown on map already issued. A back inter-brigade boundary has been drawn defining Brigade areas for approach and assembly. Date of attack and zero hour will be notified later.

3. Detail of troops

- (i) The 3rd. A.I. Bde. will attack on the Right of Divisional Sector.
- (ii) One half section (2 tanks) is allotted to the Brigade.
- (iii) One troop of 13th. Light Horse Regiment is allotted to the Brigade.

4. Artillery. 8 Field Artillery Brigades will be available to cover the Divisional Front.

The Field Artillery to cover the 3rd. A.I. Bde. advance is to be grouped as under:-

Group Commander - Lieut-Col. E.T. DEAN D.S.O.  
4 Brigades Field Artillery.

A proportion of Heavy Artillery has been allotted to the Brigade and will deal with the following targets prior to attack day, and will assist by destructive and counter-battery shoots during the attack.

All trench systems on map.

Sunken roads in L.27.A. - L.21.D. - L.27.A. - L.21.C.

L.22.C.

L.16.B. and D.

L.11.C. and D.

L.17. B and D.

L.23.B.

L.18.A.

Village of VILLERET

Woods - BROUSSE WOOD - L.21.

ZUIU and KAFFIR COPSE - L.17.A.

CHATEAU - L.23.A.

FERVAGUE FARM - L.16.C.8.8.

QUARRIES - Squares L.8. and 14.

5. Machine Guns. The artillery Barrage on the Divisional Front is to be supplemented with Machine Gun Barrage of one Battalion and two Companies of machine guns.

The 3rd. M.G. Coy. will detail a section to each of attacking battalions. Until 1st. Objective is captured the Section allotted to 9th. and 10th. Battalions will be Brigade Reserve, and will not be used by these Battalions. When 1st. Objective is captured the two sections allotted to 11th. and 12th. Battalions, will become Brigade Reserve for use in assisting 9th. and 10th. Battalions if ordered to do so by Brigade Headquarters.

Sections will move with Battalions to whom allotted unless ordered by Brigade H.Q. to go elsewhere.

5. Machine Guns (Continued). The 11th. M.G. Coy. will move forward in rear of the 11th. and 12th. Battalions and will carry out the following tasks:

- (a) Cover the consolidation of the 1st. Objective by direct fire.
- (b) Engage the Eastern edge of the village of VILLERET and trenches in L/2.C. - Trench System in G.7.D. - Quarries in G.14.B.

6. Trench Mortars. Medium Trench Mortars will also cooperate in the attack and will place smoke barrage on CARPEZA Copse and BROSSWOOD No. 2.

Light Trench Mortars. Two guns will be allotted to each Battalion - battalions will be responsible for carrying of ammunition for the guns.

These guns will move with Battalions and act under orders of Commanding Officers.

7. Light Horse. A troop of Light Horse will report to Brigade Headquarters at Zero plus 180.

8. Method of Attack. The attack will be made by "Leap-frog" method. 11th. and 12th. Battalions (12th. on Right) will capture 1st. Objective. 9th. and 10th. Battalions (10th. on Right) will capture 2nd. Objective and exploit the line of exploitation, as shown on map already issued. Each Battalion will detail one company for Mopping Up.

Barrage Map showing Barrage lines and times of moving forward will be issued separately.

Units will be on tape line at Zero minus 60 minutes.

At Zero hour Artillery and M.G. Barrages open on line 200 yards forward of Brigade Tape Line, while attackers move forward as close as possible.

The 1st. barrage lift will be at Zero plus 3 minutes. The second lift will be at Zero plus 5 minutes. The next and succeeding lifts up to and including the 11th. lift, will be at intervals of 3 minutes. The 12th. and following lifts will be made at intervals of 4 minutes.

All lifts will be of 100 yards, measured along the inter-Corps Boundary

Halt Line. The attacking Battalions for the 2nd. Objective (9th. and 10th.), will remain on Halt Line (1st. Objective), until Zero plus 3 hours 10 minutes, when the advance will be continued to the RED LINE.

On barrage lifting at Zero plus 3 minutes, the whole Brigade will move forward. Each Battalion having two companies deployed for attack and one Company for Mopping Up.

The 2nd. Objective troops will keep close to 1st. Objective troops, and help if necessary. At the first objective the 11th. and 12th. Battalions will consolidate approx. on line, but NOT in old trench system. 9th. and 10th. Battalions move up ready to follow barrage closely when it lifts. On reaching the 2nd. Objective 9th. and 10th. Battalions consolidate, and at once send out patrols to line of exploitation, following them up with supports. Unless the enemy opposition is very strong, the line of exploitation will be occupied by 9th. and 10th. Battalions and consolidated.

The 11th. and 12th. Battalions will in this case move to the line of 2nd. Objective.

During the advance first waves must "Keep Going" and leave the mopping up to the troops moving in rear that have been specially detailed for the work.

Battalions will adhere to the principle of advancing along the high ground and avoiding valleys as far as possible, but must take steps to deal with enemy pockets left in gaps as soon as possible.

Vickers and Lewis Machine Guns emplaced on the high ground will command enemy positions in the valleys and on the lower slopes of the hills.

The Lewis and Vickers Machine Guns will assist the Moppers Up by giving covering fire from these commanding positions.



8. Method of Attack (Continued).

The 11th. Battalion will make good the ridge in L.15.C. & D. L.16.C. & B. - L.17.A.

The 12th. Battalion will make good the ridge in L.21.D. - L.22.C. and D. and L.23.A.

The 9th. Battalion will make good the ridge L.17.B. - L.18.A. - G.13.B. In exploitation G.14.A. and thence G.8.C. will be made good.

The 10th. Battalion will make good the Spur L.17.D. thence spur L.18.C. In exploitation G.13.D. will be made good moving via high ground and North of Battalion Boundary.

On reaching each objective Battalions will send Liaison patrols to gain touch with their flanks at the points where boundaries cross objectives.

On reporting objective gained, Battalions will also report if they are in touch with Units on their flanks.

Close touch must be maintained between 9th. and 10th. Battalions on making good the important ridge L.17.B. - L.18.A. - G.13.B. G.14.A.

9. Direction. Incendiary shells will be fired, one a minute, on inter-battalion boundary beyond shrapnel barrage to assist in maintaining direction.

Each Battalion will detail an Officer for maintaining direction.

10. Tanks. Two tanks will assist in attack, and will move under the barrage on following routes.-

"A" Tank South of Trench in L.21.A. and L.15.D. thence by ~~VERVAQUE~~ Trench - to sunken road in L.16.B. - KAFFIR COPSE & ZULU COPSE and sunken road in L.11.C. - thence through VILLERET and will specially deal with following points -

Sunken Road L.16.B.  
VILLERET.

"B" Tank L.21.C.7.3. - L.21.D.6.4. - along trenches in L.22.A. skirting Northern edge of GRAND PRIEL WOOD in L.22.B. - Sunken road in L.17.D. and thence back along trenches in L.18.C. and 24. A.

Signals for use with Tanks will be as laid down in S.S. 214 of August, 1918.

11. Prisoners of War. The 1st. Aust. Div. P.O.W. Cago will be established on forward slope of Hill in K.27.B.

The D.A.P.M. will have a screen of M.M. Policemen stationed along the Divisional Front, at an approximate distance of 1 mile from the front line. This screen will cover all routes from the front line in the Divisional Area. Adjacent Routes in flank areas will also be watched.

Battalion escorts will be instructed to take prisoners of war to the rear and to deliver them to the first 1st. Aust. Div. M.M. Policeman they meet, who will hand the escort a typed receipt. Escorts will be instructed that in the unlikely event of missing members of the M.M.P. screen, they will proceed to the Divisional P.O.W. Cago in K.27.B.

The D.A.P.M. will keep a close check of the number of prisoners taken by particular Units.

12. Preliminary Arrangements.

(A). Tape Line. The tape line will be laid under Battalion arrangements (11th. and 12th. Battalions), to assist in forming up. Battalion tape lines will be co-ordinated by Brigade Intelligence Officer.

The tape line for forming up will be laid on the general line L.26.D.7.6. - L.14.C.5.3. (This is 250 yards WEST of tape line shown on special map issued to Units on 14th. instant.)

12. Preliminary Arrangements (Continued).

(B) Battle Headquarters. Battle Headquarters will be prepared by 3rd. Field Coy. A.E. as follows:-

Brigade Headquarters L.26.C.5.7. . . . .  
 9th. Battalion )  
 10th. Battalion )  
 11th. Battalion ) L.19.D. and L.26.A. & C.  
 12th. Battalion )

The Field Company will also assist in construction of Battalion headquarters for 9th. and 10th. Battalions for final objectives, in positions to be selected in consultation with C.Os. concerned.

(C) Communications. The Brigade Signalling Officer will be responsible for the maintaining of communication between Brigade and Battalions' Headquarters, throughout the operation.

(D) Observation Posts. Likely Brigade and Battalion O.Ps. will be selected before attack and manned by Intelligence Personnel as soon as possible.

(E) The 3rd. Field Coy. A.E. will prepare tracks and build bridges over trenches for transport to dumps at L.25.B.6.2. and L.19.C.9.2. They will be labelled with arrowheads and map locations. The Field Coy. will also prepare light bridges for trenches on tracks to be used after advance has commenced. Tracks are as follows:  
 ZUMU Track - L.20.A. - L.15.C. - L.16.A. - L.17. Central.  
 B ROSSE Track - L.25.B. - L.21. Central - L.17. Central.

(F) Tank tapes are white, with black line running through centre.

(G) One Infantry observer from each 9th. and 10th. Battalions will be detailed to accompany tanks. These observers will report to Brigade H.Q. on the morning of 16th. instant to receive instructions and map. They will remain at Brigade H.Q. until operation. The men selected must be intelligent and able to read maps. Volunteers should be sent if possible.

(H) All ranks will be made thoroughly acquainted with their duties in attack, large scale maps of country over which they are to move being prepared.

(I) Men will be forbidden to neglect their duty for souveniring.

(J) Troops will be warned against Booby Traps. Field Coy. will detail an Officer and party to inspect captured territory for these traps.

13. Liaison Officers. Capt. F.J. BIGGS of 9th. Battalion will act as Brigade Liaison Officer with 4th. Aust. Inf. Bde. and Capt. H.W. THOMAS 10th. Battalion with 1st. A.I. Bde. on Left.

Battalions will arrange for Liaison Officers with the flanking battalions, and with Battalions in front of them during the advance.

These Officers will be drawn from the Nucleus Battalion. The names of Officers detailed will be wired to Brigade H.Q. immediately; orders for Officers to report from NUCLEUS BN. will then be sent by wire. Artillery Liaison Officers will be attached to 11th. and 12th. Battalions for 1st. phase of advance, changing over to 9th. and 10th. Battalions respectively on first objective being gained.

14. Dress and Equipment. 170 Rounds S.A.A. and 2 Grenades will be carried by Rifleman.

16 Full magazines per Lewis Gun will be taken into action.

Red Ground Flares and Tin Discs will be issued for purpose of contact with planes.

A proportion of wire cutters will be carried by all platoons.

15. Further instructions in reference to moving of Brigade from present position, and synchronisation of watches will be issued later.

16. Administrative Instructions are being issued separately.

17. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. Hornish Capt for*

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

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	17	4th. M.I. Bde.
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	19	1st. A.M.G. Bn.
	20	11th. A.M.G. Coy.
	21	Tanks
	22	Staff Captain
	23	Brigade I.O.
	24	Brigade Sig. Officer
	25	Capt. F.J. BIGGS
	26	Capt. H.W. THOMAS
	27/30	Spares.

## THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE,

## APPENDIX 6

Brigade Headquarters,  
16th, September, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH BRIGADE ORDER NO. 146

Ref. Sheet 62C N.E. and 62B. N.W.

1. Dress. Fighting Order. 24 hours iron rations will be carried and the unconsumed portion of current day's ration. Packs and valises will be dumped at Battalion Wagon Lines.
2. Transport. Battalion transports will be under the direct command of C.Os. Battalions and will move under their orders. It is of the utmost importance that all changes of locations of transport lines and cookers should be notified to Brigade H.Q. early. Baggage wagons will remain with Unit transport. Casualties in horses or mules will be wired to Brigade H.Q. by 12 noon daily.
3. Ration Supply. Until further orders the Brigade Ration Refilling Point will remain at present location - J.23.C.9.9. The Brigade Q.M. - Capt. G. EGG, 11th. Battalion - will act for the Staff Captain and determine the location of the Supply Dump, in consultation with the Brigade Supply Officer. Battalions will deliver rations to the M.G. and T.M. Personnel attached. M.G. Coy. and T.M. Bty. will deliver rations to Battalion Q.M. Stores.
4. Battle Stores. S.A.A. and Grenades to complete to 170 rounds S.A.A. and 2 Grenades per man will be issued on or before the 17th. instant. 500 Very Lights 1" White, 100 Ground Flares, 36 Wire cutters, and 1000 sandbags will be issued to each Battalion, in addition to Ordnance Stores as under:-
  - 32 Hot Food Containers.
  - 10 Pack saddles.
  - 20 Water crates.
  - 250 Water bottles and carriers.
  - Petrol Tins for water.
5. Dumps. Two Brigade Dumps will be established, one for Right Battalions at Sh. 62C. N.W. - L.25.B.7.1. - and the other for Left Battalions at L.19.D.1.3. Each dump will contain the following stores.
  - 40,000 rounds S.A.A.
  - 144 L.G. Magazines.
  - 2,000 No. 36 Grenades.
  - 250 No. 23 Grenades.
  - 5 boxes Very Lights White 1".
  - 500 STOKES 3" shells, complete.
  - 100 tins of water.
  - 300 shovels.
  - 150 picks.
  - 72 S.O.S. Grenades
  - 500 No. 27. Grenades.
6. Brigade Ammunition Refilling Point and Mobile Reserve of S.A.A. and tools will be formed by withdrawing 2 G.S. Limbers from each Battalion and 3rd. M.G. Coy. and 1 G.S. Wagon for tools from Brigade Headquarters.
 

These limbers will report loaded with S.A.A. and Mills Rifle Grenades as laid down at the last meeting of Q.Ms. and T.Os.

Each limber will be accompanied by 1 brakesman.

A detonating and overhauling party of 1 N.C.O. and 2 men from the 12th. Battalion and 2 men from each 9th. - 10th. and 11th. Bns. will report with the limbers.

The personnel will be rationed by Brigade H.Q. but animals will be rationed by Battalions, as Brigade H.Q. transport is insufficient to transport fodder.

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9th, and 12th. Battalions will each detail from personnel at Nucleus Battalion, 1 Corporal to report at Brigade H.Q. at 10 a.m. tomorrow, 17th. instant.

7. Medical Arrangements. 3 Squads and 1 N.C.O. from the Bearer Division, 3rd. Field Ambulance will report to each Battalion on the afternoon of the 17th. instant. They will be rationed by Battalions to whom they are attached.

A.D.S. will be located at WINCOURT but will move forward to K.15.C.1.8. when the situation permits.

W.L.P. will be at Sheet 62C N.E. - K.29.D.8.8. Alterations in location will be notified direct to R.A.Ps.

All Battalions are responsible for keeping the A.D.S. advised of their locations and any changes must be notified at once both to A.D.S. and to Brigade H.Q.

The Y.M.C.A. will establish Coffee Stalls in the vicinity of K.29.D.8.8. and K.30.A.3.3. to meet walking-wounded cases.

8. Prisoners of War. Arrangements as laid down in Brigade Order No. 146.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Webster*

Staff Captain, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. Captain

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEBrigade Headquarters,  
16th. September, 1918.ADDENDUM TO BRIGADE ORDER NO. 146.

1. Message Rockets. 40 Message Rockets have been allotted to the Brigade, a proportion of which will be issued to Battalions on demand. These rockets will be mainly used to cover barraged areas and are an alternative means of communication only.
2. Counter-Attack Machines.
  - (i) From Zero onwards counter-attack machines will be constantly in the air with the object of observing hostile concentrations or abnormal movement.
  - (ii) In the event of an enemy concentration indicating a counter-attack, the counter-attack aeroplanes will signal this information to the artillery by wireless. In the case of a counter-attack actually developing a WH ITE parachute flare will be fired by the aeroplane in the direction of the troops moving for the impending counter-attack, for the information of the infantry.
3. Tank Liaison Machines. The 8th. Squadron R.A.F. will work with the Tanks and will carry out the following roles:-
  - (i) (a) Machines detailed to watch and report on the progress of the Tanks.
  - (b) Machines detailed to bomb and bring Machine Gun fire to bear on hostile anti-tank guns.
  - (ii) Machines carrying out the above will be marked by a black band on the tail plane.
4. Telephone Precautions. In view of the fact that the enemy has an organised defensive system in the HINDENBURG Line, and that he has probably completed his arrangements for its occupation in case of necessity, it may be taken that his listening sets have been installed. Every precaution will, therefore, be taken to prevent unauthorised telephone conversations either in our present forward area or at a later date when we are occupying positions in close contact with the HINDENBURG Line.
5. S.O.S. Signal. S.O.S. Signal on the Army Front is a Rifle Grenade Signal RED over RED over RED.
6. POPHAM PANELS. Code calls at present in use for the the Popham Panel will obtain during the forthcoming operations.
7. Line of Exploitation. It is to be clearly understood that the BLUE Line is to be attained solely by means of Exploitation. It is not intended that anything in the nature of a set-piece attack is to be made or that the operation shall be costly. The RED Line is to be consolidated as a main line of Resistance, and the main object of Exploitation is to secure observation over the valleys running Eastward from the line of Squares G.1.7. & 14.
8. Forming Up Line. Posts in front of the forming up line, will be withdrawn one-half hour before Zero. Patrols will be West of the Tape Line by Zero minus 15 minutes.
9. The artillery is arranging to make tracks through the wire shortly after Zero Hour at the following locations:- L.31.B.7.8. - L.25.D.4.7. - L.25.B.3.3. - L.19.D.2.6. - L.19.A.8.2. - L.19.B.8.3. - L.19.D.8.7. - L.26.B.6.1. - L.26.B.2.8. - L.20.D.8.9. - L.21.A.3.4. - L.15.C.5.4. - L.15.C.8.9.

- 10. No incendiary shells are available to be fired on inter-battalion boundary to show direction.
- 11. Synchronisation of watches in the Brigade will be carried out as follows:- An Officer will leave Brigade H.Q. at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. on "Y" Day, and will visit Headquarters of Units concerned.
- 12. Brigade Headquarters will close at present location at 6.30 p.m. on 17th. instant, and open at L.26.C.5.7. at the same hour.
- 13. ACKNOWLEDG E.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Major  
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 10.30 p.m.

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Brigade Headquarters,  
20th. September, 1918.



ACTION IN CASE OF ATTACK.

1. Troops Available.

- 4 Battalions.
- 1 1/2 M.G. Companies.
- 1 Trench Mortar Battery.
- 4 Brigades Field Artillery.

2. Dispositions.

Infantry. The Brigade Front is held by two Battalions, with 2 Companies each in the front line and 1 Company in Support. The Old British front line is held by one Battalion in support.

The Reserve Battalion holds a line approx. N and S through L.17. Central.

Machine Guns. One section is attached to each of the line Battalions and to the Support Battalion. One Section is held as a mobile reserve at FERVAQUE Farm. Two Sections are in position covering the Reserve Line with direct fire.

Trench Mortars. Two guns are omplaced on the front of each line Battalion. Four Guns are in resorve at FERVAQUE Farm.

Artillery. Each of the line Battalions is covered by two Brigades Field Artillery.

3. In the event of attack-

- (a) Line Battalions will hold their ground at all costs.
- (b) Support Battalion will defend the trench line it already occupias.
- (c) The Reserve Battalion will be prepared to counter-attack any portion of the Frigate front or support line , or to form a defensive flank. No action will be taken without reference to Brigade H.Q.
- (d) Mobile Machine Gun Section and Reserve Trench Mortars will be ready to move as required at short notice.
- (e) Working parties will report to their Units at once.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE

J. S. Anderson.  
..... Major  
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bde.

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Brigade Headquarters,  
22nd. September, 1918.

Reference Maps -

Sheet 62C N.E. &amp; 62B N.E. 1/20,000.

1. On the night 23rd./24th. September, at an hour to be notified later, and weather conditions being favourable, an operation with gas projectors will be carried out by "Z" Special Company R.E.
  2. 100 projectors will be fired into the Sunken Road at G.9.C.0.8. and the surrounding enemy defences.
  3. The projectors will be emplaced at G.7.D.7.3. on night 22nd./23rd. September.
  4. A map is attached (Map to 11th. Battalion only), showing
    - (a) The area which must be cleared of troops from ZERO minus 5 to ZERO plus 30 minutes, and
    - (b) The area in which gas masks must be worn from ZERO minus 5 to ZERO plus 15 minutes.
  5. Wind Limits. The limits of direction of wind for safe discharge are from S.S.W. through W to N.W. It is not proposed to carry out the operations if the wind at ZERO hour is more than 12 M.P.H.
  6. Codes. The following Codes will be used:-
 

Operation will take place	"SERGEANT"
Operation postponed	"CALEB"
Operation Completed	"HAWKER"
- ZERO hour will be notified to Battalions by the Code Word "SERGEANT" followed by the time at which projectors will be fired.
7. For the purpose of the operation all Officers of "Z" Special Coy. R.E. will have Urgent Priority Rights over the whole of the Communications in the Sector affected.
  8. Watches will be synchronised with Brigade H.Q. Signal Office at 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. on 23rd. instant and daily until time of operation.
  9. Should the operation be postponed, owing to unfavourable weather conditions, until after the Brigade has been relieved in this Sector, these instructions will be handed over on relief to incoming Units and receipts obtained.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. G. Hornum* Capt  
..... Major  
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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12	1st. Aust. Div.
13	1st. A.I. Bde.
14	2nd. A.I. Bde.
15	"Z" Special Coy. R.E.
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## 3RD. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 142

Brigade Headquarters,  
22nd. September 1918.Reference Sheet 62c.N.E.  
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Sheet 62c.  
1/40,000.

1. (a) The 3rd. Aust. Infantry Bde., plus the 15th. Bn., is being relieved on the 23rd. and night 23rd./24th. inst. by the 3rd. and portion of the 2nd. Bn. "A" Regt. 59th. American Bde. in accordance with the Table attached.  
(b) On relief the 3rd. Aust. Infantry Bde. will stage in the TINCOURT Area prior to moving to the YZEUX or LONG Areas.
2. Guides as under will assemble at the Y.M.C.A. at L. 21. C 5. 6. at 7 p.m.-
 

9th. Bn.	-	5
10th. Bn.	-	4
11th. Bn.	-	4
12th. Bn.	-	5
15th. Bn.	-	4
3rd. T. Bty.	-	1
3. A rear party of one Officer and 4 M.C.Os will be detailed by Line Bns to remain with the relieving troops until the evening of the 25th. inst.
4. Machine Gun reliefs will be effected on the night 24th/25th. inst.
5. (a) All maps - Aero photos and documents of use to incoming troops will be handed over and receipts obtained.  
(b) Ammunition, bombs and trench stores etc. will be handed over and receipts obtained.
6. Completion of relief will be notified to Brigade Headquarters in Code by wire.
7. Command of the Sector will pass to Brigadier 59th Brigade on completion of relief.
8. Administrative instructions are being issued separately.
9. Brigade Headquarters will close at the present location on relief. The new location will be notified later.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. S. Anderson* Major.  
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Infantry Bde.

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	7	11th. Bn.	20	59th. American Inf. Bde.
	8	12th. Bn.	21	Right Group Bty.
	9	15th. Bn.	22	Staff Captain.
	10	3rd. T. Bty.	23	Bde. I. O.
	11	3rd. N.G. Coy.	24	" Sig. Officer.
	12	3rd. Field Engrs.	25	" Bombing Officer.
	13	3rd Field Amb.	26	Camp Commandant.
	14	4th. A.A.S.C.	27 - 30	Spares.
	15	Bde. S.O.		

P.T.O.

ISSUED WITH 3RD. A.I. Ede. Order No148.

Date.	Unit.	From.	To.	Relieved by.	Notes.
23/24th.	9th Bn.	Support	TINCOURT Area, Details will be notified when received.	1 Coy. 3rd. American Bn.	Relieving troops will occupy locations of right and centre Coys.
	10th. Bn.	Reserve	do.	Coys. of 2nd. American Bn.	2nd Bn area allotted is Squares 11 and 17.
	11th. Bn.	Line left.	do.	1 Coy. 3rd American Bn.	
	12th. Bn.	Line Centre.	do.	1 Coy. 3rd. American Bn.	
	15th. Bn.	Line Right.	do.	1 Coy. 3rd. American Bn.	
	3rd. T.M.Bty.	Line.	do.	Stokes mortar Platoon.	

Headquarters "A" American Regt. (Line) L.10.A.2.4.

" 59th. American Ede., L.26.C.4.7.

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Brigade Headquarters,  
23rd. September, 1918.

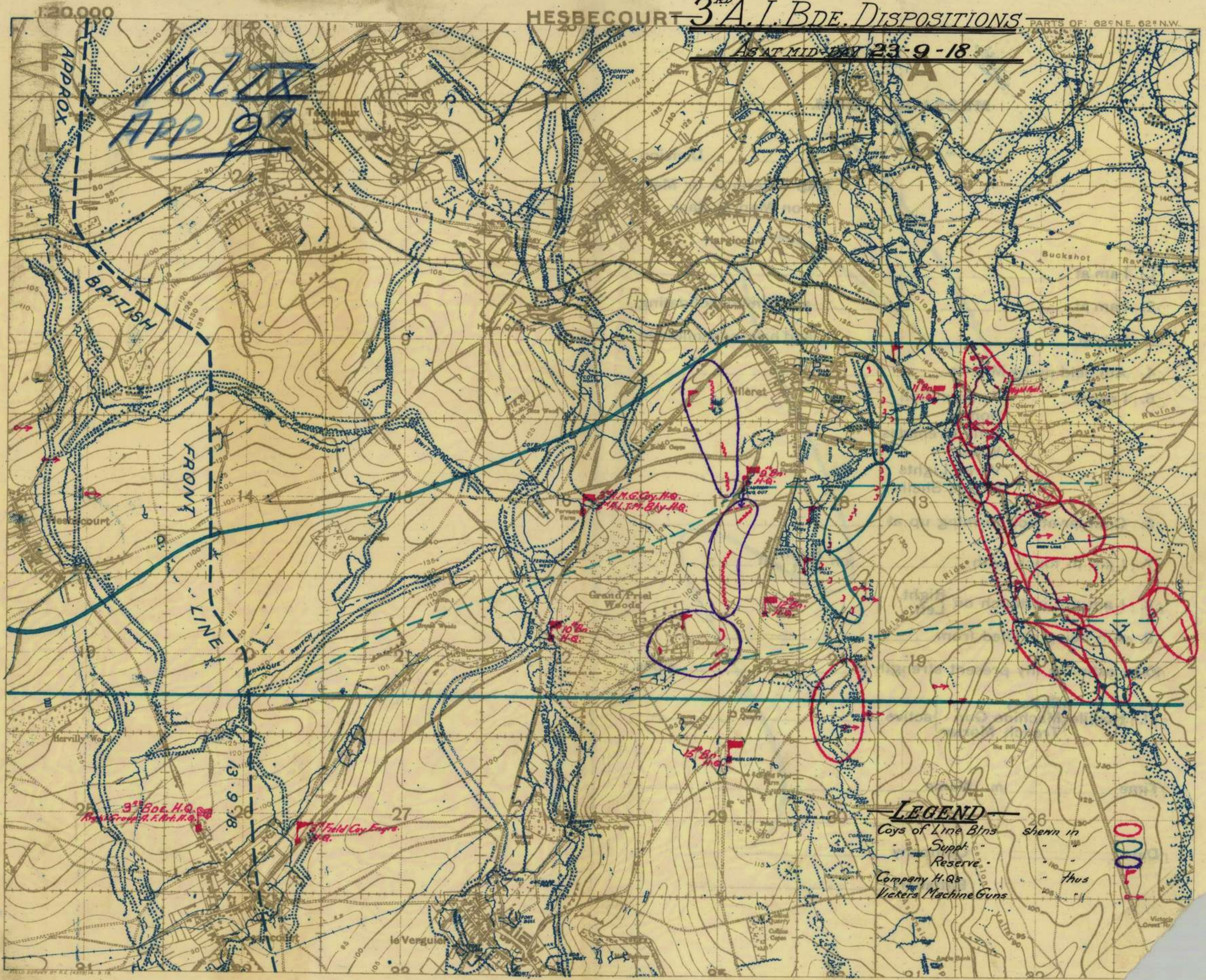
ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH BRIGADE ORDER NO. 148

1. Advance Billeting Parties will be notified by wire.
2. Rations. Brigade Supply Dump will remain at present location.
3. Transport. Baggage Wagons will remain with Units.  
Brigade H.Q. will detail 1 G.S. Limber to move the 3rd. A.L.T.M. Battery rear H.Q. to new location. 9th. Battalion will clear the 3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty. forward. Arrangements will be made between O.Cs. direct.
4. Battle Stores. All Battle Stores will be returned to Advanced D.A.D.O.S. HAMEL, and copies of receipts forwarded to Brigade H.Q. within 48 hours of completion of relief. Ammunition will be handed over. Endeavours will be made to make good shortages of water bottles and carriers by salvage. Receipts will be obtained for all petrol tins handed over.
5. Battalions will move with full echelons of S.A.A. Grenades and tools.
6. Limbers from the Brigade Ammunition Refilling Point will rejoin Battalion Transport Lines today. Each Limber will carry its establishment of S.A.A. and Grenades. Lewis Gun Carriers will be returned to Battalions on these limbers. Brigade reserve of wire cutters, Mills Cups Attachments and Tracing Tape will be returned to Brigade H.Q.
7. Personnel employed on Brigade Dumps, etc. will rejoin their respective Battalions today, excepting the Brigade H.Q. Gas Guard, which will remain on duty for the present.
8. Nucleus Battalion. Orders for Nucleus Battalion personnel to rejoin their Battalions will be issued later.
9. Any captured Machine Guns not yet withdrawn from the area will be taken out with troops today. None will be handed over to incoming Units.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]*  
.....Captain  
Staff Captain, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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HESBECOURT 3<sup>RD</sup> A.I. BDE. DISPOSITIONS PARTS OF: 62°NE. 62°NW.  
AS AT MID-DAY 23-9-18



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62C - 1/40,000, and  
attached map.

1. The 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade Group less transport will move from TINCOURT Area to GORENFLOS Area by train on the 26th. September.
2. For purpose of move the Brigade Group will be composed as under:-

3rd. A.I. Brigade.  
3rd. Field Engineers.  
3rd. Field Ambulance.  
3rd. M.G. Coy.  
H.Q. 1st. M.G. Bn.  
15th. Battalion.

3. Entraining Station - TINCOURT.  
Detraining Station - LONGPRE.
4. Brigade Entraining Officer - Lieut. HOLLEY.  
Brigade Detraining Officer - Capt. H.E. PARTRIDGE 10th. Battn.  
(who will travel on 1st. train).

Each Unit will detail one Officer to act as Unit Entraining and detraining Officer.

These Officers will report to Brigade Entraining Officer at R.T.Os. Office  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before times for their respective Units to be in position on allotted entraining areas.

5. Entraining areas and positions of dumps are shown on attached sketch. These areas will be marked with distinguishing boards.
6. Two returning ammunition trains have been allotted to the Brigade. No Officers' coaches will be attached to these trains.
7. Units will be formed up on areas allotted (as per attached map) at the following times:-

1st. Train - C.O. Train - Lieut-Col. L.M. MULLEN D.S.O.

3rd. Brigade H.Q.	}	Time for troops for first train to be in position in entraining areas - 8 a.m.
H.Q. 1st. M.G. Bn.		
3rd. M.G. Coy.		
9th. Battalion		
11th. Battalion		
15th. Battalion		
Escort & Prisoners	}	

2nd. Train. - C.O. Train - Lieut-Col. M. WILDER-NELIGAN C.M.G. D.S.O. D.C.M.

10th. Battalion	}	Time for troops of 2nd. train to be in position in entraining areas - 10 a.m.
12th. Battalion		
3rd. Field Ambulance		
3rd. Field Coy. Engineers.		
3rd. T.M.B. Battery		

Units will be formed up on entraining areas in train parties of 30.

8. Unit dumps will be formed on area shown on attached sketch. The forming of these dumps, one hour before time for troops to be in position.

*to be complete*

9. To prevent congestion of traffic, Infantry and transport routes shown on attached sketch will be strictly adhered to.
10. Escorts and prisoners will move by the first train and will form up on area marked "D".

The 12th. Battalion will detail an Officer to take charge of this party during the move. On arrival at new area escorts and prisoners will move to their respective Unit Area, where they will remain until such time as a Divisional Compound is established.

11. Loading Parties. The 11th. Battalion will detail a loading party of 1 Officer and 20 men. This party will report to Brigade Entraining Officer at 7.30 a.m. at TINCOURT Station, and will carry out the loading of stores for both trains. Party will travel on second train.

12. Unloading Party. 12th. Battalion will detail 1 Officer and 20 men at the detraining station. This party will be responsible for the unloading of stores from both trains.  
Units will detail 2 other ranks to accompany dumps.

13. On arrival at detraining station stores will be dumped in Station Yard and collected by 1st. Line Transport under Unit arrangements.

14. Guides will meet Units at detraining station and conduct them to billeting area.

On detraining the 15th. Battalion will move to the 4th. Divisional Area under arrangements already made by the 4th. Australian Division.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE.

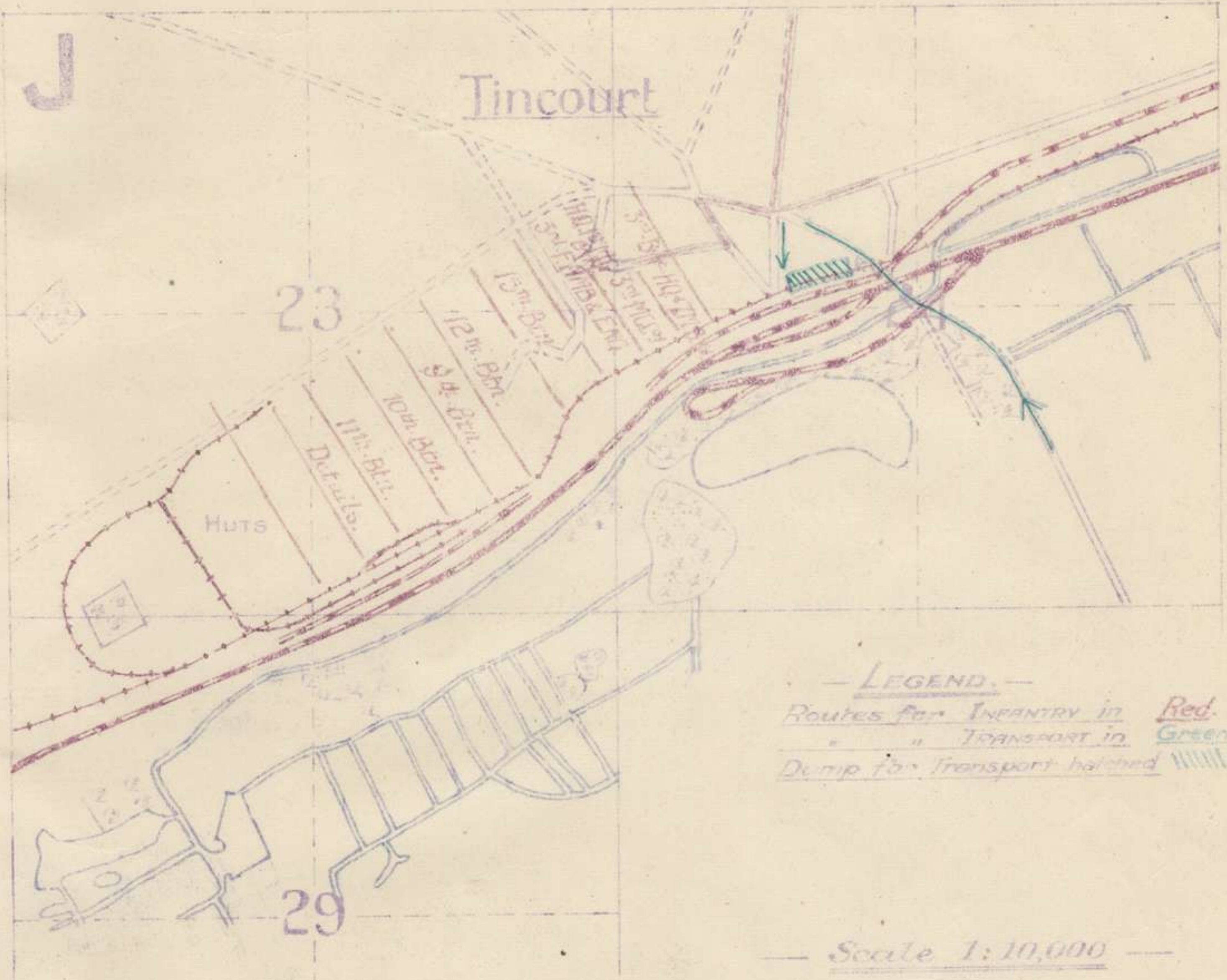
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To accompany Bde. Order No 149.





WEEKLY FIGHTING STRENGTH RETURN

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UNIT	Fighting Strength		Details included in "A"		Available Fighting Strength with Units		Reinforcements, etc. taken on strength during week		REMARKS
	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Offrs.	O.Rs.	
3rd. Bde. H.Q.	8	56	3	3	5	53			Includes 2 off. 3600 attached.
3rd. T.M. Bty.	5	47	2	4	3	43			
9th. Battalion	32	558	10	99	22	459	3	27	Statement attached
10th. Battalion	38	495	12	85	26	410	1	12	do
11th. Battalion	33	460	13	83	20	377	1	28	do
12th. Battalion	30	595	12	118	18	477	1	58	do
TOTAL	146	2211	52	393	94	1819	6	125	

Nature	9th. Battn.	10th. Battn.	11th. Battn.	12th. Battn.
Leave	7	34	5	19
Schools	1	6	3	8
Sick		3		4
Bdc. Duties		17		12
Div. Duties		2		8
Miscellaneous	2	37	4	26
TOTAL	10	99	12	84

Statement of Officers "Struck off Strength" and "Taken on Strength" attached.

Cap. Staff Capt, 3rd. Aus. Inf. Bde.

28<sup>th</sup> September 1918

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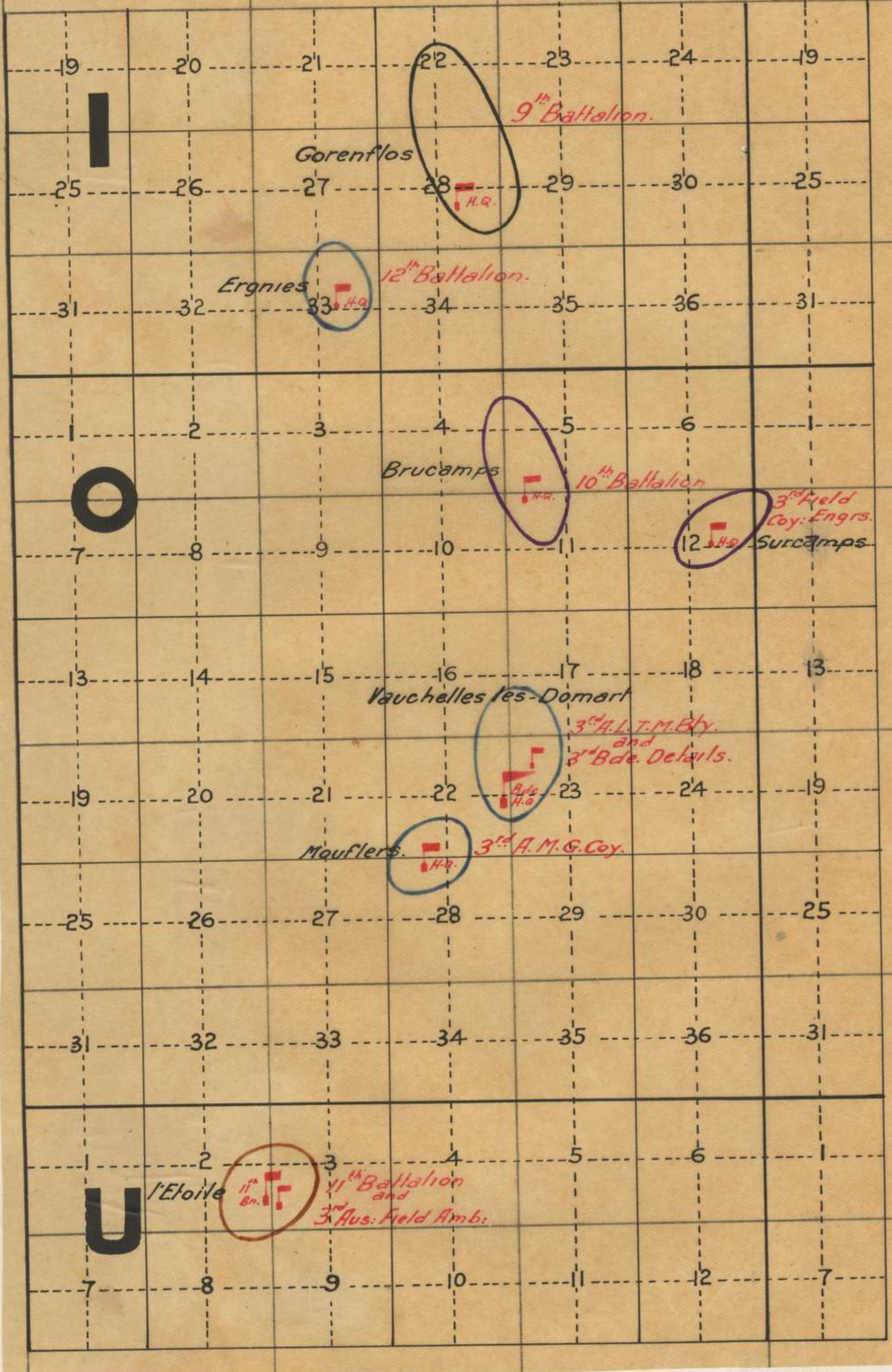
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Brigade Headquarters,  
28th. September, 1918.REPORT ON OPERATION CARRIED OUT BY THE 3rd. AUST. INF. BRIGADEon 18th. September, 1918.

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AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Date.....

1. Plan of Action The 4th. Army in conjunction with the 1st. French Army on the Right and the 3rd. British Army on the left, attacked the enemy rearguard positions with a view to driving him back to his main line of defence, the HINDENBURG LINE.

The attack was carried out on the early morning of the 18th. September, the 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade forming one of the two operating Brigades of the 1st. Australian Division.

The Boundaries, Objectivelines, and line of Exploitation are shown on the attached map.

The 4th. Aust. Inf. Brigade operated on the right of the 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade front, and the 1st. Aust. Inf. Brigade on the left. The order of Battle of this Brigade was as under.

Attack to the Brown Line. 12th. Battalion on Right and 11th. Bn. on left, with 10th. Bn. supporting the Right Bn. and 9th. Bn. in support to the left Bn. line of advance. On reaching the Brown line the two supporting Bns. were ordered to move through the 12th. and 11th. Bns. capture the RED line and if possible the line of Exploitation.

Eight Field Artillery Brigades under the command of Lieut-Col. E.T. DEAN D.S.O. covered the Brigade's advance, while a proportion of heavy artillery was allotted to the Brigade front for the purpose of dealing with known targets and carrying out destructive shoots on the enemy's back areas.

The Artillery barrage was supplemented by M.G. Bn. and 2 M.G. Coys. distributed on the Divisional Front and in addition to the usual allotment of the 3rd. M.G. Coy. to the Brigade, the 11th. M.G. Coy. also cooperated by giving harassing fire and assistance with barrage for the advance from the BROWN to RED lines.

One half section of tanks also assisted the Infantry during the advance.

2. Move to Assembly. Battalions moved off from the TINCOURT Area - 11th. and 12th. Battalions at 2 a.m. - 10th. Battalion at 8 p.m. and 9th. Battalion at midnight. The routes chosen as far as possible by dry weather tracks through HAMELET and HERVILLY. The 11th. Battalion posted Officers at MARQUAIX, and on the Railway in V.22.A. to prevent the Battalion becoming mixed with the 1st. Brigade which had to cross the line of advance. Tape lines and direction boards were placed in the vicinity of the assembly positions to ensure that Units reached their correct positions with a minimum of trouble.

The assembly positions were reached without incident and the Battalions to attack the second objective were given a hot meal.

Battalions were in position on time with the exception of the 12th. Battalion who were slow in taking up their position. By 5 a.m. the Brigade was ready for the barrage; the tape lines having been coordinated by the Brigade Intelligence Officer.

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The assembly was apparently unnoticed by the enemy, though the tanks made a considerable amount of noise during their advance earlier in the night.

4. The attack to the Brown Line.

Right (12th) Battalion. Order of Battle "Z" Company Right - "Y" Company on left - "X" Company 1 platoon following "Y" & "Z" Companies as moppers up, one platoon under the O.C. Company (Capt. BURT) moving in rear of the left flank of "Z" Company, acting as either moppers up or supports to the Line Companies. This platoon carried 50 Stokes shells for the 2 Stokes Guns which accompanied it. One section of Vickers Guns was allotted to "Z" Company and the remaining Section held in Reserve with Capt. BURT'S platoon.

The attacking platoons moved forward close under the barrage in line of half sections covered by a screen of riflemen.

The Barrage was good and though the smoke afforded good cover combined with the fog, it made direction difficult to maintain.

The first opposition was encountered at L.27.A.5.3. the small wood here containing a number of machine guns. These guns fired vigorously and for a time held up the right of the attack. Lieut. BUTLER and 5 men of "Z" Company were killed in an attempt to rush the wood. The remainder of the Company pressing on entered the wood from the N.N.E. silenced the guns and took about 20 prisoners. "Y" Company keeping close to the barrage rushed the enemy as he emerged from cover.

During this period of the advance considerable M.G. Fire was directed on the Battalion from positions in L.22.A. & C. this died down as the barrage passed over these squares. "Y" Company now experienced sharp resistance from the southern edge of BROSE WOOD but the mopping up platoon entering the wood on the W side drove the enemy into the open where some were shot, the remainder surrendered. The attack still keeping under the barrage, though the pace was fast owing to the heavy going, attacked the trenches in L.22.A and C. These trenches were strongly held and the fighting was sharp, eventually the resistance was overcome though in doing so touch was lost with the barrage which was now passing through GRAND PRIEL Woods. In these trenches a one numerous machine guns and 2 7.7 cm. guns were captured and the crews killed after putting up a determined resistance.

The Battalion then moved on through GRAND PRIEL WOODS without the assistance of the barrage and met with several sharp encounters during the passage, during which we suffered casualties.

The sharpest fight occurred in the grounds of the Chateau in L.23.A. Here Capt. HOUGHTON of "Z" Company was wounded, the command being taken over by Lieut. F-ETCHER.

In this engagement the enemy was badly mauled, a large number of prisoners being captured amongst whom was the machine gun Commander, Capt. VON STRESEMAN, who was taken in a large dugout near the Chateau. The Brown Line was now (7.55 a.m.) reached and consolidation begun under light shelling and severe machine gun fire from L.18.C. and L.24.A.

As the 10th. Battalion passed through to the attack of the RED Line covering fire was supplied by every available machine gun, including 4 heavy German Guns.

Left (11th.) Battalion "C" Company (Lieut. W. GRAHAM M.C.) on the Right - "D" Company (Capt. E. TULLOCH) on left. "A" Company under Capt. W.R. HALLAHAN M.C. M.M. was in support and detailed for "Mopping UP" duty.

On the Line Companies each had their frontage of 2 platoons with one platoon immediately in rear in lines of sections.

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The Mopping Up Company had a platoon in rear of each of the line Companies, the remaining platoon being in the centre and in rear, their function being that of Battalion reserve.

Each Attacking Company had two vickers guns attached. Two L. T. Mortars were attached to the Bn. reserve.

From the moment the barrage moved forward, the advance was maintained until the objective was won. The two line companies adhered throughout with marked success to the principle of advancing along the high ground avoiding the valley, which ran through the centre of the sector. In addition gaps were left in the line of advance, thrusts being made into the enemy's positions, the gaps thus becoming outflanked were mopped up. By this means machine guns and prisoners were captured at the minimum loss. This method of advance proved an unqualified success giving both flexibility and room for manoeuvre. For the first 500 yards the enemy was not encountered but from there onwards stiff opposition was frequently encountered, particularly in the old trench systems and copses in the line of advance. The Right Company first engaged the enemy in L. 21. A. and the left Company in CARPEZA COPSE. In front of the Right Company the enemy repeatedly made a resolute stand, his machine gun nests being distributed along FERVAQUE SWITCH - FERVAQUE TRENCH - FERVAQUE WEST and FERVAQUE FARM. In each case enemy positions were outflanked and captured without seriously hindering the advance, while the mopping up platoon under Lieut. MCKINLEY M.M. closely cooperated and did excellent work especially at L. 21. B. 7. 9. At FERVAQUE WEST and in GRAND PRIEL WOOD the platoon also assisted in outflanking and mopping up machine gun nests and enemy posts. In GRAND PRIEL WOOD over 40 prisoners and 8 machine guns were captured, while by the time the Brown Line was captured the Right Company in conjunction with the mopping up platoon, had captured over 80 prisoners, 40 machine guns, 3 field guns and two anti-tank guns. The Company had very few casualties.

Meanwhile the left Company under Capt. TULLOCH had met with some opposition at CARPEZA COPSE, this was quickly dealt with by the mopping up platoon and a section of the Trench Mortar Battery and the Company continued its advance along the high ground in L. 15. B. The Company then advanced to L. 15. B. 90. 15. where difficulty arose as to direction owing to the density of the fog and smoke. Capt. TULLOCH, G.S.M. SHIPTON and No. 7742, Private MOORE G. going forward to reconnoitre suddenly came upon 2 heavy machine guns and their crews. A brisk revolver and bomb fight ensued in which all three showed fight great coolness and pluck. The gun teams were killed or wounded and the guns captured. The Company then completed its advance to the BROWN Line having throughout kept touch with the Battalion on the left. Both companies reached the BROWN line simultaneously and were soon hotly engaged, the enemy being strongly established in CAUTION DUGOUT, trench in L. 17. C. 3. 7. and sunken road in L. 11. D. 0. 9. The enemy's machine guns in the trench system on the E edge of VILL ERET also opened fire, but this was greatly minimised by the prompt action of the Vickers Guns who engaged them. The enemy's guns on the left ~~were~~ were put out of action after a brisk fight; this was largely due to the gallantry and skilful leadership of Sgt. GRUBNAU of "D" Company. On the right the situation was cleared up by the prompt action of the right and left mopping up platoons, who, assisted by T. Mortars made an attack on CAUTION DUGOUT at L. 17. B. 4. 2. and the Strong Point at L. N. B. 5. 8. The attack succeeded, 8 machine guns, 2 heavy minenwerfers and 30 prisoners being captured. The tank which had been unable to keep pace with the advance now rendered most useful help by pushing forward through the barrage and silencing machine guns on the front.

It then rolled down the wire entanglements to assist the 9th. Battalion to pass through.

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4. The attack from BROWN line to RED line.Right Battalion (10th).

Order of Battle - C Coy. on Right B Coy. on Left.  
and A Coy. in Support.

The battalion to avoid casualties did not follow too closely on the heels of the 14th. Battalion but were closed on to the Brown Line during the barrage halt, and on it lifting at zero plus 190 minutes moved forward to the attack with vigour. Companies moved in lines of sections at approx. 50 paces interval and distance.

The troops moved along the high ground in L.17.D. - L.13.C. keeping touch throughout with the 9th. Battalion.

The low ground in L.23.B. and L.24.A. was left to the Mopping Up Platoon of the Support Company. Opposition developed mainly in -

(a) the strong trench system between the Brown and Red lines.

(b) in the equally strong system situated just short of the exploitation line.

In the first of these systems, C Coy. after hard fighting captured nearly 100 prisoners, 12 M.Gs. and 2 77 mm guns.

2/Lieut. W.S. BENNETT of C Coy. accomplished an exceptionally brilliant individual achievement, entirely by himself, he captured three enemy guns and crew which were retarding the progress of his platoon.

On reaching the RED Line the formation of the Coy. had not been broken and on the lifting of the barrage after it had rested for 15 minutes on the protection line in front of the RED Line the Coys. again went forward, and the enemy offered a stubborn resistance, hotly contesting the high ground, which it was essential to the success of the operation, to capture.

The final stage was accomplished by a spirited charge, the enemy machine gunners only retiring after severe fighting.

Posts were established in the proximity of the BLUE Line (shown on attached map).

Touch had been maintained with the Left Battalion during the whole of the advance, but the 14th. Battalion on the right did not go forward to the line of Exploitation with the 10th. Bn. This resulted in a gap between two battalions. On the 10th. Battalion reaching the BLUE Line, this was however rectified by the sending out of Liaison patrols on the Right flank of the Battalion.

Frontal patrols operated throughout the remainder of the day and on several occasions dealt with enemy machine guns and strong posts.

Left Battalion (9th).

Order of Battle - X Coy. on Right - Y Coy. on Left  
and Z Coy. in Support.

As in the case of the Right Bn. (10th.), this Battalion in order to avoid casualties, followed some distance in rear of the troops allotted the capture of the BROWN Line.

On the 11th. Battalion occupying this line, the 9th. Bn. moved up in close support and on the barrage lifting at zero plus 190 minutes, moved forward to the attack.

The formation adopted by the leading companies was, - lines of sections in file with 50 yards interval and distance covered by a screen of infantrymen - the support coy. moved in somewhat similar formation.

Strong opposition was met in VILLERET and the Sunken roads in Squares C.17.B. & D. and L.13.A. The tank allotted to the left portion of the area of advance greatly assisted in the clearing and taking of the village, while determined attacks by the infantry accounted for the capture of the sunken roads in L.17.D. the enemy surrendering freely. At 9.30 a.m. the RED Line was captured and consolidation commenced. Although still active the enemy's artillery had decreased and on the lifting of our own barrage, patrols which had been organised during the last 15 minutes of our artillery fire, were sent out by the leading company, in order to make good the line of exploitation.

Sgt. BENTLEY in charge of one of these patrols did excellent work in dispersing a party of enemy who attempted to make a stand near QUARRY Wood.

By 10 a.m. the BLUE Line had been won and touch gained with both flanking battalions.

posts were established on the following lines .-

G.3.A.1.0. - G.3.C.1.0. - G.14.C.3.3. - G.14.A.9.2. - G.14.B.1.3. G.14.B.2.0. - and posts at G.3.C.4.5. and G.3.C.4.3. with the Support Coy. occupying trenches running from G.13.B.9.5. to G.14.A.2.1. and frontal patrols sent forward to protect the work of consolidation.

The 2nd. phase of the battle thus ended with the 10th. and 9th. Battalions on the BLUE Line, and the 12th. and 11th. Bns. on the BROWN.

At dusk on the evening of the 13th. instant, the 11th. Bn. moved into support occupying positions across the Brigade Sector in the vicinity of the RED Line.

The 12th. Battalion were then ordered to establish a Reserve Line in vicinity of the BROWN Line.

5. Casualties. The following state shows casualties sustained by the Brigade during the operation.-

	<u>Officers</u>			<u>Other Ranks</u>		
	<u>K</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>
9th. Battn.	1	4	-	9	39	-
10th. "	2	3	-	12	67	6
11th. "	4	-	-	10	51	3
12th. "	1	3	-	17	74	3
3rd. M.G. Coy.	-	1	-	2	10	7
3rd. T.M. Bty.	-	1	-	1	1	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>12</b>

6. Material Captured

77 mm. Guns	13
Austrian Hows. 7.5 cm.	2
6" Minenwerfers	2
French Hows.	7
Light Machine Guns	53
Heavy Machine Guns	21
" " " Mntgs.	5
Anti-Tank gun-Rifle	1

6.

7. Points Noted & Lessons Learnt.

Covering Fire by Machine Guns. Throughout the operation the machine guns gave very valuable assistance. During the advance to the BROWN Line this was particularly noticeable as the heavy M.G. Barrage falling about 500 yards in front of the field gun barrage had a marked effect on the morale of the enemy and no doubt prevented movement to rear and also harassed any attempts to organise strong points.

Concentration of troops and artillery on High Ground. The method of advance by all units was carried out in this direction. The field artillery general barrage was supplemented by 4.5 hows. on the high ground. Companies of men were enabled to move along the ridges with few casualties. The low ground was left by the foremost advancing troops and quickly mopped up by parties specially detailed for the work. Prisoners state that this method of rolling up their flanks came as a complete surprise and was responsible to a large extent for their becoming disorganised.

Heavy Artillery. Liaison between infantry and heavy artillery was again poor. It is suggested where possible, that the Group Commander of the Heavy Artillery covering a Brigade Front should for the operation, be quartered near the Commander of the Infantry Brigade.

For the recent operation this was done by the Group Commander of the Field Artillery with excellent results.

Transport. The sending forward of ammunition and stores closely behind the advancing troops was carried out with good results. The enemy's artillery, as has proved the case on previous attacks, became somewhat disorganised for at least 2 hours after the advance was completed. During this time ammunition mules, water and stores were sent forward to the front line troops with exceptionally few casualties to horses and men.

.....Brig-General  
Commanding 3rd. Aust. Inf. Brigade.



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DATE

9th. Battn.

10th. Battn.

11th. Battn.

12th. Battn.

3rd. T.M. Bty.

3rd. Bde. H.Q.

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Intelligence Summary

APPENDIX B

From 6 a.m. 19/9/18 to 6 a.m. 20/9/18

Our Operations.

Infantry. During the day 19th. September, the Right Battalion slightly advanced their line by establishing posts at G.20.B.5.7. and G.14.D.4.5.

Patrols. Left Battalion (9th). Patrol No. 1. A patrol of 1 Cpl. and 5 men left our lines at G.14.A.4.6. at 9.30 p.m. and moved N.E. towards Quarry Wood; located enemy M.G. at G.14.B.75.05. The patrol returned to our lines at 12.30 a.m. in the vicinity of G.14.D.1.9.

Patrol No. 2. A Patrol 1 N.C.O. and 6 men left our lines at G.14.A.4.5. at 11 p.m. and patrolled through G.14.B. and S.D. returning at G.8.C.2.5. at 12.30 a.m. Patrol encountered enemy M.G. firing from G.14.B.8.3. and flares were fired by the enemy from G.8.A.8.3. This patrol found an abandoned enemy howitzer gun, calibre 9.2 at approximately G.14.A.9.9. The gun is camouflaged and breech block not removed; a quantity of ammunition is lying in vicinity of gun.

Patrol No. 3 Patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men left our lines at G.8.C.3.7. at 1 a.m. and patrolled through G.8.C. & D. and returned to line at G.8.C.1.0. at 2.10 a.m. No enemy were seen. Machine guns were firing intermittently from approx. G.8.A.2. - G.2.C.7.5, and G.14.B.9.2. This patrol reports Quarry Wood unoccupied. Enemy dead were found on the North side of the Wood (papers taken are forwarded to Div.).

Right Battalion (10th). Apart from the usual liaison patrol to the Flanks, four patrols operated on the front of the Battalion Sector with a view to protection and reconnaissance.

No. 1 Patrol. A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 5 other ranks left our lines at G.20.B.5.8. at 8 p.m. and patrolled in Easterly direction to G.14.B.8.1. returning to our lines at approx. G.14.B.2.0. No enemy movement was noticed and the patrol was not fired at.

No. 2 Patrol. At 9 p.m. 1 N.C.O. and 8 men moved out from our lines at G.14.D.3.5. and moved in Northerly direction to Quarry in G.14.B.2.2. No enemy were encountered and patrol returned to our lines at approx. G.14.C.9.8. At 1 a.m. a similar patrol operated over the ground in this vicinity but touch was not gained with the enemy.

No. 4 Patrol. At midnight a patrol of 1 Officer and 5 men left our lines at G.20.B.2.8. and moved in Easterly direction to G.21.A.2.8. While at this point our 18 pdrs. opened and the party was forced to come in, the shells falling very close to them. This patrol again moved out when our artillery had slackened and on this occasion moved in direction of Pearl Wood; it was intended for the patrol to remain at G.14.D.8.3. as a listening post but to our guns again hampering their movement they returned our lines at G.20.B.2.9. This patrol did not encounter any enemy parties and were not fired upon at any time during their operations.

Lewis Guns. Were directed throughout the day on enemy movement in his forward area, the right battalion firing over 1,000 rounds. All approaches to the high ground in the vicinity of Pearl Wood are now covered by our guns.

Artillery. During the day and night our artillery carried out harassing fire on the enemy's forward area. Owing to abnormal movement during the afternoon of 19th. instant, many targets were engaged by heavy and field guns. An exceptionally good shoot was done by our 18 pdrs. on enemy 2,500 yards from G.14.C.9.4. on T.B. of 100 deg.

Aerial Our planes were active throughout the day crossing over the the enemy forward areas on many occasions. Right Bn. Reports four of our planes succeeded in bringing down enemy plane at G.21.C. at 3.30 p.m. Left. Bn. report that at 1.30 p.m. one of our planes dropped 6 bombs in G.25.A. and fired M.G. on enemy.

Enemy Intelligence. Infantry. The enemy appears to be reinforcing and strengthening his positions in vicinity of canal in G.16. and 22. Much movement was noticed during the day in trenches in G.16. B. and D. and also on road in rear of this area. His outpost line of the 11th. Bn. front was very alert and patrols moving forward encountered enemy M.Gs. active at several locations. On Right Bn. front enemy M.Gs. were less active. Indirect fire was encountered in G.20.A. and G.14.C. and enemy M.Gs. fired short bursts from Right flank during the night.

Enemy Movement. Movement was seen in G.5.D. - G.11.B. and D. - and G.10. A. & C. throughout the day, some of the enemy moving to rear were seen to be carrying full marching order. At 1.10 p.m. about 20 men were seen to run from G.14.B.9.8. to trench at G.15.A.3.7. Shortly afterwards an explosion was seen at G.14.B.9.8. 3 cooks were seen moving in G.12.A. at 2 p.m.

Enemy Artillery. A marked increase in enemy artillery activity has been noticed during the period under review. During the morning Villeret was shelled intermittently by 5.9s. and 4.2s. Between 2 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. harassing fire was carried out by the enemy on L.23. - G.7.D. 13. and 14. with 7.7 and 10 cm. guns, the direction of fire being from Nauroy. Our outpost line received a fair amount of attention from enemy field guns throughout the day.

Gun Flashes. Flashes were observed from G.30.B.3.6. at intervals throughout the day from G.11.B. The enemy guns were firing on our front line and supports.

Flashes were also observed from Sunken road at G.12.A.8.6.

Trench Mortars. Enemy trench mortars were active from QUARRY Wood during the early hours of morning of 20th. instant.

Aerial Enemy aerial activity was not above normal.

At 7.10 a.m. on 19th. instant, 5 enemy planes attempted to cross our lines but on being engaged by "Archies" and Lewis Gun fire returned to enemy rear area.

At 5.45 p.m. an enemy plane flew along our outpost line and was heavily engaged by our M.G.s.

At 3.45 p.m. one of our R.E. 8 planes was seen to fall in flames behind enemy lines.

Identifications. One badly wounded prisoner was found in GRANDPRIEL Wood. Shoulder strap marking - Figure 7.

No further capture of prisoners was effected during the period under review.

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## Third Australian Infantry Brigade

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Intelligence SummaryFrom 6 a.m. 20/9/18 to 6 a.m. 21/9/18Our Operations.

Infantry At 1 a.m. patrols were sent out by the Right Battalion and our line advanced 500 yards with only 1 casualty. Line here now Post at G.20.B.60.75 - Trench at G.14.D.75.20. - Post at G.14.D.60.50. trench from G.14.D.65.65. to G.14.D.20.9.9. A V.M.G. is established at G.20.B.25.70. Trenches and posts are all wired.

Patrols. Right Battalion. No. 1 Patrol, 1 Officer and 1 other rank left G.14.C.9.5, and captured 5 Germans of 3rd R.I.R. at about G.14.D. central. These surrendered without any sign of putting up a fight. No other enemy were seen. Nos. 2 - 3 - 4 Patrols (patrolled routes shown on Patrol Map to Div.) but encountered no enemy.

Left Battalion No. 1 Patrol, left our lines at G.14.A.3.7, and travelled round QUARRY WOOD returning at G.8.C.35.55. QUARRY Wood was searched and found empty. Patrol was fired on by M.G. at G.14.B.7.3. No. 2 Patrol left our lines at G.8.C.3.7, and went east to QUARRY Wood and through it and returned to our lines at G.8.C.2.3. SKIN Trench was examined for 40 yards North of the wood and found unoccupied. Flares were fired from sunken road G.8.D.5.6, and machine guns from G.8.D.9.2, and G.2.C.5.5. No. 3 Patrol left our lines at G.14.A.5.9, worked round QUARRY Wood and then Southwards coming in at G.14, Central. M.Gs. fired from G.8.B.8.6, and G.15.A.3.7. No enemy were encountered.

Stokes Mortars. Fired 80 rounds on targets located by patrols. Results not yet known.

Lewis Gun and M.Gs. Active in sniping at movement and fleeting targets.

Artillery. Generally very active. Good shoots were observed on enemy works in front of Canal in G.9, and G.15, also on roads leading to BELLICOURT and NAUROY. Artillery also fired on G.10, - G.6, - RIQUAVAL RAVINE - G.11, - A.30, and B.25, and tracks in G.5, - G.11 - G.12. Heavy shelling was carried out on G.11, - 12 - 17 - 18 at 7 p.m. During the night field guns and heavies were active on the enemy forward area.

At 5.40 our barrage opened on our right and left flanks. At 5.43 enemy S.O.S. went up and at 5.50 his barrage came down. His reply to our barrage extended well along the front and was fairly heavy.

Aircraft. Large numbers of our planes passed over towards the enemy flying very high. Observers also very active directing artillery. One enemy machine appeared to be captured and driven down into one of our aerodromes.

Enemy Intelligence.

Infantry His Infantry were quiet for the period. Carrying parties were in evidence just in rear of his position and also considerable individual movement.

Artillery Hostile shelling showed an increase over preceding period and 7.7 cm. guns firing on forward areas from direction of ESTREE were fairly active all day; 10 cm. guns were also active from direction of NAUROY. In the afternoon the enemy shelled QUARRY WOOD (G.8.C.) and in front of outposts of our Right Battalion. Between 10.30 and 11.45 p.m. heavy scattered shelling (H.E. and some Gas) occurred over the Brigade forward areas and again at 4.30 a.m. At 5.45 a.m. a heavy barrage fell on whole of Divisional front; this ceased on our Brigade front at 6.30 a.m. In forward zone Squares G.14.A, and G.20, received particular attention, whilst calibres of guns mostly used were 10 and 15 cm. Further to our rear the enemy actively shelled Battery positions and paid attention chiefly to VILLERET and high ground East of same and Square L.17.B.

Gun Flashes. Were observed on magnetic bearings of 48 - 61 - deg. from G.20.B.3.5, and 62 deg. from G.20.A.7.6. The latter was firing at regular intervals throughout the day on squares G.14.C, and 20.A.

Trench Mortars. One burst of fire from L.T.Ms. occurred between 10 p.m. and midnight on Left Battalion front line.

Machine Guns. Fired bursts during the night but were not particularly aggressive.

Aerial Two enemy aircraft flew over our lines at 6.35 a.m. and were driven off by three of our planes. Between 7 and 9 a.m. and during the afternoon several were observed opposite our sector but did not attempt to cross our lines. From 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. 9 E.A. patrolled our front line positions. At night bombing planes were active over areas around JEANCOURT and forward of same. One Bombing E.A. was brought down by one of our planes (?), inflames just south of JEANCOURT and totally destroyed. Bombs were also dropped in G.19. and 20.

Enemy Balloons. Four hostile balloons were observed opposite our sector at times during daylight.

Enemy defences. The enemy appears to be holding his outpost line with isolated machine guns, and a few men with his main line of resistance. Work in progress was observed all day on the Hindenburg line opposite us. No

Movement. Again considerable individual movement was observed during daylight on roads, tracks and areas around BELLECOURT and NAUROY, but this was less than that of preceding period. Carrying parties were also observed moving forward. A party was located working in trench G.4.B.5.5. Small parties of men with equipment were observed west of NAUROY moving both east and west on occasions during the day. During the afternoon much motor and horsed transport was observed going in both directions on roads through C.1.D. and C.7.B. A good many single limbers and G.S. Wagons were also observed on roads around NAUROY.

Trains. Observed from G.14.C.55.45.  
 8.30 a.m. - 1 at 73 deg. G.B. going South.  
 8.30 a.m. - 1 at 60 deg. G.B. going N.W.  
 8.30 a.m. - light engine shunting at 55 deg. G.B.

Miscellaneous. Nil

Identifications. 3rd. R.I.R. 1st. Res. Division - 5 unwounded prisoners captured in G.14.D.

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 ..... Major  
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## THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

APPENDIX B

From 6 a.m. 21/9/18 to 22/9/18.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Infantry. Inter-battalion reliefs were carried out early in the evening of 21st. instant without casualties or incident. 12th. Battalion relieved 10th. Battalion in line Centre and 11th. Battalion relieved 9th. Battalion in line Left.

At 10 p.m. 15th. Battalion came under the orders of G.O.C. 3rd. A.I. Bde. and remained in the line on the Right of 12th. Battalion. Dispositions now stand -

11th. Battalion Line Left.  
12th. Battalion Line Centre.  
15th. Battalion line right.  
9th. Battalion Support.  
10th. Battalion Reserve.

During the evening the sunken road at G.15.C.4.0. was reconnoitred with a view to establishing a post. A standing patrol was established at G.15.C.4.1. by the 12th. Battalion. During the night the new outpost line in G.21.A. & C. was improved and outpost H.Q. connected up by phone.

Patrols. Left Bn. No. 1 Patrol. (11th. Bn.) patrolled the Battalion front leaving our lines at G.14.D.1.9. and returning at G.8.C.2.8. Enemy M.G. was located at approx. G.8.D.7.3. No. 2 Patrol left our lines at G.8.C.2.0. and returned at G.14.D.1.9. Enemy M.G. was located at approx. G.8.D.7.3. No. 3 Patrol left our lines at G.8.C.35.35. and crossed SKIN Trench at G.8.C.84.75. This trench is unoccupied and in good condition with undamaged belt of wire on either side. When crossing the road at G.8.D.2.6. white flares were fired from approx. G.8.B.90.05. Patrol then crossed railway cutting at G.8.D.85.40. and over embankment at G.8.D.3.0. in which there are unoccupied dugouts. Patrol then moved to G.14.B.3.0. to G.14.B.5.4. to G.14.B.4.1. and re-entered our lines at G.14.B.3.0. All trenches, barbed wire, etc. are old and have not been worked on recently. Except on the one occasion mentioned above, there was no signs of the enemy. No. 4 Patrol. Left our lines at G.8.C.1.1. and moved via G.14.A.7.7. - G.14.B.1.6. - G.14.B.85.95. (unoccupied dugouts) - G.8.C.7.6. to our lines at G.8.C.50.48. Dugouts were seen at G.8.C.9.6. M.G. was located at approx. G.8.B.90.05. firing along HOPE LANE. About 20 enemy dead were seen at N.E. Corner of QUARRY WOOD. There were no signs of enemy posts and trench systems appear to be in a very disused condition. No. 5 Patrol acted as a listening post at G.14.B.1.9. No movement or sounds were noted.

CENTRE BATTALION No. 1 Patrol. Left our lines at G.14.D.8.2. and worked out at a distance of 400 yards in G.15.C. and G.21.A. A large number of unoccupied dugouts were found.

RIGHT BATTALION No. 1 Patrol. Left our lines at G.21.A.55.70. thence to G.21.A.9.8. returning at G.21.B.1.5. No signs of the enemy were seen. No. 2 Patrol Left our lines at G.21.A.55.70 thence to G.21.A.40.95. along sunken road to G.15.A.6.5. thence to G.21.A.40.95. and returned at G.21.A.5.7. No enemy were seen or heard.

No. 3 Patrol. Left our lines at G.21.B.35.25. and proceeded to G.21.B.4.1. to G.21.B.5.4. to G.21.B.1.5. Enemy were located in trench in G.21.B. Movement was noticed by our posts at about G.21.A.80.95. This was probably the standing patrol of 12th. Bn. at G.15.C.4.1.

Stokes Mortars. Nil

Lewis Guns. Were fairly active throughout the day and early morning, firing on movement in the forward areas.

Rifle Grenadiers. Nil.

Artillery. Our artillery shelled with 18 pdrs. 4.5 hows. and 6 inch. on G.4. Central - G.10.E. - G.11.A. - G.11.B. - G.11.C. - G.11.D. - sunken road in G.12.A. and A.30.A. Excellent results were observed from the "shoots" and many casualties were inflicted. Enemy Red Cross wagons were seen leaving BELLICOURT after the shoots. Harassing fire was maintained by day and night on front system of trenches and on roads etc. At 8.45 p.m. a small dump in G.16.B. was burnt as the result of our shelling.

Our counter preparation on morning of 22nd. was very heavy up to 6 a.m. Aerial. Our planes actively patrolled our lines throughout the day and our bombing planes were active over the enemy areas during the early evening.

ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

Infantry. The attitude of the enemy W of the Canal remains passive. No patrols were observed. EAST of the Canal abnormal movement continued and several working parties have been reported.

Artillery. For the greater part of the day hostile artillery was quiet on our front, being more particularly so between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The shelling of our forward areas continued from 6 a.m. until 7.30 a.m. and lighter shelling over G.8.C. & D. and Quarry (G.14.A.) from 8.30 a.m. to 9 a.m. by 77 and 10 cm. guns. G.8.C. was again shelled at 5 p.m. L.23. and 24. was shelled by 50 rounds 10 cm. from direction of ESTREES between 5 and 5.30 p.m. Short bursts of fire were put over by 77 and 10 cm. guns on G.13. from direction of ETRICOURT & ESTREES between 5.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. Forward areas (covering G.7. - 8. - 13. - 14 - 19 - 20) were subjected to harassing fire from 7 a.m. till dawn, this at times developed into heavy shelling. From 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. the enemy put down a fairly heavy counter preparation shoot along the Brigade front; this was distributed in depth and not on a general line. Gas shelling (blue cross) by 10 cm. guns occurred over L.24.-30. - G.25. 26. - 31. - 32 between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. It is reported that a similar shoot took place over the same area and at the same time during preceding period.

Gun Flashes. From G.8.C.2.4. at G.E. of 100 deg.

Flash of 3 gun battery observed from G.14.C.7.6. at 66 degs. firing on left of our Brigade Sector.

Trench Mortars. Nil

Machine Guns. Only occasional bursts of fire against front line during the night.

Aerial. Hostile aircraft were persistent in crossing our lines during the morning and again in the evening, mostly single machines and on one occasion a Squadron of 7. Between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. (21st. and again on 22nd. instant) they flew to our rear areas at moderate heights in spite of our heavy M.G. and A.A. fire. Bombing planes were again active at night bombing our forward and rear areas.

Enemy Balloons. One balloon was observed between 6 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. at T.B. of 25 days from L.29.B.1.7.

Enemy Defences. Patrols report machine guns active from G.22.C.1.5. - G.22.C.5.7. - G.9.A.1.1. Working parties have been observed busy on trench systems as follows:- 10.55 a.m. 30 men on trenches in G.6.D. 5 a.m. (21st.) Small party at G.21.B.7.5. 10 a.m. About 500 men on trench systems through E.25.C. - G.6.E. and D. and U.1.C.

Movement. The abnormal movement continues. Areas which have shown themselves to be great centres of activity are, - G.10.B. II.A and B. - La Catelet - Neuroy Line through G.5.D. and G.11.B. - To and fro between G.5.D. through G.6. as far as Folemprise Farm (E.25.C.) - Trench systems in G.18.C. Roads much used by transport are, - Sunken Road between Bellicourt and Neuroy - Road G.10.B. East to Northern end of Neuroy - Road from Folemprise Farm to Neuroy - That portion visible of main road running N.E. from Estrees was observed to be extensively used by traffic particularly during yesterday. Between the hours of 10.30 a.m. and 1 p.m. about 800/900 men with equipment were observed to move mostly in single file along sunken road West from Estrees past Folemprise Farm, thence in open formation in W.N.W. direction where they disappeared in low country in A.30. Other movement including transport was observed throughout the day, which decreased as result of our shelling.

Miscellaneous. Single and double red flares were fired by the enemy along the whole front, but no action was observed to follow.

At 2.35 p.m. 2 of the enemy on railway in G.5.C. & D. laid what appeared to be demolition charges along the line, and at 3 p.m. 2 men ran along this line as if lighting fuses and explosions were observed to follow shortly afterwards at every few yards intervals.

Identification. 1 other rank (unwounded) 7th. R.I.R.  
6 other ranks " 161st. R.I.R.  
3 other ranks Wounded and evacuated through C.C.S. All captured in G.8.D.

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## THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

APPENDIX

B

From 6 a.m. 22/9/18 to 6 a.m. 23/9/18

## OUR OPERATIONS.

INFANTRY

Nil.

Patrols.

Left Battalion. No. 1 Patrol. Left our lines at G.8.C.30.65. crossed SKIN Trench at G.8.C.8.7. to G.8.D.2.6. to G.8.D.6.0. to barb wire in good condition at G.14.B.9.6. Patrol observed trench from G.8.D.6.3. to G.15.A.3.7. but saw no movement. Single Red flares were fired from approx. G.9.C.75.60. when shelled by our 13 pdrs. - enemy artillery soon afterwards shelled about G.8.C. Patrol then returned to G.14.A.7.4. No. 2 Patrol. Left our lines at G.8.C.1.0. - S.E. to G.14.B.1.6. to G.14.B.4.9. thence along Eastern and Northern boundaries of QUARRY Wood, returning at G.8.C.35.70. No signs of the enemy were observed. No. 3 Patrol acted as a listening post at G.8.D.0.6. No signs or movement were detected. No. 4 Patrol left G.14.B.3.0. and moved North to G.8.D.20.35. thence West to our lines at G.8.C.5.5. - enemy position was located at G.8.D.7.2. No. 5 Patrol left at G.14.A.5.3. and advanced alongside of QUARRY Wood to G.8.D.0.0. thence along front through small copse at G.14.B.3.6. and returned to G.14.B.3.0. No enemy were observed. Flares were fired from approx. G.8.D.7.3.

Centre Battalion No. 1 Patrol moved from G.14.D.3.9. Easterly for 400 yards thence South to G.15.C.3.5. returning at G.14.D.5.5. - flares were fired from the Canal Bank. No. 2 Patrol left at G.14.D.8.4. thence East to G.15.C.6.4. and South to G.21.A.5.5. returning to G.20.B.6.7.

Right Battalion No. 1 Patrol Left at G.21.A.55.70. down valley to wire at G.15.C.7.5. thence along Left slope of gully to unoccupied gun pits at G.21.A.9.8. thence across company front about 250 yards out to road in G.21.B. thence to our lines at G.21.B.15.30. No enemy were seen. No. 2 Patrol left our lines at G.21.B.35.25. to G.21.B.4.4. to G.21.B.2.5. from where enemy working party was heard. Patrol returned to G.21.A.3.5.

Stokes Mortars. Nil

Lewis Guns. Fired on enemy aircraft.

Rifle Grenades. Nil.

Artillery. During the day our artillery fired heavy bursts on BELLICOURT NAUROY, roads tracks and trenches in G.5.10.11. and 16. FOLEMPRISE Farm and Cross Roads in G.18.A. Enemy parties were in several cases dispersed. An enemy dump in BELLICOURT was destroyed by our fire.

Aerial. Less active than on former days owing to bad weather conditions.

ENEMY INTELLIGENCE.

Infantry. Again no hostile patrols were encountered. He remains quiet and no change in his attitude has been observed.

Artillery. Hostile shelling has been generally persistent and somewhat scattered, and for greater part of the period has been light with concentrated bursts of fire in between times over G.13. and 14. The bulk of this fire came from the direction of FOLEMPRISE Farm (B.25.), ETRICOURT (G.18) and ROSSE WOOD (H.20.), and consisted of 7.7 - 10 and 15 cm.

H.E. At night his artillery became more active and heavy shelling was experienced between 10.45 p.m. and midnight, and from 5 a.m. to 6 a.m. this was directed mainly on area of Reserve Battalion (L.17 - 18-24) and forward positions in G.13. - 14 - 19- 20 by all calibres from 7.7. to 21 cms. Between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. the enemy fired about 30 rounds 15 cm. H.E. in vicinity and forward of our Outpost line in G.14.D. from direction of FOLEMPRISE Farm. On our Right Battalion sector trench systems in G.20. received particular attention; heavy shelling fell here between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. and from 10 p.m. to midnight. The shooting was accurate. (Our counter-battery work somewhat quietened these shots).

Gun Flashes. Observed from G.14.C.7.6.

9.35 a.m. - 2 A.A. guns at 64 deg. 30 mins. at approx. H.i.B.

8.30 p.m. - 10 cm. How at 93 deg. 40 mins. firing on R.19.

12.10 p.m. - 15 cm. how. at 82 deg. firing on VILLERET.

12.45 a.m. - large calibre how. at 78 deg. 20 mins. firing on our rear arc. Observed from G.3.C.15.20. Flashes of 10 cm. guns or hows. at 56 and 71 deg. G.B. Two gun positions are suspected at approx. G.6.D.3.3. Flashes were observed from this direction during the night. Infantry report that 10 cm. guns were firing on our rear areas from sunken roads in G.12.D. and G.18.D.

Trench Mortars. Nil

Machine Guns Occasional bursts of fire during the night.

Aerial During the morning about 9 hostile aircraft appeared over their front line positions, some of which crossed our lines. Two high flying reconnaissance machines crossed our lines to rear areas.

Balloons. Nil

Enemy defences. Flares were observed to be fired from G.9.C. 75.60. G.8.D.7.3. - G.8.B.3.3. - and Canal Bank in G.16. Enemy post located at G.8.D.7.2. A hostile M.G. was observed being put in position at G.8.D.8.2. A sniper is located in hedge G.21.D.8.3. A working party of 50 men were observed working on Old Mill at B.15.E.36.65. during early morning.

Movement. Considerably less movement than that of preceding day was observed, probably on account of the areas being more actively shelled by our artillery. On a few occasions during daylight movement of from 5 to 12 men were observed in Trenches A.30.A. - G.5.A. - G.6.D.0.7 - G.6.D.25.25. - G.17.D.0.5. - D.25.C. - H.31.D.70.45. - and along tramway G.10.C.8.4. A fair amount of movement continues around FOLEMPTISE Farm, BELLICOURT- ESTREES - and NAUROY, a large percentage being men with full equipment. Between midday and 2 p.m. several parties of about 6 men with equipment and rifles entered BELLICOURT coming from rear areas.

Transport. Between 1 p.m. and 1.20 p.m. 3 field Cookers on road in G.17.F. entered NAUROY. 1.40 p.m. Two red cross wagons going N.E. on road through G.17.D. stopped at Buildings on cross roads in G.18.A. and at 2.40 p.m. two more passed through NAUROY and turned down sunken road in G.18.A. going towards ESTREES.

Miscellaneous. A Red Cross Flag is flying from building at B.9.E.2.2. The enemy fired two single purple - red flares when hostile artillery fired a few shorts on G.15. and range was then lengthened on to G.7. At 9.4 p.m. a signal lamp was observed at 57 deg. 30 mins. G.E. from G.14.C.7.6.

Identifications. Enemy dead found in QUARRY Wood (G.8.D.) bore the number "19" on shoulder strap.

*W. H. & K. P. H.*  
..... Major  
Brigade Major, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	16.9.18		Brigade Administrative Memo issued to all Units of Brigade Group - copy attached. Battle stores issued to Battalions, also extra S.A.A., grenades, etc for issue to the men. Battle dumps established in accordance with Brigade Orders - 12 G.S. Limbers used to carry material forward, rather lively shelling but no casualties.	
	17.9.18		Morning spent in clearing up all paper matters. Final arrangements made for water supply, forming of Bde. Ammunition Mobile Echelon, Y.M.C.A supplies and other details. Bde HQ will remain a Rear HQ at present location, wagon lines also remaining. Personal gear of officers and men stored at wagon lines. "Q" Clerk returned from inspection of Bde. Hqs. records at ROUEN. Brigade Concert Party will continue to perform in TINCOURT under direction of YMCA charges 1 frame for Officers, half frame for other ranks. Numbers of 1914 men available for return to Australia called for by Division. Issue of rum authorised to Brigade for 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st inst. Brigade Hq. moved to Battalion HQ in JEANCOURT at 7 p.m.	
	18.9.18		Attack launched - everything O.K. - supplies were adequate and well forward. Battalions draw direct from battle dumps and used pack horses forward. Bde Bombing Officer pushed forward his dumps as arranged close up to the 1st Objective after capture. Mobile echelon was also established well forward. Testing of wells in captured territory carried out by 3rd Field Coy., who also laid the tape along selected routes for pack transport. YMCA sent forward 260 daily newspapers for distribution to the troops - issued 60 to each Battalion and 10 to Bde. HQ. and attached artillery and liaison personnel. Our casualties for the first 24 hours were 4 Officers killed, 10 wounded and 1 missing believed wounded and 19 other ranks killed and 170 wounded including 25 missing believed wounded. A feature of the supply arrangements was the use by Battalions of pack animals up to the front line in daylight. The captured ground was heavily wired in places and the early morning rain made cross country transport for vehicles very heavy. Reports show fair number of guns captured. Prisoners for the Brigade are about 700. Further news re Transport Duty to Australia received from Division asking for names of Officers and men qualified and willing to take 6 months to Australia.	APPENDIX IV
	19.9.18		Ammunition was pushed forward and Brigade Dumps completed to establishment. Water tanks were moved forward by Division to Bde Ammunition Refilling Point. Divisional Artillery loaned us four horse teams and withdrew 4 77mm guns, 2 anti tank guns and 4 trench mortars (mounted on wheels)	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	19.9.18		Battalions are collecting their captured machine guns in Coy. Dumps and returning them to DADOS direct. Guns and howitzers will be returned as Brigade Trophies and notes Battalion, 10th Bn. asked for French wire to be placed on Bde. Dump - 3rd Field instructed to deliver. Brigade allotment received for leave to Australia - 3 Officers and 130 men. List of wells and bore holes tested received from A.D.M.S. Div. and repeated to Units. Officers horses brought forward to Bde HQ - remainder of Transport remains at TINCOURT.	
	20.9.18		Large amount of x correspondence received from Division and dealt with. Weekly returns forwarded to Division. 3rd Field Coy. Engineers constructing cupola dugouts for Bde HQ in JEANCOURT. Remainder of Bde HQ personnel brought forward excepting wagon lines. Office opened and now in full swing. Collection of captured guns from forward area continues. They are to be marked 3rd A.I. Bde by 3rd, Field Coy. Engineers.	
	21.9.18		Personnel for Australia leave report Nucleus Battalion today - Officers selected are Capt. Richardson 12th Bn., Lieut. Davidson 10th Bn., Capt. McIntyre 9th Bn. Nominal rolls completed and sent to Division. Total guns now at Bde. HQ. collected from forward area are 9 77mm guns 2 Austrian Hows. 7 Trench Hows. Return of battle stores not now required, ordered by Bde. 15th Bn. having come under orders G.O.C. 3rd A.I. Bde, they were advised location of our dumps refilling points etc.	
	22.9.18		Verbal advice received from Division that the Brigade is to be relieved tomorrow. No "Q" representative from relieving Bde yet come to confer regarding the hand over. Bde Sig. Officer left for temporary duty with American Corps. Capt. A.S. Keighley MC rejoined from U.K. leave Weather cloudy and wet. No advice can be given by 1st Aust. Div. regarding the accomodation in the new area or any other administrative matter.	
	23.9.18		Billeting areas allotted in the TINCOURT AREA and 395 trench shelters drawn for the Bde. Group. Brigade was relieved in the line by the 59th American Brigade, parties of our troops being left in the posts for 24 hours. Brigade HQ was not relieved.	
	24.9.18		Brigade Headquarters moved to Nissen Huts at Sheet 62C J.18.A.1.6 north of TINCOURT. Brigade	

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	23.9.18		Brigade Major and Brigade I.O. proceeded to join American Corps for temporary duty. Div. Administrative Memo received regarding the move of the Bde. Group to the GORENFLOS AREA. Bde's Administrative Instructions and order for move of Brigade Transport by rail and road issued. Nucleus rejoined from PERONNE.	
	25.9.18		Small draft received from Reinforcement Camp and despatched to Battalions. Motor water cart borrowed from Tank supply column to take water to Battalions as their transport had proceeded to the new area. Instructions issued to Os. C. Trains. Field Ambulance cars will move after the entraining of the Bde. Group is complete.	
	26.9.18		Brigade moved by rail to billets in the GORENFLOS AREA. Rations drawn at L'Etoile. Billeting areas are good.	
	27.9.18		1st Line transport arrived in GORENFLOS AREA by march route from TINCOURT. Division advise 3 Officers to be recommended to proceed to Australia via LONDON. Major MacPherson 12th. Bn. nominated for special duty on leave to Australia. Capt. Tullech 11th. Bn. to 12th. Bn. temporarily commanding.	
	28.9.18		Brigade Church Parade arranged and notified to Units. Indents submitted for area stores to complete. 3rd. Field Coy. instructed to start work on billets in village of BRUCAMPS	
	29.9.18		Brigade Church Parade held. Chaplain Rev. Crotty preached the sermon. Parade was good and the bearing of the men excellent. The improvement throughout the Brigade in the bearing of the troops and their soldier like conduct at all times is most marked. Baths at BOUCHON allotted to Brigade Group Units.	
n	30.9.18		9th. Battalion used Sniping School Baths. Only trouble is that there is no accommodation for men waiting for the Baths. Considerable amount of clerical work now being done. Div. advise no timber available for construction of latrines etc. The sanitation of the area is not good but Units have been instructed to improvise.	
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THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEBrigade Headquarters,  
24th, September, 1918.Brigade Order for the move of Transport by Road to the GORENFLOS Area.Reference Sheets. - 62C 1/40,000 - AMIENS 17 & LENS 11 - 1/100,000.

1. The Brigade Group 1st. Line Transport (less that mentioned in para. 3 of Brigade Administrative Memorandum of today), will move by march route to the GORENFLOS AREA, commencing the 25th. instant.
2. Brigade Group will consist of:-
  - 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.
  - 15th. Battalion
  - 3rd. M.G. Coy.
  - 1st. M.G. Bn. H.Q.
  - 3rd. Field Coy. Engineers.
  - 3rd. Field Ambulance.
3. Lieut. T. CAMERON, 9th. Battalion, Brigade Transport Officer, will be in command.
4. Route - (i) J.21.A.9.7. - PERONNE - BIACHES - HERBECOURT - CAPPY - FROISY BEACON - MORCOURT.  
 (ii) MORCOURT - GERISY - HAMEL - HAMELET - FUILLOY - AUBIGNY - DAOURS - RIVERY.  
 (iii) RIVERY - MONTIERES - DREIUL - AILLY -sur-Somme - BREILLY - PICQUIGNY - CROUY - CONDE - L'ETOILE.  
 (HANGEST)
5. Starting Point. Cross Roads at Sh. 62 C. J.21.A.9.7. - Mon ROUGE.
6. Order of March and time of passing Starting Point.

9th. Battalion	9 a.m.
10th. Battalion	9.5 a.m.
11th. Battalion	9.10 a. m.
12th. Battalion	9.15 a.m.
15th. Battalion	9.20 a. m.
Brigade H.Q.	9.25 a.m.
3rd. M.G. Coy.	9.30 a.m.
H.Q. M.G. Bn.	9.35 a.m.
3rd. Field Coy.	9.40 a.m.
3rd. Field Ambulance	9.45 a.m.
7. Distances as laid down in Fourth Army Standing Orders will be maintained through the march.
8. The Group Transport will stage as under:-
 

25th/ 26th.	MORCOURT
25th/27th.	RIVERY

The Brigade Transport Officer will send forward an Officer to arrange billeting accommodation at each stage. Each O.C. Unit transport will carry sufficient billeting certificates to cover the march.

- 9. Supplies. For transport will be dumped at the Church in each of the staging places mentioned above,
- 10. Orders for watering and feeding of animals and the times of starting from Staging Areas will be issued by the Brigade T.O. All orders will be strictly complied with, and no deviation from the route laid down will be allowed.
- 11. Strict march discipline will be observed throughout the march.
- 12. Each Unit will detail one mounted N.C.O. to report at Starting Point each day at the hour the first Unit is timed to pass Starting Point for the purpose of billeting.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

.....Captain  
Staff Captain, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Copy to all Recipients of Administrative Instructions.

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COPY NO. 3...

THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADEBrigade Headquarters,  
24th. September, 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING MOVE  
TO THE LONG AREA.

1. Trench Shelters issued yesterday will be returned to the Area Commandant, TINCOURT, before the Brigade Moves out of the present area. Duplicate receipts will be obtained, one copy of which will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.
2. Entrainment The Brigade Group, less transport (except as detailed in para. 3) will move to the LONG Area by train on the 26th. instant.  
3rd. Brigade Group will entrain at TINCOURT.  
Further details will be furnished later.
3. Transport Proceeding by rail. Transport vehicles as under will entrain at LA CHAPELLETTTE on the 25th. instant at a time to be notified later. Horses will be watered prior to entrainment.
  - 2 Cookers per Battalion (9th. - 10th. - 11th. - 12th. Bns).
  - 1 Cooker, 3rd. A.M. G. Coy.
  - 1 Cooks vehicle, 3rd. Field Ambulance.
  - 1 Cooks vehicle, 3rd. Field Coy.
  - 1 Officers' Mess Cart per Bn. (9th. 10th. 11th. 12th. Bns).
  - 1 Officers' Mess Cart, 1st. M.G. Bn. H.Q.
  - 1 Limber, 3rd. A.I. Bdo. H.Q.
  - 2 Water Carts per Battalion (9th. 10th. 11th. 12th. Bns).
  - 1 Water Cart, 3rd. Field Coy.
  - 1 Water Cart, 3rd. Field Ambulance.
  - 1 Water Cart 1st. M.G. Bn. H.Q.
  - 1 Limber per Battalion.
  - 1 Limber M.G. Bn. H.Q.
  - 1 Cooker 15th. Battalion.
  - 1 Limber 15th. Battalion
  - 1 Officers' Mess Cart 15th. Battalion
  - 1 Water Cart 15th. Battalion.
4. Loading and unloading Party. The 12th. Battalion will detail an officer and 20 men for loading and unloading at the Transport Entraining and Detraining Stations. This party will proceed on the same train as the transport vehicles mentioned in para. 3. Rations and dixies for this party will be supplied by the 12th. Battalion.
5. 9th. Battalion will detail an Officer to carry out the duties of Entraining and Detraining Officer for transport proceeding by rail.
6. 10th. Battalion will detail an Officer to be in command of the Brigade Group Transport proceeding by rail. He will assume command on arrival of transports at the entraining station and will proceed with the train and remain in command until the transports rejoin their Units.
7. Transport Proceeding by Road. 1st. Line Transport, other than that mentioned in para. 3, will proceed by road on the 25th. instant. Separate orders will be issued for this move.



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8. Transport - 2nd. Line. Baggage and Supply Wagons as under will be returned to No. 4 Coy. A.S.C. after the entrainment of the troops is complete. Stores usually carried on these wagons will be transported to the entraining station on the 26th. instant and offloaded on to the trains on which Units are travelling. At the detraining station, these stores will be dumped under guards and collected later with 1st. Line Transport.

9th, 10th, 11th. & 12th. Bns.	- 2	baggage and 2 supply wagons each.
Brigade Headquarters	- 1	" " 1 " "
		and 1 G.S. Limber.
3rd. Field Ambulance	- 1	Supply Wagon.
3rd. Field Coy.	- 1	" "
3rd. M.G. Coy.	- 1	" "

Each Battalion of the Brigade will detail 2 men as drivers to report with these wagons to No. 4 Coy. A.S.C. for temporary attachment. 24 hours rations will be carried by the men.

9. 3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty. 11th. Battalion will transport the stores of 3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty. to the entraining station on the 26th. instant.

10. Ration Supply. Rations for consumption on the 25th. and 26th. instant, have been issued today. Rations for consumption on the 27th. instant will be drawn in the new area with 1st. Line Transport.

11. Units will move with full echelons of tools and ammunition.

12. Dress - full marching order.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*W. Webster*  
..... Captain  
Staff Captain, 3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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	15	Brigade T.O.
	16	4th. Coy. A.S.C.
	17	Brigade Supply Officer.
	18	1st. Aust. Div.
	19	Staff Captain
	20	Camp Commandant.
	21	Area Commandant, TIMCOURT.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Officers who have been "Taken on strength" and "Struck Off" during the week ending 28/9/18.

" TAKEN ON STRENGTH "

Lieut. E. MARTIN 9th. Battalion from Base.  
Lieut. A.P. CHITTLEBOROUGH 10th. Battalion from Seconded.

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" STRUCK OFF "

T/Capt. J. DAVIDSON	10th. Battalion	to AUSTRALIA
Major A.H. DARNELL D.S.O.	11th. Battalion	Killed in Action
Lieut. J.A. ARCHIBALD	11th. Battalion	Died of Wounds
Capt. C.N. RICHARDSON	12th. Battalion	to AUSTRALIA
Lieut. R.T. PAYNE	12th. Battalion	Wounded
Capt. S.L. MACINTYRE M.C.	9th. Battalion	to AUSTRALIA

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