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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RIBEMONT	1-11-16		Brigade Draining. Draining Order No 142 Contact Patrol operation issued to Units. Weather Wet & Cold. Casualties 9 O.R. evacuated sick	Draining Order Not issued.
-do-	2-11-16		Draining Order No 1 Contact Patrol operation postponed owing to weather conditions. Draining continued. Divisional Order No 66 for move of Brigade to MONTAUBAN Area received. Weather wet & cold Casualties 2 O.R. Porter & 9 O.R. evacuated sick	"
-do-	3-11-16		Contact Patrol Operation Draining Order No 142 Carried out. Brigade Order No 51 for move to MONTAUBAN AREA issued to Units. Weather fine & cold Casualties 5 O.R. evacuated sick. 5 th Div operation order received	Bde Order No 51 issued.
-do-	4-11-16		Move to MONTAUBAN-MAMETZ AREA carried out in accordance with Brigade Order No 51. Weather fair & cold roads very muddy & heavy going. Many unavoidable breaks in Column owing to traffic on road. Bde Operation Order No 52 issued to Units. Casualties	Bde Order No 52 issued.
MONTAUBAN	5-11-16		Units in accordance with Brigade Order No 52 assembled at 5.16 a.m. 17 th Bn were in position at 8.42 a.m. 18 th Bn M.G. Coy & J. B. Battery at 9.1 a.m. These Units were not used in the operation carried out by 7 th Aust.	"

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			<p>at Advance Div H. G. S. Infantry Bde. Conference of H. G. S. + H. G. S. Division, re Brigade relieving 7th Bde in the line. Units forming Divisional Reserve returned to MONTAUBAN CAMP arriving at 7 P.M. they marched off from place of assembly at 4 P.M. Delay caused through traffic on the roads. Message G. 1091 from Division received re preparatory measures to be taken before taking over line now held by 7th Bde. Weather cold with heavy gales.</p>	
MONTAUBAN.	6-11-16		<p>Brigade order 1053 for the relief of 7th Bde in the line issued to units. Divisional order 10.68 received. H. G. S. moved to 7th Bde Head Qrs & arrived at 1.30 P.M. Relief carried out in accordance with Bde order 53 with the exception of the 19th Bn who are under orders of the 7th Bde 25th Bn in Bde Reserve coming under orders H. G. S. 5th Bde. Relief completed at 1.25 A.M. 7th unit. Great difficulty experienced with supplies the roads & approaches very muddy, mud - slush 2 feet deep in places. Weather very wet with heavy rain & very cold. Casualties Killed 2 Lt Booth NW & 30 ranks wounded 8 OT ranks</p>	<p>Bde order 1053 moved.</p> <p>7</p> <p>2</p>

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T-LEERS.	7-11-16.		<p>LOC. visited front line. Hostile artillery generally quiet throughout the day. Enemy sniping active. Conditions of the trenches very bad since snow throughout the whole line knee deep, in places trenches 3 feet full of water. Weather heavy rain during morning & night with strong & very cold wind. Casualties. 5 Killed & 14 Wounded. includes Lieut N.W. Booth ^(Chlor) 18th Bn Killed, 2/lt McDiarmid 17th Bn Wounded. Divisional order 69 received.</p>	7
-10-	8-11-16		<p>Conference of O.C.'s Bns (17-18th) at 18th Bn Head Qrs regarding anticipated attack, after which LOC visited 17th Bn Head Qrs & portion of the line. General Willis CKA & GLOI visited Bde H Qrs during afternoon & talked matters over regarding attack which has been indefinitely postponed. Weather fine morning ^{with} showers during afternoon & night. Casualties 8 ORanks Killed 5 OR wounded. 7 th Sick. include Lieut J.J. Day 17th Bn & Capt C.F. Balklake 18th wounded & Capt H Bruce 18th Bn Sick.</p>	7

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FLERS	8-11-16		Divisional Order 69, ⁺⁷⁰ received. Brigade order No 54 for relief of 17 th & 18 th Bns issued.	See order 54 7. period.
do	9-11-16		Situation normal along Brigade front during the day. Our aeroplanes & hostile planes very active during the day. 7 p.m. our artillery placed a barrage on enemy trenches to which enemy artillery replied very weakly. Relief ^{of 17th & 18th Bns.} completed at 1.10 am. Instructions issued for Heavy Artillery bombardment of enemy's trenches on Divisional front. Weather. fine & clear day night clear & moonlight, very cold. Casualties 10 killed including St Devitt 17 th Bn killed, 32 wounded 1 missing 19 killed including Major Walker 19 th Bns.	7
do	10-11-16		Situation normal throughout the day & night. Heavy Artillery bombarded enemy trenches opposite Brigade front, from 9 am to 12 noon. retaliation by enemy very slight. Hostile aeroplane brought down in flames & fell in enemy line opposite our front. At 9.20 p.m. enemy placed a barrage.	memo 6-16/16. 7 J.F.

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FLERS	10-11-16		in rear of our front line this lasted for approximately 15 minutes & ceased on our retaliation. Weather, fine & sunny but very cold with fog at night. Jumping off trench commenced from to progress slow owing to enemy machine gun fire.	7
do	11-11-16		Casualties 6 Killed 25. Wounded 5 Missing 7 evacuated sick. Situation normal throughout the day. New trench was commenced last evening & good progress was made this was not completed & will be pushed on tonight a.m. Weather fine with fog in night. Casualties 11 Killed including Lieut Lt Boston 20th Bn. 24 Wounded, 131 Sick including Capt Morris, 18th Lt Applby, 18th & 2/Lt Ross 18th Bn. Instructions issued to Units for bombardment by Heavy Artillery for 12th unit.	7 646/16.
do	12-11-16		Adm Order NO 55 for relief of 19th & 20th Bns issued to Units. Situation normal throughout the day. New trench worked on but still not completed. Heavy Artillery bombarded enemy	AD. 55. 7

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FLERS.	12-11-16		<p>trenches during the morning with good results, Retaliation by enemy very weak on our sector. Operation Order No 56 issued cancelling Operation Order No 55.</p> <p>Instructions issued for demonstration to be carried out in cooperation with attack of 5th Army. for the 13th mit. Details issued for the taking over of the line in N19A by the h.o.c. 6th Bde on the night 12/13 issued. Relief of the 19th 20th Bns by the 26th + 25th Bns completed at 2.5 am 13th mit. New trench completed by 2nd Pioneer Batts occupied. Divisional Order No 71 received.</p> <p>Weather fine & cloudy but cold at night.</p> <p>Casualties 8 Killed 25 Wounded 1 Missing 13 Sick.</p>	<p>B.O. 56.</p> <p>685/16</p> <p>679/16.</p> <p>7.</p>
NO	13-11-16		<p>Demonstration by Artillery carried out at 5.45 am. Retaliation by enemy feeble. Bde Operation Order 57 issued to Units.</p> <p>Conference of C.O's concerned in the operation held at Bde Head Quarters. Artillery Operation Order received No 18.</p> <p>Weather, fine & cold Casualties</p>	<p>order 57.</p> <p>7</p> <p>6</p>

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Fleury	14/11/16		Attack in accordance with Brigade Order 57 carried out under ideal weather conditions, Objective gained with exception of Right Bn who failed. 46 prisoners captured 5 th Grenadier Guards Regiment. Positions won, consolidated & held. Dispositions for attack 21 st Bn Right 25 th Bn Centre 19 th Bn Left, 20 th Bn Support and Casualties, Killed 4 Officers, Capt (Temp Major) Sherbon 19 th Lt Dent, 2/Lt Gurr 2/Lt Stuart all of 19 th Bn, 15 of Ranks, wounded 6 Officers & 132 of Ranks including Capt Anderson of 19 th Bn Missing 18 of Ranks & 2 Officers 2/Lt Helms Somerset of 19 th Battalion. Sick Capt Abbott 20 th Battalion. Wounded 2/Lt Dwyer 20 th Bn A.C. reached new front line which was not very well damaged. Right Bn encountered & dispersed counter attack causing many enemy casualties. Brigade Order 1058 for relief of Brigade by 7 th Bde issued to units. Relief completed by 11.5 p.m. Bde moved to Montauban - Mametz area on relief. Weather extremely cold during morning but fine during day. Casualties. Killed 3 Officers including Capt Rush, 2/Lt Duff 2/Lt Carlisle of 20 th Bn. 6 of Ranks wounded 10 of Ranks & 4 Officers of 20 th Bn. 7/Lt Cameron, Watt & Shaw. Sick 3 Officers Capt McDonald 2/Lt Raine, 2/Lt Raine 20 th Bn & 65 of Ranks.	17
do	15/11/16			2

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MONTAUBAN FLERS	11/1/16		Bde at Montauban resting, weather very cold & wet. Casualties. Sick 11 of ranks	7
do FLERS	17/1/16		Bde resting and weather very wet & cold with biting wind & frost ground & snow frozen and casualties	7
do FLERS	18/1/16		Brigade order to 59 issued for relief of 7 th Bde in line night 18/19 th . Weather, very cold with snow then rain & wind off now during the day. very miserable weather. Casualties. Sick 22 of ranks	Recorded 59 issued. 7
MONTAUBAN	19-1-16		17 th Battr moved to Carlton Camp were in position at 10 am. as reserve to 7 th Bde. Relief in accordance with Bde order 59 carried out relief completed by 5.20 am. Delay caused by state of trenches owing to rain & wet. Weather wet & very cold throughout the day with heavy fog. Consolidation & improving trenches carried on. Casualties Killed 4 of ranks 7 wounded 11 Sick	my
FLERS	20-1-16		K.O.C. 2nd B Bde visited Bde Head Quarters preparatory to taking over the line now held by no. Bde order 1059.	8

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FLERS.	20-11-16		moved to units for relief on 21/22 by 2nd British Bde. Weather fine but cold & foggy. Casualties Killed 3 Officers 30 Sers	7
do.	21-11-16		Relief in accordance with Bde order 59 carried out relief completed by 10.42 P.M. & line handed over to R.O.C 2nd Bde at this hour. Units in relief moved to Carlton Camp. (ie) 17 th 18 th Bns. T.M. Bty Bde Hqs details & M.G. Coy. 19 th & 20 th Bns moved to Ducourt at 10 am. Casualties. Lost 25 Officers	7
Carlton Camp.	22-11-16		In accordance with Administrative Memo Units entrained at Quarry for Meaulte & thence moved by road to Billots at Rehemont. Casualties Field Amb. 2/Lt. Willis R.H. + 15 Officers	7
Rehemont	23-11-16		Weather fine but cold & ground very wet. Bde has 19 th Bn resting & refitting weather wet & foggy very cold. Casualties Field Ambulance 43 Officers, Capt Marshall	7
do	24-11-16		19 th Bn still at Ducourt Bde resting at Rehemont. General Birdwood visited B.H.Q. Conference of Commanding Officers Battalions at B.H.Q. Casualties Hospital 56 th Field Ambulance 21 Officers.	7

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Rehmont	25-11-16		h.o.c. proceeds on 6 days leave to London. Lt Col McKenzie 19 th Bn temporary in command. Rde refitting & cleaning up. Weather wet. cold & dull. Casualties. Field Ambulance 14 O/Ranks. 2/Lt. Browning J.B.	7
do	26-11-16		19 th Bn rejoined Rde at Rehmont from Fricourt Casualties Field Ambulance 7 O/Ranks	7
do	27-11-16		Rde still preparing refitting & generally reorganising. Casualties weather still wet & dull & miserable Field Ambulance 7 O/Ranks 2/Lt. Hadley L.M.	7
do	28-11-16		Orders for move of Rde to Cardonnette area received from Division. Casualties Field Ambulance 8 O/Ranks	7
do	29-11-16		Rde order No 61 issued to units for move to Cardonnette Area. Weather clearing a little but very cold. Casualties Field Ambulance 24 O/Ranks. Rde order No 61 issued	7
do	30-11-16		Rde moved in accordance with order 61. 17 th & 18 th Bns to Cardonnette 20 th Mclay & T.M.B. Coisy. R.A.G. & 19 th Casualties Field Amb. 35 O/Ranks	7

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Rehmont	30/10/16		<p>Battn at Rainneville. Move completed by 5 p.m. men stood the march fairly well but some feet very noticeable. The Bulking area of Cardonnette very uncomfortable. Casualties. Weather, fairly fine, very cold & heavy fog at night</p>	7.

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FIFTEEN AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
Training Order No. 1.

Brigade Headquarters,
 1st November, 1918.

Reference: 1/40,000 Map, ALBERT.

1. Information and intention as set forth in "Special Idea" already issued.
2. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. will attack on 2nd November with all four battalions in line, in the following order from right to left :-
 - 17th Battalion
 - 18th Battalion
 - 19th Battalion
 - 20th Battalion

The frontage allotted to each battalion is approximately 250 yards, and their respective objectives, those portions of the German Trenches immediately in front of them, as per sketch attached hereto.
3. The Brigade will be in position at 10.30 a.m. ready to commence the attack which will be carried out in four lines or waves.
4. At 10.40 a.m. the artillery will place a heavy barrage on the 1st objective and NO MAN'S LAND.
5. At 10.45 a.m. this barrage will lift gradually to 2nd objective and ground between 1st and 2nd objectives. Immediately the lift begins the 1st line or wave will move forward as closely as possible under the artillery barrage, and seize the 1st objective. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th lines or waves will follow at a distance of 100 yards between each.
6. At 11 a.m. the barrage will lift in a similar manner, to the 3rd objective and ground between the 2nd and 3rd objectives, when the assaulting Infantry will push forward as before and seize the 2nd objective.
7. At 11.15 a.m. the barrage will again lift gradually to a line 150 yards behind the final objective: Infantry will advance and seize the latter and consolidate same.
8. The 1st and 2nd lines or waves of Infantry will clear up the 1st objective, and the 3rd and 4th lines or waves will deal with the 2nd and 3rd objectives respectively. Each line or wave on completion of its work will at once reinforce those in front, and assist in consolidation of final objective.
9. Formations. Battalion Commanders will decide formations to be adopted by respective units in the attack.
10. O.C. 5th Aust. M.G. Coy. will allot one section of his Company to each of the four battalions. These sections will then come directly under the orders of Battalion Commanders concerned.
11. O.C. 5th Aust. L.T.M. Battery will allot 2 Stokes Guns to each battalion and arrange direct with Battalion Commanders for any necessary carrying parties.

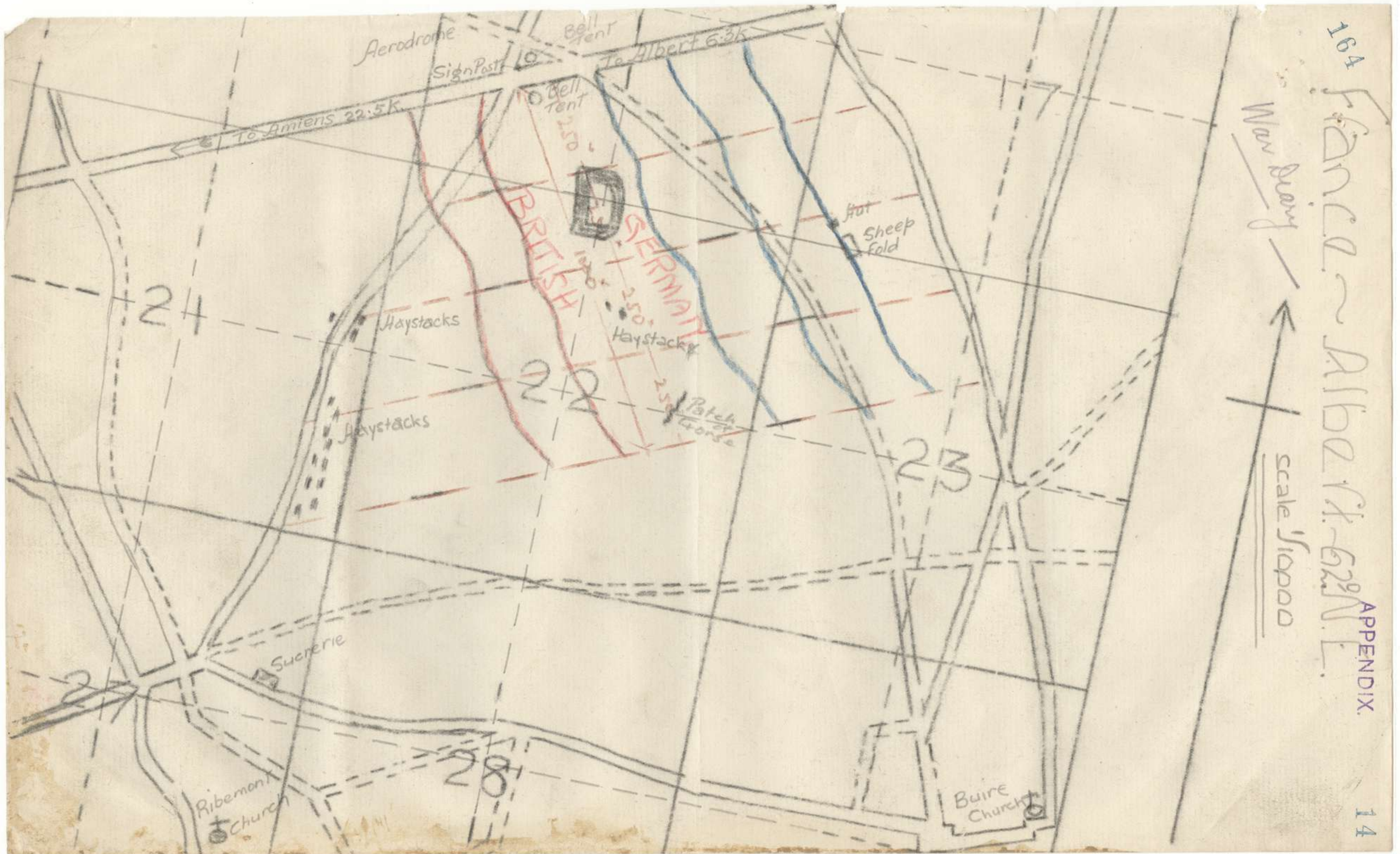
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12. 25 Flares per battalion will be drawn at Brigade Headquarters at 4 p.m. to-day 1st November, and issued to alternate companies. Five flares will be burnt by each Battalion, and tin discs and mirrors exposed immediately after the occupation of each objective; remaining flares will be retained for use when called for by aeroplanes, whose signal will be a succession of M's (Morse Code) on Klaxon Horn.
13. The call letters to be used when signalling to aircraft are :-
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| Brigade Headquarters | - | A Z B |
| 17th Battalion | - | P Q |
| 18th Battalion | - | P R |
| 19th Battalion | - | P S |
| 20th Battalion | - | P T |
14. The aircraft of the 3rd Squadron contact patrols are Monoplanes with BLACK bands under left plane and white streamers from wing tips.
15. Medical. Wounded will be evacuated to RISEMONT CHURCH.
16. Watches will be synchronised at Brigade Headquarters by representatives of units, or by telephone at 8 a.m. on 2nd November.
17. Copies of Battalion Orders will reach Brigade Headquarters by 8 a.m. on 2nd November.
18. REPORTS to Brigade Headquarters, Cross Roads, D. 27. Central.
19. A C K N O W L E D G E.

W. Wellington Captain,
A/Brigade-Major, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at.....

- Copy No 1 to 17th Bn
 2 18th Bn
 3 19th Bn
 4 20th Bn
 5 5th A.M.G. Coy
 6 5th A.L.T.M. Bty.
 7 3rd Squadron R.F.C.
 8 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
 9 2nd Aust. Div.
 10. G.O.C.
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 12. File
 13. 6th Aust. Field Amb.
 14. Spare
 15. Spare
 16. Spare



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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Training Order No. 2.Brigade Headquarters,
1st November, 1916.Reference: 1/40,000 Maps FRANCE
57 c S.W.
57 d S.E.
-----To be read in conjunction with Training Order No.1.

1. Units will move to place of assembly, as under, clearing the cross roads at D. 27. b. 2. 1. (approx.) at the undermentioned times :

20th Battalion	9.15 a.m.	2/11/16
19th Battalion	9.25 a.m.	do.
18th Battalion	9.35 a.m.	do.
17th Battalion	9.45 a.m.	do.

2. Sections of 5th Aust.M.G.Coy. and 5th Aust. L.T.M. Battery will move to place of assembly with the Battalions they are allotted to.

Advanced

3. 6th Aust. Field Ambulance, Dressing Station will be situated near haystacks on road between RIBEMONT and ALBERT - about D. 21. d. 8. 6.
Main Dressing Station is at RIBEMONT CHURCH at D. 27. d. 7. 3.

W. Wellington Captain,
A/Brigade-Major, 5th Aust. Inf.
Brigade.

Issued at 10 p.m.

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 2 18th Bn
 3 19th Bn
 4 20th Bn
 5 5th A.M.G.Coy.
 6 5th A.L.T.M.Bty.
 7 3rd Squadron R.F.C.
 8 6th Aust.Inf.Bde.
 9 2nd Aust. Div.
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 15. Spare
 16. Spare

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 51.

Brigade Headquarters,
3rd. November, 1916.

Reference :-

Map, ALBERT, Sheet 1/40,000.

- 1....The Brigade will move to MONTAUBAN - MAMETZ Area on the 4th.
November 1916, via BUIRE, DERNANCOURT, MEAULTE, SOUTH of FRICOURT.

- 2....Starting Point, Fork Road, D. 28. a. 9. 1.

- 3....Order of March :-

17th. Bn.	to be clear of Starting Point by 8.30 a.m.	
18th. Bn.	do	do 9. a.m.
19th. Bn.	do	do 9.30 a.m.
20th. Bn.	do	do 10. a.m.
Bde. Hdqrs.	do	do 10.30 a.m.
5th. A.M.G. Coy.)		
5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.)	do	do 10.45 a.m.
15th. A.A.S.C.	do	do 11 a.m.

and move to BECORDEL.

- 4....Distances of 100 yards between Companies and 200 yards between Units and Regimental Transport will be maintained.

- 5....Advance parties of 1 Officer and 1 N.C.O. (mounted) per Unit will report to Acting Staff Captain at Starting Point at 8.15 a.m. and precede column to MONTAUBAN - MAMETZ Area.

- 6....Kits, comprising Packs and 1 blanket per man, excess Regimental Gear and all bicycles will be dumped in Unit dumps at RIBEMONT under guard. Position of dumps has been notified Units.

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Supplies for the 5th. instant will be dumped at RIBEMONT on the 3rd. and Units will move with rations for the 4th. in Cookers and ration for the 5th. in first line Transport.

- 8....ACKNOWLEDGE.

~~Anonymous~~ Captain,
A/Brigade-Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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3....2nd. Aust. Division.

4....17th. Battalion,

5....18th. Battalion,

6....19th. Battalion,

7....20th. Battalion,

8....5th. A.M.C. Coy.
9....5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.
10....15th. A.A.S.C.
11....A.D.M.S.
12....O.C. Signals.
13....Spare.

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5th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

ORDER No. 52.

4th Nov. 1916.

1. A minor operation will be carried out on the 5th November.
2. The attack of the Left Australian Division will be made by the 7th Australian Infantry Brigade:
3. The following Units of the 5th Australian Brigade will be in Divisional Reserve and will assemble at S 16 c at zero.-
 - 5th Light Trench Mortar Bty.
 - 5th Machine Gun Coy.
 - 17th Battalion
 - 18th Battalion
4. Zero hour 0910.
5. Units will move from present Camp to place of assembly via MONTAUBAN in the following order -
 - 17th Battalion
 - 18th Battalion
 - Machine Gun Coy.
 - Trench Mortar Bty.
- Head of the 17th Battalion to pass point S 27 c 4 2 at 7 a.m.
6. Intervals of 100 yds between Companies and 200 yds between Battalions will be maintained.
7. Great coats will be carried and the blanket and sheepskin jacket will be left at present Camp.
8. Grenades - two per man will be drawn if necessary at advanced Divisional Dump S 6 b 10 9.
9. Rations - The unexpended portion of the day's ration to be carried.
10. Watches will be synchronised at Brigade Headquarters at 9 p.m. on 4th instant.
12. Acknowledge.

Issued at

7.20P.

[Signature]
 Captain,
 acting Brigade Major,
 5th Aust Infantry Brigade.

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4	17th Bn.
5	18th Bn.
6	19th Bn.
7	20th Bn.
8	M/Gun Coy.
9	T/M. Bty.
10	5th Div.
11	6th Bde.
12	7th Bde.
13	Staff Capt.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 53.

Brigade Headquarters,
6th. November, 1916.

References :-

Map, ALBERT 1/40,000.
LONGEAUVAL, 1/10,000.
GEAUDICOURT, 1/10,000.

- 1....The 5th. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 7th. Australian Infantry Brigade in the front line on the night 6/7th. November.
- 2....17th. Battalion will be on the right.
18th. Battalion will be on the left.
20th. Battalion will be in support at SWITCH TRENCH.
19th. Battalion will be in reserve at CARLTON CAMP (Map Ref. S.16.c.)

The relief of the 19th. Battalion to be carried out by 12 noon 7th.

- 3....Details of the relief not provided for in this order will be arranged mutually between C.Os. concerned.

- 4....Serviceable Stokes Mortars will be taken over in situ, a similar number being handed over at MONTAUBAN CAMP.

- 5....All Defence Schemes, Trench Stores, Dumps, etc. will be taken over and receipts given, copies of which will be sent to Brigade Headquarters as soon as possible after relief.

- 6....Guides, 1 Officer per Company and 1 other rank per platoon, will report to 7th. Brigade Headquarters, map reference M.30.c.4.0., and will reconnoitre approaches and positions to be relieved. They will then return to Advanced Divisional Headquarters at CARLTON CAMP map reference S.16.c., and meet Battalions and guide them to their positions.

- 7....The following stores will be carried up to the line on the man and will be drawn at F.6.a.8.2. :-

24 Hours rations.
2 Mills Grenades.
4 Sandbags.
2 Very Pistol Lights.
1 Red Ground Flare per 4 men.

After arrival, above ^{less rations} will be collected and added to stocks at existing dumps.

- 8....Units will move in accordance with attached March Table. No formed bodies will move forward of the line joining North Edge of DELVILLE WOOD and HIGH WOOD before dark.

- 9....Units will take into the line :-

Greatcoats.
Blanket and Waterproof Sheet.
Sheepskin Vest.

- 10....Brigade Headquarters is situated at M.30.c.4.0. and Battalions will send 8 runners with 48 hours rations to report to the Brigade Signal Officer as soon as possible after relief.

VIIth AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 53.

Brigade Headquarters
1st. November, 1942.

3 Troops attached

Assault

Objective to be

Map, ALBERT 1/40,000,
LONGREAUVAL 1/10,000,
GEAUDICOURT 1/10,000.

References :-

1. The 5th. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 7th. Australian Infantry Brigade in the front line on the night 6/7th. November.

2. 17th. Battalion will be on the right.
18th. Battalion will be on the left.

30th. Battalion will be in support at SWITCH TRENCH.
19th. Battalion will be in reserve at CARLTON CAMP (Map Ref. S.18.c.).

The relief of the 19th. Battalion to be carried out by 17th. and 18th. Battalions.

3. Details of the relief not provided for in this order will be arranged mutually between G.O.s. concerned.

4. M. Serviceable Stokes Mortars will be taken over in situ, a similar number being handed over at MONTAUBAN CAMP.

5. All Defence Schemes, Trench Stores, Dumps, etc. will be taken over and receipts given, copies of which will be sent to Brigade Headquarters as soon as possible after relief.

6. Guides, 1 Officer per Company and 1 other rank per platoon, will report to 7th. Brigade Headquarters, map reference M.30.c.4.0., and will reconnoitre approaches and positions to be relieved. They will then return to Advanced Divisional Headquarters at CARLTON CAMP map reference S.18.c., and meet Battalions and guide them to their positions.

7. The following stores will be carried up to the line on the day and will be drawn at P.S.S.S. :-

- 1 Red Ground Wire per 4 men.
- 2 Very Pistol Lights.
- 4 Sandbags.
- 2 Mills Grenades.
- 24 Hours rations.

After arrival, above will be collected and added to stocks at existing dumps.

8. Units will move in accordance with attached March Table. No formed bodies will move forward of the line joining North Edge of DELVILLE WOOD and HIGH WOOD before dark.

9. Units will take into the line :-

- Sheepskin Vest.
- Blanket and Waterproof Sheet.
- Gastecaps.

10. Brigade Headquarters is situated at M.30.c.4.0., and Battalions will send 8 runners with 48 hours rations to report to the Brigade Signal Officer as soon as possible after relief.

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- 11...Brigade Dump is situated at M.30.b.9.5. and Lieut Irvine will be detailed by the 19th. Battalion to take over the Brigade Dump from the 7th. Brigade.
- 12...The G.O.C. 5th. Australian Infantry Brigade will take over the command of the area on completion of the relief.
- 13...Completion of relief will be reported to Brigade Headquarters.
- 14...A C K N O W L E D G E.

R. Norman
Captain,
A/Brigade-Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 11.30 a.m.

- Copy No. 1....File,
2....War Diary.
3....2nd. Australian Division,
4....17th. Battalion,
5....18th. Battalion,
6....19th. Battalion,
7....20th. Battalion,
8....5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.
9....5th. Aust. L.T.M. Batty.
10....Staff Captain,
11....7th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
12....6th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE ORDER No. 53 of 6/11/16.

UNIT	STARTING POINT	TIME	ROUTE	GUIDES TO MEET AT	REMARKS
17th Bn	X Roads in MONTAUBAN	1. P.M.	MONTAUBAN - S.21.d.8.8. - S.16.c.1.4. - S.16.d.3.6. - Adv. D:H.Q.	Advanced Div.H.Q. S. 16. c.	
18th Bn.	do.	1.30 P.M.	do.	do.	
5th A.M.G.Coy.) 5th A.L.T.M.Bty.) 5th Bde.H.Q.)	do.	2. P.M.	do.	do.	
	do.	2.15 P.M.	do.		
20th Bn.	do.	3. P.M.	do.	do.	
19th Bn.	do.	10. A.M. (7/11/16)	do.		Bn. will be camped at CARLTON CAMP.

Platoons at 50 yards intervals

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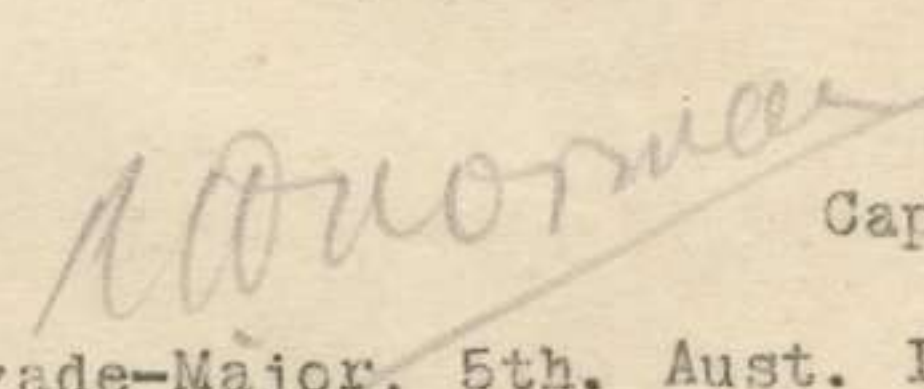
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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 54.

Brigade Headquarters,
8th. November, 1916.Reference :-

Map, GUEADECOURT, 1/10,000.

- 1....The 19th. and 20th. Battalions will relieve the 17th. and 18th. Battalions respectively in the front line on the night 9/10th. November
- 2....The 19th. Battalion on the right relieving the 17th. Battalion.
The 20th. Battalion on the left relieving the 18th. Battalion.
The 17th. Battalion (Brigade Reserve) will move to ~~SWITCH TRENCH~~.
The 18th. Battalion (in support) CARLTON TRENCH CAMP.
will move to SWITCH TRENCH.
- 3....Details of relief not provided herein will be arranged mutually between C.Os. concerned.
- 4....Guides; 1 guide per Headquarters and per platoon of the 17th. Battalion will report to the C.O. 19th. Battalion at CARLTON TRENCH CAMP, S.16.c. at 2 p.m. on 9th. instant.
A similar number of guides will report from the 18th. Battalion to C.O. 20th. Battalion at same hour and day.
- 5....8 runners from the 19th. Battalion and 6 runners from the 20th. Battalion, with 48 hours rations, will report to Brigade Headquarters, M.30.c.4.O. as soon as relief is completed.
- 6....Reliefs to be carried out as far as possible in daylight, formations to be adopted to be decided by Os.C. concerned.
Reliefs to be completed by 10 p.m. and at once reported in code by wire to Brigade Headquarters.
- 7....ACKNOWLEDGE.


Captain,

A/Brigade-Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 7 P.M.

- Copy No.
- 1....File.
 - 2....War Diary.
 - 3....2nd. Aust. Division.
 - 4....17th. Battalion,
 - 5....18th. Battalion,
 - 6....19th. Battalion,
 - 7....20th. Battalion,
 - 8....5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.
 - 9....5th. Aust. L.T.M. Batty.
 - 10....Staff Captain,
 - 11....6th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
 - 12....149th. British Bde.
 - 13....Spare.



Headquarters, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.,

9th. November, 1916.

19th. Battalion,
20th. Battalion,
5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.

1. A special bombardment of enemy trenches by 1st. Anzac Heavy Artillery will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on the 10th. inst.

2. OBJECTIVES.

21st. H.A.G.

- (a) BAYONET TRENCH from M.24.b.32.90. to N.13.d.55.30. (junction with Sunken Road).
- (b) BANK TRENCH M.18.d.40.55. to N.13.c.45.50.
- (c) BITE TRENCH, the whole of

3rd. H.A.G.

- (d) GIRD TRENCH from M.18.c.1.9. to 4.7. to 6.2. to M.24.a.75.97 thence along trench running east to Junction of BITE and BAYONET TRENCHES in M.24.b.35.95.
- (e) GIRD SUPPORT from M.18.a.30.15. to junction of BITE and BAYONET TRENCHES in M.24.b.35.95.
- (f) Any connecting trenches between GIRD and GIRD SUPPORT in the portions mentioned above.
- (g) BANK TRENCH from M.18.c.76.35 to M.18.d.40.55. and the small trench from BANK TRENCH at M.18.c.9.4. to GIRD SUPPORT at M.18.c.83.20.

3. It will be necessary to vacate any of our trenches which are within 300 yards of the objective during the bombardment. Arrangements have been made that, in the event of shelling dangerous to our own infantry being observed or reported, fire will be stopped at once in the Area concerned.

4. Please acknowledge.

W. J. Thomas
Captain,
A/Brigade-Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 10.15 p.m.

Headquarters, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.,
11th. November, 1916.

19th. Battalion,
20th. Battalion,
5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.

In continuation of my 646/16 of 9th. instant; the following has been received from 2nd. Australian Division :-

'The Heavy Artillery will bombard certain portions of the objectives bombarded on 10th. instant to-morrow aaa Particular attention will be paid to the trench at the north of THE MAZE, M.24.b.4.9. to M.24.a.7.9., also to M.18.c.4.7. and to any other points which an inspection of a photo taken to-day shows to have not been sufficiently damaged aaa Front line trenches will be cleared by daylight as was done on 9th. instant aaa The Heavy Artillery will fire at such time as observation is best and you will be informed when they have finished for the day aaa please acknowledge by wire.'

Please take similar precautions to-morrow as you did on the 9th. instant.

Kindly acknowledge.

R. A. Norman Captain,
A/Brigade-Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 55.

Brigade Headquarters,
11th. November, 1916.

Reference :-

Map, GUEADECOURT, 1/10,000.

- 1....²⁵ The 17th. and ²⁶ 18th. Battalions will relieve the 19th. and 20th. Battalions respectively in the front line on the night 12/13th. November.
- 2....²⁶ The 17th. Battalion on the right relieving the 19th. Battalion.
The 18th. Battalion on the left relieving the 20th. Battalion.
The 20th. Battalion (Brigade Reserve) will move to CARLTON TRENCH Camp.
The 19th. Battalion (in support) will move to SWITCH TRENCH.
- 3....Details of relief not provided herein will be arranged mutually between C.Os. concerned.
- 4....Guides; 1 guide per Headquarters and 1 per platoon of the 20th. Battalion will report to C.O. 18th. Battalion at SWITCH TRENCH at 2 p.m. on 12th. instant.
A similar number of guides will report from the 19th. Battalion to C.O. 17th. Battalion at CARLTON TRENCH CAMP, S.16.c. at same hour and day.
- 5....All stores, including Gum Boots, Ammunition Dumps, Trench Maps, etc., will be handed over to relieving Battalions and receipts given, copies of which will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters as soon as possible after completion of relief.
- 6....Reliefs to be carried out as far as possible in daylight, formations to be adopted to be decided by C.Os. concerned.
Reliefs to be completed by 10 p.m. and at once reported in code by wire to Brigade Headquarters.
- 7....A C K N O W L E D G E.

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Captain,
A/Brigade-Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 9 p.m.

- Copy No.
- 1....File.
 - 2....War Diary.
 - 3....2nd. Australian Division.
 - 4....17th. Battalion,
 - 5....18th. Battalion,
 - 6....19th. Battalion,
 - 7....20th. Battalion,
 - 8....5th. Aust M.G. Coy.
 - 9....5th. Aust. L.T.M. Batty.
 - 10....Staff Captain,
 - 11....6th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
 - 12....149th. British Bde.
 - 13....Spare.

SECRET.Copy No. 2....FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 56.Brigade Headquarters,
12th. November, 1916.Reference :-

Map, GUEADECOURT, 1/10,000.

- 1....Brigade Order No. 55 is cancelled.
- 2....The 25th. and 26th. Battalions will relieve the 20th. and 19th. Battalions respectively in the front line on the night 12/13th. November.
- 3....The 26th. Battalion on the right relieving the 19th. Battalion.
The 25th. Battalion on the left relieving the 20th. Battalion.
The 20th. Battalion (Brigade Reserve) will move to CARLTON TRENCH CAMP.
The 19th. Battalion (in support) will move to SWITCH TRENCH.
The 17th. Battalion and the 18th. Battalion on relief by the 20th. and 19th. Battalions respectively will move back to MONTAUBAN - MAMETZ AREA and relieve the 25th. and 26th. Battalions. The 17th. and 18th. Battalions will come under the orders of G.O.C. 7th. Bde.
- 4....Details of relief not provided herein will be arranged mutually between C.Os. concerned.
- 5....Guides; 1 guide per Headquarters and 1 per platoon of the 19th. Battalion will report to C.O. 26th. Battalion at CARLTON TRENCH CAMP at 2 p.m. on the 12th. instant.
A similar number of guides from the 20th. Battalion will report to the C.O. 25th. Battalion at the same time, place and day.
- 6....All stores, including Gun Boots, Ammunition Boots, Trench Maps etc., will be handed over to relieving Battalions and receipts given, copies of which will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters as soon as possible after completion of relief.
- 7....Reliefs to be carried out as far as possible in daylight, formations to be adopted to be decided by C.Os. concerned.
Relief to be completed by 10 p.m. and at once reported in code by wire to Brigade Headquarters.

8....A C K N O W L E D G E.

A. W. Norman Captain,
A/Brigade-Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 9.30 a.m.

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| 1....File. | 11...6th. Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| 2....War Diary. | 12....149th. British Bde. |
| 3....2nd. Australian Division. | 13....25th. Battalion, |
| 4....17th. Battalion, | 14....26th. Battalion, |
| 5....18th. Battalion, | 15....7th. Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| 6....19th. Battalion, | 16....Spare. |
| 7....20th. Battalion, | |
| 8....5th. Aust. M.G Coy. | |
| 9....5th. Aust. L.T.M. Batty. | |
| 10....Staff Captain. | |



Headquarters, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.,
12th. November, 1916.

Headquarters,
25th. Battalion,
26th. Battalion,
5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.

The following letter has been received from 2nd. Australian Division and is forwarded for your information and action, especially with regard to para. 6 :-

1. 'The Fifth Army are attacking on the 13th. November.
2. At zero on the 13th. November, a demonstration is to be made along the whole front of the Fourth Army with the object of assisting the Fifth Army, by leading the enemy to anticipate an attack by the Fourth Army and to inflict casualties on him.
3. The 1st. Anzac Corps is co-operating in this demonstration by special bombardment and by barraging the enemy's trenches. The hour of zero will be in the morning, exact time will be communicated later.
4. Special instructions are being issued by G.O.C. R.A. for bombarding enemy's front line system more heavily on 12th. Nov., for counter battery work and for field artillery barrage on the 13th. instant.
5. Lights and flares which will not be mistaken for our S.C.S. Signal may be used to mislead the enemy.
6. Trenches will be kept as clear of infantry as possible during the demonstration. Units which are relieving on the night of 12/13th. will man the trenches with a minimum garrison in order to avoid losses.
7. Watches will be synchronised at 6.5 p.m. on the 12th. inst. and 5.5 a.m. on the 13th. instant by reference to Div. Signal Coy. who will obtain correct time at 6 p.m. on the 12th. and 5 a.m. on 13th. instant.
8. Acknowledge by wire.'

A. Brown Captain,
A/Brigade-Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Zero time will be communicated by code, e.g. :-

'Zero time 6 a.m.'	will be sent 'Reference 685/16, 6 degrees 9 minutes'
'Zero time 7.30 a.m.'	'Reference 685/16, 7 degrees 30 minutes.'
'Zero time 10.30 p.m.'	'Reference 685/16 22 degrees 30 minutes' etc. etc.

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Headquarters, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.,
12th. November, 1916.

Headquarters,
19th. Battalion,
6th. Aust. Inf. Bde. (for information)

In order to reduce the frontage held by the 5th. A.I. Brigade the G.O.C. 6th. A. I. Brigade will arrange to take over from the G.O.C. 5th. A. I. Brigade on the night of the 12/13th. November, the portion of the front line westward from the present inter-Brigade boundary included in 19.a. The actual line to be taken over by the 6th. Brigade is N.19.a.6.9. to the intersection of the square M.24.b. with N.19.a.

4 guides from your Battalion will report to Brigade Headquarters at 4 p.m. to guide in the troops of the 6th. Brigade.

Please acknowledge by wire.

Amstrong
A/Brigade-Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Captain,

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 57.Brigade Headquarters,
13th. November, 1916.Reference :-

Trench Map, GUEUDECOURT to BAPAUME, 2nd. Edition, corrected to 23rd. October, 1916. Scale, 1/10,000.

1.....(a) The Fifth Australian Infantry Brigade will attack the enemy on 14th. November and will secure the trenches GIRD and GIRD SUPPORT from the junction of BAYONET and BITE TRENCHES at M. 24. b. 35. 95. and M. 24. a. 10. 5. to the Left Divisional Boundary at M. 18. a. 35. 1. and M. 18. c. 05. 90.

(b) The attack will be in co-operation with an attack by the Division on our left.

2.....For the purpose of this attack, the Fifth Australian Infantry Brigade will consist of the 19th., 20th., 25th. and 26th. Battalions.

3.....In order to reduce the front held by the Fifth Australian Infantry Brigade, the G.O.C. Sixth Australian Infantry Brigade has taken over that portion westward from the present inter-Brigade boundary included in N. 19. a. This Brigade is not attacking; but will assist with Machine Gun Fire.

4.....The attack will be delivered by the 19th., 25th. and 26th. Battalions. The 20th. Battalion will be in support at COBHAM TRENCHES.

The Assaulting Battalions will be formed up by 6 a.m. in the following order from left to right, their frontages being as under :-

19th. Battalion, M.17.d.8.55. to M.18.c.35.1.

25th. Battalion, M.18.c.35.1. to M.24.a.7.4.

26th. Battalion, M.24.a.7.4. to M.24.b.6.6.

20th. Battalion will be in position at the same hour.

The objectives allotted are :-

19th. Battalion.

GIRD and GIRD SUPPORT TRENCHES between left Divisional boundary and BANK TRENCH, inclusive

25th. Battalion.

GIRD and GIRD SUPPORT TRENCHES between BANK TRENCH exclusive and road at M.18.d.1.1. inclusive also trench from M.24.a.7.95. to M.24.a.10.9.

26th. Battalion.

GIRD and GIRD SUPPORT TRENCHES and trench connecting same; also trenches known as THE MAZE from the road at M.18.d.1.1. exclusive to BAYONET TRENCH at M.24.b.45.10.

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Great care will be taken by the 19th. Battalion to maintain touch throughout the attack with the Right Battalion of the 149th. Brigade on their left.

O.C. 26th. Battalion will, during the attack, hold lightly that portion of his present front line from M. 24. b. 6. 6. to M. 24. b. 10. 8.

5..... Strong points will be constructed at the following approximate localities :-

By <u>19th. Battalion.</u>	M.18.c.45.65. and M.18.c.75.35.
<u>25th. Battalion.</u>	M.18.c.95.15.
<u>26th. Battalion.</u>	Junction of BITE and BAYONET TRENCHES.

6..... BANK, BITE and BAYONET TRENCHES will be blocked, the first by 19th. Battalion and the two last by the 25th. ^{2.6} Battalion, by the construction of suitable 'T' Heads sufficiently far up to hold up enemy's bombers from attacking our strong points.

Any other enemy trenches found leading into the captured position will be similarly treated.

7..... In connection with the works referred to in paras. 5 and 6, the O.C. 7th. Field Company A.E. will consult with Battalion Commanders concerned and detail the necessary Engineer personnel to assist in execution of same.

8..... The O.C. 7th. Field Company A.E. will arrange to continue the communication trenches at present leading to the new jumping-off trench, into the captured position, and also construct another along line of road running N.E. through M.18.c. and connect up by a sap from junction of BITE and BAYONET TRENCHES to M.24.b.85.75. For these purposes, the necessary Pioneers will be detailed by the C.R.E. on application by the O.C. 7th. Field Company A.E.

9..... Artillery programme as per Appendix 'A'.

10..... Methods of attack.

6 minutes after

At Zero, the Assaulting Battalions will move forward in four waves at a distance of 30 yards between waves, as close up under our artillery barrage as possible. The two first waves will clean up the first objective; the 3rd. and 4th. will push on close under the barrage and deal similarly with the final objective.

The first and second waves will then move forward and assist in the construction of Strong Points and consolidation work generally.

In order to minimise losses when the position has been secured, Battalion Commanders will exercise their discretion as to the number of men they will retain in the new line.

Battalion carrying parties, Engineers and Pioneers will follow close in rear of 4th. wave.

11..... Lewis Gunners and Bombers will be pushed out by each Battalion a distance of 150 yards in shell holes in front of the captured position, until the latter is

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consolidated and strong points completed.

- 12.....O. C. 5th. Australian Machine Gun Company will place two (2) guns at the disposal of each Battalion Commander to assist in maintaining the captured position.

During the attack, he will maintain a barrage on suitable points behind the objective and engage any hostile machine guns.

- 13.....O. C. 5th. Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery will co-operate during the Artillery bombardment by engaging trenches from M.24.a.9.6. to M.24.b.2.9. and from M.24.a.9.6. to M.24.a.7.7. When the infantry has moved forward, he will operate on BITE and BAYONET TRENCHES a distance of 100 yards from the junction and maintain a barrage to prevent the approach of reinforcements.

- 14.....The 3rd. Squadron R. F. C. will provide a Contact Patrol to be in the air at Zero plus 10 minutes and at Zero plus 60 minutes.

Flares will be shown by Infantry in their most advanced positions, when Contact Aeroplanes sound 'Klaxon' horns.

Liaison Officers will be provided as follows :-

By 19th. Battalion with 149th. Brigade Headquarters.

26th. Battalion with 6th. Aust. Inf. Bde. Hdqrs.

- 15.....Wounded will be evacuated to Advanced Dressing Station, THISTLE DUMP, S. 10. c. 5. 5. (6th. Australian Field Ambulance).

Relay posts for bearers at :-

GOOSE ALLEY,	M. 30. a. 5. 3.	
NORTH ROAD,	M. 30. b. 5. 2.	
FLERS TRENCH,	M. 30. c. 2. 1.	
MCCORMACK'S POST,	M. 35. d. 5. 5.	Two M.Os.
CREST POST,	S. 5. c. 6. 4.	
RUNNERS POST,	S. 10. b. 8. 8.	

Further special instructions regarding Medical arrangements as per appendix marked 'B' attached hereto.

- 16.....Watches will be synchronised at Brigade Headquarters on 13th. November at 6 p.m. and at 6 a.m. on 14th. November.

- 17.....Zero Hour will be notified later.

- 18.....Reports to Brigade Headquarters.

- 19.....A C K N O W L E D G E.

Captain,

A/Brigade-Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 11 a.m.

Copy No.	1....File	10...25th. Battalion.
	2....War Diary.	11...26th. Battalion.
	3....2nd. Aust. Div.	12...6th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
	4....17th. Battalion,	13...7th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
	5....18th. Battalion.	14...149th. British Bde.
	6....19th. Battalion.	15...7th. Field Coy. A.E.
	7....20th. Battalion.	16...Staff Captain.
	8....5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.	17 & 18. Spare.
	9....5th. Aust. L.T.M. Batty.	

12th. Divisional Artillery Group Operation Order No. 10

Reference - 1/10,000 Map.

13th. November, 1916.

1. The 2nd. Australian Division will attack the enemy on 14th. November and will secure the trenches GIRD and GIRD SUPPORT from the junction of BAYONET and BITE Trenches at M.24.b.35.95. and M.24.b.0.5. to the left of the Divisional boundary at M.18.a.35.10. and M.18.s.05.90.

Bombing posts will be constructed up BAYONET, BITE and BANK trenches and M.24.b.35.95. will be connected to our front line at M.24.b.85.75.

The attack will be made in co-operation with an attack by the Division on the left.

2. The attack will be carried out by the 5th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

3. 12th. Divisional Artillery Group will support the attack in accordance with attached Tables and Barrage Map.

4. 18 pr. Batteries - 75 per cent Shrapnel; 25 per cent H.E.

5. Rates of Fire.

18 pr.

From zero to 10' after Zero.	4 rds. per gun per min.
From 10' after Zero to 30' after Zero.	2 do do
From 30' after zero onwards	Under Group Commanders.

4.5 Hows.

From zero to 10' after Zero.	2 rds. per gun per min.
From 10' after zero to 20' after zero.	1 do do
From 20' after zero to 30' after zero.	2 do do
From 30' after zero onwards.	Under Group Commanders.

6. Telephone communication from the front will be supplemented by visual signalling and runners.

7. 1st. Australian, 3rd. Australian and 63rd. Brigade Groups will each detail a F.O.O. to be in or near our front line. These Officers are to be prepared to move forward on the Infantry gaining their objective, and range their batteries on any target presenting itself.

8. Watches will be synchronised on 13th. instant at 12.5 p.m. and 8.5 p.m. and 6.5 a.m. on 14th. November.

9. Lieut-Colonel HEXT, C.M.G., will act as Liaison Officer with the 5th. Australian Infantry Brigade Headquarters, at M.30.c.2.1. Orderly Officer, Signallers, instruments and runners will be taken

10. The Infantry will send up a succession of flares when they have gained their objective.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Sgd. W.J.S. FOSTER, Major,

Brigade-Major, 12th. D. A. Group.

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63rd. Brigade and 1st. Australian Brigade Groups.
Detached sections of 22nd. and 23rd. Batteries 3rd. Aust. Bde. Group

Task.	Time.	Procedure.
1.	From Zero to 6' after Zero.	50 per cent of guns on forward bolt 50 yards in front of GIRD TRENCH from M.24.a.7.8. to M.18.e.2.7.
	From 6' after zero to 15' after zero.	At 6' after Zero the barrage will creep back by 50 yards per minute over GIRD TRENCH and GIRD SUPPORT to a curtain barrage from M.18.d.2.5. to M.18.a.6.5.
2.	From zero to 7' after zero.	50 per cent of guns on GIRD TRENCH from M.24.a.7.9. to M.18.e.3.8.
	From 7' after zero to 15' after zero.	At 7' after zero the barrage will creep back at the rate of 50 yards per minute to a curtain barrage from M.18.d.2.5. to M.18.a.6.5.
3.	From 15' after zero to 20' after zero.	All batteries will remain on this curtain barrage till 20' after Zero.
4.	From 20' after zero onwards.	63rd. Brigade Group will detach one Battery to search EAUCOURT L'ABBAYE - LE BARQUE ROAD. 1st. Australian Brigade Group will detach one battery to search road from M.18.d.5.5. to LE BARQUE. Both groups will detach one battery to search valley back to WHEAT TRENCH

Howitzers.

1st. Aust. Bde.
Group.

From zero to 5' after zero. BANK TRENCH from M.18.d.0.4. to 2.5.

From 5' after zero onwards. Road from M.18.b.1.4. to 5.9.

63rd. Bde.
Group.

From zero to 5' after zero. Triangle formed by GIRD SUPPORT Trench from point 11 to M.18.c.75.30. to M.18.d.0.5.

From 5' after zero onwards. OAT LANE N.13.a.1.7. - M.12.d.5.3. and Southern exits of LE BARQUE.

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3rd. Australian Brigade Group (less 2 Sections)
(2 Batteries 17th. Brigade Group).

Task.	Time.	Procedure.
1.	From zero to 6' after zero.	50 per cent of guns on forward belt from M.24.b.5.8. to M.24.a.7.8.
	From 6' after zero to 17' after zero.	At 6' after zero the barrage will creep back by 50 yards per minute to a curtain barrage along BANK TRENCH from N.13.c.0.5. to M.18.d.2.5.
2.	From zero to 7' after zero.	50 per cent of guns, plus 2 batteries from 17th. Brigade, on the trench from M.18.d.5.9. - M.24.b.35.95. - M.24.a.7.9.
	From 7' after zero to 17' after zero.	At 7' after zero the barrage will creep back at the rate of 50 yards per minute to a curtain barrage along BANK TRENCH from NM13.c.0.5. to M.18.d.2.5.
3.	From 17' after zero to 20' after zero.	All batteries 3rd. Australian Brigade Group will remain on their curtain barrage till 20' after zero. Two batteries of 17th. Brigade will reinforce barrage on BAYONET TRENCH, vide Task 2, 17th. Brigade Group Table.
4.	From 20' after zero onwards.	Detach two batteries to search ground up to LE BARQUE, paying special attention to roads in Brigade Zone.

Howitzers.

From zero to 5' after zero.	Trench junction at M.18.c.95.10.
From 5' after zero onwards.	BANK TRENCH from N.13.c.0.5. to M.18.d.2.5

APPENDIX 'B' to accompany Brigade Order No. 57.

The following is the line of evacuation of wounded by the Field Ambulance of the 2nd. Australian Division.

FIELD COLLECTING POSTS.

GOOSE ALLEY POST,	M. 30. a. 2. 4.	2 bearer squads.
NORTH ROAD POST,	M. 30. b. 4. 2.	2 bearer squads.

BEARER RELAY POSTS.

FLERS SUPPORT POST	M. 30. c. 2. 2.	L N.C.O. 24 men.
MCCORMACK'S POST	M. 35. d. 6. 4.	L N.C.O. 24 men.
CREST TRENCH POST,	S. 5. c. 6. 5.	L N.C.O. 12 men.
RUNNERS POST,	S. 10. b. 9. 9.	1 N.C.O. 12 men.
TURK LANE POST,	S. 10. d. 5. 0.	L N.C.O. 12 men.

1 Officer patrols line between McCormack's and Turk Lane Posts.

2 Officers patrol line forward of McCormack's Post.

ADVANCED DRESSING STATION.

THISTLE DUMP,	S. 10. c. centre.
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FIELD AMBULANCE.

Medical Dump,	X. 29. d. 4. 5.
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CORPS MAIN DRESSING STATION. RECORDEL.

CORPS COLLECTING STATION. RECORDEL.
(slightly wounded cases).

APPENDIX 'C' to accompany Brigade Order No. 57.DUMPS OF GRENADES, S.A.A., ENGINEER MATERIAL, Etc.

Dumps are situated at the undermentioned locations :-

M. 24. b. 5. 3.	Right Battalion Dump.
M. 24. a. 1. 0.	Left Battalion Dump.
M. 24. c. 1. 3.	Advanced Brigade Dump.
M. 30. c. 7. 5.	Brigade Dump.

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13th. November, 1916.

149th. British Bde.
19th. Battalion,
20th. Battalion,
25th. Battalion,
26th. Battalion,
5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.
5th. Aust. L.T.M. Batty.



Brigade Operation Order No. 57 is amended as follows :-

PARA. 10. Line 2.

Delete the words 'AT ZERO' and substitute the words

'AT SIX MINUTES AFTER ZERO'.

Acknowledge receipt.

Appendix 'A' herewith.

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A. H. Norman
Captain,
A/Brigade-Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

SECRET.Headquarters, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.,
13th. November, 1916.

149th. British Bde.
19th. Battalion,
20th. Battalion,
25th. Battalion,
26th. Battalion
5th. Aust. M. G. Coy.
5th. Aust. L.T.M. Batty.



Reference Brigade Operation Order No. 57, para. 10;
Assaulting Infantry will leave the jumping-off trenches 'AT THREE
MINUTES AFTER ZERO' instead of 'SIX MINUTES AFTER ZERO', as stated in
my Operation Order 57 A. of this day and will go up as close as possible
under the Artillery barrage.

Acknowledge. *by wire*

A. H. Norman
Captain,
A/Brigade-Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 53.

Brigade Headquarters,
15th. November, 1916.

REFERENCE - Map, GUEUDECOURT, 1/10,000.

- 1....The 7th. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 5th. Australian Infantry Brigade in the line on the night 15/16th. November, 1916.
- 2....27th. Battalion on the right relieving 20th. and 26th. Battalions and portion of the 25th. Battalion.
28th. Battalion on the left relieving portion of the 25th. Battalion and the 19th. Battalion.
19th. and 20th. Battalions and 5th. Aust. M.G. Coy. and 5th. Aust. L.T.M. Batty. will move back to MONTAUBAN - MAMETZ AREA on completion of relief.
On relief the 25th. Battalion will be in support at SWITCH TRENCH.
On relief the 26th. Battalion will be in reserve at CARLTON TRENCH CAMP.
On completion of relief, the 25th. and 26th. Battalions will come under the orders of the O.C. 7th. Australian Infantry Brigade.
- 3....The Brigade Boundary is from M. 24. b. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. 8. to M. 18. c. 1. 9.
The G.O.C. 6th. Australian Infantry Brigade has extended his left to M. 24. b. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. 8.
The Boundaries of the Battalions are as follows :-
Right Battalion from M. 24. b. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. 8. to road running from M. 24. a. 6. 3. to M. 24. a. 9. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$. inclusive.
Left Battalion from the latter road to M. 18. c. 1. 9.
- 4....Details of relief not provided herein will be arranged mutually between C.Os. concerned.
- 5....Serviceable Stokes Mortars will be taken over in situ, a similar number being handed over at MONTAUBAN.
- 6....All Defence Schemes, Trench Stores, Ammunition Dumps, etc. will be handed over to relieving Battalions and receipts given, copies of which will be sent to Brigade Headquarters as soon as possible after relief is completed.
- 7....Guides; two guides per Company will report to Brigade Headquarters at 5 p.m. to guide into the line the relieving Battalions.
- 8....Relief to be reported to Brigade Headquarters by wire in code.
- 9....A C K N O W L E D G E.

Adrian
Captain,

A/Brigade-Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 11 a.m.

Copy No. 1....	File.	9....	5th. Aust. L.T.M. Batty
2....	War Diary.	10....	25th. Battalion.
3....	2nd. Aust. Divis.	11....	26th. Battalion.
4....	17th. Battalion.	12....	7th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
5....	18th. Battalion.	13....	6th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
6....	19th. Battalion.	14....	149th. British Bde.
7....	20th. Battalion.	15....	Staff Captain,
8....	5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.		

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Copy No. 2....

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 59.

Brigade Headquarters,
18th. November, 1916.

Reference :-

Map, CUREDECOURT, 1/10,000.

- 1....The 5th. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 7th. Australian Infantry Brigade in the line on the night 18/19th. November, 1916.
- 2....17th. Battalion on the right relieving the 27th. Battalion.
18th. Battalion on the left relieving the 28th. Battalion.
The 20th. Battalion (in support) will move to SWITCH TRENCH.
The 19th. Battalion (in reserve) will move to CARLTON TRENCH CAMP.
- 3....The Brigade Boundary is from the road in N. 24. a. at point 64. 44. (exclusive) to the left Divisional boundary.
- 4....Details of relief not provided herein will be arranged mutually between C.Os. concerned.
- 5....Serviceable Stokes Mortars will be taken over in situ, a similar number being handed over to MONTAUBAN.
- 6....All Defence Schemes, Trench Stores, Ammunition Dumps, etc. will be handed over to relieving Battalions and receipts given, copies of which will be sent to Brigade Headquarters as soon as possible after relief is completed.
- 7....Relief to be reported to Brigade Headquarters by wire in code.
- 8....A C K N O W N E D G E.

Atkinson
Captain,
A/Brigade-Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 10 a.m.

- Copy No.
- 1....File
 - 2....War Diary.
 - 3....2nd. Aust. Division.
 - 4....17th. Battalion,
 - 5....18th. Battalion,
 - 6....19th. Battalion,
 - 7....20th. Battalion,
 - 8....5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.
 - 9....5th. Aust. L.T.M. Batty.
 - 10....6th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
 - 11....7th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
 - 12....Staff Captain,
 - 13....Spare.
 - 14....Spare.

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FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 59.

Brigade Headquarters,
20th. November, 1916.

Reference :-

Map, GUEDECOURT, 1/10,000.

- 1....The 2nd. British Infantry Brigade will relieve the 5th. Australian Infantry Brigade in the line on the night 21/22nd. November, 1916. The Royal Sussex Battalion will relieve the 17th. and 18th. Battalions.
The 19th. and 20th. Battalions will not be relieved by the 2nd. British Brigade; but will move at 10 a.m. on the 21st. instant from CARLTON CAMP TRENCH and SWITCH TRENCH to FRICOURT. At this hour two Battalions of the 2nd. British Brigade, now camped at HIGH WOOD, will be at the disposal of the G.O.C. 5th. Australian Infantry Brigade until the completion of the relief.
- 2....Details of relief not provided herein will be arranged mutually between C.Os. concerned.
- 3....On completion of the relief, 17th. and 18th. Battalions, 5th. Australian Machine Gun Company and 5th. Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery and 5th. Brigade Headquarters details will assemble at CARLTON TRENCH CAMP.
- 4....(a) On the 22nd. instant, the 20th. Battalion, from FRICOURT, with transport, will march by road to RIBEMONT.
(b) The 19th. Battalion will remain at FRICOURT and after one day's rest will be employed on Corps work.
(c) The 17th. and 18th. Battalions, 5th. Australian Machine Gun Company, 5th. Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery and 5th. Brigade Headquarters details, on the morning of the 22nd. instant, will entrain at the QUARRY SIDING and detrain at MEAULTE. Times of entrainment, etc., will be issued later. Trains will take personnel only. From MEAULTE, these Units will move by route march to RIBEMONT.
- 5....The Brigade, less 19th. Battalion, will billet at RIBEMONT. Units will send forward billeting parties to report to the Staff Captain at RIBEMONT CHURCH at 10 a.m. on the 22nd. instant.
- 6....Guides. The 20th. Battalion will detail one Officer and twelve men to report at South East corner of HIGH WOOD at 4 p.m. on the 21st. instant and guide the Battalion of the Royal Sussex to Brigade Headquarters.
The 20th. Battalion will also detail 3 men to report at the DUCK WALK TRACK at S.6.a.7.5. at 5 p.m. to guide the Headquarters Company of the 2nd. British Brigade to Brigade Headquarters. One guide from Brigade Headquarters will report at the Tram Head, LONGUEVAL, at 4.30 p.m. to guide the 2nd. British Brigade Headquarters details to Brigade Headquarters.
The 17th. and 18th. Battalions will arrange for one Officer per Battalion and one guide per platoon to report to Brigade Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on the 21st. instant to guide the relieving Battalion of the 2nd. British Brigade to the line.

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- 7....All Trench Stores, Aeroplane Photos, Log Books, Defence Schemes and any documents likely to be of value to the relieving Units, together with ammunition and bomb dumps are to be handed over and receipts given, copies of which will be forwarded to Brigade Headquarters as soon after relief as possible.
Gum Boots, Hot food containers and pack saddles are not to be regarded as Trench Stores, but are to be brought out of the line and returned to Ordnance.
- 8....The 17th. and 18th. Battalions and 5th. Australian Machine Gun Company will arrange for what limbers they require to report to CARLTON TRENCH CAMP on the night of the 21st. instant to pick up Machine Guns, Magazines, etc., before entraining. These limbers will then proceed by road to RIBEMONT.
- 9....The command of the Brigade Sector will pass to the G.O.C. 2nd. British Brigade on completion of the relief.
- 10...Completion of relief will at once be wired to Brigade Headquarters in code.
- 11...A C K N O W L E D G E.

R. D. O'Connor
Major,
A/Brigade-Major 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde. Captain,

Issued at 7 p.m.

- Copy No. 1....File.
2....War Diary.
3....2nd. Aust. Division.
4....17th. Battalion,
5....18th. Battalion,
6....19th. Battalion,
7....20th. Battalion,
8....5th. Aust. M.G. Coy.
9....5th. Aust. L.T.M. Batty.
10....Staff Captain,
11....6th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
12....7th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
13....2nd. British Inf. Bde.
14....Spare. 1st British Bde

APPENDIX.

Guides to meet relieving Units will be at 7th. Brigade Headquarters
at 5.30 p.m.

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SECRETFIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM to be read in conjunctionWith Brigade Order No. 59.

1....The 17th. and 18th. Battalions, 5th. Australian Machine Gun Company, 5th. Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery and 5th. brigade Headquarters details will entrain at the QUARRY SIDING to-morrow, 22nd. instant as under :-

Train due to depart :- 8.30 a.m.

17th. Battalion,)
5th. A.M.G. Coy.)
5th. Bde. Hdqrs.)

Train due to depart :- 10.20 a.m.

18th. Battalion,)
5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.)

2....An Officer from the 17th. Battalion will report to a Staff Officer at the office of Major Waters, Commandant QUARRY, with an Officer from the Machine Gun Company and Brigade Headquarters details. These Officers will report at 7.30 a.m.

The 18th. Battalion and 5th. Light Trench Mortar Battery will send forward an Officer to report to the Office of Major Water, Commandant QUARRY, at 9.30 a.m.

Units will be ready to entrain half an hour before the time of departure of the train.

Os.C. Units will take special precautions to prevent congestion at entraining siding, especially so should it be a clear day. The

3....The 17th. Battalion will detail an Officer and 12 men to remain at CARLTON CAMP ^{until} 8 p.m. on the 23rd. instant as a rearguard to collect any stragglers. They will move by road to FRICOURT CAMP, collecting any stragglers on the way. They will remain at FRICOURT CAMP on the night 23/24th. and move by road on the 24th. instant to join the Brigade at RIBEMONT. Camp Commandant CARLTON CAMP will arrange to supply them with rations up to the evening of the 24th. before they move out on the 23rd. instant.

Attached hereto is Administrative Memorandum No. 82 for your information.

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A. D. Nomma

Captain,

A/Brigade-Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Copy No. 2...

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 61.Brigade Headquarters,
29th. November 1916.Reference :-

Sheet 17, AMIENS, 1/100,000.

1....The Brigade will move to the CARDONETTE AREA on the 30th. instant via HEILLY, BONNAY, LA NEUVILLE and QUERRIEU.

2....The Starting Point will be the letter 'M' in RIBEMONT, 800 yards South West of fork road, BUIRE - LAVILLE.

3....Order of march :-

20th. Battalion	to be clear of Starting Point by	9 a.m.
19th. Battalion	do	9.16 a.m.
5th. A.M.G. Coy.)	
5th. A.L.T.M. Bty.) do	9.32 a.m.
18th. Battalion	do	9.40 a.m.
17th. Battalion	do	9.56 a.m.
Bde. Headquarters	do	10.15 a.m.

Distances to be maintained; 100 yards between Companies, 200 yards between Battalions and 300 yards between Transport.
Throughout the march Units will halt for 5 minutes at 25 minutes past and 5 minutes to the hour. They will also halt for the mid-day meal from 12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

4....Advance Parties of one Officer and 4 other ranks per Unit, with bicycles, will report to the Acting Staff Captain at Brigade Headquarters at 8 a.m. on the 30th. instant and precede the column to the CARDONETTE AREA.

5....Units will move with the unconsumed portion of the day's rations and will draw their rations for 1st. December on arrival in the CARDONETTE AREA.

6....The empty limbered G.S. Wagons for S.A.A. and Bombs will be utilised for the conveyance of baggage; the Train Baggage wagons will not accompany Units.

To provide additional transport, one lorry per Battalion will be provided by 56th. D. S. C. and will report at Battalion Headquarters at 8 a.m. As soon as these lorries are unloaded, they will report back to the column.

7....Completion of move to be notified to Brigade Headquarters.

8....A C K N O W L E D G E.

Anonymous Captain,
A/Brigade-Major, 5th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Issued at 1 p.m.

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2....War Diary.
3....17th. Battalion,
4....18th. Battalion.
5....19th. Battalion.
6....2nd. Aust. Div.

7....20th. Battalion.
8....5th. A. M. G. Coy.
9....5th. A. L. T. M. Batty.
10....Staff Captain,
11....Town Major, Ribemont.
12 to
15....Spare.